

Programming in C I



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Introduction

- A computer program
 - A **computer program** is a sequence or set of instructions in a *programming language* for a computer to execute.
 - A **computer** is a machine that performs computations based on instructions.
 - A computer is made up of two components:
 - Software and Hardware
 - **Software** consists of a set of instructions for the hardware.
 - These instructions are typically saved in files on your computer.
 - These instructions are in a special type of language, called a *programming language*.

Introduction

- A computer program
 - A computer program in its human-readable form is called **source code**
 - Source code needs another computer program to execute because computers can only execute their native **machine instructions** (*in machine language*)
 - Therefore, source code may be translated to machine instructions using the language's **compiler**
 - A **C compiler** translates the source code into machine language
 - The most frequently used C compiler is the GNU C/C++ compiler

Introduction

- Computer language

- The native language of a computer is binary ***that is ones and zeros*** which is called ***machine language***
- The earliest digital electronic computers were programmed directly in binary which is tedious, complex and error-prone
- For example: Suppose you want to write a program to calculate the area of a rectangle using machine language.
Formula: $\text{area} = \text{length} * \text{width}$
- To write the above program, you might need the following sequence of instructions.

100100 010001

100110 010010

Introduction

- Assembly languages
 - The programmer had to remember the machine language codes for various operations and locations of the data in the main memory, which is really difficult
 - **Assembly languages** were developed to make the programmer's job easier though they were not also easy to use but easier than machine language
 - A program called **an assembler** translates the assembly language instructions into machine language.
 - Both machine language and assembly language are also called **low-level programming languages**

Introduction

- High-level programming languages
 - High level programming languages are very closer to natural languages, such as English or Swahili
 - These languages were made to make programming work easier than using assembly languages or machine language.
 - Examples of high level programming languages may include:
FORTRAN, COBOL, Pascal, C, C++, C#, Java, Java Script, etc.

Basics of C Programming

- Introduction

- C is a high level programming language
- C is a general-purpose programming language, and is used for writing programs in many different domains, such as operating systems, numerical computing, graphical applications, etc.
- C language consist of some characters set, numbers and some special symbols.
- The character set of C consist of all the alphabets of English language. C consist of Alphabets a to z, A to Z ; Numeric 0,1 to 9; Special Symbols {,},[,],?,+,-,*,/,%,!,;,and more

Basics of C Programming

- Introduction
 - A sample C program

```
#include <stdio.h>  
main()  
{  
/* My first program */  
printf("Hello World! \n");  
}
```

Basics of C Programming

- Introduction
 - A sample C program
 - The C program starting point is identified by the word *main()*
 - This informs the computer as to where the program actually starts
 - The parentheses that follow the keyword main indicate that there are no arguments supplied to this program
 - The two braces, { and }, signify the begin and end segments of the program
 - Braces are used throughout C to enclose a block of statements to be treated as a unit.

Basics of C Programming

- Introduction
 - A sample C program
 - The first line ***#include <stdio.h>*** is a *pre-processor command*.
 - The pre-processor command tells a C compiler to include *stdio.h header file* before going to actual compilation.
 - The line ***/* My first program */*** shows the use of comments in C. It can also be presented as ***//My first program***

Basics of C Programming

- Introduction
 - A sample C program
 - *printf()* is actually a function (procedure) in C that is used for printing variables and text.
 - The text appears in double quotes " ", is printed without modification (some exceptions exists for modification).

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts

- The words formed from the character set of C are the building blocks of C and are sometimes known as **tokens**
- These tokens represent the individual entity of the language
- A token is either **a keyword, an identifier, a constant, a string literal, or a symbol.**
- For example, the following statement consists of five tokens:

printf ("Hello, World! \n");

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts
 - The individual tokens are as shown:

```
printf  
(  
"Hello, World! \n"  
)  
;
```

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts
 - **Identifiers**
 - Identifiers are nothing but the names given to the elements in a C program.
 - A C program consist of two types of elements, user defined and system defined.
 - An identifier is a word used by a programmer to name a variable, function, or constants.
 - Identifiers in C must begin with a character or underscore, and may be followed by any combination of characters, underscores, or the digits 0-9.
 - Both Upper and lowercase letters can be used

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts
 - **Identifiers**
 - C is case sensitive
 - Uppercase and lowercase letters are considered different
 - Thus, the identifier **a_Number** is not the same as the identifier **a_number**
 - Identifiers should be *meaningful (but short)* names
 - **Keywords** are reserved identifiers that have strict meaning to the C compiler
 - Example of reserved words:
if, else, char, int, while

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts

- Identifiers

- Example of legal identifiers

`Summary,` `exit_flag,` `i,` `Joe7,`
`Number_of_moves,` `_id`

- Example of illegal identifiers

Illegal Identifier	Description
<code>employee Salary</code>	There can be no space between <code>employee</code> and <code>Salary</code> .
<code>Hello!</code>	The exclamation mark cannot be used in an identifier.
<code>one + two</code>	The symbol <code>+</code> cannot be used in an identifier.
<code>2nd</code>	An identifier cannot begin with a digit.

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts
 - **Data Types**
 - Data type refers to a set of values together with a set of operations
 - Basic data type includes:
 - Integer (int)
 - Float (float)
 - Character (char)

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts

- **Data Types - Integer**

- Are numbers such as the following:
-6745, -65, 0, 73, 36742, +723
 - Positive integers do not need a + sign in front of them
 - No commas are used within an integer
 - The keyword used to define integers is `int`

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts
 - **Data Types - *Float***
 - Deals with decimal numbers
 - Floating data type has two categories:
 - Float
 - Double
 - **Float data** type is used in C to represent any decimal number between $-3.4 * 10^{38}$ and $3.4 * 10^{38}$.
 - The keyword used to define float is **float**
 - **Double data** type is used in C to represent any decimal number between $-1.7 * 10^{308}$ and $1.7 * 10^{308}$.
 - The keyword used to define double is **double**

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts
 - **Data Types - *Float***
 - The maximum number of significant digits is called the precision
 - Float values are called *single precision*, and values of type double are called *double precision*
 - If you need accuracy to more than six or seven decimal places, you can use the double type

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts
 - **Data Types - *Character***
 - **Character** in C, represent single characters such as letters, digits, and special symbols
 - Examples of values belonging to the char data type include the following:
`'A', 'a', '0', '*', '+', '$', '&', ' '`
 - The data type char allows only one symbol to be placed between the single quotation marks
 - Example: The value 'abc' is not of the type char
 - The keyword used to define character is **char**

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts

- **Variables**

- **A variable** is a named memory location in which data of a certain type can be stored
 - The contents of a variable can change
 - User defined variables must be declared before they can be used in a program
 - A syntax rule to declare a variable is:
 dataType identifier;
 - Variable declaration example:

```
int xy; double x; char letter;
```

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts

- **Variables**

- Multiple variables of same data type can be declared as:

- `dataType identifier1, identifier2, identifier3, ;`

- Multiple variables of different data type can be declared as:

- `dataType1 identifier1; dataType2 identifier2;`

- `dataType3 identifier3;`

- **Example**

- `int xy;`

- `Double c; char grade;`

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts
 - **Constants**
 - A constant refers to a memory location whose content is not allowed to change during program execution.
 - A syntax rule to declare a constant is:
`const dataType identifier = value;`
 - Examples of constants declaration
`const int students = 20;`
`const double conv = 2.54;`

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- Basic Concepts

- **Expression**

- An **expression** in C, is some combination of constants, variables, operators and function calls.
 - Sample expressions are:

`a + b`

`3.0 * x - 9.66553`

`tan(angle)`

`t = u + v`

`x <= y`

`++j`

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts

- **Statement**

- A **statement** in C is just an expression terminated with a semicolon. For example:

```
sum = x + y + z;  
printf("Hello World!");
```

- Types of statements:
 - Expression statements
 - Compound statements
 - Control statements

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts
 - **Expression Statement**
 - Consists of an expression followed by a semicolon
 - The execution of such a statement causes the associated expression to be evaluated
 - For example:

```
a = 6;  
c = a + b;  
++j;
```

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts

- **Compound Statement**

- Consists of several individual statements enclosed within a pair of braces { }
 - The individual statements may be expression statements, compound statements, or control statements.
 - Unlike expression statements, compound statements do not end with semicolons
 - For example:

```
{  
pi = 3.141593;  
circumference = 2. * pi * radius;  
area = pi * radius * radius;  
}
```

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts

- **Control Statement**

- Consists of a selection statement whereby an action is executed from two or more options
 - For example:

```
if (age < 18) {  
    printf("You can not vote");  
} else {  
    printf("You can vote");  
}
```

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts
 - **Assignment operator**
 - Is the equal sign = used to give a variable the value of an expression. For example:

```
x=34.8;  
sum=a+b;  
slope=tan(rise/run);  
midinit='J';  
j=j+3;
```

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts
 - **Assignment operator**
 - As an assignment operator, the equal sign should be read as “*gets*”
 - In the assignment statement `a=7;` two things actually occur. The integer variable **a** gets the value of **7**, and the expression **a=7** evaluates to **7**.

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts
 - **Variable initialization**
 - A variable initialization refers to the first time a value is placed in the variable
 - C Variables may be initialized with a value when they are declared. For example:

```
int x = 3;
```

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts
 - **Arithmetic Operators**
 - There are six primary arithmetic operators in C:
 - Negation (-)
 - Modulus (%)
 - Multiplication (*)
 - Addition (+)
 - Division (/)
 - Subtraction (-)

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts
 - **Arithmetic Operators**
 - The operators work as follows:
 - Use the operators +, -, *, and / with both integer and floating point data types
 - Use % with only the integer data type, to find the remainder in ordinary division
 - Using / with the integer data type, it gives the quotient in ordinary division
 - Integer division truncates any fractional part; there is no rounding

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts
 - **Arithmetic Expressions**
 - An arithmetic expression refers to an expression that contains operator(s) and operand(s). Example:
-5, $8 - 7$, $3 + 4$, $2 + 3 * 5$, $5.6 + 6.2 * 3$
 $x + 2 * 5 + 6 / y$, where x and y are unknown numbers
 - The numbers appearing in the expressions are called **operands**
 - The numbers that are used to evaluate an operator are called the operands for that operator.

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts
 - **Arithmetic Expressions**
 - Three types of arithmetic expressions in C:
 - **Integer expressions** - all operands in the expression are integers.
 - An integer expression yields an integer result.
 - **Floating-point (decimal) expressions** - all operands in the expression are decimal numbers.
 - A floating-point expression yields a floating-point result.
 - **Mixed expressions** - the expression contains both integers and decimal numbers.

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts

- **Arithmetic Expressions**

- Integer expressions

$2 + 3 * 5$

$3 + x - y / 7$

- Floating-point (decimal) expressions

$12.8 * 17.5 - 34.50$

- Mixed expressions

$6 / 4 + 3.9$

$5.4 * 2 - 13.6 + 18 / 2$

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts
 - **Mixed Expressions evaluation rules**
 - When evaluating an operator in a mixed expression the following rules apply:
 - If the operator has the same types of operands, the operator is evaluated according to the type of the operands
 - If the operator has both types of operands, the integer is changed to a floating-point number with the decimal part of zero and the operator is evaluated
 - The entire expression is evaluated according to the precedence rules

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts
 - **Order of Precedence**
 - In expressions that have more than one arithmetic operator, the expression is evaluated using operator precedence rules
 - According to the order of precedence rules for arithmetic, *, /, % are at a higher level of precedence than +, -
 - The operators *, /, and % have the same level of precedence
 - The operators + and - have the same level of precedence

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts

- **Order of Precedence**

- When operators have the same level of precedence, the operations are performed from left to right.
 - Example, evaluate the following expression using order of precedence

3 * 7 - 6 + 2 * 5 / 4 + 6

Solution

= 3 * 7 - 6 + 2 * 5 / 4 + 6

= 21 - 6 + 10 / 4 + 6 (Evaluate *)

= 21 - 6 + 2 + 6 (Evaluate /.)

= 15 + 2 + 6 (Evaluate -)

= 17 + 6 (Evaluate first +)

= 23 (Evaluate +)

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts

- **Assignment Statements**

- Simple assignment statements.

Example

```
int x;
```

```
x = 5;
```

- Compound assignment statements.
 - Corresponding to the five arithmetic operators +, -, *, /, and %; C provides five compound operators: +=, -=, *=, /=, and %=, respectively

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts
 - **Assignment Statements**
 - Compound assignment statements
 - Consider the following simple assignment statement, in which x and y are int variables:
`x = x * y;`
 - Using the compound operator `*=`, this statement can be written as:
`x *= y;`
 - Using the compound operator `*=`, you can rewrite the simple assignment statement:
`variable = variable * expression;`
as:
`variable *= expression;`

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts
 - **Increment and Decrement Operators**
 - The increment operator (++) and decrement operator (- -) are for incrementing and decrementing a variable by 1
 - The syntax of the increment operator is:
 - Pre-increment: **++variable**
 - Post-increment: **variable++**
 - The syntax of the decrement operator is:
 - Pre-decrement: **--variable**
 - Post-decrement: **variable--**

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts
 - Increment and Decrement Operators

<i>Operator</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Example (assume i = 1)</i>
<code>++var</code>	preincrement	Increment <code>var</code> by <code>1</code> , and use the new <code>var</code> value in the statement	<code>int j = ++i;</code> // j is 2, i is 2
<code>var++</code>	postincrement	Increment <code>var</code> by <code>1</code> , but use the original <code>var</code> value in the statement	<code>int j = i++;</code> // j is 1, i is 2
<code>--var</code>	predecrement	Decrement <code>var</code> by <code>1</code> , and use the new <code>var</code> value in the statement	<code>int j = --i;</code> // j is 0, i is 0
<code>var--</code>	postdecrement	Decrement <code>var</code> by <code>1</code> , and use the original <code>var</code> value in the statement	<code>int j = i--;</code> // j is 1, i is 0

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts
 - Increment and Decrement Operators

- **Example**

```
int i = 10;  
int newNum = 10 * i++;  
System.out.print("i is " + i  
+ ", newNum is " + newNum);
```

Same effect as

```
int newNum = 10 * i;  
i = i + 1;
```

```
i is 11, newNum is 100
```

```
int i = 10;  
int newNum = 10 * (++i);  
System.out.print("i is " + i  
+ ", newNum is " + newNum);
```

Same effect as

```
i = i + 1;  
int newNum = 10 * i;
```

```
i is 11, newNum is 110
```

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts

- **Basic Input**

- Inputs in C are done by using the scanf function
 - Consider the example below

```
1      #include <stdio.h>
2      main() {
3          int pin;
4          printf("Please type in your PIN\n");
5          scanf("%d",&pin);
6          printf("Your access code is %d\n",pin);
7      }
```

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts
 - **Basic Input**
 - Line 5 shows how the scanf function can be used
 - The scanf function has a control string and an address list
 - The **&pin** specifies the memory location of the variable the input will be placed in

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts

- **Basic Output**

- Consider the C program example below:

```
int sum = 33;  
printf("value of sum is %d\n", sum);
```

- The second statement will produce the following output:

value of sum is 33

- The first argument of printf function is called the control string.

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts

- **Basic Output**

- The % sign is a special character in C and marks the beginning of a format specifier
 - A format specifier controls how the value of a variable will be displayed on the screen
 - The character **d** that follows indicates that a decimal integer will be displayed
 - The **\n** is a special character for printing a new line.

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts
 - **Basic Output**
 - The format specifiers with their data types

<i>Specifier</i>	<i>Type</i>
%c	character
%d	decimal integer
%o	octal integer (leading 0)
%x	hexadecimal integer (leading 0x)
%u	unsigned decimal integer
%ld	long int
%f	floating point
%lf	double or long double
%e	exponential floating point
%s	character string

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts
 - **Basic Output**
 - Some special character for cursor control

<code>\n</code>	newline
<code>\t</code>	tab
<code>\r</code>	carriage return
<code>\f</code>	form feed
<code>\v</code>	vertical tab
<code>\b</code>	backspace
<code>\"</code>	Double quote (\ acts as an “escape” mark)

Basics of C Programming

- Basic Concepts
 - **Basic Output**
 - Some output examples

<code>printf("ABC");</code>	ABC (cursor after the C)
<code>printf("%d\n", 5);</code>	5 (cursor at start of next line)
<code>printf("%c %c %c", 'A', 'B', 'C');</code>	A B C
<code>printf("From sea ");</code> <code>printf("to shining ");</code> <code>printf ("C");</code>	From sea to shining C
<code>printf("From sea \n");</code> <code>printf("to shining \n");</code> <code>printf ("C");</code>	From sea to shining C
<code>leg1=200.3; leg2=357.4;</code> <code>printf("It was %f</code> <code>miles", leg1+leg2);</code>	It was 557.700012 miles
<code>num1=10; num2=33;</code> <code>printf("%d\t%d\n", num1, num2);</code>	10 33

Basics of C Programming

- **Tasks**

- Setup the C programming environment as explained below
- Finish the provided assignments that will be provided
- Prepare for Test One

Environment Setup

- Set up the environment that will allow you to write a C program.
 - You have to install two software in your computer:
 - Text Editor
 - C Compiler.
 - Text Editor - Is a software used to type a program.
 - Examples of editors include
 - Windows Notepad
 - Notepad++
 - gedit
 - vi
 - etc.

Environment Setup

- The files you create with your editor are called the source files
- They contain the program source codes
- The source files for C programs are named with the extension ".c"

Environment Setup

- You may use IDEs available
(*IDE - Integrated Development Environment*)
 - An IDE is a software that combines basic tools required to write and test software
 - It has built-in functions like debugging, code completion, compiling and syntax highlighting
 - The main use of IDE is to provide different components of software applications while developing the program
 - Examples: **CodeBlocks, Eclipse, NetBeans**