

CS1101: Foundations of Programming

Data types, operators, expression



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Data types

- Variables and constants are the basic data objects manipulated in program
- There are only four basic data types in C
 - char - character data, typically occupies 1 byte (8 bits)
 - int - integer data, typically occupies 4 bytes (32 bits)
 - float - single precision floating point (real) numbers
 - typically needs 4 bytes, stores 7 decimal points
 - double - double precision floating point (real) numbers,
 - typically needs 8 bytes, stores 15 decimal points

Other qualifiers for data types

- There can be other qualifiers for datatype
 - short, long, signed, unsigned
 - **Example:** short int, unsigned int, long int
 - short and long provide different lengths of integers
 - short needs 2 bytes
 - long is at least 4 bytes, depends on machine specification
 - signed and unsigned are applicable for int and char
 - unsigned — always positive or zero

Constants

- Integer constant consists of digits without any other character in between, can have +/- in the beginning
 - **Valid:** 1234, -4321, 123456789L, **Invalid:** 1,234,534
 - **l or L to denote long constant, u or U for unsigned**
 - **UL to denote unsigned long**
- **Floating point constants - two different notations**
 - **Decimal notation:** 12.34, -4.321, 0.0004
 - **Exponential notation:** 1e-2, 0.12e-3, 4.56e12
 - **l or L to denote long double, f or F for float, default type is double unless suffixed**

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- Single character constant is an integer written as one character within single quotes
 - Example: 'x', 'a', 'Z', '1', '+' etc.
 - There are special backslash characters
 - '\n' new line
 - '\t' horizontal tab
 - '\'' single quote
 - '\"' double quote
 - '\\\' backslash
 - '\0' null
- String constant - sequence of characters (letters, numbers, special characters, blank spaces) enclosed in double quotes
 - Example: "good", "IIT Patna", "9+16", "T"

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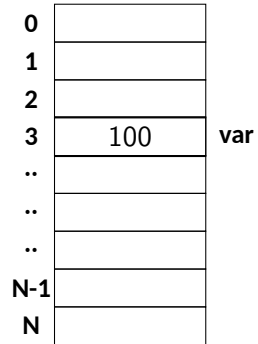
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Same values will be printed once as a character and second time as integer

Variable value and variable address

- Consider `int var=100; var = var + 2;`
 - In an expression `var` refers to the **content** of the memory location where it is stored
 - `&var` refers to the memory address
 - `var` refers to 100
 - `&var` refers to 3
- Example
 - `scanf("%d", &var);`
 - `printf("%d", var);`



Assignment statement

- Used to assign values to variable using assignment operator (=)
 - **syntax:** `var_name = expression`
 - Left of = is known as l-value, it must be a modifiable variable
 - Right of = is known as r-value, it can be any expression
- **Example**

```
var = 100;  
z = 40 * 3 * 20;  
V = n * R * T / P;  
d = u * t + 0.5 * f * t ;  
a = b = c = 10;  
int a = 10;
```

Types of l-value and r-value

- Usually type of these two should be the same
- If not, the type of r-value will be converted to the type of l-value internally and then assigned to LHS
- Examples:
 - `double var; var = 5 * 7;`
 - Type r-value is int and value is 35
 - Type of l-value is double, so it stores 35.0
- Example
 - `int var; var = 5.5 * 7;`
 - Type r-value is double and value is 38.5
 - Type of l-value is int, so it stores 38

Operators

- The operators can broadly be classified as
 - Arithmetic operators — deal with numerical operands
 - Relational operators — outcome is either true or false
 - Logical operators — primarily takes boolean inputs
 - Assignment operator — assigning values to variables
 - Unary operator — negation of a variable, etc.
 - Conditional operators — similar to `if-else` statement

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Suppose:

`int x = 23, y = 5;`

<code>x + y</code>	28
<code>x - y</code>	18
<code>x * y</code>	115
<code>x / y</code>	4
<code>x % y</code>	3

All operators except % can be used with int, float, double, char operands. % can be used with int only

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$$a+b+c*d*e \rightarrow (a+b)+((c*d)*e)$$

Unary operator

- Operators that act on a single operand to produce new value
- Usually, such operators precede their single operand (for some operators it can be written after their operand)
- Unary minus: -743 , $-3*(x+y)$, $-(x+y)$, etc.
- We will see other unary operators later

Integer, real, mixed mode arithmetic

- Integer arithmetic - expression involved with integers only and produces integer
 - Example: $23 / 5 \rightarrow 4$
- Real arithmetic - expression involved with real numbers only
 - Example: $1.0 / 6.0 * 6.0 \rightarrow 0.9999$
 - Floating point values rounded to the the number of significant digits permissible
- Mixed-mode arithmetic - expression involved with both real and integer numbers
 - Example: $23 / 5 \rightarrow 4$
 - Example: $23.0 / 5.0 \rightarrow 4.6$

Implicit type conversion

- When an operator has operand of different types, they are converted to a common type
- Automatic conversion convert narrower operand to wider one without losing information
- Converting an integer to floating point in an expression $f + i$
- Information can be lost if longer integer type is assigned to a shorter one

Similar code but different results

```
int a=32, b=5, c;  
float z;  
c = a / b;  
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Output:

Value of c will be 6

Value of z will be 6.0

We want 6.4 to be stored in z

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- **Typecast:** (type name) expression
- **expression is converted to the named type**
- **Unary operator**

- **Output:**
- **Now z will store 6.4**
- **Type of a will be float**
- **Mixed mode arithmetic will be performed**

Restriction on typecasting

- Not everything can be typecast to anything
- Use typecast carefully, many times compiler issue no error
- float / double should not be typecast to int
- int should not be typecast to char

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Other assignment operator

- $+=$, $-=$, $*=$, $/=$, $\%=$
- These are shorthand notation, $a += b \rightarrow a = a + b$
- Similarly for the other operators
- Suppose a and b are two integer variables having values 12 and 3 respectively
 - $a += b \rightarrow 15$ will be stored in a , $a = a + b$
 - $a -= b \rightarrow 9$ will be stored in a , $a = a - b$
 - $a *= b \rightarrow 36$ will be stored in a , $a = a * b$
 - $a \%= b \rightarrow 0$ will be stored in a , $a = a \% b$

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 - x = a++ - ++a → ?? — called **side effects** while calculating some values something else get changed. **Avoid such situation**

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- Value corresponding to true is any non-zero value not necessarily 1, false is 0 always

- When arithmetic expression are used on either side of a relation operator, expression will be evaluated first, then the results will be compared

Logical operators

- There are 3 logical operators / connectives
 - `!` :: unary negation (NOT)
 - `&&` :: logical AND
 - `||` :: logical OR
- These operators act upon operands that are themselves logical expressions
- The final outcome is either true or false
- Unary negation (`!`)
 - Single operand
 - Value is 0 if operand is non-zero, 1 if operand is 0
 - Example: `!(34 == x)`, `!(val == 'Y')`

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Example: assume $i=7$, $f=5.5$, $c='w'$

$(i \geq 6) \ \&\& \ (c == 'w') \rightarrow \text{true}$
 $(i \geq 6) \ || \ (c == 'w') \rightarrow \text{true}$
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Suppose we wish to express that **a should not have the value of 2 or 3**. Does the following expression capture this requirement?

$((a \neq 2) \ || \ (a \neq 3))$

Example of logical operators

```
#include<stdio.h>
int i, j;
scanf("%d%d",&i,&j);
printf("%d AND %d = %d, %d OR %d=%d\n",i,j,i&& j,i,j,i||j);
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Output:

3 0

3 AND 0 = 0, 3 OR 0 = 1

Precedence for operators

Operator class	Operators	Associativity
Unary	postfix ++, --	Left to Right
Unary	prefix ++, --, -, !, &	Right to Left
Binary	*, /, %	Left to Right
Binary	+, -	Left to Right
Binary	<, <=, >, >=	Left to Right
Binary	==, !=	Left to Right
Binary	&&	Left to Right
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Assignment	=, +=, -=, *=, /=, %=	Right to Left

Assignment expression (contd.)

- An assignment expression evaluates to a value same as any other expression
- Value of an assignment expression is the value assigned to the l-value
- Example: value of
 - $a = 3$ is 3
 - $b = 2*4 - 6$ is 2
 - $n = 2*u + 3*v - w$ is whatever the arithmetic expression $2*u + 3*v - w$ evaluates to given the current values stored in variables u, v, w
- Several variables can be assigned the same value using multiple assignment operators

```
a = b = c = 5;
flag1 = flag2 = 'y';
speed = flow = 0.0;
```

Assignment expression (contd.)

- Easy to understand if you remember that
 - The assignment expression has a value
 - Multiple assignment operators are right-to-left associative
- Consider $a = b = c = 5$
 - Three assignment operators
 - Rightmost assignment expression is $c=5$, evaluates to value 5
 - Now you have $a = b = 5$
 - Rightmost assignment expression is $b=5$, evaluates to value 5
 - Now you have $a = 5$
 - Evaluates to value 5
 - So all three variables store 5, the final value the assignment expression evaluates to is 5

Assignment expression (contd.)

- A non trivial example: $a = 3 \ \&\& \ (b = 4)$
 - $(b=4)$ is an assignment, evaluates to 4
 - $\&\&$ has higher precedence than $=$
 - $3 \ \&\& \ (b=4)$ evaluates to true
 - $a = 3 \ \&\& \ (b = 4)$ is an assignment expression evaluates to 1, (true)

Statements and Blocks

- An expression followed by a semicolon is a statement

```
a = 3;  
j = i++;  
scanf("%d",&x);
```

- Braces are used to group declarations and statements together into a compound block

```
{  
    a++;  
    sum = sum + a;  
    printf("%d", sum);  
}
```

Library functions

- C language is accompanied by a number of library functions
- One of the popular library is **math.h** that provides many common mathematical utilities
- Two step process to use
 - Need to include header file `#include<math.h>`
 - Tell compiler to link math library: `gcc <prog_name> -lm`
- Example:

```
printf("%f %f", sqrt(43.0), cos(2*PI));
```
- Return values of math functions are **double**
- Arguments can be constant, variable, expressions

Math library functions

- `double acos(double x)` - compute arc cosine of `x`
- `double asin(double x)` - compute arc sine of `x`
- `double atan(double x)` - compute arc tangent of `x`
- `double atan(double x, double y)` - compute arc tangent of `y/x`
- `double cos(double x)` - compute cosine of angle `x` in radians
- `double cosh(double x)` - compute hyperbolic cosine of `x`
- `double sin(double x)` - compute sine of angle `x` in radians
- `double sinh(double x)` - compute hyperbolic sine of `x`
- `double tan(double x)` - compute tangent of angle `x` in radians
- `double tanh(double x)` - compute hyperbolic tangent of `x`
- `double ceil(double x)` - get smallest integral value that exceeds `x`
- `double floor(double x)` - get largest integral value less than `x`

Math library functions (contd.)

- `double exp(double x)` - **compute exponential of x**
- `double fabs(double x)` - **compute absolute value of x**
- `double log(double x)` - **compute log of x base e**
- `double log10(double x)` - **compute log of x base 10**
- `double pow(double x, double y)` - **compute x^y**
- `double sqrt(double x)` - **compute square root of x**

- **There are other library functions too. We will explore later in this course**

Example: Triangle area given length of 3 sides

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<math.h>
int main(){
    double a, b, c, s, area;
    printf("Enter the length of 3 sides");
    scanf("%lf%lf%lf", &a, &b, &c);
    s = (a + b + c)/2;
    area = sqrt(s * (s - a) * (s - b) * (s - c));
    printf("Area is %lf\n", area);
}
```

Practice problems

- Read in 3 integers and print their sum and average
- Read in 3 real numbers — u , initial velocity; f , acceleration; t , time; — of a vehicle, determine the distance traveled by the vehicle at the given time. [$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}ft^2$]
 - (a) Do not use math library function
 - (b) Use math library function
- Read in the coordinates (real numbers) of 3 points in 2-d plane. Print the area of the triangle formed by these points
- Read in the coefficient a , b , c of the expression $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$. Print the roots of the equation, assume no imaginary roots.