

Week 8 Lecture 2

Type Conversion;
Enumerations;
Macros

Type Conversion

Type Conversion

- C converts between basic types:
 - Implicitly
 - Explicitly

Implicit Conversion

- The compiler implicitly converts when provided an unexpected type.

- Conversion during assignments:

```
char c='a';  
int i;  
i=c;    /* i is assigned the ASCII code of 'a' */
```

- The compiler implicitly converts if two operands of a binary operator are different types:

```
int i=5 , j=1;  
float x=1.0 , y;  
y = x / i;      /* y = 1.0 / 5.0 */  
y = j / i;      /* y = 1 / 5 so y = 0 */
```

TYPE CONFLICTS IN C

- An arithmetic operation between an integer and integer yields an integer result.
- An operation between a real and real yields a real result.
- An operation between an integer and real yields a real result.
 - The integer is promoted to a real, before the operation.

Operation	Result	Operation	Result
5/2	2	2/5	0
5.0/2	2.5	2.0/5	0.4
5/2.0	2.5	2.0/5	0.4
5.0/2.0	2.5	2.0/5.0	0.4

Explicit Conversion

Explicit conversion uses the cast operator.

- Example :

```
int x=10;  
float y, z=3.14;  
y=(float) x;    /* y=10.0 */  
x=(int) z;      /* x=3    */
```

- Example :

```
int i=5 , j=1;  
float x=1.0 , y;  
y = (float) j / i; /* y = 1.0 / 5  explicit*/  
/* The cast operator has a higher precedence */
```

Style

- Always use explicit conversion
 - It indicates the intention to do the conversion
 - Relaxed when the conversion is expected such as float division

Enumeration

Enumeration

- The enumeration allows you to define a set of similar elements.
 - E.g., Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, ...
- These variables represent exactly one of the elements.
- Enumerations can add to the clarity of your program.

Example

- Enumerations are often used as types
 - E.g. define a variable that represents a day of the week

```
typedef enum {  
    sunday,  
    monday,  
    tuesday,  
    wednesday,  
    thursday,  
    friday,  
    saturday  
} Day;
```

Use

- Create a variable
- Assign a value
- Use the variable

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    Day today = monday;

    printf("Today is ");
    switch (today) {
    case monday:
        printf("Monday");
        break;
    case tuesday:
        printf("Tuesday");
        break;
    case wednesday:
        printf("Wednesday");
        break;
    case thursday:
        printf("Thursday");
        break;
    }
```

tostr

- Enumeration need string definition.
 - The value of the variable is a sequence of bits.
 - Usually interpretable as an int.
 - monday: 0
 - tuesday: 1
 - ...

```
char *tostr(Day day)
{
    switch (day) {
        case monday:
            return "Monday";
        case tuesday:
            return "Tuesday";
        case wednesday:
            return "Wednesday";
        case thursday:
            return "Thursday";
        case friday:
            return "Friday";
        case saturday:
            return "Saturday";
        case sunday:
            return "Sunday";
    }
}
```

Printing

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    Day today = monday;

    printf("Today is %s\n", tostr(today));
}
```

- Now we can print the enumeration

How enumerations work

- An enumeration is implemented as an int
- Constants are declared for each of the possible values of the int
- Only those constants can be assigned to the variable.
- E.g.
 - `enum boolean {false, true}` assigned false one value and true another
 - Usually starting with 0
 - You may assign values e.g. `enum boolean {false = 0, true}`

Macros

Macros

- Macros replace text with other text before compilation.
- Macros provide the powerful ability to change the syntax of the language.
 - But they make the resulting programs harder to read.
- Macros should be used with care

Legitimate use of Macros

- Define a constant
 - e.g. `#define PI 1.416`
 - Type constants in UPPERCASE
- Protect .h files from multiple inclusion
 - e.g.

```
#ifndef calc_h
#define calc_h

#include <stdio.h>

#define TRUE 1;
#define FALSE 0;

#endif
```

Advanced Macros

- Macros can act like functions
- e.g.

```
#include <stdio.h>

#define MAX(a, b) ((a) > (b) ? (a) : (b))

int main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int x = 5;
    int y = 6;

    printf("%d\n", MAX(x, y));
    return 0;
}
```

```
student> ./macro
6
```

Macros are not Functions

- Translated into code using cpp
- e.g. cpp macro.c:

```
int main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int x = 5;
    int y = 6;

    printf("%d\n", ((x) > (y) ? (x) : (y)));
    return 0;
}
```

Why all the parentheses

```
#include <stdio.h>

#define MULT1(a, b) a * b
#define MULT2(a, b) (a) * (b)
#define ADD5a(a) (a) + 5
#define ADD5b(a) ((a) + 5)

int main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
    printf("%d\n", MULT1(2 + 3, 2 + 3));
    printf("%d\n", MULT2(2 + 3, 2 + 3));
    printf("%d\n", ADD5a(5) * 10);
    printf("%d\n", ADD5b(5) * 10);
    return 0;
}
```

```
student> ./macro2
11
25
55
100
```

```
int main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
    printf("%d\n", 2 + 3 * 2 + 3);
    printf("%d\n", (2 + 3) * (2 + 3));
    printf("%d\n", (5) + 5 * 10);
    printf("%d\n", ((5) + 5) * 10);
    return 0;
}
```

Even more Advanced Macros

- The macro facility is complicated.
 - You will need to explore further if you end up programming in C.