

CS246

links and the file system

Arrays and Strings

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# Lab — 2 tables of chars

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define ASCII "%6d%6c\n" // dec, char
#define ALPHABET "%6d%6c%6c\n" // num, uppercase, lowercase
#define UPPERSTART 65 // ascii for 'A'
#define LOWERSTART 97 // ascii for 'a'

int main() {

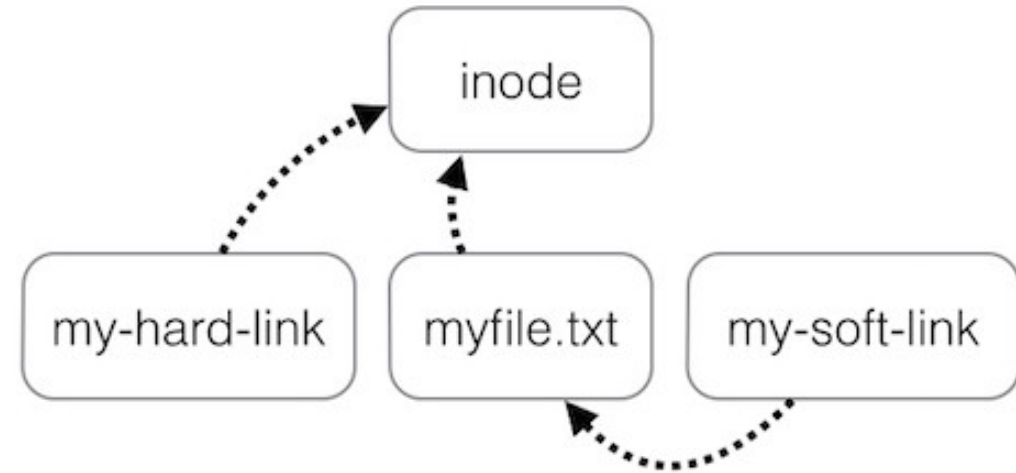
    for (int i = 33; i < 127; i++) {
        printf(ASCII, i, (char)i); //the cast to char is unnecessary
    }

    for (int j = 0; j < 26; j++) {
        printf(ALPHABET, j, (char)j+UPPERSTART, (char)j+LOWERSTART);
    }

}
```

# Files and Hard/Soft Links

- in addition to files and directories, Unix has “links”
- Hard links
  - only to files
  - only within file systems
  - effectively creates a second user of disk space
- Soft links
  - files and directories
  - links to the file itself, not the disk space
    - dangling links



Create a file named "aaaa" and put from keyboard into it

# More on links

- ln [-s] filename linkname
- ls -l
- ls -li – show the inode
  - disk block locations of the file
- Change source file both hard and soft have the change
- Overwrite source with new file of same name
  - hard – old file!
  - soft – new file
- Delete aaaa
  - hard – No change!
  - soft – dead link!
- Generally you want soft links

```
gtowell@mil:~$ cat > aaaa
this is a test
gtowell@mil:~$ ln aaaa aaaa_hard
gtowell@mil:~$ ln -s aaaa aaaa_soft
gtowell@mil:~$ ls -l aaaa*
-rw-r--r-- 2 gtowell faculty 15 Feb 19 18:49 aaaa
-rw-r--r-- 2 gtowell faculty 15 Feb 19 18:49
aaaa_hard
lrwxrwxrwx 1 gtowell faculty  9 Feb 19 18:49 aaaa
-> aaaa_soft
gtowell@mil:~$ ls -li aaaa*
169088825 aaaa 169088825 aaaa_hard
169088827 aaaa_soft
gtowell@benz:~$ echo "a new test" > aaaa
gtowell@benz:~$ cat aaaa_hard
this is a test
gtowell@benz:~$ cat aaaa_soft
a new test
gtowell@mil:~$ rm aaaa
gtowell@mil:~$ cat aaaa_hard
thatt this is a test
gtowell@mil:~$ cat aaaa_soft
cat: aaaa soft: No such file or directory
```

Create a file named "aaaa" and put echoed stuff init

# Typical Unix directories

- / the beginning - the root
- /bin – executables
- /home – user directories
- /lib – libraries
  - parts of executables
  - usually a .so extension eg libc.so
    - this is the library that from “gcc -lc -xc xxx.c”
- /usr –
  - things that are also in /
    - /usr/bin, /usr/include, ...
  - /usr/local – stuff NOT in standard UNIX ...
- /proc
  - NOT actual files
    - /proc/cpuinfo, /proc/stat

# stdout and stderr

- Like Java, programmers can choose to write to either stdout or stderr.
  - stdout
    - buffered, lower “cost”
    - Output may get lost
    - pipe-able
  - stderr
    - guaranteed delivery
    - CPU interrupt
    - 2>, NOT pipe-able

```

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    if (argc < 3) {
        printf("Usage: xxx 0_or_1 integer\n");
        return 0;
    }
    FILE *ff = atoi(argv[1]) == 0 ? stdout : stderr;
    int loop = atoi(argv[2]);
    for (int j = 0; j < loop; j++)
    {
        for (int i = 0; i < 26; i++) {
            putc('a' + i, ff);
        }
    }
    int a = 0;
    int c = 5 / a;
    return 0;
}

```

Ternary operator!!!

write one character to an output stream

# Arrays

- `char arr[100];`
- Can be created from user input
  - `int j = atoi(argc[1]);`
  - `char arr[j];`
- may
  - be passed in to functions
  - change values in the array inside functions
- may NOT
  - be created in function then returned
  - Overwrite

See ArrTest.c

# Arrays

```
double globalDArr[500];
int main(int argc, char const *argv[])
{
    int j = atoi(argv[1]);
    int arr[j];
    printf("local %d %d %d\n", sizeof(arr), sizeof(arr[0]), sizeof(arr)/sizeof(arr[0]));
    printf("Global %d %d %d\n", sizeof(globalDArr), sizeof(globalDArr[0]), sizeof(globalDArr)/
sizeof(globalDArr[0]));
}
```

sizeof func gives  
number of bytes  
of space used



# More Arrays

```
void funcc(int farr[]) {  
    printf("BBB %d %d\n", sizeof(farr), sizeof(farr[0]));  
}
```

```
/**
```

```
* The preferred way to passing an array. In this, the link between  
* the integer passed as the size of the array, and the size of the  
* array is explicit  
* arrSize -- the number of items in the array  
* * farr the array  
* **/
```

```
void funcc2(int arrSize, int farr[arrSize]) {  
    printf("CCC %d %d\n", sizeof(farr), sizeof(farr[0]));  
}
```

# More Arrays — things that do NOT work

```
char[] f3(int n) {
    char arrInFunc[n];
    printf("DDD %d %d\n", sizeof(arrInFunc), sizeof(arrInFunc));
    return arrInFunc;
}
char* f3a(int n) {
    char arrInFunc[n];
    arrInFunc[0] = 'a';
    printf("DDD %d %d %c\n", sizeof(arrInFunc), sizeof(arrInFunc), arrInFunc[0]);
    return (char *)arrInFunc;
}
char globalArr[10]; // a global array to be replaced (NOT)
void f4(int siz) {
    char zzz[siz];
    printf("EEE %d %d\n", sizeof(zzz), sizeof(zzz));
    globalArr = zzz;
}
```

# So what is an array in C

- `int arr[10]`
  - causes allocation of space for 10 integers
  - space is contiguous
  - what actually is stored in `arr` is just “pointer” to beginning of that block of memory
    - where it is knowable, C retains size of memory block
      - knowable within function for arrays allocated in function
      - knowable everywhere for globals
        - because cannot replace
  - So when passed into function all function gets is a pointer

# Java and C

- Java
  - Java arrays are a pointer to a block of memory + size of the memory block
  - “new” operation in java allocates from “heap”
    - heap is global memory space
    - So array allocated in a function can be used outside that function
    - Size of array is bounded by machine memory
- C
  - arrays are pointer to a block of memory
  - global arrays are allocated from heap
  - arrays in functions are allocated in “stack” space
    - space space clears when function completes
    - size of array inside function is bounded by size of “stack space”

# Random Numbers

- Two parts
  - seed `void seed(int)`
  - fetch `int rand(void)`
    - return value is `0..RANDMAX`
- Think of random number generator as being a really long array of random numbers
  - seed determines location in list
  - `rand` gets item at current location and increments location.
- So, given the same seed you get the same sequence of “random” numbers
- Problem: to get random numbers you need an unpredictable seed.
  - Common solution use time (or a function thereof)

```
//ArrTest2.c
```

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

```
time_t tt;  
srand(time(&tt));
```

```
int r = rand()
```

Q: How to get `rand` in `0..N`?

Q: How to get `rand` in range?

# Strings

- Formally C does not have strings
- Practically
  - strings implemented as array of char
  - To be treated as a string the last non-nil character in the array must be ‘\0’
  - so a C string is an array of char that ends in ‘\0’
- functions for dealing with strings
  - `#include <string.h>`

# SHOUTj.c

- Capitalize letters in a string
- Doing it like java with lots of functions

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <ctype.h>
#define LINE_LEN 256
#ifndef NULL
#define NULL (void *) 0
#endif
void shout() {
    char line[LINE_LEN];
    while (1) {
        if (NULL == fgets(line, LINE_LEN, stdin))
            break;
        for (int ptr = 0; ptr < strlen(line); ptr++) {
            if (isalpha(line[ptr])) {
                line[ptr]=toupper(line[ptr]);
            }
        }
        printf("%s\n", line);
    }
}
int main(void) {
    shout();
}
```

The diagram consists of three blue-bordered callout boxes with lines pointing to specific code elements:

- A box labeled "from stdio.h" points to the `fgets` function call in the `while` loop.
- A box labeled "from string.h" points to the `strlen` function call in the `for` loop.
- A box labeled "from ctype.h" points to the `isalpha` function call in the `if` statement inside the `for` loop.

# Lab

- Modify SHOUTj.c
  - do not include either string.h or ctype.h
  - Use ASCII values of chars to determine what to upcase
  - stop going across the array at '\0'