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INTRODUCTION

This card is a concise comprehensive reference for C language programmers and those learning C. It saves you time and lets you avoid cumbersome manuals.

The C programming language is becoming the standard language for developing both system and application programs. There are several reasons for its popularity. C is flexible with few restrictions on the programmer. C compilers produce fast and short machine code. And finally, C is the primary language used in the UNIX (trademark of AT&T Bell Laboratories) operating system (over 80% of the UNIX system is itself written in C). Because it is a popular "high level" language, it allows software to be used on many machines without being rewritten.

This card is organized so that you can keep your train of thought while programming in C (without stopping to flip thru a manual.). The result is fewer interruptions, more error-free code, and higher productivity.

The following notations are used: [] --enclosed item is optional; fn--function; rtn--return; ptd--pointed; ptr--pointer; TRUE--non-zero value; FALSE--zero value.

BASIC DATA TYPES

TYPE	DESCRIPTION
char	Single character
double	Extended precision floating pt
float	Floating point
int	Integer
long int	Extended precision integer
short int	Reduced precision integer
unsigned char	Non-negative character
unsigned int	Non-negative integer
void	No type; used for fn declarations and 'ignoring' a value returned from a fn

CONVERSION OF DATA TYPES

Before performing an arithmetic operation, operands are made consistent with each other by converting with this procedure:

1. All float operands are converted to double. All char or short operands are converted to int.
2. If either operand is double, the other is converted to double. The result is double.
3. If either operand is long int, the other is converted to long int. The result is long int.
4. If either operand is unsigned, the other is converted to unsigned. The result is unsigned.
5. If this step is reached, both operands must be of type int. The result will be int

STATEMENT SUMMARY

STATEMENT	DESCRIPTION
break;	Terminates execution of for, while, do, or switch
continue;	Skips statements that follow in a do, for, or while; then continues executing the loop
do statement while (expr);	Executes statement until expr is FALSE; statement is executed at least once
for (e1; e2; e3) statement	Evaluates expression e1 once; then repeatedly evaluates e2, statement, and e3 (in that order) until e2 is FALSE; e3; for (i=1; i<=10; ++i);...; note that statement might not be executed if e2 is FALSE on first evaluation
goto label;	Branches to statement preceded by label, which must be in same function as the goto
if (expr) statement	If expr is TRUE, then executes statement; otherwise skips it
if (expr) statement1 else statement2	If expr is TRUE, then executes statement1; otherwise executes statement2
;(null statement)	No effect; satisfies statement requirement in do, for, and while
return;	Returns from function back to caller; no value returned
return expr;	Returns from function back to caller with value of expr
switch (iexpr) { case const1: statement ... break; case const2: statement ... default: statement ... break; }	iexpr is evaluated and then compared against integer constant exprs const1, const2, ...; if a match is found, then the statements that follow the case (up to the break) will be executed; if no match is found, then the statements in the default case (if supplied) will be executed; iexpr must be an integer-valued expression
while (expr) statement	Executes statement as long as expr is TRUE; statement might not be executed if expr is FALSE the first time it's evaluated

NOTES:
expr is any expression; statement is any expression terminated by a semicolon, one of the statements listed above, or one or more statements enclosed by braces {...}.

OPERATORS

OPER	DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLE	ASSOC
{ }	Function call	sqrt (2)	
[]	Array element ref	vals[10]	L-R
->	Ptr to struc memb	emp_ptr->name	
.	Struc member ref	employee.name	
-	Unary minus	-a	
++	Increment	++ptr	
--	Decrement	--count	
!	Logical negation	! done	R-L
~	Ones complement	~077	
*	Ptr indirection	*ptr	
&	Address of	&x	
sizeof	Size in bytes	sizeof (struct s)	
(type)	Type conversion	(float) total / n	
*	Multiplication	i * j	
/	Division	i / j	L-R
%	Modulus	i % j	
+	Addition	vals + i	L-R
-	Subtraction	x - 100	
<<	Left shift	byte << 4	L-R
>>	Right shift	i >> 2	
<	Less than	i < 100	
<=	Less than or eq to	i <= j	L-R
>	Greater than	i > 0	
>=	Greater or eq to	grade >= 90	
=	Equal to	result == 0	L-R
!=	Not equal to	c != EOF	
&	Bitwise AND	word & 077	L-R
^	Bitwise XOR	word1 ^ word2	L-R
	Bitwise OR	word bits	L-R
&&	Logical AND	j > 0 & j < 10	L-R
	Logical OR	i > 80 x_flag	L-R
?	Conditional expr	(a > b) ? a : b	R-L
= *	Assignment	x = y	
= *	Assignment ops	count += 2	R-L
,	Comma operator	i = 10, j = 0	L-R

NOTES: L-R means left-to-right, R-L right-to-left. Operators are listed in decreasing order of precedence. Ops in the same box have the same precedence. Associativity determines order of evaluation for ops with the same precedence (eg: a = b = c; is evaluated right-to-left as: a = (b = c)).

EXPRESSIONS

An expression is a variable name, function name, array name, constant, function call, array element reference, or structure member reference. Applying an operator (this can be an assignment operator) to one or more of these (where appropriate) is also an expression. Expressions may be parenthesized. An expression is a "constant expression" if each term is a constant.

ESC CHARS

\b	Backspace
\f	Form feed
\n	Newline
\r	Carriage return
\t	Horizontal tab
\\	Vertical tab
\"	Backslash
\"	Double quote
'	Single quote
\(CR)	Line continuation
\nnn	Octal character value

PREPROCESSOR STATEMENTS

STATEMENT	DESCRIPTION
#define id text	text will be substituted for id wherever id later appears in the program; if construct id(a1,a2,...) is used, args a1, a2, ... will be replaced where they appear in text by corresponding args of macro call
#if expr ... #endif	If constant expression expr is TRUE, statements up to #endif will be processed, otherwise they will not be.
#if expr ... #else ... #endif	If constant expression expr is TRUE, statements up to #else will be processed, otherwise those between the #else and #endif will be processed
#ifdef id ... #endif	If id is defined (with #define or on the command line) statements up to #endif will be processed; otherwise they will not be; (optional #else)
#ifndef id ... #endif	If id has not been defined, statements up to #endif will be processed; (optional #else construct)
#include "file" -or- #include <file>	Inserts contents of file in program; double quotes mean look first in same directory as source prog, then in standard places; brackets mean only standard places
#line n "file"	Identifies subsequent lines of the prog as coming from file, beginning at line n; file is optional
#undef id	Remove definition of id

NOTES: Preprocessor statements can be continued over multiple lines provided each line to be continued ends with a backslash character (\). Statements can also be nested.

EXAMPLES:
#define BUFSIZE 512
#define max(a,b) ((a) > (b)) ? (a) : (b)
#include <stdio.h>

typedef

typedef is used to assign a new name to a data type. To use it, make believe you're declaring a variable of that particular data type. Where you'd normally write the variable name, write the new data type name instead. In front of everything, place the keyword typedef. For example:

```
typedef struct /* define type COMPLEX */
{
    float real;
    float imaginary;
} COMPLEX;

COMPLEX c1, c2, sum; /* declare vars */
```

CONSTANTS

TYPE	SYNTAX	EXAMPLES
char	single quotes	'a' '\n'
char string	double quotes	"hello" ""
double	(note 1)	7.2 2.e-15 -1E9
enumeration	(note 2)	red true
float	(note 3)	7.2 2.e-15 -1E9
hex integer	0x,0X	0xFF 0Xff 0xA000
int	1 or L	251 100L (note 4)
long int	1 or L	251 100L (note 4)
octal int	0 (zero)	0777 0100

1. all float constants are treated as double
2. identifier previously declared for an enumerated type; value treated as int
3. decimal point and/or scientific notation
4. or any int too large for normal int

VARIABLE USAGE

STORAGE CLASS	DECLARED	CAN BE REFERENCED	INIT	NOTES
static	outside fn	anywhere in file	const expr only	1
extern	outside fn	anywhere in file	cannot init	2
auto	inside fn/b	inside fn/b	init	3
register	inside fn/b	inside fn/b	any expr	3,4
omitted	outside fn	anywhere in file or other expr files w/exit only	const	5
		inside fn/b (see auto)	(see auto)	6

- NOTES: (fn/b means function or statement block)
1. init at start of prog execution; deflt is zero
 2. must be in only 1 place w/o extern
 3. cannot init arrays & structures; var is init each time fn is called; no default value
 4. reg assignment not guaranteed; restrict. types can be assigned to registers.
 5. var can be decl. in only one place; initialized at start of prog execution;
 6. defaults to zero

ARRAYS

A single-dimensional array name of n elements of a specified type and with specified initial values (optional) is declared with:

```
type aname[n] = { val1, val2, ... };
```

If complete list of initial values is specified, n can be omitted. Only static or global arrays can be initialized. Char arrays can be init by a string of chars in double quotes. Valid subscripts of the array range from 0 through n-1. Multi dimensional arrays are declared with:

```
type aname[n1][n2]... = { init_list };
```

Values listed in the initialization list are assigned in 'dimension order' (i.e. as if last dimension were increasing first). Nested pairs of braces can be used to change this order if desired. Here are some examples:

```
/* array of char */
static char hisname[] = { "John Smith" };

/* array of char ptrs */
static char *days[] = { "Sun", "Mon", "Tue", "Wed", "Thu", "Fri", "Sat" };

/* 3 x 2 array of ints */
int matrix [3][2] = { { 10, 17 },
                    { -5, 0 },
                    { 11, 21 } };

/* array of struct complex */
struct complex sensor_data[100];
```

POINTERS

A variable name can be declared to be a pointer to a specified type by a statement of the form:

```
type *name;
```

EXAMPLES:
/* numptr points to floating number */
float *numptr;
/* pointer to struct complex */
struct complex *cp;
/* if the real part of the complex struct pointed to by cp is 0.0 ... */
if (cp->real == 0.0)
/* ptr to char; set equal to address of buf[25] (i.e. pointing to buf[25]) */
char *sptr = &buf[25];
/* store 'c' into loc ptd to by sptr */
*sptr = 'c';
/* set sptr pointing to next loc in buf */
++sptr;
/* ptr to fn returning int */
int (*fptr) ();

FUNCTIONS

Functions follow this format:

```
ret_type name (arg1,arg2,...)
{
    arg_declarations
    local_var_declarations
    statement
    ...
    return value;
}
```

Functions can be declared extern (default) or static. Static fns can be called only from the file in which they are defined. ret_type is the rtn type for the fn and can be void if the fn rtns no value or omitted if it rtns an int.

```
EXAMPLE:
/* fn to find the length
of a character string */
int strlen (s)
{
    char *s;
    int length = 0;
    while ( *s++ )
        ++length;
    return (length);
}
```

To declare the type of value returned by a function you're calling, use a declaration of the form: ret_type name ();

STRUCTURES

A structure sname of specified members is declared with a statement of the form:

```
struct sname
{
    member_declaration;
    member_declaration;
    ...
} variable_list;
```

Each member declaration is a type followed by one or more member names. An n-bit wide field name is declared with a statement of the form ... type mname; ... If mname is omitted, n unnamed bits are reserved; if n is also zero, the next field is aligned on a word boundary. variable_list (optional) declares variables of the structure type. If aname is supplied, variables can also later be declared using the format:

```
struct sname variable_list;
```

EXAMPLE:

```
/* define complex struct */
struct complex
{
    float real;
    float imaginary;
};

static struct complex c1 =
{ 5.0, 0.0 };
struct complex c2, csum;
c2 = c1; /* assign c1 to c2 */
csum.real = c1.real + c2.real;
```

UNIONS

A union unname of members occupying the same area of memory is declared with a statement of the form:

```
union unname
{
    member_declaration;
    member_declaration;
    ...
} variable_list;
```

Each member declaration is a type followed by one or more member names; variable_list (optional) declares variables of the particular union type. If unname is supplied, then variables can also later be declared using the format:

```
union unname variable_list;
```

NOTE: unions cannot be initialized.

ENUM DATA TYPES

An enumerated data type ename with values enum1, enum2, ... is declared with a statement of the form:

```
enum ename { enum1, enum2, ... } variable_list;
```

The optional variable_list declares variables of the particular enum type. Each enumerated value is an identifier optionally followed by an equals sign and a constant expression. Sequential values starting at 0 are assigned to these values by the compiler unless the enum= value construct is used. If ename is supplied, then variables can also be declared later using the format:

```
enum ename variable_list;
```

EXAMPLES:
/* define boolean */
enum boolean { true, false };
/* declare var i assign value */
enum boolean done = false;
/* test value of i */
if (done == true)

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printf

printf is used to write data to standard output (normally, your terminal.) To write to a file, use fprintf to "write" data into a character array, use sprintf. The general format of a printf call is:

```
printf (format, arg1, arg2,...)
```

where format is a character string describing how arg1, arg2, ... are to be printed. The general format of an item in the format string is:

```
[%][flags][size][.prec][l]type
```

flags: - left justify value (default is right justify) + precede value with a + or - sign blank precede pos value with a blank # precede oct value with 0, hex value with 0x (or 0X for type X); force display of decimal point for float values, and leave trailing zeroes for type g and G

size: is a number specifying the minimum size of the field; * instead of number means next arg to printf specifies the size

prec: is the minimum number of digits to display for ints; number of decimal places for e and f; max number of significant digits for g; max number of chars for s; * instead of number means next arg to printf specifies the precision

l: indicates a long int is being displayed; must be followed by d, o, u, x or X

type: specifies the type of value to be displayed per the following single character codes:

- d an int
u an unsigned int
o an int in octal format
x an int in hex format, using a-f
X an int in hex format, using A-F
f a float (to 6 dec places by default)
F a float in exponential format (to 6 decimal places by default)
E same as e except display E before exponent instead of e
G a float in f or e format, whichever takes less space
g a float in f or e format, whichever takes less space
c a char
s a null-terminated char string (null not required if precision is given)
% an actual percent sign

NOTES: characters in the format string not preceded by % are literally printed; floating pt formats display both floats and doubles; integer formats can display chars, short ints or ints (or long ints if type is preceded by l). EXAMPLE:

```
i1 = 10; i2 = 20;
printf ("%d + %d is %d\n",
        i1, i2, i1 + i2);
```

Produces: 10 + 20 is 0x1e

UNIX cc COMMAND

Format: cc [options] files
OPTION DESCRIPTION
-c Don't link the program; forces creation of a .o file
-O id-text Define the id with associated text (exactly as if #define id text appeared in prog); if just -O id is specified, id is defined as 1
-E Run preprocessor only
-g Compile for machine w/o floating point hardware
-G Generate more info for sdb use
-I dir Search dir for include files
-lx Link prog with lib x; -lm for math
-o file Write executable object into file; a.out is default
-O Optimize the code
-p Compile for analysis with prof cmd
-S Save assembler output in .s file

NOTES: Some of the above are actually preprocessor (cpp) and linker (ld) options. The standard C library libc is automatically linked with a program.

EXAMPLES: cc test.c Compiles test.c and places executable object into a.out.
cc -o test main.c prog.c Compiles main.c and prog.c and places executable object into test.
cc -O stats.c -lm Compiles stats.c, optimizes it, and links it with the math library (-lm must be placed after stats.c).
cc -DDEBUG x1.c x2.o Compiles x1.c, with defined name DEBUG, and links it with x2.o

THE LINK COMMAND

lint can help you find bugs in your program due to nonportable use of the language, inconsistent use of variables, uninitialized variables, passing wrong argument types to functions, and so on. Format: lint [options] files

Table with 2 columns: OPT, USE TO PREVENT FLAGGING OF. Rows include -a long values assigned to not-long vars, -b break statements that can't be reached, -h suspected bugs, waste, or style, -u functions and externs vars used but not defined, or defined and not used, -v unused function arguments, -x vars declared extern and never used, etc.

scanf

scanf is used to read data from standard input. To read data from a particular file, use fscanf. To 'read' data from a character array, use sscanf. The general format of a scanf call is:

```
scanf (format, arg1, arg2, ...)
```

where format is a character string describing the data to be read and arg1, arg2, ... point to where the read-in data are to be stored. The format of an item in the format string is:

```
[%][*][size][lh]type
```

* specifies that the field is to be skipped and not assigned (i.e., no corresponding ptr is supplied in the arg list)
size a number giving the max size of the field
lh is 'l' if value read is to be stored in a long int or double, or 'h' to store in short int
type indicates the type of value being read:

Table with 3 columns: USE, TO READ A, CORRESPONDING ARG IS PTR TO. Rows include d decimal integer, u unsigned decimal integer, o octal integer, x hexadecimal integer, e,f,g floating point number, c string of chars terminated by a white-space character, s single character, [...] string of chars terminated by any char not enclosed between the [...] and ;, if first char in brackets is ^, then following chars are string terminators instead, % percent sign, not assigned

NOTES: Any chars in format string not preceded by % will literally match chars on input (e.g. scanf ("%value%d", &ival); will match chars "value" on input, followed by an integer which will be read and stored in ival. A blank space in format string matches zero or more blank spaces on input.

EXAMPLE: scanf ("%s %f %d", text, &fval, &ival); will read a string of chars, storing it into character array ptd to by text; a floating value, storing it into fval; and a long int, storing it into lval.

COMMONLY USED FUNCTIONS

Table with 3 columns: FUNCTION, INCLUDE FILE, DESCRIPTION/ERROR RETURN/. Rows include int abs (n), double acos (d), char *asctime (tm), double asin (d), double atan (d), double atan2 (d1,d2), double atof (s), int atoi (s), long atol (s), char *calloc (u1,u2), double ceil (d), void clearer (f), long clock (i), double cos (d), char *ctime (tm), void exit (n), double exp (d), double fabs (d), int fclose (f), int feof (f), int ferror (f), void fflush (f), int fgets (f), int gets (s,n,f), int fileno (f), double floor (d), double fmod (d1,d2), FILE *fopen (s1,s2), int fprintf (f,s,...), int fputs (c,f), int fputs (s,f), int fread (s,n1,n2,f), void free (s), FILE *freopen (s1,s2,f), int fscanf (f,s,...), int fseek (f,l,n), long ftell (s), int fwrite (s,n1,n2,f), int getch (c), int getchar (i), char *getenv (s), int getopt (argc,argv,s), char *gets (s)

Table with 3 columns: FUNCTION, DESCRIPTION, RETURN. Rows include int gettimeofday (f), struct tm *gmtime (*t), int isalpha (c), int isalnum (c), int isascii (c), int iscntrl (c), int isdigit (c), int isgraph (c), int isprint (c), int ispunct (c), int isspace (c), struct tm *localtime (*t), double log (d), double log10 (d), void longjmp (env,n), char *malloc (u), char *memchr (s,c,n), int memcpy (s1,s2,n), char *memcpy (s1,s2,c,n), char *memset (s,c,n), int mknd (s,i1,i2), char *mktemp (s), void perror (s), FILE *popen (s1,s2), double pow (d1,d2), int printf (s,...), int putchar (c), int puts (s), int putw (n,f), int rand (i), char *realloc (s,u), void rewind (f), int scanf (s,...), int setjmp (env), double sin (d), unsigned sleep (u), int sprintf (s1,s2,...), double sqrt (d), void srand (u), int scanf (s1,s2,...), char *strcat (s1,s2), char *strchr (s,c), int strcmp (s1,s2), char *strcpy (s1,s2), int strlen (s), char *strncat (s1,s2,n), int strncmp (s1,s2,n), int strncpy (s1,s2,n), char *strrchr (s,c), long strtol (s,*s,n), int system (s), double tan (d), char *tempnam (s1,s2), long time (*t), FILE *tmpfile (i), char *tmpnam (s), int toascii (c), int tolower (c), int toupper (c), int ungetc (c,f), int unlink (s), NOTES: Function argument types: c--char, n--int, u--unsigned int, l--long int, d--double, f--ptr to FILE, s--ptr to char

CMD LINE ARGS

Arguments typed in on the command line when a program is executed are passed to the program through argc and argv. argc is a count of the number of arguments, and is at least 1; argv is an array of character pointers that point to each argument. argv[0] points to the name of the program executed. Use sscanf to convert arguments stored in argv to other data types. For example:

```
check phone 35.79
starts execution (under UNIX) of a program called check; with
```

argc = 3
argv[0] = "check"
argv[1] = "phone"
argv[2] = "35.79"
To convert number in argv[2], use sscanf. EXAMPLE:

```
main (argc, argv)
{
    int argc;
    char *argv[];
    float amount;
    sscanf (argv[2], "%f", &amount);
    ...
}
```

UNIX TOOLS

Table with 2 columns: TOOL, DESCRIPTION. Rows include adb debugger, ar library archiver, cb formats programs, ext references, cflow traces execution, xref X-ref listing, lint checks progs for possible bugs and non-portable language usage, make recreates program systems based on specified file dependencies displays, prof performance statistics, SCCS maintains large program systems, sdb symbolic debugger

REMINDERS

- 1. Array indices start at 0 and go to number of elements minus 1.
2. Use "=" (not "==" for testing equality.
3. Use ">" for structure pointers and ">>" for structures.
4. Args to scanf must be ptrs (place "a" in front of non-ptrs).
5. 'x' is of type char; 'X' is of type ptr to char.
6. If cp is ptr to char, and c is array of char, then cp="hello" is okay, but c="hello" isn't.
7. In x[i]++, it's not defined whether left or right side will be evaluated first.
8. In switch, omitting break causes fall-through to next case.
9. Return type for non-int fns must be declared unless fn previously defined.
10. Fn arg types must be consistent with type declared (e.g. sqrt (2) will produce the wrong result).
11. In ++p, value of expr is that of p after it's incremented; in pre++, value is that of p before it's incremented.

ASCII

Table with 3 columns: CHR, DEC, HEX. Rows include nul 0 0, soh 1 1, stx 2 2, etc. up to del 127 7F

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