

# Type System

struct symbol is used to represent symbols & types but most parts pertaining to the types are in the field 'ctype'. For the purpose of this document, things can be simplified into:

```
struct symbol {
    enum type type; // SYM_...
    struct ctype {
        struct symbol *base_type;
        unsigned long modifiers;
        unsigned long alignment;
        struct context_list *contexts;
        struct indent *as;
    };
};
```

- type
  - size\_bits
  - rank
  - variadic
  - string
  - designated\_init
  - forced\_arg
  - accessed
  - transparent\_union
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- `base_type` is used for the associated base type.
  - `modifiers` is a bit mask for type specifiers (MOD\_UNSIGNED, ...), type qualifiers (MOD\_CONST, MOD\_VOLATILE), storage classes (MOD\_STATIC, MOD\_EXTERN, ...), as well for various attributes. It's also used internally to keep track of some states (MOD\_ACCESS or MOD\_ADDRESSABLE).
  - `alignment` is used for the alignment, in bytes.
  - `contexts` is used to store the informations associated with the attribute `context()`.
  - `as` is used to hold the identifier of the attribute `address_space()`.

## Kind of types

### SYM\_BASETYPE

Used by integer, floating-point, void, 'type', 'incomplete' & bad types.

- .ctype.base\_type points to `int_ctype`, the generic/abstract integer type

- .ctype.modifiers has MOD\_UNSIGNED/SIGNED/EXPLICITLY\_SIGNED set accordingly.

#### For floating-point types:

- .ctype.base\_type points to `fp_ctype`, the generic/abstract float type
- .ctype.modifiers is zero.

#### For the other base types:

- .ctype.base\_type is NULL
- .ctype.modifiers is zero.

## SYM\_NODE

It's used to make variants of existing types. For example, it's used as a top node for all declarations which can then have their own modifiers, address\_space, contexts or alignment as well as the declaration's identifier.

#### Usage:

- .ctype.base\_type points to the unmodified type (which must not be a SYM\_NODE itself)
- .ctype.modifiers, .as, .alignment, .contexts will contains the 'variation' (MOD\_CONST, the attributes, ...).

## SYM\_PTR

#### For pointers:

- .ctype.base\_type points to the pointee type
- .ctype.modifiers & .as are about the pointee too!

## SYM\_FN

#### For functions:

- .ctype.base\_type points to the return type
- .ctype.modifiers & .as should be about the function itself but some return type's modifiers creep here (for example, in `int foo(void)`, MOD\_SIGNED will be set for the function).

## SYM\_ARRAY

#### For arrays:

- .ctype.base\_type points to the underlying type
- .ctype.modifiers & .as are a copy of the parent type (and unused)?
- for literal strings, the modifier also contains MOD\_STATIC
- `sym->array_size` is *expression* for the array size.

## SYM\_STRUCT

#### For structs:

- .ctype.base\_type is NULL
- .ctype.modifiers & .as are not used?
- .ident is the name tag.

## **SYM\_UNION**

Same as for structs.

## **SYM\_ENUM**

For enums:

- `.ctype.base_type` points to the underlying type (integer)
- `.ctype.modifiers` contains the enum signedness
- `.ident` is the name tag.

## **SYM\_BITFIELD**

For bitfields:

- `.ctype.base_type` points to the underlying type (integer)
- `.ctype.modifiers` & `.as` are a copy of the parent type (and unused)?
- `.bit_size` is the size of the bitfield.

## **SYM\_RESTRICT**

Used for bitwise types (aka 'restricted' types):

- `.ctype.base_type` points to the underlying type (integer)
- `.ctype.modifiers` & `.as` are like for `SYM_NODE` and the modifiers are inherited from the base type with `MOD_SPECIFIER` removed
- `.ident` is the typedef name (if any).

## **SYM\_FOULED**

Used for bitwise types when the negation op (`~`) is used and the `bit_size` is smaller than an `int`.

There is a 1-to-1 mapping between a fouled type and its parent bitwise type.

Usage:

- `.ctype.base_type` points to the parent type
- `.ctype.modifiers` & `.as` are the same as for the parent type
- `.bit_size` is `bits_in_int`.

## **SYM\_TYPEOF**

Should not be present after evaluation:

- `.initializer` points to the expression representing the type
- `.ctype` is not used.

Typeofs with a type as argument are directly evaluated during parsing.

## **SYM\_LABEL**

Used for labels only.

## **SYM\_KEYWORD**

Used for parsing only.

## **SYM\_BAD**

Should not be used.

## **SYM\_UNINITIALIZED**

Should not be used.