

EECS 22: Advanced C Programming

Lecture 7

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Lecture 7: Overview

- Review of the C Programming Language
 - Functions
 - Introduction and concept
 - Declaration, definition, and function call
 - Passing Arguments to Function Parameters
 - Pass by value vs. pass by reference
- Hierarchy of Functions
 - Example program `cylinder.c`
 - Function call graph
 - Function call trace
 - Function call stack
 - Long Jump

Review of the C Programming Language

- Functions
 - Support for essential 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 (often written by somebody else)

Functions

- C programming language distinguishes 3 constructs around functions
 - *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

Functions

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

```
double CircleArea(double r);
```

 - function is named `CircleArea`
 - function takes one parameter `r` of type `double`
 - function returns a value of type `double`

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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 CircleArea(double r)
{
    const double pi = 3.1415927;
    double a;
    a = pi * r * r;
    return a;
}
```

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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 a, b = 10.0;
a = CircleArea(b);
```

 - function `CircleArea` is called
 - argument `b` is passed for parameter `r` (by value)
 - value returned by the function is assigned to `a`

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- 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.

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Passing Arguments to Functions

- In ANSI C, ...
 - ... basic types are passed by value
 - ... arrays are passed by reference
- Pass by Value
 - only the *current value* is passed as argument
 - the parameter is a *copy* of the argument
 - changes to the parameter *do not* affect the argument
- Pass by Reference
 - a *reference* to the object is passed as argument
 - the parameter is a *reference* to the argument
 - changes to the parameter *do* affect the argument

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Passing Arguments to Functions

- Example: Pass by Value (Basic Types)

```
void f(int p)
{
    printf("p before modification is %d\n", p);
    p = 42;
    printf("p after modification is %d\n", p);
}

int main(void)
{
    int a = 0;
    printf("a before function call is %d\n", a);
    f(a);
    printf("a after function call is %d\n", a);
}
```

```
a before function call is 0
p before modification is 0
p after modification is 42
a after function call is 0
```

Changes to the parameter *do not* affect the argument!

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Passing Arguments to Functions

- Example: Pass by Reference (Arrays)

```
void f(int p[2])
{
    printf("p[1] before modification is %d\n", p[1]);
    p[1] = 42;
    printf("p[1] after modification is %d\n", p[1]);
}

int main(void)
{
    int a[2] = {0, 0};
    printf("a[1] before function call is %d\n", a[1]);
    f(a);
    printf("a[1] after function call is %d\n", a[1]);
}
```

```
a[1] before function call is 0
p[1] before modification is 0
p[1] after modification is 42
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```

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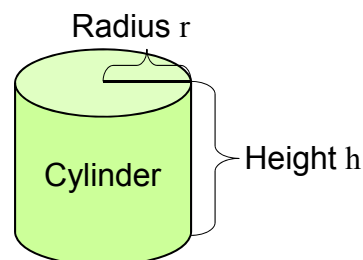
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Hierarchy of Functions

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 - functions call other functions

- Example:
 - Cylinder calculations

- given radius and height
- calculate surface and volume



- Circle constant $\pi = 3.14159265\dots$
- Circle perimeter $f_p(r) = 2 \times \pi \times r$
- Circle area $f_a(r) = \pi \times r^2$
- Cylinder surface $f_s(r, h) = f_p(r) \times h + 2 \times f_a(r)$
- Cylinder volume $f_v(r, h) = f_a(r) \times h$

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Hierarchy of 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);
}
...
```

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Hierarchy of 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);
}
...
```

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Hierarchy of 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 */
```

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Hierarchy of 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.
%
```

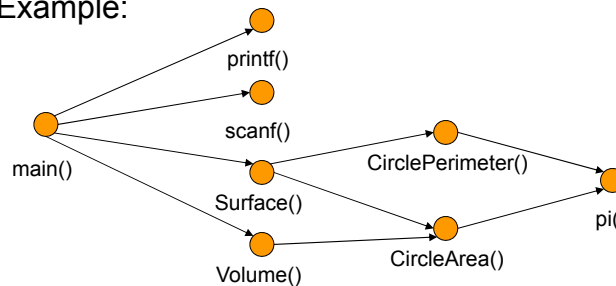
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Function Call Graph

- Graphical Representation of Function Calls
 - Directed Graph
 - Nodes: Functions
 - Edges: Function calls
 - Shows dependencies among functions
 - Example:



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Function Call Trace

- Sequence of Function Calls
 - shows execution order of functions at run-time
- Example:

```

- main()
  • printf()
  • scanf()
  • printf()
  • scanf()
  • Surface()
    - CirclePerimeter()
      » pi()
    - CircleArea()
      » pi()
  • Volume()
    - CircleArea()
      » pi()
  • printf()
  • printf()
  
```

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Function Call Stack

- Stack Frames
 - Keep track of active function calls
 - Stack grows by one frame with each function call
 - Stack shrinks by one frame with each completed function

The diagram illustrates the function call stack over time. The vertical axis is labeled 'Stack Size' and the horizontal axis is labeled 'Time'. The stack starts with a 'main()' frame. A call to 'Surface()' is made, then 'CirclePerimeter()', which in turn calls 'pi()'. After 'pi()' returns, 'CircleArea()' is called, which also calls 'pi()'. Finally, 'Volume()' is called. Each time a function returns, the stack size decreases by one frame. A vertical double-headed arrow on the right side of the stack indicates the height of one stack frame.

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Non-Local Goto: Long Jump

- *Long Jump*: Returning to a previous stack frame
 - Useful, for example, when dealing with errors (or interrupts) in a low-level function of a program.
 - However, long jumps are hard to understand and maintain!
 - Same as goto, avoid long jumps, if possible!
 - ```
#include <setjmp.h>
int setjmp(jmp_buf env);
```

    - saves current stack context in `env` for later use by `longjmp()`
    - stack context in `env` is valid until the function which called `setjmp()` returns
  - ```
void longjmp(jmp_buf env, int val);
```

 - non-local jump (return) to a saved stack context `env`
 - `longjmp()` restores the stack context saved by `setjmp()`
 - after `longjmp()`, program execution continues as if the call of `setjmp()` had just returned the value `val`

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Non-Local Goto: Long Jump

- *Long Jump*: Returning to a previous stack frame
- Example:

```
#include <setjmp.h>
jmp_buf env;      /* storage for stack context */
void error(void) /* error, return to main! */
{
    longjmp(env, 1);
}

int main(void)
{
    if (setjmp(env)) /* store current stack context */
    { /* long jump arrives here! */
        return 10;
    }

    work(...); /* call tree can call error at any time */
    return 0;
}
```