

Class 21: Functions and Parameters

Held: Friday, 1 October 2010

Summary: We consider some issues with functions in C.

Related Pages:

- EBoard.
- Lab: Basic Functions in C.
- Reading: K&R 4.1-4.3.

Notes:

- CS Table today: Is Google Evil? And other tales of the Web.
- There is no assignment for Wednesday. Please use the time to catch up on labs. (Use Tutors and email to get help if you can't complete a lab.)
- For Monday, read 4.3-4.6.
- Still some issues on reading questions. Bleh.
- Given that I'm giving you time to catch up on labs, I'm dropping my promise not to talk, particularly given that there are some interesting questions.

Overview:

- Basics of functions in C.
- Questions and answers.
- Lab!

Functions in C

- The form of a procedure definition

```
TYPE
NAME (PARAMETERS)
{
    BODY;
}
```

- Problem: How does the C compiler know if you're using a procedure in the "correct" way?
- Solution: Declarations, which appear at the "top" of your program
- Form of declarations:

```
TYPE NAME (PARAMETERS);
```

Questions

- I'm having a little trouble understanding why the `atoi` code on pg. 73 works.
- I don't entirely understand how `getch` and `ungetch` store and deal with chars. (x2)
- I could not understand the for loop in the function `strindex` on page 69. How does it work when there are two variables in the for condition?

Lab

- Do The lab.
 - Be prepared to reflect.
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