

OPERATING SYSTEMS

– Laboratory 8 –

C PROGRAMMING

1. Data Types

Type	Memory size	Value range
char	1 byte	[-128, 127] or [0, 255]
int	2 or 4 bytes	[-32.768, 32.767] or [-2.147.483.648, 2.147.483.647]
float	4 bytes	[1,2E-38, 3,4E+38]
double	8 bytes	[2,3E-308, 1,7E+308]

- Data types `char` and `int` can be preceded by `unsigned`
- Data type `int` can be preceded by: `short` or `long`

Type	Memory size	Value range
unsigned char	1 byte	[0, 255]
unsigned int	2 or 4 bytes	[0, 65.535] or [0, 4.294.967.295]
short (int)	2 bytes	[-32.768, 32.767]
unsigned short	2 bytes	[0, 65.535]
long (int)	4 bytes	[-2.147.483.648, 2.147.483.647]
unsigned long	4 bytes	[0, 4.294.967.295]

2. REZERVED WORDS (Keywords)

auto	break	case	char	const	continue
default	do	double	else	enum	extern
float	for	goto	if	int	long
register	return	short	signed	sizeof	static
struct	switch	typedef	unsigned	union	void
volatile	while				

3. CONSTANTS

- Can be defined 2 ways:
 - Using pre-processing directive `#define`:

```
#define TEN 10
#define NEWLINE '\n'
```
 - Using prefix `const`:

```
const int TEN = 10;
const char NEWLINE = '\n';
```

4. VARIABLES

- Defining a variable:

`type_variable name_variable;`

– `type_variable` can be: char, int, short, long etc. (see point. 1)

`name_variable` can contain letters, digits and character „_“ (underscore), but the first character must be a digit

– reserved words (see pct. 2) can not be used as variable names

– C language is case sensitive (case-sensitive)

- examples:

```
int n;          int n = 10;
char c;         char c = 'a';
```

5. OPERATORS

- specify operations performed with variables and constants

- operator types:

– *arithmetical*: + - * / % ++ --

– *relational*: == != > < >= <=

– *logical*: && || !

– *bitwise operators*: & | ^ ~ << >>

– *assignment operators*: = += -= *= /= %= <<= >>= &= ^= |=

– *other operators*: sizeof() & * ?:

- operators priority:

https://en.cppreference.com/w/c/language/operator_precedence

6. DERIVED DATA TYPES

6.a. Unidimensional arrays (vectors)

`type_array name_array[dimension_array];`

- examples:

```
int list[5];
int list[5] = {10, 20, 30, 40, 50};
double values[] = {100.0, 2.0, 300.0, 40.0, 50.0};
```

6.b. Strings (arrays of chars)

```
char msg[] = "Hello";
char msg[6] = {'H', 'e', 'l', 'l', 'o', '\0'};
```

6.c. Pointers

- *pointer* = a variable containing the address of an other variable

- examples:

```
int *p;          // pointer to an int variable
char *c;         // pointer to a char variable
float *f;        // pointer to a float
```

```
double *d;    // pointer to a double
```

- how to obtain the address where a variable `x` is stored: `&x`
- how to obtain the value of variable `x`: `*p` (if `p` is a pointer to variable `x`)

6.d. Data structures

- defining a data structure:

```
struct Books
{
    int id;
    char author[50];
    char title[100];
}
```

- declaring and using a data structure:

```
int main(int argc, char** argv)
{
    struct Books book1;
    ...
    book1.id = 1000;
    strcpy(book1.author, "B.W. Kernighan, D.M. Ritchie");
    strcpy(book1.title, "The C Programming Language");
    ...
    return 0;
}
```

7. FUNCTIONS

- declare a function:

```
tip_returnat nume_functie(tip_param param1, tip_param param2, ...);
```

where:

- *tip_returnat* can be any data type or void
- ***nume_functie*** may contain letters, digits and the character „_” (underscore)
- first character must be a letter
- reserved words (see pct. 2) can not be used as function names
- *tip_param* ***param1***, *tip_param* ***param2***, ... is the list of formal parameters or void (if the function has no parameters)

- examples:

```
void afiseaza_matrice(int** matrice)
float media_aritmetica(int a, int b)
int** citeste_matrice(FILE* file)
```

- function `main()`:

- is the main entry point in the program (*the program main entry point*)
- recommended header entry point:

```
| int main(int argc, char** argv)
```

because it allows access to the command line arguments provided by the user (parameters).

8. INPUT/OUTPUT FUNCTIONS

```
int getchar(void)
int putchar(void)
char *gets(char *s)
int puts(const char *s)
int scanf(const char *format, ...)
int printf(const char *format, ...)
```

9. FUNCTIONS FOR WORKING WITH FILES

9.a. For text files:

```
FILE *fopen(const char *filename, const char *mode)
int fgetc(FILE *fp)
int fgets(char *buf, int n, FILE *fp)
int fputc(int c, FILE *fp)
int fputs(const char *s, FILE *fp)
int fclose(FILE *fp)
```

9.b. For binary files:

```
size_t fread(void *buf, size_t bsize, size_t nbyte, FILE *fp)
size_t fwrite(const void *buf, size_t bsize, size_t nbyte, FILE *fp)
```

or:

```
int open(const char *path, int oflag, ... )
ssize_t read(int fd, void *buf, size_t nbyte)
ssize_t write(int fd, const void *buf, size_t nbyte)
int close(int fd)
```

10. HELLO WORLD IN C IN UNIX

- **UNIX text editors:** vim, nano, joe
- **example:** hello.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

// the program main entry point
int main(int argc, char** argv)
{
    printf("Hello world !\n");
    return 0;
}
```

- **compilation:** gcc -Wall -g -o hello hello.c
- **program execution (run):** ./hello arg1 arg2 arg3 ...

11. EXAMPLES

- **print the number and values of command line arguments:**
wget http://www.cs.ubbcluj.ro/~dbota/SO/lab2/exemple/lab2_2.c
- **get environment variables:**
wget http://www.cs.ubbcluj.ro/~dbota/SO/lab2/exemple/lab2_3.c
- **using unidimensional arrays:**
wget http://www.cs.ubbcluj.ro/~dbota/SO/lab2/exemple/lab2_4.c
- **read and int from stdin:**

```
wget http://www.cs.ubbcluj.ro/~dbota/SO/lab2/exemple/lab2_5.c
```

- read the content of a text file:

```
wget http://www.cs.ubbcluj.ro/~dbota/SO/lab2/exemple/lab2_6.c
```

- read the content of a matrix from a text file:

```
wget http://www.cs.ubbcluj.ro/~dbota/SO/lab2/exemple/lab2_7.c
```

12. COMPILE ERRORS AND WARNINGS

- syntax errors
- missing libraries
- use of undefined variable
- two variables with the same name
- use of undeclared function
- function call with wrong parameters (incorrect argument number or argument order etc.)

13. DETECTING MEMORY LEAKS

- detecting errors related to memory leaks using the tool `valgrind`:

```
valgrind ./myprog
```

14. INFORMATION ABOUT C FUNCTIONS IN UNIX:

`whatis functionname`

`man sectionnumber functionname`

Most C functions are in section 3, with system calls in section 2.

Examples:

`man 3 printf`

`man 2 open`

REFERINȚE:

- Programare C: <https://www.tutorialspoint.com/cprogramming/index.htm>
- Manual Valgrind: <http://valgrind.org/docs/manual/quick-start.html>