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C

Language



# History

- \* Created in 1972 by Dennis Ritchie at AT & T Bell Labs while designing UNIX
- \* Derived from B language
- \* Meant for systems programming
- \* ANSI C in 1989
- \* Heavily influenced many languages
- \* Most famous book: K & R (Kernighan and Ritchie)



# Why?

- \* Efficient
- \* Portable
- \* Powerful and Flexible
- \* Programmer-Centric
- \* Ever present
- \* Small and Simple

# Why Not?

- \* Small and Simple
- \* “With great power comes great responsibility”
- \* “Not Safe”
- \* Small library, by today’s standards
- \* Static



# Simple Data Types

<b>K &amp; R</b>	int	char	float	double	<i>address</i>
<b>C90</b>	void				
<b>C99</b>	_Bool	_Complex	_Imaginary		

# Modifiers

<b>Type modifiers</b>	short	long	signed	unsigned
<b>Storage modifiers</b>	auto	register	static	extern
<b>Qualified type</b>	const	volatile	restrict	



# Other Types

*Array*

struct

union

enum

# No

- \* new
- \* classes or objects or interfaces
- \* strings



# Control Flow

`while (expression)`  
`statement`

`do`  
`statement`  
`while(expression);`

`for( initialize ; test ; update )`  
`statement`

`break`  
  
`continue`

# Control Flow

```
if (expression)
    statement
else if(expression)
    statement
else
    statement
```

```
switch (expression)
{
    case label:
        statement
    case label:
        statement
    default:
        statement
}
```



# Control Flow

```
goto label;
```

```
label : statement
```

# Program Flow

```
/* Function prototype */  
void function_name( int, float );  
  
// Function definition  
void function_name( int a, float b )  
{  
  
}
```