# CMSC 313 COMPUTER ORGANIZATION & ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE PROGRAMMING

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# **TOPICS TODAY**

- Assembling & Linking Assembly Language
- Separate Compilation in C
- Scope and Lifetime

# LINKING IN ASSEMBLY

# FUNCTIONS & SEPARATE COMPILATION IN C

#### **C** Parameter Passing Notes

- We'll say formal parameter vs actual parameter.
  - Formal parameters are place holders in function definition.
  - Actual parameters (aka arguments) actually have a value.
- In C, all parameters are passed by value.
- Parameter passing by reference is simulated by passing the *address* of the variable.

```
scanf("%d", &n) ;
```

 Array names represent the address of the array. In effect, arrays are passed by reference.

```
int UpdateArray (int A[], int n) {
    A[0] += 5 ;
    ...
```

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#### A Simple C Program

```
#include <stdio.h>
typedef double Radius;
#define PI 3.1415
double circleArea( Radius radius ) {
  return PI * radius * radius ;
}
double calcCircumference( Radius radius ) {
  return 2 * PI * radius ;
}
int main() {
  Radius radius = 4.5;
  double area = circleArea( radius );
  double circumference = calcCircumference( radius );
  printf ("Area = \$10.2f, Circumference = \$10.2f n'',
      area, circumference);
  return 0;
}
```

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### **Separate Compilation: Why?**

- Keeps files small.
- Different people can work on different parts of the program.
- Easier to find functions.
- Keeps large program logically organized.
- Do not have to re-compile entire program when changes are made to a small portion.
- Parts of the program (e.g., code for a data structure) may be reusable in other programs.

Problem: need a mechanism for external references.

#### circleUtils.h

/\* circleUtils.h\*/

/\* #includes required by the prototypes, if any \*/

/\* typedefs and #defines \*/

typedef double Radius;

/\* function prototypes \*/

double circleArea( Radius radius );

double calcCircumference( Radius radius );

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#### circleUtils.c

```
/* circleUtils.c */
```

```
#include "circleUtils.h"
#define PI 3.1415
```

```
/* Function implementations */
```

```
double circleArea( Radius radius ) {
```

```
return ( PI * radius * radius );
}
```

```
double calcCircumference( Radius radius ) {
```

```
return (2 * PI * radius );
}
```

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#### main program

```
/* sample.c */
#include <stdio.h>
#include "circleUtils.h"
int main() {
  Radius radius = 4.5;
  double area, circumference ;
  area = circleArea( radius );
  circumference = calcCircumference( radius );
  printf ("Area = %lf, Circumference = %lfn'',
      area, circumference);
  return 0;
}
```

#### **Header Files**

- Header files should contain
  - function prototypes
  - type definitions
  - #define constants
  - extern declarations for global variables
  - other #includes
- Header files should end with .h
- System header files #included with < >
  - #include <stdio.h>
- Your own header files #included with " " #include "circleUtils.h"
- Header files are expected to include all other header files needed to work with implemented functions.

#### **Guarding Header Files**

- Header files should not be included multiple times.
- multiple declaration of function prototypes: OK
- multiple type definition: BAD
- multiple **#include** can lead to loops where a .h file includes itself.
- Solution:

#ifndef \_UNIQUE\_VAR\_NAME\_
#define \_UNIQUE\_VAR\_NAME\_

•••• #endif

#### **Guarded circleUtils.h**

#ifndef CIRCLEUTIL\_H
#define CIRCLEUTIL\_H

/\* circleUtils.h\*/

/\* #includes required by the prototypes, if any \*/

/\* typedefs and #defines \*/

typedef double Radius;

/\* function prototypes \*/

double circleArea( Radius radius );

double calcCircumference( Radius radius );

#### #endif

#### **Compiling and linking**

• How to compile:

gcc -c -Wall circleUtils.c
gcc -c -Wall sample.c
gcc -Wall -o sample sample.o circleutils.o

• Or

gcc -Wall -o sample sample.c circleUtils.c

#### **Compiler vs linker**

- Compiler: translates one .c file into a .o file
  - Verifies that all functions are being called correctly
  - Verifies that all variables exist
  - Verifies language syntax
- Linker: combines .o files and C libraries into executable file
  - "Finds" functions called by one .c/.o file, but defined in another E.g. printf( ), scanf( ).
  - "Finds" global variables used by one .c/.o file, but defined in another (more on this soon)
- gcc uses 1d to link & load
  - Easier to invoke 1d through gcc

#### Linking with C libraries

- By default, the standard C library which includes printf, scanf and char and string functions is always linked with your program.
- Other libraries must be explicitly linked with your code.
- Typical C libraries have the form libxxx.a.
  - Standard C library: libc.a.
  - Math library:libm.a.
- Use the -1 flag and the xxx part of the library name to link.
   gcc -Wall -o sample sample.c circleUtils.c -lm

### **Project Organization**

- main() is generally defined in its own .c file and generally just calls helper functions
  - E.g. project1.c
- Project-specific helper functions may be in the same .c file as main()
  - main() comes first
  - Helper function order that makes sense to you
- Reusable functions in their own .c file
  - Group related functions in the same file
  - E.g. circleUtils.c
- Prototypes, typedefs, #defines, etc. for reusable function in a .h file
  - Same file root name as the .c file. E.g. circleUtils.h

# **SCOPE & LIFETIME**

#### Variable Scope and Lifetime

- The scope of a variable refers to that part of a program that may refer to the variable.
- The lifetime of a variable refers to the time in which a variable occupies a place in memory.
- The scope and lifetime of a variable are determined by how and where the variable is defined.

#### static and extern

- In C/C++, the keyword static is overloaded.
  - A static local variable has lifetime = duration of program.
  - A static global variable has file scope
  - A static function has file scope
- extern is means that the variable is defined in another file.
   extern int other\_variable ;
- an extern declaration is an example of a declaration that is not a definition. (Another example is a function prototype.)

# **NEXT TIME**

Pointers