
Week 3

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Outline

- Function
- Break, continue, return

Function

A batch of statements: Input some parameters to the function, run a procedure, return a result.

$$Y=f(X)$$

A Simple Function

Type of the return value

```
int max(int a, int b) {  
    if (a>b) return a;  
    return b;  
}
```

Declare parameters
(using local variables)

```
int main(){  
    int a;  
    //call the function  
    a=max(4,6); //a is 6  
}
```

Another function

- //trim(). Remove all ' ' from the beginning and the end of a string.

```
string trim(string str) {  
    string result="";  
    int i,j;  
    for (i=0; str[i]==' ' && i<str.size(); ++i);  
    for (j=str.size() - 1; j>=i && str[j]==' ', --j);  
    for (int k=i; k<=j; ++k)result+=str[k];  
    return result;  
}
```

```
return str.substr(i, j-i);
```

```
int main(){  
    string s = " Galneryus is a great band. "  
    s = trim(s);  
    cout<<s<<endl; // "Galneryus is a great band."  
}
```

Void

- A function with a void return type: no return value. Also known as a **procedure** or **subprogram** in some other languages (e.g. pascal).

```
void printFactorial(int n) {  
    int prod = 1;  
    for (int i = 2; i <= n; i++)  
        prod *= i;  
    cout << "The factorial of " << n << " is " << prod << endl;  
}
```

Void

- `void f(...);`
- `int a; a=f();` **X**
- **No return value!**

Main()

- main() is also a function. The operating system calls main() to start the program.
- return 0 of main()
 - In some environment (e.g., a remote procedure call in a distributed system), the system need to know if a program ends successfully by returning a 0.

Everything inside a function is local

```
void printFactorial(int n) {  
    int prod = 1;  
    for (int i = 2; i <= n; i++)  
        prod *= i;  
    cout << "The factorial of " << n << " is " << prod << endl;  
}
```

```
int main () {  
    printFactorial(4);  
    cout << prod; // compiler : prod is not defined  
}
```

Everything inside a function is local

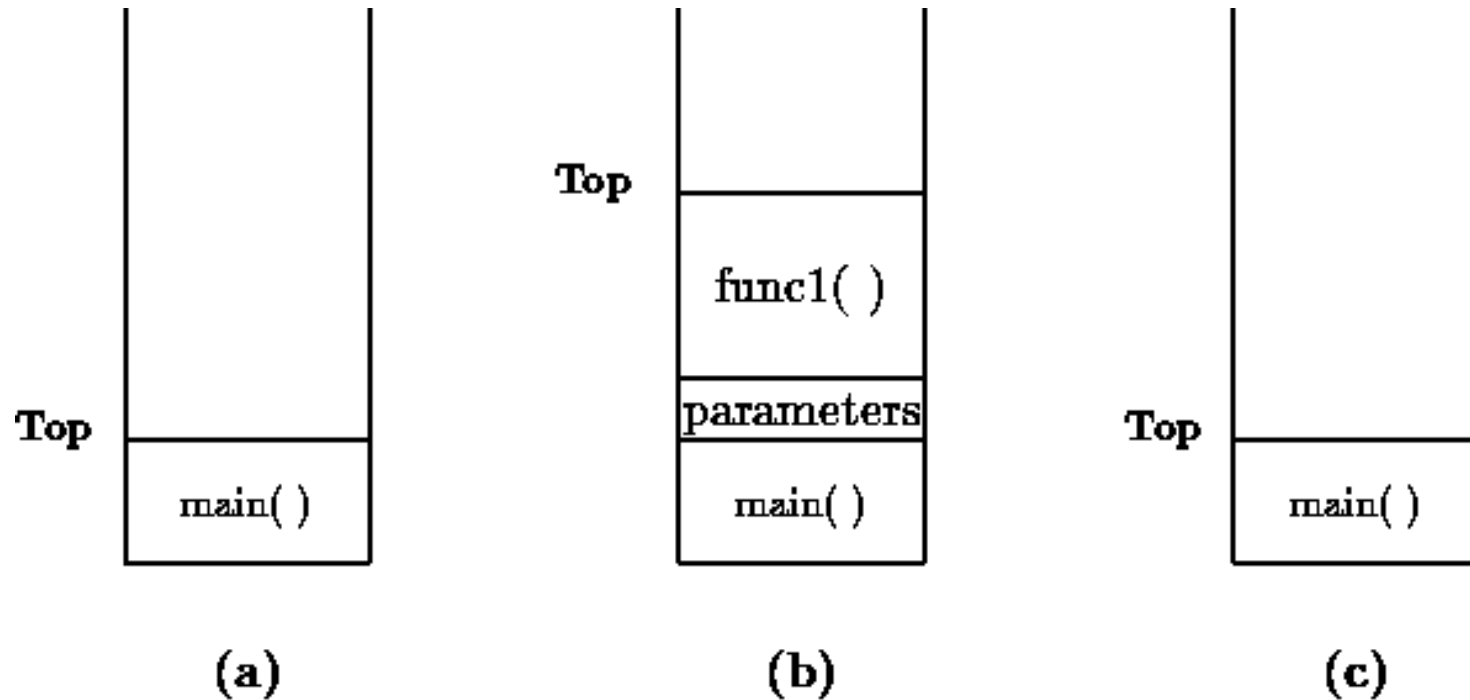


Figure 14.13: Organization of the Stack

Forbidden in functions

```
void function(int a, int b) {  
    int a;  
    double b;  
    ...  
}
```

1. Define local variables using the same name as a parameter. (Compile error) **X**

Forbidden in functions

```
bool non_negative(int a) {  
    if (a>0) return true;  
    else if (a<0) return false;  
}
```

2. A condition ($a==0$) causes no return of a function. (undefined behavior; compile error in some IDE) **X**

Forbidden in functions

```
int function(int a, int b){  
    double c = 1.0 * a / b;  
    return c;  
}
```

3. Inconsistent type of return value. **X**

Forbidden in functions

```
int function1() {  
    int function2() {  
        ...  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

4. Nested definition of functions. **X**

Where to place the defined function

■ Before the caller

```
int func(int a, int b){
    ...
}

int main() {
    ...
    c=func(4,6);
    ...
}
```

■ After the caller

□ Require signature

```
int func(int, int);

int main() {
    ...
    c=func(4,6);
    ...
}

int func(int a, int b){
    ...
}
```

Can we define multiple functions with the same name

- Only if they have different combinations and/or types of parameters. (**Overloading**)
- `int func(int a)`
- `int func(int a, int b)`
- `int func(int a, float b)`
- `int func(float c, int d)`

Example

```
//func1
int max(int a, int b) {
    if(a>b)return a;
    return b;
}
```

```
//func2
float max(float a, float b) {
    if(a>b)return a;
    return b;
}
```

```
//func3
int max(int a, int b, int c) {
    //call func1
    return max(a, max(b, c));
}
```

**We can always
call a function in
another function.**

```
int main(){
    //call func1
    cout<<max(2, 3)<<endl;
    //call func2
    cout<<max(3.7, 4.0)<<endl;
    //call func3
    cout<<max(3,4,5)<<endl;
}
```

Can we define multiple functions with the same name

```
double func(int a, int b)
```

```
int func(int a, int b)
```

X It is impossible to tell which definition `func(0, 1)` corresponds to.

Signature of a function: name, #parameters, type of parameters. ~~(Do not incl. type of return)~~

Formal Parameters & Actual Parameters

- **Formal parameters:** a.k.a. **Pass by Value** to a function, but won't change the values of the variables we use to pass the value. **(In fact they are just local variables.)**

```
int max(int a, int b) {  
    if(a>b) return a;  
    return b;  
}  
  
...  
int x=4, y=6;  
cout<<max(x,y);
```

max() uses the vals of x,y, but does not change their vals. It's OK.

```
void swap(int a, int b) {  
    int tmp=a;  
    a=b;  
    b=tmp;  
}  
  
...  
int x=4, y=6;  
swap(x,y);
```

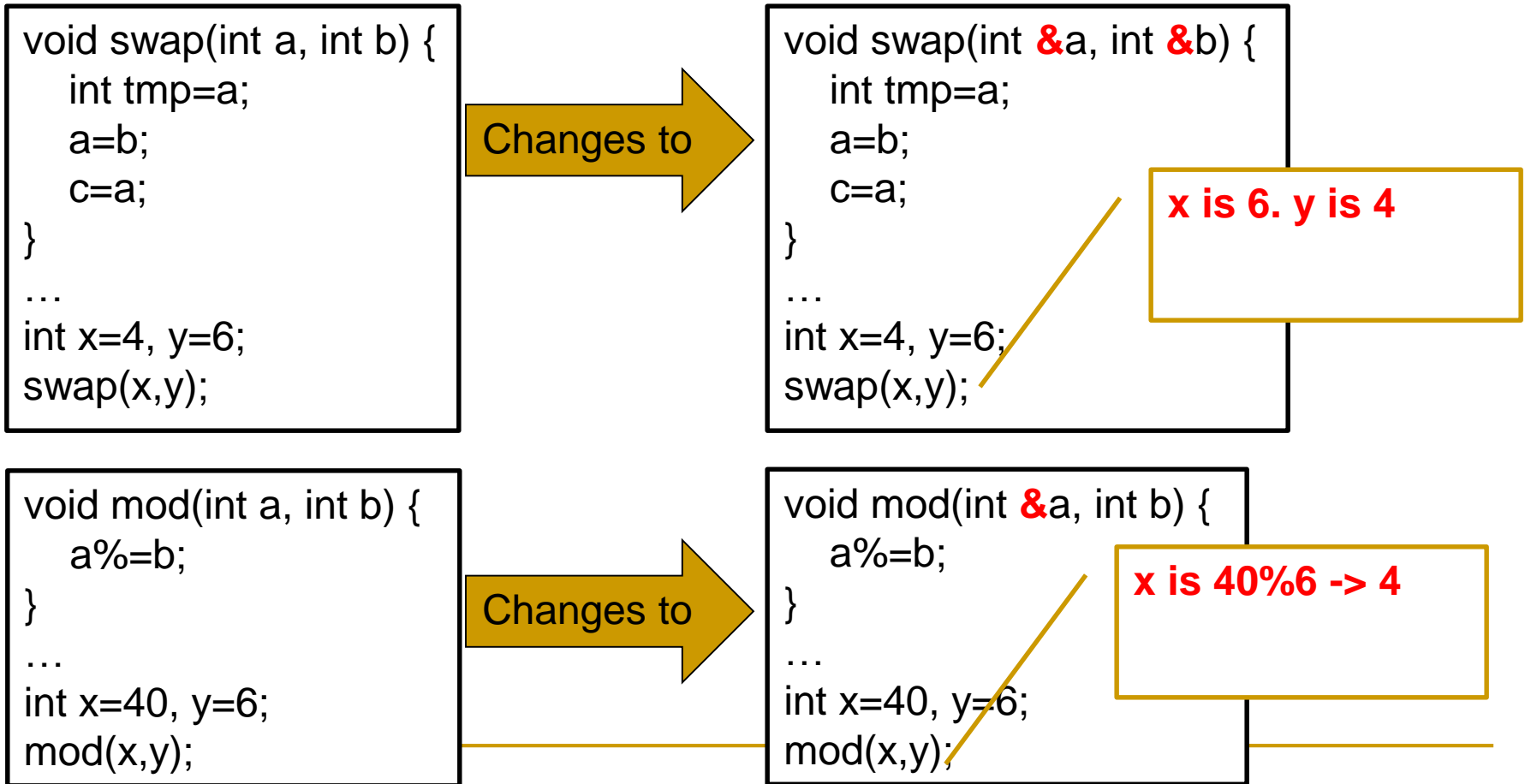
Change the vals of x,y? It won't work! **X is still 4, y is still 6.**

```
void mod(int a, int b) {  
    a%=b;  
}  
  
...  
int x=40, y=6;  
mod(x,y);
```

Again, it won't work! **X is still 40.**

Actual Parameters (Pass by Reference)

- **Actual Parameters:** we want to both read and write the passed parameters.



Example

```
void trim(string &str) {  
    int i, j;  
    for (i=0; str[i]!=' ' && i<str.size(); ++i);  
    for (j=str.size()-1; str[j]!=' ' && j>=i; --j);  
    str = str.substr(i, j-i);  
    return;  
}
```

Formal Parameters & Actual Parameters

- An easy way to remember when to use formal / reference parameters.

Type	Representation	R/W
Pass by Value	a	Read-only
Pass by Reference	&a	Read-or-write

Formal Parameters & Actual Parameters

■ The principles

- ❑ Pass by value: parameters are copied local variables
- ❑ Pass by reference: no copying, pass the addresses



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| Silly, ordinary, and showy swaps (once on social media)

```
void swap(int a,int b)
{
    int temp;
    temp=a;
    a=b;
    b=temp;
}
```

Silly swap

```
void swap(int &a,int
&b)
{
    int temp;
    temp=a;
    a=b;
    b=temp;
}
```

Ordinary swap

```
void swap(int &a,int
&b)
{
    a=a^b;
    b=a^b;
    a=a^b;
}
```

Showy swap

An Open Question

- During industrial development, people (almost) never use pass by value parameters in C++. (Why?)

Recursion

- A function that calls itself.

```
int factorial(unsigned int n) {  
    result = 1;  
    for (int i=2;i<=n;++i)result*=i;  
    return result;  
}
```

```
int factorial(unsigned int n) {  
    if (n<=1) return 1;  
    else return n * factorial(n-1);  
}
```

Recursive version



Recursion

- More complex problems to solve with recursion:
 - Eight queen problem.
 - Hanoi tower.
 - Transitive closure.
 - Etc...
- We will see a lot of these in CS32.

Return; Break; Continue

Return; Break; Continue

- **Return:** terminates a **function**.
- **Break:** terminates **a loop**.
- **Continue:** terminates **a cycle of a loop**.

Return; Break; Continue

```
void main () {  
    string s= "Nissan GTR";  
    for (int i=0;i<s.size();++i) {  
        if(islower(s[i])) return;  
        cout<<s[i];  
    }  
    cout<<" Nismo";  
}
```

```
void main () {  
    string s= "Nissan GTR";  
    for (int i=0;i<s.size();++i) {  
        if(islower(s[i])) break;  
        cout<<s[i];  
    }  
    cout<<" Nismo";  
}
```

```
void main () {  
    string s= "Nissan GTR";  
    for (int i=0;i<s.size();++i) {  
        if(islower(s[i])) continue;  
        cout<<s[i];  
    }  
    cout<<" Nismo";  
}
```

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Thank you!