

# Pointers and Bits

Lecture 9

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# Welcome!

## Today:

- File I/O Recap
- Pointers as Arguments
- Bitwise operators

## Logistics:

- All recordings up.
- Sample code links fixed in slide decks.
- Readings updated online to align with in-class content. Retrospectively added readings are bolded.

# Midterm 1 Logistics

Midterm review session **tonight** in 014 Sitterson Hall at 6:20 PM, hosted by the TA/LA staff.

For those with extended testing time:

- ARS has no space to accommodate late scheduling requests.
- If you do not have a confirmed reservation for 2 PM at ARS, please come to 314 Sitterson Hall (office hours room) to take your extended-time exam.

Come early and bring a writing implement for Thursday! Exam will start promptly at 2 PM.

Allowed outside materials:

- Double-sided sheet of letter paper with written or printed materials of your choice.
- Printed copy of *The C Programming Language* (1st, 2nd, or international editions allowed).

Provided:

- ASCII Table & Scratch Paper

# Recap: File I/O

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## Recap: File I/O

# Indexing files

"[T]he file pointer [FILE\*] points to a structure that contains information about the file, such as the location of a buffer, **the current character position in the buffer**, whether the file is being read or written..." (Sec. 7.5, *K&R C*)

I.e. each time you read or write to a file, your index into the bytes of the file is changed. You can explicitly move it forward or back via `fseek()`.

See `man fseek` or Sec. B1.6 in *K&R C*.

# Pointers as Function Arguments

## Pointers as Func. Args.

### Give it a try!

Confused? Take your best guess;  
we will step through what's  
happening in a moment.

Try it yourself!

```
$ wget  
https://www.cs.unc.edu/~jbakita/teach/comp211-s23/l9/rects.c  
$ gcc rects.c -o rects  
$ ./rects
```

```
#include <stdio.h>  
  
typedef struct Rectangle{  
    int width;  
    int height;  
} Rectangle;  
  
void resetA(Rectangle rect) {  
    rect.width = 0;  
    rect.height = 0;  
}  
  
void resetB(Rectangle *rect) {  
    rect->width = 0;  
    rect->height = 0;  
}  
  
int main(){  
    Rectangle rect;  
  
    rect.width = 5;  
    rect.height = 10;  
  
    int init_area = rect.width * rect.height;  
    resetA(rect);  
    int next_area = rect.width * rect.height;  
    resetB(&rect);  
    int final_area = rect.width * rect.height;  
  
    printf("Initially: %d, then: %d, and finally: %d\n",  
        init_area, next_area, final_area);  
    return 0;  
}
```

What will this print?

<https://PollEv.com/joshuabakita182>

Grab these slides from the website to  
see the text up close.



# Pointers as Func. Args.

## Pass by *value* vs. by *reference*

Try it yourself!

```
$ wget
https://www.cs.unc.edu/~jbakita/teach/comp211-s23/l9/rects.c
$ gcc rects.c -o rects
$ ./rects
```

```
#include <stdio.h>

typedef struct Rectangle{
    int width;
    int height;
} Rectangle;

void resetA(Rectangle rect) {
    rect.width = 0;
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}

void resetB(Rectangle *rect) {
    rect->width = 0;
    rect->height = 0;
}

int main(){
    Rectangle rect;

    rect.width = 5;
    rect.height = 10;

    int init_area = rect.width * rect.height;
    resetA(rect);
    int next_area = rect.width * rect.height;
    resetB(&rect);
    int final_area = rect.width * rect.height;

    printf("Initially: %d, then: %d, and finally: %d\n",
        init_area, next_area, final_area);
    return 0;
}
```

Takes one 8-byte<sup>1</sup> argument, a struct `Rectangle` composed of two 4-byte integers.

Colloquially, `rect` is passed by *value*

Takes one 8-byte<sup>2</sup> argument, an address representing the location where a struct `Rectangle` is stored.

Colloquially, `rect` is passed by *reference*

<sup>1</sup> Assuming an `int` is 32-bits

<sup>2</sup> On a 64-bit system

main

```
#include <stdio.h>

typedef struct Rectangle{
    int width;
    int height;
} Rectangle;

void resetA(Rectangle rect) {
    rect.width = 0;
    rect.height = 0;
}

void resetB(Rectangle *rect) {
    rect->width = 0;
    rect->height = 0;
}

int main(){
    struct Rectangle rect;

    rect.width = 5;
    rect.height = 10;

    int init_area = rect.width * rect.height;
    resetA(rect);
    int next_area = rect.width * rect.height;
    resetB(&rect);
    int final_area = rect.width * rect.height;

    printf("Initially: %d, then: %d, and finally: %d\n",
        init_area, next_area, final_area);
    return 0;
}
```



Stack

## main

rect

width	
height	

```
#include <stdio.h>

typedef struct Rectangle{
    int width;
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} Rectangle;

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    rect.width = 0;
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    rect->width = 0;
    rect->height = 0;
}

int main(){
    struct Rectangle rect;

    rect.width = 5;
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    int init_area = rect.width * rect.height;
    resetA(rect);
    int next_area = rect.width * rect.height;
    resetB(&rect);
    int final_area = rect.width * rect.height;

    printf("Initially: %d, then: %d, and finally: %d\n",
        init_area, next_area, final_area);
    return 0;
}
```

## main

rect

width	5
height	10

```
#include <stdio.h>

typedef struct Rectangle{
    int width;
    int height;
} Rectangle;

void resetA(Rectangle rect) {
    rect.width = 0;
    rect.height = 0;
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    rect->width = 0;
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}

int main(){
    struct Rectangle rect;

    rect.width = 5;
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    int init_area = rect.width * rect.height;
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    int next_area = rect.width * rect.height;
    resetB(&rect);
    int final_area = rect.width * rect.height;

    printf("Initially: %d, then: %d, and finally: %d\n",
           init_area, next_area, final_area);
    return 0;
}
```



## main

rect

width	5
height	10

init\_area

50

```
#include <stdio.h>

typedef struct Rectangle{
    int width;
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} Rectangle;

void resetA(Rectangle rect) {
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    rect.height = 0;
}

void resetB(Rectangle *rect) {
    rect->width = 0;
    rect->height = 0;
}

int main(){
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    rect.height = 10;

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    resetA(rect);
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    printf("Initially: %d, then: %d, and finally: %d\n",
        init_area, next_area, final_area);
    return 0;
}
```

## main

rect

width	5
height	10

init\_area

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```
#include <stdio.h>

typedef struct Rectangle{
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} Rectangle;

void resetA(Rectangle rect) {
    rect.width = 0;
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void resetB(Rectangle *rect) {
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}

int main(){
    struct Rectangle rect;

    rect.width = 5;
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    int init_area = rect.width * rect.height;
    resetA(rect);
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    int final_area = rect.width * rect.height;

    printf("Initially: %d, then: %d, and finally: %d\n",
        init_area, next_area, final_area);
    return 0;
}
```

## main

rect	width	5
	height	10

init\_area 50

## resetA

rect	width	5
	height	10

```
#include <stdio.h>

typedef struct Rectangle{
    int width;
    int height;
} Rectangle;

void resetA(Rectangle rect) {
    rect.width = 0;
    rect.height = 0;
}

void resetB(Rectangle *rect) {
    rect->width = 0;
    rect->height = 0;
}

int main(){
    struct Rectangle rect;

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    printf("Initially: %d, then: %d, and finally: %d\n",
        init_area, next_area, final_area);
    return 0;
}
```

## main

rect	width	5
	height	10

init\_area 50

## resetA

rect	width	0
	height	10

```
#include <stdio.h>

typedef struct Rectangle{
    int width;
    int height;
} Rectangle;

void resetA(Rectangle rect) {
    rect.width = 0;
    rect.height = 0;
}

void resetB(Rectangle *rect) {
    rect->width = 0;
    rect->height = 0;
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int main(){
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    rect.width = 5;
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        init_area, next_area, final_area);
    return 0;
}
```



## main

rect	width	5
	height	10

init\_area 50

## resetA

rect	width	0
	height	0

```
#include <stdio.h>

typedef struct Rectangle{
    int width;
    int height;
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void resetA(Rectangle rect) {
    rect.width = 0;
    rect.height = 0;
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void resetB(Rectangle *rect) {
    rect->width = 0;
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}

int main(){
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    printf("Initially: %d, then: %d, and finally: %d\n",
        init_area, next_area, final_area);
    return 0;
}
```

## main

rect

width	5
height	10

init\_area

50

```
#include <stdio.h>

typedef struct Rectangle{
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void resetA(Rectangle rect) {
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```

## main

rect	width	5
	height	10

init\_area 50

next\_area 50

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}
```

## main

rect	width	5
	height	10

init\_area 50

next\_area 50

```
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typedef struct Rectangle{
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} Rectangle;

void resetA(Rectangle rect) {
    rect.width = 0;
    rect.height = 0;
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    rect->width = 0;
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}

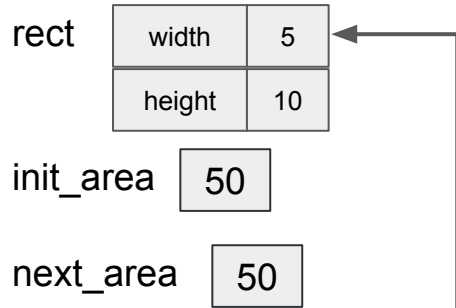
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    resetB(&rect);
    int final_area = rect.width * rect.height;

    printf("Initially: %d, then: %d, and finally: %d\n",
        init_area, next_area, final_area);
    return 0;
}
```

## main



## resetB



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

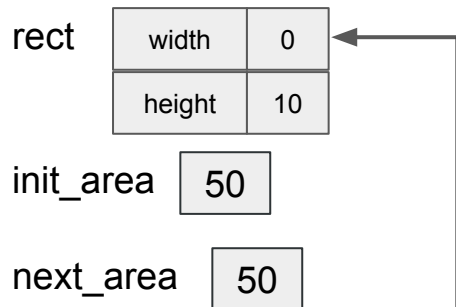
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    int width;  
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} Rectangle;
```

```
void resetA(Rectangle rect) {  
    rect.width = 0;  
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}
```

```
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}
```

```
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    resetB(&rect);  
    int final_area = rect.width * rect.height;  
  
    printf("Initially: %d, then: %d, and finally: %d\n",  
        init_area, next_area, final_area);  
    return 0;  
}
```

## main



## resetB



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

```
typedef struct Rectangle{  
    int width;  
    int height;  
} Rectangle;
```

```
void resetA(Rectangle rect) {  
    rect.width = 0;  
    rect.height = 0;  
}
```

```
void resetB(Rectangle *rect) {  
    rect->width = 0;  
    rect->height = 0;  
}
```

```
int main(){  
    struct Rectangle rect;
```

```
    rect.width = 5;  
    rect.height = 10;
```

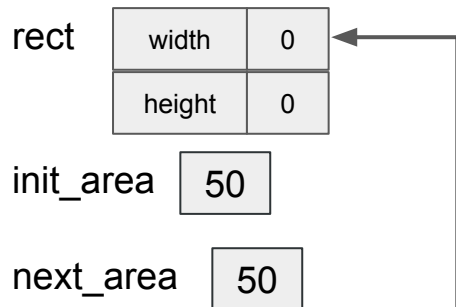
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    int next_area = rect.width * rect.height;  
    resetB(&rect);  
    int final_area = rect.width * rect.height;
```

```
    printf("Initially: %d, then: %d, and finally: %d\n",  
           init_area, next_area, final_area);
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

## main



## resetB



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

```
typedef struct Rectangle{  
    int width;  
    int height;  
} Rectangle;
```

```
void resetA(Rectangle rect) {  
    rect.width = 0;  
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```

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```

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int main(){  
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    printf("Initially: %d, then: %d, and finally: %d\n",  
        init_area, next_area, final_area);  
    return 0;  
}
```

## main

rect	width	0
	height	0

init\_area 50

next\_area 50

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

```
typedef struct Rectangle{  
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} Rectangle;
```

```
void resetA(Rectangle rect) {  
    rect.width = 0;  
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```

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    rect->width = 0;  
    rect->height = 0;  
}
```

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int main(){  
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    int final_area = rect.width * rect.height;
```

```
    printf("Initially: %d, then: %d, and finally: %d\n",  
           init_area, next_area, final_area);  
    return 0;
```

```
}
```



## main

rect	width	0
	height	0

init\_area 50

next\_area 50

final\_area 0

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

```
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```
void resetA(Rectangle rect) {  
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    rect->width = 0;  
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}
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int main(){  
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    int final_area = rect.width * rect.height;
```

```
    printf("Initially: %d, then: %d, and finally: %d\n",  
           init_area, next_area, final_area);  
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

## main

rect	width	0
	height	0

init\_area 50

next\_area 50

final\_area 0

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

```
typedef struct Rectangle{  
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```
void resetA(Rectangle rect) {  
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    int next_area = rect.width * rect.height;  
    resetB(&rect);  
    int final_area = rect.width * rect.height;
```

```
    printf("Initially: %d, then: %d, and finally: %d\n",  
           init_area, next_area, final_area);  
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```
}
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    resetB(&rect);
    int final_area = rect.width * rect.height;

    printf("Initially: %d, then: %d, and finally: %d\n",
           init_area, next_area, final_area);
    return 0;
}
```

# Bitwise Operators

A more complete coverage...

# Bitwise Operators

## What are they?

Based on the AND, OR, and XOR logical operators you saw in COMP 283/MATH 381.

We discussed using these to adjust powers of 2 in Lecture 3

### 2.9 Bitwise Operators

C provides six operators for bit manipulation; these may only be applied to integral operands, that is, `char`, `short`, `int`, and `long`, whether signed or unsigned.

<code>&amp;</code>	bitwise AND
<code> </code>	bitwise inclusive OR
<code>^</code>	bitwise exclusive OR
<code>&lt;&lt;</code>	left shift
<code>&gt;&gt;</code>	right shift
<code>~</code>	one's complement (unary)

Using more familiar language:  
bitwise inversion

Sec. 2.9 of *The C Programming Language*

Let's give them a try!

# More on the Preprocessor

Beyond `#define` and `#include`

## More on the Preprocessor

# A few other directives

Remember: Preprocessor directives start with a #

```
>>...CHANNEL_STATUS_ON_ENG_PENDING_ACQUIRE = 8,  
>>...CHANNEL_STATUS_ON_ENG_PENDING = 9,  
>>...CHANNEL_STATUS_ON_PBDMA_CTX_RELOAD = 10,  
>>...CHANNEL_STATUS_ON_PBDMA_AND_ENG_CTX_RELOAD = 11,  
>>...CHANNEL_STATUS_ON_ENG_CTX_RELOAD = 12,  
>>...CHANNEL_STATUS_ON_ENG_PENDING_CTX_RELOAD = 13,  
>>...CHANNEL_STATUS_ON_ENG_PENDING_ACQ_CTX_RELOAD = 14,  
};
```

```
#define NV_PCCSR_CHANNEL_INST(i) (0x00800000+(i)*8)
```

```
// There are a total of 512 possible channels
```

```
#define MAX_CHID 512
```

```
typedef union {
```

```
>>...struct {
```

```
// 0:31
```

```
>>...>>...uint32_t inst_ptr:28;
```

```
>>...>>...enum INST_TARGET inst_target:2;
```

```
>>...>>...uint32_t pa
```

```
>>...>>...bool inst_bi
```

```
// 32:64
```

```
>>...>>...bool enable:
```

```
>>...>>...bool next:1;
```

Code available at  
<https://www.cs.unc.edu/~jbakita/teach/comp211-s23/l6/nvdebug.h>



```

VERSIONED_RL_ACCESSOR(tsg, uint32_t, tsgid);
VERSIONED_RL_ACCESSOR(tsg, enum ENTRY_TYPE, entry_type);
VERSIONED_RL_ACCESSOR(tsg, uint32_t, timeslice_scale);
VERSIONED_RL_ACCESSOR(tsg, uint32_t, timeslice_timeout);
VERSIONED_RL_ACCESSOR(tsg, uint32_t, tsg_length);

#define NV_RL_ENTRY_SIZE(g) \
    ((g)->chip_id >= NV_CHIP_ID_VOLTA ? sizeof(struct gv100_runlist_tsg) : \
     sizeof(struct gk110_runlist_tsg))

#define for_chan_in_tsg(g, chan, tsg) \
    for (chan = (typeof(chan))(((u8*)tsg) + NV_RL_ENTRY_SIZE(g)); \
         (u8*)chan < ((u8*)tsg) + (1 + tsg_length(g, tsg)) * NV_RL_ENTRY_SIZE(g); \
         chan = (typeof(chan))(((u8*)chan) + NV_RL_ENTRY_SIZE(g)))

#define next_tsg(g, tsg) \
    (typeof(tsg))((u8*)(tsg) + NV_RL_ENTRY_SIZE(g) * (tsg_length(g, tsg) + 1))

struct runlist_iter {
    >>...// Pointer to either
    >>...void *curr_entry;
    >>...// This should be se
    >>...// decremented as ea
    >>...// track which chann
    >>...// first channel left in tsg

```

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# Challenge Problem

Adapted from *Cracking the Coding Interview, 4th Edition*

```

#include <stdio.h>

int is_sorted(int*, int);

int main() {
>>>int sorted_array_1[10] = {1, 4, 67, 100, 101, 555, 655, 656, 800, 999};
>>>int sorted_array_2[10] = {5, 7, 76, 90, 106, 654, 700, 701, 702, 900};
>>>int combined_array[20];

>>>/* Write the code to combine `sorted_array_1` and `sorted_array_2` into
>>> `combined_array`, where `combined_array` is also sorted.
>>> Example:
>>>     combined_array[0] == 1 // from array 1
>>>     combined_array[1] == 4 // from array 1
>>>     combined_array[2] == 5 // from array 2
>>>     combined_array[3] == 7 // from array 2
>>>     combined_array[4] == 67 // from array 1
>>>     combined_array[5] == 76 // from array 2
>>> You'll need to use:
>>>     - A loop
>>>     - An if/else
>>> */

>>> // Check tha
>>> int res = is
>>> if (res == 1
>>>     >>> printf("
>>> else
>>>     >>> printf("
>>> // Need to return 0 on success, so invert is_sorted result
>>> return !res;
}

```

Want to try the original interview problem? See  
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