

INTEGER PROMOTION:

If an int can represent all values of the original type, the value is converted to an int; otherwise, it is converted to an unsigned int. These are called the integer promotions. All other types are unchanged by the integer promotions.

IMPLICIT TYPE CONVERSION:

```
bool -> char -> short int -> int ->
    unsigned int -> long -> unsigned ->
    long long -> float -> double -> long double
```

When casting values between int, float, and double formats, the program changes the numeric values and the bit representations as follows (assuming data type int is 32 bits):

- From int to float, the number cannot overflow, but it may be rounded.
- From int or float to double, the exact numeric value can be preserved because double has both greater range (i.e., the range of representable values), as well as greater precision (i.e., the number of significant bits).
- From double to float, the value can overflow to $+\infty$ or $-\infty$, since the range is smaller. Otherwise, it may be rounded, because the precision is smaller.
- From float or double to int, the value will be rounded toward zero. For example, 1.999 will be converted to 1, while -1.999 will be converted to -1. Furthermore, the value may overflow. The C standards do not specify a fixed result for this case. Intel-compatible microprocessors designate the bit pattern $[10 \dots 00]$ ($TMin_w$ for word size w) as an *integer indefinite* value. Any conversion from floating point to integer that cannot assign a reasonable integer approximation yields this value. Thus, the expression `(int) +1e10` yields -21483648, generating a negative value from a positive one.

2.2.4 Conversions between Signed and Unsigned

C allows casting between different numeric data types. For example, suppose variable `x` is declared as `int` and `u` as `unsigned`. The expression `(unsigned) x` converts the value of `x` to an unsigned value, and `(int) u` converts the value of `u` to a signed integer. What should be the effect of casting signed value to unsigned, or vice versa? From a mathematical perspective, one can imagine several different conventions. Clearly, we want to preserve any value that can be represented in both forms. On the other hand, converting a negative value to unsigned might yield zero. Converting an unsigned value that is too large to be represented in two's-complement form might yield *TMax*. For most implementations of C, however, the answer to this question is based on a bit-level perspective, rather than on a numeric one.

For example, consider the following code:

```
1      short   int   v, = -12345;
2      unsigned short uv = (unsigned short) v;
3      printf("v = %d, uv = %u\n", v, uv);
```

When run on a two's-complement machine, it generates the following output:

```
v = -12345, uv = 53191
```

C data type	Minimum	Maximum
[signed] char	-128	127
unsigned char	0	255
short	-32,768	32,767
unsigned short	0	65,535
int	-2,147,483,648	2,147,483,647
unsigned	0	4,294,967,295
long	-2,147,483,648	2,147,483,647
unsigned long	0	4,294,967,295
int32_t	-2,147,483,648	2,147,483,647
uint32_t	0	4,294,967,295
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Figure 2.10 Typical ranges for C integral data types for 64-bit programs.

specifier	Output	Example
d or i	Signed decimal integer	392
u	Unsigned decimal integer	7235
o	Unsigned octal	610
x	Unsigned hexadecimal integer	7fa
X	Unsigned hexadecimal integer (uppercase)	7FA
f	Decimal floating point, lowercase	392.65
F	Decimal floating point, uppercase	392.65
e	Scientific notation (mantissa/exponent), lowercase	3.9265e+2
E	Scientific notation (mantissa/exponent), uppercase	3.9265E+2
g	Use the shortest representation: %e or %f	392.65
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a	Hexadecimal floating point, lowercase	-0xc.90fep-2
A	Hexadecimal floating point, uppercase	-0XC.90FEP-2
c	Character	a
s	String of characters	sample
p	Pointer address	b8000000
n	Nothing printed. The corresponding argument must be a pointer to a signed int. The number of characters written so far is stored in the pointed location.	
%	A % followed by another % character will write a single % to the stream.	%

	specifiers						
length	d i	u o x X	f F e E g G a A	c	s	p	n
(none)	int	unsigned int	double	int	char*	void*	int*
hh	signed char	unsigned char					signed char*
h	short int	unsigned short int					short int*
l	long int	unsigned long int		wint_t	wchar_t*		long int*
ll	long long int	unsigned long long int					long long int*
j	intmax_t	uintmax_t					intmax_t*
z	size_t	size_t					size_t*
t	ptrdiff_t	ptrdiff_t					ptrdiff_t*
L			long double				

C declaration		Bytes	
Signed	Unsigned	32-bit	64-bit
[signed] char	unsigned char	1	1
short	unsigned short	2	2
int	unsigned	4	4
long	unsigned long	4	8
int32_t	uint32_t	4	4
int64_t	uint64_t	8	8
char*		4	8
float		4	4
double		8	8