



# Programming Style and Program Style

The material for this lecture is drawn, in part, from  
*The Practice of Programming* (Kernighan & Pike) Chapter 1

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## Goals of this Lecture

- Help you learn about:
  - Good **programming** style
  - Good **program** style
- Why?
  - A well-styled program is **easier to maintain** and **more likely to be correct** than a poorly-styled program
  - A power programmer knows the qualities of a well-styled program, and how to develop one

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## Lecture Overview



- **Programming style:** how to write a good program
  - Top-down design
  - Successive refinement
  - Example: left and right justifying text
- **Program style:** qualities of a good program
  - Well structured
  - Uses common idioms
  - Uses descriptive names
  - Contains proper comments
  - Modular

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## Part 1: Programming Style

### How to write a good program

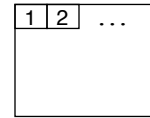
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## You don't Paint Art Bottom-up



- **Bottom-up design in painting**

- Paint upper left part of painting in complete detail
- Paint next part of painting in complete detail
- Repeat until finished
- *Unlikely to produce a good painting*



- **Top-down design**

- Sketch the entire painting with minimal detail
- Successively refine the entire painting



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## Or Design a Program Bottom-up

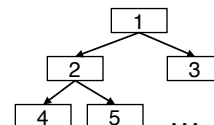


- **Bottom-up design in programming**

- Write first part of program in complete detail
- Write next part of program in complete detail
- Repeat until finished
- *Unlikely to produce a good program*

- **Top-down design and successive refinement**

- Define main() function in pseudocode with minimal detail
- Refine each pseudocode statement
  - Small job => replace with real code
  - Large job => replace with function call
- Recurse in (mostly) breadth-first order
- **Bonus: End product is naturally modular**

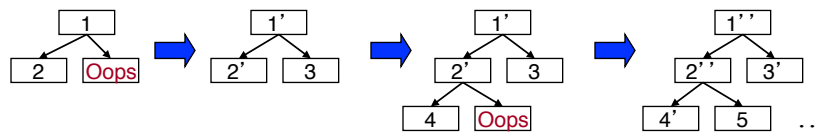


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## Top-Down Design in Reality



- In reality, we make mistakes and have to backtrack
  - Define main() function in pseudocode
  - Refine each pseudocode statement
    - **Oops! Details reveal design error, so...**
    - Backtrack to refine existing (pseudo)code, and proceed
  - Recurse in (mostly) breadth-first order, until all functions are defined



- But this is a downer, so let's ignore it for now ...

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## Example: Text Formatting



- Derived from King Section 15.3
  - Input: ASCII text, with arbitrary spaces and newlines
  - Output: the same text, left and right justified
    - Fit as many words as possible on each 50-character line
    - Add even spacing between words to right justify the text
      - No need to right justify the last line
  - That sounds hard. Let's simplify it a little:
    - Word ends at white space or at end-of-file
    - No word is longer than 20 characters

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## Example Input and Output



**I** Tune every heart and every voice.  
**N** Bid every bank withdrawal.  
**P** Let's all with our accounts rejoice.  
**U** In funding Old Nassau.  
**T** In funding Old Nassau we spend more money every year.  
Our banks shall give, while we shall live.  
We're funding Old Nassau.

**O** Tune every heart and every voice. Bid every bank  
**U** withdrawal. Let's all with our accounts rejoice.  
**T** In funding Old Nassau. In funding Old Nassau we  
**P** spend more money every year. Our banks shall give,  
**U** while we shall live. We're funding Old Nassau.  
**T**

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## Thinking About the Problem



- I need the concept of a “word”
  - Sequence of characters with no white space
- I need the concept of a “line”
  - Sequence of characters of fixed max size, separated by newlines
  - Words separated by spaces
  - All characters in a word must be printed on the same line
- I have to be able to read and print words
- I have to deal with poorly-formatted input
  - I need to remove extra white space in input
- Unfortunately, I can't print the words as they are read
  - I don't know # of spaces needed until I read the future words
  - Need to buffer the words until I can safely print an entire line
- But, how much space should I add between words?
  - Need at least one space between adjacent words on a line
  - Can add extra spaces evenly to fill up an entire line
  - No. of gaps = Line size / divided by number of words

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## Writing the Program



- Write pseudocode for `main()`
- Successively refine
  
- Caveats concerning the following presentation
  - Function comments and some blank lines are omitted because of space constraints on slides
    - Do as I say, not as I do ...
  - Design sequence is idealized
    - In reality, much backtracking would happen

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## The Top Level



- First, let's sketch `main()` ...

```
int main(void) {
  <Clear line>
  for (;;) {
    <Read a word>
    if (<No more words>) {
      <Print line with no justification>
      return 0;
    }
    if (<Word fits on this line>)
      <Add word to line>;
    if (<Word doesn't fit on this line>) {
      <Print line with justification>
      <Clear line>
      <Add word to line>
    }
  }
  return 0;
}
```

```
int main(void) {
  <Clear line>
  for (;;) {
    <Read a word>
    if (<No more words>) {
      <Print line with no justification>
      return 0;
    }
    if (<Word doesn't fit on this line>) {
      <Print line with justification>
      <Clear line>
    }
    <Add word to line>
  }
  return 0;
}
```

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## Reading a Word



```
...
enum {MAX_WORD_LEN = 20};
int main(void) {
    char word[MAX_WORD_LEN + 1];
    int wordLen;
    <Clear line>
    for (;;) {
        wordLen = ReadWord(word);
        if (<No more words>) {
            <Print line with no justification>
            return 0;
        }
        if (<Word doesn't fit on this line>) {
            <Print line with justification>
            <Clear line>
        }
        <Add word to line>
    }
    return 0;
}
```

```
int ReadWord(char *word) {
    <Skip over whitespace>
    <Store chars up to MAX_WORD_LEN in word>
    <Return length of word>
}
```

- Now let's successively refine. What does <Read a word> mean? The job seems complicated enough that it should be delegated to a distinct function...

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## Reading a Word (cont.)



- ReadWord() seems easy enough to design. So let's flesh it out...

```
int ReadWord(char *word) {
    int ch, pos = 0;

    /* Skip over white space. */
    ch = getchar();
    while ((ch != EOF) && isspace(ch))
        ch = getchar();

    /* Store chars up to MAX_WORD_LEN in word. */
    while ((ch != EOF) && (! isspace(ch))) {
        if (pos < MAX_WORD_LEN) {
            word[pos] = (char)ch;
            pos++;
        }
        ch = getchar();
    }
    word[pos] = '\0';

    /* Return length of word. */
    return pos;
}
```

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## Adding Word to Line Buffer



```
...
enum {MAX_WORD_LEN = 20};
enum {MAX_LINE_LEN = 50};
int main(void) {
    char word[MAX_WORD_LEN + 1];
    int wordLen;
    char line[MAX_LINE_LEN + 1];
    int lineLen = 0;
    <Clear line>
    for (;;) {
        wordLen = ReadWord(word);
        if (<No more words>) {
            <Print
            return
        }
        if (<Word
        <Print
        <Clear
    }
    AddWord(word, line, &lineLen);
}
return 0;
}
```

```
void AddWord(const char *word, char *line, int *lineLen) {
    <if line already contains some words, append a space>
    strcat(line, word);
    (*lineLen) += strlen(word);
}
```

- Now, back to main(). What does <Add word to line> mean? The job seems complicated enough to demand a distinct function...

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## Adding Word to Line Buffer (cont.)



- AddWord() is almost complete, so let's get that out of the way...

```
void AddWord(const char *word, char *line, int *lineLen) {
    /* If line already contains some words, append a space. */
    if (*lineLen > 0) {
        line[*lineLen] = ' ';
        line[*lineLen + 1] = '\0';
        (*lineLen)++;
    }
    strcat(line, word);
    (*lineLen) += strlen(word);
}
```

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## Printing the Last Line



```
...
int main(void) {
    char word[MAX_WORD_LEN + 1];
    int wordLen;
    char line[MAX_LINE_LEN + 1];
    int lineLen = 0;
    <Clear line buffer>
    for (;;) {
        wordLen = ReadWord(word);

        /* If no more words, print line
           with no justification. */
        if ((wordLen == 0) && (lineLen > 0)) {
            puts(line);
            return 0;
        }
        if (<Word doesn't fit on this line>) {
            <Print line with justification>
            <Clear line buffer>
        }
        AddWord(word, line, &lineLen);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

- Again, back to `main()`. What do `<No more words>` and `<Print line with no justification>` mean? Those jobs seem easy enough that we need not define additional functions...

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## Deciding When to Print



```
...
int main(void) {
    char word[MAX_WORD_LEN + 1];
    int wordLen;
    char line[MAX_LINE_LEN + 1];
    int lineLen = 0;
    <Clear line buffer>
    for (;;) {
        wordLen = ReadWord(word);

        /* If no more words, print line
           with no justification. */
        if ((wordLen == 0) && (lineLen > 0)) {
            puts(line);
            return 0;
        }
        /* If word doesn't fit on this line, then... */
        if ((wordLen + 1 + lineLen) > MAX_LINE_LEN) {
            <Print line with justification>
            <Clear line buffer>
        }
        AddWord(word, line, &lineLen);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

- What does `<Word doesn't fit on this line>` mean? Also involves little code...

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## Printing with Justification



- Now, to the heart of the program. What does <Print line with justification> mean? Certainly that demands a distinct function. That function must know how many words are in the given line (why?)

```
...
int main(void) {
    ...
    int numWords = 0;
    <Clear line>
    for (;;) {
        ...
        /* If word doesn't fit on this line, then... */
        if ((wordLen + 1 + lineLen) > MAX_LINE_LEN) {
            WriteLine(line, lineLen, numWords);
            <Clear line>
        }

        AddWord(word, line, &lineLen);
        numWords++;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

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## Printing with Justification (cont.)



- Pseudocode for WriteLine ()...

```
void WriteLine(const char *line, int lineLen, int numWords) {
    <Compute number of excess spaces for line>

    for (i = 0; i < lineLen; i++) {
        if (<line[i] is not a space>)
            <Print the character>
        else {
            <Compute additional spaces to insert>

            <Print a space, plus some number of additional spaces>

            <Decrease extra spaces and word count>
        }
    }
}
```

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## Printing with Justification (cont.)



```
void WriteLine(const char *line, int lineLen, int numWords)
{
    int extraSpaces, spacesToInsert, i, j;

    /* Compute number of excess spaces for line. */
    extraSpaces = MAX_LINE_LEN - lineLen;

    for (i = 0; i < lineLen; i++) {
        if (line[i] != ' ')
            putchar(line[i]);
        else {
            /* Compute additional spaces to insert. */
            spacesToInsert = extraSpaces / (numWords - 1);

            /* Print a space, plus additional spaces. */
            for (j = 1; j <= spacesToInsert + 1; j++)
                putchar(' ');

            /* Decrease extra spaces and word count. */
            extraSpaces -= spacesToInsert;
            numWords--;
        }
    }
    putchar('\n');
}
```

- Let's go ahead and complete WriteLine ()...

The number of gaps

Example:  
If extraSpaces is 10 and numWords is 5, then gaps will contain 2, 2, 3, and 3 extra spaces respectively

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## Clearing the Line



- Easy, but done in two places. So we probably should delegate the work to a distinct function, and call the function in the two places...

```
int main(void) {
    ...
    int numWords = 0;
    ClearLine(line, &lineLen, &numWords);
    for (;;) {
        ...
        /* If word doesn't fit on this line, then... */
        if ((wordLen + 1 + lineLen) > MAX_LINE_LEN) {
            WriteLine(line, lineLen, numWords);
            ClearLine(line, &lineLen, &numWords);
        }

        addWord(word, &lineLen, &numWords);
    }
    return 0;
}

void ClearLine(char *line, int *lineLen, int *numWords) {
    line[0] = '\0';
    *lineLen = 0;
    *numWords = 0;
}
```

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## Modularity: Summary of Example



- To the user of the program
  - Input: Text in messy format
  - Output: Same text left and right justified, looking mighty pretty
- Modularity within the program
  - `main()` function
  - Line-handling functions
  - Word-handling functions
- The many benefits of modularity
  - Reading the code: In small, separable pieces
  - Testing the code: Test each function separately
  - Speeding up the code: Focus only on the slow parts
  - Extending the code: Change only the relevant parts

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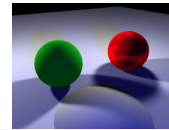
## Part 2: Program Style

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## Program Style



- Who reads your code?
  - The compiler
  - Other programmers



```
typedef struct{double x,y,z;}vec;vec U,black,amb={.02,.02,.02};struct sphere
{ vec cen,color;double rad,kd,ks,kt,kl,ir}*s,*best,sph[]={
(0.,.6.,.5,1.,1.,1.,.9.,.05,.2.,.85,0.,1.7,-1.,.8.,-.
5,1.,.5.,2,1.,.7.,3,0.,.05,1.2,1.,.8.,-.5.,1.,.8.,.8.,
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1.,5.,0.,.0.,.0.,.5,1.5.);};double u,b,tmin,sqrt(),tan(),(double vdot(A,B)vec
A,B);(return A.x*B.x+A.y*B.y+A.z*B.z);}vec vcomb(a,A,B)(double a;vec A,B){B.x+=a*
A.x;B.y+=a*A.y;B.z+=a*A.z;return B;}vec vunit(A)vec A;{return vcomb(1./sqrt
(vdot(A,A)),A,black);}struct sphere*intersect(P,D)vec P,D;{best=0;tmin=1e30;s=
sph+5;while(s--sph)b=vdot(D,U=vcomb(-1.,P,s-cen)),u=cb*b-vdot(U,U)+s-rad*s-
rad,u=0?sqrt(u):le3l,ucb=ule-7*ub-u*b+u,tmin=u-1e-7&&u<tmin?best=s,u:
tmin;return best;}vec trace(level,P,D)vec P,D;(double d,eta,e;vec N,color;
struct sphere*s,*l;if(!level--)return black;if(s=intersect(P,D));else return
amb;color=samb;eta=s-ir;d=-vdot(D,N=vunit(vcomb(-1.,P=vcomb(tmin,D,P),s-
cen)))if(d<0)N=vcomb(-1.,N,black),eta=1/eta,d=-d,l=sph+5;while(l--sph)if
((e=l-kl*vdot(N,U=vunit(vcomb(-1.,P,l-cen))))0&&intersect(P,U)=l)color=vcomb
(e,.l-color,color);U=s-color;color.x*=U.x;color.y*=U.y;color.z*=U.z;e=1-eta*
eta*(1-d*d)return vcomb(s-kt,e0?trace(level,P,vcomb(eta,D,vcomb(eta*d-sqrt
(e),N,black)))black,vcomb(s-ks,trace(level,P,vcomb(2*d,N,D)),vcomb(s-kd,
color,vcomb(s-kl,U,black)))));}main(){printf("sd %d\n",32,32);while(yx<32*32)
U.x=yx%32-32/2,U.z=32/2-yx+/32,U.y=32/2/tan(25/114.5915590261),U=vcomb(255.,
trace(3,black,vunit(U)),black),printf("%s.0f %s.0f %d\n",U);}
```

This is a working ray tracer (courtesy of Paul Heckbert) 25

## Program Style



- Why does program style matter?
  - Bugs often caused by programmer's misunderstanding
    - What does this variable do?
    - How is this function called?
  - Good code = human readable code
- How can code become easier for humans to read?
  - Convey program structure
  - Use common idioms
  - Choose descriptive names
  - Compose proper comments
  - Use modularity

## Structure: Spacing



- Use readable/consistent spacing
  - Example: Assign each array element  $a[j]$  to the value  $j$ .
  - Bad code

```
for (j=0;j<100;j++) a[j]=j;
```

- Good code

```
for (j = 0; j < 100; j++)  
    a[j] = j;
```

- Often can rely on auto-indenting feature in editor

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## Structure: Indentation (cont.)



- Use readable/consistent/correct indentation
  - Example: Checking for leap year (does Feb 29 exist?)

```
legal = TRUE;  
if (month == FEB) {  
    if (year % 4 == 0)  
        if (day > 29)  
            legal = FALSE;  
    else  
        if (day > 28)  
            legal = FALSE;  
}
```

Does this  
code work?

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if (month == FEB) {  
    if (year % 4 == 0) {  
        if (day > 29)  
            legal = FALSE;  
    }  
    else {  
        if (day > 28)  
            legal = FALSE;  
    }  
}
```

Does this  
code work?

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## Structure: Indentation (cont.)



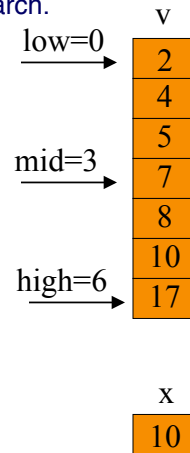
- Use “else-if” for multi-way decision structures

- Example: Comparison step in a binary search.
- Bad code

```
if (x < v[mid])
    high = mid - 1;
else
    if (x > v[mid])
        low = mid + 1;
    else
        return mid;
```

- Good code

```
if (x < v[mid])
    high = mid - 1;
else if (x > v[mid])
    low = mid + 1;
else
    return mid;
```



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## Structure: “Paragraphs”



- Use blank lines to divide the code into key parts

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

/* Read a circle's radius from stdin, and compute and write its
diameter and circumference to stdout. Return 0 if successful. */

int main(void)
{
    const double PI = 3.14159;
    int radius;
    int diam;
    double circum;

    printf("Enter the circle's radius:\n");
    if (scanf("%d", &radius) != 1)
    {
        fprintf(stderr, "Error: Not a number\n");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE); /* or: return EXIT_FAILURE; */
    }
    ...
```

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## Structure: “Paragraphs”



- Use blank lines to divide the code into key parts

```
diam = 2 * radius;
circum = PI * (double)diam;

printf("A circle with radius %d has diameter %d\n",
      radius, diam);
printf("and circumference %f.\n", circum);

return 0;
}
```

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## Structure: Expressions



- Use natural form of expressions
  - Example: Check if integer  $n$  satisfies  $j < n < k$
  - Bad code

```
if (!(n >= k) && !(n <= j))
```

- Good code

```
if ((j < n) && (n < k))
```

- Conditions should read as you'd say them aloud
  - Not “Conditions shouldn't read as you'd never say them aloud”

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## Structure: Expressions (cont.)



- Parenthesize to resolve ambiguity
  - Example: Check if integer  $n$  satisfies  $j < n < k$

- Bad code

```
if (j < n && n < k)
```

Does this code work?

- Good code

```
if ((j < n) && (n < k))
```

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## Structure: Expressions (cont.)



- Parenthesize to resolve ambiguity (cont.)
  - Example: read and print character until end-of-file

- Bad code

```
while (c = getchar() != EOF)  
    putchar(c);
```

Does this code work?

- Good code

```
while ((c = getchar()) != EOF)  
    putchar(c);
```

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## Structure: Expressions (cont.)



- Break up complex expressions stylistically
  - Example: Identify chars corresponding to months of year
  - Bad code

```
if ((c == 'J') || (c == 'F') || (c ==  
'M') || (c == 'A') || (c == 'S') || (c  
== 'O') || (c == 'N') || (c == 'D'))
```

- Good code

```
if ((c == 'J') || (c == 'F') ||  
    (c == 'M') || (c == 'A') ||  
    (c == 'S') || (c == 'O') ||  
    (c == 'N') || (c == 'D'))
```

- Lining up the parallel structures is helpful, too

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## C Idioms



- Use C idioms
  - Example: Set each array element to 1.0.
  - Bad code (or, perhaps just “so-so” code)

```
i = 0;  
while (i <= n-1)  
    array[i++] = 1.0;
```

- Good code

```
for (i=0; i<n; i++)  
    array[i] = 1.0;
```

- We'll see many C idioms throughout the course
- Don't feel obliged to use C idioms that decrease clarity

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## Naming (read for yourselves)



- Use descriptive names for globals and functions
  - E.g., `display`, `CONTROL`, `CAPACITY`
- Use concise names for local variables
  - E.g., `i` (not `arrayIndex`) for loop variable
- Use case judiciously
  - E.g., `Buffer_insert` (Module\_function)
  - `CAPACITY` (constant)
  - `buf` (local variable)
- Use a consistent style for compound names
  - E.g., `frontsize`, `frontSize`, `front_size`
- Use active names for functions
  - E.g., `getchar()`, `putchar()`, `Check_octal()`, etc.

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## Comments (reprise; read yourselves)



- Master the language and its idioms
  - Let the code speak for itself
  - And then...
- Compose comments that add new information
  - `i++;` ~~`/* add one to i */`~~
- Comment sections (“paragraphs”) of code, not lines of code
  - E.g., “Sort array in ascending order”
- Comment global data
  - Global variables, structure type definitions, field definitions, etc.
- Compose comments that agree with the code
  - And change as the code itself changes

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## Comments (cont.)



- Comment sections (“paragraphs”), not lines of code

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

/* Read a circle's radius from stdin, and compute and write its
diameter and circumference to stdout. Return 0 if successful. */

int main(void)
{
    const double PI = 3.14159;
    int radius;
    int diam;
    double circum;

    /* Read the circle's radius. */
    printf("Enter the circle's radius:\n");
    if (scanf("%d", &radius) != 1)
    {
        fprintf(stderr, "Error: Not a number\n");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE); /* or: return EXIT_FAILURE; */
    }
    ...
}
```

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## Comments (cont.)



```
/* Compute the diameter and circumference. */
diam = 2 * radius;
circum = PI * (double)diam;

/* Print the results. */
printf("A circle with radius %d has diameter %d\n",
radius, diam);
printf("and circumference %f.\n", circum);

return 0;
}
```

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## Function Comments



- Describe **what a caller needs to know** to call the function properly
  - Describe **what the function does**, not **how it works**
  - Code itself should clearly reveal how it works...
  - If not, compose “paragraph” comments within definition
- Describe **input**
  - Parameters, files read, global variables used
- Describe **output**
  - Return value, parameters, files written, global variables affected
- Refer to parameters **by name**

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## Function Comments (cont.)



- Bad function comment

```
/* decomment.c */

/* Read a character. Based upon the character and
the current DFA state, call the appropriate
state-handling function. Repeat until
end-of-file. */

int main(void) {
    ...
}
```

- Describes **how the function works**

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## Function Comments (cont.)



- Good function comment

```
/* decomment.c */

/* Read a C program from stdin. Write it to
stdout with each comment replaced by a single
space. Preserve line numbers. Return 0 if
successful, EXIT_FAILURE if not. */

int main(void) {
    ...
}
```

- Describes **what the function does**

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## Modularity



- Big programs are harder to write than small ones
  - “A dog house can be built without any particular design, using whatever materials are at hand. A house for humans, on the other hand, is too complex to just throw together.” – K. N. King
- Abstraction is the key to managing complexity
  - Abstraction allows programmer to know *what* something does without knowing *how*
- Examples of function-level abstraction
  - Function to sort an array of integers
  - Character I/O functions such as `getchar()` and `putchar()`
  - Mathematical functions such as `lcm()` and `gcd()`
- Examples of file-level abstraction
  - (Described in a later lecture)

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## Summary



- Programming style
  - Think about the problem
  - Use top-down design and successive refinement
  - But know that backtracking inevitably will occur

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## Summary (cont.)



- Program style
  - Convey program structure
    - Spacing, indentation, parentheses
  - Use common C idioms
    - But not at the expense of clarity
  - Choose consistent and descriptive names
    - For variables, functions, etc.
  - Compose proper comments
    - Especially for functions
  - Divide code into modules
    - Functions and files

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## Appendix: The “justify” Program



```
/*-----*/
/* justify.c                                     */
/* Author:  COS 217 Instructors                 */
/*-----*/

#include <stdio.h>
#include <ctype.h>
#include <string.h>

/* The maximum number of characters in a word. */
enum {MAX_WORD_LEN = 20};

/* The maximum number of characters in a line. */
enum {MAX_LINE_LEN = 50};
```

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## Appendix: The “justify” Program



```
/* Read a word from stdin. Assign it to word. Return the length
   of the word, or 0 if no word could be read. */

int ReadWord(char *word) {
    int ch, pos = 0;

    /* Skip over white space. */
    ch = getchar();
    while ((ch != EOF) && isspace(ch))
        ch = getchar();

    /* Store chars up to MAX_WORD_LEN in word. */
    while ((ch != EOF) && (! isspace(ch))) {
        if (pos < MAX_WORD_LEN) {
            word[pos] = (char)ch;
            pos++;
        }
        ch = getchar();
    }
    word[pos] = '\0';

    /* Return length of word. */
    return pos;
}
```

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## Appendix: The “justify” Program



```
/* Clear the given line. That is, clear line, and set *lineLen
and *numWords to 0. */

void ClearLine(char *line, int *lineLen, int *numWords) {
    line[0] = '\0';
    *lineLen = 0;
    *numWords = 0;
}

/* Append word to line, making sure that the words within line are
separated with spaces. Update *lineLen to indicate the
new line length. */

void AddWord(const char *word, char *line, int *lineLen) {
    /* If line already contains some words, append a space. */
    if (*lineLen > 0) {
        line[*lineLen] = ' ';
        line[*lineLen + 1] = '\0';
        (*lineLen)++;
    }
    strcat(line, word);
    (*lineLen) += strlen(word);
}
```

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## Appendix: The “justify” Program



```
/* Write line to stdout, in right justified form. lineLen
indicates the number of characters in line. numWords indicates
the number of words in line. */

void WriteLine(const char *line, int lineLen, int numWords) {
    int extraSpaces, spacesToInsert, i, j;

    /* Compute number of excess spaces for line. */
    extraSpaces = MAX_LINE_LEN - lineLen;

    for (i = 0; i < lineLen; i++) {
        if (line[i] != ' ')
            putchar(line[i]);
        else {
            /* Compute additional spaces to insert. */
            spacesToInsert = extraSpaces / (numWords - 1);

            /* Print a space, plus additional spaces. */
            for (j = 1; j <= spacesToInsert + 1; j++)
                putchar(' ');

            /* Decrease extra spaces and word count. */
            extraSpaces -= spacesToInsert;
            numWords--;
        }
    }
    putchar('\n');
}
```

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## Appendix: The “justify” Program



```
/* Read words from stdin, and write the words in justified format
to stdout. Simplifying assumptions:
-- Each word ends with a space, tab, newline, or end-of-file.
-- No word is longer than MAX_WORD_LEN characters.
-- No line is longer than MAX_LINE_LEN characters. */

int main(void) {
    char word[MAX_WORD_LEN + 1];
    int wordLen;

    char line[MAX_LINE_LEN + 1];
    int lineLen = 0;
    int numWords = 0;

    ClearLine(line, &lineLen, &numWords);

    ...
}
```

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## Appendix: The “justify” Program



```
...

for (;;) {
    wordLen = ReadWord(word);

    /* If no more words, print line
with no justification. */
    if ((wordLen == 0) && (lineLen > 0)) {
        puts(line);
        break;
    }

    /* If word doesn't fit on this line, then... */
    if ((wordLen + 1 + lineLen) > MAX_LINE_LEN) {
        WriteLine(line, lineLen, numWords);
        ClearLine(line, &lineLen, &numWords);
    }

    AddWord(word, line, &lineLen);
    numWords++;
}
return 0;
}
```

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