

CS 24000 - Programming In C

Week Three: Arrays, Strings, Pointers

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Lab requirement on the main() function

- **Announce:** In order to get the autograder to work properly, all labs and projects require the main function to
 - Declare the return type to be int
 - To explicitly return 0 when the program finishes

```
Int main() {  
  
    if (...) return 0;  
    ....  
    return 0;  
}
```



Arrays in C

- When defining an array, its size must be given
- *But when just declaring an array w/o defining it, the size is omitted.*
- **Let's run this example:**

```
#include <stdio.h>
main() {
    int i, ndigit[10];
    for (i = 0; i < 10; ++i) {
        ndigit[i] = i;
        printf("i = \t %d\n", i);
    }
    for (i = 0; i < 10; ++i)
        printf("ndigit[%d] = \t %d\n", i, ndigit[i]);
}
```



- Next, we separate the program into two files (*main.c*, *f.c*) and try again

```
int ndigit[10];
extern void f();
Main() {
    /* int i, ndigit[10]; */
    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < 10; ++i) {
        ndigit[i] = i;
    }
    f();
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
extern int ndigit[];

void f() {
    int i;

    for (i = 0; i < 10; ++i)
        printf("ndigit[%d] = \t %d\n", i, ndigit[i]);
}
```



- This time, we pass the array as an argument in the called function

```
extern void g(int []);  
Main() {  
    int i;  
    for (i = 0; i < 10; ++i) {  
        ndigit[i] = i;  
    }  
    g(ndigit);  
}  
  
#include <stdio.h>  
  
void g(int mydigit[]) {  
    int i;  
  
    for (i = 0; i < 10; ++i)  
        printf("mydigit[%d] = \t %d\n", i, mydigit[i]);  
}
```

We will discuss more about function parameters later in the lecture



Initializing an Integer Array In Its Definition

```
#include <stdio.h>
int a[ ]={0,1,2,3,4};
/*int a[5]={0,1,2,3,4}; */
/*int a[2]={0,1,2,3,4}; */
/*int a[8]={0,1,2,3,4}; */
/* int a[ ]; */
main() {
    int i;
    int a[ ] = {0,1,2,3,4};
    for (i = 0; i < 5; ++i)
        printf("a[%d] = \t
%d\n", i, a[i]);
}
```

Let's try different ways to define the array



What are characters?

```
#include <stdio.h>

main() {
    int i;
    int a[ ] = {'a','b','c','d','e'};
    for (i = 0; i < 5; ++i)
        printf("a[%d] = \t %d\n", i, a[i]);
}
```



What if we really want to see the characters, not the integer code?

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
main() {  
    int i;  
    int a[ ] = {'a','b','c','d','e'};  
    for (i = 0; i < 5; ++i)  
        printf("a[%d] = \t %s\n", i, (char *) &a[i]);  
}
```

Notice how we recast `&a[i]` to pointer to character,
Because this is what the “%s” format must match



Conversion Specifications in printf()

- Since printf will be a commonly used way for the programmer to trace program execution and data changes, we look at its *conversion specifications* in more details
- The syntax of a conversion specification:
- % [some flag] *conversion character*



Table B.1 Conversion Characters

Character Argument type;	Printed As
d, i	int; signed decimal notation.
c	int; single character, after conversion to unsigned char
s	char *; characters from the string are printed until a '\0' is reached or until the number of characters indicated by the precision have been printed.

It is important to terminate a string with the null character '\0'



What is a String Anyway?

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H	e	l	l	o	\0
---	---	---	---	---	----

"Hello"

- A string literal is a sequence of characters delimited by double quotes
- It has type **array of char** and is initialized with the given characters
- The compiler places a null byte (\0) at the end of each string literal
- A double-quote (") in a string literal must be preceded by a backslash (\)
- Creating an array of character:

- `char c[6] = "Hello";`



Experiment with a few printing statements

```
#include <stdio.h>

main() {
    char a[ ] = "abcde";
    /* char a[10] = "abcde"; */
    /* char a[2] = "abcde"; */
    printf("a[] = \t %s\n", a);
    printf("a[2] = \t %s\n", &a[2]);
}
```



- Let us also examine the integer coding of '\0' and look at %c in the next experiments

– char8.c below

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
main() {  
    int i;  
    char a[ ] = {'a','b','c','d','e'};  
    for (i = 0; i < 5; ++i)  
        printf("a[%d] = \t %c\n", i, a[i]);  
}
```



- Now, look at the '\0' character

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
main() {
```

```
    printf("Null character has integer value \t %d\n", '\0');
```

```
    printf("Null character can be printed as \t %c\n", '\0');
```

```
    printf("Null character has hexadecimal value \t %x\n", '\0');
```

```
}
```



- By now we see that the same bit pattern can be presented in different ways by the printf function under different conversion specification
- We can use unsigned hexadecimal format to examine the exact bit pattern



- o int; unsigned octal notation (without a leading zero).
- x, X unsigned int; unsigned hexadecimal notation (without a leading 0x or 0X), using abcdef for 0x or ABCDEF for 0X.
- u int; unsigned decimal notation.

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
main() {
```

```
    int n = -1;
```

```
    printf("n decimal \t %i\n", n);
```

```
    printf("n hexadecimal \t %X\n", n);
```

```
    printf("n octal \t %o\n", n);
```

```
    printf("n unsigned decimal \t %u\n", n);
```

```
    printf("n's address \t %lX\n", (unsigned long) &n);
```



A New Quiz 0

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- Warm up your clickers...



Quiz 0.1

- Is the following true?
- $10 == 010$
- (a) true
- (b) false



Answer

- False. Octal 10 is decimal 8



Quiz 0.2

- Is the following true?
- `0x11 == 011`
- (a) true
- (b) false



Answer

- False. Octal 11 is decimal 9 and hexadecimal 11 is decimal 17

