

What is a variable?

- Location in the memory where values can be stored
- It associates a name with value
- We can create a new variable by declaring it and then assigning value to it.

```
int a;  
a = 2;
```

Variable declaration

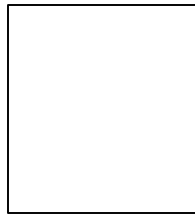
```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int a;
    a = 2;
    a = 100;
}
```

int a;

The diagram shows the text 'int a;' with two arrows pointing downwards from it. The left arrow points to the text 'Data-type of variable' and the right arrow points to the text 'Name'.

Data-type of variable Name

a



Variable assignment

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int a;
    a = 2;
    a = 100;
}
```

a = 2
↓
assignment operator

a

2

Variable update

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int a;
    a = 2;
    a = 100;
}
```

a

100

Data types in C

int: integer value (No decimal point)

```
int c;
```

```
c = 2;
```

float: real value (decimal points)

```
float c;
```

```
c = 4.3
```

char: characters

```
char c;
```

```
c = 'A'
```

Name of the variables

A variable name in C can be any valid **identifier**.

An identifier is a series of characters consisting of
letters (a-z, A- Z),
digits (0-9)
and underscores (_)
that does not begin with a digit.

Name of the variables

int a1;

int 1a1

int A1;

int abcdef;

int _ab;

int A1;

Name of the variables

int a1;	valid
int 1a1	invalid
int A1;	valid
int abcdef;	valid
int _ab;	valid : but avoid
int A1;	valid

Variable name: case sensitivity

C is **case sensitive**— uppercase and lowercase letters are different in C

```
int a1;
```

```
int A1;
```

a1, A1 two different variables

use small letters

Variable name: multi-word

```
int print_sum;
```

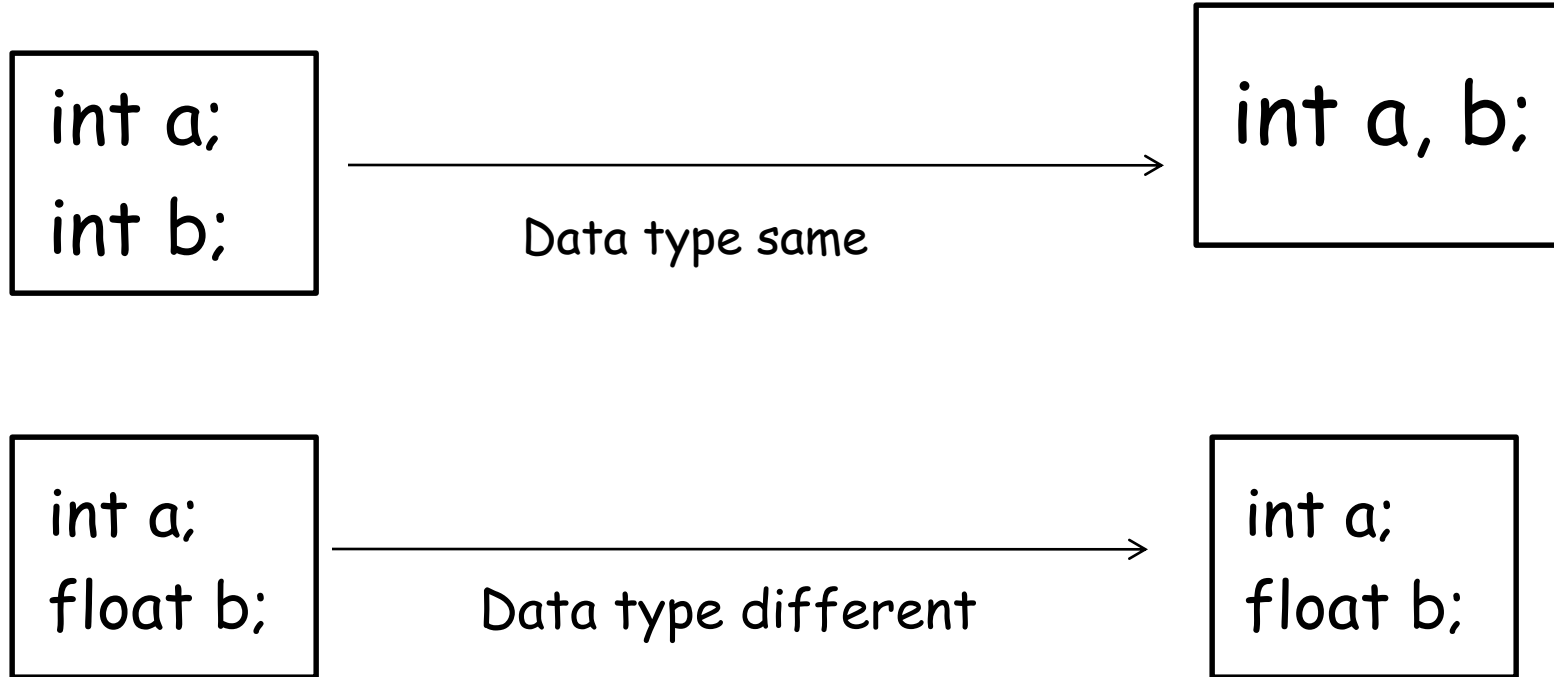
use '_' as the word separator

Variable initialization

```
int a;  
a=2;
```

```
int a = 2;
```

Declaring multiple variables in single statement

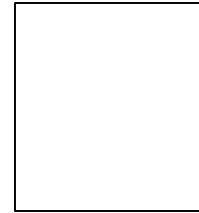


Declare variables
before they are
used

printing variables

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int a;
    a = 2;
    printf("%d", a);
}
```

a



scanning variables

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int a;
    a = 2;
    printf("%d", a);
}
```

a 2

Printing variables

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int a;
    a = 2;
    printf("%d", a);
}
```

a 2

2

Printing variables

```
printf("%d", a);
```

←
Name of the
function for
printing variables

→
Name of the variable you want to
print

↙
Format specifier

- Depends on the data type of the variable you want to print
- Must be inside double quotes

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Printing multiple variables

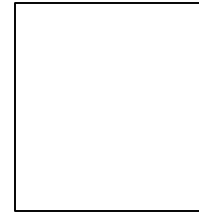
```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int a = 2;
    float b = 3.4;
    char c = 'A';
    printf("%d", a);
    printf("%f", b);
    printf("%c", c);
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int a = 2;
    float b = 3.4;
    char c = 'A';
    printf("%d, %f, %c", a, b, c);
}
```

scanning variables

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int a;
    printf("Enter a:")
    scanf("%d", &a);
}
```

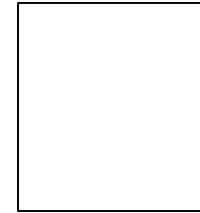
a



scanning variables

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int a;
    printf("Enter a:")
    scanf("%d", &a);
}
```

a



Enter a:

scanning variables

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int a;
    a = 2;
    printf("Enter a:")
    scanf("%d", &a);
}
```

a 20

Enter a:20

scanning variables

`scanf("%d", &a);`

Name of the
function for
scanning variables

Format specifier

- Depends on the data type of the variable you want to scan
- Must be inside double quotes

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- Name of the variable you want to scan
- There must be & before it

Never forget the
&
While scanning
variables

Arithmetic Expression

```
#include<stdio.h>
int main() {
    int a, b, c;
    scanf("%d %d", &a, &b);
    c = a + b;
    printf("%d\n", c);
}
```


Arithmetic Expression

```
#include<stdio.h>
int main() {
    int a, b, c;
    scanf("%d %d", &a, &b);
    c = a + b;
    printf("%d\n", c);
}
```

a

b

c

Arithmetic Expression

```
#include<stdio.h>
int main() {
    int a, b, c;
    scanf("%d %d", &a, &b);
    c = a + b;
    printf("%d\n", c);
}
```

a

20

b

40

c

20 40

Arithmetic Expression

```
#include<stdio.h>
int main() {
    int a, b, c;
    scanf("%d %d", &a, &b);
    c = a + b;
    printf("%d\n", c);
}
```

a

20

b

40

c

60

20 40

Arithmetic Expression

```
#include<stdio.h>
int main() {
    int a, b, c;
    scanf("%d %d", &a, &b);
    c = a + b;
    printf("%d\n", c);
}
```

a

20

b

40

c

60

20 40
60

Arithmetic Operators

Operation	Operator
Addition	+
Subtraction	-
Multiplication	*
Division	/
Remainder	%

- Addition and subtraction operates on all types (int, float, char)
- Multiplication and Division operate on int and float type
- Remainder only operates on int type

Algebraic and C Arithmetic Expressions

$$AE: m = \frac{a + b + c + d + e}{5}$$

$$C: m = (a + b + c + d + e)/5$$

$$AE: y = mx + c$$

$$C: y = m * x + c$$

Algebraic and C Arithmetic Expressions

$$\text{AE: } a = pr \bmod q + \frac{w}{x} - y$$

$$\text{C: } a = (p * r) \% q + (w/x) - y$$

$$\text{AE: } y = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$$

$$\text{C: } y = a * x * x * x + b * x * x + c * x + d$$

Printing floats with specific precision

```
float a = 3.1415987666;  
printf("%f", a);
```

3.141599

Default precision = 6

Printing floats with specific precision

```
float a = 3.1415987666;  
printf("%.1f", a);
```

3.1

```
float a = 3.1415987666;  
printf("%.4f", a);
```

3.1415

Compound Assignment Operator

```
a = a + b;
```

```
a += b;
```

```
a = b + c;
```

```
a = b + c;
```

Compound Assignment Operator

```
a = a - b;  
a = a * b;  
a = a / b;  
a = a % b;
```

```
a -= b;  
a *= b;  
a /= b;  
a %= b;
```

Increment Operator

`a++;`



post-increment
(post-fix)

`++a;`



pre-increment
(pre-fix)

Decrement Operator

`a--;`



post-decrement
(post-fix)

`--a;`



pre-decrement
(pre-fix)