

C Reference Card (ANSI)

Program Structure/Functions

<i>type fnc(type₁,...)</i>	function declarations
<i>type name</i>	external variable declarations
<i>main()</i> {	main routine
<i>declarations</i>	local variable declarations
<i>statements</i>	
}	
<i>type fnc(arg₁,...)</i> {	function definition
<i>declarations</i>	local variable declarations
<i>statements</i>	
return <i>value</i> ;	
}	
/* */	comments
main(int argc, char *argv[])	main with args
exit(<i>arg</i>)	terminate execution

C Preprocessor

include library file	#include <filename>
include user file	#include "filename"
replacement text	#define <i>name text</i>
replacement macro	#define <i>name(var) text</i>
Example. #define max(A,B) ((A)>(B) ? (A) : (B))	
undefine	#undef <i>name</i>
quoted string in replace	#
concatenate args and rescan	##
conditional execution	#if, #else, #elif, #endif
is <i>name</i> defined, not defined?	#ifdef, #ifndef
<i>name</i> defined?	defined(<i>name</i>)
line continuation char	\

Data Types/Declarations

character (1 byte)	char
integer	int
float (single precision)	float
float (double precision)	double
short (16 bit integer)	short
long (32 bit integer)	long
positive and negative	signed
only positive	unsigned
pointer to int, float,...	*int, *float,...
enumeration constant	enum
constant (unchanging) value	const
declare external variable	extern
register variable	register
local to source file	static
no value	void
structure	struct
create name by data type	typedef <i>typename</i>
size of an object (type is <i>size_t</i>)	sizeof <i>object</i>
size of a data type (type is <i>size_t</i>)	sizeof(<i>type name</i>)

Initialization

initialize variable	<i>type name=value</i>
initialize array	<i>type name</i> []={ <i>value₁,...</i> }
initialize char string	char <i>name</i> []{" <i>string</i> "}

Constants

long (suffix)	L or l
float (suffix)	F or f
exponential form	e
octal (prefix zero)	0
hexadecimal (prefix zero-ex)	0x or 0X
character constant (char, octal, hex)	'a', '\ooo', '\xhh'
newline, cr, tab, backspace	\n, \r, \t, \b
special characters	\\, \?, \', \"
string constant (ends with '\0')	"abc...de"

Pointers, Arrays & Structures

declare pointer to <i>type</i>	<i>type *name</i>
declare function returning pointer to <i>type</i>	<i>type *f()</i>
declare pointer to function returning <i>type</i>	<i>type (*pf)()</i>
generic pointer type	void *
null pointer	NULL
object pointed to by <i>pointer</i>	* <i>pointer</i>
address of object <i>name</i>	& <i>name</i>
array	<i>name[dim]</i>
multi-dim array	<i>name[dim₁][dim₂]</i> ...

Structures

struct <i>tag</i> {	structure template
<i>declarations</i>	declaration of members
};	
create structure	struct <i>tag name</i>
member of structure from template	<i>name.member</i>
member of pointed to structure	<i>pointer -> member</i>
Example. (*p).x and p->x are the same	
single value, multiple type structure	union
bit field with <i>b</i> bits	<i>member : b</i>

Operators (grouped by precedence)

structure member operator	<i>name.member</i>
structure pointer	<i>pointer->member</i>
increment, decrement	++, --
plus, minus, logical not, bitwise not	+, -, !, ~
indirection via pointer, address of object	* <i>pointer</i> , & <i>name</i>
cast expression to type	(<i>type</i>) <i>expr</i>
size of an object	sizeof
multiply, divide, modulus (remainder)	*, /, %
add, subtract	+, -
left, right shift [bit ops]	<<, >>
comparisons	>, >=, <, <=
comparisons	==, !=
bitwise and	&
bitwise exclusive or	^
bitwise or (incl)	
logical and	&&
logical or	
conditional expression	<i>expr₁ ? expr₂ : expr₃</i>
assignment operators	+=, -=, *=, ...
expression evaluation separator	,

Unary operators, conditional expression and assignment operators group right to left; all others group left to right.

Flow of Control

statement terminator	;
block delimiters	{ }
exit from switch, while, do, for	break
next iteration of while, do, for	continue
go to	goto <i>label</i>
label	<i>label</i> :
return value from function	return <i>expr</i>

Flow Constructions

if statement	if (<i>expr</i>) <i>statement</i> else if (<i>expr</i>) <i>statement</i> else <i>statement</i>
while statement	while (<i>expr</i>) <i>statement</i>
for statement	for (<i>expr₁; expr₂; expr₃</i>) <i>statement</i>
do statement	do <i>statement</i> while(<i>expr</i>);
switch statement	switch (<i>expr</i>) { case <i>const₁</i> : <i>statement₁</i> break; case <i>const₂</i> : <i>statement₂</i> break; default: <i>statement</i> }

ANSI Standard Libraries

<assert.h>	<ctype.h>	<errno.h>	<float.h>	<limits.h>
<locale.h>	<math.h>	<setjmp.h>	<signal.h>	<stdarg.h>
<stddef.h>	<stdio.h>	<stdlib.h>	<string.h>	<time.h>

Character Class Tests <ctype.h>

alphanumeric?	isalnum(c)
alphabetic?	isalpha(c)
control character?	iscntrl(c)
decimal digit?	isdigit(c)
printing character (not incl space)?	isgraph(c)
lower case letter?	islower(c)
printing character (incl space)?	isprint(c)
printing char except space, letter, digit?	ispunct(c)
space, formfeed, newline, cr, tab, vtab?	isspace(c)
upper case letter?	isupper(c)
hexadecimal digit?	isxdigit(c)
convert to lower case?	tolower(c)
convert to upper case?	toupper(c)

String Operations <string.h>

s,t are strings, cs,ct are constant strings	
length of s	strlen(s)
copy ct to s	strcpy(s,ct)
up to n chars	strncpy(s,ct,n)
concatenate ct after s	strcat(s,ct)
up to n chars	strncat(s,ct,n)
compare cs to ct	strcmp(cs,ct)
only first n chars	strncmp(cs,ct,n)
pointer to first c in cs	strchr(cs,c)
pointer to last c in cs	strrchr(cs,c)
copy n chars from ct to s	memcpy(s,ct,n)
copy n chars from ct to s (may overlap)	memmove(s,ct,n)
compare n chars of cs with ct	memcmp(cs,ct,n)
pointer to first c in first n chars of cs	memchr(cs,c,n)
put c into first n chars of cs	memset(s,c,n)

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Input/Output <stdio.h>

Standard I/O

standard input stream	stdin
standard output stream	stdout
standard error stream	stderr
end of file	EOF
get a character	getchar()
print a character	putchar(<i>chr</i>)
print formatted data	printf("format", <i>arg</i> ₁ , ...)
print to string <i>s</i>	sprintf(<i>s</i> , "format", <i>arg</i> ₁ , ...)
read formatted data	scanf("format", & <i>name</i> ₁ , ...)
read from string <i>s</i>	sscanf(<i>s</i> , "format", & <i>name</i> ₁ , ...)
read line to string <i>s</i> (< max chars)	gets(<i>s</i> , max)
print string <i>s</i>	puts(<i>s</i>)

File I/O

declare file pointer	FILE * <i>fp</i>
pointer to named file	fopen("name", "mode")
modes: r (read), w (write), a (append)	
get a character	getc(<i>fp</i>)
write a character	putc(<i>chr</i> , <i>fp</i>)
write to file	fprintf(<i>fp</i> , "format", <i>arg</i> ₁ , ...)
read from file	fscanf(<i>fp</i> , "format", <i>arg</i> ₁ , ...)
close file	fclose(<i>fp</i>)
non-zero if error	ferror(<i>fp</i>)
non-zero if EOF	feof(<i>fp</i>)
read line to string <i>s</i> (< max chars)	fgets(<i>s</i> , max, <i>fp</i>)
write string <i>s</i>	fputs(<i>s</i> , <i>fp</i>)

Codes for Formatted I/O: "%-+ 0w.pmc"

- left justify
- + print with sign
- space print space if no sign
- 0 pad with leading zeros
- w min field width
- p precision
- m conversion character:
 - h short, l long, L long double
- c conversion character:
 - d,i integer u unsigned
 - c single char s char string
 - f double e,E exponential
 - o octal x,X hexadecimal
 - p pointer n number of chars written
 - g,G same as f or e,E depending on exponent

Variable Argument Lists <stdarg.h>

declaration of pointer to arguments	va_list <i>name</i> ;
initialization of argument pointer	va_start(<i>name</i> , <i>lastarg</i>)
<i>lastarg</i> is last named parameter of the function	
access next unnamed arg, update pointer	va_arg(<i>name</i> , <i>type</i>)
call before exiting function	va_end(<i>name</i>)

Standard Utility Functions <stdlib.h>

absolute value of int <i>n</i>	abs(<i>n</i>)
absolute value of long <i>n</i>	labs(<i>n</i>)
quotient and remainder of ints <i>n,d</i>	div(<i>n</i> , <i>d</i>)
returns structure with <i>div_t.quot</i> and <i>div_t.rem</i>	
quotient and remainder of longs <i>n,d</i>	ldiv(<i>n</i> , <i>d</i>)
returns structure with <i>ldiv_t.quot</i> and <i>ldiv_t.rem</i>	
pseudo-random integer [0,RAND_MAX]	rand()
set random seed to <i>n</i>	srand(<i>n</i>)
terminate program execution	exit(<i>status</i>)
pass string <i>s</i> to system for execution	system(<i>s</i>)

Conversions

convert string <i>s</i> to double	atof(<i>s</i>)
convert string <i>s</i> to integer	atoi(<i>s</i>)
convert string <i>s</i> to long	atol(<i>s</i>)
convert prefix of <i>s</i> to double	strtod(<i>s</i> , <i>endp</i>)
convert prefix of <i>s</i> (base <i>b</i>) to long	strtol(<i>s</i> , <i>endp</i> , <i>b</i>)
same, but unsigned long	strtoul(<i>s</i> , <i>endp</i> , <i>b</i>)

Storage Allocation

allocate storage	malloc(<i>size</i>), calloc(<i>nobj</i> , <i>size</i>)
change size of object	realloc(<i>pts</i> , <i>size</i>)
deallocate space	free(<i>ptr</i>)

Array Functions

search array for key	bsearch(<i>key</i> , <i>array</i> , <i>n</i> , <i>size</i> , <i>cmp</i> ())
sort array ascending order	qsort(<i>array</i> , <i>n</i> , <i>size</i> , <i>cmp</i> ())

Time and Date Functions <time.h>

processor time used by program	clock()
Example. clock()/CLOCKS_PER_SEC is time in seconds	
current calendar time	time()
time ₂ -time ₁ in seconds (double)	difftime(time ₂ ,time ₁)
arithmetic types representing times	clock_t,time_t
structure type for calendar time comps	tm
tm_sec seconds after minute	
tm_min minutes after hour	
tm_hour hours since midnight	
tm_mday day of month	
tm_mon months since January	
tm_year years since 1900	
tm_wday days since Sunday	
tm_yday days since January 1	
tm_isdst Daylight Savings Time flag	

convert local time to calendar time	mktime(<i>tp</i>)
convert time in <i>tp</i> to string	asctime(<i>tp</i>)
convert calendar time in <i>tp</i> to local time	ctime(<i>tp</i>)
convert calendar time to GMT	gmtime(<i>tp</i>)
convert calendar time to local time	localtime(<i>tp</i>)
format date and time info	strftime(<i>s</i> , <i>smax</i> , "format", <i>tp</i>)
<i>tp</i> is a pointer to a structure of type <i>tm</i>	

Mathematical Functions <math.h>

Arguments and returned values are double

trig functions	sin(x), cos(x), tan(x)
inverse trig functions	asin(x), acos(x), atan(x)
arctan(<i>y/x</i>)	atan2(<i>y</i> , <i>x</i>)
hyperbolic trig functions	sinh(x), cosh(x), tanh(x)
exponentials & logs	exp(x), log(x), log10(x)
exponentials & logs (2 power)	ldexp(x, <i>n</i>), frexp(x,*e)
division & remainder	modf(x,*ip), fmod(x, <i>y</i>)
powers	pow(x, <i>y</i>), sqrt(x)
rounding	ceil(x), floor(x), fabs(x)

Integer Type Limits <limits.h>

The numbers given in parentheses are typical values for the constants on a 32-bit Unix system.

CHAR_BIT bits in char	(8)
CHAR_MAX max value of char	(127 or 255)
CHAR_MIN min value of char	(-128 or 0)
INT_MAX max value of int	(+32,767)
INT_MIN min value of int	(-32,768)
LONG_MAX max value of long	(+2,147,483,647)
LONG_MIN min value of long	(-2,147,483,648)
SCHAR_MAX max value of signed char	(+127)
SCHAR_MIN min value of signed char	(-128)
SHRT_MAX max value of short	(+32,767)
SHRT_MIN min value of short	(-32,768)
UCHAR_MAX max value of unsigned char	(255)
UINT_MAX max value of unsigned int	(65,535)
ULONG_MAX max value of unsigned long	(4,294,967,295)
USHRT_MAX max value of unsigned short	(65,536)

Float Type Limits <float.h>

FLT_RADIX radix of exponent rep	(2)
FLT_ROUNDS floating point rounding mode	
FLT_DIG decimal digits of precision	(6)
FLT_EPSILON smallest <i>x</i> so 1.0 + <i>x</i> ≠ 1.0	(10 ⁻⁵)
FLT_MANT_DIG number of digits in mantissa	
FLT_MAX maximum floating point number	(10 ³⁷)
FLT_MAX_EXP maximum exponent	
FLT_MIN minimum floating point number	(10 ⁻³⁷)
FLT_MIN_EXP minimum exponent	
DBL_DIG decimal digits of precision	(10)
DBL_EPSILON smallest <i>x</i> so 1.0 + <i>x</i> ≠ 1.0	(10 ⁻⁹)
DBL_MANT_DIG number of digits in mantissa	
DBL_MAX max double floating point number	(10 ³⁷)
DBL_MAX_EXP maximum exponent	
DBL_MIN min double floating point number	(10 ⁻³⁷)
DBL_MIN_EXP minimum exponent	

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