

# A First Book of ANSI C

## *Fourth Edition*

### *Chapter 3*

### *Processing and Interactive Input*

# Objectives

- Assignment
- Mathematical Library Functions
- Interactive Input
- Formatted Output

# Objectives (continued)

- Symbolic Constants
- Case Study: Interactive Input
- Common Programming and Compiler Errors

# Assignment

- The general syntax for an assignment statement is  
`variable = operand;`
  - The operand to the right of the assignment operator (=) can be a constant, a variable, or an expression
- The equal sign in C does not have the same meaning as an equal sign in algebra
  - `length=25;` is read “length is assigned the value 25”
- Subsequent assignment statements can be used to change the value assigned to a variable  
`length = 3.7;`  
`length = 6.28;`

# Assignment (continued)

- The operand to the right of the equal sign in an assignment statement can be a variable or any valid C expression

```
sum = 3 + 7;
```

```
product = .05 * 14.6;
```

- The value of the expression to the right of = is computed first and then the calculated value is stored in the variable to the left of =
- Variables used in the expression to the right of the = must be initialized if the result is to make sense
- `amount + 1892 = 1000 + 10 * 5` is invalid!

# Assignment (continued)



## Program 3.1

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  int main()
3  {
4      float length, width, area;
5
6      length = 27.2;
7      width = 13.8;
8      area = length * width;
9      printf("The length of the rectangle is %f", length);
10     printf("\nThe width of the rectangle is %f", width);
11     printf("\nThe area of the rectangle is %f", area);
12
13     return 0;
14 }
```

If `width` was not initialized, the computer uses the value that happens to occupy that memory space previously (compiler would probably issue a warning)

# Assignment (continued)

- = has the lowest precedence of all the binary and unary arithmetic operators introduced in Section 2.4
- Multiple assignments are possible in the same statement

```
a = b = c = 25;
```

- All = operators have the same precedence
- Operator has right-to-left associativity

```
c = 25;
```

```
b = c;
```

```
a = b;
```

# Implicit Type Conversions

- Data type conversions take place across assignment operators

```
double result;
```

```
result = 4; //integer 4 is converted to 4.0
```

- The automatic conversion across an assignment operator is called an **implicit type conversion**

```
int answer;
```

```
answer = 2.764; //2.764 is converted to 2
```

- Here the implicit conversion is from a higher precision to a lower precision data type; the compiler will issue a warning



# Explicit Type Conversions (Casts)

- The operator used to force the conversion of a value to another type is the **cast** operator

*(dataType) expression*

- where *dataType* is the desired data type of the expression following the cast
- Example:
  - If `sum` is declared as `double sum;`, `(int) sum` is the integer value determined by truncating `sum`'s fractional part

# Assignment Variations



## Program 3.2

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  int main()
3  {
4      int sum;
5
6      sum = 25;
7      printf("\nThe number stored in sum is %d.",sum);
8      sum = sum + 10;
9      printf("\nThe number now stored in sum is %d.\n",sum);
10
11     return 0;
12 }
```

*sum = sum + 10 is not an equation—it is an expression that is evaluated in two major steps*

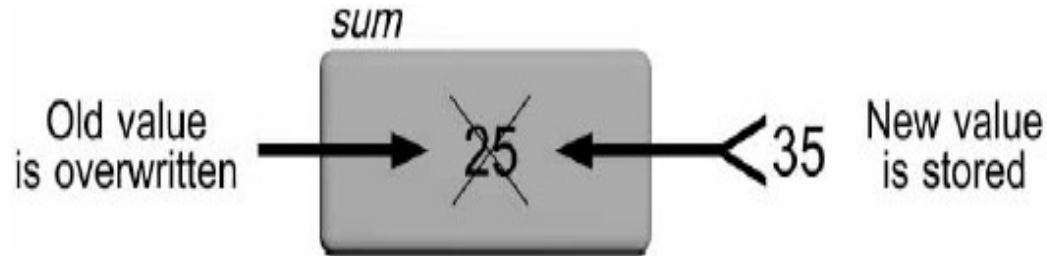
A red arrow originates from the text 'sum = sum + 10' and points diagonally down and to the left, ending at the assignment statement 'sum = sum + 10;' on line 8 of the code.

# Assignment Variations (continued)



**Figure 3.1** The integer 25 is stored in *sum*

# Assignment Variations (continued)



**Figure 3.2** `sum = sum + 10;` causes a new value to be stored in `sum`

# Assignment Variations (continued)

- Assignment expressions like `sum = sum + 25` can be written using the following operators:  
- `+=` `-=` `*=` `/=` `%=`
- `sum = sum + 10` can be written as `sum += 10`
- `price *= rate` is equivalent to `price = price * rate`
- `price *= rate + 1` is equivalent to `price = price * (rate + 1)`

# Accumulating

- The first statement initializes sum to 0
  - This removes any previously stored value in sum that would invalidate the final total
  - A previously stored number, if it has not been initialized to a specific and known value, is frequently called a **garbage value**

# Accumulating (continued)

**Table 3.1** Statements and Resulting Value when Adding 96, 70, 85, and 60

Statement	Value in sum
<code>sum = 0;</code>	0
<code>sum = sum + 96;</code>	96
<code>sum = sum + 70;</code>	166
<code>sum = sum + 85;</code>	251
<code>sum = sum + 60;</code>	311

# Accumulating (continued)



## Program 3.3

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  int main()
3  {
4      int sum;
5
6      sum = 0;
7      printf("\nThe value of sum is initially set to %d.", sum);
8      sum = sum + 96;
9      printf("\n sum is now %d.", sum);
10     sum = sum + 70;
11     printf("\n sum is now %d.", sum);
12     sum = sum + 85;
13     printf("\n sum is now %d.", sum);
14     sum = sum + 60;
15     printf("\n The final sum is %d.\n", sum);
16
17     return 0;
18 }
```



# Counting

- A **counting statement** is very similar to the accumulating statement

*variable = variable + fixedNumber;*

- Examples: `i = i + 1;` and `m = m + 2;`
- **Increment operator (++)**: `variable = variable + 1` can be replaced by `variable++` or `++variable`

# Counting (continued)

**Table 3.2** Examples of the Increment Operator

Expression	Alternative
<code>i = i + 1</code>	<code>i++</code> and <code>++i</code>
<code>n = n + 1</code>	<code>n++</code> and <code>++n</code>
<code>count = count + 1</code>	<code>count++</code> and <code>++count</code>

# Counting (continued)



## Program 3.4

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  int main()
3  {
4      int count;
5
6      count = 0;
7      printf("\nThe initial value of count is %d.", count);
8      count++;
9      printf("\n count is now %d.", count);
10     count++;
11     printf("\n count is now %d.", count);
12     count++;
13     printf("\n count is now %d.", count);
14     count++;
15     printf("\n count is now %d.\n", count);
16
17     return 0;
18 }
```

# Counting (continued)

- When the `++` operator appears before a variable, it is called a **prefix increment operator**; when it appears after a variable, it is called **postfix increment operator**
  - `k = ++n;` is equivalent to
    - `n = n + 1;` // increment n first
    - `k = n;` // assign n's value to k
  - `k = n++;` is equivalent to
    - `k = n;` // assign n's value to k
    - `n = n + 1;` // and then increment n

# Counting (continued)

- **Prefix decrement operator:** the expression  $k = --n$  first decrements the value of  $n$  by 1 before assigning the value of  $n$  to  $k$
- **Postfix decrement operator:** the expression  $k = n--$  first assigns the current value of  $n$  to  $k$  and then reduces the value of  $n$  by 1

# Counting (continued)

**Table 3.3** Examples of the Decrement Operator

Expression	Alternative
<code>i = i - 1</code>	<code>i--</code> and <code>--i</code>
<code>n = n - 1</code>	<code>n--</code> and <code>--n</code>
<code>count = count - 1</code>	<code>count--</code> and <code>--count</code>

# Mathematical Library Functions

**Table 3.4** Commonly Used Mathematical Functions (all functions require the math.h header file)

Function	Description	Example	Returned Value	Comments
<code>sqrt(x)</code>	Square root of x	<code>sqrt(16.00)</code>	4.000000	an integer value of x results in a compiler error
<code>pow(x,y)</code>	x raised to the y power ( $x^y$ )	<code>pow(2, 3)</code> <code>pow(81, .5)</code>	8.000000 9.000000	integer values of x and y are permitted
<code>exp(x)</code>	e raised to the x power ( $e^x$ )	<code>exp(-3.2)</code>	0.040762	an integer value of x results in a compiler error
<code>log(x)</code>	Natural log of x (base e)	<code>log(18.697)</code>	2.928363	an integer value of x results in a compiler error
<code>log10(x)</code>	Common log of x (base 10)	<code>log10(18.697)</code>	1.271772	an integer value of x results in a compiler error
<code>fabs(x)</code>	Absolute value of x	<code>fabs(-3.5)</code>	3.5000000	an integer value of x results in a compiler error
<code>abs(x)</code>	Absolute value of x	<code>abs(-2)</code>	2	a floating-point value of x returns a Value of 0

# Mathematical Library Functions (continued)

- The argument to `sqrt` must be floating-point value; passing an integer value results in a compiler error
  - Return value is double-precision
- Must include `#include <math.h>`

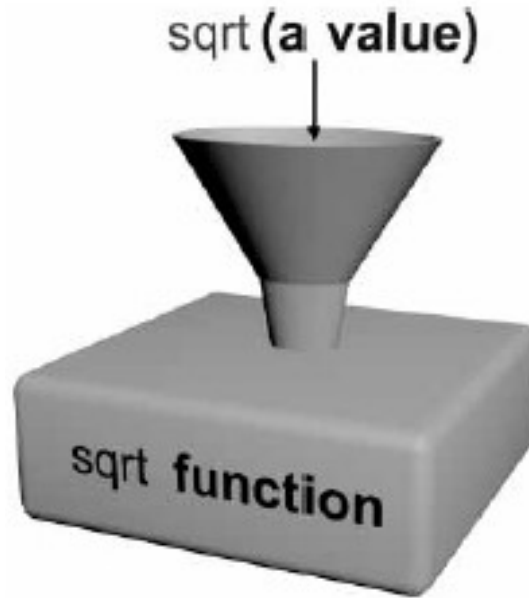


# Mathematical Library Functions (continued)

**Table 3.5** Examples Using `sqrt()`

Expression	Returned Value
<code>sqrt(4.0)</code>	2.000000
<code>sqrt(17.0)</code>	4.123106
<code>sqrt(25.0)</code>	5.000000
<code>sqrt(1043.29)</code>	32.300000
<code>sqrt(6.4516)</code>	2.540000

# Mathematical Library Functions (continued)



**Figure 3.3** Passing  
data to the `sqrt ( )`  
function

# Mathematical Library Functions (continued)



## Program 3.5

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <math.h>
3  int main()
4  {
5      double result;
6
7      printf("The square root of 6.456 is %f\n", sqrt(6.456));
8      printf("7.6 raised to the 3rd power is %f\n", pow(7.6, 3));
9
10     result = fabs(-8.24);
11     printf("The absolute value of -8.24 is %f\n", result);
12
13     return 0;
14 }
```

Argument need not  
be a single constant

# Mathematical Library Functions (continued)

- The step-by-step evaluation of the expression  
$$3.0 * \text{sqrt}(5 * 33 - 13.91) / 5$$
is (see next slide)

# Mathematical Library Functions (continued)

Step	Result
1. Perform multiplication in argument	<code>3.0 * sqrt(165 - 13.91) / 5</code>
2. Complete argument calculation	<code>3.0 * sqrt(151.090000) / 5</code>
3. Return a function value	<code>3.0 * 12.2918672 / 5</code>
4. Perform the multiplication	<code>36.8756017 / 5</code>
5. Perform the division	<code>7.3751203</code>

# Mathematical Library Functions (continued)

- Determine the time it takes a ball to hit the ground after it has been dropped from an 800-foot tower
  - $time = \sqrt{2 * distance/g}$ , where  $g = 32.2 \text{ ft/sec}^2$

# Mathematical Library Functions (continued)



## Program 3.6

```
1  #include <stdio.h>  /* this line may be placed second instead of first */
2  #include <math.h>   /* this line may be placed first instead of second */
3  int main()
4  {
5      int height;
6      double time;
7
8      height = 800.0;
9      time = sqrt(2.0 * height / 32.2);
10     printf("It will take %f seconds", time);
11     printf(" to fall %d feet.\n", height);
12
13     return 0;
14 }
```

# Interactive Input



## Program 3.8

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  int main()
3  {
4      printf("%f times %f is %f\n", 300.0, .05, 300.0*.05);
5
6      return 0;
7  }
```



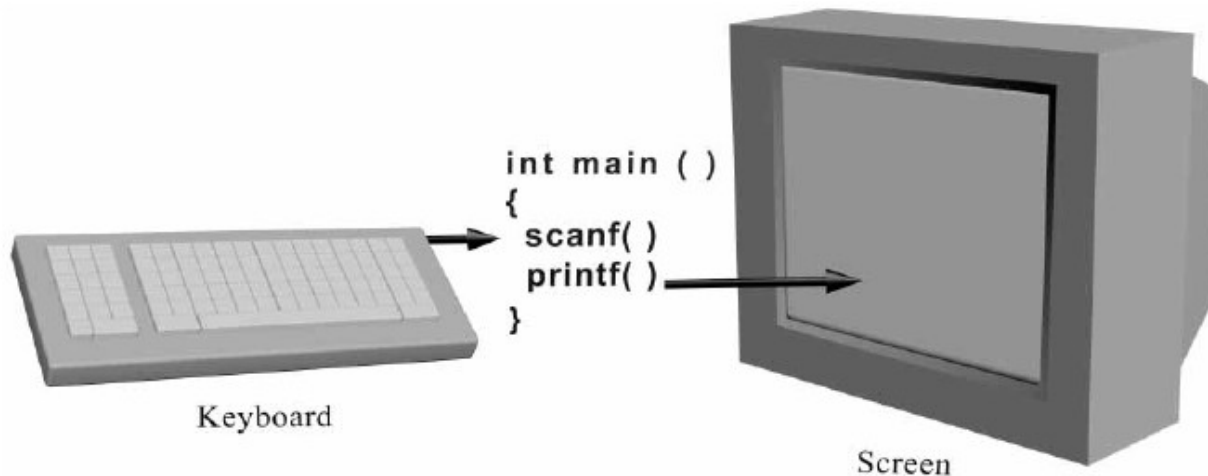
# Interactive Input (continued)

- This program must be rewritten to multiply different numbers
- `scanf()` is used to enter data into a program while it is executing; the value is stored in a variable
  - It requires a control string as the first argument inside the function name parentheses

# Interactive Input (continued)

- The control string passed to `scanf()` typically consists of conversion control sequences only
- `scanf()` requires that a list of variable addresses follow the control string
  - `scanf("%d", &num1);`

# Interactive Input (continued)



**Figure 3.5** `scanf()` used to enter data; `printf()` used to display data

# Interactive Input (continued)



## Program 3.9

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  int main()
3  {
4      float num1, num2, product;
5
6      printf("Please type in a number: ");
7      scanf("%f",&num1);
8      printf("Please type in another number: ");
9      scanf("%f",&num2);
10     product = num1 * num2;
11     printf("%f times %f is %f\n", num1, num2, product);
12
13     return 0;
14 }
```

This statement produces a **prompt**

Address operator (&)

# Interactive Input (continued)

- `scanf()` can be used to enter many values  
`scanf("%f %f", &num1, &num2);` // "`%f%f`" is the same
- A space can affect what the value being entered is when `scanf()` is expecting a character data type
  - `scanf("%c%c%c", &ch1, &ch2, &ch3);` stores the next three characters typed in the variables `ch1`, `ch2`, and `ch3`; if you type `x y z`, then `x` is stored in `ch1`, a blank is stored in `ch2`, and `y` is stored in `ch3`
  - `scanf("%c %c %c", &ch1, &ch2, &ch3);` **causes** `scanf()` to look for three characters, each character separated by exactly one space

# Interactive Input (continued)

- In printing a double-precision number using `printf()`, the conversion control sequence for a single-precision variable, `%f`, can be used
- When using `scanf()`, if a double-precision number is to be entered, you must use the `%lf` conversion control sequence
- `scanf()` does not test the data type of the values being entered
- In `scanf("%d %f", &num1, &num2)`, if user enters 22.87, 22 is stored in `num1` and .87 in `num2`

# Caution: The Phantom Newline Character



## Program 3.10

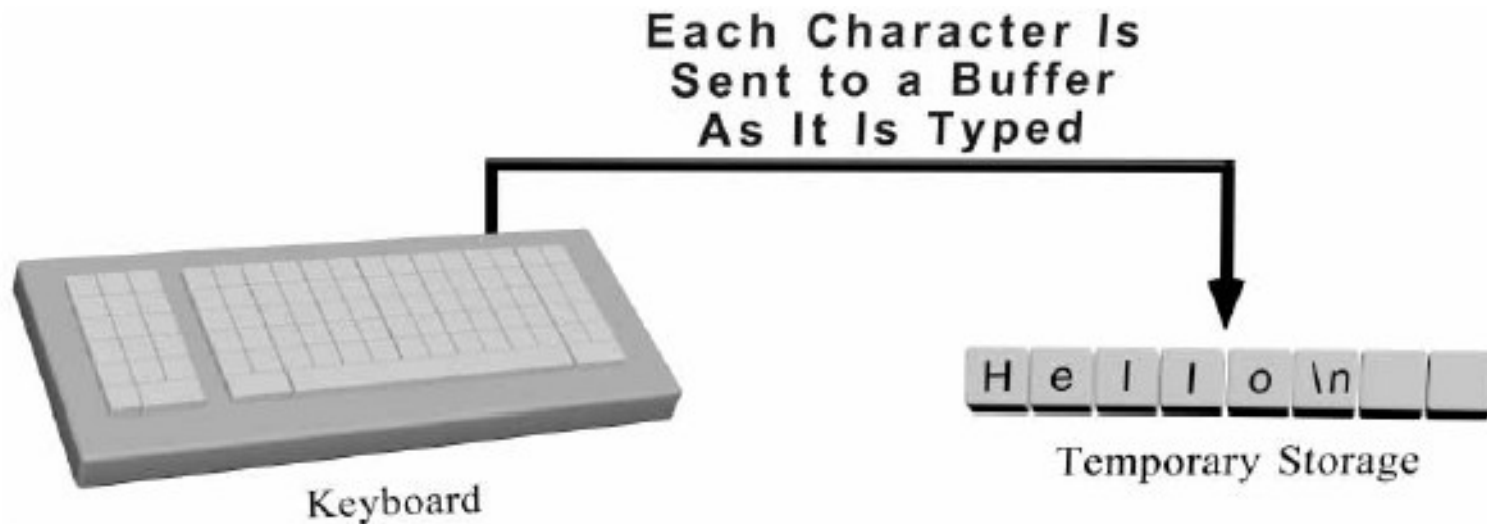
```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  int main()
3  {
4      char fkey, skey;
5
6      printf("Type in a character: ");
7      scanf("%c", &fkey);
8      printf("The keystroke just accepted is %d", fkey);
9      printf("\nType in another character: ");
10     scanf("%c", &skey);
11     printf("The keystroke just accepted is %d\n", skey);
12
13     return 0;
14 }
```

# Caution: The Phantom Newline Character (continued)

- The following is a sample run for Program 3.10:  
Type in a character: m  
The keystroke just accepted is 109  
Type in another character: The keystroke just  
accepted is 10



# Caution: The Phantom Newline Character (continued)



**Figure 3.6** Typed keyboard characters are first stored in a buffer

# Caution: The Phantom Newline Character (continued)



## Program 3.11

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  int main()
3  {
4      char fkey, skey;
5
6      printf("Type in a character: ");
7      scanf("%c%c", &fkey, &skey); /* the enter code goes to skey */
8      printf("The keystroke just accepted is %d", fkey);
9      printf("\nType in another character: ");
10     scanf("%c", &skey); /* accept another code */
11     printf("The keystroke just accepted is %d\n", skey);
12
13     return 0;
14 }
```

# A First Look at User-Input Validation



## Program 3.12

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  int main()
3  {
4      int num1, num2, num3;
5      double average;
6
7      /* get the input data */
8      printf("Enter three integer numbers: ");
9      scanf("%d %d %d", &num1, &num2, &num3);
10
11     /* calculate the average*/
12     average = (num1 + num2 + num3) / 3.0;
13
14     /* display the result */
15     printf("\nThe avearge of %d, %d, and %d is %f\n",
16           num1, num2, num3, average);
17
18
19     return 0;
20 }
```

# A First Look at User-Input Validation (continued)

- As written, Program 3.12 is not **robust**
- The problem becomes evident when a user enters a non-integer value

```
Enter three integer numbers: 10 20.68 20
The average of 10, 20, and -858993460 is
-286331143.333333
```

- Handling invalid data input is called **user-input validation**
  - Validating the entered data either during or immediately after the data have been entered
  - Providing the user with a way of reentering any invalid data

# Formatted Output



## Program 3.13

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  int main()
3  {
4      printf("\n%d", 6);
5      printf("\n%d", 18);
6      printf("\n%d", 124);
7      printf("\n---");
8      printf("\n%d\n", 6+18+124);
9
10     return 0;
11 }
```

```
6
18
124 ← Output is not
--- aligned
148
```

# Formatted Output (continued)



## Program 3.14

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  int main()
3  {
4      printf("\n%3d", 6);
5      printf("\n%3d", 18);
6      printf("\n%3d", 124);
7      printf("\n---");
8      printf("\n%3d\n", 6+18+124);
9
10     return 0;
11 }
```

**Field width specifier**

```
6
18
124
---
148
```

# Formatted Output (continued)

**Table 3.6** Effect of Field Width Specifiers

Specifier	Number	Display	Comments
%2d	3	^3	Number fits in field
%2d	43	43	Number fits in field
%2d	143	143	Field width ignored
%2d	2.3	Compiler dependent	Floating-point number in an integer field
%5.2f	2.366	^2.37	Field of 5 with 2 decimal digits
%5.2f	42.3	42.30	Number fits in field
%5.2f	142.364	142.36	Field width ignored but fractional specifier is used
%5.2f	142	Compiler dependent	Integer in a floating-point field

# Format Modifiers

- **Left justification:** `printf("%-10d", 59);` produces the display `59^^^^^^`
- **Explicit sign display:** `printf("%+10d", 59);` produces the display `^^^^^^+59`
- Format modifiers may be combined
  - `%-+10d` would cause an integer number to both display its sign and be left-justified in a field width of 10 spaces
    - The order of the format modifiers is not critical  
`%+-10d` is the same



# Other Number Bases [Optional]



## Program 3.15

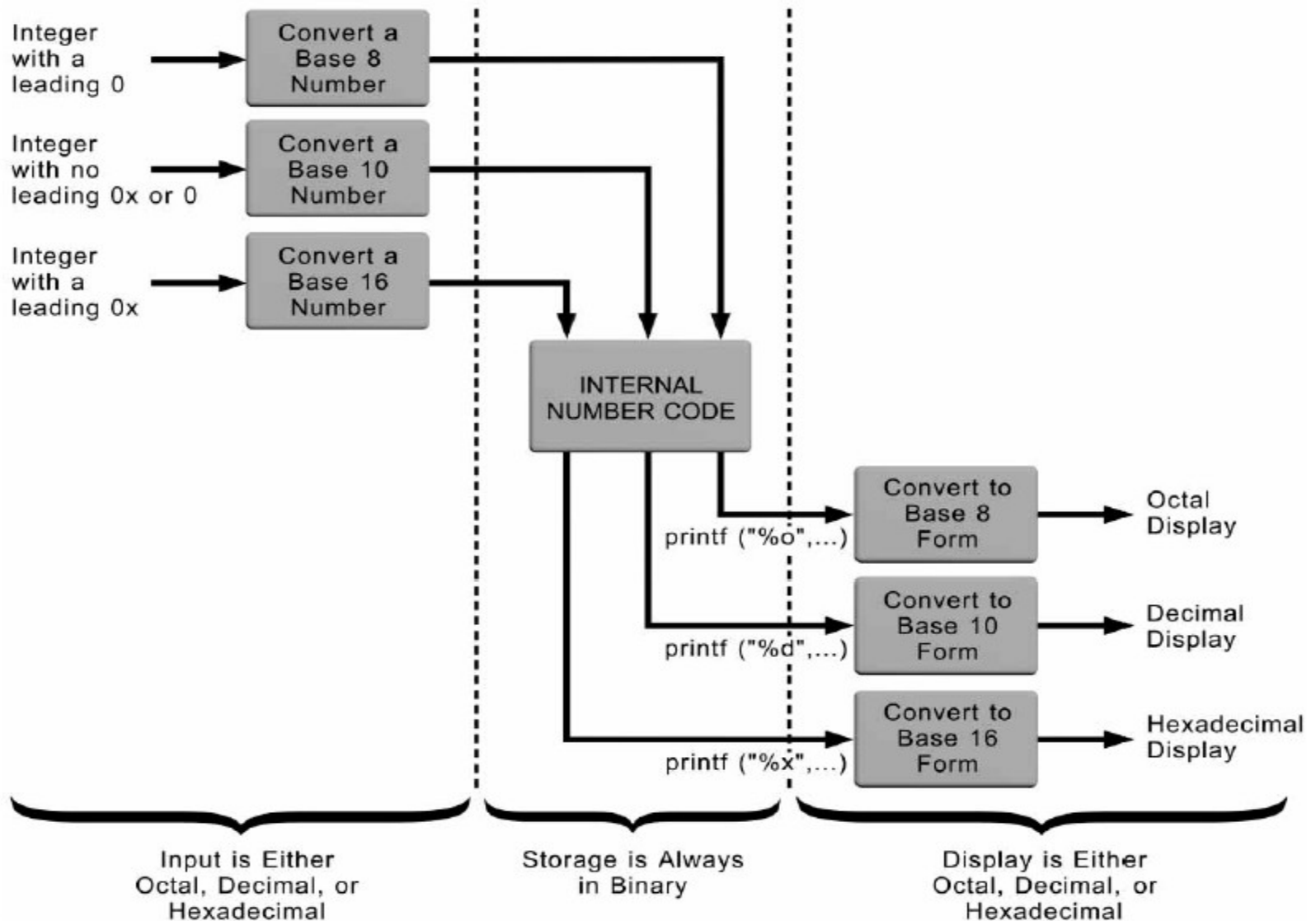
```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  int main() /* a program to illustrate output conversions */
3  {
4      printf("The decimal (base 10) value of 15 is %d.", 15);
5      printf("\nThe octal (base 8) value of 15 is %o.", 15);
6      printf("\nThe hexadecimal (base 16) value of 15 is %x\n.", 15);
7
8      return 0;
9  }
```

The decimal (base 10) value of 15 is 15.

The octal (base 8) value of 15 is 17.

The hexadecimal (base 16) value of 15 is f.

# Other Number Bases (continued)



**Figure 3.7** Input, storage, and display of integers

# Other Number Bases (continued)



## Program 3.17

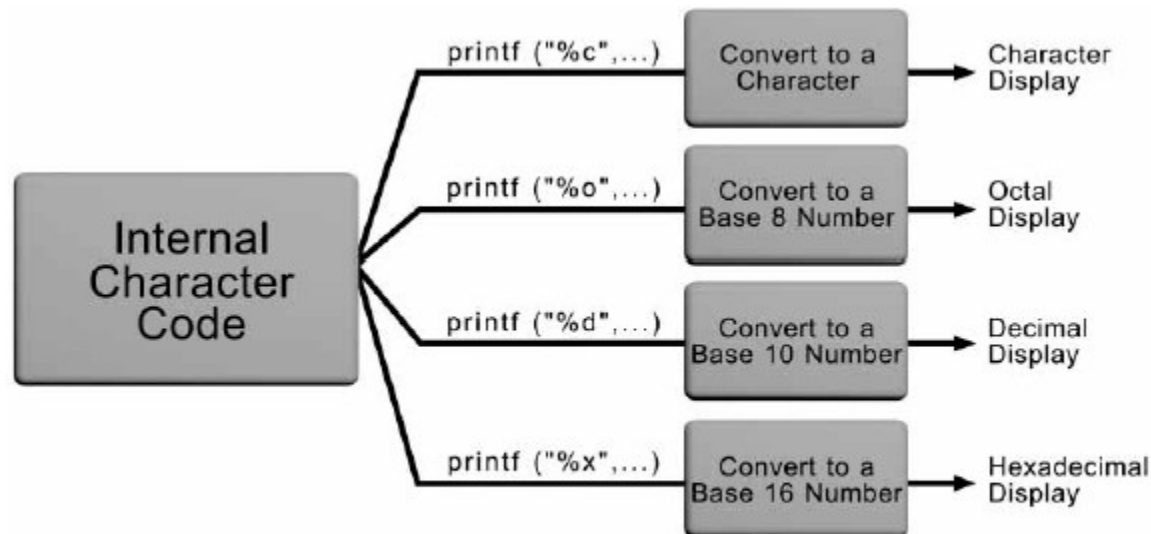
```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  int main()
3  {
4      printf("The decimal value of the letter %c is %d.", 'a', 'a');
5      printf("\nThe octal value of the letter %c is %o.", 'a', 'a');
6      printf("\nThe hex value of the letter %c is %x.\n", 'a', 'a');
7
8      return 0;
9  }
```

The decimal value of the letter a is 97.

The octal value of the letter a is 141.

The hex value of the letter a is 61.

# Other Number Bases (continued)



**Figure 3.8** Character display options

# Symbolic Constants

- **Literal data** refers to any data within a program that explicitly identifies itself
- Literal values that appear many times in the same program are called **magic numbers**
- C allows you to define the value once by equating the number to a **symbolic name**
  - `#define SALESTAX 0.05`
  - `#define PI 3.1416`
  - Also called **symbolic constants** and **named constants**

# Symbolic Constants (continued)

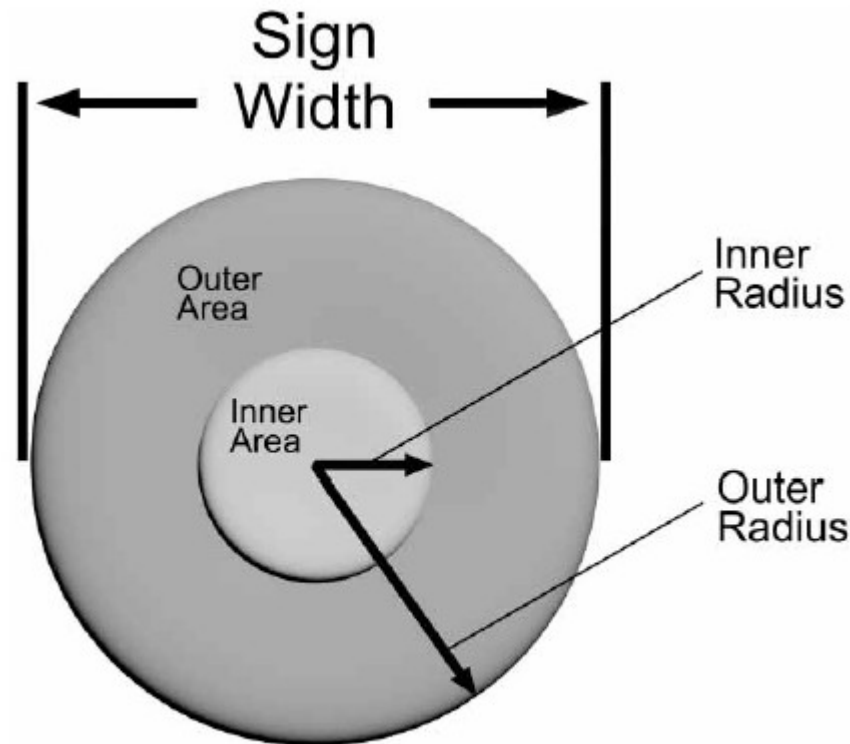


## Program 3.18

# sign is a signal to a C preprocessor

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #define SALESTAX 0.05
3 int main()
4 {
5     float amount, taxes, total;
6
7     printf("\nEnter the amount purchased: ");
8     scanf("%f", &amount);
9     taxes = SALESTAX * amount;
10    total = amount + taxes;
11    printf("The sales tax is $%4.2f", taxes);
12    printf("\nThe total bill is $%5.2f\n", total);
13
14    return 0;
15 }
```

# Case Study: Interactive Input



**Figure 3.9** The Hit-The-Mark display

# Case Study: Interactive Input (continued)



Program 3.19

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <math.h>
3  #define SQFTPERQUART 200.0
4  #define PI 3.1416
5
6  int main()
7  {
8      float width, outerRadius, innerRadius;
9      float totalArea, innerArea, outerRimArea;
10     float blue, red;
11
12     /* get the input data */
13     printf("Enter the width of the display (in feet): ");
14     scanf("%f", &width);
15
16     /* determine the two radii */
17     outerRadius = width/2.0;
18     innerRadius = 0.25 * outerRadius;
19
20     /* determine the two areas */
21     totalArea = PI * pow(outerRadius, 2);
22     innerArea = PI * pow(innerRadius, 2);
23     outerRimArea = totalArea - innerArea;
24
25     /* determine the gallons of paint needed */
26     red = innerArea / SQFTPERQUART;
27     blue = outerRimArea / SQFTPERQUART;
28
29     /* provide the required outputs */
30     printf("\nThe inner area is %5.2f sq. feet", innerArea);
31     printf("\nThe outer rim area is %5.2f sq feet", outerRimArea);
32     printf("\n\nRed paint required is %6.3f quarts", red);
33     printf("\nBlue paint required is %6.3f quarts\n", blue);
34
35     return 0;
36 }
```



# Common Programming Errors

- Forgetting to assign initial values to all variables before the variables are used in an expression
- Calling `sqrt()` with an integer argument
- Forgetting to use the address operator, `&`, in front of variable names in a `scanf()` function call
- Not including the correct control sequences in `scanf()` function calls for the data values that must be entered
- Including a message within the control string passed to `scanf()`

# Common Programming Errors (continued)

- Terminating a `#define` command to the preprocessor with a semicolon
- Placing an equal sign in a `#define` command when equating a symbolic constant to a value
- Using the increment and decrement operators with variables that appear more than once in the same expression
- Being unwilling to test a program in depth

# Common Compiler Errors

Error	Typical Unix-based compiler error message	Typical Windows-based compiler error message
Attempting to use a mathematical function, such as <code>pow</code> without including the <code>math.h</code> header file.	"ERROR: Undefined symbol: .pow ( You can use the <code>-bloadmap</code> or <code>-bnoquiet</code> options when compiling the program to obtain more information. Additionally, you must use the <code>-lm</code> option for correct compilation.)	"pow identifier not found."
Forgetting to close the control string passed to <code>scanf()</code> with double quotes.	"(S) String literal must be ended before the end of line." "(S) Syntax error: possible missing <code>'</code> '?" (The first error message is attempting to tell you that the string has not been closed using a double quote. The second error message is a result of the string not being terminated, which causes an error on the line following the call to <code>scanf()</code> .)	"newline in constant" "syntax error: missing <code>'</code> ' before identifier..." (The first error message is attempting to tell you that the string has not been closed using a double quote. The second error message is a result of the string not being terminated, which causes an error on the line following the call to <code>scanf()</code> .)

# Common Compiler Errors (continued)

Error	Typical Unix-based compiler error message	Typical Windows-based compiler error message
Failing to separate all arguments in <code>scanf()</code> with commas as, for example, in the call <code>scanf("%f%f", &amp;count &amp;n);</code>	"(S) Operation between types "unsigned char*" and "float" is not allowed." (Although very cryptic, this message indicates that the compiler cannot recognize the variable in which the function is trying to store a value.)	" '&': illegal, left operand has type ..." (Although very cryptic, this message indicates that the compiler cannot recognize the variable in which the function is trying to store a value.)
Placing the parentheses in the wrong location when using the cast operator, as, for example, in the expression <code>(int count)</code>	"(E) Identifier not allowed in cast or sizeof declarations." "(S) Syntax error."	"syntax error: missing ')' before count" "syntax error: ')' "
Applying the increment or decrement operators to an expression. For example, the expression <code>(count + n)++</code>	"Operand must be a modifiable lvalue." (This error message indicates that the expression to the left of the ++ operator can not be modified.)	"++ needs l-value." (This error message indicates that the expression to the left of the ++ operator can not be modified.)

# Summary

- Arithmetic calculations can be performed using assignment statements or mathematical functions
- The assignment symbol, =, is an operator
- C provides the +=, -=, \*= and /= assignment operators
- The increment operator, ++, adds 1 to a variable
- The decrement operator, --, subtracts 1 from a variable
- C provides library functions for calculating square root, logarithmic, and other mathematical computations

# Summary (continued)

- Mathematical functions may be included within larger expressions
- `scanf()` is a standard library function used for data input
- When a `scanf()` function is encountered, the program temporarily suspends further statement execution until sufficient data has been entered for the number of variable addresses contained in the `scanf()` function call

# Summary (continued)

- It is good programming practice to display a message, prior to a `scanf()` function call, that alerts the user as to the type and number of data items to be entered
- Field width specifiers can be included with conversion control sequences to explicitly specify the format of displayed fields
- Each compiled C program is automatically passed through a preprocessor
- Expressions can be made equivalent to a single identifier using the preprocessor `#define` command