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File I/O

FILE structure

• A particular structure, of which members describe the current state of a file, defined in stdio.h

```
#include <stdio.h>
FILE *variable name;
fopen()
fprintf(), fscanf(),
fputc(), fgetc(), ...
fclose()
```

- Declaration of a pointer variable to FILE structure (or file pointer)
- File open: file pointer initialization
- Output data to the file or read data from the file

File close

Opening and Closing a File

- File pointer declaration
 - FILE *fp;
- Open a file

```
• fp = fopen("filename", "mode");
```

- Close a file
 - fclose(fp);

File Modes

 When a mode ends with a '+' character, the file is to be opened for both reading and writing

Mode	Meaning
"r"	Open text file for reading
"w"	Open text file for writing
"a"	Open text file for appending
"rb"	Open binary file for reading
"wb"	Open binary file for writing
"ab"	Open binary file for appending
"r+"	Open text file for reading and writing
"w+"	Open text file for writing and reading
"a+"	Open text file for appending and reading

Formatted File I/O

- Function prototypes is defined in <stdio.h>
 - int fscanf(FILE *fp, const char *format, ...);
 - int fprintf(FILE *fp, const char *format, ...);

```
#include <stdio.h>
void fileio(void) {
   FILE *ifp, *ofp;
                                    /* file pointer declaration */
   ifp = fopen("in_file", "r");  /* file open */
    ofp = fopen("out_file", "w");
    fscanf(ifp, control string, other arguments);
    fprintf(ofp, control_string, other arguments);
                                    /* file close */
    fclose(ifp);
    fclose(ofp);
```

Example

```
#include <stdio.h>
void main(void)
   FILE *ifp, *ofp;
    int a, sum = 0;
    ifp = fopen("infile", "r");
    ofp = fopen("outfile", "w");
    while (fscanf(ifp, "%d", &a) == 1)
        sum += a;
    fprintf(ofp, "The sum is %d.\n", sum);
    fclose(ifp);
    fclose(ofp);
```

stdin/stdout/stderr

- Standard I/O is automatically opened at the start of program and automatically closed at the completion of program
 - stdin: standard input file (keyboard)stdout: standard output file (screen)
 - stderr: standard error file (screen)
 - No need to open and close these files
- Defined in <stdio.h>

```
printf(...); is equal to fprintf(stdout, ...);
scanf(...); is equal to fscanf(stdin, ...);
#define getchar() getc(stdin);
#define putchar(c) putc(c, stdout);
```

Character File I/O

Read a character from file

```
    c = getc(fp); /* macro */
    c = fgetc(fp); /* function */
```

• EOF is returned if the end of file indicator or the error indicator has been set

Write a character to file

```
    putc(c, fp); /* macro */
    fputc(c, fp); /* function */
```

- If successful, c is returned
- Otherwise, the error indicator is set and EOF is returned

EOF

- End-Of-File
 - Symbolic constant defined as the specific numeric value in stdio.h
 - #define EOF -1
- int feof(FILE *fp);
 - Checks EOF
 - If the end-of-file is encountered, the end-of-file indicator is set
 - feof(fp) returns non-zero value if the end-of-file indicator has been set

Example: Copying a File

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)
    FILE *srcfp, *destfp;
    int c;
    srcfp = fopen("in.txt", "r");
    destfp = fopen("out.txt", "w");
    while ((c = getc(srcfp)) != EOF)
        putc(c, destfp);
    fclose(srcfp);
    fclose(destfp);
    return 0;
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
   FILE *srcfp, *destfp;
    int c;
    srcfp = fopen(argv[1], "r");
    destfp = fopen(argv[2], "w");
    while ((c = getc(srcfp)) != EOF)
        putc(c, destfp);
    fclose(srcfp);
    fclose(destfp);
    return 0;
```

Error Handling

- int ferror(FILE *fp);
 - ferror(fp); returns non-zero value if the error indicator has been set for the file associated with fp
- void exit(int status);
 - exit(); causes normal process termination
 - Returns the value of status to the parent process
 - 0: the program is successfully terminated
 - Non-zero: the program did not execute successfully
- (cf.) return statement: causes function termination
 - return in main() → program termination

Example: Double Spacing a File

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
   FILE *infp, *outfp;
   int c;
    if (argc != 3) exit(1);
    infp = fopen(argv[1], "r");
    outfp = fopen(argv[2], "w");
   while ((c = getc(infp)) != EOF) {
        putc(c, outfp);
        if (c == '\n') putc('\n', outfp);
   fclose(infp);
   fclose(outfp);
    exit(0);
                        /* return 0; */
```

Line I/O: fgets()

- char *fgets(char *line, int n, FILE *fp);
 - Line-oriented input function
 - Reads at most (n 1) characters from the file associated with fp into the array pointed to by line (buffer)
 - If a newline is read or an end of file is encountered, no additional characters are read from the file
 - '\0' is inserted automatically at the end of array
 - If the end of file is encountered right at the start, returns NULL
 - Otherwise, line is returned

fgets()

Doubling spacing a file

```
in.txt hello, output hello, world
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
char *fgets(char *s, int n, FILE *fp) {
    int c;
    char *cs;
    CS = S;
    while ((c = getc(fp)) != EOF && --n > 0)
        if ((*cs++ = c) == '\n')
            break;
    *cs = ' \ 0';
    return (c == EOF && cs == s)? NULL : s;
```

```
#define MAXBUF 80
int main(void)
   FILE *fp;
    char buf[MAXBUF];
   fp = fopen("in.txt", "r");
    while (fgets(buf, MAXBUF, fp))
        printf("%s\n", buf);
    fclose(fp);
```

Line I/O: fputs()

- int fputs(char *line, FILE *fp);
 - Line-oriented output function
 - Copy the null-terminated string line (except null character itself) into the file associated with fp (i.e., appends a newline to the file)
 - A successful call returns a nonnegative value; otherwise EOF

```
int fputs(char *s, FILE *fp)
{
   int c;

   while (c = *s++)
      putc(c, fp);
   return ferror(fp)? EOF : 0;
}
```

Random File I/O: fseek()

- int fseek(FILE *fp, long offset, int whence);
 - Sets the file position indicator to a value that is offset bytes from whence

```
    whence: SEEK_SET: the beginning of the file
SEEK_CUR: the current position
SEEK_END: the end of the file
```

• Examples:

```
fseek(fp, 0, SEEK_SET);  /* the beginning of the file */
fseek(fp, 0, SEEK_END);  /* the end of the file */
fseek(fp, n, SEEK_SET);  /* the beginning position + n */
fseek(fp, n, SEEK_CUR);  /* the current position + n */
fseek(fp, -n, SEEK_END);  /* the end position - n */
```

• If the function call is successful, the end-of-file indicator is cleared and zero is returned

Random File I/O: rewind() and ftell()

- void rewind(FILE *fp);
 - Sets the file position indicator to the beginning of the file
 - Equivalent to fseek(fp, 0, SEEK_SET);

- long ftell(FILE *fp);
 - Returns the current value of the file position indicator (the number of bytes from the beginning of the file)
 - An unsuccessful call returns I

Example: Writing a File Backwards

```
#include <stdio.h>
void main(void) {
    int c;
    FILE *fp;
                                                      e | 1 | 1 | o |
                                                                       W \mid o \mid r \mid 1 \mid d
    fp = fopen("in.txt", "r");
    fseek(fp, 0, SEEK_END);
                                               SEEK SET
                                                                               SEEK END
    if (ftell(fp) > 0) {
        fseek(fp, -1, SEEK_CUR);
        while (1) {
             c = getc(fp);
             putchar(c);
             if (ftell(fp) > 1) fseek(fp, -2, SEEK_CUR);
             else break;
    fclose(fp);
```

Finding Top-k Words (I)

Sample file: genesis.txt

The First Book of Moses: Called Genesis

```
1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved
 upon the face of the waters.
1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.
1:4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.
1:5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first da
1:6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.
1:7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were abov
e the firmament: and it was so.
1:8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.
1:9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: a
nd it was so.
1:10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it
was good.
1:11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after h
is kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.
1:12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose see
d was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.
1:13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.
1:14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them
be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:
1:15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.
1:16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he mad
e the stars also.
1:17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,
--More--(1%)
```

Finding Top-k Words (2)

```
/* topk.h */
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <ctype.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#define NSLOTS 5000
#define DELIM " ':,.;!?()\t\n"
struct record {
    char *word;
    int count;
    struct record *next;
};
```

```
#include "topk.h"
int nwords = 0;
struct record *htable[NSLOTS];
struct record **wc;
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
 if (argc != 2) {
    printf("Usage: %s filename\n", argv[0]);
    return -1;
  init_htable();
  read_words(argv[1]);
  find_k(10);
  return 0;
```

Finding Top-k Words (3)

```
void read words(char *filename)
 FILE *fp;
  char buf[512];
 fp = fopen(filename, "r");
 if (fp == NULL) {
    printf("Opening %s failed.\n",
           filename);
    exit(1);
  while (fgets(buf, 512, fp))
    parse(buf);
 fclose(fp);
```

```
void parse(char *buf)
  char *word;
  word = strtok(buf, DELIM);
  while (word != NULL) {
    if (!isdigit(*word)) {
      char *s = word;
      while (*s != '\0') {
        if (isupper(*s))
          *s = tolower(*s);
        S++;
      if (insert_htable(word))
        nwords++;
    word = strtok(NULL, DELIM);
```

Finding Top-k Words (4)

```
int insert htable(char *word)
  struct record *p, **pp;
 if (p = lookup_htable(word)) {
    p->count++;
    return 0; /* word exists */
  pp = &htable[hash(word)];
  p = malloc(sizeof(struct record));
  p->word = malloc(strlen(word) + 1);
  strcpy(p->word, word);
  p \rightarrow count = 1;
  p->next = (*pp)? *pp : NULL;
 *pp = p;
  return 1; /* new word */
```

```
struct record *lookup_htable(char *word)
  struct record *p, **pp;
  pp = &htable[hash(word)];
  p = *pp;
 while (p) {
    if (strcmp(word, p->word) == 0)
      return p;
    p = p->next;
  return NULL;
```

Finding Top-k Words (5)

```
void sort wc(struct record **wc)
  for (int i = 0; i < nwords - 1; i++)
    for (int j = nwords - 1; j > i; j--)
      if (wc[j-1]->count < wc[j]->count)
        swap(&wc[j-1], &wc[j]);
void find k(int k)
 wc = malloc(sizeof(struct record *)
              * nwords);
  get_wc(wc);
  sort wc(wc);
  for (int i = 0; i < k; i++)
    printf("%d: %s\n",
           wc[i]->count, wc[i]->word);
```

```
void get_wc(struct record **wc)
  struct record *p;
 int n = 0;
  for (int i = 0; i < NSLOTS; i++) {
    p = htable[i];
    while (p)
      wc[n++] = p;
      p = p->next;
```

Finding Top-k Words (6)

```
$ ./topk
Usage: ./topk filename
$ ./topk hello
Opening hello failed.
$ ./topk genesis.txt
3678: and
2459: the
1366: of
653: his
652: he
612: to
600: in
598: unto
520: that
484: i
```

Low Level I/O – System Calls

- System call
 - A request for a service to an operating system's kernel
- creat()
- open()
- close()
- read()
- write()
- lseek()

open()

- int open(const char *pathname, int flags);
- int open(const char *pathname, int flags, mode_t mode);
 - Opens the file specified by pathname
 - If the specified file does not exist, it may optionally be created if O_CREAT is specified in flags
 - If successful, returns a *file descriptor*, a small, nonnegative integer that is used in subsequent system calls to refer to the file
 - Mandatory flags: O_RDONLY: open for reading only
 O_RDONLY: open for writing only
 O_RDWR: open for reading and writing
 - Optional flags: O_APPEND, O_CREAT, O_TRUNC, etc.

creat()

- int creat(const char *pathname, mode_t mode);
 - Equivalent to open(pathname, O_CREAT O_WRONLY O_TRUNC, mode);
 - mode: the file mode (or permission) bits applied when a new file is created

Mnemonic	Bit representation	Octal representation
r	100	04
-w-	010	02
x	001	01
rw-	110	06
r-x	101	05
-WX	011	03
rwx	111	07

mode (owner, group, others)	Octal representation
rw	0600
rw-r	0640
rwxr-xr-x	0755
rwxrwxrwx	0777

read() and write()

- ssize_t read(int fd, char *buf, int count);
- ssize_t write(int fd, char *buf, int count);
 - fd: file descriptor
 - Non-negative integer to identify a file in an OS
 - 0: standard input, 1: standard output, 2: standard error
 - read() attempts to read up to count bytes into the buffer starting at buf
 - write() attempts to write up to count bytes from the buffer starting at buf
 - After each call, the file offset is incremented by the number of bytes actually read or written
 - Each call returns a count of the number of bytes transferred
 - NOTE: the number of bytes read or written can be less than count

Example: echo.c

```
#include <unistd.h>
#define MAXBUF
                    80
/* copy standard input to standard output */
int main(void)
    char buf[MAXBUF];
    int n;
    while ((n = read(0, buf, MAXBUF)) > 0)
        write(1, buf, n);
```

Example: cp (I)

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <unistd.h>
void main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    int infd, outfd, nread, nwritten, n;
    char buf[BUFSIZ]; /* BUFSIZ defined in stdio.h */
    if (argc != 3) {
        fprintf(stderr, "Usage: cp src dest\n");
        exit(1);
    if ((infd = open(argv[1], O_RDONLY)) < 0) {</pre>
        fprintf(stderr, "can't open %s\n", argv[1]);
        exit(2);
```

Example: cp (2)

```
if ((outfd = creat(argv[2], 0666)) < 0) {</pre>
    fprintf(stderr, "can't create %s\n", argv[2]);
    exit(3);
while ((nread = read(infd, buf, BUFSIZ)) > 0) {
    nwritten = 0;
    while (nwritten < nread) {</pre>
        n = write(outfd, buf + nwritten, nread - nwritten);
        if (n < 0) {
            fprintf(stderr, "write failed\n");
            exit(4);
        nwritten += n;
```

lseek()

- off_t lseek(int fd, off_t offset, int whence);
 - Repositions the file offset of the open file associated with fd to the argument offset according to the directive whence as follows:

```
SEEK_SET: The file offset is set to offset bytes
```

SEEK_CUR: The file offset is set to its current location + offset bytes

SEEK_END: The file offset is set to the size of the file + offset bytes

- Returns the resulting offset location in bytes from the beginning of the file
- 1seek() allows the file offset to be set beyond the end of the file
 - If data is later written at this point, subsequent reads of the data in the gap (a "hole") return null bytes

Random Accessing a File

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <time.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
```

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    int fd, i;
    off t len, pos;
    char buf[1];
    if (argc != 2) return -1;
    if ((fd = open(argv[1], O_RDONLY)) < 0)</pre>
        return -2;
    len = lseek(fd, 0, SEEK_END);
    srand(time(NULL));
    for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
        pos = rand() % len;
        lseek(fd, pos, SEEK_SET);
        read(fd, buf, 1);
        printf("%ld: %c\n", pos, buf[0]);
    return 0;
```

Summary

