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Lecture 4 Modular Programming



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Objectives

- Use a top-down design to solve relatively complex problems
- Understand the differences between procedures and functions
- Modularize programs in C language

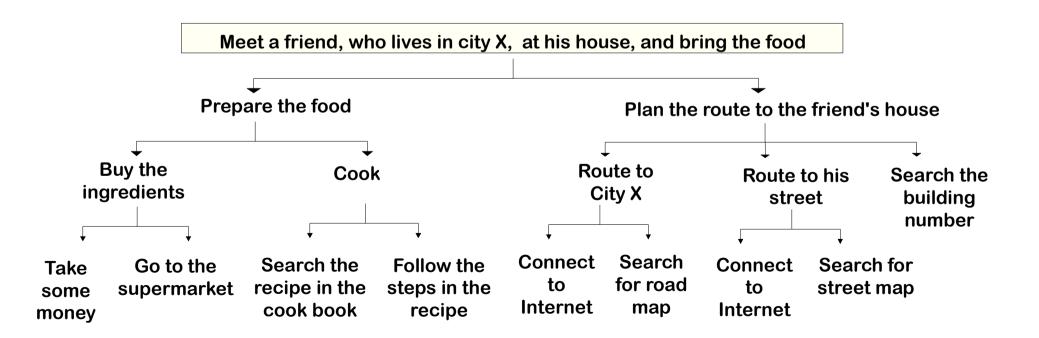
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Top-down design

- **Decomposition** of a problem into some other smaller problems (subproblems)
 - The problem decomposition is done in a set of levels or consecutive **refinement** steps, so that a **hierarchical structure** is obtained
 - Each level in the hierarchy includes a higher level of detail

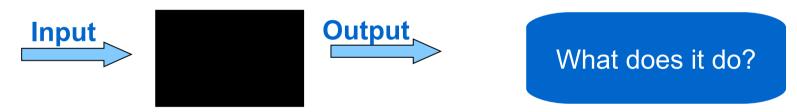


Concept of Module

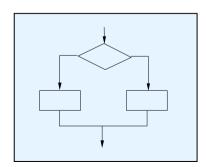
- In a large and complex program, all the code should not be included in the main program (function main() in C language)
- A module or **subprogram**...
 - is a block of code that is written separate to the main program
 - is responsible for performing a specific task that solves a partial problem of a major problem
 - can be invoked (called) from the main program or from other modules
 - hides the details of the solution of a partial problem (Black Box)

Black Box

- Each module is a black box for the main program or for other modules
- To use a module from the main program or from other modules ...
 - we need its interface, that is, its inputs and outputs

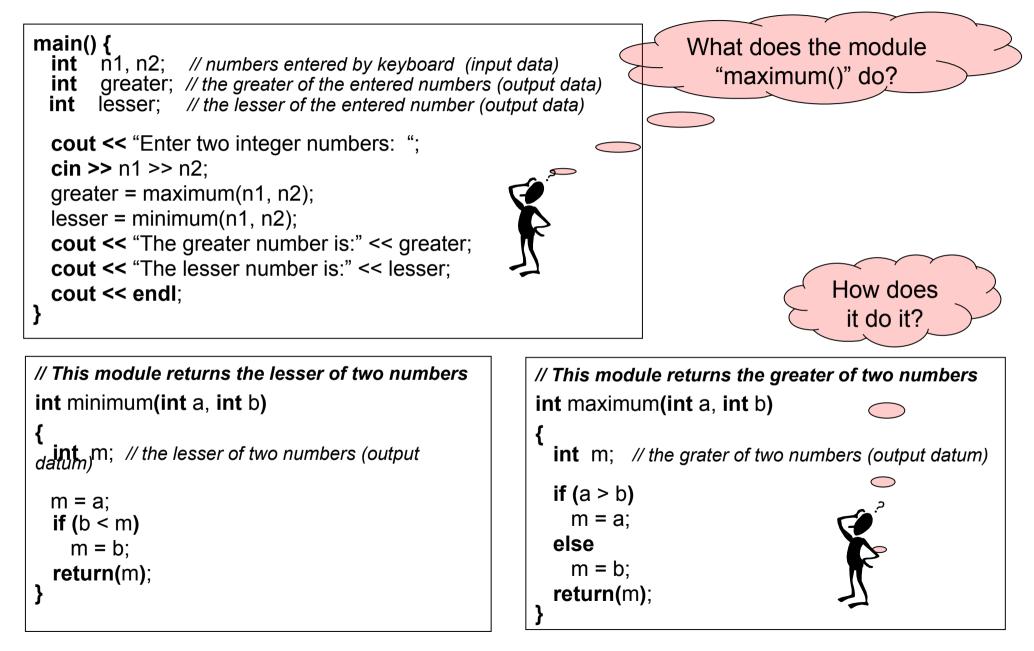


• we do not need to know the internal details of operation



How does it do it?

Modules: example



Modules: declaration, definition and call

Module_name (parameter_declaration)	int maximum(int a, int b);
Module definition	int maximum(int a, int b)
Module_name (parameter_declaration)	int m;
Local_variable_declaration	if (a > b)
Body_of_module: executable statements	m = a;
Fin_del_módulo	else m = b;
	return(m);

Module call

Module_name (parameter_list)

greater = maximum (n1, n2);

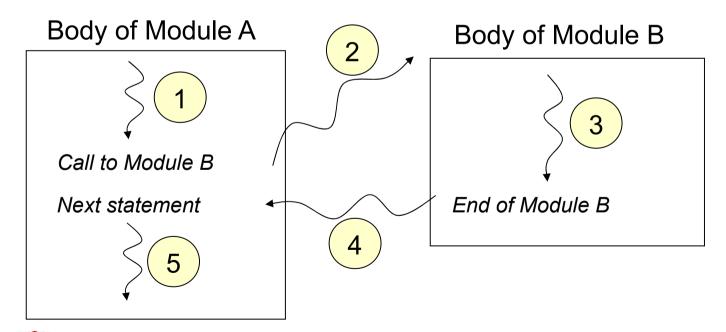
Advantages of modular programming

- Easier top-down design and structured programming
- Reduction of programming time
 - Reusability: structure in specific libraries (modules library)
 - Division of the programming task among a team of programmers
- Smaller size of the whole program
 - A module is written only once and it can be used several times from different parts of the program
- Easier error detection and correction
 - By testing the individual modules
- Easier program maintenance
 - The programs are easier to modify
 - The programs are easier to understand (more readable)

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Transfer of the control flow

- When a module A calls (invokes) another module B, the control flow (execution flow) passes to module B
- When the execution of module B is finished, the control flow continues in module A, from the statement following the call to the module B

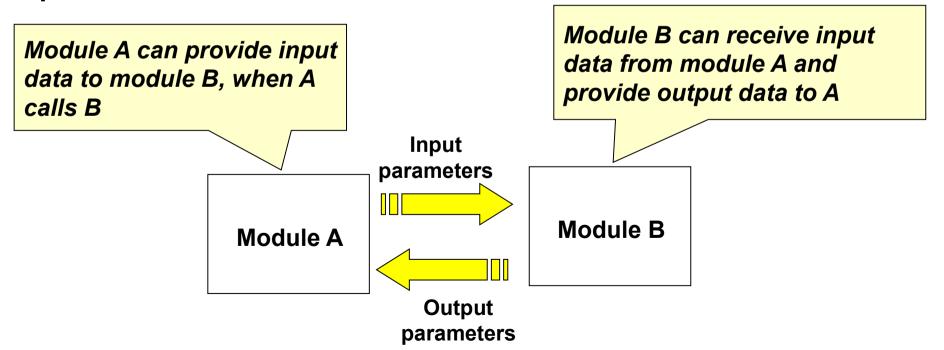




The main program can be considered as a module that can call other modules, but that cannot be called by any other module

Transfer of information

- Transferring information between modules is carried out through the use of parameters (arguments)
- A module can have input and/or output parameters



Actual and formal parameters

- Actual parameters (or arguments)
 - The ones appearing in the call statement to the module

Module_name (pr1, pr2, ..., prN)

greater = maximum(**n1**, **n2**);

- Formal or fictitious parameters (or parameters)
 - The ones appearing in the module declaration

Module_name (type1 pf1, type2 pf2, ..., typeN pfN)

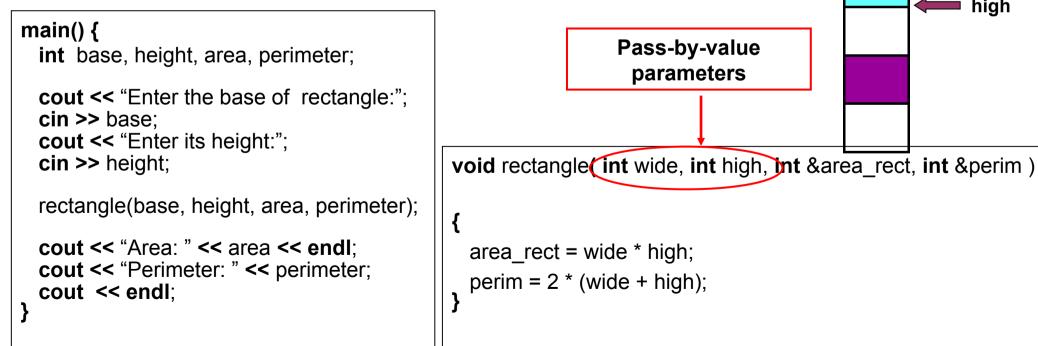
int maximum (int **a**, int **b**);

• **Relation** between actual and formal parameters

number of parameters
 type of parameters
 order of parameters
 name of parameters

Pass-by-value parameters

- The module receives a copy of the data value (actual parameter), passed by the calling module
- The actual parameter can be any expression that can be evaluated at the moment of the call
- If the corresponding formal parameter is modified • inside the module, the actual parameter is not changed in the calling module



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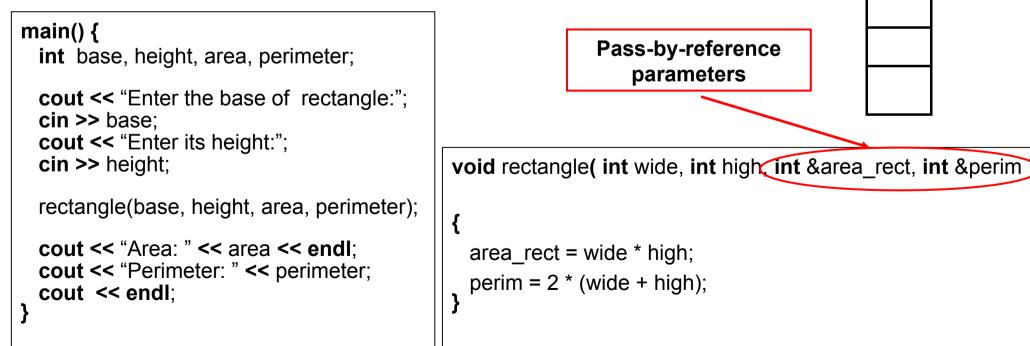
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Pass-by-reference parameters

- The module receives the reference to the memory position where the value is (memory address of the variable)
- The actual parameter must compulsorily be a variable (which may or may not contain a value)
- If the corresponding formal parameter is modified inside the module, the actual parameter is changed as the memory content is changed



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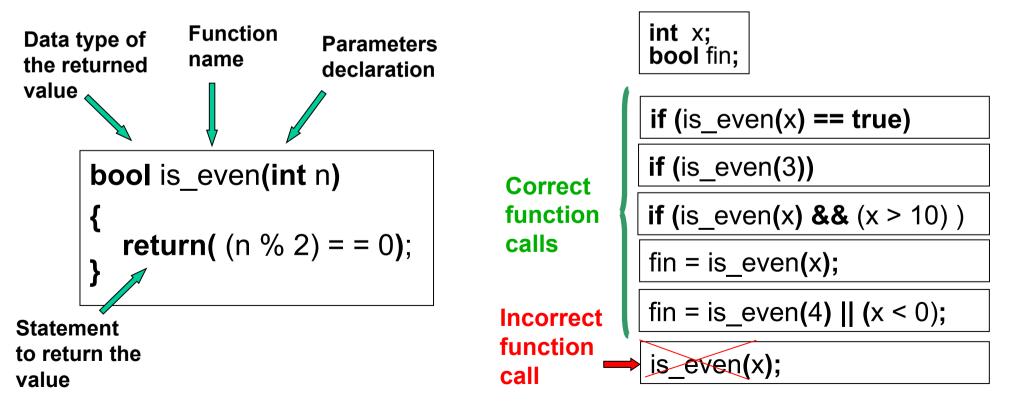
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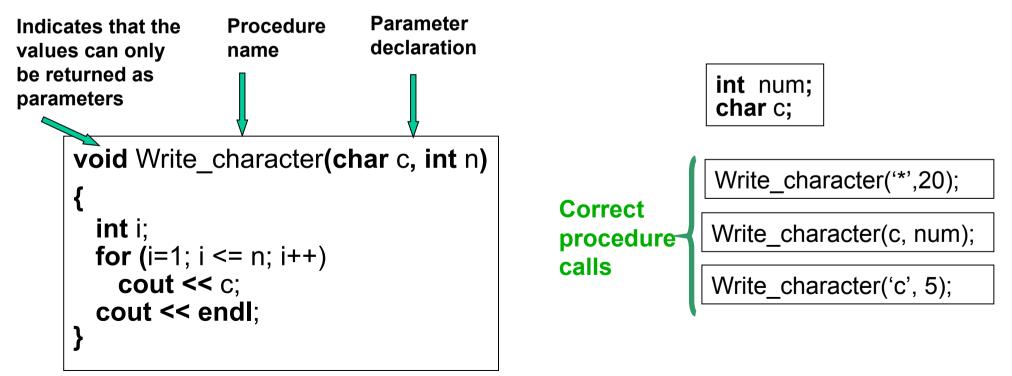
Concept of Function

- A function **returns a value** associated with the function name
- It is usually defined with N parameters ($N \ge 1$)
- Only pass-by-value parameters should be used

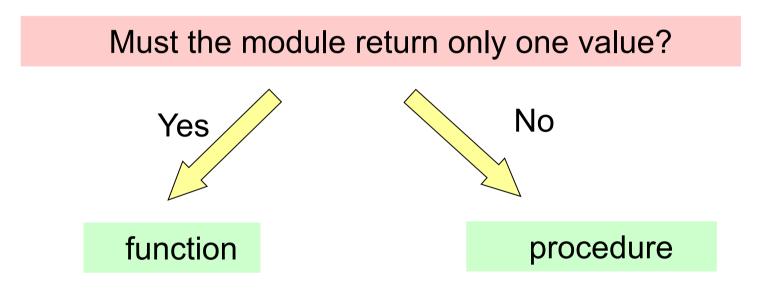


Concept of Procedure

- It can be defined with N parameters ($N \ge 0$)
- It can use pass-by-value and/or pass-by-reference parameters
- It is called by using a statement made up of its name and the list of actual parameters (the call is a statement itself)



Must I use a procedure or a function?



return (*expression*);

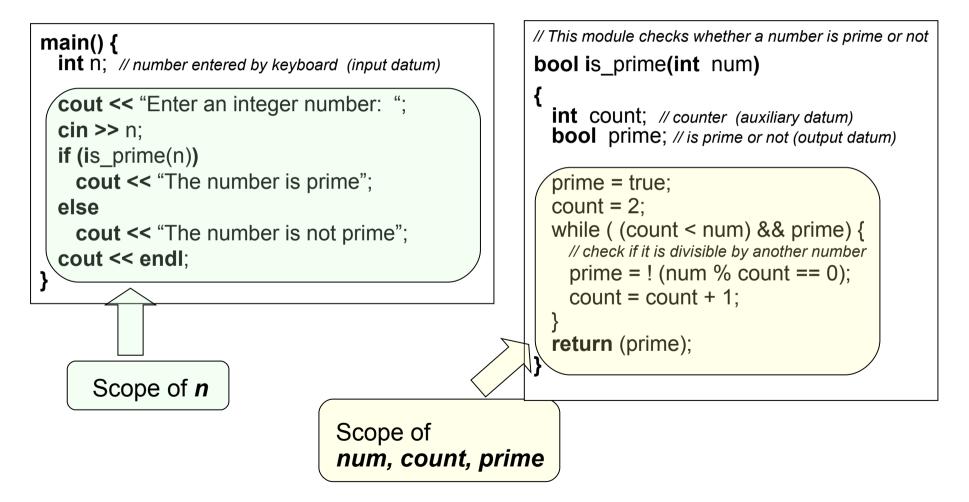
- It ends the execution of the function body
- It returns the return value of the function, after evaluating the associated expression
- Recommendation: use a single return statement within a function body
- It should be the last statement in the function body

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Concept of scope of a variable

• The scope of a variable defines its visibility, that is, from where the variable can be accessed

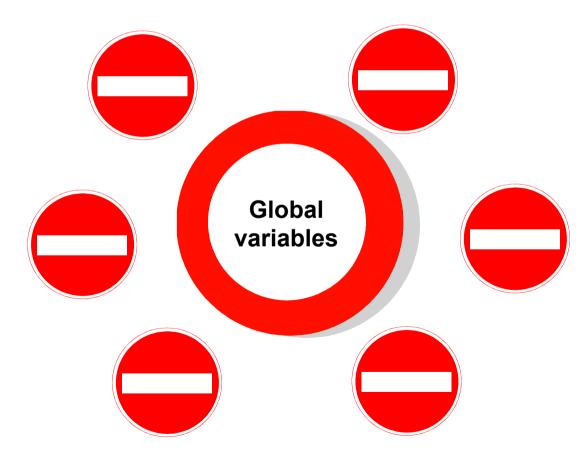


Local and global variables

- Local variable
 - Its scope is the body of the module where it is declared
 - It is created when it is declared, and it is destroyed when the module completes its execution
- Global variable
 - Its scope is the entire program (all modules and the main program)
 - It is created when it is declared, and it is destroyed when the program completes its execution

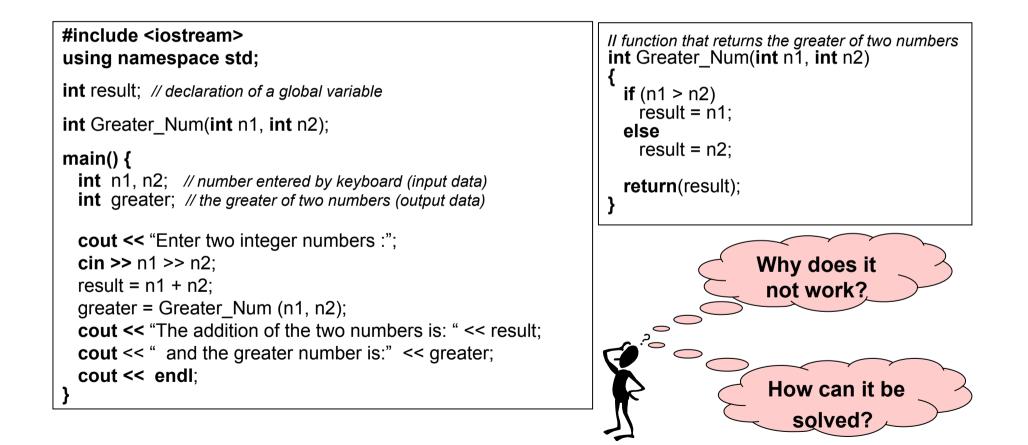
Don't use global variables

 The communication between the modules must be done through parameters, <u>never</u> <u>through global variables</u>



Side effect

 Any data communication between modules outside the parameters and the returning of results is called a side effect



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What type of program must I be able to do?

#preprocesor directives Constants declaration Procedures and functions declaration main() { Variables declaration: of simple data types **Main body** (executable statements) control statements calls to procedures and functions } **Procedures and functions definition**

Program example

#include <iostream> using namespace std;</iostream>	// Read amount and currency type from keyboard, validate // the entered data until they are correct
// Currency exchange to euros const float US_DOLAR_EURO = 1,4696; const float UK_POUND_EURO = 1,4696;	<pre>void Read_Amount(float &amount, char &currency) { bool correct_data; do {</pre>
<pre>// Procedures and functions declarations void Read_Amount(float &amount, char &currency); float Change_In_Euros(float amount, char currency);</pre>	<pre>cout << "Enter an amount of money and currency (D/P):"; cin << amount << currency; correct_data = (amount > 0.0) && (currency == 'D' currency == 'P');</pre>
<pre>main() { float amount; // money amount (input datum) char currency; // currency type (input datum) char answer; // answer to continue (input datum) float euros; // equivalent amount in euros (output datum)</pre>	<pre>} while (! correct_data); } // Return the equivalent change in euros, given an amount and // a currency</pre>
<pre>do { Read_Amount(amount, currency); euros = Change_In_Euros(amount, currency); cout << "The change in euros is:" << euros << endl; cout << "Another amount? (Y/N) :"; cin >> answer;</pre>	<pre>float Change_In_Euros(float amount, char currency) { switch (currency) { case 'D' : euros = amount * US_DOLAR_EURO; break; case 'P' : euros = amount * UK_POUND_EURO; } </pre>
<pre>} while ((answer == 'y') (answer == 'Y')); }</pre>	return (euros); }



Remember to write a comment for every defined module, explaining what it does

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Libraries in C/C++ language

- Most programming languages provide a collection of commonly used procedures and functions (libraries)
- In C / C + +, to make use of the modules included in a library, the compiler directive *#include* is used
- There is a large amount of libraries available:
 - Mathematical functions
 - Characters and character strings management
 - Input and output data management
 - Time management (date, time, ...)
 - And many others

Some predefined functions in C/C++ language

Library C++	Library C	Function	Description
<math.h></math.h>	<math.h></math.h>	double cos(double x)	Returns the cosine of x
		double sin(double x)	Returns the sine of x
		double exp(double x)	Returns e ^x
		double fabs(double x)	Returns the absolute value of x
		double pow(double x, double y)	Returns x ^y
		double round(double x)	Returns the rounded value of x
		double sqrt(double x)	Returns the square root of x
<iostream></iostream>	<iostream> <ctype.h> int isalnum(int c)</ctype.h></iostream>	int isalnum(int c)	Returns true if the parameter is a letter or a digit
		int isdigit(int c)	Returns true if the paremeter is a digit
		int toupper(int c)	Returns the character in uppercase
	<stdlib.h></stdlib.h>	int rand(void)	Returns a random number between 0 and RAND_MAX

Library C++	Library	Constant	Description
<iostream></iostream>	<stdint.h></stdint.h>	INT_MIN	Lowest representable integer number
		INT_MAX	Greatest representable integer number



1. In cold weather, meteorologists report a so called *Wind Chill Factor* that takes into account wind speed and temperature. This factor can be approximated by the following formula:

 $W = 13.12 + 0.6215 * t - 11.37 * s^{0.16} + 0.3965 * t * s^{0.016}$

where s = wind speed in m/st = temperature in degrees Celsius: t ≤ 10 W = wind chill factor (in degrees Celsius)

Design a module to request the value of the wind speed and temperature, and calculate W, taking into account the restriction imposed for the temperature.

- 2. Design a module that receives a number *n* as a parameter, and displays a square of asterisks of size *n*x*n*.
- 3. Improve exercise 2, adding another parameter representing the character to make up the square.
- 4. How can exercise 3 be modified to indicate that the square is empty or solid?
- 5. Design a module to read and validate an input number so that its value is greater that 0 and lower than 100, and return the sum and the amount of figures between 1 and the input value.

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