CMPE-013/L

Introduction to “C” Programming

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Matrix Math

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Constants

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3.0 == 3.0

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\[ mat_1[0][1] = 0 \]

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Text I/O
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- Within <stdio.h>:
  - Formatted text: scanf()/printf()
  - Characters: getchar()/ putchar()
  - Strings/Lines: fgets()/puts()

  • NEVER EVER EVER USE gets()
Text I/O
fgets()

Syntax

```c
char *fgets(char *str, int count, FILE *stream);
```

- **str** is where received data is stored
  - Needs to be an array
- **count** is how many characters to process
  - Stops when \n or (count-1) chars are received
- **stream** is stdin
#include <stdio.h>

int main(void)
{
    // Create enough memory for a 50 char string
    char inputData[50 + 1];

    fgets(inputData, sizeof(inputData), stdin);
}
String Processing
String Processing

- Within `<string.h>`:
  - Examination
    - Length: `strlen()`
    - Comparing: `strcmp()`, `strncmp()`
    - Splitting: `strtok()`
  - Manipulation
    - Copying: `strncpy()` (Don't use `strcpy()`!)
    - Appending: `strncat()`
String Processing

strlen()

Syntax

```c
size_t strlen(const char *str);
```

- `str` is the string to calculate the length of
- `size_t` can be treated as an `int`

Examples

```c
int x = strlen("My string"); // x = 9

char str[] = "asdf";
int y = strlen(str); // y = 4
```
String Processing

strcmp()

**Syntax**

```c
int strcmp(const char *s1, const char *s2);
```

- Ignores size of the strings, purely alphabetical comparison
- Return value is > 0 if s1 alphabetically before s2, 0 if they're equal, < 0 if s2 alphabetically before s1

**Examples**

```c
char *s1 = "apple", *s2 = "zed";
int cmpResult = strcmp(s1, s2);
if (cmpResult > 0) {
    printf("apple > zed\n");
} else if (cmpResult == 0) {
    printf("apple == zed\n");
} else {
    printf("apple < zed\n");
}
```
String Processing

strtok()

Syntax

```c
char *strtok(char *s1, const char *s2);
```

- `s1` (input/output), string to be tokenized
  - Will be modified!
- `s2` (input) – Delimiters

Examples

```c
char s1[] = "This is an example!";

char *firstToken = strtok(s1, " "); // firstToken = "This"

char *secondToken = strtok(NULL, " "); // secondToken = "is"

char *thirdToken = strtok(NULL, " "); // thirdToken = "an"

char *fourthToken = strtok(NULL, " "); // fourthToken = "example!"
```
String Processing

strtok() Details

Example

```c
char s1[] = "This is an example!";
```

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This is an example!
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s1
String Processing

`strtok()` Details

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- `firstToken`
- `s1`
String Processing

strtok() Details

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firstToken
s1

This \0 is \0 an example ! \0
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secondToken

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strtok() Details

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This is a n example!
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firstToken

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String Processing

strncpy()

**Syntax**

```c
char *strncpy(char *s1, const char *s2, size_t n);
```

- **s1** (output) – where the string will be copied to
- **s2** (input) - the string that to be copied
- **n** - how many characters can be copied
- Undefined if s1 and s2 overlap!

**Examples**

```c
char s1[50];
strncpy(s1, "asdf", 4); // s1 = "asdf\0"
strncpy(s1 + strlen(s1), "asdf", 4); // s1 = "asdfasdf\0"
```
String Processing

strncat()

Syntax

```c
char *strncat(char *s1, const char *s2, size_t n);
```

- **s1** (input/output) - is the base string
- **s2** (input) - the string that will be appended
- **n** - how many characters can be appended
- Undefined if s1 and s2 overlap!

Examples

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String Processing

• Within `<stdlib.h>`:
  – Conversion
    • Integer: `atoi()`, `xtoi()`
    • Floats: `atof()`

• Within `<stdio.h>`:
  – Conversion
    • Any: `sscanf()`
      `fscanf`
String Processing

`atof()`

**Syntax**
```
double atof(const char *s);
```

- **s** (input) – The string to parse
- Returns the converted value or 0.0

**Examples**
```
char s1[] = "1.03";
double x = atof(s); // y = 1.03

char s2[] = "efg";
double y = atof(s); // y = 0.0
```
Pointers

Pointers and memory
Pointer/array equivalency
Pointer arithmetic
Pointers and the stack
Pointers and strings
Arrays of pointers
Pointers
Address versus value

- In some situations, we will want to work with a variable's address in memory, rather than the value it contains...

Variable name from C code
int x;

Value of variable = 0x0123

Address of variable x = 0x0804
Pointers

What are pointers?

- A pointer holds the address of another variable or function
Pointers
What do they do?

• A pointer allows us to indirectly access a variable (just like indirect addressing in assembly language)

Direct Access via $x$

$x = 0x0123; \rightarrow x$

Indirect Access via $*p$

$p = 0x0123; \rightarrow p$

$p$ points to $x$
Pointers

Why would I want to do that?

- Pointers make it possible to write a very short loop that performs the same task on a range of memory locations / variables.

Example: Data Buffer

```c
// Point to RAM buffer starting address
char *bufPtr = &buffer;

while ((DataAvailable()) && (receivedCharacter != '\0')) {
    // Read byte from UART and write it to RAM buffer
    ReadUart(bufPtr);
    // Point to next available byte in RAM buffer
    bufPtr++;
}
```
Pointers

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Example: Data Buffer

RAM buffer allocated over a range of addresses (perhaps an array)

Pseudo-code:
1. Point arrow to first address of buffer
2. Write data from UART to location pointed to by arrow
3. Move arrow to point to next address in buffer
4. Repeat until data from UART is 0, or buffer is full (arrow points to last address of buffer)
Pointers
Where else are they used?

- Provide method to pass arguments by reference to functions
- Provide method to pass more than one piece of information out of a function
- Another means of accessing arrays and dealing with strings
- Used in conjunction with dynamic memory allocation (creating variables at runtime)
Pointers
How to Create a Pointer Variable

Syntax

**type** *ptrName;**

- In the context of a declaration, the * merely indicates that the variable is a pointer
- **type** is the type of data the pointer may point to
- Pointer usually described as “a pointer to type”

Example

```c
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int *iPtr, x;   // Create a pointer to int and an int
float *fPtr1, *fPtr2;  // Create 2 float pointers
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Pointers
Initialization

• To set a pointer to point to another variable, we use the & operator (address of), and the pointer variable is used without the dereference operator *:

\[ p = &x; \]

• This assigns the address of the variable \( x \) to the pointer \( p \) (\( p \) now points to \( x \))

Note: \( p \) must be declared to point to the type of \( x \) (e.g. int \( x \); int *\( p \);)
Pointers

Dereferencing

• When accessing the data pointed to by a pointer, we use the pointer with the dereference operator `*`:

```
\textit{y} = *\textit{p};
```

• This assigns to the variable \textit{y}, the value of what \textit{p} is pointing to (\textit{x} from the last slide)

• Using \textit{*p}, is the same as using the variable it points to (e.g. \textit{x})
Pointers
Dereferencing example

Example

```c
int x = 6, *p; // int and a pointer to int
p = &x;       // Assign p the address of x
*p = 5;       // Same as x = 5;
```

- `&x` is a constant memory value
  - It represents the address of `x`
  - The address of `x` will never change

- `p` is a variable pointer to int
  - It can be assigned the address of any int
  - It may be assigned a new address any time
Pointers
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Pointers
Another view

Contents of the Mailbox
(variable \texttt{x})

Address of Mailbox
(\&\texttt{x})

Bank of Mailboxes
(memory locations)
Pointers

Another view

Contents of the Mailbox

\((x, *p)\)

Address of Mailbox

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\[ p = &x; \]
Pointers

Another view

Contents of the Mailbox

\[(x, *p)\]

Address of Mailbox

\[(&x, p)\]

*\(p = 2;\)

Bank of Mailboxes

(memory locations)
Pointers
Dereferencing non-primitives

Example

Complex x = {0.6, 1.2}, *p;
p = &x;
p->re = 5;

• p->re represents the data pointed to by p
  – p->re may be used anywhere you would use x.re
  – -> is the structure dereference operator, equivalent to (*p).re
  – In the pointer declaration, the only significance of * is to
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Pointers
Dereferencing non-primitives

Example

```c
void MyFunc(Complex *x)
{
    Complex t = *x;
    x->re /= t.re * t.re + t.im * t.im;
    x->im /= t.re * t.re + t.im * t.im;
}
```
void MyFunc(Complex *x)
{
    Complex t = *x;
}
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{
    Complex t = *x;
}
Pointers
How Pointers Work

Example

```c
{  
    int x, y;
    int *p;

    x = 0xDEAD;
    y = 0xBEEF;
    p = &x;

    *p = 0x0100;
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## How Pointers Work

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Pointers and Arrays
A Quick Reminder...

- Array elements occupy consecutive memory locations

```c
int x[3] = {1, 2, 3};
```

- Pointers can provide an alternate method for accessing array elements
Pointers and Arrays

Initializing a Pointer to an Array

- The array name evaluates to the address of its first (0th) element

If we declare the following array and pointer variable:

```c
int x[5] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
int *p;
```

We can initialize the pointer to point to the array using either of these methods:

```c
p = x;       // Works only for arrays
p = &x[0];   // Same as the above
```
Pointers and Arrays
A Preview of Pointer Arithmetic

- Incrementing a pointer will move it to the next element of the array

```c
int x[3] = {1, 2, 3};
int *p;
p = x;
++p;
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Pointers and Arrays

A Preview of Pointer Arithmetic

- Incrementing a pointer will move it to the next element of the array

```c
int x[3] = {1, 2, 3};
int *p;
p = x;
++p;
```

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Pointer Arithmetic

Incrementing Pointers

- Incrementing or decrementing a pointer will add or subtract a multiple of the number of bytes of its base type.
- If we have:

  ```c
  float x;
  float *p = &x;
  ++p;
  ```

  We will the address of p incremented by 4, since a `float` occupies 4 bytes.
**Pointer Arithmetic**

Incrementing Pointers

```c
float *ptr;
ptr = &a;
++ptr;
```

Incrementing `ptr` moves it to the next sequential `float` array element (4 bytes ahead)

32-bit Data Memory Words
Pointer Arithmetic

Larger Jumps

- Adding or subtracting any other number with the pointer will change it by a multiple of the number of bytes of its type
- If we have

```c
short int x;
short int *p = &x;
p += 3;
```

We will get the address of `p` incremented by 6 since a `short int` variable occupies 2 bytes of memory.
Pointer Arithmetic

Larger Jumps

Example

```c
float *ptr;
ptr = a;
```

Adding 6 to `ptr` moves it 6 float array elements ahead (24 bytes ahead)

```c
char *ptr
ptr += 6;
```

32-bits

16-bit Data Memory Words
Pointers

Pointer Arithmetic

Example

```c
{  
  long long x[] = {1, 2, 3};
  long long *p = x;
  
  *p += 4;
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Pointers

Pointer Arithmetic

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## Pointers

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- `p = p + 1;`
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Pointers

Post-Increment / Decrement Syntax

```c
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}
```

Remember: *(p++) is the same as *p++
Pointers

Post-Increment / Decrement Syntax

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32-bit Data Memory (RAM)

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Pointers

Post-Increment / Decrement Syntax

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    int *p = x;

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    y = 5 + (*p)++;  // Corrected: * (p++) is the same as *p++
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Pointers

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Remember: *(p++) is the same as *p++
Pointers

Post-Increment / Decrement Syntax

Example

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# Pointers

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*p = *p + 1 ;
z = *p ;
\] |
Pointers

Pre-Increment / Decrement Syntax

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32-bit Data Memory (RAM)

![Memory Diagram]

Remember:
*(++p) is the same as *++p
Pointers

Pre-Increment / Decrement Syntax

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Pointers
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Pointers
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Pointsers
Pre- and Post- Increment/Decrement Summary

- The parentheses determine what gets incremented/decremented:

  Modify the pointer itself

  \[ * \((++p)\) \text{ or } +++p \text{ and } *\((p++)\) \text{ or } *p++ \]

  Modify the value pointed to by the pointer

  \[ ++(*p) \text{ and } (*p)++ \]
Pointers

Initialization Tip

• If a pointer isn't initialized to a specific address when it is created, it is a good idea to initialize it as NULL
• This will prevent it from unintentionally corrupting a memory location if it is accidentally used before it is initialized

Example

```c
int *p = NULL;
```

**NUL** is the character '\0' but **NULL** is the value of a pointer that points to nowhere
Pointers and the Stack

Beware the stack

- Memory addresses may not always be valid
- Addresses referring to the stack have a lifetime tied to that variables scope
- Only global, static, and pointers returned by malloc() will always be valid
- You should almost never use the memory addresses of variables on the stack
Pointers and the Stack

Beware the stack

Example function

```c
int *foo(int x, int y)
{
    int z = x + (;++y);
    return &z;
}
```

Example caller

```c
int *main(void)
{
    int a = 6, b = 19;
    int *c = foo(a, b);
    printf("%d\n", *c);
}
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Pointers and the Stack

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```c
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    int a = 6, b = 19;
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    puts("Hey! ");
    printf("%d\n", *c);
}
```
Pointers and Strings

- So far, we have worked with strings strictly as arrays of `char`
- Strings may be created and used with pointers much more elegantly

```
char *str = "PIC32MX"; str
```

Implementation varies depending on compiler and architecture used.
Pointers and Strings

- When initialized, a pointer to a string points to the first character:

```c
char *str = "Microchip";

str += 4
```

- Increment or add an offset to the pointer to access subsequent characters.
Pointers and Strings

- Pointers may also be used to access characters via an offset:

```c
char *str = "Microchip";
*str == 'M'
*(str + 4) == 'o'
```

- Pointer always points to "base address"
- Offsets used to access subsequent chars
Pointers and Strings

Pointer versus Array: Initialization at Declaration

- Depending on variable type, part of the variable is constant

**Example: Pointer to String Constant**

```c
char *str = "PIC";
```

**Example: Character array**

```c
char str[] = "PIC";
```

The NULL character '\0' is automatically appended to strings in both cases (array must be large enough).
Pointers and Strings

Pointer versus Array: Initialization at Declaration

Example: Pointer Variable

```c
char *str1 = "PIC";
char str2[] = "PIC";
```

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Pointers and Strings

Pointer versus Array: Assignment in Code

- An entire string may be assigned to a pointer
- A character array must be assigned character by character

Example: Pointer Variable

```c
char *str;

str = "PIC";
```

Example: Array Variable

```c
char str[4];

str[0] = 'P';
str[1] = 'I';
str[2] = 'C';
str[3] = '\0';
```

Must explicitly add NUL character '\0' to array.
Pointers and Strings
Comparing Strings

- If you want to test a string for equivalence, the natural thing to do is:
  ```c
  if (str == "Microchip")
  ```
- This is not correct, though it might appear to work sometimes
- This compares the address in `str` to the address of the string literal `"Microchip"
- The correct way is to use the `strcmp()` function in the standard library which compares strings character by character
Arrays of Pointers

Declaration

• An array of pointers is an ordinary array variable whose elements happen to all be pointers.

```
char *p[4];
```

• This creates an array of 4 pointers to `char`
  – The array `p[]` itself is like any other array
  – The elements of `p[]`, such as `p[1]`, are pointers to `char`
Arrays of Pointers

Array Elements are Pointers Themselves

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- 3FC0: On
- 3FC3: Off
- 3FC7: Main
- 3FCC: Aux
Arrays of Pointers

Initialization

• A pointer array element may be initialized just like its ordinary variable counterpart:

\[ p[0] = \&x; \]

• Or, when working with strings:

\[ p[0] = "My string"; \]
Arrays of Pointers

Different from Two-dimensional Array

```c
char p[4][] = {
    "On",
    "Off",
    "Main",
    "Aux"
};
```

- This creates an two-dimensional array of chars
  - Amount of memory for every string the same
Arrays of Pointers

Array Elements are Sequential

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Arrays of Pointers

Dereferencing

- To use the value pointed to by a pointer array element, just dereference it like you would an ordinary variable:

\[ y = *p[0]; \]

- Using \(*p[0]\) is the same as using the object it points to, such as \(x\) or the string literal "My String" from the previous slide.
Arrays of Pointers

Accessing Strings

Example

```c
int i = 0;
char *str[] = {"Zero", "One", "Two", "Three", "Four", "\0"};

int main(void)
{
    while(*str[i] != '\0') {
        printf("%s\n", str[i++]);
    }
    while(1);
}
```
Dynamic Memory

malloc()
free()
Dynamic Memory

Rationale

- Memory needs not known at compile time
- Memory needs to persist outside of current scope
Dynamic Memory

`malloc()`

**Syntax**

```c
void *malloc(size_t size);
```

- Request memory of `size` bytes
  - Usually returned by `sizeof` operator
- Returns valid pointer or NULL

**Example**

```c
typedef struct {
    float re;
    float im;
} Complex;
Complex *x = malloc(sizeof(Complex));
```
Dynamic Memory

malloc()'d memory

Example

```c
typedef struct {
    float re;
    float im;
} Complex;

Complex *x = malloc(sizeof(Complex));
printf("Complex{re:%f im:%f}\n", x->re, x->im);
```
Dynamic Memory

malloc()'d memory

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Complex *x = malloc(sizeof(Complex));
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printf("Complex{re:%f im:%f}\n", x->re, x->im);
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Dynamic Memory

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Complex y = *x;
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    float im;
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free()

Syntax

```c
void free(void *ptr);
```

- Frees memory pointed to by `ptr`
  - Must have been returned by `malloc()`

Example

```c
typedef struct {
    float re;
    float im;
} Complex;

Complex *x = malloc(sizeof(Complex));
free(x);
```
Dynamic Memory

Invalid free()ing

Example

// Non-initialized pointers
Complex *x;
free(x); // Invalid!

// NULL pointers
Complex *y = NULL;
free(y); // Invalid!

// Non-heap pointers
char *z = "Hey!";
free(z); // Invalid!

// Heap pointers not returned by malloc()
Complex *w = malloc(sizeof(Complex));
free(&w->re); // Invalid!