

# C introduction part 2

pointers, arrays, strings

off topic: numeric calculations

Values depend on **both** the *data type of the computed value* and *that of the variable which is used to store the results*.

Examine the following code:

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
    int a = 0;
    double b = 0;
    double c = 0;
    double d = 0;
    a = 1 / 2;
    b = 1 / 2;
    c = 1. / 2;
    d = 1. / (double)2;
    printf("a = %d\n", a);
    printf("b = %f\n", b);
    printf("c = %f\n", c);
    printf("d = %f\n", d);
    return 0;
}
```

If we save this to a file called "numtest.c":

```
gcc -Wall -o numtest numtest.c && ./numtest
```

We get the output:

```
a = 0
b = 0.000000
c = 0.500000
d = 0.500000
```

Why? `double a = 0;` only specifies that the variable `a` should be of storage type `double`; the value that is assigned is actually determined by the operation `1 / 2`, which is an integer type - **resulting in a value** truncated toward zero (i.e., fractional part discarded) when stored as a floating point number. `1. / 2` casts the integer to the double type (same as `1. / (double) 2`) and returns the floating point value.

Casting:

- implicit (e.g., `1. / 2`, `b = 1 / 2`)
- explicit (e.g., `1. / (double)2`)

pointers

# What happens when you pass an array to a function?

## MATLAB

```
x = [1, 2];  
y = foo(x);
```

```
fprintf('first element of x is %d\n', x(1));  
fprintf('first element of y is %d\n', y(1));
```

```
function y = foo(x)  
x(1) = 0;  
y = x .^ 2;  
end
```

# What happens when you pass an array to a function?

Python

```
import numpy as np

def foo(x):
    x[0] = 0
    y = x ** 2
    return y

x = np.array([1, 2]);
y = foo(x);

print('first element of x is %d\n' % x[0])
print('first element of y is %d\n' % y[0])
```

(note – this behavior is same with lists)

# Pointers

- A data type for storing addresses of variables
- Use to pass data around – e.g., into and out of functions –without making copies (memory-efficient)
- “pass by reference” vs “pass by value”

# Conceptual illustration with Excel

	A	B
1	1.0	=A3
2	2.5	
3	3.5	
4	5.0	

	Regular variable	Pointer variable
Retrieve value	$x = 3.5$	$*p = 3.5$ "dereferencing"
Retrieve address	$\&x = A3$	$p = A3$

# Use of pointers

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {

    int *pc = NULL;
    int c = 1;
    printf("%p\n", &c);    // -> 0x7fff34ef4e6c
    printf("%p\n", pc);   // -> (nil)

    pc = &c;
    printf("%p\n", &c);   // -> 0x7fff34ef4e6c
    printf("%p\n", pc);   // -> 0x7fff34ef4e6c

    printf("%d\n", c);    // -> 1
    printf("%d\n", *pc);  // -> 1

    *pc = 2;
    printf("%d\n", c);    // -> 2
    printf("%d\n", *pc);  // -> 2

    return 0;
}
```

# Passing pointers to functions

```
#include<stdio.h>

void div(int a, int b, int *quotient, int *remainder) {
    *quotient = a / b;
    *remainder = a % b;
}

int main() {
    int a = 76, b = 10;
    int q, r;
    div(a, b, &q, &r);
    printf("quotient is %d & remainder is %d\n", q, r); // quotient is 7 & remainder is 6
    return 0;
}
```

# Arrays

## Tableaux



La ligne suivante crée un tableau de 5 entiers:

```
int visiteurs[5];
```

Les cases de ce tableau peuvent être accédées en indiquant leur indice:

```
visiteurs[0] = 67;
visiteurs[1] = 55;
visiteurs[2] = 33;
visiteurs[3] = 41;
visiteurs[4] = 48;

int somme = 0;
for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
    somme += visiteurs[i];
}

printf("Au total, il y avait %d visiteurs.\n", somme);
```

La numérotation des cases commence par 0. La dernière case porte le numéro 4 (*longueur - 1*).

Alternativement, un tableau peut être créé avec une liste de valeurs:

```
int visiteurs[] = {67, 55, 33, 41, 48};
```

Dans la mémoire de l'ordinateur, les cases sont placées les unes après les autres:



# Pointer arithmetic

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
    int visiteurs[] = {67, 55, 33, 41, 48};

    int somme = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
        somme += *(visiteurs + i);
    }

    printf("Au total, il y avait %d visiteurs.\n", somme);
    return 0;
}
```



*array indexing  
notation adds  
syntactic sugar*

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
    int visiteurs[] = {67, 55, 33, 41, 48};

    int somme = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
        somme += visiteurs[i];
    }

    printf("Au total, il y avait %d visiteurs.\n", somme);
    return 0;
}
```



integers (`int`) are 32 bits

`visiteurs + i` points to the memory address

`visiteurs + i*32 bits` ahead

to retrieve the value at this address, write

`*(visiteurs + i)`, or `visiteurs[i]`

# Arrays “decay” to pointers in many operations

## Don't need to explicitly pass address with &

### Assignment to pointer

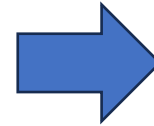
```
#include <stdio.h>
#define SIZE 3

int main() {
    size_t i = 0;
    int *p = NULL;
    int a[SIZE];

    p = a;
    /* Setting up the values to be i*i */
    for(i = 0; i < SIZE; i++) {
        a[i] = i * i;
        printf("a[i] = %d; *(p+i) = %d\n", a[i], *(p+i)); // assign
    }

    /* Reading the values using pointers */
    for(p = a; p < a + SIZE; p++) {
        printf("*p = %d\n", *p);
    }

    return 0;
}
```



```
a[i] = 0; *(p+i) = 0
a[i] = 1; *(p+i) = 1
a[i] = 4; *(p+i) = 4
*p = 0
*p = 1
*p = 4
```

### Pass to function

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

#define NELEM 4

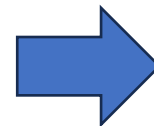
void squarearray(int *arr_in, int *arr_out) {
    for(int i=0; i < NELEM; i++) {
        arr_out[i] = pow(arr_in[i], 2);
    }
}

int main() {
    int arr[NELEM] = {0, 1, 2, 3};
    int out[NELEM] = {0};

    squarearray(arr, out);

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

# Strings

- Array of characters
- However it needs to have a null character at the end (integer value of 0, or '\0'), so length of strings need to be one unit longer than number of “visible” characters

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    char string[] = "abc";
    size_t size = sizeof(string)/sizeof(string[0]);
    printf("length of \"string\" is %d\n", size); // -> length of "string" is 4
    return 0;
}
```

elements of “string”

Index	Char
0	'a'
1	'b'
2	'c'
3	'\0'

# Use of single and double quotes

- Python and MATLAB – can define characters and strings with single or double quotes
- C
  - single quotes for character: 'x' is a single character
  - double quotes for string (includes '\0' at end): "x" is a two-character array that contains {'x', '\0'}

# Many ways to define strings

## immutable and mutable

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {

    char a[] = {'a', 'b', 'c', '\0'};           // mutable
    char b[] = "abc";                          // mutable
    char const c[] = {'a', 'b', 'c', '\0'};    // immutable
    char *d = "abc";                           // immutable

    a[1] = 'a';
    b[1] = 'a';

    printf("%s\n", a); // -> aac
    printf("%s\n", b); // -> aac
    printf("%s\n", c); // -> abc
    printf("%s\n", d); // -> abc

    return 0;
}
```

# String functions <string.h>

<https://sieprog.ch/#c/string>

More functions – e.g., assign string values to character array

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

int main () {
    int day, year;
    char weekday[20], month[20], dtm[100];

    strcpy( dtm, "Saturday March 25 1989" );
    sscanf( dtm, "%s %s %d %d", weekday, month, &day, &year );

    printf("%s %d, %d = %s\n", month, day, year, weekday );

    return(0);
}
```

# Pointer arithmetic with strings

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

int main () {
    char str[] = "column1;column2";
    char ch = ';';
    char *ret;

    ret = strchr(str, ch);    // search
    printf("String after \"%c\" is \"%s\"\n", ch, ret+1);

    *ret = ',';              // replacement
    printf("New string is \"%s\"\n", str);

    return(0);
}
```

➔ String after ";" is "column2"

➔ New string is "column1,column2"

`ret` is the location of the semicolon (;) in the string, so to retrieve the text after this point, we need to use `ret+1`

we *do not* need to dereference `ret+1` for printing the value of the string (note difference with integer array).

we *do* need to dereference `ret` to make an assignment.

# Review: arrays, strings, and pointers

# Pointer syntax

```
int i = 1;
```

```
int *ip;
```

```
ip = &i;
```

```
*ip = 2;
```

declare pointer of type int\*

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	Chr	Dec	Hx	Oct	Chr	Dec	Hx	Oct	Chr	Dec	Hx	Oct	Chr
0	00	00	NUL (null)	32	20	040	Space	64	40	100	@	96	60	140	#
1	001	001	SOH (start of heading)	33	21	041	!	65	41	101	A	97	61	141	~
2	002	002	STX (start of text)	34	22	042	"	66	42	102	B	98	62	142	^
3	003	003	ETX (end of text)	35	23	043	#	67	43	103	C	99	63	143	_
4	004	004	EOF (end of transmission)	36	24	044	\$	68	44	104	D	100	64	144	`
5	005	005	ENQ (enquiry)	37	25	045	%	69	45	105	E	101	65	145	!
6	006	006	ACK (acknowledge)	38	26	046	&	70	46	106	F	102	66	146	"
7	007	007	BEL (bell)	39	27	047	&	71	47	107	G	103	67	147	#
8	010	010	BS (backspace)	40	28	050	(	72	48	110	H	104	68	150	\$
9	011	011	TAB (horizontal tab)	41	29	051	)	73	49	111	I	105	69	151	%
10	A 012	LF	(NL line feed, new line)	42	2A	052	*	74	4A	112	J	106	6A	152	&
11	B 013	VT	(vertical tab)	43	2B	053	+	75	4B	113	K	107	6B	153	'
12	C 014	FF	(NP form feed, new page)	44	2C	054	,	76	4C	114	L	108	6C	154	(
13	D 015	CR	(carriage return)	45	2D	055	-	77	4D	115	M	109	6D	155	)
14	E 016	SO	(shift out)	46	2E	056	.	78	4E	116	N	110	6E	156	!
15	F 017	SI	(shift in)	47	2F	057	/	79	4F	117	O	111	6F	157	"
16	10 020	DLE	(data link escape)	48	30	060	0	80	50	120	P	112	70	160	#
17	11 021	DC1	(device control 1)	49	31	061	1	81	51	121	Q	113	71	161	\$
18	12 022	DC2	(device control 2)	50	32	062	2	82	52	122	R	114	72	162	%
19	13 023	DC3	(device control 3)	51	33	063	3	83	53	123	S	115	73	163	&
20	14 024	DC4	(device control 4)	52	34	064	4	84	54	124	T	116	74	164	'
21	15 025	NAK	(negative acknowledge)	53	35	065	5	85	55	125	U	117	75	165	(
22	16 026	SYN	(synchronous idle)	54	36	066	6	86	56	126	V	118	76	166	)
23	17 027	ETB	(end of trans. block)	55	37	067	7	87	57	127	W	119	77	167	!
24	18 030	CAN	(cancel)	56	38	070	8	88	58	130	X	120	78	170	"
25	19 031	EH	(end of medium)	57	39	071	9	89	59	131	Y	121	79	171	#
26	1A 032	SUB	(substitute)	58	3A	072	:	90	5A	132	Z	122	7A	172	\$
27	1B 033	ESC	(escape)	59	3B	073	;	91	5B	133	[	123	7B	173	%
28	1C 034	FS	(file separator)	60	3C	074	<	92	5C	134	\	124	7C	174	&
29	1D 035	GS	(group separator)	61	3D	075	=	93	5D	135	]	125	7D	175	'
30	1E 036	RS	(record separator)	62	3E	076	>	94	5E	136	^	126	7E	176	(
31	1F 037	US	(unit separator)	63	3F	077	?	95	5F	137	_	127	7F	177	)

Source: [www.LookupTable.com](http://www.LookupTable.com)

```
#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 ':'
```

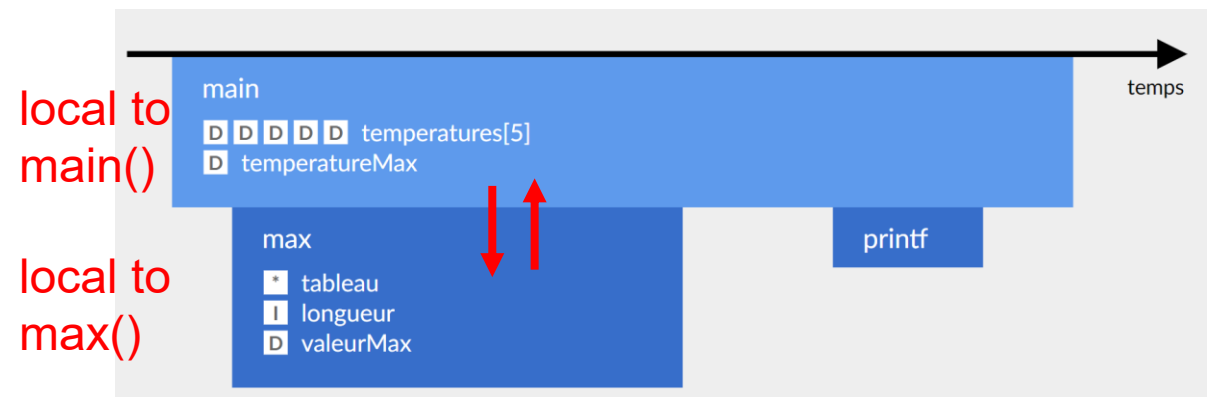
# Scope

- “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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