

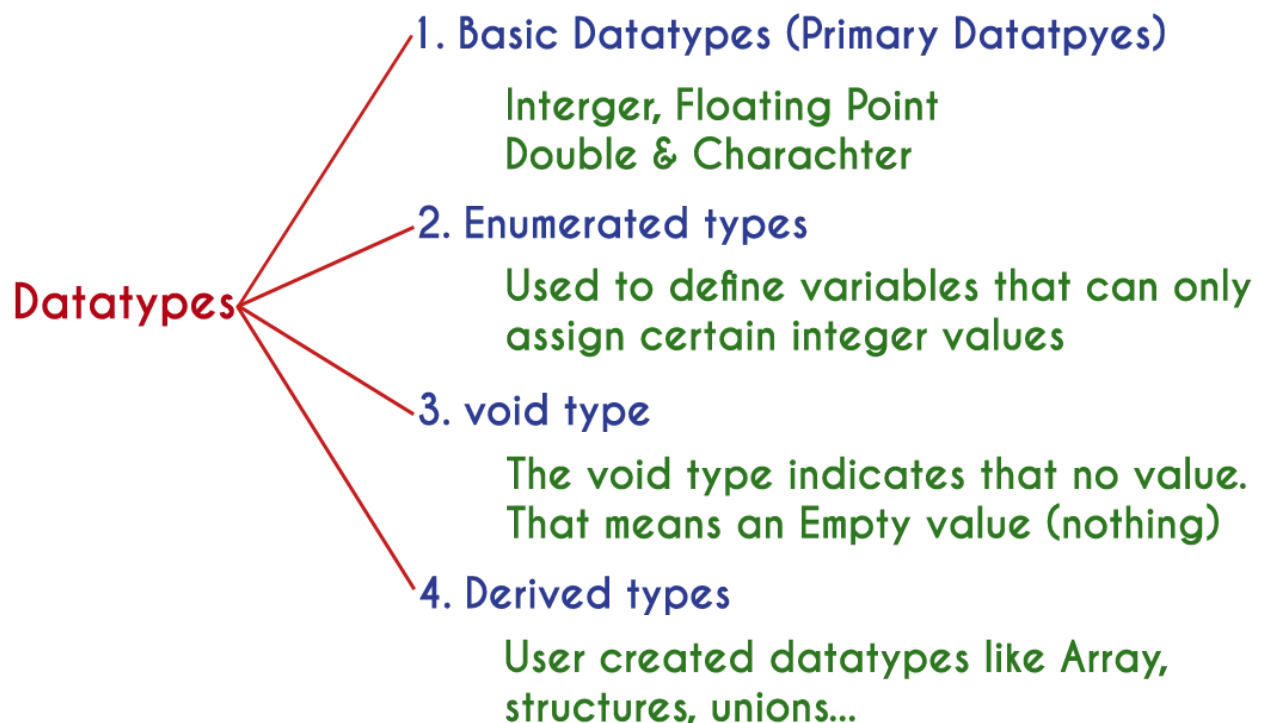
C data types

Data used in c program is classified into different types based on its properties. In the C programming language, a data type can be defined as a set of values with similar characteristics. All the values in a data type have the same properties.

Data types in the c programming language are used to specify what kind of value can be stored in a variable. The memory size and type of the value of a variable are determined by the variable data type. In a c program, each variable or constant or array must have a data type and this data type specifies how much memory is to be allocated and what type of values are to be stored in that variable or constant or array. The formal definition of a data type is as follows...

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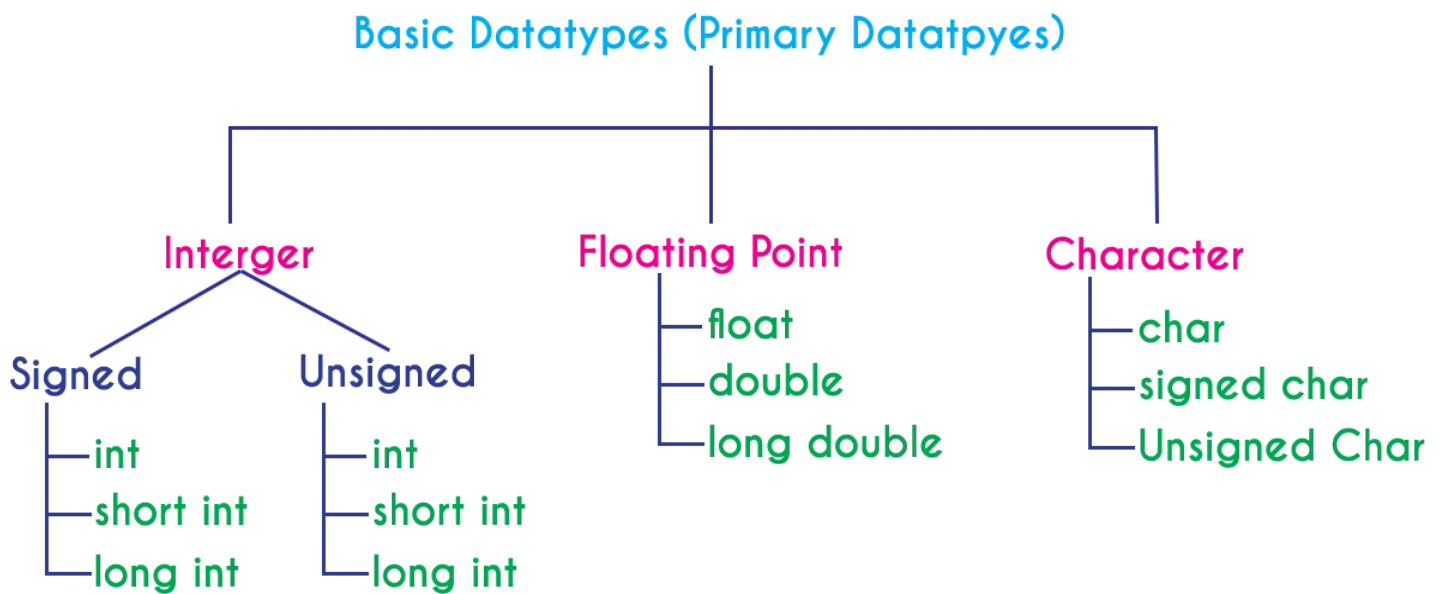
- 1.Primary data types (Basic data types OR Predefined data types)
- 2.Derived data types (Secondary data types OR User-defined data types)
- 3.Enumeration data types
- 4.Void data type



Primary data types

The primary data types in the C programming language are the basic data types. All the primary data types are already defined in the system. Primary data types are also called as Built-In data types. The following are the primary data types in c programming language...

- 1.Integer data type
- 2.Floating Point data type
- 3.Double data type
- 4.Character data type



Integer Data type

The integer data type is a set of whole numbers. Every integer value does not have the decimal value. We use the keyword "**int**" to represent integer data type in c. We use the keyword `int` to declare the variables and to specify the return type of a function. The integer data type is used with different type modifiers like short, long, signed and unsigned. The following table provides complete details about the integer data type.

Type	Size (Bytes)	Range	Specifier
int (signed short int)	2	-32768 to +32767	%d
short int (signed short int)	2	-32768 to +32767	%d
long int (signed long int)	4	-2,147,483,648 to +2,147,483,647	%d
unsigned int (unsigned short int)	2	0 to 65535	%u
unsigned long int	4	0 to 4,294,967,295	%u

Floating Point data types

Floating-point data types are a set of numbers with the decimal value. Every floating-point value must contain the decimal value. The floating-point data type has two variants...

- float
- double

We use the keyword "**float**" to represent floating-point data type and "**double**" to represent double data type in c. Both float and double are similar but they differ in the number of decimal places. The float value contains 6 decimal places whereas double value contains 15 or 19 decimal places. The following table provides complete details about floating-point data types.

Type	Size (Bytes)	Range	Specifier
float	4	1.2E - 38 to 3.4E + 38	%f
double	8	2.3E-308 to 1.7E+308	%ld
long double	10	3.4E-4932 to 1.1E+4932	%ld

Character data type

The character data type is a set of characters encloseded in single quotations. The following table provides complete details about the character data type.

Type	Size (Bytes)	Range	Specifier
char (signed char)	1	-128 to +127	%c
unsigned char	1	0 to 255	%c

The following table provides complete information about all the data types in c programming language...

	Integer	Floating Point	Double	Character
What is it?	Numbers without decimal value	Numbers with decimal value	Numbers with decimal value	Any symbol enclosed in single quotation
Keyword	int	float	double	char
Memory Size	2 or 4 Bytes	4 Bytes	8 or 10 Bytes	1 Byte
Range	-32768 to +32767 (or) 0 to 65535 (Incase of 2 bytes only)	1.2E - 38 to 3.4E + 38	2.3E-308 to 1.7E+308	-128 to + 127 (or) 0 to 255
Type Specifier	%d or %i or %u	%f	%ld	%c or %s
Type Modifier	short, long signed, unsigned	No modifiers	long	signed, unsigned
Type Qualifier	const, volatile	const, volatile	const, volatil	const, volatile

void data type

The void data type means nothing or no value. Generally, the void is used to specify a function which does not return any value. We also use the void data type to specify empty parameters of a function.

Enumerated data type

An enumerated data type is a user-defined data type that consists of integer constants and each integer constant is given a name. The keyword "**enum**" is used to define the enumerated data type.

Derived data types

Derived data types are user-defined data types. The derived data types are also called as user-defined data types or secondary data types. In the c programming language, the derived data types are created using the following concepts...

- Arrays
- Structures
- Unions
- Enumeration