

Programming with C I

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Functions Whose Result Values are structured

- **A local variable of the structure type can be allocated, filled with the desired data, and returned as the function result.**
- **The function does not return the address of the structure as it would with an array result.**
- **Rather, it returns the values of all components.**

Figure Function get_planet Returning a Structured Result Type

```
/*
 * Gets and returns a planet_t structure
 */
planet_t
get_planet (void)
{
    planet_t planet;

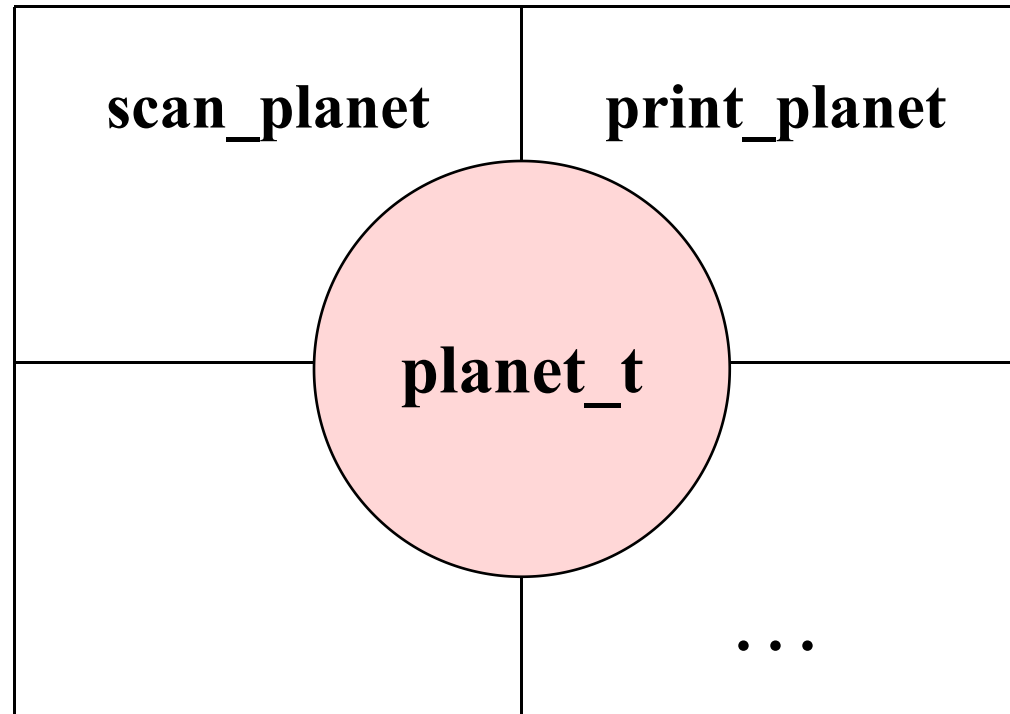
    scanf(“%s%lf%d%lf%lf”, planet.name,
        &planet.diameter,
        &planet.moons,
        &planet.orbit_time,
        &planet.rotation_time;

    return (planet);
}
```

Problem Solving with Structure Types

- **abstract data type (ADT)**
 - a data type combined with a set of basic operations

Figure Data Type `planet_t` and Basic Operations



Header files: defining the interface

```
#include<stdio.h>  
versus  
#include"class.h"
```

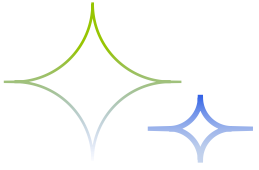
- **Angle brackets versus quotes tells compiler where to look for the file**
- **Gets copied in by preprocessor and then compiled in the .c file**
- **A .h file is never in the compile command**

```
gcc -o exe -Wall program.c
```

Header guards

- We don't want to include headers multiple times, but they may reference one another
- Solution: header guards

```
#ifndef FILENAME_H  
#define FILENAME_H  
/* ... Declarations here ... */  
#endif
```



THE END

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