

CS & IT ENGINEERING

'C' Programming

Structures & Unions

Lecture No.- 03



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Recap of Previous Lecture



- Nested Structures & Unions
- Size of Variables



Topics to be Covered



- Nested Structures & Unions
- Assign values to Members
- Structure vs Union
- typedef keyword
- Self-referential Structure
- PYQ Practice



Let 1 int = 4 Bytes

Nested Structures & Unions

Ex:

```
struct xyz
```

{ int x[10]; $\rightarrow 10 * 4 = 40B$

char y[10]; $\rightarrow 10 \times 1 = 10B$

$$y; \quad \Sigma = 500 \text{ kg}$$

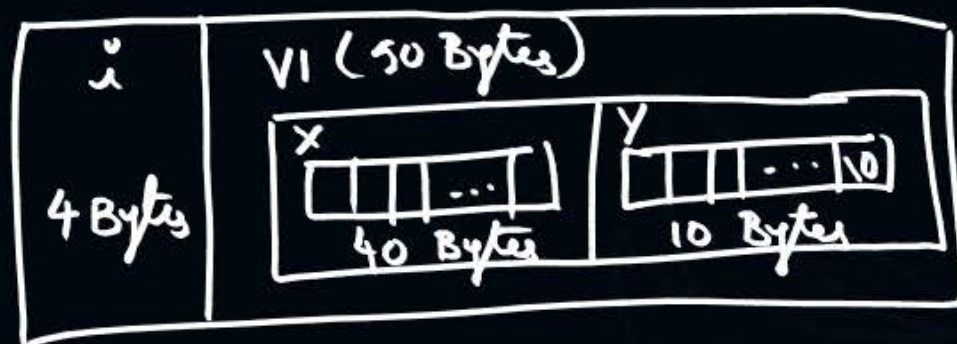
```
struct ABC
```

{ int i; \longrightarrow 4 bytes

Struct XYZ V1; \rightarrow 50 Bytes

} v2; $\Sigma = 54 \text{ Bytes}$

V_2 (54 Bytes)





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Assign values to Members

— The values are assigned in the order of declaration.

— Default values will be

- zero (integers)
- '\0' (characters)
- 0.0 (Real numbers)

Ex: `struct ABC`
`{`
 `int x;`
 `char y;`
 `float z;`
`};`

1 int = 4 bytes

```
void main( )  
{  
    struct ABC v1 = { 4, 'x', 1.371 };  
    printf("%d %c %f", v1.x, v1.y, v1.z);  
}
```

v1 (9 Bytes) Contiguous

| | | |
|---------|--------|---------|
| x | y | z |
| 4 | x | 1.371 |
| 4 Bytes | 1 Byte | 4 Bytes |



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Random assignment to Members

Syntax: `Struct Name Variable = { member = Value ... };`

Ex: `Struct ABC`

`{ int x;`

`float y;`

`char z;`

`};`

`Void main()`

`{ Struct ABC v1 = {z = 'x', .x = 4, .y = 1.317};`
`}`



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Examples

① struct ABC
{
 int i;
 float j;
};
struct XYZ
{
 int i;
 float j;
 struct ABC VI;
};

```
void main( )  
{  
    struct XYZ V = { 4, 1.5 };  
    V.VI.i = V.i * V.i;  
    V.VI.j = V.j * V.j;  
    printf(" %d, %f", V.VI.i, V.VI.j);  
}
```

V

| i | j | ABC VI | |
|---|-----|--------------|----------------|
| 4 | 1.5 | i | j |
| | | 0 | 0.0 |
| | | 16 | 2.25 |

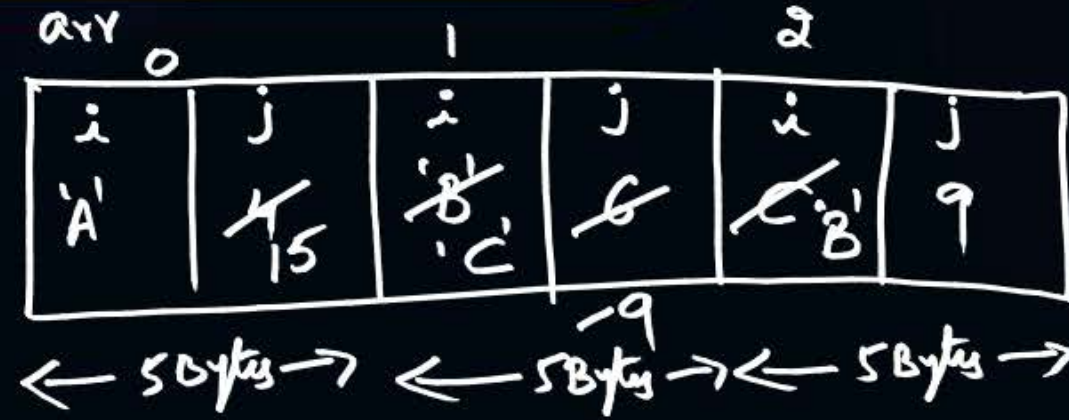


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Ex: 2

Struct Array
{
 char i;
 int j;
}

1 int = 4 Bytes



for(i=0; i<3; i++)

{ printf("%c, %d\n", arr[i].i, arr[i].j);
}

void main()

{ int i;
 Struct Array arr[3] = { { 'A', 4 }, { 'B', 6 }, { 'C', 9 } };

↑ Array of structures

arr[0].j = arr[1].j + arr[2].j; arr[0].j = 6 + 9 = 15

arr[1].i++;

arr[2].i--;

arr[1].j = arr[0].j; arr[1].j = 15 - 6 = 9

o/p: A 15
 C -9
 B 9



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typedef keyword : It is used to assign alias names for existing datatypes.

Syntax: typedef Existing type New Name;

Ex:1

```
void main( )
{
    typedef int Number;
    typedef char letter;

    Number x = 4;
    letter y = 'y';

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

Ex:2

```
struct ABC
{
    int i;
    float j;
};

typedef struct ABC;

void main( )
{
    ABC v1 = { 4, 1.35 };
}
```

Ex:3

```
typedef struct ABC
{
    int i;
    float j;
};

void main( )
{
    ABC v1 = { 4, 1.35 };
}
```



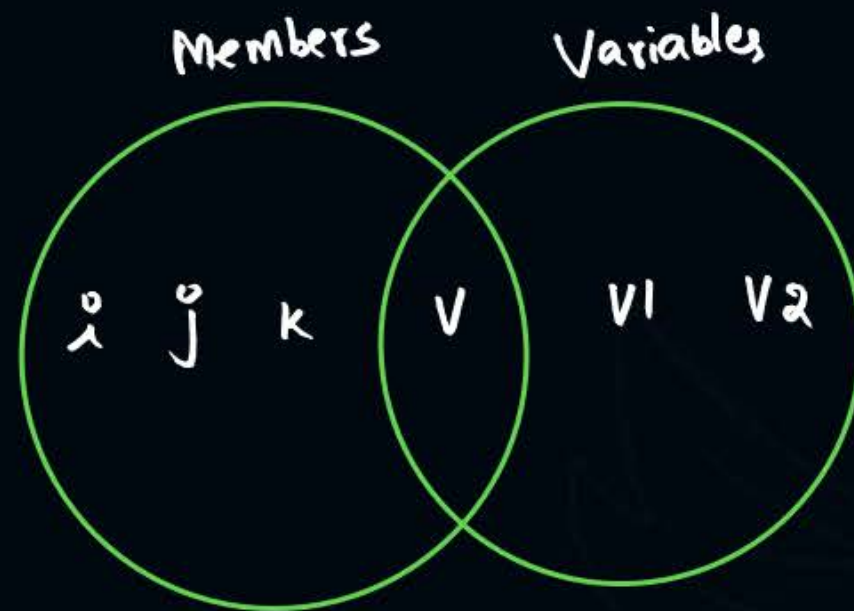
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Self-Referential Structure [structure only]

- A structure whose member/variable is variable/member respectively, of itself is known as self-referential structure.
- Variables must be pointer variables to limit self reference, by assigning to null.

Ex: struct ABC
{
 int i;
 char j;
 float k;
 struct ABC *V;
} *V1, *V2;



- In Linked List implementations, Self-Referential Structure Used for creation of Nodes.

Limitations of Structure/Union

- ① members can not be initialized at the time of Declaration.
- ② no storage class can be applied, default will be automatic
- ③ functions cannot be defined inside structure/union.

Structure VS Union

| Structure | Union |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Struct keyword- Size of Each Variable = Sum of all members size (Ignoring Padding)- Simultaneously any/all members can be accessed. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Union keyword- Size of Each Variable = Max(All members size) (Ignoring Padding)- At any time, one member only can be accessed. |

union ABC

```
{ int i;    // 2B
  char j;   // 1B
  float k;  // 4B
} V1;
Max = 4B
```



V1.i = 96;
V1.j = 1;
V1.k = 1.417;



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#Q. Consider the following C program.

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

```
struct Ournode{
```

```
char x,y,z;
```

```
};
```

```
int main(){
```

```
struct Ournode p = {'1', '0', 'a'+2};
```

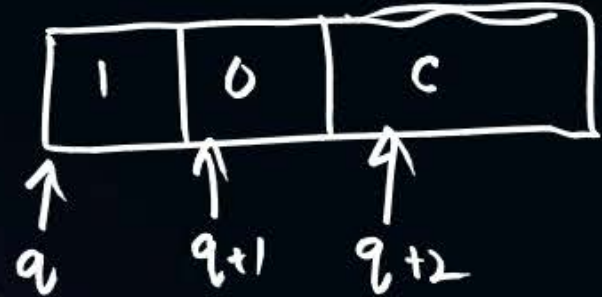
```
struct Ournode *q = &p;
```

```
printf ("%c, %c", *((char*)q+1), *((char*)q+2));
```

```
return 0;
```

```
}
```

The output of this program is:



Value at
Type Casted

Value at

o/p: 0 c

- a. 0, c ✓
- b. 0, a+2
- c. '0', 'a+2'
- d. '0', 'c'



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#Q. The following C declarations

```
struct node{
```

```
    int i;
```

```
    float j;
```

```
};
```

```
struct node *s[10];
```

define s to be

$(*s)[10]$

\Rightarrow pointer to array of 10 elements

\Rightarrow Array of ¹⁰ Pointers

- A. An array, each element of which is a pointer to a structure of type node ✓
- B. A structure of 2 fields, each field being a pointer to an array of 10 elements
- C. A structure of 3 fields: an integer, a float, and an array of 10 elements
- D. An array, each element of which is a structure of type node



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#Q. Consider the following C declaration

struct {

short s[5]; $\text{--- } 5 \times 2 = 10B$

union {

float y; $\text{--- } 4B$

long z; $\text{--- } 8B$

} u; $\text{Max} = 8B$

}t; $\text{--- } \rightarrow 10 + 8 = 18 \text{ Bytes}$

Assume that objects of the type short, float and long occupy 2 bytes, 4 bytes and 8 bytes, respectively. The memory requirement for variable t, ignoring alignment considerations, is

A. 22 Bytes

B. 14 Bytes

C. 18 Bytes ✓

D. 10 Bytes



2 mins Summary



- Structure vs Union
- Assignment of values
- Self referential structure
- Array of structures
- PYQ Practice



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