

Create a symbols and integrate multiple symbols

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- Functions
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Def:

A self contained block of code performing a specific job of some kind.

Meaning:

'Do something' in a program.

Representation:

Any name followed by a pair parenthesis.

Syn:

Functionname ()

Two types of functions:**Library functions:**

Pre-defined functions. are called 'Library functions'. These are defined in the header files.

User-defined functions:

These functions are defined by programmer only.

1	printf() This function is used to print the all char, int, float, string etc., values onto the output screen.
2	scanf() This function is used to read data from keyboard.
3	getc() It reads character from file.
4	gets() It reads line from keyboard.
5	getchar() It reads character from keyboard.
6	puts() It writes line to o/p screen.
7	putchar() It writes a character to screen.

8	fopen() All file handling functions are defined in stdio.h header file.
9	fclose() Closes an opened file.
10	getw() Reads an integer from file.
11	putw() Writes an integer to file.
12	fgetc() Reads a character from file.
13	putc() Writes a character to file.
14	fputc() Writes a character to file.

```
#include <math.h>
#include <stdio.h>
// Driver code
int main()
{
    double number, squareRoot;
    number = 12.5;
    // Computing the square root
    squareRoot = sqrt(number);
    printf("Square root of %.2lf = %.2lf", number, squareRoot);
    return 0;
}
```

Note: Compile above program with `-lm` option
gcc -c file.c
gcc file.o -o file -lm

main() is a function.

It has collection of function.

Each and every C program must start its execution from this function only.

- Any number of functions can be used in a program.
- A function can be used any number of times in a program.
- Any function can return a value with return statement.

Here, **return** is a key word.

Syn: return (var / constant / exprn) ;

- It can be used as the last statement in every definition.
- The void function does not return any value.
- The word void is also a keyword.
- A function can be called from another one.

```
main()
{
// codes start from here
}
```

Arguments Types: Actual and Formal

Actual arguments :

The vars., which are passing through a function called 'Actual arguments'

Syn:

functionname (argslist) ;

Eg. `add(a, b);`

Here, the variables 'a' and 'b' are called actual args.

Formal arguments:

The variables, which are declared in a pair of parentheses at the function definition called 'Formal arguments'.

Syn:

```
returntype functionname(args list)
{
// body of the function.
}
```

Eg:

```
void add ( int x, int y)
{
// body
}
```

Here, the vars. 'x' and 'y' are called formal arguments.

Rules for calling a specific function:

1. Calling function name should be matched with function name in the function definition.
2. No. of Actual arguments = No. of Formal arguments.
3. The order, data types and returns must be matched.

User-defined function

Types of User-defined functions :

There are 4 types of user-defined functions

- without passing args., with no return
- without passing args, with return
- with passing args. , with no return
- with passing args., with return

```
#include<stdio.h>
void sum(void);
int main ()
{
    sum ();
    return 0;
}
void sum ()
{
    int a,b,c;
    printf("enter 2 numbers:\n");
    scanf ("%d%d", &a, &b);
    c = a+b;
    printf("sum = %d\n",c);
}
```

```
#include<stdio.h>
int sum (void);
int main ()
{
    int c;
    c= sum ();
    printf("sum = %d\n",c);
    return 0;
}
int sum ()
{
    int a,b,c;
    printf("enter 2 numbers:");
    scanf ("%d%d", &a, &b);
    c = a+b;
    return c;
}
```

```
#include<stdio.h>
void sum (int, int );
int main ()
{
    int a,b;
    printf("enter 2 numbers :");
    scanf("%d%d", &a,&b);
    sum (a,b);
    return 0;
}
void sum ( int a, int b)
{
    int c;
    c= a+b;
    printf ("sum=%d\n", c);
}
```

```
#include<stdio.h>
int sum ( int,int);
int main ()
{
    int a,b,c;
    printf("enter 2 numbers: ");
    scanf("%d%d", &a,&b);
    c= sum (a,b);
    printf ("sum=%d\n", c);
    return 0;
}
int sum ( int a, int b )
{
    int c;
    c= a+b;
    return c;
}
```

Function call by value & call by reference

-The call by value method of passing arguments to a function copies the actual value of an argument into the formal parameter of the function.

-In this case, changes made to the parameter inside the function have no effect on the argument.

C programming language uses **call by value** method to pass arguments. In general, this means that code within a function cannot alter the arguments used to call the function.

- Call by reference method of passing arguments to a function copies the address of an argument into the formal parameter.

- Inside the function, the address is used to access the actual argument used in the call.

-This means that changes made to the parameter affect the passed argument.

- To pass the value by reference, argument pointers are passed to the functions just like any other value.

Local & Global Variables

- Variables that are declared inside a function or block are called local variables.
- Used only by statements that are inside that function or block of code.
- Local variables are not known to functions outside their own.

```
int d;  
int main ()  
{  
    /* local variable declaration */  
    int a, b;  
    int c;  
} //Here all the variables a, b and c are local to main() function.
```

- Global variables are defined outside of a function, usually on top of the program.
- The global variables will hold their value throughout the lifetime of your program and they can be accessed inside any of the functions defined for the program.
- A global variable is available for use throughout your entire program after its declaration.

```
int d;  
int main ()  
{  
    /* local variable declaration */  
    int a, b;  
    int c;  
} //Here variable d global to main() function.
```

Storage class refers to the permanence or longevity of a variable and its scope within the program, that is the part of the program over which the variable is recognized.

C supports the following storage classes –

- automatic (local)
- extern (global)
- static
- register

The general syntax for declaring a variable is
storage-class data-type variable_name

- Automatic variables are always declared within a function and are local to the function in which they are defined.
- Any variable declared within a function is interpreted as an automatic variable unless a different storage-class specification is included within the declaration.
- Automatic variables defined in different functions are independent of one another, even if they have the same name.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    auto int a = 28;
    int b = 8;
    printf("The value of auto variable : %d\n", a);
    printf("The sum of auto variable & integer variable : %d\n", (a+b));
    return 0;
}
```

The **extern** storage class does not create a variable, but merely informs the compiler of its existence. Their scope extends from the point of definition through the remainder of the program.

When a global **extern** declaration is made (outside a function), it indicates that the variable referred to is declared in another file, which will be linked with the file containing the **extern** declaration.

For example, the global declaration
`extern int ram;`

Format:

```
extern data_type variable_name;
```

Within this program file, **ram** is a global variable.

The actual storage for **ram** is allocated in another program file and in that file ram is also global.

Filename : extern.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include "extern.h"
extern int x;
int b = 8;
int main()
{
    auto int a = 28;
    x = 32;
    extern int b;
    printf("The value of auto variable : %d\n", a);
    printf("The value of extern variables x and b : %d,%d\n",x,b);
    x = 15;
    printf("The value of modified extern variable x : %d\n",x);
    return 0;
}
```

Filename:extern.h

Int x;

- Static variables are local to a particular function but their values are retained across function calls.
- They remain in existence throughout the life of the program rather than coming and going each time the function is activated.

```
#include <stdio.h>
void func(void);
int main()
{
    func();
    func();
    func();
    return 0;
}

void func(void)
{
    int num1=1;
    static int num2;
    num1++;
    num2++;
    printf("num1 is : %d \n static num2 is : %d\n",num1,num2);
}
```


The compiler can be told to keep a variable in one of the machine's registers, instead of the memory. Since a **register** access is much faster than a memory access, keeping the frequently accessed variables like loop control variables in the register, will lead to faster execution of programs.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    register char x = 'S';
    register int a = 10;
    auto int b = 8;
    printf("The value of register variable b : %c\n",x);
    printf("The sum of auto and register variable : %d\n",(a+b));
    return 0;
}
```

- It is possible to pass some values from the command line to your C programs when they are executed.
- These values are called **command line arguments** and many times they are important for your program especially when you want to control your program from outside instead of hard coding those values inside the code.
- The command line arguments are handled using main() function arguments where **argc** refers to the number of arguments passed, and **argv[]** is a pointer array which points to each argument passed to the program.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int arg;
    for(arg = 0; arg < argc; arg++) {
        if(argv[arg][0] == '-')
            printf("option: %s\n", argv[arg]+1);
        else
            printf("argument %d: %s\n", arg, argv[arg]);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Execution: `./cmd_line -i -lr 'hi there' -f file.c`

Thank You