CSE 333
Section 1
C, Pointers, and Gitlab
Logistics

- **Exercise 1:**
  - Due **Friday @ 11:00am (3/31)**

- **Homework 0:**
  - Due **Monday @ 11:59pm (4/03)**
  - Meant to acquaint you to your repo and project logistics
  - Must be done individually (future HW in partners)
TA Intro
Icebreaker!

Please turn to the people next to you and share:

- Name and Year
- What are you excited about in CSE 333?
- Favorite type of peanut butter (Creamy, Chunky, no preference/allergic)
Pointer Review
**Pointers**

- Data type that stores the address of (the lowest byte of) a datum
  - Can draw an arrow in memory diagrams from pointer to pointed to data, particularly if actual value (stored address) is unknown

- Common uses:
  - Reference to data allocated elsewhere (e.g., malloc, literals, files)
  - Iterators (e.g., data structure traversal)
  - Data abstraction (e.g., head of linked list, function pointers)
Pointer Syntax and Semantics

- Declared as `type* name;` or `type *name;`
  - Doesn’t matter, just be consistent
- “Address-of” operator `&` gets a variable’s address
- “Dereference” operator `*` refers to the pointed-to datum

Example code:
```c
int* ar = (int*) malloc(3*sizeof(int)); // reference
int* p = &ar[1]; // iterator
*p = 3;
```

Example diagram:
Output Parameters
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- Recall: the `return` statement in a function passes a single value back through the `%rax` register.
- An **output parameter** is a C idiom that emulates “returning values” through parameters:
  - An output parameter is a pointer (i.e., the address of a location in memory).
  - The function with this parameter must *dereference it* to change the value stored at that location.
  - The new value is “returned” by persisting after the function returns.
- Output parameters are the only way in C to achieve *returning multiple values*. 
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  quotient and remainder

- What should go in the division blanks? 
  &quot and &rem

- What should go in the printf blanks? 
  quot and rem

```c
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              int denominator, 
              int* quotient, 
              int* remainder) {
    *quotient = numerator / denominator;
    *remainder = numerator % denominator;
}

int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
    int quot, rem;
    division(22, 5, _____, _____);
    printf("%d rem %d\n", _____, _____);
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
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C-Strings
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```c
char str_name[size];
```

- A string in C is declared as an **array of characters** that is terminated by a null character `\0`
- When allocating space for a string, remember to add an extra element for the null character
Initialization Examples

- **Code:**

  ```
  // list initialization
  char str1[6] = {'H','e','l','l','o','\0'};
  // string literal initialization
  char str2[6] = "Hello";
  ```

- **Memory:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>index</th>
<th>0</th>
<th>1</th>
<th>2</th>
<th>3</th>
<th>4</th>
<th>5</th>
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- **Notes:**
  - Both initialize the array *in the declaration scope* (e.g., on the stack if a local var), though the latter can be thought of copying the contents from the string literal into the array.
  - The size 6 is *optional*, as it can be inferred from the initialization.
Common String Literal Error

- **Code:**
  ```c
  // pointer instead of an array
  char* str3 = "Hello";
  ```

- **Memory:**
  ```
  str3 0x402037
  
  index | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5
  value  | 'H' | 'e' | 'l' | 'l' | 'o' | '\0'
  ```

- **Notes:**
  - By default, using a string literal will allocate and initialize the character array in read-only memory (Literals)
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● Notes:

- By default, using a string literal will allocate and initialize the character array in *read-only* memory (Literals).
- What would happen if we executed `str3[0] = 'J';`? Segfault!
Exercise 2
The following code has a bug. What's the problem, and how would you fix it?

```c
void bar(char ch) {
    ch = '3';
}

int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
    char fav_class[] = "CSE331";
    bar(fav_class[5]);
    printf("%s\n", fav_class); // should print "CSE333"
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```
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void bar(char ch) {
    ch = '3';
}

int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
    char fav_class[] = "CSE331";
    bar(fav_class[5]);
    printf("%s\n", fav_class);  // should print "CSE333"
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

Modifying the argument `ch` in `bar` will not affect `fav_class` in `main()` because arguments in C are always passed by value.

In order to modify `fav_class` in `main()`, we need to pass a pointer to a character (`char*`) into `bar` and then dereference it:

```c
void bar_fixed(char* ch) {
    *ch = '3';
}
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void bar_fixed(char* ch) {
   *ch = '3';
}

int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
   char fav_class[] = "CSE331";
   bar(&fav_class[5]);
   printf("%s\n", fav_class);  // should print "CSE333"
   return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

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Setting Up git
gcc 11

- CSE Lab machines and the attu cluster have been updated to use gcc 11.
- As such we’ll be using gcc 11 this quarter
- To verify that you’re using gcc 11 run:
  - `gcc -v` or
  - `gcc --version`
- If you use the CSE Linux home VM, you need to use the newer version even if you have an older one installed (i.e., use 22au or later).
Git Repo Usage

● Try to use the command line interface (not Gitlab’s web interface)

● Only push files used to build your code to the repo
  ○ No executables, object files, etc.
  ○ Don’t always use `git add .` to add all your local files

● Commit and push when an individual *chunk of work* is tested and done
  ○ Don’t push after every edit
  ○ Don’t only push once when everything is done
git/Gitlab Reference

We have a page that details how to (1) set up Gitlab and (2) use git to manage your repo (solo or with a partner):

● [https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse333/23sp/gitlab/](https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse333/23sp/gitlab/)

We asked you to attempt your Gitlab setup ahead of time:

● If you didn’t, please do so now on your CSE Linux environment setup
● If you did and ran into issues, we’ll walk around to help you now
Accessing Gitlab

- Sign-in using your **CSE NetID** @ https://gitlab.cs.washington.edu/
- There should be a repo created for you titled: cse333-23sp-<netid>
- Please let us know if you don’t have one!

Resources

- CSE 333 Administrative Info
  - Syllabus
  - Academic Integrity
  - Course Calendar
  - Lectures
  - Sections
  - Assignments
  - Gradescope (exercise submission and all grading)
  - Course Canvas page (Office hour zoom links and gradebook primarily)
  - Exams

Remote office hours & computing logistics
- Using VS Code to do remote editing on the attu machines
- Using SCP to transfer files from the attu machines
- VIM cheat sheet (vimrc.txt configuration file)

Resources
- Linux: man pages
- gdb manual
- gdb card
- csapp (351 textbook)
- Google C++ style guide
- cplusplus.com: C/C++ reference
- cplusplus.com: C++ language tutorial
- cppreference.com: another good C/C++ reference site
- C++ FAQ
- O’Reilly books online (use UW login to access books)
- CSE 333 git/gitlab guide
- CSE GitLab
- GIT website, GIT book
- CSE Home VM
SSH Key Generation

**Step 1a)** See if you have an existing SSH key
- Run `cat ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub`
- If you see a long string starting with `ssh-rsa` or `ssh-dsa` go to Step 2

**Step 1b)** Generate a new SSH key
- If you don’t have an existing SSH key, you’ll need to create one
- Run `ssh-keygen -t rsa -C "<netid>@cs.washington.edu"` to generate a new key
- Hit enter to skip creating a password
  - git docs suggest creating a password, but it’s overkill for CSE333
Adding your SSH key to Gitlab

Step 2) Copy your SSH key
- Run `cat ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub`
- Copy the complete key starting with `ssh-` and ending with your username and host (i.e. `<netid>@cs.washington.edu`)

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- Navigate to your ssh-keys page (click on your avatar in the upper-right, then “Preferences,” then “SSH Keys” in the left-side menu)
- Paste into the “Key” text box and give a “Title” to identify what machine the key is for
- Click the green “Add key” button below “Title”
Setting up git

- The git command looks for a file named .gitconfig in your home directory. Some commands like commit and push expect certain options to be set and will produce verbose messages if not.
- If you have not already configured git, enter the following commands (once) in a terminal window to set these values:

  git config --global user.name "<your name>"
  git config --global user.email <your netid>@cs.washington.edu
  git config --global push.default simple
First Commit

1. `git clone <repo url from project page>`
   a. Clones your repo

2. `touch README.md`
   a. Creates an empty file called README.md

3. `git status`
   a. Prints out the status of the repo: you should see 1 new file README.md

4. `git add README.md (or: git stage README.md)`
   a. Stages a new file/updated file for commit.
      
      `git status`: README.md staged for commit

5. `git commit -m "First Commit"`
   a. Commits all staged files with the provided comment/message.
      
      `git status`: Your branch is ahead by 1 commit.

6. `git push`
   a. Publishes the changes to the central repo.

      You should now see these changes in the web interface (may need to refresh).

7. Might need `git push -u origin master` on first commit (only), but would be unusual for this to happen
Function Pointers
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- Pointers can store addresses of functions
  - Functions are just instructions in read-only memory, their names are pointers to this memory.
- Used when performing operations for a function to use
  - Like a comparator for a sorter to use in Java
  - Reduces redundancy

```c
int one() { return 1; }
int two() { return 2; }
int three() { return 3; }

int get(int (*func_name)()) {
    return func_name();
}

int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
    int res1 = get(one);
    int res2 = get(two);
    int res3 = get(three);
    printf("%d, %d, %d\n", res1, res2, res3);
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```