

Brief Recap: Tools we've learned so far:

- variables ($\text{int } x;$)
gives space to write / remember something.
- assignment ($x = y;$)
overwrite left side w/ whatever is on right side.
- basic "flow of control" (if... & while...)
More on that next time

Today: closer look at datatypes.

Remember: each variable must have a datatype,
(as does each expression, e.g. $x+3$)

Some basic datatypes:

- int ($-2^{31} \leq x < 2^{31}$) (4 bytes)
- long ($-2^{63} \leq x < 2^{63}$) (8 bytes on 64-bit comp...)
- char ($-2^7 \leq c < 2^7$) (1 byte)
- float (see ieee format... uses some form of scientific notation)
4 bytes
- double (same as float but 8 bytes)

- `size_t` ($0 \leq x < 2^{64}$) \otimes # bytes depends on size of CPU registers.

`size_t x = 264 - 1;`

`x = x + 2;`

`cout << x; // prints 1`

Properties of Numeric types (int, float, etc...)

"closure": $\text{int} \xrightarrow{+, -, *, / \dots} \text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}$

`cout << 6/7; // prints 0`

"contamination":

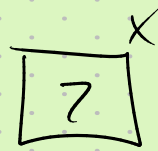
$\text{int} \xrightarrow{?} \text{float} \rightarrow \text{float}$

Warning: watch out for "rounding error" ...

A few alternate pictures:

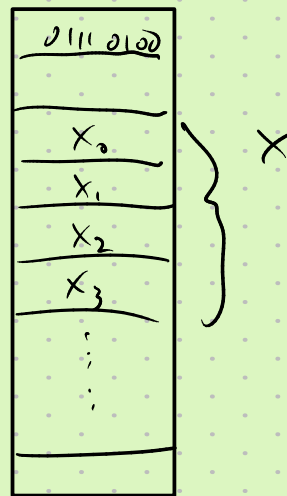
int x;

x = 7;



unsigned int x;

$$x = x_0 + x_1 \cdot 256 + x_2 \cdot 256^2 + x_3 \cdot 256^3$$



main memory
(RAM)

Note for integer types, there are unsigned variants!

E.g., unsigned int x; $\parallel 0 \leq x < 2^{32}$

unsigned long y; $\parallel 0 \leq y < 2^{64}$