

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

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

~~To members by value or to members by pointer~~  
Syntax: struct typename {  
    type mem1;  
    type mem2;

struct typename \*ptr; → refers  
to  
structure  
of  
same type

example: #include <stdio.h>

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struct mystruct {  
    int a;  
    struct mystruct *b;  
};
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void main()

main	{	x = {10, NULL};	y = {20, NULL};	z = {30, NULL};
		↑	↑	↑
	struct mystruct x = {10, NULL};	struct mystruct y = {20, NULL};	struct mystruct z = {30, NULL};	

struct mystuct {  
 int 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

