

A Fast Review of C (part 2)

Storage Classes



- Operators
 - expressions, precedence, associativity
- Control flow
 - if, nested if, switch
 - Looping

Operators

Expressions

- Constant expressions
 - · 5
 - · 5 + 6 * 13 / 3.0
- Integral expressions (int j,k)
 - 0
 - j/k*3
 - ∘ k –'a'
 - 3 + (int) 5.0

- Float expressions (double x,y)
 - ° x/y*5
 - 3 + (float) 4
- Pointer expressions (int * p)
 - ° P
 - p+1
 - "abc"

Precedence & associativity

- All operators have two important properties called precedence and associativity.
 - Both properties affect how operands are attached to operators
- Operators with higher precedence have their operands bound, or grouped, to them before operators of lower precedence, regardless of the order in which they appear.
- In cases where operators have the same precedence, associativity (sometimes called binding) is used to determine the order in which operands grouped with operators.
- a + b − c:

2 + 3 * 4

• 3*4+2

- a = b = c;
- /* assign c to b, then assign b to a */

Precedence & associativity (page 120 – Table 5.1)

Class of operator	Operators in that class	Associativity	Precedence
primary	() [] -> .	Left-to-Right	A
unary	cast operator sizeof & (address of) * (dereference) - + ~ ++ !	Right-to-Left	HIGHEST
multiplicative	* / %	Left-to-Right	
additive	+ -	Left-to-Right	
shift	<< >>	Left-to-Right	
relational	< <= > >=	Left-to-Right	
equality	== !=	Left-to-Right	•

Precedence & associativity (page 120 – Table 5.1)

Class of operator	Operators in that class	Associativity	Precedence
bitwise AND	&	Left-to-Right	
bitwise exclusive OR	٨	Left-to-Right	
bitwise inclusive OR	I	Left-to-Right	
logical AND	&&	Left-to-Right	
logical OR	II	Left-to-Right	
conditional	?:	Right-to-Left	
assignment	= += -= *= /= %= >>= <<= &= ^=	Right-to-Left	
comma	,	Left-to-Right	LOWEST

Parenthesis

- The compiler groups operands and operators that appear within the parentheses first, so you can use parentheses to specify a particular grouping order.
 - \circ (2 3) * 4
 - $^{\circ}$ 2 (3 * 4)

 The inner most parentheses are evaluated first. The expression (3+1) and (8-4) are at the same depth, so they can be evaluated in either order.

Binary arithmetic operators

Operator	Symbol	Form	Operation
multiplication	*	x * y	x times y
division	1	x / y	x divided by y
remainder	%	x % y	remainder of x divided by y
addition	+	x + y	x plus y
subtraction	-	x - y	x minus y

The remainder operator

- Unlike other arithmetic operators, which accept both integer and floating point operands, the remainder operator accepts only integer operands!
- If either operand is negative, the remainder can be negative or positive, depending on the implementation
- The ANSI standard requires the following relationship to exist between the remainder and division operators
 - a equals a%b + (a/b)*b for any integral values of a and b

Arithmetic assignment operators

Operator	Symbol	Form	Operation
assign	=	a = b	put the value of b into a
add-assign	+=	a += b	put the value of $a+b$ into a
subtract-assign	-=	a -= b	put the value of a-b into a
multiply-assign	*=	a *= b	put the value of $\mathbf{a}^*\mathbf{b}$ into \mathbf{a}
divide-assign	/=	a /= b	put the value of a/b into a
remainder-assign	%=	a %= b	put the value of a % b into a

Arithmetic assignment operators

int m = 3, n = 4;
float x =
$$2.5$$
, y = 1.0 ;

Equivalent expressions:

$$m = (m + ((n+x) -y))$$

$$m = (m / ((x*n) + y))$$

$$n = (n % (y + m))$$

$$x = (x + (y = (y - m)))$$

Increment & decrement operators

Operator	Symbol	Form	Operation
postfix increment	++	a++	get value of a, then increment a
postfix decrement		a	get value of a, then decrement a
prefix increment	++	++a	increment a, then get value of a
prefix decrement		a	decrement a, then get value of a

Increment & decrement operators

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int
$$j = 0, m = 1, n = -1;$$

$$m += ++j * 2$$

Equivalent expression:

Comma operator

- Comma operator allows you to evaluate two or more distinct expressions wherever a single expression allowed!
 - The result is the value of the rightmost operand
 - <u>Usage</u>: a, b; <u>Operation</u>: evaluate a, evaluate b, return b.
 - Though using the "," is legal, it may lead to confusing code, it's mostly used in the first and last expressions in a **for** loop:

```
for (j = 0, k = 100; k - j > 0; j++, k--) which is same with:
j=0; k=100;
while (k-j <0){</li>
...
j++; k--:
}
How many times it will loop?
```

Relational operators

Operator	Symbol	Form	Result
greater than	>	a > b	I if a is greater than b; else 0
less than	<	a < b	I if a is less than b; else 0
greater than or equal to	>=	a >= b	I if a is greater than or equal to b; else 0
less than or equal to	<=	a <= b	I if a is less than or equal to b; else 0
equal to	==	a == b	I if a is equal to b; else 0
not equal to	!=	a != b	I if a is NOT equal to b; else 0

Relational operators

```
int j=0, m=1, n=-1;
float x=2.5, y=0.0;
```

Logical operators

Operator	Symbol	Form	Result
logical AND	&&	a && b	I if a and b are non zero; else 0
logical OR	II	a b	I if a or b is non zero; else 0
logical negation	!	!a	I if a is zero; else 0

Logical operators

```
float x=2.5, y=0.0;

j && m

j < m && n < m

x * 5 && 5 || m / n

!x || !n || m + n
```

int j=0, m=1, n=-1;

Operator	Symbol	Form	Result
right shift	>>	x >> y	x shifted right by y bits
left shift	<<	x << y	x shifted left by y bits
bitwise AND	&	x & y	x bitwise ANDed with y
bitwise inclusive OR	1	x y	x bitwise ORed with y
bitwise exclusive OR (XOR)	^	x ^ y	x bitwise XORed with y
bitwise complement	~	~x	bitwise complement of x

Expression	Binary model of Left Operand	Binary model of the result	Result value
5 <<	00000000 00000101	00000000 00001010	10
255 >> 3	00000000	00000000 00011111	31
8 << 10	00000000 00001000	00100000 00000000	213
<< 5	0000000 00000001	10000000 00000000	-2 ¹⁵

Expression	Binary model of Left Operand	Binary model of the result	Result value
-5 >> 2	11111111 11111011	00111111 11111110	2 ¹³ – I
-5 >> 2	11111111 11111011	11111111 11111110	-2

Shifting negative numbers: some implementations fill the vacant bits with 0s, while others fill them with 1s.

Expression	Hexadecimal Value	Binary representation
9430	0x24D6	00100100 11010110
5722	0×165A	00010110 01011010
9430 & 5722	0x0452	00000100 01010010

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9430	0x24D6	00100100 11010110
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9430 5722	0x36DE	00110110 11011110

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9430	0x24D6	00100100 11010110
5722	0x165A	00010110 01011010
9430 ^ 5722	0x328C	00110010 10001100

Expression	Hexadecimal Value	Binary representation
9430	0x24D6	00100100 11010110
~9430	0×DB29	11011011 00101001

Bitwise assignment operators

Operator	Symbol	Form	Result
right-shift-assign	>>=	a >>= b	Assign a>>b to a.
left-shift-assign	<<=	a <<= b	Assign a < < b to a.
AND-assign	& =	a &= b	Assign a&b to a.
OR-assign	 =	a = b	Assign a b to a.
XOR-assign	^=	a ^= b	Assign a^b to a.

Cast & sizeof operators

- Cast operator enables you to convert a value to a different type
- One of the use cases of cast is to promote an integer to a floating point number of ensure that the result of a division operation is not truncated.
 - · 3/2
 - (float) 3 / 2

- The sizeof operator accepts two types of operands: an expression or a data type
- sizeof returns the number of bytes that operand occupies in memory
 - sizeof (3+5) returns size of int
 - sizeof(short)
- The result type of sizeof can be: int, unsigned int, unsigned long=> depending on your compiler (on my compiler its unsigned long).

Conditional operator (?:)

Operator	Symbol	Form	Operation
conditional	?:	a?b:c	if a is nonzero result is b; otherwise result is c

- The conditional operator is the only ternary operator.
- It is really just a shorthand for a common type of if...else branch

$$z = ((x < y) ? x : y);$$

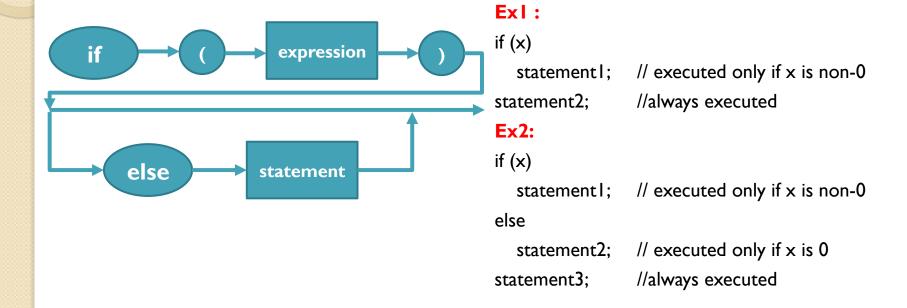
Memory operators

Operator	Symbol	Form	Operation
address of	&	&x	Get the address of x.
dereference	*	*a	Get the value of the object stored at address a.
array elements	0	x[5]	Get the value of array element 5.
dot	•	x.y	Get the value of member y in structure x.
right-arrow	->	p -> y	Get the value of member y in the structure pointed to by p

Control flow

- Conditional branching
 - if, nested IF
 - switch
- Looping
 - for
 - while
 - do...while

IF...else statement

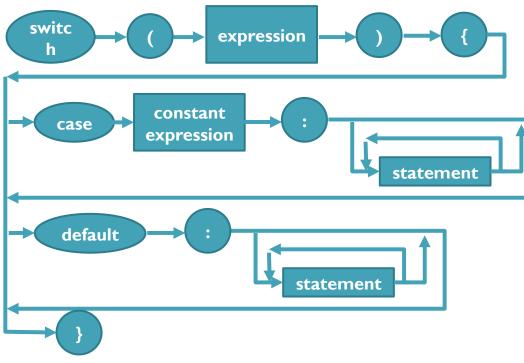


Nested if statements

- Note that when an else is immediately followed by an if, they are usually placed on the same line.
 - this is commonly called an **else if** statement.
- Nested if statements create the problem of matching each else phrase to the right if statement.
 - This is often called the *dangling else* problem!
 - An else is always associated with the nearest previous if.

```
if(a<b)
    if(a<c)
        return a;
    else
        return c;
else if (b<c)
        return b;
else
    return c;</pre>
```

Switch statement

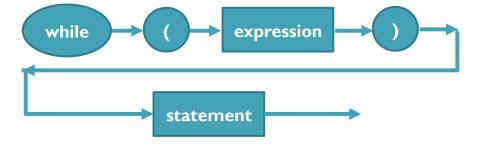


- The semantics of the **switch** statement are straight forward. The **switch** expression is evaluated, and if it matches one of the case labels, program flow continues with the statement that follows the matching case label.
 - If none of the case labels match the switch expression, program flow continues at the default label, if exists!

No two case labels may have the same value!

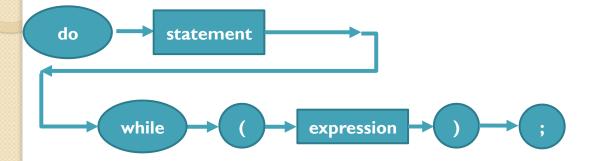
- The default label need not be the last label, though it is good style to put it last
- You should almost always out a break statement at the end of each case label's statements, otherwise, once it enters a case, it'll go on to the next ones, until the end of switch "}".

The while statement



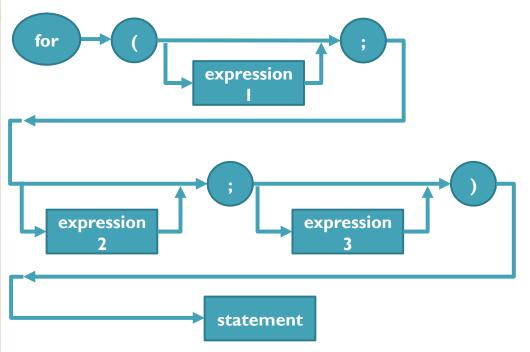
- First the expression is evaluated. If it is a *nonzero* value, statement is executed.
- After statement is executed, program control returns to the top of the while statement, and the process is repeated.
- This continues indefinitely until the expression evaluated to zero.

The do...while statement



- The only difference between a do..while and a regular while loop is that the test condition is at the bottom of the loop.
 - This means that the program always executes statement at least one.

The for statement



- First, <u>expression I</u> is evaluated.
- Then <u>expression2</u> is evaluated. This is the conditional part of the statement.
- If <u>expression2</u> is <u>false</u>, program control exists the for statement.
 If <u>expression2</u> is <u>true</u>, the <u>statement</u> is executed.
- After <u>statement</u> is executed, <u>expression3</u> is evaluated. Then the statement loops back to test <u>expression2</u> again.

NULL STATEMENTS

 It is possible to omit one of the expressions in a for loop, it is also possible to omit the body of the for loop.

```
for(c = getchar(); isspace(c); c = getchar());
```

ATTENTION

 Placing a semicolon after the test condition causes compiler to execute a null statement whenever the if expression is true

Nested loops

- It is possible to nest looping statements to any depth
- However, keep that in mind inner loops must finish before the outer loops can resume iterating
- It is also possible to nest control and loop statements together.

Break & continue & goto

break

- We have already talked about it in <u>switch statement</u>
- When used in a loop, it causes program control jump to the statement following the loop

continue

- continue statement provides a means for returning to the top of a loop earlier than normal.
- it is useful, when you want to bypass the reminder of the loop for some reason.
- Please do NOT use it in any of your C programs.

goto

- goto statement is necessary in more rudimentary languages!
- Please do NOT use it in any of your C programs.

STORAGE CLASSES

Outline

- Fixed vs. Automatic duration
- Scope
- Global variables
- The **register** specifier
- Storage classes
- Dynamic memory allocation

Fixed vs. Automatic duration

- **Scope** is the technical term that denotes the region of the C source text in which a name's declaration is active.
- **Duration** describes the **lifetime** of a variable's memory storage.
 - Variables with <u>fixed duration</u> are guaranteed to retain their value even after their scope is exited.
 - There is no such guarantee for variables with automatic duration.
- <u>A fixed variable</u> is one that is stationary, whereas <u>an automatic</u> <u>variable</u> is one whose memory storage is automatically allocated during program execution.
- Local variables (whose scope limited to a block) are automatic by default.
 However, you can make them fixed by using keyword static in the declaration.
- The auto keyword explicitly makes a variable automatic, but it is rarely used since it is redundant.

Fixed vs. Automatic duration cont'd

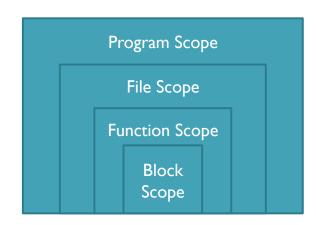
- Fixed variables initialized <u>only once</u>, whereas automatic variables are initialized <u>each time</u> <u>their block is reentered</u>.
- The *increment()* function increments two variables, *j* and *k*, both initialized to 1.
 - j has automatic duration by default
 - k has fixed duration because of <u>static</u> keyword
- When increment() is called the 2nd time,
 - \circ memory for \boldsymbol{j} is reallocated & \boldsymbol{j} is reinitialized to 1
 - k has still maintained its memory address and is <u>NOT</u> reinitialized.
- Fixed variables get a default initial value of 0.

Scope

- The scope of a variable determines the region over which you can access the variable by name.
- There are four types of scope;
 - Program scope signifies that the variable is active among different source files that make up the entire executable program. Variables with program scope are often referred as global variables.
 - File scope signifies that the variable is active from its declaration point to the end of the source file.
 - Function scope signifies that the name is active from the beginning to the end
 of the function.
 - Block scope that the variable is active from its declaration point to the end of the block which it is declared.
 - A block is any series of statements enclosed in braces.
 - This includes compound statements as well as function bodies.

Scope cont'D

```
int i;  // Program scope
static int j;  // File scope
func ( int k) {  // Block scope
    int m;  // Block scope
start :  // Function scope
}
```



scope cont'D

- A variable with a block scope can NOT be accessed outside its block.
- It is also possible to declare a variable within a nested block.
 - can be used for debugging purposes.
 see the code on the left side of the slide!
- Although variable hiding is useful in situations such as these, it can also lead to errors that are difficult to detect!

Scope cont'D

- Function scope
 - The only names that have function scope are <u>goto</u> labels.
 - Labels are active from the beginning to the end of a function.
 - This means that labels must be unique within a function
 - Different functions may use the same label names without creating conflicts

- File & Program scope
 - Giving a variable file scope makes the variable active through out the rest of the file.
 - if a file contains more than one function, all of the functions following the declaration are able to use the variable.
 - To give a variable file scope, declare it outside a function with the <u>static</u> keyword.
 - Variable with program scope, i.e. global variables, are visible to routines in other files as well as their own file.
 - To create a global variable, declare it outside a function <u>without</u> <u>static</u> keyword

Global variables

- In general, you should avoid using global variables as much as possible!
 - they make a program harder to maintain, because they increase complexity
 - create potential for conflicts between modules
 - the only advantage of global variables is that they produce faster code
- There are two types of declarations, namely, definition and allusion.
- An **allusion** looks just like a definition, but instead of allocating memory for a variable, it informs the compiler that a variable of the specified type exists but is defined elsewhere.
 - extern int j;
 - The extern keyword tells the compiler that the variables are defined elsewhere.
- Whenever you want to use global variables defined in another file you need to declare them with allusions.

The *register* specifier

- The register keyword enables you to help the compiler by giving it suggestions about which variables should be kept in registers (so, on CPU).
 - it is only a hint, not a directive, so **compiler** is **free** to **ignore** it!
 - The behavior is implementation dependent.
- Since a variable declared with register might never be assigned a memory address, it is illegal to take address of a register variable.
- A typical case to use register is when you use a counter in a loop.

```
int strlen ( register char *p) {
    register int len=0;
    while(*p++) {
        len++;
    }
    return len;
}
```

Remember that: registers are not addressable! They are not on the memory, but on the CPU

Storage classes summary

- There are 4 storage-class specifiers
- auto
 - Redundant and rarely used.
- static
 - In declarations within a function, static causes variables to have fixed duration. For variables declared outside a function, the static keyword gives the variable file scope.

extern

 For variables declared within a function, it signifies a global allusion. For declarations outside of a function, extern denotes a global definition.

register

 It makes the variable automatic but also passes a hint to the compiler to store the variable in a register whenever possible.

There are 2 storage-class modifiers

const

 The const specifier guarantees that you can NOT change the value of the variable.

volatile

- The volatile specifier causes the compiler to turn off certain optimizations. Useful for device registers and other data segments that can change without the compiler's knowledge.
- A variable should be declared volatile whenever its value could change unexpectedly. In practice, only 3 types of variables could change:
 - I. Memory-mapped peripheral registers
 - 2. Global variables modified by an interrupt service routine
 - 3. Global variables accessed by multiple tasks within a multi-threaded application
- Volatile tells the compiler not to optimize anything that has to do with the volatile variable.
- There is only one reason to use it:When you interface with hardware. (Memory-mapped peripheral registers)
- Another use for volatile is signal handlers.