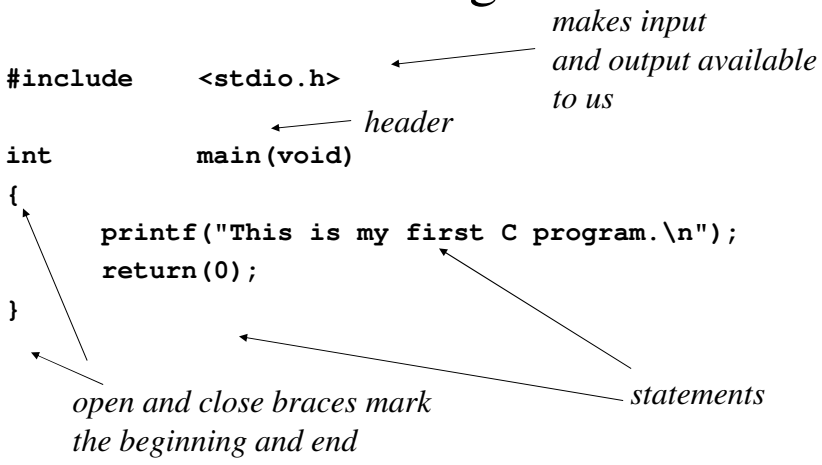
CSC 270 – Survey of Programming Languages

C Lecture 1 : Getting Started: in C

A First Program



A First Program – What Does It Do?

```
printf("This is my first C program.\n");
return(0);
```

Prints the message
`This is my first C++ program.`

Ends the program

Ends the line

Identifier Rules

- An identifier must begin with a letter or an underscore _
- C is case sensitive upper case (capital) or lower case letters are considered different characters. **`Average`**, **`average`** and **`AVERAGE`** are three different identifiers.
- Numbers can also appear after the first character.

Identifier Rules (continued)

- Identifiers can be as long as you want but names that are too long usually are too cumbersome.
- However, C only considers the first 6 (external identifiers) or first 31 (internal identifiers) significant.
- Identifiers cannot be reserved words (special words like **`int`**, **`main`**, etc.)

Average3.cpp

```
#include    <stdio.h>

int         main(void)
{
      int         value1, value2, value3;
      float sum, average;

      printf("What is the first value? ");
      scanf("%d", &value1);

      printf("What is the second value? ");
      scanf("%d", &value2);
```

Read

Indicates that we are reading an integer

```
        printf("What is the third value? ");
        scanf("%d", &value3);
                                  scanf needs the &
        sum = value1 + value2 + value3;   before the identifier
        average = sum / 3;

        printf("Average = %f\n", average);
        return(0);
}
```

payroll.c

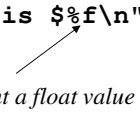
```
#include          <stdio.h>

int     main(void)
{
        float rate, hours, gross;

        printf("What is your hourly pay rate ? ");
        scanf("%f",&rate);

        printf("How many hours did you work ? ");
        scanf("%f", &hours);
```

```
        gross = rate * hours;
        printf("Your gross pay is $%f\n", gross);
        return(0);
}
```



Comments

- In C, anything beginning with `/*` and ending with `*/` is considered a comment.

payroll.c

```
#include          <stdio.h>
/*
 * This program calculates the gross pay for an
 * hourly worker.
 * Inputs - hourly pay rate and number of hours
 *          worked
 * Output - Gross pay
 */
int   main(void)
{
      float rate, hours, gross;

      /* Get the hourly rate */
      printf("What is your hourly pay rate ? ");
      scanf("%f",&rate);
```

```
      /* Get the number of hours worked */
      printf("How many hours did you work ? ");
      scanf("%f", &hours);

      /* Calculate and display the gross pay */
      gross = rate * hours;
      printf("Your gross pay is $%f\n", gross);
      return(0);
}
```

Character Data

- All of our programs so far have used variables to store numbers, not words.
- We can store one or more characters by writing:

  `char  x, s[10];`

  - **`x`** can hold one and only one character
  - **`s`** can up to nine characters.
- For now, we use character data for input and output only.

A program that uses a character variable

```
#include     <stdio.h>

/* A very polite program that greets you by name */
int    main(void)
{
   char       name[25];

   /* Ask the user his/her name */
   printf("What is your name ? ");
   scanf("%s", &name);

   /* Greet the user */
   printf("Glad to meet you, %s\n.", name);
   return(0);
}
```

if and *if-else (continued)*

- The general form is:

```
if (expression)
  statement;
```

or

```
if (expression)
  statement;
else
  statement;
```

IsItNeg.c

```
#include     <stdio.h>
/*
 * Tell a user if a number is negative
 * or non-negative
 */
int    main(void)
{
       float  number;
      /* Ask the user for a number */
       printf("Please enter a number ? ");
       scanf("%f", &number);
```

```
        // Print whether the number is negative or not
        if (number < 0)
              printf("%f is a negative number\n",
                     number);
        else
              printf("%f is NOT a negative number\n",
                     number);

         return(0);
  }
```

```
      // Print the warning if appropriate
      if (speed > 55)   {
           printf("**BE CAREFUL!**");
           printf("You are driving too fast!\n");
      }
      return(0);
}
```

Declaring Constants

•There are two ways of defining constants in C: using **`#define`** and **`const`**.
•#define is a compiler preprocessor which replaces each occurrence of the constant's name with its value:
•The general form of the constant declaration is:

```
#define ConstantName     ConstantValue
```

•Let's take a look at a few examples:

```
#define   withholding_rate    0.8
#define   prompt    'y'
#define   answer    "yes"
#define   maxpeople 15
#define   inchperft 12
#define   speed_limit    55
```

Declaring Constants

•The general form of the constant declaration is:

```
const datatype ConstantName =
                    ConstantValue,
     AnotherConstantName =
               AnotherConstantValue;
```

•Let's take a look at a few examples of constants:

```
const float    withholding_rate = 0.8;
const char     prompt = 'y',
               answer = "yes";
const int      maxpeople = 15,
               inchperft = 12;
               speed_limit = 55;
```

Counting Loops

- We use a for loop to write counting loops
- In C, it looks like this:

```
for (count = start;  count <= finish; count++)
        statement
```

- or

```
for (count = start;  count <= finish; count++)  {
        statements
}
```

Counting Loops (continued)

```
for (count = start;  count <= finish; count++)
        statement
```

variable used to count times through the loop

initial value of the counter

final value of the counter

HelloAgain.cpp

```
#include    <stdio.h>

/*
 * Hello again -  this is a better way to write
 *                "Hello, again" five times
 */
int   main(void)
{     int   i;
      for (i = 1;  i <= 5;  i++)
            printf("Hello, again\n");

      return(0);
}
```

The Interest Program

```
#include    <stdio.h>
/*
 *    Calculate the interest that the Canarsie
 *    Indians could have accrued if they had
 *    deposited the $24 in an bank account at
 *    5% interest.
 */
int   main(void)
{
      const int   present = 2016;
      int         year;
      const float rate = 0.05;
      float       interest, principle;

      /* Set the initial principle at $24 */
      principle = 24;
```

```
        /*
         * For every year since 1625, add 5% interest
         * to the principle and print out
         *    the principle
         */
        for  (year = 1625;  year < present;  year++)    {
              interest = rate * principle;
              principle = principle + interest;

              printf("year = %d\tprinciple = %f\n",
                    year, principle);
        }
        return(0);
}
```

Output from the Compound Interest Program

- What will our output look like?

```
year = 1625 principle = 25.200001
year = 1626 principle = 26.460001
year = 1627 principle = 27.783001
year = 1628 principle = 29.172152
      … … … … …
year = 2011     principle = 3806008832.000000
year = 2012     principle = 3996309248.000000
year = 2013     principle = 4196124672.000000
year = 2014     principle = 4405931008.000000
year = 2015     principle = 4626227712.000000
```

- This does not look the way we expect monetary amounts to be written!

`%d` and `%f`

- The specifiers `%d` and `%f` allow a programmer to specify how many spaces a number will occupy and (in the case of float values) how many decimal places will be used.
- `%`*n*`d` will use at least n spaces to display the integer value in decimal (base 10) format.
- `%`*w*`.`*d*`f` will use at least w spaces to display the value and will have exactly d decimal places.

Changing the width

Number	Formatting	Print as:
182	`%2d`	182
182	`%3d`	182
182	`%5d`	``182
182	`%7d`	````182
-182	`%4d`	-182
-182	`%5d`	`-182
-182	`%7d`	```-182

Changing the width (continued)

Number	Formatting	Print as:
23	`%1d`	23
23	`%2d`	23
23	`%6d`	….23
23	`%8d`	……23
11023	`%4d`	11023
11023	`%6d`	.11023
-11023	`%6d`	-11023
-11023	`%10d`	…..-11023

Changing The Precision

Number	Formatting	Prints as:
2.718281828	`%8.5f`	`` `2.71828 ``
2.718281828	`%8.3f`	`` ```2.718 ``
2.718281828	`%8.2f`	`` ````2.72 ``
2.718281828	`%8.0f`	`` ````````3 ``
2.718281828	`%13.11f`	`2.71828182800`
2.718281828	`%13.12f`	`2.718281828000`

The revised *Compound* program

```
#include    <stdio.h>
/*
 *    Calculate the interest that the Canarsie
 *    Indians could have accrued if they had
 *    deposited the $24 in an bank account at
 *    5% interest.
 */
int   main(void)
{
      const int   present = 2000;
      int         year;
      const float rate = 0.05;
      float       interest, principle;

      /* Set the initial principle at $24 */
      principle = 24;
```

```
      /*
       * For every year since 1625, add 5%
       * interest to the principle and print out
       *    the principle
       */
      for  (year = 1625;  year < present;  year++)
      {
        interest = rate * principle;
        principle = principle + interest;

        printf("year = %d\tprinciple = %15.2f\n",
                  year, principle);
      }
      return(0);
}
```

```
      for  (year = 1625;  year < present;  year++)    {
            interest = rate * principle;
            principle = principle + interest;

            printf("year = %d\tprinciple = %15.2f\n",
                  year, principle);
      }
      return(0);
}
```

The output from the Revised Compound Program

Our output now looks like this:

```
year = 1625       principle =          25.20
year = 1626       principle =          26.46
year = 1627       principle =          37.78
year = 1628       principle =          29.17
… … … … …        … … … … … … … … … …
year = 1996       principle =  1830755328.00
year = 1997       principle =  1922293120.00
year = 1998       principle =  2018407808.00
year = 1999       principle =  2119328256.00
```

While Loops

- The most common form of conditional loops are ***while*** loops.
- In C, they have the form:

```
while (condition)
   statement;
```

or

```
while(condition)  {
   statements
}
```

keepasking.c

```
#include    <stdio.h>
/* A simple example of how while works */
int   main(void)
{
      int   number;

      /* Get your first number */
      printf("Hi there.  Pick a positive"
            " integer  >>");
      scanf("%d", &number);
```

```
        /* Keep reading number as long as
                    they are positive */
        while (number > 0)      {
              printf("Pick another positive"
                    " integer>>");
              scanf("%d", &number);
        }
        printf("%d is not a positive integer\n",
               number);
        return(0);
}
```

Magic Number Problem

- The magic number game involves guessing a number and with each wrong guess, the player is told “too high” or “ too low”. The goal is to guess the number in the smallest number of tries.
- We need a method for having the computer pick a number at random for the player to guess.
- We will need to learn about how to use “library functions” to provide us with the magic number.

do.. while loops

- You may have noticed that we asked the user twice for same information - the number (s)he is guessing.
- Some loops really require that the condition be at the end - not at the beginning.
- In Java, we have the do.. while loop, whose syntax is:

```
do      {
   statement(s)
} (condition)
```

The Magic Number Program

- The main loop in the magic number program is:

```
do {
   /* Let the user make a guess */
   printf("Guess: ");
   scanf("%d", &guess);

   /* Let the user make another guess */
   if (guess > magic)
     printf(".. Wrong .. Too high\n\n");
   else if (guess < magic
     printf(".. Wrong .. Too low\N\n");
   tries++;
} while (guess != magic);
```

`exit()`

- **`exit()`** allows the user to let a program terminate if the program detects an unrecoverable error.
- The statement

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

  has to be included.
- A non-zero status value should be returned when the program terminates abnormally.