

Lecture 3 – Introduction to the C Programming Language

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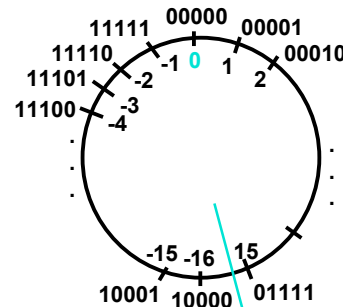


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Review (1): 2's Complement # "line": N = 5



- 2^{N-1} non-negatives
- 2^{N-1} negatives
- one zero
- how many positives?

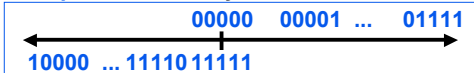


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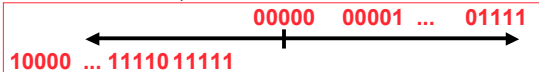
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Review (2): Overview

- We represent "things" in computers as particular bit patterns: N bits $\Rightarrow 2^N$
- Decimal for human calculations, binary for computers, hex to write binary more easily
- 1's complement - mostly abandoned



- 2's complement universal in computing: cannot avoid, so learn



Overflow: numbers ∞ ; computers finite, errors!

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Disclaimer

- **Important:** You will not learn how to fully code in C in these lectures! You'll still need your C reference for this course.

- K&R is a must-have reference.
 - Check online for more sources.
- "JAVA in a Nutshell," O'Reilly.
 - Chapter 2, "How Java Differs from C".



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Compilation : Overview

C **compilers** take C and convert it into an **architecture specific** machine code (string of 1s and 0s).

- Unlike Java which converts to **architecture independent** bytecode.
- Unlike most Scheme environments which interpret the code.
- Generally a 2 part process of **compiling** .c files to .o files, then **linking** the .o files into executables



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Compilation : Advantages

- **Great run-time performance:** generally much faster than Scheme or Java for comparable code (because it optimizes for a given architecture)
- **OK compilation time:** enhancements in compilation procedure (Makefiles) allow only modified files to be recompiled



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Compilation : Disadvantages

- All compiled files (including the executable) are **architecture specific**, depending on *both* the CPU type and the operating system.
- Executable must be **rebuilt** on each new system.
 - Called “**porting your code**” to a new architecture.
- The “change→compile→run [repeat]” iteration cycle is slow



C vs. Java™ Overview (1/2)

- | Java | C |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| • Object-oriented (OOP) | • No built-in object abstraction. Data separate from methods. |
| • “Methods” | • “Functions” |
| • Class libraries of data structures | • C libraries are lower-level |
| • Automatic memory management | • Manual memory management |
| | • Pointers |



C vs. Java™ Overview (2/2)

- | Java | C |
|---|--|
| • High memory overhead from class libraries | • Low memory overhead |
| • Relatively Slow | • Relatively Fast |
| • Arrays initialize to zero | • Arrays initialize to garbage |
| • Syntax:
<pre>/* comment */
// comment
System.out.print</pre> | • Syntax:
<pre>/* comment */
printf</pre> |



C Syntax: Variable Declarations

- Very similar to Java, but with a few minor but important differences
- All variable declarations must go before they are used (at the beginning of the block).
- A variable may be initialized in its declaration.
- Examples of declarations:
 - correct:

```
{  
    int a = 0, b = 10;  
    ...  
}
```
 - **incorrect:**

```
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
```



C Syntax: True or False?

- What evaluates to FALSE in C?
 - 0 (integer)
 - NULL (pointer: more on this later)
 - no such thing as a Boolean
- What evaluates to TRUE in C?
 - **everything else...**
 - (same idea as in scheme: only #f is false, everything else is true!)



C syntax : flow control

- Within a function, remarkably **close to Java** constructs in methods (shows its legacy) in terms of flow control
 - if-else
 - switch
 - while and for
 - do-while



C Syntax: main

- To get the main function to accept arguments, use this:

```
int main (int argc, char *argv[])
```

- What does this mean?

- `argc` will contain the number of strings on the command line (the executable counts as one, plus one for each argument).

- Example: `unix% sort myFile`

- `argv` is a pointer to an array containing the arguments as strings (more on pointers later).



Administrivia : You have a question?

- Do **not** email Dan (& expect response)
 - Hundreds of emails in inbox
 - Email doesn't scale to classes with 200+ students!
- Tips on getting an answer to your question:
 - Ask a classmate
 - Ask Dan after or before lecture
 - The newsgroup, `ucb.class.cs61c`
 - Read it : Has your Q been answered already?
 - If not, ask it and check back
 - Ask TA in section, lab or OH
 - Ask Dan in OH
 - Ask Dan in lecture (if relevant to lecture)
 - Send your TA email
 - Send one of the two Head TAs email
 - Send Dan email



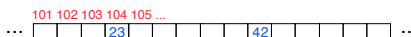
Administrivia : Near term

- Monday is a holiday – have a good one
- Upcoming lectures
 - C pointers and arrays in detail
- HW
 - HW0 due in discussion next week
 - HW1 due this Wed @ 23:59 PST
 - HW2 due next Wed @ 23:59 PST
- Reading
 - K&R Chapters 1-5 (lots, get started now!)
 - First quiz will be next Wed



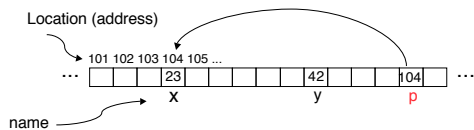
Address vs. Value

- Consider memory to be a single huge array:
 - Each cell of the array has an address associated with it.
 - Each cell also stores some value.
- Don't confuse the **address** referring to a memory location with the **value** stored in that location.



Pointers

- An address refers to a particular memory location. In other words, it **points** to a memory location.
- **Pointer**: A variable that contains the **address** of a variable.



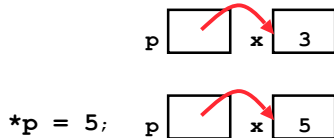
Pointers

- How to create a pointer:
 - & operator: get address of a variable
- ```
int *p, x; p ? x ?
x = 3; p ? x 3
p = &x; p ? x 3
```
- Note the "" gets used 2 different ways in this example. In the declaration to indicate that `p` is going to be a pointer, and in the `printf` to get the value pointed to by `p`.
- How get a value pointed to?
    - \* "dereference operator": get value pointed to
- ```
printf("p points to %d\n", *p);
```



Pointers

- How to change a variable pointed to?
 - Use dereference * operator on left of =



Pointers and Parameter Passing

- Java and C pass a parameter “by value”
 - procedure/function gets a copy of the parameter, so changing the copy cannot change the original

```
void addOne (int x) {  
    x = x + 1;  
}  
  
int y = 3;  
addOne (y);
```

- **y is still = 3**



Pointers and Parameter Passing

- How to get a function to change a value?

```
void addOne (int *p) {  
    *p = *p + 1;  
}  
  
int y = 3;
```

```
addOne (&y);
```

- **y is now = 4**



Pointers

- Normally a pointer can only point to one type (int, char, a struct, etc.).
 - void * is a type that can point to anything (generic pointer)
 - Use sparingly to help avoid program bugs!



Peer Instruction Question

```
void main(); {  
    int *p, x=5, y; // init  
    y = *(p = &x) + 10;  
    int z;  
    flip-sign(p);  
    printf("x=%d,y=%d,p=%d\n",x,y,p);  
}  
flip-sign(int *n){*n = -(*n)}
```

#Errors
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
(1) 0



How many errors?

The iMac G5 – where'd the computer go?

Where did the computer go? The all-new iMac G5.



Kilo, Mega, Giga, Tera, Peta, Exa, Zetta, Yotta

- Killed Meghans giggle terribly petting exalted zealous yodas [CL]
- Kissing me gives terrible peeps exactly zero, yo! [CL]
- Killer Megan gives Terrible Peter's excellent zebra yoghurt [YC]
- "Kiss me", giant Terrible Peter exclaimed zealously, yo [YC]
- Kind Merchants Give Texan People Extra Zesty Yogurt [AW]
- Kittens' Meows Give to Terrific Peals of Extraordinarily Zealous Yowls [AW]
- Killer Mercenary Giants Temporarily Pester Exercising Zebras in Yorkshire [AW]
- Kias me girl, terrible people examine zebras, yo. [JD]
- Kias me, given ten pens extracted zen-like yo [AG]
- Kiasing ME Girl, TEIIs of my PEEnchant for EXtra ZEasty Yoghurt [TM]
- Kiasing me gingerly, Ted Peterson exclaimed, "Zesty, yo!" [DH]
- Kias me girl teach petty exasperations zestful yodeling [AR]
- Kind Megan Gibson teaches people extremely zestful yoga [AC]
- Kiasing mediocre girls/gimmicks teaches/tells people to expect zero/zeal from you [MT]
- Kias me, giant tease, people excuse zealous young [CR]
- Kicking mean girls and teasing pedestrians excite zealous youngsters [MH]
- Killin' me! Giant teacher's pet exaggerates zealously yo [KN]
- Kind Merlin gives tense people exceptional zebra yogurt [KL]
- Kinky metaphysics gibberish teaches people exquisite Zen yodeling [JC]
- Kingly men giving tedious penance exhibit zealous yowls [MH]
- Kinky mean girls terrorizing petty ex-boyfriends zeroing-on you [HC]
- Kind Merlin Gives Ten People Extrremely Zealous Yodas [RC]
- Kias Me Goat Te Procure Extra Zloties, Yo [RG]



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Kilo, Mega, Giga, Tera, Peta, Exa, Zetta, Yotta

1. King Mega gives Teddy pets, except zebra, yo [HL]
2. Kim's melodious giddiness terrifies people, excepting zealous yodelers [DW]
3. Kirby Messed Gigglypuff Terribly, (then) Perfectly Exterminated Zelda and Yoshi [CB]
4. Killed meat gives teeth peace except zebra yogurt [CR]
5. Kind Men Give Tense People Extra Zeal (for) Yoga [VK/DG]
6. Killing melee gives terror; peace exhibits Zen yoga [CR]
7. Killing messengers gives terrible people exactly zero, yo [CL]
8. Kindergarten means giving teachers perfect examples (of) zeal (&) youth
9. Kissing mediocre girls teaches people (to) expect zero (from) you [MT]
10. Kinky Mean Girls Teach Penis-Extending Zen Yoga [AW]
11. Kissing Mel Gibson, Teddy Pendergrass exclaimed, "Zesty, yo!" [DH / AC/DG]



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Peer Instruction Answer

```
void main(); {
int *p, x=5, y; // init
y = *(p = &x) + 10;
int z;
flip-sign(p);
printf("x=%d,y=%d,p=%d\n", x, y, *p);
}
flip-sign(int *n){*n = -(*n);}
```



How many errors? I get 7.

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#Errors

```
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
(1)0
```

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And in conclusion...

- All declarations go at the beginning of each function.
- Only 0 and NULL evaluate to FALSE.
- All data is in memory. Each memory location has an address to use to refer to it and a value stored in it.
- A **pointer** is a C version of the address.
 - * "follows" a pointer to its value
 - & gets the address of a value



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