
Function Scope and Random Number Generator

CS135 Lab 3

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Assignment 3

- Need to design and implement two complete C++ programs
 - Golf
 - DDR Score
 - Fully understand the problems first!
 - Design the program before coding.
 - Consider all requirements for the program when designing.
 - **No global variables!**
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Assignment 3 – Golf

- Keep the same code as given in golf_main.cpp
 - Global variables
 - Function prototypes
 - Main function
- Test Cases (Two)
 - Any case you choose
 - Tiger Woods case
 - Convert: 270 kilometers per hour => ? meters per second

Review: Predefined Function

Types of Functions

TYPES	OBJECTIVES IN THE LAB
Predefined Functions	Learn what they are and how to use them
User-defined Functions	Learn how to define them and use them properly in a program

Predefined Functions

- C++ provides several predefined mathematical functions. These functions are available in the library file `cmath` (`math.h`).
- Requires the following include statement

```
#include <cmath>
```

or

```
#include <math.h>
```
- Included math functions:
<http://mathbits.com/mathbits/compsci/LibraryFunc/Math.htm>

Simple Example

- Let us consider the following program which uses the `sqrt` function, and the `pow` function, both available in the header file `cmath`: receive a positive number from user, compute and display the square of this number and the square root of this number.

```
#include<iostream>
#include <cmath> // include cmath library here
using namespace std;

int main ()
{
    double num, root, square;
    cout << "Please enter a positive number: ";
    cin >> num;
    square = pow (num, 2.0); // function call
    cout << "square of " << num << " is " << square << endl;
    root = sqrt(num); // function call
    cout << "square root of " << num << " is " << root<<
endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Function Scope

Scope

The **scope of an identifier** can be thought of as the portion of a program in which that identifier has been defined.

- Variables can be **global**, where the scope of the variable is the whole program
- Variables can be **local**, where the scope of the variable is simply the block (or function) in which it is defined

Scope

- A **global variable**, is one that is declared outside any function.
- A **local variable** is declared within the body of a function.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int value;    // value is a global variable
void print_out_value ();
int main()
{
    int value2, value3; // local to main
    cin >> value;
    print_out_value;
    //... processing on value, value2, value3
    return 0;
}

void print_out_value ()
{
    int value4, value5; // local to print_out_value
    // ... processing on value, value4, value5
    cout <<"value is " << value;
}
```

(* See details in [Global Local Variables.cpp](#))

Random Number Generator

Math Review

- We call an interval of the form (a,b) open; $[a,b]$ closed; $[a,b)$ or $(a,b]$ half-open or half-closed.
- Here are some examples:
 - $(3,5)$ is the set of all numbers greater than 3 and less than 5.
 - $(2,6]$ is the set of all numbers greater than 2 and less than or equal to 6
 - $[-1,1]$ is the set of all numbers greater than or equal to -1 and less than or equal to 1.

Random Number Generator

- Header files - `stdlib.h` and `time.h`
- Seed the generator
 - `srand (time (NULL));`
- Call random number generator
 - `int num;`
 - `num = rand();`

Random Number Generator

```
int num;  
num = rand(); // [0, max_int]
```

What if we want numbers in the range [0,4]?

```
num=rand()% ? ;
```

generates a random number between 0 and 4, both included, as [0, 4]

Answer: `num = rand()%5;`

Random Number Generator

$x = \text{rand()} \% ?;$ $// [0, 4]$

If rand() returns 0	$0 \% 5 = 0$
If rand() returns 1	$1 \% 5 = 1$
If rand() returns 2	$2 \% 5 = 2$
If rand() returns 3	$3 \% 5 = 3$
If rand() returns 4	$4 \% 5 = 4$
If rand() returns 5	$5 \% 5 = 0$

Random Number Generator

- Seed the random number generator with the `srand()` function.
 - Can seed with any number or certain number
 $\text{srand}(\text{time}(\text{NULL}))$ or $\text{srand}(1)$
- Generate a random number we use the `rand()` function.
 - To generate numbers in the range $[0, n]$:
 $x = \text{rand()} \% (n + 1)$

Srand() and Rand() Functions

- To generate numbers in the range [min, max]:

$$x = \text{rand}() \% (\text{max} - \text{min} + 1) + \text{min}$$

Sample Code:

```
#include <stdlib.h> //required for srand () and rand () functions
#include <time.h> //required for time () function.

...
srand( time (NULL) ); // Initialize random number generator.
...
num = rand () % 100 + 1; //Assigning the randomly generated
                        //number to variable num.
```

num needs to be within
the range of [1, 100]

(* See the complete code in [RandomNumber.cpp](#))

Rand() Function

- To generate numbers in the range (min, max]:

- Consider the range (min, max] is equivalent to [min+1, max]:

$$x = \text{rand}() \% (\text{max} - (\text{min} + 1) + 1) + (\text{min} + 1)$$

- To generate numbers in the range [min, max):

- Consider the range [min, max) is equivalent to [min, max-1]:

$$x = \text{rand}() \% ((\text{max} - 1) - \text{min} + 1) + \text{min}$$

- To generate numbers in the range (min, max):

- Consider the range (min, max) is equivalent to [min+1, max-1]:

$$x = \text{rand}() \% ((\text{max} - 1) - (\text{min} + 1) + 1) + (\text{min} + 1)$$

Assignment 3 – DDR Score

- If possible, learn how to design the problem from the given executable files.

<http://www.cse.unr.edu/~chang/08Labs.html>

- How many times of random number generator need to be called to get 4 numbers?
 - Answer: Need to call `srand()` once before calling `rand()`, and call `rand()` 4 times to get 4 numbers!

Reminders

- Call `srand()` function prior to the first call of `rand()` function. Otherwise, the generated number will eventually repeat.
- Don't make the mistake of calling `srand()` every time you generate a random number; we only usually need to call `srand()` once.
- Remember the random number generated by $x = \text{rand()} \% (\text{max} - \text{min} + 1) + \text{min}$ falling in a closed interval as `[min, max]`. Figure out the right range before use `rand()` function!

Reminders

- Ask if you have problems you cannot solve by yourself
 - Email your source code & question
 - Come to Office Hours
- Compile your programs for sure!
 - Compile the programs till no error (better for no warning as well).
- Source code – (Hardcopy & Softcopy)
 - Soft copy should be the same as hard copy.
- **No global variables!**
- Test cases – (Hardcopy)