

Storage Classes, Recursion, Pointers, Pass By Address



C Programming

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Storage Classes

- auto
- register
- static
- extern

Should understand related terms:

- **Scope:**

- It describes who can access resource like memory, function, data type etc.

- **Life**

- It describes time span how long memory will retains in alive / in use mode.



Storage Classed

- **auto**

- All local variables by default to be considered as auto

- **register**

- Request can be given to identify CPU register.
- Limited Availability
- No surety system will satisfy request
- If request is successful will result into faster performance
- If request unsuccessful will slow down the process . if registers are not available request will be converted implicitly to auto type
- We can not take address of register.
- It is allowed to request inside function.



Storage Classed

- **static**

- Helps to retain state of variable through multiple call of same function in which it is defined
- Can be initialised with constant.
- If not initialised default value is zero.
- Static variable is initialised only once on first invocation of function providing it is initialised at the time of declaration.
- Can have page level and function level

- **extern**

- Applicable to global resources like variable, function, data type.
- It describes pure declaration



Recursion

- **Points to Note:**

- Call to a function within its own definition
- Need to mention terminating condition.
- May result to stack overflow state.
- Helps to call block of statements repeatedly
- Completes job of function which has been invoked at the last.



Loop Vs Recursion

Loop

- Need of Modification statement else will result into infinite loop
- Less time consumption
- Less memory utilisation
- Follows FIFO

Recursion

- Need of Terminating condition else will result stack overflow state
- More time consumption
- More memory utilisation
- Follows LIFO





Thank you!

