

# Programming in C

The lcc compiler – see handout

## Functions in C – the main function

Functions are blocks of program that carry out a particular task – often useful to breakup task into parts.

All programs have 1 function called “main”

```
int main ( void )  
{  
    -  
    -  
    return 0;  
}
```

# Data variable types

see Tutorial p 16

## Integers

short	0 - 255 ( $2^8$ )	$\pm 127$
int *	0 - 65,535	$\pm 32767$
long	0 - 4E9	$\pm 2E9$

## Floating point, decimal

float	$\pm 10^{\pm 38}$	6 digits
double	$\pm 10^{\pm 308}$	15 digits

## Text ?

\* - for most desktop computers, the int type is the same as the long type

Array – group of variables with same name

Think of as a table with rows and columns

$x[ ]$  – an array called x (column of numbers)

$x[ ][ ]$  – a 2D array (rows and columns)

$x[0]$  – number in the first row of x

$x[1]$  – number in the second row

$x[2][3]$  – third row, fourth column

## Storing text

char (stores a number from 0 – 255)

Words – strings of text – stored as an array of chars.

Declaring variables – before using a variable, C must know to set aside space.

```
int n;
```

```
unsigned int n;
```

```
float x;
```

```
float x[100];
```

```
char a[100];
```

# Program instructions (statements)

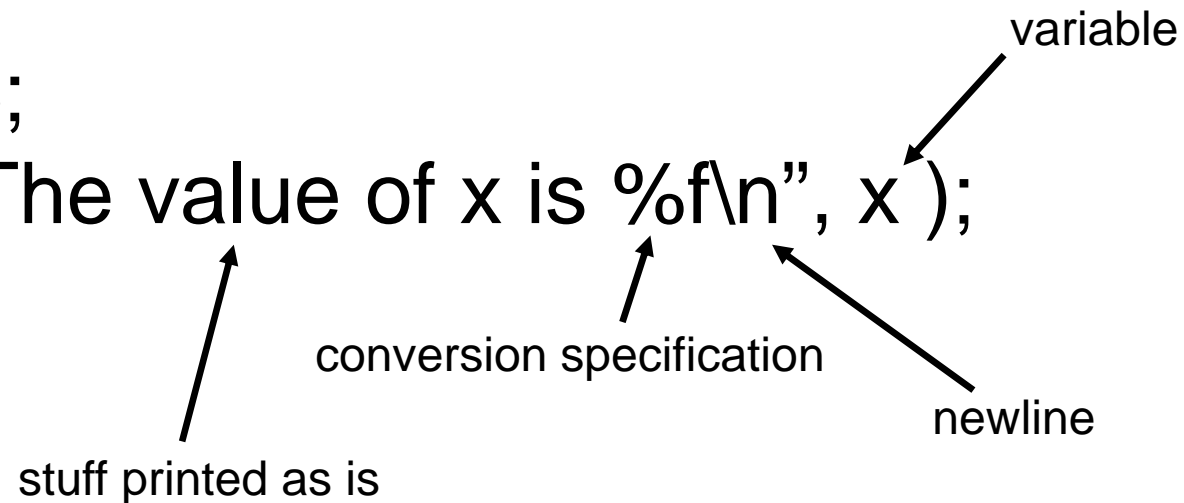
## 1) Output

printf

printf( format, variables, ... );

x = 1.23;

printf( "The value of x is %f\n", x );



# Conversion specifications

see tutorial.pdf  
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float	%f
int	%i
string	%s

conversion flag      width      precision      type

%+8.4f

The diagram shows the conversion specification `%+8.4f` with four arrows pointing to its parts: `+` is the conversion flag, `8` is the width, `.4` is the precision, and `f` is the type.

## 2) Input

```
scanf( format, variables, ... );
```

```
printf( "\nEnter i : " );
```

```
scanf( "%i", &i );
```

```
printf( "Value entered = %i\n", i );
```

## 3) Calculation (assignment)

```
x = 1.234;
```

Math operators : + - \* /

```
x = x + 2;
```

← Ok in programming !

$x += 2;$

$x -= 2;$

$x *= 2;$

$x++;$

$x--;$

increment

decrement

## Operator precedence (priority)

$$\frac{x}{2y}$$

means  $x$  divided by product of 2 and  $y$  – order important!!

$$x / 2 * y \neq x / (2 * y)$$

$$\frac{x}{2 + y} = x / (2 + y) \neq x / 2 + y$$

precedence:

( ) – do first  
negation

\* /

+ -



## Math functions

sin(x)

cos(x)

tan(x)

exp(x)

sqrt(x)

$$y = e^x$$

$$y = \exp(x)$$

$$y = \sqrt{x}$$

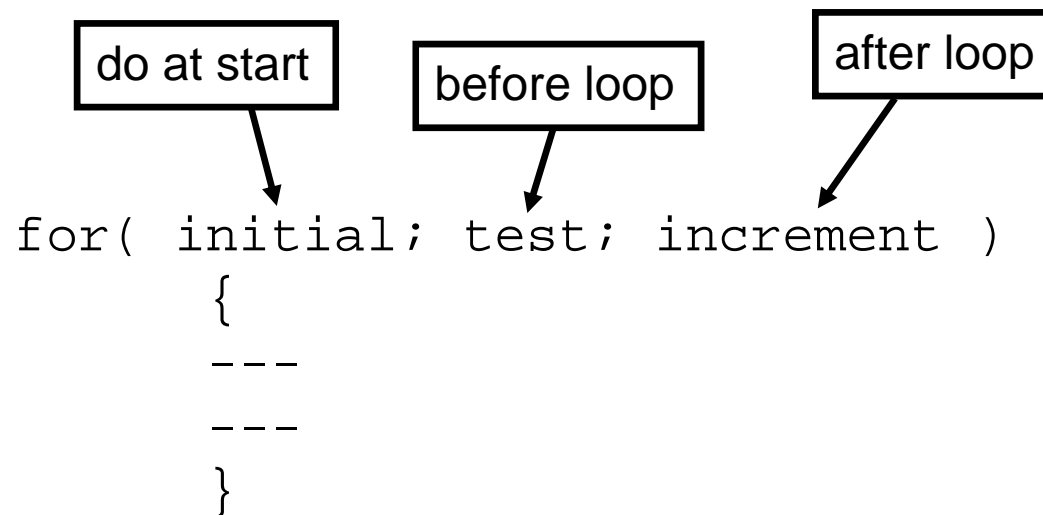
$$y = \text{sqrt}(x)$$

4) Program flow...

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### a) Loops (repeated sections) for, do, while

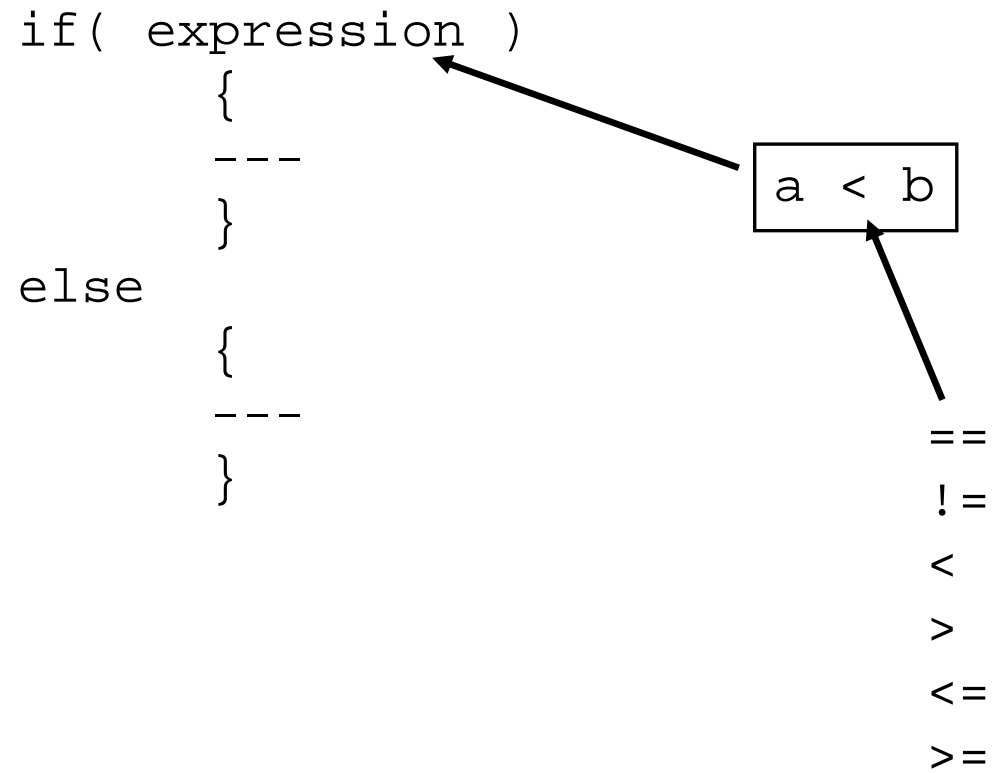


# Want to set some values for x

```
for( i=0; i<5; i++ )  
    {  
        x[i] = 2.4;  
    }
```

```
for( i=0; i<5; i++ )  
    {  
        x[i] = i;  
    }
```

## b) Conditional execution



# Simple population growth model

Haefner  
(Sec 2.3)

Simplest model says that growth rate of a population is proportional to how large it is.

A diagram showing the differential equation  $\frac{dN}{dt} = rN$  enclosed in a light gray box. Three arrows point to different parts of the equation: one from the text 'Growth rate' to the  $\frac{dN}{dt}$  term, one from 'Growth rate coefficient' to the  $r$  term, and one from 'Pop. size' to the  $N$  term.

Growth rate

$\frac{dN}{dt} = rN$

Growth rate coefficient

Pop. size

Like money!

Simplify by using a “finite difference” version

$$N_{t+1} = N_t + rN_t$$

# How do we solve this model??

$$N_{t+1} = N_t + rN_t$$

Start at some initial time:

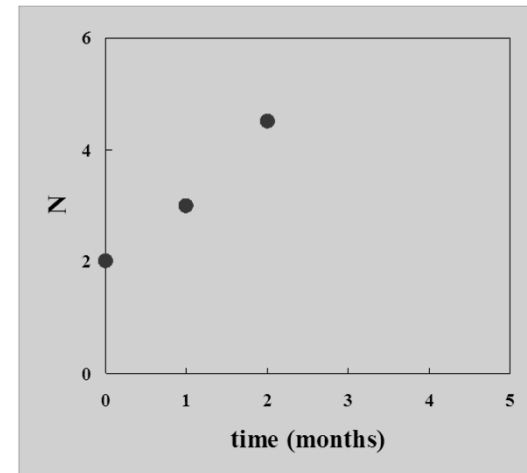
$$t = 0, N = N_0$$

Use the model equation  
to calculate  $N$  for future  
times...

$$N_0 = 2$$

$$N_1 = 2 + 0.5 \times 2 = 3.0$$

$$N_2 = 3.0 + 0.5 \times 3.0 = 4.50$$



# Use computer program!

```
for( i=0; i<10; i++ )
{
    N = N + r * N;
    t = t + 1;
    printf( "At time %i, N = %f\n", t, N );
}
```

Before the loop:

```
t = 0;
N = 2;
r = 0.5;
```

Full program needs:

- header files
- main function
- declare all variables

```
/* First simple version of Exponential growth model */

#include <stdio.h>

int main( void )
{
    int i;
    float r, N, t;

    r = 0.5;
    t = 0;
    N = 2;

    for( i=0; i<10; i++ )
    {
        N = N + r * N;
        t = t + 1;
        printf( "At time %f, N = %f\n", t, N );
    }
    return 0;
}
```



# Alternate method using arrays

```
/* Exponential growth model
   - array method
*/

#include <stdheaders.h>

int main( void )
{
    int i;
    float r;
    float N[11], t[11];

    r = 0.5;
    t[0] = 0;
    N[0] = 2;

    for( i=0; i<10; i++ )    //This loop does the calculating
    {
        N[i+1] = N[i] + r * N[i];
        t[i+1] = t[i] + 1;
    }
    for( i=0; i<=10; i++ )    //This loop does the printing
    {
        printf( "At time %4.1f, N = %7.4f\n", t[i], N[i] );
    }
    return 0;
}
```

