

→ It is a symbolic name or const that represent value, expression or code snippet, It belongs to preprocessing phase

* Types of marcos :

① Object-like marco

ex. `#define PI 3.14`

```
int main(void) {
    printf("%.2F", 1*1*PI);
}
```

② Chain marco (For more complex operations)

ex. `#define INSTGRAM FOLLOWERS`
`#define FOLLOWERS 138`

③ Function-like marco :

ex. `#define add(x, y) (x+y)`

```
int main(void) {
    printf("%d\n", add(2, 3));
}
```

☆ Implemented before compile time, during preprocessing phase

1. #ifdef : used to check if a marco is defined or not

ex.

```
#define DEBUG
#ifdef DEBUG
    printf("debyg mode is on");
#endif
```

2. #ifndef : used to check if a marco is not defined

```
#undef DEBUG
#ifndef DEBUG
    printf("debug mode is off");
#endif
```

3. #endif : used as a closing for #ifdef & #ifndef

4. #error : Trigger a compilation error

ex.

```
#ifndef CONFIG_SET
#error "CONFIG_SET*is missing"
#endif
```

5. #pragma : used for pack structs

ex.

```
#pragma pack(1)
```


6. #undef : to undefine a macro that had been defined

7. #include : to include files and libraries

Dynamic memory Allocation

★ In C , If you declared a variable , it will be stored in stack memory , So it can't change its size or delete it at run time , so dynamic memory allocation is used then

★ malloc()

★ calloc()

★ realloc()

★ free()

1. malloc() : allocates a block of contiguous memory at runtime

Note : Uninitialized

ex. `int *ptr = malloc (sizeof(int) * 4);`

→ array of int of size 4

⇒ `*ptr + 1 = ptr[1]`

⇒ `ptr = null` if allocation fails

ex. `int *ptr = calloc (n , sizeof (data-type));`
no. of blocks ↙

```
int *ptr = calloc(5, sizeof(int))
```

0	0	0	0	0
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3. `free()` : releases dynamically allocated memory by `malloc`, `calloc`

`free(ptr);` → ptr now called dangling pointer.

ptr = NULL // recommended

4. `realloc()` : used to resize a previously allocated memory block

```
realloc(ptr, new-size);
```

```
ex. int *ptr = malloc(sizeof(int)*5);  
    ptr = realloc(ptr, 10*sizeof(int));
```


Header guard in C :

Used in a header file (filename.h) to prevent multiple inclusion of the same header file

Syntax : `#ifndef FILENAME_H`
`#define FILENAME_H`

`// some code (macros, enums, structs, function prototypes)`

`#endif // FILENAME_H`

Why ??

main.c :	filename.h	filename.c
#include "filename.h"	// header guard	#include "filename.h"

There is 2 #include "filename.h" so we need to prevent multiple inclusion by header guard.