

C introduction part 3

pointers, static and dynamic memory allocation, and structures

Objectives

- Write functions that can accept and “return arrays”
 - Review of pointers
 - Static and dynamic arrays
- Use *structures* to store and pass around data

<https://sieprog.ch/>

https://stakahama.gitlab.io/sie-eng270/C_intro.html

Review: arrays, strings, and pointers

Pointer syntax

```
int i = 1;
```

```
int *ip;
```

declare pointer of type int*

```
ip = &i;
```

```
*ip = 2;
```

assign 2 as value to variable at pointer

“*” means different things here
but both are used in relation
to pointers

Example values and addresses

- numeric array
- character array (string)
- character array can be converted to and from integers

Dec	Hx	Oct	Char	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr
0	000		NUL (null)	32	20	040	Space	64	40	100	64	0	96	60	140	96	.	
1	001		SOH (start of heading)	33	21	041	!	65	41	101	65	A	97	61	141	97	a	
2	002		STX (start of text)	34	22	042	"	66	42	102	66	B	98	62	142	98	b	
3	003		ETX (end of text)	35	23	043	#	67	43	103	67	C	99	63	143	99	c	
4	004		END (end of transmission)	36	24	044	\$	68	44	104	68	D	100	64	144	100	d	
5	005		ENQ (enquiry)	37	25	045	%	69	45	105	69	E	101	65	145	101	e	
6	006		ACK (acknowledge)	38	26	046	&	70	46	106	70	F	102	66	146	102	f	
7	007		DEL (bell)	39	27	047	&	71	47	107	71	G	103	67	147	103	g	
8	010		BS (backspace)	40	28	050	@	72	48	110	72	H	104	68	150	104	h	
9	011		TAB (horizontal tab)	41	29	051	A	73	49	111	73	I	105	69	151	105	i	
10	A 012		LF (NL line feed, new line)	42	2A	052	B	74	4A	112	74	J	106	6A	152	106	j	
11	B 013		VT (vertical tab)	43	2B	053	+	75	4B	113	75	K	107	6B	153	107	k	
12	C 014		FF (NP form feed, new page)	44	2C	054	,	76	4C	114	76	L	108	6C	154	108	l	
13	D 015		CR (carriage return)	45	2D	055	-	77	4D	115	77	M	109	6D	155	109	m	
14	E 016		SO (shift out)	46	2E	056	.	78	4E	116	78	N	110	6E	156	110	n	
15	F 017		SI (shift in)	47	2F	057	/	79	4F	117	79	O	111	6F	157	111	o	
16	10 020		DLE (data link escape)	48	30	060	0	80	50	120	80	P	112	70	160	112	p	
17	11 021		DC1 (device control 1)	49	31	061	1	81	51	121	81	Q	113	71	161	113	q	
18	12 022		DC2 (device control 2)	50	32	062	2	82	52	122	82	R	114	72	162	114	r	
19	13 023		DC3 (device control 3)	51	33	063	3	83	53	123	83	S	115	73	163	115	s	
20	14 024		DC4 (device control 4)	52	34	064	4	84	54	124	84	T	116	74	164	116	t	
21	15 025		NAK (negative acknowledge)	53	35	065	5	85	55	125	85	U	117	75	165	117	u	
22	16 026		SYN (synchronous idle)	54	36	066	6	86	56	126	86	V	118	76	166	118	v	
23	17 027		ETB (end of trans. block)	55	37	067	7	87	57	127	87	W	119	77	167	119	w	
24	18 030		CAN (cancel)	56	38	070	8	88	58	130	88	X	120	78	170	120	x	
25	19 031		EH (end of medium)	57	39	071	9	89	59	131	89	Y	121	79	171	121	y	
26	1A 032		SUB (substitute)	58	3A	072	9	90	5A	132	90	Z	122	7A	172	122	z	
27	1B 033		ESC (escape)	59	3B	073	9	91	5B	133	91	[	123	7B	173	123	{	
28	1C 034		FS (file separator)	60	3C	074	0	92	5C	134	92	\	124	7C	174	124		
29	1D 035		GS (group separator)	61	3D	075	1	93	5D	135	93	]	125	7D	175	125	}	
30	1E 036		RS (record separator)	62	3E	076	2	94	5E	136	94	^	126	7E	176	126	~	
31	1F 037		US (unit separator)	63	3F	077	2	95	5F	137	95	_	127	7F	177	127	DEL	

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```
#define LEN 18
```

```
int main() {
```

```
    int numarr[LEN];  
    char chararr[LEN+1];
```

```
    numarr[0] = 87;  
    numarr[1] = 101;  
    numarr[2] = 100;  
    numarr[3] = 110;  
    numarr[4] = 101;  
    numarr[5] = 115;  
    numarr[6] = 100;  
    numarr[7] = 97;  
    numarr[8] = 121;  
    numarr[9] = 58;  
    numarr[10] = 84;  
    numarr[11] = 104;  
    numarr[12] = 117;  
    numarr[13] = 114;  
    numarr[14] = 115;  
    numarr[15] = 100;  
    numarr[16] = 97;  
    numarr[17] = 121;
```

```
    // Convert integer to
```

```
    // ASCII characters
```

```
    // = "Wednesday:Thursday";
```

```
    for(int i=0; i<LEN; i++) {  
        chararr[i] = (char)numarr[i];  
    }  
    chararr[LEN] = '\0';
```

```
// For printing example
int pos = 9;
```

```
size_t numsize = sizeof(numarr);
printf("size of numarr is %lu bytes\n", numsize);
printf("address of (numarr + %d) is %p\n", pos, numarr + pos);
printf("value of *(numarr + %d) is %d\n", pos, *(numarr + pos));
printf("value of numarr[%d] is %d\n", pos, numarr[pos]);
printf("\n");
```

size of numarr is 72 bytes
address of (numarr + 9) is 0x7ffcca8a1cb4
value of *(numarr + 9) is 58
value of numarr[9] is 58

```
size_t charsize = sizeof(chararr);
int charlen = strlen(chararr);
printf("size of chararr is %lu bytes\n", charsize);
printf("string length of chararr is %d\n", charlen);
printf("address of (chararr + %d) is %p\n", pos, chararr + pos);
printf("string starting at address (chararr + %d) is \"%s\"\n", pos, chararr + pos); // same as &chararr[pos]
printf("full string of chararr is \"%s\"\n", chararr);
printf("full string at &chararr[0] \"%s\"\n", &chararr[0]); // same as &(*chararr) or &(*chararr + 0)
printf("value of *(chararr + %d) is '%c'\n", pos, *(chararr + pos));
printf("value of chararr[%d] is '%c'\n", pos, chararr[pos]);

return 0;
}
```

size of chararr is 19 bytes
string length of chararr is 18
address of (chararr + 9) is 0x7ffcca8a1ce9
string starting at address (chararr + 9) is ":Thursday"
full string of chararr is "Wednesday:Thursday"
full string at &chararr[0] is "Wednesday:Thursday"
value of *(chararr + 9) is ':'
value of chararr[9] is ':'

Scope

- “region” of program where a particular set of variables are defined and used (where they have meaning)
- scopes in C:
 - global – variables can be used by all functions
 - local within each function (including main())

```
#include <stdio.h>

double max(double * tableau, int longueur) {
    double valeurMax = tableau[0];
    for (int i = 1; i < longueur; i++) {
        if (tableau[i] > valeurMax) valeurMax = tableau[i];
    }
    return valeurMax;
}

int main(int argc, char * argv[]) {
    double temperatures[] = {24.2, 26.5, 27.4, 28.1, 26.9};
    double temperatureMax = max(temperatures, 5);
    printf("Température maximale: %.1f\n", temperatureMax);
}
```



pass by reference



pass by value



source: <https://dev.to/erraghavkhanna/> ?



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Yes

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No

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Depends if you clone by reference or by value

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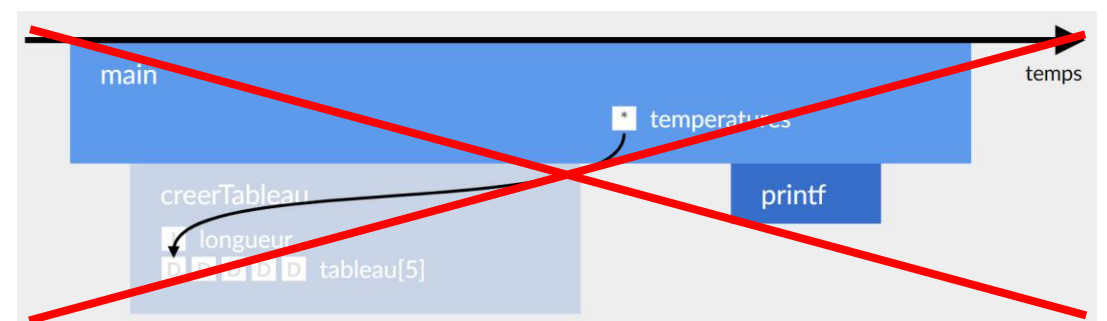
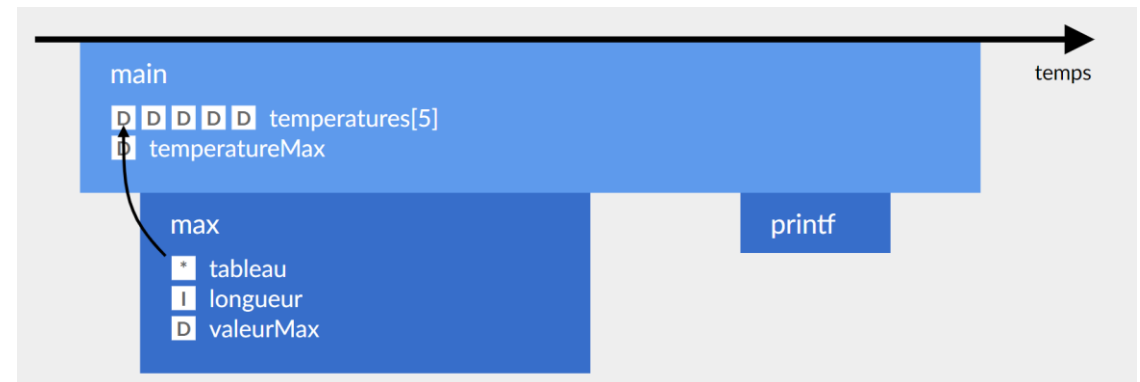
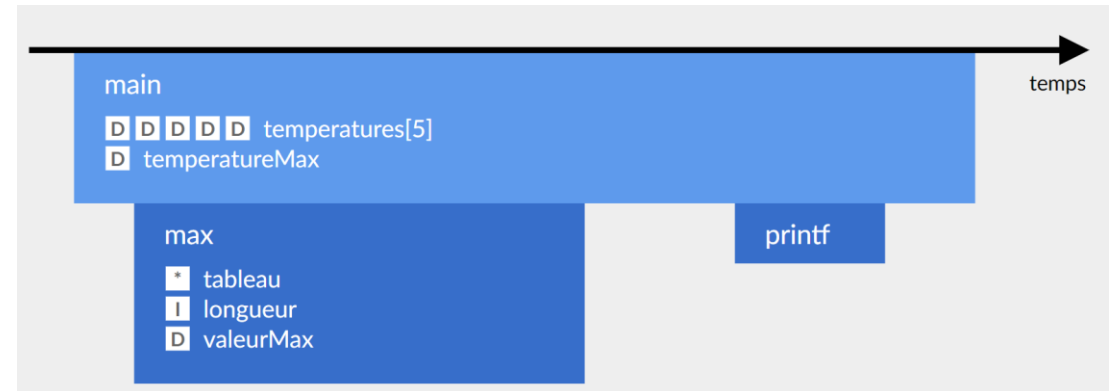
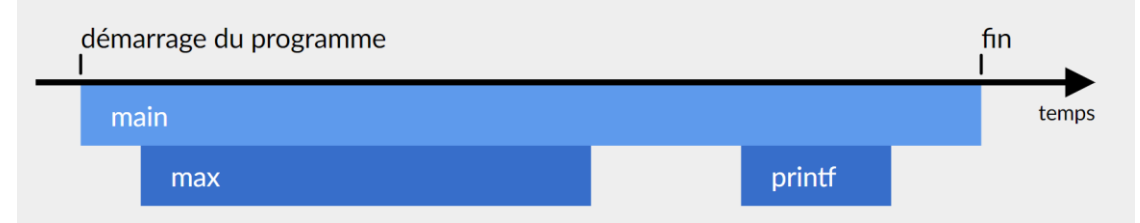
Call stack

Data structure in memory that manages active functions and flow of execution

```
#include <stdio.h>

double max(double * tableau, int longueur) {
    double valeurMax = tableau[0];
    for (int i = 1; i < longueur; i++) {
        if (tableau[i] > valeurMax) valeurMax = tableau[i];
    }
    return valeurMax;
}

int main(int argc, char * argv[]) {
    double temperatures[] = {24.2, 26.5, 27.4, 28.1, 26.9};
    double temperatureMax = max(temperatures, 5);
    printf("Température maximale: %0.1f\n", temperatureMax);
}
```



Three ways to pass arrays or array data out of functions

- use static memory allocation
 - (1) modify value of array passed by reference
 - (2) use *static* declaration and return pointer from function
- use dynamic memory allocation – (3) malloc in function
- declarations
 - static
 - define by size
 - define by values
 - define by size and values
 - dynamic
 - define by size

static (1) modify value of array passed by reference

```
#include <stdio.h> // for printf
#include <stdlib.h> // for malloc
#include <math.h> // for pow

#define NELEM 4

void squarearray(const int n, const int *arr_in, int *arr_out) {

    for(int i=0; i < n; i++) {
        arr_out[i] = pow(arr_in[i], 2);
    }

    return;
}

int main() {

    int myarr[NELEM] = {0, 1, 2, 3};
    int out[NELEM];

    squarearray(NELEM, myarr, out);

    for(int i=0; i < nelem; i++) {
        printf("original myarr[%d] = %d; squared out[%d]: %d\n", i, myarr[i], i, out[i]);
    }

    return 0;
}
```

```
original myarr[0] = 0; squared out[0]: 0
original myarr[1] = 1; squared out[1]: 1
original myarr[2] = 2; squared out[2]: 4
original myarr[3] = 3; squared out[3]: 9
```

static (2) use *static* declaration and return pointer from function

```
#include <stdio.h> // for printf
#include <stdlib.h> // for malloc
#include <math.h>   // for pow

#define NELEM 4

int *squarearray(int *arr_in) {

    static int arr_out[NELEM];

    for(int i=0; i < NELEM; i++) {
        arr_out[i] = pow(arr_in[i], 2);
    }

    return arr_out;
}

int main() {

    int myarr[NELEM] = {0, 1, 2, 3};
    int *out;

    out = squarearray(myarr);

    for(int i=0; i < NELEM; i++) {
        printf("original myarr[%d] = %d; squared out[%d]: %d\n", i, myarr[i], i, out[i]);
    }

    return 0;
}
```

dynamic (3) malloc in function

```
#include <stdio.h> // for printf
#include <stdlib.h> // for malloc
#include <math.h> // for pow

int *squarearray(size_t n, int *arr_in) {

    int *arr_out = malloc(sizeof(int) * n);

    for(int i=0; i < n; i++) {
        arr_out[i] = pow(arr_in[i], 2);
    }

    return arr_out;
}

int main() {

    int myarr[] = {0, 1, 2, 3};
    int *out;

    // assume we need to estimate the number of elements in the array
    size_t nelem = sizeof(myarr)/sizeof(myarr[0]);
    out = squarearray(nelem, myarr);

    for(int i=0; i < nelem; i++) {
        printf("original myarr[%d] = %d; squared out[%d]: %d\n", i, myarr[i], i, out[i]);
    }

    free(out);

    return 0;
}
```

you have to use sizeof()
before you pass array to function
why?

Other use of dynamic memory allocation

Example directory structure

```

.
├── csv_example_files
│   ├── example_input.csv
│   └── example_output.csv
├── csv_example
└── csv_example.c

```

Contents of csv_example_files/example_input.csv

```

col1,col2,col3
0.0,0.1,0.2
0.3,0.4,0.5

```

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <math.h>

#define NCOL 3

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    // expected syntax:
    // ./{executable} inputfile.csv outputfile.csv

    int c = EOF;
    char header[1024];
    int i, nlines;

    /* open files for reading and writing */
    FILE *fp = fopen(argv[1], "r");    // "csv_file_example.csv"
    FILE *fout = fopen(argv[2], "w");  // "csv_file_out.csv"

    /* count number of lines */
    nlines=1;
    while ((c=fgetc(fp)) != EOF) {
        if (c=='\n') {
            nlines++;
        }
    }
    printf("%d lines read\n", nlines);

    /* dynamically allocate array */
    double (*arr)[NCOL] = malloc((nlines-1)*NCOL*sizeof(double));

    /* read file */
    fseek(fp, 0, SEEK_SET);
    fscanf(fp, "%s", header);
    i = 0;
    while(fscanf(fp, "%lf,%lf,%lf", &arr[i][0], &arr[i][1], &arr[i][2]) == 3) {
        i++;
    }

    /* output */
    fprintf(fout, "col1_squared,col2_squared,col3_squared\n");
    for(i=0; i<nlines-1; i++) {
        fprintf(fout, "%lf,%lf,%lf\n", pow(arr[i][0],2), pow(arr[i][1],2), pow(arr[i][2],2));
    }

    /* deallocate array */
    free(arr);

    /* close files */
    fclose(fout);
    fclose(fp);

    /* exit function */
    return 0;
}

```

Summary - defining array size

- known at time of compilation
 - use array in global scope
 - use static arrays in functions
- determined at runtime
 - use malloc

Structures in C

Why?

- heterogeneous data
- refer to content by name (more understandable code)

Options:

- structure of array(s) – *pass by value*
- array of structures – *pass by reference*

```
#include <stdio.h>

// Déclarer une structure
struct Sommet {
    char * nom;
    double latitude;
    double longitude;
    float altitude;
};

int main(int argc, char * argv[]) {
    // Créer une variable et remplir les champs
    struct Sommet cervin;
    cervin.nom = "Matterhorn";
    cervin.latitude = 45.97639;
    cervin.longitude = 7.65833;
    cervin.altitude = 4478;

    // ou créer et remplir en même temps
    struct Sommet montBlanc = {"Mont Blanc", 45.832778, 6.865, 4808};

    // Afficher
    printf("%s: %0.0f m alt.\n", cervin.nom, cervin.altitude);
    printf("%s: %0.0f m alt.\n", montBlanc.nom, montBlanc.altitude);
    return 0;
}
```

```
struct Sommet sommets[10];

sommets[0].nom = "Matterhorn";
sommets[0].latitude = 45.97639;
sommets[0].longitude = 7.65833;
sommets[0].altitude = 4478;

sommets[1].nom = "Weisshorn";
sommets[1].latitude = 46.101667;
sommets[1].longitude = 7.716111;
sommets[1].altitude = 4506;

...
```

Additional syntactic sugar

when we pass a pointer to the structure (note: default is to pass by value)

```
#include <stdio.h>

// Déclarer une structure
struct Sommet {
    char * nom;
    double latitude;
    double longitude;
    float altitude;
};

void afficherSommet(struct Sommet sommet, char *units) {
    printf("%s: %0.0f %s alt.\n", sommet.nom, sommet.altitude, units);
}

void corrigerAltitude(struct Sommet * sommet) {
    // Convertir mètres en feet
    sommet->altitude = sommet->altitude / 0.3048;
}

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

    // declare
    struct Sommet cervin;

    // initialize with values
    cervin.nom = "Matterhorn";
    cervin.latitude = 45.97639;
    cervin.longitude = 7.65833;
    cervin.altitude = 4478;

    afficherSommet(cervin, "meters");

    corrigerAltitude(&cervin);

    afficherSommet(cervin, "feet");

    return 0;
}
```

Vu que *sommet* est un pointeur, on utilise `->` pour accéder aux valeurs de la structure. Ceci est une syntaxe abrégée pour:

```
(*sommet).altitude = (*sommet).altitude / 0.3048;
```