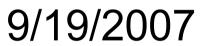
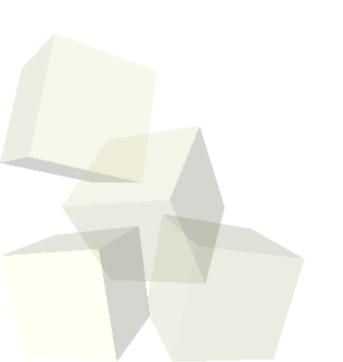
## **Switch**





# Opening Discussion

- Let's look at some solutions to the interclass problem.
- How should you study for quizzes/tests? Do I have answers for book questions?
- Why are there more constructs in C than we have discussed?
- Checking grades online: standard user name and 7-digit ID number.
- pow(x,2) is MUCH slower than x\*x.

#### **Basic Recursion**

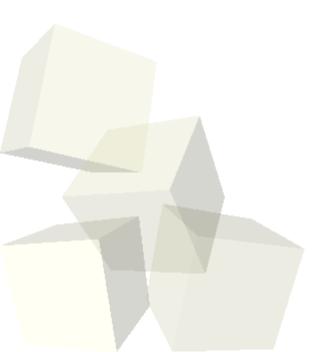
- Combining function calls and conditionals also allows us to begin exploring recursion.
- Recursive functions are simply functions that call themselves. The call must be conditional otherwise you have infinite recursion.
- To really see how recursion works we need to understand the call stack. This is a bank of memory on the computer the program uses to store variables and information related to what is happening in the program. Each time a function is called, a new stack frame is "pushed" with the memory that function needs. When the function returns the stack frame is "popped".

### **Switch Statements**

- If statements can do everything you need, but for some situations they are overly bulky.
- The switch statement allows you to select from many possible paths based on an integer argument.
- The syntax of switch is as follows. switch(int-expression) { case intConst1: statements break; case intConst2: statements break;
  ...
  default: statements

#### Code

■ Let's use the things we've talked about today in a sample program.



### **Minute Essay**

- What happens if you accidentally leave out a break statement in a switch?
- Interclass Problem Do problem 50 on page 295. Actually, do it twice. Write one function that does it with if and another with switch. Give each function a name fitting for how it works.

