

Introduction to Computer Science
W 1113 – Lab (C)
Lab4

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Questions about the previous lab

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Questions about HW2 (or HW1 or HW0)

- Or submit instructions?

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Recap from Lab 2

- Details on printf
- Details on scanf
- Conversion between data types
- Math operators
- Command Line Parameters

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Recap from Lab 3

- Math operators
- Arrays (assignment and reference)
- Strings
 - string manipulation
 - fgets
 - sscanf

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Quick quiz...

- BTW, I will be asking one (or two) questions every class that are in the reading only... brownie points ☺
- +=, -=, *=, /=
 - What do these do?

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Function prototypes

- Usually, you declare variables before you can use them
 - similar with functions
 - however, you can
 - declare a function prototype at the beginning of the program
 - define the actual function workings later on
- Example
 - int add (int a, int b);
- This will be important in HW2

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Function prototypes - code

```
#include <stdio.h>

int add (int a, int b);

int main() {
    int c;
    c=add(2,3);
    printf("The total of 2 and 3 is %d\n", c);
}

int add (int first_number, int second_number) {
    int total;

    total = first_number + second_number;
    return total;
}
```

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Function prototypes – code II

```
#include <stdio.h>

int add (int a, int b);

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    int c, x, y;
    x=atoi(argv[1]);
    y=atoi(argv[2]);
    c=add(x, y);
    printf("The total of %d and %d is %d\n", x, y, c);
}

int add (int first_number, int second_number) {
    int total;

    total = first_number + second_number;
    return total;
}
```

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BTW (a couple of comments about comments and style)

- Use comments
- Use tabs to write code cleanly
- Identify yourself as the author
- Placement of {}

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Conditionals

- Conditional statements
 - if
 - switch

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Conditionals

- Conditional statements
 - if
 - need to know <, >, ==, !=
 - usage:

```
if (expr) {stmt...}
else if (expr) {stmt...}
else {stmt}
```
 - when do you not need {}
 - if followed by another if
 - if (something) do something;
 - if (something else) do something else;
 - The default case is the final *else*
 - Correctness
 - if (strcmp(string1, string2)) do something?
 - if (strcmp(string1, string2)==0) do something?

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Conditionals II

- Switch

```
switch (val) {  
  case 1:  
    do some work;  
    break;  
  case 2:  
    do some work;           // you don't have to necessarily have  
    break;                 // stuff here  
  case 3:  
    do some work;  
    break;  
  default:                 //if needed  
    do some work;  
    break;  
}
```

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- What is the break statement?
- What happens if you don't use break?

Goto and the evils of it...

- DON'T USE GOTO
- What is GOTO
- Why is it a problem?

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Loops

- Iteration/loops
 - While
 - For
 - Do while
- Difference between conditionals and loops

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Loops II

- While
 - usage:
 - `while (cond) {stmt...}`
 - break;
 - continue;
- code

```
while(current_number<100) {
do something;           //what is wrong
}
```

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Loops II

- While
 - usage:
 - `while (cond) {stmt...}`
 - break;
 - continue;
- code

```
while(current_number<100) {
do something;           //what is wrong
i++; // or i-- as the case may be
}
```

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Loops III

- Do while
 - usage:

```
do {
    blah;
} while (i>0);
```
 - Again, remember that the value of 'i' needs to be changed

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Loops IV

- For
 - usage:
 - `for (... ; ... ; ...) {
do something here;
}`
 - There is other acceptable syntax (sort of)
 - BTW, this is where the `++i` and `i++` becomes relevant and useful
 - Everything in for can be done in a while
 - Think about it

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Loops V

- The comma operator
 - Things are evaluated from left to right
- `for (sum=0, i=1; i<=n; ++i)
sum += i;`
- `for (sum=0, i=1; i<=n; sum += i, ++i)
;`
- `for (sum=0, i=1; i<=n; ++i, sum += i)
;` *// this may give wrong results as i is
// incremented before added to sum*

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Loops VI

- Why can we use the `;` just like that
- Infinite loops – beware
 - `while (1) { ... }`
 - `for (; ;) { ... }`
 - Use it at your own risk (system administrator may kill ;-))
 - Use it instead of running your program again and again

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What does the following do?

```
for (i = 1; i <= 10; ++i)
    ;
sum += i;
```

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Assignment

- Read Ch. 6 from the Practical C Programming book
- **HW2**
 - Don't wait till the last minute, *seriously*.

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