

- scanf / fscanf / sscanf returns the number of assignments.

Examples

```
int a = 0, b = 1, c = 2;
```

```
double f;
```

```
char s[100];
```

1. `a = sscanf(" 12 34a", "%d%d", &b, &c);`

↑ ↑ ↑
skips whitespace
+ non-integers

a = 2 (# of assignments)
b = 12
c = 34

2. `a = sscanf(" 12ab34", "%d%d", &b, &c);`

↑
stops b/c it sees ab

a = 1
b = 12
c = unchanged

3. `a = sscanf(" 12.34xy", "%d%lf", &b, &f);`

a = 2
b = 12
f = 0.34

4. `a = sscanf("12xyz34", "%d%s%d", &b, &s, &c);`

s doesn't stop until spaces

a = 2
b = 12
s = "xyz34"
c = unchanged

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Examples cont.

5. `a = sscanf("hello", "%d", &b);`

`a = 0`

can't scan chars

`b` : unchanged

6. `a = sscanf("_", "%d", &b);`

if there is nothing to scan
the function returns EOF

`a = EOF`

`b` : unchanged

- Don't use `scanf` for interactive input

→ easy to get into infinite loop

∴ Use `fgets` together with `sscanf` instead

- Examples : Summing integers obtained by user interactively

```
int n, sum=0;          #define LINESIZE 1024
```

```
char line [ LINESIZE];
```

```
while (1) {
```

```
    printf("Enter an integer: ");
```

```
    if (!fgets(line, LINESIZE, stdin)) {
```

```
        clearerr(stdin);
```

```
        break;
```

```
    }
```

```
    if (sscanf(line, "%d", &n) == 1)
```

```
        sum += n;
```

```
    }
```

```
    printf("%d\n", sum);
```

breaks out of
loop when end of
file!

if we can read #,
then add numbers

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▷ Reading Block by Block

fread / fwrite
↳ for writing

ex. int a [100];
size_t n;

/* returns the # of elements read */
n = fread (a, sizeof (a[0]), 100, fp);

stream

used to read binary data

fwrite (a, sizeof (a[0]), 100, fp);

• size of

- the ANSI C standard does not specify the exact size of each type
- it provides the sizeof operator that can be used to find the size of different objects + types
- ↳ by definition, size of (char) = 1 byte

ex. size of (int)
int n;
size of (n)

• file I/O

We need 3 steps when dealing w/ files

- ① open the file
- ② perform I/O on the stream return from opening the file
- ③ close the file

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• File I/O

1. Opening a file

↳ when we open a file, we associate a stream with it.

Standard Idiom to open a file

```
FILE pointer*fp;  
if (fp = fopen(filename, mode)) or NULL ==  $\phi$ )  
    perror("fopen");  
/* additional error - handling */
```

- a stream has type `FILE*` in C
eg. `stdin` is a `FILE`

- `perror` is used to print a system error message to `stderr`

↳ It can only be used if a standard library function fails and it sets ~~error~~ `errno`

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We can think of `errno` as a global integer variable

- when certain functions in the standard library fails, they store an error code into `ERRNO`

- `perror` looks at the error code in `errno`