# **General Structure of a C Program**

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### General structure of a C program

```
#include <header file>
foo1(){// User-defined function
  // Declaration of variables
  // Arithmetic and Logical expressions
main(){
  // Declaration of variables
  // Arithmetic and Logical expressions
  foo1(); // function call
  // More arithmetic and Logical expressions
```

- Program must contain a main() function
- Program execution starts from main()
- Header file contains pre-defined library functions

# **Built-in data types in C**

C Basic	32-bit		64-bit	
Data Types	CPU		CPU	
	Size (bytes)	Range	Size (bytes)	Range
char	1	-128 to 127	1	-128 to 127
short	2	-32,768 to 32,767	2	-32,768 to 32,767
int	4	-2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647	4	-2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647
long	4	-2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647	8	- -9,223,372,036,854,775,808- 9,223,372,036,854,775,807
long long	8	-9,223,372,036,854,775,808- 9,223,372,036,854,775,807	8	-9,223,372,036,854,775,808- 9,223,372,036,854,775,807
float	4	3.4E +/- 38	4	3.4E +/- 38
double	8	1.7E +/- 308	8	1.7E +/- 308

## **Built-in data types in C**

When we deal with **positive numbers only**, we can add **unsigned** before the type and get the range doubled.

```
int a;
// Range is -2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647
unsigned int b;
// Range is 0 to 4,294,967,295
```

#### Immediate initialization of built-in variable

```
int i = 5, j =6;
char c = 'A', d;
float f = 2.333333333;
unsigned int n = 4294967295;
```

All variables except 'd' have been initialized during declaration.

Un-initialized variable contains a 'garbage' value initially.

#### **Constant data**

Constants can be declared as const

```
const float PI = 3.13;
```

- A constant is stored in the read-only segment of the memory
- Any effort to change a const variable will result in compilation error

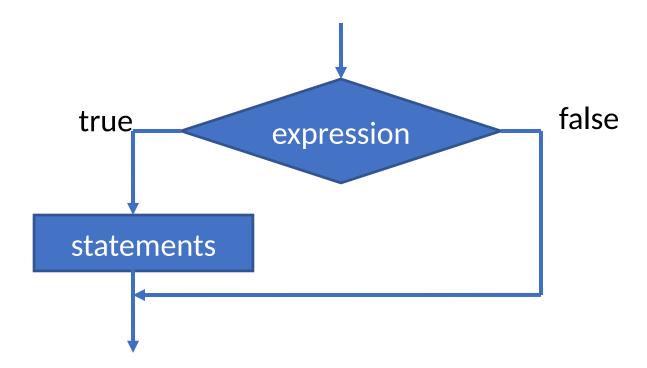
```
const float PI = 3.13;
// ... Some code ...
PI = PI + 1;
```

There will be compilation error.

### if Statement

if statement is for branching

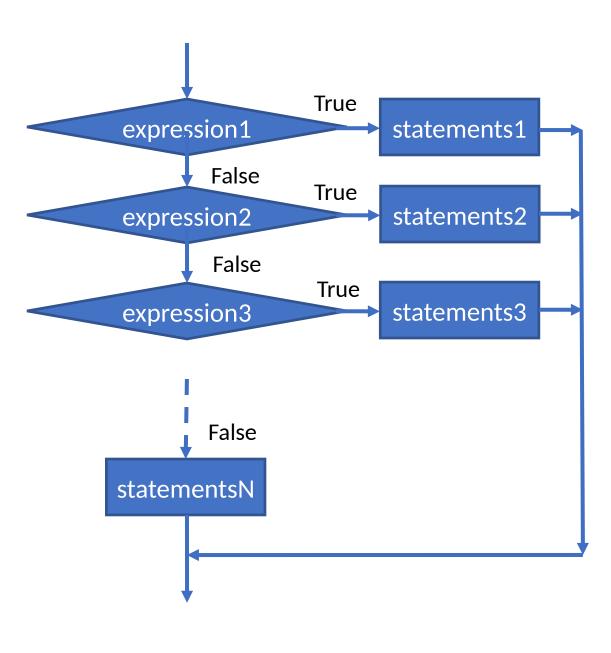
```
if (expression){
    statements
}
```



#### if-else Statement

### Multiple branching

```
if (expression1){
   statements1
else if (expression2){
   statements2
else if (expression3){
   statements3
else {
   statementsN
```



### if statement

```
if (value < 0) {
    sign = '-';
}</pre>
```

Used for conditional computation

#### if-else statements

```
if (testscore >= 90) {
  grade = 'A';
else if (testscore >= 80) {
  grade = 'B';
else if (testscore >= 70) {
  grade = 'C';
else if (testscore >= 60) {
  grade = 'D';
else {
  grade = 'F';
```

Used for multiple branching

#### switch Statement

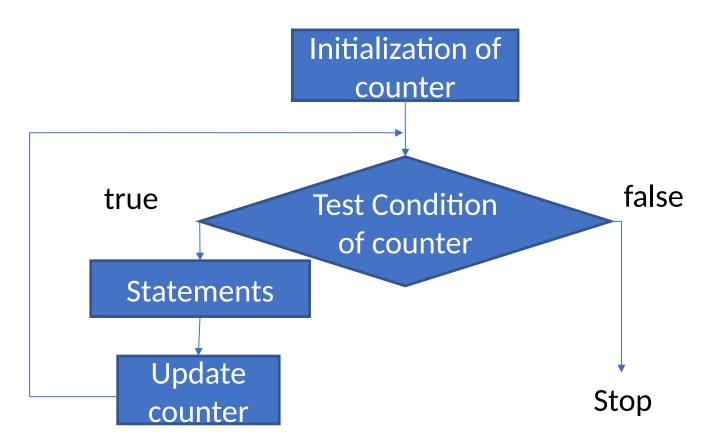
```
switch(expression){
  case constant-expression1:
    Code Block1;
    break;
 case constant-expression1:
    Code Block2;
    break;
 // ... More case blocks
  case constant-expressionN:
    Code BlockN;
    break;
 default:
    Code BlockDefault;
    break;
```

- expression is first evaluated
- It is compared with constant-expression1, constant-expression2, ...
- If it matches anyone, then all statements inside that case are executed
- Statements in the default case are executed if no match is found

### for loop

#### Syntax is

```
for(init; condition test; increment or decrement)
{
    //Statements to be executed in loop
}
```



## for loop

Example: for-loop for computing the sum of N natural numbers.

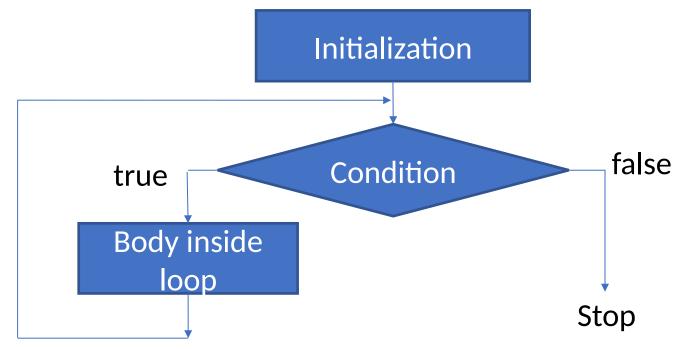
```
int sum=0, i;

for(i=1; i<=N; i++){
   sum = sum + i;
}</pre>
```

### while loop

#### Syntax is

```
while (condition test)
{
   // Statements to be executed in loop
   // Update 'condition'
}
```



### while loop

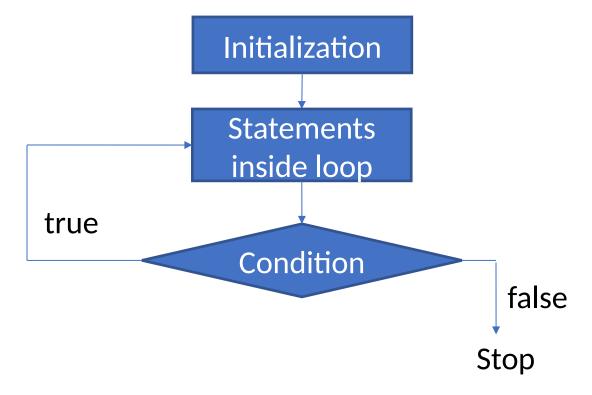
Example: while-loop for computing the sum of N natural numbers.

```
int sum=0, i=1;
while(i<=N){
   sum = sum + i;
   i++;
}</pre>
```

### do-while loop

#### Syntax is

```
do
{
    // Statements to be executed in loop
    // Update 'condition'
}while(condition test);
```



### do-while loop

Example: do-while-loop for computing the sum of N natural numbers.

```
int sum=0, i=1;

do{
   sum = sum + i;
   i++;
}while(i<N);</pre>
```

#### continue statement

- continue is used inside a loop
- When a continue statement is encountered inside a loop, control skips the statements inside the loop for the current iteration
- and jumps to the beginning of the next iteration

```
sum = 0;
for(i=1; i<=5; i++){
   if(i==3)
      continue;
   sum = sum + i;
}</pre>
```

Computes 1 + 2 + 4 + 5 (addition of 3 is skipped)

#### break statement

- break is used to come out of the loop instantly.
- After break control directly comes out of loop and the loop gets terminated.

```
sum = 0;
for(i=1; i<=5; i++){
   if(i==3)
      break;
   sum = sum + i;
}</pre>
```

Computes 1 + 2 Loop terminates at i=3

## **Arrays in C**

#### Array is a data structure

- 1. stores a fixed-size
- 2. sequential collection of elements
- 3. of the same type.

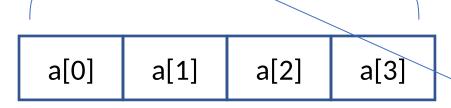
```
int a[4] = {2, 5, 3, 7};
float b[3] = {2.34, 11.2, 0.12};
char c[8] = {'h', 'e', 'l', 'l', 'o'};
```

- Array a [ ] is of length 4 and contains only int
- Index of an array starts from 0, and then increments by 1
  - $\triangleright$  a [0] is the first element in a [ ] and it is 2
  - a[3] is the last element in a[ ] and it is 7

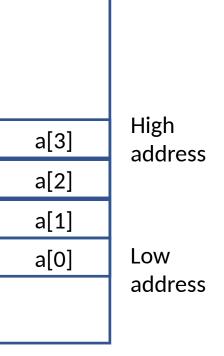
## Memory layout of a []

### Array is a data structure

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- 2. sequential collection of elements
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Logical view of array a[4]



### **Array and Loop**

Example of computing the sum of an array

```
// Compute sum of an int array
int a[4] = {2, 5, 3, 7};
int sum=0;

for(i=0; i<4; i++)
  sum = sum + a[i];</pre>
```

### **Arrays in C: common mistakes(1)**

#### Array is a data structure

- 1. stores a fixed-size
- 2. sequential collection of elements
- 3. of the same type.

```
int array_size; //user input
...
int a[array_size];
```

#### This code causes malfunction.

Array size must be a known constant. Example: int array\_size = 4;

### **Arrays in C: common mistakes(2)**

- C compiler does not check array limits
- If memory protection is violated, then the program crashes due to segmentation fault

```
// Compute sum of an int array
int a[4] = {2, 5, 3, 7};
int sum=0;

for(i=0; i<500; i++) // Beyond array limit
  sum = sum + a[i];</pre>
```

## **Two-Dimensional Array**

```
// Declaration of array
// with 3 rows and 4 columns
int a[3][4];
```

### Logical view of a [3] [4]

a[0][0]	a[0][1]	a[0][2]	a[0][3]
a[1][0]	a[1][1]	a[1][2]	a[1][3]
a[2][0]	a[2][1]	a[2][2]	a[2][3]

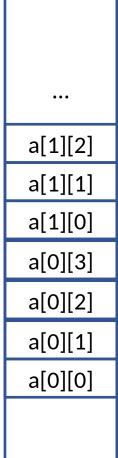
## Memory layout of two-dimensional array

C compiler stores 2D array in **row-major** order

- All elements of Row #0 are stored
- then all elements of Row #1 are stored
- and so on

a[0][0]	a[0][1]	a[0][2]	a[0][3]
a[1][0]	a[1][1]	a[1][2]	a[1][3]
a[2][0]	a[2][1]	a[2][2]	a[2][3]

Logical view of array a[3][4]



#### **Functions in C**

- A function is a block of statements that together perform a task.
- Function definition in C has
  - a name,
  - a list of arguments (optional)
  - type of the value it returns (if any),
  - local variable declarations (if any), and
  - a sequence of statements (if any)

```
return_type function_name (argument list)
{
   // Local variables
   // Statements
}
```

### **Example of function call**

```
// max() function computes the maximum of two
// input integers and returns the maximum
int max(int num1, int num2){
  int temp;
  if(num1>num2)
    temp = num1;
  else
    temp = num2;
  return temp;
int main(){
  int a=5, b=11, c;
  c = max(a, b); // c gets the maximum of a and b
  // [some code here]
  return 0;
```

### scanf() function

scanf() function can be used to receive inputs from keyboard.

It is defined in stdio.h library and prototype is:

```
scanf("%format", &variable_name);
```

**format** is a place holder which depends on data-type.

```
Examples
scanf("%d", &var1); // var1 is an int
scanf("%c", &var2); // var2 is a char
scanf("%f", &var3); // var3 is a float

// To read var1, var2 and var3 together:
scanf("%d%c%f", &var1, &var2, &var3);
```

# **Data types and formats**

Data Type	Format
signed char	%с
unsigned char	%с
short signed int	%d
short unsigned int	%u
signed int	%d
unsigned int	%u
long signed int	%ld
long unsigned int	%lu
float	%f
double	%lf
long double	%Lf

### printf() function

printf() function can be used to print outputs.

It is defined in stdio.h library and prototype is:

```
printf("%format", variable_name);
```

format is a place holder which depends on data-type.

```
Examples
printf("%d", var1); // var1 is an int
printf("The value is = %d", var1);

// To print multiple variables together:
printf("%d %c %f", var1, var2, var3);
```

### **Factorial program in Java**

```
class Factorial {
 static int factorial(int n){
  if (n == 0)
    return 1;
  else
    return(n * factorial(n-1));
 public static void main(String args[]){
  int i,fact=1;
  int number=4;
  fact = factorial(number);
  System.out.println("Factorial is: "+fact);
 e will port it to C
```

**Demo: Factorial program in C**