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## How to use EOF in C

**Ramesh**

Hi friends,

P: n/a I want to learn how to use EOF in C. Please help me.

Jul 11 '07 #1

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**sumedh**



On Jul 11, 10:41 am, Ramesh <chary...@gmail.com> wrote:

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```
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```

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```

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int ch;
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{
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```
if(ch == '\n')
```

```
break;
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```
if(nch < max)
```

```
{
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```
line[nch] = ch;
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nch = nch + 1;
```

```
}
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if(ch == EOF && nch == 0)
```

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return EOF;
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```

```
}
```

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

```
extern int get_line(char [], int);
```

```
main()
```

```
{
```

```
char l[200];
```

```
while(getline(l, 200) != EOF)
```

```
printf("line read \"%s\\n\"", l);
```

```
return 0;
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}
```

Jul 11 '07 #2



**santosh**

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To be precise, EOF is a macro defined in stdio.h that yields an integer constant. It is used as the return value by many of C's I/O functions when they encounter an end-of-file condition or an error.

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This type of comment is only supported as of C99. Also it tends to break when used in posts to Usenet.

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return nch;
}

#include <stdio.h>
extern int get_line(char [], int);
main()
```

Declare `main` to explicitly return an `int`. And if you don't intend to access the command line you can use `void` to indicate that it does not take any parameters.

```
int main(void) {
    {
        char l[200];

        while(getline(l, 200) != EOF)
```

Where is `getline` defined?

```
printf("line read \"%s\\n\"", l);

return 0;
}
```

Jul 11 '07 #3



**Keith Thompson**

Ramesh <chary237@gmail.com> writes:

P: n/a

I want to learn how to use EOF in C. Please help me.

Any decent C textbook will explain this. I recommend Kernighan & Ritchie's `_The C Programming Language_`, 2nd Edition, commonly known as K&R2.

But I think you're asking the wrong question. Rather than asking how to use EOF, you should probably be trying to learn how to read and process input. The use of EOF is just a part of that.

--

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Jul 11 '07 #4



## Kelsey Bjarnason

[snips]

P: n/a

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Jul 11 '07 #5



## Malcolm McLean

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In practise you always need this construct

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int ch;
FILE *fp;

while( (ch = fgetc(fp)) != EOF)
{
    /* process characters here */
    printf("val %d char %c\n", ch, ch);
}

--
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```

Jul 11 '07 #6



**santosh**

Malcolm McLean wrote:

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EOF needn't equal -1.

Jul 11 '07 #7



**Walter Roberson**

In article <ptednd\_3mJIB1AjbnZ2dnUVZ8vWdnZ2d@bt.com>,  
Malcolm McLean <regnizar@btinternet.com>wrote:

P: n/a

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bit bytes. It returns -1 or EOF to indicate the end of input.

To be more precise, it returns some specific (implementation-  
defined) negative value to indicate the end of input, and the  
particular implementation negative value is available by using  
the macro EOF -- no matter what -particular- value the implementation  
uses, if you refer to EOF then you will get the right value for  
that implementation. But the implementation value is not  
necessarily -1, so do not hard-code comparisons to -1. You  
could code checks for < 0 if you wanted though, as the only  
negative value allowed to be returned by fgetc() is whatever  
the system is using for EOF.

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```
>int ch;
```

Annotating slightly for the OP: notice Malcolm used 'int' as the type, not 'char'.

```
>FILE *fp;
```

```
>while( (ch = fgetc(fp)) != EOF)
```

Another annotation for the OP: notice that the assignment to ch is within (). If you were to leave out the () and code

```
while (ch = fgetc(fp) != EOF) /* WRONG */
```

then this would be wrong because C would parse this as

```
while (ch = (fgetc(fp) != EOF) )
```

that is, ch would get assigned the result of the -comparison- rather than the character that was read in.

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Programming is what happens while you're busy making other plans.

Jul 11 '07 #8



**santosh**

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Jul 11 '07 #9



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It returns an `int` (one of several integer types), not a `char` (also one of several integer types, as well as being one of several character types).

"`int`" and "`integer`" mean very different things, as do "`char`" and "`character`".

It returns -1 or EOF to indicate the end of input. That's why it returns an integer instead of a `char`. Otherwise there would be one value that could not be represented.

EOF is typically defined as (-1), but the only requirement is that it's of type `int` with a negative value. I actually don't know of any implementation where EOF has a value other than -1; nevertheless I would consider something like

```
while( (ch = fgetc(fp)) != -1) /* ... */
```

to be badly broken (even if it happens to work).

[snip]

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Jul 11 '07 #10



## Richard Heathfield

P: n/a

santosh said:

<snip>

An '\0' by itself is not a string.

The Standard says: "A string is a contiguous sequence of characters terminated by and including the first null character."

The Standard mentions "empty strings" on several occasions. An empty string is still a string.

--

Richard Heathfield <<http://www.cpax.org.uk>>

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Google users: <<http://www.cpax.org.uk/prg/writings/googly.php>>

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Jul 11 '07 #11



## Keith Thompson

santosh <[santosh.k83@gmail.com](mailto:santosh.k83@gmail.com)>writes:

P: n/a

Kelsey Bjarnason wrote:

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Jul 11 '07 #12



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Of course it is.

If you have a character pointer pointing to that then the pointer is still pointing to a character string.

Jul 11 '07 #13



**santosh**

Keith Thompson wrote:

P: n/a

santosh <santosh.k83@gmail.com> writes:

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Okay, you're correct, (also Richard Heathfield and Richard). I must consult the Standard more before posting.

(Just out of curiosity, how do you pronounce '\0' so that it's

"An '\0'" rather than "A '\0'"?)

I don't. It's a mistake obviously.

Jul 12 '07 #14



## Spiros Bousbouras

On 11 Jul, 06:51, sumedh <excuseme2...@gmail.com>wrote:

P: n/a

On Jul 11, 10:41 am, Ramesh <chary...@gmail.com>wrote:

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    }

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        return EOF;

    line[nch] = '\0';
    return nch;
}

#include <stdio.h>
extern int get_line(char [], int);
main()
{
    char l[200];

    while(getline(l, 200) != EOF)
        printf("line read \"%s\"\n", l);

    return 0;
}
```

This will not compile for 2 reasons:

1) You define get\_line but you call getline (mentioned already).

2) You use EOF before including <stdio.h>

If I remember correctly macros are defined from the point they appear until the end of file.

With the obvious corrections the code would compile, work and shows some sort of usage for EOF. Others have commented that it truncates the line read but that doesn't mean that it's broken. On several occasions I've needed the first n characters of each line of a file for fixed n.

Jul 12 '07 #15



## Malcolm McLean

P: n/a

"Keith Thompson" <kst-u@mib.org>wrote in message news:ln4pkaeg65.fsf@nuthaus.mib.org...

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"An ought". Or maybe "An ul". I've even heard "An ee-oh-ess".

--

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Jul 12 '07 #16



## Malcolm McLean

P: n/a

"Richard Heathfield" <rjh@see.sig.invalid>wrote in message

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Jul 12 '07 #17

**Richard**

"Malcolm McLean" <regniztar@btinternet.com> writes:

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Jul 12 '07 #18

**Flash Gordon**

Richard wrote, On 12/07/07 10:57:

P: n/a

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The standard even provides methods of expressing these things Malcolm acknowledges as different.

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```

```
char *sausages == ""; /* Empty string */
```

```
--
```

Flash Gordon

Jul 12 '07 #19

**Kelsey Bjarnason**

On Wed, 11 Jul 2007 21:39:58 +0000, santosh wrote:

P: n/a

Kelsey Bjarnason wrote:

Notice the other half of the expression?

Grr. Damn this being human thing sucks. :)

Anyway, regardless the code is broken since if nch is not less than max, then additional input is simply discarded.

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sucker to turn it into a proper string?

An '\0' by itself is not a string.

Pass it to strlen, it'll work. Pass the results of whatever you've got instead, it'll scream and die - if you're lucky.

Jul 12 '07 #20



## Richard Heathfield

Flash Gordon said:

P: n/a

<snip>

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Jul 12 '07 #21



## Keith Thompson

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Jul 12 '07 #22



## Flash Gordon

Richard Heathfield wrote, On 12/07/07 21:10:

P: n/a

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--
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Flash Gordon

Jul 12 '07 #23



### Malcolm McLean

P: n/a

"Flash Gordon" <spam@flash-gordon.me.uk> wrote in message  
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Flash Gordon

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--
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Jul 12 '07 #24



### Ben Pfaff

P: n/a

"Malcolm McLean" <regnizar@btinternet.com> writes:

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```

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```

```
char *sausage = &O; /* empty string */

char *confusing_sausage = &O-0-0-0-0-0-0; /* empty string */
--
char a[]="n .C.Jacehknorstu";int putchar(int);int main(void){unsigned long b[]
={0x67dffdff,0x9aa9aa6a,0xa77ffda9,0x7da6aa6a,0xa6
7f6aaa,0xaa9aa9f6,0x11f6},*p
=b,i=24;for(;p!=*p;*p/=4)switch(0[p]&3)case 0:{return 0;for(p--;i--;i--)case+
2:{i++;if(i)break;else default:continue;if(0)case 1:putchar(a[i&15]);break;}}}
```

Jul 12 '07 #25



## Richard Bos

"Malcolm McLean" <regnizar@btinternet.com> wrote:

P: n/a

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A literal 0 is not any of those, so &0 violates this constraint. Did you perhaps mean "0" (or even "&"0")?

Richard

Jul 13 '07 #26

P: n/a

## Keith Thompson



rlb@hoekstra-uitgeverij.nl (Richard Bos) writes:

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Get a better font, or copy-and-paste the code and try to compile it.

The initializer for 'sausage' is '&O', not '&'0' (the letter, not the digit); 'O' was declared three lines earlier as an object of type char, initialized to zero.

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True.

I know that's not what you meant. If you pass the address of a character with value '\0' to strlen(), it will return 0.

In the context used. '\0' "works". In the general case, it doesn't, for hopefully obvious reasons.

Jul 13 '07 #28



## Malcolm McLean

P: n/a

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A literal 0 is not any of those, so &0 violates this constraint. Did you perhaps mean "0" (or even "&"0")?

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It was a charred sausage.

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\*Hangs head in shame\*

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\*Groans\*

Richard

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