

Lecture P4: Structs and Data Types



```
struct student {
    char name[20];
    int age;
    double salary;
} Hal, Bill;
```

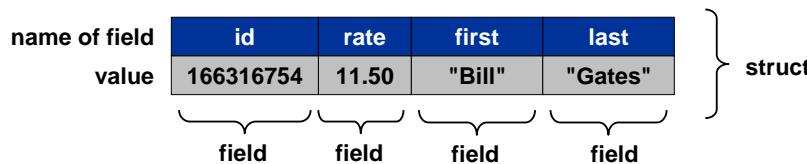
Structs

Fundamental data structure.

- HETEROGENEOUS collection of values (possibly different type).
 - Database records, complex numbers, linked list nodes, etc.
- Store values in FIELDS.
- Associate NAME with each field.
- Use struct name and field name to access value.

Built-in to C.

- To access rate field of structure `x` use `x.rate`
- Basis for building "user-defined types" in C.



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Why Data Structures?

Goal: deal with large amounts of data.

- Organize data so that it is easy to manipulate.
- Time and space efficient.

Basic computer memory abstraction.

- Indexed sequence of bits.
- Address = index.



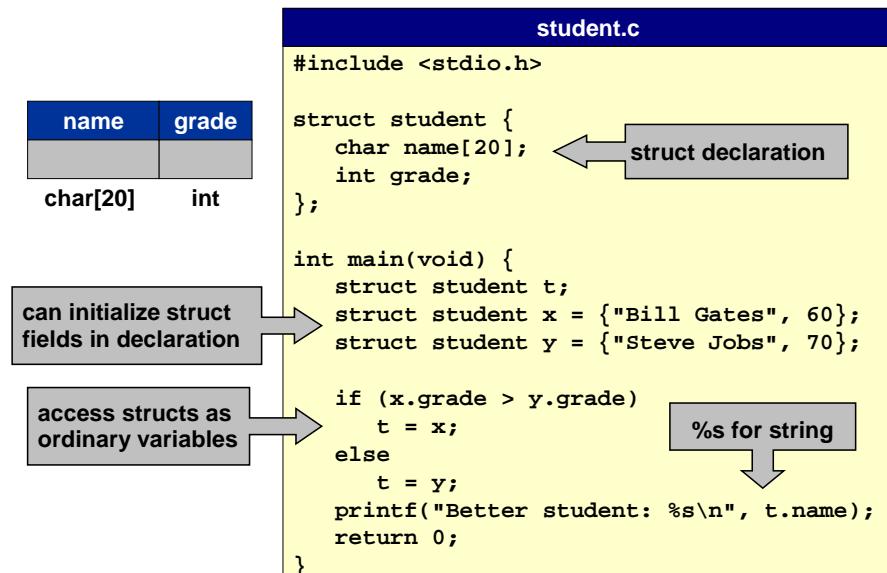
Need higher level abstractions to bridge gap.

- Array.
- STRUCT.**
- Linked list.
- Binary tree.
- Database.
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addr	value
0	0
1	1
2	1
3	1
4	0
5	1
6	0
7	0
8	1
9	0
10	1
...	...
256GB	1

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C Representation of C Students



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Typedef

User definition of type name.

- Put type descriptions in one place - makes code more portable.
- Avoid typing `struct` - makes code more readable.

```
typedef int Grade;
typedef char Name[20];

struct student {
    Name name;
    Grade grade;
};

typedef struct student Student;
.

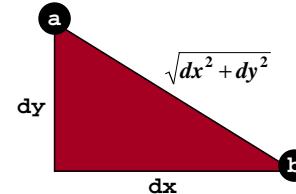
.

Student x = {"Bill Gates", 60};
```

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Geometry: Points

Define structures for points in the plane.



random point with x
and y coordinates
between -1 and 1

```
point data structure
#include <math.h>
typedef struct {
    double x;
    double y;
} Point;

double distance(Point a, Point b) {
    double dx = a.x - b.x;
    double dy = a.y - b.y;
    return sqrt(dx*dx + dy*dy);
}

Point randomPoint(void) {
    Point p;
    p.x = randomDouble(-1.0, 1.0);
    p.y = randomDouble(-1.0, 1.0);
    return p;
}
```

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Geometry: Circles

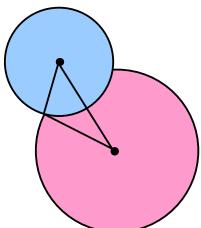
Define structures for circles.

```
circle data structure
#include <math.h>

typedef struct {
    Point center;
    double radius;
} Circle;

int inCircle(Point p, Circle c) {
    return distance(p, c.center) <= c.radius;
}

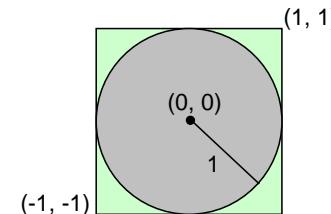
int intersectCircles(Circle c, Circle d) {
    return distance(c.center, d.center) <=
        c.radius + d.radius;
}
```



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Estimate pi.

- Generate N random points with x and y coordinates between -1.0 and 1.0.
- Determine fraction that lie in unit circle.
- On average $\pi / 4$ fraction should lie in circle.
- Use $4 * \text{fraction}$ as estimate of pi.



```
pi.c
#define N 10000

int main(void) {
    int i, cnt = 0;
    Point p = {0.0, 0.0};
    Circle c;
    c.center = p; c.radius = 1.0;

    for (i = 0; i < N; i++) {
        p = randomPoint();
        if (inCircle(p, c))
            cnt++;
    }

    printf("pi = %f\n", 4.0*cnt/N);
    return 0;
}
```

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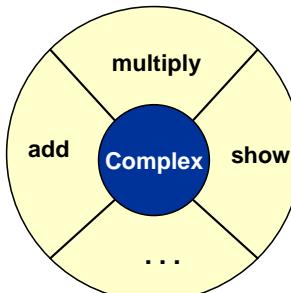
Data Types

Data type:

- Set of values and collection of operations on those values.

Example: Complex numbers.

- Set of values: $4 + 2i$, $1.3 - 6.7i$, etc.
- Operations: add, multiply, show, etc.



Separate implementation from specification.

- INTERFACE: specify the allowed operations.
- IMPLEMENTATION: provide code for operations.
- CLIENT: code that uses operations.

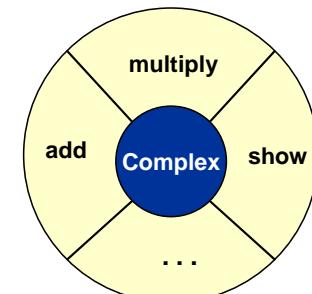
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Complex Number Data Type

Create data structure to represent complex numbers.

- See Sedgewick 4.8.
- Store in rectangular form: real and imaginary parts.

```
typedef struct {  
    double re;  
    double im;  
} Complex;
```



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Complex Number Data Type: Interface

Interface lists allowable operations on complex data type.

- Name interface with .h extension.

```
COMPLEX.h  
  
typedef struct {  
    double re;  
    double im;  
} Complex;  
  
Complex COMPLEXadd (Complex, Complex);  
Complex COMPLEXmult (Complex, Complex);  
Complex COMPLEXpow (Complex, Complex);  
Complex COMPLEXconj (Complex);  
double COMPLEXabs (Complex);  
double COMPLEXreal (Complex);  
double COMPLEXimag (Complex);  
Complex COMPLEXinit (double, double);  
void COMPLEXshow (Complex);
```

can't reuse
+, * symbols

function
prototypes

store in
rectangular form

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Complex Number Data Type: Client

Client program uses interface operations to calculate something:

```
client.c  
  
#include <stdio.h>  
#include "COMPLEX.h"  
  
int main(void) {  
    Complex a = COMPLEXinit(1.0, 2.0);  
    Complex b = COMPLEXinit(3.0, 4.0);  
    Complex c;  
  
    c = COMPLEXmult(a, b);  
    COMPLEXshow(c);  
  
    return 0;  
}  
  
(1 + 2i) * (3 + 4i) =  
-5 + 10i
```

client can use interface

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Complex Number Data Type: Client

Redo Mandelbrot assignment with complex numbers:

```
c ← z = x + iy
while(|c| ≤ 2)
    c ← c2 + z
```

```
clientmand.c

#include "COMPLEX.h"
int mand(Complex z) {
    int i;
    Complex c = z;
    for (i = 0; i < 256; i++) {
        if (COMPLEXabs(c) > 2.0)
            return i;
        c = COMPLEXadd(COMPLEXmult(c, c), z);
    }
    return 255; ← better to avoid hardwired constants
}

int main(void) {
    . . .
    for (x = -1.5; x < 0.5; x += 0.01)
        for (y = -1.0; y < 1.0; y += 0.01)
            t = mand(COMPLEXinit(x, y));
    . . .
}
```

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Complex Number Data Type: Implementation

Write code for interface functions.

```
complex.c

#include "COMPLEX.h" ← implementation needs to know interface
#include <math.h>
#include <stdio.h>

Complex COMPLEXadd (Complex a, Complex b) {
    Complex t;
    t.re = a.re + b.re;
    t.im = a.im + b.im;
    return t;
}

Complex COMPLEXmult(Complex a, Complex b) {
    Complex t;
    t.re = a.re * b.re - a.im * b.im;
    t.im = a.re * b.im + a.im * b.re;
    return t;
}
```

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Complex Number Data Type: Implementation

Write code for interface functions.

```
complex.c (cont)

function in math library → double COMPLEXabs(Complex a) {
    return sqrt(a.re * a.re + a.im * a.im);
}

void COMPLEXshow(Complex a) {
    printf("%f + %f i\n", a.re, a.im);
}

Complex COMPLEXinit(double x, double y) {
    Complex t;
    t.re = x;
    t.im = y;
    return t;
}
```

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Compilation

Client and implementation both include COMPLEX.h

Compile jointly.

```
%gcc client.c complex.c -lm
```

Or compile separately.

```
%gcc -c complex.c
%gcc -c client.c
%gcc client.o complex.o -lm
```

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Can Change Implementation

Can use alternate representation of complex numbers.

- Store in polar form: modulus and angle.

$$z = x + i y = r (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) = r e^{i \theta}$$

```
typedef struct {  
    double r;  
    double theta;  
} Complex;
```

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Alternate Interface

Interface lists allowable operations on complex data type.

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typedef struct {  
    double r;  
    double theta;  
} Complex;  
  
Complex COMPLEXadd (Complex, Complex);  
Complex COMPLEXmult (Complex, Complex);  
Complex COMPLEXpow (Complex, Complex);  
Complex COMPLEXconj (Complex);  
double COMPLEXabs (Complex);  
double COMPLEXreal (Complex);  
double COMPLEXimag (Complex);  
Complex COMPLEXinit (double, double);  
void COMPLEXshow (Complex);
```

COMPLEX.h

polar representation

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Alternate Implementation

Write code for interface functions.

```
complexpolar.c  
  
#include "COMPLEX.h"  
#include <math.h>  
#include <stdio.h>  
  
Complex COMPLEXabs(Complex a) {  
    return a.r;  
}  
  
Complex COMPLEXmult(Complex a, Complex b) {  
    Complex t;  
    t.r = a.r * b.r;  
    t.theta = a.theta + b.theta;  
}
```

Some interface functions are now faster and easier to code.

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Alternate Implementation

Write code for interface functions.

```
complexpolar.c  
  
Complex COMPLEXadd(Complex a, Complex b) {  
    Complex t;  
    double x, y;  
    x = a.r * cos(a.theta) + b.r * cos(b.theta);  
    y = a.r * sin(a.theta) + b.r * sin(b.theta);  
    t.r = sqrt(x*x + y*y);  
    t.theta = arctan(y/x);  
    return t;  
}
```

complexpolar.c

Others are more annoying.

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Multiple Implementations

Usually, several ways to represent and implement a data type.

How to represent complex numbers: rectangular vs. polar?

- Depends on application.
- Rectangular are better for additions and subtractions.
 - no need for arctangent
- Polar are better for multiply and modulus.
 - no need for square root
- Get used to making tradeoffs.

This example may seem artificial.

- Essential for many real applications.
- Crucial software engineering principle.

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Conclusions

Basic computer memory abstraction.

- Indexed sequence of bits.
- Address = index.

Need higher level abstractions to bridge gap.

- Array.
 - homogeneous collection of values
 - store values sequentially in memory
 - associate index with each value
- Struct.
 - heterogeneous collection of values
 - store values in fields
 - associate name with each field

Data type.

- Set of values and collection of operations on those values.

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Lecture P4: Supplemental Notes



Pass By Value, Pass By Reference

Arrays and structs are passed to functions in very DIFFERENT ways.

Pass-by-value:

- int, float, char, struct
- a COPY of value is passed to function

```
void mystery(Point a) {  
    a.y = 17.0;  
}  
  
Point a = {1.0, 2.0};  
mystery(a);  
printf("%4.1f\n", a.y);
```

Unix
% a.out
1.0

Pass-by-reference:

- arrays
- function has direct access to array elements

```
void mystery(double a[]) {  
    a[1] = 17.0;  
}  
  
double a[] = {1.0, 2.0};  
mystery(a);  
printf("%4.1f\n", a[1]);
```

Unix
% a.out
17.0

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