

C Cheat Sheet: stdio.h Functions

Quick reference for standard I/O functions in C

Input Functions

<code>scanf()</code>	- Reads formatted input from stdin
<code>fscanf()</code>	- Reads formatted input from a FILE*
<code>sscanf()</code>	- Reads formatted input from a string
<code>getchar()</code>	- Reads a single character from stdin
<code>gets()</code>	- Reads a string from stdin (deprecated)
<code>fgets()</code>	- Reads a string from a FILE*
<code>getc()</code>	- Reads a character from a FILE*
<code>fgetc()</code>	- Reads a character from a FILE*
<code>ungetc()</code>	- Pushes a character back to input stream

Output Functions

<code>printf()</code>	- Writes formatted output to stdout
<code>fprintf()</code>	- Writes formatted output to a FILE*
<code>sprintf()</code>	- Writes formatted output to a string
<code>snprintf()</code>	- Safe version of sprintf()
<code>putchar()</code>	- Writes a single character to stdout
<code>puts()</code>	- Writes a string to stdout with newline
<code>fputs()</code>	- Writes a string to a FILE*
<code>putc()</code>	- Writes a character to a FILE*
<code>fputc()</code>	- Writes a character to a FILE*

File Handling Functions

<code>fopen()</code>	- Opens a file
<code>freopen()</code>	- Reopens a file with a new stream
<code>fclose()</code>	- Closes a file
<code>fflush()</code>	- Flushes the output buffer

File Positioning Functions

<code>fseek()</code>	- Moves file pointer to a given position
<code>ftell()</code>	- Returns current file pointer position
<code>rewind()</code>	- Resets file pointer to beginning
<code>fgetpos()</code>	- Gets current position into a variable
<code>fsetpos()</code>	- Sets file position using fpos_t

Binary I/O Functions

<code>fread()</code>	- Reads binary data from a file
<code>fwrite()</code>	- Writes binary data to a file

Error Handling Functions

<code>perror()</code>	- Prints descriptive error message
<code>clearerr()</code>	- Clears error and EOF indicators
<code>feof()</code>	- Checks for end-of-file
<code>ferror()</code>	- Checks for file error

Temporary File Functions

<code>tmpfile()</code>	- Creates a temporary file
<code>tmpnam()</code>	- Generates a unique temporary filename

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Standard Streams

<code>stdin</code>	- Standard input stream
<code>stdout</code>	- Standard output stream
<code>stderr</code>	- Standard error stream