Brief Introduction to the C Programming Language

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Introduction

- The C programming language was designed by Dennis Ritchie at Bell Laboratories in the early 1970s
- Influenced by
 - ALGOL 60 (1960),
 - CPL (Cambridge, 1963),
 - BCPL (Martin Richard, 1967),
 - B (Ken Thompson, 1970)
- Traditionally used for systems programming, though this may be changing in favor of C++
- Traditional C:
 - The C Programming Language, by Brian Kernighan and Dennis Ritchie, 2nd Edition, Prentice Hall
 - Referred to as K&R

Standard C

- Standardized in 1989 by ANSI (American National Standards Institute) known as ANSI C
- International standard (ISO) in 1990 which was adopted by ANSI and is known as C89
- As part of the normal evolution process the standard was updated in 1995 (*C95*) and 1999 (*C99*)
- C++ and C
 - C++ extends C to include support for Object Oriented Programming and other features that facilitate large software development projects
 - C is not strictly a subset of C++, but it is possible to write "Clean C" that conforms to both the C++ and C standards.

Elements of a C Program

- A C development environment includes
 - System libraries and headers: a set of standard libraries and their header files. For example see /usr/include and glibc.
 - Application Source: application source and header files
 - Compiler: converts source to object code for a specific platform
 - *Linker*: resolves external references and produces the executable module
- User program structure
 - there must be one main function where execution begins when the program is run. This function is called main
 - int main (void) { ... },
 - int main (int argc, char *argv[]) { ... }
 - UNIX Systems have a 3rd way to define main(), though it is not POSIX.1 compliant int main (int argc, char *argv[], char *envp[])
 - additional local and external functions and variables

A Simple C Program

- Create example file: try.c
- *Compile* using gcc: gcc -o try try.c
- The standard C library *libc* is included automatically
- *Execute* program
 ./try
- Note, I always specify an absolute path
- Normal termination:
 void exit(int status);
 - calls functions registered with atexit()
 - flush output streams
 - close all open streams
 - return status value and control to host environment

```
/* you generally want to
 * include stdio.h and
 * stdlib.h
 * */
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int main (void)
{
    printf("Hello World\n");
    exit(0);
}
```

Source and Header files

- Just as in C++, place related code within the same module (i.e. file).
- Header files (*.h) export interface definitions
 - function prototypes, data types, macros, inline functions and other common declarations
- Do not place source code (i.e. definitions) in the header file with a few exceptions.
 - inline'd code
 - class definitions
 - const definitions
- C preprocessor (cpp) is used to insert common definitions into source files
- There are other cool things you can do with the preprocessor

Another Example C Program

#inglude directs the proprocessor

<pre>/usr/include/stdio.h /* comments */ #ifndef _STDIO_H #define _STDIO_H definitions and protoypes</pre>	to "include" the contents of the file at this point in the source file. #define directs preprocessor to define macros.
#endif	example.c
<pre>/usr/include/stdlib.h /* prevents including file</pre>	<pre>* You generally want to palce * all file includes at start of file * */ #include <stdio.h> #include <stdlib.h></stdlib.h></stdio.h></pre>
* contents multiple	
* times */	int
#ifndef _STDLIB_H	main (int argc, char **argv)
<pre>#define _STDLIB_H definitions and protoypes #endif</pre>	<pre>{ // this is a C++-style comment // printf prototype in stdio.h printf("Hello, Prog name = %s\n",</pre>
	}

Passing Command Line Arguments

- When you execute a program you can include arguments on the command line.
- The run time environment will create an argument vector.
 - argv is the argument vector
 - argc is the number of arguments
- Argument vector is an array of pointers to strings.
- a *string* is an array of characters terminated by a binary 0 (NULL or '\0').
- argv[0] is always the program name, so argc is at least 1.



C Standard Header Files you may want to use

- Standard Headers you should know about:
 - stdio.h file and console (also a file) IO: perror, printf, open, close, read, write, scanf, etc.
 - stdlib.h common utility functions: malloc, calloc, strtol, atoi, etc
 - string.h string and byte manipulation: strlen, strcpy, strcat, memcpy, memset, etc.
 - ctype.h character types: isalnum, isprint, isupport, tolower, etc.
 - errno.h defines errno used for reporting system errors
 - math.h math functions: ceil, exp, floor, sqrt, etc.
 - signal.h signal handling facility: raise, signal, etc
 - stdint.h standard integer: intN_t, uintN_t, etc
 - time.h time related facility: asctime, clock, time_t,
 etc.

The Preprocessor

- The C preprocessor permits you to define simple macros that are evaluated and expanded prior to compilation.
- Commands begin with a '#'. Abbreviated list:
 - #define : defines a macro
 - #undef: removes a macro definition
 - #include : insert text from file
 - #if : conditional based on value of expression
 - #ifdef: conditional based on whether macro defined
 - #ifndef: conditional based on whether macro is not defined
 - #else: alternative
 - #elif : conditional alternative
 - defined() : preprocessor function: 1 if name defined, else 0
 #if defined(__NetBSD__)

Preprocessor: Macros

- Using macros as functions, exercise caution:
 - flawed example: #define mymult(a,b) a*b
 - **Source:** k = mymult(i-1, j+5);
 - Post preprocessing: k = i 1 * j + 5;
 - **better**: #define mymult(a,b) (a)*(b)
 - **Source:** k = mymult(i-1, j+5);
 - Post preprocessing: k = (i 1) * (j + 5);
- Be careful of *side effects*, for example what if we did the following
 - Macro: #define mysq(a) (a)*(a)
 - flawed usage:
 - Source: k = mysq(i++)
 - Post preprocessing: k = (i++) * (i++)
- Alternative is to use inline'ed functions
 - inline int mysq(int a) {return a*a};
 - mysq(i++) works as expected in this case.

Preprocessor: Conditional Compilation

- Its generally better to use inline'ed functions
- Typically you will use the preprocessor to define constants, perform conditional code inclusion, include header files or to create shortcuts
- #define DEFAULT_SAMPLES 100
- #ifdef __linux
 static inline int64_t
 gettime(void) {...}
- #elif defined(sun)
 static inline int64_t
 gettime(void) {return (int64_t)gethrtime()}
- #else

```
static inline int64_t
  gettime(void) {... gettimeofday()...}
```

• #endif

Another Simple C Program

int main (int argc, char **argv) {
 int i;
 printf("There are %d arguments\n", argc);
 for (i = 0; i < argc; i++)
 printf("Arg %d = %s\n", i, argv[i]);</pre>

return 0;

}

- Notice that the syntax is similar to Java
- •What's new in the above simple program?
 - of course you will have to learn the new interfaces and utility functions defined by the C standard and UNIX
 - Pointers will give you the most trouble

Arrays and Pointers

- A variable declared as an array represents a contiguous region of memory in which the array elements are stored.
 int x[5]; // an array of 5 4-byte ints.
- All arrays begin with an index of 0



memory layout for array x

- An array identifier is equivalent to a pointer that references the first element of the array
 - int x[5], *ptr;
 ptr = &x[0] is equivalent to ptr = x;
- Pointer arithmetic and arrays:
 - int x[5];
 x[2] is the same as * (x + 2), the compiler will assume you mean 2 objects beyond element x.

Pointers

- For any type T, you may form a pointer type to T.
 - Pointers may reference a function or an object.
 - The value of a pointer is the address of the corresponding object or function
 - Examples: int *i; char *x; int (*myfunc)();
- Pointer operators: * dereferences a pointer, & creates a pointer (reference to)

- int myfunc (int arg); int (*fptr)(int) = myfunc; i = fptr(4); // same as calling myfunc(4);
- Generic pointers:

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- Traditional C used (char *)
- Standard C uses (void *) these can not be dereferenced or used in pointer arithmetic. So they help to reduce programming errors
- Null pointers: use *NULL* or *O*. It is a good idea to always initialize pointers to NULL.

Pointers in C (and C++)

		Program Memory	Address
Step 1:]
int main (int argc, argv) {			
int $x = 4;$			$0x^2 da$
int * y = & x;	X	4	
<pre>int *z[4] = {NULL, NULL, NULL, NULL</pre>	}; <i>Y</i>	0x3dc	0x3d8
int $a[4] = \{1, 2, 3, 4\};$		NA	0x3d4
• • •		NA	0x3d0
	<i>z[3]</i>	0	0x3cc
	<i>z[2]</i>	0	0x3c8
Note: The compiler converts $z[1]$ or $*(z+1)$ to	<i>z[1]</i>	0	0x3c4
Value at address (Address of $z + sizeof(int)$);	<i>z[0]</i>	0	0x3c0
	a[3]	4	0x3bc
In C you would write the byte address as: (char *) = i = of (int)	a[2]	3	0x3b8
(CIIAL) Z + SIZEOI(IIIC),	a[1]	2	0x3b4
or letting the compiler do the work for you	a[0]	1	0x3b0
(int *)z + 1;			

Pointers Continued

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Step 1:
int main (int argc, argv) {
    int x = 4;
    int *y = &x;
    int *z[4] = {NULL, NULL, NULL, NULL};
    int a[4] = {1, 2, 3, 4};
Step 2: Assign addresses to array Z
    z[0] = a; // same as &a[0];
    z[1] = a + 1; // same as &a[1];
    z[2] = a + 2; // same as &a[2];
    z[3] = a + 3; // same as &a[3];
```

Program Memory	Address
4	0x3dc
0x3dc	0x3d8
NA	0x3d4
NA	0x3d0
0x3bc	0x3cc
0x3b8	0x3c8
0x3b4	0x3c4
0x3b0	0x3c0
4	0x3bc
3	0x3b8
2	0x3b4
1	0x3b0
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Pointers Continued

Program Memory Address

4

0x3dc

NA

NA

0x3bc

0x3b8

0x3b4

0x3b0

4

3

2

0x3dc

0x3d8

0x3d4

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0x3b0

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                                              x
 int z[4] = \{NULL, NULL, NULL, NULL\};
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Step 2:
 z[0] = a;
                                            z[3]
 z[1] = a + 1;
                                            z[2]
 z[2] = a + 2;
 z[3] = a + 3;
                                            z[1]
Step 3: No change in z's values
                                            z[0]
 z[0] = (int *)((char *)a);
                                            a[3]
 z[1] = (int *)((char *)a
                                            a[2]
                 + sizeof(int));
                                            a[1]
 z[2] = (int *)((char *)a
                                            a[0]
                 + 2 * sizeof(int));
 z[3] = (int *)((char *)a
                 + 3 * sizeof(int));
```

Getting Fancy with Macros

```
#define QNODE(type) \
struct { \
struct type *next; \
struct type **prev; \
}
```

```
#define QFIRST(head, field) \
    ((head)->field.next)
```

```
#define QNEXT(node, field) \
    ((node)->field.next)
```

```
#define QEMPTY(head, field) \
    ((head)->field.next == (head))
```

```
#define QFOREACH(head, var, field) \
for ((var) = (head)->field.next; \
    (var) != (head); \
    (var) = (var)->field.next)
```

```
#define QINSERT BEFORE(loc, node, field) \
  do {
    *(loc)->field.prev = (node);
    (node) ->field.prev =
           (loc) ->field.prev;
    (loc) ->field.prev =
           &((node)->field.next); \
    (node) ->field.next = (loc);
  } while (/* */0)
#define QINSERT AFTER(loc, node, field)
 do {
    ((loc)->field.next)->field.prev =
            &(node)->field.next;
    (node) ->field.next = (loc) ->field.next; \
    (loc) ->field.next = (node);
    (node) ->field.prev = & (loc) ->field.next;
  } while ( /* */ 0)
```

After Preprocessing and Compiling









#define QINSERT_BEFORE(head, node, alist)\
 do {
 *(head)->alist.prev = (node);
 (node)->alist.prev = (head)->alist.prev; \
 (head)->alist.prev = &(node)->alist.next;\
 (node)->alist.next = (head);
 } while (/* */0)













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 (node)->alist.next = (head);
 } while (/* */0)































QREMOVE(node0, alist);



















Solution to Removing a Node





Functions

Always use function prototypes

int myfunc (char *, int, struct MyStruct *); int myfunc_noargs (void); void myfunc_noreturn (int i);

- C and C++ are call by value, copy of parameter passed to function
 - C++ permits you to specify pass by reference
 - if you want to alter the parameter then pass a pointer to it (or use references in C++)
- If performance is an issue then use inline functions, generally better and safer than using a macro. Common convention
 - define prototype and function in header or name.i file
 - static inline int myinfunc (int i, int j);
 - static inline int myinfunc (int i, int j) { ... }

Basic Types and Operators

- Basic data types
 - Types: char, int, float and double
 - Qualifiers: short, long, unsigned, signed, const
- Constant: 0x1234, 12, "Some string"
- Enumeration:
 - Names in different enumerations must be distinct
 - enum WeekDay_t {Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri}; enum WeekendDay_t {Sat = 0, Sun = 4};
- Arithmetic: +, -, *, /, %
 - prefix ++i or --i ; increment/decrement before value is used
 - postfix i++, i--; increment/decrement after value is used
- Relational and logical: <, >, <=, >=, ==, !=, &&, ||
- Bitwise: &, |, ^ (xor), <<, >>, ~(ones complement)

Operator Precedence (from "C a Reference Manual", 5th Edition)

Tokens	Operator	Class	Precedence	Associates		Tokens	Operator	Class	Precedence	Associates
names, literals	simple tokens	primary		n/a		(type)	casts	unary	14	right-to-left
- []-1	1 · /·			1.0.4.1.4		* / 응	multiplicative	binary	13	left-to-right
a[K]	subscripting	postfix		left-to-right		+ -	additive	binary	12	left-to-right
f()	function call	postfix	16	left-to-right		<< >>	left, right shift	binary	11	left-to-right
•	direct selection	postfix	10	left-to-right		< <= > >=	relational	binary	10	left-to-right
->	indirect selection	postfix		left to right		== !=	equality/ineq.	binary	9	left-to-right
++	increment, decrement	postfix		left-to-right		&	bitwise and	binary	8	left-to-right
(type){init}	compound literal	postfix		left-to-right		^	bitwise xor	binary	7	left-to-right
++	increment, decrement	prefix	right-to-left	1	bitwise or	binary	6	left-to-right		
sizeof	size	unary		right-to-left		& &	logical and	binary	5	left-to-right
~	bitwise not	unary		right-to-left			logical or	binary	4	left-to-right
!	logical not	unary	15	right-to-left		?:	conditional	ternary	3	right-to-left
- +	negation, plus	unary	15	right-to-left		= += -=				5
æ	address of	unary		right-to-left		*= /= %=		1.		
*	indirection (<i>dereference</i>)	unary		right-to-left		&= ^= = <<= >>=	assignment	binary	2	right-to-left
					• [sequential eval.	binary	1	left-to-right

Structs and Unions

- structures
 - struct MyPoint {int x, int y};
 - typedef struct MyPoint MyPoint_t;
 - MyPoint_t point, *ptr;
 - point.x = 0; point.y = 10;
 - ptr = &point; ptr ->x = 12; ptr ->y = 40;
- unions
 - union MyUnion {int x; MyPoint_t pt; struct {int
 - 3; char c[4]} S;};
 - union MyUnion x;
 - Can only use one of the elements. Memory will be allocated for the largest element

Conditional Statements (if/else)

```
if (a < 10)
    printf("a is less than 10\n");
else if (a == 10)
    printf("a is 10\n");
else
    printf("a is greater than 10\n");</pre>
```

• If you have compound statements then use brackets (blocks)

```
- if (a < 4 && b > 10) {
    c = a * b; b = 0;
    printf("a = %d, a\'s address = 0x%08x\n", a, (uint32_t)&a);
} else {
    c = a + b; b = a;
}
```

- These two statements are equivalent:
 - if (a) x = 3; else if (b) x = 2; else x = 0;
 - if (a) x = 3; else {if (b) x = 2; else x = 0; }
- Is this correct?

Conditional Statements (switch)

```
int c = 10;
switch (C) {
  case 0:
    printf("c is 0\n");
    break;
  default:
    printf("Unknown value of c n'');
    break;
}
```

- What if we leave the break statement out?
- Do we need the final break statement on the default case?

Loops

```
for (i = 0; i < MAXVALUE; i++) {
    dowork();
    }
while (c != 12) {
    dowork();
    }
do {
    dowork();
    } while (c < 12);</pre>
```

- flow control
 - break exit innermost loop
 - continue perform next iteration of loop
- Note, all these forms permit one statement to be executed. By enclosing in brackets we create a block of statements.

Building your program

- For all labs and programming assignments:
 - you must supply a make file
 - you must supply a README file that describes the assignment and results. This must be a text file, no MS word.
 - of course the source code and any other libraries or utility code you used
 - you may submit plots, they must be postscript or pdf

make and Makefiles, Overview

- Why use make?
 - convenience of only entering compile directives once
 - make is smart enough (with your help) to only compile and link modules that have changed or which depend on files that have changed
 - allows you to hide platform dependencies
 - promotes uniformity
 - simplifies my (and hopefully your) life when testing and verifying your code
- A makefile contains a set of rules for building a program target ... : prerequisites ...
 command
- Static pattern rules.

...

each target is matched against target-pattern to derive stem which is used to determine prereqs (see example)
 targets ... : target-pattern : prereq-patterns ...
 command

Makefiles

- Defining variables MyOPS := -DWTH MyDIR ?= /home/fred MyVar = \$(SHELL)
- Using variables MyFLAGS := \$(MyOPS)
- Built-in Variables
 - \$@ = filename of target
 - \$< = name of the first prerequisites
- Patterns
 - use % character to determine stem
 - foo.o matches the pattern %.o with foo as the stem.
 - foo.o moo.o : %.o : %.c # says that foo.o depends on foo.c and moo.o depends on moo.c

Example Makefile for wulib

Makefile.inc

Makefile

<pre># Makefile.inc</pre>		# Project s	pecific		
<pre># Contains common</pre>	definitions	include/Makefile.inc			
		INCLUDES	= \${WUINCLUDES} -I.		
MyOS	:= \$(shell uname -s)	LIBS	= \${WILIBS} \${OSLIBS}		
MyID	:= \$(shell whoami)	CFLAGS	= \${WUCLFAGS} -DWUDEBUG		
MyHost	:= \$(shell hostname)	CC	= \${WUCC}		
WARNSTRICT	:= -W \				
	-Wstrict-prototypes	HDRS	:= util.h		
\		CSRCS	:= testapp1.c testapp2.c		
	-Wmissing-prototypes	SRCS	:= util.c callout.c		
WARNLIGHT	:= -Wall	COBJS	= \$(addprefix \${OBJDIR}/, \		
WARN	:= \${WARNLIGHT}		\$(patsubst %.c,%.o,\$(CSRCS)))		
ALLFLGS	:= -D_GNU_SOURCE \	OBJS	= \$(addprefix \${OBJDIR}/, \		
	-D_REENTRANT \		<pre>\$(patsubst %.c,%.o,\$(SRCS)))</pre>		
	-D_THREAD_SAFE	CMDS	= \$(addprefix \${OBJDIR}/, \$(basename \$(CSRCS)))		
APPCFLGS	= \$(ALLFLGS) \	all · Ś(OB	IDIR) Ŝ(CMDS)		
	\$(WARN)	uii • + (0D			
		install : a	11		
WUCC	:= gcc				
WUCFLAGS	:= −DMyOS=\$ (MyOS) \	\$(OBJDTR) :			
	\$(OSFLAGS) \	• (0202211)	mkdir \$(OBJDIR)		
	\$(ALLFLGS) \$(WARN)				
		\$(OBJS) \$(COBJS) : \${OBJDIR}/%.o : %.c \$(HDRS)		
WUINCLUDES	:=		\${CC} \${CFLAGS} \${INCLUDES} -0 \$@ -c \$<		
WULIBS	:= -lm				
		\$ (CMDS) : \$	$\{OB, JDTR\}/\%$: $\{OB, JDTR\}/\%, O$; (OB, JS)		
ifeq (\${MyOS), SunOS)		, (oligo),	$S{CC} S{CFLAGS} = 0 S S S C S{LTBS}$		
OSLIBS+= -lrt			chmod 0755 \$@		
endif			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
0.1.411		clean :			
			/bin/rm -f \$(CMDS) \$(OBJS)		

Project Documentation

- README file structure
 - Section A: Introduction describe the project, paraphrase the requirements and state your understanding of the assignments value.
 - Section B: Design and Implementation List all files turned in with a brief description for each. Explain your design and provide simple psuedo-code for your project. Provide a simple flow chart of you code and note any constraints, invariants, assumptions or sources for reused code or ideas.
 - Section C. Results

For each project you will be given a list of questions to answer, this is where you do it. If you are not satisfied with your results explain why here.

Section D: Conclusions
 What did you learn, or not learn during this assignment. What would you do differently or what did you do well.

Attacking a Project

- *Requirements and scope*: Identify specific requirements and or goals. Also note any design and/or implementation environment requirements.
 - knowing when you are done, or not done
 - estimating effort or areas which require more research
 - programming language, platform and other development environment issues
- *Approach*: How do you plan to solve the problem identified in the first step. Develop a prototype design and document. Next figure out how you will verify that you did satisfy the requirements/goals. Designing the tests will help you to better understand the problem domain and your proposed solution
- *Iterative development*: It is good practice to build your project in small pieces. Testing and learning as you go.
- *Final Touches*: Put it all together and run the tests identified in the approach phase. Verify you met requirements. Polish you code and documentation.
- Turn it in: