### Low-level programming

### Lecture 7

### Functions – continued

I/O operations

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- Functions in C are not variables, yet there can be pointers for them.
- Such pointers can be assigned values, stored in arrays, given to other functions as arguments and also can be returned as a function values.
- Example of function pointer definition:

int ( \*pf )( );

We read the example in the following way int (\*pf)();

- name of function is **pf**,
- we go left, because inside where pf is there is nothing else in this parenthesis () (\*pf) so: pf is in fact a pointer
- we go right, next parenthesis () –
   (\*pf)() pf is a pointer to a function without arguments
- now going left ... a function returning int ( \*pf ) ( ) value type int.
- All in one: **pf** is a pointer to a function taking no arguments and returning value type **int**.
- If we skip the first parenthesis, we get: int \*pf () this would be however a declaration of a function which returns a pointer to type int and has no arguments.
- Name of a function is also the address of it in the memory (i.e., an address to the area of memory, where code for such a function resides).
- Because of that we can set it to point at address stored by pointer:

```
pointer = name_of_function; // IT IS NOT A CALLING OF A FUNCTION
// pointer = name_of_function() - error, this IS A CALLING and also we
// try to write the value of it into pointer
```

### • Example:

```
int ( *pf )( int, int ); // type of result and arguments
int Ki( int x, int y ){
    return (x + y) * (x + 2 * y);
}
long Kl( int x, int y ){
    return (long)(x + 3 * y) * (x - y);
```

```
}
```

### Calling functions - examples:

```
void bubbleSort ( float T[ ], int n ) { ... }
void mergeSort ( float T[ ], int n ) { ... }
void heapSort ( float T[ ], int n ) { ... }
// pointer to a function can be assigned initial value:
void ( *wS )( float[ ], int ) = bubbleSort;
void ( *nS )( float[ ], int ) ;
```

nS = wS; // ns and ws point to function bubbleSort
float TAB[ 150 ];

```
/* equivalent to calling function bubbleSort: */
wS ( TAB, 150 ); // we can now use the pointer to call the function
//
// calling what pointer points to, that is: calling a function bubbleSort
( *nS )( TAB, 150 ); // parenthesis ARE REQUIRED for correct C syntax
```

# Array of pointers to the functions

We can declare an array of pointers to functions:
 void (\*(twf[10]))();

- Definitions above we can read as:
  - **twf** name of array *twf*
  - [10] which is 10-elements array...
  - • of pointers...
  - () to the functions having no arguments...
  - **void** ...which (functions that is) return nothing.
- In such an array we can store chosen functions of our program (e.g., elements of menu, which then can be easily changed).
- After defining such an array its pointer can be assigned as before (but using indexes):

twf[1] = search; // set second pointer (index [1]) for function search

#### • Calling example:

twf[1](); // call the second function from array twf

# Array of pointers to the functions - Example

### • Examples:

```
int fA(double x) { ... }
int fB(double y) { ... }
int fC(double z) { ... }
// initialization - assigning functions to elements of a table
int ( *fX [3] )( double ) = { fA, fB };
fX[2] = fC;
```

fX[1]( 37.18 ); // calling for fB

# Array of pointers to the functions

- We can establish a "shortcut" for a complex type using typedef.
- Example:
  - \* We could provide a synonym for type being a *pointer to a function* which have two *float* arguments and its return value type is *int*.
  - Then we can use it for declaration/definition of function pointers

```
typedef int ( *PF )( float, float ); // PF is a type name
```

```
int Fun( float a, float b ) { ... }
```

```
PF f1, f2 = Fun;
PF Tfun[15]; // pointers to function array
```

# Pointer to the function as a function arguments

Pointer to a function can also be the argument of some other function.

• Example:

```
// argument here is a specific sorting method
void Sort( float[ ], int, void (*) ( float[ ], int ) = mergeSort );
void Sort( float TAB[ ], int size, void (*fS) (float[ ], int) )
{ ......
fS( TAB, size );
.....
fS( TAB, size );
.....
}
float T1[100], T2[200];
void ( *wF )( float[ ], int ) = heapSort;
Sort( T1, 100, bubbleSort ); // bubbleSort
Sort( T2, 200, wF ); // heapSort
Sort( T2, 200 ); // default: mergeSort
```

# Pointer to the function as a function arguments

Pointer to a function can be returned by another function as its value.

### • Example:

```
typedef char* ( *NP )( char*, char* ); // NP is type name
struct FUNCTIONS {
    int feature; // we use it to identify some specific function
    NP function; // pointer to function type NP
} TABLE[15];
```

```
// returns a pointer to a function
NP Search( struct FUNCTIONS TAB[ ], int size, int pattern ) {
    for (int i = 1; i < size; ++i)
        if (TAB[i].feature == pattern)
            return TAB[i].function;
    return TAB[0].function;</pre>
```

```
// calling chosen function
printf( "%s\n" , Search ( TABLE, 15, 1527 )( "Alf", "Ogi") );
```

### • Example - calculator

```
#include <math.h>
// Counts values for sin, cos, tan, cotan, sqrt, log, recip, sqr
double FSin ( double x, bool &err)
{ return sin(x); }
double FCos ( double x, bool &err)
{ return cos(x); }
double FTan ( double x, bool &err) {
    if (cos(x) != 0)
         return tan(x);
    else {
         err = true;
         return 0;
    }
}
```

```
double FCotan ( double x, bool &err){
    if (sin(x) != 0)
         return 1 / tan(x);
    else {
         err = true;
         return 0;
     }
}
double FSqrt ( double x, bool &err){
    if (x \ge 0)
         return sqrt(x);
    else {
         err = true;
         return 0;
     }
}
```

```
double FLog ( double x, bool &err) {
    if (x > 0)
         return log(x);
    else {
         err = true;
         return 0;
    }
}
double FRecip ( double x, bool &err){
    if (x != 0)
         return 1 / x;
    else {
         err = true;
         return 0;
     }
}
double FSqr ( double x, bool &err)
```

```
int main() {
     double (*TabFun[8])(double, bool&)={FSin,FCos,FTan,FCotan,FSqrt,FLog,FRecip,FSqr};
     int option;
     double arg, result;
     bool go on = true, invalid;
     while (go on) {
           printf("\nChose function: \n0 - sin, \n1 - cos, \n2 - tan, \n3 - cotan,"
                "n4 - sqrt, n5 - log, n6 - recip, n7 - sqr, ninna - end: ");
           scanf("%d", &option);
           if(option < 0 || option > 7){
                printf("\nEnd.\n");
                go on = false;
           } else {
                printf("Provide value x : ");
                scanf("%lf", &arg);
                invalid = false;
                result = TabFun[option](arg, invalid); // calling proper function
                if (invalid)
                      printf("Invalid argument.\n");
                else
                      printf("Result = %lf\n", result);
           }
     return 0;
```

# I/O operations

Files, access, write and read

- A file is a certain block of disk memory with its own name.
- <u>From C language point of view</u> file is a sequence of bytes, of which every single one can be read separately.
- According to the ANSI standard two ways of looking at files are: *binary* and *text* perspective.
- In **binary look** each byte of file is accessible to the program.
  - Single element of such a file is <u>byte</u>.
  - <u>Binary file format</u>: [file bytes][EOF]
- From **text perspective** what program "sees" can vary it not necessarily be the real bytes-written sequence (e.g. \n and \r special characters for PC/Mac architectures).
  - Single element of such a file is a single character.
  - <u>Text file format:</u>

[characters in 1 line][/r][/n] ... [characters in last line][EOF]

### Files – text and binary ones

### • **Example:** how to write number 25

### <u>Text file</u>

 It will be coded as two ASCII digits: '2' and '5' and for example additional space at the end.

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- Functions (e.g. **fprintf** ) write numerical values to text file after they transform them into chains.
- It can lead to a <u>loss of accuracy</u> (e.g. value 0.33 can we written using 4 characters and we could loose all additional fraction values).

### • Binary file

• The most precise way to write a number is to write the exact structure of its bytes as coded in the given type, e.g., type **double** variable should be written in using same number of bytes as the size of type **double**.

## Files – text and binary ones

- If data in the file are represented in the same type as in the program, we say they are in *binary form*.
- In such case there is no conversion between numerical value and a string.
- In a binary file number 25 (assuming it is *int*) is written using 4 bytes in *little-endian* conversion (in which a less significant byte (a lower one in other words) is written first).

- In standard input/output form data exchange in binary format is realized using fread and fwrite.
- In reality all data are written in binary form (even signs).
- If all data in file are interpreted as character codes, we say <u>file contains</u> <u>text data</u>.
- In some or all data are interpreted as numerical binary values, we say that <u>file contains binary data</u>.

- To represent files in programs <u>file streams</u> are used.
- Such a stream is represented in C by file structural variable **FILE**.
- Structure FILE is declared in <stdio.h> and stores the following information:
  - buffer location,
  - current character position in buffer,
  - type of access to the file (for reading, writing, etc.),
  - error signals or end of file information.
- All operations on a file stream require pointer to the **FILE** structure.
- Declaration for such a file pointer can be:
   FILE \*fp; //fp is a pointer to FILE structure

 In <stdio.h> three pointers to files are defined. They are assigned to 3 typical "files" opened by C programs:

- **stdin** standard input (usually keyboard)
- **stdout** standard output (usually screen)
- **stderr** standard output for errors (usually screen)
- Above pointers are type FILE, so they all can be used as arguments for standard input/output functions, e.g., pointer *fp* from last example.

### Phases of working with a file:

- File opening,
- <u>Write or read operations</u> (always from current position, index is moved by reading/writing the next values),
- Closing file

For file operations in C we use some common functions from <stdio.h> (#include <stdio.h>).

### • There are 3 groups of functions:

- fopen, fclose, fcloseall (opening and closing files)
- **ftell, fseek, rewind, feof** (establishing current position within file, checking if end of file is reached)
- fread, fwrite, fgetc, fputc, fgets, fputs, fscanf, fprintf (reading and writing data)

### Opening file:

- To open a file a function *fopen()* must be used. While using it we need to provide a path to file (and its name) and type of access to it.
- Function **fopen** return pointer to the file (pointer to structure of type **FILE**).
- Function **fopen** returns NULL is opening was not possible.

# fopen – open access to file

#### • Function <u>fopen</u>

FILE\* fopen(const char\* name, const char\* mode);

Function: opening file "name"

Mode:

Α

r	: reading existing file
w	: creating file for writing
a	: writing at the end of the existing file (append mode)
r+	: writing or reading existing file
w+	: creating new file for writing and reading
a+	: writing or reading starting from the end of existing file
dditionally in some systems binary na text files are distinguished:	

- t : text file
- **b** : binary file
- Opening non existing file for writing/append will create it.
- Opening existing file for writing will clear its content!

### fopen – open access to file

### • Example:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)
{
    ...
    FILE *list;
    list = fopen("LIST.TXT","rt+");
    if (list== NULL)
        printf("\nFile cannot be opened.");
    ...
    return 0;
```

# fclose - closing access to file

Function <u>fclose</u>

int fclose ( FILE \*file);

Function: closes access to the file.

**Result: o** – if action was successful **or EOF** – if it was not.

#### Example:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)
{ ...
    FILE *personel = fopen ( "PER.TXT", "rt" );
    ...
    fclose ( personel );
    ...
```

# *fclose* – closing access to file

- Function *fclose()* 'breaks' the connection between pointer (established by function *fopen*) and a real disk file, releasing such pointer to be used for some other file for example.
- It is very important because operating systems limits number of access to the single file from a single program.
- Access to file should be closed if the file is no longer necessary.
- Function *fclose()* is called automatically for all opened files if the program ends normally.
- Function <u>fcloseall()</u>

```
int fcloseall ( void );
```

Function: closes all opened files in the program.

Returns: number of closed files - if the action was successful or EOF - if it was not.

# fseek – establishing position in file

 Function *fseek()* allows to treat file as it was an array – it allows access to the specific byte within the file.

### • Function *fseek()* has 3 arguments:

- <u>Pointer to the file</u>.
- <u>Offset</u> (position):
  - Specifies distance and direction from the starting location.
  - Must be type **long**.
  - It can be *positive* (moving forward), *negative* (moving back) or *zero* (remain in place).
- <u>Mode (goal)</u>, which define starting location.
  - In <stdio.h> there are string constant for such modes::
    - SEEK\_SET the very start of a file
    - SEEK\_CUR current location
    - SEEK\_END end of file location

### fseek – establishing position in file

Function <u>fseek()</u>

int fseek (FILE \*file, long position, int mode);

Function: sets the current location in file.

mode:

SEEK\_SET - start of file, SEEK\_CUR - current position

**SEEK\_END** - end of file

**position :** +/- , from o, can go beyond file size

**Result:** o : success, !o : error

# fseek - establishing position in file

### Example:

. . .

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)
{
     . . .
    long pp;
    FILE *description = fopen("OP1.DOC", "rt+");
    // move to the place located 0 bytes beyond end of file
    // so in simple words: to the end of file
    fseek(description , 0L, SEEK END);
    ... // write at the end of file
    // move 0 bytes beyond start of file
    fseek(description , 0L, SEEK SET);
    ... // write at the beginning of file
    pp = 154531; // move from current location
    fseek(description , pp, SEEK_CUR);
    ... // read something
```

### *rewind* – establishing position in file

- Function *rewind* sets file pointer to the initial position.
- Calling *rewind*(*fp*) is equal to : *fseek*(*fp*, *oL*, *SEEK\_SET*)

```
void rewind ( FILE *file);
```

Function: set the current location to the beginning of file

Example:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)
{
    ...
    FILE *working = fopen("R1.DAT", "rt+");
    fseek(working , 0L, SEEK_END);
    ... // write at the end of file
    rewind(working ); // go to the beginning of file
    ...
```

# feof – checking end of file

Function feof allows checking if the end of file is reached.
 int feof (FILE \*file);

Function: reads the status of end-of-file indicator

Result: returns !o : the is EOF (indicator of the end of file), o if not

Example:

. . .

fgetc – reading

 Function *fgetc* reads from stream *file* a single sign and returns its value as unsigned char (and transformed to *int*). If there was any error or end of file is reached it returns EOF.

```
int fgetc ( FILE *file);
```

Function: read next sign

**Result**: integer number ooo | sign\_code

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)
{
    ...
    char cc;
    FILE *info = fopen("INF.DOC","rt");
    cc = fgetc(info);
    ...
```

*fputc* – writing

Function *fputc* writes *sign* (transformed to *unsigned char*) to the stream *file*. It returns a written sign (its ASCII code) or EOF in there was any error.

int fputc ( int sign, FILE \*file);

Function: writes next sign (integer number: ooo | code)

Result: sign or EOF

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main (void)
{
    char cc = 'K';
    FILE *data= fopen("DATA.DOC","rt+");
    ...
    fputc(cc, data);
    ...
```

fgets – reading

Function *fgets* reads at maximum *number-1* signs and puts them into array *text*. Function stops after reading new line sign – it is also put into array. Whole text end with \o.

char\* fgets ( char \*text, int number, FILE \*file);

Function: reads sequence of signs, at maximum number-1 signs.

Result: text or NULL in case of error or reaching end of file

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)
{
    ...
    char surname[16];
    FILE *dir = fopen("DIR.DOC","rt");
    fgets(surname, 16, dir);
    ...
```

*fputs* – writing

Function *fputs* writes text from table *text* into a stream *file*. It returns written character or EOF if there was any error.

int fputs ( char \*text, FILE \*file);

Function: writes sequence of characters.

Result: last written character or EOF

Example:

. . .

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)
{
    ...
    char *list = "Index";
    FILE *dok = fopen("DOK1.DOC","rt+");
    fputs(list, dok);
```

# *fscanf* – reading from file

- Function *fscanf* works similarly to *scanf*, but it requires additional argument file stream reference.
- It end its work when whole text has been formatted.
- It returns EOF if there is any error during text transformation or end of file has been reached. Otherwise it returns the number of formatted and written characters.
- Function <u>fscanf</u>

**Function:** reads sequences of characters and convert them into binary format (just like scanf).

**Result:** number of written characters or EOF.

### *fscans* – reading – example

### • Example:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)
{
    ...
    int numbers;
    float price;
    FILE *good = fopen("INVENTORY.DOC","rt");
    ...
    fscanf(good, "%d%f", &number, &price);
    ...
```

# *fprintf* – writing to file

- Function *fprintf* works similarly to *printf*, but it writes data to file (so additional argument defining file is required).
- It returns negative number if there was any error. Otherwise it returns the number of written characters.

int fprintf ( FILE \*file, const char \*format, statement, statement, ...);

Function: writes sequence of characters (like printf).

**Result:** number of written bytes or **EOF** 

*fprintf* – example

### • Example:

. . .

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)
{
    ...
    int currency_code = 15;
    float price = 0.23547;
    FILE *prices_table = fopen("STOCK_EXCHANGE.TAB","wt");
    ...
    fprintf(prices_table, "\n%3d\t%8.3f",
    currency_code, price );
```

# *fread* – reading from file

- Function *fread* reads from stream *file* into table given as *pointer* at maximum *number* of objects having specific *size*.
- Function *fread* should be used to read data which have been written using *fwrite*.

int fread (pointer, int size, int number, FILE \*file);

Function: reads number of data, each having specific size.

**Result:** number of read objects or o

Example:

. . .

double prices[50];

```
fread(prices, sizeof(double), 50, fp);
// it will copy 50 values of type double from file
// into array prices
```

*fread* – example

### • Example:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)
{
     . . .
    struct book
    {
         char author[25];
         char title[50];
    } books[100];
    FILE *store = fopen("MAGAZINE.DOC","rt");
    fread(books, sizeof(book), 100, store);
     . . .
}
// it will copy 100 objects type book from file into
// array books
```

*fread* – example

```
void main(void)
{
    int number_of_reads;
    struct position{
        double coordinates[2];
         double height;
    } path[1000];
    FILE *tour = fopen("W1.DAT", "rb");
    // read how many elements the table has
    fread(&number_of_reads, sizeof(int), 1, tour);
    // reads the elements and put them into tour
    fread(path, sizeof(position), number of reads, tour);
```

. . .

# *fwrite* – writing to files

 Function fwrite writes number of objects having specific size, from array pointer into stream file.

int fwrite (pointer, int size, int number, FILE \*file);

Function: writes number of data each having its size.

**Result:** number of written data or o.

```
double prices[50];
```

```
fwrite(prices, sizeof(double), 50, fp);
// it will write the 50 elements type double from prices
// array into file
```

*fwrite* – example

### • Example:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)
{
    ...
    long double measures[row][col];
    ...
    FILE *archive= fopen("ARCH.TAB","wb");
    fwrite(measures, sizeof(measures), 1, archive);
```

# Examples

Different file operations

Files – Example 1

#include <stdio.h>
// analyze file Data.txt containing integer number: even one writes into
// Even.txt, odd number into Odd.txt

```
int main (int n, char* TS[ ]){ // Even / odd
    FILE *Data, *Even, *Odd;
    int Number;
```

```
Data = fopen ("Data.txt", "rt");
Even = fopen ("Even.txt", "wt");
Odd = fopen ("Odd.txt", "wt");
```

```
if (Data == NULL || Even == NULL || Odd == NULL) {
    printf ("\nFile could not be read.\n\n");
    return 0;
}
```

```
// how many number are in Data.txt? :
fscanf(Dane, "%d", &Liczba);
```

```
while ( feof(Data) == 0 ){
    if( Number & 1)
        fprintf(Even, "%d ", Number);
    else
        fprintf(Even, "%d ", Number);
    fscanf(Data, "%d", & Number);
}
fcloseall();
printf ("\nEnd.\n\n");
return 0;
```

Files – Example 2

 Input file contains a sequence of integer numbers separated by #. Program opens such file and writes the numbers to files \*.fir and \*.sec

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
int main (int n, char* TS[ ]) {// split using #
    char Ntxt[64];
    char Nfir[64];
    char Nsec[64];

    FILE *Ptxt, *Pfir, *Psec;

    bool End = false, Which = true;
    int Sign;
    int Dot;
    char *Ptr;
```

```
if (n < 2){
     printf ("\nNo name of file.\n" "Run program with a parameter"
          "being file name.\n\n");
     return 0;
}
strncpy(Ntxt, TS[1], 58);
strncpy(Nfir, TS[1], 58);
strncpy(Nsec, TS[1], 58);
// search for first '.' and calculates length counting from the beginning.
if ((Ptr = strchr(Ntxt, '.')) != NULL)
     Dot = Ptr - Ntxt;
else {
     printf("\nWrong file number.\n\n");
     return 0;
}
// adds new suffix keeping the old file name
strcpy(Nfir + Dot + 1, "fir");
strcpy(Nsec + Dot + 1, "sec");
Ptxt = fopen (Ntxt, "r");
Pfir = fopen (Nfir, "w+");
Psec = fopen (Nsec, "w+");
```

```
if (Ptxt == NULL || Pfir == NULL || Psec == NULL) {
    printf ("\nFile could no be opened\n\n");
    return 0;
}
while ( !End ){
    // reads input file sign by sign
    Sign = fgetc(Ptxt);
    // writes signs: first to one file, second to another, and so on
    if ( !(End = (feof(Ptxt) != 0)))
         if (Sign == '#')
             Which = !Which;
         else
             if (Which)
                  fputc(Sign, Pfir);
             else
                  fputc(Sign, Psec);
}
printf ("\nEnd.\n\n");
return 0;
```

- Program makes a list of employees (max 50). Each one is described using structure containing surname and salary. There are the following options:
  - R : reads number employees and array of structures describing them from a specific file,
  - N : new employee reads data and put them into next table element,
  - W : shows info about all employees,
  - Z : writes number of employees and array of structures describing them info specific file,
  - K : quit.

```
#include <stdio.h>
struct Employee{
    char Surname[32];
    double Salary;
```

};

```
void From_file(Employee Tab[], int& how_many){
    FILE* file;
    char name[16];
    printf("Enter file name to read: ");
    fflush(stdin);
    scanf("%15s", name);
    file = fopen(name,"rt");
    if (file == NULL) {
        printf("No such file.");
        return;
    }
    fscanf(file,"%d",&how_many); // number of employees
    fread(Tab, sizeof Employee, how_many, file);
    fclose(file);
```

```
void To_file(Employee Tab[], int how_many){
    FILE* file;
    char name[16];
    printf("Enter file name to write : ");
    fflush(stdin);
    scanf("%15s", name);
```

plik = fopen(name,"wt");

// number of employees
fprintf(plik,"%d",ile);

}

// array of employees
fwrite(Tab, sizeof Employee, how\_many, file);
fclose(file);

```
void New em(Employee Tab[], int& how many) {
    if (how many == 50) {
         printf("Table is full.\n");
         return;
     }
    printf("Enter surname : ");
    fflush(stdin);
    scanf("%31s",Tab[how_many].Surname);
    printf("Enter salary : ");
    scanf("%lf",&Tab[how many++].Salary);
}
void ShowAll(Employee Tab[], int how many) {
    if (how many == 0) {
         printf("Empty table.\n");
         return;
     }
    for(int i = 0; i < how many; i++)</pre>
         printf("Employee %d : %s , %.2lf\n", i, Tab[i].Surname, Tab[i].Salary);
```

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int main(int argc, char* argv[]){
    Employee TaPa[50];
    bool go_on = true;
    int how many = 0;
    char option;
    while (go_on) {
         printf("Choose option [R,N,W,Z,K] : ");
         fflush(stdin);
         scanf("%c",&option);
         switch(opcja & 0x5F){
              case 'R' :From_file(TaPa, how_many); break;
              case 'N' :New_em(TaPa, how_many); break;
              case 'W' :ShowAll(TaPa, how many); break;
              case 'Z' :To_file(TaPa, how_many); break;
              case 'K' :go on = false; break;
              default : printf("Wrong option.\m");
         }
     }
```

return 0;

