

1 C Introduction

C is syntactically very similar to Java, but there are a few key differences of which to be wary:

- C is function oriented, not object oriented, so no objects for you.
- C does not automatically handle memory for you.
 - In the case of stack memory (things allocated in the “usual” way), a datum is garbage immediately after the function in which it was defined returns.
 - In the case of heap memory (things allocated with `malloc` and friends), data is freed only when the programmer explicitly frees it.
 - In any case, allocated memory always holds garbage until it is initialized.
- C uses pointers explicitly. `*p` tells us to use the value that `p` points to, rather than the value of `p`, and `&x` gives the address of `x` rather than the value of `x`.

There are other differences of which you should be aware, but this should be enough for you to get your feet wet.

2 Uncommented Code? Yuck!

The following functions work correctly (note: this does not mean intelligently), but have no comments. Document the code to prevent it from causing further confusion.

1. `/* Returns the sum of the first N elements in ARR. */`

```
int foo(int *arr, size_t n) {
    return n ? arr[0] + foo(arr + 1, n - 1) : 0;
}
```
2. `/* Returns -1 times the number of zeroes in the first N elements of ARR. */`

```
int bar(int *arr, size_t n) {
    int sum = 0, i;

    for (i = n; i > 0; i--) {
        sum += !arr[i - 1];
    }

    return ~sum + 1;
}
```
3. `/* Does nothing. */`

```
void baz(int x, int y) {
    x = x ^ y;
    y = x ^ y;
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}
```

3 Programming with Pointers

Implement the following functions so that they perform as described in the comments.

1. /* Swaps the value of two ints outside of this function. */

```
void swap(int *x, int *y) {
    int temp = *x;
    *x = *y;
    *y = temp;
}
```

2. /* Increments the value of an int outside of this function by one. */

```
void plus_plus(int *x) {
    (*x)++; // or: x[0]++;
}
```

3. /* Returns the number of bytes in a string. Does not use strlen. */

```
int mystrlen(char* str) {
    int count = 0;
    while(*str++) {
        count++;
    }
    return count;
}
```

4 Problem?

The following code segments may contain logic and syntax errors. Find and correct them.

1. /* Returns the sum of all the elements in SUMMANDS. */

```
int sum(int* summands) { // int sum(int* summands, unsigned int n) {
    int sum = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < sizeof(summands); i++) // for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
        sum += *(summands + i);
    return sum;
}
```

2. /* Increments all the letters in the string STRING, held in an array of length N.
 * Does not modify any other memory which has been previously allocated. */

```
void increment(char* string, int n) {
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) // for (i = 0; string[i] != 0; i++)
        *(string + i)++; // string[i]++; or (*(string + i))++;

    // consider the corner case of incrementing 0xFF
}
```

3. /* Copies the string SRC to DST. */

```
void copy(char* src, char* dst) {
    while (*dst++ = *src++);
}
// This code has no errors.
```