

Ch.13 Structure

What you will learn in this chapter

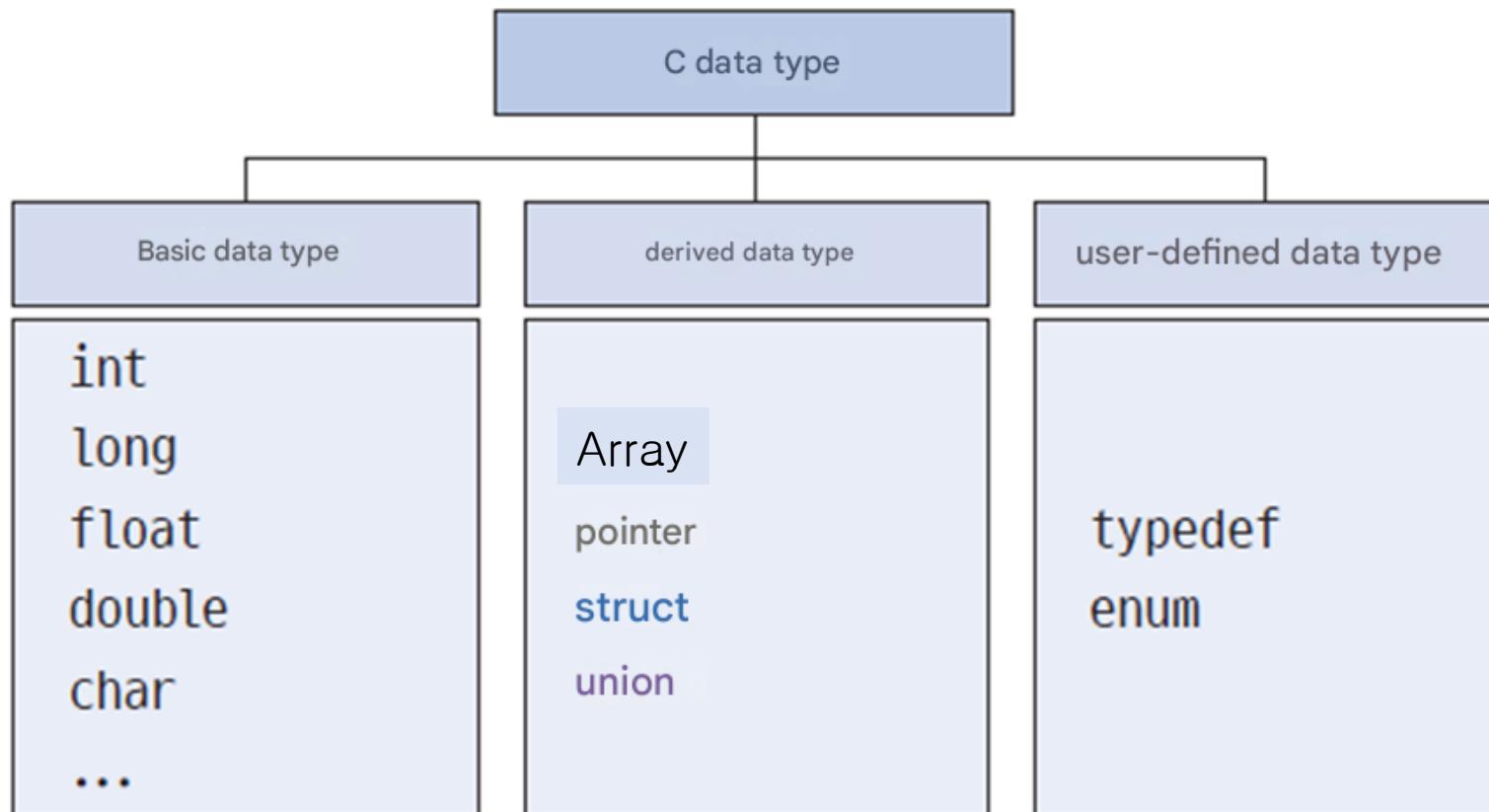


- Structure concept, definition, and initialization method
- Relationship between structures and pointers
- Unions and typedefs

Structures are an important tool for grouping different data together .



Classification of data types



The need for structures

- How to gather data about students into one place ?



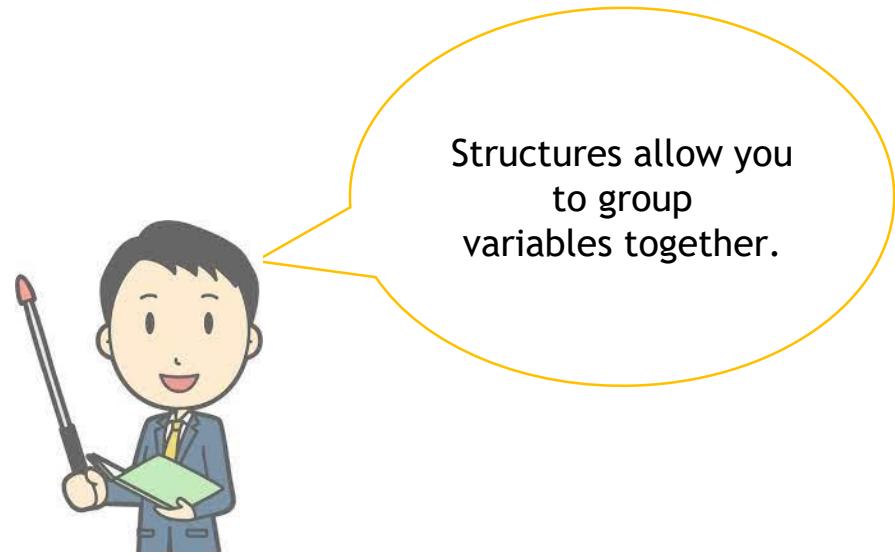
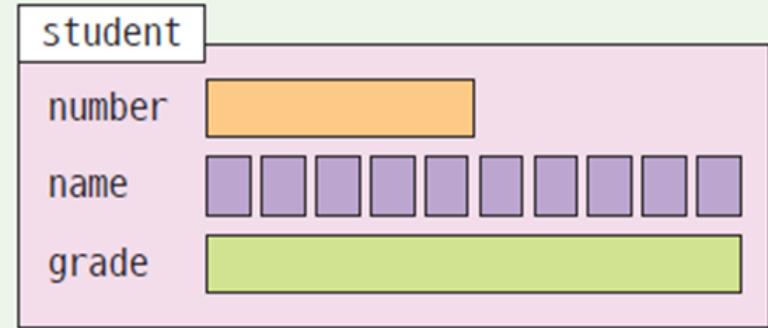
Student number: 20251234 (Number)
Name: "first last" (String)
Grade: 4.3 (Real number)
...



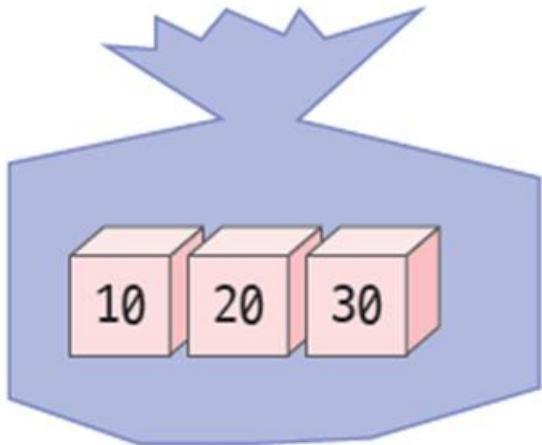
`int number;`
`char name[10];`
`double grade;`
It can be expressed
as individual variables
like this, but can it be
grouped ?

The need for structures

```
struct student {  
    int number;           // student number  
    char name[10];        // name  
    double grade; // unit  
};
```

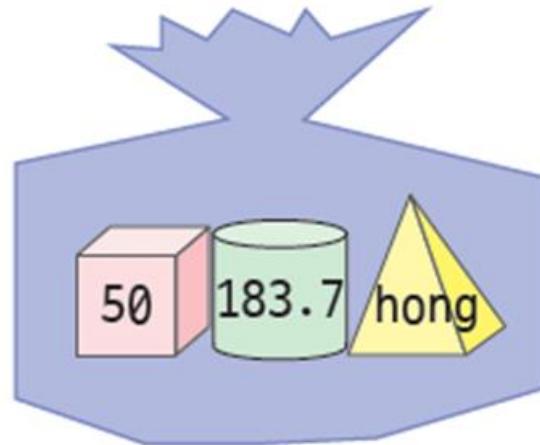


Arrays and Structures



Array

Group variables of the same type



struct

Group variables of different types

Check points

1. Discuss the difference between structures and arrays .
2. Struct example
 - Student information
 - . Member functions
 - Car
 - . Member functions



Structure definition

Syntax Structure definition

Keyword used when defining a structure

yes

```
struct student {  
    int number;  
    char name[10];  
    double grade;  
};
```

Name of a structure

Member of structure

// student number
// name
// credits

There must be a semicolon at the end

A *struct definition* creates the **blueprint** (the layout) of a structure type.

struct student p1;

This line is a **declaration of a variable** of type **struct student**.

- It declares a variable **p1**.
- If **struct student** has already been **defined**, then this line also **allocates memory** for **p1**.

Structure declaration

- A structure definition is not a variable declaration.

Defining a structure is
like a mold for making waffles.



Structure
ex) int

To actually make waffles you need
to declare a structure variable.



Structure variable
ex) int a

```
struct Person {  
    int age;  
};           // structure definition
```

```
struct Person p1; // variable declaration + memory allocation
```

Example of a structure definition

```
// Screen coordinates made up of x
struct point {
    int x; // x coordinate
    int y; // y coordinate
};
```

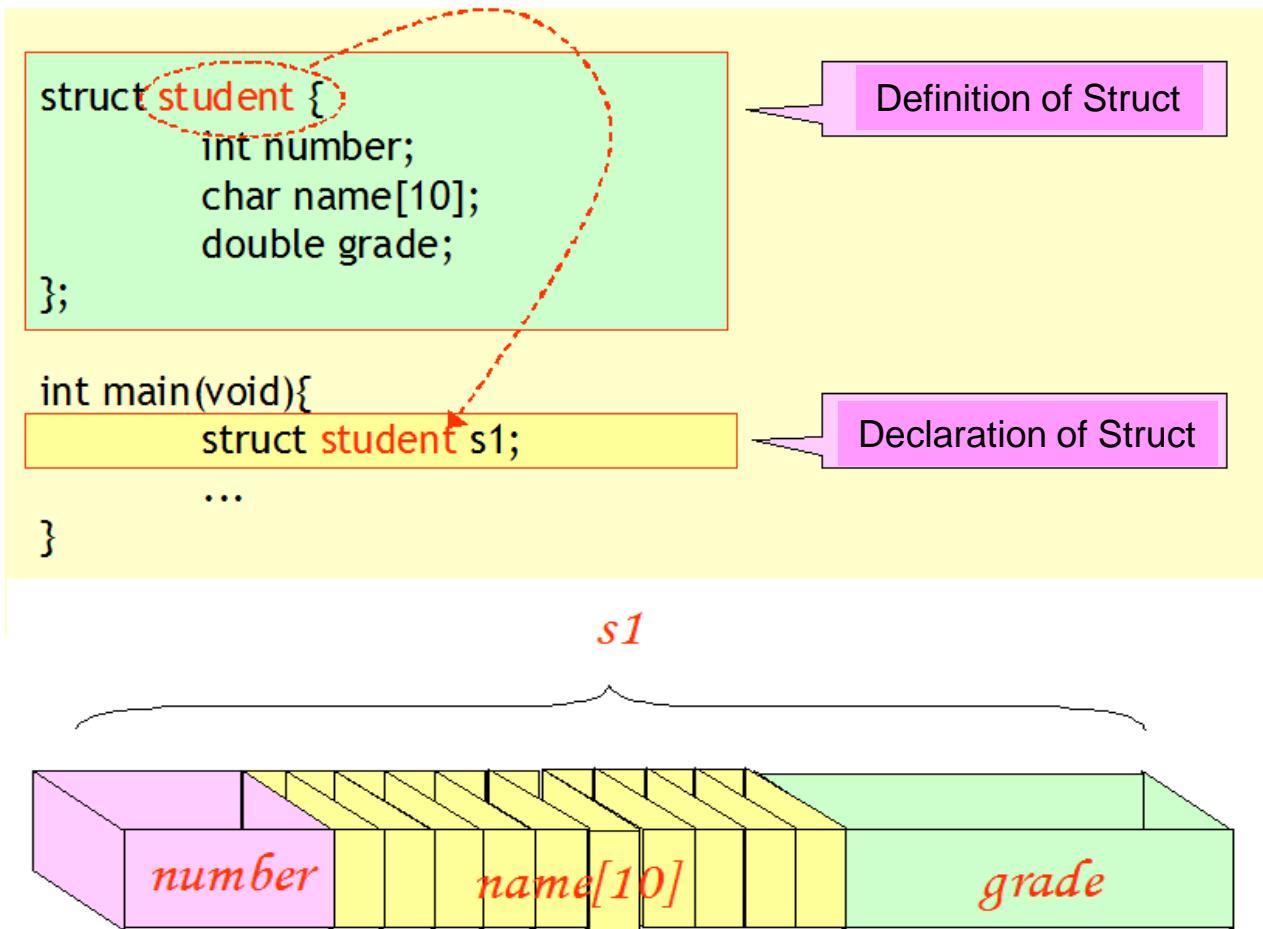
```
// date
struct date {
    int month;
    int day;
    int year;
};
```

```
// Complex number
struct complex {
    double real; // real part
    double imag ; // imaginary part
};
```

```
// square
struct rect angle {
    int x , y ;
    int width;
    int height ;
};
```

Declaring a structure variable

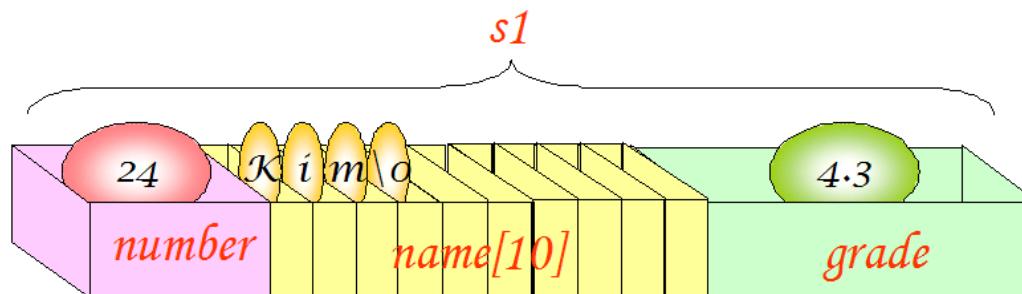
- Defining a structure and declaring a structure variable are different.



Initializing a structure

- Initial values are listed using curly braces.

```
struct student {  
    int number;  
    char name[10];  
    double grade;  
};  
struct student s1 = { 24, "Kim" , 4.3 }; // s1 is NOT a pointer,  
                                         // it's variable of derived data type
```

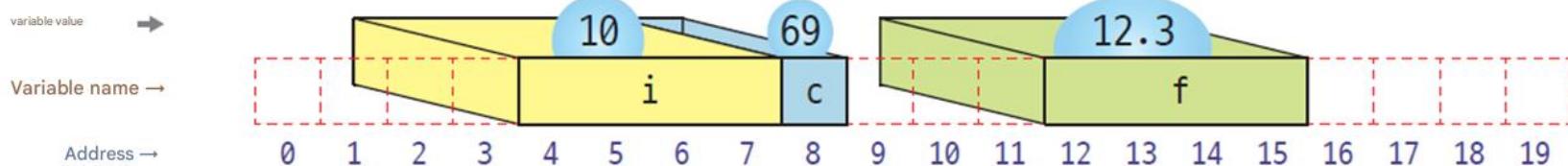


Padding happens only inside structures or arrays,
NOT between separate local variables on the stack.

Size of Struct
What is most efficient way?
Debugger

char padding (struct)

- Why does a char need 3 bytes of padding even though the smallest memory unit is 1 byte?
 - Padding exists because of **CPU alignment rules**, not because of byte-accessible memory.
- Why CPUs enforce alignment?
 - Faster access : Aligned loads/stores are much **faster**.
 - Hardware requirements : Some CPU architectures **require** aligned access for certain data types.



Structure member reference

Syntax

Accessing structure members

yes

struct variable

structure member

```
s1.grade = 3.8;
```



- . symbol is an operator used when referencing members in a structure .

Example #1

Practice
ch13-1.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
struct student {
    int number;
    char name[100];
    double grade ;
};
```

Structure declaration

```
int main( void )
```

```
{
```

```
    struct student s;
```

Declaring a
structure
variable

```
s.number = 20230001;
strcpy (s.name, " Hong Gil-dong " );
s.grade = 4.3 ;
```

Structure
member
reference

```
printf ( "Student number : %d\n" , s.number );
```

```
printf ( "Name : %s\n" , s.name);
```

```
printf ( "Grade : % .2f \n" , s.grade ) ;
```

```
return 0;
```

```
}
```

Student number : 20230001
Name : Hong Gil-dong
GPA : 4.30

Example #2

Debugger

```
struct student {  
    int number;  
    char name[10];  
    double grade;  
};
```

Structure
declaration

```
int main( void )  
{
```

```
    struct student s;
```

Declaring a structure
variable

```
    printf ( " Student number Enter : " );  
    scanf ( "%d" , & s.number );
```

Passing the address of
a structure member

```
    printf ( " name Enter : " );  
    scanf ( "%s" , s.name);
```

```
    printf ( " Credit Enter ( error ): " );  
    scanf ( "%lf" , & s.grade );
```

```
    printf ( " \nStudent number : %d\n" , s.number );  
    printf ( " Name : %s\n" , s.name);  
    printf ( " Grade : % .2f \n" , s.grade );  
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

Enter your student number : 20230001
Enter your name : Hong Gil-dong
Enter your grade (error): 4.3

Student number : 20230001
Name : Hong Gil-dong
GPA : 4.30

Initialization method

```
#include < stdio.h >
// Represents a point in two-dimensional space as a structure .
struct point {
    int x;
    int y;
};

int main( void )
{
    struct point p = { 1, 2 };           // ① Values are assigned in the order of the struct members.
    struct point q = { .y = 2, .x = 1 }; // ② Very readable, Order does not matter

    struct point r = p;                // ③ structs can be copied using the = operator.
    r = ( struct point ) { 1, 2 };      // ④ Useful when you want to "reinitialize" after the variable is
                                         declared.

    printf( "p=(%d, %d)\n" , p.x, p.y);
    printf( "q=(%d, %d) \n" , q.x, q.y);
    printf( "r=(%d, %d)\n" , r.x, r.y);
    return 0;
}
```

If you initialize only the first members, the rest become **zero** automatically:

Lab: Representing points in two-dimensional space as structures

- Get the coordinates of two points from the user and calculate the distance between the two points. The coordinates of the points are expressed as a structure.

```
Enter the coordinates of the point (xy): 10 10  
Enter the coordinates of the point (xy): 20 20  
The distance is 14.142136 .
```

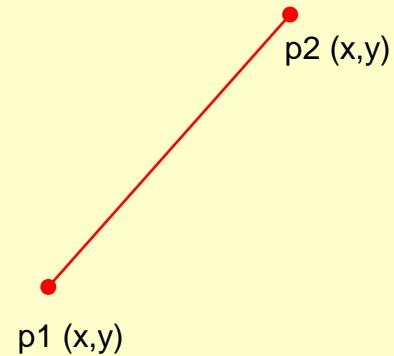
Source code

```
#include < stdio.h >
#include < math.h >
struct point {
    int x;
    int y;
};

int main( void )
{
    struct point p1, p2;
    int xdiff , ydiff ;
    double dist ;

    printf ( " dot Coordinates Enter (x y): " );
    scanf ( "%d %d" , &p1.x, &p1.y);

    printf ( " dot Coordinates Enter (x y): " );
    scanf ( "%d %d" , &p2.x, &p2.y);
```



Source code

```
xdiff = p1.x - p2.x;  
ydiff = p1.y - p2.y;
```

$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

```
dist = sqrt( (double)( xdiff * xdiff + ydiff * ydiff ) );  
printf ( " The distance is % f .\n" , dist );  
return 0;  
}
```

```
Enter the coordinates of the point (x y): 10 10  
Enter the coordinates of the point (x y): 20 20  
The distance is 14.142136 .
```

Check points

1. Each variable declared within a structure is called ____.
2. The keyword used to declare a structure is ____.
3. Why are tags needed for structures, and what is the difference between using tags and not using them?
4. Are variables created just by declaring a structure?
5. What is the operator for referencing members of a structure?



A structure that has structures as members.

```
struct date {  
    int year;  
    int month;  
    int day;  
};
```

```
struct student { // Structure declaration  
    int number;  
    char name[10];  
    struct date d ; // structure within structure  
    double grade;  
};
```

```
struct student s1; // Declare structure variable  
  
s1.d.year = 1983; // Member reference  
s1.d.month = 03;  
s1.d.day = 29;
```

Lab: Representing a rectangle as a point structure

- the point structure from the previous example to represent the coordinates of the vertices .

```
Enter the coordinates in the upper left corner : 10 10  
Enter the coordinates in the upper right corner : 20 20  
The area is 100 and the perimeter is 40 .
```

Example

```
#include < stdio.h >

struct point {
    int x;
    int y;
};

struct rect {
    struct point p1;
    struct point p2;
};

int main( void )
{
    struct rect r;
    int w, h, area, peri;
```



Example

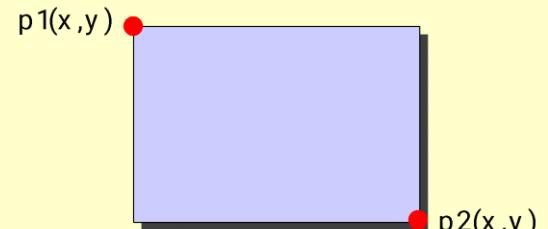
```
printf( "Enter the coordinates of the upper left corner: " );
scanf( "%d %d" , &r.p1.x, &r.p1.y);

printf( "Enter the coordinates of the upper right corner: " );
scanf( "%d %d" , &r.p2.x, &r.p2.y);

w = r.p2.x - r.p1.x;
h = r.p2.y - r.p1.y;

area = w * h;
peri = 2 * w + 2 * h; (둘레)
printf( "Area is %d and perimeter is %d.\n" , area, peri);

return 0;
}
```



```
Enter the coordinates in the upper left corner : 1 1
Enter the coordinates in the upper right corner : 6 6
The area is 25 and the perimeter is 20 .
```

Assignment and comparison of structure variables

- Assignment of variables of the same structure is possible, but comparison is not possible.

```
p2 = p1;
```

Not pointer,
It's a variable of derived data type

good way



```
p2.x = p1.x;  
p2.y = p1.y;
```

You can do this



```
if( p1 == p2 )  
{  
    printf("p1 and p2 are equal.");  
}
```

compilation error



```
if( (p1.x == p2.x) && (p1.y == p2.y) )  
{  
    printf("p1 and p2 are equal.");  
}
```

right way



- Struct assignment is allowed because a struct is considered a single object.
Structure assignment copies the entire memory block byte by byte.
- Array assignment is not allowed because arrays are treated as collections, not objects, and because of historical reasons and pointer-decay behavior.

Example

- Assignment of variables of the same structure is possible, but comparison is not possible .

```
struct point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
};  
  
int main( void )  
{  
    struct point p1 = {10, 20};  
    struct point p2 = {30, 40};  
  
    p2 = p1; // Substitution possible  
  
    if ( p1 == p2 ) // Compare -> Compile error !!  
        printf ( " p1 and p2 It's the same ." )  
  
    if ( (p1.x == p2.x) && (p1.y == p2.y) ) // Correct comparison  
        printf ( " p1 and p2 It's the same ." )  
}
```

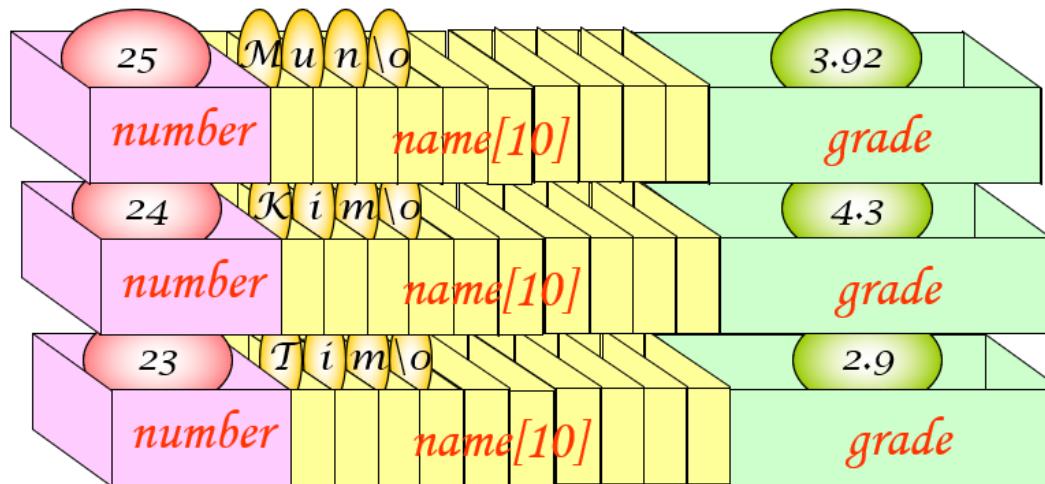
Check points

1. What operations are allowed between variables of a structure ?
2. What is the difference between structure tags and structure variables ?
3. Can a structure be inserted as a structure member ?
4. Can a structure have an array as a member ?



Array of structures

- A collection of multiple structures



Array of structures

```
struct student {  
    int number;  
    char name[20];  
    double grade;  
};  
  
int main( void )  
{  
    struct student list[100]; // Declare an array of structures  
  
    list[2].number = 24;  
    strcpy (list[2].name, " Hong Gil-dong " );  
    list[2].grade = 4.3;  
}
```

Array of structures initialization

```
struct student list[3] = {  
    { 1, "Park", 3.42 },  
    { 2, "Kim", 4.31 },  
    { 3, "Lee", 2.98 }  
};
```

Calculate the number of elements in an array of structures

- To automatically find the number of elements in an array of structure, Divide the total number of bytes in the entire array by the number of bytes in each element .

$n = \text{sizeof}(\text{list}) / \text{sizeof}(\text{list}[0]);$

- or

$n = \text{sizeof}(\text{list}) / \text{sizeof}(\text{struct student});$

This is only possible within the same function .



```

#include <stdio.h>
#define SIZE 3
struct student {
    int number;
    char name[20];
    double grade;
};

int main( void )
{
    struct student list[SIZE];
    int i;

    for ( i = 0; i < SIZE; i ++ )
    {
        printf ( " Student number Enter : " );
        scanf ( "%d" , &list[i].number);
        printf ( " name Enter : " );
        scanf ( "%s" , list[i].name);
        printf ( " Credit Enter ( error ): " );
        scanf ( "%lf" , &list[i].grade);
    }

    for ( i = 0; i < SIZE; i ++ )
        printf ( " Student number : %d, Name : %s, Grade : %f\n" ,
                list[ i ].number, list[ i ].name, list[ i ].grade);

    return 0;
}

```



```

Enter your student number :
20190001
Enter your name : Hong Gil-dong
Enter your grade ( error ): 4.3
Enter your student number :
20190002
Enter your name : Kim Yu-shin
Enter your grade ( incorrect ): 3.92
Enter your student number :
20190003
Enter your name : Lee Seong-gye
Enter your grade ( incorrect ): 2.87
Name : Hong Gil-dong , Grade :
4.300000
Name : Kim Yu-shin , Grade :
3.920000
Name : Lee Seong-gye , Credit :
2.870000

```

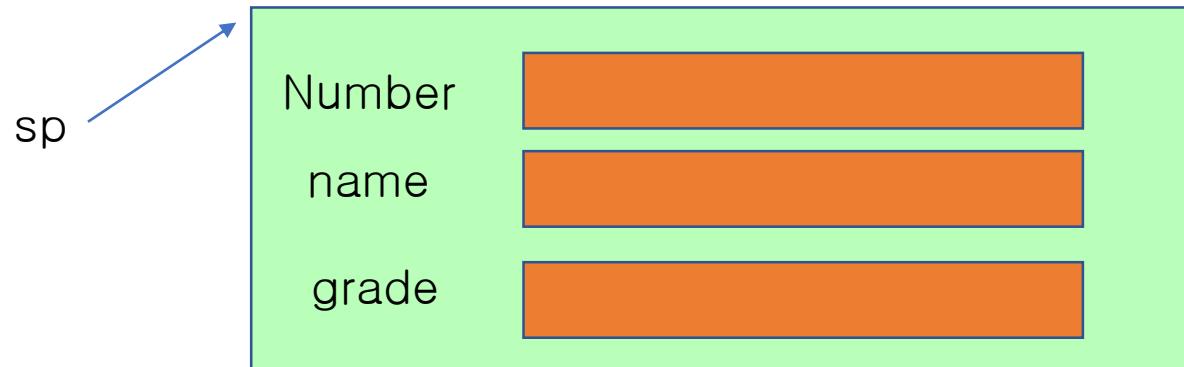
Check points

1. Define an array of structures that can store information about five products.
Products have number, name , and price as members .



Structures and Pointers

1. Pointer to a structure
2. A structure that has pointers as members.



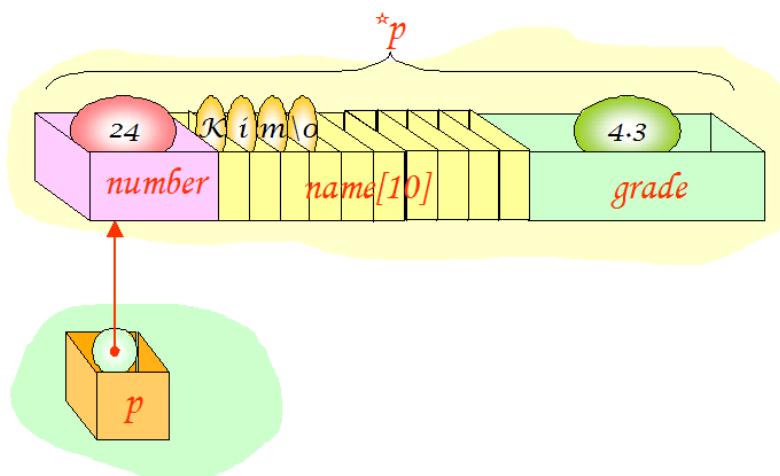
Pointer to a structure

```
struct student *p;
```

```
struct student s = { 24, "Kim", 4.3 };
struct student *p;
```

```
p = &s;
```

```
printf("Student number =%d Name =%s Grade =%f \n", s.number , s.name, s.grade );
printf("Student number =%d Name =%s Grade =%f \n", (*p).number,(*p).name,(*p).grade);
```

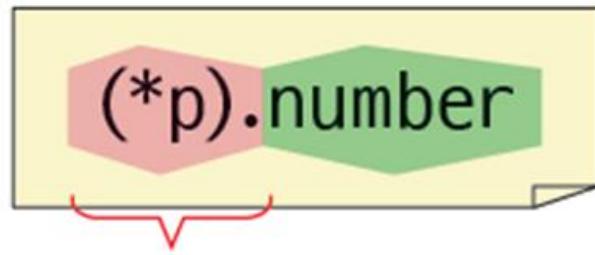


-> Operator

-> operator is used when referencing a structure member with a structure pointer.

```
struct student *p;  
  
struct student s = { 24, "Kim", 4.3 };  
struct student *p;  
  
p = &s;  
  
printf("Student number=%d Name=%s Key=%f \n", p->number, p->name, p->grade);
```

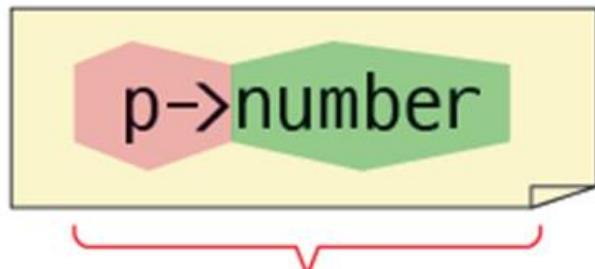
-> Operator



structure variable pointed to by p



Member number of the structure variable pointed to by p



Member number of the structure variable pointed to by p

Example

Practice
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```
// Referencing a structure through a pointer
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
struct student {
    int number;
    char name[20];
    double grade;
};
```

```
int main( void )
{
    struct student s = { 1, " Hong Gil-dong " , 4.3 };
    struct student * p;

    p = &s;

    printf("Student number=%d Name=%s Grade=%f\n" , s.number , s.name, s.grade );
    printf("Student number=%d Name=%s Grade=%f\n" , (*p).number, (*p).name, (*p).grade);
    printf("Student number=%d Name =%s Grade=%f\n" , p->number, p->name, p->grade);

    return 0;
}
```

```
Student number = 1 Name = Hong Gil-dong Grade = 4.300000
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Student number = 1 Name = Hong Gil-dong Grade = 4.300000
```

A structure that has pointers as members.

```
struct date {  
    int month;  
    int day;  
    int year;  
};
```

```
struct student {  
    int number;  
    char name[20];  
    double grade;  
    struct date *today ;  
};
```

A structure that has pointers as members.

```
int main( void )
{
    struct date d = { 3, 20, 2000 };
    struct student s = { 1, "Kim" , 4.3 };

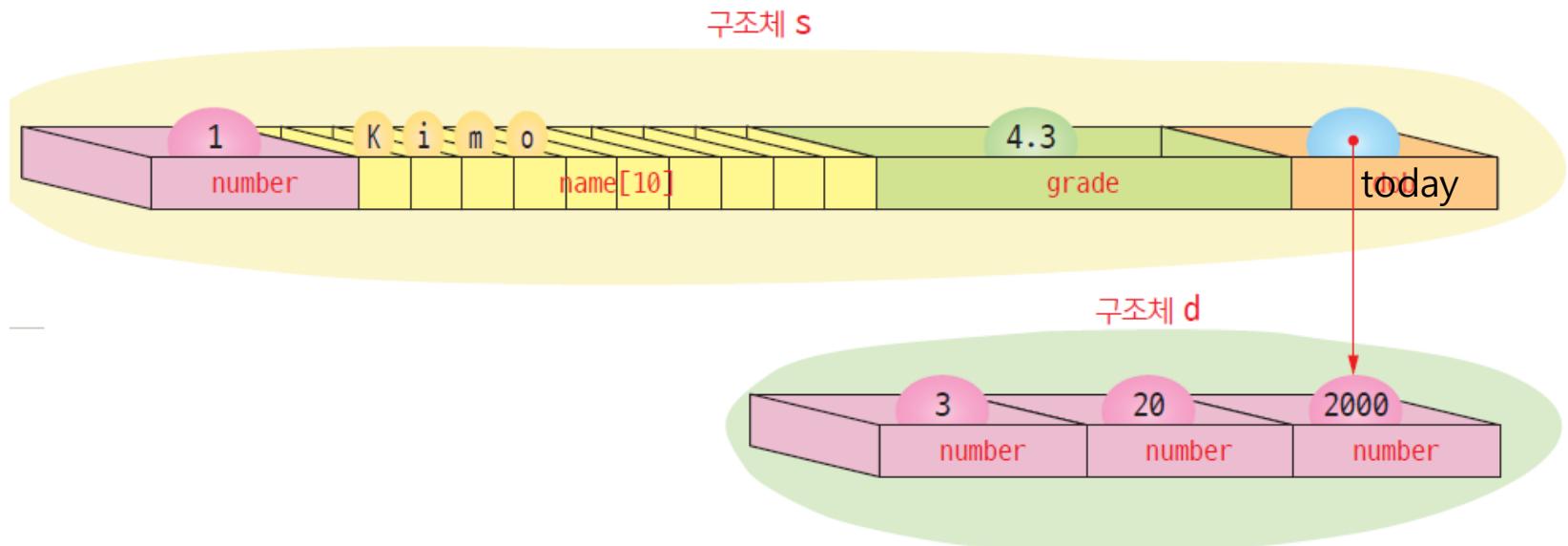
    s.today = &d;

    printf("Student number : %d\n" , s.number );
    printf("Name : %s\n" , s.name);
    printf("Grade : %f\n" , s.grade );
    printf("Birth: Year %d month %d day \n" , s.today ->year, s.today ->month, s.today ->day);

    return 0;
}
```

Student number : 1
Name : Kim
Credit : 4.300000
Birth : March 20 , 2000

A structure that has pointers as members.



Structures and functions

- When passing *a structure as an argument to a function*
 - **A copy of the structure** is passed to the function .
 - If the size of the structure is large, it takes more time and memory .

```
int equal(struct student s1, struct student s2)
{
    if( s1.number == s2.number )
        return 1;
    else
        return 0;
}
```

For structures, they are copied.

```
int main(void)
{
    struct student a = { 1, "lee", 3.8
};

    struct student b = { 2, "kim", 4.0 };
    if( equal(a, b) == 1 ){
        printf("Same student \n");
    }
    else {
        printf("Other students \n");
    }
}
```

Structures and functions

- When passing **a pointer to a structure as an argument to a function**
 - It can save time and space .
 - There is a possibility that the original may be modified .

```
int equal(struct student *p1, struct student *p2)
{
    if( p1->number == p2->number )
        return 1;
    else
        return 0;
}
```

Send a structure pointer.

Access the structure through a pointer.

```
int main(void)
{
    struct student a = { 1, "lee", 3.8
};

    struct student b = { 2, "kim", 4.0 };
    if( equal(&a, &b) == 1 ){
        printf("Same student \n");
    }
    else {
        printf("Other students \n");
    }
}
```

No changes via pointers

- If you only need to read the original and do not need to modify it, you can use the `const` keyword when defining the parameter as follows:

```
int equal(const struct student *p1, const struct student *p2)
{
    if( p1->number == p2->number )
        return 1;
    else
        return 0;
}
```

Modifying the structure
through this pointer is prohibited.

Returning a structure

- A copy is returned .

```
struct student  create()
{
    struct student s;
    s.number = 3;
    strcpy(s.name,"park");
    s.grade = 4.0;
    return s;
}
```

Structure s is copied into structure a.

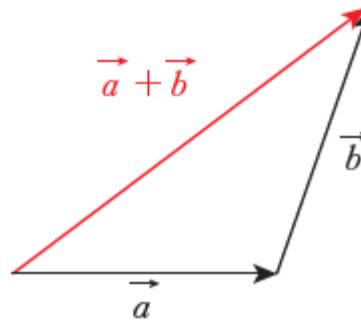
```
int main(void)
{
    struct student a;
    a= create();
    return 0;
}
```



a

Lab: Vector Operations

- Let's create a function `get_vector_sum()` that calculates the sum of two vectors. This function takes two vectors as arguments, adds them, and returns the vector created as the result of the addition .



The sum of the vectors is (7.000000, 9.000000) .

Example

```
#include < stdio.h >

struct vector {
    double x;
    double y;
};
struct vector get_vector_sum ( struct vector a, struct vector b);

int main( void )
{
    struct vector a = { 2.0, 3.0 };
    struct vector b = { 5.0, 6.0 };
    struct vector sum;

    sum = get_vector_sum (a, b);
    printf ( " vector of The sum is (%f, %f) .\n" , sum.x , sum.y );

    return 0;
}
```

Example

```
struct vector get_vector_sum( struct vector a, struct vector b)
{
    struct vector result;

    result.x = ax + bx;
    result.y = ay + by;

    return result; // copy of result to caller function
}
```

The sum of the vectors is (7.000000, 9.000000) .

Check points

1. When passing a struct as an argument to a function, is the original passed or a copy passed?
2. When passing a pointer to a structure to a function , how can I avoid modiying the structure ?

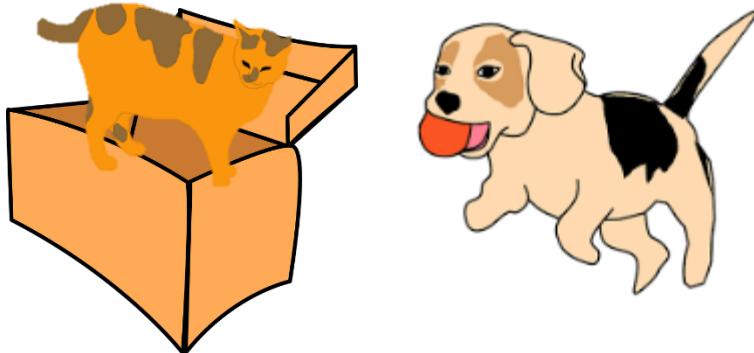


Union

- union
 - Multiple variables share the same memory area
 - The way to declare and use a union is very similar to a structure.

```
union example {  
    char c; // sharing the same space  
    int i; // sharing the same space  
};
```

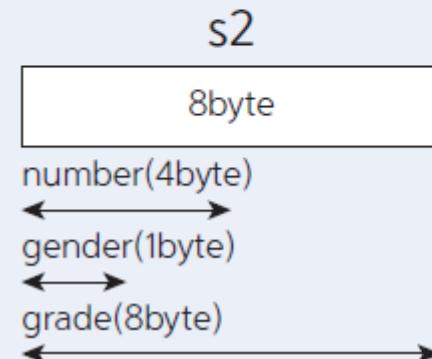
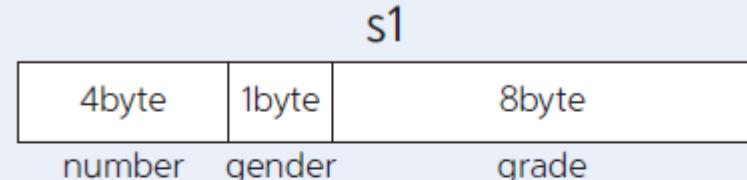
When Only One Data Type Is Used at a Time



Difference between structure and union

```
struct student
{
    int number;
    char gender;
    double grade;
} s1;
```

```
union student
{
    int number;
    char gender;
    double grade;
} s2;
```



Example

```
#include < stdio.h >
```

```
union example {  
    int i ;  
    char c;  
};
```

Declaration of a union

```
int main( void )
```

```
{
```

```
    union example v;
```

Declaring a union variable .

Reference to char type .

```
    v.c = 'A' ;
```

```
    printf ( " v.c :%c v.i :%i \n" , v.c , v.i );
```

```
    v.i = 10000;
```

Reference to type int .

```
    printf ( " v.c :%c v.i :%i \n" , v.c , v.i );
```

```
}
```

```
vc:A vi :-858993599
```

```
vc :† vi:10000
```

Using type fields in unions

```
#include < stdio.h >
#include < string.h >
#define STU_NUMBER 1
#define REG_NUMBER 2

struct student {
    int type;
    union {
        int stu_number ;          // Student number
        char reg_number [15];   // resident registration number
    } id;
    char name[20];
};
```

Using type fields in unions

```
void print( struct student s)
{
    switch ( s.type )
    {
        case STU_NUMBER:
            printf ( " Student number %d\n" , s.id.stu_number );
            printf ( " Name : %s\n" , s.name);
            break;
        case REG_NUMBER:
            printf ( " Resident registration number : %s\n" , s.id.reg_number );
            printf ( " Name : %s\n" , s.name);
            break;
        default :
            printf ( " TypeError \n" );
            break;
    }
}
```

Using type fields in unions

```
int main( void )
{
    struct student s1, s2;

    s1.type = STU_NUMBER;
    s1.id.stu_number = 20190001;
    strcpy (s1.name, " Hong Gil-dong " );

    s2.type = REG_NUMBER;
    strcpy (s2.id.reg_number, "860101-1056076" );
    strcpy (s2.name, " Kim Cheol-su " );

    print(s1);
    print(s2);
}
```

Student number : 20190001
Name : Hong Gil-dong
Resident registration number : 860101-
1056076
Name : Kim Cheol-su

Check points

1. The keyword used to declare a union is _____ .
2. How is the size of memory allocated to a union determined ?



Definition & Declaration of enumeration

Syntax

Enum definition

An enumeration is a data type that contains a collection of symbolic constants.

yes

```
enum days { SUN, MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT };
```

When defining an enumeration

Name of the enumeration

Keywords used

enum days today;

Declaring enumeration variables

today = SUN; // OK!

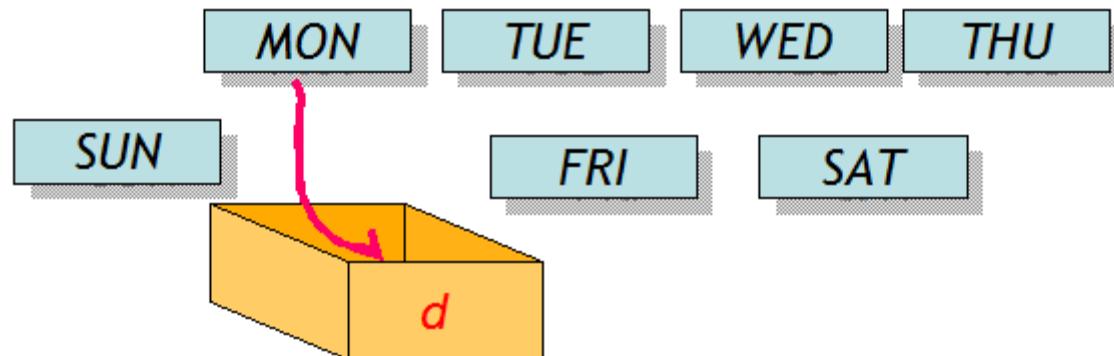
variable today will be stored in memory as the integer value 0, because SUN maps to 0.
Compiler => #define SUN 0

```
#define MON 1  
#define .... 2  
int today = SUN; // becomes: int today = 0;
```

Enumeration

- *An enumeration is* a data type that lists in advance the values that a variable can have.
- (Example) A variable storing the day of the week can only have one of the following values :

{ Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday }



Why we need enumerations

- You can write a program like this : Let's think about the problem

```
int today;  
today = 0; // Sunday  
today = 1; // Monday
```

- If you use enumerations,

- It can reduce errors and improve readability.
- The symbolic constant SUN is more preferable than 0, because its meaning is easier to understand.

An **enum** is used when you want to represent a set of related, named integer constants. It's helpful when a value must be one choice from a limited group — like modes, states, colors, commands, or error codes. Enums make code more readable and self-documenting, since the names carry meaning instead of using raw numbers.

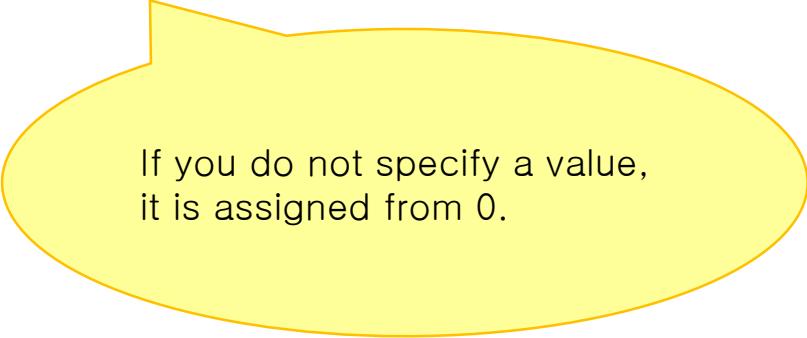
Developers typically use enums when:

- A variable should hold **only one value from a fixed list**
- You want to **avoid magic numbers** scattered in your code
- You want to **improve clarity**, especially in switch statement

Enumeration Initialization

```
enum days { SUN, MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT }; // SUN=0, MON=1, ...
enum days { SUN=1, MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT }; // SUN=1, MON=2, ...
enum days { SUN=7, MON=1, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT=6 }; // SUN=7, MON=1,
```

...



If you do not specify a value,
it is assigned from 0.

Examples of enumerations

```
enum colors { white, red, blue, green, black };
enum boolean { false, true };
enum levels { low, medium, high };
enum car_types { sedan, suv , sports_car , van, pickup, convertible };
```

Example

```
#include < stdio.h >
// Define an enum type for traffic light colors
enum TrafficLight {
    RED,    // 0
    YELLOW, // 1
    GREEN   // 2
};

int main(void) {
    enum TrafficLight light;

    light = RED;
    if (light == RED) { printf("Stop!\n"); }

    light = GREEN;
    if (light == GREEN) { printf("Go!\n"); }

    return 0;
}
```

Comparison of enumerations with other methods

Use of integers	Symbolic Constant	Enumeration
<pre>switch (code) { case 1: printf ("LCD TV\n"); break ; case 2: printf ("OLED TV\n"); break ; }</pre>	<pre>#define LCD 1 #define OLED 2 switch (code) { case LCD: printf ("LCD TV\n"); break ; case OLED: printf ("OLED TV\n"); break ; }</pre>	<pre>enum tvtype { LCD, OLED }; enum tvtype code; code = LCD; switch (code) { case LCD: printf ("LCD TV\n"); break ; case PDP: printf ("OLED TV\n"); break ; }</pre>
Computers are easy to understand, but people have difficulty remembering .	When writing symbolic constants.	The compiler checks to ensure that no duplication occurs .

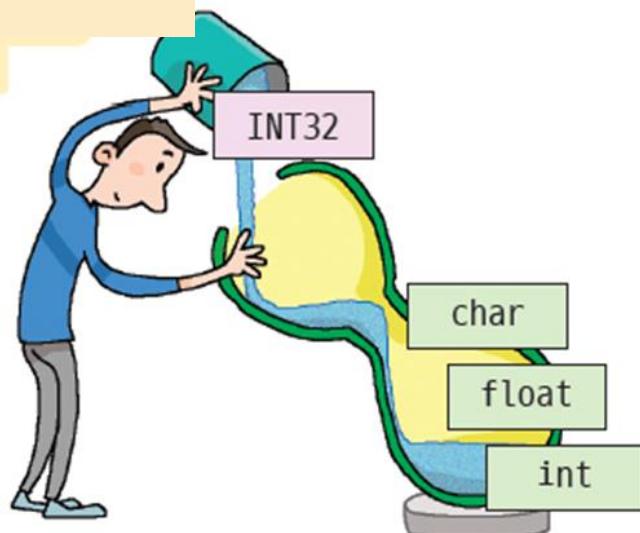
Check points

1. The keyword used to declare an enumeration is ____ .
2. In what cases are enumerations used ?
3. If a value is not specifically specified in an enumeration, is an integer value automatically assigned ?



The concept of `typedef`

`typedef` in C is a way of giving a new, *human-friendly name* to an existing type.



We would like to announce that a new type called INT32 is now available.



typedef

typedef creates a new name (an alias) for an existing type.
It does *not* create a new type—just a new name for convenience.



Typedef with structure

[Without typedef]

```
struct Person {      // This defines a struct type named Person
    char name[50];
    int age;
};

struct Person s1 = {"Nora", 27}; // Now create a variable
```

[Without typedef]

```
struct {                  // This defines an anonymous struct (a struct with no name)
    char name[50];
    int age;
} Person;                // It immediately declares a single variable named Person of that anonymous type.
```

```
strcpy (Person.name, "Nora");
Person.age = 27;
Person s1;    // ERROR
```

```
struct {
    char name[50];
    int age;
} Person = {"Nora", 27};
```

Typedef with structure

[With `typedef` - Recommended style]

```
typedef struct {      // no name (anonymous)
    char name[50];
    int age;
} Person;           // Not variable, now create new name (alias)
```

`Person` student;

```
student = {"Nora", 27};
```

[With `typedef`]

```
struct Person{      // struct name
    char name[50];
    int age;
};
```

```
typedef struct Person student; // student becomes a typedef alias for struct Person
```

```
student s = {"Nora", 27};
```

Example of typedef

```
typedef unsigned char BYTE;
BYTE index; // Same as unsigned int index;

typedef int INT32;
typedef unsigned int UINT32;

INT32 i; // Same as int
UINT32 k; // Same as unsigned int k ;
```

Defining a new type as a struct

- As a structure You can define new types .

```
struct point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
};  
typedef struct point POINT ;  
POINT a, b;
```

```
typedef struct complex {  
    double real;  
    double image;  
} COMPLEX;  
COMPLEX x, y;
```

Check points

1. What is the use of `typedef` ?
2. What are the advantages of `typedef` ?
3. Let 's define a structure representing an employee and define it as a new type called employee using `typedef` .



Q & A

