

IT 105: Introduction to Programming

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Lecture 4



Programming in C

History

- Created by Dennis Ritchie at AT&T Labs in 1972
- Originally created to design and support the Unix operating system.
- There are only 32 keywords in the original version of C.
 - for, goto, if, else
- Easy to build a compiler for C.
 - Many people have written C compilers
 - C compilers are available for virtually every platform
- In 1983 the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) formed a committee to establish a standard definition.
 - Called ANSI Standard C.
 - As opposed to K&R C (referring to the general "standards" that appeared in the first edition of Brian Kernighan and Ritchie's influential book: *The C Programming Language*)

Why Use C

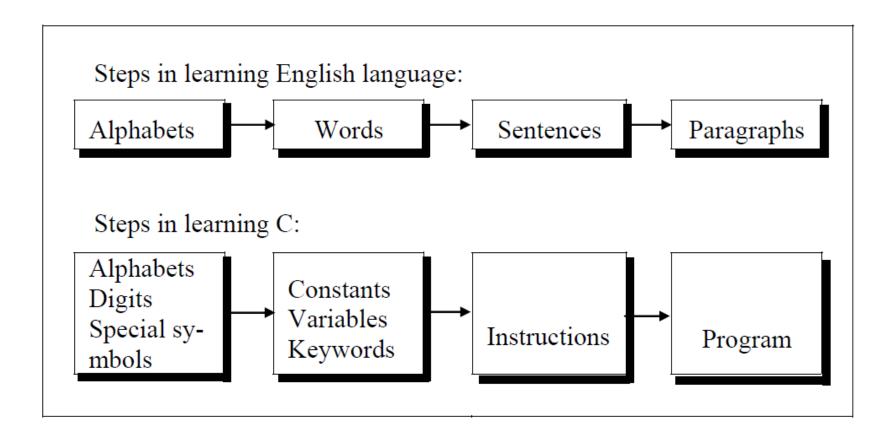
- C is intended as a language for programmers
 - BASIC was for nonprogrammers to program and solve simple problems.
 - C was created, influenced, and field-tested by working programmers.
- C is powerful and efficient
 - You can nearly achieve the efficiency of assembly code.
 - System calls and pointers allow you do most of the things that you can do with an assembly language.
- C is a structured language
 - Code can be written and read much easier.
- C is standardized
 - Your ANSI C program should work with any ANSI C compiler.

C: Characteristics

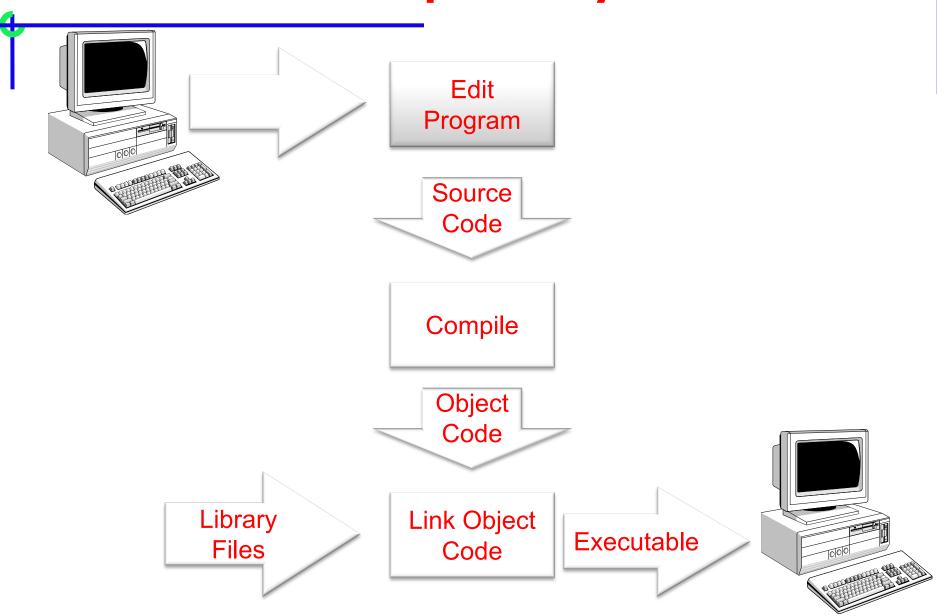
- C takes a middle path between low-level assembly language...
 - Direct access to memory layout through pointer manipulation
 - Concise syntax, small set of keywords
- > ... and a high-level programming language like Java:
 - Block structure
 - Some encapsulation of code, via functions
 - Type checking (pretty weak)

C: Dangers

- C is not object oriented!
 - Can't "hide" data as "private" or "protected" fields
 - You can follow standards to write C code that looks objectoriented, but you have to be disciplined – will the other people working on your code also be disciplined?
- C has portability issues
 - Low-level "tricks" may make your C code run well on one platform but the tricks might not work elsewhere
- The compiler and runtime system will rarely stop your C program from doing stupid/bad things
 - Compile-time type checking is weak
 - No run-time checks for array bounds errors, etc. like in Java



C Development Cycle



Structure of a C program

- Every C program consists of one or more functions.
 - One of the functions must be called *main*.
 - The program will always begin by executing the main function.
- Each function must contain:
 - A function *heading*, which consists of the function *name*, followed by an optional list of *arguments* enclosed in parentheses.
 - A list of argument *declarations*.
 - A *compound statement*, which comprises the remainder of the function.

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- Each compound statement is enclosed within a pair of braces: '{' and '}'
 - The braces may contain combinations of elementary statements and other compound statements.
- Comments may appear anywhere in a program, enclosed within delimiters '/*' and '*/'.
 - Example:
 - a = b + c; /* ADD TWO NUMBERS */

The C Character Set

A character denotes any alphabet, digit or special symbol used to represent information.

Alphabets	A, B,, Y, Z a, b,, y, z
Digits	0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
Special symbols	~ '!@#%^&*()+= \{}
	[]:; "'<>,.?/

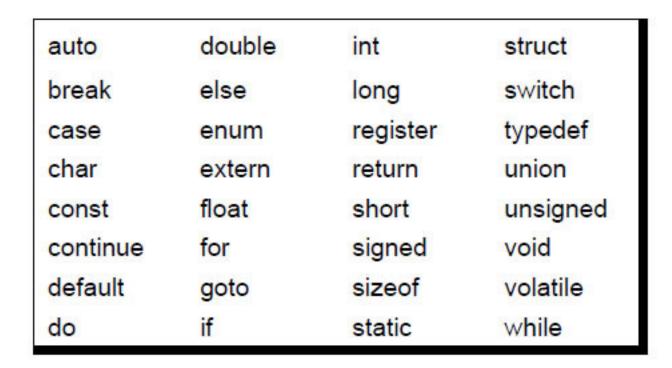
C Tokens

- When alphabets, digits and special symbols properly combined, then that form a token
- Every C program is a collection of instructions and every instruction is a collection of some individual units.
- Every smallest individual unit of a c program is called token.
- Every instruction in a c program is a collection of tokens.
- Tokens are used to construct c programs and they are said to the basic building blocks of a c program.

- >Keywords
- Constants
- > Identifiers
- Operators
- > Special Symbols
- Strings
- Data values

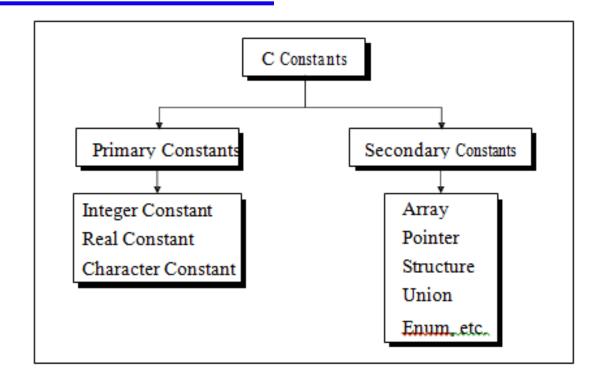
C Keywords

- As every language has words to construct statements, C programming also has words with a specific meaning which are used to construct c program instructions.
- In the C programming language, keywords are special words with predefined meaning.
- Keywords are also known as reserved words in C programming language.
- In C programming language, there are **32 keywords**. All the 32 keywords have their own meaning which is already known to the compiler.



C Constants

- In C programming language, a constant is similar to the variable but constant holds only one value during the program execution.
- That means, once a value is assigned to the constant, that value can't be changed during the program execution. Once the value is assigned to the constant, it is fixed throughout the program.
- Type of Constants
 - Primary Constants
 - Secondary Constants



At this time we would restrict our discussion to only primary constants, namely – Integer, Real, and Character constant.

Rules for Constructing Integer Constant

- An integer constant must have at least one digit.
- It must not have a decimal point.
- It can be any of zero, positive or negative.
- If no sign precedes an integer constant, it is assumed to be positive.
- No commas or blanks are allowed within an integer constant.
- The allowable range for integer constants 16 bit is -32768 to 32767.
- -2147483648 to +2147483648 for 32 bit
- > Example
 - **426**
 - +782
 - -8000
 - **-**7605

Rules for Constructing Real Constants

- Real constant are often called Floating Point constants. Real constants could be written in two forms
 - Fractional form
 - Exponential form

Fractional form

- A real constant must have at least one digit.
- It must have a decimal point.
- It could be either positive or negative.
- Default sign is positive.
- No commas or blanks are allowed within a real constant.
- Example
 - +325.34
 - **426.0**
 - **-** 32.76
 - **-**48.5792

Exponential form

- The exponential form is usually used if the value of the constant is either too large or too small.
- In exponential form of representation, the real constant is represented in two parts. The part appearing before 'e' is called mantissa, whereas the part following 'e' is called exponent
- For ex, 0.000342 can be written in exponential form of 3.42e-4 (which is equivalent to 3.42 x 10⁻⁴)

Exponential form

- The mantissa part and the exponential part should be separated by a letter e or E.
- The mantissa part may have a positive or negative sign.
- Default sign of mantissa part is positive.
- The exponent must have at least one digit, which must be a positive or negative integer. Default sign is positive.
- Range of real constants expressed in exponential form is -3.4e38 to 3.4e38
- Example
 - +3.2e-5
 - **4.1e8**
 - -0.2e+3
 - -3.2e-5

Rules for Constructing Character Constants

- A character constant is a single alphabet, a single digit or a single special symbol enclosed within single inverted commas.
- ➤ Both the inverted commas should point to the left. For example, 'A' is a valid character constant whereas 'A' is not.
- The maximum length of a character constant can be 1 character.
- Ex.
 - 'A'
 - 'I'
 - '5'
 - <u>'='</u>

String Constants

- Sequence of characters enclosed in double quotes.
 - The characters may be letters, numbers, special characters and blank spaces.
- Examples:
 - "nice", "Good Morning", "3+6", "3", "C"
- Differences from character constants:
 - 'C' and "C" are not equivalent.
 - 'C' has an equivalent integer value while "C" does not.

C Identifier and Variables

Identifiers

- Names given to various program elements (variables, constants, functions, etc.)
- May consist of letters, digits and the underscore ('_') character, with no space between.
- First character must be a letter.
- An identifier can be arbitrary long.
 - Some C compilers recognize only the first few characters of the name (16 or 31).
- Case sensitive
 - 'area', 'AREA' and 'Area' are all different.

Valid and Invalid Identifiers

Valid identifiers

```
Χ
abc
simple_interest
a123
LIST
stud_name
Empl_1
Empl_2
avg_empl_salary
```

Invalid identifiers

```
10abc
my-name
"hello"
simple interest
(area)
%rate
```

Variables

It is a data name that can be used to store a data value.

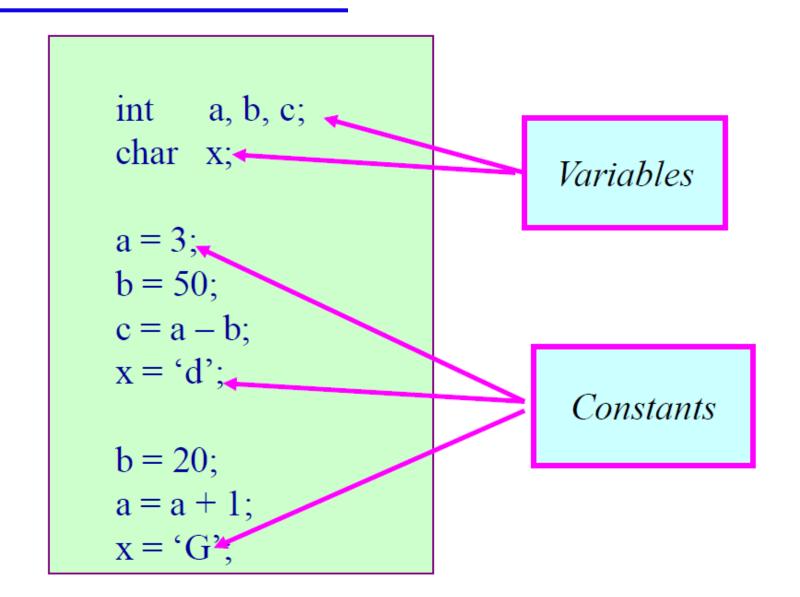
Unlike constants, a variable may take different values in memory during execution.

- Variable names follow the naming convention for identifiers.
 - Examples :: temp, speed, name2, current

Declaration of Variables

- There are two purposes:
 - 1.It tells the compiler what the variable name is.
 - 2.It specifies what type of data the variable will hold.
- General syntax:
 - data-type variable-list;
- Examples:
 - int velocity, distance;
 - int a, b, c, d;
 - float temp;
 - char flag, option;

Example



➤ Valid variable names:

- int a;
- int _ab;
- int a30;

Invalid variable names:

- int 2;
- **int** a b;
- int long;

Types of Variables in C

- There are many types of variables in c:
 - local variable
 - global variable
 - static variable
 - automatic variable
 - external variable

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.

```
void function1()
{
int x=10; //local variable
}
```

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

Global Variable

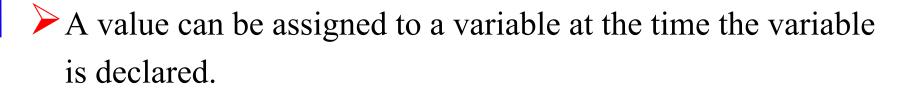
- A variable that is declared outside the function or block is called a global variable. Any function can change the value of the global variable. It is available to all the functions.
- It must be declared at the start of the block.

int value=20;//global variable

```
void function1(){
int x=10;//local variable
}
```

Assignment Statement

- Used to assign values to variables, using the assignment operator (=).
- General syntax:
 - variable_name = expression;
- Examples:
 - velocity = 20;
 - b = 15; temp = 12.5;
 - A = A + 10;
 - v = u + f * t;
 - s = u * t + 0.5 * f * t * t;



- int speed = 30;
- char flag = 'y';

- Several variables can be assigned the same value using multiple assignment operators.
 - a = b = c = 5;
 - flag1 = flag2 = 'y';
 - speed = flow = 0.0;

Data Types in C

- int:: integer quantity
 - Typically occupies 4 bytes (32 bits) in memory.

- > char:: single character
 - Typically occupies 1 byte (8 bits) in memory.

- > float:: floating-point number (a number with a decimal point)
 - Typically occupies 4 bytes (32 bits) in memory.

but double:: double-precision floating-point number

- Some of the basic data types can be augmented by using certain data type qualifiers:
 - short
 - long
 - signed
 - unsigned
- Typical examples:
 - short int
 - long int
 - unsigned int

Some Examples of Data Types

- int
 - 0, 25, -156, 12345, -99820
- char

float

E or e means "10 to the power of"

Memory

- Program stored in Memory?
 - Main Memory

- How does memory look like (logically)?
 - As a list of storage locations, each having a unique address.
 - Variables and constants are stored in these storage locations.
 - Variable is like a *house*, and the name of a variable is like the *address* of the house.
 - Different people may reside in the house, which is like the contents of a variable.

Memory Map

Address 0

Address 1

Address 2

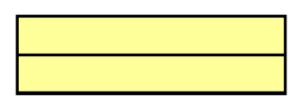
Address 3

Address 4

Address 5

Address 6

Every variable is mapped to a particular memory address



Address N-1

Form of a C Program

- Form of a C program indicated how it has to be written.
- There are certain rules about the form of C program that are applicable to all C programs.
 - Each instruction in a C program is written as a separate statement.
 - The statements in a program must appear in the same order in which we wish them to executed.
 - Blank space may be inserted between two words to improve the readability of the statement.
 - All statements should be in lower case letters.
 - C has no specific rules for the position at which a statement is to be written in a given line.
 - Every C statement must be end with a semicolon (;). Thus; acts as a statement terminator.

Input / Output

- > printf
 - Performs output to the standard output device (typically defined to be the screen).
 - It requires a format string in which we can specify:
- The text to be printed out.
- Specifications on how to print the values.
 - printf ("The number is %d.\n", num);
- The format specification %d causes the value listed after the format string to be embedded in the output as a decimal number in place of %d.
- Output will appear as: The number is 125

scanf

- Performs input from the standard input device, which is the keyboard by default.
- It requires a format string and a list of variables into which the value received from the input device will be stored.
- It is required to put an ampersand (&) before the names of the variables.
 - scanf ("%d", &size);
 - scanf ("%c", &nextchar);
 - scanf ("%f", &length);
 - scanf ("%d %d", &a, &b);

Comments in a C program

- Comments in C language are used to provide information about lines of code. It is widely used for documenting code.
- There are 2 types of comments in the C language.

- Single Line Comments
- Multi-Line Comments

- It is a good practice to begin a program with comment indicating the purpose of the program
- Comments should be enclosed within /* */.

Escape Sequence in C

An escape sequence in C language is a sequence of characters that doesn't represent itself when used inside string literal or character.

It is composed of two or more characters starting with backslash \.

For example: \n represents new line.

List of Popular Escape Sequences in C

Escape Sequence	Meaning
\n	New Line
\t	Tab (Horizontal)
\v	Vertical Tab
\\	Backslash
\''	Single Quote
\"	Double Quote

What is main()?

- main() forms a crucial part of any c program.
 - main() is a function
 - A function is nothing but a container for a set of statements.
- All statements that belong to main() are enclosed within a pair of braces { } as shown below.

```
int main()
{
statement 1;
statement 2;
statement 3;
}
```

main() is also a function

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
         int a, b, c;
         a = 10;
         b = 20;
         c = a + b;
         printf ("\n The sum of %d and %d is %d\n",
                   a,b,c);
```

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Sample C program 1

Header file includes functions for input/output

Curly braces within which statements are executed one after another.

Our first look at a C program

Statement for printing the sentence within double quotes (".."). '\n' denotes end of line.

Sample C program 2

Control character for printing value of a in decimal digits.

The sum of 10 and 20 is 30

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```
#include<stdio.h>
int main()
{
int a, float b, int c;
a=25; b=3.24; c=a+b*b-35;
}
```

```
#include<stdio.h>
int main()
{
int a, float b = 3.24;
printf("%d %f %d", a, b + 1.5, 235);
}
```

```
int main()
{
int a, b, c;
scanf("%d %d %d", a, b, c);
}
```

```
int main()
int m1, m2, m3
printf("Enter values of marks in 3 subjects)
scanf("%d %d %d",&m1,&m2,&m3)
printf("You entered %d %d %d",m1,m2,m3)
```

Attempt the following:

Ramesh's basic salary is input through keyboard. His dearness allowance is 40% of the basic salary, and house rent allowance is 20% of basic salary. Write a program to calculate his gross salary.

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Attempt the following:

If the marks obtained by a student in five different subjects are input through the keyboard, write a program to find out the aggregate marks and percentage marks obtained by the student. Assume that the maximum marks that can be obtained by a student in each subject is 100.

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