

# Day08 A

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  - Storage Class Specifiers
  - A. Storage Duration
  - B. Scope
  - C. Linkage

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- the storage class specifier
  - auto
  - register
  - extern
  - static
  
- an identifier's storage class and scope rules *determine*
  - storage duration
  - scope
  - linkage

# Identifier of interests

- an identifier
  - a variable name
  - a function name

# Identifier Attributes

- storage duration (temporal)
  - the period during which an identifier exists in memory
- scope (spatial)
  - where an identifier can be referenced in a program
- linkage
  - determines whether an identifier is known only in the current file or in any other file

# Classification of Identifier Attributes

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storage duration

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automatic storage duration

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static storage duration

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linkage

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external linkage

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internal linkage

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scope

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function scope

file scope \*

block scope \*

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function prototype scope

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- storage duration
  - the period during which an identifier exists in memory
  - some exists briefly and are repeatedly created and destroyed (variables defined inside a function)
  - others exists for the program's entire execution (variables defined outside all functions)
  - automatic storage duration (`auto` + scope)
  - static storage duration (`static` + scope)



# Automatic Storage Duration

- automatic storage duration variables are created
  - when the program control is entered a block `{...}`
  - where the variable was defined
- automatic storage duration variables exists
  - while the block is active
  - (while the control is in the block)

# Static Storage Duration

- `extern` and `static` in the declaration of variables and functions
- `static` (storage) variables and `static` (storage) functions **exist** from the program starts and until the program ends
- `static` (storage) variables are **allocated** and **initialized only once** before the program executes
  
- **`extern`** / **`static`** global variables
- **`extern`** / **`static`** functions
- **`static`** local variables

# Storage Class and Linkage

	functions	global variables	local variables
extern	static storage external linkage	static storage external linkage	static storage *
static	static storage internal linkage	static storage internal linkage	auto storage NA

# Local Variables

- only variables, not a function can have automatic storage duration
- all functions and global variables have static storage duration
- functions's local variable
  - `func(int a) { int b, c; .... }`
  - these variables have automatic storage duration by default
  - `func(auto int a) { auto int b, c; .... }`
  - referred as automatic variables

# Global Variables

- global variables
  - variables declared outside all function definitions
- functions
  - are declared always outside any function definition
- global variables and functions
  - extern storage class by default
  - any functions can reference global variables and functions
  - these functions must be defined / declared after global variables and functions in the file

# Static Local Variables

- local variables with `static` keyword
- known only in the function  
where the local variables are defined
- retain the values when the function exits  
(the value is preserved across function calls)
- can start with the retained value  
when the function is called again
- initialized with zero by default  
when no explicit initialization exists

- scope
  - where an identifier can be referenced in a program
- some can be referenced throughout a program (global variable)
- others from only portions of a program (local variable)

# Scope Types

- function scope ..... `func(...)` `{ ... }`
- file scope ..... `t1.c` `t2.c`
- block scope ..... `{ ... }`
- function prototype scope .... `func(...);`



# Function Scope

- labels are the only identifiers with function scope
  - `start*:*`
  - `goto`
  - `switch`
- labels can be used anywhere in the function
- labels cannot be referenced outside the function body

- identifiers declared outside any function
- known (accessible) in all functions  
from the point at which the identifier is declared  
until the end of the file
- global variables
- function definitions
- function prototypes

# Block Scope

- identifiers defined inside a block
- block scope ends at the terminating right brace (}) of the block
- local variables defined at the beginning of a function
- function parameter variables also have block scope
- any block can have its own variable definitions
- static local variable still have block scope  
but static storage duration

# Hiding Block Scope

- blocks can be nested
  - identifiers of the outer block and inner block can have the same name
  - then the outer identifier is hidden by the inner identifier (higher priority)

# Function Prototype Scope

- the only identifier is the parameter list of a function prototype
- function prototypes require
  - no variable names in the parameter list
  - only types in the parameter list
- the compiler ignores the variable name
- the identifiers used in a function prototype can be reused elsewhere in the program

- linkage
  - determines for a multiple-source-file program whether an identifier is known only in the current source file or in any source file with proper declarations
- **static** prevents an identifier from being referenced in other files
  - static global variables
  - static funtions
- **extern** indicates an identifier is defined either later in the same file or in a different file
  - extern global variables
  - extern funtions

- it is possible to restrict the scope of a variable or a function to the file in which it is defined
- can be prevented from being used by any function that are defined in other files
- **static** gloabal variables
- **static** functions

- **non-static** global variables
- **non-static** functions
- they can be accessed in other files  
if those files contain proper declaration and/or function prototypes