

✔ UNIT – I : C Programming (Complete Notes)

1. Overview of C Language

Introduction

C is a **general-purpose, procedural programming language** developed by **Dennis Ritchie in 1972** at Bell Laboratories.

It is widely used for **system programming, application development, embedded systems, and operating systems.**

Features of C Language

- Simple and efficient
- Portable (machine independent)
- Structured language
- Rich set of operators
- Supports pointers
- Fast execution

Applications of C

- Operating systems (UNIX, Linux)
- Embedded systems
- Compilers and interpreters
- Game development
- Device drivers

Advantages

- Easy to learn
- Fast execution
- Memory control using pointers

2. C Language Elements

Basic Elements

1. Keywords
2. Identifiers
3. Constants
4. Variables

- 5. Operators
- 6. Special symbols

Example

```
int a = 10;
```

- int → keyword
- a → variable
- 10 → constant

3. Variable Declarations and Data Types

Variable Declaration

Used to reserve memory.

Syntax:

```
data_type variable_name;
```

Example:

```
int age;
```

```
float salary;
```

Data Types in C

Type	Size	Example
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int	4 bytes	10
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float	4 bytes	10.5
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double	8 bytes	99.99
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char	1 byte	'A'
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Derived Data Types

- Arrays
- Pointers
- Structures
- Unions

4. Executable Statements

Executable statements perform actions during program execution.

Types

- Assignment statements
- Input/Output statements
- Control statements

Example:

```
sum = a + b;  
printf("%d", sum);
```

5. General Form of a C Program

Structure

1. Documentation section
2. Link section
3. Definition section
4. Global declaration
5. main() function
6. User-defined functions

Example Program

```
#include <stdio.h>  
  
int main() {  
    int a = 10, b = 20;  
    printf("Sum = %d", a + b);  
    return 0;  
}
```

6. Arithmetic Expressions

Operators

Operator Meaning

+	Addition
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Operator Meaning

-	Subtraction
*	Multiplication
/	Division
%	Modulus

Example

```
result = (a + b) * c;
```

7. Formatting Numbers in Output

Using printf()

```
printf("%d", num);    // integer
printf("%f", x);      // float
printf("%.2f", x);    // 2 decimal places
```

Example

```
printf("Value = %.2f", 12.3456);
```

Output:

Value = 12.35

8. Selection Structures

Control Structures

Used to control the flow of execution.

Types:

- Selection
 - Repetition
 - Jump
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9. Conditions

Used with relational and logical operators.

Relational Operators

> < >= <= == !=

Logical Operators

&& (AND), || (OR), ! (NOT)

10. if Statement

Syntax

```
if(condition)
{
    statements;
}
```

Example

```
if(a > b)
    printf("A is greater");
```

11. if-else Statement

```
if(condition)
{
    statements;
}
else
{
    statements;
}
```

12. Compound Statements

Multiple statements grouped using { }.

```
if(a > b)
{
    c = a;
    printf("%d", c);
}
```

13. Decision Steps in Algorithms

Flow Diagram (Text Form)

Start

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Check Condition

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True → Execute Block

False → Skip Block

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End

14. Repetition in Programs

Repetition allows execution of statements repeatedly.

Types:

- while loop
 - for loop
 - do-while loop
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15. Counting Loops and while Statement

Syntax

```
while(condition)
```

```
{  
    statements;  
}
```

Example

```
int i = 1;  
while(i <= 5)  
{  
    printf("%d ", i);  
    i++;  
}
```

16. Computing Sum or Product in Loop

Sum Example

```
int sum = 0;
for(i = 1; i <= 5; i++)
    sum += i;
```

Product Example

```
int product = 1;
for(i = 1; i <= 5; i++)
    product *= i;
```

17. for Statement

Syntax

```
for(initialization; condition; increment)
{
    statements;
}
```

Example

```
for(i = 1; i <= 10; i++)
    printf("%d ", i);
```

18. Conditional Loops

Loops that run based on conditions:

- while
 - do-while
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19. Loop Design

Steps:

1. Initialize variable
2. Set condition
3. Execute loop body

4. Update value

20. Nested Loops

Loop inside another loop.

Example

```
for(i = 1; i <= 3; i++)  
{  
    for(j = 1; j <= 2; j++)  
    {  
        printf("* ");  
    }  
    printf("\n");  
}
```

21. do-while Statement

Syntax

```
do {  
    statements;  
} while(condition);
```

Example

```
int i = 1;  
do {  
    printf("%d ", i);  
    i++;  
} while(i <= 5);
```

Difference: while vs do-while

while	do-while
Condition checked first	Condition checked last
May not execute	Executes at least once

Important Keywords for Exam

- Control Structures
- Conditional Statements
- Looping Statements
- Iteration
- Initialization
- Termination Condition

Conclusion

C language provides strong control structures such as **selection and repetition** to solve complex problems efficiently. Understanding **loops, conditions, and program structure** is essential for writing optimized and logical programs.
