

1. What is C language?

The C language is a general-purpose, procedural computer programming language developed in the early 1970s by Dennis Ritchie at Bell Labs.

Key characteristics

Mid-level language: It contains features of both low-level assembly, allowing memory manipulation and high-level languages (providing structures and portability).

Procedural: Programs providing are organised into functions (procedures) that contain sequences of statements to be executed.

Portability: C compilers are available for almost every computer architecture, making code written in highly portable.

Memory Management: It allows for direct memory manipulation using pointers, which gives programmers fine-grained control but also requires careful handling.

Foundation: Many modern languages (like C++, Java, Python) and operating systems (like Linux and parts of Windows) are either written in or heavily influenced by its syntax and concepts.

2. What are the applications of C programming?

A: The C language is foundational in software development primarily due to efficiency, speed and capability for low-level hardware interaction.

i. Operating Systems (OS):

- Core development :- Used to write the kernel & heart of the OS (e.g. Linux, Unix).
 - Reason :- Provides direct memory access and generates highly efficient machine code.
2. Embedded system & IoT :-
- Hardware control :- Ideal for resource-constrained devices (small memory /cpu) like microcontrollers, traffic lights, smart home applications, and cameras.
 - Reason :- Small memory footprint and fast execution speed are essential.
3. System Programming + utilities :-
- Device Drivers :- Used to create software interfaces for hardware devices (e.g. printers, graphics).
 - Utility Tools - Building essential system commands and utility (e.g. grep in Unix)
4. Compilers and interpreters.
- Language Tools :- The underlying code for many compilers (e.g. GCC) and the core interpreters for languages like Python (Python) are written in C.
 - Reason :- C's speed is leveraged to translate and execute other programming languages.

Q. What is variable?

A:- A variable in computer programming is named storage location in the computer's memory (RAM) that holds a value. The value stored in this location can change during the execution of program which is why it is called "variable".

Q) What are the data types in C programming.

A: The primary fundamental data types in C programming

are:

- int : For integers (whole numbers)
- char : for a single character or small integers.
- float : for single-precision floating-point numbers [num with a decimal point].
- double : for double-precision floating-point numbers [more precise than float].
- void : Used for specifying a function that returns value or for generic pointers

5. What is format specifier?

A: A format specifier is a placeholder used in input/output functions in C-like programming languages (such as C, C++, and others) to tell the compiler what type of data for output

They are typically preceded by a percent sign "%".

A:

Specifier	Data type it handles	Description
%d, %i, %li	int	signed decimal/integer.
%f	float or double	decimal floating numbers
%c	char	single character
%lf	double	used - floating (scanf) a double for printing
%s	char	string (array of characters)
%u	unsigned	unsigned decimal/integer
%P	pointer	memory address pointer