

A self-referential structure is a struct datatype in C, where one or more of its elements are pointer to variables of its own type.

They are used to build complex and dynamic data structures such as linked lists & trees.

Syntax

```
struct typename {  
    type mem1;  
    type mem2;  
    :  
    struct typename * ptr; → refers to structure of same type  
}
```

example: #include <stdio.h>

```
struct mystuct {  
    int a;  
    struct mystuct * b;  
};
```

void main()

```
struct mystuct x = { 10, NULL };  
struct mystuct y = { 20, NULL };  
struct mystuct z = { 30, NULL };
```



```
struct mystuct *p1, *p2, *p3;
```

```
p1 = &x;
```

```
p2 = &y;
```

```
p3 = &z;
```

```
x.b = p2;
```

```
y.b = p3;
```

```
Printf("Address of x: %d a: %d address of  
next: %d\n", p1, x.a, x.b)
```

```
Printf("Address of y: %d a: %d address of  
next: %d\n", p2, y.a, y.b);
```

```
Printf("Address of z: %d a: %d address of  
next: %d\n", p3, z.a, z.b);
```

O/P:

Addr. of x : 1000	a: 10	Addr. of next: 2000
Addr. of y : 2000	a: 20	Addr. of next: 3000
Addr. of z : 3000	a: 30	Addr. of next: 0

