

C Language Basics

ESCAPE SEQUENCES

- Character combination consisting of backslash(\) followed by letter or combination of digits.

Escape Sequence	Meaning
<code>\a</code>	Alert user by sounding
<code>\b</code>	Backspace
<code>\n</code>	New line
<code>\t</code>	Horizontal tab
<code>\'</code>	Prints single quote
<code>\"</code>	Prints double quote
<code>\?</code>	Prints question mark

- The backward slash is called escape character.

ASCII value

- A character variable holds ASCII value rather than character itself.
- ASCII values are between 0 to 127
- ASCII value of 'A' is 65 means , if you assign 'A' to a character variable , 65 is stored in that variable rather than character itself.
- Uppercase Alphabets – 65 to 90
- Lowercase Alphabets – 97 to 122

INPUT DATA

- Number of characters to be read can be restricted.
 - Syntax : **%wd**
 - **w** is integer gives field width
 - **d** is data type character
- scanf (“%2d %4d”, &num1, &num2);***

const keyword

- Fixed value which cannot be changed in a program.
- It becomes read only variable.
- Can be any of the basic data types.
- Syntax: ***const*** datatype varname;
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- Declared with keyword ***const***
 - ***const float PI = 3.14;***
 - ***const int CODE1 = 101;*** (Integer constant)
 - ***int code2=102;*** (Integer variable)

volatile keyword

- If we declare the variable as ***volatile***, then it serves as a warning to compiler that it should not optimize the code containing this variable.
- Its value can be changed in ways that cannot be determined by the compiler.
- ***volatile*** variable should be always read from memory and its optimization is not possible.
- Example: **volatile int x;**
y=x+x+x; //can't be optimize as 3*x

TYPE CASTING

- Converting the value of an expression of one data type into another data type.
- Two types
 - Implicit (by compiler)
 - Explicit (by programmer)

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```
int x = 5, y = 2;
```

```
float a;
```

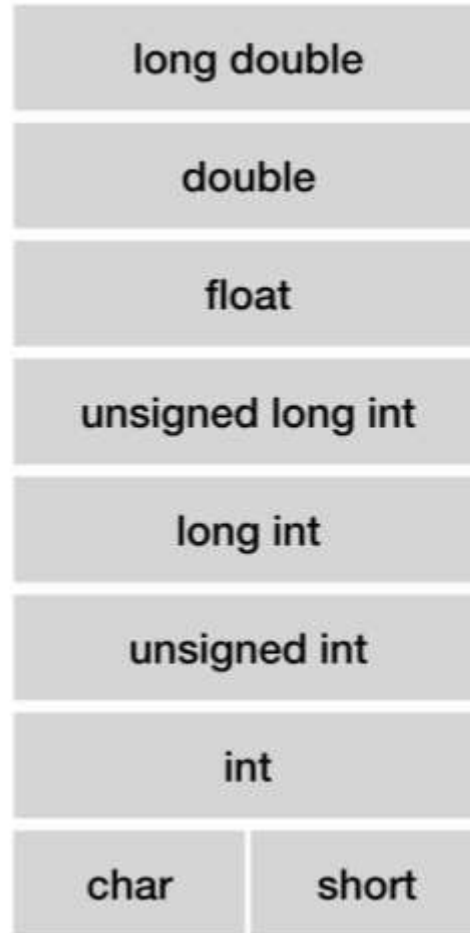
```
a = x / y;           //implicit
```

```
a = x/2.0;          //implicit
```

```
a = (float)x/y;     //explicit
```

...

**conversion
hierarchy**



IMPLICIT TYPE CONVERSIONS

- If one operand is of LOWER RANK (LR) datatype & other is of HIGHER RANK (HR) datatype, then LOWER RANK will be converted to HIGHER RANK while evaluating the expression.
 - $\text{int} + \text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}$
 - $\text{float} + \text{float} \rightarrow \text{float}$
 - $\text{int (promoted to float)} + \text{float} \rightarrow \text{float}$

OPERATION	RESULT
$5 / 2$	2
$5.0 / 2$	2.5
$5 / 2.0$	2.5
$5.0 / 2.0$	2.5
OPERATION	RESULT
$2 / 5$	0
$2.0 / 5$	0.4
$2 / 5.0$	0.4
$2.0 / 5.0$	0.4

TYPE CONVERSION IN ASSIGNMENTS

- **Type Promotion –**

- LHS is HR and RHS is LR → int = char
LR is promoted → to HR while assigning

- **Type Demotion –**

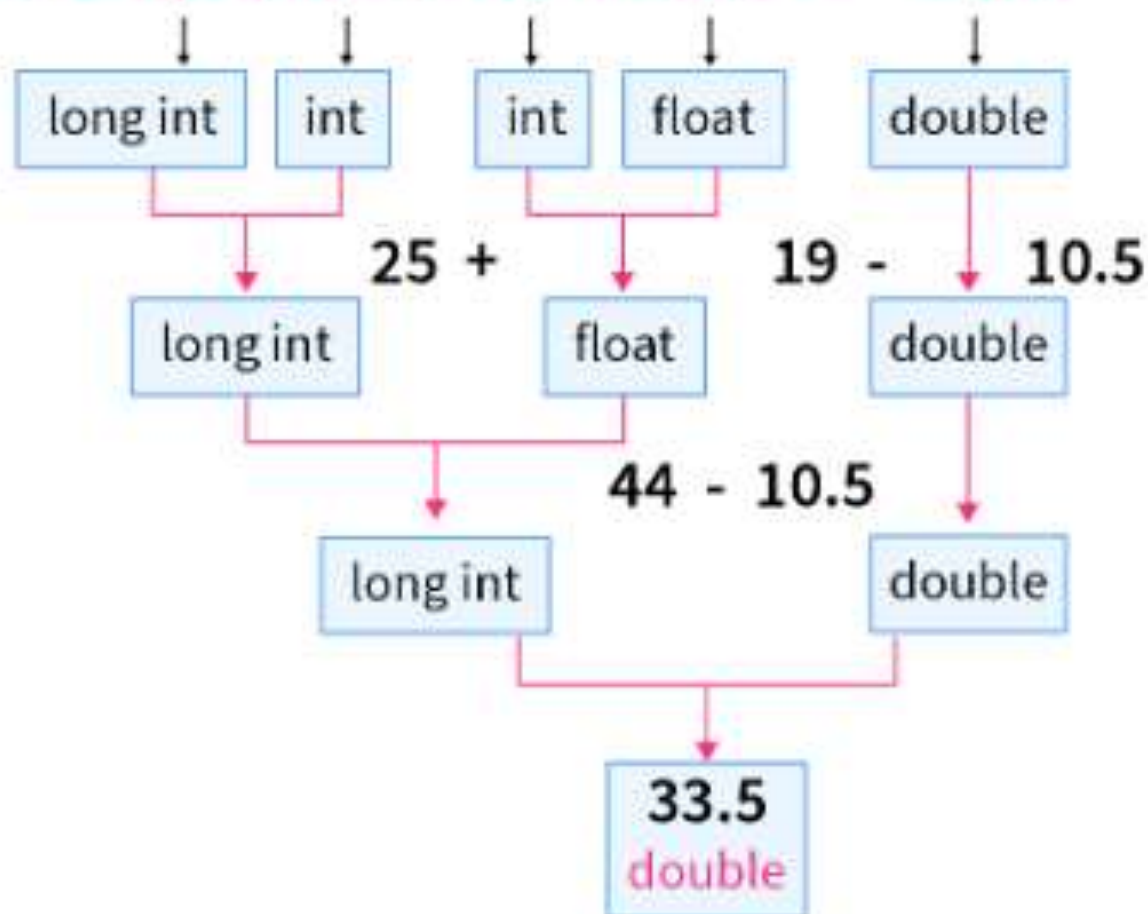
- LHS is LR and RHS is HR → int = float
HR rank will be demoted → to LR. (Truncate)

int k ;
float a ;

ARITHMETIC INSTRUCTION	RESULT	ARITHMETIC INSTRUCTION	RESULT
k = 2 / 9	0	a = 2 / 9	0.0
k = 2.0 / 9	0	a = 2.0 / 9	0.222222
k = 2 / 9.0	0	a = 2 / 9.0	0.222222
k = 2.0 / 9.0	0	a = 2.0 / 9.0	0.222222
k = 9 / 2	4	a = 9 / 2	4.0
k = 9.0 / 2	4	a = 9.0 / 2	4.5
k = 9 / 2.0	4	a = 9 / 2.0	4.5
k = 9.0 / 2.0	4	a = 9.0 / 2.0	4.5

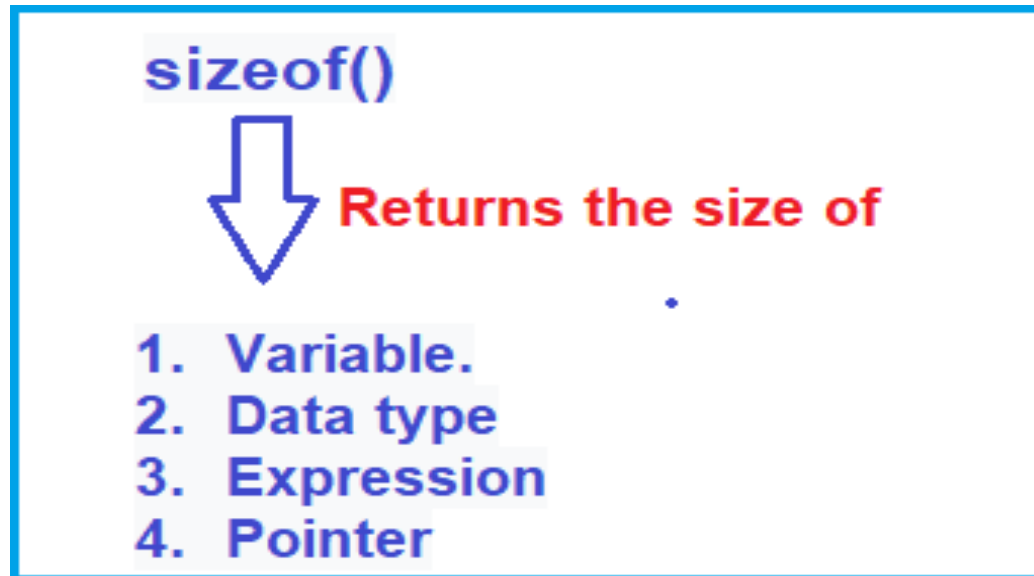
$a = z / b + b * x - y$

$a = 50 / 2 + 2 * 9.5 - 10.5$

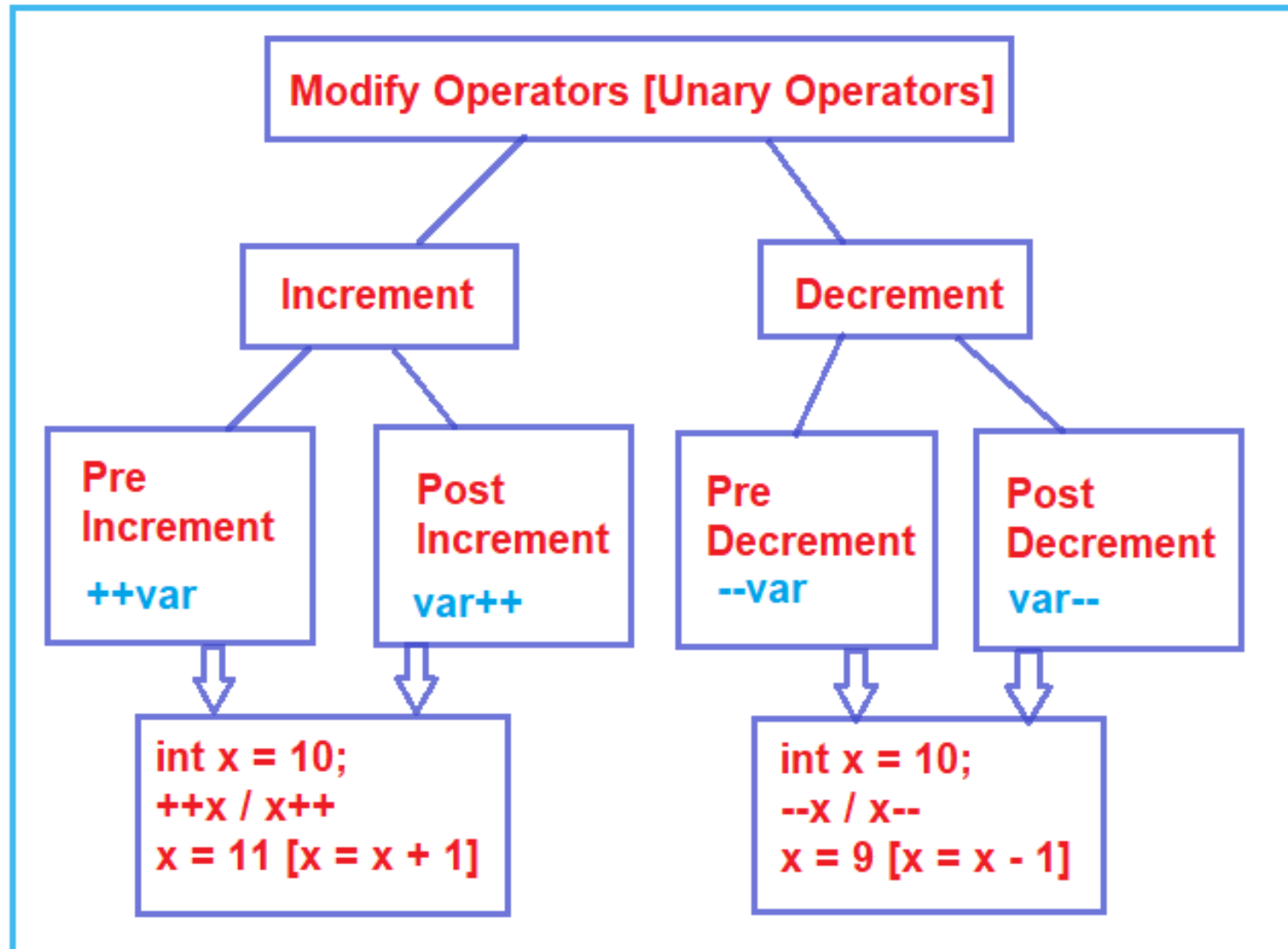


sizeof() FUNCTION

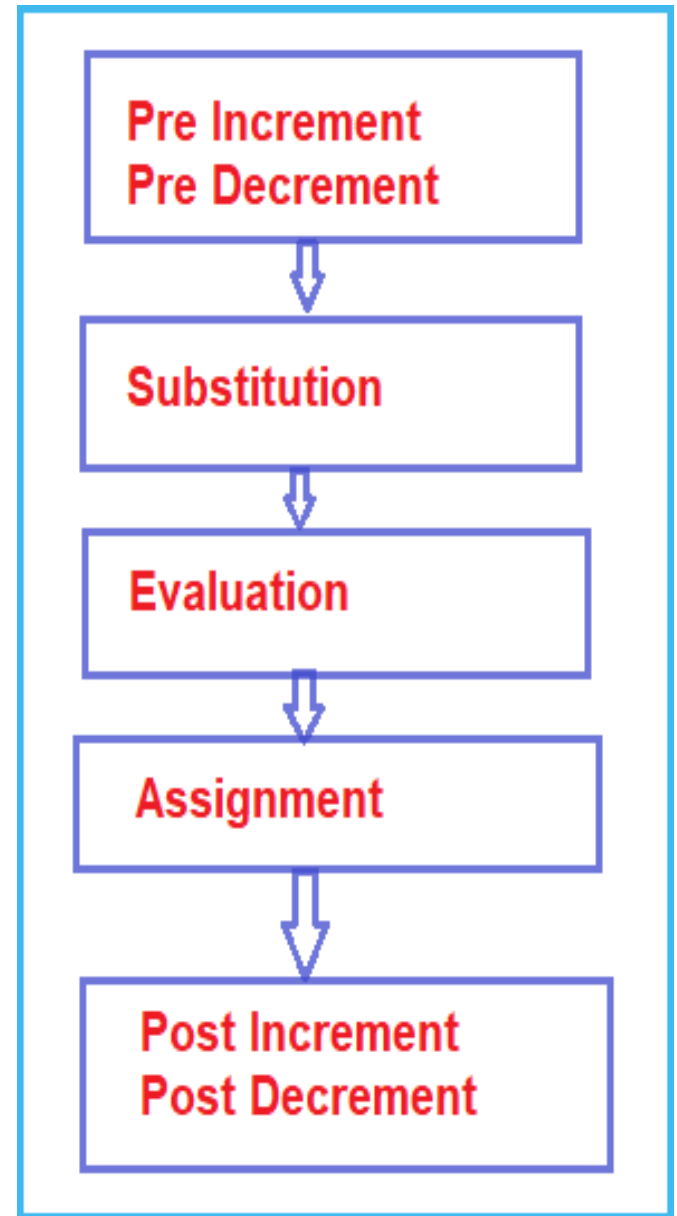
- It gives amount of storage in bytes
sizeof(expression);
- Always returns integer value



INCREMENT and DECREMENT OPERATOR



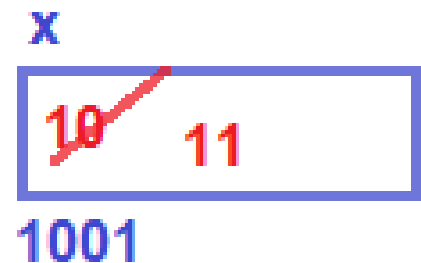
- If there is some pre-increment or pre decrement in the expression, that should execute first.
- The second step is to substitute the values in the expression.
- Once we substitute the values, in the third step we need to evaluate the expression.
- Followed by the Evaluation, an Assignment needs to be performed and the final step is post- increment or post decrement.




```
#include<stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int x = 10, y;

    y = ++x;

    printf("%d %d", x, y);
    return 0;
}
```



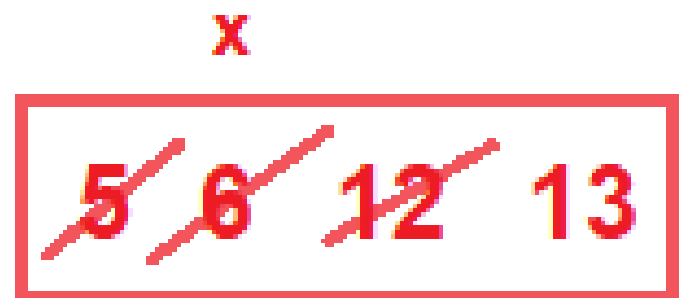
```
#include<stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int x = 10, y=20, z;
    z = x++ * --y;
    printf("%d %d %d", x, y, z);
    return 0;
}
```

10 11	x
------------------	---

20 19	y
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Garbage 190	z
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```
#include<stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int x = 5;
    x = ++x + x++;
    printf("%d", x);
    return 0;
}
```



-- The Unary operator has a priority greater than the arithmetic operator, so the compiler will execute the unary operator first.

a = a+++a;

a = a + ++a

a = 6 + 6

a = 12



a = a++ + a

a = 5 + 5

a = 10

a = 11

CORRECT

%n Format Specifier

- In the case of printf() function the %n assign the number of characters printed by printf().

%n in printf()

```
printf("geeks for %ngeeks ", &c);
```

There are 10 characters
before the %n
inside the printf() method

Hence the value 10
will be stored in c



10
c

When we use the %n specifier in scanf() it will assign the number of characters read by the scanf() function until it occurs.

%n in scanf()

```
scanf("%d%d%n", &a, &b, &check);
```

Input: 10 20

10

20

5

20 will go in the variable b

10 will go in the variable a

There are 5 characters('1', '0', ' ', '2', '0') read by scanf function so 5 will go in the variable check