CSc 352 C - Syntax, Numbers, Math, I/O

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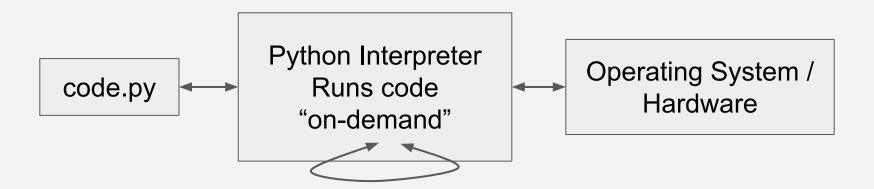
C Language

- Expectation: You already know Python and Java
- C syntax similar to Java, less so Python
 - Variables assignment, ifs, loops, curly-braces, etc

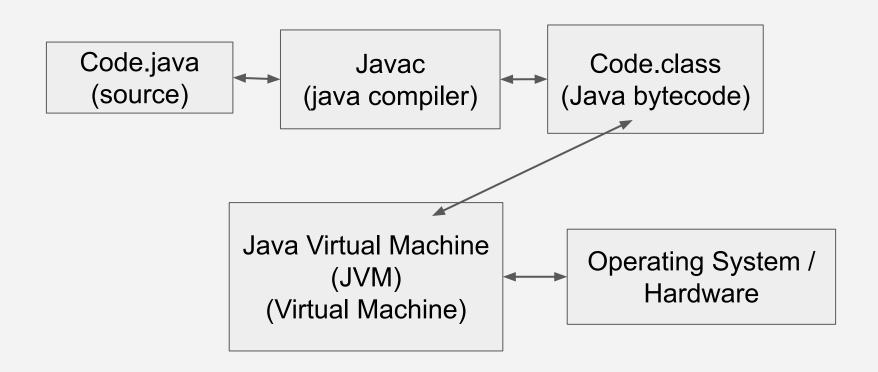
Differences between C and Java

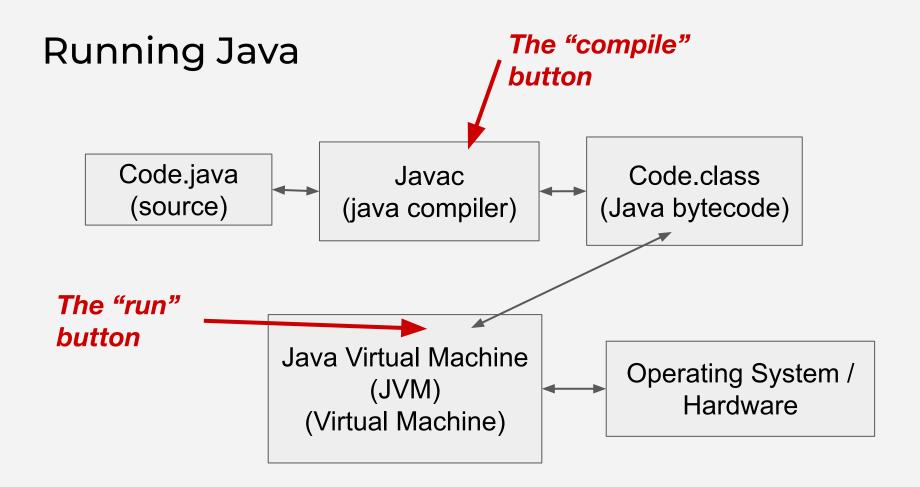
- NOT object oriented (no classes, inheritance, methods, etc)
- Low-level (not run with interpreter / VM)
- Memory Management, Garbage Collection
- Pointers (similar to references)
- Less stuff is built-in, have to #include functionality
- No array boundary protection
- Less hand-holding:)

Running Python

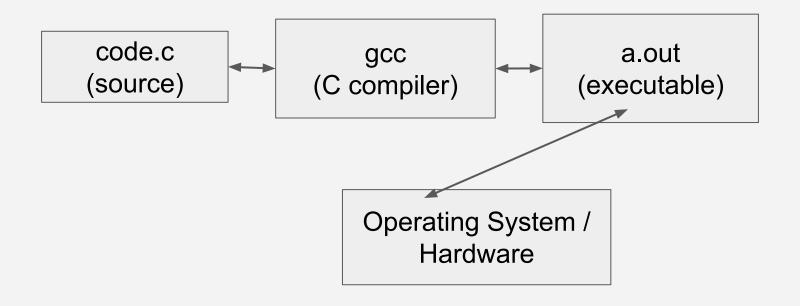


Running Java



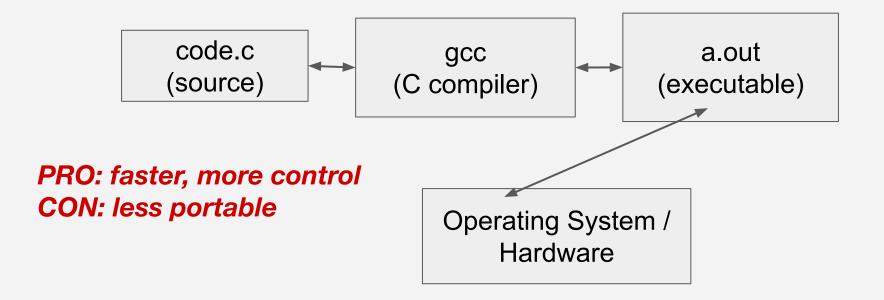


Running C



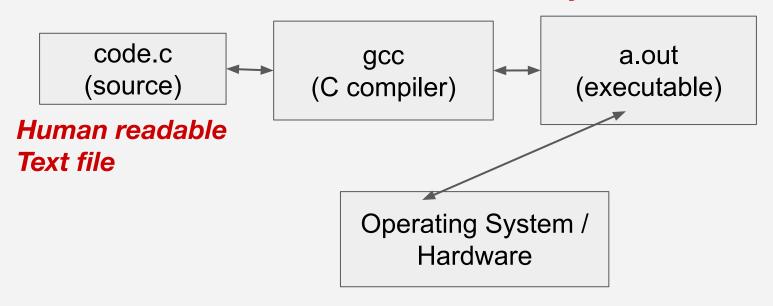
Running C

Compiled and then run, cuts out VM middle-man



Running C

Machine code Not (easily) human readable Binary file



C Compilers

- A program that takes C source code (text) as input, and produces an executable file (binary) that can run directly on an operating system, as output
- Two most popular: clang and gcc
- For this course: gcc

\$ man gcc # so many options, what should we use?

gcc Options

-Wall

C compilers differentiate warnings from errors by default

Warnings can be turned on / off

This option enables all warnings

-Werror

Treat all warnings as errors

Won't compile unless there are *no* warnings / errors)

-std=c11

Multiple C standard / versions

For this class: C11 (as opposed to C89, C99, C17)

Compiling with gcc

Compiling with gcc

So what goes in a .c file?

Compile and run a C Program

```
int main() {
  printf("hi\n");
}
```

- Log on to lectura (or local)
- Create file named some_code.c
- Put this in it, then run:

```
$ gcc some_code.c
$ ./a.out
```

Compile and run a C Program

```
int main() {
    printf("hi\n");
Now try:
   $ gcc -Wall -Werror -std=c11 some_code.c
   $ ./a.out
Also try with c89
```

Compiling with gcc

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
  printf("hi\n");
  return 0;
```

Compiling with gcc

```
#include <stdio.h>
                                               return type, function name, param
                                               sequence (like Java)
int main() {
   printf("hi\n");
   return 0;
                                               Function calls, arguments,
                                               params, etc works similar to Java
                                               (more on that in future)
                                               Curly-braces for functions
                                               Also used for ifs, loops, scope
                                               (like Java)
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
int age = 45;
int height = 104;
int main() {
  int weight = 180;
  printf("age: %d\n", age);
  printf("height: %d, weight: %d\n", height, weight);
  return 0;
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
                                 Global variables of type int
                                 C uses static types, like Java
int age = 45;
int height = 104;
int main() {
                                     Local integer variable
  int weight = 180;
  printf("age: %d\n", age);
  printf("height: %d, weight: %d\n", height, weight);
  return 0;
                                             Print formatting
                                             See: man 3 printf
```

printf format strings

The first argument is a string that can contain regular characters, escape characters (starting with \) and conversion specifiers (starting with %)



Number of conversion specifiers must match values following

Each conversion specifier can have multiple options
 D for dec int, x for hex int, f for float number, etc
 See man page

Style requirements

Style Guide - https://benjdd.com/courses/cs352/summer-2022/style/

Man pages

Different types of man pages:

- 1. User commands
- 2. System Calls (OS / kernel functions)
- 3. Library calls (program libraries)
- 4. Special files (usually from /dev)
- 5. File formats and conventions
- 6. Games
- 7. Miscellaneous
- 8. System admin commands
- 9. Nonstandard Kernel Routines

When we see something like CAT(1) this tells us it is from category 1

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
 int height = 0;
 int weight = 0;
 printf("Enter height: ");
 scanf("%d", &height);
 printf("Enter weight: ");
 scanf("%d", &weight);
 printf("\nYour height and weight is: ");
 printf(" height: %d, weight: %d\n", height, weight);
 return 0;
```

```
The scanf function is in the stdio
#include <stdio.h> →
                                     library as well
int main() {
  int height = 0;
  int weight = 0;
                                         Call scanf, specify expected type
                                         in the format string
  printf("Enter height: ");
  scanf("%d", &height);
                                               Why the "&"?
  printf("Enter weight: ");
                                               For now, just know that you need to
  scanf("%d", &weight); ←
                                               put it there, will address further later
  printf("\nYour height and weight is: ");
  printf(" height: %d, weight: %d\n", height, weight);
  return 0;
                                                  Print the results
```

Averaging Numbers

Write a C program that:

- Asks the user for three integer numbers
- Computes the average
- Prints the result

Math in C

Most of the standard / simple math operators work as-expected

Some of the more "advanced" operations in the <math.h> module

```
.... exp(base, exponent) sqrt(number) fabs(a, b) ....
```

Look at some man pages

(What are these "floats" and "doubles"?) (-lm)

Primitive Types in C

char short int long long long float double long double

- Integers can be preceded by signed or unsigned (signed default)
- Why so many types? Sizes.
 - Some use different amount of bytes
 - Less bytes = less memory, but less range
- Keep in mind: behind the scenes, *all* of these types are just binary sequences of 1s and 0s

Primitive Types in C

```
min = 8 bits
char
                                  -128 to 127
short
                 min = 16 bits
                                  -32,768 to 32,767
                                  -32,768 to 32,767
int
                 min = 16 bits
                                  -2,147,483,647 to 2,147,483,647
long
                 min = 32 bits
Long long
                 min = 64 bits
                                  -9,223,372,036,854,775,808 to 9,223,372,036,854,775,807
float
                 typically 32 bits
                 typically 64 bits
double
                typically 128 bits
long double
```

- Specifics varies from machine to machine
- Use sizeof() and limits.h

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
 int a = 100;
 long long b = 10000;
 float c = 1.76891401;
 double d = 12875.1002713;
 printf("Int: %d\n", a);
 printf("Long long: %11d\n", b);
 printf("Float: %f\n", c);
 printf("Double: %lf\n", d);
 printf("Double with four dec: %.4f\n", d);
 return 0;
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

What will it print?

```
int main() {
  signed char x = 0;
  printf("%ld\n", sizeof(x)); // prints out 1 (1 bytes = 8 bits)
  printf("%d\n", x);
 long i = 0;
 while (i < 257) {
   X = X + 1;
    i += 1;
  printf("%d\n", x);
  return 0;
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
void bin(char n) {
    unsigned int i;
    for (i = 1 \leftrightarrow 7; i > 0; i = i / 2) {
        (n & i) ? printf("1") : printf("0");
    printf("\n");
int main() {
  char x = 127;
  for (int i = 0; i < 3; i+= 1) {
      printf("%d\n", x);
      bin(x);
      x += 1;
  return 0;
```

Activity

input.txt

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printf("result: $%d\n$ ", (x1 + x2));

What will be in output.txt?

\$ gcc -Wall -Werror -std=c11 -o add add.c

```
$ echo "addition is: " >> output.txt
$ cat input.txt | ./add > output.txt

#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
    int x1 = 0, x2 = 0;
    scanf("%d", &x1);
    scanf("%d", &x2);
```

return 0;

The first PA

At this point, you should know enough C for the first PA

Use ssh, write bash commands, compile / run basic C, testing, python