## 2. Data Types in C

A **data type** in C specifies the **type of data** that a variable can store. It defines:

- The amount of **memory** allocated
- The **operations** that can be performed on the data

C has the following major types of data types:

#### 1. Primary (Basic) Data Types

These are the fundamental data types in C.

```
Data
           Size (in
Type
           bytes)
                         Range
char
           1 byte
                         -128 to 127 (signed) or 0 to 255 (unsigned)
int
           2 or 4 bytes
                         -32,768 to 32,767 (2 bytes) / -2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647
                         (4 bytes)
float
                         6 decimal places
           4 bytes
double
                         15 decimal places
           8 bytes
Example: Declaring Basic Data Types
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    char grade = 'A'; // Character type
                         // Integer type
    int age = 20;
```

```
char grade = 'A'; // Character type
int age = 20; // Integer type
float pi = 3.14; // Floating-point type
double largePi = 3.14159265359; // Double type

printf("Grade: %c\n", grade);
printf("Age: %d\n", age);
printf("Pi: %.2f\n", pi);
printf("Large Pi: %.10lf\n", largePi);

return 0;
}
```

#### 2. Derived Data Types

Derived from primary types:

```
Data Type Description
```

**Array** Collection of elements of the same data type (e.g., int arr[10];)

# Data Type Description

**Pointer** Stores memory address of another variable (e.g., int \*ptr;)

Structure Groups different data types under one name (struct student {int id; char

name[20];};)

**Union** Similar to structures but shares memory between variables

```
Example of Array
```

```
int numbers[5] = {10, 20, 30, 40, 50};
```

### 3. User-Defined Data Types

Created using **typedef** and **enum**.

```
(a) typedef (Alias for Data Type)
typedef unsigned int uint; // Now 'uint' is an alias for 'unsigned int'
uint num = 10;
```

#### (b) enum (Enumeration)

Used for defining a set of constants.

```
enum days {Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday};
enum days today = Monday;
```

#### 4. Void Data Type

- void means **no value**.
- Used in **functions** that do not return any value.

```
void greet() {
    printf("Hello, User!");
}
```

#### 5. Modifiers for Data Types

Modifiers **change the size or range** of the basic data types.

Modifier	Applied To	Description
short	int	Uses less memory (2 bytes)
long	int, double	Increases range (8 bytes for long int)
signed	int, char	Allows negative and positive values
unsigned	int, char	Only allows positive values

```
Example of Modifiers
short int x = 10;  // Uses less memory
long int y = 100000; // Allows larger numbers
unsigned int z = 255; // Only positive numbers
```

## 6. Type Conversion (Implicit & Explicit)

C automatically converts data types in some cases (**Implicit conversion**). Forcing conversion is called **Explicit conversion** (**Type Casting**).

```
Example of Implicit Conversion
int num = 10;
float result = num + 2.5; // 'num' (int) is automatically converted to float

Example of Explicit Conversion
float pi = 3.14;
int intPi = (int) pi; // Casting float to int
```

## **Key Takeaways**

- **✓ Basic data types**: int, char, float, double
- ✓ **Derived types**: Arrays, Pointers, Structures
- ✓ User-defined types: typedef, enum
- ✓ Modifiers: short, long, signed, unsigned
- **✓ Type conversion**: Implicit (automatic) & Explicit (type casting)

Would you like more examples or explanations on any of these topics?