
Enumeration Types and Structures

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Enumeration Types

Enumeration Types

- ❖ Used to:
 - ❖ name a finite set
 - ❖ declare elements of that set (*enumerators*)
- ❖ Used as programmer-specified constants
- ❖ Ex. `enum color {red, blue, green, yellow};`
 - ❖ `color` is the *tag name*

Enumerators

- ❖ *Enumerators* specify the values that variables of the enumerated type can take on
 - ❖ Ex. `enum boolean {false, true};`
- ❖ These are constants of type `int`
 - ❖ By default, they are given the values 0, 1, ...
 - ❖ They can also be assigned specific values

Enumeration Type Variables

- ❖ Ex. `enum color c1, c2;`
- ❖ `c1` and `c2` are of type `enum color`
- ❖ Note: the type is `enum color`, *NOT* `color`
- ❖ `c1` and `c2` can *only* take on the values red, blue, green, and yellow:

`c1 = green;`

Initializing Enumerators

- ❖ `enum suit {clubs = 1, diamonds, hearts, spades};`
- ❖ `diamonds`, `hearts`, and `spades` have the values 2, 3, and 4 respectively
- ❖ Uninitialized enumerators are assigned consecutive values, starting after the last initialized enumerator
- ❖ The values may be duplicated, but the identifiers must be unique

More Declaration Examples

- ❖ `enum suit {clubs, diamonds, hearts, spades} a;`
- ❖ `a` is of type `enum suit`
- ❖ If we omit the tag name, then every variable of that type must be declared as part of the enumeration type:
 - ❖ `enum {fir, pine} tree;`
 - ❖ No other variables of type `enum {fir, pine}` can be declared

```
enum move {rock, paper, scissors};
enum outcome {win, lose, tie};
...
enum outcome result;
if (player == computer)
    result = tie;
else
{
    switch(player)
    {
        case paper:
            result = (machine == rock) ? win : lose;
            break;
        case scissors:
            result = (machine == paper) ? win : lose;
            break;
        etc.
    }
}
```


Structures

The Structure Type

- ❖ A *structure* makes it possible to aggregate components into a single, named variable
 - ❖ Ex. a bank account contains an account #, a balance, an interest rate, etc.
- ❖ Structure components have individual names, and can be accessed individually
- ❖ A structure is a *derived type*
- ❖ It's sort of like a primitive/limited class from an object-oriented language

Declaring a Structure

- ❖ Structure declarations begin with the keyword `struct`, followed by a tag name and a brace-enclosed list of components
- ❖ The tag name can be used to declare variables of the structure's type
 - ❖ The variable type is `struct tag-name`

Structure Example

```
struct account /* tag name is account */
{
    long number;
    float balance;
    float interestRate;
};

struct account myAcct;
```

Structure Members

- ❖ Members of a structure can be accessed using the structure member (".") operator:

```
struct account a;  
a.balance = 1234.56;  
a.number = 8463745;
```

- ❖ Member names must be unique within the same structure
- ❖ Two different structure types may have identical member names, though

Structure Declarations

- ❖ We can combine a structure definition with variable declarations

```
❖ struct card  
{  
    int value;  
    char suit;  
} c, deck[52];
```

Structure Example 2a

```
struct fruit  
{  
    char name[15];  
    int calories;  
};  
  
struct vegetable  
{  
    char name[15];  
    int calories;  
};
```

Structure Example 2b

```
struct fruit a;  
struct vegetable b;  
a.calories = 35;  
b.calories = 45;
```


Another Example

```
struct student
{
    char *lastName;
    int studentID;
    char grade;
};
```

```
int fail(struct student class[])
{
    int i, count = 0;
    for (i = 0; i < CLASS_SIZE; i++)
        if (class[i].grade == 'F')
            count++;
    return count;
}
```

Structure Initialization

- ❖ A structure variable can be followed by a list of constants contained within braces
 - ❖ the remaining members are assigned the value 0
 - ❖ Ex. `struct card c = {12, 's'};`
 - ❖ Ex. `struct fruit frt = {"plum", 150};`
- ❖ We can also name members, as with arrays:

```
struct card c = {.value = 5, .suit = 'd'};
```

Structure Assignment

- ❖ If a and b are variables of the same structure type, we can write
 - `a = b;`
- ❖ Each member of a is assigned the value of the corresponding value of b

Passing Structures As Function Arguments

```
void assignValues(struct card c, int p,  
                  char s)  
{  
    c.value = p;  
    c.suit = s;  
}
```

Passing Structures

- ❖ When a structure is passed as an argument, it is copied (because of call-by-value)
- ❖ It is more efficient to pass the address of the structure instead
- ❖ In this case, use the *member access operator* `->` (a dash followed by an arrow bracket) to manipulate the structure's members:

```
p -> data = 25;
```