

INF1004 procedural programming in C

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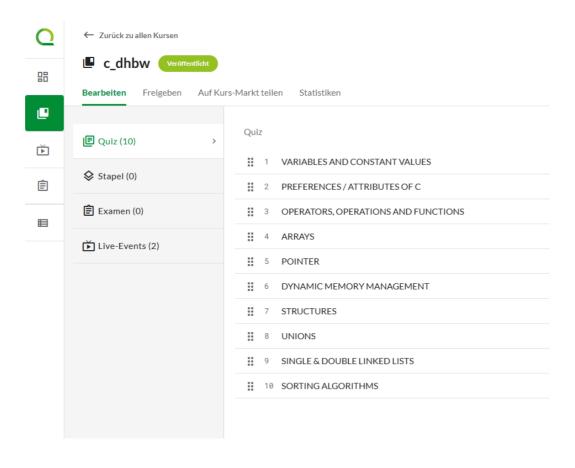
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Recap of the previous contents



Let's play





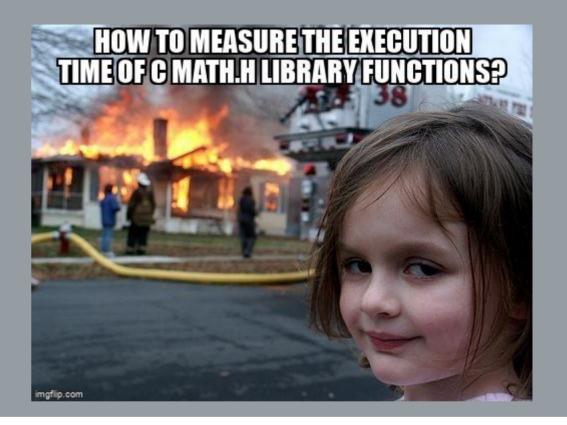
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Functions and Libaries

What is a Function in Programming?





Functions and Libaries Structure of a function

Every function in C has the following components

- Return value: The type of value that the function returns. If the function does not return a value, void is used.
- Function name: The name under which the function is called.
- Parameter list: A list of values that are passed to the function.
- Function body: The block of code that is executed when the function is called.

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Functions and Libaries What is a library?

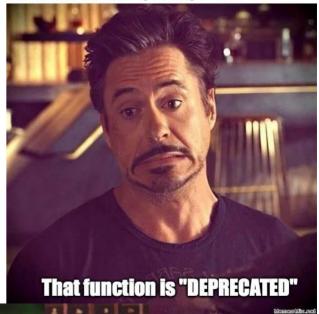
- A library in C is
 - a collection of functions and other definitions
 - that are defined in separate files
 - and can be reused by different programmes
- C has standard libraries (e.g. stdio.h for input/output)

We can also create your own libraries

- header files (.h): Contain the function declarations (prototypes) and constants provided by the library.
- implementation files (.c): Contain the function definitions, i.e. the actual code of the functions.
- Include the header file: To use functions from a library, the associated header file must be included using #include.

ME: "I finally understand how this function works"

LIBRARY DEVELOPERS:







Functions and Libaries Advantages of Functions and Libaries

- Reusability: Once written, functions can be used in different parts of the program
- Clarity: Functions help to divide the code into smaller, clear sections
- Maintainability: Changes to a function only need to be made in one place instead of everywhere in the code
- Modularity: Programmers can be made more modular by giving each function a clearly defined task

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                                                                                   #include <stdbool.h>
#include "lib.h"
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                                                                                      bool isNumeric(char character);
void test cases();
                                                                                                                                                                         if ((character >= '0') && (character <= '9'))
                                                                                       bool isUpperCase(char character);
int main()
                                                                                      hool islowerCase(char character):
                                                                                       bool isAlpha(char character);
   printf("Please enter any ASCII character: ");
   scanf("%c", &character);
                                                                                       bool isAlphaNumeric(char character);
                                                                                                                                                                     bool isUpperCase(char character)
                                                                                      char toUpperCase(char character):
   printf("is alpha: %d\n", isAlpha(character));
                                                                                                                                                                         if ((character >= 'A') && (character <= 'Z'))
    printf("is alpha numeric: %d\n", isAlphaNumeric(character
                                                                                       char toLowerCase(char character);
    printf("is upper case: %d\n", isUpperCase(character));
   printf("is lower case: %d\n", isLowerCase(character));
   printf("to upper case: %c\n", toUpperCase(character));
   printf("to lower case: %c\n", toLowerCase(character));
    test cases(); // These tests should not fail!
                                                                                                                                                                      bool isLowerCase(char character)
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void test cases()
```



Functions and Libaries Compilationsteps

To compile your main.c, lib.h, and lib.c files into one executable file, proceed as follows:

- 1. Compile the lib.c into an object file (lib.o): gcc -c lib.c -o lib.o
- 2. Compile main.c including lib.h and left with lib.o: gcc main.c lib.o -o my_program



1+2: gcc main.c lib.c -o my_program



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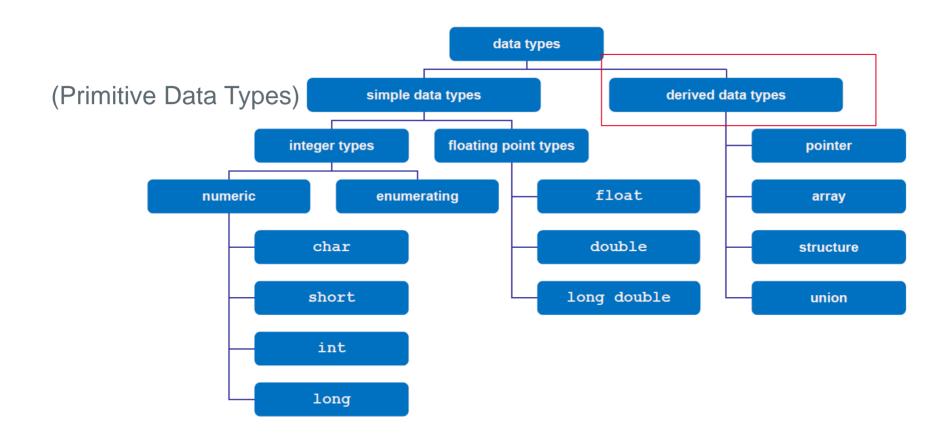
Classes of Data Types

What Data Type Classes do you know?



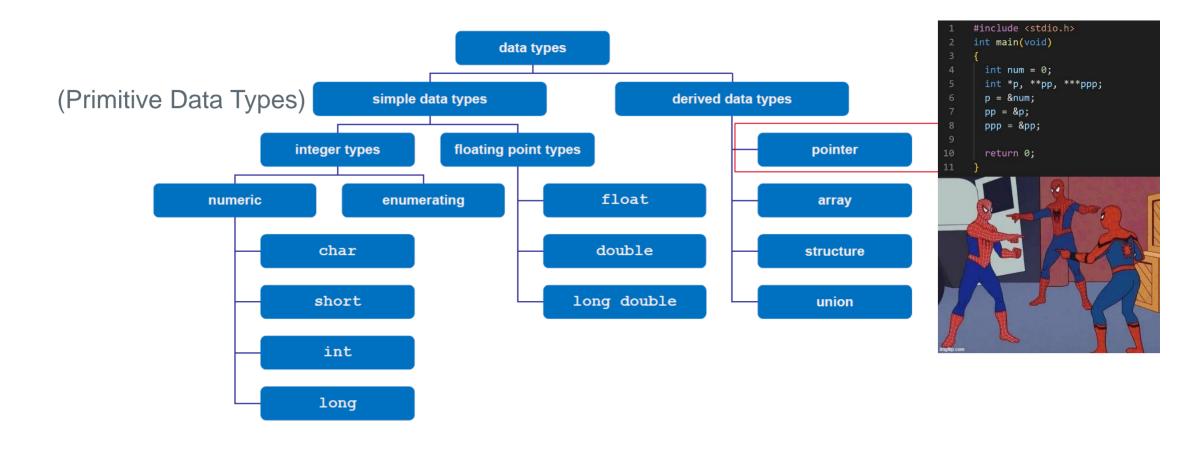


Classes of Data Types Overview





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Classes of Data Types Derived Data Types — Pointers

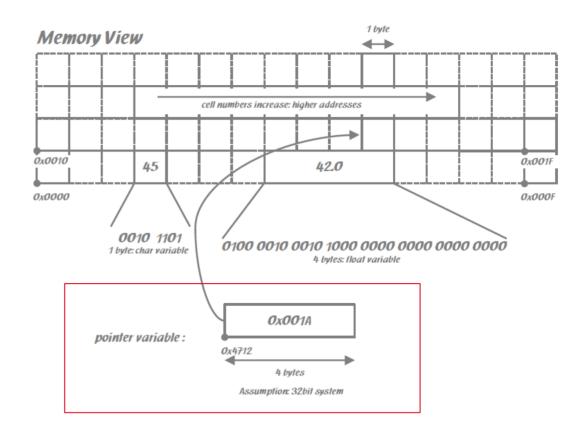
A pointer is a variable that stores the memory address of another variable

This means:

- instead of saving the value of a variable directly
- a pointer contains the address of the memory location where this value is located

The Computer's memory is divided into dedicated **cells of storage**. Each storage cell has an **number**, which we call an **address**. The computer's storage can be accessed by addresses **byte by byte** (Remember: 1 byte = 8 bits).

Simplified: Each byte of the computer's memory has and address. You cannot access single bits.





Classes of Data Types Derived Data Types – Pointers

A **pointer is a variable** has the four known characteristics:

- data type
- address
- name
- value

It's value is an address.

The pointer that references another variable must comply with the variable's type.

A pointer to int (int) variable must be of the pointer type int (int *).



Classes of Data Types Derived Data Types – Pointers

The value that a pointer hosts is valid as long as is a **defined address** in the system.

NULL is a specific value. Assigned to a pointer variable the pointer is set to "not valid".

If the pointer is not set to specific address, best practise is, always to **initialize a pointer** with the value NULL.

NULL
0x4712
4 bytes

<u>Information:</u> NULL is a pre-defined symbolic constant.

A defined pointer variable **only** allocates memory space for an address. There is no space reserved to store any other variable value.

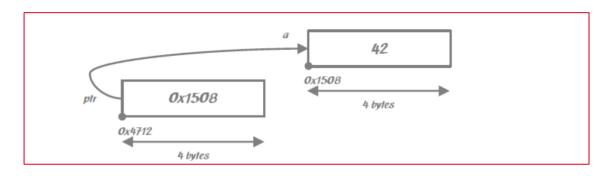


Classes of Data Types Derived Data Types – Pointers Operators

For accessing pointer there are two important operators available in C:

- referencing operator
- de-referencing operator

The **referencing operator** returns the address of a variable. The **de-referencing operator** returns the value of the referenced variable (content).



```
#include <stdio.h>
int main (void)
   int a = 42;
   int * ptr = NULL:
   ptr = & a;
   printf ("value: %d\n", a);
   printf ("value: %d\n", *ptr);
   return (0);
```

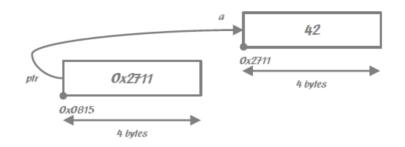


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Manipulating data with pointers:

```
int a = 42;
int * ptr;
ptr = &a;
*ptr = *ptr + 1;
```

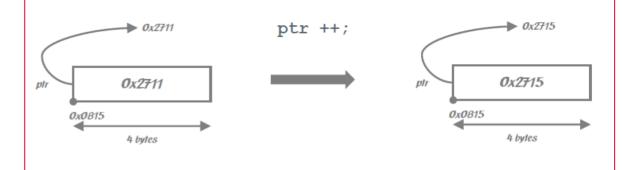
The statement *ptr = *ptr + 1; increases the value of a by 1.



Increasing the pointer variable will change the address store with the pointer by one step.

The address is no necessarily increased by 1. The increase depends on the pointer's type:

- type char: increase by 1
- type int: increase by 4 (assumption 32bit system)





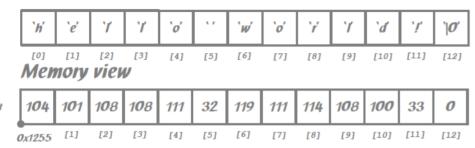
Summary:

An array

- combines variables with the same data type
- Contains multiple variable

The [] operator is congruent with the dereferencing operator.

Character view



Pre-Requisite:

```
char text [13] ="hello world!";
char * ptr;
```

If the [] operator **de-references** the variable, the variable name itself (without the [] operator) is the reference:

```
ptr = text;
```

The name of an array returns an address. The **array's name** also called a **vector**.



A pointer can be used to run through an array.

Base for this is the fact, that all elements of an array are **next to each other** and increasing an pointer will point to the next elements.

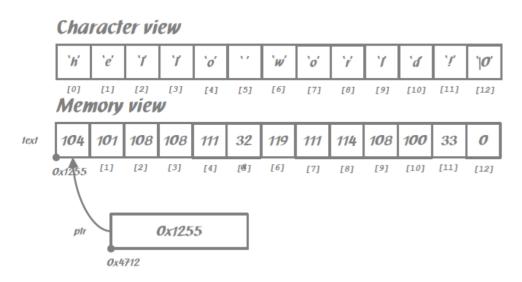
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```
#include <stdio.h>
int main (void)
{
   int i;
   char text[13] = "hello world!";
   char * ptr;
   ptr = text;
   printf ("Text: ");
   for (i=0;i<12;i++) {
      printf ("%c", *ptr++);
   }
   printf ("\n");
   return (0);
}</pre>
```



A pointer can be used to run through an array.

The example is the same but the solution is different. The previously used for-loop has been changed into a while-loop.



```
#include <stdio.h>
int main (void)
{
   int i;
   char text[13] = "hello world!";
   char * ptr;
   ptr = text;
   printf ("Text: ");
   while (*ptr) {
       printf ("%c", *ptr++);
   }
   printf ("\n");
   return (0);
}
```

loop works? why / why not



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Classes of Data Types Intro to assert() in C For Developers

The assert macro in C is a debugging tool provided by the standard library, which helps developers

catch logic errors early in the development process

Key Features of assert:

- If the condition provided to assert is true (non-zero), nothing happens, and the program continues
- If the condition is false (zero), the program prints an error message and terminates
- assert is included in the <assert.h> header file.

```
#include <assert.h>

void someFunction(int value) {
    assert(value != 0); // Program terminates if value equals 0
    // Rest of the function
}
```



Classes of Data Types Intro to assert() in C For Developers

Use Cases for assert

- Testing Pre-conditions:
 You can use assert to verify function arguments.
 Example: Ensure a pointer is not NULL before dereferencing it.
- Invariants:
 Invariants are conditions that must always hold true during the execution of a program.

 Example: In a sorting algorithm, you might assert that the array remains within certain bounds.
- Debugging:
 During the development phase, assert helps to catch logic errors early.

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void someFunction(int value) {
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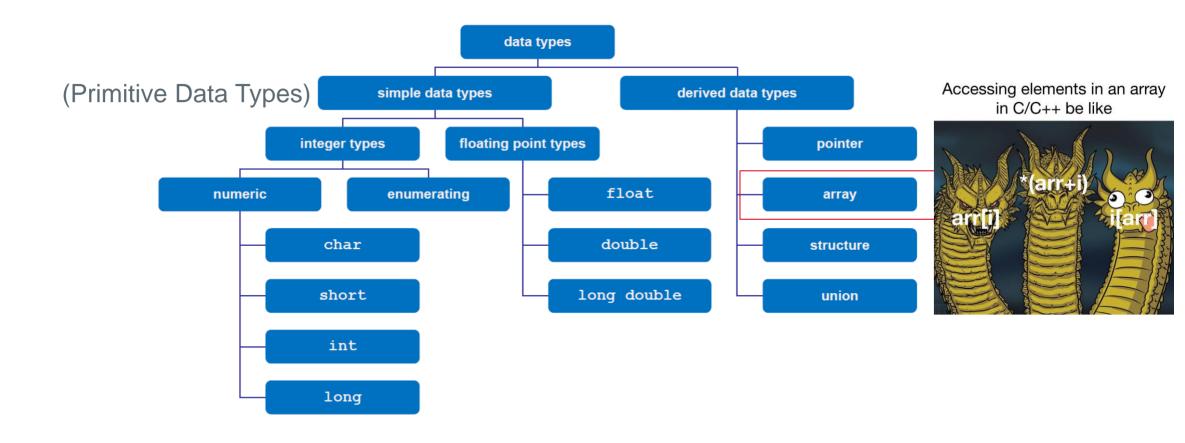
In production builds, assertions can be disabled by defining NDEBUG before including <assert.h>.

This turns assert into a no-op (no operation).

```
#define NDEBUG
#include <assert.h>
```



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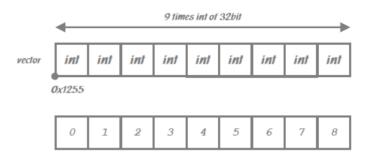




- An array belongs to the derived data types
- able to host multiple elements (variables) of the same type

(The derived data type "structure" can hos multiple elements of different data types.)

- The array itself -once defined-is a single variable
- has the same characteristics as a variable (name, address, data type, value).
- The single values of an array have an index number
- Index number use to access the single values.



Definition of the array above:

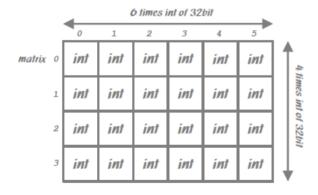
```
data_type array_name [dimension];
int vector [9];
```

Important:

The index numbering starts with 0 (zero).



Arrays can have multiple dimension.



Definition of the array above:

int matrix [6][4];

Remember: If you do not initialize a variable it has a random value.

There are different way to initialize an array:

- at definition time
- at runtime

Initialization at definition time:

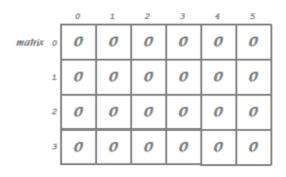
```
int matrix [6][4]={0};
int matrix [6][4]={0,0,0,0,0};
```



Initialization at runtime / during the program:

```
for (i=0;i<6;i++)
{
    for (j=0;j<4;j++)
    {
       matrix [i][j]=0;
    }
}</pre>
```

Logical view



Memory view





Formatted Output of Array Elements

Usage of **printf()** with arrays depends on the data type of the array elements.



Caution:

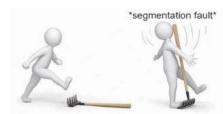
- When using loops to run through an array
- no mechanism to detect the end of an array

(Especially when writing values the loop can exceed the border of the array and will write into unallocated memory space.)

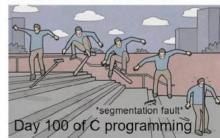
 C Programmers need to take care about the correct index numbers

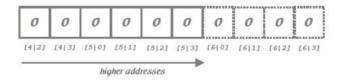
Example Code:

```
for (i=0;i<7;i++)
{
    for (j=0;j<4;j++)
    {
        matrix [i][j]=0;
    }
}</pre>
```



Day 1 of C programming







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Call by Value vs. Call by Reference

What is meant by this?





Call by Value vs. Call by Reference Passing arguments to functions

 When programming in C (and other languages), there are two main methods for passing arguments to functions:

1. Call by value

- Definition: With call by value, a copy of the argument is passed to the function.
- Functionality:
 - Changes to the copy within the function have no effect on the original.
 - The original remains unchanged as the function only works with the copy.

2. Call by Reference

- Definition: With Call by Reference, the address of the argument is passed to the function.
- Functionality:
 - The function works directly with the original value.
 - Changes within the function have a direct effect on the original.



Call by Value vs. Call by Reference Passing arguments to functions

Feature	Call by Value	Call by Reference
Data transmission	Copy of the value	Address of the value
Influence	Does not affect the original	Influences the original directly
Memory requirement	Higher for large data structures	More efficient with large data structures
Side effects	None	Possible

- Call by value and call by reference are fundamental concepts in programming
- influence the code efficiency and security / robust and efficient programmes

When do I use which method?



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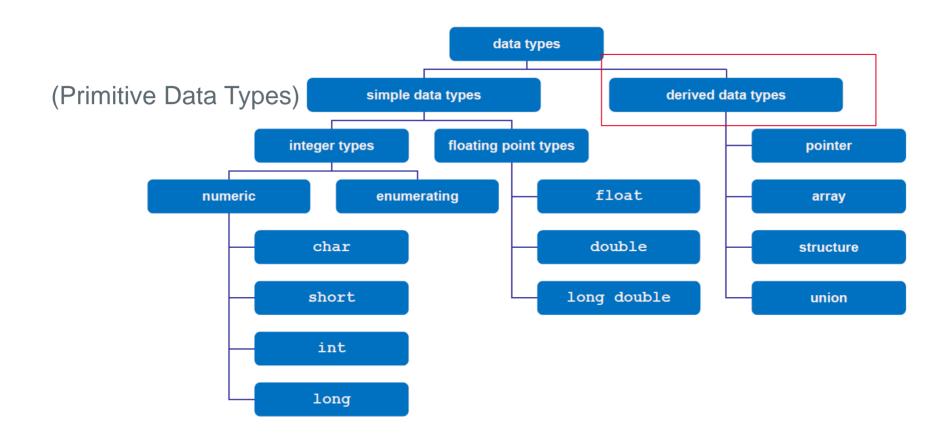
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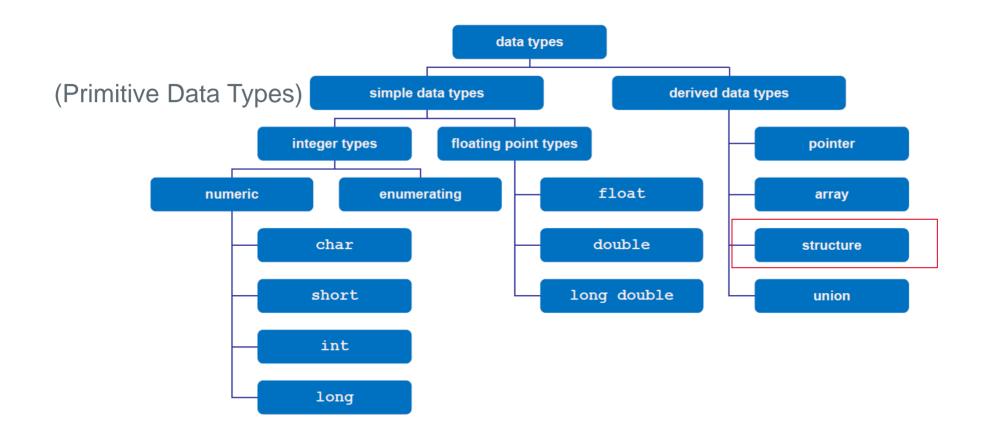


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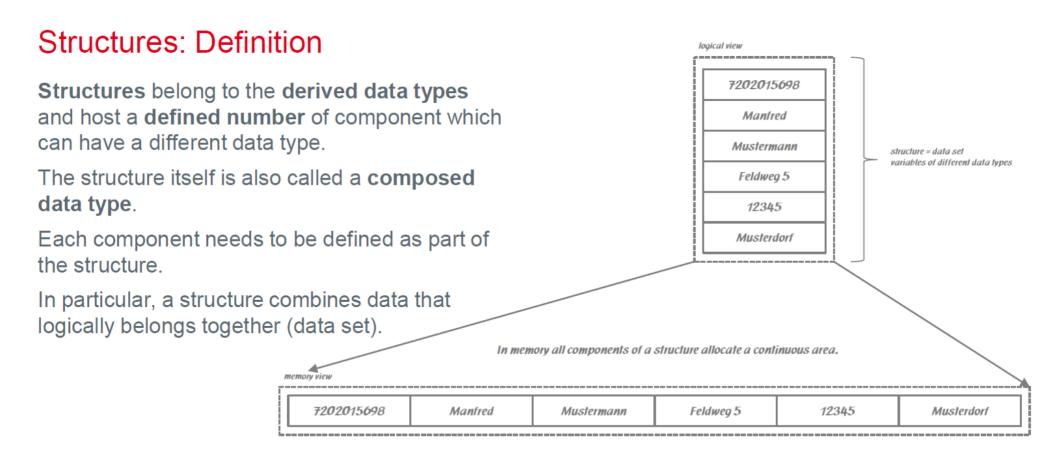




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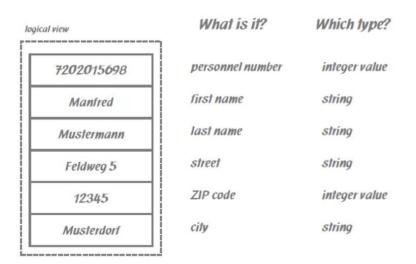








Structures: Definition



The data type structure is defined with the keyword struct followed by the name and a block with all sub components.

General format:

```
struct name {
   data_type_1 component_1;
   data_type_2 component_2;
   data_type_3 component_3;
   ...
   data_type_n component_n;
};
```

This is the data type declaration.

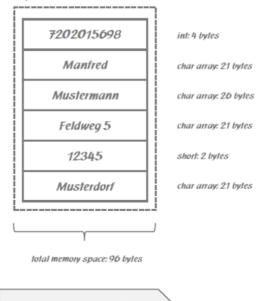


Structures: Definition



type declaration

```
#include <stdio.h>
// type declaration
struct persontype {
   int pn;
   char firstname [20+1];
   char lastname [25+1];
   char street [20+1];
   short zip;
   char city[20+1];
};
int main (void)
{
   struct persontype employee;
   return (0);
}
```



variable definition

logical view



Structures: Access the Structure

To work with structures the following operations are available:

- assignment
- selection of a sub-component
- determine the allocated space
- Determine the address of the variable

The **assign operator** "=" is used for simple data types. To assign text to char-arrays (as component of a structure) use strcpy.

To select a sub-component of a structure the **dot-operator** "." separated the name of the structure from the sub.-component.

```
struct persontype {
   int pn;
   char firstname [20+1];
   char lastname [25+1];
   char street [20+1];
   short zip;
   char city[20+1];
};
int main (void)
{
   struct persontype employee;
   strcpy (employee.firstname "Manfred");
   employee.zip = 12345;
   return (0);
}
```



Structures: Access the Structure

The sizeof() operator returns the number of allocated bytes and can be used for a single component or the whole structure.

```
sizeof (employee);
sizeof (struct persontype);
```

A pointer is a derived data type and inherited from its base type. A pointer to a structure gets the characteristics from the structure by using the reference operator "&".

```
struct persontype * ptr;
ptr = & employee;
```

```
int main (void)
{
   struct persontype employee;
   struct persontype * ptr;
   ptr = & employee;
   strcpy (ptr->firstname "Manfred");
   ptr->zip = 12345;
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```

Access a structure by using pointers (not its name) works with the **arrow-operator**. The **dot-operator** is only used with the original name of the variable.



Structures: Type Definition

The **declaration** shows how the data type is designed. The name of the **data type** is (referring to the example):

struct persontype

C allows to give a **type definition** a different name. The keyword is

typedef

It is not mandatory to use typedef with structures.

```
#include <stdio.h>

// type declaration

struct persontype {
   int pn;
   ...
   char city[20+1];
};

#typedef struct persontype PERSON;

#typedef struct persontype PERSON;

int main (void)
{
   struct persontype employee;
   PERSON employee_2;
   return (0);
}
```



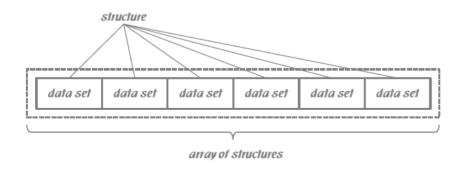
Structures: Special Structures

The system has some pre-defined structures. For example the time information is stored in a pre-defined structure:



Structures: Array of Structures

A single structure can host one single data set. With an array of structure the base data type for a file card system is available.



A structure and an array of structures is not initialized when defining the variable.

```
int main (void)
{
    struct persontype people[10];
    ...
    strcpy (people[3].firstname "Hugo");
    people[3].zip = 99999;
    ...
    return (0);
}
```

7202015698	7202015698	7202015698	7202015698	7202015698
Manfred	Manfred	Manfred	Нидо	Manfred
Mustermann	Mustermann	Mustermann	Mustermann	Mustermann
Feldweg 5	Feldweg 5	Feldweg 5	Feldweg 5	Feldweg 5
12345	12345	12345	99999	12345
Musterdorf	Musterdorf	Musterdorf	Musterdorf	Musterdorf
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Manfred Mustermann Feldweg 5 12345
Feldweg 5
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Musterdorf

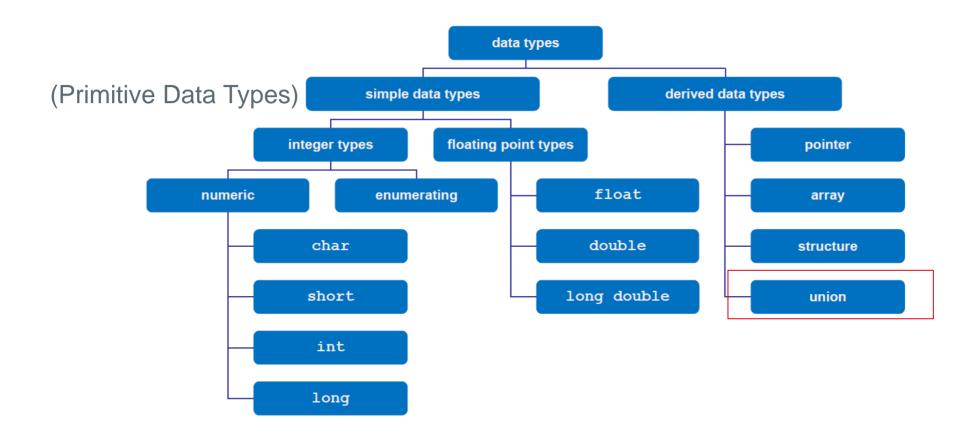


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```



Classes of Data Types Overview





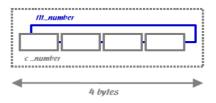
Classes of Data Types Union

The derived data type union combines different data type, similar to s struct.

As the structure uses dedicated memory space for each component, the union starts string the single elements at the same memory area.

The programmer must follow up with type is currently store in the union.

A practical example is the conversion of a float number from decimal into binary format.



```
union number_type
{
    float flt_number;
    unsigned char c_number[4];
};
union number type num;
```



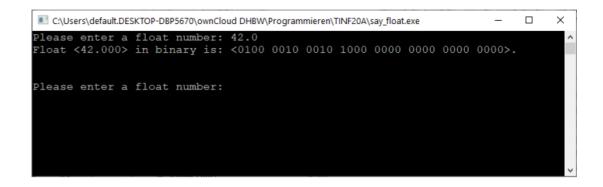
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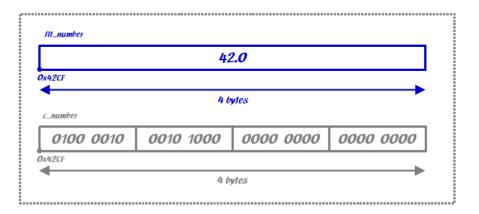
Union: Exercise

The idea is to read a float number from keyboard, store it as float in a union an read the bits from the union as char.

The memory is **byte addressable** and a single bits cannot be read. The **operator &** (bitwise OR) can extract the information about a single bit using a mask.

Print each single bit on the screen. For better reading print a space every 4 bits.



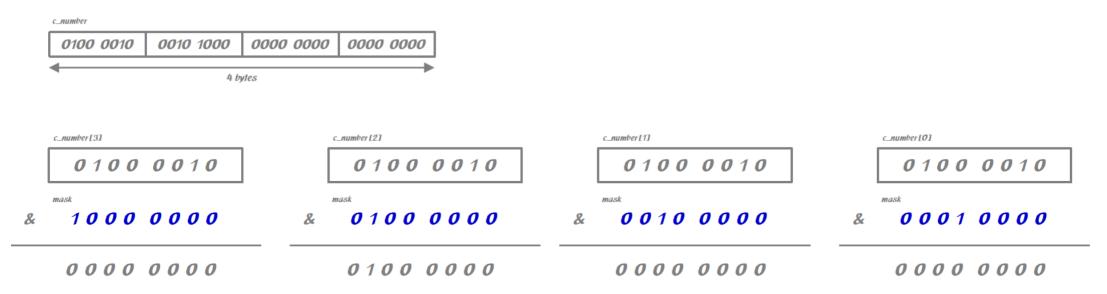




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Let's code

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                    DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL
                                                     COMMENTS
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ding exercices\lec Exercices\a1 hello world\hello world.c -o .\build\Debug\hello world.o && gcc -Wall
e -g3 -00 .\build\Debug\hello world.o -o .\build\Debug\outDebug.exe
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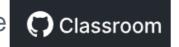
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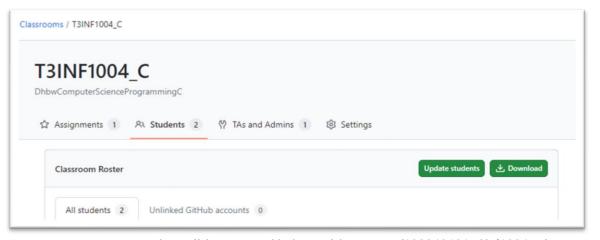


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