

Fundamentals of Computing: Lecture 33

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- ▶ A variable can be declared `extern` many time but defined only once.