

① What is C Language?

- ⇒ C language is a general-purpose, structured, computer programming language used to develop system software, operating systems and applications.
- ⇒ Developed by "dennis Ritchie" at Bell Labs in 1972.
- ⇒ It is a middle-level language.
- ⇒ It is fast, efficient and powerful
- ⇒ used to build operating systems like UNIX, LINUX, and many embedded systems.
- ⇒ Highly portable
- ⇒ provides rich set of data type, operators, and control statements.
- ⇒ supports structured programming, which makes programs easy to read, debug and modify.

② Applications of C programming?

- ⇒ used to develop operating systems.
Eg:: UNIX, Linux kernel
- ⇒ used in system software like compilers, interpreters and assemblers.
- ⇒ widely used in Embedded systems.
Eg:: Microcontrollers, IoT devices.
- ⇒ used to develop device drivers and Hard ware-level programming.
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- ⇒ used in game development for fast performance.
- ⇒ used in network programming (Sockets, protocols)
- ⇒ forms the base for language development
C++, Java, Python interpreters.
- ⇒ used in Real-time systems and High-performance applications.

③ What is variable?

- A variable is a name given to a memory location that is used to store data in a program.
- ⇒ A variable is a storage location in memory.
 - ⇒ It holds a value that can change during program execution.
 - ⇒ Each variable has a name, a type, and a value.
 - ⇒ The data type of a variable decides what kind of data it stores.
 - ⇒ Variables help in storing, processing and retrieving data.
 - ⇒ It makes programs dynamic and flexible.
 - ⇒ Must be declared before use.

④ What are different types in C programming?

C has three main categories of data types:

(i) primary (Basic) data types:

- * int → stores integers
- * float → stores decimal numbers
- * double → stores large decimal numbers.
- * char → stores a single character.

(ii) Derived data types:

- * Arrays
- * Pointers
- * functions
- * structures
- * unions

(iii) user-defined data types:

- * struct
- * union
- * enum
- * typedef

⑤ What is format specifier?

A format specifier is a symbol used in C to tell the compiler what type of data you want to print or read using printf and scanf.

- * used inside printf and scanf
- * specifies the type of data (int, float, char, etc)
- * begins with % symbol
- * helps the compiler interpret data correctly
- * necessary for output/input operations.

data type	format specifier.
int	%d or %i
float	%f
double	%lf
char	%c
string	%s
long int	%ld
unsigned int	%u