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Programming Fundamentals

Data Types, Operators, Expressions

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Topics

- Structure of a C program
- Data types and variables
- Operators
- Expressions
- Comments

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From Algorithms to Programs

- Both are sets of instructions on how to do a task
- Algorithm:
 - talking to humans, easy to understand
 - in plain (English) language
- Program:
 - talking to computer (compiler)
 - can be regarded as a “formal expression” of an algorithm

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High-Level Language

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    printf("Hello World");

    return 0;
}
```

Source code



```
10100110 01110110
00100110 00000000
11111010 11111010
01001110 10100110
11100110 10010110
11001110 00101110
10100110 01001110
11111010 01100110
01001110 10000110
etc...
```

Executable code

- **Compilers** and **linkers** translate a high level program into executable machine code.

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Basic Structure of a C Program

Example: Hello World

C Program:

Includes **standard**
input/output library of
procedures.

Read: "Hash-include"

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    printf("Hello World!");
    return 0;
}
```

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Basic Structure of a C Program

Example: Hello World

C Program:

Curly braces mark the
beginning and **end** of a
block of instructions.

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    printf("Hello World");
    return 0;
}
```

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Basic Structure of a C Program

Example: Hello World

Instruction (**function call**)
to output "Hello World"

C Program:

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    printf("Hello World");

    return 0;
}
```

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Basic Structure of a C Program

Example: Hello World

"Statements" (lines of
instructions) always end
with a **semi-colon (;)**

C Program:

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```

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Variables

Are containers **for values** – places to store values

Example:

Variable



This jar
can contain

Values

10 cookies
50 grams of sugar
3 slices of cake
etc.

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Variable

- Is a logical **name** for a container
 - (an actual piece of computer memory for values)
- The data stored by a variable is called its **value**
 - The value is stored in the memory location associated with the variable
- All variables have a **value**, **data type** and a **name** (or identifier)
- A variable has a type associated with it
 - tells the computer how to interpret the bits in the stored value

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Variable

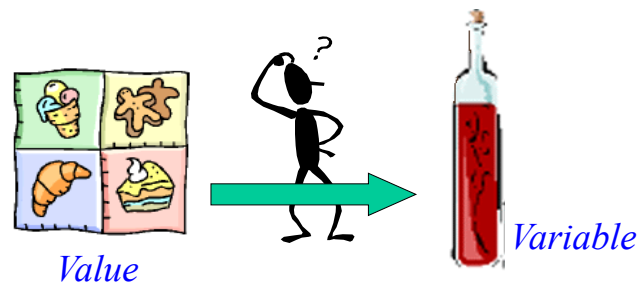
- Syntax
`data_type variable_name`
- Must be declared before use
- Examples of variable declarations:
`int myHeight;`
`char initial;`
`float chanceA;`
`double chanceB;`

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Data Type

- The kind of a value is its “type”
- Not all values are of the same kind
 - For example: `7 + "cat"` makes no sense



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Data Type

- Built-in types: `char`, `int`, `float`, `double`
- Type modifiers: `long`, `short`, `const`
- User-defined types (arrays and structs)
- What about “strings”?
 - Strings are arrays of `char`

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Data Type: **int** and **float**

- Integers (**int**)

0 1 1000 -1 -10 666

Normally stored in 4 bytes of storage

- Floating point numbers – values containing decimal places (**float**)

1.0 .1 1.0e-1 1e1

Normally stored in 4 bytes of storage

Another type of floating point numbers is **double**, similar to **float**, but with roughly twice the precision. Normally stored in 8 bytes of storage.

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Data Type: **char**

- Characters (**char**)

'a' 'z' 'A' 'Z' '?' '@' '0' '9'

- Special Characters: preceded by \

'\n' '\t' '\0' '\r' '\\ ' etc

- Enclosed within a single pair of quotation marks ' '
- Stored in 1 byte of storage

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Data Type: character string

- Character Strings (a string of **char**-s)
- Examples:
 - `"Hi there!"`
 - `"Line 1\nLine 2\nLine 3"`
 - `""`
 - `"\"\""`
- Enclosed in double quotes `""`

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Type Modifiers

- **long, short** – Prefixed on data type to modify (either increase or decrease) the amount of memory storage space allocated to a variable
 - `long int mySalary;`
 - `short int myHeight;`
 - `long double chanceOfADate;`
- **unsigned** – used to make a variable store only positive values
 - `unsigned int myAge;`
- **signed** – used to make a variable store both positive and negative values
 - `signed int myBankAccountBalance;`

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Variable Declaration: Examples

```
float commission = 0.05;  
  
short int myHeight = 183;  
  
long int mySalary = 100000000000000000000;  
  
long double chanceOfADate = 3e-500;
```

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Variable Declaration: Examples

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“Keywords”

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Keyword

- ...has a special meaning in C
- ...is “case-sensitive”
- ...cannot be used as variable names
- Examples:

int, char, long, main, float,
double, const, while, for, if,
else, return, break, case,
switch, default, typedef,
struct, *etc.*

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Variable Declaration: Examples

```
float commission = 0.05
```

“Identifiers”

```
short int myHeight = 183;
```

```
long int mySalary = 100000000000000000000;
```

```
long double chanceOfADate = 3e-500;
```

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Identifier

- ...is a series of characters consisting of letters, digits and underscores (`_`)
- ...cannot begin with a digit
- ...must not be a keyword
- ...is “case-sensitive”
- Examples:
`sUmoFA, x1, y2, _my_ID_, Main` (*careful!*)

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Naming Conventions

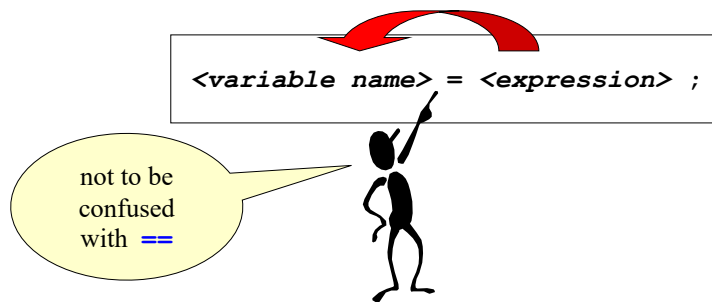
- Variables begin with a lowercase letters (e.g. `answer`, `count`)
- Multiword names are "punctuated" using uppercase letters. (e.g. `myName`, `numberOfCards`)

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Assignment

- Puts a specified value into a specified variable
- Assignment operator: =



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Assignment: Examples

```
float x = 2.5;

char ch;
int num;
int val = 3;

ch = '\n';
num = 4 + 5; /* current value of num is 9 */
num = num * 2; /* current value of num is now 18 */
num = num + val; /* current value of num is now 21 */
```

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Constant Variables

- ...are variables that don't vary
- ...must be initialized when first declared
- ...may not be assigned to

```
const float Pi = 3.14159;  
const int classSize = 100;
```

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Constant Variables: Examples

```
const int myID = 192;
```

```
myID = 666;  /* Error! */
```

```
const int passMark = 80;
```

```
const float pi = 3.1415926;
```

```
const double golden_ratio = 1.61803398874989;
```

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Arithmetic Expressions

- Take arithmetic (numerical) values *and* return an arithmetic (numerical) value
- Are composed using the following operators:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + (addition) - (subtraction) * (multiplication) / (division or quotient) % (modulus or remainder) 	}	Binary operators
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + (unary plus) - (unary minus) 	}	Unary operators

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Arithmetic Expressions

- Arithmetic expressions
 - combination of variables or numbers (known as operands) and the arithmetic operators

```

- int numStudents = 50;
  int numClasses = 3;
  int totalNumStudents = numStudents * numClasses

```

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Arithmetic Expressions

- When both operands are of the same type, the result is of that type.

```

- int numStudents = 50;
  numStudents = numStudents + 1;

```

```

- double payRate = 20.5;
  double hoursWorked = 2.00;
  double salaryPaid = payRate * hoursWorked;

```

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Arithmetic Expressions

- When one of the operands is a floating-point type and the other is an integer, the result is a floating point type.

```
- int numApples = 10;
  double costApple = 0.50;
  double totalAppleCost = numApples * costApple;
```

↑
↑
↑
double
int
double

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The Division (/) Operator

- If one of the operands is a floating-point type

– 9.0 / 2.0 → 4.5

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- When both operands are integer types, the result is truncated, not rounded.

– 9/2 → 4

- (10/3 + 1.5)/2 → 2.25

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The modulus (%) Operator

- The **modulus (%)** operator is used with operators of integer type to obtain the remainder after integer division.
- 14 divided by 4 is 3 *with a remainder of 2*.
 - $14 / 4 = 3$ with remainder 2
 - Hence, **14 % 4** is equal to **2**
 - **$14 = (4 \times 3) + 2$**
- The modulus operator has many uses, for e.g.
 - determining if an integer is even or odd
(if **x** is an **int** variable, **x** is even if **x % 2** equals **0**, and **x** is odd if **x % 2** equals **1**)

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Unary Operators

- Called *unary* because they only require one operand
- Example


```
i = +1;    /* + used as a unary operator */
j = -i;    /* - used as a unary operator */
```
- The unary + operator does nothing – just emphasize that a numeric operand is positive.
- The unary – operator produces the negative of its operand.

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Increment and Decrement Operators

- ++ is the *increment* operator

`i++;`

is equivalent to

`i = i + 1;`

- -- is the *decrement* operator

`j--;`

is equivalent to

`j = j - 1;`

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Increment and Decrement Operators in Expressions

- `++count` means increment the value before using it.
- `count++` means increment the value after using it.
(use the value, then increment it)

- `int m = 4;`
`int result = 3 * (++m);`
`result` has a value of **15** and `m` has a value of **5**

- `int m = 4;`
`int result = 3 * (m++);`
`result` has a value of **12** and `m` has a value of **5**

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Assignment Operators

- Assignment operators can be combined with arithmetic operators (+, -, *, /, and %).

```
amount = amount + 5;
age = age / 2;
```

can be written as

```
amount += 5;
age /= 2;
```

yielding the same results.

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Precedence in Expressions

- Defines the order in which an expression is evaluated

```
int result = 3 * 7 + 15 % 2 + 6;
```

Highest Precedence

First: the unary operators +, -, !, ++, and --

Second: the binary arithmetic operators *, /, and %

Third: the binary arithmetic operators + and -

Lowest Precedence

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Precedence in Expressions -- Example

$$1 + 2 * 3 - 4 / 5 =$$

$$1 + (2 * 3) - (4 / 5)$$

B.O.D.M.A.S.

B stands for brackets,
 O for Order (exponents),
 [D for division,]
 [M for multiplication,]
 [A for addition, and]
 [S for subtraction.]



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More on Precedence

- $*$, $/$, $\%$ are at the same level of precedence
- $+$, $-$ are at the same level of precedence
- For operators at the same “level”, left-to-right ordering is applied.

$$2 + 3 - 1 = (2 + 3) - 1 = 4$$

$$2 - 3 + 1 = (2 - 3) + 1 = 0$$

$$6 * 3 / 4 = (6 * 3) / 4 = 18 / 4$$

$$6 / 3 * 4 = (6 / 3) * 4 = 2 * 4$$

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Precedence in Expressions – Examples

```
1 + 2 * 3 - 4 / 5
= 1 + (2 * 3) - (4 / 5)
= 1 + 6 - 0 = 7
```

```
1 + 2 * 3 - 4.0 / 5
= 1 + (2 * 3) - (4.0 / 5)
= 1 + 6 - 0.8
= 6.2
```

```
int a = 2;
int b = 1 + ++a * 5;    → 16
```

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Comments

- Essential for documenting programs
- Run from a `/*` to the next `*/`
- Examples:

```
/* THIS IS A COMMENT */

/* So is
   this          */

/*
** ...and this.
**
** */
```

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Comments (cont)

- Comments do not “nest”

```
/*      Comments start with a "/*"
        and end with a "*/"
        but they don't nest!  */
```

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Common Mistakes

- Forgetting the semi-colon (;)

```
- int x;  
  int y  
  int z;
```

– compilation error

- Using undeclared variables, or changing variable names later in the program

```
- int itemCost = 100;  
  int amountToPay = ItemCost - 10;
```

– compilation error

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Common Mistakes

- Using uninitialized variables

```
- int itemCost;  
  int amountToPay = itemCost - 10;
```

– obtain result that is different from what is expected

- Using integer division instead of floating point division

```
- float x = 1.0 + 5/2; ❌
```

```
- float x = 1.0 + 5.0/2; ✓
```

– obtain result that is different from what is expected

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