CPS104
Computer Organization and Programming
Lecture 2: C and C++

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Overview of Today’s Lecture:

- C philosophy
  - Debugging
  - Good Programs
- C arrays and strings
- C procedures
- C Input Output
C++ vs C: Philosophy

- C++ emphasizes reuse of code, ENCAPSULATION of data types
- The OO philosophy:
  - Define (real-world) objects, each with variables that indicate their “state”, and each changeable ONLY by their own member functions
  - Insulate the programmer from machine level
    - Impossible to apply an inappropriate operation
    - Hard to reference memory that isn’t holding an object
  - Overloading of operators simplifies program appearance --- more easily read
C Philosophy

- C REVEALS machine level details
  ✴ DESIRABLE for this course!!!
- Excellent language for explaining how computer really works
- Procedure-oriented, not object oriented
  ✴ Any procedure may be applied to any item
  ✴ BE CAREFUL
- Has fewer concepts than C++:
  ✴ No inheritance hierarchy
- Uses global arrays, and explicitly allocated arrays, NOT “new”
- Each “executed” mention of a C name corresponds to ONE machine language instruction (unit time)
C Philosophy (cont’d)

- C allows programmers to write very machine-efficient code
- Does not require use of “access functions” to reference a global array or collection of objects
  - Offers no “protection” against incorrect operations on them, either
- Does NO “array bounds checking”
  - Programmer is responsible for using legal subscript values
Form of a C Program

- List of GLOBAL variable and procedure DECLARATIONS
- The “main” procedure must exist, and is executed on start
- Procedures may contain LOCAL declarations of variables
  - Declarations are written before any code
- Arrays are declared by following a variable name with "constant expression":
  - `int xyz[49];`
  + Declares `xyz` to be an array of 49 integers, `xyz[0]...xyz[48]`
  + Reserves space in memory to hold all 49 of them
  + Reference an array element by `xyz[expression].`
- GLOBAL arrays elements initially hold 0. LOCAL hold garbage.
First concern is the METHOD to be used for the solution

- Do I need to record input data for later processing? Or process input as it is read?
- What computation is needed?
- If a record is made, what form should it take?
  - Parallel arrays: int A[100], B[100]; A[i] and B[i] (same i) describe the i-th “object”
  - Objects can be “connected” logically: C[i] can hold the index of an object related in some way to (A[i], B[i])
- Speed is increased if direct indexing can be used, rather than searching

Later, decide how to read input, and write output
Debugging

- C (and Assembly Language) programs are seldom correct as first written
- You must develop DETECTIVE skills, to find places where what you THOUGHT you told computer to do differs from what IT does
  * printf statements on procedure entry and exit
  * use of “gdb” (breakpoints; examine variables)
- Fixing the problems is usually easy
- Finding a problem is hard, because computer may run a long time, after the REAL error
Testing

- Your program must work for ANY “valid” input
- You CANNOT assume that the test cases given adequately test your program
- You must design your own:
  - “Stress test” it -- by designing test cases that exercise the parts of the program that YOU find most confusing and difficult
  - Add test cases that check the “special cases”
- Design your program to avoid duplication of code to handle special cases -- if designed well, so each part of the program performs some “general” operation, one or two tests suffice to test each such part
Positive Attributes of Programs

- Correct: Meets the specifications.
- Understandable to the reader
  - Clear, precise documentation of each subroutine
    - Mention each argument and result
    - Use “mathematical English”
  - Avoid error-prone C constructs
- Highest possible execution speed
  - Each programmer name or constant costs one unit of time each time it is “executed” (approximately)
- Fewest possible C tokens in the source text
  - Tokens are: Names, Numbers, Strings, Operators
  - Use parentheses and comments freely
C Language Material

- The following on-line source seems to be a good reference: 
  C Language Course
  www.strath.ac.uk/CC/Courses/NewCcourse/ccourse.html
- Another source on the Web is:
  www.cm.cf.ac.uk/Dave/C/CE.html
- The material on integer arithmetic, characters, and pointers will be important, along with simple I/O: getchar(), putchar(), printf() and scanf(). You should learn how to use for and while loops, if statements and subroutines, as well.
Computer Memory

- Memory is a large linear array of 8 bit bytes.
  - Each byte has a unique address (location)
- Bytes are grouped into longer sequences, some of which can be addressed as one unit. Their addresses must be multiples of their byte lengths.
  - Byte (1 byte) -- characters (char)
  - Word (4 bytes) -- integers (int), floats.
  - Double (8 bytes)
Pointers

- A “pointer” is an integer intended to be used as an address for some object in memory
- In C, the type of the object pointed to must be declared, along with the pointer:
  - `int *P;` Declares P to hold a pointer to an integer
  - `char *C;` Declares C to point to a character
- A pointer to any variable or array element can be built by the “address of” operator “&”: `&X[i]` is an integer, giving the address of X[i].
- An array reference A[I] is equivalent to `*(&A+I)`, where “*” “de-references” its argument -- obtains the contents of the memory location the argument points to
- Addition of pointers and integers “scales” the integer to the size (in bytes) of the pointers reference type, so P+1 computes an address 4 bytes more than that held in P because each int occupies 4 bytes of memory.
C Arrays

- The array is a primitive (built-in) structure in C
  - int A[100]; Sets aside a sequence of 400 bytes of memory whose first byte is at &A.
  - Indices start at 0: A[0] is first integer, A[99] the last.
  - Later A[I] generates a reference to location &A + I*4

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C Strings

- C strings are represented as arrays of characters:
  - `char c[10];` Declares space for a 9-character string
  - Why 9? Because a C string is terminated with a special “sentinel” character \0. The C string constant “A STRING” is a pointer to the first of a sequence of bytes, whose contents are ‘A’, ‘ ‘, ‘S’, ‘T’, ‘R’, ‘I’, ‘N’, ‘G’, and ‘\0’.

- There are NO C “operators” on strings. All string operations are handled by programs
C Memory Allocation

- C has no “new” operator
- When a new object is needed, space for its state variables must be reserved, or “allocated”
- This could be done from a programmer-declared array, OR by use of the library function “malloc”
- I recommend declaring “large enough” arrays (whose size must be fixed before compilation).
  - Choose size based on statistics about input data
    - Ask problem poser
- The library function “(void *) malloc(int n)” can be used to reserve n bytes of memory, and return a pointer to the first byte of that area of memory.
C Procedures and Naming

- All C procedures are accessible (callable) anywhere in the file after their declaration (header or signature) has appeared
- Declarations appearing outside procedures are ALSO accessible anywhere later in the file -- including global variables
- The procedure “main” must be defined
  ```c
  int main(int argc, char ** argv);
  ```
- Names declared inside procedures (including parameters) are local to those procedures
- Procedures may not be declared inside procedures
C Input / Output
(a small subset)

- #include <stdio.h>  // Include signatures and constant defs
- char getchar(void);  // Return next character from stdin
  - stdin is UNIX default input stream; opened automatically when program is started
- int printf( char *, ... );
  - formatted output, to stdout
    -> default output stream
- int scanf( char *, ... );
  - formatted input, from stdin
- Definitions of what these and other functions do can be found by running “man -s<section> <name of subroutine>“ where <section> is 3s or 3c.
Connection to UNIX

- UNIX command line:
  - *prog arglist [<in] [>out]*
    - Runs *prog* connecting its “stdin” to *in*, “stdout” to *out*
    - *in* and *out* are files on disk (so is *prog*)
    - If either *<in>* or *>out* is absent, that file is the console
  - UNIX loads *prog* into memory, calls its main(argc, argv)
    - argc is set to the number of arguments in arglist
    - argv[i] is set to the i-th argument (a string)
    - argv[0] is set to the name of the program
  - *xyz  35 abc <in.1*
    - calls xyz.main(2, {“xyz”, “35”, “abc”})
    - stdin is file “in.1”, stdout is the screen
C Input / Output:

printf

- Returns EOF if error occurs, otherwise != EOF
- Variable number of arguments, no types specified
- First argument is a format string, telling how each subsequent argument is to be converted (this string specifies the type of each argument, and how many columns it occupies on the output page)
- printf sends a stream of characters to stdout
- The formatting string includes:
  - text to be output as is
  - Characters to control the printer, like \n (new line) and \t (tab)
  - Conversion specifiers
C Input / Output:
printf Conversion Specifiers

- Each specifier begins with % and ends with a field type character. Between may be some characters which give minimum field width, and precision to use

- Examples:
  - %s  :-  Print a string. Field width is string’s length
  - %7s  :-  Print 7 chars of a string, pad with space
  - %d  :-  Print an integer
  - %12d  :-  Print an integer in a field of at least 12 chars, pad with space
  - %012d  :-  Print an integer in a field of at least 12 chars, pad with 0
  - %10.2f  :-  Print a float, in a field of 10 chars, show 2 digits right of the decimal point
Example 1

```c
#include <stdio.h>
main() {
    int a = 23;
    char * s = "Have a happy one!";
    float f = 12.678;

    printf("print: lval=%d, Fval=%f, String=%s\n", 
            a, f, s);
}
Result:
print: lval=23, Fval=12.678, String=Have a happy one!
```
Example 2

#include <stdio.h>
main() {
    int a = 23;
    char * s = "Have a happy one!";
    float f = 12.678;

    printf("print: Ival=%5d, Fval=%7.2f, String=%10s\n", \
           a, f, s);
}

Result:
print: Ival= 23, Fval= 12.68, String=Have a hap
Problem: Report the number of words which begin with each possible letter.

Word == Seq of one or more letters, surrounded by non-letters

Method: At start of word, increment the count for its first letter

  Linear search for the letter?

  Hash table search for the first letter?

  Better method?

  How detect that it IS a letter? How detect start of word?
Ingenuity (cont’d)

- Linear search? 52 letters, so ~ 26 loop iterations @ 10 ops per iteration = 260 ops per letter read
- Hash table lookup? About 2 “probes” per letter @ 10 ops per probe = 20 ops per letter
- Better method: Use ASCII code as index into table!!
  - \( \text{Ct}[c]++; \) // 2 ops per letter
  - if ( let[c] ) … // Pre-initialize let[i]==0 if i does NOT code a letter, 1 if i DOES code one
- Design “heart” of program -- part that will be executed most -- FIRST, fit rest of program around it, so heart does not have to change, to get the details correct
Ingenuity (3)

// Assume file holds N characters, Q of them non-letters

#include <stdio.h>

Int c, PrevIsLet=0, let[256], Ct[256];

Hrt1() {

    while ((c=getchar())!= EOF) { // 3 ops, 13 toks
        if ( ! PrevIsLet ) // 1 op, 5 tokens
            Ct[c]++; // 2 ops, 6 toks
        PrevIsLet = let[c]; // 3 ops, 7 toks
    } // 0 ops, 1 tok

} // loop above: 7N+2Q ops, 33 tokens

Note: Ct[c]++ increments non-letter elements, which output routine ignores; Output routine combines UC and LC counts.
Ingenuity (4)


Hrt2() {
    while ((c=getchar())!=EOF) {  // 3 ops, 13 toks
        if ( let[c] ) {  // 2 ops, 8 toks
            Ct[c]++;  // 2 ops, 6 toks
            while (((c=getchar())!=EOF) && let[c] ) ;  // 5 ops, 19 toks
        }
    }
}  // 5N+2W ops, where W words in file; 46 toks
Ingenuity (5): Comparison

Guess that text file contains 5 letters per word, and each word is followed by an average of 1.5 non-letters. \( W = \frac{N}{5}, \ Q = 1.5 \cdot \frac{N}{5} \)

Guess the rest of program contains 100 tokens.

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<td>Hrt2</td>
<td>146</td>
<td>( 5N + 2 \cdot \frac{N}{5} = 5.4N )</td>
<td>( 10 \cdot \frac{133}{146} = 9.1 )</td>
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Conclude: Hrt2 should earn more total points than Hrt1.

(assumes Hrt1 is most elegant, Hrt2 is fastest program)
Programming Example

#include <stdio.h>
#define White[256]  // Sets White[0..255]=0; 0 acts as "false in tests.
main(){  // Parameters not needed
    char c, s[256], *p;  // s will hold the string
    White[\’ \’]=White[\’\t\’]=White[\’\n\’]=1;   // non-zero acts as "true" in tests
    p = s;  // Set pointer p to the address of s[0]
    while ( (c=getchar() ) != EOF ) {   // skip white space
        if ( ! White[c] ) break;
    }
    *p++ = c;  // Increment p, after storing c "through" p’s old value
    while ( (c=getchar() ) != EOF ) { /* Copy non-white space into s */
        if (White[c] ) break;
            *p++ = c;
    }
    *p = ‘\0’;  // Null terminate the string
    printf("%s\n",s);  // Print first word of input.
}
Programming Example Using scanf

#include <stdio.h>
main(){ // Parameters not needed
    char s[256]; // s will hold the string
    int J, K;
    scanf("%d %d %s", &J, &K, s);
    /* scanf’s arguments are POINTERS. Even “s” is changed by the compiler into a pointer, because this array name has no subscript here. */
    // This reads two white-space separated integers, and one // string, consisting of non-white-space characters.
    
}
Summary

- C programs are procedure oriented, not OO
- They reflect actual features of machine hardware
  - \* A>>2, A&1  // Each performs one machine instruction
- Allow programmer control over sequence of instructions generated, primarily for efficiency at run-time
  - \* while ( t[k] = s[k] ) k++;  // TRICKY. Copies until S[k]==0
- Naming conventions are primitive
- No run-time array bounds or pointer checking
- Very useful for describing what machine hardware is supposed to do