

# CSCI-1411 FUNDAMENTALS OF COMPUTING LAB

# Lab 11: Structures and Abstract Data Types

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- **Abstract Data Type** (ADT): a user defined data type
- **Structure**: a group of items of different data types

```
struct course
{
    string discipline;
    int courseNumber;
    string courseTitle;
    short credits;
};
```

The diagram illustrates the components of a C++ struct definition. The word **struct** is highlighted in red and labeled as the "tag". The list of variables (string discipline;, int courseNumber;, string courseTitle;, short credits;) is enclosed in curly braces and labeled as "members". The closing brace and semicolon (**};**) are also highlighted in red.

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- How to use a structure?
  - ▣ Define a variable/an array
  - ▣ Access to its members

```
void main
{
    ...
    course pChem;
    pChem.discipline = "Chemistry";
    pChem.courseNumber = 99;
    ...
    course aSubjects[100];
}
```

instance

dot operator

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- How to use a structure?
  - ▣ Initialize structures at the time of their definition (*in the order of structure members*)

```
void main
{
    ...
    course pHistory = {"HIST", 302, "Colonial history", 3};
    ...
}
```

Note: *If one structure member is left uninitialized, then all structure members that follow it must be uninitialized.*

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- Hierarchical (Nested) structures

```
struct center_point
{
    float x;
    float y;
}
struct circle
{
    float radius;
    float area;
    float circumference;
    center_point coordinate;
}
```

```
void main
{
    ...
    circle circ1;
    circ1.coordinate.x = 10;
    circ1.coordinate.y = 5;
}
```

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- Overview:
  - ▣ Lab 11 Components
    - Lab Sections (11.1, 11.2, 11.3, 11.4, 11.5)

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- 11.1 Working with Basic Structures
  - ▣ (rect\_struct.cpp)
  - ▣ Match the provided output
- 11.2 Initializing Structures
  - ▣ (init\_struct.cpp)
- 11.3 Arrays of Structures
  - ▣ (array\_struct.cpp)
  - ▣ Answer questions asked in [exercise 2](#)
- 11.4 Nested Structures
  - ▣ (nestedRect\_struct.cpp)
- 11.5 Code Assignment
  - ▣ Pick option one or two
  - ▣ Name the source file (main.cpp)

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## □ Submission File Checklist

- Submit all files on Canvas (One at a time or all of them in a single zip file). Be sure to include all source files and documents.
  
- 11.1 rect\_struct.cpp
- 11.2 init\_struct.cpp
- 11.3 array\_struct.cpp
- 11.4 nestedRect\_struct.cpp
- 11.5 main.cpp