

# Introduction to Programming

Introduction to C: Syntax, Basic Constructs

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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**



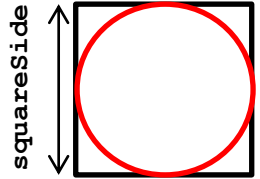
**Output after you type 15 and 20**

```
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

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)	-	_	+	=	~	[
]	\		;	:	'	"
{	}	,	.	?	<	>
/						

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  
Emp1\_1  
Emp1\_2  
avg\_emp1\_salary

- Invalid identifiers

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

# Keywords

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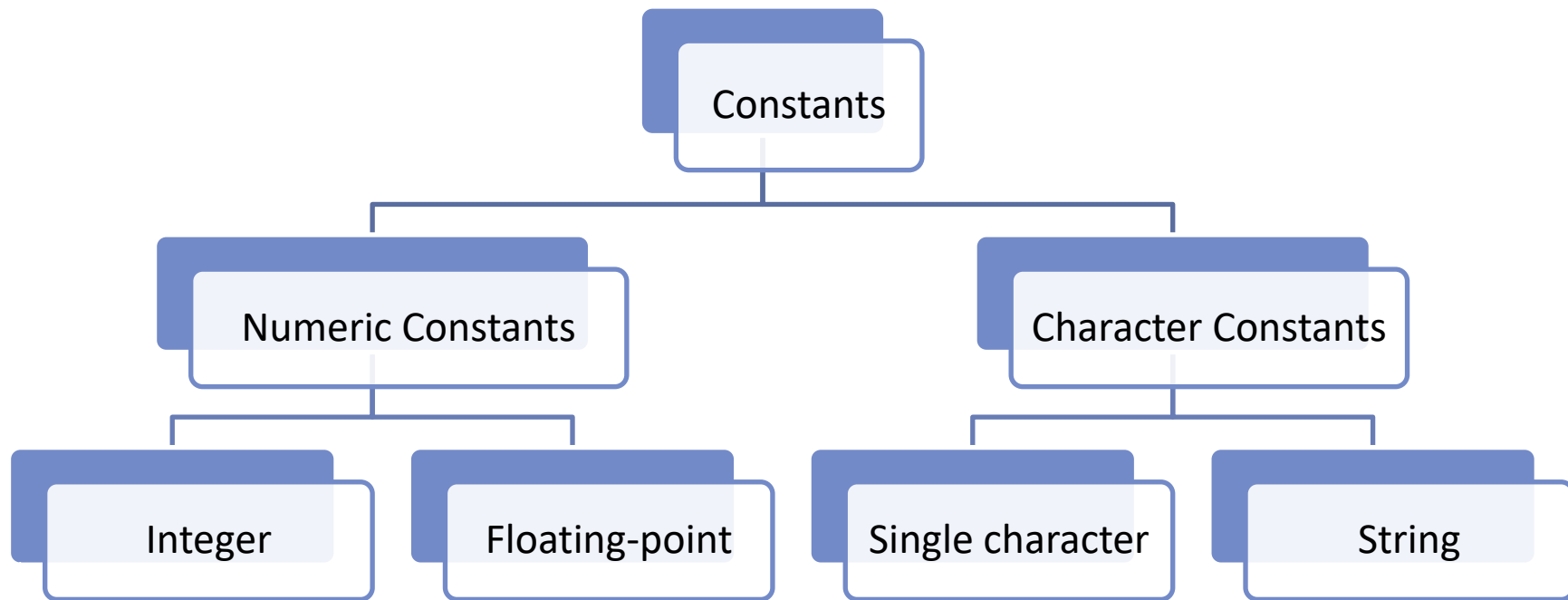
- Keywords

- 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

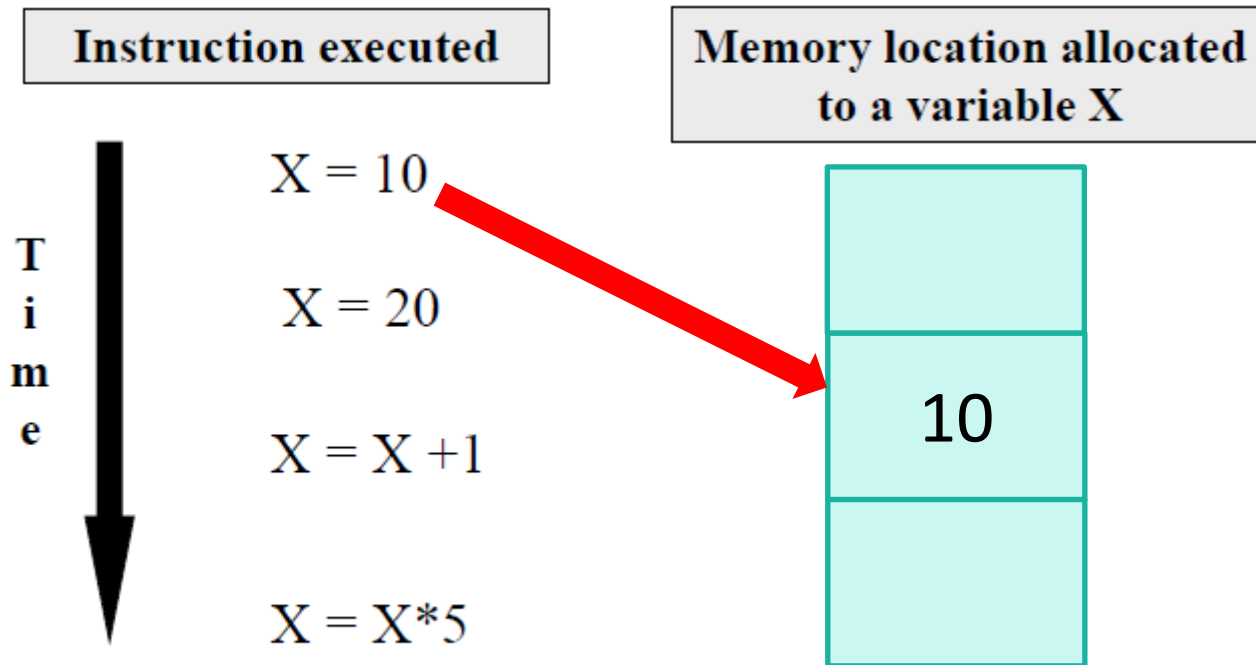


Content of time



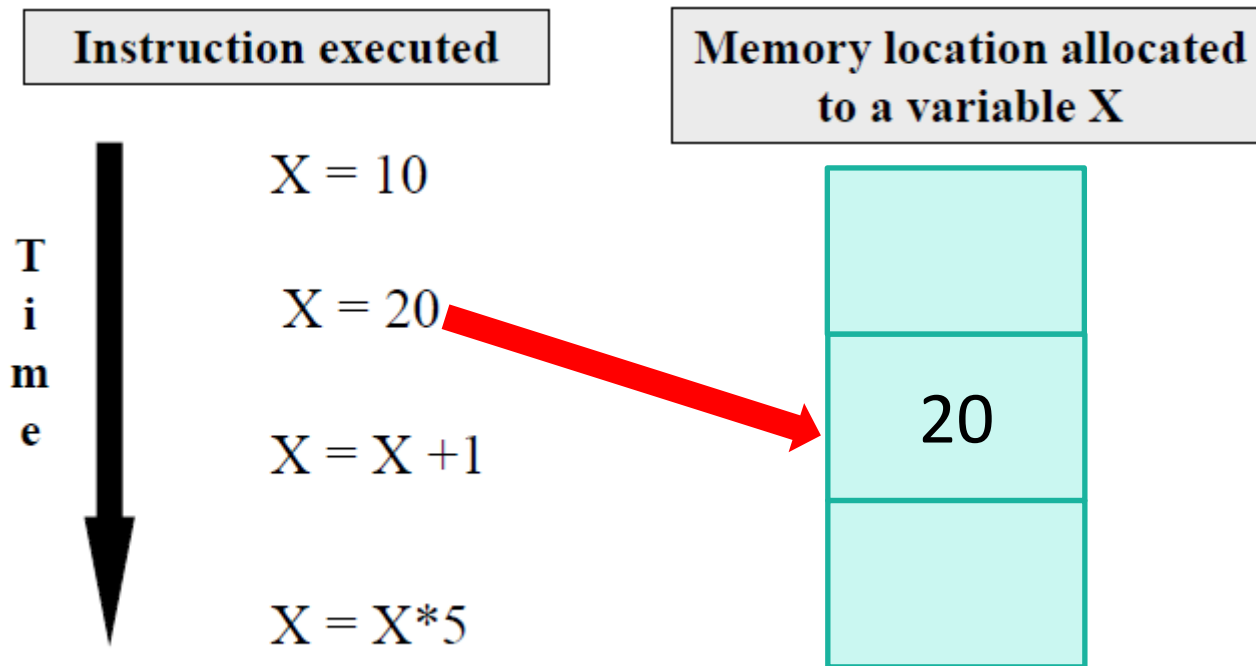
# Variables in Memory: More Example

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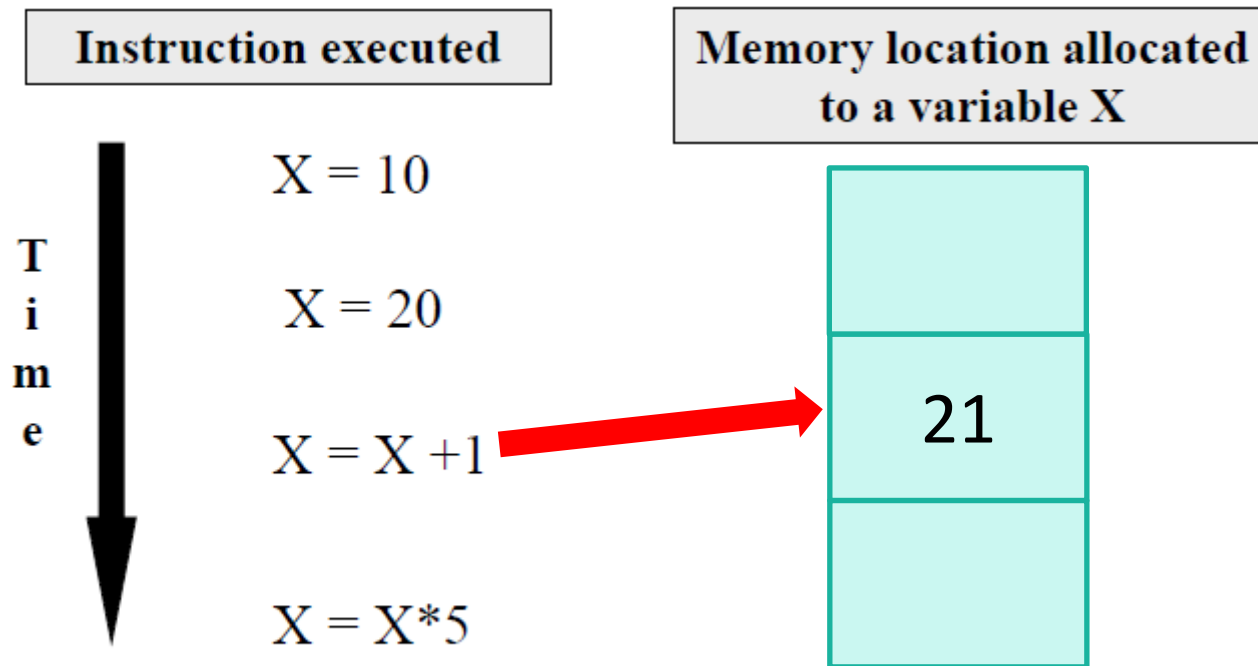
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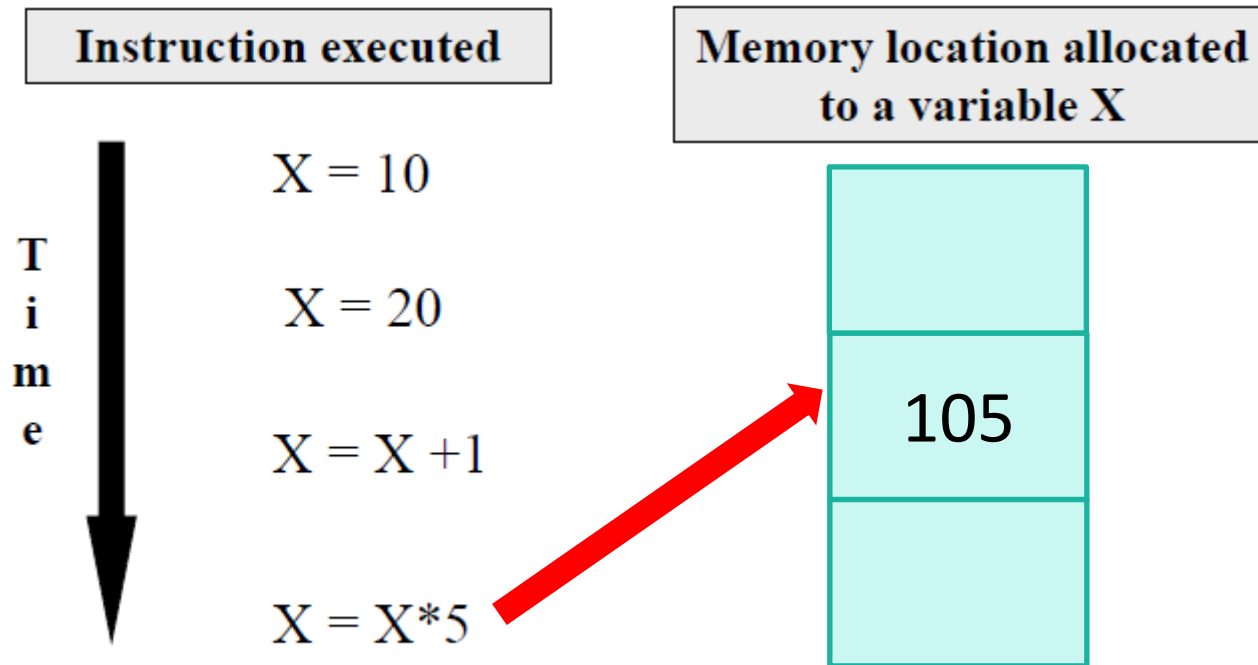
# Variables in Memory: More Example

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# Variables in Memory: More Example

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# Variables in Memory: More Example

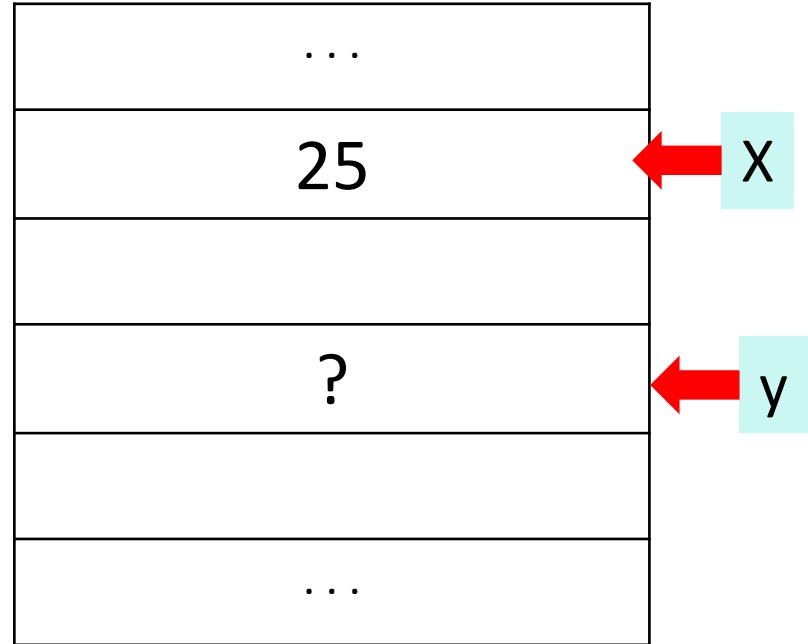
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$X = 25$

$Y = 45$

$X = Y + 3$

$Y = X / 6$



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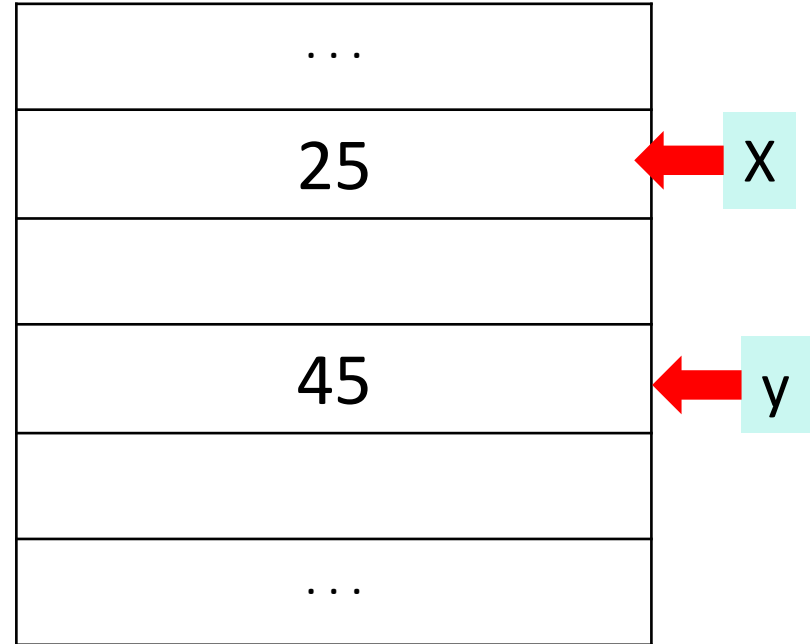
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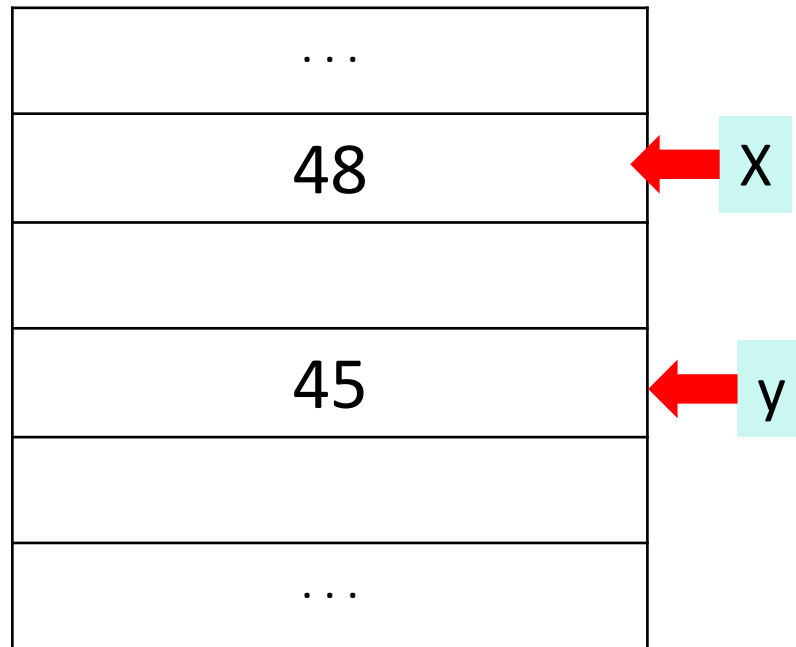
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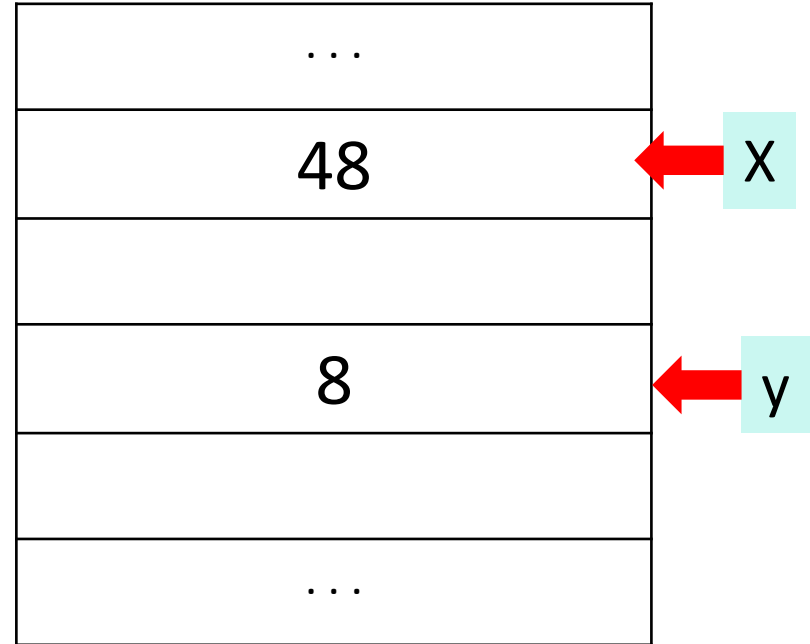
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# Basic Data Types in C

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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

```
#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;
```

# Questions?