

# Lexical Elements, Operators, and the C System

# C overview recap

- functions
  - structured programming
  - return value is typed
  - arguments(parameters)

```
float minimum(float x, float y)
{
    if (x < y)
        return x;
    else
        return y;
}
```

- pointers
  - char \*p, s[100], \*\*twod;
- files
  - ifp = fopen("my file", "r");

# Syntax and Compiler

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(void)
{
    int i = 1, sum = 0;

    while (i <= 5) {
        sum += i;
        ++i;
    }
    printf("sum = %d\n", sum);
    return 0;
}
```



C compiler



a.out

- The compiler understands some words and a simple grammar
- words
  - 32 keywords: if, int, return, .....
  - identifier: i, sum
  - constants: 1, 0, 5
  - string: "sum = %d\n"
  - operators: =, <=, +=, ++
- grammar
  - keyword identifier ;
  - while (expression) statement | statements

# Compiler

- Task
  - generate a binary file from a source file
  - 1. check if all the words are correct (lexical analyzer)
  - 2. check if the grammar is correct (syntax analyzer)
  - 3. optimization
  - 4. code generation

# Identifiers

- <identifier> ::=
  - <letter>
  - | <identifier> <letter>
  - | <identifier> <digit>
- underscore is a letter in C
- some identifiers are used in the library
  - printf, scnaf, fopen, sqrt, pow, exp, sin, ..
  - \_print

# Constants

- integer
  - 17 is a decimal
  - 017 is an octal
  - 0x1F is a hexadecimal
- floating
  - 1.0
  - 3.14
- character 'a', '7', '+', 'Wn'

# String Constant

- “any thing you can put here”
- special character should be preceded by a backslash
- it's an array of characters
- library functions for strings
  - strcat, strcmp, strcpy, strlen

# Operators

- Although C has very few keywords, it has a large number of operators

( ) [ ] ->

! ~ ++ -- + - \* / % & (type) sizeof

\* / %

+ -

<< >>

< <= > >=

== !=

& ^ |

&& ||

k = (n > 0) ? a : b;

= += ....

# Precedence

- $1 + 2 - 3 + 4 - 5 \quad /* \text{ left to right } */$
- $1 + 2 * 3$
- $(1 + 2) * 3$
- $j *= k = m + 5 \quad /* \text{ right to left } */$
- $k+++ \quad /* \text{ left to right } */$
- $++--k \quad /* \text{ right to left } */$

# Increment and Decrement

- $i++$  and  $++i$  are different
- Exercises

```
int a=1, b=2, c=3, d=4;
```

$a*b/c$

$a*b \% c + 1$

$++a * b - c -$

$7 - -b * ++d$

# Strange Assignments

```
a = (b = 2) + (c =3);
```

```
a = b = c = 0;
```

```
j *= k + 3;
```

```
/* j = j*(k+3) OR i = i*k +3 */
```

```
j *= k = m + 5;
```

```
/* Some powers of 2 are printed. */
```

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

```
int main(void)
```

```
{
```

```
    int i = 0, power = 1;
```

```
    while (++i <= 10)
```

```
        printf("%6d", power *= 2);
```

```
        printf("\n");
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

# C Environments

- header files
  - usually contain only function prototype, NOT function code
  - then, where are the codes?
  - standard library is linked automatically
  - you should specify other libraries (math)

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

int main(void)
{
    int i, n;

    printf("\n%s\n%s",
        "Some randomly distributed integers will be printed.",
        "How many do you want to see? ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    for (i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
        if (i % 10 == 0)
            putchar('\n');
        printf("%7d", rand());
    }
    printf("\n\n");
    return 0;
}
```

# gcc compiler

- gcc OR g++ are popular
  - C++ is a superset of C
- they call
  1. preprocessor
  2. compiler
  3. assembler
  4. linker

The **GNU Project** is a [free software](#), [mass collaboration](#) project, announced on September 27, 1983, by [Richard Stallman](#) at [MIT](#) - wikipedia

# gcc options

- perform parts of 4 steps
- specify output files and format; “gcc xxx.c –o x”
- -ansi OR specify differences
- warning options “ -w”
- debugging options “ -g ” “-ggdb” “-g3”
- optimization “-O0” “-O2”
- preprocessor options
- assembler options
- linker options “-l $m$ ”
- .....