

My notes from K.N. King's "C Programming
A Modern Approach" 2nd version

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Chapter 1

Note

In this material I will go over everything from book, trying to summarize every note-worthy subject. I will do it, while learning Latex, so good luck to me.

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Chapter 2

C Fundamentals

2.1 Steps of Executing a C Program

Automated process:

1. **Preprocessing** - Preprocessor is executing directives (they begin with #).
2. **Compiling** - Compiler translates program into machine instructions (object code).
3. **Linking** - Linker combines object code and code needed for execution of the program.

2.2 The General Form of a Simple Program

Simple C programs have this form:

```
directives
int main(void)
{
    statements
}
```

Directives - Begin with '#' symbol, they state what headers include to program.

Functions - They are segments of code that take arguments, and returns (or not) a value. Only `main` function is required.

Statements - Commands to execute, mostly end with semicolon.

String literal - Series of characters enclosed in double quotation marks, e.g. "Hello world!".

New-line character - `\n` is an escape sequence, which advances to the next line of output.

Comments - Are omitted in program execution, can be used to comment single line e.g. `/* Comment */`, or block of lines. From C99 we can use one line comments e.g. `// Comment`.

2.3 Variables and Assignments

Variable - Place to store calculation's output, for using in future. Variable's characteristics:

- **Types** - For now, there are two types of variables:
 - **int** - Integer types, can store quite big whole number, but that depends on your computer's architecture.
 - **float** - Can store bigger numbers, as well as digits after decimal point.
- **Declarations** - To use a variable, we first need to declare it. It means that we need to specify variable's type, and name. We can chain declarations with the same type e.g. `int i, sum, x;`. In C99 they can now be declared after statements, not like in C89.
- **Assignment** - We assign value to a variable. Variable is on the left side, while value, expression, formula etc. is on the right side. To assign something to a variable, we first need to declare it. Examples:

```
int i;  
float f;  
i = 1;  
f = 1.5;
```