

Tutorial 6

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Parameter passing methods. Trace each of the following.
Example 1.

a) by value: 0 0 2

```
int i, A[2]
i := 1
procedure foo(int x, int y)
  int temp
  temp := x
  x := y
  i := 0
  y := temp
end

A[0] := 0
A[1] := 2
foo( i, A[i])
write i, A[0], A[1]
```

b) by result

(addresses computed at call time): garbage 0 garbage

```
int i, A[2]
i := 1
procedure foo(int x, int y)
  int temp
  temp := x
  x := y
  i := 0
  y := temp
end
```

```
A[0] := 0
A[1] := 2
foo( i, A[i])
write i, A[0], A[1]
```

c) by result
(addresses computed at return time,
but before any assignments): garbage garbage 2

```
int i, A[2]
i := 1
procedure foo(int x, int y)
  int temp
  temp := x
  x := y
  i := 0
  y := temp
end

A[0] := 0
A[1] := 2
foo( i, A[i])
write i, A[0], A[1]
```

b) by result
(addresses computed at return time,
after assignments in left to right order): garbage 0 2

(unless the first garbage value happens to be 0/1,
in which case 0/2 gets replaced with garbage)

```
int i, A[2]
i := 1
procedure foo(int x, int y)
  int temp
  temp := x
  x := y
  i := 0
  y := temp
end
```

```
A[0] := 0
A[1] := 2
foo( i, A[i])
write i, A[0], A[1]
```

c) by value-result: 2 0 1

```
int i, A[2]
i := 1
procedure foo(int x, int y)
  int temp
  temp := x
  x := y
  i := 0
  y := temp
end

A[0] := 0
A[1] := 2
foo( i, A[i])
write i, A[0], A[1]
```

d) by reference: 0 0 1

```
int i, A[2]
i := 1
procedure foo(int x, int y)
  int temp
  temp := x
  x := y
  i := 0
  y := temp
end

A[0] := 0
A[1] := 2
foo( i, A[i])
write i, A[0], A[1]
```

e) by name: 0 1 2

```
int i, A[2]
i := 1
procedure foo(int x, int y)
  int temp
  temp := x
  x := y
  i := 0
  y := temp
end

A[0] := 0
A[1] := 2
foo( i, A[i])
write i, A[0], A[1]
```

Example 2:

a) by value-result

(addresses are computed at call time): 0 0 1

```
main() {
    int value = 0,
        list[0] = 1,
        list[1] = 0

    swap(list[0], list[list[0]]);
    output(value, list[0], list[1]);
}
```

```
swap(int a, int b) {
    int temp;
    temp = a;
    a = b;
    b = temp;
}
```

b) by reference: 0 0 1

```
main() {  
    int value = 0,  
        list[0] = 1,  
        list[1] = 0  
  
    swap(list[0], list[list[0]]);  
    output(value, list[0], list[1]);  
}
```

```
swap(int a, int b) {  
    int temp;  
    temp = a;  
    a = b;  
    b = temp;  
}
```

c) by name: 0 1 0

```
main() {  
    int value = 0,  
        list[0] = 1,  
        list[1] = 0  
  
    swap(list[0], list[list[0]]);  
    output(value, list[0], list[1]);  
}
```

```
swap(int a, int b) {  
    int temp;  
    temp = a;  
    a = b;  
    b = temp;  
}
```

Subroutines

Local offset:

offset from the beginning of the activation record of the local scope; represents a reference to a local variable; we assume all variables take 1 position; (some sources: first 3 - return address, static link, dynamic link)

Static link:

(static scope pointer) points to bottom of AR instance of the static parent (contains declaration of me)

Dynamic link:

points to top of activation record of my caller

Static chain:

a chain of static links in the stack; can search static chain to find the correct AR instance of a nonlocal variable.

Static depth :

integer associated with a static scope that indicates how deeply it is nested in the outermost scope

Chain offset :

length of the static chain needed to reach the correct activation record instance for a non-local variable X
== static depth of procedure containing the reference to X -
static depth of procedure containing declaration of X

Reference (static chains method):

(chain offset, local offset)

```
program A;  
  procedure B;  
    procedure C;  
      ...  
    end; { C }  
    ...  
  end; { B }  
  ...  
end; { A }
```

```
static depth (A) = 0  
static depth (B) = 1  
static depth (C) = 2
```

If procedure C references a variable declared in A,
chain offset = $2 - 0 = 2$.

If procedure C references a variable declared in B,
chain offset = $2 - 1 = 1$.

Reference to a local variable => chain offset = 0.

Display:

- alternative to static chains;
- static links not stored in the AR;
- instead - array of static links

Contents of display:

- list of addresses of the accessible activation record instances in the stack, one for each active scope, in order, in which they are nested;

display[k] = ARI for a procedure with a static depth of k

Exactly 2 steps for access to non-local variables:

- 1) find link to correct AR, using display offset
- 2) compute local offset within correct AR

Reference = (display offset, local offset)

Call to procedure P, which has static depth k:

- 1) make new AR; save copy of display[k]
- 2) display[k] := link to AR for P

Terminate procedure P:

- 1) display[k] := saved pointer from AR of P
- 2) remove AR of P

Example:

trace the state of AR through execution of the following program using both the display method and the static chains method

Using a display:

```
program M;
  procedure P;
    integer x, y, z;
    procedure Q;
      procedure R;
        begin
          ...
          z := P;
          ...
        end R;
      begin /* Q */
        ...
        y := R;
        ...
      end Q;
    begin /* P */
      ...
      Q;
      ...
    end P;
  begin /* M */
    ...
    P;
    ...
  end M;
```

Using static chains:

```
program M;
  procedure P;
    integer x, y, z;
    procedure Q;
      procedure R;
        begin
          ...
          z := P;
          ...
        end R;
      begin /* Q */
        ...
        y := R;
        ...
      end Q;
    begin /* P */
      ...
      Q;
      ...
    end P;
  begin /* M */
    ...
    P;
    ...
  end M;
```

The program never terminates (clearly), so just follow it's execution until you have two instances of AR for each of P and Q in the stack. Then assume that the second Q instance terminates, then the second P, to see how previous pointers in the display are restored when a procedure terminates and its AR is removed.