

## 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 hardware-level programming.

⇒ Helps in creating databases (like early versions MySQL).

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⇒ Used in game development for fast performance.

⇒ Used in network programming (Sockets, Protocols).

⇒ Form 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