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# 1. Overview Of C

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Importance of C : (X)

\*. The increasing popularity of C is probably due to its many desirable qualities. It is a <sup>significant</sup> robust language whose rich set of built-in functions and operators can be used to write any complex program. The C compiler combines the capabilities of an assembly language with the features of a high-level language and therefore it is well suited for writing both system software and business packages. In fact, many of the C compilers available in the market are written in C.

\*. Program written in C are efficient and fast.

This is due to its variety of data types and powerful operators. It is many times faster than BASIC. For example, a program to increment a variable from 0 to 15000 takes about one second in C while it takes more than 50 seconds in an ~~interpreter~~ interpreter BASIC.

\*. There are only 32 keywords and its strength lies in its built-in functions. Several standard functions are available which can be used for developing programs.

\*. C is highly portable. This means that C Programs written for one computer can be run on another with little or no modification. Portability is important if we plan to use a new computer with a different operating system.

## 2. Format of Simple C program: (2m)

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```
main() → Function name
{ → Start of program
    ..... → Program statements
    .....
}
```

### Sample program 1: Printing a message.

```
main()
{
    /* ..... Printing begins ..... */
    printf("Free, I remember")
    /* ..... Printing ends ..... */
}
```

## (X) Introduction to C:

\* C is a general-purpose high level language that was originally developed by Dennis Ritchie for the UNIX operating system, at Bell laboratories.

\* It was first implemented on the Digital Equipment Corporation PDP-11 computer in 1972.

\* The UNIX operating system and virtually all UNIX applications are written in the C language.

\* C has now become a widely used professional language for various reasons.

- \*. Easy to learn.
- \*. structured language.
- \*. It produces efficient programs.
- \*. It can handle low-level activities.
- \*. It can be compiled on a variety of computers.

### Some Facts:

- \*. C is a successor of B language which was introduced around 1970s.
- \*. Language was formalized in 1988 by the American National Standard Institute (ANSI).
- \*. By 1978 UNIX OS almost totally written in C.
- \*. Today C is the most widely used System Programming Language.
- \*. Most of the state of the art software have been implemented using C.

### Influenced by

- Algol 60 (1960)
- CPL (Cambridge, 1963)
- BCPL (Martin Richard, 1967)
- B (Ken Thompson, 1970).

## (\*) Structure of C program: (10m)

\*. C program can be viewed as a group of building blocks called functions.

\*. A function is a subroutine that may include one or more statements designed to perform a specific task.

\*. A C program may contain one or more sections.

- Documentation section
- Link section
- Definition section.
- Global Declaration section
- main() Function section

{

Declaration part

Executable part

}

- Subprogram section

Function 1

Function 2

⋮

Function n

(user-defined functions)

### ↳ Documentation Section:

\*. The documentation section is the part of the program where the programmer gives the details associated with the program.

\*. He usually gives the name of the program, author, the details of the author and other details like the time of coding and description.

\*. It gives anyone reading the code the overview of the code.

ex:

```
/*  
 * File name : Helloworld.c  
 * Author : Manthan Naik  
 * Date : 09/08/2019  
 * Description : a program to display hello world  
 */
```

## 2) Link Section:

\*. This part of the code is used to declare all the header files that will be used in the program.

\*. This leads to the compiler being told to link the header files to the system libraries.

ex:

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

## 3) Definition Section:

\*. In this section, we define different constants. The keyword `define` is used in this part.

ex:

```
#define PI = 3.14. Macros are symbolic constants
```

## 4) Global Declaration Section:

\*. This part of the code is the part where the global variables are declared.

\*. All the global variable used are declared in this part.

\*. The user-defined functions are also declared in this part of the code.

ex:

```
1) float area (float r);
```

```
2) int a = 7;
```

### 5.) Main Function Section:

\* Every C-program needs to have the main function.

\* Each main function contains 2 parts.

\* A declaration part and an execution part.

\* The declaration part is the part

where all the variables are declared.

\* The Execution part begins with the curly brackets and ends with the curly close bracket. Both the declaration and execution part are inside the curly braces. { }.

### 6.) Sub Program Section:

\* The C program here will the subprogram section contains all the user defined functions that are used to perform a specific task.

\* All the user-defined functions are defined in this section of the program.

### Programming Style:

\* Unlike some other programming languages (COBOL., FORTRAN., etc....).

\* C is a free-form language.

\* Although several alternative styles are possible, we should <sup>select</sup> one style and use it with total consistency.

\* C Program statements are written in lowercase letters.

\* Uppercase letters are used only for

Symbolic constants.

\* Braces group program statements together and mark the beginning and the end of functions.

\* A proper indentation of braces and statements would make a program easier to read and debug.

$a = b;$

$\Rightarrow x = y + 1;$

$z = a + x;$  can be written in one line as,

$\Rightarrow a = b; x = y + 1; z = a + x;$

\* The generous use of comments inside a program cannot be overemphasized.

\* Judiciously inserted comments not only increase the readability but also help to understand the program logic.

\* This is very important for debugging and testing the program.

### Executing A 'C' Program:

\* Executing a program written in C involves a series of steps:

1.) creating the program.

2.) Compiling the program.

3.) Linking the program with functions that are needed from the library.

4.) Executing the program.

## 1) creating the program:

\*. Once we load the UNIX operating system into the memory, the computer is ready to receive the program.

\*. The file name can consists of letters, digits and special characters, followed by a dot and a letter `c`.

Ex: `hello.c`; `program.c`; `ebg1.c`.

\*. The file is created with the help of a text editor, either `ed` or `vi`.

\*. The command for calling the editor and creating the file is

`ed filename.`

\*. Any corrections in the program are done under the editor.

\*. The program that is entered into the file is known as source program.

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## 2) Compiling and Linking:

### Compiling

\*. Let us assume that the program has been created in a file named `ebg1.c`.

\*. Now the program is ready for compilation. The compilation command to achieve this task under UNIX is,

`cc ebg1.c.`

\*. The source program instructions are now



translated into a form that is suitable for execution by the computer.

\*. If the everything is alright, the compilation proceeds silently and the translated program is stored on another file with the name ebg1.o.

\*. This program is known as Object code.

### Linking.

\*. Linking is the process of putting together other program files and functions that are required by the program

Example:

\*. If the program is using `exp()` function, then the object code of this function should be brought from the math library of the system and linked to the main program.

\*. Under UNIX, the linking is automatically done, when the `cc` command is used.

\*. If mistakes in the syntax and semantics of the language are discovered, they are listed and compilation ends there.

\*. The errors should be corrected by editor and <sup>compilation</sup> done again.

\*. The compiled and linked program is called the executable object code and stored in another file named `a.out`.

`cc filename -lm`

is the command under UNIX/PLUS SYSTEM V operating system.

#### 4.) Executing the program:

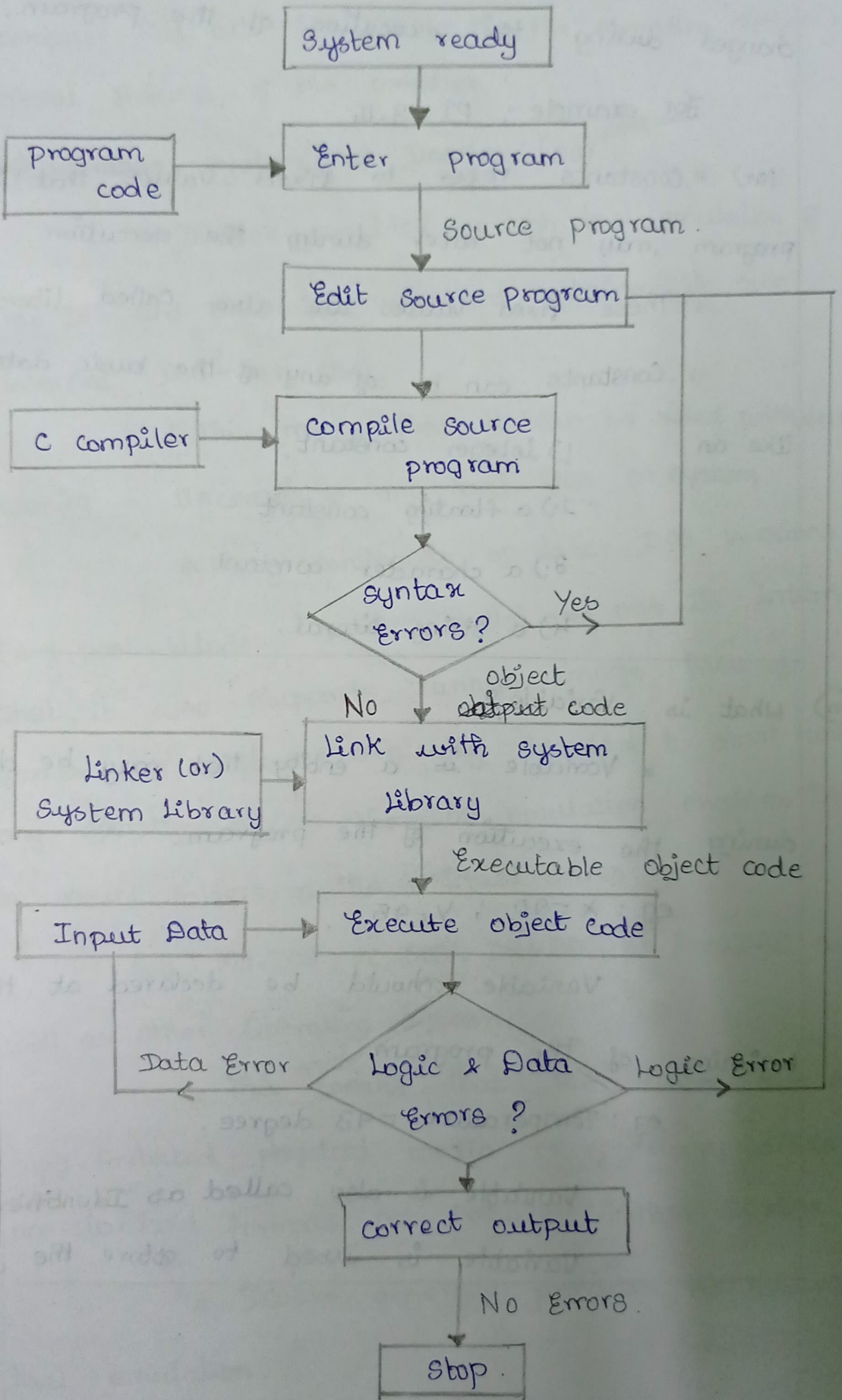
- \* Execution is a simple task. The command
- \* `a.out` would load the executable object code into the computer memory and execute the instructions.
- \* If something is wrong with the program logic or data.
- \* Then it would be necessary to correct the source program or the data.
- \* In case the source program is modified, the entire process of compiling, linking and executing the program should be repeated.

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#### What is a Computer program?

- \* A computer program is a collection of instructions that can be executed by a computer to perform a specific task.
- \* A program is a set of commands.
- \* A program is a step by step instructions called as codes.
- \* By study a C program we can create a own program.
- \* Program is used to work a task.
- \* We have to write a computer program in a proper syntax.

(10m) Process of compiling and executing a C Program.



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What is constant?

\* A constant is a value that cannot be changed during the execution of the program.

For example;  $PI = 3.14$ .

(or) \* Constants refer to fixed values that the program may not alter during the execution.

\* These fixed values are also called literals.

\* Constants can be of any of the basic data types like an

1.) integer constant.

2.) a floating constant.

3.) a character constant.

4.) a string literal.

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What is Variable?

\* Variable is an entity that may be changed during the execution of the program.

eg:  $x = 90$ ;  $y = 95$ .

\* Variable should be declared at the beginning of the program.

eg: Temperature = 93 degree.

\* Variable is also called as Identifier.

\* Variable is used to store the data.

# Constants, Variables and Data types.

## Introduction:

\*. A programming language is designed to help process certain kinds of data consisting of numbers, characters and strings and to provide useful output known as information.

\*. The task of processing of data is accomplished by executing a sequence of precise instructions called a Program.

\*. These instructions are formed using certain symbols and words according to some rigid rules known as syntax rules (or grammar).

\*. C has its own vocabulary and grammar.

\*. Every program instruction must conform precisely to the syntax rules of the programming language.

## Character Set:

\*. The characters that can be used to form words, numbers and expressions depend upon the computer on which the program is run.

\*. A subset of characters is available that can be used on most personal, micro, mini and mainframe computers.

### The characters in C are:

1.) Letters.

2.) Digits.

3.) special characters

4.) White spaces.

\*. The compiler ignores white spaces unless they are a part of a string constant, white spaces may be used to separate words, but are prohibited between the characters of keywords and identifiers.

### Letters:

Uppercase  $\Rightarrow$  A...Z ; Lowercase  $\Rightarrow$  a...z.

### Digits:

All decimal digits 0...9.

### Special characters:

, $\rightarrow$ comma	/ $\rightarrow$ slash	- minus sign
. $\rightarrow$ period	\ $\rightarrow$ backslash	+ plus sign
; $\rightarrow$ semicolon	~ $\rightarrow$ tilde	< $\rightarrow$ opening angle bracket
: $\rightarrow$ colon	_ $\rightarrow$ underscore	< $\rightarrow$ less than sign
? $\rightarrow$ question mark	\$ $\rightarrow$ dollar sign	> $\rightarrow$ closing angle bracket
' $\rightarrow$ apostrophe	% $\rightarrow$ percent sign	> $\rightarrow$ greater than sign
" $\rightarrow$ quotation mark	& $\rightarrow$ ampersand	( $\rightarrow$ left parenthesis
! $\rightarrow$ exclamation mark	^ $\rightarrow$ caret	) $\rightarrow$ right parenthesis
$\rightarrow$ vertical bar	* $\rightarrow$ asterisk	[ $\rightarrow$ left bracket

] → right bracket ; { → left brace ; } → right brace  
# → number sign.

### White spaces:

- Blank space
- Horizontal tab
- carriage return
- New line
- Form feed.

### Trigraph characters:

\* Many non-English keyboards do not support all the characters mentioned in ANSI C introduces the concept of "Trigraph" sequences to provide a way to enter certain characters that are not available on some keyboards.

\* Each trigraph sequence consists of three characters (two question marks followed by another character).

eg: if a keyboard does not support square brackets, we can still use them in a program using the trigraphs ?? (and ??).

Trigraph sequence	Translation
?? =	# number sign
?? (	[ left bracket
?? )	] right bracket
?? <	{ left brace
?? >	} right brace
?? !	vertical bar
?? /	\ backslash
?? ^	^ caret
?? ~	~ tilde

## C Tokens:

\*. In a passage of text, individual words and punctuation marks are called tokens.

Keywords  $\rightarrow$  float, while

Identifiers  $\rightarrow$  main, amount

Constants  $\rightarrow$  -15.5, 100

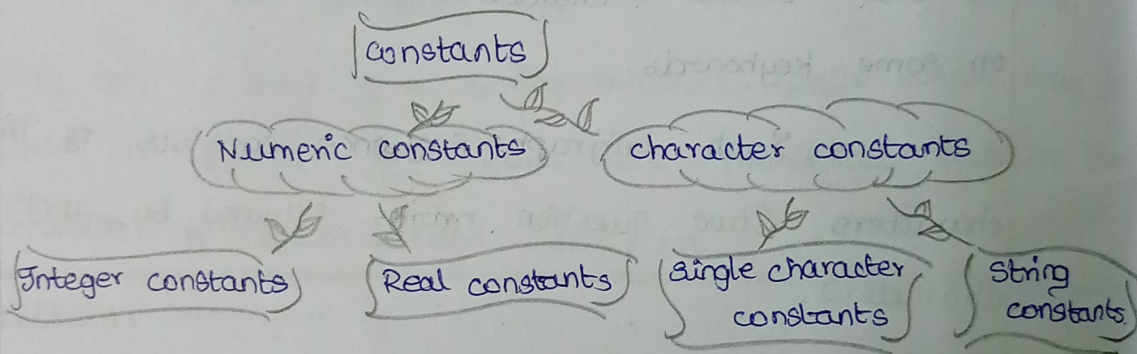
Strings  $\rightarrow$  \*ABC\*, \*year\*

Operations  $\rightarrow$  +, -, \*, /

Special symbols  $\rightarrow$  [], {}, ?

## Constants:

\*. Constants in C refer to fixed values that do not change during the execution of a program.



## Integer constants:

\*. An integer constant refers to a sequence of digits. There are three types namely decimal integer, octal integer or hexadecimal integer.

$\Rightarrow$  Decimal integers consists of a set of digits, 0 through 9, preceded by an optional - or + sign.

\*. Embedded spaces, commas, and non-digit characters are not permitted between digits.

eg: 15 450 20,000 \$1000 are illegal numbers.

$\Rightarrow$  Octal integer consists of any combination of digits from the set 0 through 7, with a leading 0.



eg: 037 0 0435 0551.

⇒ Hexadecimal constants include alphabets (A through F) or (a through f). (A through F) represents the numbers (10 through 15).

eg: 0x2 0x9F 0xbed 0x.

⇒ We rarely use octal and hexadecimal numbers in programming.

\*. The largest integer value that can be stored is machine-dependent. It is  $32767$  on 16-bit machines and  $2,147,483,647$  on 32-bit machines.

Real constants:

\*. Integer numbers are inadequate to represent quantities that vary continuously, such as distances, heights, temperatures, prices and so on.

\*. These contains fractional parts like  $17.548$ , such numbers are called real constants.

eg:  $0.0083$   $-0.75$   $435.36$   $+247.0$

\*. A real number may also be expressed in decimal notation. For example, the value  $215.65$  may be written as  $2.1565e2$  in exponential notation,  $e2$  means multiply by  $10^2$ .

Mantissa e exponent:

\*. The mantissa is either a real number expressed in decimal notation or an integer.

\*. The exponent is an integer with an optional plus or minus sign and can be written in lowercase or uppercase.

eg:  $0.65e4$   $12e-2$   $1.5e+5$ .

- \* Embedded white space is not allowed.
- \* Exponential notation is useful for representing numbers that are either very large or very small in magnitude.

### Single character constant :

\* A single character constant contains a single character enclosed within a pair of single quote marks.

eg: `'5'`, `'X'`, `' '`

\* The character constant `'5'` is not the same as the number `5`. The last constant is a blank space.

\* Character constants have integer values known as ASCII values.

eg: `printf("%d", 'a');`

### String Constants :

\* A string constant is a sequence of characters enclosed in double quotes.

\* The characters may be letters, numbers, special characters and blank space.

eg:

`"Hello!"` `"1987"` `"WELL DONE"`

\* A character constant is not equivalent to the single character string constant.

\* A single character string constant does not have an equivalent integer value while a character constant has an integer value.

## Backslash character constant :

- \*. C supports some backslash character.
- \*. Constants they are used in output functions.

## Variables :

- \*. A variable is a data name that may be used to store a data value.
- \*. A variable may take different values at different times during execution.
- \*. A variable name can be chosen by the programmer in a meaningful way so as to reflect its function or nature in the program. Some names are; Average ; height ; Total ; counter - 1 , class - strength
- \*. Variable name may consist of letters, digits, and the underscore (\_), character.

## Conditions :

- 1.) They must begin with a letter some systems permit underscore as the first character.
- 2.) ANSI standard recognizes a length of 31 characters. (In C99, at least 63 characters are significant)
- 3.) Uppercase and lowercase are significant. That is, variable Total is not the same as total or TOTAL.
- 4.) It should not be a keyword.
- 5.) White spaces is not allowed.

eg: John, x1, T\_raise ; Invalid => 123 (area)  
% 25th

## Declaration of Variables:

\* After designing suitable variables names, we must declare them to the compiler. Declaration does two things:

1) It tells the compiler what the variable name is.

2) It specifies what type of data the variable will hold.

Declaration of variables must be done at the beginning of a statement block before they are used in a program.

1) primary type declaration:

\* A variable can be used to store a value of any data type. That is, the name has nothing to do with its type.

The syntax for declaring a variable is as follows:

```
data-type v1, v2, ... vn;
```

\*  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are the names of variables.

\* Variables are separated by commas. A declaration statement must end with a semicolon.

$\Rightarrow$  int count;  $\Rightarrow$  int number, total;  $\Rightarrow$  double ratio;

\* int and double are the keywords to represent integer type and real type data values respectively.

2) User-defined type declaration:

\* C supports a feature known as "type definition" that allows users to define an identifier that would represent an existing data type.

\* The user-defined data type identifier can later be used to declare variables. It takes the general form:

```
typedef type identifier;
```

\* Where type refers to an existing data type and "identifier" refers to the "new" name given to the data type.

\* The existing data type may belong to any class of type, including the user-defined ones.

\* Remember that the new type is "new" only in name, but not the data type.

"typedef" cannot create a new type.

```
typedef int units;
```

```
typedef float marks;
```

\* Here units symbolizes int and marks symbolizes float.

\* The main advantage of "typedef" is that we can create meaningful data type names for increasing the readability of the program.

\* The definition and declaration of enumerated variables can be combined in one statement. Ex.

```
enum day {Monday, ... Sunday} week_st, week_end;
```

\* Another user-defined data type is enumerated data type provided by ANSI standard.

```
enum identifier {value 1, value 2, ... value n};
```

\* The "identifier" is a user-defined enumerated data type which can be used to declare variables that can have one of the values enclosed within the braces (known as enumeration constants).

\* After this definition, we can declare variables to be of this "new" type

```
enum identifier v1, v2, ..., vn;
```

\* The enumerated variables  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  can only have one of the values  $value_1, value_2, \dots, value_n$ .

eg:

```
enum day {Monday, Tuesday, ... Sunday};
```

```
enum day week_st, week_end;
```

## Assigning Values to Variables:

\* Variables are created for use in program statements

Such as,

```
Value = amount + inrate * amount;
```

```
while (year <= period)
```

```
{
```

```
.....
```

```
year = year + 1;
```

```
}
```

\* The <sup>numerical</sup> value is stored in the variable inrate is multiplied by the values stored in amount and the product is added to amount.

\* The result is stored in the variable value.

\* This process is possible only if the variables amount and inrate have already been given values.

\* This variable value is called the target variable.

\* Similarly, the variable year and the symbolic constant PERIOD in the while statement must be assigned values before this statement encountered.

### Assignment statement:

\* values can be assigned to variables using the assignment operator as follows:

Variable - name = constant ;

\* As assignment statement implies that the value of the variable on the left of the "equal sign" is set equal to the value of the quantity on the right.

```
year = year + 1;
```

means that the "new value" of year is equal to the "old value" of year plus 1.

variable at the time the variable is declared. This takes the following form:

```
data-type variable_name = constant;
```

\*. The process of giving initial values to variables is called initialization.

\*. C permits the initialization of more than one variables in one statement using multiple assignment operators.

\*. Some compilers permit the use of the "prompt message" as a part of the control string in `scanf`, like.

```
scanf ("Enter a number %d", &number);
```

Reading data from keyboard:

\*. Another way of giving values to variables is to input data through keyboard using the `scanf` function.

\*. It is a general input function available in C and is very similar concept of the `printf` function.

\*. It works much like an `INPUT` statement in BASIC.

The general format of `scanf` is as follows:

```
scanf ("control string", &variable1, &variable2, ...);
```

\*. The control string contains the format of data being received.

\*. The ampersand symbol `&` before each variable name is an operator that specifies the variable name's address.

\*. The use of `scanf` provides an interactive feature and makes the program 'user friendly'. The value is assigned to the variable number.

## Symbolic Constants :

\* We often use certain unique constants in the program.

\* These constants may appear repeatedly in a number of places in the program.

eg: 3.142, representing the mathematical constant " $\pi$ ".

\* We face two problems in the subsequent use of such programs :

1) problem in modification of the program and

2) problem in understanding the program.

### Modifiability :

\* We may like to change the value of " $\pi$ " from 3.142 to 3.14159 to improve the accuracy of calculations or the number to 50 to 100 to process the test results of another class.

\* In both the cases, we will have to search throughout the program and explicitly change the value of the constant wherever it has been used.

\* If any value is left unchanged, the program may produce disastrous outputs.

### Understandability :

\* When a numeric value appears in a program, its use is not always clear, especially when the same value means different things in different places.

\* Assignment of such constants to a symbolic name frees us from these problems.

eg: The name STRENGTH for no. of students, and PASS\_MARK for pass marks.



# define symbolic-name value of constant.

Eg:

```
#define STRENGTH 100
```

```
#define PI 3.14159.
```

\*. Symbolic names are sometimes called constant identifiers.

\*. Since the symbolic names are constants, they do not appear in declarations.

\*. The following rules apply to #define statement which define a symbolic constant:

1.) Symbolic names have the same form as variable names.

2.) No blank space between the pound sign '#' and the word define is permitted.

3.) '#' must be the first character in the line.

4.) A blank space is required between #define and symbolic name and between the symbolic name and the constant.

5.) #define statements must not end with a semicolon.

6.) Symbolic names are NOT declared for data types. Its data type depends on the type of constant.

\*. #define statement is a preprocessor compiler directive and is much more powerful than what has been mentioned here.