

variable — type, initial value, scope
expression $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{value} \\ \text{side-effect} \end{array} \right.$
statement

$x + y++$
 $x = y$

Chapter 12

Variables and Operators

Basic C Elements

Variables

- named, typed data items

Operators

- predefined actions performed on data items
- combined with variables to form expressions, statements

Rules and usage

Implementation using LC-3

Data Types

C has three basic data types

int	integer (at least 16 bits)
double	floating point (at least 32 bits)
char	character (at least 8 bits)

Exact size can vary, depending on processor

- **int is supposed to be "natural" integer size;
for LC-3, that's 16 bits -- 32 bits for most modern processors**

Variable Names

Any combination of letters, numbers, and underscore (_)

Case matters

- "sum" is different than "Sum"

Cannot begin with a number

- usually, variables beginning with underscore are used only in special library routines

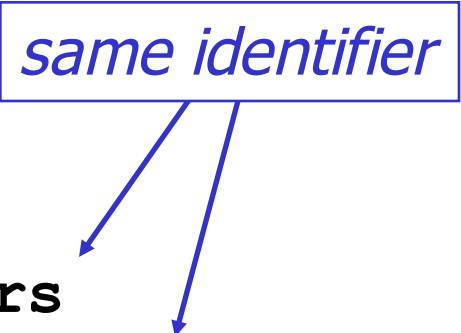
(_) $\frac{L}{C}$ $\frac{b3}{10}$ OS, Library only
X-0.

Only first 31 characters are used

Examples

Legal


i
wordsPerSecond
words_per_second
_green
aReally_longName_moreThan31chars
aReally_longName_moreThan31characters



A blue box containing the text *same identifier* has two arrows pointing to the identifiers `wordsPerSecond` and `words_per_second` in the list above.

Illegal

10sdigit
ten'sdigit
done?
double



A blue box containing the text *reserved keyword* has an arrow pointing to the identifier `double` in the list above.

Literals

Integer

```
123    /* decimal */
```

```
-123
```

```
0x123 /* hexadecimal */
```

Floating point

→ 7.2와 같은 변수이름 가능.

```
6.023
```

```
6.023e23    /* 6.023 x 1023 */
```

```
5E12        /* 5.0 x 1012 */
```

Character

```
'c'
```

```
'\n'    /* newline */
```

```
'\xA'   /* ASCII 10 (0xA) */
```

Scope: Global and Local

Where is the variable accessible?

Global: accessed anywhere in program

Local: only accessible in a particular region

Compiler infers scope from where variable is declared

- programmer doesn't have to explicitly state

Variable is local to the block in which it is declared

- block defined by open and closed braces { }
- can access variable declared in any "containing" block

Global variable is declared outside all blocks

Example

```
#include <stdio.h>
int itsGlobal = 0;
```

```
main()
{
    int itsLocal = 1;    /* local to main */
    printf("Global %d Local %d\n", itsGlobal, itsLocal);
    {
        int itsLocal = 2;    /* local to this block */
        itsGlobal = 4;        /* change global variable */
        printf("Global %d Local %d\n", itsGlobal, itsLocal);
    }
    printf("Global %d Local %d\n", itsGlobal, itsLocal);
}
```

0, 1

4, 2

4, 1

Output

```
Global 0 Local 1
Global 4 Local 2
Global 4 Local 1
```


side effect (?)

Operators

Programmers manipulate variables using the **operators** provided by the high-level language.

Variables and operators combine to form **expressions** and **statements** which denote the work to be done by the program.

Each operator may correspond to many machine instructions.

- Example: The multiply operator (*) typically requires multiple LC-3 ADD instructions.

Expression

Any combination of variables, constants, operators, and function calls

- every expression has a type, derived from the types of its components (according to C typing rules)

Examples:

`counter >= STOP`

`x + sqrt(y)`

`x & z + 3 || 9 - w-- % 6`

bitwise

&, |

logical

&&, ||

Statement

Expresses a complete unit of work

- executed in sequential order

Simple statement ends with semicolon

```
z = x * y; /* assign product to z */  
y = y + 1; /* after multiplication */  
; /* null statement */
```

Compound statement groups simple statements using braces.

- syntactically equivalent to a simple statement

```
{ z = x * y; y = y + 1; }
```

Operators

Three things to know about each operator

(1) Function

- what does it do?

(2) Precedence

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- in which order are operators combined?

- Example:

" $a * b + c * d$ " is the same as " $(a * b) + (c * d)$ "

because multiply (*) has a higher precedence than addition (+)

(3) Associativity

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- in which order are operators of the same precedence combined?

- Example:

" $a - b - c$ " is the same as " $(a - b) - c$ "

because add/sub associate left-to-right

Assignment Operator

Changes the value of a variable.

side-effect???

expression = assign $\frac{x}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$.

x **=** **x + 4;**

The diagram shows the code snippet 'x = x + 4;'. The variable 'x' on the left is circled in green. The entire expression 'x = x + 4;' is enclosed in a black rectangular box. A curved arrow originates from the top of this box and points back to the circled 'x'. A blue arrow points upwards from the box containing the first step to the circled 'x'. Another blue arrow points upwards from the box containing the second step to the right-hand side of the expression 'x + 4;'.

1. Evaluate right-hand side.

2. Set value of left-hand side variable to result.

Assignment Operator

Assignment Operator

All expressions evaluate to a value, even ones with the assignment operator.

For assignment, the result is the value assigned.

- usually (but not always) the value of the right-hand side
 - type conversion might make assigned value different than computed value

Assignment associates right to left.

y = x = 3;

y gets the value 3, because (x = 3) evaluates to the value 3.

Arithmetic Operators

Symbol	Operation	Usage	Precedence	Assoc
*	multiply	$x * y$	6	l-to-r
/	divide	x / y	6	l-to-r
%	modulo	$x \% y$	6	l-to-r
+	addition	$x + y$	7	l-to-r
-	subtraction	$x - y$	7	l-to-r

All associate left to right.

* / % have higher precedence than + -.

Arithmetic Expressions

If mixed types, smaller type is "promoted" to larger.

$x + 4.3$

if x is int, converted to double and result is double

Integer division -- fraction is dropped.

$x / 3$

if x is int and x=5, result is 1 (not 1.666666...)

$x / 3$
↓

Modulo -- result is remainder.

$x \% 3$

if x is int and x=5, result is 2.

Bitwise Operators

Symbol	Operation	Usage	Precedence	Assoc
~	bitwise NOT	~x	4	r-to-l
<<	left shift	x << y	8	l-to-r
>>	right shift	x >> y	8	l-to-r
&	bitwise AND	x & y	11	l-to-r
^	bitwise XOR	x ^ y	12	l-to-r
	bitwise OR	x y	13	l-to-r

Operate on variables bit-by-bit.

- Like LC-3 AND and NOT instructions.

Shift operations are logical (not arithmetic).

Operate on *values* -- neither operand is changed.

Logical Operators

Symbol	Operation	Usage	Precedence	Assoc
!	logical NOT	!x	4	r-to-l
&&	logical AND	x && y	14	l-to-r
	logical OR	x y	15	l-to-r

Treats entire variable (or value)
as TRUE (non-zero) or FALSE (zero).

Result is 1 (TRUE) or 0 (FALSE).

Relational Operators

Symbol	Operation	Usage	Precedence	Assoc
>	greater than	$x > y$	9	l-to-r
>=	greater than or equal	$x >= y$	9	l-to-r
<	less than	$x < y$	9	l-to-r
<=	less than or equal	$x <= y$	9	l-to-r
==	equal	$x == y$	10	l-to-r
!=	not equal	$x != y$	10	l-to-r

Result is 1 (TRUE) or 0 (FALSE).

Note: Don't confuse equality (==) with assignment (=).

Special Operators: ++ and --

Changes value of variable before (or after) its value is used in an expression.

$x = 3$
 $\rightarrow 3$
 $\text{print}(\text{"\%d", } x++)$
 $++x$
 $\hookrightarrow 4$

Symbol	Operation	Usage	Precedence	Assoc
++	postincrement	$x++$	2	r-to-l
--	postdecrement	$x--$	2	r-to-l
++	preincrement	$++x$	3	r-to-l
--	predecrement	$--x$	3	r-to-l

Pre: Increment/decrement variable **before** using its value.

Post: Increment/decrement variable **after** using its value.

Using ++ and --

```
x = 4;
```

```
y = x++;
```

Results: x = 5, y = 4

(because x is incremented after assignment)

```
x = 4;
```

```
y = ++x;
```

Results: x = 5, y = 5

(because x is incremented before assignment)

Practice with Precedence

Assume $a=1$, $b=2$, $c=3$, $d=4$.

$x = a * b + c * d / 2; \quad /* \quad x = 8 \quad */$

same as:

$x = (a * b) + ((c * d) / 2);$

For long or confusing expressions,
use parentheses, because reader might not have
memorized precedence table.

Note: Assignment operator has lowest precedence,
so all the arithmetic operations on the right-hand side
are evaluated first.

Symbol Table

Like assembler, compiler needs to know information associated with identifiers

- in assembler, all identifiers were labels and information is address

Compiler keeps more information

Name (identifier)

Type

Location in memory

Scope

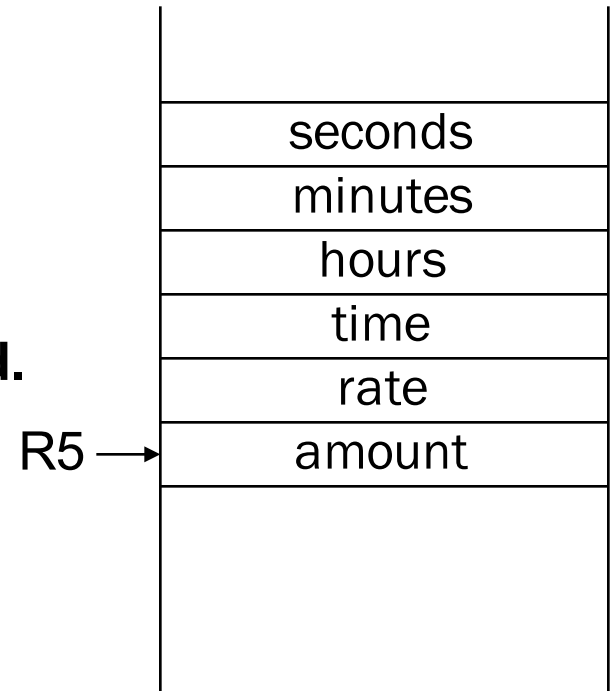
Name	Type	Offset	Scope
amount	int	0	main
hours	int	-3	main
minutes	int	-4	main
rate	int	-1	main
seconds	int	-5	main
time	int	-2	main

Local Variable Storage

Local variables are stored in an **activation record**, also known as a **stack frame**.

Symbol table “offset” gives the distance from the base of the frame.

- **R5** is the **frame pointer** – holds address of the base of the current frame.
- A new frame is pushed on the **run-time stack** each time a block is entered.
- Because stack grows downward, base is the highest address of the frame, and variable offsets are ≤ 0 .



Allocating Space for Variables

Global data section

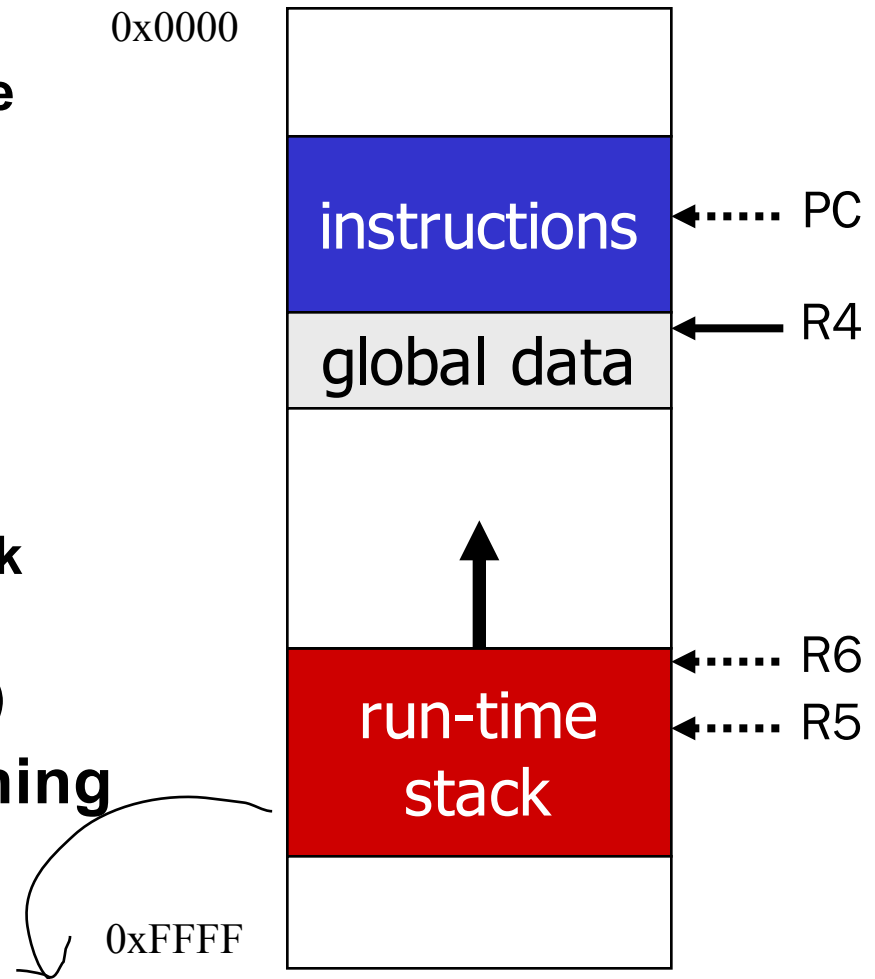
- All global variables stored here (actually all static variables)
- R4 points to beginning

Run-time stack

- Used for local variables
- R6 points to top of stack
- R5 points to top frame on stack
- New frame for each block (goes away when block exited)

Offset = distance from beginning of storage area

- Global: **LDR R1, R4, #4**
- Local: **LDR R2, R5, #-3**



Variables and Memory Locations

**In our examples,
a variable is always stored in memory.**

**When assigning to a variable,
must store to memory location.**

**A real compiler would perform code optimizations
that try to keep variables allocated in registers.**

Why?

Example: Compiling to LC-3

```
#include <stdio.h>
int inGlobal;

main()
{
    int inLocal;    /* local to main */
    int outLocalA;
    int outLocalB;

    /* initialize */
    inLocal = 5;
    inGlobal = 3;

    /* perform calculations */
    outLocalA = inLocal++ & ~inGlobal;
    outLocalB = (inLocal + inGlobal) - (inLocal - inGlobal);

    /* print results */
    printf("The results are: outLocalA = %d, outLocalB = %d\n",
           outLocalA, outLocalB);
}
```

Handwritten notes:

- Two arrows point from the expressions `inLocal++` and `inGlobal` in the line `outLocalA = inLocal++ & ~inGlobal;` to the text `= ++`.
- The text `side-effect.` is written next to the `++`.

Example: Symbol Table

Name	Type	Offset	Scope
inGlobal	int	0	global
inLocal	int	0	main
outLocalA	int	-1	main
outLocalB	int	-2	main

{ inGlobal 0 ← R4

{ outLocalB -2
 outLocalA -1
 { inLocal 0 ← R5

Example: Code Generation

; main

; initialize variables

AND R0, R0, #0

ADD R0, R0, #5 ; inLocal = 5

STR R0, (R5), #0 ; (offset = 0)
local

AND R0, R0, #0

ADD R0, R0, #3 ; inGlobal = 3

STR R0, (R4), #0 ; (offset = 0)
global

Example (continued)

; first statement:

; outLocalA = inLocal & ~inGlobal;

```
LDR R0, R5, #0    ; get inLocal
LDR R1, R4, #0    ; get inGlobal
NOT R1, R1        ; ~inGlobal
AND R2, R0, R1    ; inLocal & ~inGlobal
STR R2, R5, #-1   ; store in outLocalA
                  ; (offset = -1)
```

Example (continued)

; next statement:

; outLocalB = (inLocal + inGlobal)
; - (inLocal - inGlobal);

```
LDR R0, R5, #0 ; inLocal
LDR R1, R4, #0 ; inGlobal
ADD R0, R0, R1 ; R0 is sum (inLocal + inGlobal)
LDR R2, R5, #0 ; inLocal
LDR R3, R4, #0 ; inGlobal
NOT R3, R3
ADD R3, R3, #1
ADD R2, R2, R3 ; R2 is diff (inLocal - inGlobal)
NOT R2, R2 ; negate
ADD R2, R2, #1
ADD R0, R0, R2 ; (inLocal + inGlobal) - inLocal - inGlobal)
STR R0, R5, #-2 ; outLocalB (offset = -2)
```

Special Operators: +=, *=, etc.

Arithmetic and bitwise operators can be combined with assignment operator.

Statement

x += y;

x -= y;

x *= y;

x /= y;

x %= y;

x &= y;

x |= y;

x ^= y;

x <<= y;

x >>= y;

Equivalent assignment

x = x + y;

x = x - y;

x = x * y;

x = x / y;

x = x % y;

x = x & y;

x = x | y;

x = x ^ y;

x = x << y;

x = x >> y;

All have same precedence and associativity as = and associate right-to-left.

Special Operator: Conditional

Symbol	Operation	Usage	Precedence	Assoc
$?:$	conditional	$x?y:z$	16	l-to-r

If x is TRUE (non-zero), result is y ;
else, result is z .

Like a MUX, with x as the select signal.

