Week 3

Functions, Arrays & Structures

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Function Definitions

Function definition pattern:

```
datatype identifier (parameter1, parameter2, ...) {
    statements . . .
}
Where a parameter is:
    datatype identifier
```

- * datatype: the type of data returned by the function.
- * *identifier*: the name by which it is possible to call the function.
- parameters: Like a regular variable declaration, act within the function as a regular local variable. Allow passing arguments to the function when it is called.
- * statements: the function's body, executed when called.

Function Call, Return Statement

Function call expression

```
identifier ( expression1, . . . )
```

- Causes control flow to enter body of function named identifier.
- parameter1 is initialized to the value of expression1, and so on for each parameter
- ⋆ expression1 is called an argument.
- Return statement: return expression;
 - * inside a function, causes function to stop, return control to caller.
- The value of the return *expression* becomes the value of the function call

Example: Function

```
// function example
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int addition (int a, int b) {
   int result;
   result=a+b;
   return result;
}
int main () {
   int z;
   z = addition (5,3);
   cout << "The result is " << z <<endl;
}</pre>
```

- What are the parameters? arguments?
- What is the value of: addition (5,3)?
- What is the output?

Void function

A function that returns no value:

```
void printAddition (int a, int b) {
  int result;
  result=a+b;
  cout << "the answer is: " << result << endl;
}</pre>
```

- * use void as the return type.
- the function call is now a statement (it does not have a value)

```
int main () {
   printAddition (5,3);
}
```

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Prototypes

- In a program, function definitions must occur before any calls to that function
- To override this requirement, place a prototype of the function before the call.
- The pattern for a prototype:

```
datatype identifier (type1, type2, ...);
```

 the function header without the body (parameter names are optional).

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Arguments passed by value

- Pass by value: when an argument is passed to a function, its value is copied into the parameter.
- It is implemented using variable initialization (behind the scenes):

```
int param = argument;
```

- Changes to the parameter in the function body do **not** affect the value of the argument in the call
- The parameter and the argument are stored in separate variables; separate locations in memory.

Example: Pass by Value

```
#include <iostream>
                                          Output:
                                         number is 12
using namespace std;
                                         mvValue is 200
                                         Back in main, number is 12
void changeMe(int);
int main() {
   int number = 12;
   cout << "number is " << number << endl:</pre>
   changeMe(number); 
   cout << "Back in main number is " << number << endl:
   return 0;
                                     int myValue = number;
void changeMe(int myValue) {
   myValue = 200;
   cout << "myValue is " << myValue << endl;</pre>
                 changeMe failed to change the argument!
```

Parameter passing by Reference

- Pass by reference: when an argument is passed to a function, the function has direct access to the original argument (no copying).
- Pass by reference in C++ is implemented using a reference parameter, which has an ampersand (&) in front of it:

void changeMe (int &myValue);

- A reference parameter acts as an alias to its argument, it is NOT a separate storage location.
- Changes to the parameter in the function DO affect the value of the argument

Scope of variables

- For a given variable definition, in which part of the program can it be accessed?
 - * Global variable (defined outside of all functions): can be accessed anywhere, after its definition.
 - Local variable (defined inside of a function): can be accessed inside the block in which it is defined, after its definition.
 - * **Parameter**: can be accessed anywhere inside of its function body.
- Variables are destroyed at the end of their scope.

Example: Pass by Reference

```
#include <iostream>
                                          number is 12
using namespace std;
                                          mvValue is 200
                                          Back in main, number is 200
void changeMe(int &);
int main() {
   int number = 12;
   cout << "number is " << number << endl;</pre>
   changeMe(number);
   cout << "Back in main, number is " << number << endl;</pre>
   return 0:
                                     myValue is an alias for number,
                                     only one shared variable
void changeMe(int &myValue) {
   myValue = 200;
   cout << "myValue is " << myValue << endl;</pre>
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```

More scope rules

- Variables in the same exact scope cannot have the same name
 - Parameters and local function variables cannot have the same name
 - Variable defined in inner block can hide a variable with the same name in an outer block.

```
int x = 10;
if (x < 100) {
   int x = 30;
   cout << x << endl;
}
cout << x << endl;</pre>
```

 Variables defined in one function cannot be seen from another.

Arrays

- An array is:
 - A series of elements of the same type
 - placed in contiguous memory locations
 - that can be individually referenced by adding an index to a unique identifier.
- To declare an array:

```
datatype identifier [size];
```

int numbers[5];

- datatype is the type of the elements
- identifier is the name of the array
- size is the number of elements (constant)¹³

Array access

 to access the value of any of the elements of the array individually as if it was a normal variable:

```
scores[2] = 89.5;
```

- scores[2] is a variable of type float
- use it anywhere a float variable can be used.
- rules about subscripts:
 - always start at 0, last subscript is size-1
 - must have type int but can be any expression
- watchout: brackets used both to declare the array and to access elements.

Array initialization

• To specify contents of the array in the definition:

```
float scores[3] = {86.5, 92.1, 77.5};
```

 creates an array of size 3 containing the specified values.

```
float scores[10] = {86.5, 92.1, 77.5};
```

- creates an array containing the specified values followed by 7 zeros (partial initialization).

```
float scores[] = {86.5, 92.1, 77.5};
```

- creates an array of size 3 containing the specified values (size is determined from list).

Arrays: operations

- Valid operations over entire arrays:
 - function call: myFunc(scores,x);
- **Invalid** operations over structs:
 - assignment: array1 = array2;
 - comparison: array1 == array2
 - Output: cout << array1;</pre>
 - input: cin >> array2;
 - Must do these element by element, probably using a for loop

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Example: Processing arrays

Computing the average of an array of scores:

Arrays as parameters

- In the <u>function definition</u>, the parameter type is a variable name with an empty set of brackets: []
 - Do NOT give a size for the array inside []

 void showArray(int values[], int size)
- In the <u>prototype</u>, empty brackets go after the element datatype.

```
void showArray(int[], int)
```

 In the <u>function call</u>, use the variable name for the array.

showArray(numbers, 5)

• An array is always passed by reference.

Example: Partially filled arrays

```
int sumList (int list[], int size) {//sums elements in list array
   int total = 0:
   for (int i=0; i < size; i++) {
                                       sums from position 0 to size-1.
      total = total + list[i];
                                       even if the array is bigger.
   return total;
const int CAPACITY = 100;
int main() {
   int scores[CAPACITY];
   int count = 0;
                                 //tracks number of elems in array
   cout << "Enter the programming assignment scores:" << endl;</pre>
   cout << "Enter -1 when finished" << endl;</pre>
   int score;
   cin >> score:
   while (score != -1 && count < CAPACITY) {
      scores[count] = score;
      count++;
      cin >> score;
   int sum = sumList(scores,count); pass count, not CAPACITY
```

Multidimensional arrays

 <u>multidimensional array</u>: an array that is accessed by more than one index

Initialization:

```
int a[4][3] = \{4,6,3,12,7,15,41,32,81,52,11,9\};
```

- First row: 4,6,3
- Second row: 12, 7, 15
- etc.

Multidimensional arrays

 when using a 2D array as a parameter, you must specify the number of columns:

```
void myfunction(int vals[][3], int rows) {
   for (int i = 0; i < rows; ++i) {
      for (int j = 0; j < 3; ++j)
            cout << vals[i][j] << " ";
      cout << "\n";
   }
}
int main() {
   int a[4][3] = {4,6,3,12,7,15,41,32,81,52,11,9};
   ...
   myfunction(a,4);
   ...
}</pre>
```

Structures

- A structure stores a collection of objects of various types
- Each element in the structure is a member, and is accessed using the dot member operator.

```
struct Student {
   int idNumber;
   string name;
   int age;
   string major;
};

Student student1, student2;

Student1.name = "John Smith";

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Student student3 = {123456,"Ann Page",22,"Math"};
```

Structures: operations

- Valid operations over entire structs:
 - assignment: student1 = student2;
 - function call: myFunc(gradStudent,x);

```
void myFunc(Student, int); //prototype
```

- <u>Invalid</u> operations over structs:
 - comparison: student1 == student2
 - Output: cout << student1;</pre>
 - input: cin >> student2;
 - Must do these member by member

Arrays of Structures

You can store values of structure types in arrays.

```
Student roster[40]; //holds 40 Student structs
```

 Each student is accessible via the subscript notation.

```
roster[0] = student1; //copy student1 into 1st position
```

Members of structure accessible via dot notation.

```
cout << roster[0].name << endl;</pre>
```

Arrays of Structures: initialization

To initialize an array of structs:

```
struct Student {
    int idNumber;
    string name;
    int age;
    string major;
};
int main()
{
    Student roster[] = {
        {123456, "Ann Page", 22, "Math"},
        {111222, "Jack Spade", 18, "Physics"}
    };
}
```

Passing structures to functions

 Structure variables may be passed as arguments to functions:

Arrays of Structures

Arrays of structures processed in loops: