

Structures in C:

Structures in C is the user-defined datatype which is the collection of one or more variables of different datatypes grouped together under a single name.

(*) Advantages:

- i) It makes the application program easier to read and understand.
- ii) Applications are less likely contain logic error.
- iii) Errors can be easily debugged.

(*) Declaration of Structure:

Syntax: struct structuretag
{ int rollno; member 1;
char name member 2;
:
};

Eg: struct student
{ int rollno;
char name[20];
float cgpa;
};

→ two members of a structure can't be same.

(*) Declaration of Objects of structure:

The variables used for structure datatype is called objects of structure. It is called structure variables.

Syntax: ~~structure~~ datatype variablename;

Eg: struct student s

```
{
    int roll;
    float cgpa;
    char name[20];
}
```

void main()

```
{
    struct student s;
```

OR

```
struct student
{
    int roll;
    char name[20];
    float cgpa;
} s;
```

(*) Initialization and Accessing Structure:

→ Initialization cannot be done within structure.

Syntax: struct student
At compile time;

struct student s = {1, "A", 3.7};

At run time;

```
struct student s;
scanf("%d", &s.roll);
scanf("%s", s.name);
scanf("%f", &s.cgpa);
```

To initialize more than two variables.

Eg: struct student
{ int rollno; char name[20]; float cgpa } s1, s2, s3;

or, struct student s1, s2, s3;

(*) Accessing: (structure objectname . membername)

Eg: printf("%d", s1.rollno);
printf("%s", s1.name);
printf("%f", s1.mark);

* Rules of Initialization:

i) Order of members in initialization is the same as the order of members in structure declaration.

ii) If partial initialization is done,

Eg: struct student s1 = {1};
then, rollno contains 1 but the name is null and float marks has 0.

Note: i) Assigning one structure variable to another is allowed i.e., s1 = s2.

ii) The comparison of two structure variables is not possible.

but the individual members can be compared.
Eg: if (s1.roll < s2.roll)

* Array of Structure:

Array of structure is used to store more student data.

Eg: struct student
{ int roll; char name[20]; float cgpa; } s[60]

Accessing and initialization of array of structure is done using loops.

Initialization

Eg: for (i=0; i<n; i++)

```
{
scanf ("%d", &s[i].roll);
scanf ("%s", s[i].name);
scanf ("%f", &s[i].cgpa);
}
```

Accessing

for (i=0; i<n; i++)

```
{
printf ("%d", s[i].roll);
printf ("%s", s[i].name);
printf ("%f", s[i].cgpa);
}
```

* Pointer to structure:

struct student

```
{ int rollno; char name[25]; float cgpa; }
void main()
```

```
{ struct student s;
  struct student *ptr;
  ptr = &s;
```

```
scanf ("%d", &s.rollno);
scanf ("%s", s.name);
scanf ("%f", &cgpa);
```

Displaying using pointers;

It can be done in three ways.

- printf ("Rollno = %d", s.rollno); — (i)
- printf ("~~Name = %s~~ Rollno = %d", ptr->rollno); — (ii)
- printf ("Rollno = %d", (*ptr).rollno); — (iii)