

Learn Programming Basics (C Language)

## **LESSON #005 (Lab)**

**printf/scanf, precedence table,  
lvalue, rvalue**

## **Purpose**

- printf prints characters on console
- scanf scan characters on console and convert into type


## **Objective**

- learn some basic programming typing starting with printf and scanf
- learn the basic of input and output
- learn how printf works
- learn how scanf works
- learn about some operator

# **printf - Intro**

Remember this snippet of code?

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2
3  int main(void)
4  {
5      printf("peko peko") ;
6      return 0;
7  }
8
```




Remember this snippet of code?

```
1  #include <stdio.h>    <- include <stdio.h> library
2
3  int main(void)
4  {
5      printf("peko peko");
6      return 0;
7  }
8
```

Remember this snippet of code?

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2
3  int main(void)    <- main point of entry of a program
4  {
5      printf("peko peko");
6      return 0;
7  }
8
```



Remember this snippet of code?

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2
3  int main(void)
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5      printf("peko peko");
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8
```

- the function “printf” is from the library <stdio.h>

Remember this snippet of code?

```
1  
2  
3 int main(void)  
4 {  
5     printf("peko peko");  
6     return 0;  
7 }  
8
```

- the function “printf” came from the library <stdio.h>
- if without the #include<stdio.h>, it causes a linker error during the linking stage,
- The error will be complaining that it could not find the function’s declaration, More details in next future lessons



Remember this snippet of code?

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2
3  int main(void)
4  {
5      printf("peko peko");
6      return 0;
7  }
8
```

- return 0; is to return a value to end a function execution / returning resources. More details in next future lessons

# What is printf?

- printf is a function that allows to print out variables' value or data in string format
- it's a output function

document:

<http://www.cplusplus.com/reference/cstdio/printf/>

**printf - Format (Specifier)**

## Example 1: printing out a string literal

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2
3  int main(void)
4  {
5      printf("peko peko");
6      return 0;
7  }
8
```

<- print the string "peko peko"

Compile with this command line, follow by the file "a.c"

```
$ gcc -Werror -Wall -Wextra -ansi -pedantic a.c
```

```
$ ./a
peko peko
```

Compile and run, it should print "peko peko"

## Example 2: printing out an int

```
int main(void)
{
    int i = 6;
    printf("%d", i);
    return 0;
}
```

## Example 3: printing out a float

```
int main(void)
{
    printf("%f", 10.30);
    return 0;
}
```

Reference: <http://www.cplusplus.com/reference/cstdio/printf/>

- specifier is used to specify which type to print

| <b>specifier</b>    | <b>Output</b>   | <b>Example</b> |
|---------------------|---|----------------|
| <code>d or i</code> | Signed decimal integer  | 392            |
| <code>u</code>      | Unsigned decimal integer  | 7235           |
| <code>o</code>      | Unsigned octal  | 610            |
| <code>x</code>      | Unsigned hexadecimal integer  | 7fa            |
| <code>X</code>      | Unsigned hexadecimal integer (uppercase)  | 7FA            |
| <code>f</code>      | Decimal floating point, lowercase   | 392.65         |
| <code>F</code>      | Decimal floating point, uppercase   | 392.65         |
| <code>e</code>      | Scientific notation (mantissa/exponent), lowercase  | 3.9265e+2      |
| <code>E</code>      | Scientific notation (mantissa/exponent), uppercase  | 3.9265E+2      |
| <code>g</code>      | Use the shortest representation: <code>%e</code> or <code>%f</code>   | 392.65         |
| <code>G</code>      | Use the shortest representation: <code>%E</code> or <code>%F</code>   | 392.65         |
| <code>a</code>      | Hexadecimal floating point, lowercase   | -0xc.90fep-2   |
| <code>A</code>      | Hexadecimal floating point, uppercase   | -0XC.90FEP-2   |
| <code>c</code>      | Character   | a              |
| <code>s</code>      | String of characters  | sample         |
| <code>p</code>      | Pointer address   | b8000000       |
| <code>n</code>      | Nothing printed.<br>The corresponding argument must be a pointer to a signed int.<br>The number of characters written so far is stored in the pointed location. |                |
| <code>%</code>      | A <code>%</code> followed by another <code>%</code> character will write a single <code>%</code> to the stream.   | %              |

**printf - Format (Width,  
precision)**

Reference: <http://www.cplusplus.com/reference/cstdio/printf/>

- %[flags][width][.precision][length]specifier
- Focus on width, precision and specifier which is mostly used

### width

- the minimum number of characters that will be printed for the current specifier
- extra spaces is added if the width is shorter than the minimum number

### precision

- The amount of floating point to display



## Lets analyze:

```
int main(void)
{
    int a = printf("%5d\n%5.4d\n%5.6d\n%f\n%5.4f\n", 12, 34, 56, 12.34, 12.34);
    printf("%d\n", a);
    return 0;
}
```

|        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| %5d:   |   |   |   | 1 | 2 |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| %5.4d: |   | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| %5.6d: | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 6 |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| %f     | 1 | 2 | . | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| %8.4f  |   | 1 | 2 | . | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |

a = 37, a represent the number of characters printed successfully

## Let's analyze 1:

```
int main(void)
{
    int a = printf("%5d\n%5.4d\n%5.6d\n%f\n%5.4f\n", 12, 34, 56, 12.34, 12.34);
    printf("%d\n", a);
    return 0;
}
```

|      |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|------|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| %5d: |   |   |   | 1 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|      | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

- minimum width of 5 characters to be printed
- empty spaces is added to the front to “fill up” at least 5 characters

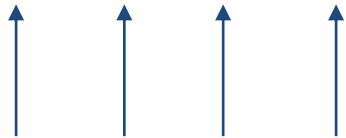
## Let's analyze 2:

```
int main(void)
{
    int a = printf("%5d\n%5.4d\n%5.6d\n%f\n%5.4f\n", 12, 34, 56, 12.34, 12.34);
    printf("%d\n", a);
    return 0;
}
```

|        |  |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------|--|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| %5.4d: |  | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------|--|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|



- minimum width of 5 characters to be printed



- a precision of 4
- zeros is added instead of empty spaces for the case of integer

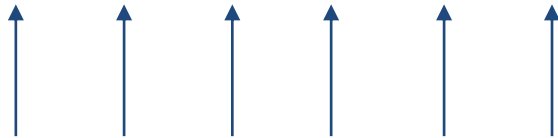
## Let's analyze 3:

```
int main(void)
{
    int a = printf("%5d\n%5.4d\n%5.6d\n%f\n%5.4f\n", 12, 34, 56, 12.34, 12.34);
    printf("%d\n", a);
    return 0;
}
```

|        |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| %5.6d: | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|



- minimum width of 5 characters to be printed



- a precision of 6
- zeros is added

## Let's analyze 4:

```
int main(void)
{
    int a = printf("%5d\n%5.4d\n%5.6d\n%f\n%5.4f\n", 12, 34, 56, 12.34, 12.34);
    printf("%d\n", a);
    return 0;
}
```

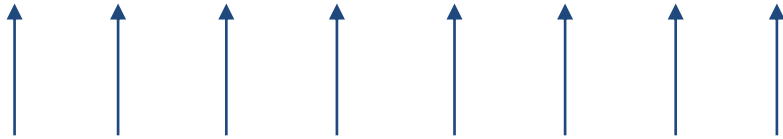
|    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| %f | 1 | 2 | . | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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- by default, floating point is printed with a precision of 6 floating point

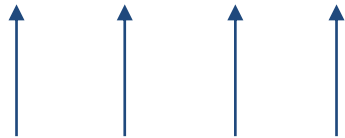
## Let's analyze 5:

```
int main(void)
{
    int a = printf("%5d\n%5.4d\n%5.6d\n%f\n%5.4f\n", 12, 34, 56, 12.34, 12.34);
    printf("%d\n", a);
    return 0;
}
```

|       |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| %8.4f |  | 1 | 2 | . | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|



- minimum width of 8 characters to be printed



- a precision of 4

Try it yourself

**scanf**



# What is scanf?

- scanf is a function that takes in user's keys input, and store the data into the memory for usage
- it's a input function

<http://www.cplusplus.com/reference/cstdio/scanf/>

- %[\*][width][length]**specifier**
- Focus only on specifier which is mostly used

## Lets analyze 1:

```
int main(void)
{
    /*
    int a = printf("%5d\n%5.4d\n%5.6d\n", 1, 1.1, 1.1111);
    printf("%d\n", a);
    */
    int i = 1;
    float j = 1.0f;
    printf("try input:");
    int b = scanf(" %d %f", &i, &j);
    printf("i=%d,j=%f\n", i, j);
    printf("b=%d\n", b);
    return 0;
}
```

- b represent the number of characters successfully, “scanned”
- compile and run the program
- try the following input:
  - a. 22 33.33
  - b. -33.33
  - c. .33
  - d. a11.11

## Lets analyze 1a step by step:

```
int i = 1;  
float j = 1.0f;  
scanf(" %d %f", &i, &j);
```

|           |  |    |  |    |          |
|-----------|--|----|--|----|----------|
| scanf(" " |  | %d |  | %f | "),&i,&j |
|-----------|--|----|--|----|----------|



- firstly, scanf scan the first specification, in this case it's a space,
- scanf will either ignore whitespaces or follow through if the input buffer exist

|                  |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |
|------------------|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| input<br>buffer: | 2 | 2 |  | 3 | 3 | . | 3 | 3 |
|------------------|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|



- ~~—scanf finds no "whitespaces"~~
- scanf finds no "whitespaces"

## Lets analyze 1a step by step:

```
int i = 1;  
float j = 1.0f;  
scanf(" %d %f", &i, &j);
```

|           |  |    |  |    |          |
|-----------|--|----|--|----|----------|
| scanf(" " |  | %d |  | %f | "),&i,&j |
|-----------|--|----|--|----|----------|



- next, scanf points to the next buffer and it finds "%",
- it will trigger and continue to find a specifier which is "d", an integer
- scanf will now stop, and read from the input buffer again

|                  |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |
|------------------|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| input<br>buffer: | 2 | 2 |  | 3 | 3 | . | 3 | 3 |
|------------------|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|



- scanf finds the input buffer that is an integer,

## Lets analyze 1a step by step:

```
int i = 1;  
float j = 1.0f;  
scanf(" %d %f", &i, &j);
```

|           |  |    |  |    |          |
|-----------|--|----|--|----|----------|
| scanf(" " |  | %d |  | %f | "),&i,&j |
|-----------|--|----|--|----|----------|



|                  |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |
|------------------|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| input<br>buffer: | 2 | 2 |  | 3 | 3 | . | 3 | 3 |
|------------------|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|



- scanf continues to read the input buffer and finds a “space” which is not an integer, and stops reading

## Lets analyze 1a step by step:

```
int i = 1;  
float j = 1.0f;  
scanf(" %d %f", &i, &j);
```

|           |  |    |  |    |          |
|-----------|--|----|--|----|----------|
| scanf(" " |  | %d |  | %f | "),&i,&j |
|-----------|--|----|--|----|----------|



- scanf read "22" and convert into integer and store it back to "i"

|                  |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |
|------------------|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| input<br>buffer: | 2 | 2 |  | 3 | 3 | . | 3 | 3 |
|------------------|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|



- then stores whatever it have read and store convert into integer and store it

## Lets analyze 1a step by step:

```
int i = 1;  
float j = 1.0f;  
scanf(" %d %f", &i, &j);
```

|           |  |    |  |    |          |
|-----------|--|----|--|----|----------|
| scanf(" " |  | %d |  | %f | "),&i,&j |
|-----------|--|----|--|----|----------|



- now scanf continues to read and it finds “whitespaces”, and ignore

|                  |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |
|------------------|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| input<br>buffer: | 2 | 2 |  | 3 | 3 | . | 3 | 3 |
|------------------|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|



## Lets analyze 1a step by step:

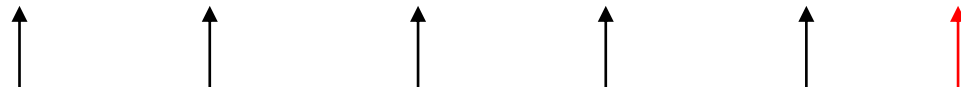
```
int i = 1;  
float j = 1.0f;  
scanf(" %d %f", &i, &j);
```

|           |  |    |  |    |  |          |
|-----------|--|----|--|----|--|----------|
| scanf(" " |  | %d |  | %f |  | "),&i,&j |
|-----------|--|----|--|----|--|----------|



- likewise scanf now finds “%f” and stop
- scanf now read from the input buffer and finds anything that represent floating number

|                  |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |
|------------------|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| input<br>buffer: | 2 | 2 |  | 3 | 3 | . | 3 | 3 |
|------------------|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|



- “whitespaces” at the front are ignored
- reads the entire buffer that can represent floating number
- it stop reading when reaching characters that can’t be represented as floating number or it stops when it reached the end of buffer



## Lets analyze 1a step by step:

```
int i = 1;  
float j = 1.0f;  
scanf(" %d %f", &i, &j);
```

|           |  |    |  |    |  |          |
|-----------|--|----|--|----|--|----------|
| scanf(" " |  | %d |  | %f |  | "),&i,&j |
|-----------|--|----|--|----|--|----------|



- scanf now convert "33.33" to float and store it in j

|                  |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |
|------------------|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| input<br>buffer: | 2 | 2 |  | 3 | 3 | . | 3 | 3 |
|------------------|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|



## Lets analyze 1a step by step:

```
int i = 1;  
float j = 1.0f;  
scanf(" %d %f", &i, &j);
```

|           |  |    |  |    |          |
|-----------|--|----|--|----|----------|
| scanf(" " |  | %d |  | %f | "),&i,&j |
|-----------|--|----|--|----|----------|

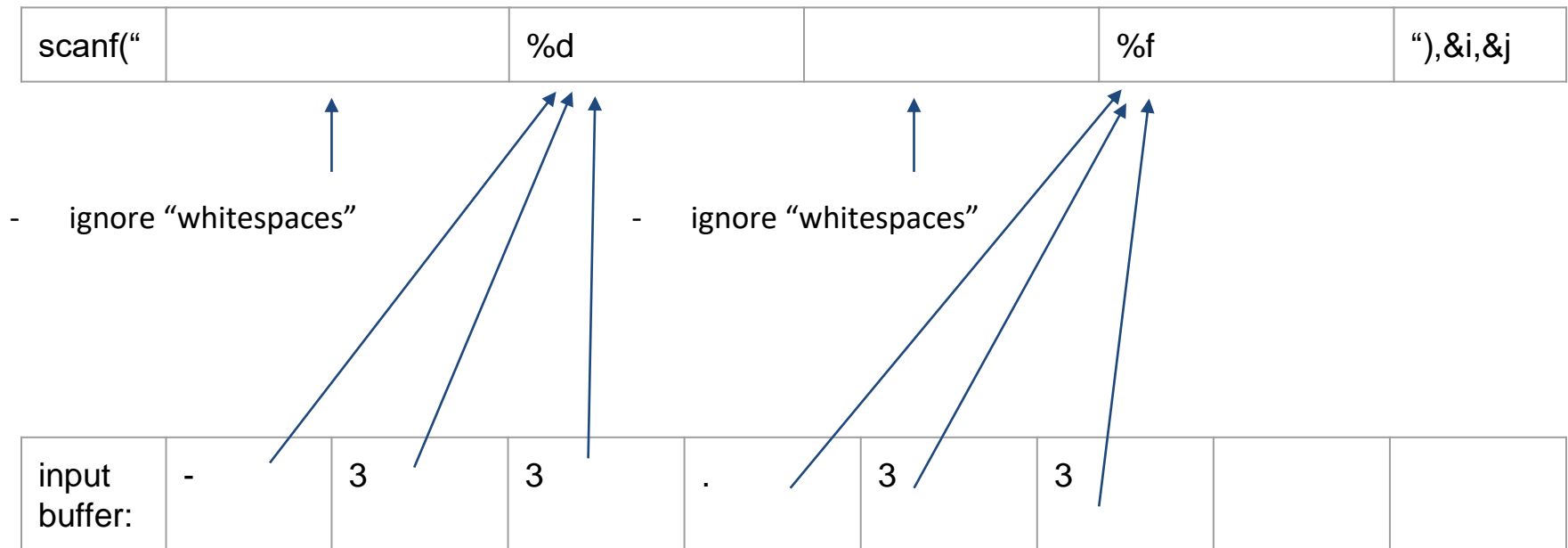


- reach the end of buffer and stop

|                  |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |
|------------------|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| input<br>buffer: | 2 | 2 |  | 3 | 3 | . | 3 | 3 |
|------------------|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|

## Lets analyze 1b (tips and tricks):

```
int i = 1;  
float j = 1.0f;  
scanf(" %d %f", &i, &j);
```



- i = -33, j = 0.33

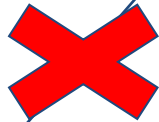
## Lets analyze 1c (tips and tricks):

```
int i = 1;  
float j = 1.0f;  
scanf(" %d %f", &i, &j);
```

|          |  |    |  |    |          |
|----------|--|----|--|----|----------|
| scanf(") |  | %d |  | %f | "),&i,&j |
|----------|--|----|--|----|----------|

- ignore "whitespaces"

- scanf stops all operation when it does not match

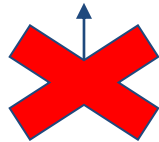


|                  |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| input<br>buffer: | # | 3 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|

## Lets analyze 1c (tips and tricks):

```
int i = 1;  
float j = 1.0f;  
scanf(" %d %f", &i, &j);
```

|           |  |    |  |    |          |
|-----------|--|----|--|----|----------|
| scanf(" " |  | %d |  | %f | "),&i,&j |
|-----------|--|----|--|----|----------|



- scanf stops all operation when it does not match

|                  |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| input<br>buffer: | # | 3 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|



## Lets analyze 1d (tips and tricks):

```
int i = 1;  
float j = 1.0f;  
scanf(" %d %f", &i, &j);
```

|          |  |    |  |    |          |
|----------|--|----|--|----|----------|
| scanf(") |  | %d |  | %f | )",&i,&j |
|----------|--|----|--|----|----------|

- ignore "whitespaces"

- scanf stops all operation when it does not match

|                  |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| input<br>buffer: | a | 1 | 1 | . | 1 | 1 |  |  |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|

## Let's analyze 2:

```
int main(void)
{
    /*
    int a = printf("%5d\n%5.4d\n%5.6d\n%5.8d\n", 1, 1.1, 1.11, 1.111);
    printf("%d\n", a);
    */
    int i = 1;
    float j = 1.0f;
    printf("try input:");
    int b = scanf("[%da c%f]", &i, &j);
    printf("i=%d,j=%f\n", i, j);
    printf("b=%d\n", b);
    return 0;
}
```

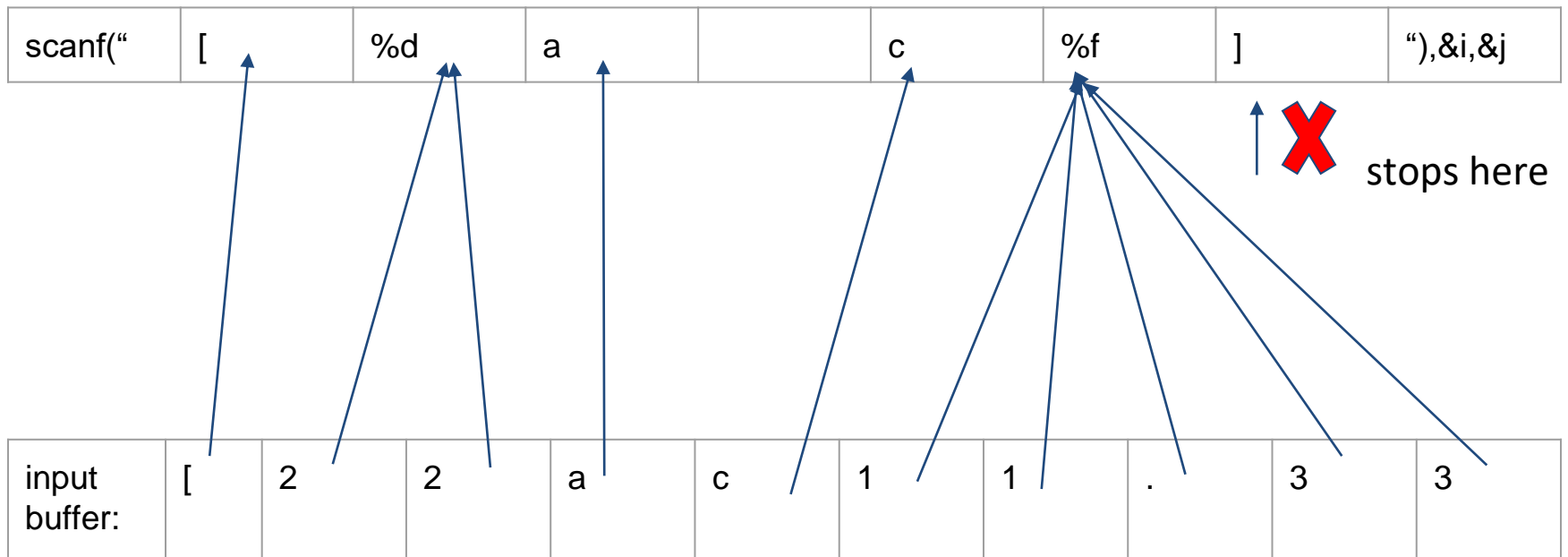
- b represent the number of characters successfully “scanned”
- compile and run the program
- try the following input:
  - a. [22ac11.33
  - b. [22a c 11. 33
  - c. [22a c..33]
  - d. [0a c.11.333

## Lets analyze 2a (tips and tricks):

```
int i = 1;
```

```
float j = 1.0f;
```

```
scanf("[%da c%f)", &i, &j);
```



- `i = 22, j = 11.33`

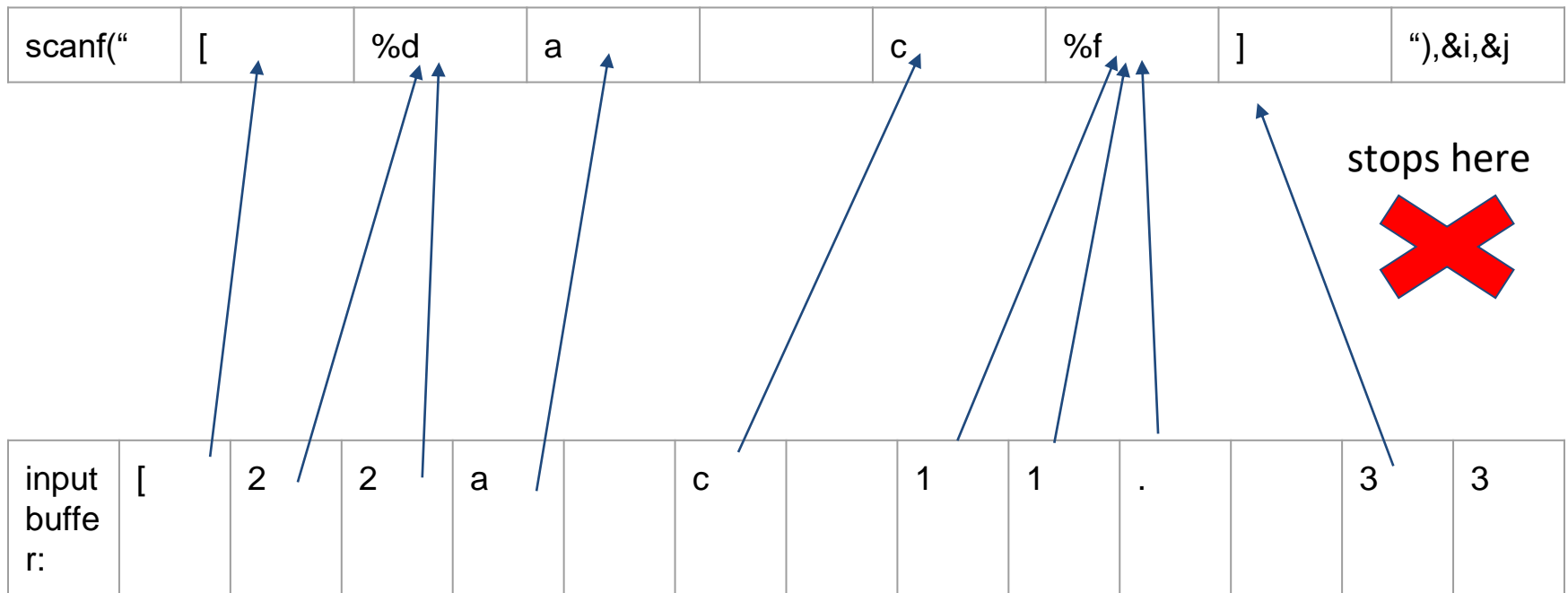


## Lets analyze 2b (tips and tricks):

```
int i = 1;
```

```
float j = 1.0f;
```

```
scanf("[%da c%f]", &i, &j);
```



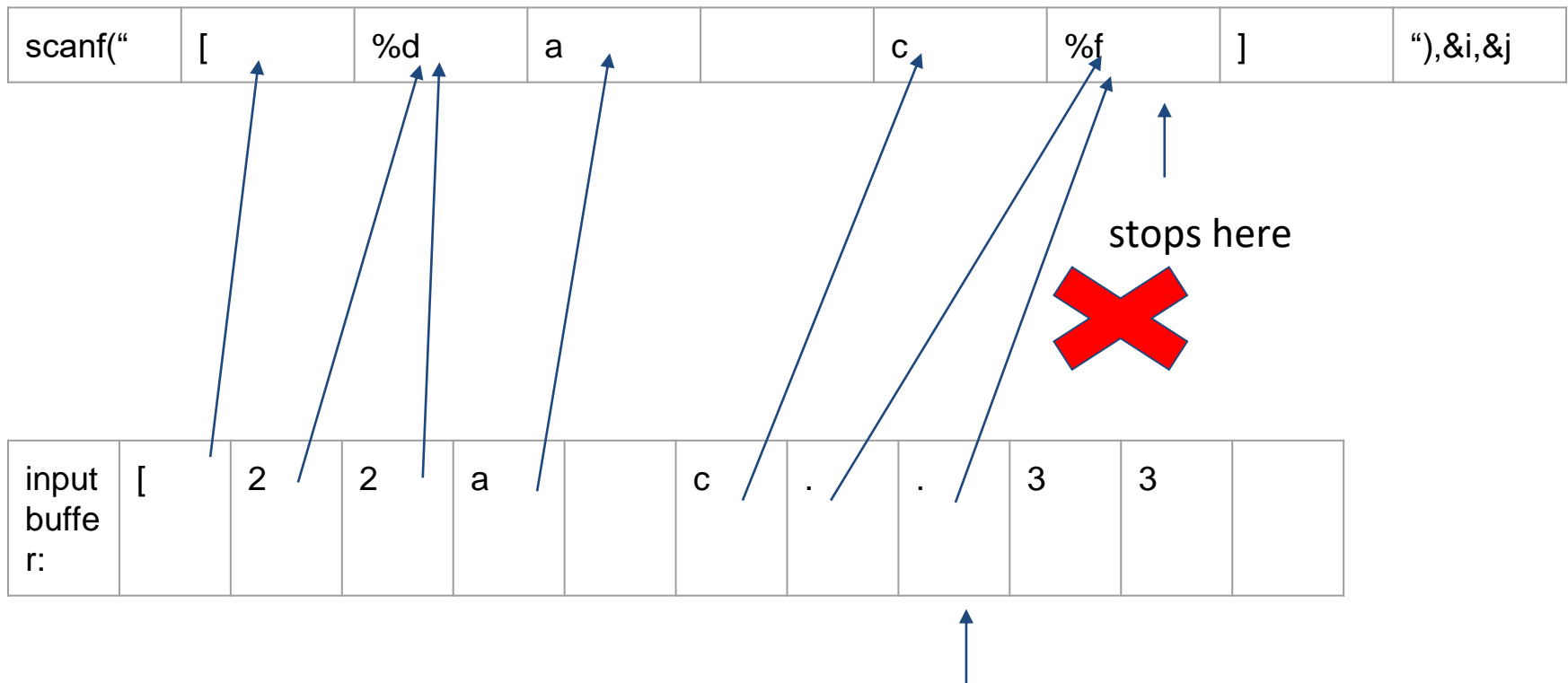
- i = 22, j = 11.000000

## Lets analyze 2c (tips and tricks):

```
int i = 1;
```

```
float j = 1.0f;
```

```
scanf("[%da c%f]", &i, &j);
```



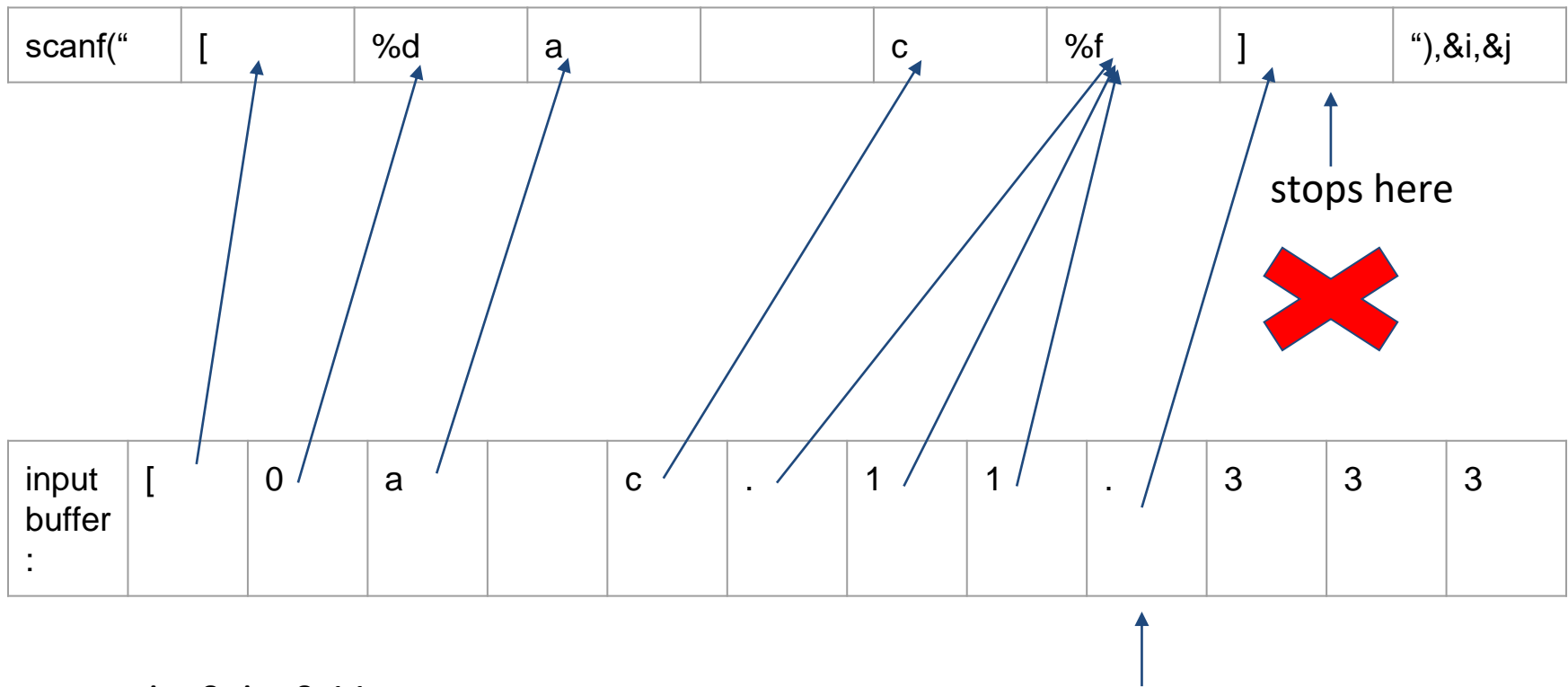
- i = 22, j = 1.0

## Lets analyze 2d (tips and tricks):

```
int i = 1;
```

```
float j = 1.0f;
```

```
scanf("[%da c%f]", &i, &j);
```



**precedence table**

| Precedence | Operator         | Description   | Associativity |
|------------|------------------|---|---------------|
| 1          | ::               | Scope resolution  | Left-to-right |
| 2          | ++ --            | Suffix/postfix increment and decrement                  |               |
|            | ()               | Function call   |               |
|            | []               | Array subscripting                                      |               |
|            | .                | Element selection by reference                          |               |
|            | ->               | Element selection through pointer                       |               |
| 3          | ++ --            | Prefix increment and decrement                          | Right-to-left |
|            | + -              | Unary plus and minus                                    |               |
|            | ! ~              | Logical NOT and bitwise NOT                             |               |
|            | ( type )         | Type cast   |               |
|            | *                | Indirection (dereference)                               |               |
|            | &                | Address-of  |               |
|            | sizeof           | Size-of   |               |
|            | new, new[]       | Dynamic memory allocation                               |               |
|            | delete, delete[] | Dynamic memory deallocation                             |               |
| 4          | .* ->*           | Pointer to member                                       | Left-to-right |
| 5          | * / %            | Multiplication, division, and remainder                 |               |
| 6          | + -              | Addition and subtraction                                |               |
| 7          | << >>            | Bitwise left shift and right shift                      |               |
| 8          | < <=             | For relational operators < and ≤ respectively           |               |
|            | > >=             | For relational operators > and ≥ respectively           |               |
| 9          | == !=            | For relational = and ≠ respectively                     |               |
| 10         | &                | Bitwise AND   |               |
| 11         | ^                | Bitwise XOR (exclusive or)                              |               |
| 12         |                  | Bitwise OR (inclusive or)                               |               |
| 13         | &&               | Logical AND   | Right-to-left |
| 14         |                  | Logical OR  |               |
| 15         | ?:               | Ternary conditional                                     |               |
|            | =                | Direct assignment (provided by default for C++ classes) |               |
|            | += -=            | Assignment by sum and difference                        |               |
|            | *= /= %=         | Assignment by product, quotient, and remainder          |               |
|            | <<= >>=          | Assignment by bitwise left shift and right shift        |               |
|            | &= ^=  =         | Assignment by bitwise AND, XOR, and OR                  |               |
| 16         | throw            | Throw operator (for exceptions)                         | Left-to-right |
| 17         | ,                | Comma   |               |

# what is precedence?

- setting the priority of operation
  - example:  $1 + 3 * 5 - 2 / 4$
  - what operation to be done first?

## postfix increment/decrement

- `i++ , j--`
  - Evaluate to the original value of `i`
  - and then Increment/decrement by one to itself.
- `int i = 1`
  - `printf("i=%d",i++);` putput: `i=1`
  - `printf("i=%d",i);` output: `i=2`
- `int j = 1`
  - `printf("j=%d, j=%d", j--, j);` putput: `j=1, j=0`

## prefix increment/decrement

- ++i , --j
  - Increment/decrement by one to itself firstly
- int i = 1
  - printf("i=%d, i=%d", ++i, i); putput: i=2, i=2
  - printf("i=%d", i); output: i=2
- int j = 1
  - printf("j=%d, j=%d", --j, j); putput: j=0, j=0



**L-value, R-value**

## Lvalue

- Objects that have a memory location

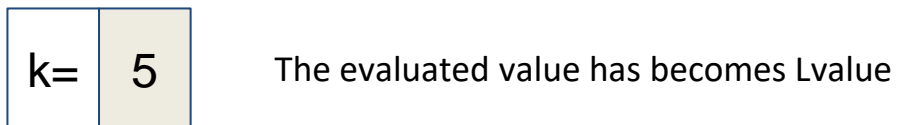
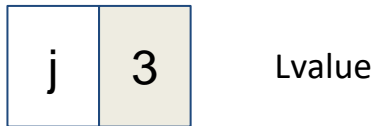
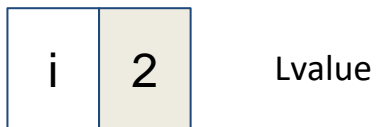
## Rvalue

- Objects that does not have a memory location
- Objects that will be discarded if is not assigned to another object
- a.k.a temporary value
- Every C operator operation evaluate to a Rvalue

## Example:

- `int i = 2, j = 3, k = 0;`
- `k = i + j`
- right not, `i, j, k` is a Lvalue

Evaluation:



## Exercise:

- `int i = 10, j = 15, k = 20;`
  - `i++ - ++j + --k`
  - `++i - j++ + k--`
  - `++i + i++ + i++`