

# Introduction to Programming

Introduction to C: Syntax, Basic Constructs, Operators, Expressions

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# Topics of Discussion

- Programming in C
  - Example Program
  - Compilation and Execution
- Syntax and Basic Constructs
  - Identifiers
  - Keywords
  - Data Types
  - Constants
  - Variables
- Operators and Expressions

# Programming in C

# First C program – print on screen

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

Header file includes functions for input/output

Main function is executed when you run the program. (Later we will see how to pass its parameters)

Return value to function

Statement for printing; '\n' denotes newline

**A program must have an output.**

Curly braces within which statements are executed one after another.

**Output**

**Hello, World!**

# Three steps to follow

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1. Write a C program and save it.
2. Compile the program using the compiler.
3. Execute the program

1. vi hello.c

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

OR

2. \$ gcc -o hello hello.c

3. \$ ./hello

2. \$ cc hello.c

\$

3. \$ ./a.out

Hello World



# Introduction to C

- **C** is a general-purpose, structured programming language.
- **C** can be used for applications programming as well as for systems programming.
- There are only 32 keywords and its strength lies in its built-in functions.
- **C** is highly portable
- **C** is case sensitive.
- **C** is a free-form language.

# Structure of a C program

- Every C program consists of one or more functions.
  - One of the functions must be called *main*.
  - The program will always begin by executing the main function.
- Each function must contain:
  - A function *heading*, which consists of the *function name*, followed by an optional list of *arguments* enclosed in parentheses.
  - A *return type*
  - A *compound statement*, which comprises the remainder of the function.

# Structure of a C program

- Each compound statement is enclosed within a pair of braces: '{' and '}'
  - The braces may contain combinations of elementary statements and other compound statements.
- Statements are executed one by one in order
- Comments may appear anywhere in a program, enclosed within delimiters '/\*' and '\*/'.
  - Example:  
`a = b + c; /* ADD TWO NUMBERS */`



# A Simple C program

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int x, y, sum, max;
    scanf("%d%d", &x, &y);
    sum = x + y;
    if (x > y)
        max = x;
    else
        max = y;
    printf ("Sum = %d\n", sum);
    printf ("Larger = %d\n",
max);
    return 0;
}
```

**When you run the program**



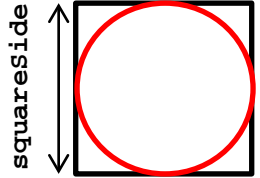
**Output after you type 15 and 20**

```
15 20
Sum = 35
Larger = 20
```

# A complete C Program

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```
#include <stdio.h>
#define PI 3.1416
double area_of_circle(float);
double area_of_circle (float radius)
{
    return PI*radius*radius;
}
int main()
{
    int squareSide;
    double area;
    scanf("%d", &squareSide);
    area= area_of_circle(squareSide/2.0);
    printf("Area of the circle enclosing the square of side %d is: %lf\n",
squareSide, area);
    return 0;
}
```



# Syntax and Basic Constructs in C

# The C Character Set

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- The C language alphabet:

- Uppercase letters 'A' to 'Z'
- Lowercase letters 'a' to 'z'
- Digits '0' to '9'
- Certain special characters:

A C program  
should not contain  
anything else

!	#	%	^	&	*	(
)	-	_	+	=	~	[
]	\		;	:	'	"
{	}	,	.	?	<	>
						/

whitespace (space, tab)

# Identifiers

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- Names given to the various program elements (variables, constants, functions, etc.)
- May consist of *letters*, *digits* and the *underscore* ('\_') character, with no space in between.
- First character must be a letter or *underscore*.
- An identifier can be arbitrary long.
  - Some **C** compilers recognize only the first few characters of the name (16 or 31).
- Case sensitive
  - 'area', 'AREA' and 'Area' are all different.

# Valid and Invalid Identifiers

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- Valid identifiers

X  
abc  
simple\_interest  
a123  
LIST  
stud\_name  
Empl\_1  
Empl\_2  
avg\_empl\_salary

- Invalid identifiers

10abc  
"hello"  
simple interest  
(area)  
%rate

# Keywords

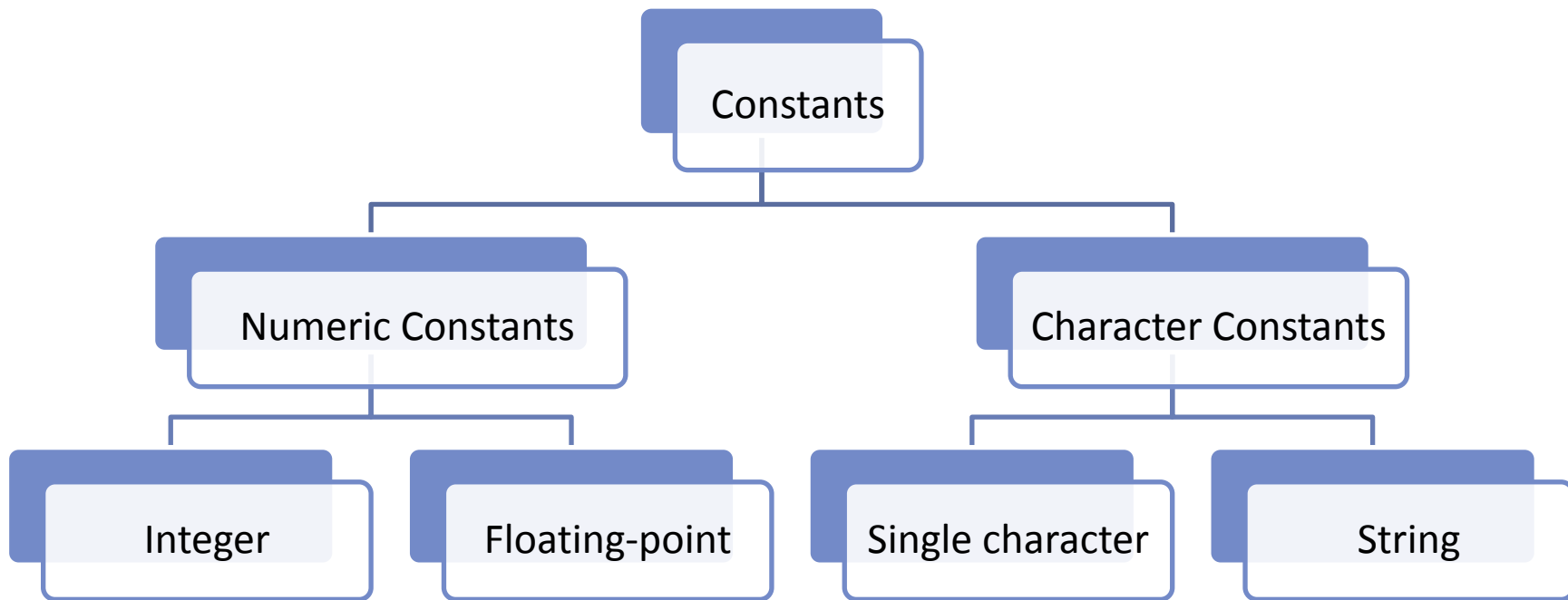
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- **Keywords**
  - Reserved words that have standard, predefined meanings in **C**.
  - Cannot be used as identifiers.
  - OK within comments.
  - Standard **C** keywords:

<b>auto</b>	<b>break</b>	<b>case</b>	<b>char</b>	<b>const</b>	<b>continue</b>	<b>default</b>	<b>do</b>
<b>double</b>	<b>else</b>	<b>enum</b>	<b>extern</b>	<b>float</b>	<b>for</b>	<b>goto</b>	<b>if</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>long</b>	<b>register</b>	<b>return</b>	<b>short</b>	<b>signed</b>	<b>sizeof</b>	<b>static</b>
<b>struct</b>	<b>switch</b>	<b>typedef</b>	<b>union</b>	<b>unsigned</b>	<b>void</b>	<b>volatile</b>	<b>while</b>

# Constants

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# Variables

- It is a data name that can be used to store a data value.
- Unlike constants, a variable may take different values in memory during execution.
- Can have only one value assigned to it at any given point of time during the execution of the program
- Variable names follow the naming convention for **identifiers**.
  - Examples: temp, speed, name1, name2, current
- Variables are stored in memory
- Memory is a list of consecutive storage locations, each having a unique address
- A variable is like a bin
  - The **content** of the bin is the **value** of the variable
  - The **variable name** is used to **refer to the value** of the variable
  - A variable is **mapped to a location** of the memory, called its **address**

# Declaration of Variables

- There are two purposes:
  - It tells the compiler what the variable name is.
  - It specifies what type of data the variable will hold.
- General syntax:  
<data-type> <variable-list>;
- Examples:  
`int velocity, distance;`  
`int a, b, c, d;`  
`float temp;`  
`char flag, option;`

# Address and Content

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Every variable has an address (in memory), and its contents.

1349	
1350	106
1354	
1355	

speed

```
int speed;  
speed=106;
```

speed	→	106
&speed	→	1350

# An Example

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    float speed, time, distance;
    scanf ("%f %f", &speed, &time);
    distance = speed * time;
    printf ("\n The distance traversed is: %f\n",
distance);
    return 0;
}
```

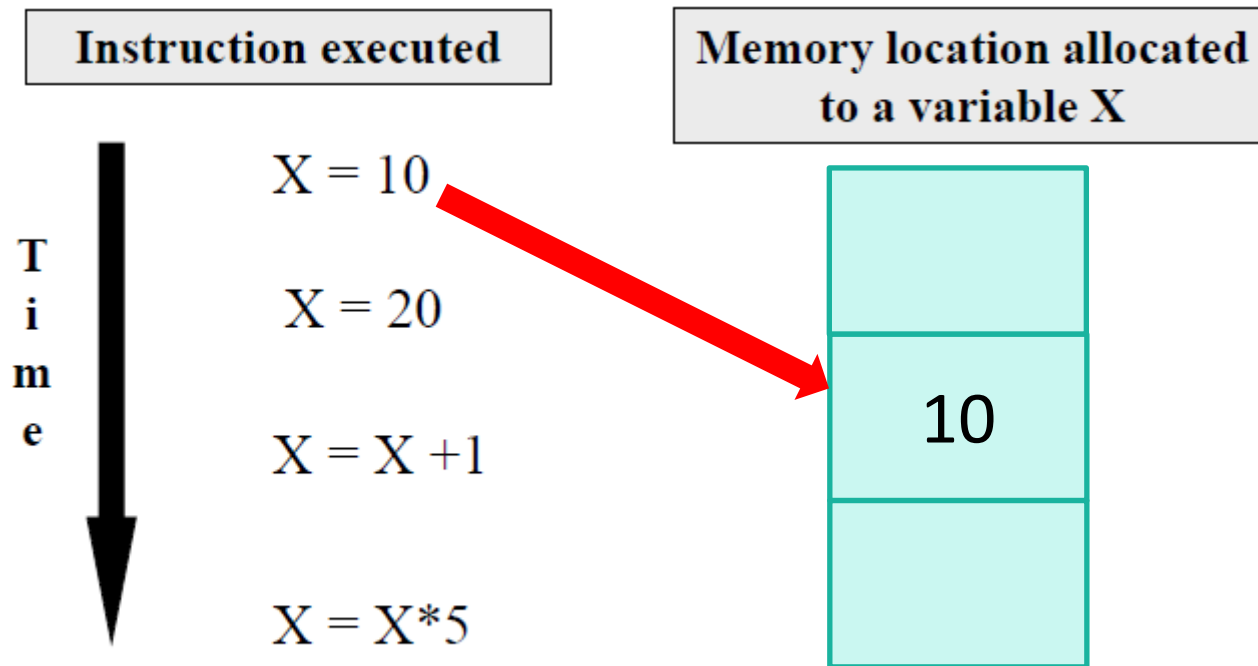
Declaration of variable time

Address of time

Content of time

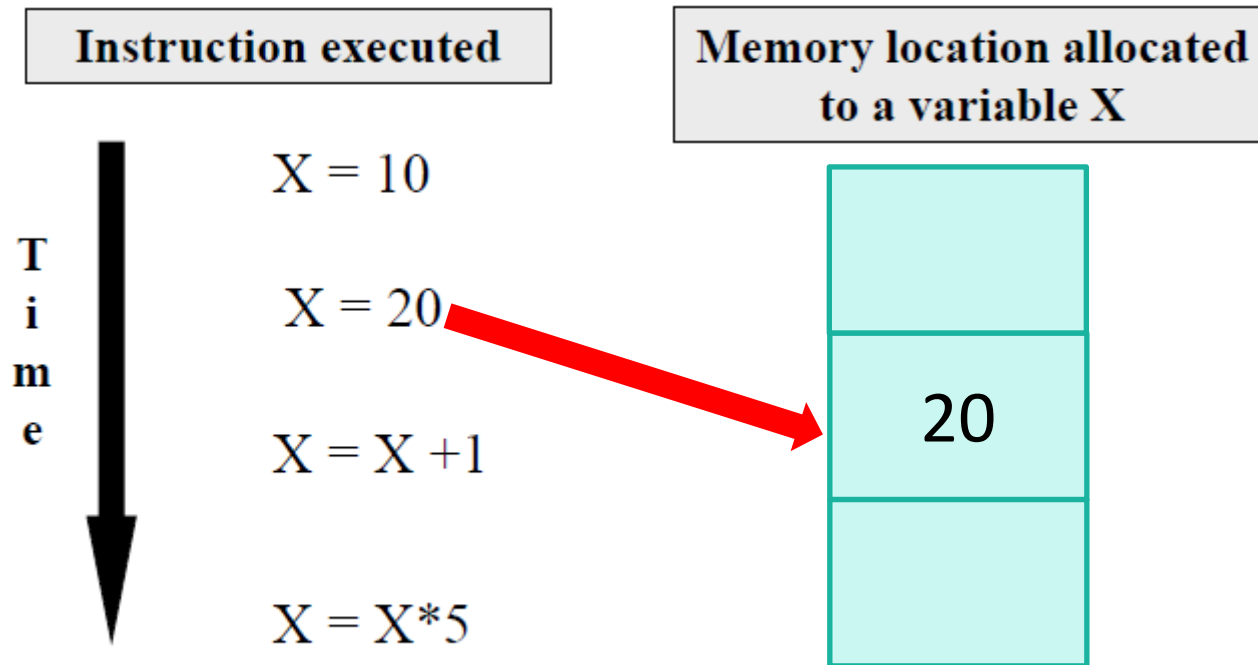
# Variables in Memory: More Example

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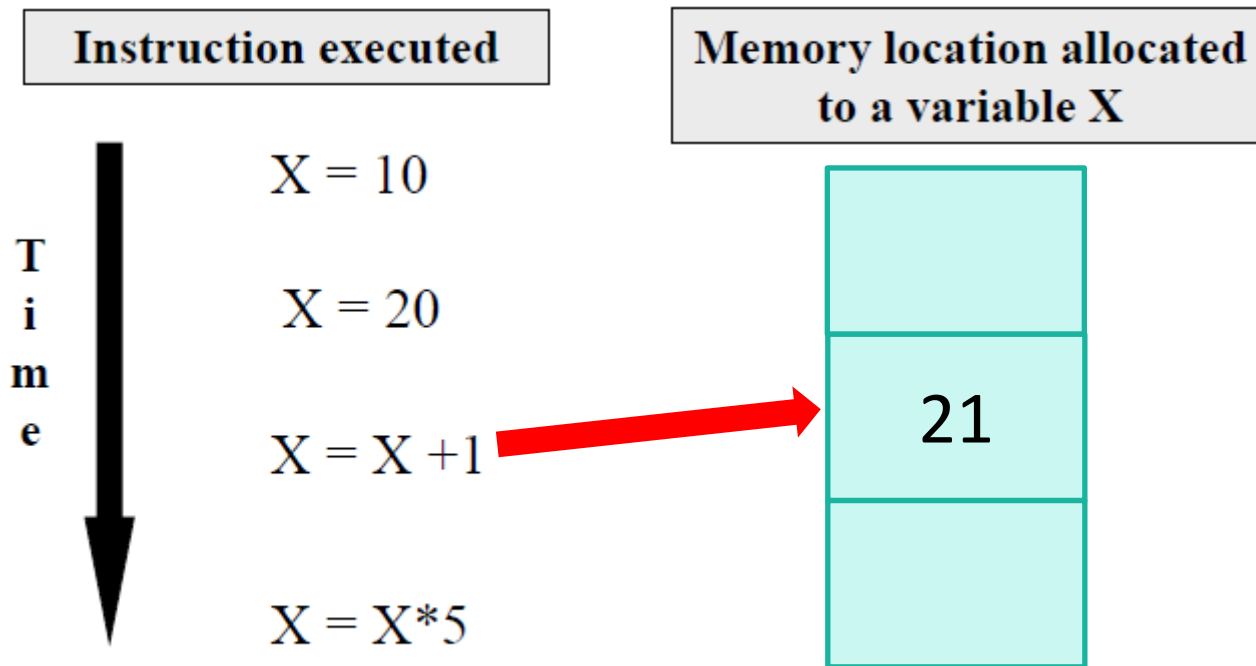
# Variables in Memory: More Example

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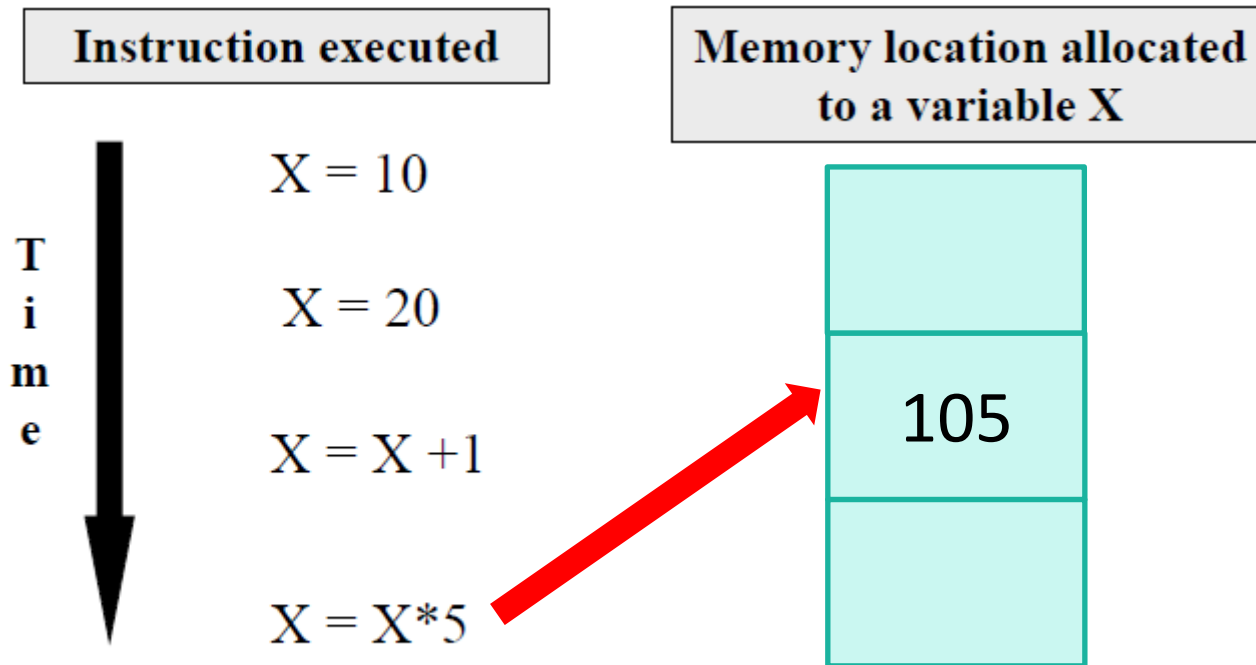
# Variables in Memory: More Example

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# Variables in Memory: More Example

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# Variables in Memory: More Example

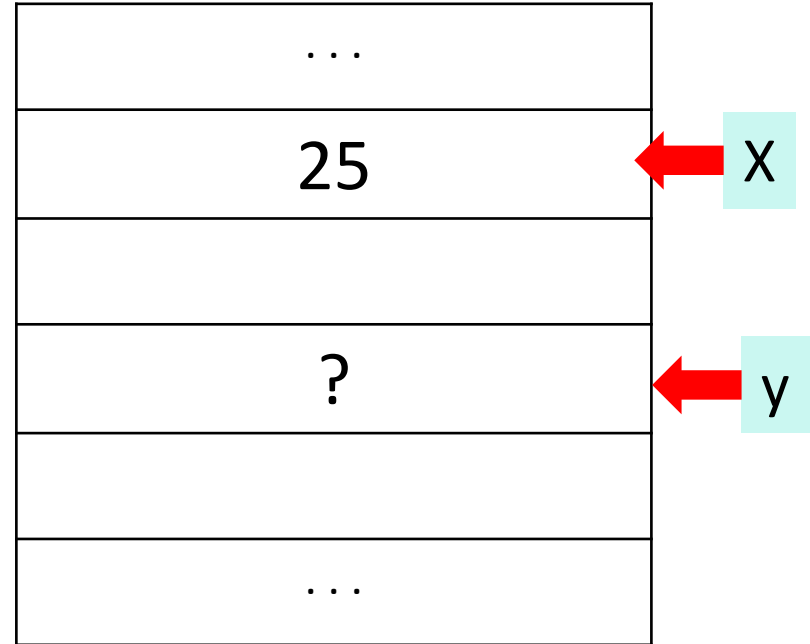
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$X = 25$

$Y = 45$

$X = Y + 3$

$Y = X / 6$



# Variables in Memory: More Example

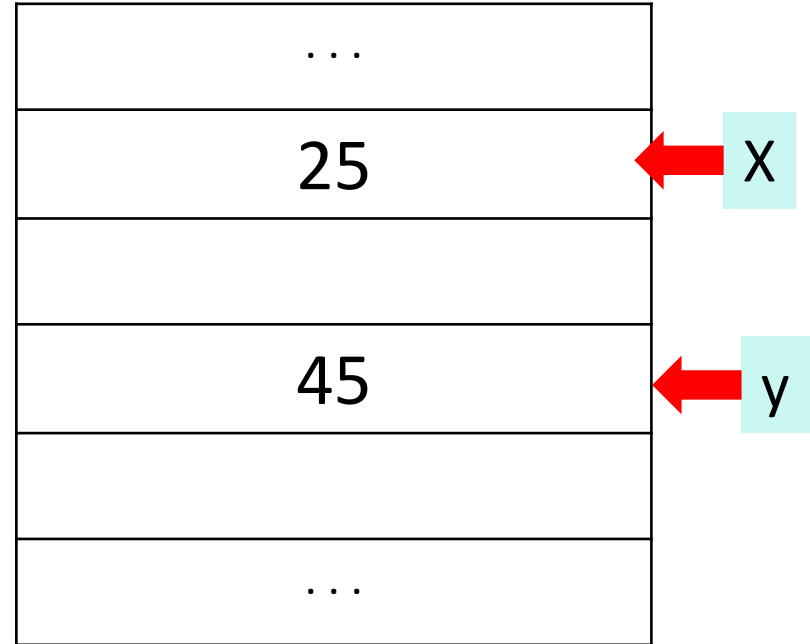
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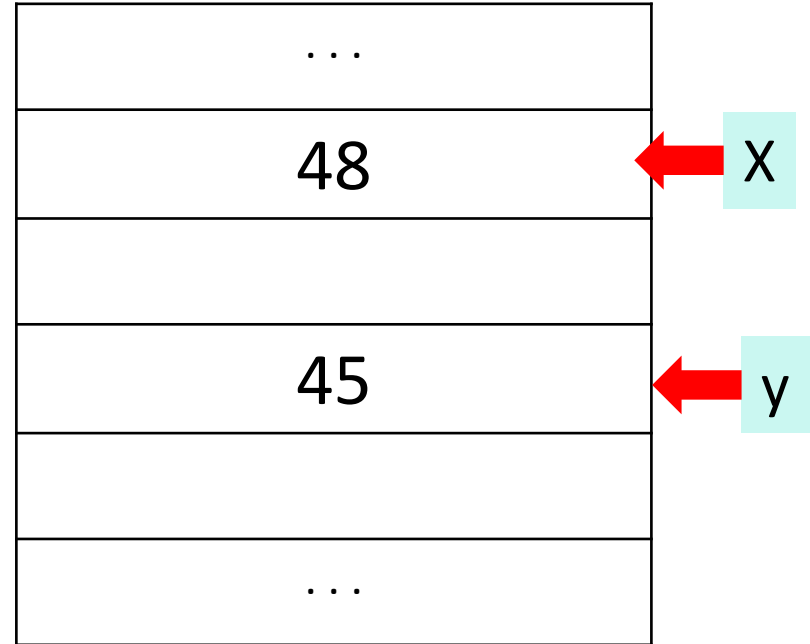
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$Y = 45$

$X = Y + 3$

$Y = X / 6$



# Variables in Memory: More Example

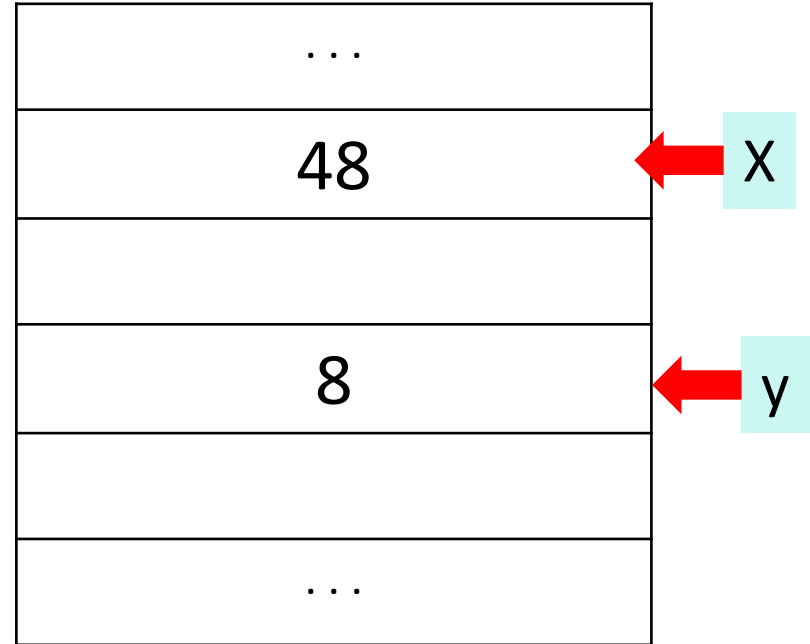
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$X = 25$

$Y = 45$

$X = Y + 3$

$Y = X / 6$



# Basic Data Types in C

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- **int** : integer quantity
  - Typically occupies 4 bytes (32 bits) in memory.
- **char** : single character
  - Typically occupies 1 byte (8 bits) in memory.
- **float** : floating-point number (a number with a decimal point)
  - Typically occupies 4 bytes (32 bits) in memory.
- **double** : double-precision floating-point number
- ***Precision refers to the number of significant digits after the decimal point.***

Size of data types may vary depending on machine/OS type.  
You can use the **sizeof()** operator to get the size  
sizeof(char) will give 1,  
sizeof(int) will give 4 and so on

# Augmented Data Type

- Some of the basic data types can be augmented by using certain data type qualifiers:
  - short
  - long
  - signed
  - unsigned
- Typical examples:
  - short int
  - long int
  - unsigned int

# Integer Type

Type	Storage size	Value range
char	1 byte	-128 to 127 or 0 to 255
unsigned char	1 byte	0 to 255
signed char	1 byte	-128 to 127
int	2 or 4 bytes	-32,768 to 32,767 or -2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647
unsigned int	2 or 4 bytes	0 to 65,535 or 0 to 4,294,967,295
short	2 bytes	-32,768 to 32,767
unsigned short	2 bytes	0 to 65,535
long	4 bytes	-2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647
unsigned long	4 bytes	0 to 4,294,967,295

# Floating-point type

Type	Storage size	Value range	Precision
float	4 byte	1.2E-38 to 3.4E+38	6 decimal places
double	8 byte	2.3E-308 to 1.7E+308	15 decimal places
long double	10 byte	3.4E-4932 to 1.1E+4932	19 decimal places

The size of the various data types depends on machine configuration



# Example

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    float x, y;
    int a, b = 20;
    scanf("%f%f%d",&x, &y, &a);
    printf("%f plus %f is %f\n", x, y, x+y);
    printf("%d minus %d is %d\n", a, b, a-b);
    return 0;
}
```

# Type casting

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```
#include <stdio.h>
int main ()
{
    int n;
    scanf ("%d",&n);
    printf ("%d\n",1/n);
    return 0;
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main ()
{
    int n;
    scanf ("%d",&n);
    printf ("%f\n",1/n);
    return 0;
}
```

The division  $1/n$  is of integers (quotient).  
The format `%d` is for printing integers

# Type casting

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main ()
{
    int n;
    scanf ("%d",&n);
    printf ("%f\n",1.0/n);
    return 0;
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main ()
{
    int n;
    float x;
    scanf ("%d",&n);
    x=(float)1/n;
    printf ("%f\n",x);
    return 0;
}
```

# Type casting

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## Integer to Real

```
int a=10;  
float b;  
b=(float)a;
```

## Real to Integer

```
int a;  
float b=3.14;  
a=(int)b;
```

## Real to Real

```
float b;  
double c=3.14;  
b=(float)c;
```

## Real to Real

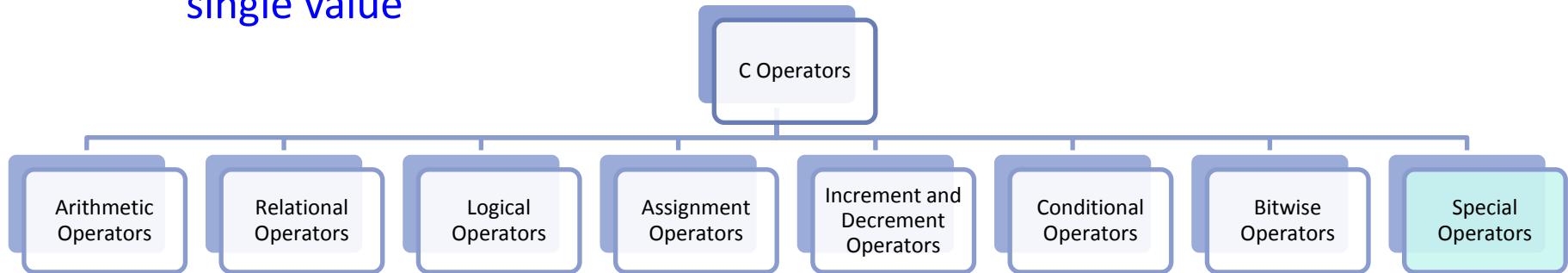
```
float b;  
double c;  
c=22.0/7.0;  
b=(float)c;
```

# Operators and Expressions in C

# Operators in C

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- An operator is a symbol that tells computer to perform certain mathematical or logical manipulations over the data
- Usually a part of mathematical or logical expressions
  - Expression: A sequence of operands and operators that reduces to a single value



# Arithmetic Operators

Arithmetic Operators	Meaning
+	Addition or Unary plus
-	Subtraction or Unary minus
*	Multiplication
/	Division
%	Modulo Division

# Examples: Arithmetic expressions

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- $v = u + f * t;$   $\rightarrow v = u + (f * t);$
- $X = x * y / z;$   $\rightarrow X = (x * y) / z;$
- $A = a + b - c * d / e;$   $\rightarrow A = ((a + b) - ((c * d) / e));$
- $A = -b * c + d \% e;$   $\rightarrow A = (((-b) * c) + (d \% e));$

**Note:** The modulo division operator % cannot be used on floating point data



# Relational Operators

Relational Operators	Meaning
<	is less than
<=	is less than or equal to
>	is greater than
>=	is greater than or equal to
==	is equal to
!=	is not equal to

- Used to compare two quantities
- The value of a relational expression is either *one* or *zero*
- Frequently used in decision statement, such as **if**, **while** to decide the course of action
- **Arithmetic operators have higher priority over relational operators**

# Relational Operators

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

```
int main()
```

```
{int x = 20;
```

```
int y=3;
```

```
float a=20.3;
```

```
if ( x > y ) /* 20 > 3 → True */
```

```
    printf ("%d is larger\n", x);
```

```
if ( x + x > y * 6 ) /* 20+20 > 3*6 → (20+20)>(3*6) → True */
```

```
    printf("Double of %d is larger than 6 times %d\n",x,y);
```

```
if ( x > a )
```

```
    printf("%d is larger than %f\n",x, a);
```

```
else
```

```
    printf("%d is smaller than %f",x, a);
```

```
return 0;}
```

An expression containing a relational operator is termed as *relational expression*  
**Generic form:** *arithmetic-expression1 relational-operator arithmetic-expression2*

## Output

```
20 is larger
Double of 20 is larger than 6 times 3
20 is smaller than 20.299999
```

# Logical Operators

- C has following *three* logical operators

**&&** meaning logical AND

**||** meaning logical OR

**!** meaning logical NOT

- The second operand will not be evaluated if the first one is zero
- The second operand will not be evaluated if the first one is non-zero

The logical operators && and || are used when we want to test more than one conditions and make decisions

E.g. `a>b && b!=0`

← *Logical expression* or

*Compound relational expression*

# Logical Operators

Operand-1 (op1)	Operand-2 (op2)	op1 && op2	op1    op2
FALSE (or 0)	FALSE (or 0)	FALSE (or 0)	FALSE (or 0)
FALSE (or 0)	TRUE (or non-zero)	FALSE (or 0)	TRUE (or 1)
TRUE (or non-zero)	FALSE (or 0)	FALSE (or 0)	TRUE (or 1)
TRUE (or non-zero)	TRUE (or non-zero)	TRUE (or 1)	TRUE (or 1)

```

int x = 20;
int y=3;
float a=20.3;

if((x>y) && (x>a))
    printf("X is largest");
if((x>y) || (x>a))
    printf("X is not smallest");

```

Relative precedence of the relational and logical operators

**Highest**      !  
                  > >= < <=  
                  == !=  
                  &&  
                  ||  
**Lowest**

# Assignment Operator

- Used to assign the result of an expression to a variable
- Assignment operator: '='

- Shorthand assignment operator

$v \text{ } op = exp;$

$v$  is a variable,  $exp$  is an expression, and  $op$  is a C binary arithmetic operator

$v \text{ } op = exp;$  is equivalent to  $v = v \text{ } op (exp);$

E.g.:  $x += y + 1;$  is equivalent to  $x = x + (y + 1);$

# Assignment Operator

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Statement with simple assignment operator	Statement with shorthand assignment operator
$a = a + b$	$a += b$
$a = a - b$	$a -= b$
$a = a * (b + 1)$	$a *= b + 1$
$a = a / (b + 1)$	$a /= b + 1$
$a = a \% b$	$a \% = b$

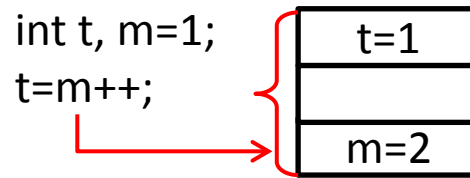
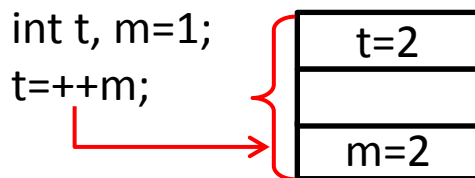
- Shorthand assignment operator advantages
  - Concise; Easier to read and write
  - Statement becomes more efficient

# Increment and Decrement Operators

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- Increment (++) Operation means  $op = op + 1$ ;
  - Prefix operation (++i) or Postfix operation (i++)
- Decrement (--) Operation means  $op = op - 1$ ;
  - Prefix operation (--i) or Postfix operation (i--)
- Precedence
  - Prefix operation : First increment / decrement and then used in evaluation
  - Postfix operation : Increment / decrement operation after being used in evaluation

- Example



# More examples

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Initial values: a = 10; b = 20;

x = 50 + ++a;

a = 11, x = 61

Initial values: a = 10; b = 20;

x = 50 + a++;

x = 60, a = 11

Initial values: a = 10; b = 20;

x = a++ + --b;

b = 19, x = 29, a = 11

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int a=10,x;
    x= a++ - ++a;
    printf("\n x=%d, a=%d\n",x,a);

    x= a++ + ++a;
    printf("\n x=%d, a=%d\n",x,a);

    return 0;
}
```

What would be the output?



# Conditional Operators

- Ternary operator
- Conditional Expression:  $exp1 ? exp2 : exp3$
- $exp1$ ,  $exp2$ , and  $exp3$  are expressions

- *Example*

$a=10;$

$b=15;$

$x = (a > b) ? a : b$

Here,  $x$  will be assigned the value of  $b$

Equivalent to:

```
if(a > b)
    x=a;
else
    x=b;
```

# Bitwise Operators

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- Used for manipulation of data at bit level
- These may not be applied to **float** and **double**

Bitwise Operator	Meaning
&	bitwise AND
	bitwise OR
^	bitwise exclusive OR
<<	Shift left
>>	Shift right

# Special Operators

- Comma operator
  - Example: `value = (x = 21, y = 14, x + y)`
  - Usually used in for loop and while loop
  - Comma operator has the lowest precedence of all operators
- sizeof operator
  - Compile time operator
  - Returns the number of bytes the operand occupies
  - Example: `m=sizeof(x); n=sizeof(char);`
- Pointer operator (& and \*)
- Member selection operator (. and ->)

# Operator Precedence and Associativity

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- **Precedence**
  - Each operator in C has a precedence associated with it
  - Decides the order in which different operators are applied
  - There are distinct levels of precedence
  - The operators at the higher level of precedence are evaluated first
- **Associativity**
  - Decides the order in which multiple occurrence of the same level operator are applied
  - *Left to right* or *Right to left*

# Operator Precedence and Associativity

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Operator	Description	Precedence level	Associativity
( ) [ ] .	Parentheses: grouping or function call Brackets (array subscript) Dot operator (Member selection via object name)	1	Left to Right
+ - ++ -- ! ~ * & (datatype) sizeof	Unary plus Unary minus Prefix increment/decrement Logical NOT One's complement Indirection Address (of operand) Type cast Determine size in bytes on this implementation	2	Right to Left
* / %	Multiplication Division Modulus	3	Left to Right
+ -	Addition Subtraction	4	Left to Right

# Operator Precedence and Associativity [contd.]

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<< >>	Left shift Right shift	5	Left to Right
< <= > >=	Less than Less than or equal to Greater than Greater than or equal to	6	Left to Right
== !=	Equal to Not equal to	7	Left to Right
&	Bitwise AND	8	Left to Right
^	Bitwise XOR	9	Left to Right
	Bitwise OR	10	Left to Right
&&	Logical AND	11	Left to Right
	Logical OR	12	Left to Right
?:	Conditional operator	13	Right to Left
= *= /= %= += -= &= ^=  = <<= >>=	Assignment operators	14	Right to Left
,	Comma operator	15	Left to Right

# Questions?

# For the beginners

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- Write a C program to read two integer numbers  $a$  and  $b$  from the keyboard. Now print on screen the values of  $a + b$ ,  $a - b$ ,  $a * b$ ,  $a/b$ , and  $a \% b$
- Write a C program to read two integer numbers  $a$  and  $b$  from the keyboard. Now print on screen the values of  $a \& b$ ,  $a | b$ ,  $a ^ b$ ,  $a \ll b$ , and  $a \gg b$
- Write a C program to read temperature in degree Celsius and print the corresponding Fahrenheit value



# Solutions

**Write a C program to read two integer numbers  $a$  and  $b$  from the keyboard. Now print on screen the values of  $a + b$ ,  $a - b$ ,  $a * b$ ,  $a/b$ , and  $a \% b$**

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```
#include<stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int a,b;
    printf("Enter the value of a:");
    scanf("%d",&a);
    printf("Enter the value of b:");
    scanf("%d",&b);
    printf("a+b=%d, a-b=%d, a*b=%d, a/b=%d, a%%b=%d",a+b,a-b,a*b,a/b,a%b);
    return 0;
}
```

### Output:

Enter the value of a:10

Enter the value of b:7

a+b=17, a-b=3, a\*b=70, a/b=1, a%b=3

Write a C program to read two integer numbers **a** and **b** from the keyboard. Now print on screen the values of **a&b**, **a|b**, **a^b**, **a << b**, and **a >> b**

```
#include<stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int a,b;
    printf("Enter the value of a:");
    scanf("%d",&a);
    printf("Enter the value of b:");
    scanf("%d",&b);
    printf("a&b=%d, a|b=%d, a^b=%d, a<<b=%d, a>>b=%d",a&b,a|b,a^b,a<<b,a>>b);
    return 0;
}
```

### Output:

```
Enter the value of a:10
Enter the value of b:2
a&b=2, a|b=10, a^b=8, a<<b=40, a>>b=2
```

## Write a C program to read temperature in degree Celsius and print the corresponding Fahrenheit value

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```
#include<stdio.h>
int main()
{
    float c, f;
    printf("Enter the temperature value in degree Celsius: ");
    scanf("%f",&c);
    f=c*(9.0/5)+32;
    printf("The temperature in degree Fahrenheit is %f",f);
    return 0;
}
```

### Output

```
Enter the temperature value in degree Celsius:32
The temperature in degree Fahrenheit is 89.599998
```