

2. Input/Output Functions

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I/O

Formatted input

Formatted output

Unformatted

printf()

int printf(^{what's this} const char* ^{format string} format, arg1, arg2...)

- Predefined function declared in stdio.h
- Variadic (?) function: takes variable no. of arguments

Format string

% [flags] [field-width] [.precision] conversion-character

optional argument that specifies output justification

optional minimum width of field

optional arg that specifies maximum no. of characters to print

NOTE: To print ASCII value of a character

char a = 'A'
printf("ASCII value: %d", a)

NOTE: Fractional values

%f → 6 decimal places

%e → exponential form

10ⁿ < , > specified para...?

%g → strips trailing zero

Field width

%5d

"5" here specifies minimum no. of spaces that should be occupied. Note that int values are right justified by default.

Flags

- ① "-": left justifies
- ② "+": Displays the sign of a number
- ③ "0": Displays zeroes instead of spaces for any minimum spaces not filled
- ④ "#": Displays prefixes for octal, hexadecimal...

Precision

%.3f

This ensures the float value has 3 decimal places. If it has more than 3, then it is rounded off.

NOTE: Predefined macros

INT_MAX : max signed int value
INT_MIN : min " " "
UINT_MAX : max unsigned " " (%u)
CHAR_MAX : max char value (signed?)
CHAR_MIN and so on
FLT_MAX
FLT_MIN
USHRT_MAX

DBL_MAX
DBL_MIN
LONG_MAX
LONG_MIN
LLONG_MAX
LLONG_MIN
SHRT_MAX
SHRT_MIN

scanf()

int scanf (const char* format, ...)

int a, b;

scanf ("%d %d", &a, &b)

printf ("%d\n %d", a, b)

references variable address

output

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2
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3 } → scanf
} → printf