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INTRODUCTION

This card is a concise comprehensive reference for C language programmers and those learning C. It saves you time and lets you avoid cumbersome manuals.

The C programming language is becoming the standard language for developing both system and application programs. There are several reasons for its popularity. C is flexible with few restrictions on the programmer. C compilers produce fast and short machine code. And finally, C is the primary language used in the UNIX (trademark of AT&T Bell Laboratories) operating system (over 90% of the UNIX system is itself written in C). Because it is a popular "high level" language, it allows software to be used on many machines without being rewritten.

This card is organized so that you can keep your train of thought while programming in C (without stopping to flip thru a manual.) The result is fewer interruptions, more error-free code, and higher productivity.

The following notations are used: [] -enclosed item is optional; fn--function; rtn--return; ptd--pointed; ptr--pointer; TRUE--non-zero value; FALSE--zero value.

BASIC DATA TYPES

TYPE	DESCRIPTION
char	Single character
double	Extended precision floating pt
float	Floating point
int	Integer
long int	Extended precision integer
short int	Reduced precision integer
unsigned char	Non-negative character
unsigned int	Non-negative integer
void	No type; used for fn declarations and 'ignoring' a value returned from a fn

CONVERSION OF DATA TYPES

Before performing an arithmetic operation, operands are made consistent with each other by converting with this procedure:

1. All float operands are converted to double.
2. All char or short operands are converted to int.
3. If either operand is double, the other is converted to double. The result is double.
4. If either operand is long int, the other is converted to long int. The result is long int.
5. If either operand is unsigned, the other is converted to unsigned. The result is unsigned.
6. If this step is reached, both operands must be of type int. The result will be int

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OPERATORS

OPER	DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLE	ASSOC
{ }	Function call	sqrt (x)	
->	Array element ref	vals[10]	L-R
.	Ptr to struct memb	emp_ptr->name	
*	Struc member ref	employee.name	

-	Unary minus	-a	
++	Increment	+ptr	
--	Decrement	--count	
!	Logical negation	!done	R-L
*	Ones complement	~077	
*	Ptr indirection	*ptr	
&	Address of	&x	
sizeof	Size in bytes	sizeof (struct s)	
(type)	Type conversion	(float) total / n	

*	Multiplication	i * j	L-R
/	Division	i / j	L-R
%	Modulus	i % j	L-R

+	Addition	vals + i	L-R
-	Subtraction	x - 100	L-R

<<	Left shift	bytes << 4	L-R
>>	Right shift	i >> 2	L-R
<	Less than	i < 100	L-R
<=	Less than or eq to	i <= j	L-R
>	Greater than	i > 0	L-R
>=	Greater or eq to	grade >= 90	L-R
=====			
==	Equal to	result == 0	L-R
!=	Not equal to	c != EOF	L-R
&	Bitwise AND	word & 077	L-R

^	Bitwise XOR	word1 ^ word2	L-R
	Bitwise OR	word bits	L-R
&&	Logical AND	j > 0 && j < 10	L-R
	Logical OR	i > 80 x.flag	L-R
? :	Conditional expr	(a > b) ? a : b	L-R
= *= /= % = += -=	Assignment operators	count += 2	R-L
,	Comma operator	i = 10, j = 0	L-R

NOTES: L-R means left-to-right, R-L right-to-left. Operators are listed in decreasing order of precedence. Ops in the same box have the same precedence. Associativity determines order of evaluation for ops with the same precedence (eg: a = b = c; is evaluated right-to-left as: a = (b = c)).

EXPRESSIONS

An expression is a variable name, function name, array name, constant, function call, array element reference, or structure member reference. Applying an operator (this can be assignment operator) to one or more of these (where appropriate) is also an expression. Expressions may be parenthesized. An expression is a "constant expression" if each term is a constant.

ESC CHARS

\b	Backspace
\f	Form feed
\n	Newline
\r	Carriage return
\t	Horizontal tab
\v	Vertical tab
\\"	Backslash
\\"	Double quote
\'(CR)	Single quote
\`	continuation
\nnn	Octal character value

PREPROCESSOR STATEMENTS

STATEMENT	DESCRIPTION
#define id text	text will be substituted for id wherever it later appears in the program; if construct id(a1,a2,...) is used, args a1, a2, ... will be replaced where they appear in text by corresponding args of macro call
#if expr	If constant expression expr is TRUE, statements up to #endif will be processed, otherwise they will not be.
#else	If constant expression expr is TRUE, statements up to #else will be processed, otherwise those between the #else and #endif will be processed
#endif	If id is defined (with #define or on the command line), statements up to #endif will be processed; otherwise they will not be. (optional #else)
#ifndef id	If id has not been defined, statements up to #endif will be processed; (optional #else)
#include "file"	Includes contents of file in program; double quotes mean look first in same directory as source prog, then in standard places; brackets mean only standard places
#line n "file"	Identifies subsequent lines of the prog as coming from file, beginning at line n; file is optional
#undef id	Remove definition of id

NOTES: Preprocessor statements can be continued over multiple lines provided each line to be continued ends with a backslash character (\). Statements can also be nested.

EXAMPLES:

```
#define BUFSIZE 512
#define max(a,b) ((a) > (b)) ? (a) : (b)
#include <stdio.h>
```

typedef

typedef is used to assign a new name to a data type. To use it, make believe you're declaring a variable of that particular data type. Where you'd normally write the variable name, write the new data type name instead. In front of everything, place the keyword typedef. For example:

```
typedef struct /* define type COMPLEX */
{
    float real;
    float imaginary;
} COMPLEX;
COMPLEX c1, c2, sum; /* declare vars */
```

FUNCTIONS

Functions follow this format:

```
ret_type name (arg1,arg2,...)
{
    local_var_declarations
    statement
    ...
    return value;
```

Functions can be declared extern (default) or static. Static fns can be called only from the file in which they are defined. ret_type is the rtn type for the fn and can be void if the fn rtns no value or omitted if it rtns an int.

EXAMPLE:

```
/* fn to find the length
   of a character string */
int strlen (s)
char *s;
{
    int length = 0;
    while (*s++)
        length++;
    return (length);
```

To declare the type of value returned by a function you're calling, use a declaration of the form: ret_type name ();

STRUCTURES

A structure name of specified members is declared with a statement of the form:

```
struct sname
{
    member_declaration;
    member_declaration;
    ...
} variable_list;
```

Each member_declaration is a type followed by one or more member names. An n-bit wide field fname is declared with the statement of the form: fname: type_name. If fname is omitted, n unnamed bits are reserved; if n is also zero, the next field is aligned on a word boundary. variable_list (optional) declares variables of that structure type. If sname is supplied, variables can also later be declared using the format:

```
struct sname variable_list;
```

EXAMPLE:

```
/* define complex struct */
struct complex
{
    float real;
    float imaginary;
};

static struct complex c1 =
{ 5.0, 0.0 };
struct complex c2, csum;
c2 = c1; /* assign c1 to c2 */
csum.real = c1.real + c2.real;
```

UNIONS

A union name of members occupying the same area of memory is declared with a statement of the form:

```
union uname
{
    member_declaration;
    member_declaration;
    ...
} variable_list;
```

Each member_declaration is a type followed by one or more member names; variable_list (optional) declares variables of the particular union type. If uname is supplied, the variables can also later be declared using the format:

```
union uname variable_list;
```

NOTE: unions cannot be initialized.

ARRAYS

A single-dimensional array name of n elements of a specified type and with specified initial values (optional) is declared with:

```
type arrname[n] = { val1, val2, ... };
```

If complete list of initial values is specified, n can be omitted. Only static or global arrays can be initialized. Nested arrays can be initialized by a string of chars in double quotes. Valid subscripts of the array range from 0 through n-1. Multi dimensional arrays are declared with:

```
type arrname[n1][n2]... = { init_list };
```

Values listed in the initialization list are assigned in dimension order (i.e. as if last dimension were increasing first). Nested pairs of braces can be used to change this order if desired. Here are some examples:

```
/* array of char */
static char hisname[] = { "John Smith" };
```

```
/* array of char pts */
static char *days[7] =
```

```
["Sun", "Mon", "Tue", "Wed", "Thu", "Fri", "Sat"];
```

```
/* 3 x 2 array of ints */
int matrix [3][2] = { { 10, 17 },
                      { -5, 0 },
                      { 11, 21 } };
```

```
/* array of struct complex */
struct complex sensor_data[100];
```

POINTERS

A variable name can be declared to be a pointer to a specified type by a statement of the form:

```
type *name;
```

EXAMPLES:

```
/* numptr points to floating number */
float *numptr;
```

```
/* pointer to struct complex */
struct complex *cp;
```

```
/* if the real part of the complex
   struct pointed to by cp is 0.0 ... */
if ( cp->real == 0.0 )
```

```
/* ptr to char; set equal to address of
   buf[25] (i.e. pointing to buf[25]) */
char *ptr = &buf[25];
```

```
/* store 'c' into loc ptd to by ptr */
*ptr = 'c';
```

```
/* set ptr pointing to next loc in buf */
++ptr;
```

```
/* ptr to fn returning int */
int (*ptr)();
```

An enumerated data type ename with values enum1, enum2, ... is declared with a statement of the form:

```
enum ename { enum1, enum2, ... }
variable_list;
```

The optional variable_list declares variables of the particular enum type. Each enumerated value is an identifier optionally followed by an equals sign and a constant expression. Sequential values starting at 0 are assigned to these values by the compiler unless the enum_value construct is used. If ename is supplied, then variables can also be declared later using the format:

```
enum ename variable_list;
```

EXAMPLES:

```
/* define boolean */
enum boolean { true, false };
```

```
/* declare var & assign value */
enum boolean done = false;
```

```
/* test value */
if ( done == true )
```



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printf

printf is used to write data to standard output (normally, your terminal.). To write to a file, use fprintf; to 'write' data into a character array, use sprintf. The general format of a printf call is:

```
printf (format, arg1, arg2,...)
```

where format is a character string describing how arg1, arg2, ... are to be printed. The general format of an item in the format string is:

```
[%[flags][size].[prec][l]type]
```

flags:
 - left justify value (default is right justify)
 + precede value with a + or - sign
 blank precede pos value with a blank
 precede octal value with 0, hex value with 0x (or 0X for type X); force display of decimal point for float value, and leave trailing zeroes for type g and G

size: is a number specifying the minimum size of the field; * instead of number means next arg to printf specifies the size

prec: is the minimum number of digits to display for f; max number of significant digits for g; max number of chars for s; * instead of number means next arg to printf specifies the precision

l: indicates a long int is being displayed; must be followed by d, o, u, x or X

type: specifies the type of value to be displayed per the following single character codes:

d	an int
u	an unsigned int
o	an int in octal format
x	an int in hex format, using a-f
X	an int in hex format, using A-F
f	a float to 6 places (by default)
e	a float in exponential format (to 6 decimal places by default)
E	same as e except display E before exponent instead of e
g	a float in f or E format, whichever takes less space w/o losing precision
G	a float in f or E format, whichever takes less space
c	a char
s	a null-terminated char string (null not required if precision is given)
%	an actual percent sign

NOTES: characters in the format string not preceded by % are literally printed; floating pt formats display both floats and doubles; integer formats can display chars, short ints or ints (or long ints if type is preceded by l). EXAMPLE:

```
i1 = 10; i2 = 20;
printf ("%d %d is %x\n",
       i1, i2, i1 + i2);
```

Produces: 10 + 20 is 0x1e

UNIX cc COMMAND

Format: cc [options] files

OPTION DESCRIPTION

-c Don't link the program; forces creation of a .o file
 -D id=text Define id with associated text (exact as if #define'd text appeared in prepro). If just -D id is specified, id is defined as 1
 -E Run preprocessor only
 -f Compile for machine w/o floating point hardware
 -g Generate more info for dbx use
 -I dir Search dir for include files
 -l Link prog with lib x; -lm for math
 -o file Write executable object into file; a.out is default
 -O Optimize the code
 -P Compile for analysis with prof cmd
 -S Save assembler output in .s file

NOTE: Some of the above are actually preprocessor (cpp) and linker (ld) options. The standard C library libc is automatically linked with a program.

EXAMPLES: cc test.c Compiles test.c and places executable object into a.out. cc -o test main.c proc.c Compiles main.c and proc.c and places executable object into test. cc -o stats.c -lm Compiles stats.c, optimizes it and links it with the math library. (-lm must be placed after stats.c). cc -O DEBUG x1.c x2.o Compiles x1.c, with defined name DEBUG, and links it with x2.o

THE lint COMMAND

lint can help you find bugs in your program due to nonportable use of the language, inconsistent use of variables, uninitialized variables, passing wrong argument types to functions, and so on.

Format: lint [options] files

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-a long values assigned to not-long vars
 -b break statements that can't be reached
 -h suspected bugs, waste, or style
 -u functions and external vars used but not defined, or defined and not used
 -v unused function arguments
 -x vars declared extern and never used
 ---- Other options
 -lx check prog against lint library
 lint-l.m (l.m uses lint math lib)
 -n don't standard or portable lint lib
 -p check portability to other C dialects
 -D see cc command
 -I see cc command

scanf

scanf is used to read data from standard input. To read data from a particular file, use fscanf. To 'read' data from a character array, use sscanf. The general format of a scanf call is:

```
scanf (format, arg1, arg2,...)
```

where format is a character string describing the data to be read and arg1, arg2, ... point to where the read-in data are to be stored. The format of an item in the format string is:

```
*[*][size][lh]type
```

* specifies that the field is to be skipped and not assigned (i.e., no corresponding ptr is supplied in the arg list)

size a number giving the max size of the field

lh is 'l' if value read is to be stored in a long int or double, or 'h' to store in short int

type indicates the type of value being read:

USE	TO READ A	CORRESPONDING ARG IS PTR TO
d decimal integer	int	
u unsigned decimal integer	unsigned int	
o octal integer	int	
x hexadecimal integer	int	
e,f,g floating point number	float	
s string of chars terminated by a whitespace character	array of char	
[...]	array of char	
c single character	char	
[*][size][lh]type	array of char	
any char not enclosed between the [] and ; if first char in brackets is ^, then following chars are string terminators instead	not assigned	

NOTES: Any chars in format string not preceded by * will literally match chars on input (e.g. scanf "%*[^a]", &ival); will match chars "value" on input, followed by an integer which will be read and stored in ival. A blank space in format string matches zero or more blank spaces on input.

EXAMPLE: scanf ("%s %f %d", text, &fval, &ival); will read a string of chars, storing it into character array ptr to by text; a floating value, storing it into fval; and a long int, storing it into ival.

COMMONLY USED FUNCTIONS

FUNCTION FILE DESCRIPTION /ERROR RETURN/

int abs (n)		absolute value of n
double acos (d)	m	arccosine of d /0/ and rtn ptr to it
char *asctime (*tm)	t	convert tm struct to string
double asin (d)	m	arcsine of d /0/
double atan2 (d1,d2)	m	arctangent of d/d2
double atan (s)	m	ascii to float conv /HUGE,0/
int atoi (s)	m	ascii to int conversion
long atol (s)	m	allocate space for ul elements each u2 bytes large, and set to 0 /NULL/
char *calloc (u1,u2)	m	smallest integer not < d
double ceil (d)	m	reset error (incl. EOF) on file
void clearerr (f)	m	long clock ()
double cos (d)	m	cpu time (microsec) since first call to clock
char *ctime (*t)	t	convert time pt to by 1 to terminate execution, returning exit status n
void exit (n)	m	the to the d-th power /HUGE/ absolute value of d
double exp (d)	m	close file /EOF/
double fabs (d)	m	TRUE if end-of-file on f
int fclose (f)	m	TRUE if I/O error on f
int feof (f)	m	force data write to f /EOF/
int ferror (f)	m	read next char from f /EOF/
int fflush (f)	m	read n-1 chars from f unless newline in file
int fgets (s,n,r)	m	readline in file
int fileno (f)	s	integer file descriptor for f
double floor (d)	m	largest integer not > d
double fmod (d1,d2)	m	d1 modulo d2
FILE *fopen (s1,s2)	s	open file named s1, mode s2; "w"=write, "r"=read, "a"=append, "+w", "+r", "+a" are update modes) /NULL/
int fprintf (f,s,...)	s	write args to f according to format s /<0/
int fpurge (c,f)	m	write c to f /EOF/
int fputs (s,f)	m	write s to f /EOF/
int fread (s,n1,n2,f)	m	read n2 data items from f into s; n1 is number bytes of each item /0/
void free (s)	m	current offset from start of file
FILE *freopen (s1,s2,f)	s	write n2 data items to f from s; n1 is no. bytes of each item /NULL/
int getc (f)	s	read next char from f /EOF/
int getchar ()	s	read next char from stdin /EOF/
char *getenv (s)	s	rtn ptr to value of environment name s /NULL/
int getopt (argc,argv,s)	s	return next option letter in argv, set optarg (char *) pointing to it, and optind (int) to index in argv of next arg to be processed; returns EOF when all args processed
char *gets (s)	s	read chars into s from stdin until newline or eof reached;

int getw (f)

newline not stored /NULL/ read next word from f; use feof & error to check for error

struct tm *gmtime (*tm)

c TRUE if c is alphabetic

c TRUE if c is alphanumeric

c TRUE if c is less than 0200

c TRUE if c is 0177 or < 040

c TRUE if c is 0-9

c TRUE if c is 041-076

c TRUE if c is a printable char (040-0176)

int ispunct (c)

c TRUE if c is neither a control nor alphanumeric char

c TRUE if c is space, tab, carriage return, newline, vertical tab or form feed

struct tm *localtime (*tm)

m natural log of d /0/ log base 10 of d /0/

void longjmp (env,n)

j restore environment from jump buf env; causes setjmp to return n if supplied or 1 if n=0

char *malloc (u)

b allocate u bytes of storage and return ptr to it /NULL/

char *memchr (s,c,n)

n rtn ptr in of 1st incident of c, looking at n chars at most, or NULL if not found

int memcmp (s1,s2,n)

n rtn < 0, = 0, > 0 if s1 is lexicographically < s2, = s2 or > s2, comparing up to n chars

char *memcpy (s1,s2,n)

n copy s2 to s1 until c is copied or n chars are copied

char *memset (s,c,n)

n set n chars ptr to by s to value c

char *mktemp (s)

n create file s, mode 11; 12 needed only for certain values of i1 /-1/ create temp file; s contains six trailing X's that mktemp replaces with file name

int pclose (f)

s close a stream opened by popen

void perror (s)

s write s followed by description of last error to stdout

FILE *ppopen (s1,s2)

s execute command in s1; s2 is "r" to read its output; rtns ptr to stream /NULL/

double pow (d1,d2)

m d1 to the d2-th power /0,HUGE/

int printf (s1,s2,...)

s write args to stdout per format s (see descr.) /<0/

int puts (c,f)

s write c to /EOF/

int putchar (c)

s write s to stdout /EOF/

int putchar (s)

s write s to /EOF/

int rand ()

r random number (see srand) change the size of block s to u and rtn ptr to it /NULL/

char *realloc (s,u)

s write args to buffer s1 per second sleep

int sprintf (s1,s2,...)

s write args to buffer s1 per format s /<0/

double sqrt (d)

m square root of d /0/

rand rand (u)

s read random number generator

char *sscanf (s1,s2,...)

s read args from string s1 per format s2; rtns is as in scanf

char *strcat (s1,s2)

r rtns s1 to end of s1; rtns s1

char *strchr (s,c)

r rtns ptr to 1st occurrence of c in s or NULL if not found

int strcasecmp (s1,s2)

r compare s1 and s2; rtns < 0, 0, > 0 if s1 lexicographically < s2, = s2, or > s2

char *strcpy (s1,s2)

r rtns copy s2 to s1; rtns s1

int strlen (s)

r length of s (not incl. null)

char *strcat (s1,s2,...)

r concatenate at most n chars from s2 to end of s1; rtns s1

int strcmp (s1,s2)

r compare at most n chars of s1 to s2; rtns is as in strcmp

int strncat (s1,s2,n)

r copy at most n chars from s2 to s1; rtns s1

char *strchr (s,c)

r rtns ptr to last occurrence of c in s or NULL if not found

long strtol (s,n,p)

r convert s to long conversion base n; on rtn, *s (if not NULL) pts to char in s that terminated the scan /0/

int system (s)

r execute s as if it were typed at terminal; rtns exit status /-1/

double tan (d)

m tangent of d (radians) /HUGE/

char *tmpnam (s1,s2)

s create temporary file name in directory s1, with prefix chars s2 /NULL/

long time (*t)

m returns time in seconds; if 1 is non-zero, time is stored in loc pdt to by 1; convert time rdnt with ctime, localtime or gmtime

FILE *tmpfile ()

s create temporary file, open for update, and rtn ptr to it; file is removed when prog finishes

char *tmpnam (s)

s generate temporary file name; place result in s if s non-null, else rtn ptr to name

int toascii (c)

c convert c to ascii

int toupper (c)

c convert c to uppercase

int unget (c,f)

s insert c back into file f (as if c wasn't read) /EOF/ remove file s /-1/

int unlink (s)

s

NOTES:

Function argument types: c=char, n=int, u=unsigned int, l=long int, d=double, f=ptr to FILE, s=ptr to char

char and short int are converted to int when passed to functions; float is converted to double

Include files are abbreviated as follows:

c-ctype.h, j-setjmp.h, m-math.h, n-memory.h,

r-string.h, s-stdio.h, t-time.h

Value between slashes is returned if function detects an error; global int errno also gets set to specific error number.

Function descriptions based on UNIX System V

CMD LINE ARGS

Arguments typed in on the command line when a program is executed are passed to the program through argc and argv. argc is a count of the number of arguments, and is 1 less than argv[0]. argv[0] points to the name of the program executed. Use sscanf to convert arguments stored in argv to other data types. For example:

```
check phone 35.79
```

starts execution (under UNIX) of a program called check; with

```
argc = 3
argv[0] = "check"
argv[1] = "phone"
argv[2] = "35.79"
```

To convert a number in argv[2], use sscanf. EXAMPLE:

```
main (argc, argv)
int argc;
char *argv[];
{
    float amount;
    ...
    sscanf (argv[2], "%f", &amount);
    ...
}
```

UNIX TOOLS

TOOL	DESCRIPTION
adb	debugger
ar	library archiver
cb	formats programs
cflow	experiments
ctrace	traces execution
cxref	x-ref listing
lint	checks progs for possible bugs and non-portable language usage
make	recreates program systems based on specified file dependencies
prof	displays performance statistics
SCCS	maintains large program systems
sdb	symbolic debugger

REMINDERS

1. Array indices start at 0 and go to number of elements minus 1.

2. Use "=" (not "z") for testing equality.

3. Use "->" for structure pointers and "." for structures.

4. Args to scanf must be puts place "a" in front of non-args.

5. "%x" is of type char; "%X" is of type ptr to char.

6. If cp is ptr to char, and c is array of char, then cp="hello" is okay, but c="hello" isn't.

7. In x[i]=++i, it's not defined whether the left or right side will be evaluated first.

8. In switch, omitting break causes fall-through to next case.

9. Return type for non-int fns must be declared unless fn previously defined.

10. Fn arg types must be consistent with type declared (e.g. sort (2) will produce the wrong result).

If f is ++p, value of expr is that of p after it's incremented; in p++, value is that of p before it's incremented.

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