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Practical 1



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Chapter 1

Practical 1

1.1 Question 1: Incorrect Radix Conversion

1.1.1 Analysis

The original program fails to produce the expected output due to improper use of format specifiers. The primary issues are as follows:

- `%i` and `%d` are used for signed integers, but `Value` is declared as an `unsigned int`. This can lead to incorrect interpretation of large values.
- `%c` is used to print a character, which is not the intended behavior for numerical conversions.
- `%o` is used for octal output but was incorrectly placed under the ‘character’ label, making the output misleading.

The value `0xFFFFFFFF2` represents **4294967282** in decimal (when treated as an unsigned integer). However, if mistakenly interpreted as a signed integer on a 32-bit system, it may be read as a negative value due to overflow, further contributing to incorrect output.

1.1.2 Correction

To ensure correct output representation, the appropriate format specifiers should be used:

- `%u` is used for printing an unsigned integer in decimal format.
- `%o` correctly prints the octal (base 8) representation of the value.
- `%X` (uppercase) or `%x` (lowercase) correctly prints the hexadecimal (base 16) representation.
- `%c` prints the corresponding ASCII character for the given integer value. This works if the integer falls within the valid ASCII range (0–255), but for large values like `0xFFFFFFFF2`, the output is unpredictable.

Additionally, the original program incorrectly assigned `%o` to the ‘character’ output. Since octal format is unrelated to character representation, this has been corrected in the revised/corrected implementation.

See Next Page for Corrected Code Implementation

1.1.3 Correct C Code Implementation

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 int main() {
4     unsigned int Value = 0xFFFFFFFF2; // hexadecimal representation
5
6     // Corrected print statements
7     printf("Decimal: %u\n", Value);
8     printf("Octal: %o\n", Value);
9     printf("Hexadecimal: %X\n", Value);
10    printf("Character: %c\n", Value);
11
12    return 0;
13 }
```

Listing 1.1: Corrected Radix Conversion Program

If executed, the corrected program will produce the following output (on a typical 32-bit system):

Decimal: 4294967282

Octal: 3777777762

Hexadecimal: FFFFFFF2

Character: ?

- The decimal output 4294967282 correctly reflects the unsigned integer value.
- The octal output 3777777762 correctly represents the value in base 8.
- The hexadecimal output FFFFFFF2 correctly prints the number in base 16.
- The character output is unpredictable because 0xFFFFFFFF2 exceeds the valid ASCII range. Most systems will display a placeholder or an unrecognizable symbol. One could also delete the character output code for errorless code if necessary.

1.2 Question 2: Calendar Program

1.2.1 Errors in the Original C Program

The original program aimed to calculate the number of days in different parts of the year but contained several critical errors as summarised below:

1. **Invalid variable names:** Spaces in variable names (e.g., `daysIn January`) are not allowed in C.
2. **Typos in variable names:** The variable `daysIn CurrentFebrurary` had a spelling mistake (Februrary instead of February).
3. **Incorrect values for some months:** The number of days for September, October, and November contained invalid expressions such as `3*` and `3+`.
4. **Incorrect sum calculation:** The months were mixed up when computing the number of days in each half of the year.

See Next Page for Corrected Calendar Program Code Implementation

1.2.2 Corrected Calendar Program C Code

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 int main() {
4     int daysInCurrentFebruary = 29;
5
6     // Define days per month correctly
7     int daysInJanuary = 31;
8     int daysInFebruary = daysInCurrentFebruary;
9     int daysInMarch = 31;
10    int daysInApril = 30;
11    int daysInMay = 31;
12    int daysInJune = 30;
13    int daysInJuly = 31;
14    int daysInAugust = 31;
15    int daysInSeptember = 30;
16    int daysInOctober = 31;
17    int daysInNovember = 30;
18    int daysInDecember = 31;
19
20    // Compute half-year sums
21    int daysInFirstHalf = daysInJanuary + daysInFebruary + daysInMarch +
22                          daysInApril + daysInMay + daysInJune;
23    int daysInSecondHalf = daysInJuly + daysInAugust + daysInSeptember +
24                          daysInOctober + daysInNovember + daysInDecember;
25
26    // Print results
27    printf("Days in the first half of the current year: %d\n", daysInFirstHalf);
28    printf("Days in the second half of the current year: %d\n", daysInSecondHalf);
29    printf("Days in the current year: %d\n", daysInFirstHalf + daysInSecondHalf);
30
31    return 0;
32 }
```

Listing 1.2: Corrected Calendar Program

1.2.3 Quarterly Calendar C Code

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 int main() {
4     int days[] = {31, 29, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31};
5
6     printf("Days in Q1: %d\n", days[0] + days[1] + days[2]);
7     printf("Days in Q2: %d\n", days[3] + days[4] + days[5]);
8     printf("Days in Q3: %d\n", days[6] + days[7] + days[8]);
9     printf("Days in Q4: %d\n", days[9] + days[10] + days[11]);
10
11     return 0;
12 }
```

Listing 1.3: Quarterly Breakdown Code

- The program above stores all month values in an array, making calculations easier.
- The first six months are summed to get the days in the first half, and the last six months are summed for the second half.
- The total days are correctly computed as 366, accounting for the leap year.
- The quarterly breakdown directly computes and prints the sum of days for each quarter.

1.3 Question 3: Kinetic Energy and Power Calculations

1.3.1 Kinetic Energy Calculation C Code

Formula

The kinetic energy (KE) of the conveyor belt is given by:

$$KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \quad (1.1)$$

where:

- $m = 12.75$ kg (mass of the conveyor belt)
- $v = 3.6$ m/s (velocity of the belt)

C Code for KE formula

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 int main() {
4     int KE = (int)(0.5 * 12.75 * 3.6 * 3.6);
5     printf("Kinetic Energy: %d J\n", KE);
6
7     return 0;
8 }
```

Listing 1.4: Kinetic Energy Calculation

Explanation

- The program's calculation follows the correct formula $KE = 0.5 \times m \times v^2$.
- The result is 'type-cast' to an integer for microcontroller storage.
- The output is displayed as an integer value in joules (J).

1.3.2 Power and Energy Calculation C Code

Formula

The power (P) and energy (E) are calculated as:

$$P = V \times I \quad (1.2)$$

$$E = P \times t \quad (1.3)$$

where:

- $V = 230V$ (constant voltage)
- $I = 8.5A$ (constant current)
- t (time in hours, provided by the user)

C Code for Power and Energy Calculation

```

1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 #define VOLTAGE 230 // Define voltage as a constant
4
5 int main() {
6     const float current = 8.5;
7     unsigned int power = (unsigned int)(VOLTAGE * current);
8
9     float time;
10    printf("Enter time in hours: ");
11    scanf("%f", &time);
12
13    unsigned int energy = (unsigned int)(power * time);
14
15    printf("Power: %u W\n", power);
16    printf("Energy: %u Wh\n", energy);
17
18    return 0;
19 }
```

Listing 1.5: Power and Energy Calculation

Explanation

- VOLTAGE is defined using the preprocessor directive `#define` as `#define VOLTAGE 230`.
- The current value is stored as a constant float (`const float current = 8.5`).
- Power ($P = V \times I$) is computed and stored as an unsigned integer.
- The user inputs the time (`t`), and energy ($E = P \times t$) is calculated.
- The results are printed using the appropriate format specifiers.