





# C cheatsheet

C quick reference cheat sheet that provides basic syntax and methods.

## # Getting Started

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void) {
  printf("Hello World!\n");
  return 0;
}

Compile hello.c file with gcc

$ gcc -Wall -g hello.c -o hello

Run the compiled binary hello

$ ./hello

Output => Hello World!
```

```
int myNum = 15;
int myNum2; // do not assign, then assign
myNum2 = 15;
int myNum3 = 15; // myNum3 is 15
myNum3 = 10; // myNum3 is now 10

float myFloat = 5.99; // floating point num
char myLetter = 'D'; // character

int x = 5;
int y = 6;
int sum = x + y; // add variables to sum

// declare multiple variables
int a = 5, b = 6, c = 50;
```

```
const int minutesPerHour = 60;
const float PI = 3.14;

Best Practices

const int BIRTHYEAR = 1980;

Comment

// this is a comment
printf("Hello World!\n"); // Can comment an

/*Multi-line comment, print Hello World!
to the screen, it's awesome */
```

Print text

```
printf("I am learning C.\n");
int testInteger = 5;
printf("Number = %d\n", testInteger);
float f = 5.99; // floating point number
printf("Value = %f\n", f);
short a = 0b1010110; // binary number
int b = 02713; // octal number
printf("a=%ho, b=%o, c=%lo\n", a, b, c);
printf("a=%hd, b=%d, c=%ld\n", a, b, c);
printf("a=%hx, b=%x, c=%lx\n", a, b, c);
printf("a=%hX, b=%X, c=%lX\n", a, b, c);
```

// output => a=56, b=5CB, c=1DAB83

### Control the number of spaces

```
int a1 = 20, a2 = 345, a3 = 700;
int b1 = 56720, b2 = 9999, b3 = 20098;
int c1 = 233, c2 = 205, c3 = 1;
int d1 = 34, d2 = 0, d3 = 23;
printf("%-9d %-9d %-9d\n", a1, a2, a3);
printf("%-9d %-9d %-9d\n", b1, b2, b3);
printf("%-9d %-9d %-9d\n", c1, c2, c3);
printf("%-9d %-9d %-9d\n", d1, d2, d3);
```

#### output result

```
700
20
          345
56720
          9999
                     20098
233
          205
                     1
34
          0
                     23
```

In %-9d, d means to output in 10 base, 9 means to occupy at least 9 characters width, and the width is not enough to fill with spaces, - means left alignment

```
Strings
char greetings[] = "Hello World!";
printf("%s", greetings);
Access string
char greetings[] = "Hello World!";
printf("%c", greetings[0]);
```

Modify string

```
char greetings[] = "Hello World!";
greetings[0] = 'J';
printf("%s", greetings);
```

Another way to create a string

```
char greetings[] = {'H', 'e', 'l', 'l', '\0'};
printf("%s", greetings);
```

Creating String using character pointer (String Literals)

```
char *greetings = "Hello";
printf("%s", greetings);
```

**NOTE**: String literals might be stored in read-only section of memory. Modifying a string literal invokes undefined behavior. You can't modify it!

C does not have a String type, use char type and create an array of characters

```
int time = 20;
if (time < 18) {
    printf("Goodbye!\n");
} else {
    printf("Good evening!\n");
}

// Output -> "Good evening!"
int time = 22;
if (time < 10) {
    printf("Good morning!\n");
} else if (time < 20) {
    printf("Goodbye!\n");
} else {
    printf("Good evening!\n");
}
// Output -> "Good evening!"
```

```
int age = 20;
(age > 19) ? printf("Adult\n") : printf("Teenager\n");
```

```
int day = 4;

switch (day) {
  case 3: printf("Wednesday\n"); break;
  case 4: printf("Thursday\n"); break;
  default:
    printf("Weekend!\n");
}
// output -> "Thursday" (day 4)
```

```
int i = 0;
while (i < 5) {
   printf("%d\n", i);
   i++;
}</pre>
```

Ternary operator

While Loop

**NOTE**: Don't forget to increment the variable used in the condition, otherwise the loop will never end and become an "infinite loop"!

```
Do/While Loop

int i = 0;

do {
    printf("%d\n", i);
    i++;
} while (i < 5);</pre>
```

int i = 0;

i++;

while (i < 10) {</pre>

if (i == 4) {

printf("%d\n", i);

```
for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
  printf("%d\n", i);
}</pre>
```

```
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
   if (i == 4) {
     break;
   }
   printf("%d\n", i);
}</pre>
```

Break out of the loop Break/Continue

While Break Example

```
while i = 0;
while (i < 10) {
   i++;

   if (i == 4) {
      continue;
   }
   printf("%d\n", i);
}</pre>
```

Break out of the loop when  ${ ilde i}$  is equal to 4

```
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
  if (i == 4) {
    continue;
  }
  printf("%d\n", i);
}</pre>
```

Example to skip the value of 4

```
Arrays
int myNumbers[] = \{25, 50, 75, 100\};
printf("%d", myNumbers[0]);
Change array elements
int myNumbers[] = {25, 50, 75, 100};
myNumbers[0] = 33;
printf("%d", myNumbers[0]);
Loop through the array
int myNumbers[] = \{25, 50, 75, 100\};
int i;
for (i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
 printf("%d\n", myNumbers[i]);
Set array size
int myNumbers[4];
myNumbers[0] = 25;
myNumbers[1] = 50;
```

myNumbers[2] = 75;
myNumbers[3] = 100;

```
enum week { Mon = 1, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun };

Define enum variable

enum week a, b, c;
enum week { Mon = 1, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun } a, b, c;

With an enumeration variable, you can assign the value in the list to it

enum week { Mon = 1, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun };
enum week a = Mon, b = Wed, c = Sat;
// or
enum week{ Mon = 1, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun } a = Mon, b = Wed, c = Sat;
```

```
enum week {Mon = 1, Tues, Wed, Thurs} day;

scanf("%d", &day);

switch(day) {
  case Mon: puts("Monday"); break;
  case Tues: puts("Tuesday"); break;
  case Wed: puts("Wednesday"); break;
  case Thurs: puts("Thursday"); break;
  default: puts("Error!");
```

Enumerate sample applications

```
// Create an integer variable to store the
int myNum;

// Ask the user to enter a number
printf("Enter a number: ");

// Get and save the number entered by the u
scanf("%d", &myNum);

// Output the number entered by the user
printf("The number you entered: %d\n", myNu
```

**Enumeration Enum** 

```
// create a string
char firstName[30];
// Ask the user to enter some text
printf("Enter your name: ");
// get and save the text
scanf("%s", &firstName);
// output text
printf("Hello %s.\n", firstName);
// To access it, use the reference operator (&)
When a variable is created, it is assigned a memory address

int myAge = 43;
// Output: 0x7ffe5367e044

printf("Hello %s.\n", firstName);

To access it, use the reference operator (&)
```

User input string

```
int myAge = 43; // an int variable
printf("%d\n", myAge); // output the value

// Output the memory address of myAge (0x7f
printf("%p\n", &myAge);
```

create pointer

Dereference

memory address

pointer variable

```
int myAge = 43; // an int variable
int*ptr = &myAge; // pointer variable named ptr, used to store the address of myAge

printf("%d\n", myAge); // print the value of myAge (43)

printf("%p\n", &myAge); // output the memory address of myAge (0x7ffe5367e044)
printf("%p\n", ptr); // use the pointer (0x7ffe5367e044) to output the memory address of myAge
```

```
int myAge = 43; // variable declaration
int*ptr = &myAge; // pointer declaration

// Reference: output myAge with a pointer
// memory address (0x7ffe5367e044)
printf("%p\n", ptr);
// dereference: output the value of myAge w
printf("%d\n", *ptr);
```

## # Operators

		Arithmetic Operators	Assign
	m = 100 + 50;		x = 5
	= 100 + 50; // 150 = sum1 + 250; // 400		x += 3
int sum3	= sum2 + sum2; // 80	00 (400 + 400)	x -= 3
	Add	x + y	x *= 3
	Subtract	x - y	x /= 3
	Multiply	x * y	x %= 3
	Divide	x / y	x &= 3
	Modulo	x % y	x  = 3
	Increment	++x	x ^= 3
	Decrement	X	x >>= 3
			x <<= 3

<pre>int x = 5; int y = 3;</pre>		
	f("%d", x > y); eturns 1 (true) because 5 is grea	ater th
	equals	x == y
	not equal to	x != y
	greater than	x > y
	less than	x < y
	greater than or equal to	x >= y
	less than or equal to	x <= y
Comparison operators are used to compare two values		

nment operator

x = 5

x = x + 3

x = x - 3

x = x \* 3

x = x / 3

x = x % 3

x = x & 3

 $x = x \mid 3$ 

 $x = x \wedge 3$ 

x = x >> 3

x = x << 3

			Logical Operators
Symbol	Name	Description	Example
&&	and logical	returns true if both statements are true	x < 5 && x < 10
	or logical	returns true if one of the statements is true	x < 5    x < 4
	not logical	Invert result, return false if true	!(x < 5 && x < 10)

### Operator Examples

Comparison Operators

```
unsigned int a = 60; /*60 = 0011 1100 */
unsigned int b = 13; /*13 = 0000 1101 */
int c = 0;

c = a & b; /*12 = 0000 1100 */
printf("Line 1 -the value of c is %d\n", c)

c = a | b; /*61 = 0011 1101 */
printf("Line 2 -the value of c is %d\n", c)

c = a ^ b; /*49 = 0011 0001 */
printf("Line 3 -the value of c is %d\n", c)

c = ~a; /*-61 = 1100 0011 */
printf("Line 4 -The value of c is %d\n", c)

c = a << 2; /*240 = 1111 0000 */
printf("Line 5 -the value of c is %d\n", c)

c = a >> 2; /*15 = 0000 1111 */
printf("Line 6 -The value of c is %d\n", c)
```

		Bitwise operators
Operator	Description	Instance
	Bitwise AND operation, "AND" operation by binary digits	(A & B) will get 12 which is 0000 1100
	Bitwise OR operator, "or" operation by binary digit	(A   B) will get61 which is 0011 1101
	XOR operator, perform "XOR" operation by binary digits	(A ^ B) will get 49 which is 0011 0001
	Inversion operator, perform "inversion" operation by binary bit	(~A) will get -61 which is 1100 0011
	binary left shift operator	A << 2 will get 240 which is 1111 0000
	binary right shift operator	A >> 2 will get 15 which is 0000 1111

# # Data Types

			Basic data types
Data Type	Size	Range	Description
char	1 byte	-128 ~ 127	single character/alphanumeric/ASCII
signed char	1 byte	-128 ~ 127	
unsigned char	1 byte	0 ~ 255	
int	2 to 4 bytes	-32,768~32,767	store integers
signed int	2 bytes	-32,768~32,767	
unsigned int	2 bytes	0 ~ 65,535	
short int	2 bytes	-32,768~32,767	
signed short int	2 bytes	-32,768~32,767	
unsigned short int	2 bytes	0 ~ 65,535	
long int	4 bytes	-2,147,483,648~2,147,483,647	
signed long int	4 bytes	-2,147,483,648~2,147,483,647	
unsigned long int	4 bytes	0~4,294,967,295	
float	4 bytes	3.4E-38~3.4E+38	
double	8 bytes	1.7E-308~1.7E+308	
long double	10 bytes	3.4E-4932~1.1E+4932	

# Data types int myNum = 5; // integer float myFloatNum = 5.99; // floating point char myLetter = 'D'; // string double myDouble = 3.2325467; printf("%d\n", myNum); printf("%f\n", myFloatNum); printf("%c\n", myLetter); printf("%lf\n", myDouble); character type short integer integer type long integer single-precision floating-point type double-precision floating-point type no type

		Basic format specifiers
Format Specifier	Data Type	
%d or %i	int integer	
%f	float single-pre	cision decimal type
%lf	double high pred data or number	cision floating point
%C	char character	
%s	for strings stri	ngs

	Sep	arate base fo	rmat specifiers
Format	Short	Int	Long
Octal	%ho	%o	%lo
Decimal	%hd	%d	%ld
Hexadecimal	%hx / %hX	%x <b>/</b> %X	%1x/%1X

<pre>int myNum = 5; float myFloatNum = 5.99; // floating point</pre>		Data format example
<pre>char myLetter = 'D';  // string // print output variables printf("%d\n", myNum); printf("%f\n", myFloatNum); printf("%c\n", myLetter);</pre>	<pre>float myFloatNum = 5.99; // char myLetter = 'D'; // // print output variables printf("%d\n", myNum); printf("%f\n", myFloatNum);</pre>	

## # C Preprocessor

		Preprocessor Directives
Directive	Description	
#define	define a macro	
#include	include a source cod	le file
#undef	undefined macro	
#ifdef	Returns true if the macro is defined	
#ifndef	Returns true if the macro is not defined	
	Compile the following code if the given condition is true	
#else	Alternative to #if	
#elif	If the #if condition is false, the current condition is true	
#endif	End a #if#else conditional compilation block	
#error	Print an error messa	ge when standard

```
Predefined macros
             Description
Масго
             The current date, a character constant in
             the format "MMM DD YYYY"
             The current time, a character constant in
             the format "HH:MM:SS"
             This will contain the current filename, a
             string constant
             This will contain the current line number, a
             decimal constant
             Defined as 1 when the compiler compiles
             against the ANSI standard
ANSI C defines a number of macros that you can use,
but you cannot directly modify these predefined macros
              Predefined macro example
```

```
Macro continuation operator (\)

A macro is usually written on a single line.

#define message_for(a, b) \
    printf(#a " and " #b ": We love you!\n"

If the macro is too long to fit on a single line, use the macro continuation operator \
```

error is encountered

```
#pragma Issue special commands to the compiler using the standardized method

// replace all MAX_ARRAY_LENGTH with 20

#define MAX_ARRAY_LENGTH 20

// Get stdio.h from the system library

#include <stdio.h>

// Get myheader.h in the local directory

#include "myheader.h"

#undef FILE_SIZE

#define FILE_SIZE 42 // undefine and define
```

```
int main(void) {
  printf("File: %s\n", __FILE__);
  printf("Date: %s\n", __DATE__);
  printf("Time: %s\n", __TIME__);
  printf("Line: %d\n", __LINE__);
  printf("ANSI: %d\n", __STDC__);
}
```

### String Constantization Operator (#)

```
#include <stdio.h>

#define message_for(a, b) \
   printf(#a " and " #b ": We love you!\n")

int main(void) {
   message_for(Carole, Debra);

   return 0;
}
```

When the above code is compiled and executed, it produces the following result:

```
Carole and Debra: We love you!
```

When you need to convert a macro parameter to a string constant, use the string constant operator #

```
#include <stdio.h>

#define tokenpaster(n) printf ("Token " #n

int main(void) {
  int token34 = 40;
  tokenpaster(34);

return 0;
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>

#if !defined (MESSAGE)
    #define MESSAGE "You wish!"
#endif

int main(void) {
    printf("Here is the message: %s\n", MESSA
    return 0;
}
```

defined() operator

```
Parameterized macros
```

```
int square(int x) {
  return x * x;
}
```

The macro rewrites the above code as follows:

```
#define square(x) ( (x) * (x) )
```

No spaces are allowed between the macro name and the opening parenthesis

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define MAX(x,y) ( (x) > (y) ? (x) : (y) )

int main(void) {
  printf("Max between 20 and 10 is %d\n", M

  return 0;
}
```

# C Function

```
int main(void) {
  printf("Hello World!\n");
  return 0;
}

The function consists of two parts

void myFunction() { // declaration declarat
  // function body (code to be executed) (d
}

Declaration declares the function name, return type
  and parameters (if any)

Definition function body (code to execute)
```

```
// function declaration
void myFunction();
// main method
int main() {
  myFunction(); // --> call the function

  return 0;
}

void myFunction() {// Function definition
  printf("Good evening!\n");
}
```

```
// create function
void myFunction() {
   printf("Good evening!\n");
}
int main() {
   myFunction(); // call the function
   myFunction(); // can be called multiple t

return 0;
}
// Output -> "Good evening!"
// Output -> "Good evening!"
```

Call function

Multiple parameters

```
void myFunction(char name[], int age) {
  printf("Hi %s, you are %d years old.\n",n
}
int main() {
  myFunction("Liam", 3);
  myFunction("Jenny", 14);

return 0;
}
// Hi Liam you are 3 years old.
// Hi Jenny you are 14 years old.
```

```
void myFunction(char name[]) {
  printf("Hello %s\n", name);
}

int main() {
  myFunction("Liam");
  myFunction("Jenny");

return 0;
}
// Hello Liam
// Hello Jenny
```

```
int myFunction(int x) {
  return 5 + x;
}

int main() {
  printf("Result: %d\n", myFunction(3));
  return 0;
}
// output 8 (5 + 3)
```

Return value

```
int myFunction(int x, int y) {
  return x + y;
}

int main() {
  printf("Result: %d\n", myFunction(5, 3));
  // store the result in a variable
  int result = myFunction(5, 3);
  printf("Result = %d\n", result);

return 0;
```

Two parameters

```
Recursive example
int sum(int k);
int main() {
 int result = sum(10);
 printf("%d\n", result);
int sum(int k) {
 if (k > 0) {
  return k + sum(k -1);
```

```
Mathematical functions
void main(void) {
  printf("%f\n", sqrt(16)); // square root
  printf("%f\n", ceil(1.4)); // round up (r
  printf("%f\n", floor(1.4)); // round down
  printf("%f\n", pow(4, 3)); // x(4) to the
• abs(x) absolute value
• acos(x) arc cosine value
• asin(x) arc sine
atan(x) arc tangent
• cbrt(x) cube root
• cos(x) cosine
• the value of exp(x) Ex
• sin(x) the sine of x
• tangent of tan(x) angle
```

### # C Structures

```
// result: 8 (5 + 3)
// result = 8 (5 + 3)
```

```
struct MyStructure { // structure declarati
  int myNum; // member (int variable)
  char myLetter; // member (char variable)
}; // end the structure with a semicolon

Create a struct variable called s1

struct myStructure {
  int myNum;
  char myLetter;
};

int main() {
  struct myStructure s1;

return 0;
}
```

```
struct myStructure {
   int myNum;
   char myLetter;
   char myString[30]; // String
};

int main() {
   struct myStructure s1;
   strcpy(s1. myString, "Some text");
   // print value
   printf("My string: %s\n", s1.myString);

   return 0;
}

Assigning values to strings using the strcpy function
```

Strings in the structure

```
struct myStructure s1 = {
   13, 'B', "Some text"
};

struct myStructure s2;
s2 = s1;
In the example, the value of s1 is copied to s2
```

```
// Create a struct variable and assign it a v
struct myStructure s1 = {
   13, 'B'
};
// modify the value
s1.myNum = 30;
s1.myLetter = 'C';
// print value
printf("%d %c",
   s1.myNum,
   s1.myLetter);
```

```
int myNum;
 char myLetter;
};
int main() {
  s1.myNum = 13;
  s1.myLetter = 'B';
  struct myStructure s2 = {13, 'B'};
  printf("My number: %d\n", s1.myNum);
 printf("My letter: %c\n", s1.myLetter);
 return 0;
Create different structure variables
s1.myNum = 13;
s1.myLetter = 'B';
s2.myNum = 20;
s2.myLetter = 'C';
```

Accessing structure members

	File processing function	
Function	Description	
fopen()	open a new or existing file	
<pre>fprintf()</pre>	write data to file	
fscanf()	read data from a file	
fputc()	write a character to file	
fgetc()	read a character from a file	
fclose()	close the file	
fseek()	set the file pointer to the given position	
fputw()	Write an integer to a file	
fgetw()	read an integer from a file	
	returns the current position	
rewind()	set the file pointer to the beginning of the file	
	y functions in the C library to open/read/ h and close files	

Mode	Description
	Open a text file in read mode, allowing the file to be read
	Open a text file in write mode, allowing writing to the file
a	Open a text file in append mode  If the file does not exist, a new one will be created
	Open a text file in read-write mode, allowing reading and writing of the file
	Open a text file in read-write mode, allowing reading and writing of the file
a+	Open a text file in read-write mode, allowing reading and writing of the file
rb	Open a binary file in read mode
wb	Open binary file in write mode
ab	Open a binary file in append mode
rb+	open binary file in read-write mode
wb+	Open binary file in read-write mode
ab+	open binary file in read-write mode

Open mode parameter

```
Open the file: fopen()
```

```
void main() {
 FILE *fp;
 char ch;
 fp = fopen("file_handle.c", "r");
 while (1) {
   ch = fgetc(fp);
   if (ch == EOF)
   printf("%c", ch);
 fclose(fp);
```

After performing all operations on the file, the file must be closed with fclose()

```
Write to file: fprintf()
```

```
Read the file: fscanf()
```

```
Write to file: fputc()
```

```
#include <stdio.h>

void main() {
  FILE *fp;
  fp = fopen("file.txt", "w"); // open the fi

  // write data to file
  fprintf(fp, "Hello file for fprintf..\n");
  fclose(fp); // close the file
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>

void main() {
  FILE *fp;

  char buff[255]; // Create a char array to s
  fp = fopen("file.txt", "r");

while(fscanf(fp, "%s", buff) != EOF) {
    printf("%s ", buff);
  }
  fclose(fp);
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>

void main() {
   FILE *fp;
   fp = fopen("file1.txt", "w"); // open the f
   fputc('a',fp); // write a single character
   fclose(fp); // close the file
}
```

### Read the file: fgetc()

```
Write to file: fputs()
```

### Read files: fgets()

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

void main() {
    FILE *fp;
    char c;

    clrscr();

    fp = fopen("myfile.txt", "r");

while( (c = fgetc(fp) ) != EOF) {
        printf("%c", c);
    }
    fclose(fp);

    getch();
}
```

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

void main() {
  FILE *fp;

  clrscr();

  fp = fopen("myfile2.txt","w");
  fputs("hello c programming",fp);
  fclose(fp);

  getch();
}
```

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

void main() {
  FILE *fp;
  char text[300];

  clrscr();

  fp = fopen("myfile2.txt", "r");
  printf("%s", fgets(text, 200, fp));
  fclose(fp);

  getch();
}
```

```
void main(void) {
 FILE *fp;
  fp = fopen("myfile.txt","w+");
 fputs("This is Book", fp);
  fseek(fp, 7, SEEK_SET);
 fputs("Kenny Wong", fp);
  fclose(fp);
```

fseek()

Set the file pointer to the given position

```
void main() {
  FILE *fp;
  char c;
  clrscr();
  fp = fopen("file.txt", "r");
 while( (c = fgetc(fp) ) != EOF) {
   printf("%c", c);
  rewind(fp); // move the file pointer to the
 while( (c = fgetc(fp) ) != EOF) {
   printf("%c", c);
  fclose(fp);
  getch();
// Hello World! Hello World!
```

```
void main () {
   FILE *fp;
   int length;
   clrscr();
   fp = fopen("file.txt", "r");
   fseek(fp, 0, SEEK_END);
   length = ftell(fp); // return current posi
   fclose(fp);
   printf("File size: %d bytes", length);
   getch();
```

ftell()

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