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1. Character Set

- A character set is a collection of symbols that are used to represent text. In the context of programming languages, it refers to the set of characters that the language can recognize. For example, C uses the ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange) character set.
- ASCII Table: ASCII is a 7-bit character encoding standard that represents text in computers. The ASCII table includes 128 characters (0-127) such as digits, letters, punctuation, and control characters.

2. ASCII TABLE 😊

Decimal	Hex	Character	Description
0	0	NUL	Null character
1	1	SOH	Start of Header
2	2	STX	Start of Text
3	3	ETX	End of Text
4	4	EOT	End of Transmission
5	5	ENQ	Enquiry
6	6	ACK	Acknowledge
7	7	BEL	Bell
8	8	BS	Backspace
9	9	TAB	Horizontal Tab
10	0A	LF	Line Feed
11	0B	VT	Vertical Tab
12	0C	FF	Form Feed
13	0D	CR	Carriage Return
14	0E	SO	Shift Out
15	0F	SI	Shift In
16	10	DLE	Data Link Escape
17	11	DC1	Device Control 1
18	12	DC2	Device Control 2
19	13	DC3	Device Control 3
20	14	DC4	Device Control 4
21	15	NAK	Negative Acknowledge
22	16	SYN	Synchronous Idle
23	17	ETB	End of Block

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24	18	CAN	Cancel
25	19	EM	End of Medium
26	1A	SUB	Substitute
27	1B	ESC	Escape
28	1C	FS	File Separator
29	1D	GS	Group Separator
30	1E	RS	Record Separator
31	1F	US	Unit Separator
32	20	(Space)	Space
33	21	!	Exclamation mark
34	22	"	Double quote
35	23	#	Hash symbol
36	24	\$	Dollar sign
37	25	%	Percent
38	26	&	Ampersand
39	27		Single quote
40	28	(Left parenthesis
41	29)	Right parenthesis
42	2A	*	Asterisk
43	2B	#ERROR!	Plus sign
44	2C	,	Comma
45	2D	-	Hyphen
46	2E	.	Period
47	2F	/	Slash
48	30	0	Zero
49	31	1	One
50	32	2	Two
51	33	3	Three
52	34	4	Four
53	35	5	Five
54	36	6	Six
55	37	7	Seven
56	38	8	Eight
57	39	9	Nine
58	3A	:	Colon
59	3B	;	Semicolon

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60	3C	<	Less-than symbol
61	3D	#ERROR!	Equal sign
62	3E	>	Greater-than symbol
63	3F	?	Question mark
64	40	@	At symbol
65	41	A	Uppercase A
66	42	B	Uppercase B
67	43	C	Uppercase C
68	44	D	Uppercase D
69	45	E	Uppercase E
70	46	F	Uppercase F
71	47	G	Uppercase G
72	48	H	Uppercase H
73	49	I	Uppercase I
74	4A	J	Uppercase J
75	4B	K	Uppercase K
76	4C	L	Uppercase L
77	4D	M	Uppercase M
78	4E	N	Uppercase N
79	4F	O	Uppercase O
80	50	P	Uppercase P
81	51	Q	Uppercase Q
82	52	R	Uppercase R
83	53	S	Uppercase S
84	54	T	Uppercase T
85	55	U	Uppercase U
86	56	V	Uppercase V
87	57	W	Uppercase W
88	58	X	Uppercase X
89	59	Y	Uppercase Y
90	5A	Z	Uppercase Z
91	5B	[Left square bracket
92	5C	\	Backslash
93	5D]	Right square bracket
94	5E	^	Caret (circumflex)
95	5F	_	Underscore

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96	60	`	Grave accent
97	61	a	Lowercase a
98	62	b	Lowercase b
99	63	c	Lowercase c
100	64	d	Lowercase d
101	65	e	Lowercase e
102	66	f	Lowercase f
103	67	g	Lowercase g
104	68	h	Lowercase h
105	69	i	Lowercase i
106	6A	j	Lowercase j
107	6B	k	Lowercase k
108	6C	l	Lowercase l
109	6D	m	Lowercase m
110	6E	n	Lowercase n
111	6F	o	Lowercase o
112	70	p	Lowercase p
113	71	q	Lowercase q
114	72	r	Lowercase r
115	73	s	Lowercase s
116	74	t	Lowercase t
117	75	u	Lowercase u
118	76	v	Lowercase v
119	77	w	Lowercase w
120	78	x	Lowercase x
121	79	y	Lowercase y
122	7A	z	Lowercase z
123	7B	{	Left curly brace
124	7C		Vertical bar (pipe)
125	7D	}	Right curly brace
126	7E	~	Tilde
127	7F	DEL	Delete (Non-printable)

Key Points:

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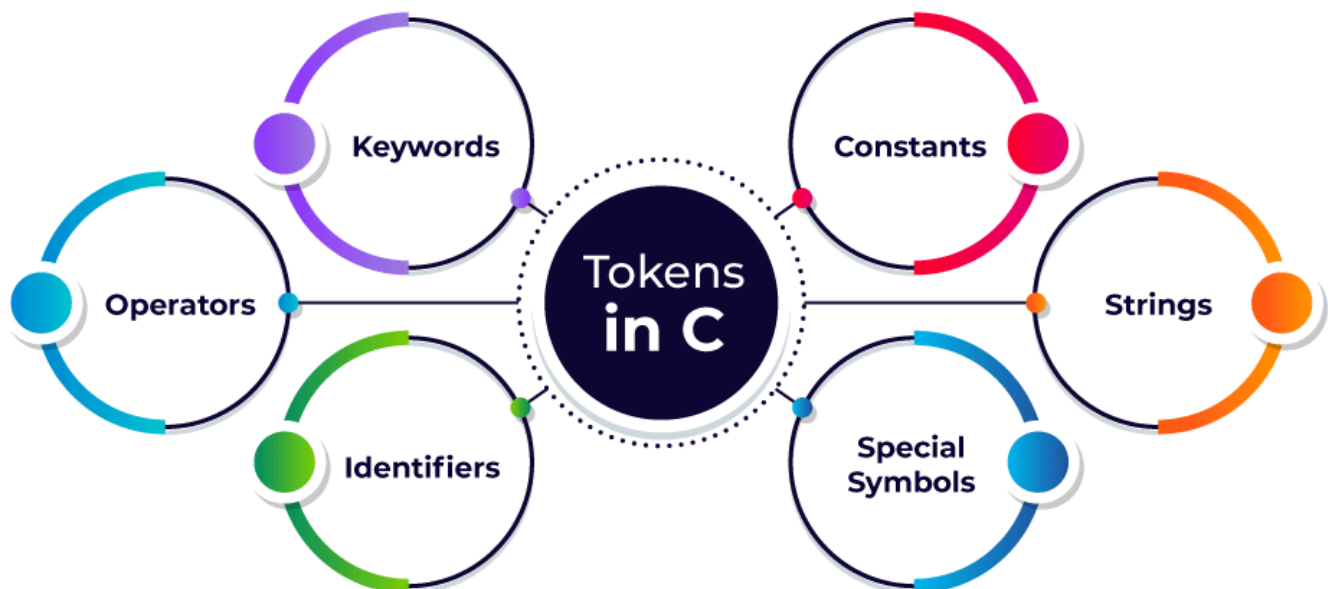
The first 32 characters (0-31) are control characters (non-printable), often used for text formatting and communication protocols.

Characters from 32-126 include printable characters, like numbers, letters, punctuation, and symbols.

The last character (127) is DEL, which is used to delete a character in text processing.

3. Tokens

- In programming, a token is a basic unit of a program, such as a keyword, identifier, constant, or operator. The process of breaking a program into tokens is known as lexical analysis.
- Tokens can include:
 - Keywords: Reserved words that have special meaning (e.g., **if**, **else**, **while**).
 - Identifiers: Names used to identify variables, functions, etc.
 - Constants: Values that do not change.
 - Operators: Symbols like **+**, **-**, *****, etc.
 - Punctuation: Symbols like **;**, **{**, **}**, etc.



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4. Keywords

- **Keywords are reserved words in a programming language that cannot be used as identifiers (names for variables, functions, etc.). They are predefined by the language and have special meaning.**

Keyword	Description	
auto	Used to define automatic variables (local variables by default).	
break	Exits from a loop or a switch statement.	
case	Marks a branch in a switch statement for specific values.	
char	Used to declare a variable of type char, which stores a single character.	
const	Specifies that the value of a variable cannot be changed.	
continue	Skips the current iteration of a loop and proceeds to the next iteration.	
default	Specifies the default case in a switch statement when no case matches.	
do	Used to start a do-while loop, which executes the loop body first and then checks the condition.	
double	Declares a variable of type double, used for floating-point numbers with double precision.	
else	Specifies the block of code to execute if the if condition is false.	
enum	Defines an enumerated data type, which represents a set of named integer constants.	
extern	Declares a variable or function that is defined outside the current file (external linkage).	
float	Declares a variable of type float, used for single-precision floating-point numbers.	
for	Used to start a for loop, which allows repeated execution of a block of code.	
goto	Transfers control to a labeled statement in the program.	
if	Used to start a conditional statement that executes a block of code if a condition is true.	
inline	Suggests to the compiler to insert the function's code at the point of the function call.	
int	Declares a variable of type int, used for integer values.	
long	Declares a variable of type long, used for long integers (larger range).	
register	Suggests that the variable be stored in a CPU register for faster access (though modern compilers often ignore this).	
return	Exits from a function and optionally returns a value to the caller.	
short	Declares a variable of type short, used for short integer values.	
signed	Specifies that a variable can store both positive and negative values (default for integers).	
sizeof	Returns the size (in bytes) of a data type or object.	

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static	Specifies that a variable has local scope but retains its value between function calls. Also used for limiting visibility of functions/variables within the file.	
struct	Defines a structure, which is a collection of different data types grouped together.	
switch	Starts a switch statement, which is used for multi-way branching based on the value of a variable.	
typedef	Creates a new name (alias) for an existing data type.	
union	Defines a union, which is a data structure where all members share the same memory location.	
unsigned	Specifies that a variable can only store non-negative values (i.e., no sign bit).	
void	Specifies a function that does not return a value or indicates that a pointer is of unknown type.	
volatile	Indicates that a variable's value can change unexpectedly, often used in hardware or signal handling.	
while	Starts a while loop, which executes the block of code as long as the condition is true.	

Notes:

- **auto**: By default, local variables in C are **auto** variables, meaning they are stored in the stack. The **auto** keyword is rarely used explicitly.
- **register**: This is a hint to the compiler to try to store the variable in a CPU register for faster access. However, modern compilers optimize this automatically, and its usage is less important today.
- **typedef**: This keyword is used to create aliases for data types. For example, **typedef unsigned long ulong**; allows you to use **ulong** instead of **unsigned long**.
- **volatile**: This keyword is essential when dealing with variables that can be modified outside the program flow (e.g., hardware registers or variables in interrupt routines).

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4. Identifiers & Naming Rules

- Identifiers are names given to various program elements such as variables, functions, arrays, etc.
- Naming Rules for identifiers (specific to C or C-like languages) include:
 - An identifier must start with a letter (A-Z or a-z) or an underscore (_).
 - After the first character, it can contain letters, digits (0-9), or underscores.
 - It must not be a keyword.
 - C identifiers are case-sensitive (e.g., **Variable** and **variable** are different).
 - They cannot start with a number.

5. Constants

- Constants are values that do not change throughout the execution of a program.
- Types of Constants:
 - Integer constants: E.g., **100**, **-50**
 - Floating-point constants: E.g., **3.14**, **-0.001**
 - Character constants: E.g., **'A'**, **'b'**
 - String constants: E.g., **"Hello, World!"**
- Constants can be declared in C using **#define** (preprocessor directive) or **const** keyword
- Source code

```
#define PI 3.14 // Preprocessor constant
```

```
const int max_size = 100; // Constant variable
```

6. Type Qualifiers

- Type qualifiers are keywords in C/C++ that modify the behavior or properties of data types.

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- **Common type qualifiers:**
 - **const:** Specifies that a variable's value cannot be changed after it is initialized.
 - **volatile:** Specifies that the value of a variable can change unexpectedly, often used with hardware-level programming or when dealing with memory-mapped registers.

Source code :

```
const int x = 10; // x cannot be modified
```

```
volatile int flag; // flag can be modified unexpectedly (e.g., hardware interrupt)
```

Variables in c programming

In C programming, variables are used to store data values that can be used and manipulated throughout the program. A variable is a container for storing data, and each variable has a type, which determines the kind of data it can store.

Here's an overview of how variables work in C:

1. Declaration of Variables

Before using a variable in C, you must declare it by specifying its type and name. The general syntax is:

```
type variable_name;
```

For example:

```
int age;
```

```
float temperature;
```

```
char grade;
```

2. Types of Variables

- **Integer Types:** Used to store whole numbers.

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- **int**: Typically stores whole numbers (e.g., -5, 0, 10).
- **short**: A shorter version of **int**, uses less memory.
- **long**: A larger version of **int**, uses more memory.
- **long long**: Stores even larger numbers.
- **Floating-Point Types**: Used to store decimal numbers.
 - **float**: Stores single-precision floating-point numbers (e.g., 3.14).
 - **double**: Stores double-precision floating-point numbers for more accuracy.
- **Character Type**: Used to store single characters.
 - **char**: Stores a single character (e.g., 'a', 'B').
- **Boolean Type** (in C99 and later, but not in older versions of C):
 - **bool**: A type used to store **true** or **false** values.

3. Initialization of Variables

You can initialize a variable at the time of its declaration. For example:

```
int age = 25;
```

```
float temperature = 98.6;
```

```
char grade = 'A';
```

If a variable is not initialized, it will contain an undefined value (garbage value).

4. Naming Rules for Variables

In C, variables must follow specific rules when naming them:

- The name must start with a letter (**A-Z**, **a-z**) or an underscore (**_**).
- The rest of the name can include letters, numbers (**0-9**), and underscores.
- The name must not be a reserved keyword (e.g., **int**, **return**, **while**).
- Variable names are case-sensitive (e.g., **age** and **Age** are different variables).
- The name cannot exceed the limit set by the compiler (typically 31 characters).

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5. Variable Scope

The scope of a variable refers to the region of the program where it can be accessed:

- **Local variables:** Defined within a function or block, and can only be used within that function or block.
- **Global variables:** Defined outside all functions, usually at the top of the program, and can be accessed by any function.

6. Types of Variable Storage Classes

In C, the storage class determines the lifetime and visibility of a variable:

- **Automatic (`auto`):** The default storage class for local variables. These variables are created when the function is called and destroyed when the function exits.
- **Static (`static`):** Retains the value of the variable between function calls.
- **Extern (`extern`):** Declares a global variable that is defined outside the current file.
- **Register (`register`):** Suggests that the variable be stored in the CPU register for faster access (though it's not guaranteed).

7. Constants

A constant is a variable-like entity whose value cannot be changed after initialization. In C, constants are defined using the `const` keyword or the `#define` directive:

Using `const`:

```
const int days_in_week = 7;
```

Using `#define`:

```
#define PI 3.14159
```

Example Program:

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

```
int main() {
```

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```
int age = 25;

float temperature = 98.6;

char grade = 'A';

printf("Age: %d\n", age);

printf("Temperature: %.2f\n", temperature);

printf("Grade: %c\n", grade);

return 0;

}
```

8. Important Notes:

- Variables in C are strongly typed, meaning the type of data must be specified (e.g., **int**, **float**).
- C doesn't automatically check if a variable is initialized before use, which can lead to undefined behavior if you use uninitialized variables.
- Type casting: You can convert one data type to another (e.g., from **float** to **int**).

Operators :

In C programming, operators are symbols used to perform operations on variables and values. Operators can be categorized into several types based on the kind of operations they perform.

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1. Arithmetic Operators

Operator	Description	Example
+	Addition	a + b
-	Subtraction	a - b
*	Multiplication	a * b
/	Division	a / b
%	Modulus (remainder)	a % b

2. Relational operators

Operator	Description	Example
#ERROR!	Equal to	a == b
!=	Not equal to	a != b
>	Greater than	a > b
<	Less than	a < b
>=	Greater than or equal to	a >= b
<=	Less than or equal to	a <= b

3. Logical operators

a. Logical and &&

b. Logical or ||

c. Logical not !

4. Bitwise operators

Operator	Description	Example
&	Bitwise AND	a & b
		Bitwise OR
^	Bitwise XOR	a ^ b
~	Bitwise NOT (complement)	~a
<<	Left shift	a << 2
>>	Right shift	a >> 2

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- 5. Assignment operators**
 - a. Equal
 - b. Add and assign $\Rightarrow +=$
 - c. Sub and assign $\Rightarrow -=$
 - d. Multiply and assign $\Rightarrow *=$
 - e. Divide and assign $\Rightarrow /=$
 - f. Modulus and assign $\Rightarrow \%=$
- 6. Increment and decrement operators**
 - a. Post fix
 - b. Pre fix
- 7. Conditional (ternary) operators**
 - a. For true $\Rightarrow ?$
 - b. For false $\Rightarrow :$
- 8. Comma operators**
 - a. Comma $\Rightarrow ,$
- 9. Size of operators**
 - a. sizeof()
- 10. Pointer operators**
 - a. Address of $\Rightarrow \&$
 - b. Deference operators $\Rightarrow *$
- 11. Typecast operators**
 - a. (type)

Arithmetics operators exercise 50 questions

Basic Level (1-10)

- 1. Addition of two integers**

Write a program that takes two integers as input and calculates their sum.
- 2. Subtraction of two integers**

Write a program that takes two integers as input and calculates the

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difference.

3. Multiplication of two integers

Write a program that takes two integers as input and calculates their product.

4. Division of two integers

Write a program that takes two integers as input and calculates the quotient.

5. Modulus operation of two integers

Write a program that takes two integers as input and calculates the remainder.

6. Add and subtract two numbers

Write a program that takes two integers as input and calculates the sum and difference of the numbers.

7. Multiply and divide two numbers

Write a program that takes two integers as input and calculates their product and quotient.

8. Input two float numbers and perform arithmetic operations

Write a program that takes two float numbers as input and performs addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

9. Perform addition and multiplication with user input

Write a program that accepts two integers from the user, performs addition and multiplication, and displays the results.

10. Input a number and calculate its square

Write a program that accepts an integer and calculates the square of that number.

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Moderate Level (11-30)

11. Average of two integers

Write a program that takes two integers as input and calculates their average.

12. Find the difference and sum of two float numbers

Write a program that takes two float numbers and finds their sum and difference.

13. Area of a rectangle

Write a program that takes the length and width of a rectangle and calculates its area.

14. Area and perimeter of a circle

Write a program that accepts the radius of a circle and calculates its area and perimeter (circumference).

15. Area of a triangle

Write a program that accepts the base and height of a triangle and calculates its area.

16. Simple interest calculation

Write a program that accepts the principal amount, rate of interest, and time in years, and calculates the simple interest using the formula $SI = (P * R * T) / 100$.

17. Temperature conversion (Celsius to Fahrenheit)

Write a program that takes the temperature in Celsius as input and converts it to Fahrenheit.

18. Convert kilometers to miles

Write a program that takes a distance in kilometers and converts it to miles.

19. Total cost after applying a discount

Write a program that takes the original price and discount percentage and

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calculates the total price after the discount.

20. Perimeter of a rectangle

Write a program that takes the length and width of a rectangle and calculates its perimeter.

21. Multiplication of a number with a constant factor

Write a program that accepts a number and multiplies it by a constant factor (e.g., 5).

22. Swap two numbers using arithmetic operations

Write a program that takes two integers as input and swaps their values using arithmetic operators.

23. Check if a number is even or odd

Write a program that takes an integer as input and checks whether it is even or odd using the modulus operator.

24. Find the maximum of two numbers

Write a program that takes two integers as input and finds the maximum of the two.

25. Find the minimum of two numbers

Write a program that takes two integers as input and finds the minimum of the two.

26. Calculate the distance between two points

Write a program that accepts the coordinates of two points (x_1 , y_1) and (x_2 , y_2) and calculates the distance between them using the distance formula:

$$\text{sqrt}((x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2).$$

27. Square root of a number

Write a program that takes an integer and calculates its square root.

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28. Factorial of a number

Write a program that takes an integer as input and calculates its factorial.

29. Check whether a number is positive, negative, or zero

Write a program that accepts a number as input and checks whether it is positive, negative, or zero.

Advanced Level (31-50)

31. Calculate the compound interest

Write a program that takes the principal amount, rate of interest, time in years, and calculates the compound interest using the formula:

$$CI = P * (1 + R / 100)^T - P.$$

32. Perform a series of operations based on user choice

Write a program that asks the user to choose an operation (addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division) and perform that operation on two numbers.

33. Volume of a cylinder

Write a program that accepts the radius and height of a cylinder and calculates its volume using the formula:

$$V = \pi * r^2 * h.$$

34. Check if a number is divisible by another

Write a program that takes two numbers as input and checks if the first number is divisible by the second.

35. Number of digits in a number

Write a program that takes an integer as input and calculates how many digits it has.

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