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Programming in C*

- C* is a tiny subset of the programming language C
- C* supports only 2 data types: unsigned integer, `uint64_t`, and pointer to unsigned integer, `uint64_t*`. There are no signed integers and no composite data types.
- C* features the unary * operator as the only means to access heap memory hence the name C*. There are no arrays and no structs in C*.
- C* features 5 statements (assignment, if-else, while loop, procedure call, return).
- C* has 3 types of literals (signed decimal number, character, string).
- C* supports 5 arithmetic operators (+, -, *, /, %) and 6 comparison operators (==, !=, <, <=, >, >=). There are no bitwise operators and no Boolean operators.

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