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Datatypes in C

Value Types

Numeric

Signed Integer	Type	Range	Size
:: :-: ::			
sbyte		-128 to 127	Signed 8-bit integer
short		-32,768 to 32,767	Signed 16-bit integer
int		-2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647	Signed 32-bit integer
long		-9,223,372,036,854,775,808 to 9,223,372,036,854,775,807	Signed 64-bit integer

Unsigned Integer	Type	Range	Size
:: :-: ::			
byte		0 to 255	Unsigned 8-bit integer
ushort		0 to 65,535	Unsigned 16-bit integer
uint		0 to 4,294,967,295	Unsigned 32-bit integer
ulong		0 to 18,446,744,073,709,551,615	Unsigned 64-bit integer

Floating-point Numbers	Type	Approximate Range	Precision
:: :-: ::			
float		$\pm 1.5e-45$ to $\pm 3.4e38$	7 digits
double		$\pm 5.0e-324$ to $\pm 1.7e308$	15–16 digits
decimal		$(-7.9 \times 10^{28}$ to $7.9 \times 10^{28})/(100$ to $10^{28})$	28–29 significant digits

Logical

Type	Possible Values	Size
:: :-: ::		
bool	true, false	8-bit

Character

Type	Range	Size
::	::	::
char	U+0000 to U+ffff	Unicode 16-bit character

Literals

Name	Corresponding datatype	Examples
::	::	::
Integer Literal	int	40, -39, 291838, 0, ...
Float Literal	float	3.5F, -43.5f, 309430.70006F, ...
Double Literal	double	28.98, 239.0, -391.089, 0.0, ...
Decimal Literal	decimal	8.95m, 3283.9M, -30m, ...
Boolean Literal	bool	true, false
Character Literal	char	'Y', 'a', '0', '\n', '\x0058', '\u0058', ...

Compatibility

This table is to be read as

✓ means that those values or variables from the datatypes in the row and column can be “operated together” (meaning, you can for instance multiply them), ✗ means that those values or variables from the datatypes in the row and column *cannot* be “operated together” (meaning, you *cannot* for instance multiply them).

	Integer Literal	Float Literal	Double Literal	Decimal Literal
::	::	::	::	::
int	✓	✗	✗	✗
float	✓	✓	✗	✗
double	✓	✓	✓	✗
decimal	✓	✗	✗	✓

Result Type of Operations

This table is to be read as

Values or variables from the datatypes in the row and column can be “operated together” and will produce the datatype indicated in the cell, or cannot be “operated together” if the value in the cell is “illegal”.

	int	float	double	decimal
::	::	::	::	::

int | int | float | double | decimal |
float | float | float | double | illegal |
double | double | double | double | illegal |
decimal | decimal | illegal | illegal | decimal |

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