



Browsable C99 Grammar



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Source used for this grammar: ISO/IEC 9899:1999(E), Programming languages — C, December 1999, Annex A, pages 402–416

Summary

- Total **69** production rules with **200** top alternatives and **788** symbols.
- Vocabulary: **156** = **73** nonterminals + **83** terminals + **0** labels + **0** markers.
- Total **73** nonterminal symbols: **69** defined ([translation-unit](#), [external-declaration](#), [function-definition](#), [declaration-specifiers](#), [storage-class-specifier](#), [type-specifier](#), [struct-or-union-specifier](#), [struct-or-union](#), [struct-declaration-list](#), [struct-declaration](#), [specifier-qualifier-list](#), [type-qualifier](#), [struct-declarator-list](#), [struct-declarator](#), [declarator](#), [pointer](#), [type-qualifier-list](#), [direct-declarator](#), [assignment-expression](#), [conditional-expression](#), [logical-OR-expression](#), [logical-AND-expression](#), [inclusive-OR-expression](#), [exclusive-OR-expression](#), [AND-expression](#), [equality-expression](#), [relational-expression](#), [shift-expression](#), [additive-expression](#), [multiplicative-expression](#), [cast-expression](#), [unary-expression](#), [postfix-expression](#), [primary-expression](#), [expression](#), [argument-expression-list](#), [type-name](#), [abstract-declarator](#), [direct-abstract-declarator](#), [parameter-type-list](#), [parameter-list](#), [parameter-declaration](#), [initializer-list](#), [designation](#), [designator-list](#), [designator](#), [constant-expression](#), [initializer](#), [unary-operator](#), [assignment-operator](#), [identifier-list](#), [enum-specifier](#), [enumerator-list](#), [enumerator](#), [typedef-name](#), [function-specifier](#), [declaration-list](#), [declaration](#), [init-declarator-list](#), [init-declarator](#), [compound-statement](#), [block-item-list](#), [block-item](#), [statement](#), [labeled-statement](#), [expression-statement](#), [selection-statement](#), [iteration-statement](#), [jump-statement](#)), **1** root ([translation-unit](#)), **0** top (—), **4** bottom ([string-literal](#), [identifier](#)¹⁵, [constant](#), [enumeration-constant](#)²).
- Total **83** terminal symbols: **37** keywords (["typedef"](#), ["extern"](#), ["static"](#)³, ["auto"](#), ["register"](#), ["void"](#), ["char"](#), ["short"](#), ["int"](#), ["long"](#), ["float"](#), ["double"](#), ["signed"](#), ["unsigned"](#), ["_Bool"](#), ["_Complex"](#), ["_Imaginary"](#), ["struct"](#), ["union"](#), ["const"](#), ["restrict"](#), ["volatile"](#), ["sizeof"](#)², ["enum"](#)³, ["inline"](#), ["case"](#), ["default"](#), ["if"](#)², ["else"](#), ["switch"](#), ["while"](#)², ["do"](#), ["for"](#)², ["goto"](#), ["continue"](#), ["break"](#), ["return"](#)), **0** letters (—), **0** numerics (—), **46** signs (["{"](#)⁸, ["}"](#)⁸, [";"](#)¹¹, [" "](#)¹², ["."](#)⁵, ["*"](#)⁶, ["\("](#)¹⁸, ["\)"](#)¹⁸, ["\["](#)⁸, ["\]"](#)⁸, ["?"](#), ["||"](#), ["&&"](#), ["|"](#), ["^"](#), ["&"](#)², ["=="](#), ["!="](#), ["<"](#), [">"](#), ["<="](#), [">="](#), ["<<"](#), [">>"](#), ["+"](#)², ["-"](#)², ["/"](#), ["%"](#), ["++"](#)², ["--"](#)², ["!"](#)², ["->"](#), ["..."](#), ["="](#)⁴, ["~"](#), ["!"](#), ["*="](#), ["/="](#), ["%="](#), ["+="](#), ["-="](#), ["<="](#), [">="](#), ["&="](#), ["^="](#), ["|="](#)).

Syntax

translation-unit ::=
[external-declaration](#)
[translation-unit external-declaration](#)

external-declaration ::=
[function-definition](#)
[declaration](#)

function-definition ::=
[declaration-specifiers declarator declaration-list?](#) [compound-statement](#)

declaration-specifiers ::=
[storage-class-specifier declaration-specifiers?](#)
[type-specifier declaration-specifiers?](#)
[type-qualifier declaration-specifiers?](#)
[function-specifier declaration-specifiers?](#)

storage-class-specifier ::=
"typedef"
"extern"
"static"
"auto"
"register"

type-specifier ::=
"void"
"char"
"short"
"int"
"long"
"float"
"double"
"signed"
"unsigned"
"_Bool"
"_Complex"
"_Imaginary"
[struct-or-union-specifier](#)

[enum-specifier](#)
[typedef-name](#)

struct-or-union-specifier ::=
[struct-or-union identifier](#)? "{" [struct-declaration-list](#) "[}"](#)
[struct-or-union identifier](#)

struct-or-union ::=
"struct"
"union"

struct-declaration-list ::=
[struct-declaration](#)
[struct-declaration-list struct-declaration](#)

struct-declaration ::=
[specifier-qualifier-list struct-declarator-list](#) "[;](#)"

specifier-qualifier-list ::=
[type-specifier specifier-qualifier-list](#)?
[type-qualifier specifier-qualifier-list](#)?

type-qualifier ::=
"const"
"restrict"
"volatile"

struct-declarator-list ::=
[struct-declarator](#)
[struct-declarator-list](#) "[;](#)" [struct-declarator](#)

struct-declarator ::=
[declarator](#)
[declarator](#)? "[:](#)" [constant-expression](#)

declarator ::=
[pointer](#)? [direct-declarator](#)

pointer ::=
"*" type-qualifier-list?
"*" type-qualifier-list? pointer

type-qualifier-list ::=
type-qualifier
type-qualifier-list type-qualifier

direct-declarator ::=
identifier
"(" declarator ")"
direct-declarator "[" type-qualifier-list? assignment-expression? "]"
direct-declarator "[" "static" type-qualifier-list? assignment-expression "]"
direct-declarator "[" type-qualifier-list "static" assignment-expression "]"
direct-declarator "[" type-qualifier-list? "*" "]"
direct-declarator "(" parameter-type-list ")"
direct-declarator "(" identifier-list? ")"

assignment-expression ::=
conditional-expression
unary-expression assignment-operator assignment-expression

conditional-expression ::=
logical-OR-expression
logical-OR-expression "?" expression ":" conditional-expression

logical-OR-expression ::=
logical-AND-expression
logical-OR-expression "||" logical-AND-expression

logical-AND-expression ::=
inclusive-OR-expression
logical-AND-expression "&&" inclusive-OR-expression

inclusive-OR-expression ::=
exclusive-OR-expression
inclusive-OR-expression "|" exclusive-OR-expression

exclusive-OR-expression ::=
[AND-expression](#)
[exclusive-OR-expression](#) **"^"** [AND-expression](#)

AND-expression ::=
[equality-expression](#)
[AND-expression](#) **"&"** [equality-expression](#)

equality-expression ::=
[relational-expression](#)
[equality-expression](#) **"=="** [relational-expression](#)
[equality-expression](#) **"!="** [relational-expression](#)

relational-expression ::=
[shift-expression](#)
[relational-expression](#) **"<"** [shift-expression](#)
[relational-expression](#) **">"** [shift-expression](#)
[relational-expression](#) **"<="** [shift-expression](#)
[relational-expression](#) **">="** [shift-expression](#)

shift-expression ::=
[additive-expression](#)
[shift-expression](#) **"<<"** [additive-expression](#)
[shift-expression](#) **">>"** [additive-expression](#)

additive-expression ::=
[multiplicative-expression](#)
[additive-expression](#) **"+"** [multiplicative-expression](#)
[additive-expression](#) **"-"** [multiplicative-expression](#)

multiplicative-expression ::=
[cast-expression](#)
[multiplicative-expression](#) **"*"** [cast-expression](#)
[multiplicative-expression](#) **"/"** [cast-expression](#)
[multiplicative-expression](#) **"%"** [cast-expression](#)

cast-expression ::=
[unary-expression](#)

["\(" type-name "\)" cast-expression](#)

unary-expression ::=
 [postfix-expression](#)
 ["++" unary-expression](#)
 ["--" unary-expression](#)
 [unary-operator cast-expression](#)
 ["sizeof" unary-expression](#)
 ["sizeof" "\(" type-name "\)"](#)

postfix-expression ::=
 [primary-expression](#)
 [postfix-expression "\[" expression "\]"](#)
 [postfix-expression "\(" argument-expression-list? "\)"](#)
 [postfix-expression "." identifier](#)
 [postfix-expression "->" identifier](#)
 [postfix-expression "++"](#)
 [postfix-expression "--"](#)
 ["\(" type-name "\)" "{" initializer-list "}"](#)
 ["\(" type-name "\)" "{" initializer-list "," "}"](#)

primary-expression ::=
 [identifier](#)
 [constant](#)
 [string-literal](#)
 ["\(" expression "\)"](#)

expression ::=
 [assignment-expression](#)
 [expression "," assignment-expression](#)

argument-expression-list ::=
 [assignment-expression](#)
 [argument-expression-list "," assignment-expression](#)

type-name ::=
 [specifier-qualifier-list abstract-declarator?](#)

abstract-declarator ::=
 pointer
 pointer? direct-abstract-declarator

direct-abstract-declarator ::=
 "(" abstract-declarator ")"
 direct-abstract-declarator? "[" assignment-expression? "]"
 direct-abstract-declarator? "[" "*" "]"
 direct-abstract-declarator? "(" parameter-type-list? ")"

parameter-type-list ::=
 parameter-list
 parameter-list "," "..."

parameter-list ::=
 parameter-declaration
 parameter-list "," parameter-declaration

parameter-declaration ::=
 declaration-specifiers declarator
 declaration-specifiers abstract-declarator?

initializer-list ::=
 designation? initializer
 initializer-list "," designation? initializer

designation ::=
 designator-list "="

designator-list ::=
 designator
 designator-list designator

designator ::=
 "[" constant-expression "]"
 "." identifier

constant-expression ::=
conditional-expression

initializer ::=
assignment-expression
"{" initializer-list "}"
"{" initializer-list ", " "}"

unary-operator ::=
"&"
"*"
"+"
"-"
"~"
"!"

assignment-operator ::=
"="
"*="
"/="
"%="
"+="
"-="
"<<="
">>="
"&="
"^="
"|="

identifier-list ::=
identifier
identifier-list ", " identifier

enum-specifier ::=
"enum" identifier? "{" enumerator-list "}"
"enum" identifier? "{" enumerator-list ", " "}"
"enum" identifier

enumerator-list ::=
 enumerator
 enumerator-list **"**,**"** enumerator

enumerator ::=
 enumeration-constant
 enumeration-constant **"="** constant-expression

typedef-name ::=
 identifier

function-specifier ::=
 "inline"

declaration-list ::=
 declaration
 declaration-list declaration

declaration ::=
 declaration-specifiers init-declarator-list? **"**;,**"**

init-declarator-list ::=
 init-declarator
 init-declarator-list **"**,**"** init-declarator

init-declarator ::=
 declarator
 declarator **"="** initializer

compound-statement ::=
 "{" block-item-list? **"}"**

block-item-list ::=
 block-item
 block-item-list block-item

block-item ::=
 declaration

statement

statement ::=

labeled-statement

compound-statement

expression-statement

selection-statement

iteration-statement

jump-statement

labeled-statement ::=

identifier ":" statement

"case" constant-expression ":" statement

"default" ":" statement

expression-statement ::=

expression? ";"

selection-statement ::=

"if" "(" expression ")" statement

"if" "(" expression ")" statement "else" statement

"switch" "(" expression ")" statement

iteration-statement ::=

"while" "(" expression ")" statement

"do" statement "while" "(" expression ")" ";"

"for" "(" expression? ";" expression? ";" expression? ")" statement

"for" "(" declaration expression? ";" expression? ")" statement

jump-statement ::=

"goto" identifier ";"

"continue" ";"

"break" ";"

"return" expression? ";"

