

The Josephus Puzzle

— Control Flow, Function, and Array

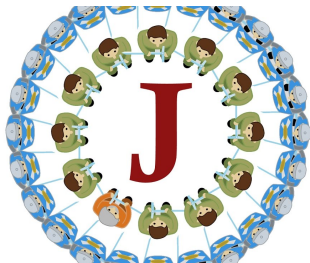
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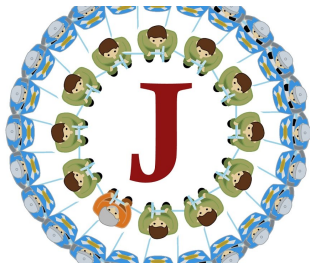
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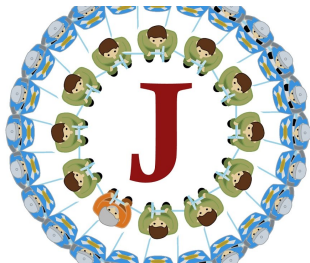


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$$J(n) = ?$$

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Solving the Josephus Puzzle

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int main(void) {  
    int n = 0;  
    scanf("%d", &n);  
    int survivor = solve_josephus(int n);  
    printf("The survivor is %d.", survivor + 1);  
    return 0;  
}
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int solve_josephus(int n) {  
    // create n soldiers with ids 1...n  
    int *soldiers = malloc(sizeof(int) * n);  
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {  
        soldiers[i] = i + 1;  
    }  
  
    return survive(soldiers, n);  
}
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    int killer = 0, killed = 0;
    // kill n-1 soldiers
    for (int i = 0; i < n - 1; ++i) {
        killed = next_alive(soldiers, n, killer);
        soldiers[killed] = DEAD;    // #define DEAD 0
        killer = next_alive(soldiers, n, killed);
    }
    return killer;
}
```

```
int next_alive(int soldiers[], int n, int pos)
```

```
int next_alive(int soldiers[], int n, int pos) {  
    do {  
        pos = (pos + 1) % num;  
    } while (soldier[pos] == KILLED);  
  
    return pos;  
}
```

```
void test_josephus(int n);
```

```
void test_josephus(int n) {  
    for (int i = 1; i <= limit; ++i) {  
        printf("%d: %d\n", i, solve_josephus(i) +  
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Q: What have you found?

Generalized Josephus Puzzle

```
int solve_generalized_josephus(int soldiers[],  
    int from_position, int interval);
```


Functions

Prototype and Definition

```
int solve_josephus(int n);
```

Making function names verbs.

```
int main(void) {  
    ...  
    // call the function  
    int survivor = solve_josephus(int n);  
    ...  
}
```

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You shall always initialize variables. Always. Every time.

Pass by Value

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Control Flow

if; switch, case

```
if (condition A) {  
    ...  
} else if (condition  
    B) {  
    ...  
} else { //  $\neg A \vee \neg B$   
    ...  
}
```

```
switch () {  
    case c1:  
        ...  
        break;  
    case c2:  
        ...  
        break;  
    default:  
}
```

for

```
for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {  
    ...  
}
```

while

```
while (condition) {  
    ...  
}
```

```
do {  
    ...  
} while (condition);
```

Arrays

Array Declaration and Initialization

```
int soldiers[5]; // external/automatic

int soldiers[] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};

int soldiers[5] = {1, 2, 3};

int soldiers[5] = {1};

int *soldiers = malloc(sizeof(int) * n);
```

For Loop over Array

```
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
    arr[i] ...  
}
```

Array as Parameters

```
f(arr, size);
```

```
void f(int arr[], int size);
```

```
void f(int *arr, int size);
```


Thank
You!