

Basics: C is a procedural programming language. It was initially developed by Dennis Ritchie in the year 1972. It was mainly developed as a system programming language to write an operating system. The main features of the C language include low-level memory access, a simple set of keywords, and a clean style, these features make C language suitable for system programming's like an operating system or compiler development.

Many later languages have borrowed syntax/features directly or indirectly from the C language.

Benefits:

1. As a middle-level language, C combines the features of both high-level and low-level languages. It can be used for low-level programming, such as scripting for drivers and kernels and it also supports functions of high-level programming languages, such as scripting for software applications etc.
2. C is a structured programming language which allows a complex program to be broken into simpler programs called functions. It also allows free movement of data across these functions.
3. Various features of C including direct access to machine level hardware APIs, the presence of C compilers, deterministic resource use and dynamic memory allocation make C language an optimum choice for scripting applications and drivers of embedded systems.

1. **Structure of a C program**

After the above discussion, we can formally assess the structure of a C program. By structure, it is meant that any program can be written in this structure only. Writing a C program in any other structure will hence lead to a Compilation Error.

The structure of a C program is as follows:

Structure of C Program	
Header	#include <stdio.h>
main()	int main() {
Variable declaration	int a = 10;
Body	printf("%d ", a);
Return	return 0; }

1. Writing first program:

Following is first program in C

- C

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int main(void)
```

```
{
```

```
    printf("learn c language");
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

1. Let us analyze the program line by line.

Line 1: [#include <stdio.h>] In a C program, all lines that start with # are processed by a [preprocessor](#) which is a program invoked by the compiler. In a very basic term, the [preprocessor](#) takes a C program and produces another C program. The produced program has no lines starting with #, all such lines are processed by the preprocessor. In the above example, the preprocessor copies the preprocessed code of stdio.h to our file. The .h files are called header files in C. These header files generally contain declarations of functions. We need stdio.h for the function printf() used in the program.

Line 2 [int main(void)] There must be a starting point from where execution of compiled C program begins. In C, the execution typically begins with the first line of main(). The void written in brackets indicates that the main doesn't take any parameter (See [this](#) for more details). main() can be written to take parameters also. We will be covering that in future posts.

The int was written before main indicates return type of main(). The value returned by main indicates the status of program termination. See [this](#) post for more details on the return type.

Line 3 and 6: [{ and }] In C language, a pair of curly brackets define scope and are mainly used in functions and control statements like if, else, loops. All functions must start and end with curly brackets.

Line 4 [printf("learn c language");] [printf\(\)](#) is a standard library function to print something on standard output. The semicolon at the end of printf indicates line termination. In C, a semicolon is always used to indicate end of a statement.

Line 5 [return 0;] The return statement returns the value from main(). The returned value may be used by an operating system to know the termination status of your program. The value 0 typically means successful termination.

Variables:

A **variable** is a name of the memory location. It is used to store data. Its value can be changed, and it can be reused many times.

It is a way to represent memory location through symbol so that it can be easily identified.

Rules for defining variables

- A variable can have alphabets, digits, and underscore.
- A variable name can start with the alphabet, and underscore only. It can't start with a digit.
- No whitespace is allowed within the variable name.
- A variable name must not be any reserved word or keyword, e.g. int, float, etc.

Types of Variables in C

Local Variable

A variable that is declared inside the function or block is called a local variable.

It must be declared at the start of the block.

```
1. void function1(){
2.   int x=10;//local variable
3. }
```

You must have to initialize the local variable before it is used.

Global Variable

A variable that is declared outside the function or block is called a global variable. Any function can change the value of the global variable. It is available to all the functions.

It must be declared at the start of the block.

```
1. int value=20;//global variable
2. void function1(){
3.   int x=10;//local variable
4. }
```

Static Variable

A variable that is declared with the static keyword is called static variable.

It retains its value between multiple function calls.

```
1. void function1(){
2.   int x=10;//local variable
3.   static int y=10;//static variable
4.   x=x+1;
5.   y=y+1;
6.   printf("%d,%d",x,y);
7. }
```

If you call this function many times, the **local variable will print the same value** for each function call, e.g, 11,11,11 and so on. But the **static variable will print the incremented value** in each function call, e.g. 11, 12, 13 and so on.

Automatic Variable

All variables in C that are declared inside the block, are automatic variables by default. We can explicitly declare an automatic variable using **auto keyword**.

1. **void** main(){
2. **int** x=10;//local variable (also automatic)
3. **auto int** y=20;//automatic variable
4. }

External Variable

We can share a variable in multiple C source files by using an external variable. To declare an external variable, you need to use **extern keyword**.

myfile.h

extern int x=10;//external variable (also global)

program1.c

1. **#include** "myfile.h"
2. **#include** <stdio.h>
3. **void** printValue(){
4. **printf**("Global variable: %d", global_variable);
5. }

In the above example x is an external variable which is used in multiple files.

Data types:

Data Type	Memory (bytes)	Range	Format Specified
int	4	-2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647	%d
long int	4	-2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647	%ld
float	4		%f
double	8		%lf
long double	16		%Lf

Keywords:

A keyword is a **reserved word**. You cannot use it as a variable name, constant name, etc. There are only 32 reserved words (keywords) in the C language.

A list of 32 keywords in the c language is given below:

auto	break	case	char	const	continue	default	do
double	else	enum	extern	float	for	goto	if
int	long	register	return	short	signed	sizeof	static
struct	switch	typedef	union	unsigned	void	volatile	while

Example with code:

```
#include <stdio.h>
// declaring and initializing an extern variable
extern int x = 9;

// declaring and initializing a global variable
// simply int z; would have initialized z with
// the default value of a global variable which is 0
int z=10;
```

```

// using typedef to give a short name to long long int
// very convenient to use now due to the short name
typedef long long int LL;

// function which prints square of a no. and which has void as its
// return data type
void calSquare(int arg)
{
    printf("The square of %d is %d\n",arg,arg*arg);
}

// Here void means function main takes no parameters
int main(void)
{
    // declaring a constant variable, its value cannot be modified
    const int a = 32;

    // declaring a char variable
    char b = 'G';

    // telling the compiler that the variable z is an extern variable
    // and has been defined elsewhere (above the main function)
    extern int z;

    LL c = 1000000;

    printf("Hello World!\n");

    // printing the above variables
    printf("This is the value of the constant variable 'a': %d\n",a);
    printf("'b' is a char variable. Its value is %c\n",b);
    printf("'c' is a long long int variable. Its value is %lld\n",c);
    printf("These are the values of the extern variables 'x' and 'z'"
    " respectively: %d and %d\n",x,z);

    // value of extern variable x modified
    x=2;

    // value of extern variable z modified
    z=5;

    // printing the modified values of extern variables 'x' and 'z'
    printf("These are the modified values of the extern variables"
    " 'x' and 'z' respectively: %d and %d\n",x,z);

    // using a static variable
    printf("The value of static variable 'y' is NOT initialized to 5 after the "
    "first iteration! See for yourself :)\n");

    while (x > 0)
    {
        static int y = 5;

```

```

        y++;
        // printing value at each iteration
        printf("The value of y is %d\n",y);
        x--;
    }

    // print square of 5
    calSquare(5);

    printf("Bye! See you soon. :)\n");

    return 0;
}

```

Output:

Hello World

This is the value of the constant variable 'a': 32

'b' is a char variable. Its value is G

'c' is a long long int variable. Its value is 1000000

These are the values of the extern variables 'x' and 'z' respectively: 9 and 10

These are the modified values of the extern variables 'x' and 'z' respectively: 2 and 5

The value of static variable 'y' is NOT initialized to 5 after the first iteration! See for yourself :)

The value of y is 6

The value of y is 7

The square of 5 is 25

Bye! See you soon. :)

Operators:

An operator is simply a symbol that is used to perform operations. There can be many types of operations like arithmetic, logical, bitwise, etc.

There are following types of operators to perform different types of operations in C language.

- Arithmetic Operators
- Relational Operators
- Shift Operators
- Logical Operators
- Bitwise Operators
- Ternary or Conditional Operators
- Assignment Operator
- Misc Operator

Precedence of Operators in C

The precedence of operator species that which operator will be evaluated first and next. The associativity specifies the operator direction to be evaluated; it may be left to right or right to left.

The precedence and associativity of C operators is given below:

Category	Operator	Associativity
Postfix	() [] -> . ++ --	Left to right
Unary	+ - ! ~ ++ -- (type)* & sizeof	Right to left
Multiplicative	* / %	Left to right
Additive	+ -	Left to right
Shift	<< >>	Left to right
Relational	< <= > >=	Left to right
Equality	== !=	Left to right
Bitwise AND	&	Left to right
Bitwise XOR	^	Left to right
Bitwise OR		Left to right
Logical AND	&&	Left to right

Logical OR		Left to right
Conditional	?:	Right to left
Assignment	= += -= *= /= %= >>= <<= &= ^= =	Right to left
Comma	,	Left to right

C if else Statement

The if-else statement in C is used to perform the operations based on some specific condition. The operations specified in if block are executed if and only if the given condition is true.

There are the following variants of if statement in C language.

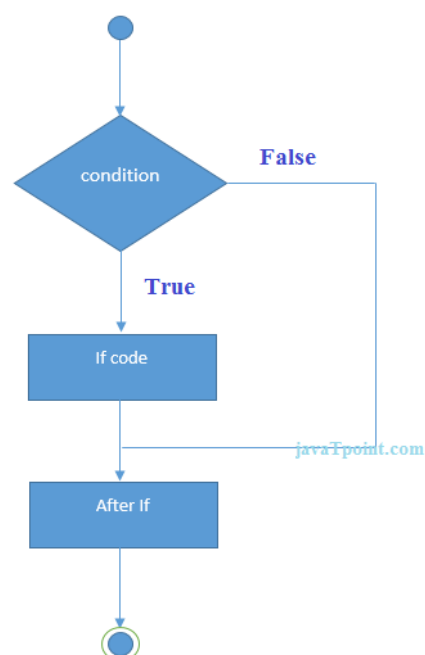
- If statement
- If-else statement
- If else-if ladder
- Nested if

If Statement

The if statement is used to check some given condition and perform some operations depending upon the correctness of that condition. It is mostly used in the scenario where we need to perform the different operations for the different conditions. The syntax of the if statement is given below.

1. **if**(expression){
2. *//code to be executed*
3. }

Flowchart of if statement in C

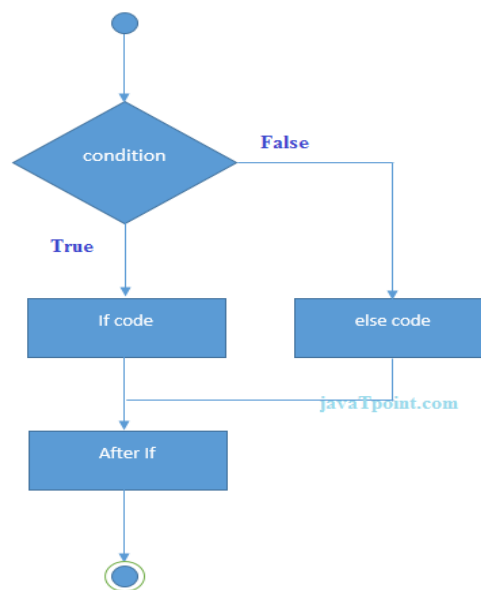


If-else Statement

The if-else statement is used to perform two operations for a single condition. The if-else statement is an extension to the if statement using which, we can perform two different operations, i.e., one is for the correctness of that condition, and the other is for the incorrectness of the condition. Here, we must notice that if and else block cannot be executed simultaneously. Using if-else statement is always preferable since it always invokes an otherwise case with every if condition. The syntax of the if-else statement is given below.

1. **if**(expression){
2. *//code to be executed if condition is true*
3. **}else{**
4. *//code to be executed if condition is false*
5. **}**

Flowchart of the if-else statement in C



If else-if ladder Statement

The if-else-if ladder statement is an extension to the if-else statement. It is used in the scenario where there are multiple cases to be performed for different conditions. In if-else-if ladder statement, if a condition is true then the statements defined in the if block will be executed, otherwise if some other condition is true then the statements defined in the else-if block will be executed, at the last if none of the condition is true then the statements defined in the else block will be executed. There are multiple else-if blocks possible. It is similar to the switch case statement where the default is executed instead of else block if none of the cases is matched.

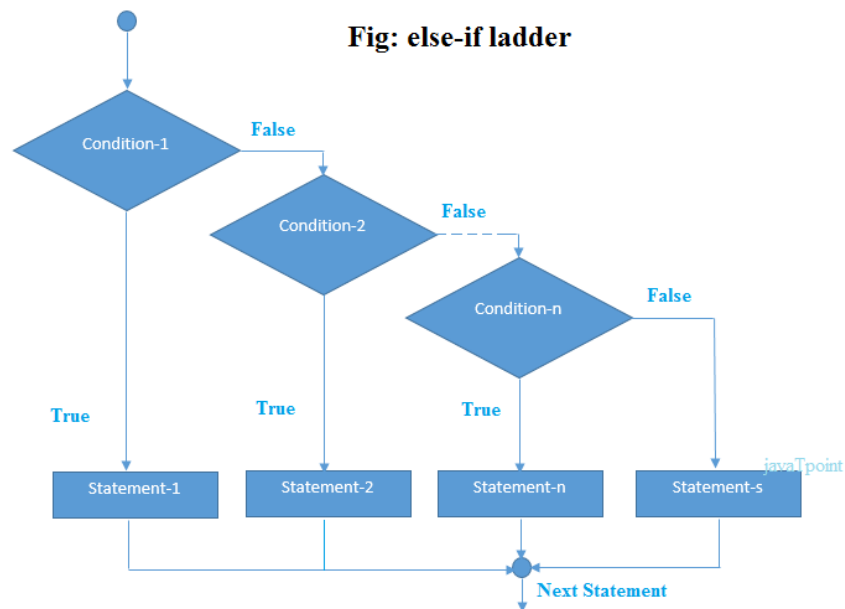
1. **if**(condition1){
2. *//code to be executed if condition1 is true*
3. **}else if**(condition2){

```

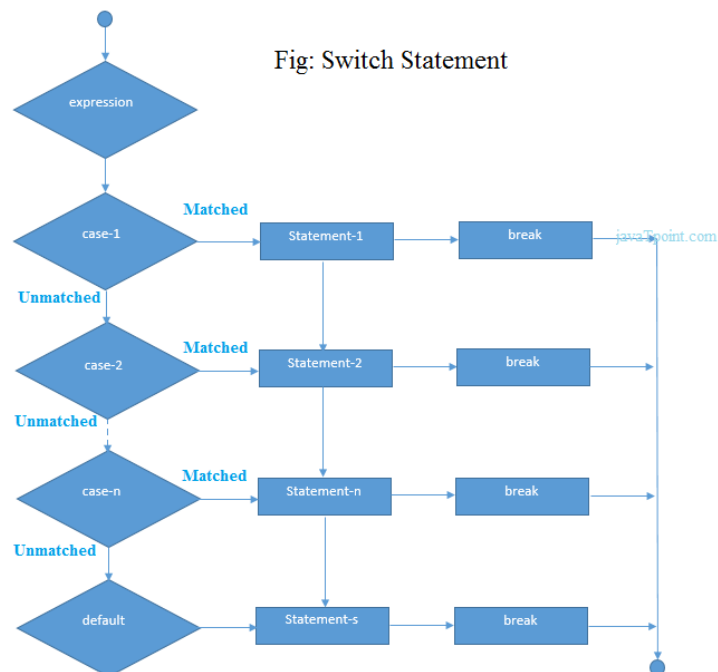
4. //code to be executed if condition2 is true
5. }
6. else if(condition3){
7. //code to be executed if condition3 is true
8. }
9. ...
10. else{
11. //code to be executed if all the conditions are false
12. }

```

Flowchart of else-if ladder statement in C



switch case:



Functioning of switch case statement

First, the integer expression specified in the switch statement is evaluated. This value is then matched one by one with the constant values given in the different cases. If a match is found, then all the statements specified in that case are executed along with the all the cases present after that case including the default statement. No two cases can have similar values. If the matched case contains a break statement, then all the cases present after that will be skipped, and the control comes out of the switch. Otherwise, all the cases following the matched case will be executed.

C Loops

The looping can be defined as repeating the same process multiple times until a specific condition satisfies. There are three types of loops used in the C language. In this part of the tutorial, we are going to learn all the aspects of C loops.

Why use loops in C language?

The looping simplifies the complex problems into the easy ones. It enables us to alter the flow of the program so that instead of writing the same code again and again, we can repeat the same code for a finite number of times. For example, if we need to print the first 10 natural numbers then, instead of using the printf statement 10 times, we can print inside a loop which runs up to 10 iterations.

Advantage of loops in C

- 1) It provides code reusability.
- 2) Using loops, we do not need to write the same code again and again.
- 3) Using loops, we can traverse over the elements of data structures (array or linked lists).

Types of C Loops

There are three types of loops in [C language](#)

that is given below:

1. do while
2. while
3. for

for loop in C

The for loop is used in the case where we need to execute some part of the code until the given condition is satisfied. The for loop is also called as a per-tested loop. It is better to use for loop if the number of iteration is known in advance.

The syntax of for loop in c language is given below:

1. **for**(initialization;condition;incr/decr){
2. *//code to be executed*
3. }

while loop in C

The while loop in c is to be used in the scenario where we don't know the number of iterations in advance. The block of statements is executed in the while loop until the condition specified in the while loop is satisfied. It is also called a pre-tested loop.

The syntax of while loop in c language is given below:

1. **while**(condition){
2. *//code to be executed*
3. }

do-while loop in C

The do-while loop continues until a given condition satisfies. It is also called post tested loop. It is used when it is necessary to execute the loop at least once (mostly menu driven programs).

The syntax of do-while loop in c language

is given below:

1. **do**{
2. *//code to be executed*
3. }**while**(condition);

C Functions

In c, we can divide a large program into the basic building blocks known as function. The function contains the set of programming statements enclosed by {}. A function can be called multiple times to provide reusability and modularity to the C program. In other words, we can say that the collection of functions creates a program. The function is also known as *procedure* or *subroutine* in other programming languages.

Advantage of functions in C

There are the following advantages of C functions.

- By using functions, we can avoid rewriting same logic/code again and again in a program.
- We can call C functions any number of times in a program and from any place in a program.
- We can track a large C program easily when it is divided into multiple functions.

Types of Functions

There are two types of functions in C programming:

1. **Library Functions:** are the functions which are declared in the C header files such as `scanf()`, `printf()`, `gets()`, `puts()`, `ceil()`, `floor()` etc.
2. **User-defined functions:** are the functions which are created by the C programmer, so that he/she can use it many times. It reduces the complexity of a big program and optimizes the code.

C Library Functions

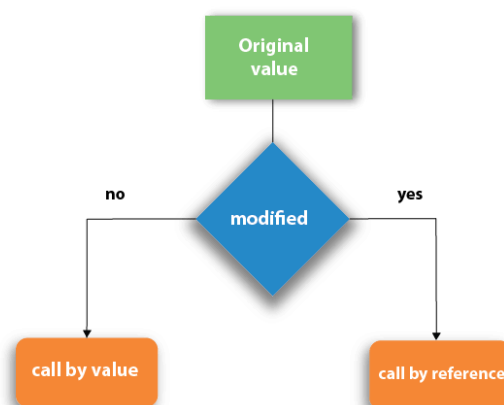
Library functions are the inbuilt function in C that are grouped and placed at a common place called the library. Such functions are used to perform some specific operations. For example, `printf` is a library function used to print on the console. The library functions are created by the designers of compilers. All C standard library functions are defined inside the different header files saved with the extension **.h**.

The list of mostly used header files is given in the following table.

SN	Header file	Description
1	stdio.h	This is a standard input/output header file. It contains all the library functions regarding standard input/output.
2	conio.h	This is a console input/output header file.
3	string.h	It contains all string related library functions like gets(), puts(), etc.
4	stdlib.h	This header file contains all the general library functions like malloc(), calloc(), exit(), etc.
5	math.h	This header file contains all the math operations related functions like sqrt(), pow(), etc.

Call by value and Call by reference in C

There are two methods to pass the data into the function in C language, i.e., *call by value* and *call by reference*.



Let's understand call by value and call by reference in c language one by one.

Call by value in C

- In call by value method, the value of the actual parameters is copied into the formal parameters. In other words, we can say that the value of the variable is used in the function call in the call by value method.
- In call by value method, we can not modify the value of the actual parameter by the formal parameter.
- In call by value, different memory is allocated for actual and formal parameters since the value of the actual parameter is copied into the formal parameter.
- The actual parameter is the argument which is used in the function call whereas formal parameter is the argument which is used in the function definition.

Example:

```
1. #include<stdio.h>
2. void change(int num) {
3.     printf("Before adding value inside function num=%d \n",num);
4.     num=num+100;
5.     printf("After adding value inside function num=%d \n", num);
6. }
7. int main() {
8.     int x=100;
9.     printf("Before function call x=%d \n", x);
10.    change(x);//passing value in function
11.    printf("After function call x=%d \n", x);
12.    return 0;
13. }
```

Output

```
Before function call x=100
Before adding value inside function num=100
After adding value inside function num=200
After function call x=100
```

Call by reference in C

- In call by reference, the address of the variable is passed into the function call as the actual parameter.
- The value of the actual parameters can be modified by changing the formal parameters since the address of the actual parameters is passed.

- In call by reference, the memory allocation is similar for both formal parameters and actual parameters. All the operations in the function are performed on the value stored at the address of the actual parameters, and the modified value gets stored at the same address.

Consider the following example for the call by reference.

```
1. #include<stdio.h>
2. void change(int *num) {
3.     printf("Before adding value inside function num=%d \n",*num);
4.     (*num) += 100;
5.     printf("After adding value inside function num=%d \n", *num);
6. }
7. int main() {
8.     int x=100;
9.     printf("Before function call x=%d \n", x);
10.    change(&x);//passing reference in function
11.    printf("After function call x=%d \n", x);
12.    return 0;
13. }
```

Output

```
Before function call x=100
Before adding value inside function num=100
After adding value inside function num=200
After function call x=200
```

Recursion in C

Recursion is the process which comes into existence when a function calls a copy of itself to work on a smaller problem. Any function which calls itself is called recursive function, and such function calls are called recursive calls. Recursion involves several numbers of recursive calls. However, it is important to impose a termination condition of recursion. Recursion code is shorter than iterative code however it is difficult to understand.

Recursion cannot be applied to all the problem, but it is more useful for the tasks that can be defined in terms of similar subtasks. For Example, recursion may be applied to sorting, searching, and traversal problems.

Example:

```
1. #include <stdio.h>
2. int fact (int);
3. int main()
```

```

4. {
5.     int n,f;
6.     printf("Enter the number whose factorial you want to calculate?");
7.     scanf("%d",&n);
8.     f = fact(n);
9.     printf("factorial = %d",f);
10. }
11. int fact(int n)
12. {
13.     if (n==0)
14.     {
15.         return 0;
16.     }
17.     else if ( n == 1)
18.     {
19.         return 1;
20.     }
21.     else
22.     {
23.         return n*fact(n-1);
24.     }
25. }

```

Output

```

Enter the number whose factorial you want to calculate?5
factorial = 120

```

We can understand the above program of the recursive method call by the figure given below:

```

return 5 * factorial(4) = 120
└─ return 4 * factorial(3) = 24
    └─ return 3 * factorial(2) = 6
        └─ return 2 * factorial(1) = 2
            └─ return 1 * factorial(0) = 1

```

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1 * 2 * 3 * 4 * 5 = 120

Fig: Recursion

C Array

An array is defined as the collection of similar type of data items stored at contiguous memory locations. Arrays are the derived data type in C programming language which can store the primitive type of data such as int, char, double, float, etc. It also has the capability to store the collection of derived data types, such as pointers, structure, etc. The array is the simplest data structure where each data element can be randomly accessed by using its index number.

Advantage of C Array

- 1) **Code Optimization:** Less code to access the data.
- 2) **Ease of traversing:** By using the for loop, we can retrieve the elements of an array easily.
- 3) **Ease of sorting:** To sort the elements of the array, we need a few lines of code only.
- 4) **Random Access:** We can access any element randomly using the array.

Disadvantage of C Array

- 1) **Fixed Size:** Whatever size, we define at the time of declaration of the array, we can't exceed the limit. So, it doesn't grow the size dynamically like LinkedList which we will learn later.

Declaration of C Array

We can declare an array in the C language in the following way.

1. `data_type array_name[array_size];`

C array example

1. `#include<stdio.h>`
2. `int main(){`
3. `int i=0;`
4. `int marks[5];//declaration of array`
5. `marks[0]=80;//initialization of array`
6. `marks[1]=60;`
7. `marks[2]=70;`
8. `marks[3]=85;`
9. `marks[4]=75;`
10. `//traversal of array`

```
11. for(i=0;i<5;i++){
12. printf("%d \n",marks[i]);
13. }//end of for loop
14. return 0;
15. }
```

Output

```
80
60
70
85
75
```

Two Dimensional Array in C

The two-dimensional array can be defined as an array of arrays. The 2D array is organized as matrices which can be represented as the collection of rows and columns. However, 2D arrays are created to implement a relational database lookalike data structure. It provides ease of holding the bulk of data at once which can be passed to any number of functions wherever required.

Declaration of two dimensional Array in C

The syntax to declare the 2D array is given below.

```
1. data_type array_name[rows][columns];
```

Two-dimensional array example in C

```
1. #include<stdio.h>
2. int main(){
3. int i=0,j=0;
4. int arr[4][3]={1,2,3},{2,3,4},{3,4,5},{4,5,6}};
5. //traversing 2D array
6. for(i=0;i<4;i++){
7. for(j=0;j<3;j++){
8. printf("arr[%d] [%d] = %d \n",i,j,arr[i][j]);
9. }//end of j
10. }//end of i
11. return 0;
12. }
```

Output

```
arr[0][0] = 1
arr[0][1] = 2
arr[0][2] = 3
```

```
arr[1][0] = 2
arr[1][1] = 3
arr[1][2] = 4
arr[2][0] = 3
arr[2][1] = 4
arr[2][2] = 5
arr[3][0] = 4
arr[3][1] = 5
arr[3][2] = 6
```

Pointers:

The pointer in C language is a variable which stores the address of another variable. This variable can be of type int, char, array, function, or any other pointer. The size of the pointer depends on the architecture. However, in 32-bit architecture the size of a pointer is 2 byte.

Consider the following example to define a pointer which stores the address of an integer.

1. `int n = 10;`
2. `int* p = &n; // Variable p of type pointer is pointing to the address of the variable n of type integer.`

Declaring a pointer

The pointer in c language can be declared using * (asterisk symbol). It is also known as indirection pointer used to dereference a pointer.

1. `int *a; // pointer to int`
2. `char *c; // pointer to char`

Pointer to array

1. `int arr[10];`
2. `int *p[10]=&arr; // Variable p of type pointer is pointing to the address of an integer array arr.`

Array of pointer

[Pointer to an array](#) is also known as [array pointer](#). We are using the pointer to access the components of the array.

```
int a[3] = {3, 4, 5};
```

```
int *ptr = a;
```

Pointer to a function

1. `void show (int);`
2. `void(*p)(int) = &display; // Pointer p is pointing to the address of a function`

Pointer to structure

1. **struct** st {
2. **int** i;
3. **float** f;
4. }ref;
5. **struct** st *p = &ref;

Advantage of pointer

- 1) Pointer **reduces the code** and **improves the performance**, it is used to retrieving strings, trees, etc. and used with arrays, structures, and functions.
- 2) We can **return multiple values from a function** using the pointer.
- 3) It makes you able to **access any memory location** in the computer's memory.

math functions:

C Math

C Programming allows us to perform mathematical operations through the functions defined in <math.h> header file. The <math.h> header file contains various methods for performing mathematical operations such as sqrt(), pow(), ceil(), floor() etc.

C Math Functions

There are various methods in math.h header file. The commonly used functions of math.h header file are given below.

No.	Function	Description
1)	ceil(number)	rounds up the given number. It returns the integer value which is greater than or equal to given number.
2)	floor(number)	rounds down the given number. It returns the integer value which is less than or equal to given number.
3)	sqrt(number)	returns the square root of given number.

4)	pow(base, exponent)	returns the power of given number.
5)	abs(number)	returns the absolute value of given number.

What is Structure

Structure in c is a user-defined data type that enables us to store the collection of different data types. Each element of a structure is called a member. Structures ca; simulate the use of classes and templates as it can store various information

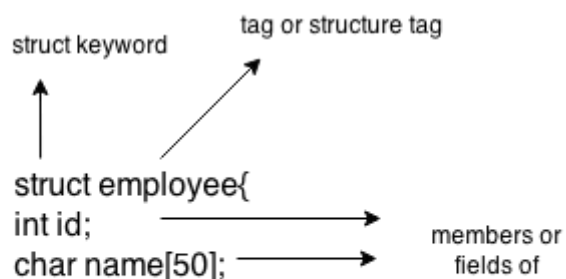
The **,struct** keyword is used to define the structure. Let's see the syntax to define the structure in c.

1. **struct** structure_name
2. {
3. data_type member1;
4. data_type member2;
5. .
6. .
7. data_type memeberN;
8. };

Let's see the example to define a structure for an entity employee in c.

1. **struct** employee
2. { **int** id;
3. **char** name[20];
4. **float** salary;
5. };

Here, **struct** is the keyword; **employee** is the name of the structure; **id**, **name**, and **salary** are the members or fields of the structure. Let's understand it by the diagram given below:



Declaring structure variable

We can declare a variable for the structure so that we can access the member of the structure easily. There are two ways to declare structure variable:

1. By struct keyword within main() function
2. By declaring a variable at the time of defining the structure.

1st way:

Let's see the example to declare the structure variable by struct keyword. It should be declared within the main function.

1. `struct` employee
2. { `int` id;
3. `char` name[50];
4. `float` salary;
5. };

Now write given code inside the main() function.

1. `struct` employee e1, e2;

The variables e1 and e2 can be used to access the values stored in the structure. Here, e1 and e2 can be treated in the same way as the objects in [C++](#) and [Java](#).

2nd way:

Let's see another way to declare variable at the time of defining the structure.

1. `struct` employee
2. { `int` id;
3. `char` name[50];
4. `float` salary;
5. }e1,e2;

Union in C

Union can be defined as a user-defined data type which is a collection of different variables of different data types in the same memory location. The union can also be defined as many members, but only one member can contain a value at a particular point in time.

Union is a user-defined data type, but unlike structures, they share the same memory location.

Let's understand this through an example.

1. `struct abc`
2. `{`
3. `int a;`
4. `char b;`
5. `}`

The above code is the user-defined structure that consists of two members, i.e., 'a' of type **int** and 'b' of type **character**. When we check the addresses of 'a' and 'b', we found that their addresses are different. Therefore, we conclude that the members in the structure do not share the same memory location.

File Handling in C

In programming, we may require some specific input data to be generated several numbers of times. Sometimes, it is not enough to only display the data on the console. The data to be displayed may be very large, and only a limited amount of data can be displayed on the console, and since the memory is volatile, it is impossible to recover the programmatically generated data again and again. However, if we need to do so, we may store it onto the local file system which is volatile and can be accessed every time. Here, comes the need of file handling in C.

File handling in C enables us to create, update, read, and delete the files stored on the local file system through our C program. The following operations can be performed on a file.

- Creation of the new file
- Opening an existing file
- Reading from the file
- Writing to the file
- Deleting the file

Functions for file handling

There are many functions in the C library to open, read, write, search and close the file. A list of file functions are given below:

No.	Function	Description
1	fopen()	opens new or existing file
2	fprintf()	write data into the file
3	fscanf()	reads data from the file
4	fputc()	writes a character into the file
5	fgetc()	reads a character from file
6	fclose()	closes the file
7	fseek()	sets the file pointer to given position
8	fputw()	writes an integer to file
9	fgetw()	reads an integer from file
10	ftell()	returns current position
11	rewind()	sets the file pointer to the beginning of the file