



Lecture Participation Poll #12

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Lecture 12: Structs and Multi File C

CSE 374: Intermediate
Programming Concepts and
Tools

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Assignments

- KLaatu should be back up
- HW2 & HW3 due Thursday
- HW4 releasing on Wednesday after lecture

Midterm on Friday

Data Types in C

- void - a place holder
- numbers - int, short, long, double, float (signed, unsigned)
- char - a very short int (1 byte) interpreted as a printable character
- pointers (T*) - stores address of where a value is stored in memory
- arrays (T[]) - implicit promotion to pointer when passed as an argument to a function or returned from a function
- booleans - not defined in C so instead we use values, 0 or NULL is interpreted as false, anything else true
- Advanced: Union T, Enum E, Function Pointers, Structs

Typedef

- A function that creates an alias for an existing type

```
typedef <type> <name>;
```

Example: In C, strings are "char*" but we can rename them to "string"

```
typedef char* string;
int main(int argc, string *argv)
{
    string s = "hello, world";
    printf("%s\n", s);
}
```

Type-casting

- **casting** – converting one type to another

(T) E

* same as Java

```
main ()
{
    int sum = 17, count = 15;
    double mean;
    mean = (double) sum / count;
    printf("Value of mean: %f\n", mean);
}
```

- If E is a numeric type and T is a numeric type:
- To wider type, get same value
 - To narrower type, may not get same value (employs mod operator)
 - From floating point to int, will round (may overflow)
 - From int to floating point, may round (int to double is exact on most machines)

Pointer-casting

- If e has type T_1^* , then $(T_2^*)E$ is a (pointer)cast
- Does not alter the address stored, but used to manage types

```
void evil (int **p, int x)
{
    int *q = (int*)p;
    *q = x;
}

void f(int **p)
{
    evil(p, 345);
    **p = 17; // writes 17 to address 345 - best case crash
}
```


Structs

- **structs** are a method of constructing new datatypes

- store a collection of values together in memory, fields
- similar to a Java class, but no methods
- individual values are referred to using the “.” operator
- can use typedef to rename and turn struct tag into a “type”

```
typedef struct Cat Cat;
```

or

```
typedef struct Cat {
```

```
    ...
```

```
} Cat;
```

Then you don't need keyword “struct”

```
Cat mercy; instead of struct Cat mercy;
```

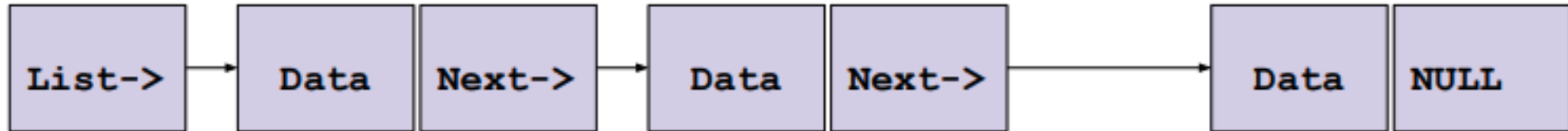
```
struct Cat
{
    char *name;
    int age;
    char *breed;
}
int main()
{
    struct Cat mercy;
    mercy.name = "Iron Fist No Mercy";
    mercy.age = 6;
    mercy.breed = "Pixie Bob";
}
```

Parameters / Arguments

- Function parameters are initialized with a copy of corresponding argument
 - If the argument is a pointer, the parameter value will point to the same thing (pointer is copied)
 - arrays are passed as pointers
 - Structs are passed as a copy by default, so it is more common to intentionally pass as pointers
 - avoids copying large objects
 - allows manipulation of original struct <- allows creation of methods that manipulate new type, like Java
 - to access members you must dereference the pointer (*) and access the field (.) – use parentheses to ensure dereference happens first
 - (*ptr) . has a shortcut: ptr->

```
Cat (*ptr) = (Cat*)malloc(sizeof(Cat));
(*ptr).age = 6;
...
(*ptr).age++;
ptr->age;
```


Linked Lists



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

typedef struct Node {
    int value;
    struct Node *next;
} Node;

Node *make_node(int value, Node *next) {
    Node *node = (Node*)malloc(sizeof(Node));
    node->value = value;
    node->next = next;
    return node;
}
```

```
int main() {
    Node *n1 = make_node(4, NULL);
    Node *n2 = make_node(7, n1);
    Node *n3 = make_node(3, n2);

    printf(
        "%d%d%d\n",
        n3->value,
        n3->next->value,
        n3->next->next->value
    );

    free(n3);
    free(n2);
    free(n1);
}
```

```

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

#include "linkedlist.h"

IntListNode* makeNode(int data, IntListNode* next) {
    IntListNode* n = (IntListNode*) malloc(sizeof(IntListNode));
    n->data = data;
    n->next = next;
    return n;
}

IntListNode* fromArray(int* array, int length) {
    IntListNode* front = NULL;
    for (int i = length - 1; i >= 0; i--) {
        front = makeNode(array[i], front);
    }
    return front;
}

void freeList(IntListNode* list) {
    while (list != NULL) {
        IntListNode* next = list->next;
        free(list);
        list = next;
    }
}

void printList(IntListNode* list) {
    printf("[");
    while (list != NULL) {
        printf(" %d", list->data);
        list = list->next;
    }
    printf(" ]\n");
}

```

linkedlist.c

```

#ifndef LL_H
#define LL_H

// A single list node that stores an int as
// data
typedef struct IntListNode {
    int data;
    struct IntListNode* next;
} IntListNode;

// Allocates a new node on the heap.
IntListNode* makeNode(int data, IntListNode*
next);

// Builds a heap-allocated linked list with the
// values in the array.
IntListNode* fromArray(int* array, int length);

// Frees all nodes in the linked list.
void freeList(IntListNode* list);

// Prints the contents of the linked list.
void printList(IntListNode* list);

```

linkedlist.h

```

#include <stdlib.h>

#include "linkedlist.h"

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    int arr1[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    IntListNode* list1 = fromArray(arr1, 3);
    printList(list1);

    int arr2[4] = {4, 3, 2, 1};
    IntListNode* list2 = fromArray(arr2, 4);
    printList(list2);

    freeList(list1);
    freeList(list2);
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}

```

linkedlistclient.c

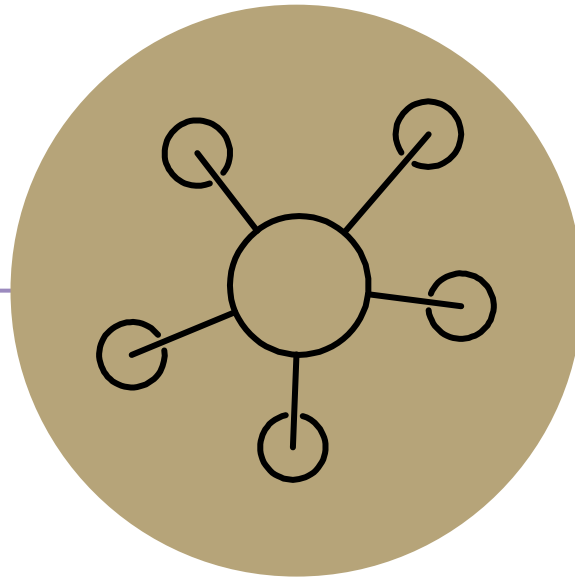
Multi-File C Programming

- You can split C into multiple files!
 - What if we wanted to use Linked List code in a different project?
 - If the linked list code is long, it can make files unwieldy
 - What if we want to separate our “main” from the struct definitions
- Pass all “.c” files into gcc:

```
gcc -o try_lists ll.c main.c
```

Must include code header files to enable one file to see the other, otherwise you have linking errors

```
$ gcc -g -Wall -o try_lists ll.c main.c
main.c: In function 'main':
main.c:5:5: error: unknown type name 'Node'
   5 |     Node *n1 = make_node(4, NULL);
     |     ^~~~~
main.c:5:16: warning: implicit declaration of function 'make_node' [-Wimplicit-function-declaration]
   5 |     Node *n1 = make_node(4, NULL);
     |                   ^~~~~~
```



Appendix

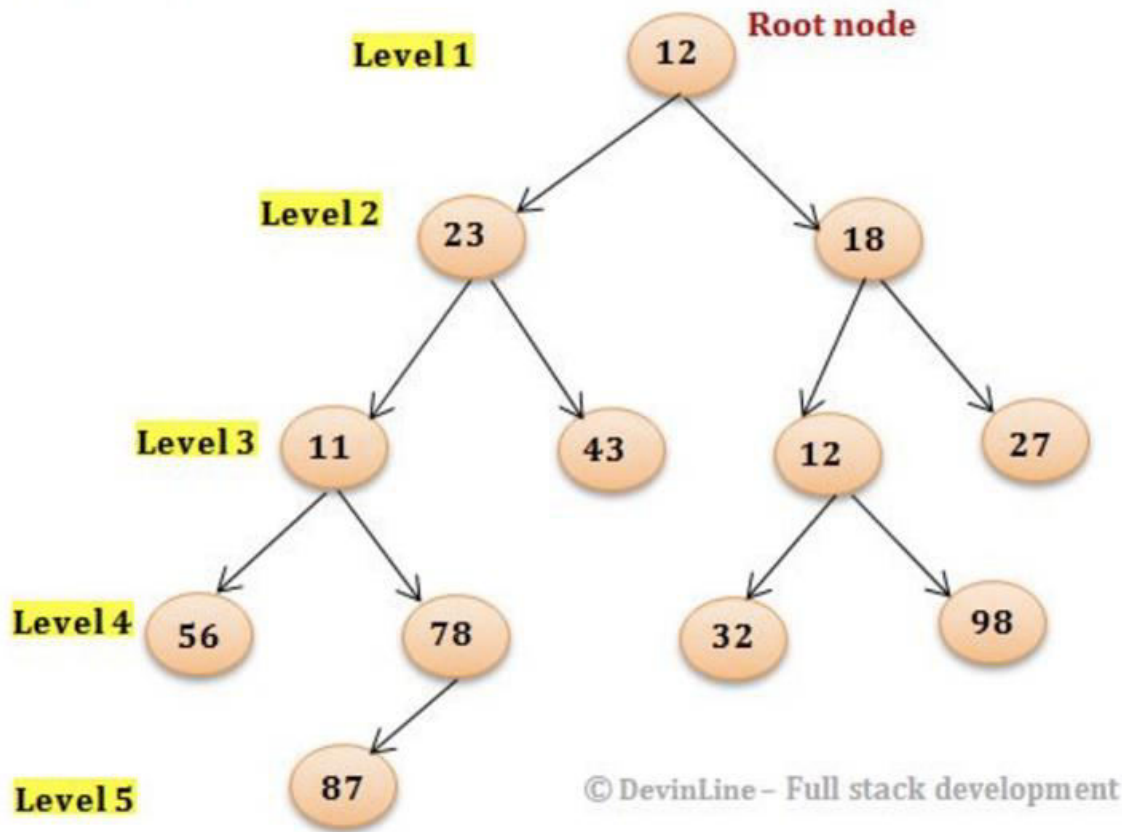
Example: Pointer.c

```
// constructor for a new Point
Point newPoint()
{
    Point p; p.x = 0; p.y = 0; return p;
}
// translateX moves one point horizontally by deltaX
void translateX(Point* p, int deltaX)
{
    p->x += deltaX; // OR (*p).x += deltaX;
}
// translateX_wrong won't move the original point
void translateX_wrong(Point p, int deltaX)
{
    p.x += deltaX;
}
// print out the point.
void print(Point* p)
{
    printf("p = (%d, %d)\n", p->x, p->y);
}
// note: here we could pass by value
void print_point(Point p)
{
    printf("p = (%d, %d)\n", p.x, p.y);
}

// main tests the Point struct
int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    Point p = newPoint();
    printf ("Show point.\n");
    print(&p); // pass by reference
    translateX(&p, 12);
    print(&p);
    printf ("Show incorrectly translated point.\n");
    translateX_wrong(p, 12);
    print(&p);
    printf ("But pass by value works for print.\n");
    print_point (p);
}
// constructor for a new Point
Point newPoint()
{
    Point p;
    p.x = 0;
    p.y = 0;
    return p;
}
```

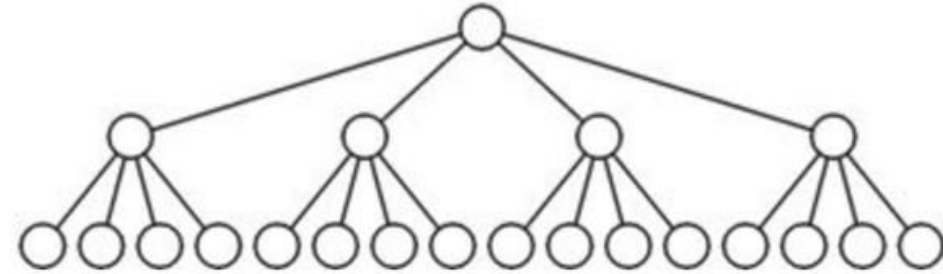
Binary Trees

Binary tree



```
struct BinaryTreeNode {  
    int data;  
    struct BinaryTreeNode* left;  
    struct BinaryTreeNode* right;  
}  
  
struct BinaryTree {  
    Struct BinaryTreeNode* root;  
}
```

N-ary Trees



```
struct TrinaryTreeNode {
    char* data;
    struct TrinaryTreeNode* left;
    struct TrinaryTreeNode* middle;
    struct TrinaryTreeNode* right;
}
```

```
struct QuadTreeNode {
    char* data;
    struct QuadTreeNode* children[4];
}
```

Binary trees just one form; can have any “branching number”.

Trinary trees have branching number of three.

For arbitrarily large branching numbers, arrays can make more sense than lists of named pointers.