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1 // Demonstrate various high-level syntax for the C language
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5 // Comments in C and C++ can be entered using the "slash-slash" double
6 // character as done here. In this type of comment, the comment is
7 // only to the end of the current line.
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9 /* Another way to include comments is to open a comment block with the
10 // slash-star double character, and terminate it with the star-slash
11 // double character as done here
12 */
13
14 // Nearly all C and C++ programs start with "includes" which tell the
15 // compiler to find some other file (in this example it is stdio.h)
16 // and insert all of the text found in that file into this compilation
17 // unit. Normally, the contents of the ".h" (header) file only contain
18 // function prototypes, not the actual implementation. More on this
19 // later.
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21 #include <stdio.h>
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23 // In C and C++ variables must be "declared" before they can be used.
24 // Declaring a variable is simple, just say the "type" of the variable
25 // followed by the variable name. Below defines three variables each
26 // of a different type. The three types used below (int, char, double)
27 // are part of the "built-in" types defined by the language. There
28 // are many built-in types, but for now we will concentrate on just
29 // these three. There are also ways to define new types.
30 // In the example below, we assigned an initial value to intVariable
31 // and left the others "uninitialized"
32
33 int    intVariable = 10; // Define an integer variable (32 or 64 bit)
34 char   byteVariable;   // Define a single 8-bit byte variable
35 double floatVariable;  // Define an 8-byte "floating point" variable
36
37 // A "function prototype" is a way to tell the compiler of the existence
38 // of a particular "function" (some languages call this a "subroutine")
39 // without actually providing the implementation of the function.
40 // C and C++ differ on the requirements for this. The C language
41 // allows functions to be called without prototypes, but C++ does not.
42 // In 2036 we will always use the C++ compiler, so we need to
43 // include prototypes. Actually, this is not completely true as will
44 // be explained later.
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46 // Below we provide a function prototype for a function called "func1"
47 // that accepts two arguments (an integer and a double) and returns
48 // a computed value of type double. Note the trailing semicolon below.
49
50 double func1(int arg1, double arg2);
51
52 // Below is the implementation of a function called func2 that accepts
53 // two arguments and returns an integer. Notice the difference here
54 // as compared to func1; here the function is actually implemented.
55 // Here is a case where a prototype is not necessary, as the function
56 // is not actually called prior to the function being defined.

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Program csyntax.cc

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57 // Note the use of the "open curly" and "close curly", as well as
58 // "return" statement. "return" is a reserved word in C and C++ and
59 // cannot be used for something else.
60
61 int func2(int arg1, int arg2)
62 { // Compute arg1 times arg2 and return the product
63     return arg1 * arg2;
64 }
65
66 // Below defines and implements "func3", which illustrates the use
67 // of a "pointer" in C/C++. A pointer is a variable just like any
68 // other C/C++ variable, but the difference is the the VALUE of the
69 // pointer is the address of some other variable somewhere in memory.
70 // func3 also illustrates "de-referencing" the variable using the "star"
71 // operator. Finally, func3 illustrates the "void" return type, which
72 // indicates the function does not actually compute a return value.
73
74 void func3(int* pInt1, // pInt1 is a "pointer"
75           int int2) // int2 is a normal integer
76 { // The open-curlly starts the implementation of the func3 function
77     // The next line says to take the value found in int2 and store it
78     // in whatever address is found in pInt1. Pointers are used extensively
79     // in C and C++
80     *pInt1 = int2;
81 }
82
83 // C and C++ allow "defined" constants, as illustrated below.
84 // K2Length is defined as 20 and will be used later in the main.
85
86 #define K2Length 20
87
88 // Below illustrates the definition of a C/C++ "structure".
89 // A structure is a way to state that a single variable has
90 // multiple "sub-variables". In the example below we have
91 // a structure called "myStruct" with subvariables a, b, and c.
92 // It is important to note that the typedef DOES NOT define a variable.
93 // It simply defines a type (analagous to int, char, etc); variables
94 // of that type must later be declared as is shown below in the
95 // main function
96
97 typedef struct
98 { // myStruct has three subvariables (or components).
99     // Note the components can be different types, but don't have to be
100     int    a;
101     char   b;
102     double c;
103 } myStruct;
104
105 // All C and C++ programs start with a function called "main" that
106 // returns an integer (generally ignored) and accepts two arguments.
107 // The two arguments "argc" and "argv" are the count of the command
108 // line arguments entered when the program was started, and an array
109 // containing the actual arguments. We will discuss this in more
110 // detail later in the class.
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112 int main(int argc, char** argv)

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Program csyntax.cc (continued)

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113 {
114 // Functions often declare "local variables" that exist only while
115 // the function is being executed. Here we define several
116 // local variables including an integer array.
117 // Note the open-close square braces indicating
118 // an array variable. The size of the array (using this syntax) must
119 // be known at compile time. The array will be accessed a few
120 // lines later.
121 int i = 5; // declare local variable i and initialize to
122 int j; // declare local variable j and leave uninitialized.
123 int k[10]; // k is an array of 10 integer values, uninitialized
124 int k2[K2Length]; // k2 is an array of 20 integer values, uninitialized
125 double d = 1.5; // d is a single 8-byte floating point value.
126 // Declare a variable of type myStruct.
127 // This is referenced later.
128 myStruct mySt;
129
130 // Initialize the sub-variables in mySt
131 mySt.a = 1;
132 mySt.b = 'C'; // Note the character constant with single quotes
133 mySt.c = 2.0;
134
135 // Both C and C++ make extensive use of "for loops".
136 // In this example, we initialize the k array to known values.
137 // We also use a local variable "i1" as the loop variable, which
138 // has a lifetime only within the loop. This is common and good practice.
139 // Finally note the use of the "++" operator, which in this case
140 // essentially says to set variable i1 to i1 + 1.
141 for (int i1 = 0; i1 < 10; i1++)
142 { // the open curly brace indicates the start of the code repeated
143 // by the for loop
144 k[i1] = i1; // Note the array reference with square brackets
145 // printf is one way to print things to the console window.
146 // In C++ we generally use a different way using "cout"
147 // discussed later in class.
148 printf("Initialized k[%d] to %d\n", k[i1], i1);
149 }
150 // Illustrate another for loop iterating over k2; this loop is slightly
151 // different, but much better (Why?)
152 for (int i2 = 0; i2 < K2Length; i2++)
153 { // the open curly brace indicates the start of the code repeated
154 // by the for loop
155 k2[i2] = i2;
156 printf("Initialized k2[%d] to %d\n", k2[i2], i2);
157 }
158
159 // Note the below line of code won't compile. Why?
160 // j = i2;
161
162 // Illustrate "calling" a function, in this case func3. Note use of the
163 // "address of" operator "&". The value of the first argument to func3
164 // is not the value "j" but the address in memory of j.
165 func3(&j, i);
166 printf("j is %d\n", j); // What do you think is printed here.
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168 // Illustrate calling a function in an expression.

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Program csyntax.cc (continued)

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169     i = i + func2(10, 20);
170     printf("i is %d\n", i); // What do you think is printed here.
171
172     //Illustrate calling func1 even though func1 has not yet been
173     // implemented.
174     d = k2[1] + func1(20, 10);
175     printf("d is %f\n", d); // What do you think is printed here.
176
177     // Since the "main" function is declared to return an integer
178     // we return 0. For main this is often omitted.
179     return 0;
180     // Notice you can legally put more code after a return statement
181     // but of course that code is never executed
182     printf("Should not be printed\n");
183 }
184
185 // Now provide the implementation of func1
186 double func1(int arg1, double arg2)
187 { // just return the quotient
188     return arg1 / arg2;
189 }

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