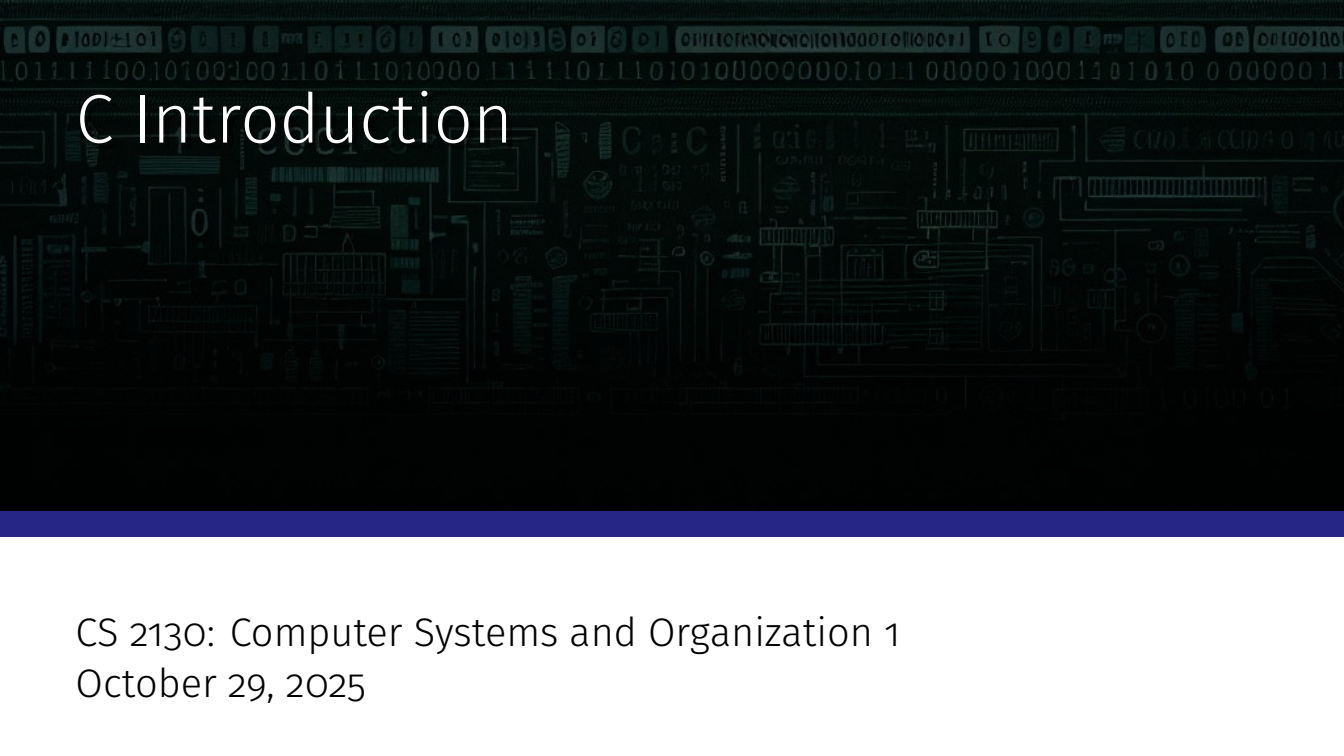




C Introduction

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Announcements

- Homework 7 **due Monday at 11:59pm** on Gradescope
- Exam 2 next Friday

Data Types in C

Pointers - how C uses addresses!

- Hold the address of a position in memory
- Need to know the kind of information stored at that location

Example

```
int main() {  
    int x = 3;  
    long y = 4;  
    int *a = &x;  
    long *b = &y;  
    long z = *a;  
    int w = *b;  
    return 0;  
}
```

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0000000000000000 <main>:

```
0: 55  
1: 48 89 e5  
4: 31 c0  
6: c7 45 fc 00 00 00 00  
d: c7 45 f8 03 00 00 00  
14: 48 c7 45 f0 04 00 00  
1b: 00  
1c: 48 8d 4d f8  
20: 48 89 4d e8  
24: 48 8d 4d f0  
28: 48 89 4d e0  
2c: 48 8b 4d e8  
30: 48 63 09  
33: 48 89 4d d8  
37: 48 8b 4d e0  
3b: 48 8b 09  
3e: 89 4d d4  
41: 5d  
42: c3
```

```
push    %rbp  
mov     %rsp,%rbp  
xor     %eax,%eax  
movl    $0x0,-0x4(%rbp)  
movl    $0x3,-0x8(%rbp)  
movq    $0x4,-0x10(%rbp)  
  
lea     -0x8(%rbp),%rcx  
mov     %rcx,-0x18(%rbp)  
lea     -0x10(%rbp),%rcx  
mov     %rcx,-0x20(%rbp)  
mov     -0x18(%rbp),%rcx  
movslq  (%rcx),%rcx  
mov     %rcx,-0x28(%rbp)  
mov     -0x20(%rbp),%rcx  
mov     (%rcx),%rcx  
mov     %ecx,-0x2c(%rbp)  
pop     %rbp  
retq
```

Example

Swap Example

```
void swap(int *a, int *b) {  
    int tmp = *a;  
    *a = *b;  
    *b = tmp;  
}
```

Arrays

Array: 0 or more values of same type stored contiguously in memory

- Declare as you would use: `int myarr[100];`
- `sizeof(myarr) = 400` — 100 4-byte integers
- `myarr` treated as pointer to first element
- Can declare array literals:
`int y[5] = {1, 1, 2, 3, 5}`

Pointers and Arrays

`*myarr` and `myarr[0]` are equivalent

- Pointer to single value and pointer to first value in array
- Treat array as pointer to the first value (lowest address)
- Indexing into array: `myarr[n]` and `*(myarr+n)`
 - If `myarr` is an `int *`, then `myarr+1` points to **next int** in memory
 - Adding 1 to pointer adds `sizeof()` the type we're pointing to

Pointers and Arrays

Consider: `int **a`

Pointers

- All pointers are the same size: address size in underlying ISA
- Two special integer types (defined using `typedef`)
 - `size_t` - integer the size of a pointer (unsigned)
 - `ssize_t` - integer the size of a pointer (signed)
 - With our compiler and ISA, these are both variants of `long`

Pointers

Consider the following code:

```
int x = 10;  
int *y = &x;  
int *z = y + 2;  
long w = ((long)z) - ((long)y);
```

Why is $w = 8$?

Other Types and Values

- Literal values - integer literals are implicitly cast
 - `unsigned long very_big = 9223372036854775808uL`
 - `u` for unsigned, `L` for long
- `enum` - named integer constants (in ascending order)
 - `enum { a, b, c, d=100, e };`
`int foo = e;`
- `void` - a type with no meaning or "nothing"
 - Pointers: `void *p`
 - Return values: `void myfunction();`

Other Types and Values

- Casting - changing type, converting
 - Integer: zero- or sign-extend or truncate to space
 - Int to float: convert to nearby representable value
 - Float to int: truncate remainder (no rounding)

Structures

`struct` - Structures in C

- Act like Java classes, but no methods and all public fields
- Stores fields adjacently in memory (but may have padding)
- Compiler determines padding, use `sizeof()` to get size
- Name of the resulting type includes word `struct`

```
struct foo {  
    long a;  
    int b;  
    short c;  
    char d;  
};
```

```
struct foo x;  
x.b = 123;  
x.c = 4;
```

Structure Literals

```
struct a {  
    int b;  
    double c;  
};
```

```
/* Both of the following initialize b to 0 and c to 1.0 */  
struct a x = { 0, 1.0 };  
struct a y = { .b = 0, .c = 1.0 };
```

typedef

typedef - give new names to any type!

- Fairly common to see several names for same data type to convey intent
- Ex: `unsigned long` may be `size_t` when used in sizes

- Examples:

```
typedef int Integer;  
Integer x = 4;  
typedef double ** dpp;
```

- Used with *anonymous structs*:

```
typedef struct { int x; double y; } foo;  
foo z = { 42, 17.4 };
```

Struct Example

```
typedef struct {  
    long x;  
    long y;  
    long *array;  
    long length;  
} foo;
```

Struct Example

```
long sum2(foo *arg) {  
    long ans = arg->x;  
    for(long i = 0; i < arg->length; i += 1)  
        ans += arg->y * arg->array[i];  
    return ans;  
}
```

```
sum2:  
    movq    (%rdi), %rax  
    movq    24(%rdi), %r8  
    testq   %r8, %r8  
    jle     .LBB1_3  
    movq    8(%rdi), %rdx  
    movq    16(%rdi), %rsi  
    xorl    %edi, %edi  
.LBB1_2:  
    movq    (%rsi,%rdi,8), %rcx  
    imulq   %rdx, %rcx  
    addq    %rcx, %rax  
    incq    %rdi  
    cmpq    %rdi, %r8  
    jne     .LBB1_2  
.LBB1_3:  
    retq
```

Struct Example

```
long sum1(foo arg) {  
    long ans = arg.x;  
    for(long i = 0; i < arg.length; i += 1)  
        ans += arg.y * arg.array[i];  
    return ans;  
}
```

```
sum1:  
    movq    8(%rsp), %rax  
    movq    32(%rsp), %r8  
    testq   %r8, %r8  
    jle     LBB0_3  
    movq    16(%rsp), %rdx  
    movq    24(%rsp), %rsi  
    xorl    %edi, %edi  
.LBB0_2:  
    movq    (%rsi,%rdi,8), %rcx  
    imulq   %rdx, %rcx  
    addq    %rcx, %rax  
    incq    %rdi  
    cmpq    %rdi, %r8  
    jne     .LBB0_2  
.LBB0_3:  
    retq
```

