

## UNIT-1:-

# Introduction to C Language

## C Language Overview:-

The C-programming language is general purpose and high-level language that was originally developed by Dennis M. Ritchie's to develop the UNIX OS at Bell Labs.

C was originally first implemented on the DEC PDP-11 computer in 1972.

In 1978, Brian Kernighan and Dennis Ritchie produced the first publicly available description of C, now known as K&R standard.

C has now become a widely used professional language for various reasons.

- (i) Easy to learn
- (ii) Structured language
- (iii) It can handle low-level activities.
- (iv) It can be compiled on a variety of computer platforms.

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## Facts about C:-

- (i) C was invented to write an OS called UNIX.
  - (ii) The 'C' language was formalized in 1988 by ANSI (American National Standard Institute).
  - (iii) The UNIX OS was totally written in C in 1973.
  - (iv) Now a days, C is widely used and popular system programming language.
  - (v) Today's most popular linux OS have been written in C.
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## Uses of C Language:-

- (i) OS, (ii) Language Compilers, (iii) Language Interpreter,
- (iv) Assemblers, (v) Text editors, (vi) Print Spoolers,
- (vii) Network Drivers, (viii) Modem Programs, (ix) Databases,
- (x) Utilities.

## Basic structure of C Language:-

Documentation Section

Linking Section

Definition Section

Global declaration section

Main function Section

{  
Declaration Section

Executable Section

}

Sub program or function Section.

## Algorithm:-

An algorithm is a problem solving technique. It can be defined as a step by step procedure to solve a particular problem or task or an activity each step is called instruction.

## Characteristics of an algorithm:-

- (i) Input, (ii) Output, (iii) Definiteness, (iv) Finiteness,
- (v) Effectiveness.

## Ex-1:-

Algorithm to find sum of two numbers.

Step 1: Start

Step 2: Accept / Read 2 numbers from the user a, b.

Step 3: Calculate the sum,  $C = a + b$

Step 4: Display the value of C.

Step 5: Stop.



## Flow Chart:-

A flow chart is a graphical representation or pictorial representation of an algorithm.

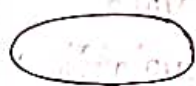
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The diagrammatical representation of way to solve the given problem is called flow chart.

### Advantages of Using flow chart:-

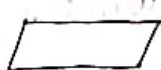
- (i) Communication, (ii) Effective analysis,
- (iii) Proper documentation, (iv) Efficient coding,
- (v) Proper debugging, (vi) Efficient program Maintenance.

Given symbols are used to draw a flowchart:-



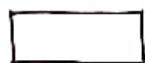
oval

start / stop



parallelogram

Input / Output



Rectangle

Process



Diamond

Decision



Circle

Connector

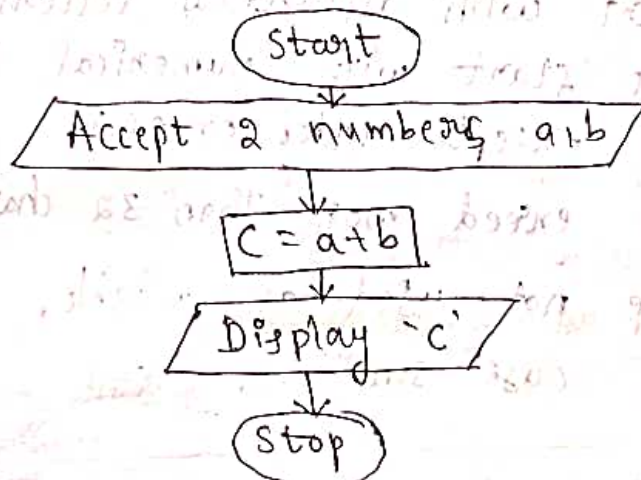


Arrows

Flow

Ex-1:-

Draw a flowchart for sum of 2 numbers.



## C language elements:

Tokens, Comments, Key words, Identifiers, Constants, String literals, Punctuation and special characters.

## Programming in C - Elements:

### Keywords:

Keywords are the words whose meaning has already been explained to the C compiler. The keywords cannot be used as variable names.

There are only 32 keywords available in C.

### Key Words

auto	do	goto	signed	unsigned
break	double	if	sizeof	void
case	else	int	static	volatile
char	enum	long	struct	while
const	extern	register	switch	
continue	float	return	typedef	
default	for	short	union	

### Variables:

Variable is an identifier that is used to represent a single data item.

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ex: int a, b, c;    // integer variable
    char d;         // character variable
```

### Rules for declaring a variable:

- (i) It should start with alphabetical letters only.
- (ii) It should not start with numerical values, special symbols except underscore (\_).
- (iii) It should not exceed more than 32 characters.
- (iv) Keywords are not used as variable.
- (v) Variables are case sensitive.



## Datatypes and Sizes:

There are 4 data types in C language. They are

(i) Basic datatype (or primary (or primitive) datatype.

⇒ int, char, float, double

(ii) Enumeration datatype.

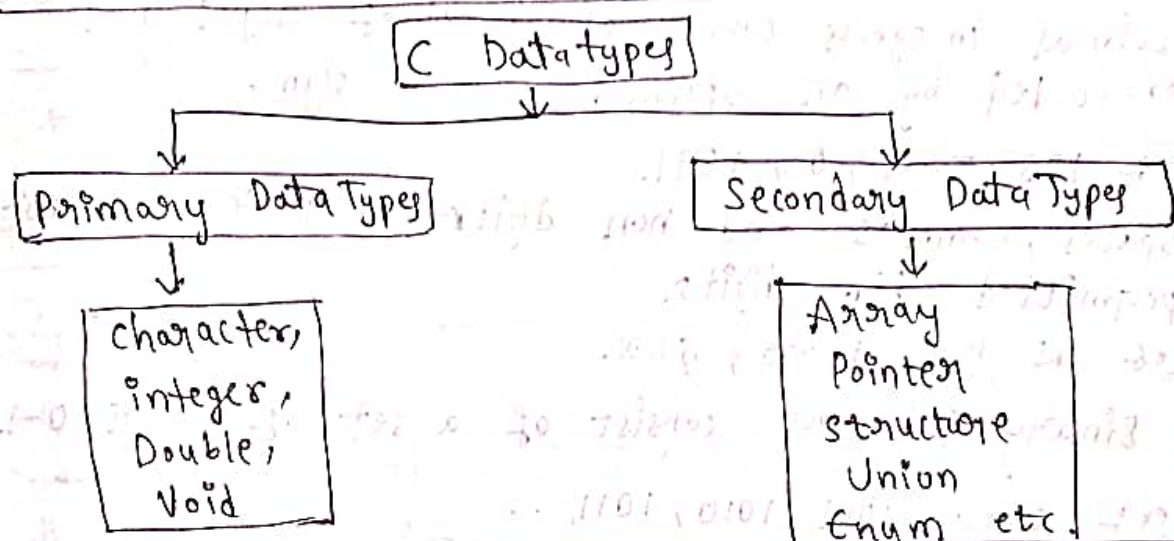
⇒ enum

(iii) Derived datatype (or Secondary datatype

⇒ pointer, array, structure, union

(iv) Void data type

⇒ void.



## Storage size of data types:

SR. No.	C-datatype	Storage size in (bytes)	Range
①	char	1	-127 to 127
②	int	2 or 4	-32767 to 32767.
③	float,	4 or 8	$1E-37$ to $1E+37$ . with six digits of precision.
④	double	8	$1E-37$ to $1E+37$ . with ten digits of precision.

## Escape sequence Codes:

\\ ⇒ \ character

'\ ' ⇒ ' character

" " ⇒ " character

\? ⇒ ? character

\a ⇒ Alert or bell

\b ⇒ Back space

$\backslash f \Rightarrow$  Form feed

$\backslash n \Rightarrow$  Newline

$\backslash r \Rightarrow$  Carriage return

$\backslash t \Rightarrow$  Horizontal tab

$\backslash v \Rightarrow$  Vertical tab

$\backslash ooo \Rightarrow$  Octal number of one to three digits

$\backslash xhh \Rightarrow$  Hexadecimal number of one or more digits

## Numerical Constants

### (a) Integer Constants

Decimal, Binary, Octal, Hexadecimal.

$\Rightarrow$  Decimal integers consist of a set of digits 0-9 preceded by an optional  $-$  or  $+$  sign.

ex: 123, -321, 0, +591...

Spaces, commas and non digit characters are not permitted b/w digits.

ex: 15 150, 20,000, \$501...

$\Rightarrow$  Binary integers consist of a set of digits 0-1.

ex: 0110, 1001, 1010, 1011, ...

$\Rightarrow$  Octal integers consist of a set of digits 0-7 with leading '0'.

ex: 037, 0551, 0435, 0...

$\Rightarrow$  A sequence of digits preceded by  $0x$  is considered as hexadecimal integer. They may also include alphabets a-f or A-F. The letters A through F represents the number 10-15.

ex:  $0x2$ ,  $0x9f$ ,  $0xbcd$ ,  $0x...$

### (b) Real Constants

ex: 0.0083, -0.75, 43.36, +247.0.

ex: 215., .95, -.74, +.5...

ex: 215.65 may be written as  $2.1565e2$  in exponential notation.  $e2$  means multiply by  $10^2$ .  $\downarrow e2 = f2$



## Character Constants:

(a) Single character constant ↓ 'a' = single quote.

ex: '5', 'P'. A character constant within a pair of ' '.  
character constant '5' is not same as the number 5.  
character constant have integer values known as ASCII values.

```
printf ("%d", 'a');
```

ex: the number 97 = ASCII value of a.

## (b) String Constants:

A string constant is a sequence of characters enclosed in double quotes.

ex: "hello!", "1987", "9...!", "5+3", ...

## Operators in C:

The symbols which are used to perform logical and mathematical operations in C program are called C operators.

⇒ Operators, functions, constants and variables are combined together to form expressions.

ex:  $a + b * 5$

Here, a, b are variables, (+, \*) are operators.  
5 is a constant.

$a + b * 5$  is an expression.

## Types of C operators:

(i) Arithmetic operators

(ii) Assignment operators

(iii) Relational operators

(iv) Increment / decrement operators

(v) Special operators.

(vi) Logical operators

(vii) Bit wise operators

(viii) Conditional operators

(ternary operators)

## (i) Arithmetic Operators:

Arithmetic operators are used to perform mathematical calculations like addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and modulus in C programs.

- $\Rightarrow +$  Addition  $a+b$
- $\Rightarrow -$  subtraction  $a-b$
- $\Rightarrow *$  multiplication  $a*b$
- $\Rightarrow /$  Division  $a/b$
- $\Rightarrow \%$  modulus  $a \% b$

## (ii) Assignment Operators: To assign values for variables.

$\Rightarrow$  Simple assignment operators.

$=$  ;  $sum = 10$  ; 10 is assigned to variable sum

$\Rightarrow$  Compound assignment operators.

$+=$  ;  $sum += 10$  ;  $sum = sum + 10$

$-=$  ;  $sum -= 10$  ;  $sum = sum - 10$

$*=$  ;  $sum *= 10$  ;  $sum = sum * 10$

$/=$  ;  $sum /= 10$  ;  $sum = sum / 10$

$\% =$  ;  $sum \% = 10$  ;  $sum = sum \% 10$

$\&=$  ;  $sum \&= 10$  ;  $sum = sum \& 10$

$\wedge =$  ;  $sum \wedge = 10$  ;  $sum = sum \wedge 10$

## (iii) Relational Operators:

Relational operators are used to find the relation between two variables.

$>$  ;  $x > y$  ;  $x$  is greater than  $y$

$<$  ;  $x < y$  ;  $x$  is less than  $y$

$\geq$  ;  $x \geq y$  ;  $x$  is greater than or equal to  $y$

$\leq$  ;  $x \leq y$  ;  $x$  is less than or equal to  $y$ .



$=$  ;  $x=y$  ;  $x$  is equal to  $y$ .

$!=$  ;  $x!=y$  ;  $x$  is not equal to  $y$ .

#### (iv) Logical operators:-

To perform logical operations.

$\&$  ; logical AND ;  $(x > 5) \& (y < 5)$

$\|$  ; logical OR ;  $(x >= 10) \| (y >= 10)$

$!$  ; logical NOT ;  $!((x > 5) \& (y < 5))$ .

$\Rightarrow$  True = 1, False = 0

a	b	$a \& b$
1	1	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
0	0	0

Truth Table

a	b	$a \  b$
1	1	1
0	1	1
1	0	1
0	0	0

Truth Table

a	$!a$
1	0
0	1
1	0
0	1

Truth Table

b	$!b$
0	1
0	1
1	0
1	0

a	b	$!(a \& b)$
1	1	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
0	0	1

a	b	$!(a \  b)$
1	1	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
0	0	1

#### (v) Bit wise operators:-

To perform bit operations. Decimal values are converted into binary values.

$\&$  ; Bitwise AND

$|$  ; Bitwise OR

$\sim$  ; Bitwise NOT

$\wedge$  ; XOR

$\ll$  ; Left shift

$\gg$  ; Right shift.

$\Rightarrow \text{True} = 1, \text{False} = 0$

a	b	$a \& b$
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

Truth Table

a	b	$a   b$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

Truth Table

a	b	$a \wedge b$
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

Truth Table

### (vi) Conditional or ternary operators:-

Syntax:-

(Condition ? true-value : false-value) %

ex:  $(A > 100 ? 0 : 1);$

### (vii) Increment and Decrement operators:-

Syntax:-

Increment operator :  $++ \text{Var-name}$  or  $\text{Var-name}++;$

Decrement operator :  $-- \text{Var-name}$  or  $\text{Var-name}--;$

ex:  $++i$  ;  $i++$   
 $--i$  ;  $i--$

$++i < 5 \Rightarrow 1, 2, 3, 4,$

$i++ < 5 \Rightarrow 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,$

$--i < 5 \Rightarrow 9, 8, 7, 6,$

$i-- < 5 \Rightarrow 9, 8, 7, 6, 5,$

### (viii) Special Operators:-

$\&$  ;  $\&a$  will give address of  $a$ .

$*$  ;  $*a$  is pointer to the variable  $a$

$\text{sizeof}()$  ;  $\text{sizeof}(\text{char})$  will give us 1.



C statements fall into three categories:

⇒ Selection statements : if and switch

⇒ Iteration statements : while, do, and for.

⇒ Jump statements : break, continue and goto.

Other C statements → Compound statement, Null statement.

Selection statements or Decision Making Branching statements:

① If ⇒ simple if, if else, Nested if, If else ladder.

② Switch

① If :-

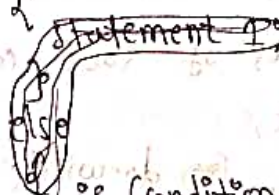
if :- Syntax ⇒  
if (condition)  
{ statements;  
}

```
if ()  
{  
    =  
}
```

if... else :- Syntax ⇒  
if (condition)  
{ statement 1;  
}  
else  
{ statement 2;  
}

```
if ()  
{  
    =  
}  
else  
{  
    =  
}
```

Nested if :- Syntax ⇒  
if (condition 1)  
{  
 statement 1;  
 else  
 if (condition 2)  
 {  
 statement 2;  
 }  
}



if (condition 1)  
{  
 statement 1;  
 else  
 if (condition 2)  
 {  
 statement 2;  
 }  
}

```
if ()  
{  
    if ()  
    {  
        =  
    }  
    else  
    {  
        =  
    }  
}
```

if (condition 1)  
{  
 statement 1;  
 else  
 if (condition 2)  
 {  
 statement 2;  
 }  
}

```
else  
{  
    =  
}
```

Ladder if :- Syntax  $\Rightarrow$

```

if (condition 1)
{
    statement 1;
}
else if (condition 2)
{
    statement 2;
}
else
{
    statement 3;
}

```

if ( )  
{  
}  
else if ( )  
{  
}  
else  
{  
}

(iv) Switch :-

Switch() statement is useful for writing menu driven programs.

Syntax :- switch(expression)

```

{
    case 1 : statements;
    break;
    case 2 : statements;
    break;
    default : statements;
    break;
}

```

Iteration Statements  $\Rightarrow$  Decision Making Looping Statements

There are 3 types of loop control statements in C language. They are,

(i) for, (ii) while, (iii) do-while

for :- Syntax :- for (exp 1 ; exp 2 ; exp 3)

```

{
    statements;
}

```

(or) for (i=0; i<10; i++)  
{  
 statements;  
}

(or)  
for (initialization ; condition ; increment/decrement)

$\Rightarrow$  for loop statement comprises three actions. These three actions are (a) Initialize, (b) Counter, (c) Test condition



While:- Syntax:- while (condition)

```
{
    statements;
}
```

⇒ while (i < 10)  
{  
 statement;  
 i++;  
}

Do-while:- Syntax:-

```
do
{
    statements;
}
while (condition);
```

⇒ do  
{  
 statement;  
 i++;  
}  
while (i < 4);

Jump statements:-

Break:- Syntax:- break;

Continue:- Syntax:- continue;

goto:- Syntax:-

```
{
    .....
    goto case 6;
    .....
    case 6: statement;
}
```

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## Arrays:

Array is a collection of homogeneous elements which are represented by a single variable.

Array is a group of related data items that share a common name.

The complete set of values is referred to as an array, the individual values are called elements.

### One-dimensional Array or Single Subscripted Variable:

A list of items can be given one variable index is called "single subscripted variable" or "1-d array".

ex: `int a[3];`

It contains 3 elements. The range starting from 0-2 elements. (`a[0]`, `a[1]`, `a[2]`).

Declaration of 1-d array  $\Rightarrow$

Type variable-name[size];

Initialization of arrays  $\Rightarrow$

Type array name[size] = {List of values};

### Two-dimensional array:

Declaration of 2-d array  $\Rightarrow$

type array name [row-size] [col-size];

ex: `int a[3][3];`

for (`i=0`; `i<3`; `i++`)

for (`j=0`; `j<3`; `j++`)

scanf ("%d", &a[i][j]);

### Multi-Dimensional Array:

Type array-name [s1][s2][s3]...[sm];

Note: ANSI C language does not specify any limit for array dimension. However, most compilers permit seven to ten dimensions.