

# PRIME

**a cryptography oriented programming language**

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# Purpose and Planning

- **Cryptography is hard enough without difficult and messy code**
- **Focus on what matters: Write crypto math as simple as possible**
- **Handle big numbers without too much worry**
- **Include general functionalities (strings, ints, etc) to facilitate usage**
  
- **Deadlines**
- **Work Style and Responsibilities**
- **Work Setup and Communication**
- **Resolving Setbacks**

# Distinctive Features: Lints

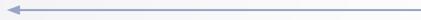
## Big Number Arithmetic

### Initialization and Declaration

```

1 lint a;
2 lint b;
3 a = 11;
4 b = 21;

```



### Lint operations

```

1 a + b; a - b;
2 a * b; a / b;
3 a % b;
4
5 a/\b /* lint a raised to int b */
6 a^b /* multiplicative inverse of a mod */
7 a^b@c /* a raised to b mod c */
8
9 a==b; a!=b;
10 a<=b; a>=b; a>b; a<b;

```

```

1 #include <gmp.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h>
3
4 mpz_t a;
5 mpz_t b;
6 mpz_t c;
7 mpz_init(a);
8 mpz_init(b);
9 mpz_init(c);
10 mpz_set_si(a, (long)2);
11 mpz_set_si(a, (long)2);
12 mpz_add(c, a, b);

```

### C GMP Library - addition

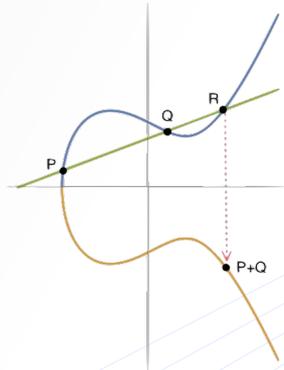
# Distinctive Features: Curves and Pts (*theory*)

## Elliptic Curve Cryptography

- Prevalent in digital signature schemes and public key cryptography
  - Depend on unfactorable large primes (lints) as coefficients
- Points form a finite abelian group over point addition on modular elliptic curves
  - Addition: Reflection of third point of intersection across y axis
  - Additive Inverse: Exists as the reflection across the x axis
  - Identity element: Point at infinity (represented as  $(-1, -1)$ )
  - Generator point: Single point generating abelian group

### Mathematical Definition:

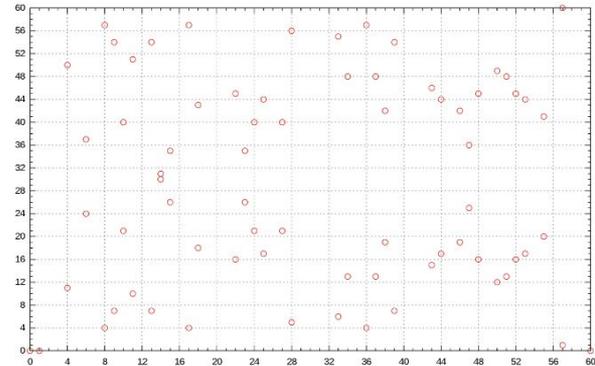
$$y^2 \equiv x^3 + bx + c \pmod{p}, \quad (0 \leq b, c < p)$$



### Addition:

$$(x_1, y_1) \oplus (x_2, y_2) = (x_3, y_3) \quad \text{where} \quad \begin{cases} x_3 = m^2 - x_1 - x_2, \\ y_3 = m(x_1 - x_3) - y_1. \end{cases}$$

$$m \equiv \begin{cases} (y_2 - y_1)(x_2 - x_1)^{-1} \pmod{p} & \text{if } (x_1, y_1) \neq (x_2, y_2), \\ (3x_1^2 + b)(2y_1)^{-1} \pmod{p} & \text{if } (x_1, y_1) = (x_2, y_2). \end{cases}$$



The set of points in  $y^2 = x^3 - x \pmod{61}$   
source: [Wikimedia Commons](#)

# Distinctive Features: Curves and Pts (*practice*)

## Initializing Curves

```

55
56  curve crv;
57
58  /* create the curve */
59
60  p = 7859631023794288223766947894468973962074985689511;
61  a = 317689081251325503476317464138276932727469559271;
62  b = 485714067917757273461840828810056205973454266521;
63
64  crv = [(a, b) : p];

```

## Initializing Points

```

15  pt q;

68  x1 = 7715072162626498261706482685655798899077692541761;
69  y1 = 3901575102465566285252794592665149955625331966551;
70
71  prints("Elliptic Curve E:");
72  printc(crv);
73
74  /* create the point */
75
76  q = [x1, y1] & crv;

```

## Point Operations

```

1  /* add two points */
2  r = p + q;
3
4  /* find additive inverse */
5  r = -p;
6
7  /* multiply point by a lint */
8  r = 1231*p;
9
10 /* find the identity element */
11 r = p + -p;

```

# Distinctive Features: Keywords

- types as in previous slide
- statements: if, else, for, while, return, main
- printing
- type-casting via function call
- key cryptography helpers: encode, decode, random

## Examples:

- print           - int
- printl         - lint
- prints         - string
- printpt       - point
- printc         - curve

```

1  string s;
2  lint a;
3  s = "Hello World";
4  a = encode(s);
5  printl(a);
6  prints(decode(a));

```

Sample Encode/Decode

```

1  int a;
2  lint b;
3  a = 2387468;
4  printl(tolint(a));
5  b = tolint(a);

```

Sample int->lint casting

```

1  lint max; lint seed;
2  lint rand;
3  max = 123451;
4  seed = 101;
5  rand = random(seed, max);
6  printl(rand);

```

Sample Random function use

# Distinctive Features: Interfacing

- C GMP library (all credits to contributors of that library)
- Abstract away the struct types
- The user writes the math/pseudocode without needing to know the full scope

## Examples:

```

100 struct point *ptadd(struct point *p1, struct point *p2)
101 {
102     struct point *sum = (struct point *)malloc(sizeof(struct point));
103     struct point *sum = (struct point *)malloc(sizeof(struct point));
104
105     mpz_t coeff;
106     mpz_init_set(coeff, p1->coeff->v);
107
108     mpz_t i;
109     mpz_init_set(i, p1->curve->ix);
110
111     mpz_t mod;
112     mpz_init_set(mod, p1->curve->mod);
113
114     Poly(coeff, coeff, i, mod);
115
116     mpz_t zero;
117     mpz_init_set_zero(zero, 0);
118
119     mpz_t p1x;
120     mpz_t p1y;
121
122     mpz_init(p1x);
123     mpz_init(p1y);
124
125     /* if pt is (-1, -1) => pt at infinity acts as identity element
126     * restore other point
127     */
128     if ((mpz_cmp(p1-x) == -1 && mpz_cmp(p1-y) == -1) ||
129         mpz_cmp(p2-x) == -1 && mpz_cmp(p2-y) == -1) {
130         Point(&sum, p1x, p1y, curve);
131     }
132     else if ((mpz_cmp(p2-x) == -1 && mpz_cmp(p2-y) == -1) ||
133             mpz_cmp(p1-x) == -1 && mpz_cmp(p1-y) == -1) {
134         Point(&sum, p2x, p2y, curve);
135     }
136     else {
137         /* build local x and y coords */
138         mpz_t p1x;
139         mpz_t p1y;
140         mpz_t p2x;
141         mpz_t p2y;
142
143         mpz_init(p1x);
144         mpz_init(p1y);
145         mpz_init(p2x);
146         mpz_init(p2y);
147
148         mpz_add(p1x, p1->coeff, i);
149         mpz_add(p1y, p1->coeff, i);
150         mpz_add(p2x, p2->coeff, i);
151         mpz_add(p2y, p2->coeff, i);
152
153         mpz_clear(coeff);
154         mpz_clear(i);
155         mpz_clear(mod);
156
157         /* find p1 + p2 */
158         mpz_init(temp);
159         mpz_add(temp, p1x, p2x);
160         mpz_add(temp, p1y, p2y);
161         mpz_clear(temp);
162
163         /* find p1 - p2 */
164         mpz_init(temp);
165         mpz_sub(temp, p1x, p2x);
166         mpz_sub(temp, p1y, p2y);
167         mpz_clear(temp);
168
169         /* check if they are inverses of one another */
170         mpz_t neg;
171         mpz_init(neg);
172         mpz_neg(neg, p2y);
173         if (mpz_cmp(temp, neg) == 0)

```

```

100 {
101     mpz_set_str(p1x, "-1", 10);
102     mpz_set_str(p1y, "-1", 10);
103     Point(&sum, p1x, p1y, curve);
104
105     /* setup cleanup */
106     mpz_clear(temp);
107     mpz_clear(i);
108     mpz_clear(mod);
109     mpz_clear(coeff);
110     mpz_clear(p1x);
111     mpz_clear(p1y);
112     mpz_clear(p2x);
113     mpz_clear(p2y);
114     mpz_clear(neg);
115     mpz_clear(mod);
116     // return sum;
117     }
118     else {
119         /* setup */
120         mpz_t temp;
121         mpz_t i;
122         mpz_t mod;
123         // if pt is not the same as
124         // (clear, clear, p1x, -1) || (clear, clear, p2y, -1)
125         {
126             mpz_t temp;
127             mpz_t i;
128             mpz_t mod;
129             mpz_init(temp);
130             mpz_init(i);
131             mpz_init(mod);
132             mpz_add(temp, p1->coeff, i);
133             mpz_add(temp, p2->coeff, i);
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```

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101     mpz_set(p1y, temp);
102     Point(&sum, p1x, p1y, curve);
103
104     /* cleanup */
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106     mpz_clear(i);
107     mpz_clear(mod);
108     mpz_clear(coeff);
109     mpz_clear(p1x);
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130             mpz_init(mod);
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132             mpz_add(temp, p2->coeff, i);
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```

```

1 int main()
2 {
3     /* creation and assignment */
4     pt p1;
5     pt p2;
6     pt p3;
7     curve crv;
8
9     crv = [(51, 121) : 131];
10    p1 = [21, 21] & crv;
11    p2 = [21, 111] & crv;
12    printpt(p2 + p1);

```



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- Get Element Ptr
- Implicit Ptr passing

## Examples:

```

236     and formal_types =
237     Array.of_list (let new_params = (match fdecl.styp with
238                                   A.Lint   -> (A.Lint, "sret") :: fdecl.sparams
239                                   | A.Point -> (A.Point, "sret") :: fdecl.sparams
240                                   | _      -> fdecl.sparams
241                                   ) in
242           List.map (fun (t,n) -> match t with
243                     A.Lint   when n = "sret" -> L.pointer_type (ltype_of_typ t)
244                     | A.Point when n = "sret" -> L.pointer_type (ltype_of_typ t)
245                     | _      -> ltype_of_typ t) new_params)
246     in let ftype = L.function_type (match fdecl.styp with
247                                   A.Lint   -> L.pointer_type mpz_t
248                                   | A.Point -> L.pointer_type point_t
249                                   | _      -> ltype_of_typ fdecl.styp) formal_types
250     in
251     StringMap.add name (L.define_function name ftype the_module, fdecl) m in
252     List.fold_left function_decl StringMap.empty functions in

```

```

541     let llargs = (match fdecl.styp with
542                 A.Lint -> let space = L.build_alloca mpz_t "sret_space" builder
543                           in
544                           L.build_in_bounds_gep space [| zero |] "" builder ::
545                 llargs
546                 | A.Point -> let space = L.build_alloca point_t "sret_space" builder
547                           in
548                           L.build_in_bounds_gep space [| zero |] "" builder ::
549                 llargs
550                 | _      -> llargs) in
551     L.build_call fdef (Array.of_list llargs) result builder

```



# Testing

- Test-Driven Development
- Automate as much as possible with Bash and CircleCI
- Github
- Communication
- Test at a local and global level with Regression Test Suite
- Best way to find bugs and feels rewarding when we see OK

```

Test: fail_lcast OK
Test: fail_lint1 OK
Test: fail_mpow OK
Test: fail_point_acc OK
Test: fail_point_match OK
Test: fail_point_type OK
Test: fail_poly_type OK
Test: fail_pt_mul OK
Test: fail_return OK
Test: fail_var1 OK
Test: fail_while OK
Test: fail_while1 OK
Test: test_add OK
Test: test_ass OK
Test: test_big_curve OK
Test: test_big_num OK
Test: test_decode OK
Test: test_elseif OK
Test: test_encode OK
Test: test_for OK
Test: test_func OK
Test: test_hello OK

```

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Prime 242	▶	Success	Build_Test	 <a href="#">string_parsing</a> 24f8b30 change encode syntax	13h ago	1m 8s	  
Prime 241	▶	Success	Build_Test	 <a href="#">demos2</a> 5b9b7e0 added ecc demo, fixed string parsing	13h ago	1m 25s	  
Prime 240	▶	Success	Build_Test	 <a href="#">main</a> 32b646c Merge pull request #45 from thomasundo2/access	15h ago	1m 6s	  
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Prime 238	▶	Success	Build_Test	 <a href="#">main</a> 7d2a146 Fix point ret return and ocaml warnings	15h ago	1m 17s	  
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# Demos: RSA, Elliptic Curves, Diffie-Hellman

# Takeaways

- **Programming languages are hard**
  - **LLVM even more so**
  - **If you have to think about whether something works, it doesn't**
- **OCaml and some functional programming**
- **Time and Planning**
- **OH are important**
- **WFH Communication**
- **Zoom pro accounts**

## Further objectives:

- **Operator overloading**
- **Conciseness: Multiple assignment, declare and assign**
- **Unified print function (consolidate print(), printf(), printc(), printpt())**
- **Garbage collection**

# Questions

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