

C Structure



- Structure is a user-defined data type, which is used to store logically similar data of different data types together.
- All the structure elements are stored at contiguous memory locations.
- Structure type variable can store more than one data item of varying data types under one name.

– Syntax:

```
struct structureName {  
    dataType member1;  
    dataType member2;  
    ...  
};
```

Example:

```
struct Employee {  
    int id;  
    char name[50];  
    float salary;  
};
```

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- Creating a structure variable:

```
struct Employee {  
    // code  
};  
  
int main() {  
    struct Employee e1, e2, e[20];  
    return 0;  
}  
  
//-----Another way of creating a struct variable is:  
struct Employee {  
    // code  
} e1, e2, e[20];
```

- e1 and e2 are variables of structure Employee.
- e[] is an array of struct Employee type which is of size 20.

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- Accessing members of a structure:
 - Structure members can be accessed using two ways as follows:
 - By . (Dot or member operator)
 - By -> (structure pointer operator)

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- Accessing members of structure using dot(.) operator:

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
struct employee
{
    int id;
    char name[50];
}e1; //declaring e1 variable for structure
int main( )
{
    //store first employee information
    e1.id=101;
    strcpy(e1.name, "Dennis Ritchie");//copying string into char array
    //printing first employee information
    printf( "employee 1 id : %d\n", e1.id);
    printf( "employee 1 name : %s\n", e1.name);
    return 0;
}
```

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- typedef - It is a keyword which is used to give an alias name to an already existing variable.

```
#include <stdio.h>
typedef struct student {
    char name[20];
    int age;
}stud;
int main()
{
    stud s1;
    printf("\nEnter the name of the student:");
    scanf("%s",&s1.name);
    printf("\nEnter the age of student:");
    scanf("%d",&s1.age);
    printf("\n Name of the student is : %s", s1.name);
    printf("\n Age of the student is : %d", s1.age);
    return 0;
}
```