Week 12: Structures

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Data Types

- A Data Type consists of:
  - set of values
  - set of operations over those values

- example: Integer
  - whole numbers, -32768 to 32767
  - +, -, *, /, %, ==, !=, <, >, <=, >=, ...

- Which operation is not valid for float?

Data Types (C/C++)

- Scalar (or Basic, Primitive) Data Types
  - atomic values
  - Integers:
    - short, int, long, char, bool
  - Floating Points:
    - float, double, long double

- Composite (or Aggregate) Types:
  - values of these types are composed from other values.
  - Arrays: ordered sequence of values of the same type
  - Structures: named components of various types

11.2 Structures

- Composite data type used to group multiple variables together into a unit.

- Example: student
  - ID Number
  - Name
  - Age
  - Major

- Each student has a value for each of these variables (or attributes).
Structures in C++

- Define the student as a struct in C++:
  ```
  struct Student {
    int idNumber;
    string name;
    int age;
    string major;
  };
  ```
  - NOTE: semicolon after last curly bracket!
  - A struct is a data type, and by convention the name is capitalized.
  - The components are called “members” (or “fields”).

Defining structure variables

- So far we have defined a new data type, but we haven’t defined any variables of that type.
- To define a variable of type Student:
  ```
  Student myStudent;
  ```
- Can define multiple variables of type Student:
  ```
  Student student1, student2, aGradStudent;
  ```
- Each one has its own set of the member variables in the Student data type

11.3 Accessing Structure Members

- Each variable of type Student has its own set of the member variables from the Student data type
  ```
  Student student1, student2;
  ```
- Use dot operator to access members of a struct variable:
  ```
  student1.age = 18;
  student2.idNumber = 123456;
  cin >> aGradStudent.name;
  aGradStudent.major = "Rocket Science";
  ```
- Member variables of structures can be used just like regular variables of the same type.
  ```
  student1.age++;  //happy birthday
  myFunc(student2.idNumber);
  if (student1.age==student2.age) {
      ...
  }
  ```
Operations over structures:

- **Valid** operations over entire structs:
  - assignment: `student1 = student2;`
  - function call: `myFunc(gradStudent,x);`
- **Invalid** operations over entire structs:
  - comparison: `student1 == student2`
  - output: `cout << student1;`
  - input: `cin >> student2;`
  - Must do these member by member!

- How is this different from Arrays?

11.4 Initializing a Structure

- Struct variable can be initialized when it is defined:
  
  ```
  Student student1 = {123456,"John Smith",22, "Math"};
  ```

- Must give values of members in order of the struct declaration.

- Can NOT initialize members in structure declaration, only variable definition:

  ```
  struct StudentA {
      int id = 123456;   //ILLEGAL
      string name = "John Smith"; //ILLEGAL
  }
  ```

Outputting & comparing structure variables

- Output the members one at a time:

  ```
  cout << student1.idNumber << " ";
  cout << student1.name << " ";
  cout << student1.age << " ";
  cout << student1.major << endl;
  ```

  Output: 11122 Chris Johnson 19 Football

- Comparing two structs:

  ```
  if (student1.idNumber == student2.idNumber &&
      student1.name == student2.name &&
      student1.age == student2.age &&
      student1.major == student2.major)
  ```

```c++
struct EmployeePay {
    string name;       // Employee name
    int empNum;        // Employee number
    double payRate;    // Hourly pay rate
    double hours;      // Hours worked
    double grossPay;   // Gross pay
};

int main() {
    EmployeePay employee1 = {"Betty Ross", 141, 18.75};
    EmployeePay employee2 = {"Jill Sandburg", 142, 17.50};
    cout << fixed << setprecision(2);
    // Calculate pay for employee1
    cout << "Name: " << employee1.name << endl;
    cout << "Employee Number: " << employee1.empNum << endl;
    cout << "Enter the hours worked by this employee: ";
    cin >> employee1.hours;
    employee1.grossPay = employee1.hours * employee1.payRate;
    cout << "Gross Pay: " << employee1.grossPay << endl << endl;
    // Calculate pay for employee2
    cout << "Name: " << employee2.name << endl;
    cout << "Employee Number: " << employee2.empNum << endl;
    cout << "Enter the hours worked by this employee: ";
    cin >> employee2.hours;
    employee2.grossPay = employee2.hours * employee2.payRate;
    cout << "Gross Pay: " << employee2.grossPay << endl;
}
```
Arrays of Structures

- Arrays of structures processed in loops:

```cpp
Student roster[40];

//input
for (int i=0; i<40; i++) {
    cout << "Enter the name, age, idNumber and "
    << "major of the next student: \n";
    cin >> roster[i].name >> roster[i].age
    >> roster[i].idNumber >> roster[i].major;
}

//output all the id numbers and names
for (int i=0; i<40; i++) {
    cout << roster[i].idNumber << endl;
    cout << roster[i].name << endl;
}
```

11.5 Arrays of Structures

- You can store values of structure types in arrays.
  Student roster[40];  //holds 40 Student structs

- Each student structure is accessible via the subscript notation:
  roster[0] = student1;  //copies student1 to first elem.

- Members of structure accessible via dot operator
  
  ```cpp
  cout << roster[0].name << endl;
  ```

11.6 Nested Structures

- You can nest one structure inside another.

```cpp
struct Address {
    string street;
    string city;
    string state;
    int zip;
};

struct Student {
    int idNumber;
    string name;
    Address homeAddress;
};
```
11.7 Structures as function arguments

- Structure variables may be passed as arguments to functions.

```cpp
void showStudent(Student x) {
    cout << x.idNumber << endl;
    cout << x.name << endl;
    cout << x.age << endl;
    cout << x.major << endl;
}
```

```cpp
int main() {
    Student student1;
    //input information about student1 here
    showStudent(student1);
}
```

Note: Student declaration is global!!

11.8 Returning a Structure from a Function

- A function may return a structure.

```cpp
Student inputStudent(ifstream &fin) {
    Student result;
    fin >> result.idNumber;
    fin >> result.name;
    fin >> result.age;
    fin >> result.major;
    return result;
}
```

```cpp
int main() {
    ifstream inFile;
    inFile.open("students.dat");
    Student student1 = inputStudent(inFile);
    for (int i=0; i<40; i++)
        roster[i] = inputStudent(inFile);
    inFile.close();
}
```

Note: always pass iostreams by reference!!