typedef

- By using **typedef** we can redefine the name of an existing variable type.
- The main advantage of **typedef** is that we can create meaningful data type names for increasing the readability of the program.

```
# define H 60
main()
{
          typedef int hours;
          hours h;
          printf("Enter number of hours:");
          scanf("%d",&h);
          printf("\nNumber of minutes=%d",h*H);
          printf("\nNumber of seconds=%d",h*H*H);
}
```

```
main()
{
    typedef struct
    {
        char name[20];
        int age;
        float salary;
    } info;
    info employee = {"abc",30,12000.50};
    printf("\nName\tAge\tSalary\n\n");
    printf("%s\t%d\t%f",employee.name,employee.age,employee.salary);
}
```

Enumerated data type

 Through the keyword enum, one can create its own data type and define what values the variables of these data types can hold.

- The statement **enum days** declares the new data type **days** and specifies its possible values as **Mon**, **Tue**, **Wed**, **Thu**, **Fri**, **Sat**, **Sun**. These values are called **enumerators**.
- Internally the compiler treats the enumerators as integers. Each value on the list of permissible values corresponds to an integer, starting with 0. Thus, **Mon is stored as 0**, **Tue as 1** and so on.

```
main()
        enum capital
        {
                Mumbai, Delhi, Lucknow
        };
        struct state
        {
                char name[20];
                enum capital c;
        } s;
        strcpy(s.name,"UP");
        s.c=Lucknow;
        printf("\nState =%s",s.name);
                                        // UP
        printf("\nCapital =%d",s.c);
                                        // 2
}
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```

```
//Example using enum and typedef
main()
{
       enum capital
               Mumbai, Delhi, Lucknow
       typedef struct
               char name[20];
               enum capital c;
       } state;
       state s;
       strcpy(s.name,"UP");
       s.c=Lucknow;
       printf("\nState =%s",s.name); // UP
       printf("\nCapital =%d",s.c); //2
}
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```

Limitation of enum variables

- There is no way to use the enumerated values directly in I/O functions like printf() and scanf().
- Of course we can write a function to print the correct enumerated values using switch statement.

```
switch(s.c)
    {
      case 0:
          printf("\nCapital =Mumbai");
          break;
      case 1:
          printf("\nCapital =Delhi");
          break;
      case 2:
          printf("\nCapital =Lucknow");
          break;
    }
    printf("\nState =%s",s.name); // UP
}
```

Unions

- Unions are also derived data types like structures.
- Both unions and structures are used to group a number of different variables together.
- But, there is a major distinction between them in terms of storage.
- In structures, each member has its own storage location, whereas all the members of a union share the **same** location.
- This implies that, although a union may contain many members of different types, it can handle only one member at a time.
- The compiler allocates a piece of storage that is large enough to hold the largest variable type in the union.

- That is, a union offers a way for a section of memory to be treated as a variable of one type on one occasion, and as a different variable of a different type on another occasion.
- Union is a frequent requirement while interacting with hardware. i.e. sometimes we are required to access all bytes simultaneously and sometimes each byte individually.

- During accessing a union member, we should make sure that we are accessing the member whose value is currently stored.
- A union creates a storage location that can be used by any one of its members at a time.
- When a different member is assigned a new value, the new value supercedes the previous member's value.

```
main()
{
       union data
       {
               char c; int i; float f;
       printf("\nsizeof(a)=%d bytes\n",sizeof(a));
       a.i=33;
       printf("\na.i=%d",a.i);
       a.f=23.4;
       printf("\na.i=%d",a.i);
       printf("\na.f=%f",a.f);
}
    Output:
    sizeof(a)=4 bytes
    a.i = 33
    a.i=1102787379
    a.f=23.400000Press any key to continue
```

- Just as one structure can be nested within another, a union too can be nested in another union.
- Not only that, there can be a union in a structure, or a structure in a union.