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CSE2301

Dynamic Memory Allocation and Structs

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Dynamic memory Allocation

- How to allocate memory during run time.
- int x=10;
- int myarray[x]; That is not allowed in C

malloc()

- In stdlib.h
- void *malloc(int n);
- Allocate memory at run time.
- Returns a pointer (to a void) to at least n bytes available.
- Returns null if the memory was not allocated.
- The memory are not initialized.

calloc()

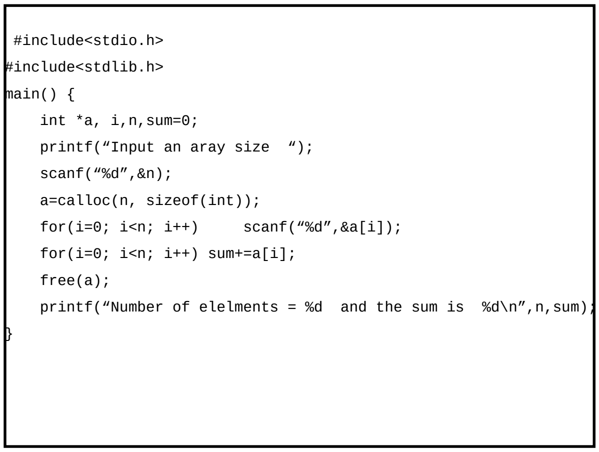
- void *calloc(int n, int s);
- Allocates an array of n elements where each element has size s;
- calloc initializes memory to 0.

realloc()

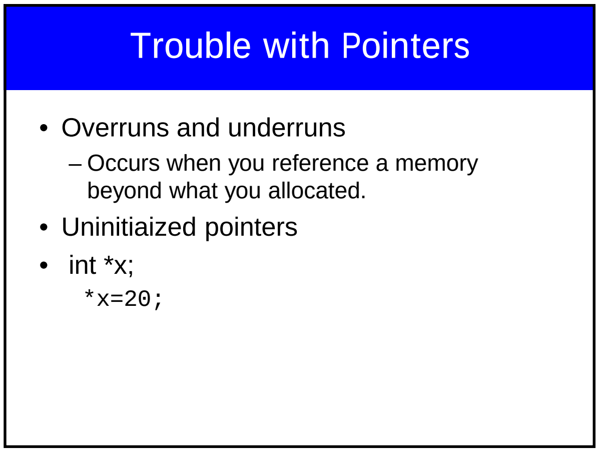
- What if we want our array to grow (or shrink)?
- void * realloc(void *ptr, int n);
- Resizes a previously allocated block of memory.
- ptr must have been returned from either calloc, malloc, or realloc.
- Array me be moved it it could not be extended in its current location.

free()

- void free(void *ptr)
- Releases the memory we previously allocated.
- ptr must have been returned by malloc, alloc, or realloc.



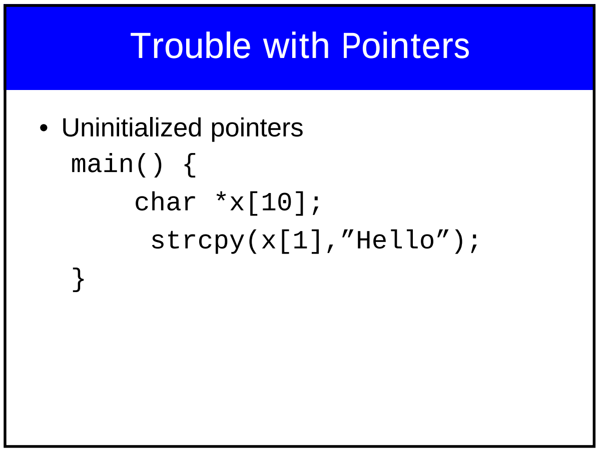
```
 #include<stdio.h>
#include<stdlib.h>
main() {
    int *a, i,n,sum=0;
    printf(“Input an aray size  “);
    scanf(“%d”,&n);
    a=calloc(n, sizeof(int));
    for(i=0; i<n; i++)     scanf(“%d”,&a[i]);
    for(i=0; i<n; i++) sum+=a[i];
    free(a);
    printf(“Number of elelments = %d  and the sum is  %d\n”,n,sum);
}
```



Trouble with Pointers

- Overruns and underruns
  - Occurs when you reference a memory beyond what you allocated.
- Uninitiaized pointers
- int *x;

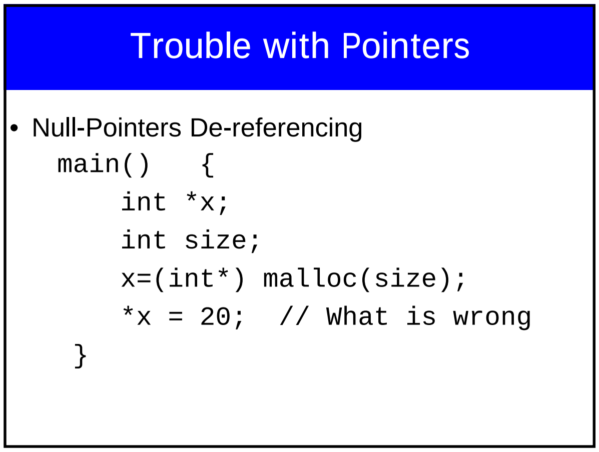
```
  *x=20;
```



Trouble with Pointers

- Uninitialized pointers

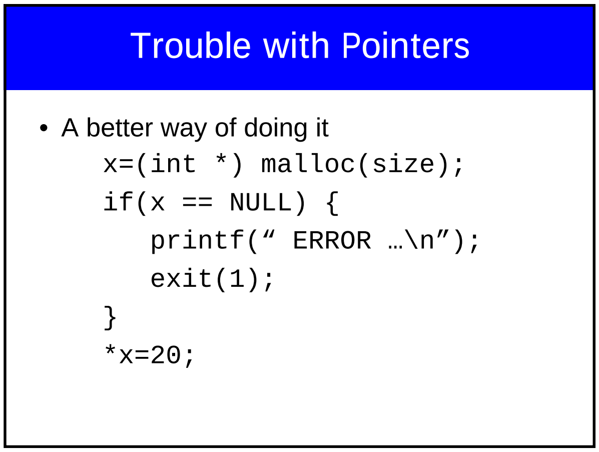
```
main() {
    char *x[10];
     strcpy(x[1],”Hello”);
}
```



Trouble with Pointers

- Null-Pointers De-referencing

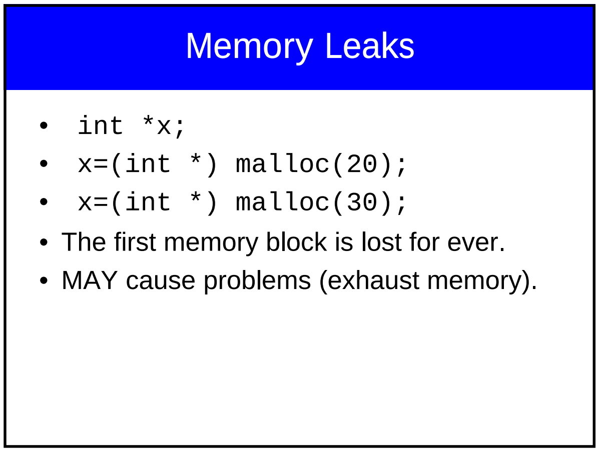
```
main()   {
    int *x;
    int size;
    x=(int*) malloc(size);
    *x = 20;  // What is wrong
 }
```



Trouble with Pointers

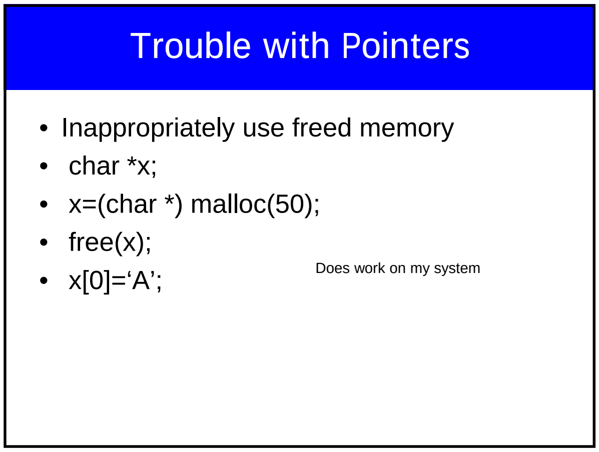
- A better way of doing it

```
x=(int *) malloc(size);
if(x == NULL) {
   printf(“ ERROR …\n”);
   exit(1);
}
*x=20;
```



Memory Leaks

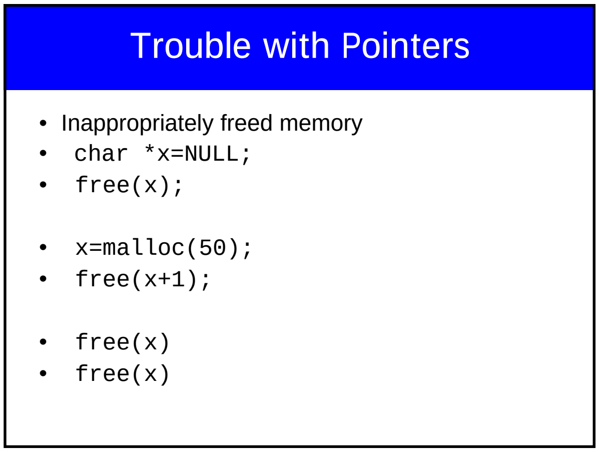
- `int *x;`
- `x=(int *) malloc(20);`
- `x=(int *) malloc(30);`
- The first memory block is lost for ever.
- MAY cause problems (exhaust memory).



Trouble with Pointers

- Inappropriately use freed memory
- char *x;
- x=(char *) malloc(50);
- free(x);
- x[0]=‘A’;

Does work on my system

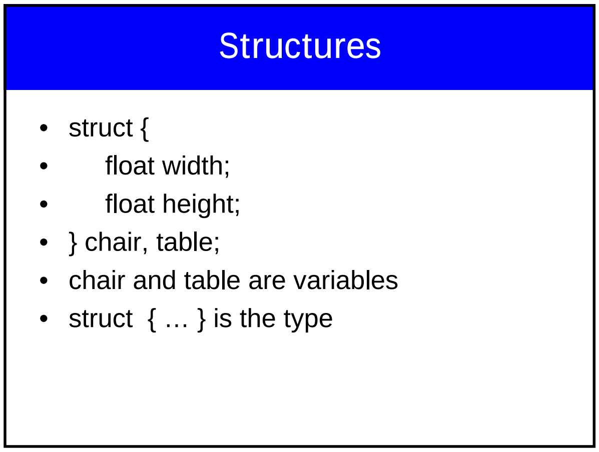


Trouble with Pointers

- Inappropriately freed memory
- `char *x=NULL;`
- `free(x);`

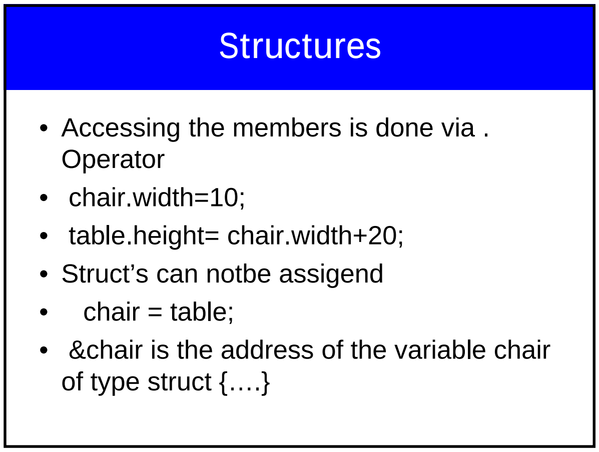
- `x=malloc(50);`
- `free(x+1);`

- `free(x)`
- `free(x)`



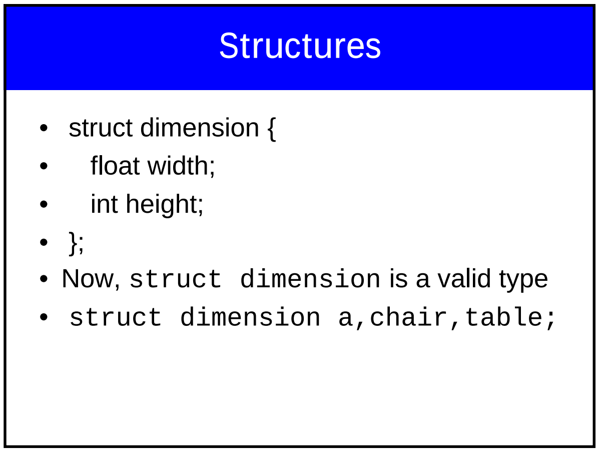
Structures

- struct {
-     float width;
-     float height;
- } chair, table;
- chair and table are variables
- struct { … } is the type



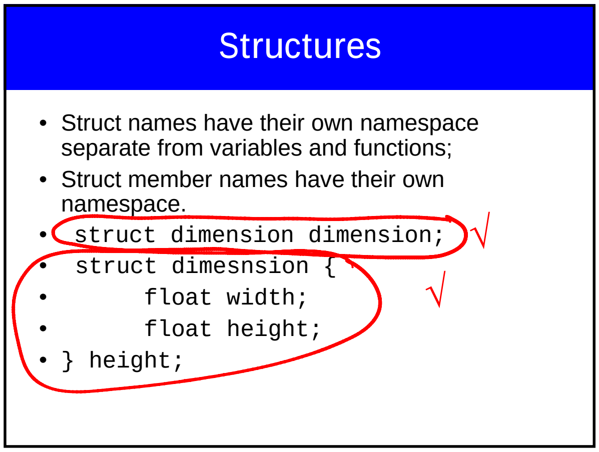
Structures

- Accessing the members is done via . Operator
- chair.width=10;
- table.height= chair.width+20;
- Struct’s can notbe assigend
- chair = table;
- &chair is the address of the variable chair of type struct {….}



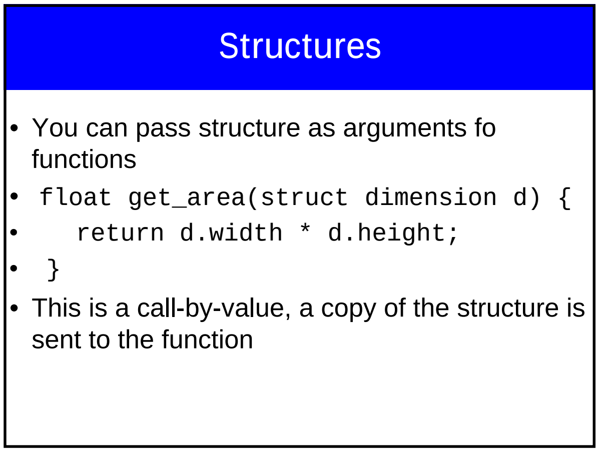
Structures

- struct dimension {
- float width;
- int height;
- };
- Now, `struct dimension` is a valid type
- `struct dimension a,chair,table;`



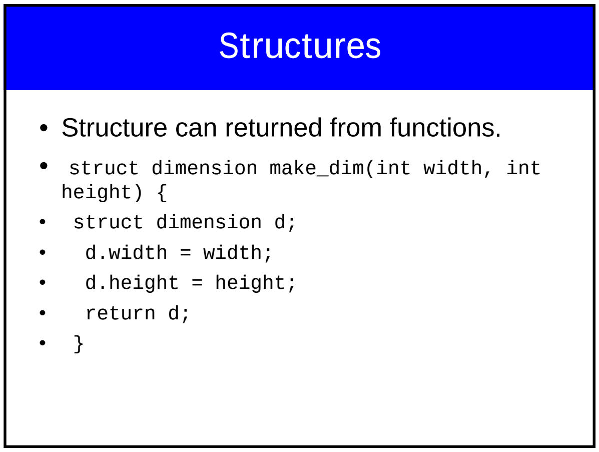
Structures

- Struct names have their own namespace separate from variables and functions;
- Struct member names have their own namespace.
- `struct dimension dimension;` ✓
- `struct dimesnsion {` ✓
- `      float width;`
- `      float height;`
- `} height;`



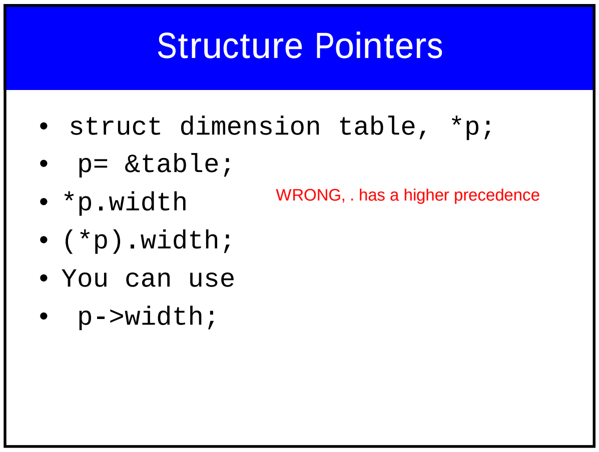
Structures

- You can pass structure as arguments fo functions
- `float get_area(struct dimension d) {`
- `   return d.width * d.height;`
- ` }`
- This is a call-by-value, a copy of the structure is sent to the function



Structures

- Structure can returned from functions.
- `struct dimension make_dim(int width, int height) {`
- ` struct dimension d;`
- `  d.width = width;`
- `  d.height = height;`
- `  return d;`
- ` }`



Structure Pointers

- `struct dimension table, *p;`
- ` p= &table;`
- `*p.width` WRONG, . has a higher precedence
- `(*p).width;`
- You can use
- ` p->width;`

Structures

- It is inefficient to pass large structures to functions, instead use pointers and you can manipulate the same structure.

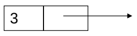
Example

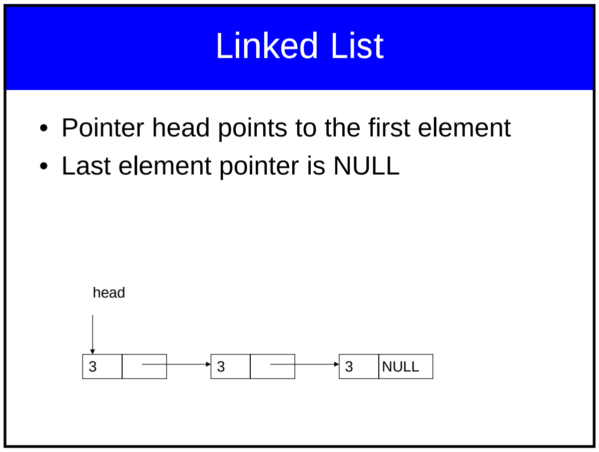
- #include <stdio.h>
- main() {
- struct {
-             int len;
-             int height;
- } tmp, *p=&tmp;
- tmp.len=10;
- tmp.height=20;
- printf(" 111   %d \n",++(p->len));
- printf(" 222   %d \n",++p->len);
- }

```
111    11
222    12
```

Linked List

- struct list {
-    int data;
-    struct list *next;
- };
- It is O.K. to use a pointer to a struct that is declared but not defined

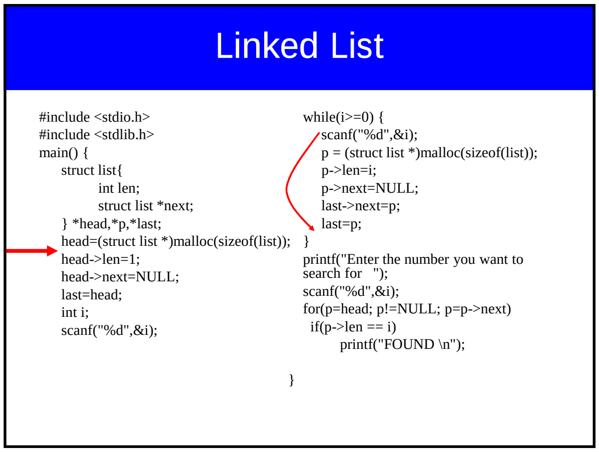




Linked List

- Pointer head points to the first element
- Last element pointer is NULL

head
3
3
3
NULL

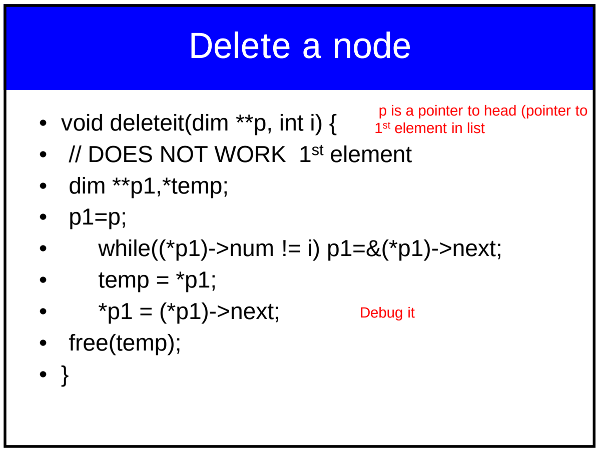


Linked List

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
main() {
     struct list{
          int len;
          struct list *next;
     } *head,*p,*last;
     head=(struct list *)malloc(sizeof(list));
     head->len=1;
     head->next=NULL;
     last=head;
     int i;
     scanf("%d",&i);
```

```
while(i>=0) {
    scanf("%d",&i);
    p = (struct list *)malloc(sizeof(list));
    p->len=i;
    p->next=NULL;
    last->next=p;
    last=p;
}
printf("Enter the number you want to
search for  ");
scanf("%d",&i);
for(p=head; p!=NULL; p=p->next)
  if(p->len == i)
        printf("FOUND \n");

}
```

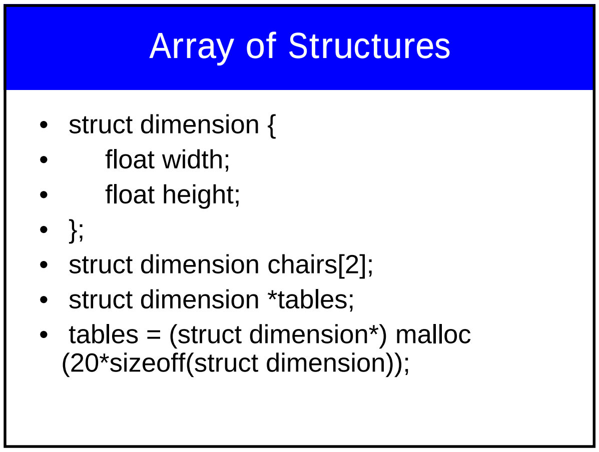


Delete a node

- void deleteit(dim **p, int i) {
- // DOES NOT WORK 1st element
- dim **p1,*temp;
- p1=p;
-     while((*p1)->num != i) p1=&(*p1)->next;
-     temp = *p1;
-     *p1 = (*p1)->next;
- free(temp);
- }

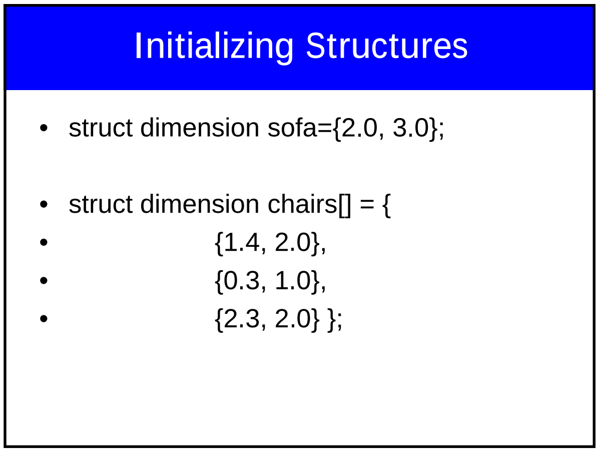
p is a pointer to head (pointer to 1st element in list

Debug it



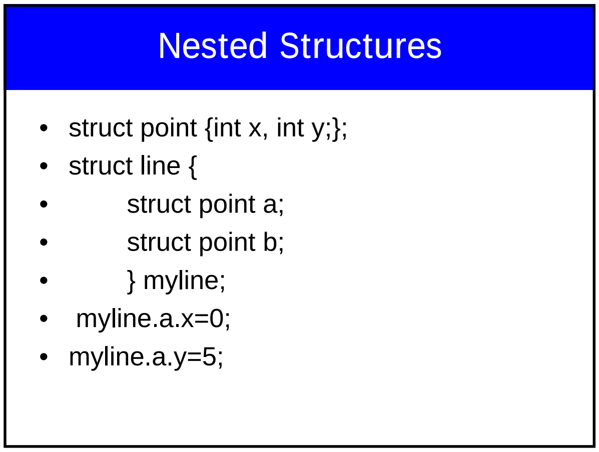
Array of Structures

- struct dimension {
- float width;
- float height;
- };
- struct dimension chairs[2];
- struct dimension *tables;
- tables = (struct dimension*) malloc (20*sizeoff(struct dimension));



Initializing Structures

- struct dimension sofa={2.0, 3.0};
- struct dimension chairs[] = {
- {1.4, 2.0},
- {0.3, 1.0},
- {2.3, 2.0} };



Nested Structures

- struct point {int x, int y;};
- struct line {
- struct point a;
- struct point b;
- } myline;
- myline.a.x=0;
- myline.a.y=5;

Structs

- struct {float w,h;} chair;
- struct dim {float w,h;} chair1;
- struct dim {float w,h;};
-     struct dim chair2;
- typedef struct {float w,h;} dim;
- dim x,y;

typedef

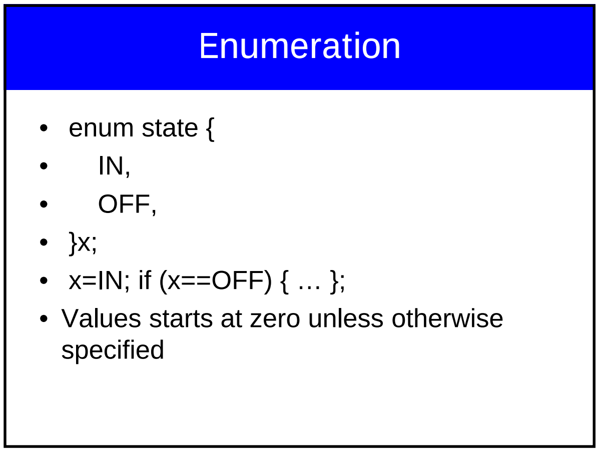
- We can define a new type and use it later

```
typedef struct {
     int x,y;
     float z;
  } newtype;
newtype a1,b1,c1,x;
```

- Now, newtype is a type in C just like int and float

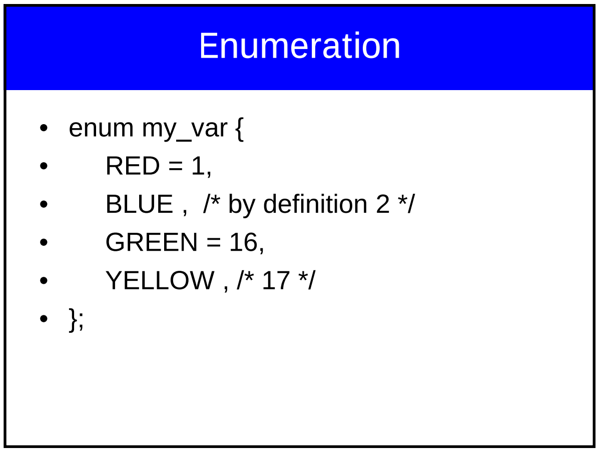
Unions

- union value {
-     int I;
-     char c;
-     float f;
- };
- Similar to struct but all variables share the same memory location, we access them differently
- unin value v;
- v.f=2.3; v.i=45; ….



Enumeration

- enum state {
- IN,
- OFF,
- }x;
- x=IN; if (x==OFF) { … };
- Values starts at zero unless otherwise specified



Enumeration

- enum my_var {
- RED = 1,
- BLUE , /* by definition 2 */
- GREEN = 16,
- YELLOW , /* 17 */
- };