

Princeton University
Computer Science 217: Introduction to Programming Systems



A Taste of C

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The C Programming Language



Who? Dennis Ritchie



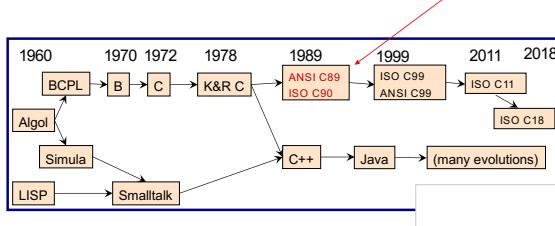
When? ~1972

Where? Bell Labs

Why? Build the Unix OS

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Java vs. C: History



This diagram illustrates the timeline of programming language evolution. It shows the progression from BCPL in 1960 through various languages like Algol, Simula, LISP, and Smalltalk. The path leads to K&R C in 1978, which then branches into ANSI C89/ISO C90, C++, and Java. Java continues to evolve, with ISO C99, ANSI C99, ISO C11, and ISO C18 also shown. A red box highlights Java, with a callout pointing to it that says "This is what we're using".

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C vs. Java: Design Goals



C Design Goals (1972)	Java Design Goals (1995)
Build the Unix OS	Language of the Internet
Low-level; close to HW and OS	High-level; insulated from hardware and OS
Good for system-level programming	Good for application-level programming
Support structured programming	Support object-oriented programming
Unsafe: don't get in the programmer's way	Safe: can't step "outside the sandbox"
	Look like C!

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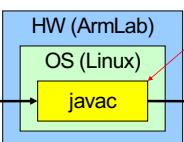
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Building Java Programs

\$ javac MyProg.java

Java compiler
(machine lang code)

MyProg.java
(Java code)



MyProg.class
(bytecode)

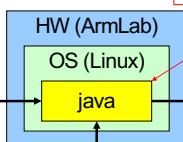
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Running Java Programs

\$ java MyProg

Java interpreter /
"virtual machine"
(machine lang code)

data



data

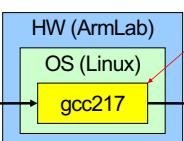
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Building C Programs

\$ gcc217 myprog.c -o myprog

C "Compiler driver"
(machine lang code)

myprog.c
(C code)



myprog
(machine lang code)

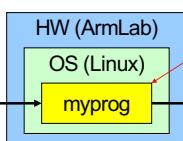
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Running C Programs

\$./myprog

myprog
(machine lang code)

data



data

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Java vs. C: Portability

Program	Code Type	Portable?
MyProg.java	Java source code	Yes
myprog.c	C source code	Mostly
MyProg.class	Bytecode	Yes
myprog	Machine lang code	No

Conclusion: Java programs are more portable

Example: since I've been here, we've used three architectures (x86, x86_64, and AArch64) and all our programs ... class samples, assignment reference implementations, grading infrastructure, etc. had to be recompiled with each change!

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Java vs. C: Safety & Efficiency

Java

- Automatic array-bounds checking,
- NULL pointer checking,
- Automatic memory management (garbage collection)
- Other safety features

C

- Manual bounds checking
- NULL pointer checking,
- Manual memory management

Conclusion 1: Java is often safer than C

Conclusion 2: Java is often slower than C

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iClicker Question

Q: Which corresponds to the C programming language?



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Goals of the rest of this Lecture

Help you learn about:

- The basics of C
- Deterministic finite-state automata (DFA)
- Expectations for programming assignments

Why?

- Help you get started with Assignment 1
 - Required readings...
 - + coverage of programming environment in precepts...
 - + minimal coverage of C in this lecture...
 - = enough info to start Assignment 1
- DFAs are useful in many contexts
 - Theoretical problem characteristics + modeling
 - Practical system/program design (e.g. A1)

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The “charcount” Program

Functionality:

- Read all characters from standard input stream
- Write to standard output stream the number of characters read

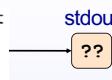


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iClicker Question

Q: What is the output of **charcount** on this input?

[armlab01:lecture2\$./charcount
|Line 1
Line 2
]



A. 10

B. 12

C. 13

D. 14 [armlab01:lecture2\$wc -c
|Line 1
|Line 2
14
]

E. 15

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The “charcount” Program

The program:

```
charcount.c
#include <stdio.h>
/* Write to stdout the number of
   chars in stdin. Return 0. */
int main(void)
{
    int c;
    int charCount = 0;
    c = getchar();
    while (c != EOF)
    {
        charCount++;
        c = getchar();
    }
    printf("%d\n", charCount);
    return 0;
}
```

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Running “charcount”

Run-time trace, referencing the original C code...

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    {
        charCount++;
        c = getchar();
    }
    printf("%d\n", charCount);
    return 0;
}
```

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Execution begins at
main() function

- No classes in the C language.

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    while (c != EOF)
    {
        charCount++;
        c = getchar();
    }
    printf("%d\n", charCount);
    return 0;
}
```

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We allocate space for
c and charCount
in the stack section of
memory

Why int
instead of char?



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    c = getchar();
    while (c != EOF)
    {
        charCount++;
        c = getchar();
    }
    printf("%d\n", charCount);
    return 0;
}
```

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getchar() tries to read char
from stdin

- Success ⇒ returns that
char value (within an int)
- Failure ⇒ returns EOF

EOF is a special value,
distinct from all possible chars

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    int c;
    int charCount = 0;
    c = getchar();
    while (c != EOF)
    {
        charCount++;
        c = getchar();
    }
    printf("%d\n", charCount);
    return 0;
}
```

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Assuming c ≠ EOF,
we increment
charCount

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{
    int c;
    int charCount = 0;
    c = getchar();
    while (c != EOF)
    {
        charCount++;
        c = getchar();
    }
    printf("%d\n", charCount);
    return 0;
}
```

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We call getchar()
again and recheck
loop condition

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    int charCount = 0;
    c = getchar();
    while (c != EOF)
    {
        charCount++;
        c = getchar();
    }
    printf("%d\n", charCount);
    return 0;
}
```

- Eventually getchar() returns EOF
- Loop condition fails
- We call printf() to write final charCount

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    int charCount = 0;
    c = getchar();
    while (c != EOF)
    {
        charCount++;
        c = getchar();
    }
    printf("%d\n", charCount);
    return 0;
}
```

- return statement returns to calling function
- return from main() terminates program

Normal execution ⇒ 0 or EXIT_SUCCESS
Abnormal execution ⇒ EXIT_FAILURE

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“charcount” Building and Running

```
$ gcc217 charcount.c
$ ls
. . . a.out
$ gcc217 charcount.c -o charcount
$ ls
. . . a.out      charcount
$
```

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“charcount” Building and Running

```
$ gcc217 charcount.c -o charcount
$ ./charcount
Line 1
Line 2
^D
14
$
```

What is this?
What is the effect?

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“charcount” Building and Running

```
$ cat somefile
Line 1
Line 2
$ ./charcount < somefile
14
$
```

What is this?
What is the effect?

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“charcount” Building and Running

```
$ ./charcount > someotherfile
Line 1
Line 2
^D
$ cat someotherfile
14
$
```

What is this?
What is the effect?

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"charcount" Build Process in Detail

Question:

- Exactly what happens when you issue the command
gcc217 charcount.c -o charcount

Answer: Four steps

- Preprocess
- Compile
- Assemble
- Link

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"charcount" Build Process in Detail

The starting point

charcount.c

```
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/* Write to stdout the number of
   chars in stdin. Return 0. */
int main(void)
{
    int c;
    int charCount = 0;
    c = getchar();
    while (c != EOF)
    {
        charCount++;
        c = getchar();
    }
    printf("%d\n", charCount);
    return 0;
}
```

- C language
- Missing declarations of getchar() and printf()
- Missing definitions of getchar() and printf()

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Preprocessing "charcount"

Command to preprocess:

- gcc217 -E charcount.c > charcount.i

Preprocessor functionality

- Removes comments
- Handles preprocessor directives

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Preprocessing "charcount"

charcount.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
/* Write to stdout the number of
   chars in stdin. Return 0. */
int main(void)
{
    int c;
    int charCount = 0;
    c = getchar();
    while (c != EOF)
    {
        charCount++;
        c = getchar();
    }
    printf("%d\n", charCount);
    return 0;
}
```

Preprocessor removes comment (this is A1!)

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Preprocessing "charcount"

charcount.c

```
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/* Write to stdout the number of
   chars in stdin. Return 0. */
int main(void)
{
    int c;
    int charCount = 0;
    c = getchar();
    while (c != EOF)
    {
        charCount++;
        c = getchar();
    }
    printf("%d\n", charCount);
    return 0;
}
```

Preprocessor replaces
#include <stdio.h>
with contents of
/usr/include/stdio.h

Preprocessor replaces
EOF with -1

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Preprocessing "charcount"

The result charcount.i

```
...
int getchar();
int printf(char *fmt, ...);
...

int main(void)
{
    int c;
    int charCount = 0;
    c = getchar();
    while (c != -1)
    {
        charCount++;
        c = getchar();
    }
    printf("%d\n", charCount);
    return 0;
}
```

- C language
- Missing comments
- Missing preprocessor directives
- Contains code from stdio.h:
declarations of getchar() and printf()
- Missing **definitions** of getchar() and printf()
- Contains value for EOF

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Compiling “charcount”

Command to compile:

- gcc217 -S charcount.i

Compiler functionality

- Translate from C to assembly language
- Use function declarations to check calls of getchar() and printf()

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Compiling “charcount”

charcount.i

```
...
int getchar();
int printf(char *fmt, ...);
...
int main(void)
{
    int c;
    int charCount = 0;
    c = getchar();
    while (c != -1)
    {
        charCount++;
        c = getchar();
    }
    printf("%d\n", charCount);
    return 0;
}
```

- Compiler sees function declarations
- So compiler has enough information to check subsequent calls of getchar() and printf()

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Compiling “charcount”

charcount.i

```
...
int getchar();
int printf(char *fmt, ...);
...
int main(void)
{
    int c;
    int charCount = 0;
    c = getchar();
    while (c != -1)
    {
        charCount++;
        c = getchar();
    }
    printf("%d\n", charCount);
    return 0;
}
```

- Definition of main() function
- Compiler checks calls of getchar() and printf() when encountered
- Compiler translates to assembly language

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Compiling “charcount”

The result: charcount.s

```
.LC0: .section .rodata
.string "%d\n"
.section .text
main: .global main
main:    stp    x29, x30, [sp, -32]
        add    x29, sp, 0
        str    w22, [x29,24]
        bl    getchar
        str    w0, [x29,28]
        b     .L2
.L3:   ldr    w0, [x29,24]
        add    w0, #1
        str    w0, [x29,24]
        bl    getchar
        str    w0, [x29,28]
.L2:   ldr    w0, [x29,28]
        cmn    w0, #1
        bne    .L3
        add    x0, x0, :lo12:.LC0
        add    x0, x0, :hi12:.LC0
        ldr    w1, [x29,24]
        bl    printf
        mov    w0, 0
        ldp    x29, x30, [sp], 32
        ret
```

- Assembly language
- Missing definitions of getchar() and printf()

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Assembling “charcount”

Command to assemble:

- gcc217 -c charcount.s



Assembler functionality

- Translate from assembly language to machine language

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Assembling “charcount”

The result: charcount.o

Machine language version of the program
No longer human readable

- Machine language
- Missing definitions of getchar() and printf()

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Linking “charcount”

Command to link:

```
* gcc217 charcount.o -o charcount
```

Linker functionality

- Resolve references within the code
- Fetch machine language code from the standard C library (/usr/lib/libc.a) to make the program complete



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Linking “charcount”

The result:

charcount
Machine language version of the program
No longer human readable

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- Machine language
- Contains definitions of getchar() and printf()

Complete! Executable!



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► iClicker Question

Q: There are other ways to charcount – which is best?

A.

```
for (c=getchar(); c!=EOF; c=getchar())
    charCount++;
```

B.

```
while ((c=getchar()) != EOF)
    charCount++;
```

C.

```
for (;;)
{   c = getchar();
    if (c == EOF)
        break;
    charCount++;
}
```

D.

```
c = getchar();
while (c!=EOF)
{   charCount++;
    c =
        getchar();
}
```

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ASCII

American Standard Code for Information Interchange

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	HT	LF
0 NUL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	:	*	+	,	-	.	/	
16	32 SP	!	"	#	\$	%	&	'	()	*	+	,	-	.	/		
48	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	:	<	=	>	?		
64	@	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	
80	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	[]	\	_	-		
96	.	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	
112	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z	()))))	

Partial map

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Note: Lower-case and upper-case letters are 32 apart

“upper” Version 1

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)
{
    int c;
    while ((c = getchar()) != EOF)
    {
        if ((c >= 97) && (c <= 122))
            c -= 32;
        putchar(c);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

What's wrong?

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Character Literals

Examples

```
'a'      the a character
         97 on ASCII systems

'\n'     newline
         10 on ASCII systems

'\t'     horizontal tab
         9 on ASCII systems

'\\'    backslash
         92 on ASCII systems

'\'    single quote
         39 on ASCII systems

'\0'    the null character (alias NUL)
         0 on all systems
```

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"upper" Version 2

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)
{ int c;
  while ((c = getchar()) != EOF)
  { if ((c >= 'a') && (c <= 'z'))
    c += 'A' - 'a';
    putchar(c);
  }
  return 0;
}
```

Arithmetic
on chars?

What's wrong now?

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ctype.h Functions

```
$ man islower
NAME
  isalnum, isalpha, isascii, isblank, iscntrl, isdigit, isgraph,
  islower, isprint, ispunct, ispace, isupper, isxdigit -
  character classification routines

SYNOPSIS
  #include <ctype.h>
  int isalnum(int c);
  int isalpha(int c);
  int isascii(int c);
  int isblank(int c);
  int iscntrl(int c);
  int isdigit(int c);
  int isgraph(int c);
  int islower(int c);
  int isprint(int c);
  int ispunct(int c);
  int isspace(int c);
  int isupper(int c);
  int isxdigit(int c);
```

These functions
check whether c
falls into various
character classes

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ctype.h Functions

```
$ man toupper
NAME
  toupper, tolower - convert letter to upper or lower case

SYNOPSIS
  #include <ctype.h>
  int toupper(int c);
  int tolower(int c);

DESCRIPTION
  toupper() converts the letter c to upper case, if possible.
  tolower() converts the letter c to lower case, if possible.

  If c is not an unsigned char value, or EOF, the behavior of
  these functions is undefined.

RETURN VALUE
  The value returned is that of the converted letter
  or c if the conversion was not possible.
```

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"upper" Version 3

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <ctype.h>
int main(void)
{ int c;
  while ((c = getchar()) != EOF)
  { if (islower(c))
    c = toupper(c);
    putchar(c);
  }
  return 0;
}
```

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iClicker Question

Q: Is the if statement really necessary?

A. Gee, I don't know.
Let me check
the man page
(again)!

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <ctype.h>
int main(void)
{ int c;
  while ((c = getchar()) != EOF)
  { if (islower(c))
    c = toupper(c);
    putchar(c);
  }
  return 0;
}
```

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RETURN VALUE
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    or c if the conversion was not possible.
```

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iClicker Question

Q: Is the if statement really necessary?

A. Yes, necessary
for correctness.

B. Not necessary,
but I'd leave it in.

C. Not necessary,
and I'd get rid of it.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <ctype.h>
int main(void)
{ int c;
  while ((c = getchar()) != EOF)
  { if (islower(c))
      c = toupper(c);
    putchar(c);
  }
  return 0;
}
```

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Example 3: “upper1”

Functionality

- Read all chars from stdin
- Capitalize the first letter of each word
 - “cos 217 rocks” ⇒ “Cos 217 Rocks”
- Write result to stdout



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“upper1” Challenge

Problem

- Must remember where you are
- Capitalize “c” in “cos”, but not “o” in “cos” or “c” in “rocks”

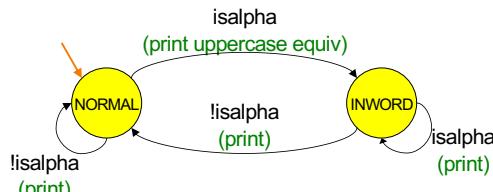
Solution

- Maintain some extra information
- “In a word” vs “not in a word”

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Deterministic Finite Automaton

Deterministic Finite State Automaton (DFA)

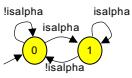


- **States**, one of which denotes the **start**
- **Transitions** labeled by chars or categories
- Optionally, **actions** on transitions

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“upper1” Version 1

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <ctype.h>
int main(void)
{ int c;
  int state = 0;
  while ((c = getchar()) != EOF)
  { switch (state)
    { case 0:
        if (isalpha(c))
        { putchar(toupper(c)); state = 1; }
        else
        { putchar(c); state = 0; }
        break;
      case 1:
        if (isalpha(c))
        { putchar(c); state = 1; }
        else
        { putchar(c); state = 0; }
        break;
    }
  }
  return 0;
}
```



That's a B.
What's wrong?

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“upper1” Toward Version 2



Problem:

- The program works, but...
- States should have names

Solution:

- Define your own named constants
- `enum Statetype {NORMAL, INWORD};`
- Define an enumeration type
- `enum Statetype state;`
- Define a variable of that type

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```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <ctype.h>
enum Statetype (NORMAL, INWORD);
int main(void)
{ int c;
  enum Statetype state = NORMAL;
  while ((c = getchar()) != EOF)
  { switch (state)
    { case NORMAL:
        if (isalpha(c))
        { putchar(toupper(c)); state = INWORD; }
        else
        { putchar(c); state = NORMAL; }
        break;
      case INWORD:
        if (isalpha(c))
        { putchar(c); state = INWORD; }
        else
        { putchar(c); state = NORMAL; }
        break;
    }
  }
  return 0;
}
```

That's a B+.
What's wrong?

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Problem:

- The program works, but...
- Deeply nested statements
- No modularity

Solution:

- Handle each state in a separate function

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“upper1” Version 3

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <ctype.h>
enum Statetype (NORMAL, INWORD);

enum Statetype handleNormalState(int c)
{ enum Statetype state;
  if (isalpha(c))
  { putchar(toupper(c));
    state = INWORD;
  }
  else
  { putchar(c);
    state = NORMAL;
  }
  return state;
}

enum Statetype handleInwordState(int c)
{ enum Statetype state;
  if (!isalpha(c))
  { putchar(c);
    state = NORMAL;
  }
  else
  { putchar(c);
    state = INWORD;
  }
  return state;
}
```

That's an A-.
What's wrong?

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Problem:

- The program works, but...
- No comments

Solution:

- Add (at least) function-level comments

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Function Comments

Function comment should describe
what the function does (from the caller's viewpoint)

- Input to the function
 - Parameters, input streams
- Output from the function
 - Return value, output streams, (call-by-reference parameters)

Function comment should **not** describe
how the function works

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Function Comment Examples

Bad main() function comment

```
Read a character from stdin. Depending upon
the current DFA state, pass the character to
an appropriate state-handling function. The
value returned by the state-handling function
is the next DFA state. Repeat until end-of-file.
```

Describes **how the function works**

Good main() function comment

```
Read text from stdin. Convert the first character
of each "word" to uppercase, where a word is a
sequence of characters. Write the result
to stdout. Return 0.
```

Describes **what the function does**
(from caller's viewpoint)

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"upper1" Final Version

```
/*-----*
 * upper1.c
 * Author: Bob Dondero
 *-----*/
#include <stdio.h>
#include <ctype.h>

enum Statetype {NORMAL, INWORD};
```

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```
/*-----*
 * Implement the NORMAL state of the DFA. c is the current
 * DFA character. Write c or its uppercase equivalent to
 * stdout, as specified by the DFA. Return the next state. */
enum Statetype handleNormalState(int c)
{
    enum Statetype state;
    if (!isalpha(c))
        { putchar(toupper(c));
          state = INWORD;
        }
    else
        { putchar(c);
          state = NORMAL;
        }
    return state;
}
```

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```
/*-----*
 * Implement the INWORD state of the DFA. c is the current
 * DFA character. Write c to stdout, as specified by the DFA.
 * Return the next state. */

enum Statetype handleInwordState(int c)
{
    enum Statetype state;
    if (!isalpha(c))
        { putchar(c);
          state = NORMAL;
        }
    else
        { putchar(c);
          state = INWORD;
        }
    return state;
}
```

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```
/*-----*
 * Read text from stdin. Convert the first character of each
 * "word" to uppercase, where a word is a sequence of
 * letters. Write the result to stdout. Return 0. */
int main(void)
{
    int c;
    /* Use a DFA approach. state indicates the DFA state. */
    enum Statetype state = NORMAL;
    while ((c = getchar()) != EOF)
        { switch (state)
            { case NORMAL:
                state = handleNormalState(c);
                break;
            case INWORD:
                state = handleInwordState(c);
                break;
            }
        }
    return 0;
}
```

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Review of Example 3



Deterministic finite-state automaton

- Two or more states
- Transitions between states
 - Next state is a function of current state and current character
- Actions can occur during transitions

Expectations for COS 217 assignments

- Readable
 - Meaningful names for variables, constants, and literals
 - Reasonable max nesting depth
- Modular
 - Multiple functions, each with 1 well-defined job
- Function-level comments
 - Should describe what function does
- See K&P book for style guidelines specification

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Agenda



Getting started with C

- History of C
- Building and running C programs
- Characteristics of C

Three Simple C Programs

- charcount (loops, standard input)
 - 4-stage build process
- upper (character data, ctype library)
 - portability concerns
- upper1 (switch statements, enums, functions)
 - DFA program design

Java versus C Details

- For initial cram and/or later reference

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Java vs. C: Details



	Java	C
Overall Program Structure	Hello.java: public class Hello { public static void main (String[] args) { System.out.println("hello, world"); } }	hello.c: #include <stdio.h> int main(void) { printf("hello, world\n"); return 0; }
Building	\$ javac Hello.java	\$ gcc217 hello.c -o hello
Running	\$ java Hello hello, world	\$./hello hello, world

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Java vs. C: Details



	Java	C
Character type	char // 16-bit Unicode	char /* 8 bits */ (unsigned, signed) char
Integral types	byte // 8 bits short // 16 bits int // 32 bits long // 64 bits	(unsigned, signed) short (unsigned, signed) int (unsigned, signed) long
Floating point types	float // 32 bits double // 64 bits	float double long double
Logical type	boolean	/* no equivalent */ /* use 0 and non-0 */
Generic pointer type	Object	void*
Constants	final int MAX = 1000;	#define MAX 1000 const int MAX = 1000; enum {MAX = 1000};

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Java vs. C: Details



	Java	C
Arrays	int [] a = new int [10]; float [][] b = new float [5][20];	int a[10]; float b[5][20];
Array bound checking	// run-time check	/* no run-time check */
Pointer type	// Object reference is an // implicit pointer	int *p;
Record type	class Mine { int x; float y; }	struct Mine { int x; float y; };

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Java vs. C: Details



	Java	C
Strings	String s1 = "Hello"; String s2 = new String("Hello");	char *s1 = "Hello"; char s2[6]; strcpy(s2, "Hello");
String concatenation	s1 + s2	#include <string.h> strcat(s1, s2);
Logical ops *	s1 == s2	&&, , !
Relational ops *	=, !=, <, >, <=, >=	=, !=, <, >, <=, >=
Arithmetic ops *	+, -, *, /, %, unary -	+, -, *, /, %, unary -
Bitwise ops	<<, >>, >>>, &, ^, , ~	<<, >>, &, ^, , ~
Assignment ops	=, +=, -=, *=, /=, %=, <<=, >>=, >>>=, ^=, =	=, +=, -=, *=, /=, %=, <<=, >>=, &=, ^=, =

* Essentially the same in the two languages

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Java vs. C: Details

	Java	C
if stmt *	if (i < 0) statement1; else statement2;	if (i < 0) statement1; else statement2;
switch stmt *	switch (i) { case 1: ... break; case 2: ... break; default: ... }	switch (i) { case 1: ... break; case 2: ... break; default: ... }
goto stmt	// no equivalent	goto someLabel;

* Essentially the same in the two languages

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Java vs. C: Details

	Java	C
for stmt	for (int i=0; i<10; i++) statement;	int i; for (i=0; i<10; i++) statement;
while stmt *	while (i < 0) statement;	while (i < 0) statement;
do-while stmt *	do statement; while (i < 0);	do statement; while (i < 0);
continue stmt *	continue;	continue;
labeled continue stmt	continue someLabel;	/* no equivalent */
break stmt *	break;	break;
labeled break stmt	break someLabel;	/* no equivalent */

* Essentially the same in the two languages

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Java vs. C: Details

	Java	C
return stmt *	return 5; return;	return 5; return;
Compound stmt (aka: block) *	{ statement1; statement2; }	{ statement1; statement2; }
Exceptions	throw, try-catch-finally	/* no equivalent */
Comments	/* comment */ // another kind	/* comment */
Method / function call	f(x, y, z); someObject.f(x, y, z); SomeClass.f(x, y, z);	f(x, y, z);

* Essentially the same in the two languages

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Example C Program

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

int main(void)
{
    const double KMETERS_PER_MILE = 1.609;
    int miles;
    double kMeters;

    printf("miles: ");
    if (scanf("%d", &miles) != 1)
    {
        fprintf(stderr, "Error: Expected a number.\n");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

    kMeters = (double)miles * KMETERS_PER_MILE;
    printf("%d miles is %f kilometers.\n",
           miles, kMeters);
    return 0;
}
```

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