

3. Structure of a C Program

C Programming

Agenda



- Expression
- Precedence and Associativity
- Type Conversion
- Statement

Expressions and Statements



■ Important elements in C language

- **Variables** are used to **store data**

Ex) `int i = 5;`

- **Expressions** are mainly used to **calculate values**

Ex) `(i / j + 10) * 2`

Note! Expression can also specify action by side effect

- **Statements** are used to specify **actions**

Ex) `i = j + 5;`

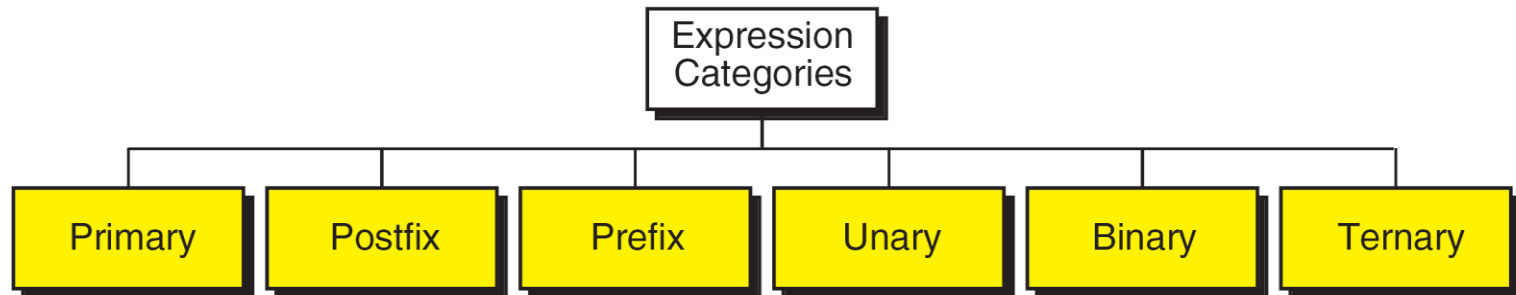
`printf("Hello, World!\n");`

Expressions

- **Expression**: a sequence of operands and operators that **reduces to a single value**

Ex) $2 + 5$, $2 + 5 * 7$, ...

- Categories of expressions



Binary Expressions

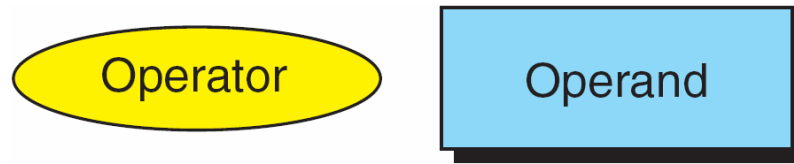
- **Binary expression:** operand–operator–operand combination



- Multiplicative expressions(*, /, %)
Ex) $10 * 3$, $true * 4$, $'A' * 2$, $22.3 * 2$, ...
- Additive expressions(+, -)
Ex) $3 + 7$, $5 - 8$, ...

Unary Expression

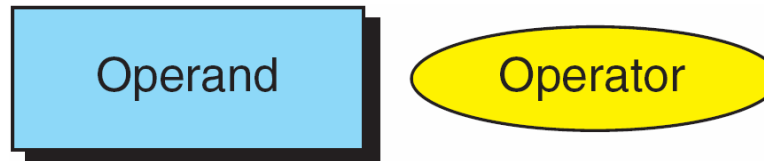
- Unary expression: expression containing single operand



- Unary plus/minus
Ex) +5, -3, -a, ...
- size of: size (in byte) of a type or primary expression
 - sizeof(int)
 - sizeof -345.23, sizeof x
- Cast operator: type conversion
Ex) int x = 10;
(float)x [example](#)

Postfix Expression

- Postfix expression: operator follows operands



- Postfix increment/decrement

- $a++/a--$ (equivalent to $a = a + 1$ / $a = a - 1$)

Ex) $x = a++$; is equivalent to ...

$x = a$;

$a = a + 1$;

Ex) `int a = 4;`

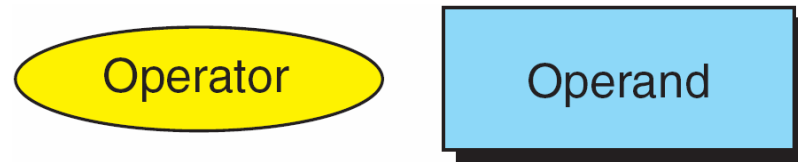
`printf("value of a = %2d\\n", a);`

`printf("value of a++ = %2d\\n", a++);`

`printf("new value of a = %2d\\n", a);`

Prefix Expressions

- Prefix expressions: operator precedes operand



- Prefix increment/decrement

- $++a/--a$ (equivalent to $a = a + 1$ / $a = a - 1$)

Ex) $x = ++a$; is equivalent to ...

$a = a + 1$;

$x = a$;

Ex) $\text{int } a = 4$;

$\text{printf}(\text{"value of } a = \quad \%2d\backslash n", a)$;

$\text{printf}(\text{"value of } ++a = \quad \%2d\backslash n", ++a)$;

$\text{printf}(\text{"new value of } a = \quad \%2d\backslash n", a)$;

Assignment Expressions

- **Assignment expression(=)**: evaluates operand on right side and places its value in **variable** on left side

Ex) `a = 5, b = x + 1, i = i + 1`

- Value of total expression: the assigned value

Ex) `printf("Value of \backslash "a = 5 \backslash " = %d \backslash n", a = 5);`

- **Compound assignment** (`*=`, `/=`, `%=`, `+=`, `-=`): binary operator + assignment

Ex) `x *= y + 3;` `// equivalent to x = x * (y + 3)`

Demonstration of Compound Assignment

■ Source code

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

```
int main (void)
```

```
{
```

```
    int x = 10, y = 5;
```

```
    printf("x: %2d | y: %2d ", x, y);
```

```
    printf(" | x *= y + 2: %2d ", x *= y + 2);
```

```
    printf(" | x is now: %2d\n", x);
```

```
    x = 10;
```

```
    printf("x: %2d | y: %2d ", x, y);
```

```
    printf(" | x /= y + 1: %2d ", x /= y + 1);
```

```
    printf(" | x is now: %2d\n", x);
```

```
x = 10;
```

```
printf("x: %2d | y: %2d ", x, y);
```

```
printf(" | x %%= y - 3: %2d ", x %= y - 3);
```

```
printf(" | x is now: %2d\n", x);
```

```
return 0;
```

```
} // main
```

Review

- What is the result of the following program?

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

```
int main()  
{
```

```
    int x = 4;
```

```
    int y = 0;
```

```
    printf("x = 4\n", x = 4);
```

```
    printf("y = ++x\n", y = ++x);
```

```
    printf("\n");
```

```
    printf("x = 4\n", x = 4);
```

```
    printf("y = x++\n", y = x++);
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

Side Effects



- **Side effect:** action that results from evaluation of an expression

Ex) Assignment, increment, decrement, ...

`x = 4;` `// evaluation result: 4`

`x = x + 3;` `// evaluation result: 7`

`y = ++x;` `// evaluation result: 8`

Side Effects



- Evaluation of expressions with side effect

Ex) $--a * (3 + b) / 2 - c++ * b$, given $a = 3$, $b = 4$, $c = 5$

1. Parenthesis

$--a * 7 / 2 - c++ * b$

2. Postfix expression

$--a * 7 / 2 - 5 * b$ // c is increased after evaluation

3. Prefix expression

$2 * 7 / 2 - 5 * b$ // a is increased at this point

4. Multiplication and division

$7 - 20$

5. Subtraction

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- Side effects after evaluation: $a = 2$, $b = 4$, $c = 6$

- Warning: in C, if an expression variable is modified more than once during its evaluation, the result is undefined.

Side Effects



- Evaluation of expressions without side effect

Ex) $a * 3 - (3 + b) / 2 + c * 2$, given $a = 3$, $b = 4$, $c = 5$

1. Parenthesis

$--a * 7 / 2 - c++ * b$

2. Multiplication and division

$6 - 3 + 10$

5. Addition and Subtraction

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- After evaluation: $a = 3$, $b = 4$, $c = 5$

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Precedence and Associativity



- **Precedence**: order of different operators in a complex expression

Ex) $2 + 3 * 4 = 2 + (3 * 4) = 14$

$-b++ = -(b++)$

- **Associativity**: order of operators with the same precedence

Ex) $5 - 3 + 2 = (5 - 3) + 2 = 4$

- Left-to-right associativity: $*$, $/$, $\%$, $+$, $-$

Ex) $3 * 8 / 4 \% 4 * 5$

- Right-to-left associativity: assignment operator

Ex) $a += b *= c -= 5 : (a += (b *= (c -= 5)))$

Precedence and Associativity

Operators	Associativity
() [] -> .	left to right
! ~ ++ -- + - * & (type) sizeof	right to left
* / %	left to right
+ -	left to right
<< >>	left to right
< <= > >=	left to right
== !=	left to right
^	left to right
	left to right
&&	left to right
	left to right
?:	right to left
= += -= *= /= %= &= ^= = <<= >>=	right to left
,	left to right

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Type Conversion



- What happens when we write an expression that involves different data types?

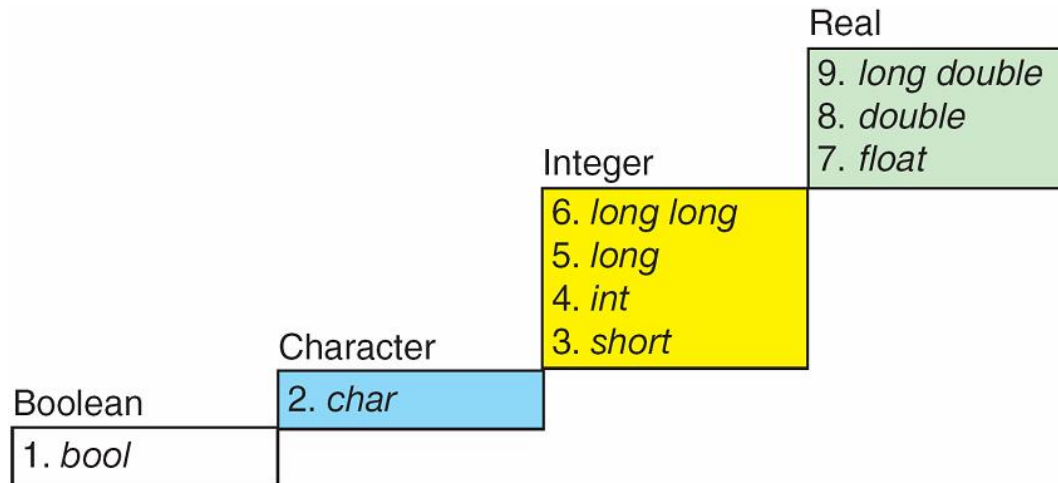
Ex) $2 * 3.141592$

→ Integer 2 is converted to floating-point type (2.0)

- **Type conversion**: changing an entity of one data type into another
 - Implicit type conversion (coercion)
 - Explicit type conversion (casting)

Implicit Type Conversion

- **Implicit type conversion**: when two operands in a binary expression are of different types, C automatically converts one type to another
 - The conversion is decided by **conversion rank**.
(The actual conversion rule is more complex.)



Ex) <int value: 4> + <float value: 7>

→ <int value> is converted into <float value>

Implicit Type Conversion



■ Conversions in assignment

- For an assignment expression, C makes right expression the same rank with left variable

```
Ex) char c = 'A';           // 'A' == 0x41 == 65
    int i = 1234;
    double d = 3458.0004;
    i = c;                   // char -> int (promotion)
    i = d;                   // double -> int (demotion)
```

- **Promotion**: lower rank -> higher rank

```
Ex) float f = 10;
```

- **Demotion**: higher rank -> lower rank

```
Ex) int i = 10.5;
```

- A problem can occur, if value of right expression is too large to be accommodated in left variable

```
char c = INT_MAX;           // INT_MAX is usually  $2^{31}-1$ 
```

Explicit Type Conversion



- **Explicit type conversion:** type conversion through **cast operator**

Ex) int → float

```
int a = 10;
```

```
(float) a          // result: 10.F
```

Ex) int totalScores = 250;

```
int numScores = 3;
```

```
float average = 0.;
```

```
average = totalScores / numScores;          // 83.000000
```

```
average = (float) totalScores / numScores;  // 83.333333
```

```
average = (float) (totalScores / numScores); // 83.000000
```

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Statements

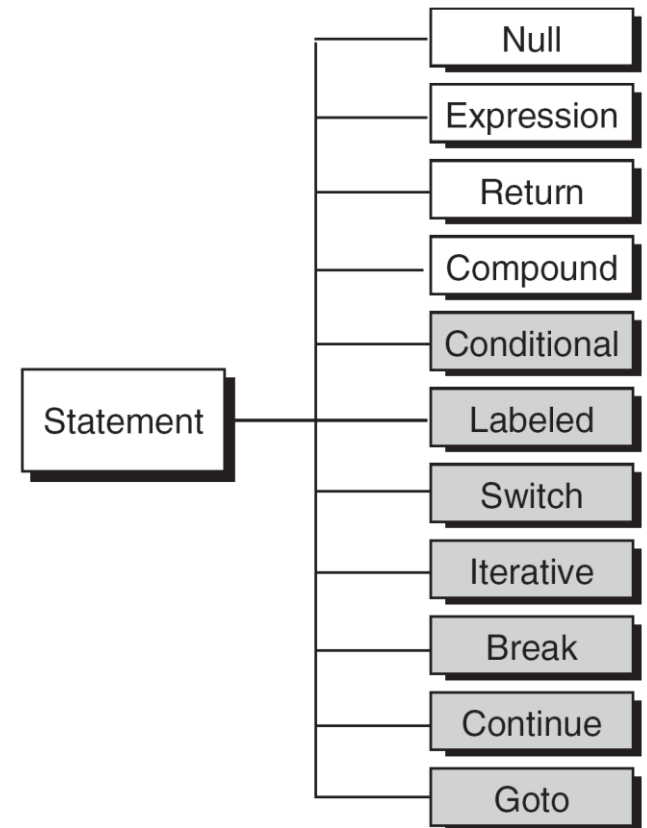
- **Statement**: an **instruction to execute something** that will not return a value.

- Most C statements are terminated by semicolon

Ex) `printf("Hello\n");`

- **Types of statements**

- Null/expression/return/compound
- Control statements
 - Explained in later chapters.



Statements



- Null statement: a semicolon

Ex) ;

- Expression statement: expression + semicolon

Ex) `a = 2;`

`a = b = 3;` // equivalent to `a = (b = 3);`

`ioResult = scanf("%d", &x);`

`a++;`

- Return statement: termination of a function

Ex) `return expression;`

Statements



- Compound statement (block): a unit of code consisting of zero or more statements, enclosed by braces

Ex)

{

 // local declarations

 int x, y, z;

 // statements

 x = 1;

 y = 2;

} // semicolon is not needed for compound statement

Use of Semicolon



- Every declaration in C is terminated by semicolon
- Most statements in C are terminated by a semicolon.
- A semicolon should not be used with a preprocessor directives

Ex 1) `#include <stdio.h>`
`#define MY_SALARY 2000000`

Ex 2) `#define SALES_TAX_RATE 0.825;`
`salesTax = SALES_TAX_RATE * salesAmount;`