Class 39: Pointers to Functions

Held: Tuesday, 9 November 2010

Summary: We consider pointers to functions in C.

Related Pages:

- EBoard.
- Lab: Function Pointers.
- Reading: K&R 5.10-5.11.

Notes:

- Two interesting performances by Ethel tonight and tomorrow night.
- Reading for Wednesday: K&R 7.5-7.5.
- Are there questions on Assignment 7?

Overview:

- Function Pointers.
- Lab.

Function Pointers

- In C, "pointer to function" is a valid type.
- We declare that a parameter has that type with

  ```
  RETURN_TYPE (*NAME)(PARAM_TYPES)
  ```

- You can assign, pass, and call function pointers.

Questions

- Function pointers clearly let us sort an array of strings in different ways. What if we want to sort different kinds of arrays?
- How do function pointers in C seem to differ from function parameters in Scheme?

Lab

- Do The lab.