

Character Set in C

Character: The raw materials used in representation of computer program is called character.

Character Set is the set of all possible characters used to represent / write a computer program.

C-programming language has a well defined character set to represent information.

The character set of C-programming language includes:

- a) Alphabets: A-Z and a-z
- b) Digits: 0-9
- c) Special symbols: { }, (), [], . , ? , \$, ; , : , @ , + , - , * , / , # , . , ! , < , > , = , ^ , _ , ' , " , =
- d) Other symbols: blank space, tab, newline, carriage return.

- The character set is used to create variables, keywords, identifiers and constants.

All characters used in C-language represent ASCII codes, i.e., American Standard Code for Information Interchange.

- It has 128 characters represented from 0 to 127.

Eg: A-Z : 65-90

0-9 : 48-57

a-z : 97-122



Identifiers and Keywords:

A) Keywords:

- Also known as reserved words or pre-defined words.
- Keywords are those words whose meaning is predefined and it is the basic building block for writing instructions in C-program language.
- There are 32 keywords in C.

Eg: int, float, break, goto, if, for, continue, etc.

- Every keyword has their own meaning.
- Keywords cannot be identifiers, variables, etc.
- Meanings of keywords cannot be change while writing a program.

B): Identifiers:

- Identifiers are user-defined names for functions, variables, labels in the program.
- Identifiers can be letters, numbers or underscore but they cannot have symbols.
- They can also not start with numbers but can begin with underscore and alphabet.
- Identifiers can't be keywords.
- Length of identifiers in ANSI = 31

*7 Differences between Identifiers and Keywords:

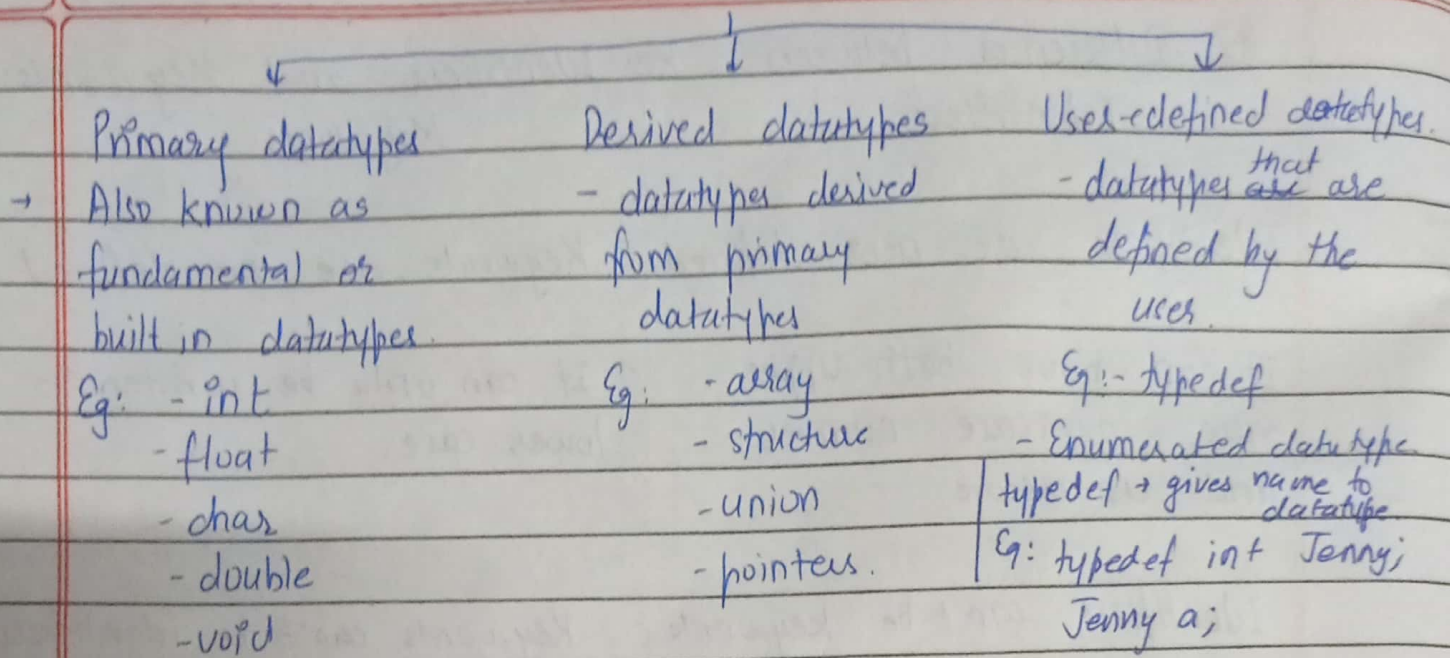
Identifiers	Keywords
Identifiers are user-defined.	Keywords are pre-defined.
It can have both upper case, lower case, numbers and underscore.	It can only be written in lower case.
Identifiers can't be keywords.	Keywords can't be identifiers.
Meanings of keywords can't be changed while running a program.	Meanings of identifiers can be changed while writing a program.

Datatypes in C:

Datatypes in C is used to define the type of data that you are going to use store in a variable.

- It tells us about how much storage/memory to be allocated to a variable.

The datatypes in C are as follows:



(a): Primary data types:

→ It is fundamental or built-in data types.

(i): int:

- It stores integer values

- Based on qualifiers, int can also be of two types:

⇒ Size qualifiers:

Short and long

⇒ Signed qualifiers

Signed and unsigned

On a 16-bit machine,

Range of signed int: -32768 to 32767 (default)

Range of unsigned int: 0 to 65535

We know, 1 byte = 8 bits.

short int : stores short space : 1 byte : 8 bits.

int : stores interior : 2 bytes = 16 bits

long int : stores longes space : ⁴ 8 bytes = 32 bits

Given, -250, 0, +2100, 8888888, 4,442, -31.8,

Here,

valid integers :

-250, 0, +2100

invalid integers.

4,442 - comma use

-31.8 - decimal.

-88888888 - out of range.

Assigning : int a;

Format specifies ~~%.d~~ for int or signed int = %d

unsigned int = %u

long int = %ld

unsigned long int = %lu.

unsigned short int = %hu

signed short int = %hi

(ii): char:

- It stores a single character.
- Occupies 1 byte.
- Based on ~~a~~ qualifiers, char is of two types:

Signed char	Unsigned char
Range: -128 to 127	Range: 0 to 255

format specifics for char: %c

Assignment: char a;

eg: `printf ("y.c", 98) => b`
↳ (ASCII code)

(iii): float:

- It is used to store decimal values
- Occupies 4 bytes of space i.e., 32 bits
- Range: -3.4×10^{38} to $+3.4 \times 10^{38}$
- float takes 6 digits of precision
- Format specifier = %f

Assignment: float a, a = 10.0

`printf ("%.f"; a) \Rightarrow 10.000000`

Ques: Ques: Given:

- It also stores decimal values with greater precision than float. ~~ie,~~

Double

→ 8 bytes

→ Digits of precision: 14

format specifies: %lf

Long - double

→ 10 bytes

→ Digits of precision: 15, 18, 33

Format specifier: %Lf

(v) : void :

- It is ~~specif~~ special datatype that doesn't return any value.
- So, it is only used to define a function and not used with variable.

(b): Secondary datatype: / Derived datatype

Variables in C

Variables are the name given to a memory location where we store values, characters, etc. while writing a program

X Declaration of variable:

+> Format: datatype variable name;

Eg: int a;

+> Initialization: a = 10;

We can declare and initialize variables together.

Eg: int a = 10;

More than one variables can also be initialized and declared together.

Eg int a = 10, b = 14;

- A variable can only be initialized after declaring it.

X> Rules:

i) Name must start with uppercase or lowercase or underscore

ii) Can't begin with ^{numbers} keywords or have special symbols

iii) Keywords can't be variables.

Constants in C

Constants are the fixed values that remain same throughout the execution of the program.

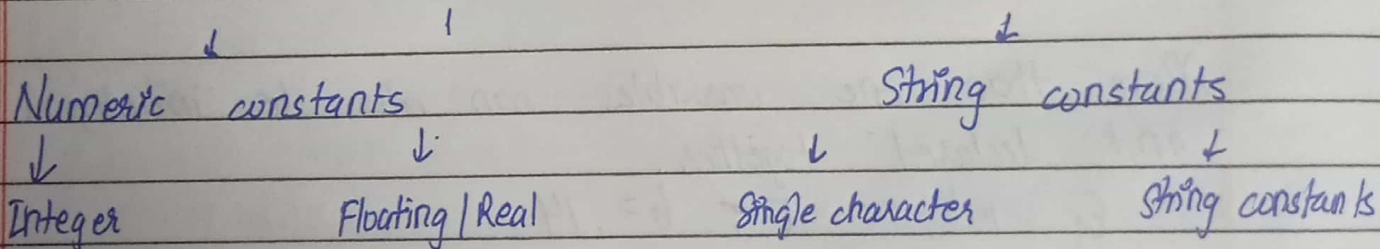
x) Assignment of symbolic constant:

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#define PI 3.14
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*7 Rules for Assigning symbolic constants:

- i) Generally, it is declared above main function.
- ii) Capital letters is used to define.
- iii) We don't use semicolon or equals to sign.

Constants



x) Integer constant:

It is of three types:

- i) decimal: 10, 5, 1 (default)
- ii) octal constant: 05, 07, 00 (proceeds with 0)
- iii) hexadecimal constant: 0x/0X AF (proceeds with 0x/0X)

Assignment: `const int a = 10;`

- x) Rules:
- i) we can use '+' and '-' sign
 - ii) we can use spaces or special characters.

Floating/ Real Numeric Constant:

The numeric constant that have fractional value i.e., decimal point are called floating/real constants.

Assignment: `const float a = 10.11;`

x) Single Character Constant:

- The single character enclosed with single quotation marks.
- Characters are stored in form of ASCII codes.

Assignment: `const char a = 'a'`

Eg: `printf ("y.d", 'a'); => 97`
`printf ("y.c", 97); => a`

Note: `5 != '5'`

