

Basics of C programming

Lecture-01

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What is a program

- A sequence of instructions that a computer can interpret and execute.
- A program is something that runs on your computer.
- MS Word, Power point, Excel are all computer programs

C Program (Definition)

- **C is a structured or procedural programming language.**
- **It was initially developed by Dennis Ritchie in the year 1972**
- **It was mainly developed as a system programming language to write an operating system.**

Overview of C

- **Program:**

A program is a specific set of instructions to perform a specific task.

- **Level of Programming Language:**

- High-level programming language

Example: C++, JAVA, PHP and Python

- Mid-level programming language

Example: C, Fortran, BCPL and ALGOL

- Low-level programming language

Example: Assembly language

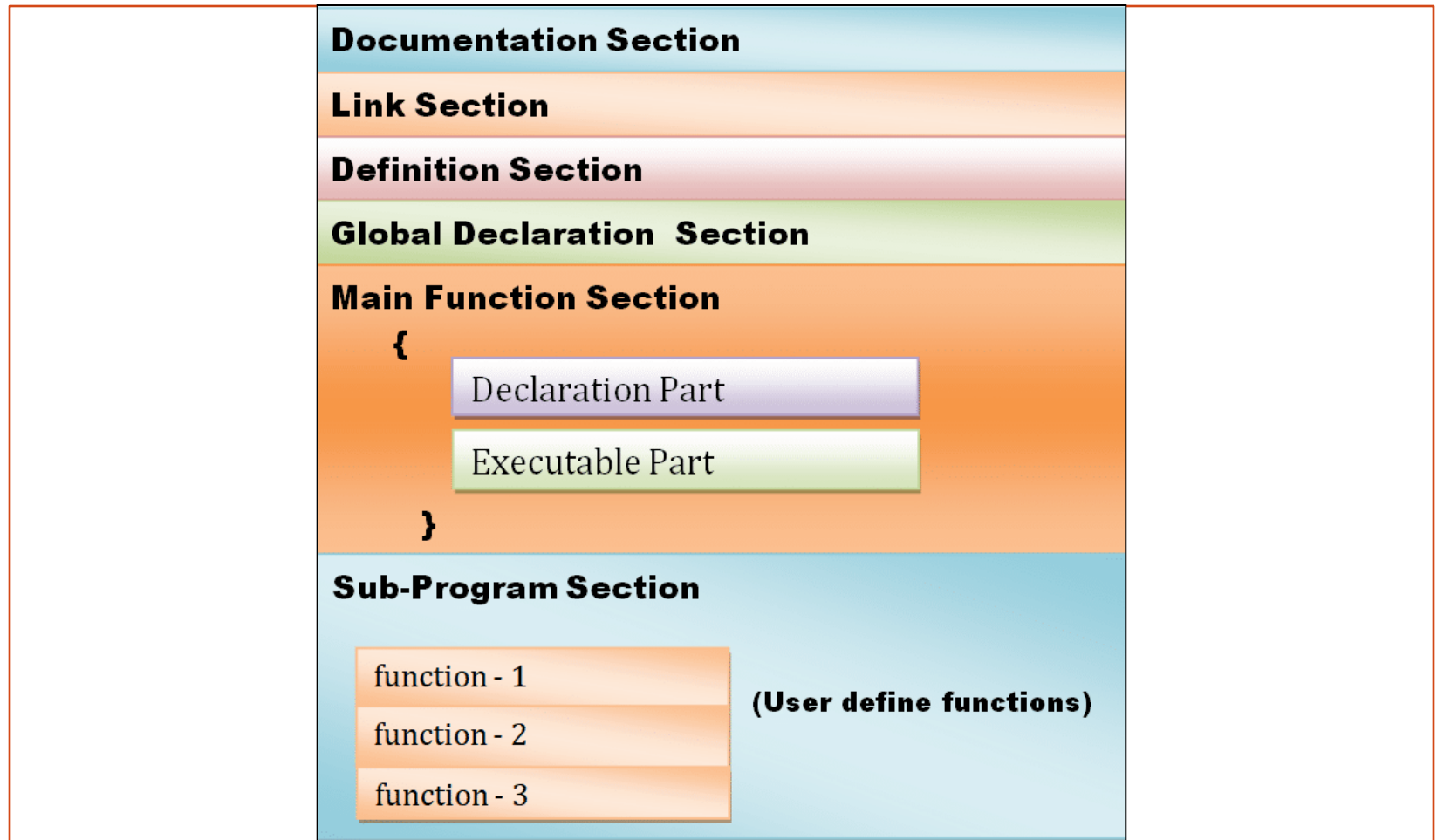
C is Structured Programming

- C is called structured modular programming language because while solving large and complex problem, C programming language divides the problem into **smaller modules called functions**.
- Each of these functions has **specific job**. And entire problem is solved by collecting such **functions or smaller modules**.

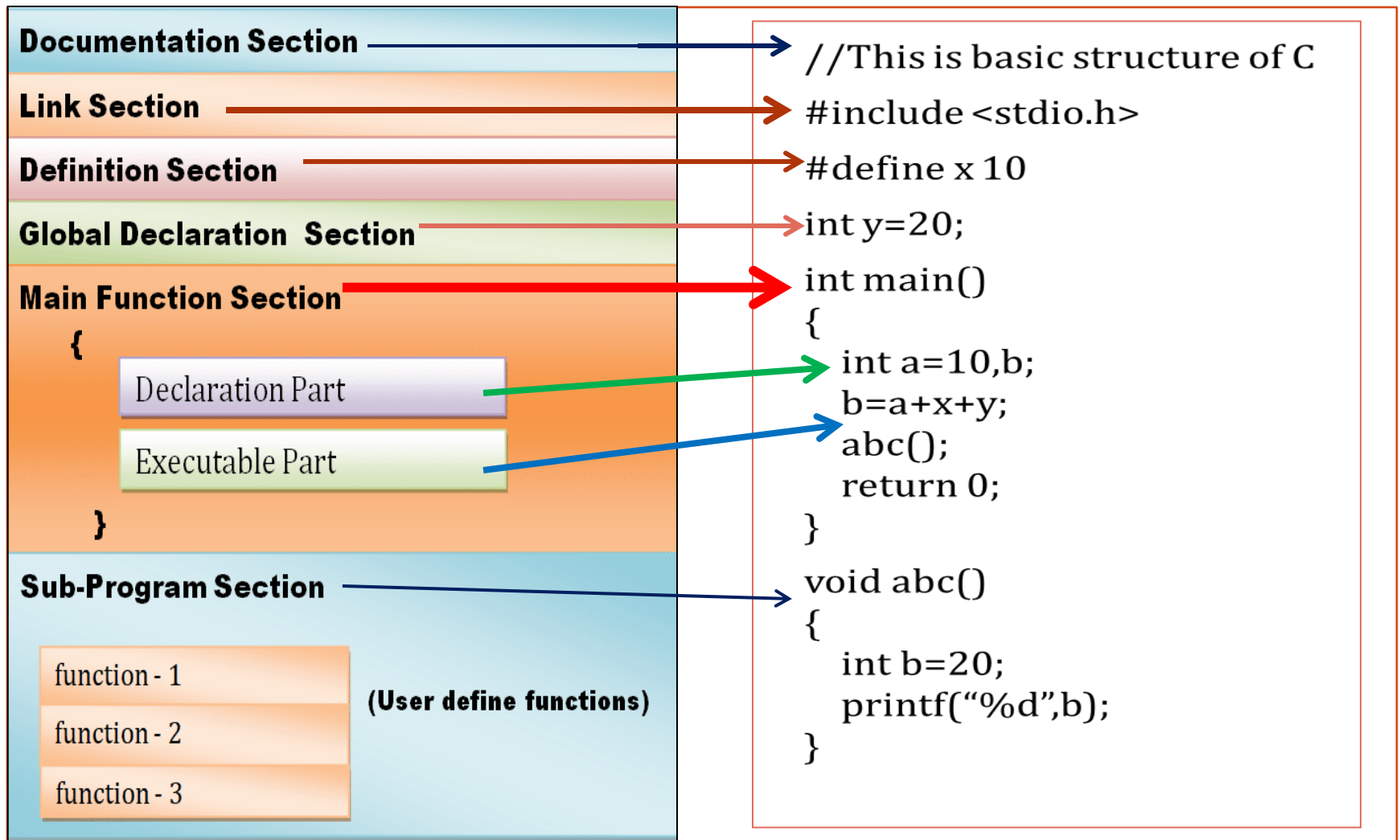
Importance of C

- C is robust language and has **rich set of built-in functions, data types and operators** which can be used to write any complex program.
- C is considered as **middle level language** so it is well suited for writing both **system software and application software**.
- C is highly portable.
- C language is well suited for structured programming.
- C is a machine independent language.
- C has the ability to extend itself
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Basic Structure of C



Basic Structure of C(Example)



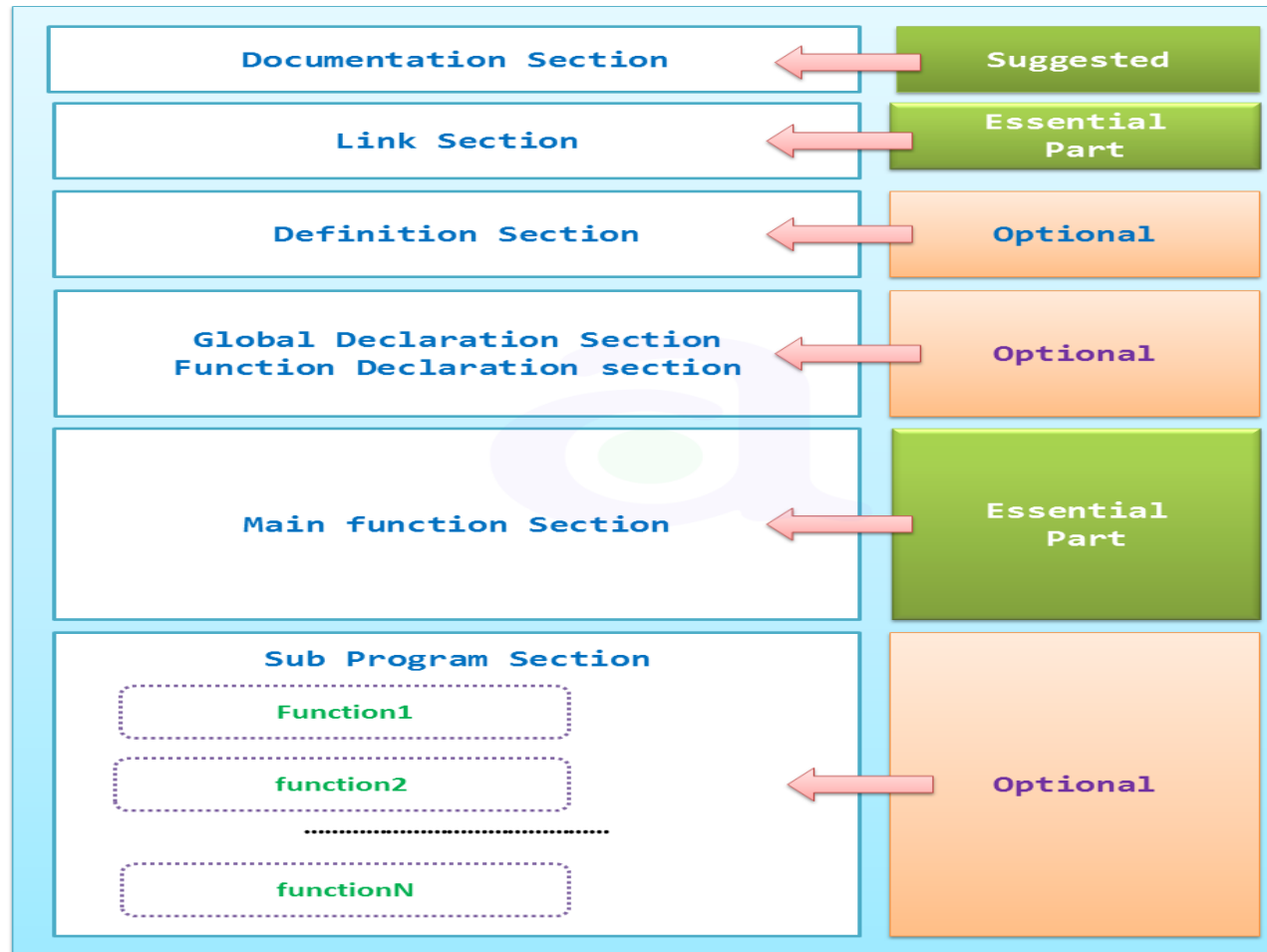
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<i>Header</i>	<code>#include <stdio.h></code>
<i>main()</i>	<code>int main() {</code>
<i>Variable declaration</i>	<code>int a = 10;</code>
<i>Body</i>	<code>printf("%d ", a);</code>
<i>Return</i>	<code>return 0; }</code>



Structure of C Program



samp.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    printf("Hello!\n");
    return 0;
}
```

C
compiler

samp.exe

```
01001011010
00100100010
001010101110
010010110101
11101010100111001
10101001010111110
10101101101001001
10101000111101011
```

Compiler converts human readable language to a language which is understandable by the operating system/hardware

The C compiler takes source code (samp.c) as input and turns it into machine readable form.