EECS 10: Computational Methods in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Lecture 13

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Lecture 13: Overview

- Functions
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  - Example **`Cylinder.c`**

Functions

- Introduction to Functions
  - Important programming concepts
    - Hierarchy
    - Encapsulation
    - Information hiding
    - Divide and conquer
  - Software reuse
    - Don't re-invent the wheel!
  - Program composition
    - C program = Set of functions
      - starting point: function named **`main`**
    - Libraries = Set of functions
      - predefined functions (possibly written by somebody else)

Functions

- C programming language distinguishes 3 constructs
  - Function declaration
    - declaration of function name, parameters, and return type
  - Function definition
    - extension of a function declaration with a function body
    - definition of the function behavior
  - Function call
    - invocation of a function
- C program rules
  - A function must be declared before it can be called.
  - Multiple function declarations are allowed (if they match).
  - A function definition is an implicit function declaration.
  - A function must be defined exactly once in a program.
  - A function may be called any number of times.

Functions

- Function declaration
  - aka. function prototype or function signature
  - declares
    - function name
    - function parameters
    - type of return value
- Example:

```
double Square(double a);
```

  - function is named **`Square`**
  - function takes one parameter **`a`** of type **`double`**
  - function returns a value of type **`double`**

Functions

- Function definition
  - extends a function declaration with a function body
  - defines the statements executed by the function
  - may use local variables for the computation
  - returns result value via **`return`** statement (if any)
- Example:

```
double Square(double a)
{
  double r;
  r = a * a;
  return r;
}
```

Functions

- Function call
  - expression invoking a function
  - supplies arguments for formal parameters
  - invokes the function
  - result is the value returned by the function
- Example:

```
double x, y;
y = Square(x);
```

  - function **`Square`** is called
  - argument **`x`** is passed for parameter **`a`** (by value)
  - value returned by the function is assigned to **`y`**

Functions

- Program example: **`Square.c`** (part 1/2)

```
/* Square.c: example demonstrating functions    */
/*                                              */
/* author: Rainer Doemer                        */
/*                                              */
/* modifications:                               */
/* 10/27/04 RD  initial version                 */

#include <stdio.h>

/* function declaration */

double square(double a);

/* function definition */

double square(double a)
{
    return a * a;
} /* end of square */

...
```

Functions

- Program example: **`Square.c`** (part 2/2)

```
...
/* main function */

int main(void)
{  /* variable definitions */
    double x, y;

    /* input section */
    printf("Please enter a value for x: ");
    scanf("%lf", &x);

    /* computation section */
    y = square(x);

    /* output section */
    printf("The square of %g is %g\n", x, y);

    /* exit */
    return 0;
} /* end of main */

/* EOF */
```


Functions

- Example session: **`Square.c`**

```
% vi Square.c
% gcc Square.c -o Square -Wall -ansi
% Square
Please enter a value for x: 3
The square of 3 is 9
% Square
Please enter a value for x: 5.5
The square of 5.5 is 30.25
%
```

Functions

- Program example: **`Cylinder.c`** (part 1/3)

```
/* Cylinder.c: cylinder functions       */
/* author: Rainer Doemer                */
/* modifications:                       */
/* 10/25/05 RD  initial version         */

#include <stdio.h>

/* cylinder functions */

double pi(void)
{
    return(3.1415927);
}

double CircleArea(double r)
{
    return(pi() * r * r);
}
...
```


Functions

- Program example: **`Cylinder.c`** (part 2/3)

```
...
double CirclePerimeter(double r)
{
    return(2 * pi() * r);
}

double Surface(double r, double h)
{
    double side, lid;

    side = CirclePerimeter(r) * h;
    lid  = CircleArea(r);

    return(side + 2*lid);
}

double Volume(double r, double h)
{
    return(CircleArea(r) * h);
}
...
```

Functions

- Program example: **`Cylinder.c`** (part 3/3)

```
...
/* main function */

int main(void)
{   double r, h, s, v;

    /* input section */
    printf("Please enter the radius: ");
    scanf("%lf", &r);
    printf("Please enter the height: ");
    scanf("%lf", &h);

    /* computation section */
    s = Surface(r, h);
    v = Volume(r, h);

    /* output section */
    printf("The surface area is %f.\n", s);
    printf("The volume is %f.\n", v);

    return 0;
} /* end of main */
```


Functions

- Example session: **`Cylinder.c`**

```
% vi Cylinder.c
% gcc Cylinder.c -o Cylinder -Wall -ansi
% Cylinder
Please enter the radius: 5.0
Please enter the height: 8.0
The surface area is 408.407051.
The volume is 628.318540.
%
```