Brief Intro to C (III)

Struct
- like the class in java, but without member functions
- it is a data type that can enclose multiple data types
- way to define a struct

```c
struct Tag { // Tag is the name of the struct
    member 1; // members can be basic data types or other structs
    member 2;
    ...
};
```
- to access a member, use .

```c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

struct people {
    char name[25];
    char gender; // F or M
    char bday[8]; // YYYYMMDD, this is a bug, size should be 9, \0
    char address[50];
};

int main (int argc, char *argv[]) {
    struct people person;

    /*initialize student1*/
    strcpy(person.name, "Sherlock Holmes");
    person.gender = 'M';
    strcpy(person.bday, "18540106");
    strcpy(person.address, "221B Baker Street, London");

    /*print student1 info*/
    printf("%s: %c, %s, %s\n", 
            person.name,
            person.gender,
            person.bday,
            person.address);

    return 0;
}
```

- What is the bug in this program? [bday[8] should be bday[9]]
**typedef**

- used to create a synonym for an existing data type
- If a struct is defined a synonym using typedef, we can use the synonym to declare an instance without using the keyword struct.
- If the instance is a pointer, we need to use -> to access the member of the struct instance.

```c
/**
 * typedef example
 * typedef is used to create a synonym for an existing data type
 * synonym.c
 */

#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

typedef unsigned int size_i;

typedef struct Mypuppy {
    char name[100]; // changing 100 to 99 won't impact the struct size why?
    [padding]
    int year;
    float weight;
} dog;

int main () {
    size_i a = 1;

    printf("size of a is %lu, value is %d\n", sizeof(size_i), a);
    printf("size of dog: %lu\n", sizeof(dog));

    dog* toto = (dog *) malloc (sizeof(dog));
    strcpy(toto->name, "toto");
    toto->year = 3;
    toto->weight = 25;
    printf("Name | Year | Weight\n");
    printf("%s | %d | %f \n", toto->name, toto->year, toto->weight);

    free(toto);
    return 0;
}
```