



COMSW 1003-1

Introduction to Computer  
Programming in **C**

Lecture 1

Spring 2011

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<http://www1.cs.columbia.edu/~mmerler/comsw1003-1.html>



# Course Information - Goals

*“A general introduction to computer science concepts, algorithmic problem-solving capabilities, and programming skills in C”*

University bulletin

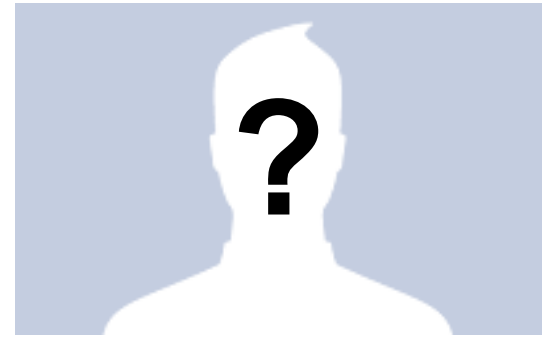
- Learn how to program, in C
- Understand basic Computer Science problems
- Learn about basic data structures
- Start to think as a computer scientist
- **Use all of the above to solve real world problems**

# Course Information - Instructor

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  - Multimedia
  - Computer Vision

# Course Information- TA

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  - Office : TA room
  - Office Hours: TDB



# Course Information- Courseworks

We will be using Courseworks (<https://courseworks.columbia.edu/>) for:

- Message board for discussions
- Submit Homeworks
- Grades

Check out the board before you send an email to the instructor or the TA, the answer you are looking for could already be there!



# Course Information

## Requirements and Books

### Requirements

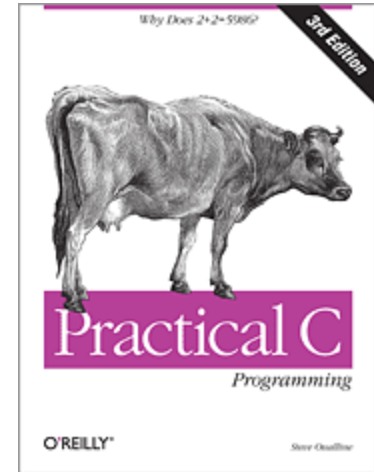
- Basic computer skills
- CUNIX account

### Textbooks

- **The C Programming Language (2nd Edition)**  
by Brian Kernighan and Dennis Ritchie

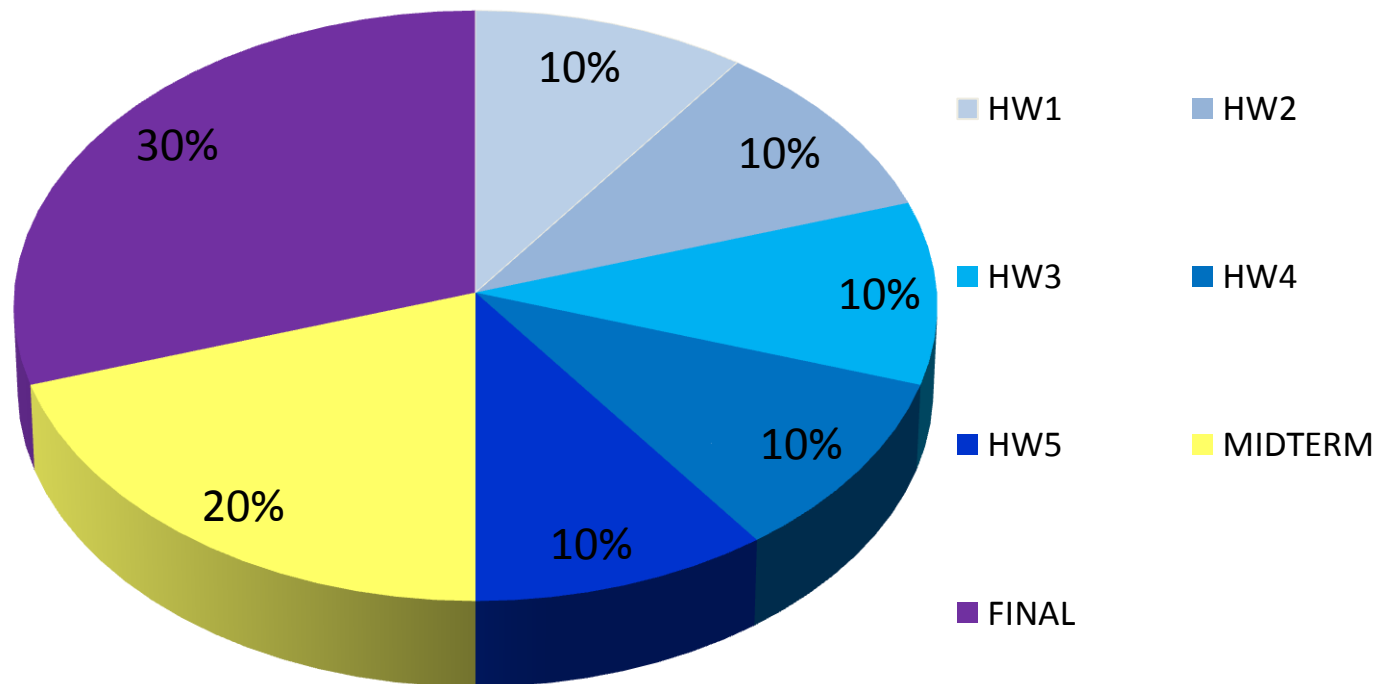
<http://www1.cs.columbia.edu/~mmerler/coms1003-1/C Programming Language.rar>

- **Practical C Programming (3rd Edition)** by Steve Oualline



# Course Information - Grading

- 5 Homeworks (10%, 10%, 10% , 10% , 10%)
- Midterm Exam (20%)
- Final Exam (30%)



# Course Information

## Academic Honesty

It's quite simple:

- Do not copy from others
- Do not let others copy from you

Do your homework **individually**

Please read through the department's policies on academic honesty  
<http://www.cs.columbia.edu/education/honesty/>



# Course Information - Syllabus

Go to class webpage

[http://www1.cs.columbia.edu/~mmerler/coms1003-1\\_files/Syllabus.html](http://www1.cs.columbia.edu/~mmerler/coms1003-1_files/Syllabus.html)

# What is Computer Science?

**Computer science** (sometimes abbreviated **CS**) is the study of the theoretical foundations of **information** and **computation**, and of practical techniques for their implementation and application in computer systems

Wikipedia

*"Computer science and engineering is the systematic study of algorithmic processes-their theory, analysis, design, efficiency, implementation, and application-that describe and transform information"*

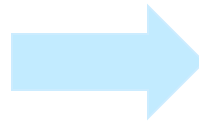
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*"Computer science is the study of information structures"*

Wegner, P. (October 13–15, 1976). "Research paradigms in computer science". *Proceedings of the 2nd international Conference on Software Engineering*. San Francisco, California, United States

*"Computer Science is the study of all aspects of computer systems, from the theoretical foundations to the very practical aspects of managing large software projects."*

Massey University



# What is Computer Science?

Computer Science is the discipline that studies how to make computers perform tasks that are too complex or boring for humans

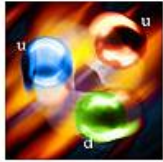


# Computer Science Areas

## Computational science



Numerical analysis



Computational physics



Computational chemistry

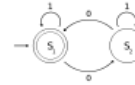


Bioinformatics

## Theoretical computer science

$$P \rightarrow Q$$

Mathematical logic



Automata theory



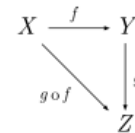
Number theory



Graph theory

$$\Gamma \vdash x : Int$$

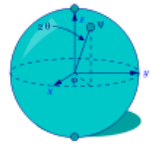
Type theory



Category theory



Computational geometry

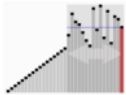


Quantum computing theory

## Algorithms and data structures

$$O(x^2)$$

Analysis of algorithms



Algorithms



Data structures

## Theory of computation



Computability theory

$$P = NP ?$$

Computational complexity theory

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Cryptography

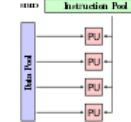
## Computer architecture



Digital logic



Microarchitecture



Multiprocessing

## Artificial Intelligence



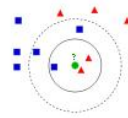
Machine Learning



Computer vision



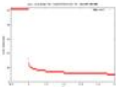
Image Processing



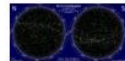
Pattern Recognition



Cognitive Science



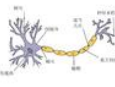
Data Mining



Evolutionary Computation



Information Retrieval



Knowledge Representation

abcdefghijklmnop  
lmnopqrstuvwxyz  
ABCDEFGHIJKLMN  
OPQRSTUVWXYZ

Natural Language Processing



Robotics



Human-computer interaction

## Software Engineering



Operating systems



Computer networks



Databases



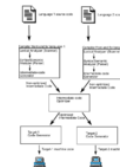
Computer security



Ubiquitous computing



Systems architecture



Compiler design



Programming languages

# Why programming?

- We need a way to tell computers what to do
- It would be nice to communicate with computers in English, but...
  - English can be ambiguous!
  - Computers only understand binary!
- Solution: programming languages

```
There are 10  
kinds of people  
in the world:  
those who  
understand  
binary code, and  
those who don't.
```

# What is a Program?

- A **Program** is a sequence of instructions and computations
- We'll be designing programs in this course.
- These programs will be based on **algorithms**
- An **Algorithm** is a step-by-step problem-solving procedure

# Example

- Add 3 large numbers
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- Hard to do all at once
  - Solution: “divide and impera”!
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- Algorithms help us divide and organize complex problems into sub-problems which are easier to solve (bottom-up approach)

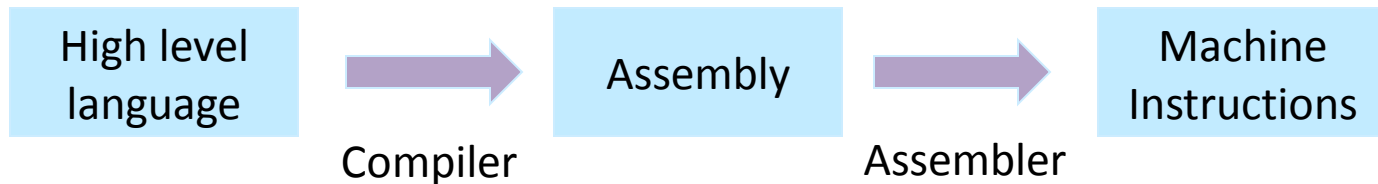


# Programming

- Back in the day, programmers wrote in **Assembly**, a language where each word stands for a single instruction

```
add    eax, edx
shl    eax, 2
add    eax, edx
shr    eax, 8
sub    cl, al
```

- But then they had to **hand translate** each instruction into binary!!!
- Solution: the **assembler**, a computer program to do the translation
- From then, programmers could worry only about writing assembly code
- Then they started to devise higher level languages (FORTRAN, COBOL, PASCAL, C, C++, JAVA, Perl, Python, etc.), which get translated into Assembly by **compilers** (we will use **GCC**, a C compiler for Unix)





# What is C?

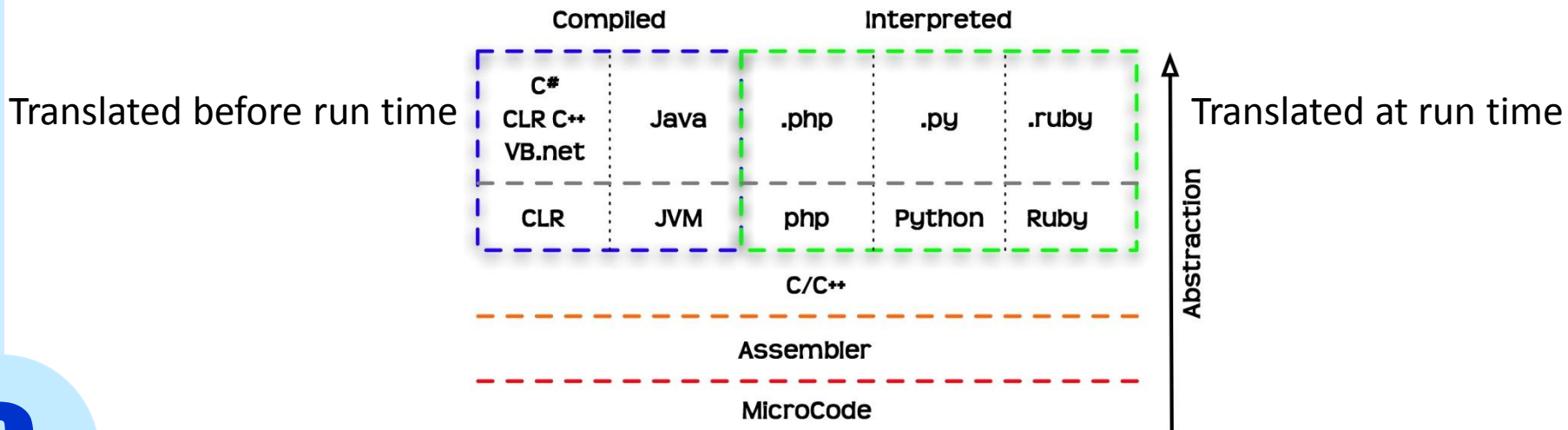


Dennis Ritchie

- Programming language developed by Dennis Ritchie in 1972 at AT&T Bell labs
- Why is it named “C”?  
Well... the B programming language already existed !
- C is still the most used programming language for Operating Systems
- Popular because:
  - Flexible
  - C compiler was widely available
- Basis for other popular programming languages: C++, C#

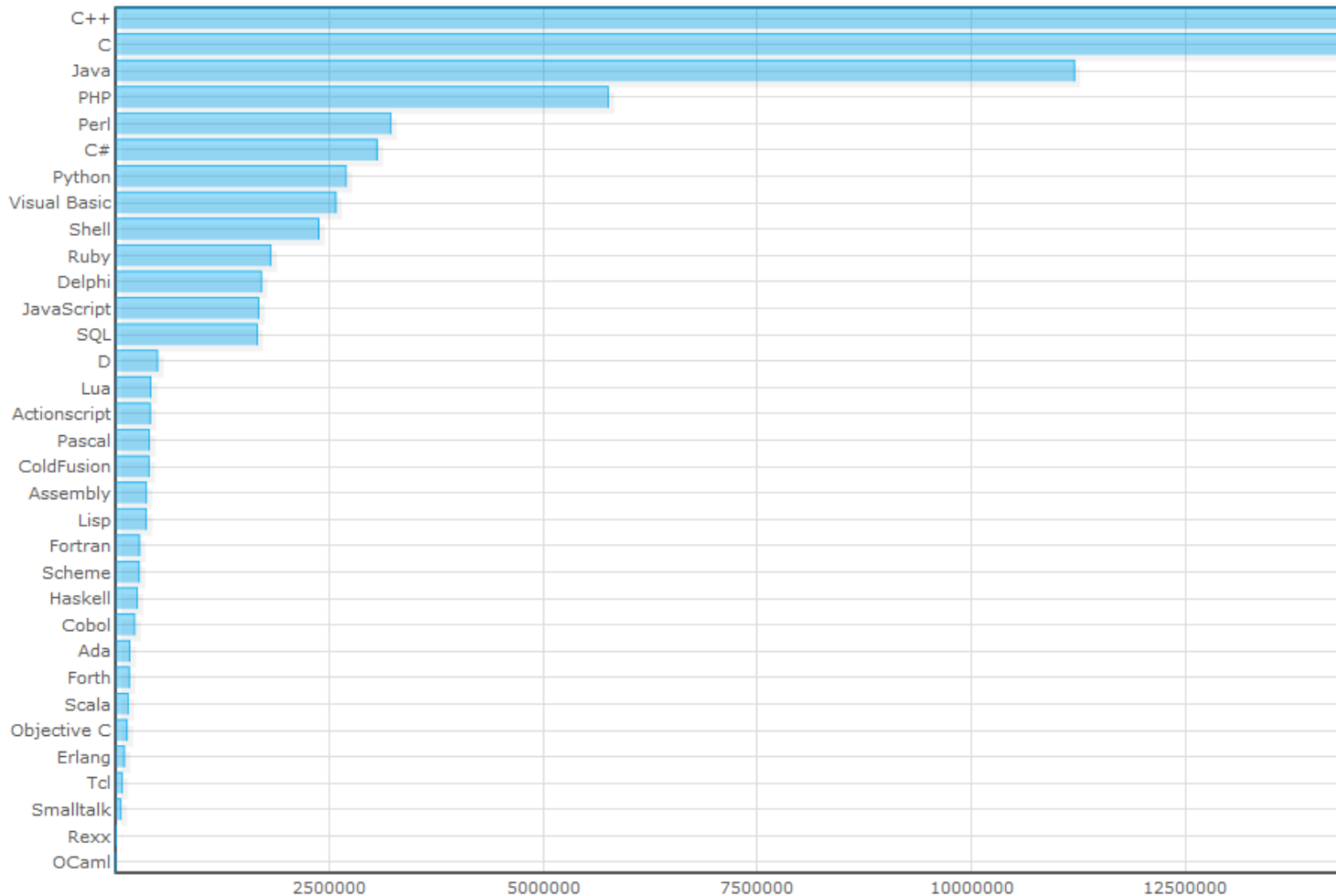
# What is C?

- Among the “high level” programming languages, C is one with the lowest level of abstraction
- Close to English, but more precise!
- Easy to compile into Assembly => Fast
- Rich set of standard function = we don't have to implement everything from scratch!



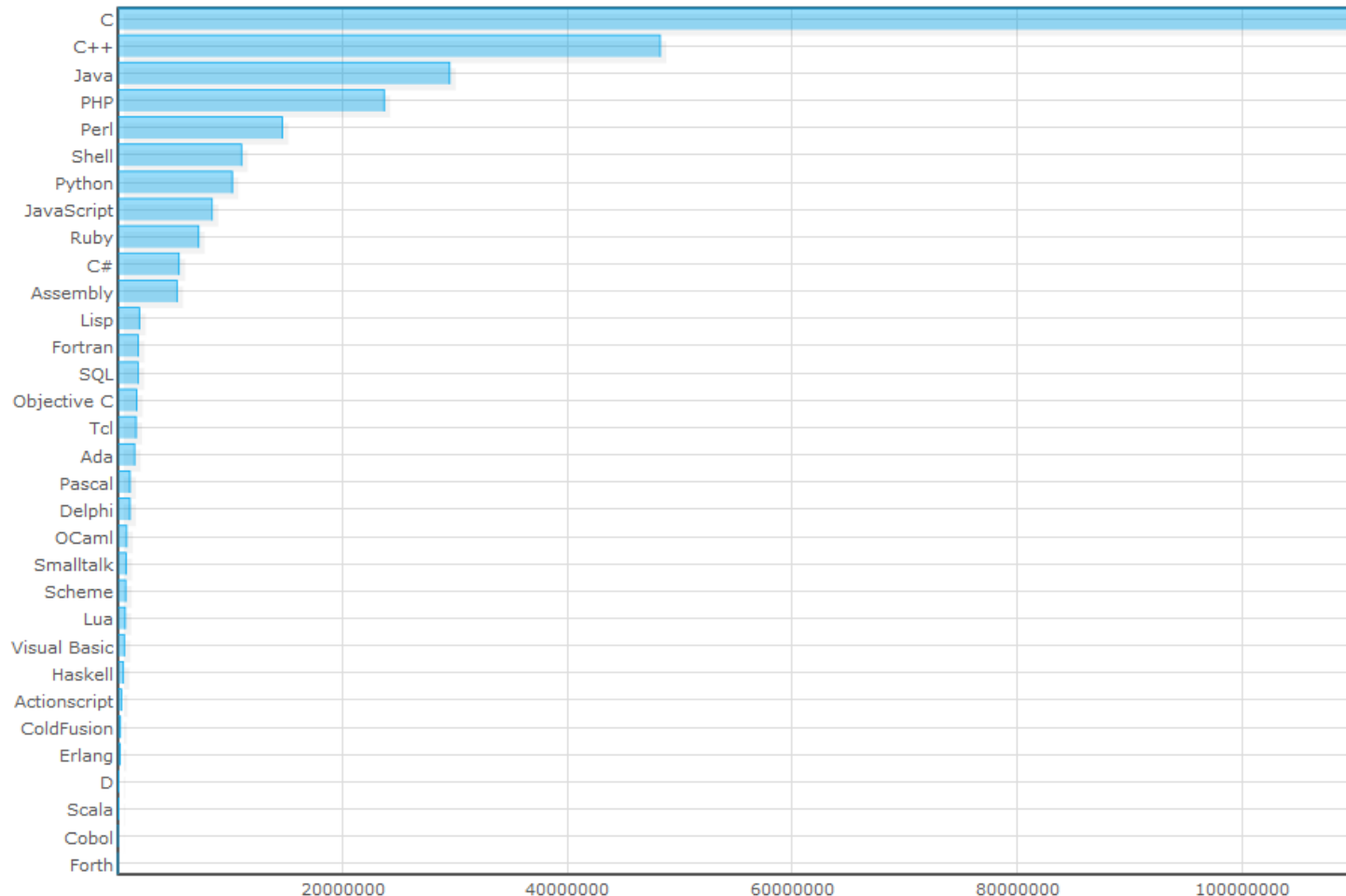
# Why C? Interesting Facts ...

Approximation of **popularity** of language using Yahoo API <http://www.langpop.com/>



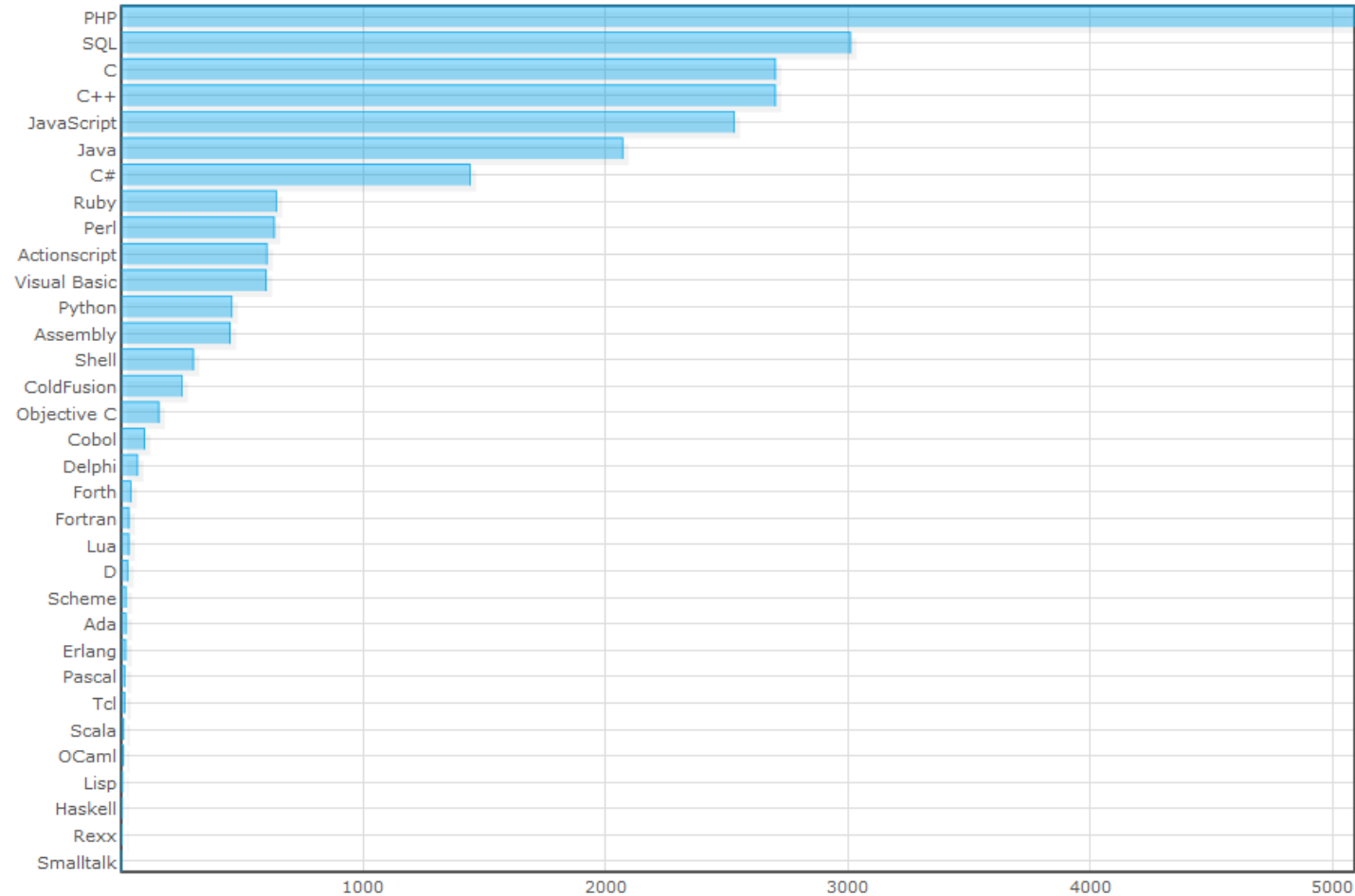
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**Jobs** posting on craigslist.org, from website <http://www.langpop.com/>

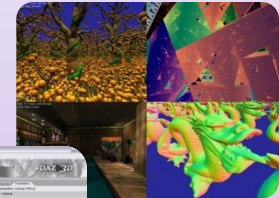
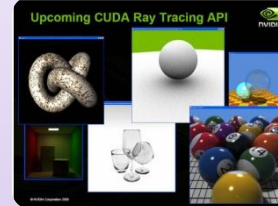


# C/C++ Industry

## Open Source



## Graphics and Gaming



## Embedded

# Example of C program

Hello world!

# Announcements

- Homework 0 is out! Due at the beginning of next class
- Bring your laptop to class





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# Introduction to Computer Programming in **C**

Lecture 2

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# Announcements

- Exercise1 is out

- We have a TA!

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122A (TA room)

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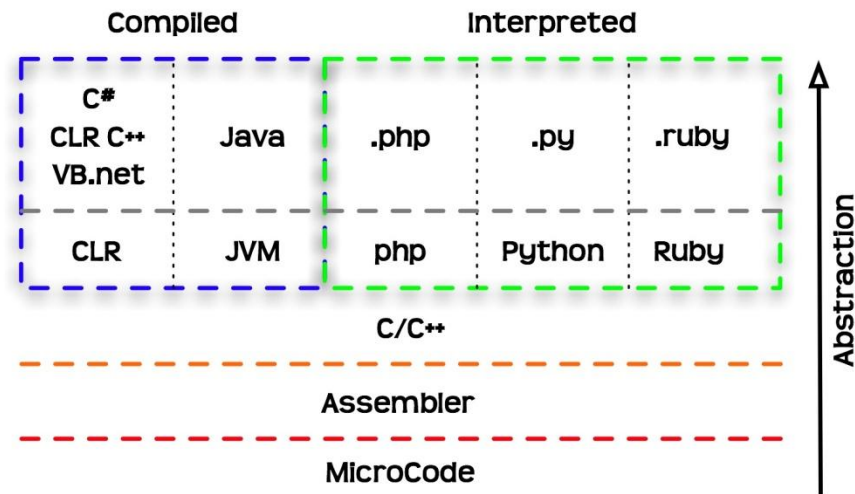


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- Low to be close to assembly and machine language → fast!
- High to be programmable by humans without (too many) headaches

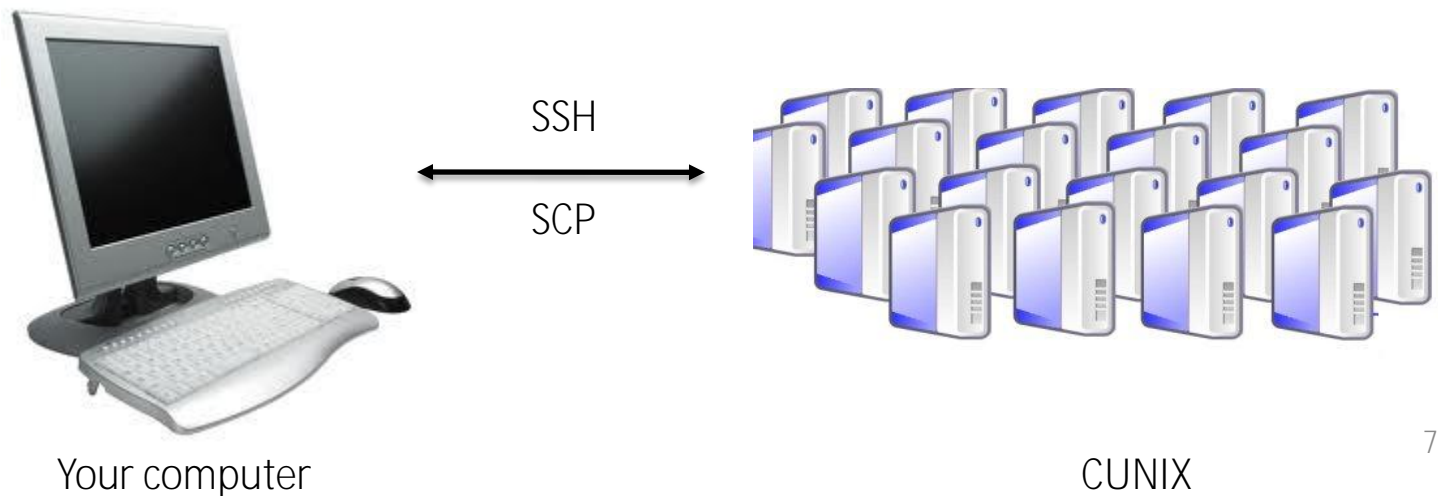


# CUNIX

- CUNIX refers to the Columbia Unix environment
- For you: place where you develop your programs!

# Accessing CUNIX remotely

- **Secure Shell** or **SSH** is a **network protocol** that allows data to be exchanged using a **secure** channel between two networked devices
- The **SCP** protocol is a **network protocol** that supports **file transfers**



# Code Developing Tools – Linux and Mac

- Open terminal
- SSH to `cunix.cc.columbia.edu`  
`ssh yourUNI@cunix.cc.columbia.edu`
- Data transfer: `scp` or `get/put`
  - Copying file to host:  
`scp SourceFile user@host:directory/TargetFile`
  - Copying file from host:  
`scp user@host:/directory/SourceFile TargetFile`



For MAC: use FUGU (graphical data transfer tool)

<http://www.columbia.edu/acis/software/fugu/>

[http://download.cnet.com/Fugu/3000-2155\\_4-26526.html](http://download.cnet.com/Fugu/3000-2155_4-26526.html)



# Code Developing Tools – Linux and Mac

To use windowing environment:



Mac users need only start **X11** (found in the Utilities folder) and log in to the X11 terminal like this:

```
ssh -X username@cunix.cc.columbia.edu
```

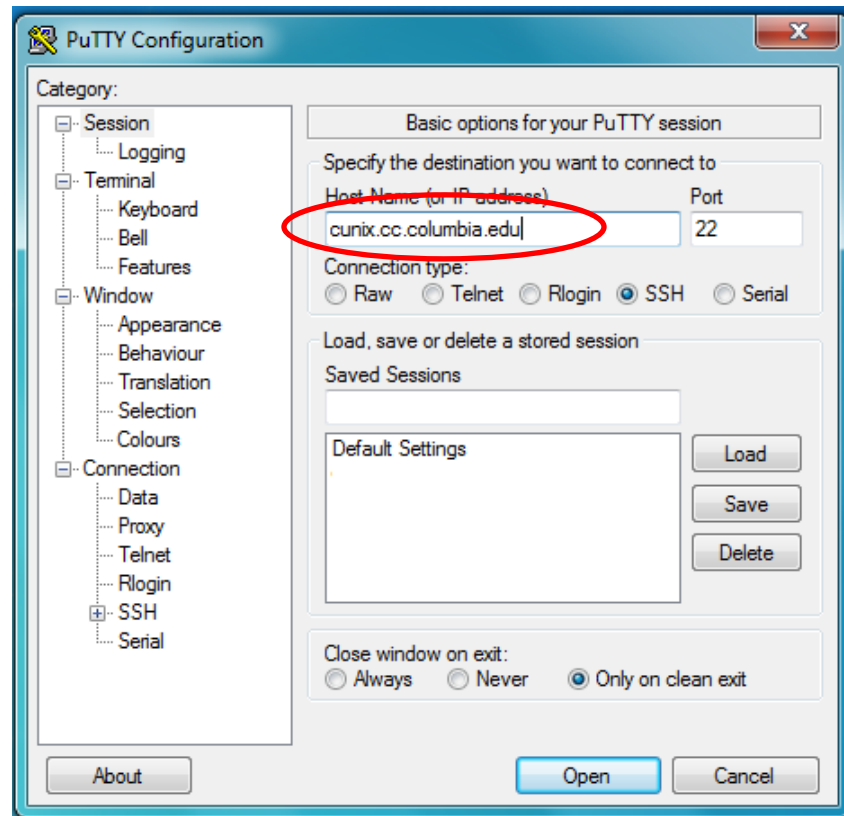
- Linux users: see X-Windows section in CUNIX tutorial

# Code Developing Tools - Windows

- Xming and Putty to SSH and visualization
  - <http://sourceforge.net/projects/xming/>
  - <http://www.chiark.greenend.org.uk/~sgtatham/putty/download.html>
- WinSCP for data transfer
  - <http://winscp.net/eng/download.php#download2>
- Notepad++ for editing (can be used in combination with WinSCP)
  - <http://notepad-plus-plus.org/>

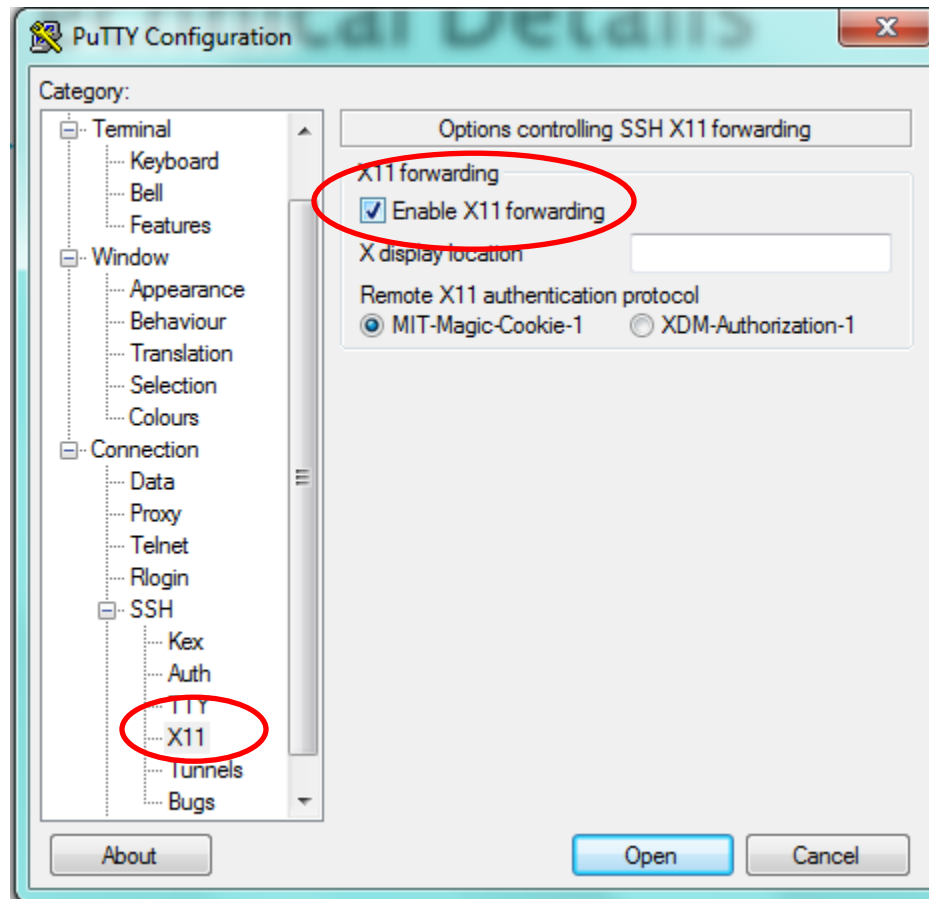
# Code Developing Tools - Windows

- Launch Xming
- Open a session in putty with Host Name
  - `cunix.cc.columbia.edu`



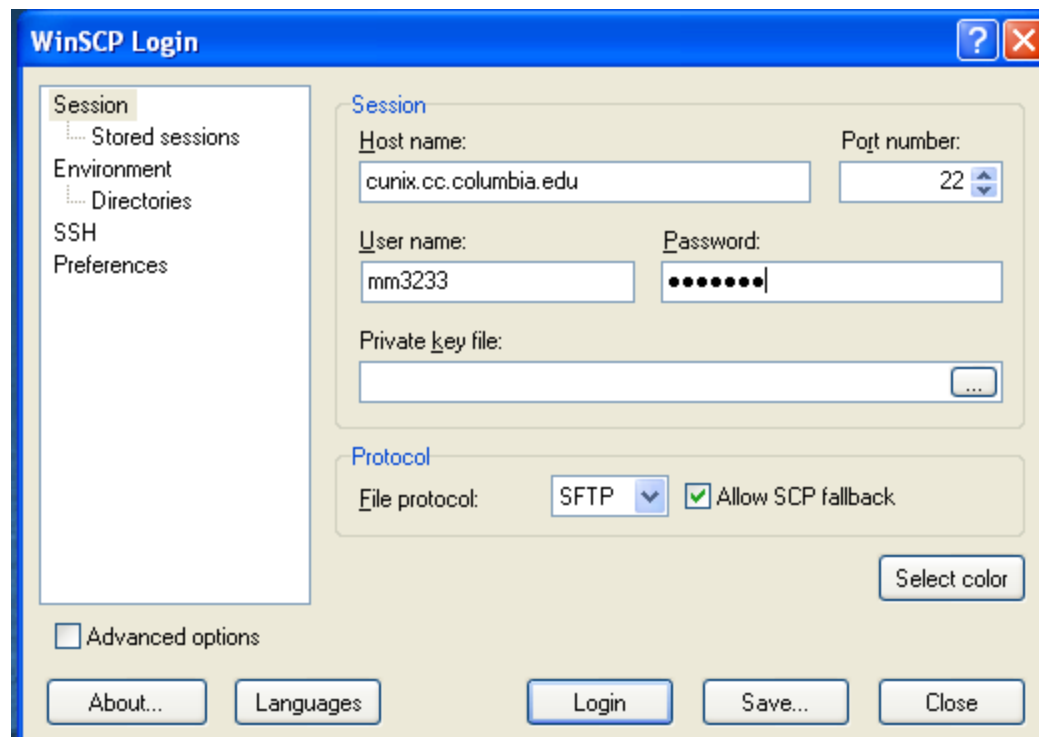
# Code Developing Tools - Windows

- Make sure the X11 option of the SSH category is enabled



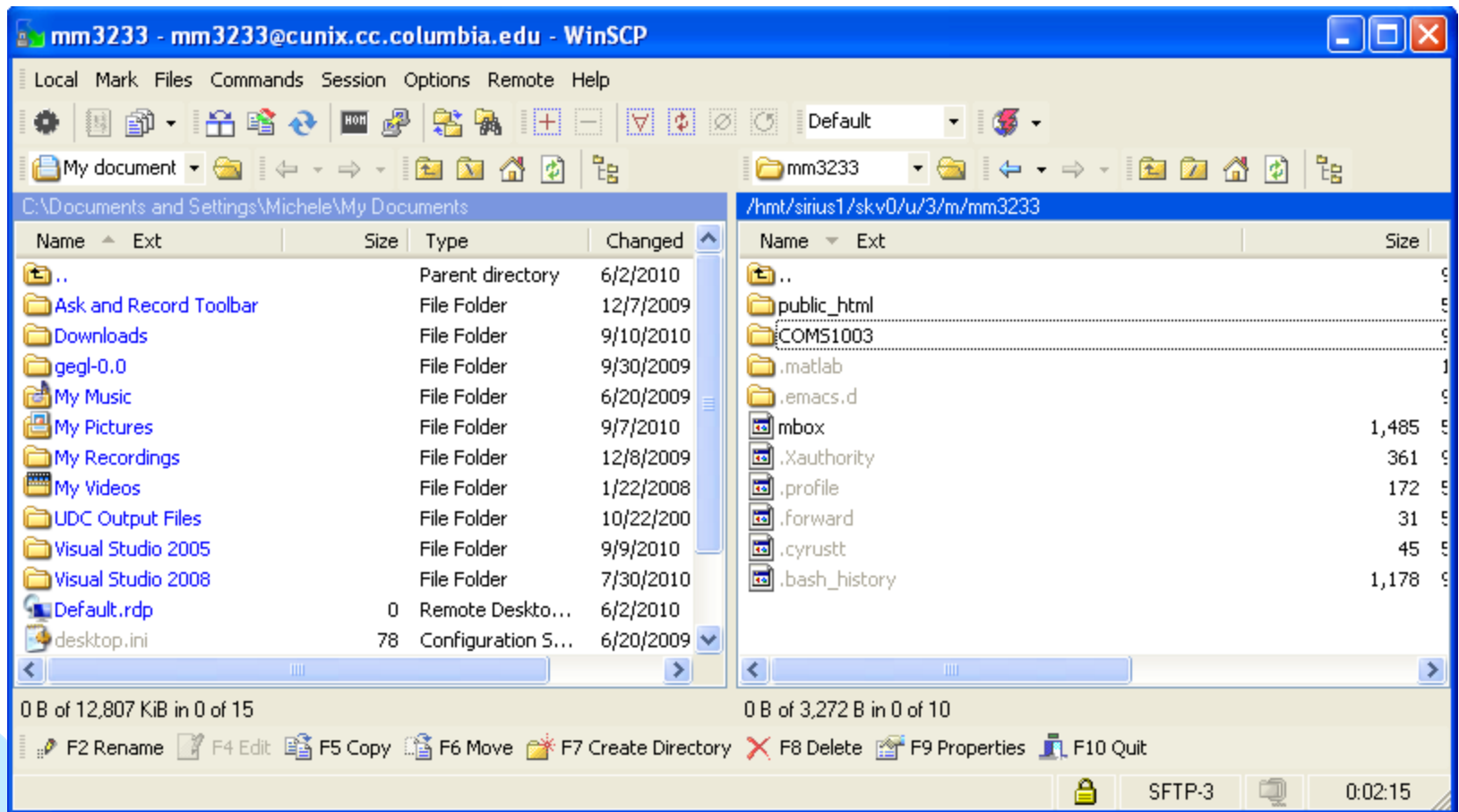
# Code Developing Tools - Windows

- Use WinScp to transfer files



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# Code Developing Environment

CUNIX Tutorial

# Compiling your C code

- GCC : **GNU Compiler Collection**
- When you invoke GCC, it normally does preprocessing, compilation, assembly and linking
  - Basic Command
    - `gcc myProgram.c`
    - `./a.out` Run compiled program (executable)
  - More advanced options
    - `gcc -Wall -o myProgram myProgram.c`
    - `./myProgram`



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Run compiled program (executable)

Display all types of warnings, not only errors

Specify name of the executable

- gcc **-Wall** **-o myProgram** myProgram.c
- ./myProgram

Run compiled program (executable)

# Assignment

- Read PCP Ch 1
- Read PCP Ch 2, pages 11 to 15, 33

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## Introduction to Computer Programming in **C**

Lecture 3

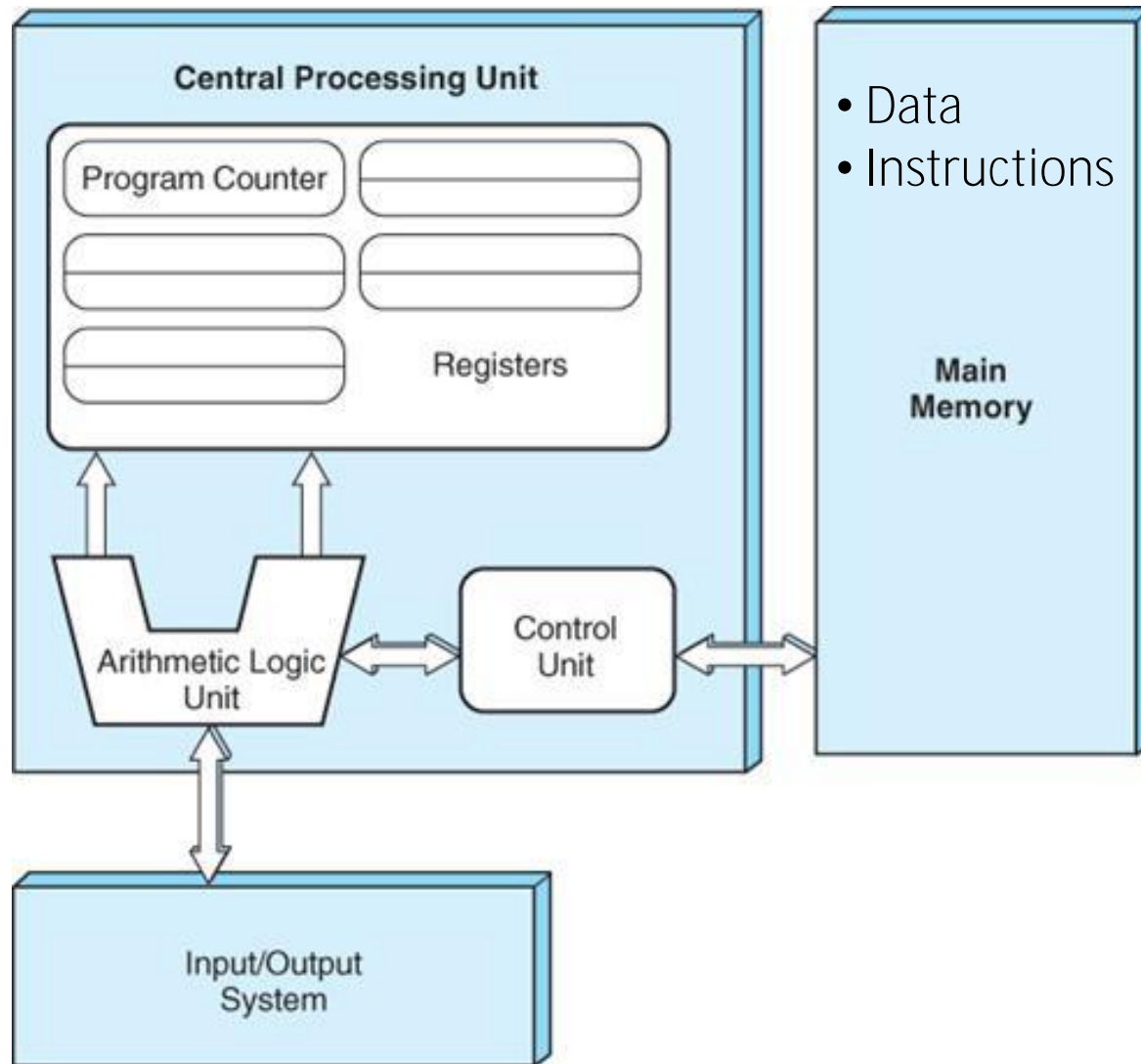
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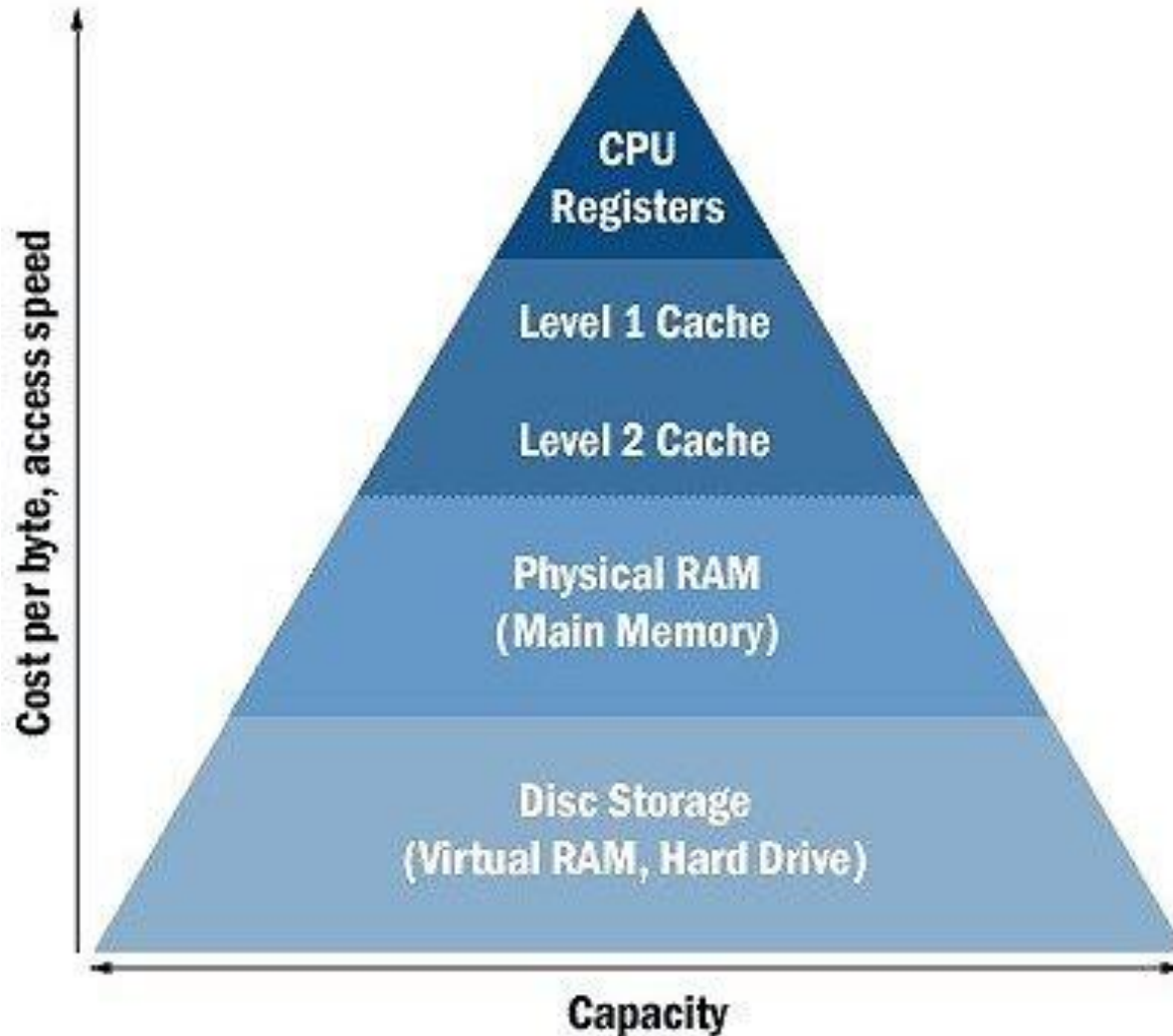
# Today

- Computer Architecture (Brief Overview)
- “Hello World” in detail
- C Syntax
- Variables and Types
- Operators
- printf (if there is time)

# Von Neumann Architecture

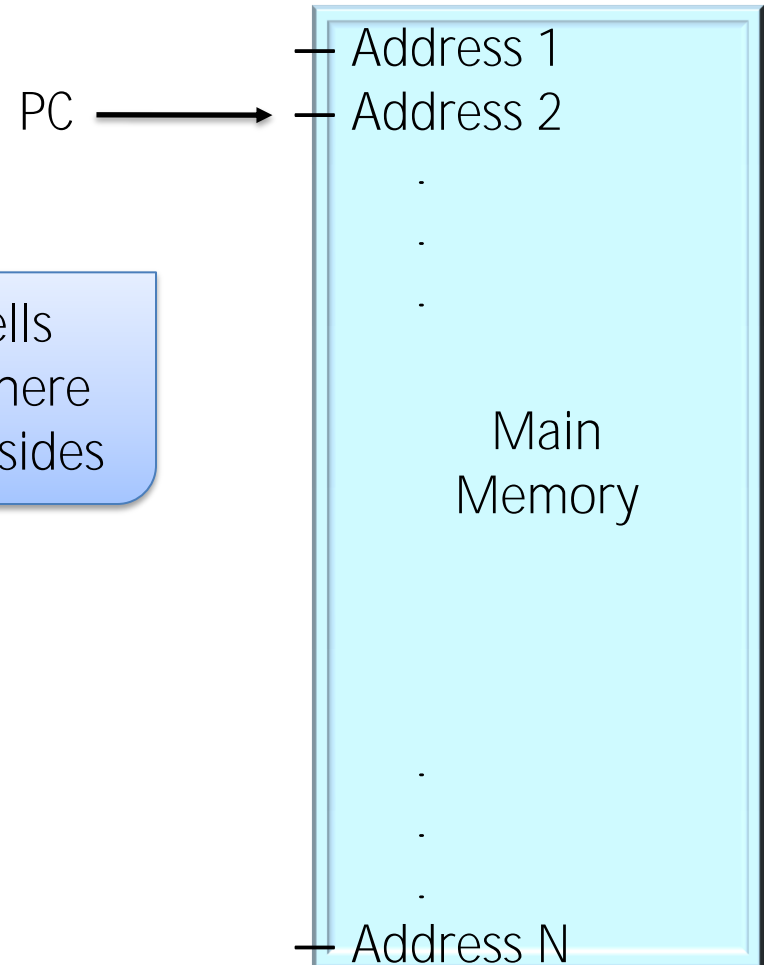


# Computer Memory Architecture



# Von Neumann Architecture

The Program Counter (PC) **points** (= tells the CPU) to the address in memory where the next instruction to be executed resides



# Von Neumann Architecture

Hello World

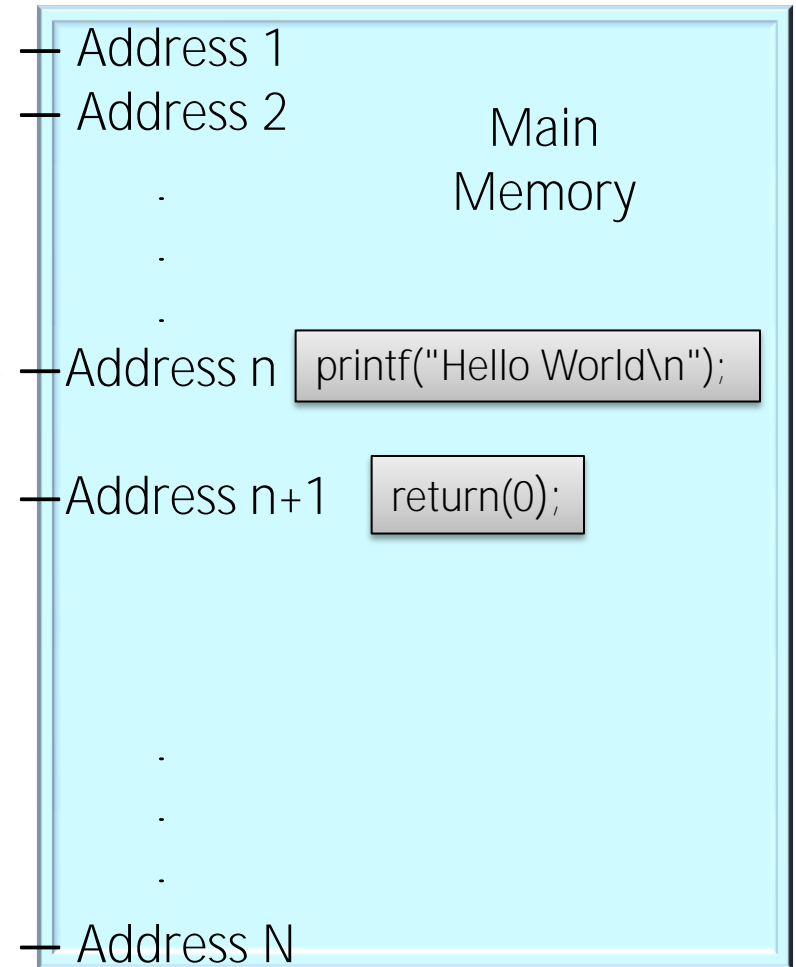
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#include <stdio.h>

int main(){

    printf("Hello World\n");

    return(0);
}
```

PC →





# Von Neumann Architecture

Hello World

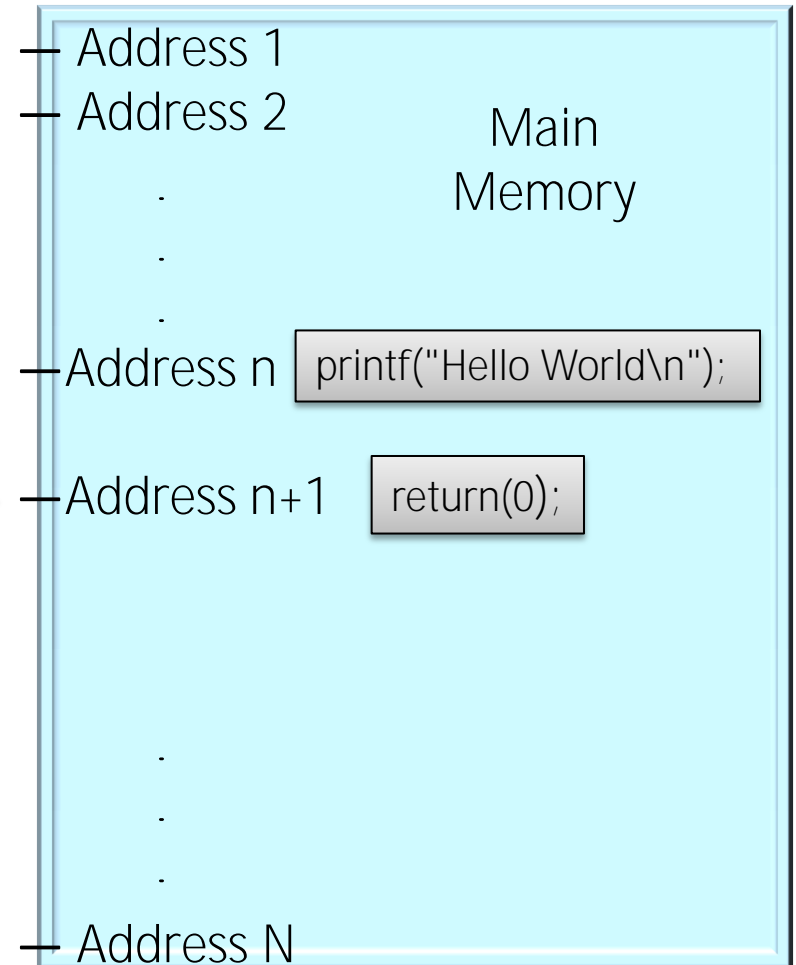
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```
    printf("Hello World\n"); PC →
```

```
    return(0);
```

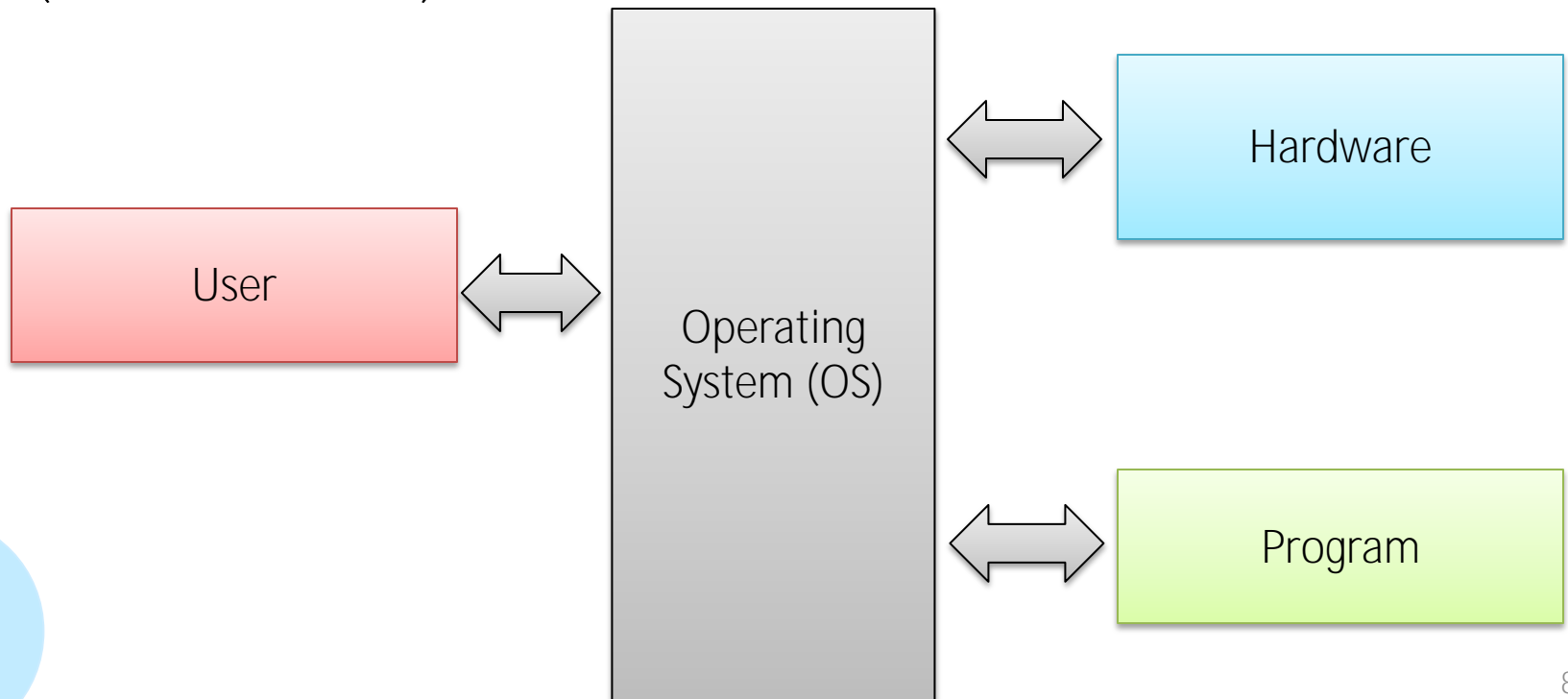
```
}
```



# The Operating System

- Manages the hardware
- Allocates resources to programs
- Accommodates user requests
- First program to be executed when computer starts (loaded from ROM)

- Windows
- Unix
- Mac OS
- Android
- Linux
- Solaris
- Chrome OS



# Hello World

External Header  
(standard C library  
containing functions  
for Input/Output )

Global  
Definitions

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

Function definition:

- It's called *main*
- It does not take any input ( )
- It returns an integer

Body of  
function

```
int main(){
```

```
printf("Hello World\n");
```

```
return(0);
```

```
}
```

Single statements

# C Syntax

- Statements
  - one line commands
  - always end with ;
  - can be grouped between { }
  - spaces are not considered
- Comments
  - // single line comment
  - /\* multiple lines comments
  - \*/

# Hello World + Comments

```
/*  
 * My first C program  
 */  
  
#include <stdio.h>  
  
int main(){  
  
    printf("Hello World\n");  
  
    return(0);    // return 0 to the OS = OK  
  
}
```

# Variables and types

- **Variables** are placeholders for values

```
int x = 2;
```

```
x = x + 3; // x value is 5 now
```

- In C, variables are divided into **types**, according to how they are **represented in memory** (always represented in binary)
  - **int**
  - **float**
  - **double**
  - **char**

# Variables Declaration

- Before we can use a variable, we must **declare** (= create) it
- When we declare a variable, we specify its **type** and its **name**

```
int x;  
float y = 3.2;
```

- Most of the time, the compiler also **allocates memory for the variable when it's declared. In that case declaration = definition**
- There exist special cases in which a variable is declared but not defined, and the computer allocates memory for it only at run time (will see with functions and external variables)

# int

- No fractional part or decimal point (ex. +3, -100)
- Represented with 4 bytes (32 bits) in UNIX
- Sign
  - **unsigned** : represents only positive values, all bites for value  
Range: from 0 to  $2^{32}$
  - **signed** (default) : 1 bit for sign + 31 for actual value  
Range: from  $-2^{31}$  to  $2^{31}$
- Size
  - **short** int : at least 16 bits
  - **long** int : at least 32 bits
  - **long long** int : at least 64 bits
  - $\text{size}(\text{short}) \leq \text{size}(\text{int}) \leq \text{size}(\text{long})$

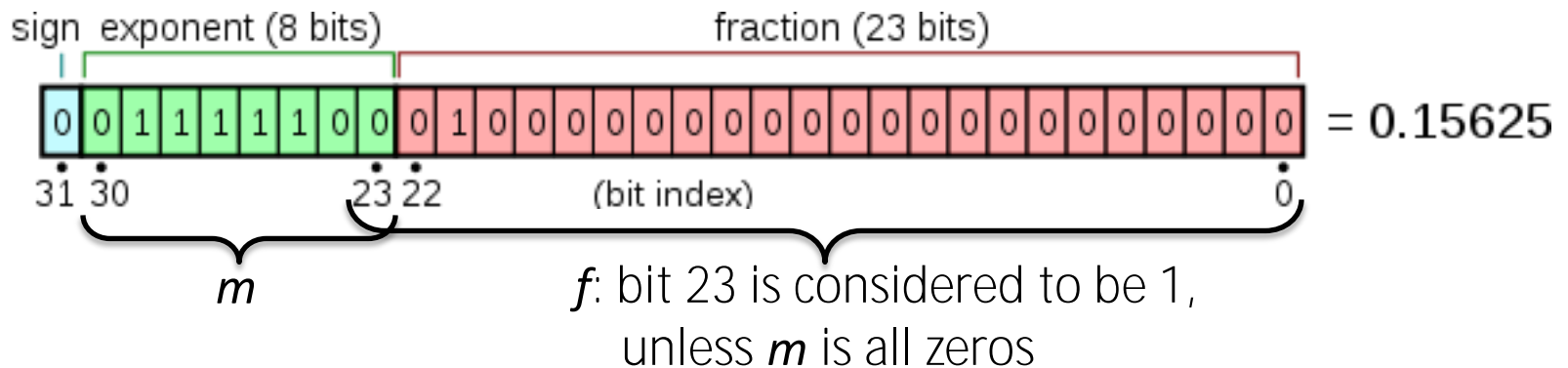
```
int x = -12;  
unsigned int x = 5;  
short (int) x = 2;
```



# float

- Single precision floating point value
- Fractional numbers with decimal point
- Represented with 4 bytes (32 bits)
- Range:  $-10^{(38)}$  to  $10^{(38)}$
- Exponential notation :  $-0.\underset{f}{278} * 10^{\underset{m}{3}}$

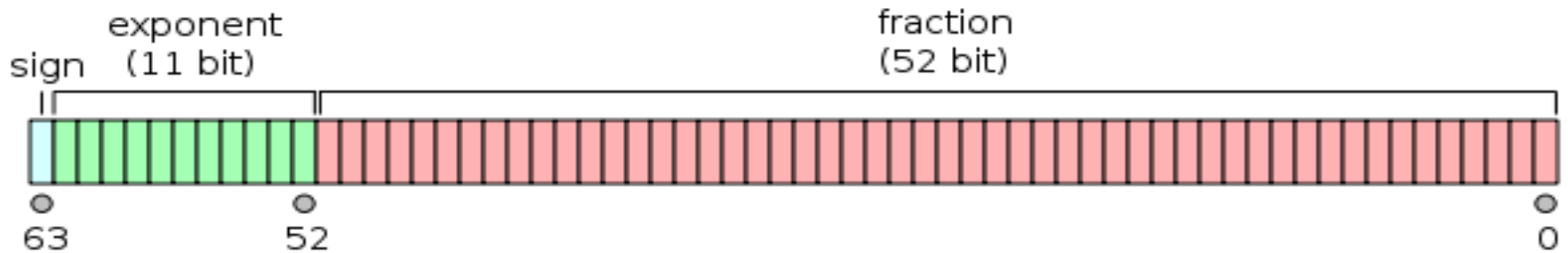
`float x = 11.5;`



$$n_{10} = (-1)^s \cdot (f \cdot 2^{-23}) \cdot 2^{m-127}$$

# double

- Double precision floating point
- Represented with 8 bytes (64 bits)



```
double x = 121.45;
```



# char

- Character
- Single byte representation
- 0 to 255 values expressed in the ASCII table

```
char c = 'w' ;
```

# ASCII Table

Dec	Hx	Oct	Char	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr
0	0	000	<b>NUL</b> (null)	32	20	040	&#32;	Space	64	40	100	&#64;	@	96	60	140	&#96;	`
1	1	001	<b>SOH</b> (start of heading)	33	21	041	&#33;	!	65	41	101	&#65;	A	97	61	141	&#97;	a
2	2	002	<b>STX</b> (start of text)	34	22	042	&#34;	"	66	42	102	&#66;	B	98	62	142	&#98;	b
3	3	003	<b>ETX</b> (end of text)	35	23	043	&#35;	#	67	43	103	&#67;	C	99	63	143	&#99;	c
4	4	004	<b>EOT</b> (end of transmission)	36	24	044	&#36;	\$	68	44	104	&#68;	D	100	64	144	&#100;	d
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128	Ç	144	É	160	á	176	☼	192	⋈	208	⋈	224	α	240	≡
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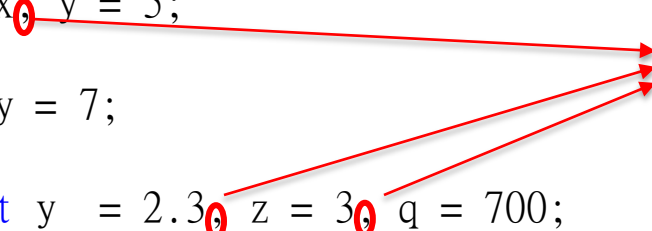
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```
x -= 2; // x = x - 2;
```

# Operators - Relational

<	<=	>	>=	==	!=
---	----	---	----	----	----

- Return 0 if statement is false, 1 if statement is true

```
int x = 3, y = 2, z, k, t;
```

```
z = x > y;      // z = 1
```

```
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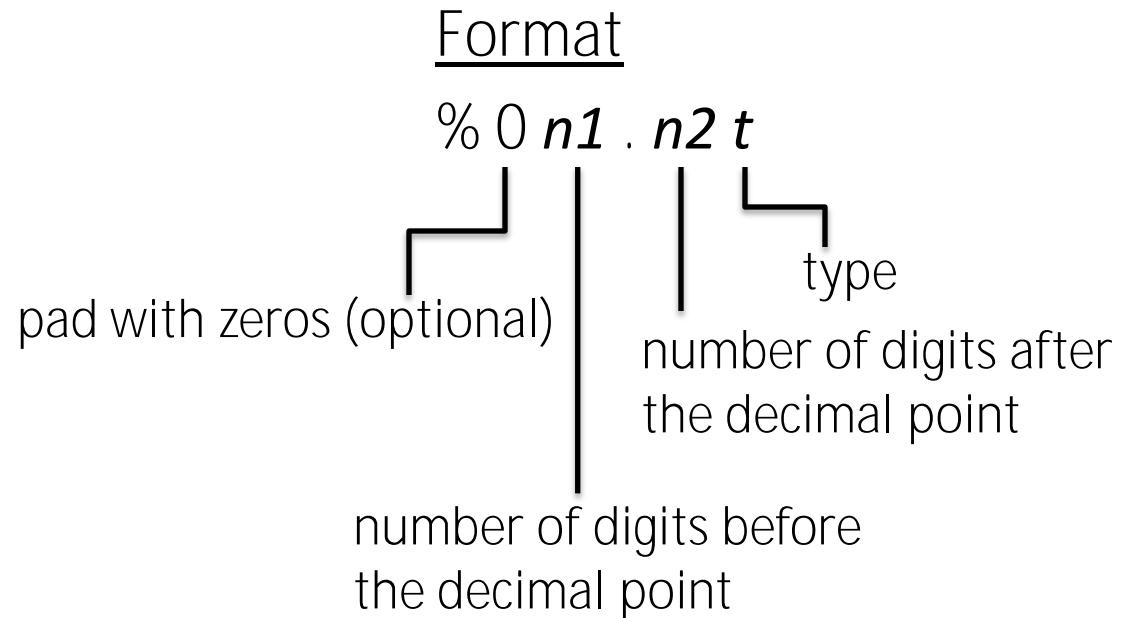
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# COMSW 1003-1

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Lecture 4

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# Announcements

- HW 1 is due on Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at the beginning of class, no exceptions
- Read so far: PCP Chapters 1 to 4
- Reading for next Wednesday: PCP Chapter 5

# Review – Access CUNIX

<http://www1.cs.columbia.edu/~bert/courses/1003/cunix.html>

- 1) Enable windowing environment
  - X11, Xming, X-Server
- 2) Launch SSH session (login with UNI and password)
  - Terminal, Putty
- 3) Launch Emacs
  - \$ emacs &
- 4) Open/create a file, than save it with .c extension
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  - one line commands
  - always end with `;`
  - can be grouped between `{ }`
- Comments
  - `//`            single line comment
  - `/*`            multiple lines comments
  - `*/`



# Review : Variables and types

- **Variables** are placeholders for values

```
int x = 2;
```

```
x = x + 3; // x value is 5 now
```

- In C, variables are divided into **types**, according to how they are **represented in memory** (always represented in binary)

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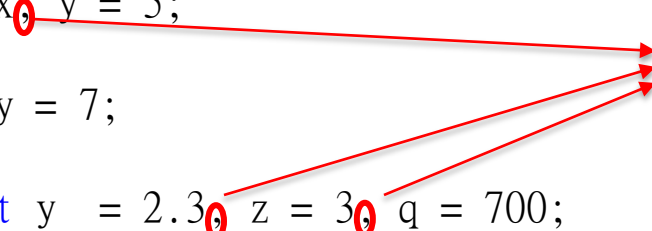
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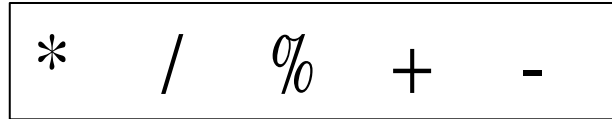


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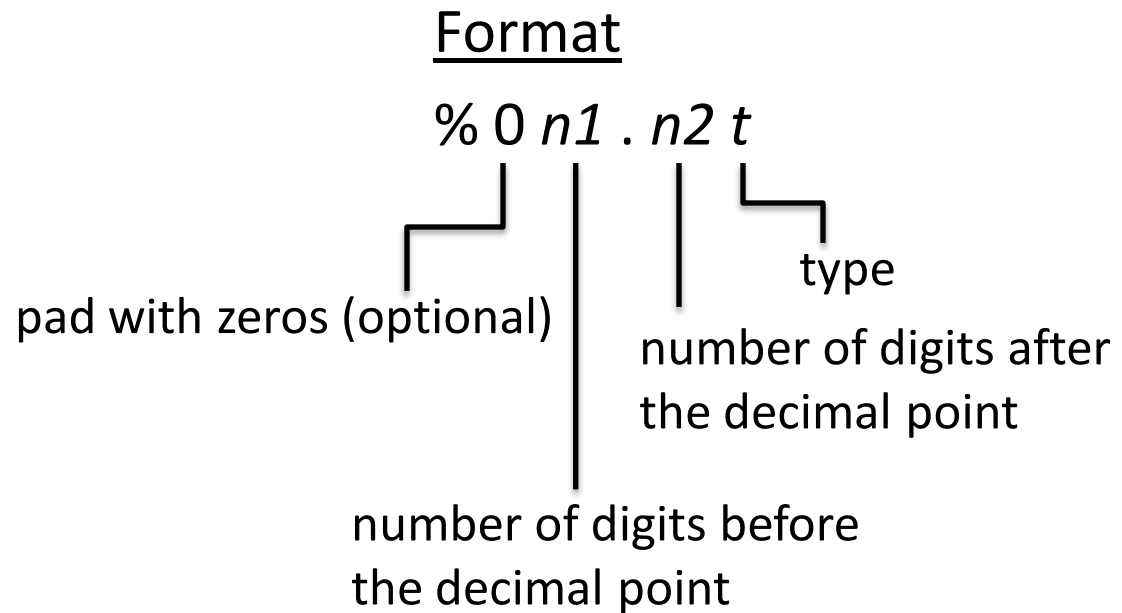
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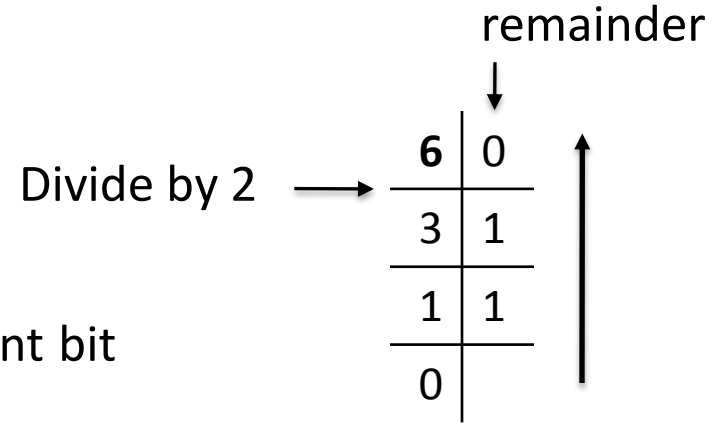
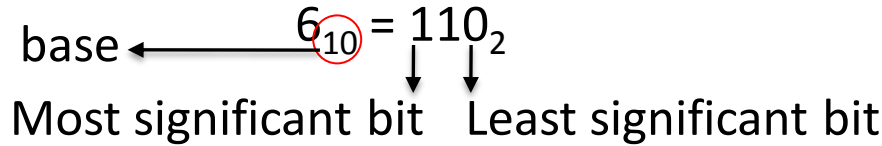
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x	v
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1	0

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1	0	1
1	1	1

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0	1	1
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# Homework 1 review

## HOW TO COMPRESS/UNCOMPRESS folders in UNIX

- Compress folder `~/COMS1003/HW1` to `HW1.tar.gz`

```
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```

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(note: `~/COMS1003/HW1new` must exist already)

# COMSW 1003-1

## Introduction to Computer Programming in

Lecture 5

Spring 2011

Instructor: Michele Merler



# Announcements

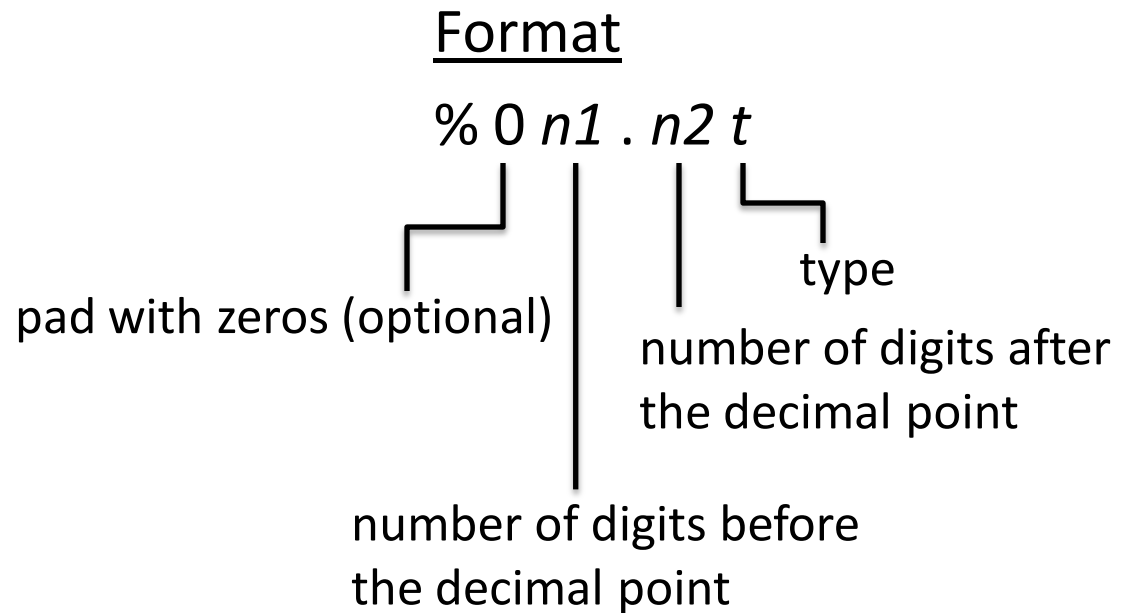
- Exercise 1 solution out
- Exercise 2 out
- Read PCP Ch 6

# Today

- Review of operators and printf()
- Binary Logic
- Arrays
- Strings

# Review : printf

- `printf` is a function used to print to standard output (command line)
- Syntax:  
`printf("format1 format2 ...", variable1, variable2, ...);`
- Format characters:
  - `%d` or `%i` integer
  - `%f` float
  - `%lf` double
  - `%c` char
  - `%u` unsigned
  - `%s` string



# Review : printf

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {

    int a,b;
    float c,d;
    a = 15;
    b = a / 2;

    printf("%d\n",b);
    printf("%3d\n",b);
    printf("%03d\n",b);

    c = 15.3;
    d = c / 3;
    printf("%3.2f\n",d);

    return(0);
}
```

Output:

7  
7  
007

5.10



# Review : printf

## Escape sequences

<code>\n</code>	newline
<code>\t</code>	tab
<code>\v</code>	vertical tab
<code>\f</code>	new page
<code>\b</code>	backspace
<code>\r</code>	carriage return

# Binary Logic

- In binary logic, variables can have only 2 values:
  - True (commonly associated with 1)
  - False (commonly associated with 0)
- Binary Operations are defined through TRUTH TABLES

## AND

$$v = x \& y$$

x	y	v
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

## NOT

$$v = !x$$

x	v
0	1
1	0

## OR

$$v = x | y$$

x	y	v
0	0	0
0	1	1
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## EXOR

$$v = x \wedge y$$

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# Binary Logic

- 1 = true, 0 = false
- Decimal to binary conversion

$$6_{10} = 110_2$$

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base ←  $6_{10} = 110_2$   
Most significant bit    Least significant bit

Divide by 2 →

	remainder
	↓
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3	1
1	1
0	
	↑

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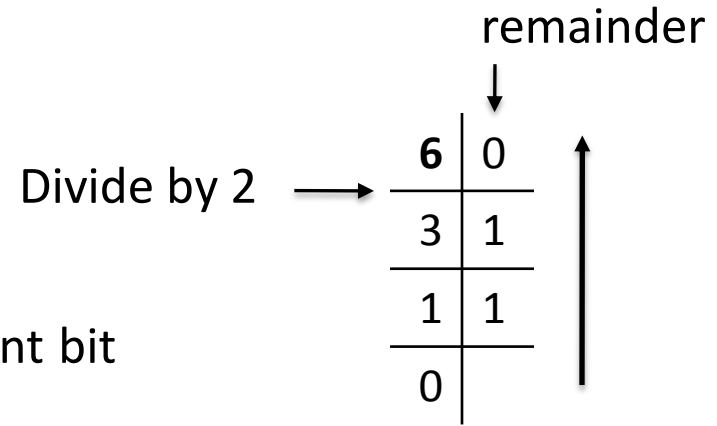
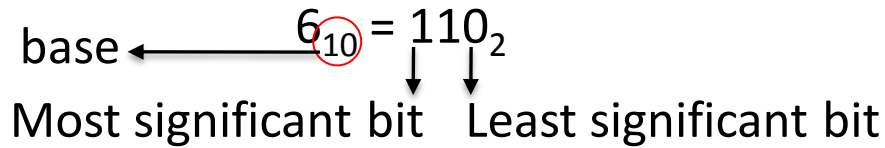
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	↓
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- Binary to decimal conversion

$$11001_2 = 1 \times 2^0 + 0 \times 2^1 + 0 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^3 + 1 \times 2^4 = 25$$

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# Review: Operators

- Assignment =
- Arithmetic \* / % + -
- Increment ++ -- += -=
- Relational < <= > >= == !=
- Logical && || !
- Bitwise & | ~ ^ << >>
- Comma ,

# Operators - Bitwise

- Work on the binary representation of data
- Remember: computers store and see data in binary format!

```
int x, y, z , t, q, s, v;
```

```
x = 3;          000000000000000000000000000000000011
```

```
y = 16;        00000000000000000000000000000000010000
```

```
z = x << 1;    equivalent to z = x · 21 000000000000000000000000000000000110
```

```
t = y >> 3;    equivalent to t = y · 2-3 00000000000000000000000000000000010
```

```
q = x & y;     000000000000000000000000000000000000
```

```
s = x | y;     00000000000000000000000000000000010011
```

```
v = x ^ y;     00000000000000000000000000000000010011
```

↓  
XOR



# Operators - Arithmetic

*	/	%	+	-
---	---	---	---	---

- Arithmetic operators have a **precedence**

```
int x;
```

```
x = 3 + 5 * 2 - 4 / 2;
```

- We can use parentheses () to impose our precedence order

```
int x;
```

```
x = (3 + 5) * (2 - 4) / 2;
```

- % returns the module (or the remainder of the division)

```
int x;
```

```
x = 5 % 3; // x = 2
```

- We have to be careful with integer vs. float division : remember automatic casting!

```
int x = 3;
```

```
float y;
```

```
y = x / 2; // y = 1.00
```

Possible fixes:

1) float x = 3;

2) y = (float) x / 2;

Then y = 1.50

```
float y;
```

```
y = 1 / 2; // y = 0.00
```

Possible fix: y = 1.0/2;

Then y = 0.50

# Operators – Increment/Decrement

++	--	+=	-=
----	----	----	----

```
int x = 3, y, z;
```

`x++;` → x is incremented at the end of statement

`++x;` → x is incremented at the beginning of statement

```
y = ++x + 3; // x = x + 1; y = x + 3;
```

```
z = x++ + 3; // z = x + 3; x = x + 1;
```

```
x -= 2; // x = x - 2;
```

# Operators - Relational

< <= > >= == !=

- Return **0** if statement is **false**, **1** if statement is **true**

```
int x = 3, y = 2, z, k, t;
```

```
z = x > y;      // z = 1
```

```
k = x <= y;     // k = 0
```

```
t = x != y;     // t = 1
```

# Operators - Logical

&&		!
----	--	---

- A variable with value **0** is **false**, a variable with value **!=0** is **true**

```
int x = 3, y = 0, z, k, t, q = -3;
```

```
z = x && y;    // z = 0;    x is true but y is false
```

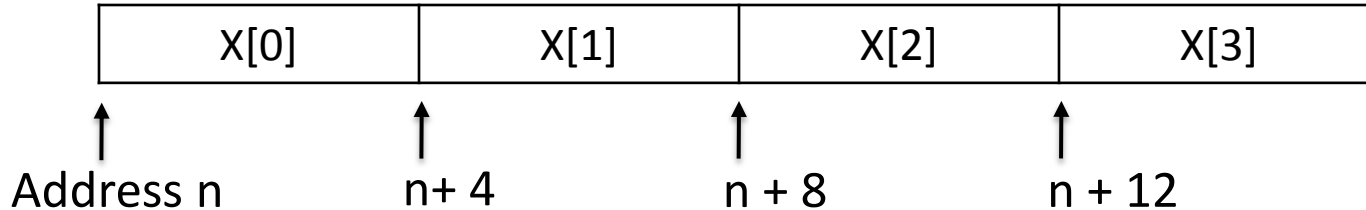
```
k = x || y;    // k = 1;    x is true
```

```
t = !q;        // t = 0;    q is true
```

# Arrays

- “A set of consecutive memory locations used to store data” [PCP, Ch 5]

```
int X[4]; // a vector containing 4 integers
```



- Indexing starts at 0 !

```
X[0] = 3;
```

```
X[2] = 7;
```

- Be careful not to access uninitialized elements!

```
int c = X[7];
```

gcc will not complain about this, but the value of `x` is going to be random!

# Arrays

- Multidimensional arrays

```
int arr[4][3]; // a matrix containing 4x3 = 12 integers
```

arr[0][0]	arr[0][1]	arr[0][2]
arr[1][0]	arr[1][1]	arr[1][2]
arr[2][0]	arr[2][1]	arr[2][2]
arr[3][0]	arr[3][1]	arr[3][2]

- Indexing starts at 0 !

```
arr[0][0] = 1;  
arr[3][1] = 7;
```

- Initialize arrays

```
int X[4] = { 3, 6, 7, 89};
```

```
int Y[2][4] = { {19, 2, 6, 99}, {55, 5, 555, 0} };
```

```
int Arr[] = { 3, 6, 77};
```

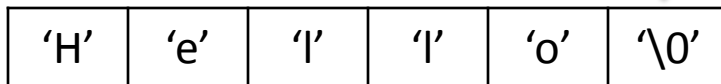
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# Strings

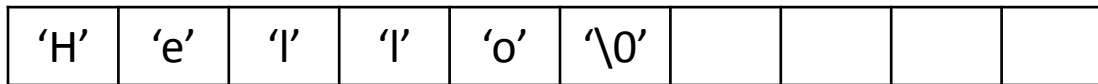
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- `'\0'` is a special character that indicates the end of a string

```
char s[6] = { 'H', 'e', 'l', 'l', 'o', '\0' };
```

We need 6 characters because there is `'\0'`



```
char s[10] = "Hello";
```



```
char s[6];  
s[0] = 'H';  
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s[2] = 'l';  
s[3] = 'l';  
s[4] = 'o';  
s[5] = '\0';
```

- Difference between string and char

```
char c = 'a';  
char s[2] = "a";
```

'a'	
'a'	'\0'

# Strings functions

String specific functions are included in the library [string.h](#)

```
#include <string.h>
```

```
char s[6];  
s = "Hello";
```

Illegal ! String assignment can be done only at declaration!

- `strcpy()` : copy a string to another

```
strcpy( string1 , string2 );
```

Copy string2 to string1

```
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```



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```
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```

Returns :

0 if string1 and string2 are the same  
value != 0 otherwise

```
char s1[] = "Hi";  
char s2[] = "Him";  
char s3[3];  
strcpy( s3, s1 );  
int x = strcmp( s1, s2 );    // x != 0  
int y = strcmp( s1, s3 );    // y = 0
```

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- `strcat()` : concatenate two strings

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Concatenate *string2* at the end of *string1*

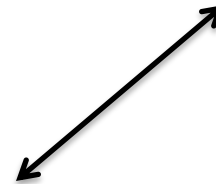
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char s1[] = "Hello ";  
char s2[] = "World!";  
strcat(s1, s2);
```

'H'	'e'	'l'	'l'	'o'	' '	'W'	'o'	'r'	'l'	'd'	'\0'
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- `strlen()` : returns the length of a string (does not count '\0')

```
strlen( string );
```

```
char s1[] = "Hello";  
int x = strlen(s1); // x = 5
```



# Reading Strings

Use functions from library `stdio.h`

- `fgets()` : get string from standard input (command line)

```
fgets( name , sizeof(name), stdin);
```

```
char s1[100];
```

```
fgets( s1, sizeof(s1), stdin);
```

Reads a maximum of `sizeof(name)` characters of a string from `stdin` and saves them into string `name`

NOTE: `fgets()` reads the newline character `'\n'`, so we should substitute it with `'\0'`;

```
name[strlen(name) - 1] = '\0';
```

'H'	'e'	'l'	'l'	'o'	'\n'
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- `sizeof()` : returns the size (number of bytes occupied in memory) of a variable (for strings it counts the number of elements, including `'\0'`)

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```

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fgets( s1, sizeof(s1), stdin);
```

```
User enters: 3 18
```

```
sscanf( s1, "%d %d", &x, &y );
```

```
// x = 3; y = 18;
```

# Reading numbers – Option 2

- Read directly the number
- `scanf()` : get string from standard input (command line) and automatically convert into a number

```
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```

```
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printf("Please enter two numbers separated by a space\n")
```

```
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```

```
scanf( "%d %d", &x, &y );
```

```
// x = 3; y = 18;
```

# Strings functions - recap

```
char s1[] = "Hello";   char s2[] = "He";   int x;   char c;
```

- `strcmp( s1, s2)`
- `strcpy( s1, s2 )`
- `strcat( s1, s2)`
- `strlen( s )`
- `sizeof( s )`
- `fgets( s, sizeof(s1), stdin)`
- `sscanf( s, "%d", &var)`

```
x = strcmp(s1, s2) // x != 0
```

```
strcpy( s2, s1 ); // s2 = "Hello"
```

```
strcat( s2, s1 ); //s2 = "HelloHello"
```

```
x = strlen(s1); // x = 5;
```

```
x = sizeof(s1); // x = 6;
```

```
fgets( s1, sizeof(s1), stdin);
```

User enters "7R"

```
sscanf( s1, "%d%c", &x, &c);
```

```
// x = 7; c = 'R';
```

Read PCP Ch 6

# Homework 1 review

## HOW TO COMPRESS/UNCOMPRESS folders in UNIX

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```
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```

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```

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# COMsW 1003-1

## Introduction to Computer Programming in

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# Announcements

Homework 1 is due next Monday

Exercise 2 is out

# Today

- Strings
- Control Flow
- Loops (if time permits)

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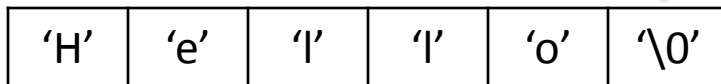
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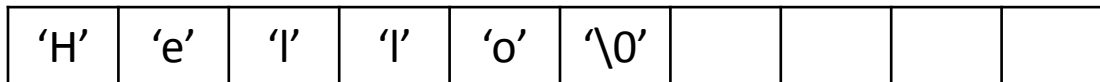
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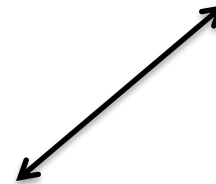
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```
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```

```
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```

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```

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```
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```

```
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printf("Please enter two numbers separated by a space\n")
```

```
User enters: 3 18
```

```
scanf( "%d %d", &x, &y );
```

```
// x = 3; y = 18;
```

# Strings functions - recap

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- `strcmp( s1, s2)`
- `strcpy( s1, s2 )`
- `strcat( s1, s2)`
- `strlen( s )`
- `sizeof( s )`
- `fgets( s, sizeof(s1), stdin)`
- `sscanf( s, "%d", &var)`

```
x = strcmp(s1, s2) // x != 0
```

```
strcpy( s2, s1 ); // s2 = "Hello"
```

```
strcat( s2, s1 ); //s2 = "HelloHello"
```

```
x = strlen(s1); // x = 5;
```

```
x = sizeof(s1); // x = 6;
```

```
fgets( s1, sizeof(s1), stdin);
```

User enters "7R"

```
sscanf( s1, "%d%c", &x, &c);
```

```
// x = 7; c = 'R';
```

# Example – sumNums.c

# Control Flow

- So far we have seen **linear programs**, statements are executed in the order in which they are written
- What if we want to skip some instructions, or execute them only under certain conditions?
- Solution: **control flow**

# Control flow – General syntax

```
keyword ( condition ) {  
    body statement 1;  
    :  
    :  
    body statement n;  
}
```

The body is executed only if the *condition* is true!

If the body of the control flow has only one statement, we can **optionally** not use the { }

```
keyword ( condition )  
    body statement 1;
```

# Control flow – if

- To execute a particular body of statements only **if** a particular *condition* is satisfied

```
if ( condition ) {  
    body statement 1;  
    .  
    .  
    body statement n;  
}
```

## Example

```
int x = 3, y;
```

```
if ( x > 2 ) {
```

```
    x++;
```

```
    y = x;
```

```
}
```

```
printf("y = %d\n", y);
```



# Control flow - else

- To execute a particular body of statements only **if** a particular *condition* is **not** satisfied

```
if ( condition ) {  
    body statement 1;  
    .  
    .  
    body statement n;  
}  
else {  
    body statement 1;  
    .  
    .  
    body statement m;  
}
```

## Example

```
int x = 3, y;
```

```
if ( x > 2 ) {
```

```
    x++;
```

```
    y = x;
```

```
}
```

```
else {
```

```
    y = 2 * x;
```

```
}
```

```
printf("y = %d\n", y);
```

# Control Flow – if/else example

```
int x = 3, y = 1;

if( x > 2 )
    if( x == 4)
        y = x;
else
    y = 2 * x;

printf("y = %d\n", y);
```

# Control Flow – if/else example

```
int x = 3, y = 1;

if( x > 2 )
    if( x == 4)
        y = x;
else
    y = 2 * x;

printf("y = %d\n", y);
```

`else` refers always to the last `if` that was not already closed by another `else`

# Control Flow – if/else example

```
int x = 3, y = 1;

if( x > 2 ) {

    if( x == 4) {
        y = x;
    }
    else {
        y = 2 * x;
    }
}

printf("y = %d\n", y);
```

This is why we need  
brackets and indentation!

# Control Flow – if/else example

```
int x = 3, y = 1;

if( x > 2 ) {

    if( x == 4 ) {
        y = x;
    }
}
else {
    y = 2 * x;
}

printf("y = %d\n", y);
```

Using brackets we can change the `if` to which the `else` refers

# Control flow - Switch

Equivalent to a series of if/else statements

```
switch ( variable ) {  
    case val1:  
        statement 1;  
        :  
        break;  
    case val2:  
        statement 1;  
        :  
        /* fall through */  
        :  
    default:  
        statement 1;  
        :  
        break;  
}
```

```
int i,j;  
  
switch( i ) {  
  
    case 1:  
        j = i + 1;  
        break;  
  
    case 10:  
        j = i - 1;  
  
    default:  
        j = 1;  
  
}
```

# Control flow - Switch

Equivalent to a series of if/else statements

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        break;  
    case val2:   
        statement 1;  
        :  
        /* fall through */  
        :  
    default:   
        statement 1;  
        :  
        break;  
}
```

These values are CONSTANT

If variable has value different from all other cases

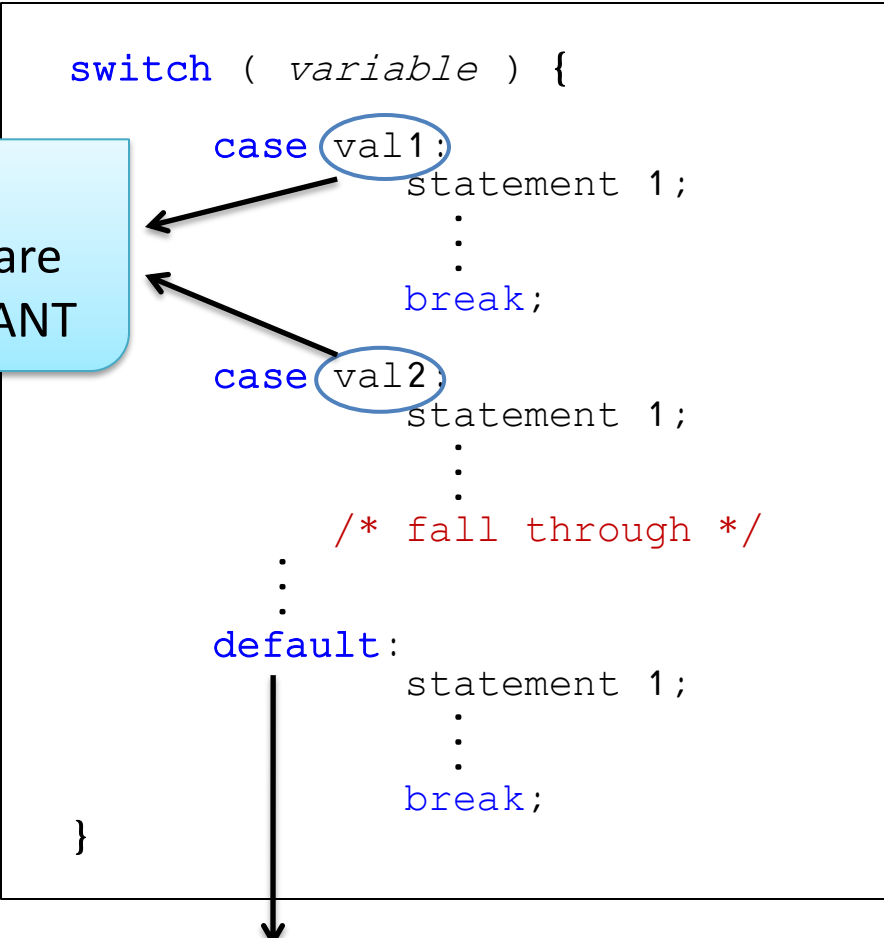
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int i,j;  
  
switch( i ) {  
  
    case 1:   
        j = i + 1;  
        break;  
  
    case 10:   
        j = i - 1;  
  
    default:   
        j = 1;  
  
}
```

i	j
1	2
10	1
Any other number	1

# Control flow - Switch

Equivalent to a series of if/else statements

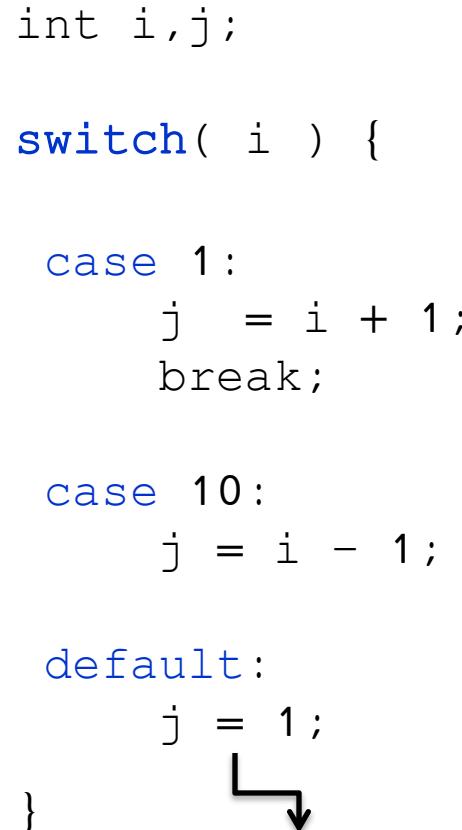
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        :  
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    default:   
        j = 1;  
        }  
}
```



After last case I can avoid using break



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        :  
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        :  
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        statement 1;  
        :  
        break;  
}
```

```
int i,j;  
  
switch( i ) {  
  
    case 1:  
        j = i + 1;  
        break;  
  
    case 10:  
        j = i - 1;  
  
    default:  
        j = 1;  
  
}
```

C

variable can only be **char** or **int** !

```
float i = 2;  
switch( i ) {
```

# Control Flow - Loops

- What if we want to perform the same operation multiple times?
- Example: we want to initialize all elements in a 100 dimensional array of integers to the value 7

```
int arr[100];
```

```
arr[0] = 7;
```

```
arr[1] = 7;
```

```
arr[2] = 7;
```

```
arr[3] = 7;
```

```
⋮
```

```
arr[99] = 7;
```

This is crazy!

# Loops - while

- To execute a particular body of statements only **until** a particular *condition* is satisfied

```
while ( condition ) {  
    body statement 1;  
    :  
    :  
    body statement n;  
}
```

## Example

```
int i = 0;  
int arr[100];  
  
while( i < 100 ) {  
    arr[i] = 7;  
    i++;  
}
```

# Loops – do/while

- **First** execute body statements, **then** check if *condition* is satisfied

```
do {  
    body statement 1;  
    .  
    .  
    body statement n;  
} while ( condition );
```

## Example

```
int i = 10,  
int j = 0;  
  
while( i < 10 )  
{  
    j++;  
    i++;  
}
```

## Example

```
int i = 10;  
int j = 0;  
  
do  
{  
    j++;  
    i++;  
} while( i < 10 );
```

j = ?

# Loops – do/while

- **First** execute body of statements, **then** check if *condition* is satisfied

```
do {  
    body statement 1;  
    .  
    .  
    body statement n;  
} while ( condition );
```

## Example

```
int i = 10,  
int j = 0;  
  
while( i < 10 )  
{  
    j++;  
    i++;  
}
```

j = 0

## Example

```
int i = 10;  
int j = 0;  
  
do  
{  
    j++;  
    i++;  
} while( i < 10 );
```

j = 1

# Loops - break

- To interrupt a loop once a certain condition different from the one in the loop declaration

When **break** is reached, the statements after it are ignored and the program exits the loop

```
while( condition1 ){  
    body statement 1;  
    ⋮  
    if( condition2 )  
        break;  
    ⋮  
    body statement n;  
}
```

## Example

```
int i = 0;  
char s[10] = "hi";  
  
while( i < 10 )  
{  
    if(s[i]=='\0')  
        break;  
  
    printf("%c",s[i]);  
  
    i++;  
}
```

# Loops - continue

- To ignore the following instructions in a loop

```
while( condition1 ){  
    body statement 1;  
    .  
    .  
    if( condition2 )  
        continue;  
    .  
    .  
    body statement n;  
}
```

When **continue** is reached, the statements after it are ignored, and the loop continues

## Example

```
int i = 0, sum = 0;  
int s[3] = {7, 5, 9};  
  
while( i < 3 )  
{  
    if(s[i] < 6)  
        continue;  
    sum += s[i];  
}
```

# break vs. continue

```
int x = 0, y = 0;
while( x < 10) {
    x++;
    if(x == 3) {
        continue;
    }
    y++;
}
```

```
int x = 0, y = 0;
while( x < 10) {
    x++;
    if(x == 3) {
        break;
    }
    y++;
}
```

y = ?



# break vs. continue

```
int x = 0, y = 0;
while( x < 10) {
    x++;
    if(x == 3) {
        continue;
    }
    y++;
}
```

y = 9

```
int x = 0, y = 0;
while( x < 10) {
    x++;
    if(x == 3) {
        break;
    }
    y++;
}
```

y = 2

# Loops - for

```
for ( initial state ; condition ; state change ) {  
    body statement 1;  
    .  
    .  
    body statement n;  
}
```

## Example

```
int i;  
int arr[100];  
  
for( i = 0; i < 100 ; i++ ) {  
    arr[i] = 7;  
}
```

```
int i = 0;  
int arr[100];  
  
while( i < 100 ) {  
    arr[i] = 7;  
    i++;  
}
```

# Homework 1 review

## HOW TO COMPRESS/UNCOMPRESS folders in UNIX

- Compress folder `~/COMS1003/HW1` to `HW1.tar.gz`

```
tar -zcvf HW1.tar.gz ~/COMS1003/HW1
```

- Uncompress `HW1.tar.gz` to folder `~/COMS1003/HW1new`

```
tar -zxvf HW1.tar.gz -C ~/COMS1003/HW1new
```

(note: `~/COMS1003/HW1new` must exist already)

# COMsW 1003-1

## Introduction to Computer Programming in

Lecture 7

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# Today

- Loops (from Lec6)
- Scope of variables
- Functions

# Scope of Variables

- **Scope** is the portion of program in which a variable is valid
- Depends on where the variable is **declared**
- Variables can be
  - **Global** : valid everywhere
  - **Local** : valid in a specific portion of the program included in { }

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

```
double x = 3; /* global variable */
```

```
int main() {
```

```
    double y = 7.2;
```

```
    if( x > 2){
```

```
        double z = x / 2;
```

```
    }
```

```
    return(0);
```

```
}
```

Scope of y

Scope of z

Scope of x

C

# Scope of variables

```
#include <stdio.h>

double z = 1;

int main() {
    printf("z1 = %lf\n", z);           // z1 = 1.0000000
    double z = 7;
    if( z > 2){
        double z = 0.5;
        printf("z2 = %lf\n", z);     // z2 = 0.5000000
    }
    printf("z3 = %lf\n", z);         // z3 = 7.0000000
    {
        double z = 11;
        printf("z4 = %lf\n", z);     // z4 = 11.0000000
    }
    printf("z5 = %lf\n", z);         // z5 = 7.0000000
    return(0);
}
```



# Scope of variables

```
#include <stdio.h>

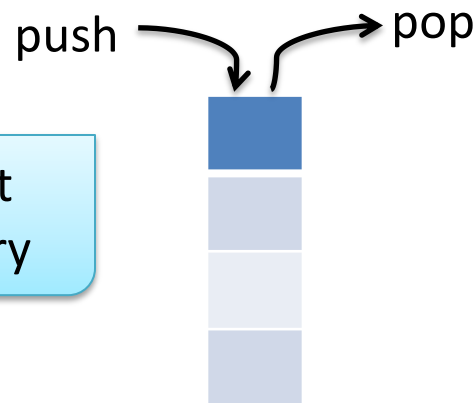
double z = 1;

int main() {
    printf("z1 = %lf\n", z);           // z1 = 1.000000
    double z = 7;
    if( z > 2){
        double z = 0.5;
        printf("z2 = %lf\n", z);     // z2 = 0.500000
    }
    printf("z3 = %lf\n", z);         // z3 = 7.000000
    {
        double z = 11;
        printf("z4 = %lf\n", z);     // z4 = 11.000000
    }
    printf("z5 = %lf\n", z);         // z5 = 7.000000
    return(0);
}
```

# Class of Variables

- A variable can be either
  - **Temporary** : allocated in stack at beginning of block (if too many local variables allocated, stack overflow)
  - **Permanent** : allocated before the program starts
- **Global** variables are always **permanent**
- **Local** variables are **temporary** unless they are declared **static**

Stack: First In Last Out (FILO) type of memory



# Variables – Scope and Class

Declared	Scope	Class	initialized
Outside all blocks	Global	Permanent	Once
<b>Static</b> outside all blocks	Global	Permanent	Once
Inside a block	Local	Temporary	Each time block is entered
<b>Static</b> inside a block	Local	Permanent	Once

From PCP Ch 9

```
#include <stdio.h>

int z = 0;
static int b;

int main() {
    int g = 0;
    while( z < 3){
        int y = 0;
        static int x = 0;

        y++;
        x++;
        z++;

        printf("x = %d, y = %d, z = %d\n", x, y, z);
    }
    return(0);
}
```

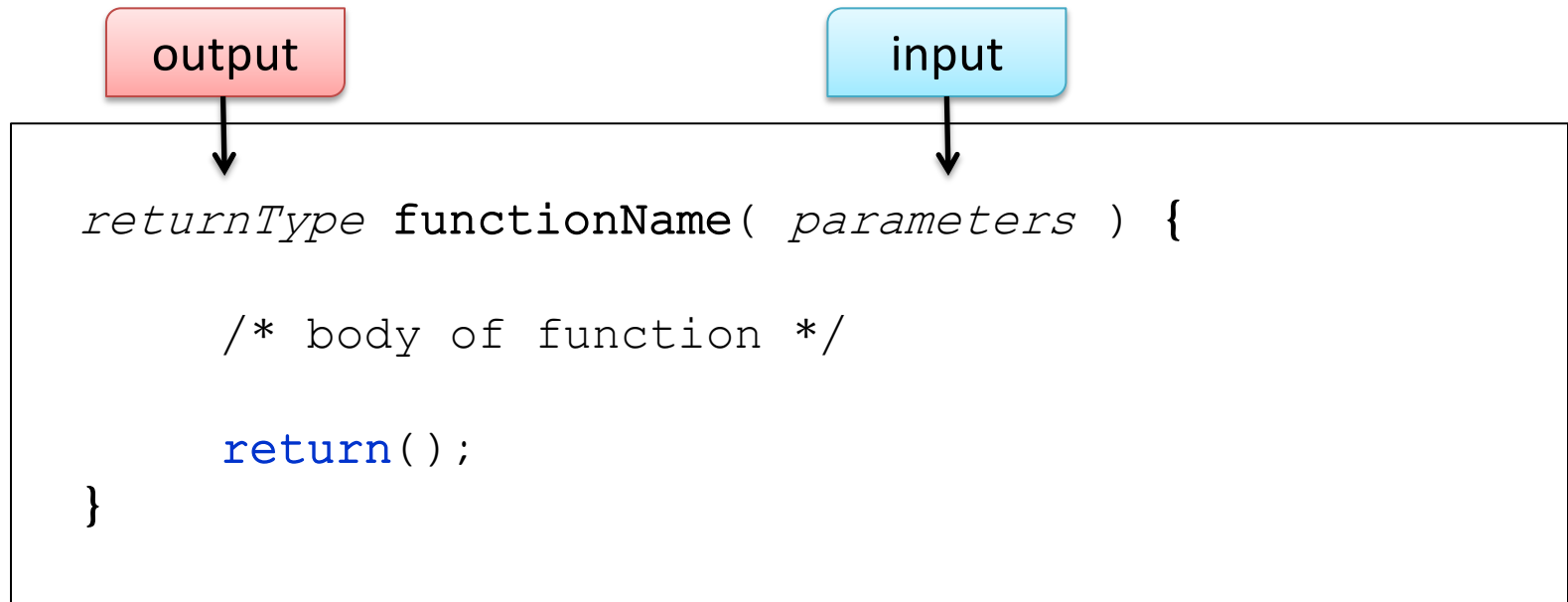
```
x = 1, y = 1, z = 1
x = 2, y = 1, z = 2
x = 3, y = 1, z = 3
```



y is initialized every time

# Functions

- Functions allow to write and reuse pieces of code that accomplish a task
- Help keeping large codes ordered



# Functions - Example

The function *sumTwoNumbers* takes two numbers as input and returns their sum.

```
double sumTwoNumbers( double n1, double n2 ) {  
  
    double s;  
  
    s = n1 + n2;  
  
    return(s);  
}
```

# Functions - Example

The function *sumTwoNumbers* takes two numbers as input and returns their sum.

```
double sumTwoNumbers( double n1, double n2 ) {  
    double s;  
    s = n1 + n2;  
    return (s);  
}  
// return s;
```

Returned  
type must  
be  
consistent!

These two notations are equivalent

# Functions – Example

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

```
double sumTwoNumbers( double n1, double n2 ){  
    double s;  
    n1++;  
    s = n1 + n2;  
    return(s);  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    double x, y, z;  
    x = 2;  
    y = 2;  
    z = sumTwoNumbers(x, y);  
    printf(“%f + %f = %f\n”, x, y, z);  
    return(0);  
}
```

Function Declaration must happen BEFORE its use in the main() function

Scope of n1 and n2 is scope of function!  
**2 + 2 = 5!**



# Functions - void

printArrow.c

- If a function does not take any input
- If a function does not return any value

```
/* function to print an arrow to command line */
void printArrow(void){
    /* function body */
    return;
}

/* function to print multiple arrows to command line */
void printMultipleArrows(int nTimes){
    int i;
    for(i = 0; i < nTimes; i++){
        printArrow();
    }
    return;
}

int main() {
    int x = 3;
    printMultipleArrows(x);
    return(0);
}
```



# Functions - void

printArrow.c

- If a function does not take any input
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    /* function body */
    return;
}

/* function to print multiple arrows to command line */
void printMultipleArrows(int nTimes){
    int i;
    for(i = 0; i < nTimes; i++){
        printArrow();
    }
    return;
}

int main() {
    int x = 3;
    printMultipleArrows(x);
    return(0);
}
```

Function does not return anything

Function invoked without passing any parameter ()

# Functions - void

printArrow.c

- If a function does not take any input
- If a function does not return any value

```
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    /* function body */
    return;
}

/* function to print multiple arrows to command line */
void printMultipleArrows(int nTimes){
    int i;
    for(i = 0; i < nTimes; i++){
        printArrow();
    }
    return;
}

int main() {
    int x = 3;
    printMultipleArrows(x);
    return(0);
}
```

Return can be viewed as equivalent of break for functions

Function is declared before being used

# Functions – Passing Arrays

length.c

```
/* function to compute the length of a string*/
int length( char s[] ){

    int size = 0;

    while(s[size] != '\\0'){
        size++;
    }

    return size;
}

/* function to copy a string*/
char[] copyString( char s[] ){

    char s2[100];

    strcpy(s2, s);

    return s2;
}
```

# Functions – Passing Arrays

length.c

```
/* function to compute the length of a string*/  
int length( char s[] ){  
  
    int size = 0;  
  
    while(s[size] != '\\0'){  
        size++;  
    }  
  
    return size;  
}
```

```
/* function to copy a string*/  
char * copyString( char s[] ){  
  
    char s2[100];  
  
    strcpy(s2, s);  
  
    return s2;  
}
```

# Functions – exit()

`exit()` is used to exit (=terminate) the program

Different from `return`, which simply exits the function

`Exit()` is defined inside the library `stdlib.h`

```
#include <stdlib.h>
```

```
int length( char s[] ){  
  
    int size = 0;  
  
    while(s[size] != '\\0'){  
  
        if(s[size] == 'm')  
            exit(-1);  
  
        size++;  
    }  
  
    return size;  
}
```

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## Introduction to Computer Programming in

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# Announcements

Homework 1 correction out this afternoon

Homework 2 is out

- Due Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>
- Start early (especially Exercise 2)!

# Today

- Functions
- Recursion
- Debugging (if time)



# Infinite Loops

- Loops where the condition is always TRUE
- Will stop only with:
  - `break`
  - modification of the condition variables

```
while ( 1 ){  
  
    /* body modifies x */  
  
    if( x!= 0 ) {  
        break;  
    }  
  
}
```

# Infinite Loops

- Loops where the condition is always TRUE
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  - modification of the condition variables

```
while ( 1 ){  
    /* body modifies x */  
    if( x!= 0 ) {  
        break;  
    }  
}
```

→ `while ( 1 is true )`

↓  
`while ( 1 != 0 )`

Always!

# Operators - Logical

- A variable with value **0** is **false**, a variable with value **!=0** is **true**

```
int x = 3, y = 0, z, k, t, q = -3;
```

```
z = x && y;    // z = 0;    x is true but y is false
```

```
k = x || y;    // k = 1;    x is true
```

```
t = !q;        // t = 0;    q is true
```

# Infinite Loops

- Loops where the condition is always TRUE
- Will stop only with:
  - `break`
  - modification of the condition variables

```
int cond = 7;
```

```
while ( cond ) {
```

```
    /* body */  
    if( x[3][5] != 7 ) {  
        cond = 0;  
    }  
}
```

```
}
```

→ `while ( cond is true )`

↓  
`while ( cond != 0 )`

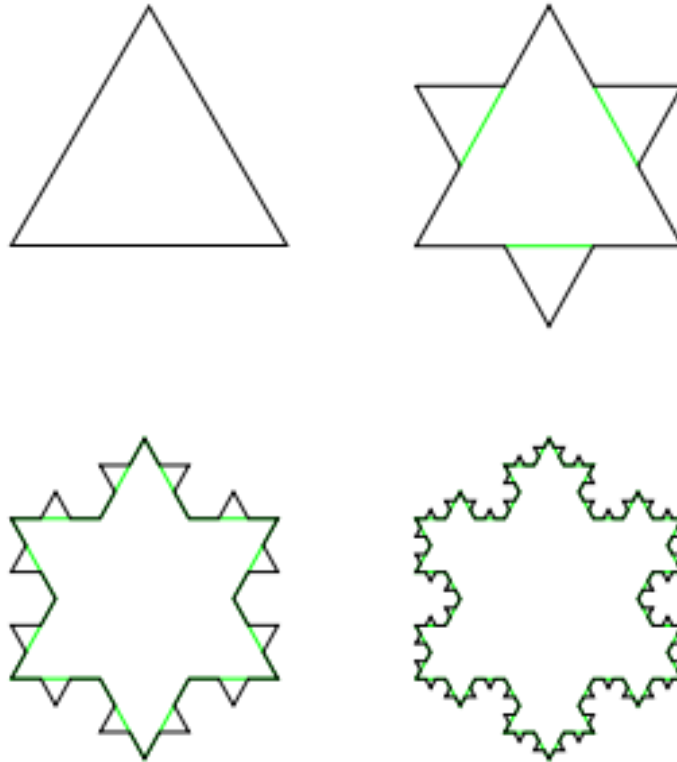
↓  
Until we set `cond` to 0!

# Functions Example

- Simple calculator
- Program that computes one basic arithmetic operation between 2 numbers

# Functions - Recursion

- What if a function calls itself? Recursion



# Functions - Recursion

- A recursive function must have two properties:
  - **Ending point** (i.e. a terminating condition)
  - **Simplify the problem** (every call is to a simpler input)

# Example: Fibonacci sequence

In mathematics, famous numbers following the sequence

0 1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34 55 89 ...

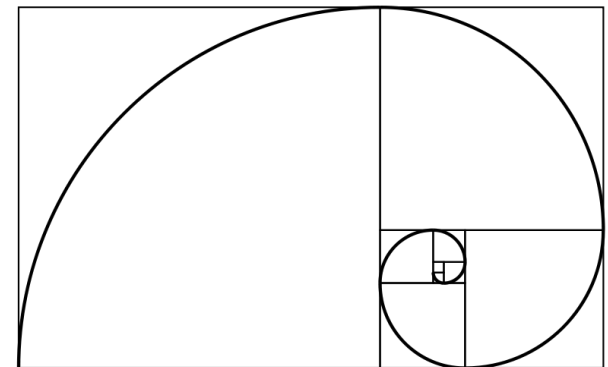
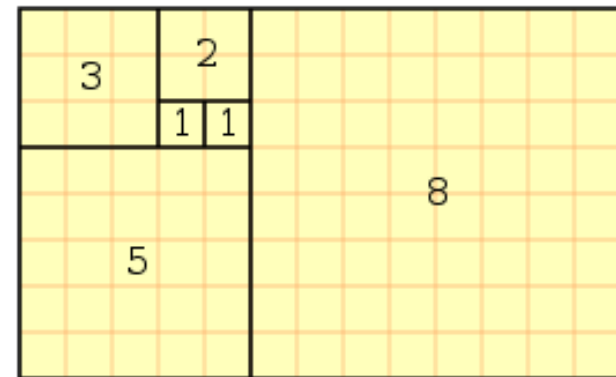
Given  $F_0 = 0$ ,  $F_1 = 1$  can be computed with recurrence  $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$

Code to compute the first 100 Fibonacci numbers:

```
int i = 0;
int fib[100];

fib[0] = 0;
fib[1] = 1;

for( i = 2; i < 100 ; i++ ) {
    fib[i] = fib[i-1] + fib[i-2];
}
```





# Functions - Recursion

recursiveFib.c

- What if a function calls itself? Recursion
- What is the value of the number at position num in the Fibonacci sequence?

```
/* Fibonacci value of a given position in the sequence */  
int fib ( int num ) {
```

```
    switch(num) {  
        case 0:  
            return(0);
```

```
        case 1:  
            return(1);
```

```
        default: /* Including recursive calls */  
            return(fib(num - 1) + fib(num - 2));
```

```
    }  
}
```

Why are there no  
breaks ?

# Functions - Recursion

recursiveFib.c

- What if a function calls itself? Recursion
- What is the value of the number at position num in the Fibonacci sequence?

```
/* Fibonacci value of a given position in the sequence */  
int fib ( int num ) {
```

```
    switch(num) {
```

```
        case 0:
```

```
            return(0);
```

```
        case 1:
```

```
            return(1);
```

```
        default: /* Including recursive calls */
```

```
            return(fib(num - 1) + fib(num - 2));
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

Ending Points



Simplify problem



# Debugging

# Debugging

- Debugging consists basically in finding and correcting **run-time errors** in your program
- Multiple ways of doing it
  - Manual runs (for small programs)
  - Insert `printf()` in key lines
- There also exist INTERACTIVE debugging tools
- We will now see a basic one for UNIX: **`gdb`**

# `gdb`

1. In order to use `gdb` on a program, we must use the `-g` option when compiling it

```
gcc -g program.c -Wall -o nameOfExecutable
```

2. Then, we can use the `gdb` command to start the interactive debugging environment

```
gdb nameOfExecutable
```

1. `$ gcc -g test.c -o test`

2. `$ gdb test`

```
GNU gdb 5.3
```

```
Copyright 2002 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
```

```
GDB is free software, covered by the GNU General Public License, and you are
```

```
welcome to change it and/or distribute copies of it under certain conditions.
```

```
Type "show copying" to see the conditions.
```

```
There is absolutely no warranty for GDB. Type "show warranty" for details.
```

```
This GDB was configured as "sparc-sun-solaris2.9"...
```

```
(gdb)
```

```
(gdb) █
```

# gdb commands

- **run** : run executable (program) currently watched.

```
(gdb) run
```

- **kill** : kill current execution of program

```
(gdb) kill
```

- **list** : show program source code

```
(gdb) list 2, 8 : shows lines 2 to 8 from source program
```

- **print** : print value of a variable or expression at the current point

```
(gdb) print buf
```

# gdb commands

- **break** : insert breakpoint in program. Debugging run will stop at the breakpoint

```
(gdb) break nameSource.c : lineNumber
```

```
(gdb) break test.c: 12
```

- **next** : step to the next line (execute current line)

```
(gdb) next
```

- **continue** : continue with execution until next breakpoint or end of program

```
(gdb) continue
```

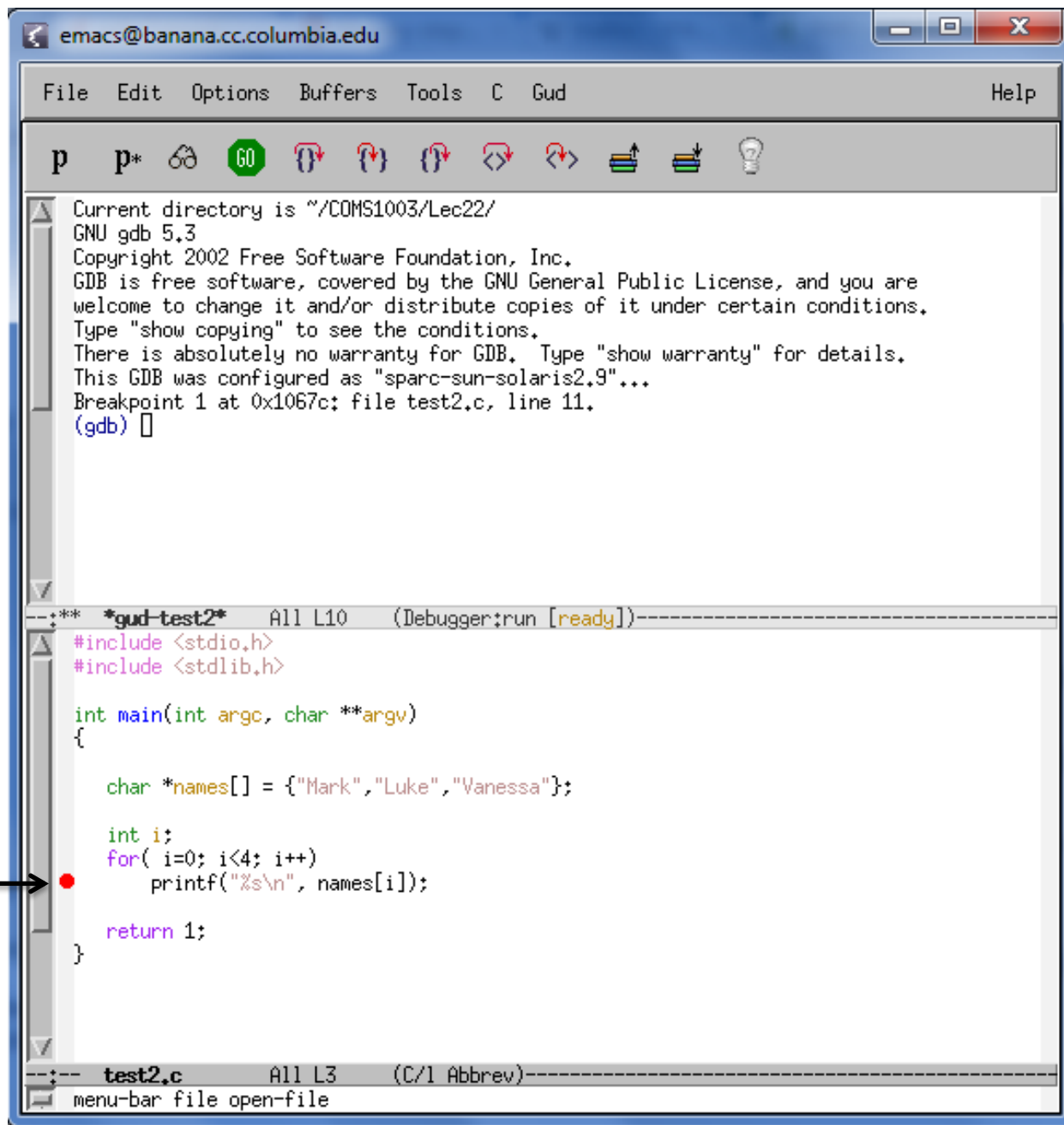
- **Quit** : exit gdb

```
(gdb) quit
```

# Graphical GDB

- gdb can be run from Emacs
- Press `M-x` (in Windows `Esc-x`)
- Insert `gdb`
- Insert `executableName`
- Visual debugger





Can enable  
breakpoints  
with a click

C

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# Are Computers Smarter than Humans?

IBM's Watson on 'Jeopardy': Computer takes big lead over humans in Round 2

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On Tuesday night's "Jeopardy" episode, Watson, the IBM supercomputer, steamrolled to a commanding lead over his human competitors.

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# Today

- Homework 1 Correction
- Debugging (from Lecture 8)
- C Preprocessor

# Conditional Assignment

- Another way of embedding `if - else` in a single statement
- Uses the `? : operators`

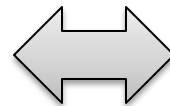
```
variable = ( condition ) ? val1 : val2 ;
```

If condition is **true**, we assign `val1` to variable

If condition is **false**, we assign `val2` to variable

```
int x = 7, y;
```

```
y = ( x > 5 ) ? x : 5;
```



```
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```

```
if( x > 5 ) {  
    y = x;  
}  
else{  
    y = 5;  
}
```

`y = 7`

# The comma operator

- In C statements can also be separated by , not only ;

```
int x = 2;  
int y;
```


```
x++, y = x/3, y += 2;
```

```
int x = 2;  
int y;
```

```
x++;  
y = x/3;  
y = y+2;
```

Be careful with declarations!

```
int x = 2, char c = 'm';
```

 Different types, NO

```
int x = 2, y;
```

 Same type, OK

# The comma operator

Special case, the `for` loop statement

Example: the palindrome word checking. Check if a word is the same when read right to left

```
int i, flag = 1;

char word[100] = "radar";

for( i=0 , j=strlen(word)-1 ; i < strlen(word)/2 ; i++ , j-- ) {

    if( word[i] != word[j] ) {
        flag = 0;
        break;
    }
}
```

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        flag = 0;
        break;
    }
}
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                conditions
            _____
```



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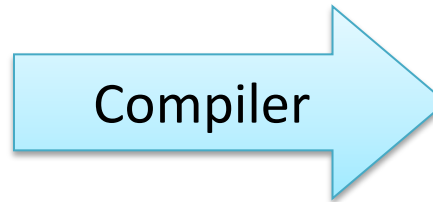
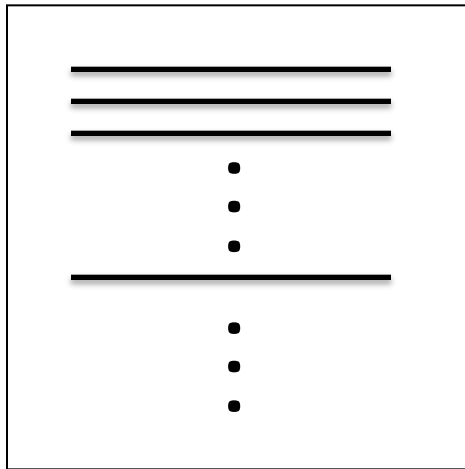
- **Header files**
- **Macros**

Independent from C itself, it's basically a text editor that modifies your code before compiling

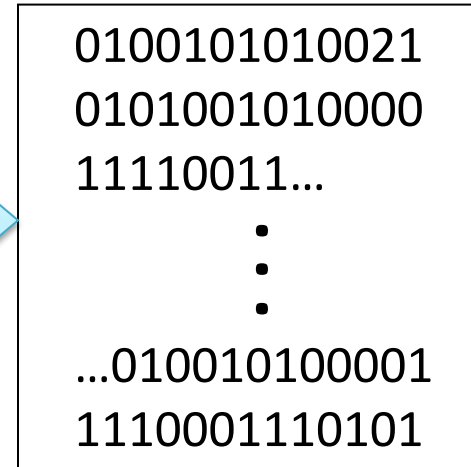
Preprocessor statements begin with **#** and do **not** end with **;**

# C Preprocessor

myFile .c (program)

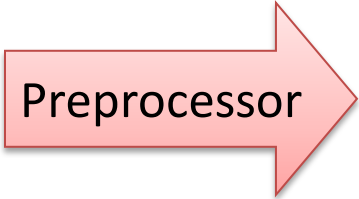
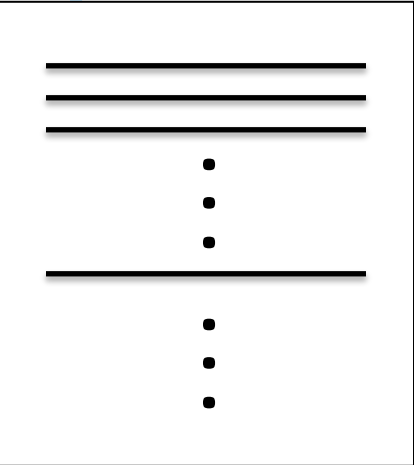


myFile (executable)

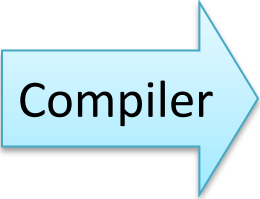
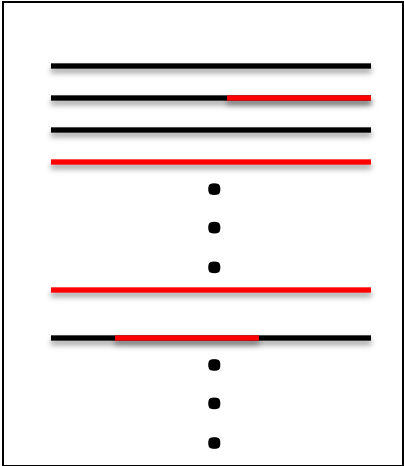


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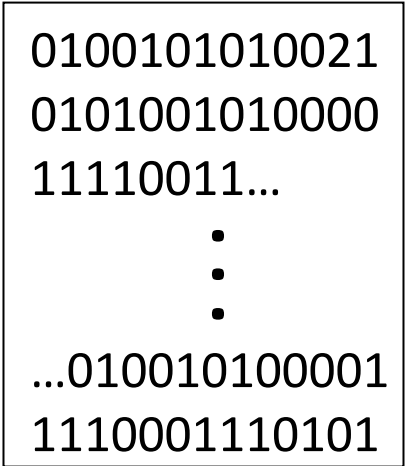
myFile.c (program)



myFile.c  
(preprocessor code)



myFile (executable)



# View Preprocessor Code

**gcc** has a special option that allows to run only the preprocessor

```
gcc -E myFile.c
```

We can send output to a file using the UNIX **>** operator

```
gcc -E myFile.c > outFile.txt
```

Saves gcc's output to outFile.txt

# Header files

- Header files are fundamentally libraries
- Their extension is .h
- They contain function definitions, variables declarations, macros
- In order to use them, the preprocessor uses the following code

```
#include <nameOfHeader.h>
```

→ For standard C libraries

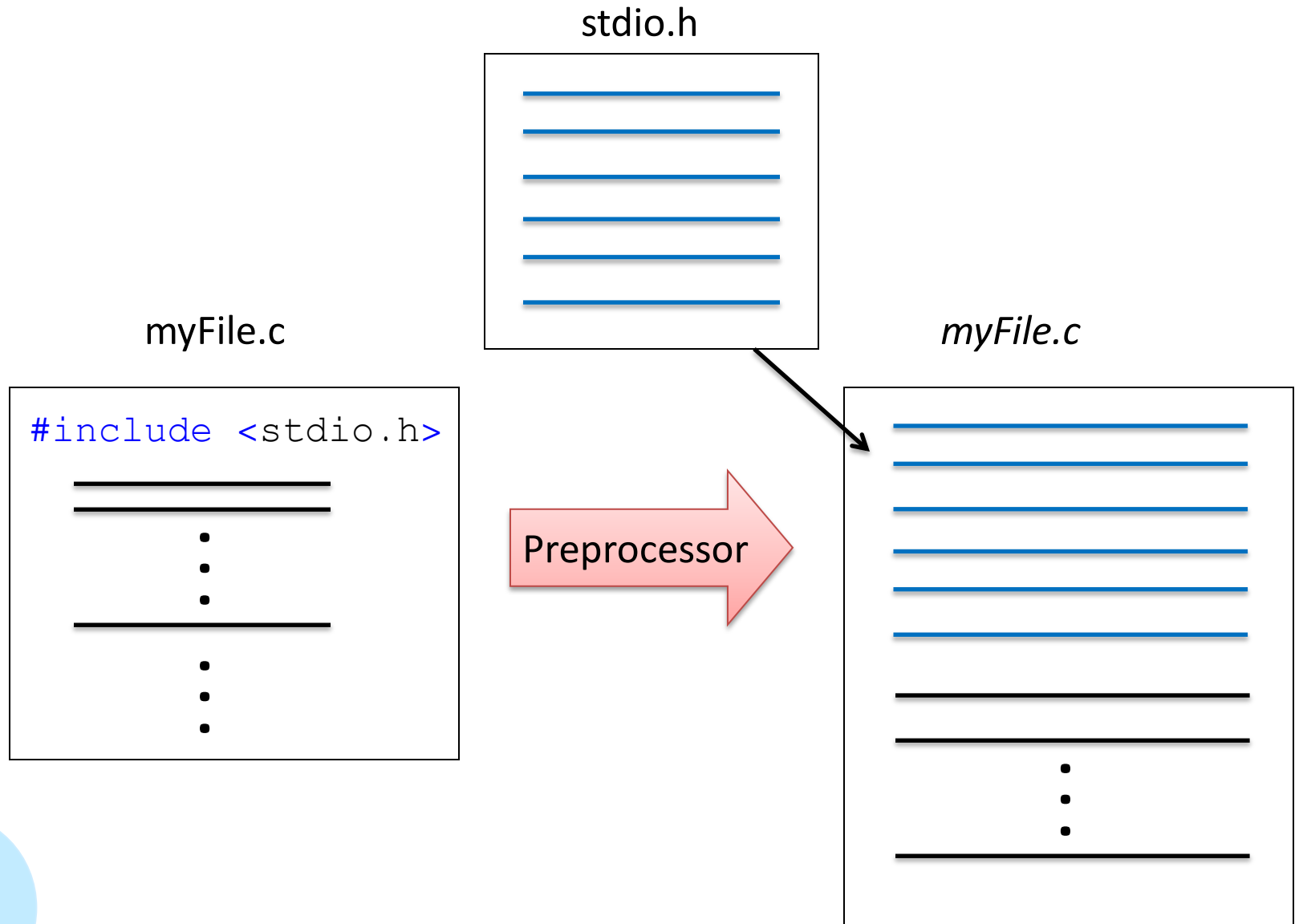
```
#include "nameOfHeader.h"
```

→ For user defined headers

- So far, we have used predefined C header files, but we can create our own! (more on this in upcoming Lectures)



# Header files



# Macros

- A **macro** is a piece of code **c** which has been given a name **n**
- Every time we use that **n** in our program, it gets replaced with **c**
- The preprocessor allows you to declare them with **#define**
- Two types:
  - Object-like macros
  - Function-like macros

# Object like macros

- Constants, usually defined on top of programs

```
#define name text_to_substitute
```

```
#define SIZE 10
```

```
#define FOR_ALL for( i=0; i< SIZE; i++ )
```

# Object like macros

```
#define SIZE 10  
  
/* main function */  
int main()  
{  
  
    int arr[SIZE];  
  
    return(0);  
}
```

From now on, every time we write SIZE inside our program it is going to be replaced by 10

# Object like macros

- Some compilers do not allow you to declare arrays with a variable as size

```
int size1 = 10;  
int arr1[size1]; /* should always cause error */
```

```
const int size2=10;  
int arr2[size2]; /* causes errors in many compilers */
```

```
#define SIZE 10  
int arr3[SIZE]; /* OK in any C compiler */
```

# Function-like macros

- Macros that can take parameters like functions

```
#define SQR(x) ((x) * (x))
```

```
#define MAX(x, y) ((x) > (y) ? (x) : (y))
```

- Parameters **MUST** be included in parentheses in the macro name, without spaces
- It is a good habit to include parameters in parentheses also in the text to be substituted

# Conditional Compilation

- Allows to use or not certain parts of a program based on definitions of macros

`#ifdef var` if `var` is defined, consider the following code

`#ifndef var` if `var` is not defined, consider the following code

`#else`

`#endif` close `if(n)def`

`#undef var` undefine `var` (opposite of `#define`)

# Conditional Compilation

```
#define DEBUG
      :
      :
#ifdef DEBUG

printf("The value of x is %d\n", x);

#endif
```

If `DEBUG` was defined earlier in the program, then the statement `printf(...);` is considered, otherwise the preprocessor does not copy it to the file to be compiled



# COMSW 1003-1

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# Announcements

Change in Office Hours this week

1 hour Wednesday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, 12pm-1pm

1 hour Saturday, Feb 26<sup>th</sup>, 11am-12pm

# Today

- Preprocessor (from Lecture 9)
- Advanced C Types

# Advanced Types - Struct

- Arrays group variables of the **same** type
- Structs group variables of **different** types

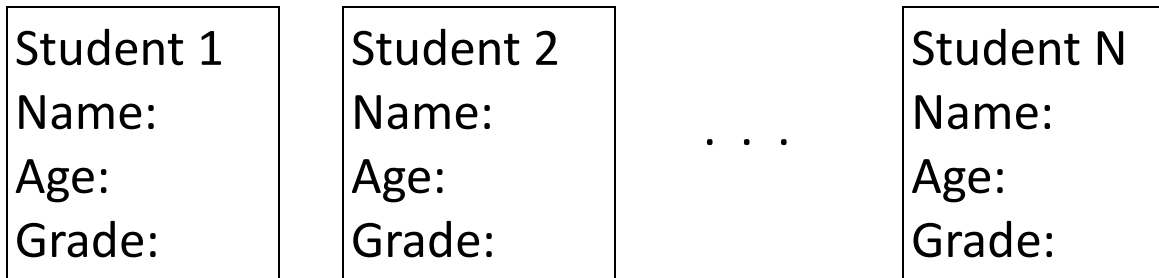
Struct definition

```
struct structName {  
  
    fieldType fieldNameval1;  
    fieldType fieldNameval2;  
    :  
    fieldType fieldNamevalN;  
};
```

Once we define the struct, we can use `structName` as if were a type, to create variables!

# Advanced Types - Struct

Example: we want to build a database with the name, age and grade of the students in the class



```
struct student {  
    char name[100];  
    int age;  
    double grade;  
};  
  
struct student st1;
```

st1 is a variable of  
type struct!

# Advanced Types - Struct

In order to access struct fields, we need to use the `.` operator

st1.age is a variable of type `int`, I can use it as a regular variable !

```
struct student {  
    char name[100];  
    int age;  
    double grade;  
};  
  
struct student st1, st2;  
  
st1.age = 3;  
st2.age = st1.age - 10;
```

# Advanced Types - Struct

We can initialize a struct variable at declaration time, just like with arrays

```
struct student {  
    char name[100];  
    int age;  
    double grade;  
};
```

```
struct student st1 = {"mike", 22, 77.4};
```

The initialization fields must be consistent with the fields types !

↑                    ↑                    ↑  
char                int                double  
|                    |                    |

# Advanced types - Typedef

**typedef** is used to define a new type

```
typedef type nameOfNewType;
```

```
typedef int myInt;
```

```
myInt c = 3;
```



C is of type `myInt`, which is equivalent to `int`

```
typedef int myIntArray[7];
```

```
myIntArray arr;
```



arr is of type `myIntArray`, which is equivalent to an array of 7 `int`

```
for(c=0; c<7; c++){  
    arr[c] = 1;  
}
```



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};  
  
typedef struct student stud;  
stud st1, st2;  
  
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```

# Advanced Types - Union

- Similar to struct, but all fields share same memory
- Same location can be given many different field names

```
struct value{  
    int    iVal;  
    float fVal;  
};
```



```
union value{  
    int    iVal;  
    float fVal;  
};
```



We can use the fields of the union only one at a time!



# Advanced Types - Enum

- Designed for variables containing only a limited set of values
- Defines a set of **named integer constants**, starting from 0

```
enum name{ item1, item2, ... , itemN};
```

```

                0         1         2         3         4         5         6
enum dwarf { BASHFUL, DOC, DOPEY, GRUMPY, HAPPY, SLEEPY, SNEEZY};

enum dwarf myDwarf = SLEEPY;

myDwarf = 1 + HAPPY;    // myDwarf = SLEEPY = 5;

int x = GRUMPY + 1;    // x = 4;

printf("dwarf %d\n",BASHFUL); // `dwarf 0'
```

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double computeCirc( const double r, const double PI){  
    r++; PI++;             
    return(2 * r * PI);  
}  
  
/* main function */  
int main(){  
    const double PI = 3.14;  
  
    double r = 5, circ, circ2;  
  
    circ = 2 * PI * r;  
    circ2 = computeCirc(r, PI);  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

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    circ = 2 * PI * r;  
    circ2 = computeCirc(r, PI);  
  
    return 0;  
}
```



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# Announcements

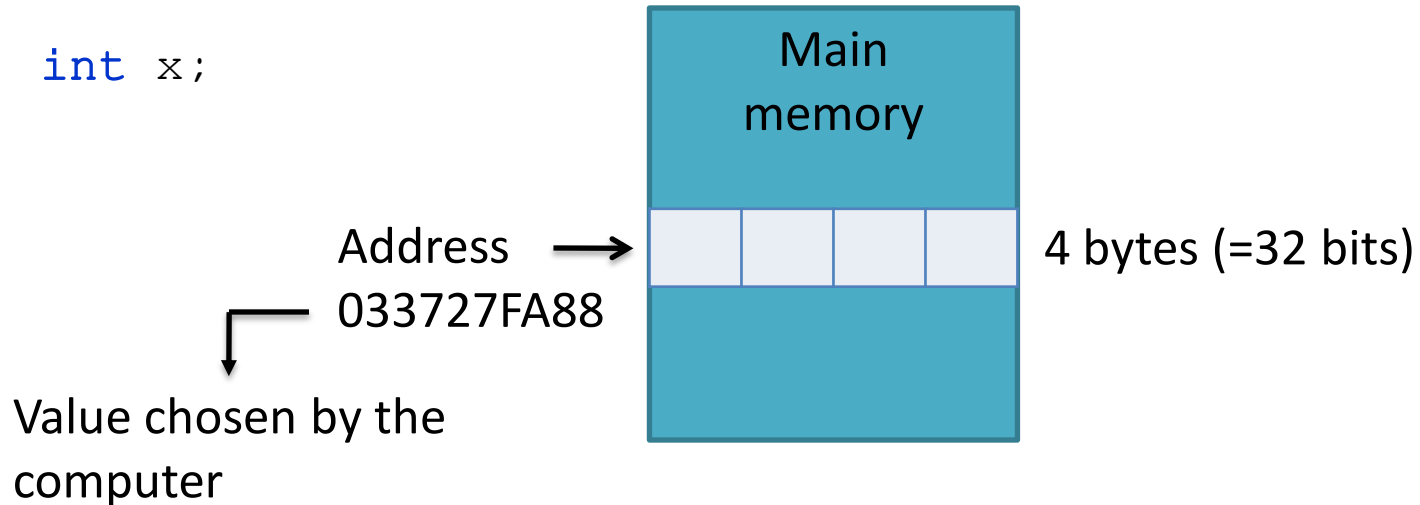
- Grades for Homework 1 posted on Coursewors
- Homework 2 is due next Monday at the beginning of class
- Bring the printout to class!

# Pointers

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Remember what happens when we declare a variable:  
the computer allocates memory for it.

```
int x;
```

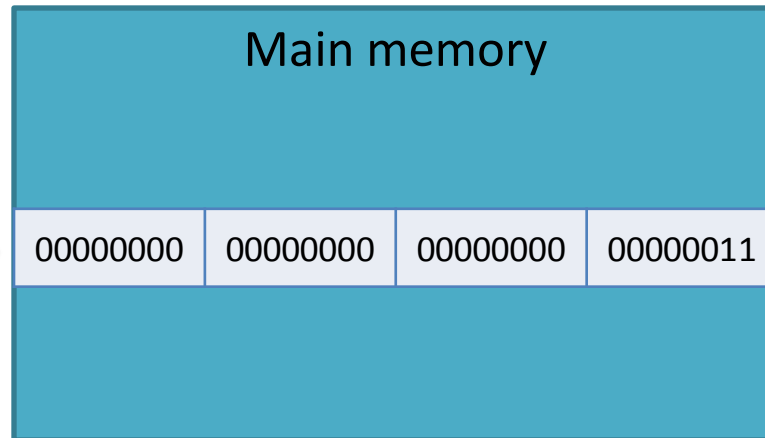


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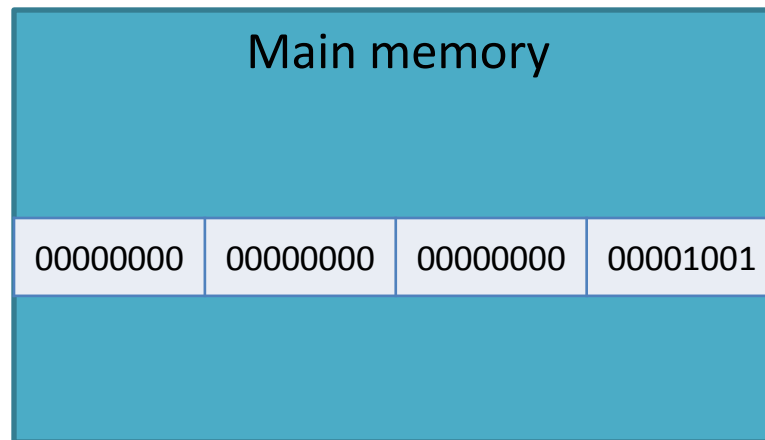
When we assign a value to a variable, the computer stores that value at the address in memory that was previously allocated for that variable.

```
int x;  
x = 3;
```

Address →  
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```
x *= 3; // x = 9
```



# Pointers

Pointers are variables for memory addresses.

They are declared using the `*` operator.

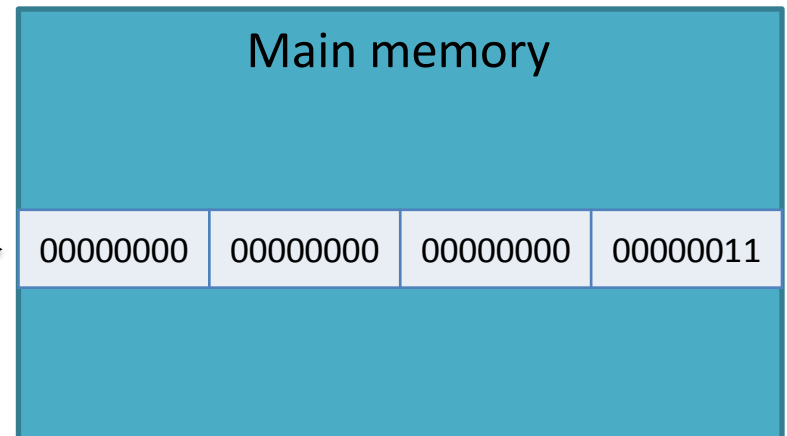
They are called pointers because they **point to the place in memory** where other variables are stored.

How can we know what the address in memory of a variable is?  
The `&` operator.

```
int x;  
x = 3;
```

```
int *y;
```

```
y = &x;
```



# Pointers - Syntax

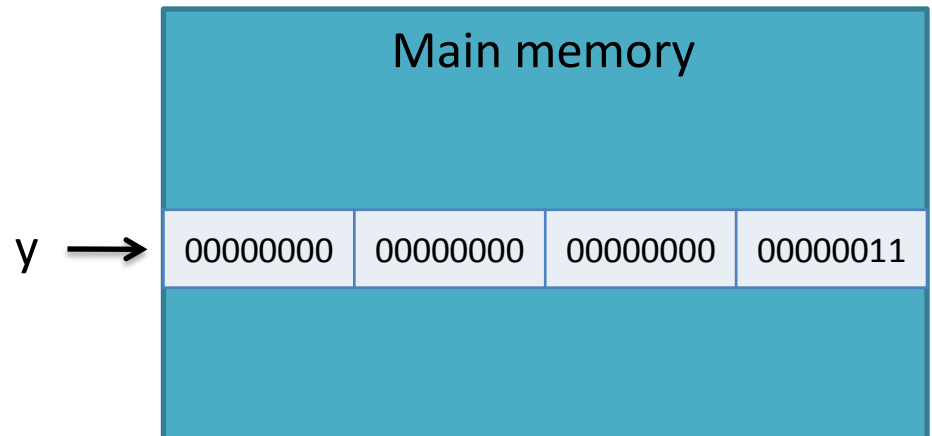
When we declare a pointer, we must specify the type of variable it will be pointing to

```
type *ptrName;
```

If we want to set a pointer to point to a variable, we must use the **&** operator

```
ptrName = &varName;
```

```
int x;  
x = 3;  
  
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# Pointers : operators \* and &

\* **dereference operator** : gives the value in the memory pointed by a pointer (returns a value)

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```

```
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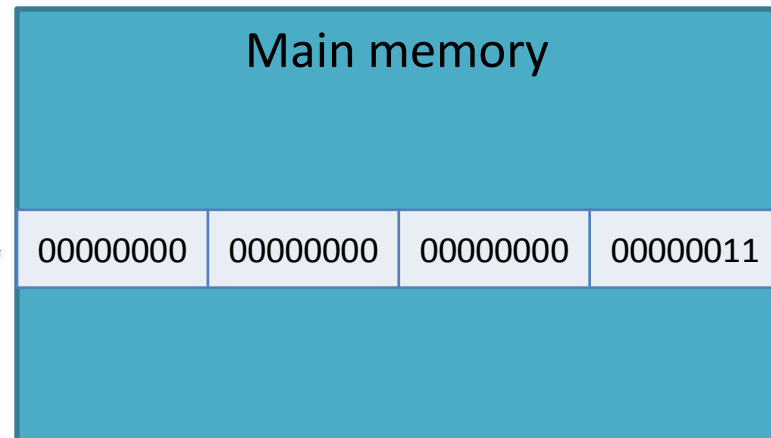
```
ptr = &x;
```

```
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Code	Meaning
<code>x</code>	Variable of type <b>int</b>
<code>ptr</code>	<b>Pointer</b> to an element of type <code>int</code>
<code>&amp;x</code>	Pointer to <code>x</code>
<code>*ptr</code>	Variable of type <code>int</code>

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```

```
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```

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```
&x
```

```
*ptr
```

X

```
&ptr // pointer to a pointer
```

```
*x // x is not a pointer
```

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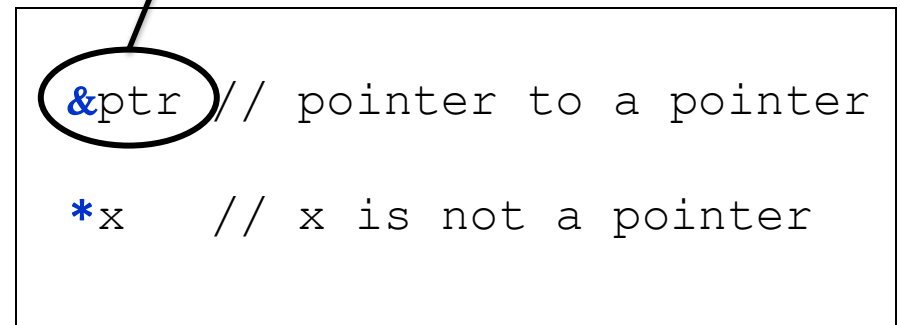
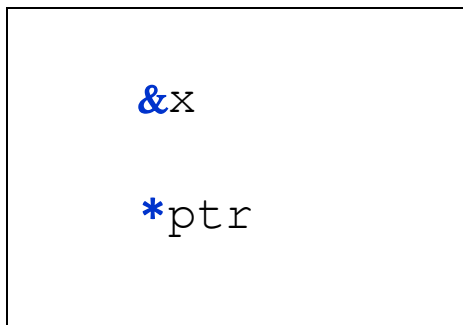
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```

This is weird but actually ok,  
we will see its meaning later

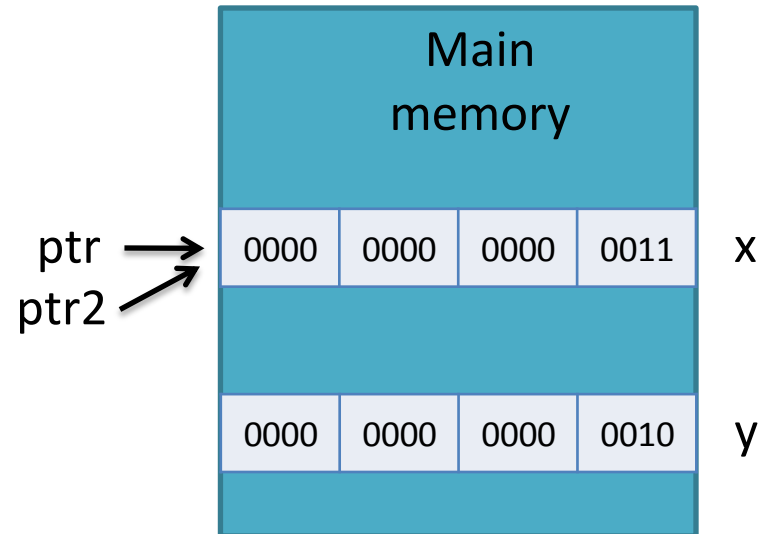
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Multiple pointers can point to the same address

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int *ptr2 = ptr;
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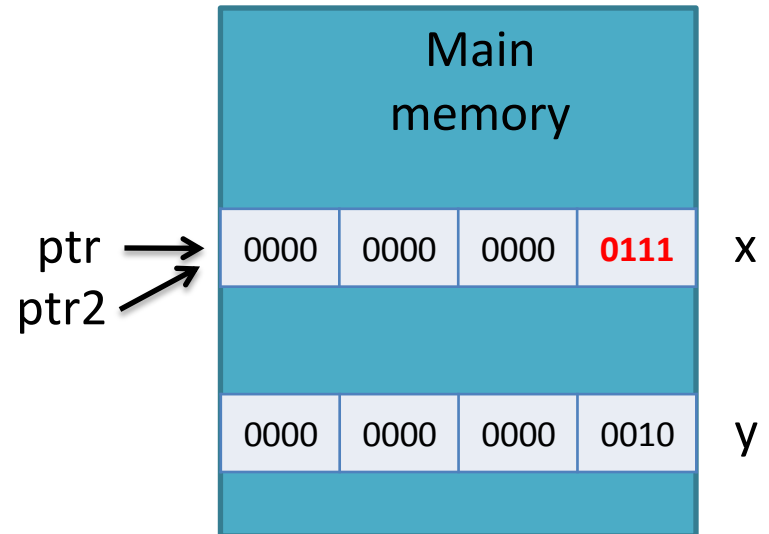


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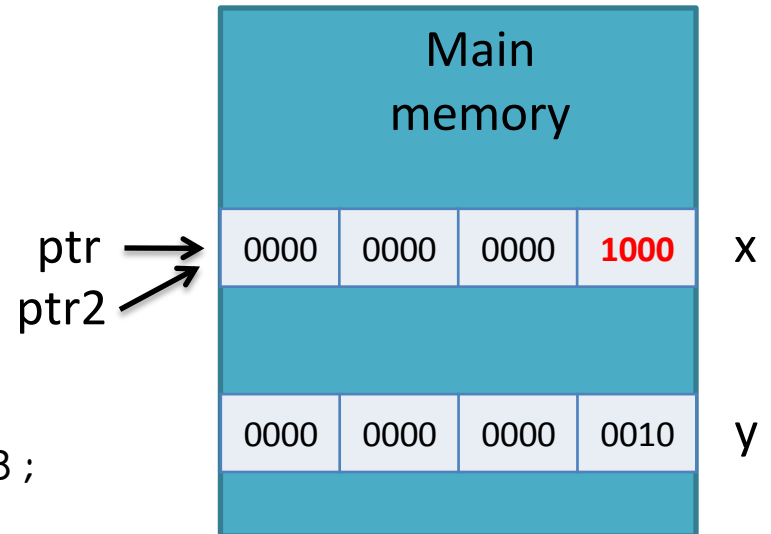
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```

```
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```
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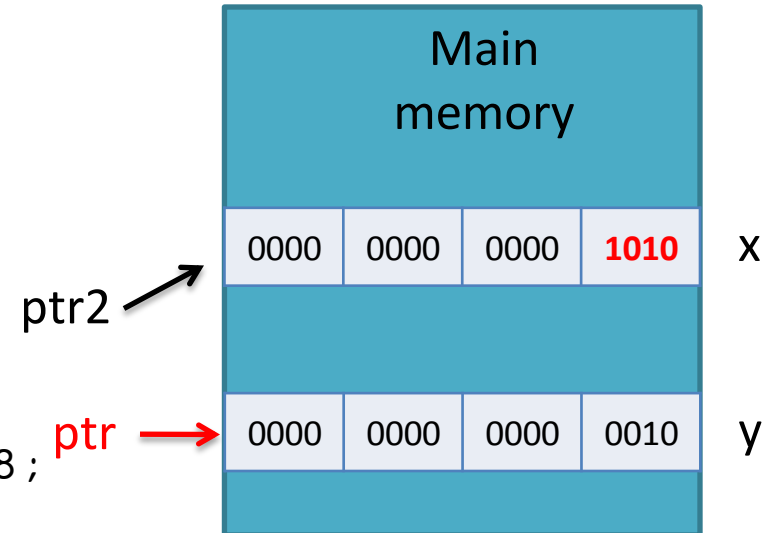
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```
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```

```
*ptr2 = 10; // x = 10;
```



Ptr2 is still pointing to x,  
even if ptr changed

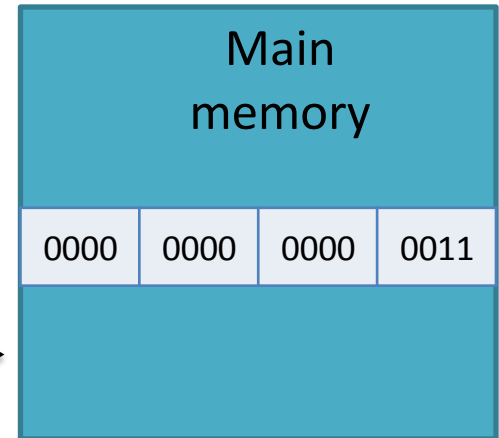
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Be careful when using incremental operators!

```
int x = 3;  
  
int *ptr = &x;  
  
*ptr++; // x = ?
```



ptr →



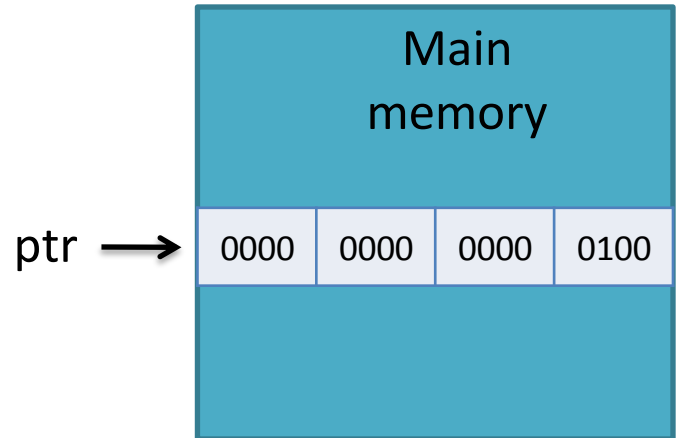
In this case I am incrementing `ptr`, NOT the value of the variable pointed by it!



# Pointers

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(*ptr)++; // x = 4;
```



# Pointers and Arrays

- When set a pointer to an array, the pointer points to the **first element** in the array

```
float arr[3] = {1, 2, 5};  
float *pa;
```

```
pa = arr;  
pa = &arr[0];
```

} These two notations are equivalent

- C automatically keeps pointer arithmetic in terms of the size of the variable type being pointed to

```
arr[0] ↔ *pa  
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→ Once we have set a pointer to the beginning of one array, we can use it as if it were the array itself!

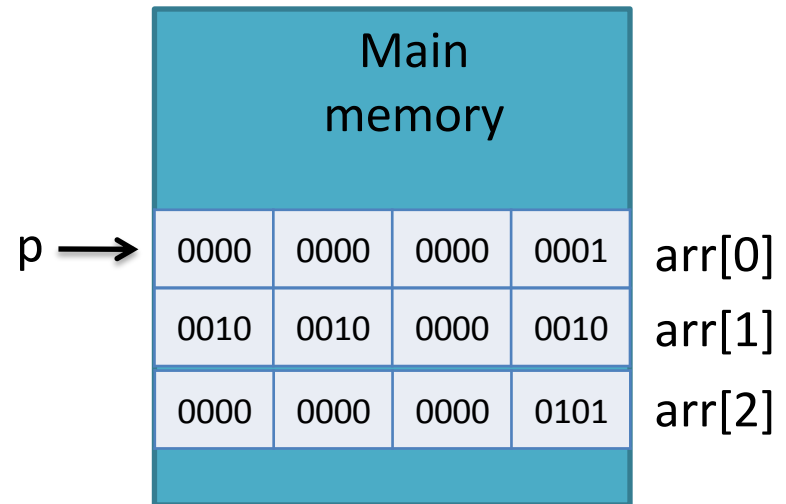
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```
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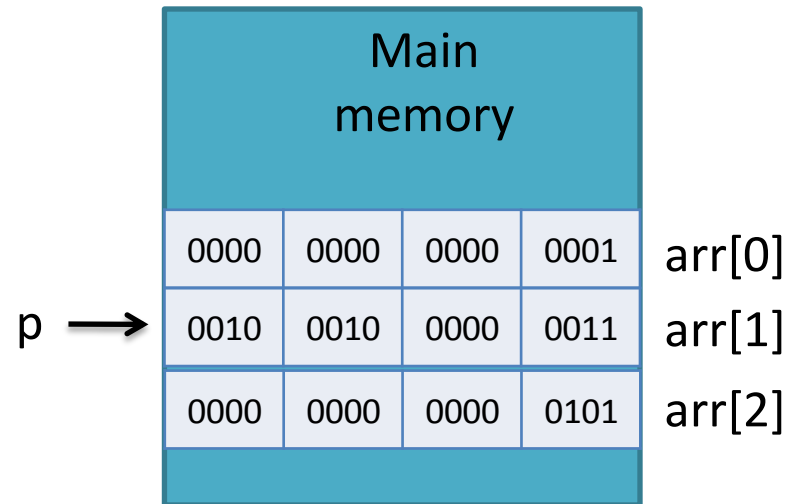
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```

```
p++;
```

```
*p = 3; // arr[1] = 3;
```



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```
float arr[3] = {1, 2, 5};
```

```
float *p = arr;
```

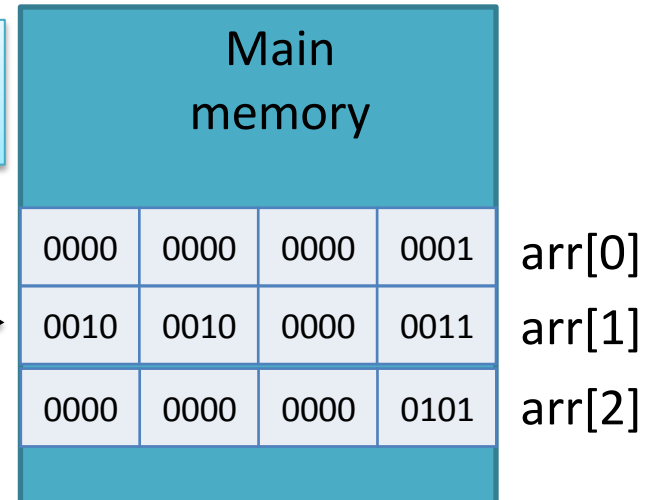
Note that for arrays, we do not need the reference & operator

```
*p = 5; // arr[0] = 5;
```

```
p++;
```

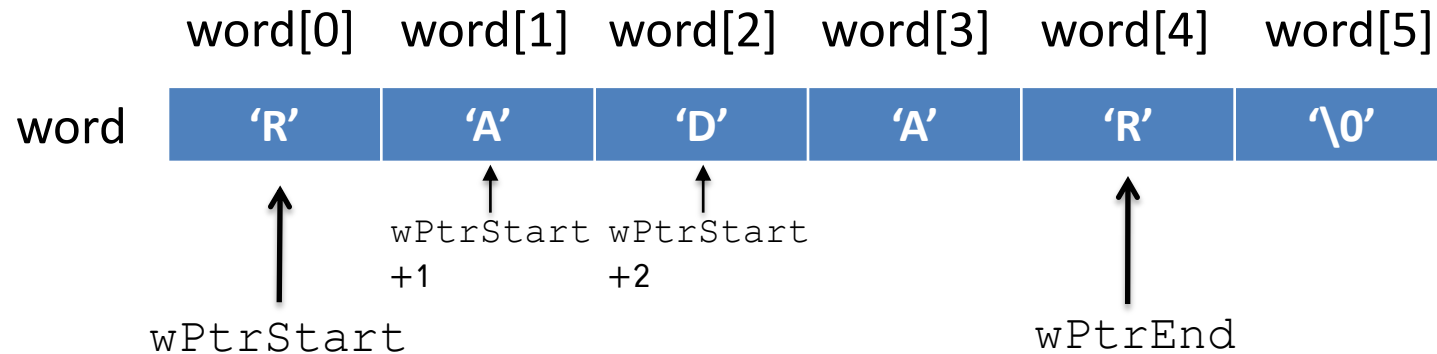
p jumps in memory a block of 4 bytes (size of a float)

```
*p = 3; // arr[1] = 3;
```



Remember: an array is a set of elements of the same type allocated **contiguously** in memory!

# Pointers and Arrays



```
char *wPtrStart = word;
```

```
char *wPtrEnd = wPtrStart + strlen(word) - 1;
```

```
for( i=0 ; (i < strlen(word)/2) && (flag == 1) ; i++ ){
```

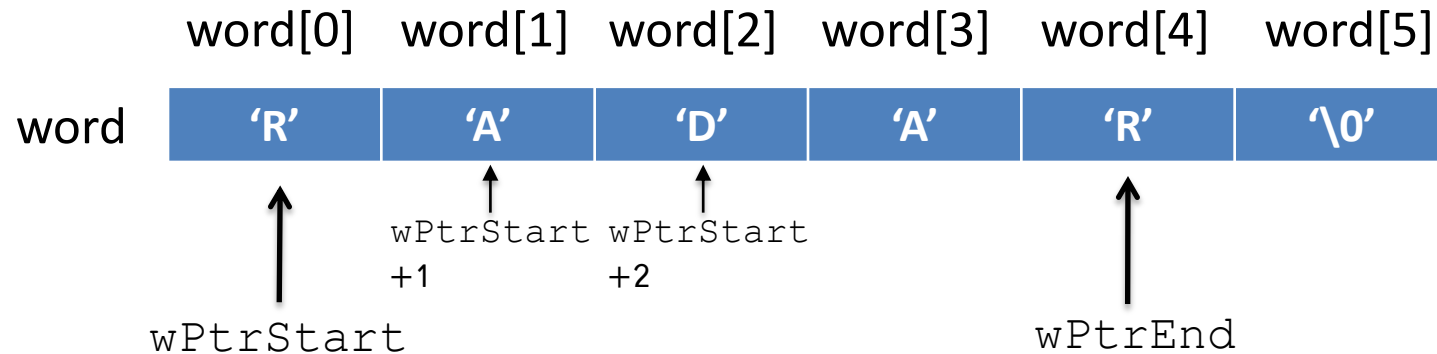
```
    if( *wPtrStart != *wPtrEnd ){
        flag = 0;
    }
```

```
    wPtrStart++;
```

```
    wPtrEnd--;
```

```
}
```

# Pointers and Arrays



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    }
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```
    wPtrStart++;
    wPtrEnd--;
```

```
}
```

When we increment or decrement,  
the pointers move by 1 byte  
(pointers to char)



# Pointers : operators \* and &

Now we know exactly what happens in sscanf !

```
sscanf( string, "format", &var1, ..., &varN);
```

Pointers to the addresses in memory  
where var1,..,varN are stored !

# Functions

## Passing arguments by value/reference

- Pass by value (what we have seen so far): the value of the variable used at invocation time is copied into a local variable inside the function
- Pass by reference : a pointer to the variable used at invocation time is passed to the function. We can modify the variable's value inside the function

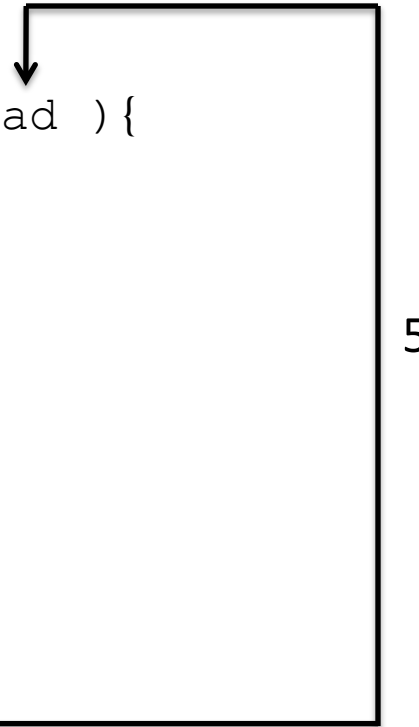
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double computeCirc( double rad ){  
    rad = 2;  
    return(2 * rad * 3.14);  
}
```

```
int main(){  
    double r = 5, circ;  
    circ = computeCirc(r);  
    return 0;  
}
```



# Functions

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double computeCirc( double rad ){  
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    return(2 * rad * 3.14);  
}
```

r is not affected by anything we do inside the function

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int main(){  
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    return 0;  
}
```

# Functions

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```

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    circ = computeCirc(&r);
    return 0;
}
```

Address of r



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double computeCirc( double *rad ){
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    return(2 * (*rad) * 3.14);
}
```

r has been modified!

```
int main(){
    double r = 5, circ;
    circ = computeCirc(&r);
    return 0;
}
```

# COMsW 1003-1

## Introduction to Computer Programming in

Lecture 12

Spring 2011

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# Announcements

## Homework 3 is out

- Due on Monday, 03/21/11 at the beginning of class, no exceptions

## Midterm

- In class on Wednesday, 03/09/11
- Will cover everything up to Lecture 13 (included)
- Open books, open notes
- Closed electronic devices



# Today

- Passing arguments to function by value vs. by reference (from Lec 11)
- Functions returning pointers
- Pointers of pointers

# Functions Returning Pointers

- Naturally, a function can return a pointer
- This is a way to return an array, but must be **careful** about what has been **allocated** in memory

```
returnType * functionName( parameters )
```

## NOTE

**NULL** is the equivalent of zero for pointers

# Functions Returning Pointers

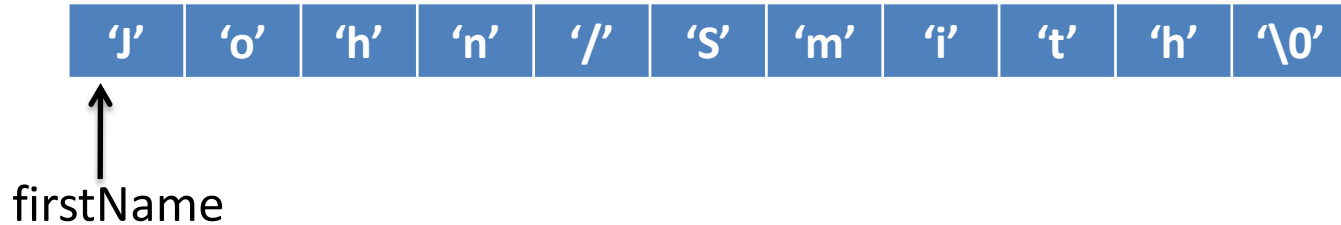
Example: using pointers to return a string

Given a string of the type “firstName/lastName”

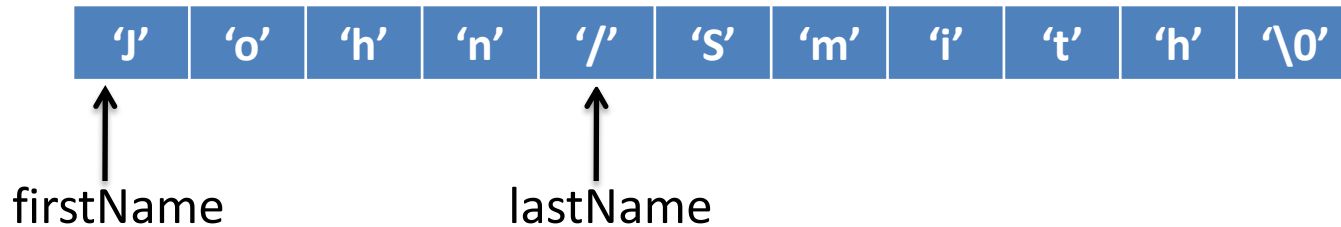
We want to split it into two separate entities to print

# Functions Returning Pointers

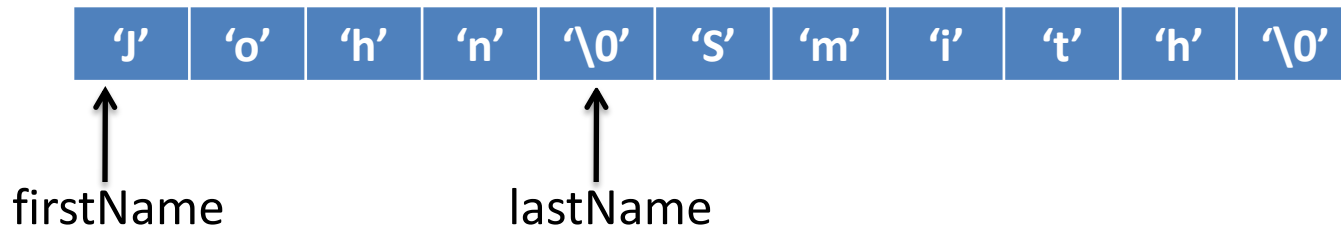
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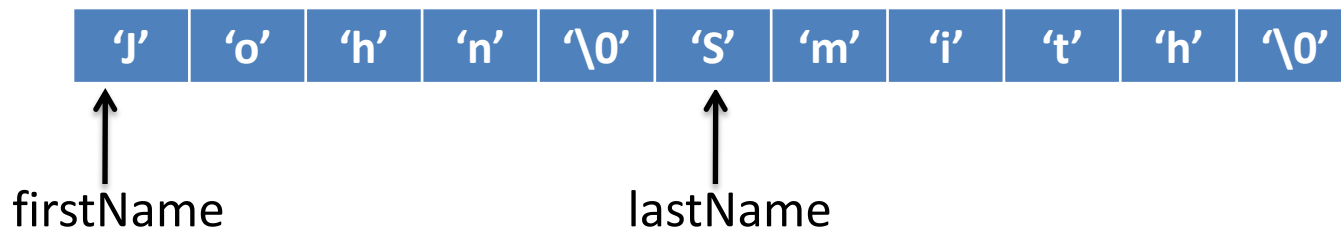
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POINT 3



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# Const pointers

```
const type *
```

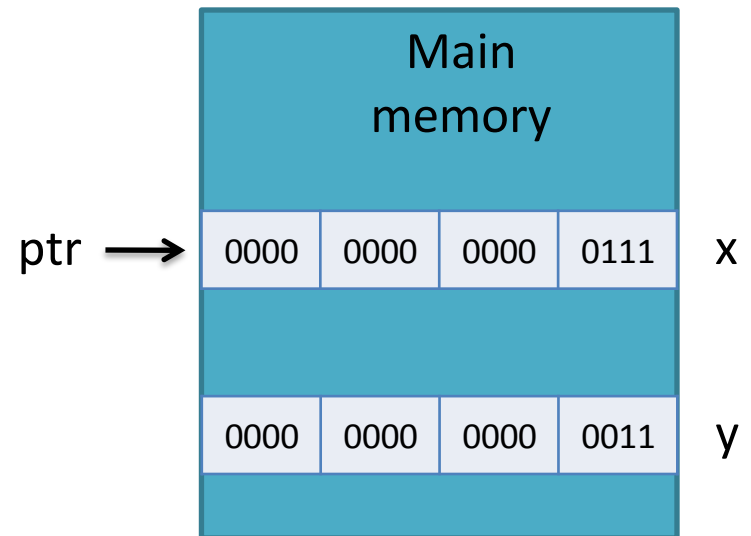
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This does NOT mean that the pointer is constant, it can be changed!

```
int x = 7, y = 3;
```

```
const int *ptr = &x;
```

```
*ptr = 11;
```



# Const pointers

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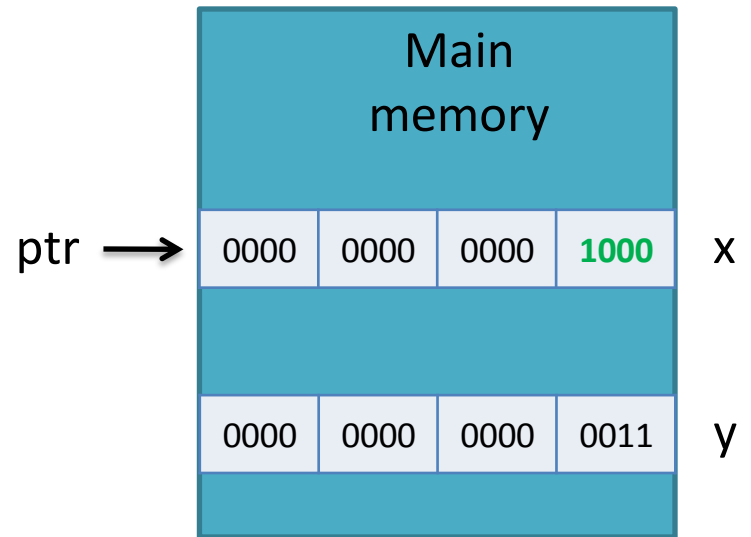
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```

```
x = 8; ✓
```



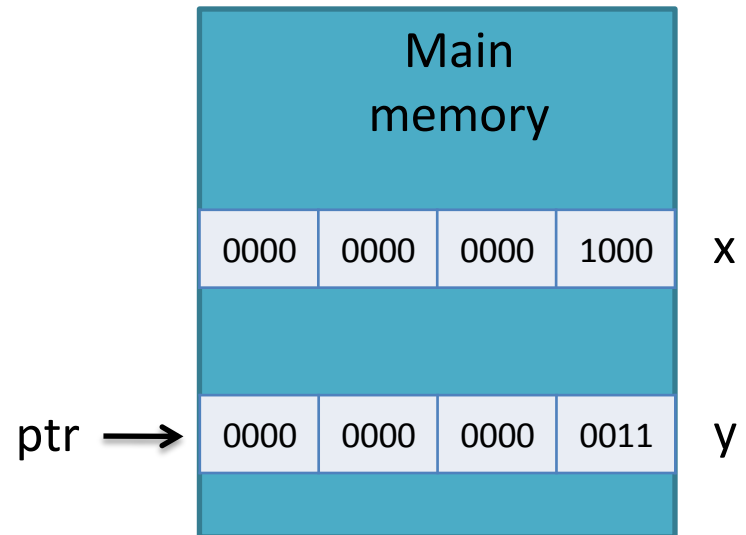
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x = 8; ✓  
  
ptr = &y; ✓
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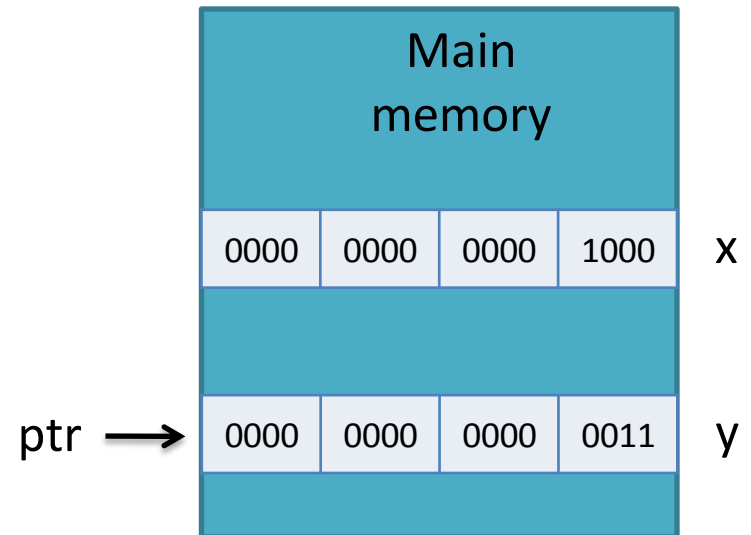
```
*ptr = 11; ✗
```

```
x = 8; V
```

```
ptr = &y; V
```

```
*ptr = 9; ✗
```

```
printf("x = %d, y = %d\n", x, *ptr);
```





# Const pointers

```
type * const
```

This is the declaration of a constant pointer. In this case, the pointer is fixed, but the value at the address it points to can be modified

```
int x = 7, y = 3;
```

```
int * const ptr2 = &x;
```

```
*ptr2 = 9; V
```

```
ptr2++; X
```

```
ptr2 = &y; X
```



```
printf("x = %d, x = %d\n", x, *ptr2);
```

# Arrays of strings

- An array `Arr` of 3 strings of variable length

```
char *Arr[3]={ "Hello", "World", "Wonderful" };
```

```
Arr[2] ↔ Arr+2 // "Wondeful"
```

- `Arr` is an array of **3** elements. Each element in `Arr` is of type **pointer to char**.



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```

- An array `Arr` of 3 strings of maximum length = 15

```
char Arr2[3][15] = { "Hello2", "World2", "Wonderful2" };
```

```
Arr2[0] ↔ Arr2 // "Hello2"
```

```
Arr2[1] ↔ Arr2+1 // "World2"
```

# Pointers of pointers

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Arr										
0	'H'	'e'	'l'	'l'	'o'	'\0'				
1	'W'	'o'	'r'	'l'	'd'	'\0'				
2	'W'	'o'	'n'	'd'	'e'	'r'	'f'	'u'	'l'	'\0'

Arr2															
0	'H'	'e'	'l'	'l'	'o'	'2'	'\0'								
1	'W'	'o'	'r'	'l'	'd'	'2'	'\0'								
2	'W'	'o'	'n'	'd'	'e'	'r'	'f'	'u'	'l'	'2'	'\0'				
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14

# Pointers of pointers

- A pointer can point to another pointer
- In a sense, it's the equivalent of matrices!

```
int x = 3;
```

```
int *p = &x;
```

```
int **p2 = &p;
```

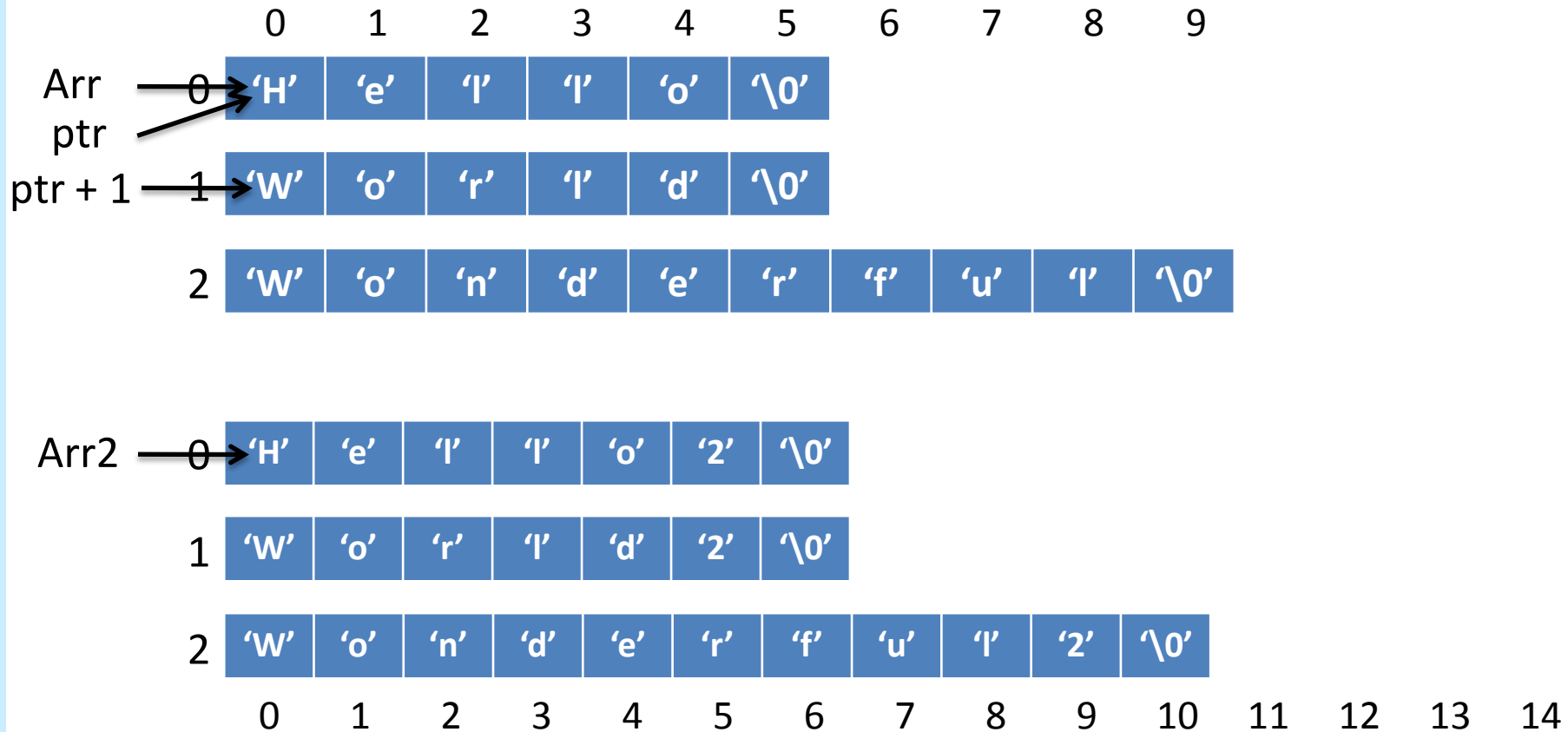
```
x = 2;   ↔   *p = 2;   ↔   **p2 = 2;
```

```
char *Arr[3]={ "Hello", "World", "Wonderful" };
```

```
char **ptr;
```

```
ptr = Arr;
```

# Pointers of pointers



# Pointers of pointers

stringArrays.c

```
char *Arr[3]={ "Hello", "World", "Wonderful" };  
char **ptr;  
ptr = Arr;
```

`*(*(ptr+1)+2)`

?

# Pointers of pointers

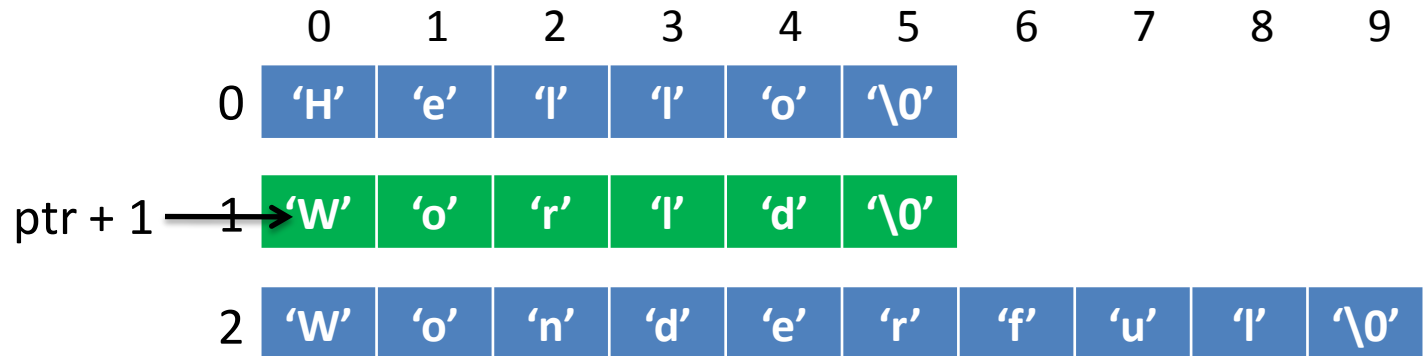
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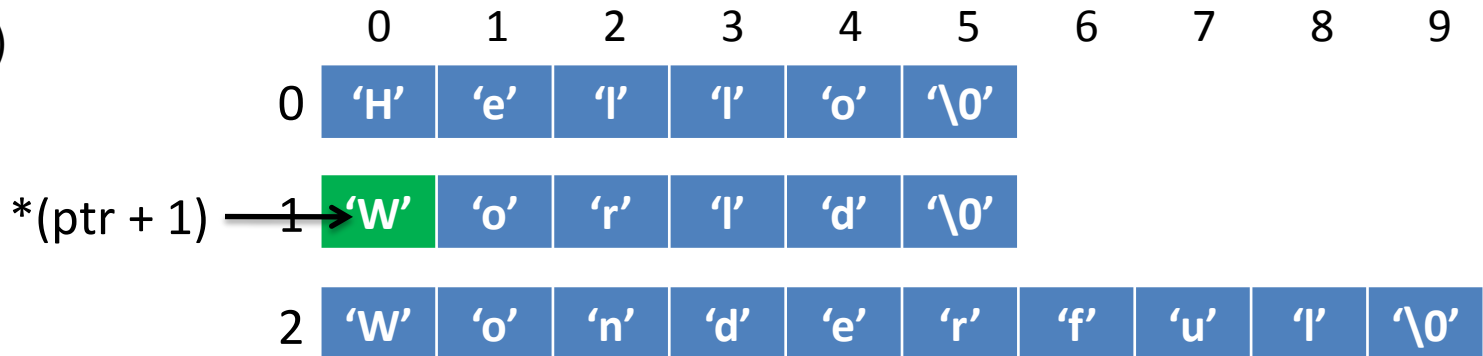
1. `ptr+1`

`ptr+1` points to the whole line



2. `*(ptr+1)`

`*(ptr+1)` points to the first element of the line





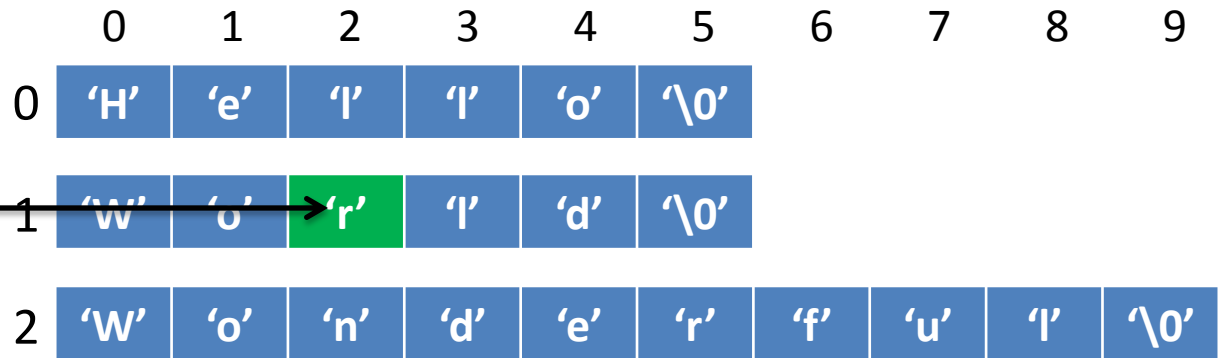
# Pointers of pointers

```
char *Arr[3]={ "Hello", "World", "Wonderful" };  
char **ptr;  
ptr = Arr;
```

`*(*(ptr+1)+2)`

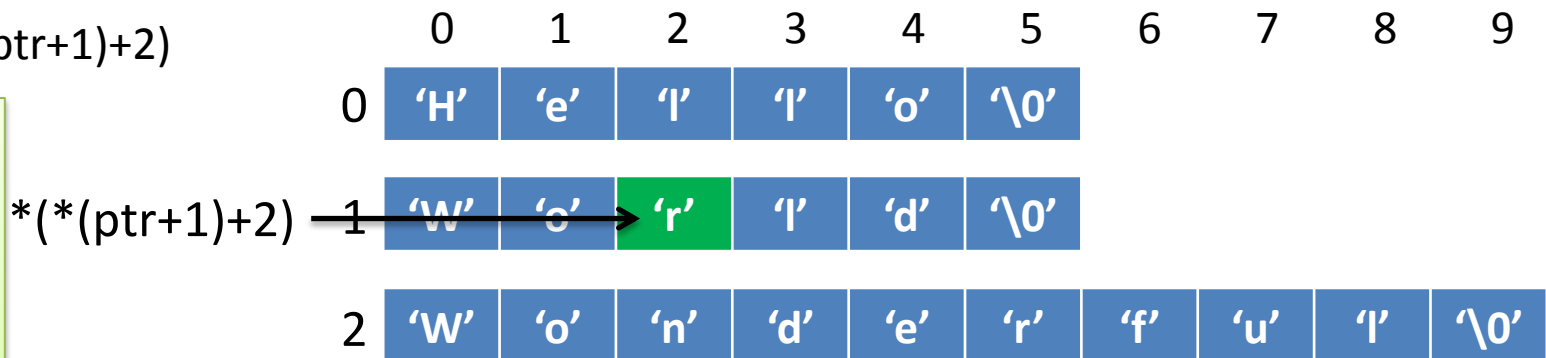
3. `*(ptr+1)+2`

`*(ptr+1)+2`  
points to the  
third element  
of the line



2. `*(*(ptr+1)+2)`

Now we get  
the value  
stored at the  
address we  
point



# Pointers of pointers

stringArrays.c

```
char *Arr[3]={ "Hello", "World", "Wonderful" };  
char **ptr;  
ptr = Arr;
```

`*(*(ptr+1)+2)`

Avoid this notation!  
**ptr[1][2]** is much better!

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	'H'	'e'	'l'	'l'	'o'	'\0'				
1	'W'	'o'	'r'	'l'	'd'	'\0'				
2	'W'	'o'	'n'	'd'	'e'	'r'	'f'	'u'	'l'	'\0'

# Pointers vs. Arrays

## Arrays

## Pointers

1D array of 5 int

```
int x[5];
```



```
int *xPtr;
```

2D array of 6 int  
2x3 matrix

```
int y[2][3];
```



```
int **yPtr;
```

2D array of 4 int  
2x2 matrix

```
int* z[2]={{1,2},{2,1}};
```



```
int **zPtr;
```

1D array of 5 char  
string

```
char c[] = "mike";
```



```
char *cPtr;
```

Space has been allocated in memory for the arrays

Space has been allocated in memory only for the pointers variables, **NOT** for the arrays they will point to.

The DIMENSIONS of the arrays are UNKNOWN

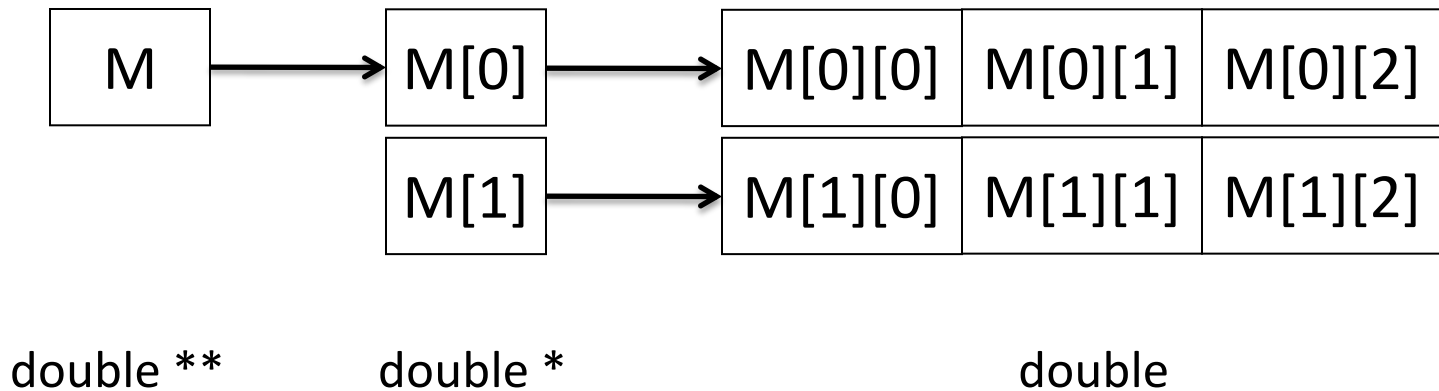
# Multidimensional Arrays

2x3 matrix of double

```
double M0[2][3];
```

```
double *M1[2] = M0;
```

```
double **M = M0;
```



# Multidimensional Arrays

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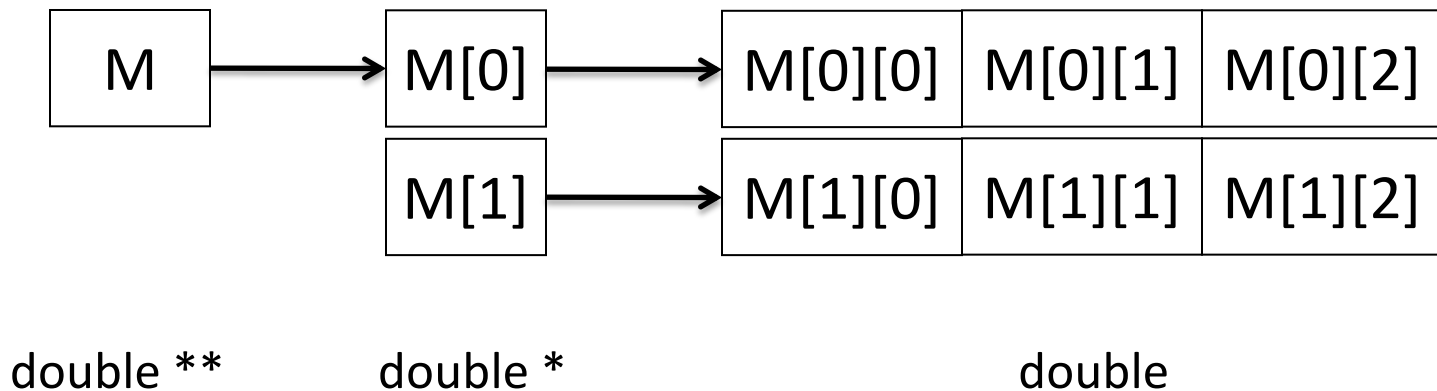
```
double M0[2][3];
```

```
double *M1[2] = M0;
```

```
double **M = M0;
```

The difference between M0, M1 and M is that

**M1 and M can have ANY SIZE !**



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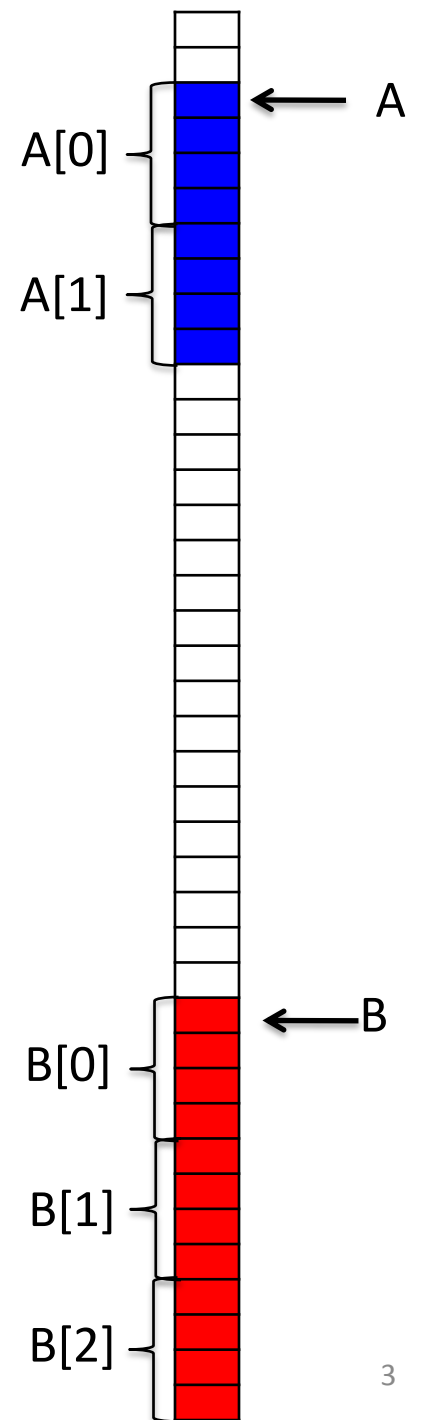


# Today

- Finish pointers (from Lecture 12)
- FILE I/O

# Pointers of pointers

```
float A[2] = { 1, 2 };  
float B[3] = { 7, 1, 5};
```

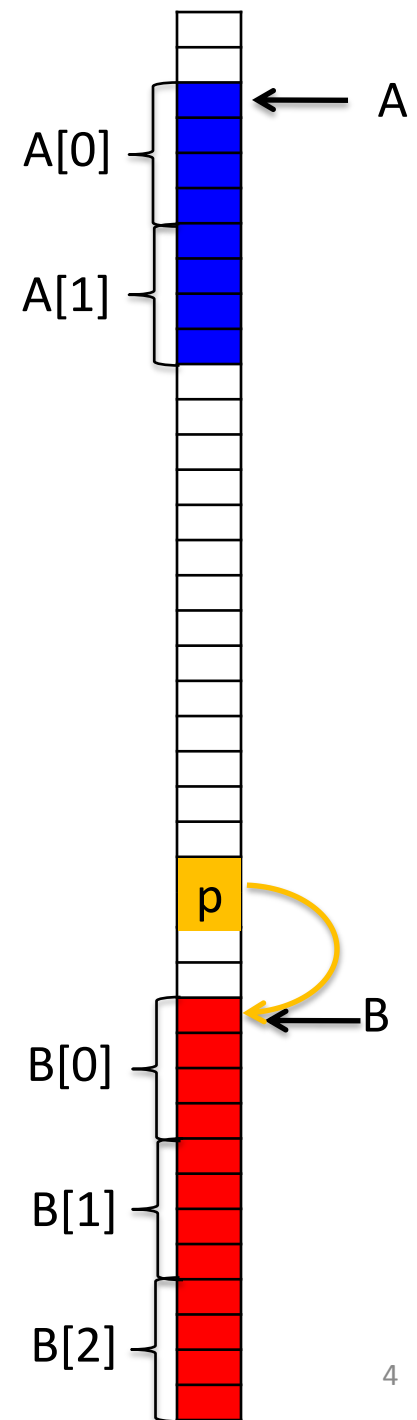




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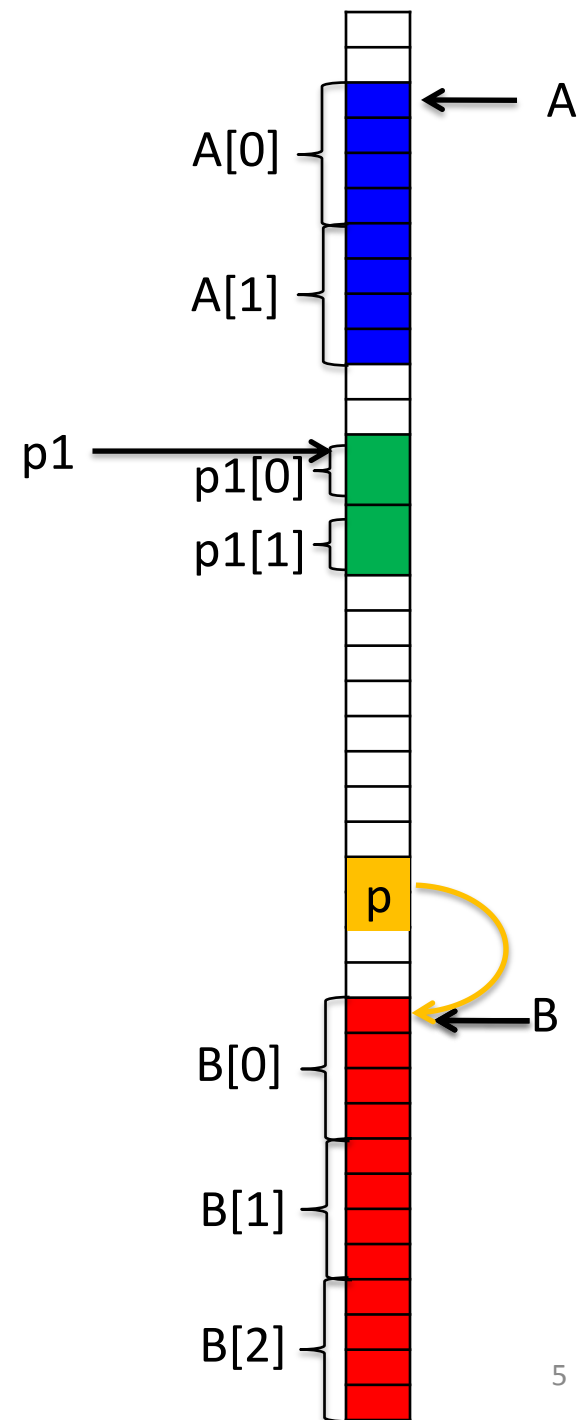


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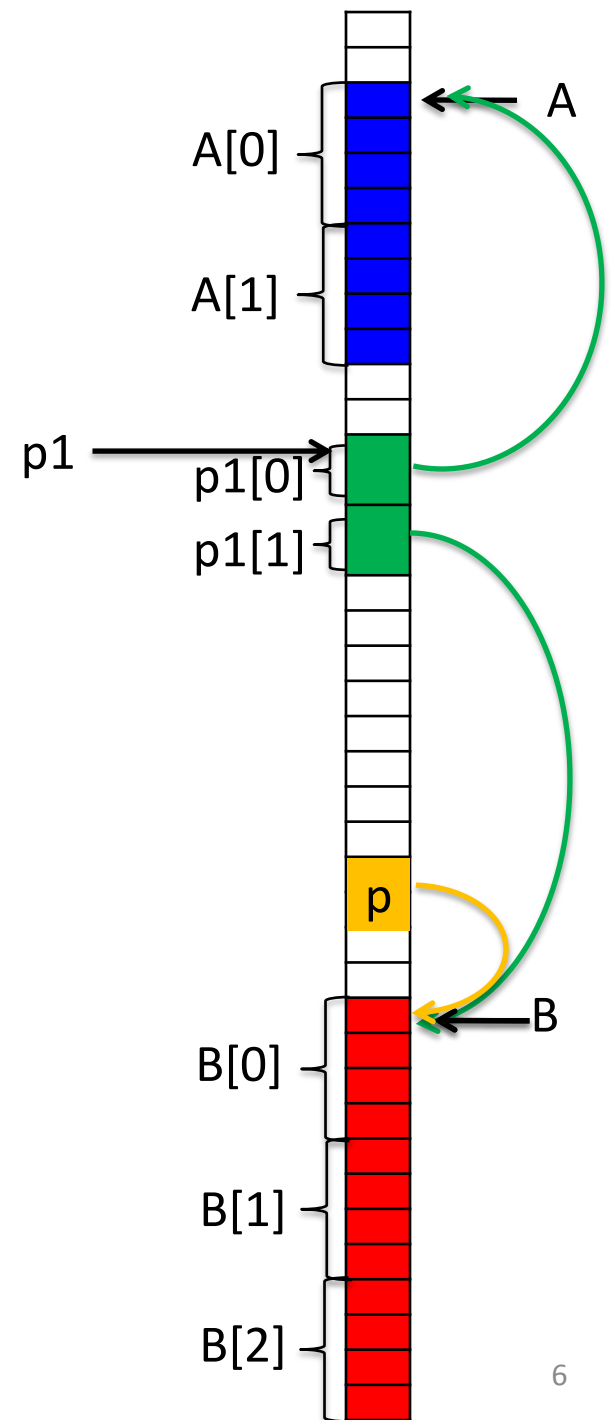


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float A[2] = { 1, 2 };  
float B[3] = { 7, 1, 5};
```

```
float *p = B;
```

```
float *p1[2];  
p1[0] = A; // p1[0] is a pointer to float  
p1[1] = B; // p1[1] is a pointer to float
```



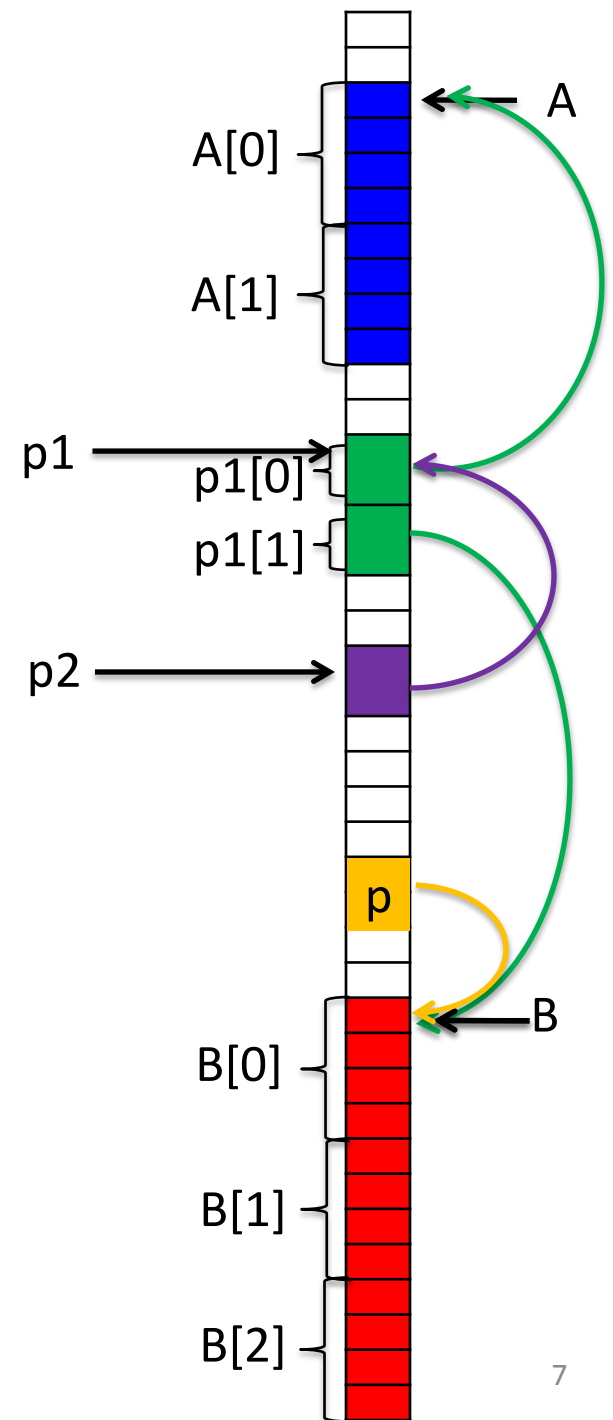
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```
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```

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p1[1] = B;
```

```
float **p2 = p1;
```



# Pointers of pointers

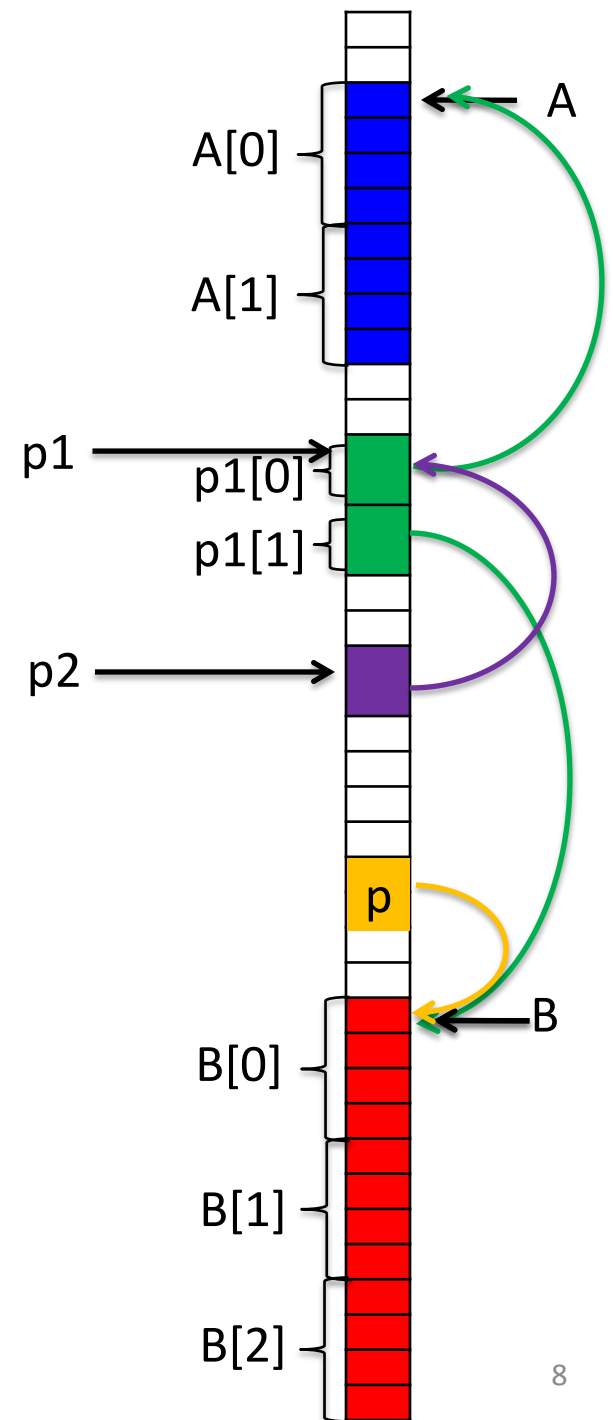
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p1[1] = B;
```

```
float **p2 = p1;
```

```
float f1 = p2[0][2]; // f1 = A[2] = 2  
float f2 = p2[1][2]; // f2 = B[2] = 5  
float f3 = p2[0][1]; // f3 = A[1] = 2
```



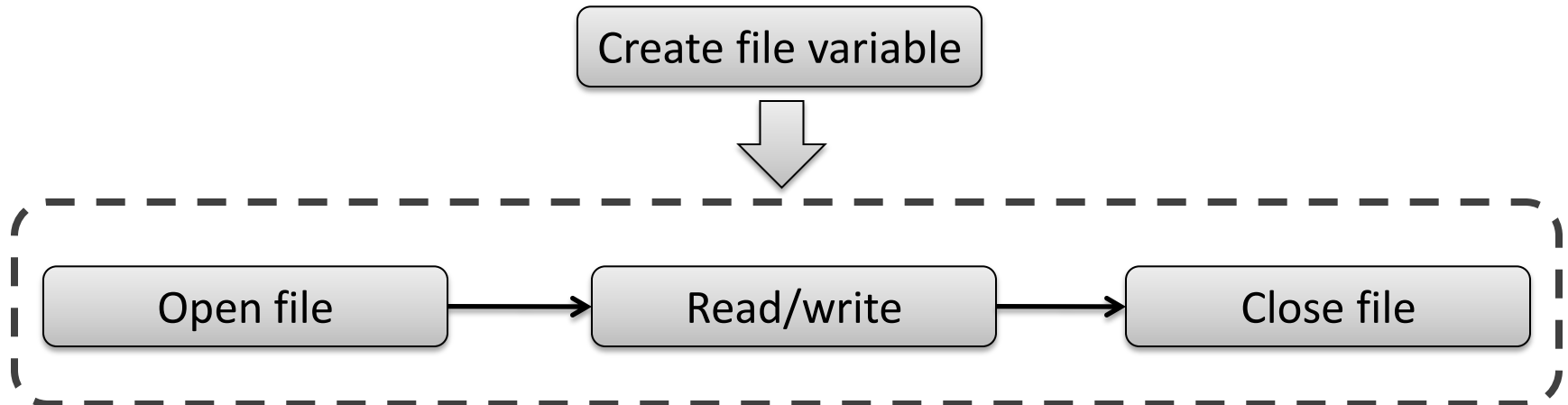
# Files Input/Output

# Files I/O

- So far we have seen functions to read/write to command line (standard input/output)
- The same functions can be used to read/write to files
- (f)printf(), (f)scanf(), fgets()
- All those functions are included in the `<stdio.h>` library

# Files I/O Pipeline

- Files have a special type of variable associated with them:  
`FILE *`
- In order to read/write to a file, we must first OPEN it
- After we are done, we must CLOSE the file





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Create file variable

```
FILE *fVar;
```

Open file

```
fVar = fopen( fileName, mode);
```

Read/write

```
/* read, write or append */
```

Close file

```
fclose(fVar);
```

# fopen()

```
FILE * fopen( char *fileName, char *mode );
```

- `fileName` is a regular string with the name of the file
- `mode` determines the type of I/O we want to do
  - “r” : read
  - “w” : write, `fileName` is created if it did not exist
  - “a” : append, write to existing file, starting at the end
  - “b” : file is binary (associated with other modes, for example “wb” means write binary, “rb” read binary, etc.)
  - “r+” : read and write
  - “w+” : read and write , `fileName` is created if it did not exist
- In case of failure (for example trying to read from a non-existing file) `fopen()` returns NULL

# fclose()

```
int fclose( FILE *fVar );
```

- `fVar` is a file variable ( type `FILE *` )
- `fclose()` returns
  - 0 on success
  - non-zero for error

# Stdin, stdout, stderr

- C provides 3 files (or filestreams) which are always open:
  - `stdin` : standard input, read from command line
  - `stdout` : standard output, write to command line
  - `stderr` : standard error, write to command line
- They are used as default values for various I/O functions

# Read Functions

- `fgetc()` : read a single character

```
int fgetc( FILE *fVar )
```

Returns the special flag EOF if it has reached the end of the file

- `fgets()` : read a string, one line at a time

```
char* fgets( char* string, size_t size, FILE *fVar )
```

Returns `string` if successful, `NULL` is error or found EOF

# Read Functions

- `fscanf()` : read a formatted line

```
int fscanf( FILE *fVar, "format1 ... formatN", &var1, ..., &varN)
```

Reads one line from a file

Returns the number of variables successfully converted

# Write Functions

- `fputc()` : write a single character

```
int fputc( char ch, FILE *fVar )
```

Returns `ch` if successful , the special flag `EOF` if there is an error

- `fputs()` : write a string

```
int fputs ( const char *string, FILE *fVar )
```

Returns a nonzero number if successful, `EOF` if there is an error

# Write Functions

- `fprintf()` : print to file a formatted line

```
int fprintf( FILE *fVar, "format1 .. formatN", var1, ..., varN)
```

Prints one line to a file

Returns the number of variables successfully converted



# Read/Write to Files

- C has an internal **pointer** to the current position in the opened file
- After each read/write operation the pointer is updated

```
FILE *inFile = fopen("data.txt", "r");
```

↓

```
this is a file to read\n
can we do it?\n
2 * 3\n
```

data.txt

```
int ch = fgetc(inFile);
```

```
ch = 't'
```

↓

```
this is a file to read\n
can we do it?\n
2 * 3\n
```

data.txt

# feof()

- feof() checks if we reached the end of a file, without having to use fgetc(), fscanf() etc.

```
int feof( FILE *fVar )
```

Returns a value different from zero if reached end of file ,  
zero otherwise

```
FILE *inFile = fopen( "data.txt" , " r" );
```

```
while(1) {  
  
    int ch = fgetc(inFile);  
  
    if( ch == EOF ){  
        break;  
    }  
}
```

```
while( !feof(inFile) ) {  
  
    int ch = fgetc(inFile);  
  
}
```

# Summary of Functions

Name	Input	Output
fprintf()	formatted text + args	file
printf()	formatted text + args	stdout
sprintf()	formatted text + args	string
fputc(), fputs()	char,string	file
fscanf()	file	formatted text + args
scanf()	stdin	formatted text + args
sscanf()	string	formatted text + args
fgetc(), fgets()	file	(char) int, string

# Buffered Output

- The OS does not write directly to a file stream
- For efficiency, it first prints to a buffer (= local placeholder in main memory)
- When the buffer is full, it prints it all to the file stream
- If we want to write in a specific moment, without buffering, we can use the function `fflush()`

```
int fflush( FILE *fVar )
```

Returns 0 if successful, EOF in the case of error

# Buffered Output

```
printf("starting\n");  
  
do_step1();  
printf("done with 1\n");  
  
do_step2();  
printf("done with 2\n");  
  
do_step3();  
printf("done with 3\n");
```

**e** Prints to buffer, after last printf() prints to stdout

```
printf("starting\n");  
fflush(stdout);  
  
do_step1();  
printf("done with 1\n");  
fflush(stdout);  
  
do_step2();  
printf("done with 2\n");  
fflush(stdout);  
  
do_step3();  
printf("done with 3\n");  
fflush(stdout);
```

After each printf() prints to stdout

# File Formatting

- It is a good habit to create data files with HEADERS, especially when dealing with large amount of data
- HEADERS are one or two lines at the beginning of a file specifying the size of the data and some other info
- With headers, a program knows how to properly read a file

```
VectorTable
```

```
cols      7
```

```
rows      3
```

```
0         2         5         7         8         22        16
```

```
10        66        52        7         8         82         6
```

```
99        1         34        34        87        22        97
```

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# File Formatting

- Ideally, format should be readable by humans and by computer programs
- Computer programs are not very robust, so must be specific (i.e. tab versus spaces)
- When you have huge amounts of data, you can give up on human-readability and use BINARY format for efficiency
- Example: color\_histogram table



# Binary Files

In order to read/write to binary files, we must use the “rb” / “wb” flags in the option of fopen()

```
size_t fread(void *ptr, size_t s, size_t n, FILE *f);
```

```
size_t fwrite(const void *ptr, size_t s, size_t n, FILE *f);
```

- ptr = (pointer) array where we want to store the data we read/  
we want to write
- s = size of each element in the array ptr
- n = number of elements in the array ptr
- f = file to read from/write to

`size_t` is a C type to indicate the size (in bytes) of an element . You can think of it as a special integer.

For example, `sizeof()` returns a variable of type `size_t`

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# Announcements

Homework 4 out on Wednesday, due on Monday April 11th

Homework 3 solution out later today

# Today

- Midterm Solution
- Finish FILE I/O (from Lecture 13)
- C standard libraries

# Midterm Solution

Midterm Solution uploaded to Shared Files in Courseworks

## Midterm Statistics

- Average grade: 72
- Standard deviation: 17

# C Standard Libraries

- C provides a series of useful functions already implemented in standard libraries
- We have already seen some (stdio.h, string.h)
- In order to use the functions in a library, we must include the library header

```
#include <libraryName.h>
```

# C Standard Libraries

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- `stdio.h` : input/output
- `string.h` : functions on strings
- `stdlib.h` : utility functions
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- `assert.h` : diagnostics
- `limits.h` and `float.h` : implementation-defined limits
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# stdio.h

- Standard input and output
- Input/output from command line (keyborad)
  - `fprintf()`, `fgets()`, `sscanf()`
- Input/output from files
  - `FILE`, `fopen()`, `fclose()`

# string.h

## Operations involving strings

```
string s1, s2;  
char c;
```

- `int n = strcmp( s1, s2)` : compare s1 and s2, if(s1==s2) -> n = 0
- `int len = strlen(s1)` : return length of s1
- `char *pc = strchr(s1, c)` : return pointer to first occurrence of c in s1
- `char *ps = strstr(s1, s2)` : return pointer to first occurrence of string s2 in s1, or NULL if not present
- `char *strcpy(s1, s2)` : copy string s2 into s1, return s1
- `char *strcat(s1, s2)` : append s2 to s1 (concatenate), return s1
- `char *strtok(s1, s2)` : split long strings into pieces, or tokens

# stdlib.h

## Number conversions

- `float nf = atof(const char *s)` : converts string `s` to float
- `int n = atoi(const char * s)` : convert string `s` to int

## Memory allocation

`malloc()`, `free()` : memory management

## Other utilities

- `int n = rand()` : returns a (pseudo) random int between 0 and constant `RAND_MAX`
- `void srand(unsigned int n)` : seeds rand generator
- `system(string s)` : runs `s` in OS

# math.h

- Mathematical functions
- Often needs to be specially linked when compiling because takes advantage of specialized math hardware in processor

```
gcc -lm -Wall -o myProgram myProgram.c
```

```
double functionName( double c )
```

- `sin(x)`, `cos(x)`, `tan(x)`
- `exp(x)`, `log(x)`, `log10(x)` :  $e^x$ , natural and base-10 logarithm
- `pow(x, y)` :  $x^y$
- `sqrt(x)` : square root
- `ceil(x)`, `floor(x)` : closest int above or below
- `y = fabs(x)` : absolute value , if  $x = -3.2$ ,  $y$  will be 3.2

# ctype.h

testLibraries.c

Utility functions to check for types of char

```
int functionName( unsigned char c )
```

- `isalpha(c)` : check if `c` is an alphabet character 'a'-'z', 'A'-'Z'
- `isdigit(c)` : check if `c` is digit '0'-'9'
- `isalnum(c)` : `isalpha(c)` or `isdigit(c)`
- `isctrl(c)` : control char (i.e. `\n`, `\t`, `\b`)
- `islower(c)` , `isupper(c)` : lowercase/uppercase

Return value is 0 if false , != 0 if true

# ctype.h

Utility functions to convert from lower case to upper case

```
char functionName(char c )
```

- `d = tolower(c)` : if `c` is 'T', `d` will be 't'
- `d = toupper(c)` : if `c` is 'm', `d` will be 'M'

# limits.h and float.h

Contain various important constants such as the minimum and maximum possible values for certain types, sizes of types, etc.

- CHAR\_BIT (bits in a char)
- INT\_MAX, CHAR\_MAX, LONG\_MAX  
(maximum value of int, char, long int)
- INT\_MIN, CHAR\_MIN, LONG\_MIN
- FLT\_DIG (decimal digits of precision)
- FLT\_MIN, FLT\_MAX (min. and max. value of float)
- DBL\_MIN, DBL\_MAX (and of double precision float)



# time.h

Provides new **type** to represent time, `time_t`

- `time_t time(NULL)` : returns current time
- `time_t clock()` : returns processor time used by program since beginning of execution
- `strftime(A, sizeof(A), "formatted text", time struct)` :

format text with placeholders:

`%a` weekday

`%b` month

`%c` date and time

`%d` day of month

`%H` hour

# assert.h

- Provides a macro to check if critical conditions are met during your program
- Nice way to test programs

```
assert( expression )
```

If the expression is false, the program will print to command line:

Assertion failed: *expression* , file *filename* , line *lineNumber*

# More

- **stdarg.h** : allows you to create functions with variable argument lists
- **signal.h** - provides constants and utilities for standardized error codes for when things go wrong

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# Announcements

Homework 4 out, due April 11<sup>th</sup> at the beginning of class

Read CPL Chapter 5

# Today

- Finish C Standard Libraries
- Pointers to void
- Begin Dynamic Memory Allocation

# Review : operators \* and &

\* **dereference operator** : gives the value in the memory pointed by a pointer (returns a value)

& **reference operator**: gives the address in memory of a variable (returns a pointer)

```
int x = 3;
```

```
int *ptr;
```

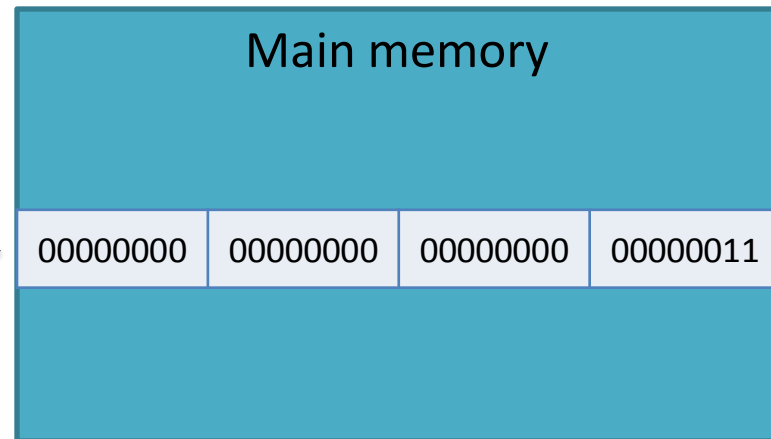
```
ptr = &x;
```

```
*ptr = 5; // x = 5;
```

Make `ptr` point to the address of `x`

Modify the value in address pointed by `ptr`

`ptr` →



# Review : Pointers of pointers

- A pointer can point to another pointer
- In a sense, it's the equivalent of matrices!

```
int x = 3;
```

```
int *p = &x;
```

```
int **p2 = &p;
```

```
x = 2;   ↔   *p = 2;   ↔   **p2 = 2;
```

```
char *Arr[3]={ "Hello", "World", "Wonderful" };
```

```
char **ptr;
```

```
ptr = Arr;
```



# Review: Pointers vs. Arrays

## Arrays

## Pointers

1D array of 5 int

```
int x[5];
```



```
int *xPtr;
```

2D array of 6 int  
2x3 matrix

```
int y[2][3];
```



```
int **yPtr;
```

2D array of 4 int  
2x2 matrix

```
int* z[2]={{1,2},{2,1}}; ↔ int **zPtr;
```

1D array of 5 char  
string

```
char c[] = "mike"; ↔ char *cPtr;
```

Space has been allocated in memory for the arrays

Space has been allocated in memory only for the pointers variables, **NOT** for the arrays they will point to.

The DIMENSIONS of the arrays are UNKNOWN

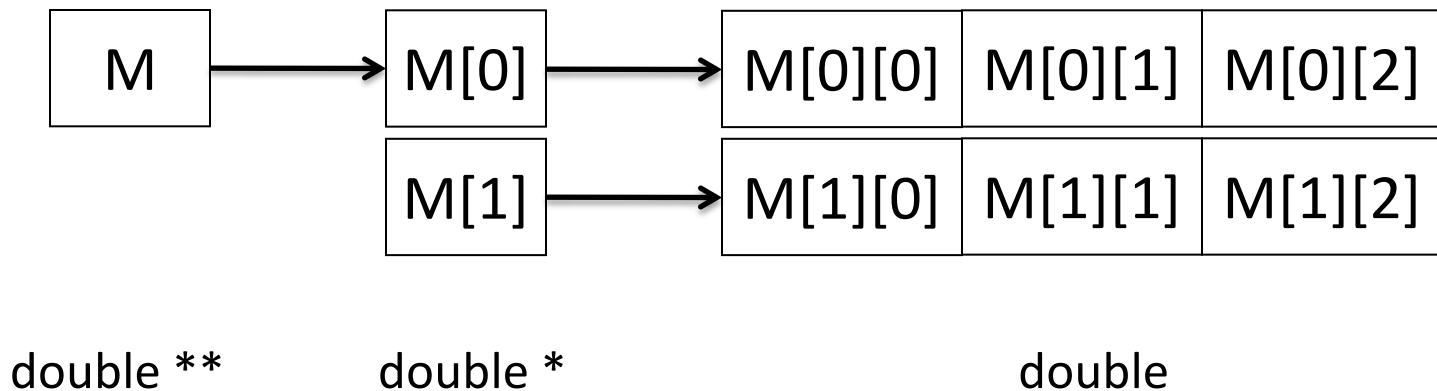
# Multidimensional Arrays

2x3 matrix of double

```
double M0[2][3];
```

```
double *M1[2] = M0;
```

```
double **M = M0;
```



# Multidimensional Arrays

2x3 matrix of double

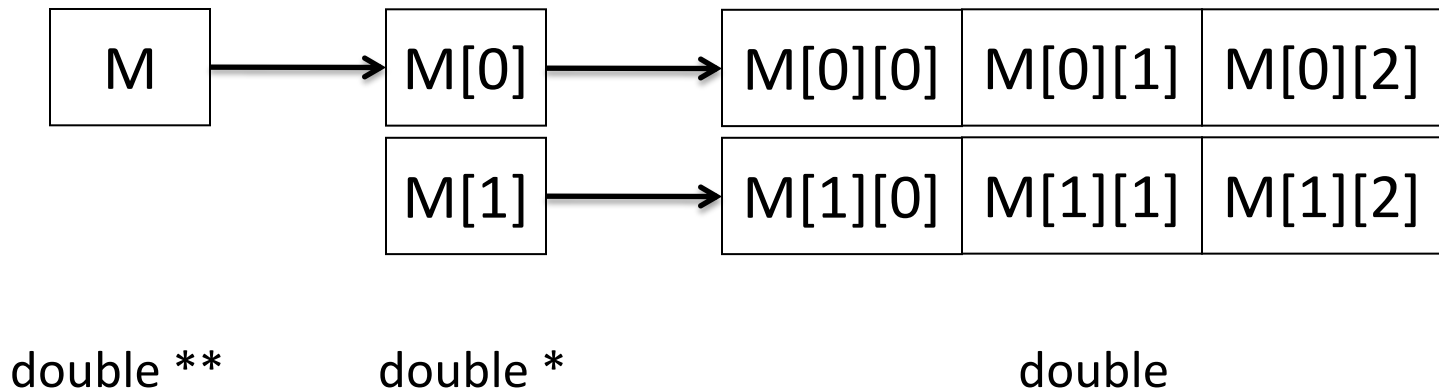
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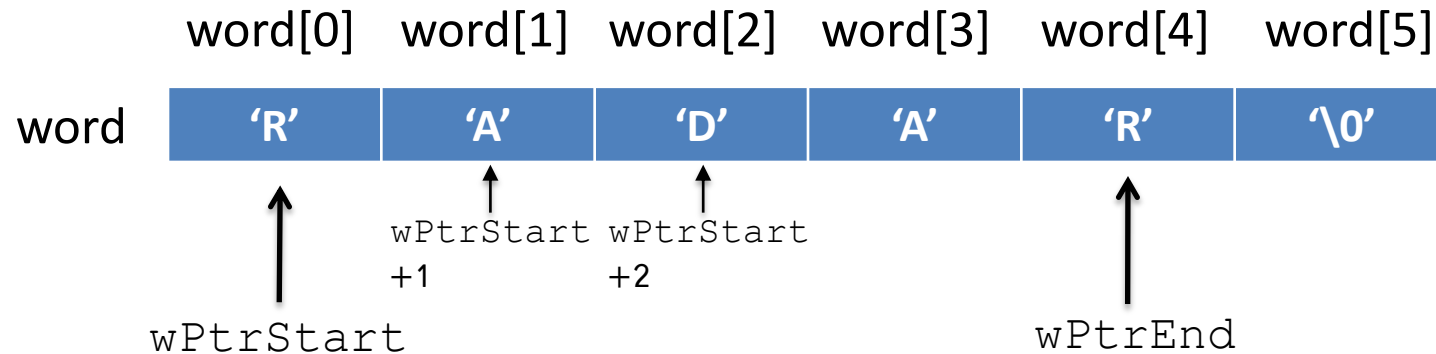
```
double **M = M0;
```

The difference between M0, M1 and M is that

**M1 and M can have ANY SIZE !**



# Review : Pointers and Arrays



```
char word[8] = "RADAR";
```

```
char *wPtrStart = word;
```

`char*` is a string

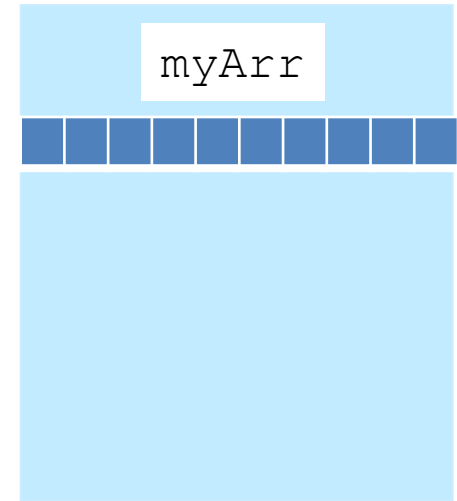
# Pointers vs. Arrays

- Arrays represent actual memory **allocated** space

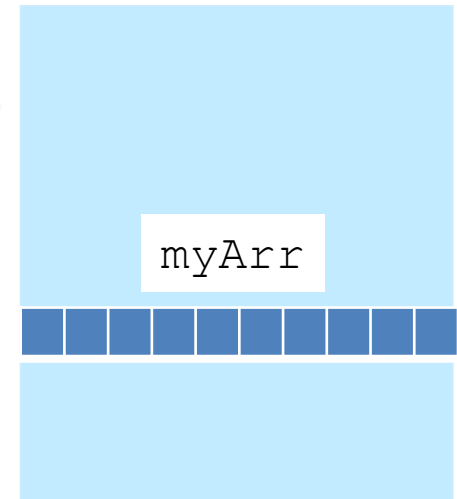
```
int myArr[10];
```

- Pointers **point** to a place in memory

```
int *myPtr;
```



myPtr →



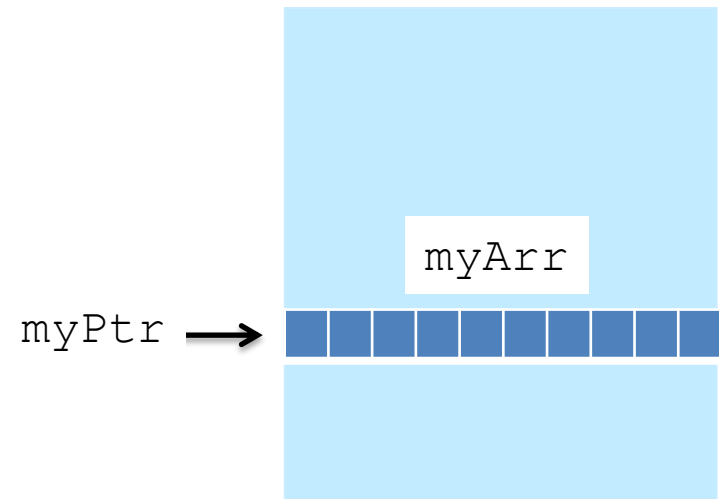
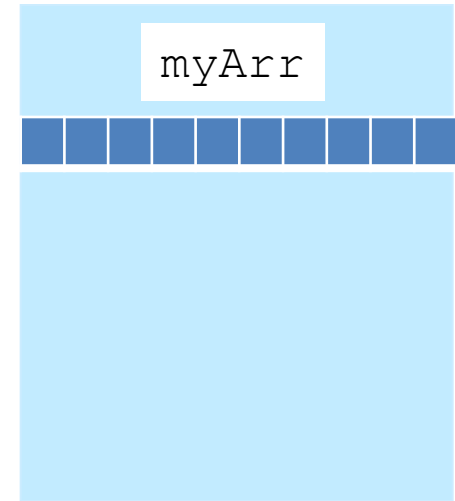
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int myArr[10];
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- Pointers **point** to a place in memory

```
int *myPtr;  
myPtr = myArr;
```



# sizeof()

- So far, we have been using sizeof() to determine the length of a string (including '\0')
- sizeof() is a more general function, that returns the size, measured in bytes, of a variable or a type

```
size_t sizeof( var )
```

- `size_t` can be used (implicitly casted) as an integer

# Void \*

`void *` means a pointer of ANY type

Sometimes functions can use `void *` as argument and return type.

This allows the programmer to specify the type of pointer to use at **invocation time**

This is a form of function overloading (popular in C++)

```
void *function_name( void *arg1, ... , void *argN )
```



```
int i;  
double d;  
int *pi;  
double *pd;  
  
void *pv;
```

# Void \*

```
pi = &d;           // Compiler warning
```

```
pd = &i;           // Compiler warning
```

```
pv = &i;           // OK
```

```
printf("%d\n", *pv); // Compiler error
```

```
printf("%d\n", *(int *)pv); // OK
```

```
pv = &d;           // OK
```

```
printf("%f\n", *pv); // Compiler error
```

```
printf("%f\n", *(double *)pv); // OK
```

```
pv = &i;           // OK
```

```
d = *(double *)pv; // Runtime error
```

# Void \*

## Example

```
void *pointElement( void *A, int ind, int type ){
    if( type == 1 ){
        return( A + sizeof(int) * ind );
    }
}

int main(){

    int M[3] = {1 , 2, 3};
    int element = 1;


    int *M2 = (int *) pointElement( M , element, 1 );
}
```

# Void \*

## Example

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        return( A + sizeof(int) * ind );  
    }  
}
```

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    int element = 1;  
    int *M2 = (int *) pointElement( M , element, 1 );  
}
```



# Dynamic Memory Allocation

Functions related to DMA are in the library **stdlib.h**

```
void *malloc( size_t numBytes )
```

Allocates *numBytes* bytes in memory (specifically, in a part of memory called heap)

The elements in the allocated memory are not initialized

Returns a pointer to the allocated memory on success, or NULL on failure

```
void *calloc( size_t numElements, size_t size )
```

Allocates *size\*numElements* bytes in memory

All elements in the allocated memory are set to zero

Returns a pointer to the allocated memory on success, or NULL on failure

# Dynamic Memory Allocation

Example: create an array of 10 integers `int myArr[10];`

- Malloc()

Example

```
int *myArr = (int *) malloc( 10 * sizeof(int) );
```

- Calloc()

Example

```
int *myArr = (int *) calloc( 10 , sizeof(int) );
```

# Dynamic Memory Allocation

Functions related to DMA are in the library **stdlib.h**

```
void *realloc(void *ptr, size_t size)
```

Changes the size of the allocated memory block pointed by *ptr* to *size*

Returns a pointer to the allocated memory on success, or NULL on failure

```
void free(void *ptr)
```

De-allocates (frees) the space in memory pointed by *ptr*

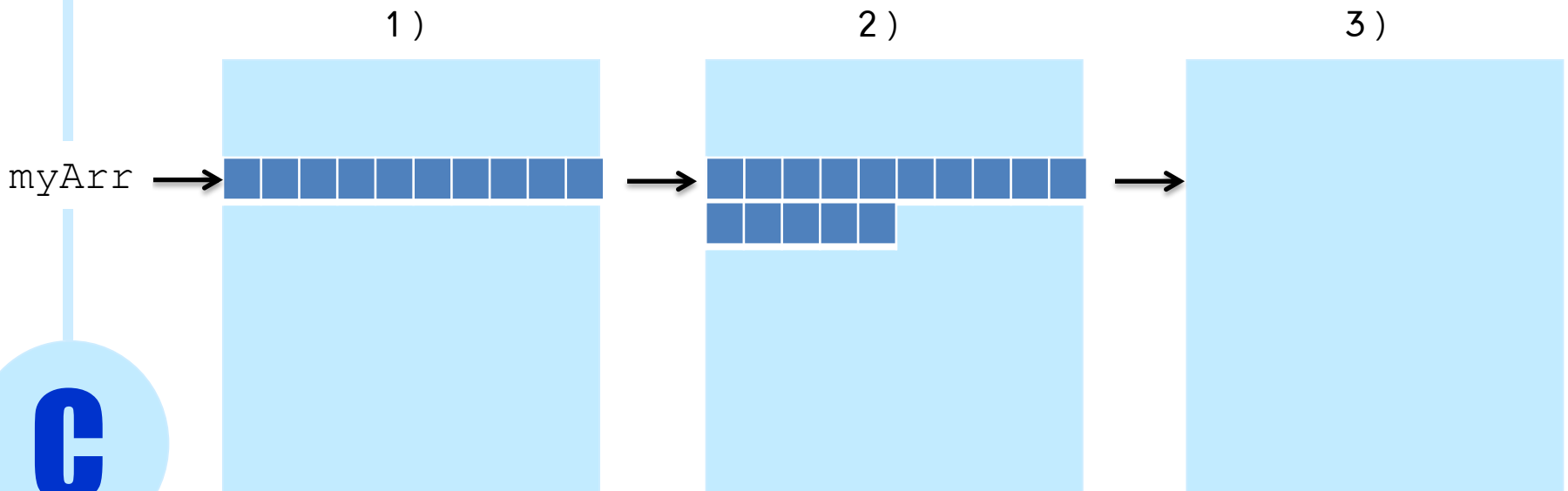
# Dynamic Memory Allocation

Example: create an array of 10 integers, resize it to 15, then free the space in memory

```
1) int *myArr = (int *) malloc( 10 * sizeof(int) );
```

```
2) myArr = realloc( myArr, 15 * sizeof(int) );
```

```
3) free( myArr );
```



# Dynamic Memory Allocation

Example: reading an indefinitely long command line

So far we have been reading strings from command line using an array

```
char line[100];  
fgets( line, sizeof(line), stdin);
```

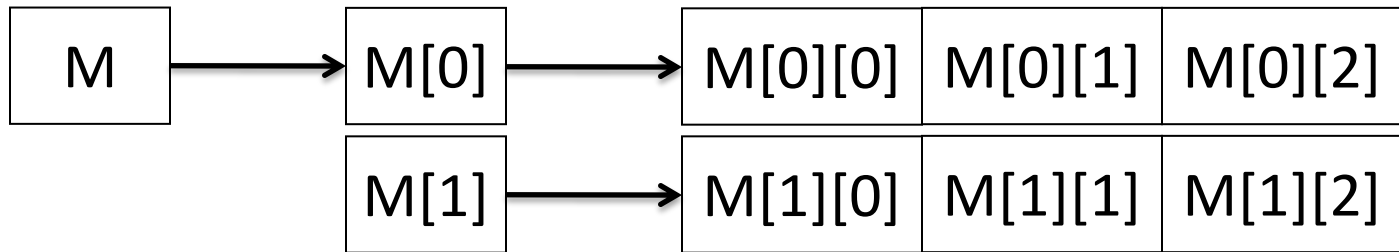
What if the user enters a command with 105 characters?



# Dynamic Memory Allocation

## Multidimensional Arrays

2x3 matrix of double



double \*\*

double \*

double

# Dynamic Memory Allocation

## Multidimensional Arrays

2x3 matrix of double

```
double** M = (double**) malloc( 2 * sizeof(double *) );

int i;
for ( i = 0 ; i<2; i++ ){
    M[i] = malloc( 3 * sizeof(int) );
}

/* use M as a regular 2-dimensional array */

for ( i = 0 ; i<2; i++ ){
    free( M[i] );
}
free( M );
```

# Memory Leaks

Space in the heap is LIMITED, therefore we must be careful and free memory

There are two cases in which freeing memory becomes impossible:

- when we move a pointer after allocating memory

```
int N = 40000;  
  
char *str = "Hello";  
  
char *giantString = malloc(N*sizeof(char));  
  
giantString = str;
```

Now we cannot find anymore the location of the block of allocated memory

# Memory Leaks

Space in the heap is LIMITED, therefore we must be careful and free memory

There are two cases in which freeing memory becomes impossible:

- if we reallocate memory using the same pointer

```
int N = 40000;  
  
char *giantString = malloc(N*sizeof(char));  
  
/* do something */  
  
giantString = malloc(N*sizeof(char));
```

**giantString now points to a newly allocated block of memory, the location of the previous one is lost**

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# Review - Arrays of strings

- An array `Arr` of 3 strings of variable length

```
char *Arr[3]={ "Hello", "World", "Wonderful" };
```

```
Arr[2] = Arr+2 // "Wondeful"
```

- An array `Arr` of 3 strings of maximum length = 15

```
char Arr2[3][15] = { "Hello2", "World2", "Wonderful2" };
```

```
Arr2[0] = Arr2 // "Hello2"
```

```
Arr2[1] = Arr2+1 // "World2"
```

# Program's Inputs

- When we run a program, sometimes we want to pass some input arguments to it
- This can be done by writing them in the command line, immediately after the program name
- The program's inputs must be **separated by spaces**

## Example

The program `sumTwoNumbers` sums two numbers.

**We can pass the two input numbers directly when we invoke the program's executable** (instead of the usual I/O operations, such as printing to command line the message "please insert two numbers:", followed by `fgets()` etc.)

```
./sumTwoNumbers 3 5
```

# Command Line Arguments

- Input parameters of the function main()
- `argc`, `argv`

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

- `argc`
- Integer
  - Specifies the **number** of arguments on the command line (including the program name)

- `argv`
- Array of strings
  - Contains the actual **arguments** on the command line
  - First element is the name of the program



# Command line arguments

It is a good habit, especially when a program takes input arguments, to specify in a **header** on the top of the main file:

- Program name and purpose
- Program usage: syntax to use to invoke (run) the program with input arguments
- Description of input arguments
- Description of output from the program



It is common to add a **-help** option to print the relevant information about program usage and input arguments

# Command line arguments

## Example

Program `calculator`, reads two numbers, the operator, and prints the result

# Linux Wildcard Characters

Linux has a series of wildcard characters \* ? [ ]

\* Represents strings of arbitrary length containing any possible character

\* all items (directories and files) - with or without a suffix

r\* items beginning with the letter "r"

boot\* items beginning with "boot"

\*mem\* all items contain "mem" anywhere in the name

\*.png items having the suffix of ".png" - that end in ".png"

We must be very careful when we use wildcard characters as input, because argc and argv recognize them!

# Linux Wildcard Characters

Linux has a series of wildcard characters \* ? [ ]

? Represents one single character which has any possible value

**? .txt** items starting with only one character and ending in ".txt"

Examples: b.txt and 3.txt

**memo?.sxw** items beginning with "memo", having a single character after "memo", and having the suffix of ".sxw"

Examples: memo1.sxw and memoh.sxw - not memo23.sxw

**memo??.sxw** items beginning with "memo", having a two characters (only) after "memo", and having the suffix of ".sxw"

Examples: memo21.sxw and memok9.sxw - not memos.sxw

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# Linux Wildcard Characters

Linux has a series of wildcard characters \* ? [ ]

[ ] Represents intervals of characters values

**[a-z]\*** items that begin with any lower case letter and end in any other characters

**[A-Z]-list.dat** items that begin with any upper case letter and end in "-list.dat"

**[a-zA-Z]report.sxc** items that begin with any lower case or upper case letter and end in "report.sxc"

**[e-t].c** items that begin with any lower case letter between 'e' and 't' and end in ".c"

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# Homework 3 Solution

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# Modular Programming



# Review - Header files

- Header files are fundamentally libraries
- Their extension is .h
- They contain function definitions, variables declarations, macros
- In order to use them, the preprocessor uses the following code

```
#include <nameOfHeader.h>
```

→ For standard C libraries

```
#include "nameOfHeader.h"
```

→ For user defined headers

- So far, we have used predefined C header files, but we can create our own! (more on this next week)

# Modular Programming

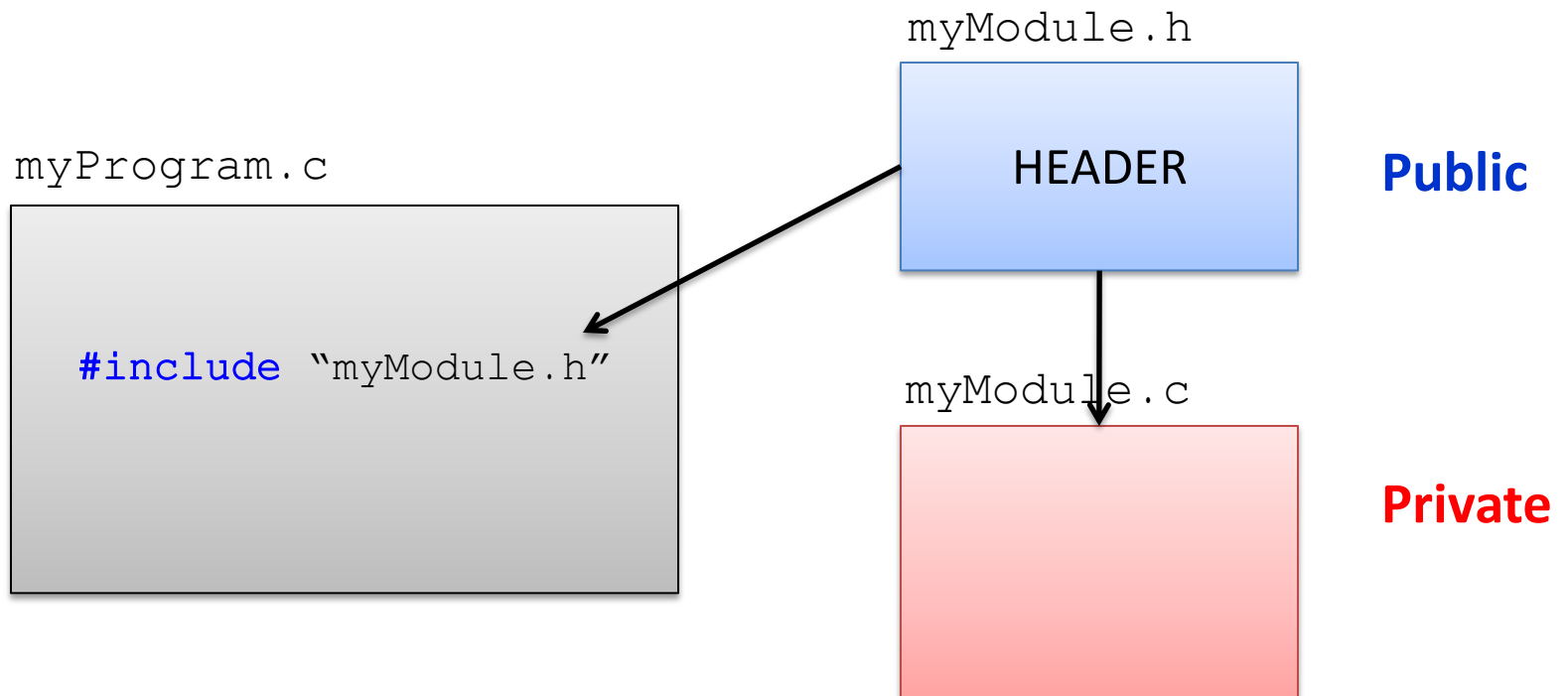
- So far we have seen only small programs, in one single file
- What about bigger programs? Need to keep them organized, especially if multiple people work on the same project
- They are organized in multiple, organized parts : MODULES

# Modules

- A module is “a collection of functions that perform related tasks” [PCP Ch18]
- A module is basically a **user defined library**
- Two parts:
  - Public : tells the user how to use the functions in the module. Contains declaration of data structures and functions
  - Private : implements the functions in the module

# Modules

- Two parts:
  - **Public** : tells the user how to use the functions in the module. Contains definition of data structures and functions
  - **Private** : implements the functions in the module



# Header

- A header should contain:
  - A section describing what the module does
  - Common constants
  - Common structures
  - Public functions declarations
  - **Extern** declarations for public variables

# Function Declaration vs. Definition

- All identifiers in C need to be declared before they are used, including functions
- Function declaration needs to be done before the first call of the function
- The **declaration** (or **prototype**) includes
  - return type
  - number and type of the arguments



- The function **definition** is the actual implementation of the function
- Function definition can be used as implicit declaration

# Modules

```
mainProgram.c  
calculator.h  
calculator.c
```

mainProgram.c

```
#include "calculator.h"  
  
Call to function operator()
```

calculator.h

```
function  
operator()  
declaration
```

**Public**

calculator.c

```
function  
operator()  
definition
```

**Private**

# Compile modules together

- We need a way to “glue” the modules together
- We need to compile not only the main program file, but also the user defined modules that the program uses
- Solution : makefile



# Makefile

- `make` routine offered in UNIX (but also in other environments)
- `make` looks at the file named *Makefile* in the same folder and invokes the compiler according to the **rules** in *Makefile*

# Makefile – Single file

```
#-----#  
#      Makefile for UNIX system      #  
#      using a GNU C compiler (gcc)   #  
#-----#  
  
# this is a comment  
  
oldCalculator: oldCalculator.c  
    gcc -Wall -o oldCalculator oldCalculator.c
```

# Makefile – Single file

```
#-----#  
#      Makefile for UNIX system      #  
#      using a GNU C compiler (gcc)   #  
#-----#
```

```
# this is a comment
```

→ Comments start with a # sign

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Rule: gcc command we are used to

The second statement **MUST**  
start with a TAB!

# Makefile – Single file

```
#-----#  
#      Makefile for UNIX system      #  
#      using a GNU C compiler (gcc)   #  
#-----#  
  
CC=gcc  
CFLAGS=-Wall  
  
oldCalculator: oldCalculator.c  
    $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -o oldCalculator oldCalculator.c
```

# Makefile – Single file

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→ macros

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# Makefile

- Macros

```
name=data  
$(name) → data
```

Whenever `$(name)` is found, it gets substituted with `data`  
Same as object-type macros for Preprocessor

- Rules

```
target: source [source2] [source3] ...  
        command  
        command2  
        command3  
        :
```

UNIX compiles `target` from `source` using `command`  
Default command is `$(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c source`

Predefined by make

# Makefile – Single file

```
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#      Makefile for UNIX system      #  
#      using a GNU C compiler (gcc)   #  
#-----#  
  
CC=gcc  
CFLAGS=-Wall  
  
oldCalculator: oldCalculator.c  
    $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -o oldCalculator oldCalculator.c  
  
clean:  
    rm -f oldCalculator
```

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```

```
clean:  
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```

Rule: Clean up files

Rule: gcc command we are used to

The second statement **MUST**  
start with a TAB!



# Makefile

- If I have multiple rules, I can use the name of the target to execute only the rule I want
- By default, make executes only the first rule

## Example

```
$make clean
```

# Makefile – Multiple Modules

```
#-----#
#   Makefile for UNIX system           #
#   using a GNU C compiler (gcc)       #
#-----#

CC=gcc
CFLAGS=-Wall

mainCalc : mainProgram.c  calculator.o
    $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -o mainCalc mainProgram.c calculator.o

calculator.o : calculator.c calculator.h
    $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c calculator.c

clean:
    rm -f calculator.o mainProgram
```

# Makefile – Multiple Modules

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calculator.o : calculator.c calculator.h
    $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c calculator.c

clean:
    rm -f calculator.o mainCalc
```

We must use the `-c` option to compile a module instead of an executable!

# Makefile

- Rules

```
target: source [source2] [source3] ...  
        command  
        command2  
        command3  
        :
```

UNIX compiles `target` from `source` using `command`

Default command is `$(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c source`

`make` is smart: it compiles only modules that need it

If `target` has already been compiled and `source` did not change, `make` will skip this rule

```
target :  
        command
```

This rule instead is ALWAYS executed by the compiler, because `source` is not specified in the first line

# Extern/Static Variables

- **Extern** is used to specify that a variable or function is **defined outside** the current file

When same variable is used by different modules, `extern` is a way to declare a global variable which can be used in all modules

- **Static** is used to specify that a variable is local to the current file (for global variables)

Remember the use for local variables (Lec7): local static means permanent

# COMSW 1003-1

## Introduction to Computer Programming in

Lecture 19

Spring 2011

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# Basic Data Structures

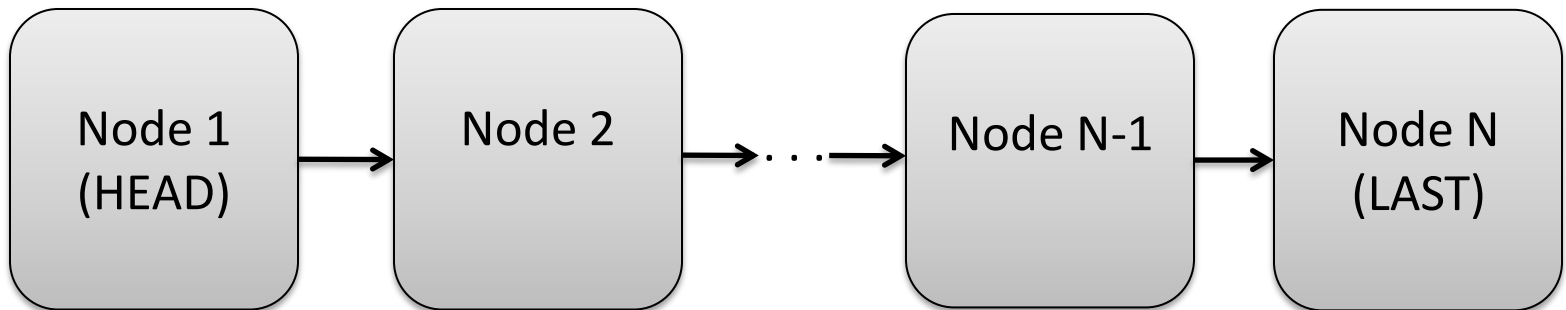
# Basic Data Structures

- So far, the only data structures we have seen to store data have been arrays ( and structs )
- There are other (and potentially more useful) data structures that can be used
  - Lists
  - Trees
- Benefits:
  - Dynamically grow and shrink is easy
  - Search is faster



# Linked Lists

- A chain of elements
- First element is called HEAD
- Each element (called NODE) points to the next
- The last node does not point to anything
- Like a treasure hunt with clues leading one to another



# Pointers to structs

- Pointers can point to any type, including structs
- There is a particular way of accessing fields in a struct through a pointer: the `->` operator

```
struct person {  
    int age;  
    char *name;  
}
```

```
struct person p1 = {15, "Luke"};
```

```
struct person *ptr = &p1;
```

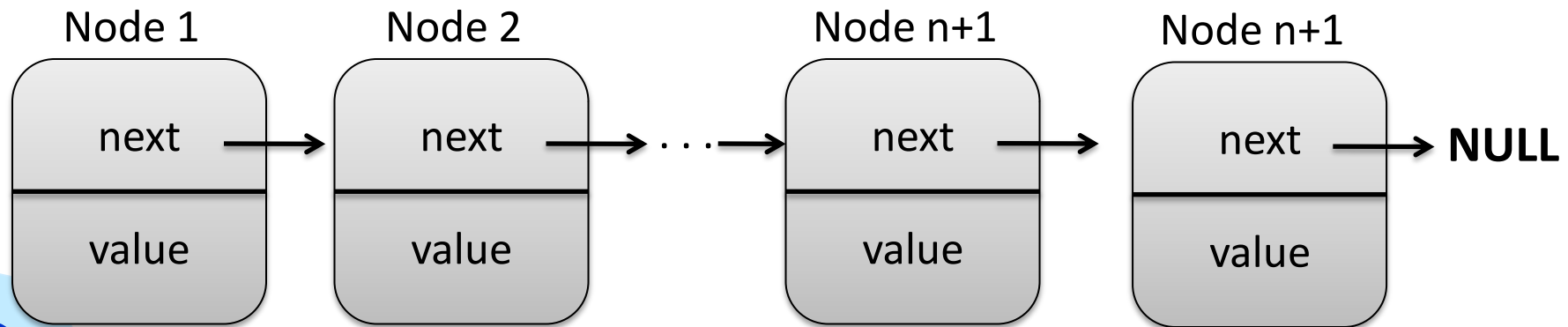
```
ptr->age = 20;           // (*ptr).age = 20;
```

```
printf("%s\n", ptr->name);
```

# Linked Lists

- Structure declaration for a node of a linked list

```
struct ll_node {  
    int value;  
    struct ll_node *next;  
};  
typedef struct ll_node node;
```



# Linked Lists

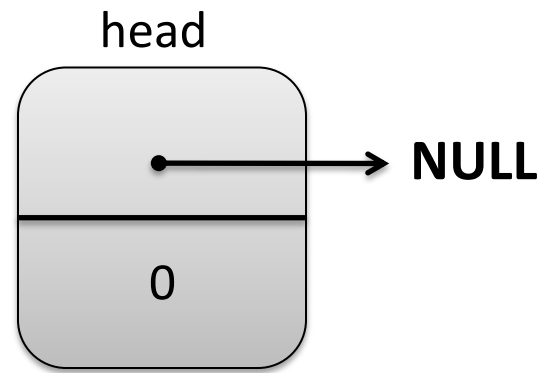
## Initialization

```
struct ll_node {  
    int value;  
    struct ll_node *next;  
};
```

```
node *head = (node *) malloc(sizeof(node));  
head->value = 0;  
head->next = NULL;
```

- First node (HEAD) of the list is just a pointer to the list, it not counted as an actual node in the list
- Value set to 0 (could be any number, maybe a counter)
- The list is still empty, there is only HEAD, so next is NULL (end of the list)

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# Linked Lists

## Insert node in front

```
struct ll_node {  
    int value;  
    struct ll_node *next;  
};
```

```
int addNodeFront( int val, node *head ){  
    node *newNode = (node *) malloc(sizeof(node));  
    newNode->value = val;  
    newNode->next = head->next;  
    head->next = newNode;  
    return 0;  
}
```

# Linked Lists - Insert node in front

```
int addNodeFront( int val, node *head ){
```

```
1) node *newNode = (node *) malloc(sizeof(node));
```

```
2) newNode->value = val;
```

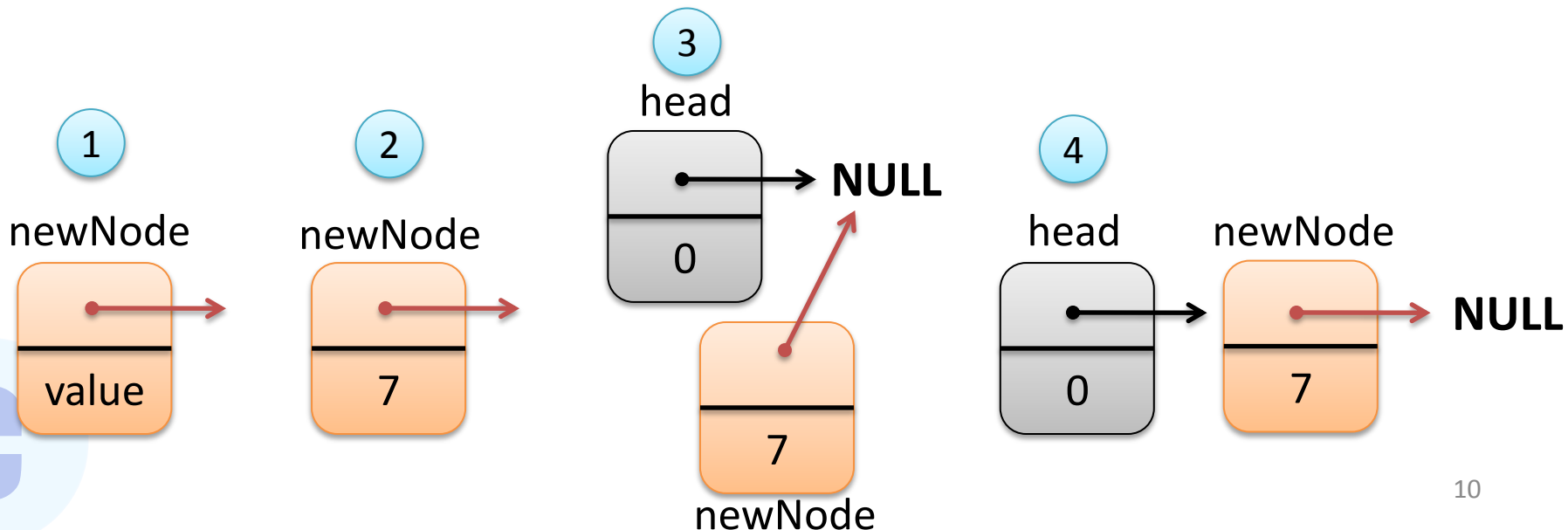
```
3) newNode->next = head->next;
```

```
4) head->next = newNode;
```

```
return 0;
```

```
}
```

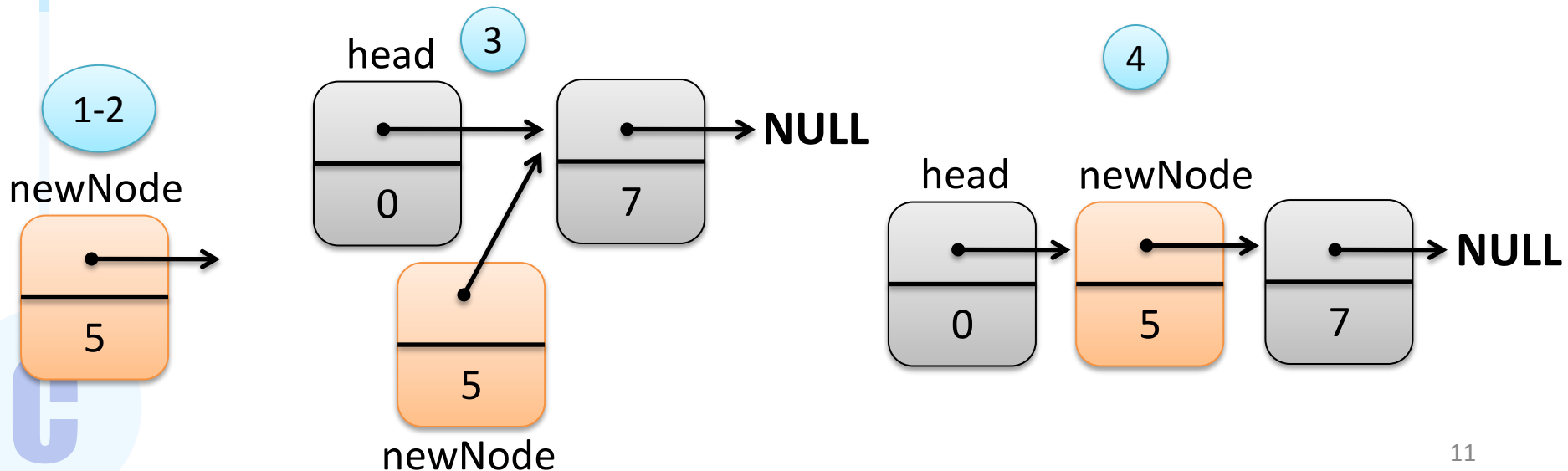
```
addNodeFront( 7, head );
```



# Linked Lists - Insert node in front

```
int addNodeFront( int val, node *head ){  
    1) node *newNode = (node *) malloc(sizeof(node));  
    2) newNode->value = val;  
    3) newNode->next = head->next;  
    4) head->next = newNode;    return 0;  
}
```

```
addNodeFront( 7, head );  
addNodeFront( 5, head );
```





# Linked Lists

## Insert node at position N

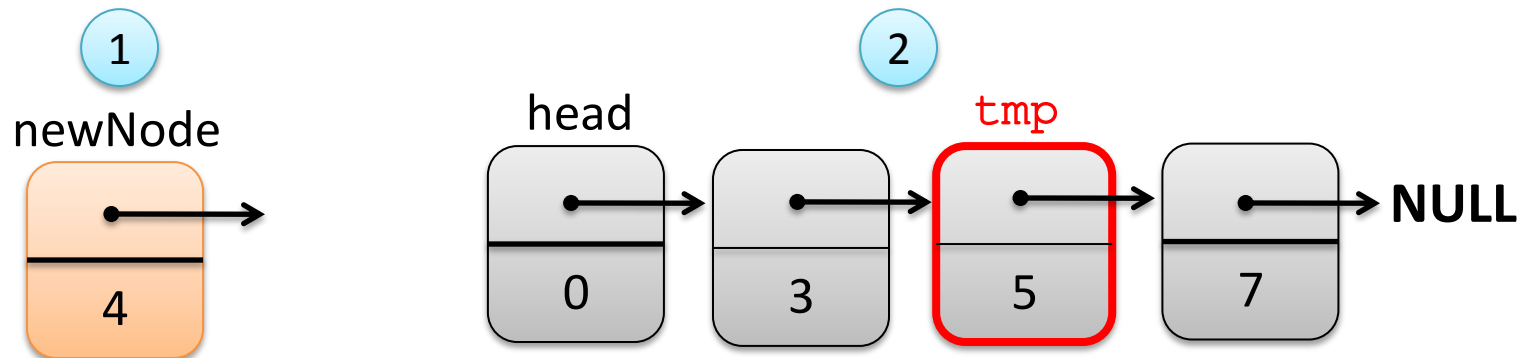
```
struct ll_node {  
    int value;  
    struct ll_node *next;  
};
```

```
int addNode( int val, node *head, int pos ){  
    node *newNode = (node*) malloc( sizeof(node) );  
    newNode->value = val;  
  
    int i;  
    node *tmp = head;  
    for(i=0 ; i<pos; i++)  
        tmp = tmp->next;  
    newNode->next = tmp->next;  
    tmp->next = newNode;  
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           tmp = tmp->next;  
    3) newNode->next = tmp->next;  
    4) tmp->next = newNode;  
       return 0;  
}
```

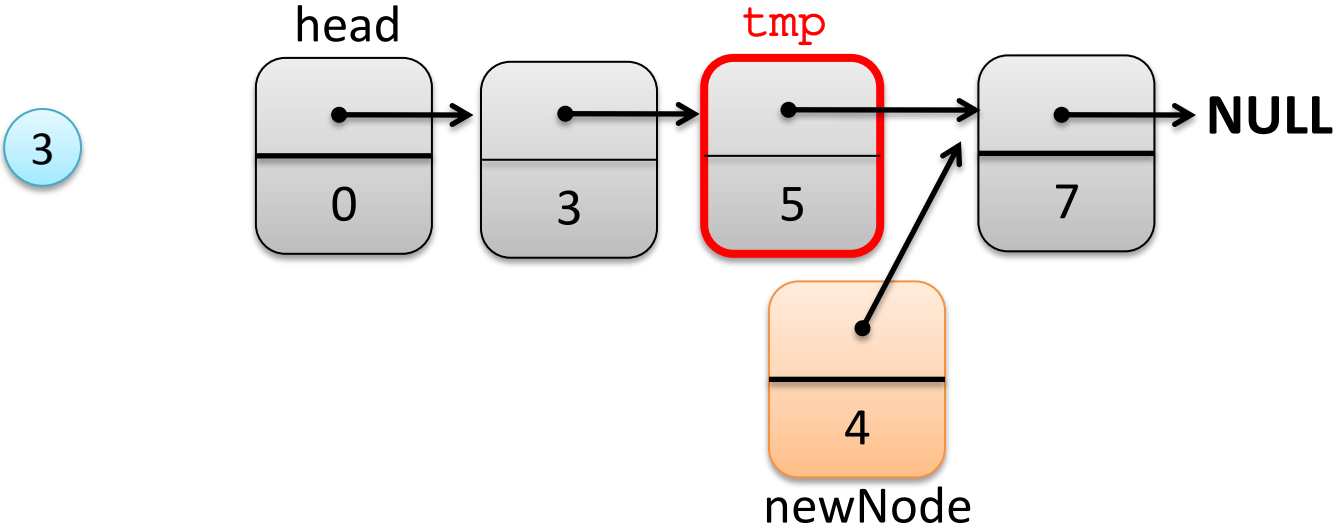
`addNode( 4, head, 2 );`



# Linked Lists - Insert node at position N

```
int addNode( int val, node *head, int pos ){  
    2) node *tmp = head;  
        for(i=0 ; i<pos; i++)  
            tmp = tmp->next;  
    3) newNode->next = tmp->next;  
    4) tmp->next = newNode;  
    return 0;  
}
```

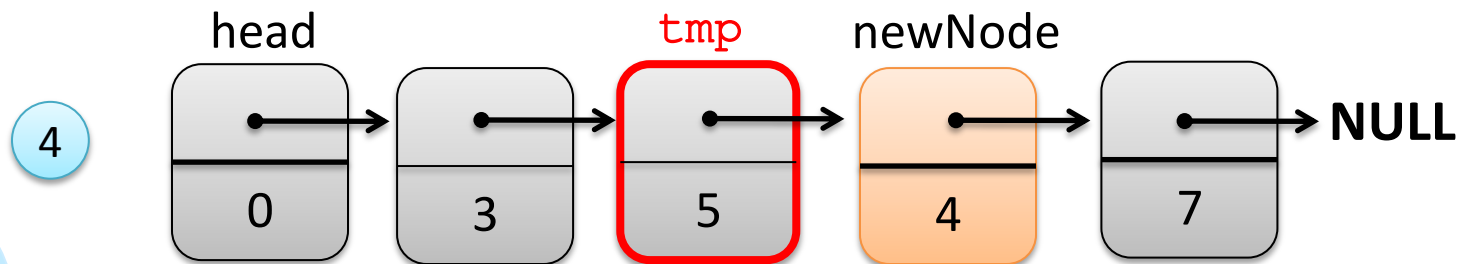
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        tmp = tmp->next;  
    3) newNode->next = tmp->next;  
    4) tmp->next = newNode;  
    return 0;  
}
```

addNode( 4, head, 2 );



# Linked Lists

## Delete Node

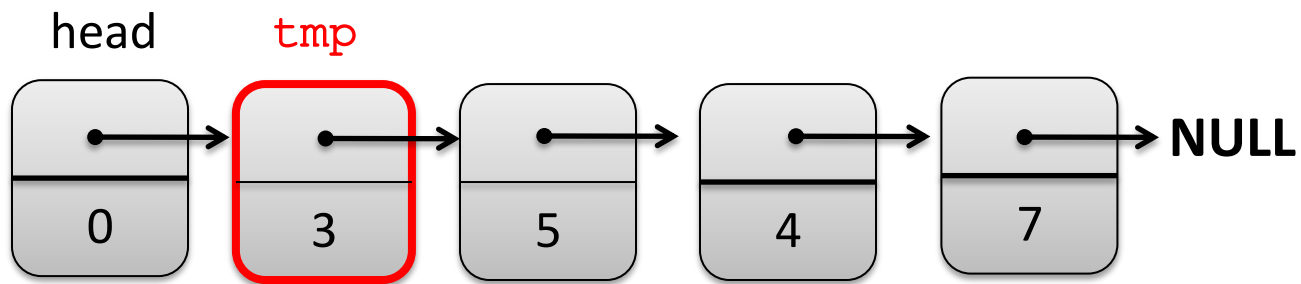
```
struct ll_node {  
    int value;  
    struct ll_node *next;  
};
```

```
int removeNodePosition( node *head, int pos ){  
    int i;  
    node *tmp = head;  
    for(i=0 ; i<pos; i++)  
        tmp = tmp->next;  
    node* tmp2 = tmp->next;  
    tmp->next = tmp->next->next;  
    free(tmp2);  
    return 0;  
}
```

# Linked Lists - Delete Node

```
int removeNodePosition( node *head, int pos ){  
    int i;  
    1) node *tmp = head;  
       for(i=0 ; i<pos; i++)  
           tmp = tmp->next;  
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    3) free(tmp2);  
    return 0;  
}
```

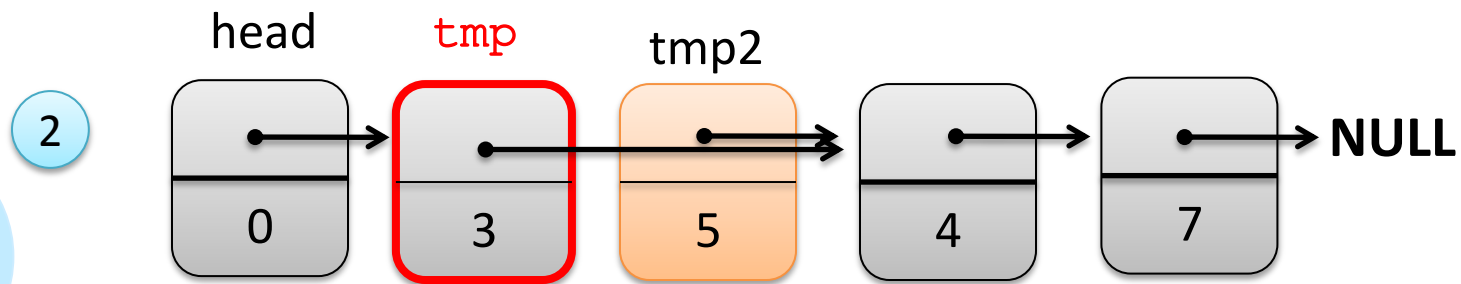
`removeNode( head, 1 );`



# Linked Lists - Delete Node

```
int removeNode( node *head, int pos ){  
    int i;  
    1) node *tmp = head;  
       for(i=0 ; i<pos; i++)  
           tmp = tmp->next;  
    2) node* tmp2 = tmp->next;  
       tmp->next = tmp->next->next;  
    3) free(tmp2);  
    return 0;  
}
```

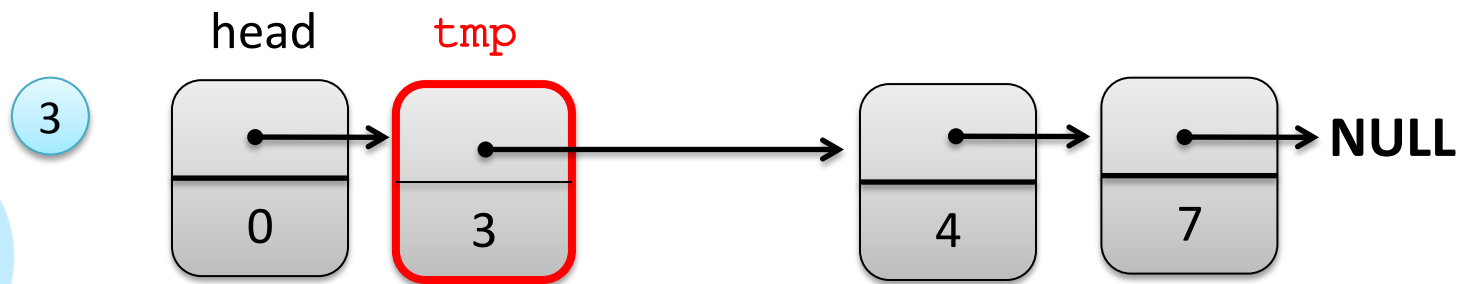
removeNode( head, 1 );



# Linked Lists - Delete Node

```
int removeNode( node *head, int pos ){  
    int i;  
    1) node *tmp = head;  
       for(i=0 ; i<pos; i++)  
           tmp = tmp->next;  
    2) node* tmp2 = tmp->next;  
       tmp->next = tmp->next->next;  
    3) free(tmp2);  
    return 0;  
}
```

removeNode( head, 1 );





# Linked Lists

## Delete Whole List

```
struct ll_node {  
    int value;  
    struct ll_node *next;  
};
```

```
int destroyList( node **head ){  
    node *tmp;  
    while( (*head)->next != NULL ){  
        tmp = (*head);  
        (*head) = (*head)->next;  
        free(tmp);  
    }  
    return 0;  
}
```

```
destroyList( &head );
```

# Linked Lists

## Delete Whole List

```
struct ll_node {  
    int value;  
    struct ll_node *next;  
};
```

```
int destroyList( node **head ){  
    node *tmp;  
    while( (*head)->next != NULL ){  
        tmp = (*head);  
        (*head) = (*head)->next;  
        free(tmp);  
    }  
    return 0;  
}
```

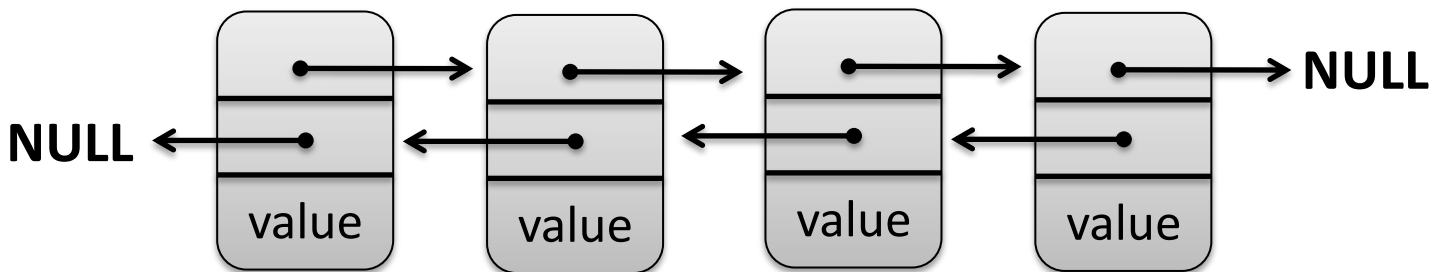
I need to pass head by reference, because I am changing it within the function

```
destroyList( &head );
```

# Doubly linked lists

- Pointer to next AND previous node
- Faster backtracking

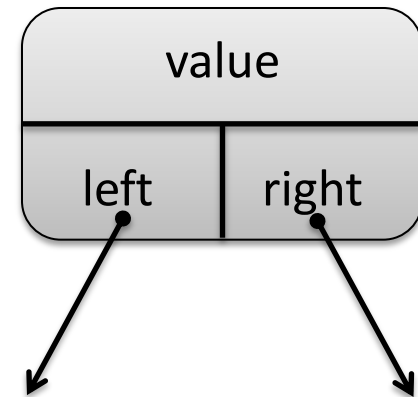
```
struct dll_node {  
    int value;  
    struct dll_node *prev;  
    struct dll_node *next;  
};
```



# Binary Trees

- Like lists, but each node has a pointer to two elements:
  - Left has a value  $<$  current node
  - Right has a value  $>$  current node
- First node is called ROOT

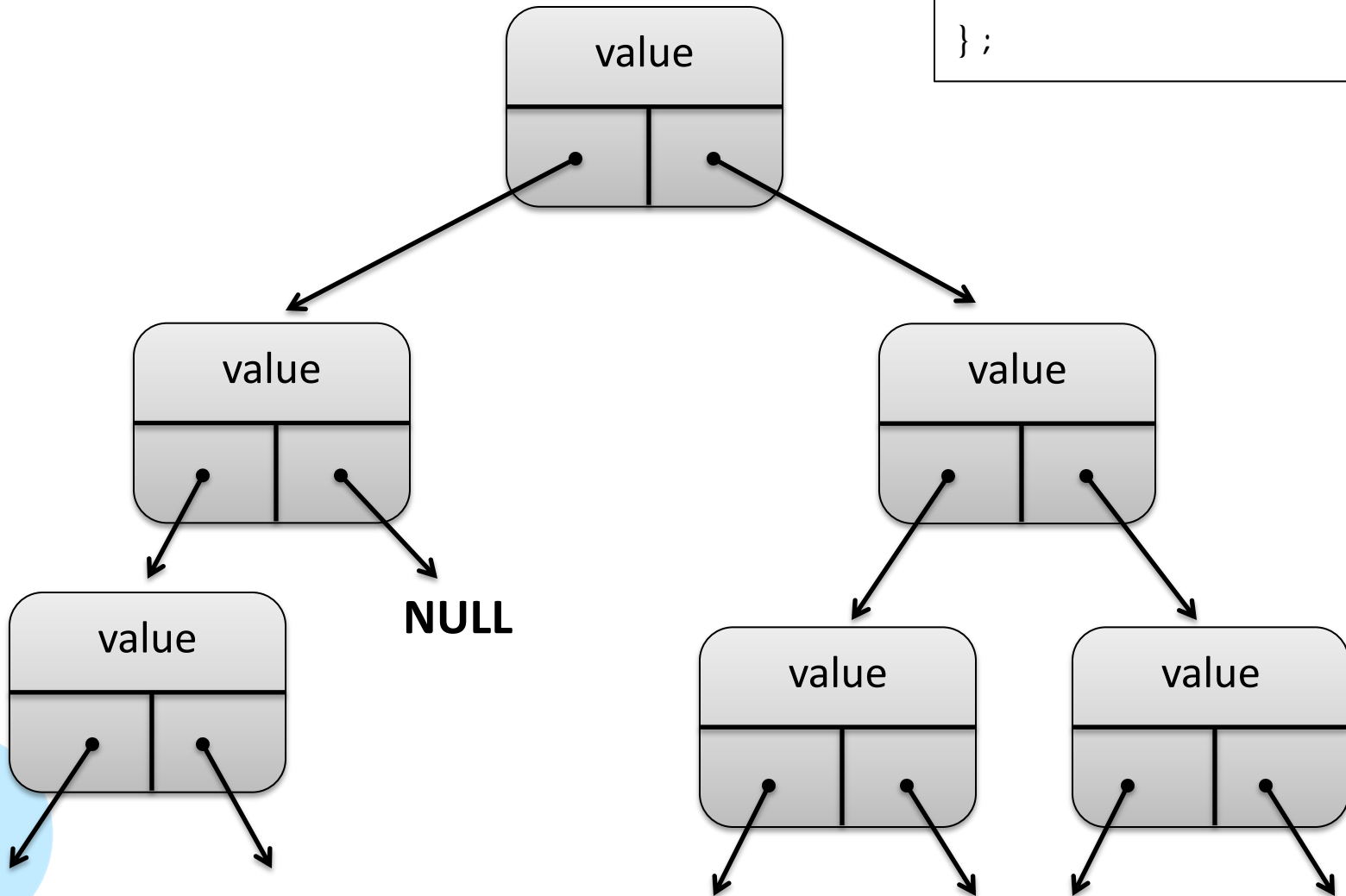
```
struct t_node {  
    int value;  
    struct t_node *left;  
    struct t_node *right;  
};
```



# Binary Trees

- Left has a value  $<$  current node
- Right has a value  $>$  current node

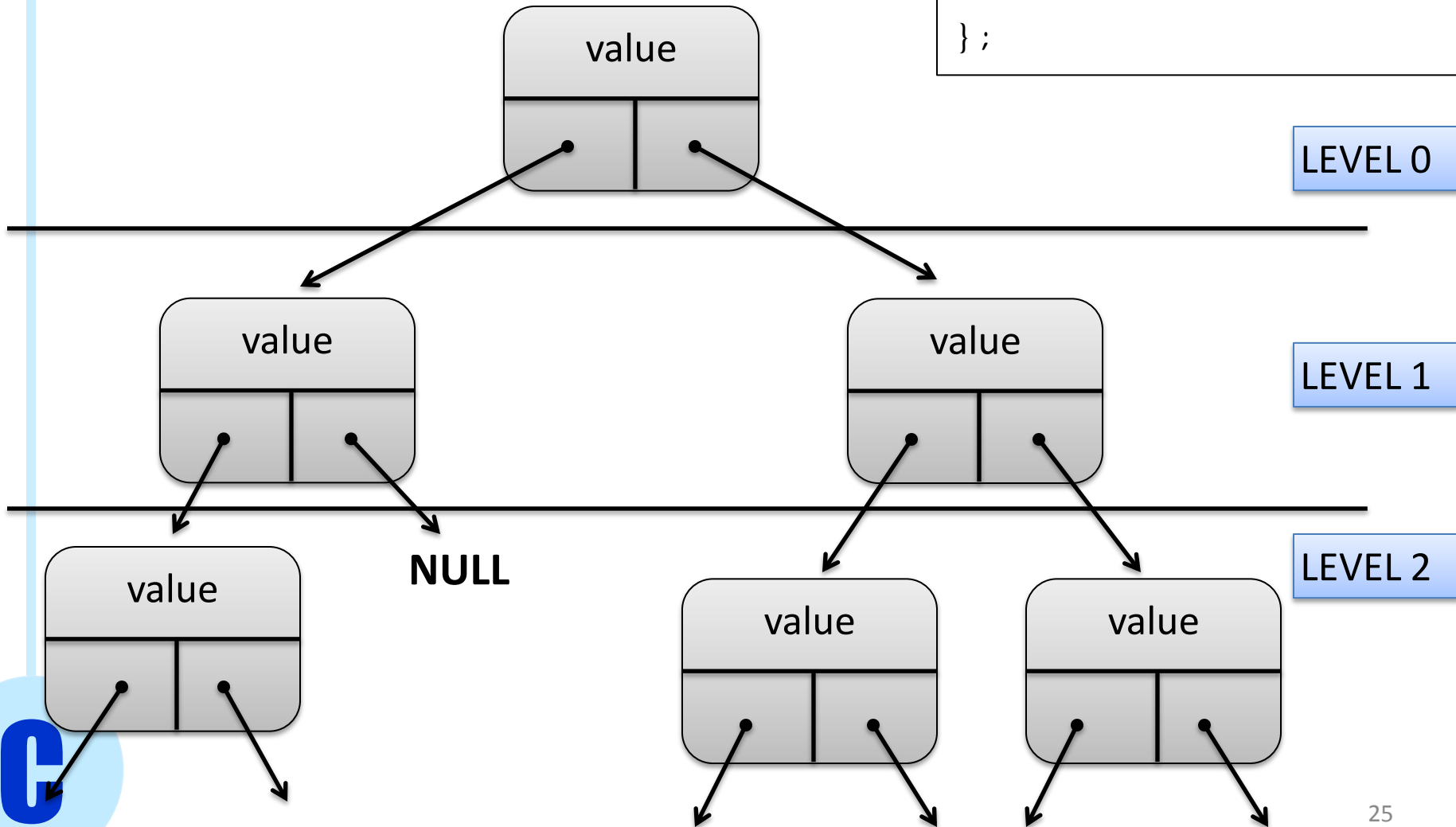
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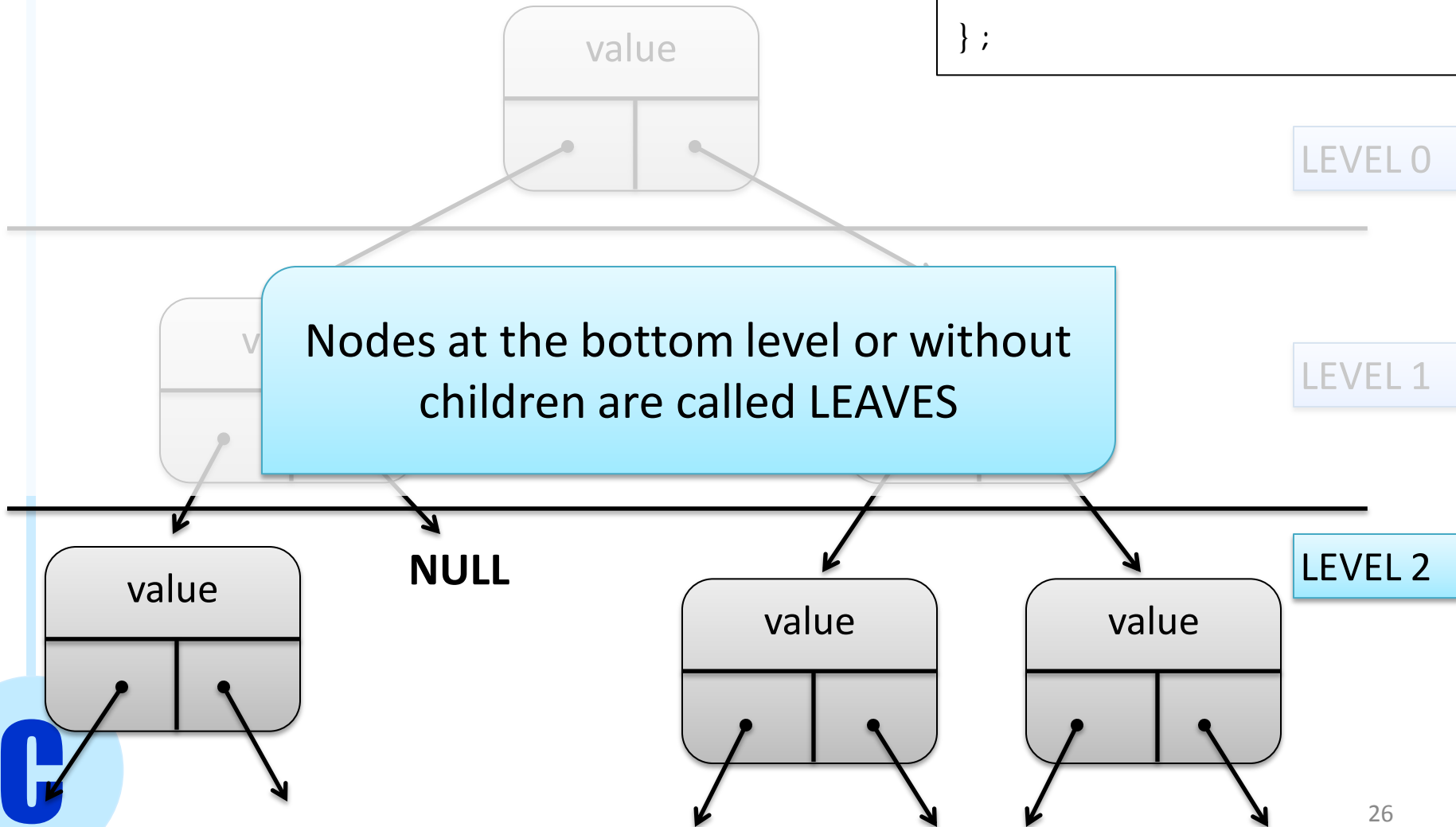
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# Binary Trees

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```
struct t_node {  
    int value;  
    struct t_node *left;  
    struct t_node *right;  
};
```



# Binary Trees

## Inserting number $x$ into a Binary Tree:

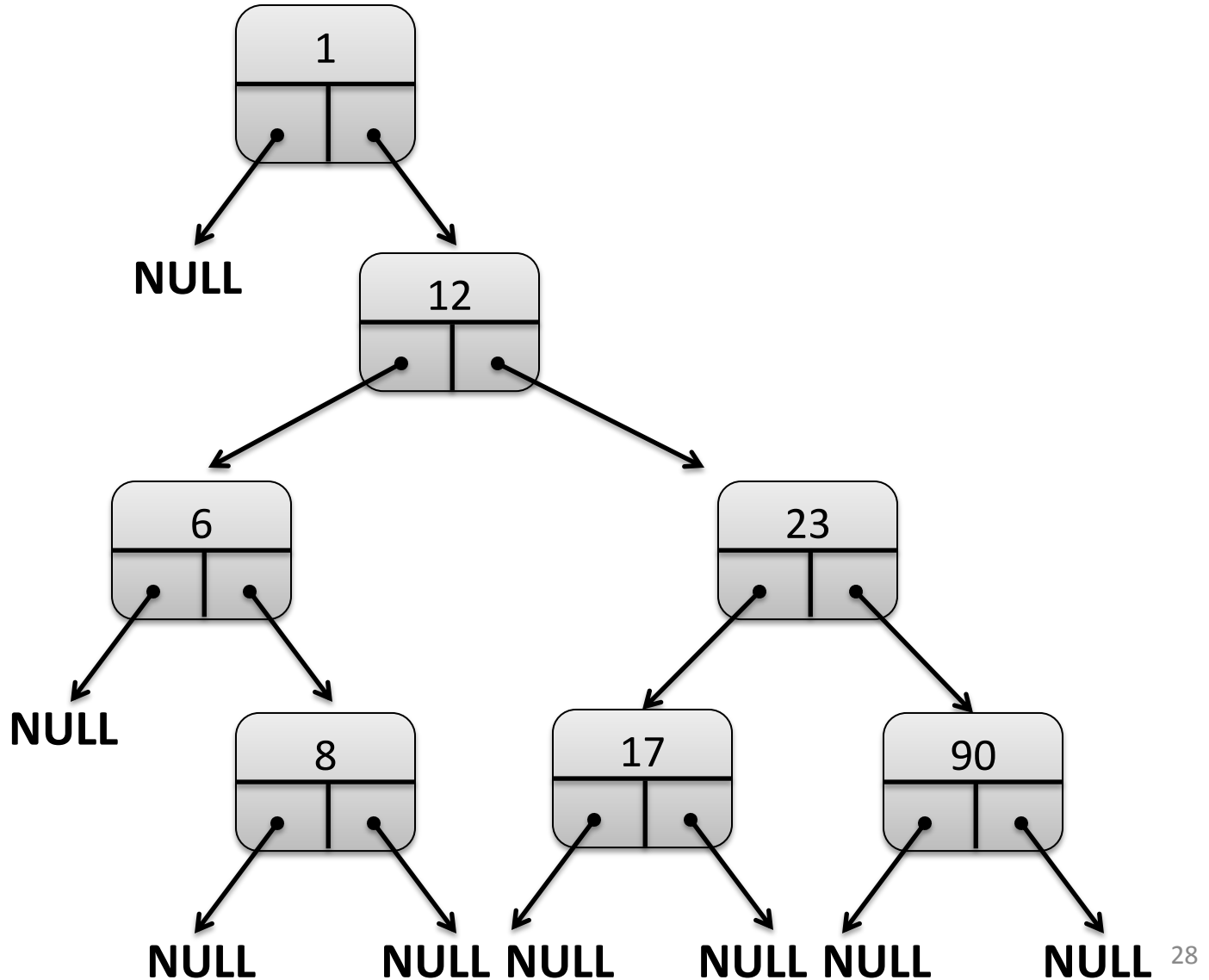
1. Start at root
2. **if** (current node is NULL)  
    create new node and set node's value to  $x$
3. **else**  
  
    **if** ( $x \geq$  current node's value )  
        follow right pointer  
  
    **else**  
        follow left pointer

Go to 1



# Binary Trees

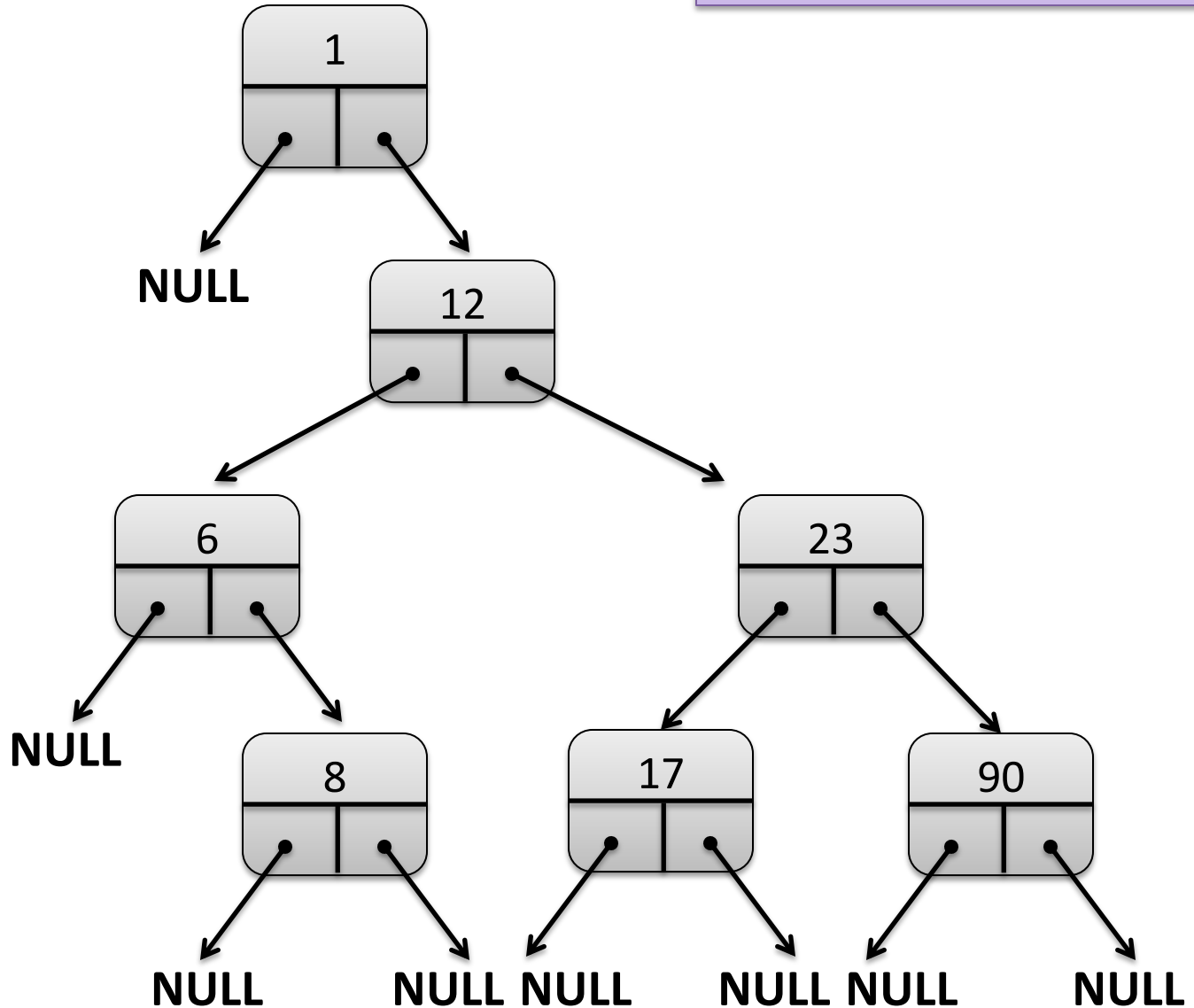
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# Binary Trees

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Find all elements < 10

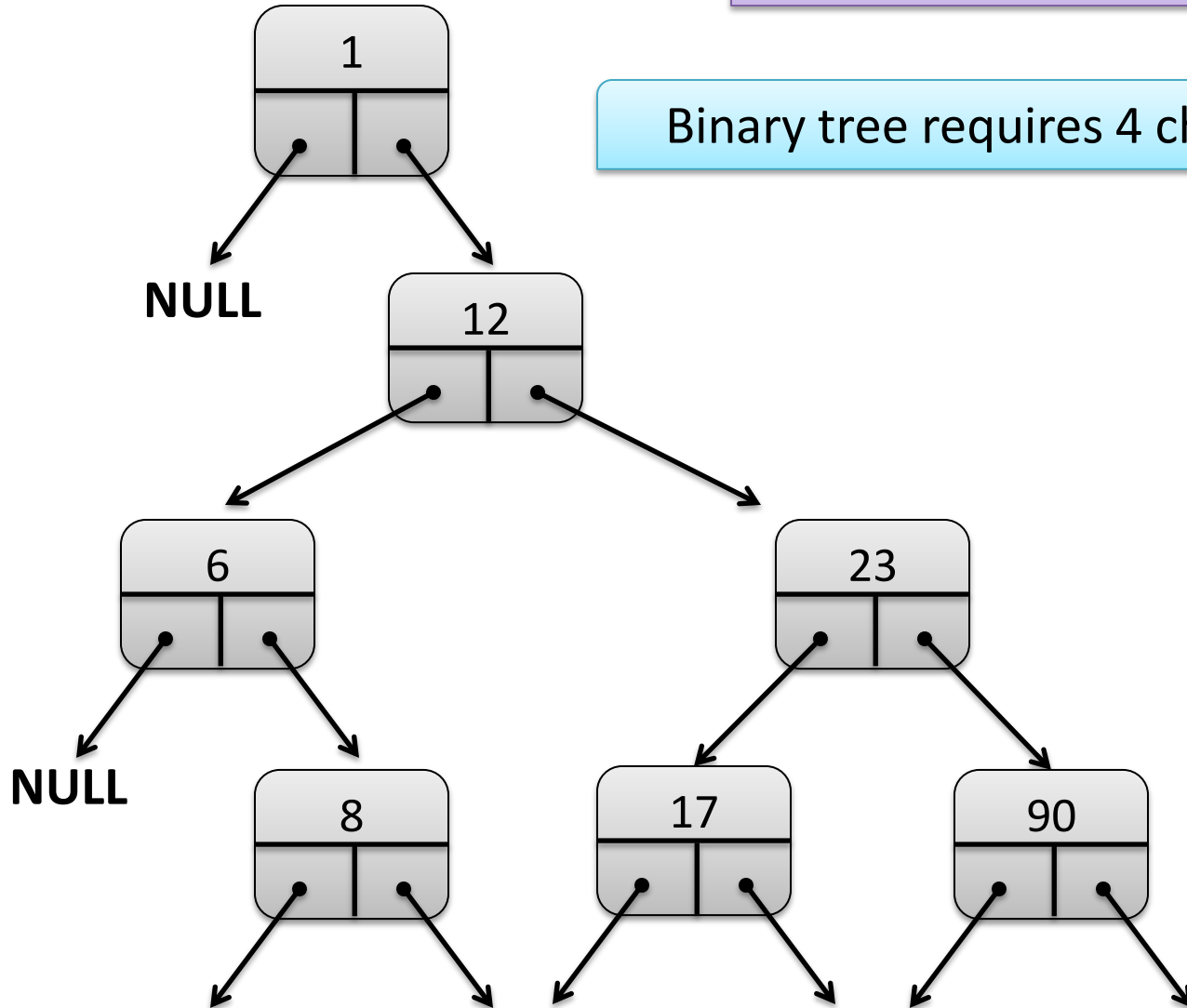


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Binary tree requires 4 checks



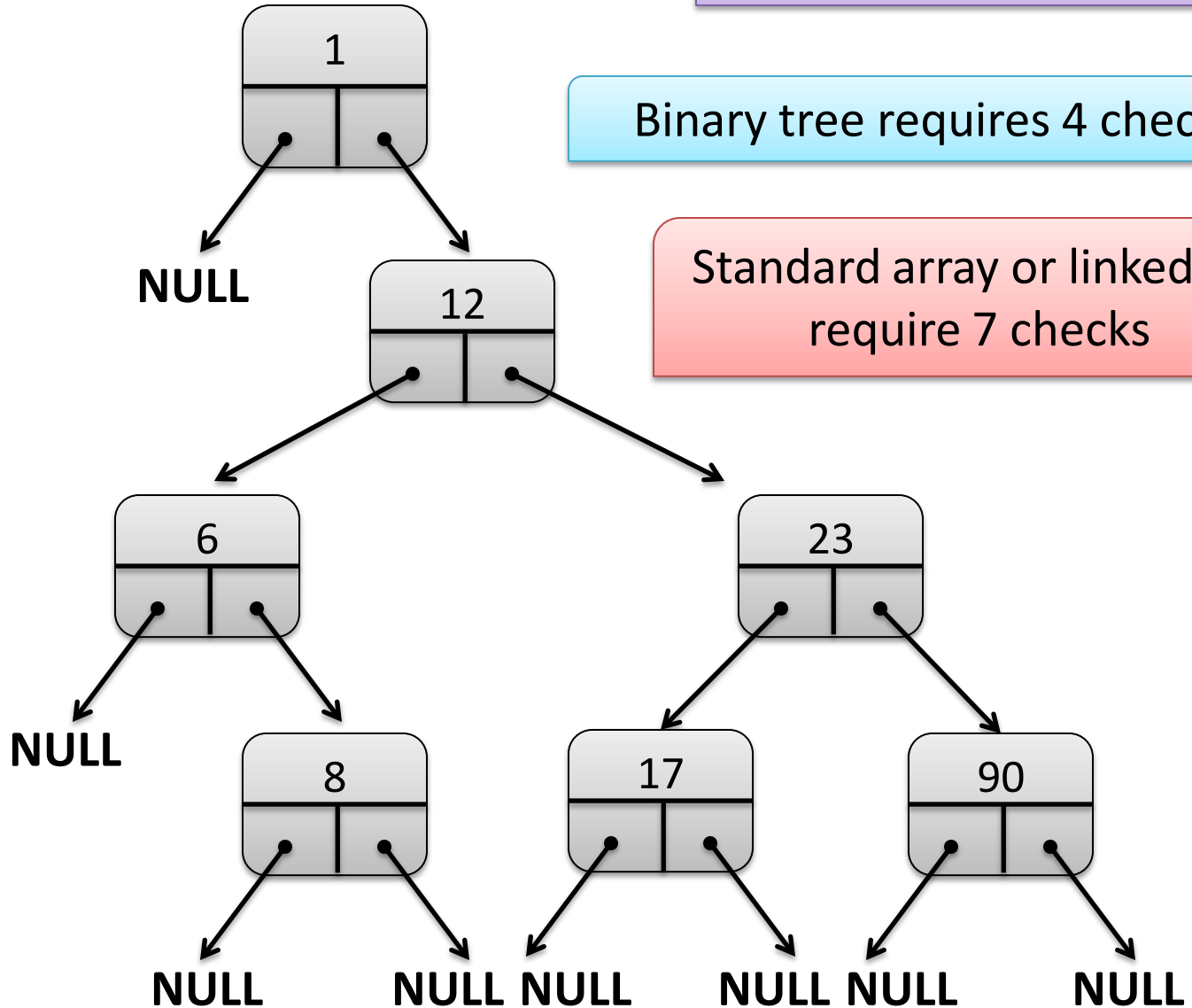
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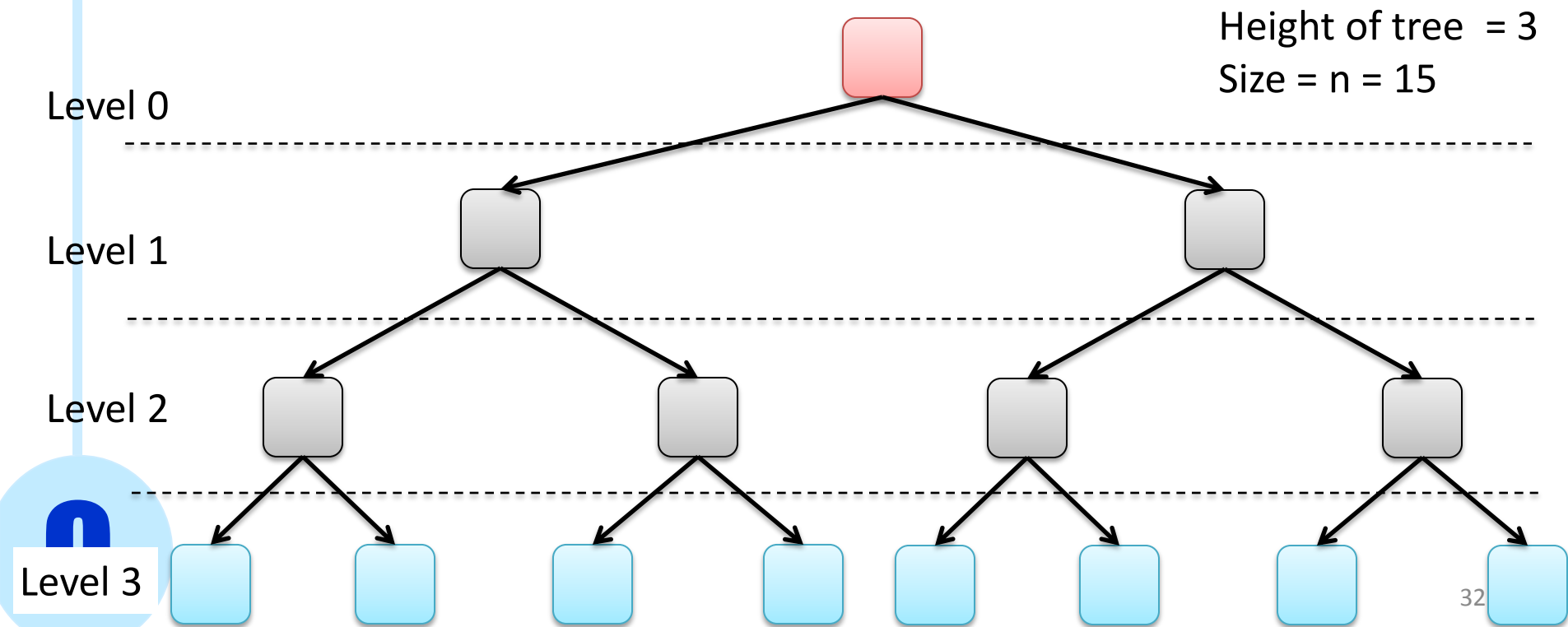
Binary tree requires 4 checks

Standard array or linked list  
require 7 checks



# Trees Definitions

- **Root** : node with no parents. **Leaf** : node with no children
- Depth (of a node) : path from root to node
- Level: set of nodes with same depth
- Height or depth (of a tree) : maximum depth
- Size (of a tree) : total number of nodes
- Balanced binary tree : depth of all the **leaves** differs by at most 1.



Read PCP Chapter 17

# COMSW 1003-1

## Introduction to Computer Programming in

Lecture 20

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# Announcements

- HW5 out this Wednesday,
  - Due on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> before class
- Final on Monday May 9<sup>th</sup>, from 9am to 12pm, in class
  - Same format as Midterm



# Today

- Quick review of linked lists
- Binary Trees
- Complexity Analysis

# Introduction to Complexity Analysis

# Measuring Algorithms

- In Computer Science, we are interested in finding a function that defines the quantity of some resource consumed by a particular algorithm
- This function is often referred to as a **complexity** of the algorithm
- The resources we usually investigate are
  - **running time**
  - **memory requirements**

# Measuring Algorithms

- We want to express complexity in the most general way possible
- Running time and space typically depend on input size

For varying input sizes, we can write time and space requirements as functions of  $n$ .

- Algorithms run on different machines

For varying implementation, we use a description independent from constant factors.

# Example

Given an array X of 10 elements of type `int`

X	7	1	44	2	34	9	12	7	33	12
---	---	---	----	---	----	---	----	---	----	----

## Complexity analysis

- What is the running time (RT) of an algorithm that sums the elements in the array?
- How much space (SP) in memory is used by that algorithm?

```
int X[10];  
int i, sum = X[0];  
  
for(i=1; i<10;i++){  
    sum += X[i];  
}
```

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### Machine 1

Addition → 2 seconds  
`int` → 4 bytes

$$RT = 9 * 2 = 18$$

$$SP = 10 * 4 + 2 * 4 = 48$$

### Machine 2

Addition → 3 seconds  
`int` → 8 bytes

$$RT = 9 * 3 = 27$$

$$SP = 10 * 8 + 2 * 8 = 96$$

...

### Machine 2

Addition → 2 seconds  
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}
```

This is **not general!**

Performance of machines, not of algorithm!

What if array has *n* elements?

We want to express complexity of algorithm in terms of

- *n* : number of elements in array (variable)
- *c* : number of seconds to execute addition (constant)
- *b* : number of bytes to store elements (constant)

RT = 9 \* 2

SP = 10 \* 4

3

\* 8 = 96

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```

We want to express complexity of algorithm in terms of

- **$n$  : number of elements in array (variable)**
- $c$  : number of seconds to execute addition (constant)
- $b$  : number of bytes to store elements (constant)

$$\text{RT} = c(n-1)$$

$$\text{SP} = b(n+2)$$



# Big – O Notation

GOAL: estimate the order of the function  $f(n)$  that represents RT or SP in terms of  $n$

$$f(n) = O(g(n))$$

$$f(n) \underset{n \rightarrow \infty}{=} O(g(n))$$



$\exists C > 0$  and  $n_0$  :

$$|f(n)| \leq C|g(n)| \quad \forall n > n_0$$

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$f(n)$  equals oh of  $g(n)$  as  $n$  tends to infinity



if and only if

$$\exists C > 0 \text{ and } n_0 :$$

there exists a positive constant  $C$  and a value  $n_0$  such that

$$|f(n)| \leq C|g(n)| \quad \forall n > n_0$$

for all  $n$  greater than  $n_0$ , the absolute value of  $f(n)$  is smaller than  $C$  times the absolute value of  $g(n)$

# Big – O Notation

GOAL: estimate the order of the function  $f(n)$  that represents RT or SP in terms of  $n$

$$f(n) = O(g(n))$$

$$f(n) = O(g(n))_{n \rightarrow \infty}$$



$\exists C > 0$  and  $n_0$  :

$$|f(n)| \leq C|g(n)| \quad \forall n > n_0$$

In other words, big-O means less than some constant scaling  
When analyzing complexity with big-O notation, we always consider the WORST CASE SCENARIO

# Big-O notation: Examples

- $f(n) = 3n^4 + 7n^2 - 5n + 8$

$$\begin{aligned} |3n^4 + 7n^2 - 5n + 8| &\leq 3n^4 + 7n^2 + |5n| + 8 \\ &\leq 3n^4 + 7n^4 + 5n^4 + 8n^4 \\ &\leq 23n^4 \end{aligned}$$

$$|f(n)| \leq C|g(n)|$$

$$f(n) = O(n^4)$$

- What is the running time (RT) of an algorithm that sums  $n$  elements in an array?

$$C(n-1) = O(n-1) = O(n)$$

# Big – O : common cases

**O(1) - constant time**

- The algorithm requires the same fixed number of steps regardless of the size of the task
- Example: insert an element in front of a linked list

```
int addNodeFront( int val, node *head ){  
    1) node *newNode = malloc(sizeof(node));  
    2) newNode->value = val;  
    3) newNode->next = head->next;  
    4) head->next = newNode;  
}
```

No matter how long the list is, this operation always requires 4 steps  
 $O(4) = O(1)$

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if  $c \ll n$   
 $O(c) = O(1)$

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# Big – O : common cases

**$O(n)$  - linear time**

- The algorithm requires a number of steps proportional to the size of the task
- Examples:
  - Travers a linked list or an array with  $n$  elements;
  - Find the maximum and minimum element in a list or array

```
for(i=0 ; i < n; i++){  
    if(arr[i] < minVal)  
        minVal = arr[i];  
    if(arr[i] > maxVal)  
        maxVal = arr[i];  
}
```

RT =  $O(2n) = O(n)$

SP =  $O(n+2) = O(n)$

# Big – O : common cases

$O(n^2)$  - quadratic time

- The number of operations is proportional to the size of the task squared.
- Example: Finding duplicates in an unsorted list of  $n$  elements

```
for(i=0 ; i < n; i++){  
  for(j=0 ; j < n; j++){  
    if( (i!=j) && arr[i] == arr[j] )  
      dup[i][j] = 1;  
  }  
}
```

RT =  $O(4n^2+n) = O(n^2)$



increment  $i$   $\longrightarrow$   $n$  times

increment  $j$   $\longrightarrow$   $n^2$  times

check  $i \neq j$   $\longrightarrow$   $n^2$  times

check  $arr[i] == arr[j]$   $\longrightarrow$   $n^2$  times

$dup[i][j]=1$   $\longrightarrow$   $(n-1)*(n-1)$  times



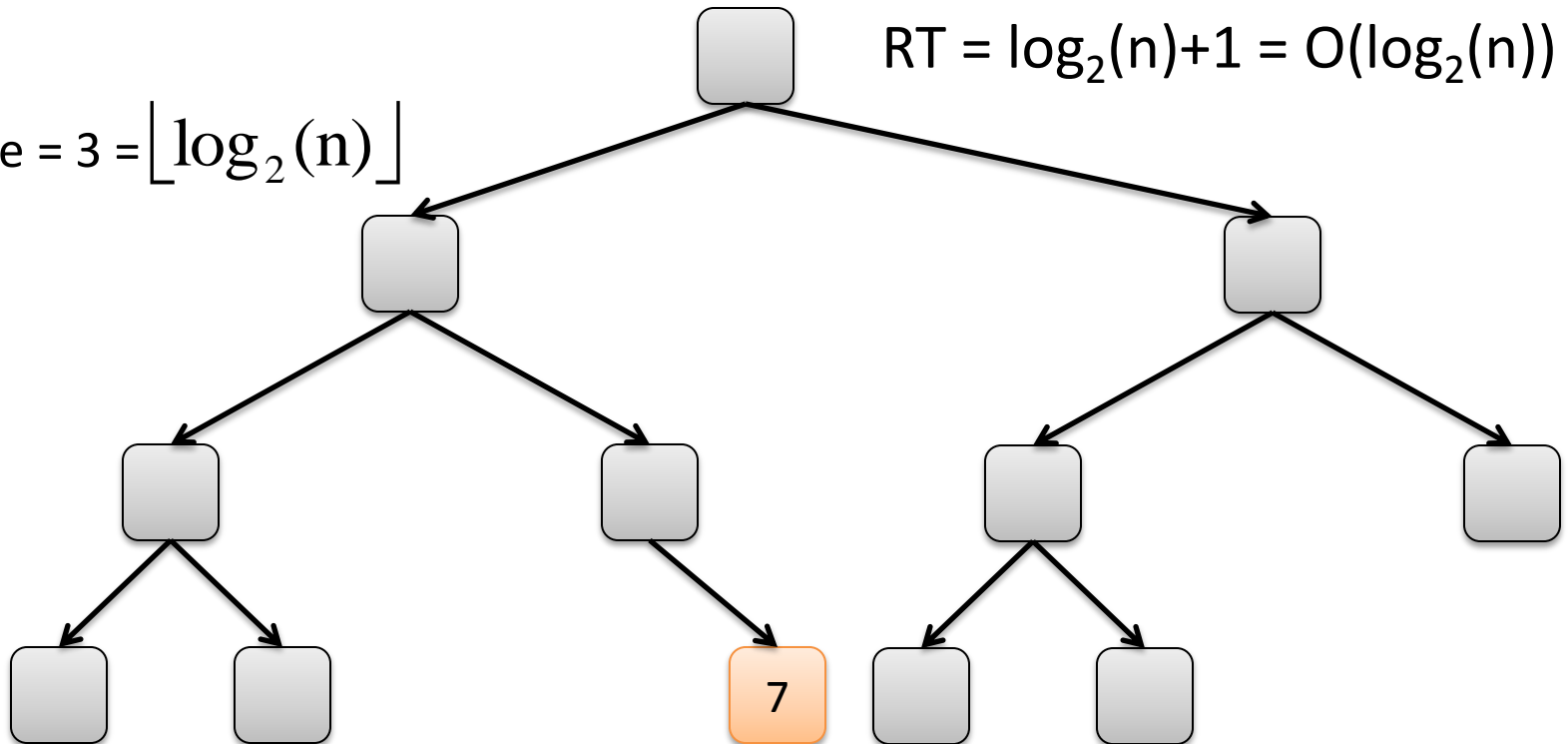
# Big – O : common cases

$O(\log(n))$  - logarithmic time

- Example: Find operation in a **balanced** binary tree with  $n$  nodes

$n = 15$

height of tree =  $3 = \lfloor \log_2(n) \rfloor$



# Big – O : common cases

$O(n \log(n))$  – “n log(n)” time

- Examples: sorting algorithms (will see in next class)
  - quicksort
  - mergesort

# Big – O : common cases

$O(a^n)$  – exponential time

$a > 1$

- Example: Recursive Fibonacci implementation

```
int fib( int n ) {  
  
    switch(n) {  
        case 0:  
            return(0);  
        case 1:  
            return(1);  
        default:  
            return(fib(n-1) + fib(n-2));  
    }  
}
```

How many times is fib() called?

Cost of fib() without return statement = 2 =  $O(1)$

$RT(n) = RT(n-1) + RT(n-2) + O(1)$

$RT = O(a^n)$

$$a^n = a^{n-1} + a^{n-2}$$

$$a^2 = a + 1$$

$$a = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \approx 1.6$$

# Big-O : Relationship among common cases

$O(1) < O(\log n) < O(n) < O(n \log n) < O(n^2) < O(n^3) < O(a^n)$

Example: big-O when a function is the *sum of several statements*

```
int i=0;
for(i=0 ; i < n; i++){
    for(j=0 ; j < n; j++){
        if( (i!=j) && arr[i] == arr[j]) increment i
        dup[i][j] = 1;
    }
}
```

$RT = O(4n^2+n) = O(n^2)$

↓

increment i  
increment j  
check  $i \neq j$   
check  $arr[i] == arr[j]$   
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# Sorting

# Sorting

- Given a set of  $N$  elements, put them in order according to some **criteria** (alphabetical, relevance, date, smallest to largest, etc.)
- One of the most studied problems in Computer Science
- Everybody uses it every day

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# Sorting

- Given a set of  $N$  elements, put them in order according to some criteria
- Compare pairs of elements
- Many algorithms, some of the most famous are:
  - Bubble sort
  - Selection sort
  - Insertion sort
  - Merge sort
  - Counting sort
- In following examples, we'll see smallest to biggest sorting

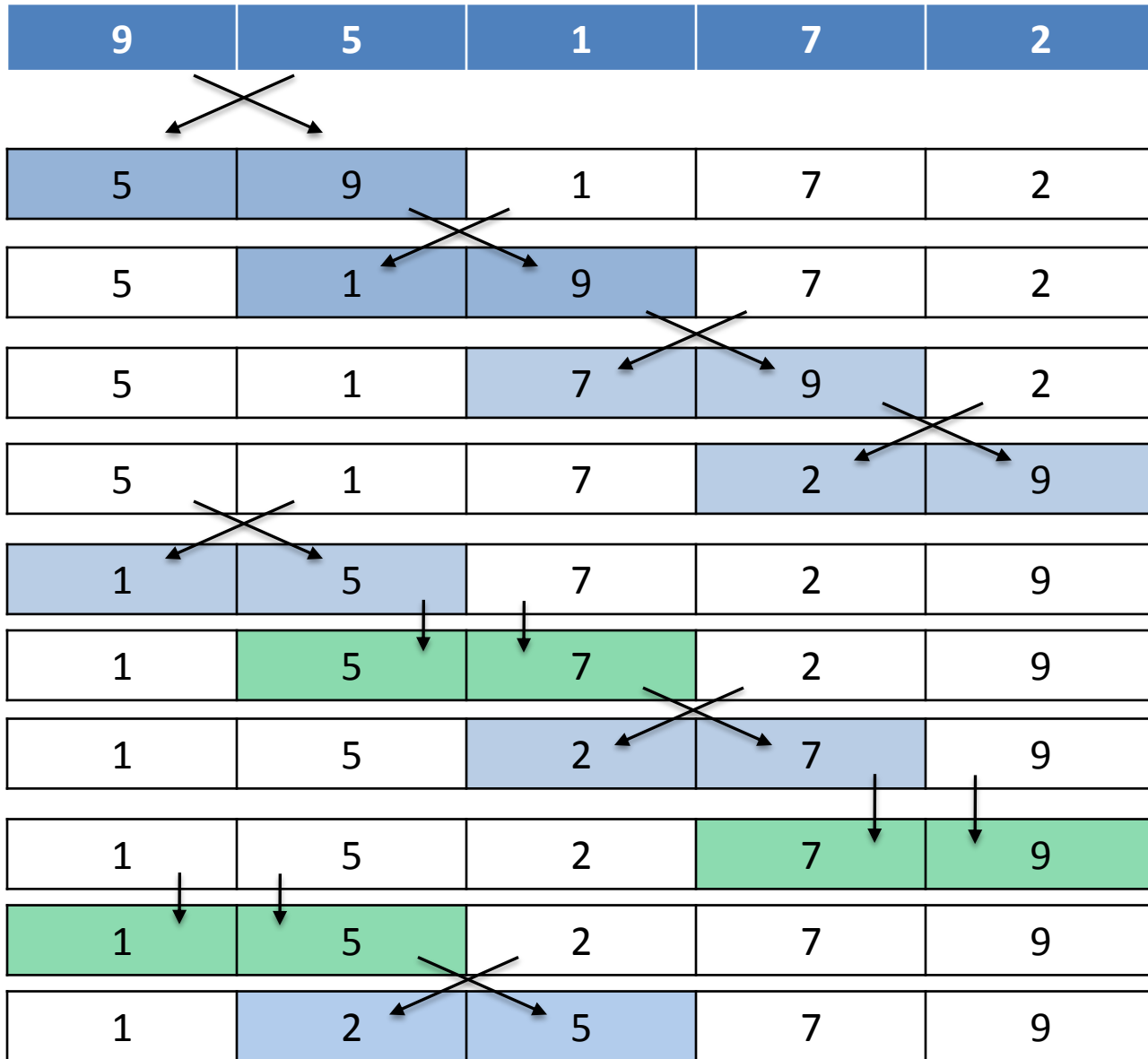
# Bubble Sort

1. Start with the first two elements
2. If first element  $>$  second element
  - Swap
3. Iterate for all following pairs
4. Repeat steps 1 to 3 until no swaps are necessary

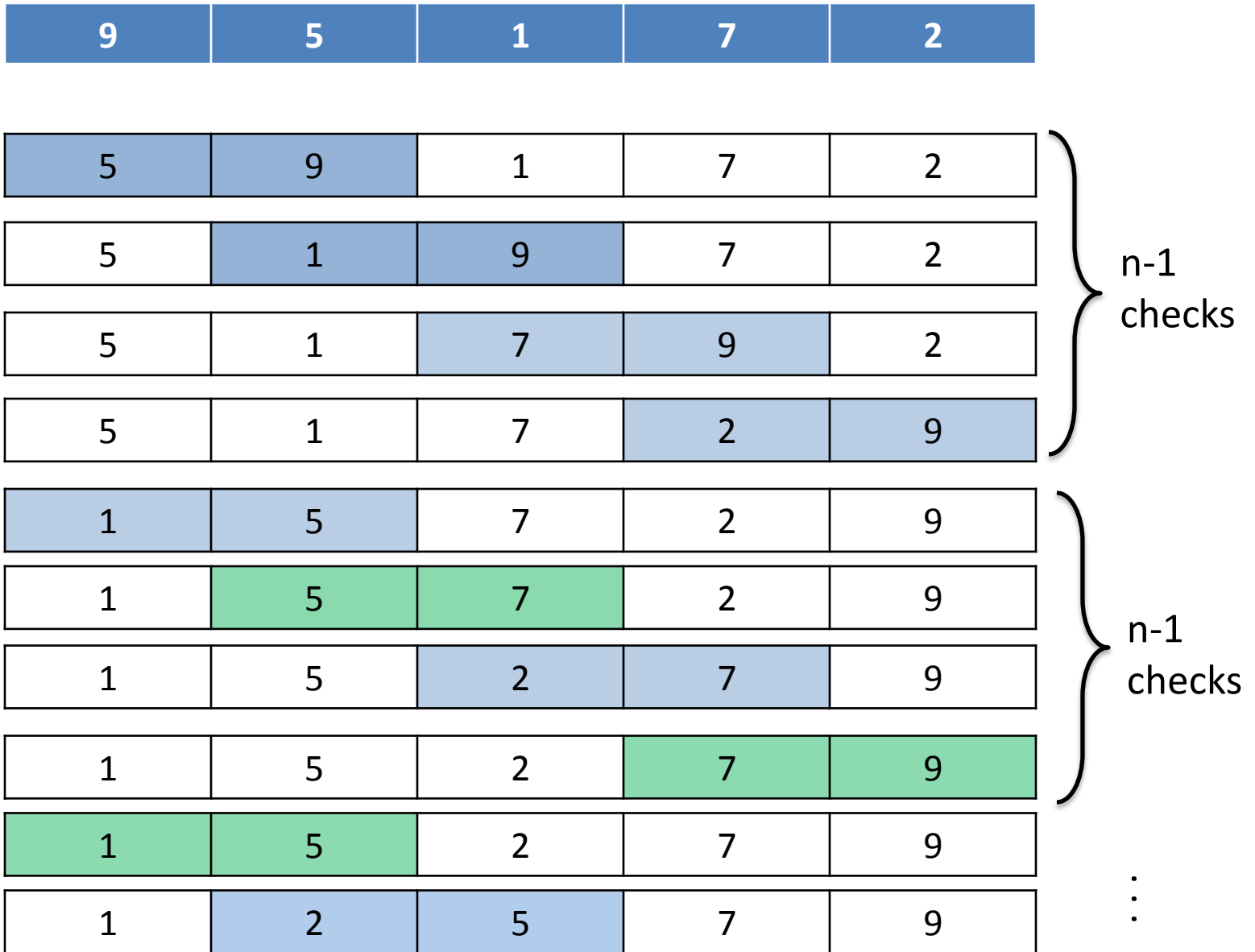
**Complexity =  $O(n^2)$**

Count number of comparisons and swaps

# Bubble Sort



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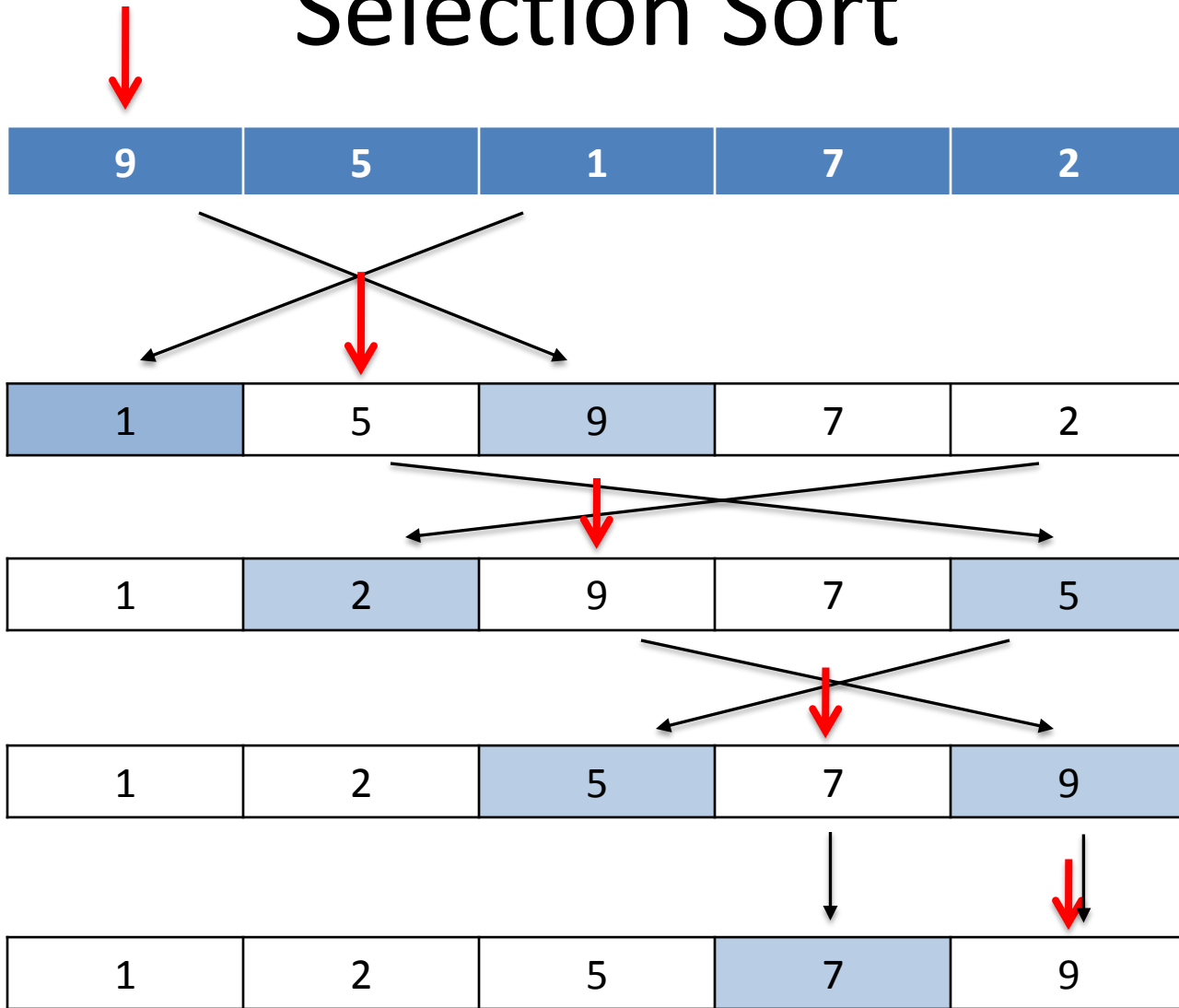
# Selection Sort

- Smarter algorithm, but same complexity (worst case)
  1. Find smallest unsorted element
  2. Swap with first unsorted element
  3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 until no more unsorted elements

**Complexity =  $O(n^2)$**

First unsorted element

# Selection Sort



n checks  
to find  
minimum

n-1  
checks

n-2  
checks

⋮

# Insertion Sort

- Main idea: keep 2 separate sets (one sorted, one unsorted), and move elements from unsorted to sorted set one at a time
- Better performance in case many elements are already sorted, quadratic in worst case

## 1) Initialize 2 sets

- One set of sorted elements (contains only first element in the array)
- One set of unsorted elements (all the other elements in the array)

## 2) A) Take first element in unsorted set and

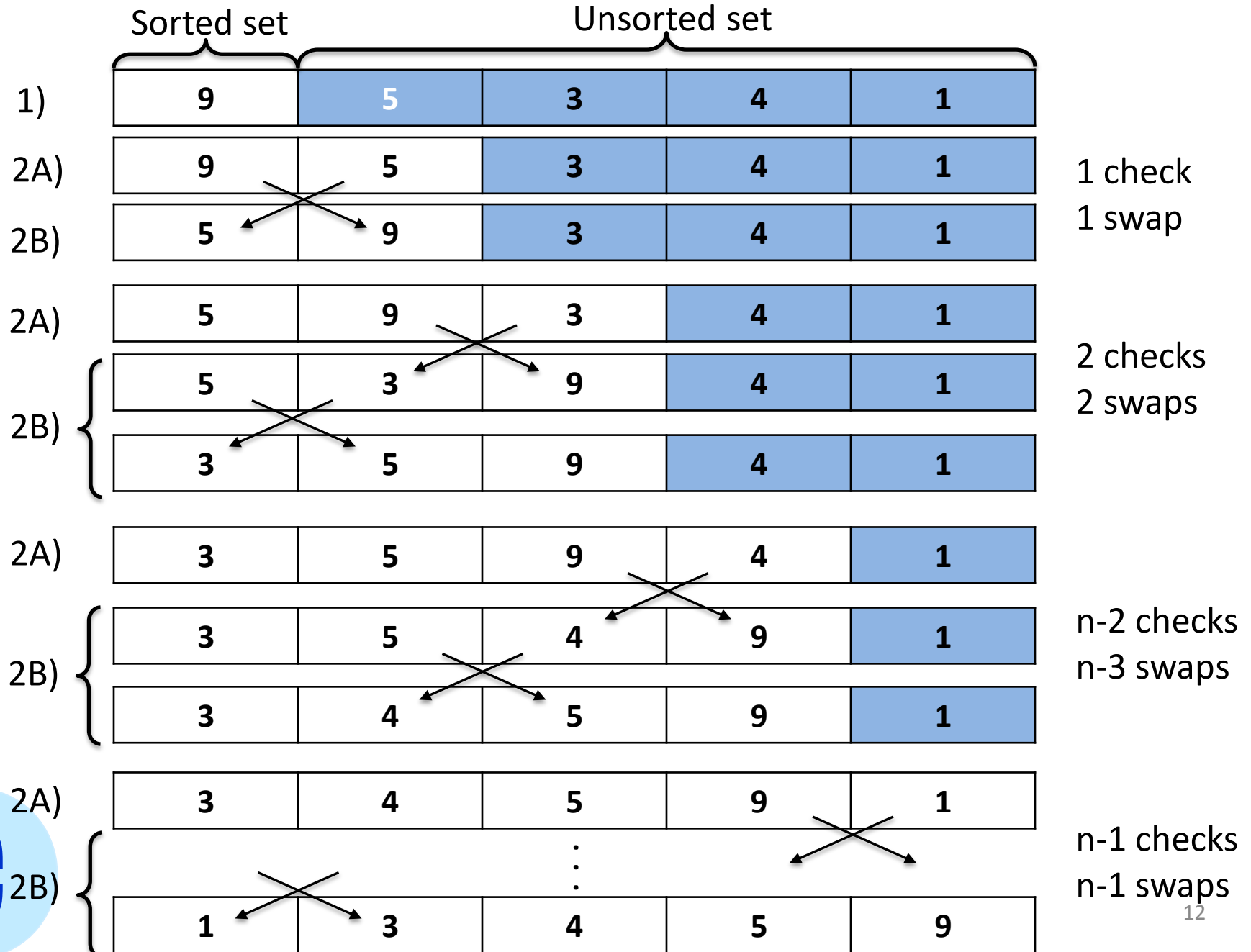
B) Insert it into sorted set **at proper position**

## 3) Repeat steps 2A) and 2B) until unsorted set is empty



**Complexity =  $O(n^2)$**

# Insertion sort



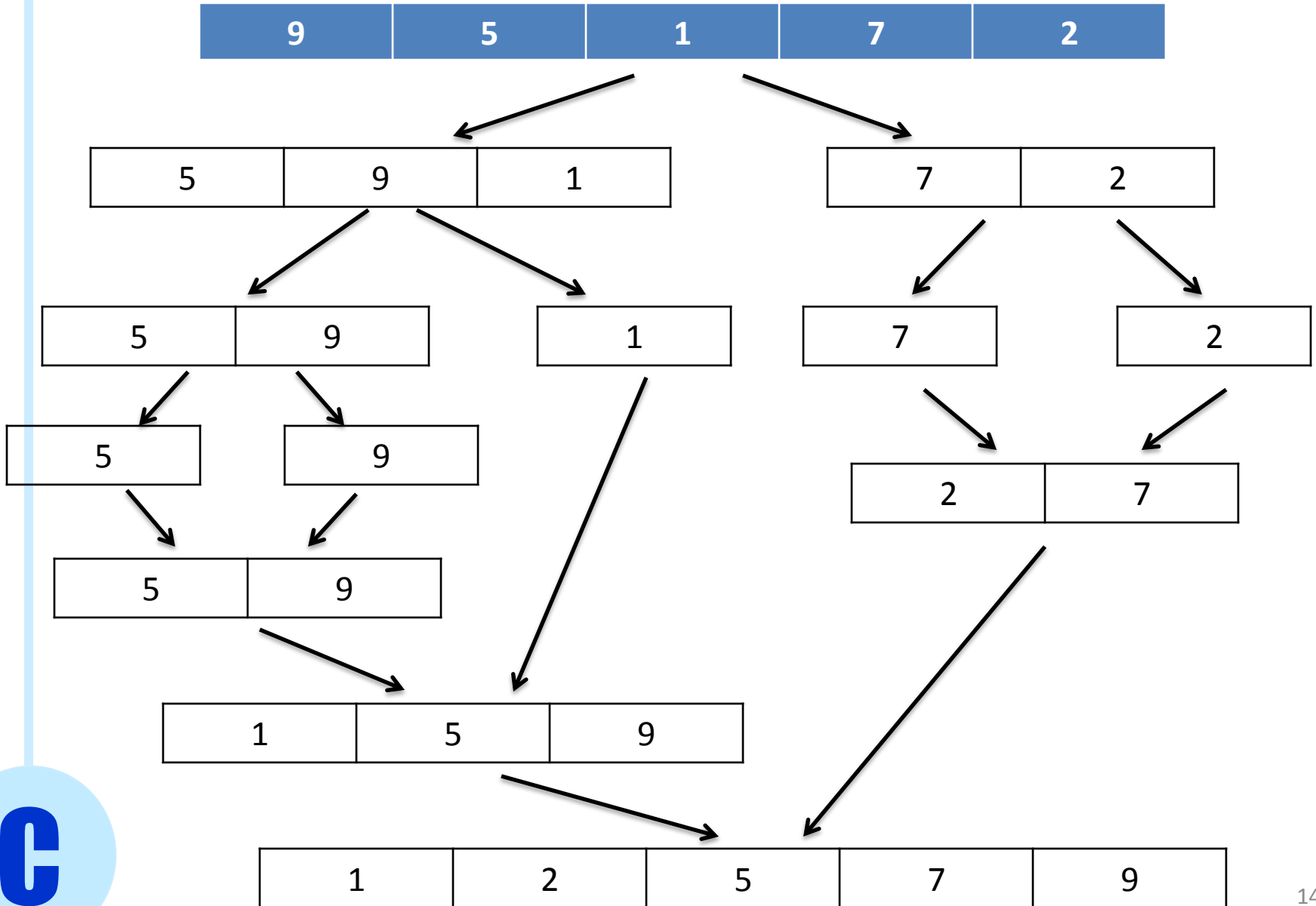


# Merge Sort

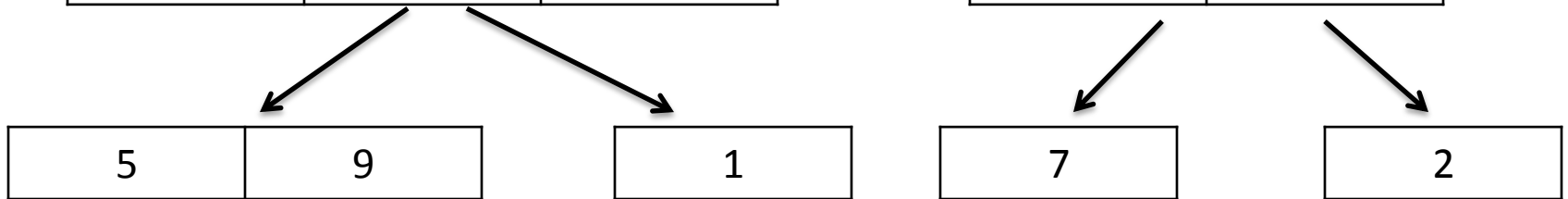
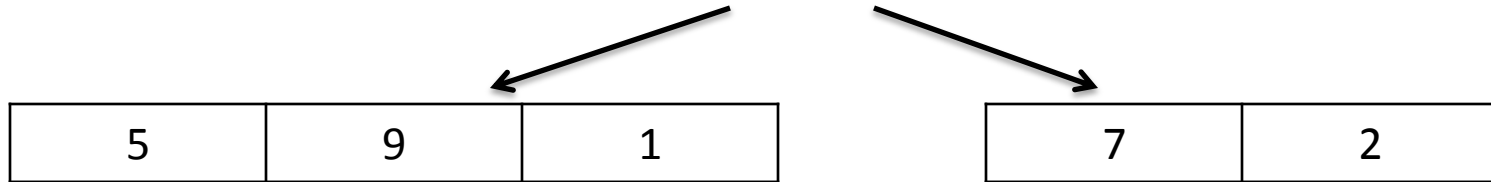
- One of the fastest algorithms, divide and conquer principle
  - Uses recursion
  - Sorting small sets is faster than sorting large sets
  - Merging 2 sets into a sorted union is faster if the sets are already sorted
1. If set H has 1 element, stop
  2. else
    - Split set into 2 halves H1 and H2 of (approximately) same size
    - Sort H1 and H2 with merge sort recursion
    - Merge the sorted H1 and H2 into a sorted set

**Complexity =  $O(n \log(n))$**

# Merge Sort



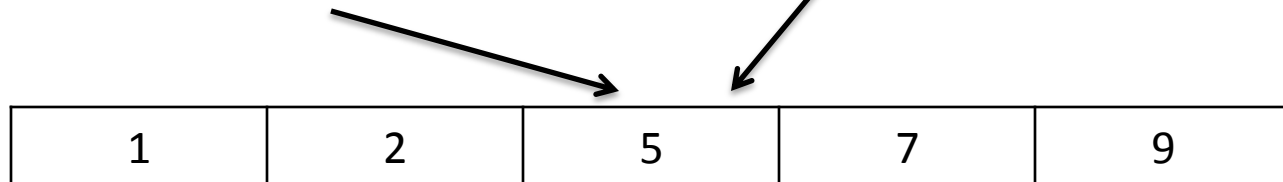
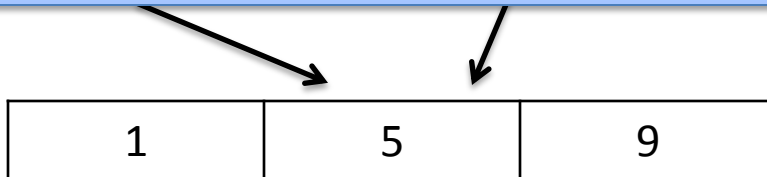
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Each merge takes  $O(n)$  in the worst case



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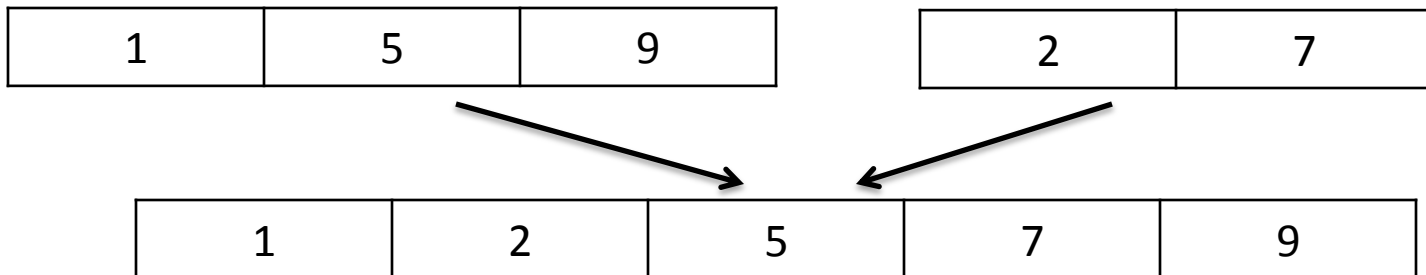
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Merge routine:

Given H1 and H2 of size n1 and n2 respectively, create H of length  $n = n1 + n2$

```
int c1=0, c2=0;
for (i=0; i<n; i++){
    if( (c1<n1) && ((H1[c1] < H2[c2]) || (c2==n2)) ){
        H[i] = H1[c1];
        c1++;
    }
    else{
        H[i] = H2[c2];
        c2++;
    }
}
```



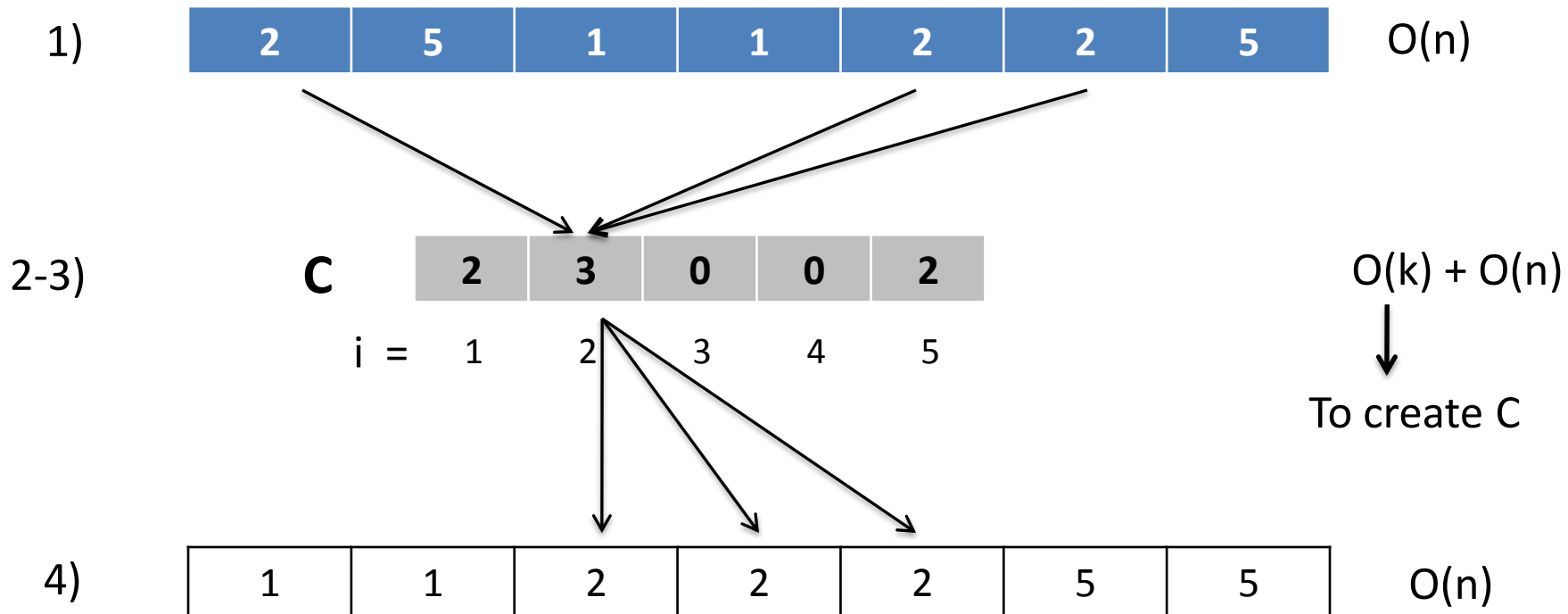
# Counting sort

- Intuition: exploit range  $k$  of values in set
  - Efficient if  $k$  is not much larger than  $n$
1. Find biggest and smallest values in the set  
(  $k = \text{maxVal} - \text{minVal} + 1$  )
  2. Create an array  $C$  of  $k$  elements
  3. Count occurrences  $C(i)$  of each value  $i$  in the set
  4. Fill ordered set by inserting  $C(i)$  elements of value  $i$ , for each value in range  $k$

**Complexity =  $O( n + k )$**

# Counting sort

Example: range of values in set is [1, 5],  $k = 5$



# Homework 4 Solution