

Chapter 7 Input and Output

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Re-direct and pipe in Unix system

- A file may be substituted for the keyboard by using `<` convention for input redirection
`./a.out < article.txt`
the string “`< article.txt`” is not included in the command-line arguments in *argv*.
- Output can be redirected into a file with `> filename`
`./a.out > output.txt`
write standard output to file `output.txt`
- Input switching is also invisible if the input comes from another program via a pipe mechanism
`man icpc | more`
put the standard output of “*man icpc*” into standard input of *more*

OutLine

- Format of printf
- Variable-length argument lists
- Formatted input – scanf
- File access
- Command execution

Formatted output – printf [1]

int **printf** (char ***format**, arg1, **arg2**, ...)

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main( int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    char word[] = "hello, world" ;

    printf("%-15s%s: \n"      , ":%s:"      , word);
    printf("%-15s:%10s: \n"  , ":%10s:"  , word);
    printf("%-15s:%.10s: \n" , ":%.10s:" , word);
    printf("%-15s:%-10s: \n" , ":%-10s:" , word);
    printf("%-15s:%.15s: \n" , ":%.15s:" , word);
    printf("%-15s:%-15s: \n" , ":%-15s:" , word);
    printf("%-15s:%15.10s: \n" , ":%15.10s:" , word);
    printf("%-15s:%-15.10s: \n" , ":%-15.10s:" , word);

    return 0 ;
}
```

```
C:\F:\COURSE\2008SUMMER\C_LANG\EXAMP
:%s:           :hello, world:
:%10s:        :hello, world:
:%.10s:       :hello, wor:
:%-10s:       :hello, world:
:%.15s:       :hello, world:
:%-15s:       :hello, world :
:%15.10s:     :      hello, wor:
:%-15.10s:    :hello, wor      :
Press any key to continue_
```

format

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

%s

h	e	l	l	o	,		w	o	r	l	d
---	---	---	---	---	---	--	---	---	---	---	---

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

%10s

h	e	l	l	o	,		w	o	r	l	d
---	---	---	---	---	---	--	---	---	---	---	---

Formatted output – printf [2]

`%.10s`

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<i>h</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>,</i>		<i>w</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>r</i>		

`%-10s`

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<i>h</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>,</i>		<i>w</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>r</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>d</i>

`%.15s`

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<i>h</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>,</i>		<i>w</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>r</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>d</i>

`%-15s`

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<i>h</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>,</i>		<i>w</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>r</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>d</i>			

`%15.10s`

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
					<i>h</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>,</i>		<i>w</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>r</i>

`%-15.10s`

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<i>h</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>,</i>		<i>w</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>r</i>					

Format specification (from MSDN library)

`%[flags] [width] [.precision] [{h | l | ll | I | I32 | I64}]type`

- ***type***
 - required character that determines whether the associated argument is interpreted as a character, a string or a number.
- ***flags***
 - Optional character or characters that control justification of output and printing of signs, blanks, decimal points, and octal and hexadecimal prefixes.
- ***width***
 - Optional number that specifies the minimum number of characters output.
- ***precision***
 - Optional number that specifies the maximum number of characters printed for all or part of the output field, or the minimum number of digits printed for integer values.

Format specification: *type*

Character	Type	Output format
c	int or wint_t	When used with printf functions, specifies a single-byte character; when used with wprintf functions, specifies a wide character.
d	int	Signed decimal integer.
o	int	Unsigned octal integer.
u	int	Unsigned decimal integer.
x	int	Unsigned hexadecimal integer, using "abcdef."
e	double	Signed value having the form [-] <i>d</i> . <i>dddd</i> e [<i>sign</i>] <i>dd</i> [<i>d</i>] where <i>d</i> is a single decimal digit, <i>dddd</i> is one or more decimal digits, <i>dd</i> [<i>d</i>] is two or three decimal digits depending on the output format and size of the exponent, and <i>sign</i> is + or -.
E	double	Identical to the e format except that E rather than e introduces the exponent.
f	double	Signed value having the form [-] <i>dddd</i> . <i>dddd</i> , where <i>dddd</i> is one or more decimal digits. The number of digits before the decimal point depends on the magnitude of the number, and the number of digits after the decimal point depends on the requested precision.
p	Pointer to void	Prints the address of the argument in hexadecimal digits.
s	String	When used with printf functions, specifies a single-byte-character string; when used with wprintf functions, specifies a wide-character string. Characters are printed up to the first null character or until the <i>precision</i> value is reached.

Format specification: *flag*

Flag	Meaning	Default
-	Left align the result within the given field width.	Right align.
+	Prefix the output value with a sign (+ or -) if the output value is of a signed type.	Sign appears only for negative signed values (-).
0	If <i>width</i> is prefixed with 0 , zeros are added until the minimum width is reached. If 0 and - appear, the 0 is ignored. If 0 is specified with an integer format (i , u , x , X , o , d) and a precision specification is also present (for example, %04.d), the 0 is ignored.	No padding.
blank (' ')	Prefix the output value with a blank if the output value is signed and positive; the blank is ignored if both the blank and + flags appear.	No blank appears.
#	When used with the o , x , or X format, the # flag prefixes any nonzero output value with 0, 0x, or 0X, respectively.	No blank appears.
	When used with the e , E , f , a or A format, the # flag forces the output value to contain a decimal point in all cases.	Decimal point appears only if digits follow it.
	When used with the g or G format, the # flag forces the output value to contain a decimal point in all cases and prevents the truncation of trailing zeros. Ignored when used with c , d , i , u , or s .	Decimal point appears only if digits follow it. Trailing zeros are truncated.

Format specification: *width*

- The *width* argument is a nonnegative decimal integer controlling the minimum number of characters printed.
- If the number of characters in the output value is less than the specified width, blanks are added to the left or the right of the values — depending on whether the – *flag* (for left alignment) is specified.
- If the number of characters in the output value is greater than the specified width, or if *width* is not given, all characters of the value are printed.
- If the *width* specification is an asterisk (*), an **int** argument from the argument list supplies the value (see page 154). **This case is rare.**

Format specification: *precision*

How Precision Values Affect Type

c, C	The precision has no effect.	Character is printed.
d, i, u, o, x, X	The precision specifies the minimum number of digits to be printed. If the number of digits in the argument is less than <i>precision</i> , the output value is padded on the left with zeros. The value is not truncated when the number of digits exceeds <i>precision</i> .	Default precision is 1.
e, E	The precision specifies the number of digits to be printed after the decimal point. The last printed digit is rounded.	Default precision is 6; if <i>precision</i> is 0 or the period (.) appears without a number following it, no decimal point is printed.
f	The precision value specifies the number of digits after the decimal point. If a decimal point appears, at least one digit appears before it. The value is rounded to the appropriate number of digits.	Default precision is 6; if <i>precision</i> is 0, or if the period (.) appears without a number following it, no decimal point is printed.
g, G	The precision specifies the maximum number of significant digits printed.	Six significant digits are printed, with any trailing zeros truncated.
s, S	The precision specifies the maximum number of characters to be printed. Characters in excess of <i>precision</i> are not printed.	Characters are printed until a null character is encountered.

Format spec : example 1

`%[flags] [width] [.precision] [{h | l | ll | I | I32 | I64}]type`

`%10s`

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
h	e	l	l	o	,			w	o	r	d

flag = empty

width = 10

precision = empty

type = string

length("hello, world") = 12 > width = 10

Rule : If the number of characters in the output value is greater than the specified width, all characters of the value are printed.

print last two characters also

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
h	e	l	l	o	,			w	o	r	d

Format spec : example 2

`%[flags] [width] [precision] [{h | l | ll | I | I32 | I64}]type`

`%-15.10s`

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
h	e	l	l	o	,		w	o	r					

flag = minus

width = 15

precision = 10

type = string

left alignment

Characters in excess of **precision** are not printed.

width = 15

left alignment

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
h	e	l	l	o	,		w	o	r	l	d			

OutLine

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Variable-length Argument Lists

```
int printf ( char *fmt, ... )
```



The number and types of these arguments may vary

Question 1: how to walk through argument list when this list doesn't have a name and type?

Question 2: how to know number of arguments in the argument list?

```
char word[] = "hello, world" ;  
  
printf("%-15s:%s: \n"      , ":%s:"      , word);
```

fmt *arg1* *arg2*

Header file: stdarg.h

- void **va_start** (va_list *arg_ptr*, *prev_param*)
va_start sets *arg_ptr* to the first optional argument in the list of arguments passed to the function. The argument *arg_ptr* must have **va_list** type. The argument *prev_param* is the name of the required parameter immediately preceding the first optional argument in the argument list.
- **type va_arg**(va_list *arg_ptr*, *type*)
va_arg retrieves a value of type from the location given by *arg_ptr* and increments *arg_ptr* to point to the next argument in the list, using the size of type to determine where the next argument starts.
- void **va_end**(va_list *arg_list*)
va_end resets the pointer to **NULL**.

minprintf.cpp

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdarg.h>

// minprintf: minimal printf with variable argument list
void minprintf( char *fmt, ... )
{
    va_list ap ; // points to each unnamed arg in turn
    char *p, *sval ;
    int ival ;
    double dval ;

    1 va_start(ap, fmt); // make ap point to 1st unnamed arg
    for ( p = fmt ; *p ; p++ ){
        if ( '%' != *p ){
            putchar(*p) ;
            continue ;
        }
        switch( *++p ){
            case 'd' :
                2 ival = va_arg(ap, int) ;
                printf("%d", ival) ;
                break ;
            case 'f' :
                2 dval = va_arg(ap, double) ;
                printf("%f", dval) ;
                break ;
            case 's' :
                2 for ( sval = va_arg(ap, char*) ; *sval ; sval++){
                    putchar( *sval ) ;
                }
                break ;
            default:
                putchar( *p ) ;
                break ;
        }
    }
    3 // for each character *p
    va_end( ap ) ; // clean up when done
}
```

Example: min-printf

main.cpp

```
#include <stdio.h>

void minprintf( char *fmt, ... ) ;

int main( int argc, char *argv[] )
{
    char word[] = "hello, world" ;
    int    x = 3 ;
    double y = 4.0 ;

    minprintf( "x = %d, y = %f, word = %s\n",
              x, y, word ) ;

    return 0 ;
}
```

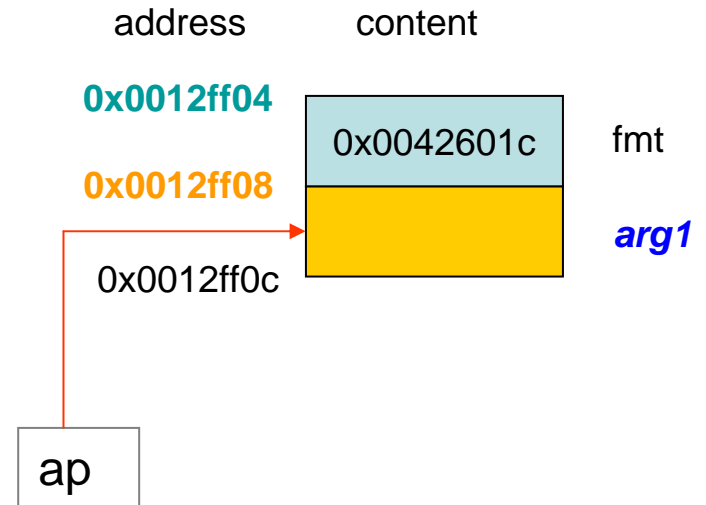
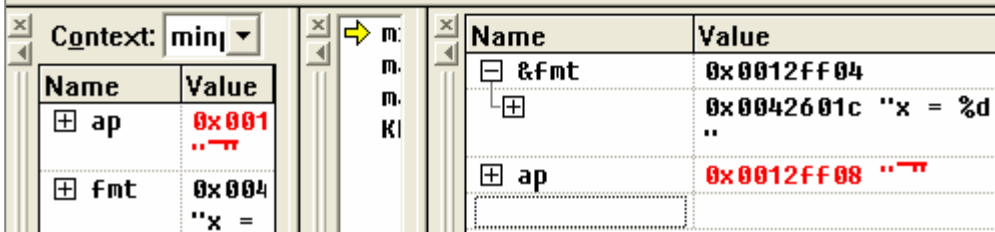
address	content	
0x0012ff64	4.0	y
0x0012ff6c	3	x
0x0012ff70	hello, world\0	word
0x0012ff7c		

Macro va_start

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdarg.h>

// minprintf: minimal printf with variable argument list
void minprintf( char *fmt, ... )
{
    va_list ap ; // points to each unnamed arg in turn
    char *p, *sval ;
    int ival ;
    double dval ;

    va_start(ap, fmt); // make ap point to 1st unnamed arg
    for ( p = fmt ; *p ; p++ ){
        if ( '%' != *p ){
            putchar(*p) ;
            continue ;
        }
        switch( *++p ){
```

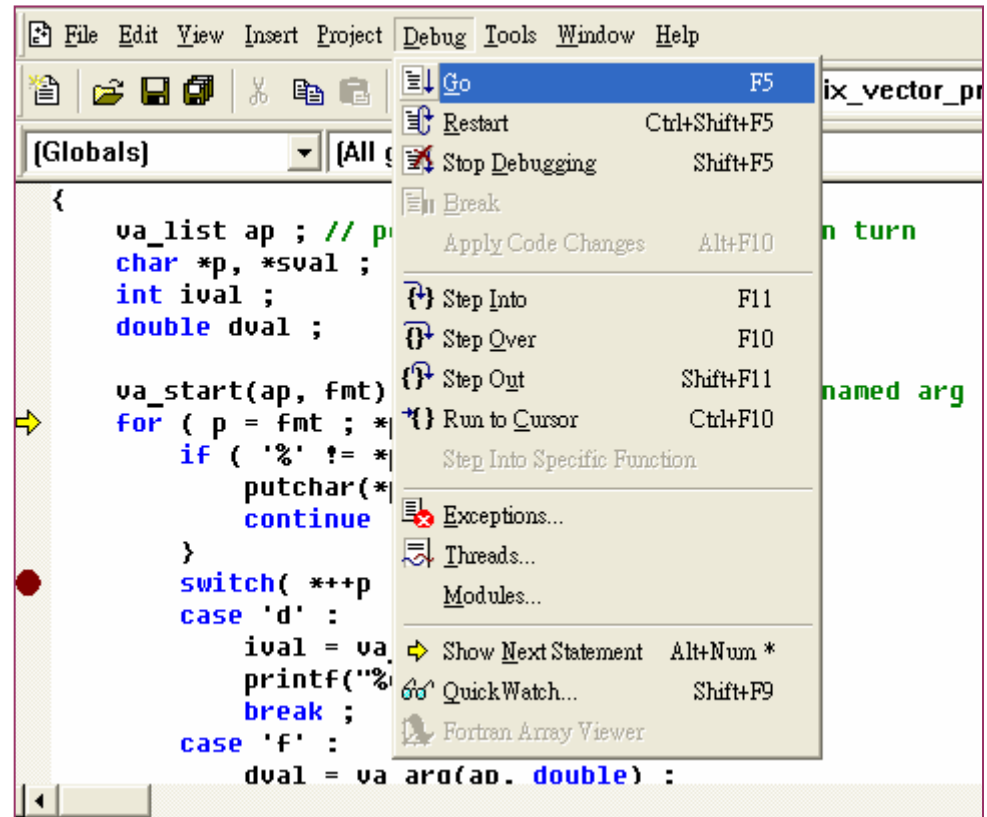


Given variable name *fmt*, macro *va_start* compute next argument adjacent to *fmt*

```
va_start(ap, fmt); // make ap point to 1
for ( p = fmt ; *p ; p++ ){
    if ( '%' != *p ){
        putchar(*p) ;
        continue ;
    }
    switch( **p ){
    case 'd' :
        ival = va_arg(ap, int) ;
        printf("%d", ival) ;
        break ;
    case 'f' :
        dval = va_arg(ap, double) ;
```

1. 按 F9 產生一個中斷點

2. Debug → Go 至下一個中斷點



```

va_start(ap, fmt); // make ap point to 1st unnamed arg
for ( p = fmt ; *p ; p++) {
    if ( '%' != *p ) {
        putchar(*p) ;
        continue ;
    }
    switch( *++p ) {
    case 'd' :
        ival = va_arg(ap, int) ;
        printf( "ival = %d\n", ival );
        break ;
    case 'f' :
        dval = va_arg(ap, double) ;

```

Name	Value
*p	37 '%'

Name	Value
&fmt	0x0012ff04
+	0x0042601c "x = %"
+	..
+	ap 0x0012ff08 " "
+	p 0x00426020 "%d, y"
	37 '%'

In order to reach this break-point, condition in if-else clause must be false, say $p = \text{'%'}$

matched

按 F10 執行 $p++$, 爾後再執行 $*p$

```

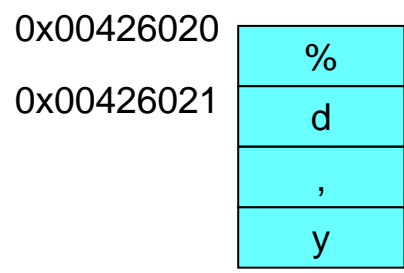
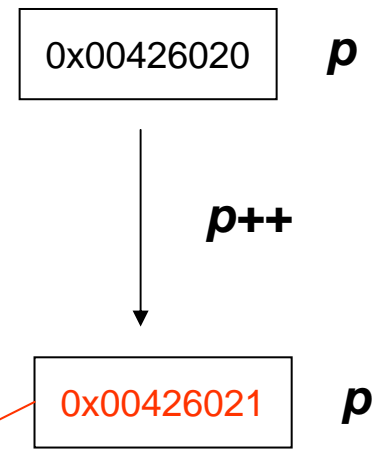
va_start(ap, fmt); // make ap point to 1st unnamed arg
for ( p = fmt ; *p ; p++ ){
    if ( '%' != *p ){
        putchar(*p) ;
        continue ;
    }
    switch( *++p ){
    case 'd' :
        ival = va_arg(ap, int) ;
        printf("%d", ival) ;
        break ;
    case 'f' :
        dval = va_arg(ap, double) ;

```

按 F10 將指標 **ap** 移下一個 int 的長度

Name	Value
ap	0x001 ..
ival	-8589
*p	100 'd'

Name	Value
&fmt	0x0012ff04
ap	0x0042601c "x = %d ..
p	0x0012ff08 "y ..
	100 'd'



Macro va_arg

```
va_start(ap, fmt); // make ap point to 1st unamed arg
for ( p = fmt ; *p ; p++ ){
    if ( '%' != *p ){
        putchar(*p) ;
        continue ;
    }
    switch( **p ){
    case 'd' :
        ival = va_arg(ap, int) ;
        printf("%d", ival) ;
        break ;
    case 'f' :
        dval = va_arg(ap, double) ;
```

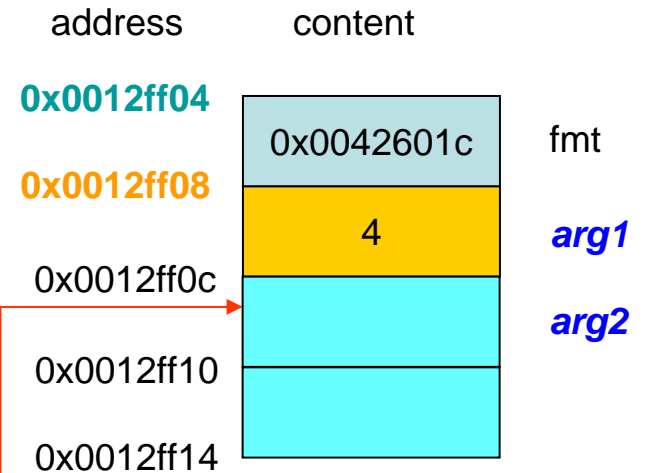
Name	Value
ap	0x001
ival	3

Name	Value
&fmt	0x0012ff04
ap	0x0012ff0c
p	0x00426021

Debug → Go 至下一個中斷點

1. 以 int 型態取出 **ap** 所指的內容，並存入 **ival** 中

2. 移動指標 **ap** 一個 int 的長度，即 **ap** 指向下一個 argument (**arg2**)



ap

```
va_start(ap, fmt); // make ap point to 1st unnamed arg
for ( p = fmt ; *p ; p++ ){
    if ( '%' != *p ){
        putchar(*p) ;
        continue ;
    }
    switch( **p ){
        case 'd' :
            ival = va_arg(ap, int) ;
            printf("%d", ival) ;
            break ;
        case 'f' :
            dval = va_arg(ap, double) ;
```

1. 按 F10 執行 **p++**, 爾後再執行 ***p**

Context: minj	
Name	Value
*p	37 '%'

Name	Value
&fmt	0x0012ff04
+	0x0042601c 'x = ..
+	ap 0x0012ff0c ""
+	p 0x00426028 '%f, .. 37 '%'

```
switch( **p ){
    case 'd' :
        ival = va_arg(ap, int) ;
        printf("%d", ival) ;
        break ;
    case 'f' :
        dval = va_arg(ap, double) ;
        printf("%f", dval) ;
        break ;
    case 's' :
        for ( sval = va_arg(ap, char*) ; *sval ; sval++){
            putchar( *sval ) ;
        }
        break ;
    default:
        putchar( *0 ) ;
```

2. 按 F10 將指標 **ap** 移下一個 double 的長度

```

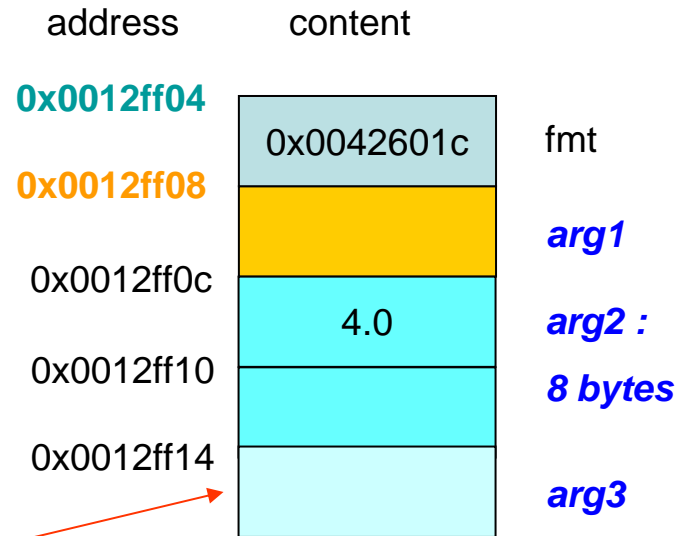
switch( *++p ){
case 'd' :
    ival = va_arg(ap, int) ;
    printf("%d", ival) ;
    break ;
case 'f' :
    dval = va_arg(ap, double) ;
    printf("%F", dval) ;
    break ;
case 's' :
    for ( sval = va_arg(ap, char*) : *sval : sval++) {

```

1. 以 **double** 型態取出 **ap** 所指的內容, 並存入 **dval** 中

2. 移動指標 **ap** 一個 **double** 的長度, 即 **ap** 指向下一個 argument (**arg3**)

Debug → Go 至下一個中斷點



ap

按 F10 執行 `sval = va_arg(ap, char*)`

The top screenshot shows the following code:

```

case 's' :
    for ( sval = va_arg(ap, char*) ; *sval ; sval++){
        putchar( *sval ) ;
    }
    break ;
default:
    putchar( *p ) ;
break :

```

The bottom screenshot shows the code after execution:

```

case 's' :
    for ( sval = va_arg(ap, char*) ; *sval ; sval++){
        putchar( *sval ) ;
    }
    break ;
default:
    putchar( *p ) ;
break :

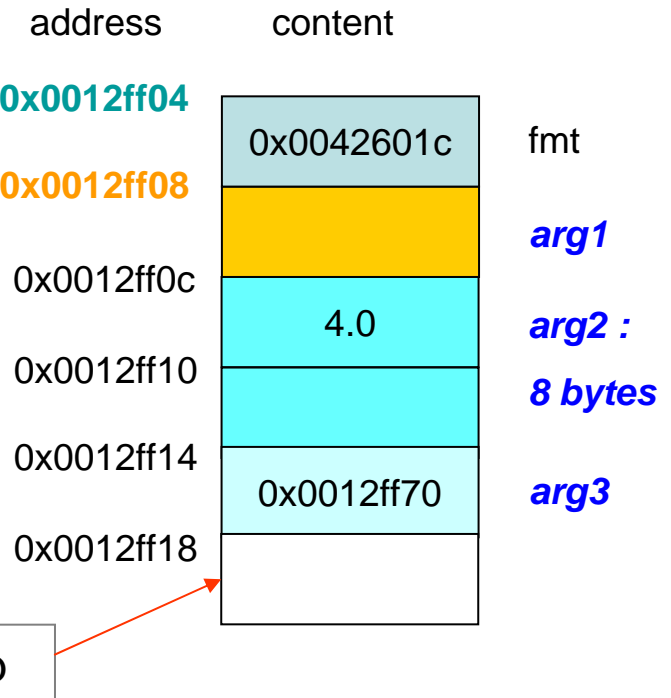
```

The variable state in the bottom screenshot is as follows:

Name	Value
ap	0x001 "pj"
sval	0x001 "hell world"
*sval	104 'h'

1. 以 `char*` 型態取出 `ap` 所指的內容, 並存入 `sval` 中

2. 移動指標 `ap` 一個 `char*` 的長度, 即 `ap` 指向下一個 argument (`arg4`)



2. Debug → Go 至下一個中斷點

1. 按 F9 產生一個中斷點

```
    case 's' :
        for ( sval = va_arg(ap, char*) ; *sval ; sval++){
            putchar( *sval ) ;
        }
        break ;
    default:
        putchar( *p ) ;
        break ;
}

} // for each character *p
va_end( ap ) ; // clean up when done
}
```

3.按 F10 執行 va_end

```
    case 's' :
        for ( sval = va_arg(ap, char*) ; *sval ; sval++){
            putchar( *sval ) ;
        }
        break ;
    default:
        putchar( *p ) ;
        break ;
}

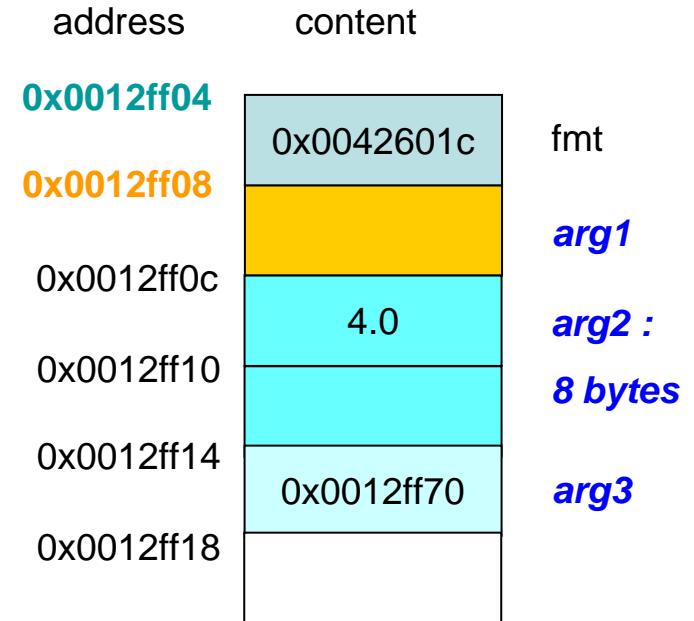
} // for each character *p
va_end( ap ) ; // clean up when done
}
```

Macro va_end

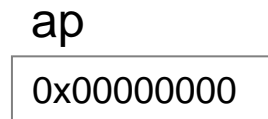
```
case 's' :
    for ( sval = va_arg(ap, char*) ; *sval ; sval++){
        putchar( *sval ) ;
    }
    break ;
default:
    putchar( *p ) ;
    break ;
}

} // for each character *p
va_end( ap ) ; // clean up when done
}
```

Name	Value
ap	0x00000000
&fmt	0x0012ff04
ap	0x00000000
p	0x00426036
sval	0x0012ff7c



Macro *va_end* resets pointer *ap*



Drawback of variable-length

- How to make sure consistence between *fmt* and number of parameters, `arg1`, `arg2`,
- *IMSL* (線代及統計函式庫) use `\0` as final terminator, like string.
- Usual error in *printf* is mismatch of number of parameters. See homework

twins of printf – sprintf page 245

int *sprintf* (char* *s*, const char **fmt*, ...)

sprintf is the same as *printf* except that the output is written into the string *s*, terminated with '\0'.

String *s* must be big enough to hold the result.

Return value: the number of bytes stored in string *s*, not counting the terminating null character.

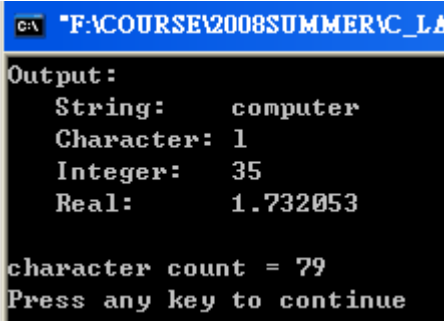
```
#include <stdio.h>

int main( void )
{
    char  buffer[200], s[] = "computer", c = 'l';
    int   i = 35, j;
    float fp = 1.7320534f;

    // Format and print various data:
    j = sprintf( buffer,      "   String:   %s\n", s ); // C4996
    j += sprintf( buffer + j, "   Character: %c\n", c ); // C4996
    j += sprintf( buffer + j, "   Integer:   %d\n", i ); // C4996
    j += sprintf( buffer + j, "   Real:      %f\n", fp );// C4996
    // Note: sprintf is deprecated; consider using sprintf_s instead

    printf( "Output:\n%s\ncharacter count = %d\n", buffer, j );

    return 0;
}
```



```
C:\ *F:\COURSE\2008SUMMER\C_LA
Output:
String:   computer
Character: l
Integer:   35
Real:     1.732053
character count = 79
Press any key to continue
```

OutLine

- Format of printf
- Variable-length argument lists
- **Formatted input – scanf**
- File access
- Command execution

Formatted input – scanf

```
int scanf ( char *fmt, ... )
```

```
int fscanf ( FILE* stream, char *fmt, ... )
```

```
scanf ( fmt, ... ) = fscanf ( stdin, fmt, ... )
```

scanf reads characters from standard input, interprets them according to the specification in **fmt**, and stores the results through the remaining arguments.

It returns number of input items converted and assigned.

Each of arguments must be a **pointer**, indicating where the corresponding converted input should be stored.

Question: why must arguments be pointers?

Format specification (from MSDN library)

`%[*] [width] [{h | l | ll | I64 | L}]type`

- ***width***
The *width* field is a positive decimal integer controlling the maximum number of characters to be read for that field. No more than *width* characters are converted and stored at the corresponding argument.
- ***Size***
The optional prefixes *h*, *l*, *ll*, *I64*, and *L* indicate the size of the argument.
- ***type***
The type character determines whether the associated argument is interpreted as a character, string, or number.

Format specification: *type* from MSDN

Type Characters for scanf functions

Character	Type of input expected	Type of argument
c	Character. When used with scanf functions, specifies single-byte character; when used with wscanf functions, specifies wide character. White-space characters that are ordinarily skipped are read when c is specified. To read next non-white-space single-byte character, use %1s ; to read next non-white-space wide character, use %1ws .	Pointer to char when used with scanf functions, pointer to wchar_t when used with wscanf functions.
d	Decimal integer.	Pointer to int .
i	Decimal, hexadecimal, or octal integer.	Pointer to int .
o	Octal integer.	Pointer to int .
u	Unsigned decimal integer.	Pointer to unsigned int .
x	Hexadecimal integer.	Pointer to int .
e, E, f, g, G	Floating-point value consisting of optional sign (+ or -), series of one or more decimal digits containing decimal point, and optional exponent ("e" or "E") followed by an optionally signed integer value.	Pointer to float .
s	String, up to first white-space character (space, tab or newline). To read strings not delimited by space characters, use set of square brackets ([]), as discussed in scanf Width Specification .	When used with scanf functions, signifies single-byte character array; when used with wscanf functions, signifies wide-character array. In either case, character array must be large enough for input field plus terminating null character, which is automatically appended.

Format specification: *size*

Size Prefixes for scanf and wscanf Format-Type Specifiers

To specify	Use prefix	With type specifier
double	l	e, E, f, g, or G
long double (same as double)	L	e, E, f, g, or G
long int	l	d, i, o, x, or X
long unsigned int	l	u
long long	ll	d, i, o, x, or X
short int	h	d, i, o, x, or X
short unsigned int	h	u
__int64	I64	d, i, o, u, x, or X
Single-byte character with scanf	h	c or C

Rudimentary calculator in page 158

`%lf`

type = *f* (floating-point)

size = *l* (double 因爲 type = *f*)

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main( int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    double sum, v ;

    sum = 0.0 ;
    while( 1 == scanf("%lf", &v) ){
        printf("\t read v = %.2f, sum = ", v ) ;
        printf("\t%.2f\n", sum += v ) ;
    }
    return 0 ;
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main( int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    double sum, v ;

    sum = 0.0 ;
    while( 1 == scanf("%2lf", &v) ){
        printf("\t read v = %.2f, sum = ", v ) ;
        printf("\t%.2f\n", sum += v ) ;
    }
    return 0 ;
}
```

```
C:\ "F:\COURSE\2008SUMMER\C_LANG\EXAMPLE\CHAP7\calcu
10
    read v = 10.00, sum = 10.00
100
    read v = 100.00, sum =      110.00
1 1 1
    read v = 1.00, sum = 111.00
    read v = 1.00, sum = 112.00
    read v = 1.00, sum = 113.00
```

Question: what's the result?

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Example: cat (串連檔案)

```
[ims1@linux ims1]$ man cat
```

NAME

cat - concatenate files and print on the standard output

SYNOPSIS

cat [OPTION] [FILE]...

DESCRIPTION

Concatenate FILE(s), or standard input, to standard output.

```
[ims1@linux ims1]$ cat /proc/cpuinfo /proc/meminfo
```

```
f00f_bug      : no
coma_bug      : no
fpu           : yes
fpu_exception : yes
cpuid level   : 3
wp            : yes
flags         : fpu vme de pse tsc msr pae mce cx8 apic sep mtrr
pat pse36 clflush dts acpi mmx fxsr sse sse2 ss ht tm
bogomips     : 6016.20
```

```
          total:      used:      free:  shared: buffers:  cached:
Mem:  2113986560 470085632 1643900928          0 110436352 151838720
Swap: 2097434624          0 2097434624
MemTotal:      2064440 kB
MemFree:       1605372 kB
MemShared:           0 kB
Buffers:       107848 kB
Cached:        148280 kB
```

串連檔案 /proc/cpuinfo 和
檔案 /proc/meminfo

Framework of cat

```
cat /proc/cpuinfo /proc/meminfo
```

filename1 **filename2**

psudocode of *cat*

for each file name **filename**

1 **open filename**

2 **read** every character from filename and **output** to screen

3 **close filename**

endfor

1. **fopen** : open a file for read/write

2. **getc, putc** : get character, put character

3. **fclose** : closed a file which is opened

Source code of cat

main.cpp

```
#include <stdio.h>

void filecopy( FILE *ifp, FILE *ofp ) ;

int main( int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    1 FILE *fp ;

    if ( 1 == argc ){ // no args: copy standard input
        filecopy( stdin, stdout ) ;
    }else{
        while( --argc >0 ){
            2 fp = fopen( *++argv, "r" ) ;

            if ( NULL == fp ){
                printf("cat: can't open %s\n", *argv);
            }else{
                3 filecopy( fp, stdout ) ;
                4 fclose( fp ) ;
            }
            }// for each argument
    }
    return 0 ;
}
```

filecopy.cpp

```
#include <stdio.h>

void filecopy( FILE *ifp, FILE *ofp )
{
    int c ;

    while ( EOF != (c = getc(ifp)) ){
        putc(c, ofp ) ;
    }
}
```

OR

```
#include <stdio.h>

void filecopy( FILE *ifp, FILE *ofp )
{
    int c ;

    while ( EOF != (c = fgetc(ifp)) ){
        fputc(c, ofp ) ;
    }
}
```

Type *FILE* in stdio.h

Visual studio

```
#ifndef _FILE_DEFINED
struct _iobuf {
    char *_ptr;
    int _cnt;
    char *_base;
    int _flag;
    int _file;
    int _charbuf;
    int _bufsiz;
    char *_tmpfname;
};
typedef struct _iobuf FILE;
#define _FILE_DEFINED
#endif
```

Linux radhat9

```
/* The opaque type of streams. This is the definition used elsewhere. */
typedef struct _IO_FILE FILE;
```

```
/*
 * Number of entries in _iob[] (declared below). Note that _NSTREAM_ must be
 * greater than or equal to _IOB_ENTRIES.
 */
#define _IOB_ENTRIES 20
/* Declare _iob[] array */

#ifndef _STDIO_DEFINED
_CRTIMP extern FILE _iob[];
#endif /* _STDIO_DEFINED */
```

```
#define stdin (&_iob[0])
#define stdout (&_iob[1])
#define stderr (&_iob[2])
```

```
/* Standard streams. */
extern struct _IO_FILE *stdin;
extern struct _IO_FILE *stdout;
extern struct _IO_FILE *stderr;
```

FILE* *fopen* (const char **filename*, const char **mode*)

mode	description
<i>"r"</i>	Opens for reading. If the file does not exist or cannot be found, the <i>fopen</i> call fails.
<i>"w"</i>	Opens an empty file for writing. If the given file exists, its contents are destroyed.
<i>"a"</i>	Opens for writing at the end of the file (appending) without removing the EOF marker before writing new data to the file; creates the file first if it doesn't exist.
<i>"r+"</i>	Opens for both reading and writing. (The file must exist.)
<i>"w+"</i>	Opens an empty file for both reading and writing. If the given file exists, its contents are destroyed.
<i>"a+"</i>	Opens for reading and appending; the appending operation includes the removal of the EOF marker before new data is written to the file and the EOF marker is restored after writing is complete; creates the file first if it doesn't exist.

- int **fgetc** (FILE* *stream*)
fgetc returns the next character of *stream* as an *unsigned char* (converted to an *int*), or *EOF* if end of file or error occurs.
- int **getc** (FILE* *stream*)
getc is equivalent to *fgetc* except that if it is a macro, it may evaluate *stream* more than once
- int **fputc** (int c, FILE* *stream*)
fputc writes the character c (converted to an *unsigned char*) on *stream*. It returns the character written, or *EOF* for an error.
- Int **putc** (int c, FILE* *stream*)
putc is equivalent to *fputc* except that if it is a macro, it may evaluate *stream* more than once
- int **fclose** (FILE* *stream*)
fclose flushes any unwritten data for *stream*, discards any unread buffered input, frees any automatically allocated buffer, then close the *stream*. It returns *EOF* if any errors occurred, and zero otherwise.

Summary of standard IO

- When a C program started, the OS (operating system 作業系統) environment is responsible for opening three files (standard input, standard output and standard error) and providing file pointers for them.
- File pointers are called *stdin*, *stdout*, *stderr* declared in `stdio.h`
- *stdin* is connected to keyboard and *stdout* is connected to the screen, but *stdin* and *stdout* may be re-directed to files or pipes.
- *getchar* and *putchar* can be defined in terms of *getc*, *putc*, *stdin* and *stdout*

```
#define getchar( )      getc(stdin)  
#define putchar( c )   putc( (c), stdout )
```
- *scanf* and *printf* can be defined in terms of *fscanf* and *fprintf*

```
int fscanf( FILE *fp, char *fmt, ... )  
int fprintf( FILE *fp, char *fmt, ... )
```

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Command execution

int **system** (const char ***s**)

system passes the string **s** to the environment for execution. If **s** is NULL, return non-zero if there is a command processor. If **s** is not NULL, the return value is implementation-dependent.

```
#include <stdlib.h>

int main( void )
{
    #ifdef _WIN32
        system( "dir" );
    #else
        system( "ls -al" );
    #endif

    return 0 ;
}
```

```
[ims1@linux system]$ ls
Debug main.cpp system.dsp system.dsw system.ncb system.opt system.plg
[ims1@linux system]$ icpc main.cpp
[ims1@linux system]$ ls
a.out main.cpp system.dsw system.opt
Debug system.dsp system.ncb system.plg
[ims1@linux system]$ ./a.out
total 108
drwxr-xr-x  3 ims1  ims1   4096 Jul  8  2008 .
drwxr-xr-x  6 ims1  ims1   4096 Jul  8  2008 ..
-rwxrwxr-x  1 ims1  ims1  25280 Jul  8  10:50 a.out
drwxr-xr-x  2 ims1  ims1   4096 Jul  8  2008 Debug
-rw-r--r--  1 ims1  ims1   142 Jul  8  2008 main.cpp
-rw-r--r--  1 ims1  ims1  4660 Jul  8  2008 system.dsp
-rw-r--r--  1 ims1  ims1   535 Jul  8  2008 system.dsw
-rw-rw-r--  1 ims1  ims1    0 Jul  8  2008 system.ncb
-rw-r--r--  1 ims1  ims1 48640 Jul  8  2008 system.opt
-rw-r--r--  1 ims1  ims1  1289 Jul  8  2008 system.plg
[ims1@linux system]$
```

```
C:\> "F:\course\2008summer\c_lang\example\chap7\system\Debug\system.exe"
磁碟區 F 中的磁碟沒有標籤。
磁碟區序號: C065-A3C9

F:\course\2008summer\c_lang\example\chap7\system 的目錄

2008/07/08 上午 11:02 <DIR> .
2008/07/08 上午 11:02 <DIR> ..
2008/07/08 上午 11:02 <DIR> Debug
2008/07/08 上午 11:02      146 main.cpp
2008/07/08 上午 10:56    4,660 system.dsp
2008/07/08 上午 10:55     535 system.dsw
2008/07/08 上午 10:55   25,600 system.ncb
2008/07/08 上午 11:02   48,640 system.opt
2008/07/08 上午 11:02    1,289 system.plg
      6 個檔案      80,870 位元組
      3 個目錄   11,673,010,176 位元組可用
Press any key to continue_
```