Functions
Flow of Control Review

- while
- for
- do while
- goto
- break & continue
- switch
- Relational operators
- short circuits
Functions

• To avoid repetitive similar code
• To structure the whole program as “top-down” approach
  – Breaking up a large problem into smaller pieces and break each piece into smaller ones until each piece is readily expressed in code
  – Each piece should be concise and logical entity
long power(int m, int n) {
    int i;
    long product = 1;

    for (i = 1; i <= n; ++i)
        product *= m;

    return product;
}
Function Definition

• function type
  – Type of the return value, if any
  – If missing, it is assumed to be int
• parameters are placeholders for values that are passed to the function when it is invoked
• return statements
  
  return;
  return a+b;
  return (a+b);
Function Prototypes

• Each function should be declared before it is used
  – what if your program structure is top down?
  – some people prefer bottom-up approaches
• Usually, they are placed before the main( ) function
• Parameter names can be omitted (ANSI C)
  – parameters can be omitted (old C)

```c
void f(char c, int i);
void f(char, int);
```
#include <stdio.h>

#define N 7

long power(int m, int n);
void prn_heading(void);
void prn_tbl_of_powers(int);

int main(void)
{
    prn_heading();
    prn_tbl_of_powers(N);
    return 0;
}

void prn_heading(void)
{
    printf("\n::: A TABLE OF POWERS ::: \n\n"n);
}

long power(int m, int n)
{
    int i, j;

    for (i = 1; i <= n; ++i) {
        for (j = 1; j <= n; ++j)
            if (j == 1)
                printf("%ld", power(i, j));
            else
                printf("%9ld", power(i, j));
        putchar('n');
    }

    return 1;
}
Function Invocation

• The program starts by invoking the main function

• parameters are passed as call-by-value
  – you can implement call-by-reference with pointers
#include <stdio.h>

int main(void)
{
    int n = 3, sum, compute_sum(int);

    printf("%d\n", n);  /* 3 is printed */
    sum = compute_sum(n);
    printf("%d\n", n);  /* 3 is printed */
    printf("%d\n", sum);  /* 6 is printed */
    return 0;
}

int compute_sum(int n)  /* sum the integers from 1 to n */
{
    int sum = 0;

    for (; n > 0; --n)  /* stored value of n is changed */
        sum += n;
    return sum;
}
Developing a Large Program

• Usually developed by several teams
• Comprises many .h and .c files
  – each .c file can be compiled separately
• gcc –o pgm main.c fct.c wrt.c

```c
pgm.h
#include ...
#define ...
...
templates of enum., structure, union types
list of function prototypes
```

```c
main.c  
#include "pgm.h"
...  
```

```c
fct.c  
#include "pgm.h"
...  
```

```c
wrt.c  
#include "pgm.h"
...  
```
Assertion

• you can make sure a certain condition holds true at any place of program
  – it is a macro defined in the header file assert.h
  – assert(expression);
  – if the value of the expression is zero abort the program
Scope Rules

- identifiers are accessible only within the block where they are defined
  – they are invisible from outside

```c
{
    int a = 2;
    printf("%d\n", a);
    {
        int a = 5;
        printf("%d\n", a);
    }
    printf("%d\n", ++a);
}
```
Storage Classes

• Every variable and functions in C has two attributes: type and storage class

• Storage Classes
  auto    extern    register    static
auto

- the most common class
  - variables defined inside a function
  - variables defined outside a function are **global**
- default class – you may omit it

- the memory space is allocated/released when the function is invoked/exited

- when a function is reentered, the previous values are unknown
external

- global
- they may be defined somewhere else (in another file)
- they never disappear
  - transmit values across functions
- they may be hidden by re-declaration, but they are not destroyed
#include <stdio.h>

int a = 1, b = 2, c = 3;
int f(void);

int main(void)
{
    printf("%3d\n", f());
    printf("%3d%3d%3d\n", a, b, c);
    return 0;
}

int f(void)
{
    int b, c;

    a = b = c = 4;
    return (a + b + c);
}
#include <stdio.h>

int a = 1, b = 2, c = 3; /* external variables */
int f(void);

int main(void)
{
    printf("%3d\n", f());
    printf("%3d%3d%3d\n", a, b, c);
    return 0;
}

int f(void)
{
    extern int a; /* look for it elsewhere */
    int b, c;

    a = b = c = 4;
    return (a + b + c);
}
register

• allocate this variable on a register

• to speed up the execution

• not always possible to find a register

• tricky for memory-IO operations
static

- to preserve the value even after the function exits
  - extern does the same
- to control visibility of variable and functions
  - “static extern” - visible only within the same source file

```c
void f(void)
{
    static int cnt = 0;
    ++cnt;
    if (cnt % 2 == 0)
        ....
    else
        ....
}

static int seed = 100;
/* static extern – external, but invisible from other files */

int random(void)
{
    seed = 25173 * seed + 13849;
    ....
}
```
/* function g() can be seen only within this file */
static int g(void)
{
    ....
}

void f(int a)
{
    ....
        ....
    ....
}