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Storage Classes in C:

-A storage class defines scope, default initial value and lifetime of a variable.

-Memory assigned to a program can be broken down in four segments:

(i).Code

(ii).Static/Global variables

(iii).Stack

(iv).Heap

-Scope:Where will this variable be available?

-Default Initial Value:If we don't initialize the variable explicitly, what will be the

value inside that variable?

-Lifetime:Life of that variable.

-In C language, following storage classes are oftenly used:

1. Automatic Variables(Auto Storage Class):

~Scope:Local to the function variable they are defined in.

~Default Value: Garbage Value(A Random Value)

~Lifetime: Till the end of the function block they are defined in.

~A function defined without any storage class specification is by default an

automatic variable.

~'int num' and 'auto int num' are same.

2.External Variables(External Storage Class):

~They are same as global variables.

~Scope: Global to the program they are defined in.

~Default Initial Value:0

~Lifetime: These variables are declared outside any function. They are available

throughout the lifetime of the program.

~A global variable can be changed by any function in the program.

~'int num' defined outside any function will tell compiler that num is a global variable.

~It is recommended to minimize the use of unnecessary global variables in a program.

~Extern keyword is used to inform our C compiler that a given variable is declared somewhere else.

~Using extern will not allocate space for the variable.

3.Static Variables(Static Storage Class):

~Scope: Local to the variable they are defined in.

~Default Initial Value:0

~Lifetime: They are available throughout the lifetime of the program.

~A static variable remains under existence for use within the function for entire program run.

~'static int num' written inside any function will tell compiler that num is a static variable.

~It is recommended to minimize the use of unnecessary static variables in a program.

4.Register Variables(Register Storage Class):

~Scope: Local to the function they are declared in.

~Default Initial Value: Garbage value

~Lifetime: They are available till the end of the function block, in which the variable is defined.

~Register variables request the compiler to store the variable in the CPU register

instead of storing in the memory to have faster access.

~Generally this is done for the variables which are being used frequently.

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#include <stdio.h>

#include "Functions.c"

extern int a;

int num;

int main()
{
    printf("%d",a);
    return 0;
}
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