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# About where are you on Homework 1?

- A. Haven't started yet
- B. Working on Part A (LinkedList)
- C. Working on Part B (HashTable)
- D. Finished or about finished
- E. Prefer not to say

## Notes:

- ✓ Don't wait – Part B is longer and harder than Part A
- ✓ OHs get crowded – come prepared to describe (1) your incorrect behavior, (2) what you think the issue is, and (3) what you've tried

# Systems Programming

## Linking, File I/O

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# Relevant Course Information

- ❖ Exercise 6 due *Wednesday* (1/21)
  - Skipping Exercise 5 this quarter due to scheduling/timing
- ❖ Homework 1 due next Thursday (1/22)
  - Watch that `HashTable` doesn't violate the modularity of `LinkedList` (*i.e.*, respect the interfaces!)
  - Watch for pointers to local (stack) variables
  - Use `gdb` and `valgrind` and ***draw memory diagrams!***
  - Please leave “STEP #” markers for graders!
  - Gradescope “lateness” based on when we run the upload script; submission time (and late days) based on commit time on tag `hw1-submit` (see `git_tag_timestamp.txt`)
  - Light grading of your git commit history



# Preprocessor Tricks: Macros

*treated as just text*

- ❖ You can pass arguments to macros

```
#define ODD(x) ((x) % 2 != 0)

void Foo() {
    if ( ODD(5) )
        printf("5 is odd!\n");
}
```

cpp

```
void Foo() {
    if ( ((5) % 2 != 0) )
        printf("5 is odd!\n");
}
```

- ❖ Beware of operator precedence issues!

- Use parentheses

```
#define ODD(x) ((x) % 2 != 0)
#define WEIRD(x) x % 2 != 0

ODD(5 + 1);
WEIRD(5 + 1);
```

cpp

```
((5 + 1) % 2 != 0);
5 + 1 % 2 != 0;
```

- ❖ Discouraged in favor of inline functions (Google)

# Macro Alternatives

- ❖ **const**: a type qualifier that indicates that the data is read only
  - Compile-time construct that will generate a compiler error or warning if violated
  - Much more heavily used in C++ and we'll return to the nuances here later on in the course (pointers are weird!)
  - Can replace constant macro with a **const** variable
- ❖ **inline**: keyword used in front of a function definition to suggest to the compiler to optimize the function call away
  - Mostly beyond the scope of this course
  - Can replace macro with arguments with (**static**) inline functions

# Preprocessor Tricks: Defining Tokens

- ❖ Besides `#defines` in the code, preprocessor values can be given as part of the `gcc` command:

```
$ gcc -Wall -g -DTRACE -o ifdef ifdef.c
```

*-D define*

*-U undefine*

- ❖ `assert` can be controlled the same way – defining `NDEBUG` causes `assert` to expand to “empty”
  - It’s a macro – see `assert.h`

```
$ gcc -Wall -g -DNDEBUG -o faster useassert.c
```

# Preprocessor Tricks: Conditional Compilation

## ❖ You can change what gets compiled

`#ifdef` = "if defined"  
`#ifndef` = "if not defined"

- In this example, `#define` TRACE before `#ifdef` to include debug `printf`s in compiled code

```
#ifdef TRACE
#define ENTER(f) printf("Entering %s\n", f)
#define EXIT(f) printf("Exiting %s\n", f)
#else
#define ENTER(f)
#define EXIT(f)
#endif

// print n
void Pr(int n) {
    ENTER("Pr");
    printf("\n = %d\n", n);
    EXIT("Pr");
}
```

ifdef.c

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## What will happen when we try to compile and run?

```
$ gcc -Wall -DFOO /-DBAR /-o condcomp condcomp.c
$ ./condcomp
```

*FOO and BAR are defined*

A. Output "333"

B. Output "334"

C. Compiler message about EVEN

D. Compiler message about BAZ

E. We're lost...

```
✓ #ifdef FOO ← yes
  #define EVEN(x) !(x%2)
  #endif
  #ifndef DBAR ← no
  #define BAZ 333
  #endif

int main(int argc, char** argv) {
  int i = EVEN(42) + BAZ;
  printf("%d\n", i);
  return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

*evaluates to !0 = 1*

*! (42 % 2)*

*333*

# Lecture Outline (1/2)

- ❖ **Visibility of Symbols**
  - **extern, static**
- ❖ File I/O with the C standard library

# Namespace Problem

- ❖ If we define a global variable named “counter” in one C file, is it visible in a different C file in the same program?
  - Yes, if you use external linkage
    - The name “counter” refers to the same variable in both files
    - The variable is *defined* in one file and *declared* in the other(s)
    - When the program is linked, the symbol resolves to one location
  - No, if you use internal linkage
    - The name “counter” refers to a different variable in each file
    - The variable must be *defined* in each file
    - When the program is linked, the symbols resolve to two locations

# External Linkage

|                                | declaration | definition | initialization |                                                                 |
|--------------------------------|-------------|------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>int x;</code>            | ✓           | ✓          |                | x <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">1</span> |
| <code>int x = 0;</code>        | ✓           | ✓          | ✓              | x <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">0</span> |
| <code>extern int x;</code>     | ✓           |            |                | x ?                                                             |
| <code>extern int x = 1;</code> | ✓           | ✓          | ✓              | x <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">1</span> |

❖ **extern** makes a *declaration* of something externally-visible

- Works slightly differently for variables and functions...

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
```

```
// A global variable, defined and
// initialized here in foo.c.
// It has external linkage by
// default.
```

```
int counter = 1;
```

```
int main(int argc, char** argv) {
    printf("%d\n", counter); // 1
    Bar();
    printf("%d\n", counter); // 2
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

foo.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
// "counter" is defined and
// initialized in foo.c.
// Here, we declare it, and
// specify external linkage
// by using the extern specifier.
```

```
extern int counter;
```

```
void Bar() {
    counter++;
    printf("(Bar): counter = %d\n",
           counter); // (Bar): counter = 2
}
```

bar.c

# Internal Linkage

- ❖ **static** (in the global context) restricts a definition to visibility within that file

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

// A global variable, defined and
// initialized here in foo.c.
// We force internal linkage by
// using the static specifier.
static int counter = 1;

int main(int argc, char** argv) {
    printf("%d\n", counter);
    Bar();
    printf("%d\n", counter);
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

Handwritten annotations for foo.c:  
 - A red box around the value 1 in the static initialization, with "counter (foo)" written above it.  
 - Red arrows and numbers: (1) points to the first printf, (2) points to Bar(), (3) points to the second printf, and (4) points to the static variable. All these points are annotated with "// 1".

foo.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

// A global variable, defined and
// initialized here in bar.c.
// We force internal linkage by
// using the static specifier.
static int counter = 100;

void Bar() {
    counter++;
    printf("(Bar): counter = %d\n",
           counter);
}
```

Handwritten annotations for bar.c:  
 - A red box around the value 100 in the static initialization, with "counter (bar)" written above it.  
 - Red arrows and numbers: (1) points to the static variable, (2) points to the counter++ line, and (3) points to the printf line. The printf line is annotated with "(Bar) counter = 101".

bar.c

# Function Visibility

```
// By using the static specifier, we are indicating
// that Foo() should have internal linkage. Other
// .c files cannot see or invoke Foo().
```

```
static int Foo(int x) {
    return x*3 + 1;
}
```

```
// Bar is "extern" by default. Thus, other .c files
// could declare our Bar() and invoke it.
```

```
int Bar(int x) {
    return 2*foo(x);
}
```

bar() can invoke foo() because  
in same file

bar.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
```

```
extern int Bar(int x); // "extern" is default, usually omit
int main(int argc, char** argv) {
    printf("%d\n", Bar(5));
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

not explicitly needed, but indicates that definition is elsewhere

main.c



# Linkage Issues

- ❖ Every global (variables and functions) is extern by default
  - Unless you add the **static** specifier, if some other module uses the same name, you'll end up with a collision!
    - Best case: compiler (or linker) error ✓
    - Worst case: stomp all over each other
- ❖ It's good practice to:
  - Use **static** to “defend” your globals
    - Hide your private stuff!
  - Place external declarations in a module's header file
    - Header is the public specification

# Static Confusion...

- ❖ C has a *different* use for the word “**static**”: to create a persistent *local* variable
  - The storage for that variable is allocated when the program loads, in either the .data or .bss segment (*Static Data*)
  - Retains its value across multiple function invocations

```
void Foo() {  
    static int count = 1; // persists  
    printf("Foo has been called %d times\n", count++);  
}  
  
void Bar() {  
    int count = 1; // re-initialized each time  
    printf("Bar has been called %d times\n", count++);  
}  
  
int main(int argc, char** argv) {  
    Foo(); Foo(); Bar(); Bar(); return EXIT_SUCCESS;  
} 1 times  2 times  1 times  1 times
```

static\_extent.c

# Additional C Topics

## ❖ Teach yourself!

- man pages are your friend!
- String library functions in the C standard library
  - `#include <string.h>`
    - `strlen()`, `strcpy()`, `strdup()`, `strcat()`, `strcmp()`, `strchr()`, `strstr()`, ...
  - `#include <stdlib.h>` or `#include <stdio.h>`
    - `atoi()`, `atof()`, `sprint()`, `sscanf()`
- How to declare, define, and use a function that accepts a variable-number of arguments (`varargs`)
- unions and what they are good for
- enums and what they are good for
- Pre- and post-increment/decrement
- Harder: the meaning of the “`volatile`” storage class

# Lecture Outline (2/2)

- ❖ Visibility of Symbols
  - `extern, static`
- ❖ **File I/O with the C standard library**

This is essential material for the next part of the project (HW2)!

# File I/O

## ❖ We'll start by using C's standard library

- These functions are part of `glibc` on Linux
- They are implemented using Linux system calls (POSIX)

## ❖ C's `stdio` defines the notion of a **stream**



A sequence of characters that flows **to** and **from** a device

- Can be either *text* or *binary*; Linux does not distinguish
- Is buffered by default; `libc` reads ahead of your program
- Three streams provided by default: `stdin`, `stdout`, `stderr`
  - You can open additional streams to read and write to files
- C streams are manipulated with a **FILE\*** pointer, which is defined in `stdio.h`

keyboard → console

console  
(unbuffered)

console  
(buffered)

# C Stream Functions (1/2)

❖ Some stream functions (complete list in `stdio.h`):

■ `FILE*` **`fopen`**(filename, mode);

- Opens a stream to the specified file in specified file access mode

■ `int` **`fclose`**(stream);

- Closes the specified stream (and file)

■ `int` **`fprintf`**(stream, format, ...);

- Writes a formatted C string
  - **`printf`**(...); is equivalent to **`fprintf`**(stdout, ...);

■ `int` **`fscanf`**(stream, format, ...);

- Reads data and stores data matching the format string

# C Stream Functions (2/2)

❖ Some stream functions (complete list in `stdio.h`):

■ `FILE* fopen(filename, mode);`

- Opens a stream to the specified file in specified file access mode

■ `int fclose(stream);`

- Closes the specified stream (and file)

■ `size_t fwrite(ptr, size, count, stream);`

- Writes an array of *count* elements of *size* bytes from *ptr* to *stream*

■ `size_t fread(ptr, size, count, stream);`

- Reads an array of *count* elements of *size* bytes from *stream* to *ptr*

# of elements  
actually moved

tries to move  
size \* count bytes total



# C Stream Error Checking/Handling

❖ Some error functions (complete list in `stdio.h`):

■ `int ferror(stream);`

- Checks if the error indicator associated with the specified stream is set

■ `int clearerr(stream);`

- Resets error and EOF indicators for the specified stream

■ `void perror(message);`

- Prints message followed by an error message related to `errno` to `stderr`

*extra info!*

*error message* → ① `fprintf(stderr, ...);` // single, known cause

→ ② `perror("my error msg");` // multiple possible causes

*global var* → `errno`

# C Streams Example (1/3)

cp\_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <errno.h>
#define READBUFSIZE 128

int main(int argc, char** argv) {
    FILE* fin;
    FILE* fout;           ← stream variables
    char readbuf[READBUFSIZE]; ← arbitrarily-sized buffer
    size_t readlen;

    if (argc != 3) {      ← prints to console, even if you pipe program output
        fprintf(stderr, "usage: ./cp_example infile outfile\n");
        return EXIT_FAILURE; // defined in stdlib.h
    }

    // Open the input file ← file must exist when reading
    fin = fopen(argv[1], "rb"); // "rb" -> read, binary mode
    if (fin == NULL) {
        perror("fopen for read failed"); ← prints extra info on source of error
        return EXIT_FAILURE;
    }
    ... // next slide's code
```

# C Streams Example (2/3)

cp\_example.c

```

int main(int argc, char** argv) {
    ...    // previous slide's code

    // Open the output file
    fout = fopen(argv[2], "wb"); // "wb" -> write, binary mode
    if (fout == NULL) {
        perror("fopen for write failed");
        fclose(fin); ← make sure to clean up for every exit path!
        return EXIT_FAILURE;
    }

    // Read from the file, write to fout
    while ((readlen = fread(readbuf, 1, READBUFSIZE, fin)) > 0) {
        // Test to see if we encountered an error while reading
        if (ferror(fin)) { (check if error on input stream)
            perror("fread failed");
            fclose(fin);
            fclose(fout);
            return EXIT_FAILURE;
        }
        ...    // next slide's code
    }
}

```

*when writing, file created if it doesn't exist*

*# of bytes actually read*

*for file of size 300 bytes, fread called 4 times:*

① readlen=128      ② readlen=128      ③ readlen=44      ④ readlen=0

0      300

# C Streams Example (3/3)

cp\_example.c

```
int main(int argc, char** argv) {  
    ...    // two slides ago's code  
    ...    // previous slide's code  
    if (fwrite(readbuf, 1, readlen, fout) < readlen) {  
        perror("fwrite failed");  
        fclose(fin);  
        fclose(fout);  
        return EXIT_FAILURE;  
    }  
}  
  
fclose(fin);  
fclose(fout);  
return EXIT_SUCCESS;  
}
```

*return value from fread*

*something wrong if didn't write all requested bytes*

*} close streams when done with them!*

# Extra Exercise #1

- ❖ Modify the linked list code from Lecture 4 Extra Exercise #3
  - Add static declarations to any internal functions you implemented in `linkedlist.h`
  - Add a header guard to the header file

## Extra Exercise #2

- ❖ Write a program that:
  - Uses `argc/argv` to receive the name of a text file
  - Reads the contents of the file a line at a time
  - Parses each line, converting text into a `uint32_t`
  - Builds an array of the parsed `uint32_t`'s
  - Sorts the array
  - Prints the sorted array to `stdout`
- ❖ Hint: use `man` to read about `getline`, `sscanf`, `realloc`, and `qsort`

```
bash$ cat in.txt
1213
3231
000005
52
bash$ ./extra1 in.txt
5
52
1213
3231
bash$
```

# Extra Exercise #3

## ❖ Write a program that:

### ■ Loops forever; in each loop:

- Prompt the user to input a filename
- Reads a filename from `stdin`
- Opens and reads the file
- Prints its contents to `stdout` in the format shown:

```
00000000 50 4b 03 04 14 00 00 00 00 00 9c 45 26 3c f1 d5
00000010 68 95 25 1b 00 00 25 1b 00 00 0d 00 00 00 43 53
00000020 45 6c 6f 67 6f 2d 31 2e 70 6e 67 89 50 4e 47 0d
00000030 0a 1a 0a 00 00 00 0d 49 48 44 52 00 00 00 91 00
00000040 00 00 91 08 06 00 00 00 c3 d8 5a 23 00 00 00 09
00000050 70 48 59 73 00 00 0b 13 00 00 0b 13 01 00 9a 9c
00000060 18 00 00 0a 4f 69 43 43 50 50 68 6f 74 6f 73 68
00000070 6f 70 20 49 43 43 20 70 72 6f 66 69 6c 65 00 00
00000080 78 da 9d 53 67 54 53 e9 16 3d f7 de f4 42 4b 88
00000090 80 94 4b 6f 52 15 08 20 52 42 8b 80 14 91 26 2a
000000a0 21 09 10 4a 88 21 a1 d9 15 51 c1 11 45 45 04 1b
... etc ...
```

## ❖ Hints:

- Use `man` to read about `fgets`
- Or, if you're more courageous, try `man 3 readline` to learn about `libreadline.a` and Google to learn how to link to it