### Statements / Blocks

• An expression becomes a statement when it is followed by a semicolon

x = 0;

• Braces are used to group declarations and statements into a compound statement

#### if statements

• Shortcut for "equal and not equal to 0" tests

#### if (expression)

same as

#### if (expression != 0)

# else-if

• Consider cascading else-if sequence:

```
if (i == 1) /* NOTE: Only one will execute */
    statement-1;
else if (i == 2)
    statement-2;
...
else if (i == 49)
    statement-49;
else
```

```
statement-50; /* Default or "catch-all" */
```

# switch

• Also have switch statement \*\*LIKE JAVA\*\* switch (i) { **case** 1: statement-1; break; case 2: statement-2; break; case 49: statement-49; break;

```
default: statement-50;
```

# Loops –while and for

- This "for" statement"
   for (expr<sub>1</sub>; expr<sub>2</sub>; expr<sub>3</sub>)
   statement;
- Is equivalent to this "while" statement:

```
expr<sub>1</sub>;
while (expr<sub>2</sub>) {
    statement;
    expr<sub>3</sub>;
}
```

# for loop

- Note any part of for loop can be left out.
   for (init; loop-test; increment)
- If init or increment expression is left out, just not evaluated (program must initialize and increment by other means)
- If loop-test is left out, assumes permanently true condition and loops forever. (program must break or goto to end to exit the loop)

# do ... while

The do ... while tests at the end of the loop
 do {

statement(s);

- } while (expression);
- Executes the statement(s) once even if the "while" loop expression is false upon entry
- Used much less often than "for" and "while"

# break and continue

- The **break** statement works for:
  - for loop / while loop / do loop and switch.
  - Brings you to end of loop or switch statement ONE LEVEL ONLY.
- The **continue** statement works for:
  - for loop / while loop / do loop, but not switch!
  - It causes next iteration of enclosing loop to begin

# Function **Prototype**

- Return type, function name, and () int foo (); float foo ();
- Argument List
   List of Types and optionally Variable Names
   int foo (int \*, int, float);
   int foo (int array[], int i, float j);
   Output arguments usually listed first

# Function Prototype: Null Argument

- Must put "void" int foo (void);
- Keeps compiler parameter checking enabled
- The following is a **bad** example: int foo ();

x = foo (i, j, k); /\* compiler won't catch! \*/

# Function **Declarations**

- Same as function prototype, except:
  - Must have variable names in argument list
  - Followed by { function statements; } not ;
- Example:

```
int foo (int array[], int i, float j)
{
    function statements;
```

# C Preprocessor

- Inclusion of other files usually .h files
   #include "filename.h"
- Simple macro substitution
   #define name substitute text
- Macro substitution with arguments
   #define square(A) ((A)\*(A)) enclose in ()s
   n = square(x) + 1; → n = ((x)\*(x)) + 1;
- Conditional inclusion

- Macros do not understand C expressions. They are only doing precise character substitution.
- Macro substitution with arguments bad example #define square(A) A\*A If you write in program: n = square(p+1); Macro will be replaced by: n = p+1\*p+1; Not what you expected

- Macro must be defined on a single line
- Can continue a long definition to the next line using backslash character (\)
  #define exchg(t, x, y) {t d; d = x; x = y;\ y = d;}
- The \ simply tells compiler the following line is a continuation of same logical line

• This macro invocation

exchg (char, u, v)

will be turned into the following text string (shown one statement per line for clarity)

{char d; /\* Note: d is defined locally within block \*/ d = u;

u = v; v = d; }

- Function calls are CALL BY VALUE
- This is NOT true for Macros, because statements within a Macro expansion act like in-line code!
- Frequently used Macro may take more memory than a function, but does not require call/return and stack frames! (Macro will usually execute faster)

- Substitutions are not done within quotation marks.
- If we want to print out the variable makeup of an expression and then the value (e.g., x/y = 17.2), it doesn't work to do it like this:

#define dprint(expr) printf("expr = %f\n", expr)

#### dprint(x/y);

 We want: "x/y = 17.2" printed but, it expands as: printf ("expr = %f\n", x/y);

• Use a special convention with the # character.

#define dprint(expr) printf(#expr " = %g\n", expr)

- The special form **#expr** means:
  - Do substitution for the macro "expr"
  - Put quotes around result
- Now if we write

#### dprint(x/y);

• Then, this expands as:

printf("x/y" " = %g\n", x/y); /\* two strings concatenated \*/

- Gives control of when precompiler directives such as #define or #include are executed
- It's done before compilation with conditionals that are meaningful at that time
- Conditionals work for any C statements in their scope, and can be used to drop unneeded code (and save memory space) under some conditions

#if (with conditions such as !defined(SYM)
#ifdef SYM (if SYM is defined)
#ifndef SYM (if SYM is not defined)
#elif (else if)
#else (else)
#endif (end scope of originating #if)

- A software release might need different .h header files included for different O/S's
- Before main() we might define:
   #define SYSV 100
   #define BSD 101
- For a specific system (say SYSV) we write: #define SYSTEM SYSV

Define .h file symbolic constants conditionally: #if SYSTEM = = SYSV #define HDR "sysv.h" #elif SYSTEM = = BSD #define HDR "bsd.h" #else #define HDR "default.h" #endif

#include HDR

• We DON'T want to include declarations contained in a abc.h file twice.

/\* header file: abc.h \*/
#ifndef XXX\_HDR
#define XXX\_HDR
... (contents of abc.h file go here)
#endif /\* XXX\_HDR \*/

# Recursion

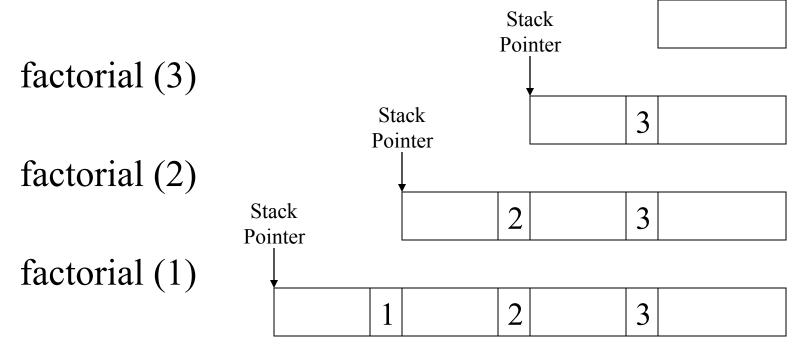
- Any C function may call itself recursively, either directly or after intermediate function calls
- Each time a call is made, a new frame is placed on the stack, containing passed arguments, a position to return to, and automatic variables (if any)

```
int factorial (int n) {
    if (n > 1) return n * factorial (n - 1);
    return 1;
}
```

• Programmer must ensure the recursion terminates!

### **Recursion**, Stack Frames

• Stack during recursion: Pointer int result = factorial (3);



Stack

# Code Example

```
#include <stdio.h>
int factorial(int);
```

```
main(){
    int m, n=3;
    m = factorial(n);
```

```
int factorial(int k){
```

blade64(2)% a.out before factorial function: n=3 before factorial function: n=2 before factorial function: n=1 after factorial function: n=1 after factorial function: n=2 after factorial function: n=3

```
int ll;
printf("before factorial function: n=%d\n",k);
ll = (k > 1) ? k*factorial(k-1): 1;
printf(" after factorial function: n=%d\n", k);
return ll;
```

# Recursion, Performance

- Time relative to while/for loops
  - Calling/creating stack frame takes a lot of time
  - Returning/removing stack frame costs time, too
- Memory relative to while/for loops
  - Stack frames eat up memory → need large space!
  - In non-virtual memory system → stack overflow?
- Rarely used in hard real-time and/or embedded systems for these reasons