

# C in a nutshell for OGO 2.1

The C Programming Language  
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*an important aspect of  
our consciousness is that we can:*

- *anticipate*
- *design a scenario*
- *make a plan*
- *write a program*

# **a first impression**

```
/* the most known C program */
```

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

```
void main()  
{  
    printf("hello, world");  
}
```

## some built-in types

int	2 bytes in Borland C++
float	4 bytes

char	character, a single byte
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short	short integer
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int	integer
-----	---------

long	long integer
------	--------------

float	floating point
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double	double precision float
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# int and float

int can be used for ranking  
float can be used for physical

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```
void main()  
{  
    float fahr, celsius;  
  
    int lower, upper, step;  
  
    lower = 0;  
    upper = 300;  
    step = 20;  
    fahr = lower;  
    while (fahr <= upper)  
    {  
        celsius = (5.0/9.0)*(fahr-32.0);  
        printf("%f%f", fahr, celsius);  
        fahr = fahr + step;  
    }  
}
```

## **text stream**

a text stream is a sequence of characters

### **getchar ( )**

reads the next character from a text stream  
and returns that as its value.  
if there is no input, getchar returns EOF

### **putchar ( c )**

writes the value of the integer variable c as a character.

we can interpret a stream as a number of lines:  
each line consists of 0 or more characters followed by a new line

character.

```
.....\n  
.....\n
```

# **an assignment is an expression**

```
while (next character not equals EOF)
    print it
```

```
void main()
{
    int c;

    while ((c = getchar()) != EOF)
        putchar(c);
}
```

*variations on a theme*

## **tourniquet is stream driven.**

count whites:

```
void main()
{
    int c, nh;

    nh = 0;

    while ((c = getchar()) != EOF)

        if (c == ' ' || c == '\n'
            || c == '\t') ++nh;

    printf("%d", nh);
}
```



# count digits

we use an array ndigit[0...9]

```
void main()
{
    int c, i;

    int ndigit[10];

    for (i = 0; i < 10; ++i)
        ndigit[i] = 0;

    while ((c = getchar()) != EOF)
        if (c >= '0' && c <= '9')
            ++ndigit[c - '0'];

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

# declaration

the function must be declared before  
it is applied

```
long power(int, int) ;
```

# application

```
void main()  
{  
    int n;  
  
    for (n = 1; n <= 20; ++n)  
        printf("\n%d %d %d %d",  
                power(n,1),  
                power(n,2),  
                power(n,3),  
                power(n,4));  
}
```

function definitions can appear in any order

a function cannot contain other functions:  
the nesting is only one deep

## **definition**

we use 2 local variables

the essence of the repetition is:  $p = \text{base}^i$

```
long power(int base, int n)
{
    int i; long p;

    p = 1;
    for (i = 0; i < n; ++i)
        p = p * base;

    return p;
}
```

*expression-statement:*            *expression*  
*;*

this statement just empties the stack

```
p = q;  
a = b = c = 20;  
++i;  
printf("start\n");
```

*null-statement:*                    *;*

*compound-statement:*    { *declarations*<sub>opt</sub>  
*statements*<sub>opt</sub> }

```
if (n>0) {  
    int i;  
    for (i=0; i<n; ++i) ...  
}
```

There is no semicolon after the right brace that ends a compound

## catweazle again

because cases serve just as labels, after the code for one case is done, execution falls through to the next unless you take explicit action

```
switch (e)
{
  case '+': plus();    break;
  case '*': mult();   break;
  case 'i': insert(); break;
  case 'p': print();  break;
  case ';': clear();  break;

  case 'x': return;

  default : print();  break;
}
```

*the programmer needs discipline,  
not the programming language*

## **goto**

```
labeled-statement:  identifier  
                  : statement  
                    case const-expr :  
statement  
                    default      :  
statement
```

```
goto-statement:    goto identifier  
i
```

# stack

the stack is simple, not robust

```
int p = 0, stack[100];

void push(int i)
{
    stack[p] = i; if (p < 99) ++p;
}

int pop(void)
{
    if (p > 0) --p; return stack[p];
}

void print(void)
{
    int i;
    for (i = p-1; i >= 0; --i)
        printf("%d ", stack[i]);
}
```

# **interface stack.h**

the interface is defined in the headerfile

```
#ifndef STACK
#define STACK

void push(int);
int pop();

#endif
```



*separate concerns*

## **application    appl.cpp**

the interface can be included in the  
application  
and then compiled separately

the interface can be included in the  
implementation  
and then compiled separately

```
#include "stack.h"
```

```
void main()  
{  
    push(15);  
    i = pop();  
}
```

# implementation stack.cpp

static variables belongs to the text of the program and are not created on the execution stack  
statics are not known to the linker

the value of a local static still holds when the function is re-entered

a global static is invisible for other files

```
#include "stack.h"
```

```
static int val[100], p = 0;
```

```
void push(int i)
{
    val[p++] = i;
}
int pop()
{
    return val[--p];
}
```

*and we call her...*

## operators

we split the concept variable in  
2 elementary concepts

**v**      the **object** referred by v

**&v**      the **reference** itself : quote

**\*p**      dereference:  
          the object where p points to

```
int i, j;            int *p, *q;  
  
i = 2;  
j = i;  
  
i = 0;  
  
p = &i;  
q = p;  
  
p = 0;  
p = NULL;  
  
*q = 5;
```

# parameter passing

arguments are passed by value  
so the parameters are local variables

```
void swap(int x, int y)
{
    int h; h = x; x = y; y = h;
}
```

```
swap(a, b);           /* wrong */
```

references are needed to change the outer world:

```
void swap(int *x, int *y)
{
    int h; h = *x; *x = *y; *y = h;
}
```

```
swap(&a, &b);        /* correct */
```

# arrays

```
int i, a[10], *p;
```

a is an array of 10 consecutive int's  
with subscripts 0 .... 9

a is a reference

**a[i] equals \*(a+i)**

**a equals &a[0]**

<pre>p = &amp;a[0] ;</pre>	p points to a[0]
<pre>p = a ;</pre>	"
<pre>i = a[0] ;</pre>	i equals a[0]
<pre>i = *p ;</pre>	"
<pre>i = *a ;</pre>	"
<pre>i = a[3] ;</pre>	i equals a[3]
<pre>i = *(p + 3) ;</pre>	"
<pre>i = *(a + 3) ;</pre>	"

# scanf

scanf is the opposite of printf

```
int i;  
char s[100];
```

```
getint(&i);
```

```
scanf("%d", &i);
```

whites digits white

```
scanf("%s", s);
```

whites chars white

# a first example

the members of a structure  
can be of different types

```
struct article {  
    int number;  
    char name[20];  
    float weight, length;  
};
```

now the the type article is defined,  
and objects can be created:

```
struct article a1, a2;
```

# operations

legal operations on structures are:

- assignment
- pass arguments to a function (by value)
- return from a function (by value)
- taking the reference     &
- member selection         .

# construction

we have to define a constructor ourselves

```
typedef struct point Point;
```

```
Point cons(int x0, int y0)
{
    Point h;
    h.x = x0; h.y = y0;
    return h;
}
```



# pointers to structures

```
Point *pp;
```

```
pp = &p ;  
i = (*pp).x ;      /* correct */
```

```
i = *pp.x;        /* wrong  */
```

there is a special operator for pointer selection:

**pp->x equals (\*pp).x**

precedence of . and -> is high  
precedence rules:

```
( )  [ ]  .  ->  
!  ++  --  +  -  *  &
```

```
++pp->x;      increment x  
(++pp)->x;   increment pp before access x  
(pp++)->x;   increment pp after access x
```

# file access

**FILE**            typedef of a handle  
                  that contains information about the file  
**file pointer**  points to a **FILE**

```
FILE *fopen(String name, String mode)
```

```
  "r"  read  
  "w"  write  
  "a"  append
```

```
int fgetc (FILE *f)  
int fputc (int c, FILE *f)
```

```
int fscanf  
  (FILE *f, String format, ...)  
int fprintf  
  (FILE *f, String format, ...)
```

```
int fclose(FILE *f)
```

```
long count(FILE *f)
{
    long nc = 0;

    while (fgetc(f) != EOF) ++nc;

    return nc;
}
```

## file name is String

```
void main()
{
    long nc;
    String s = "a:\\intro2\\wc.c";

    FILE *fp;
    fp = fopen(s, "r");
    nc = count(fp);
    fclose(fp);

    printf("%ld", nc);
}
```