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UNIT 2 – C PROGRAMMING BASICS

DATA TYPES

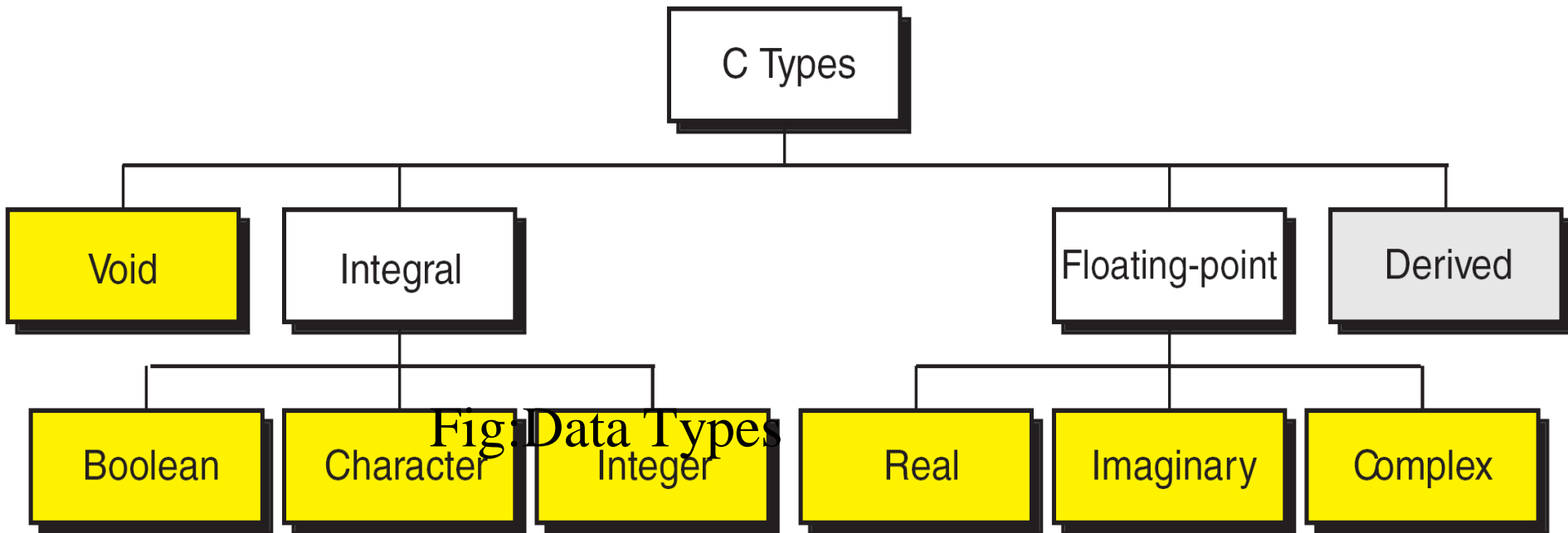
DATA TYPES

A type defines a set of values and a set of operations that can be applied on those values.

Ex: – Type - light switch

Values – ‘ON’ or ‘OFF’

Operations – ‘turn on’ and ‘turn off’



Void Type:

- Is identified by the key word `_void` and no operations.
- It is used to designate that a function has no parameters.
- It can also be used to define that a function has no return value.

Integral Type:

Boolean:

- Boolean type can represent only two values: *true* or *false*
- Referred by the keyword *Bool*
- Is stored in memory as 0 (false) or 1 (true)

Character:

- A character is any value that can be represented in the computer's alphabet
- It is referred by the keyword *char*
- One byte is used to store *char*. With 8 bits, 256 different values can be possible for the *char* type
- Character can be signed or unsigned.

Integer

- An integer type is a number without a fraction part
- C supports four different sizes of the integer type and is denoted by the keyword `int`
 - » `short int`
 - » `int` $\text{sizeof}(\text{short}) \leq \text{sizeof}(\text{int}) \leq \text{sizeof}(\text{long}) \leq \text{sizeof}(\text{long long})$
 - » `long int`
 - » `long long int`
- Each integer size can be signed or unsigned integer. If the integer is signed, one bit is used for signed (0 is plus, 1 is minus). An unsigned integer can store a positive number that is twice as large as the signed integer of the same size.

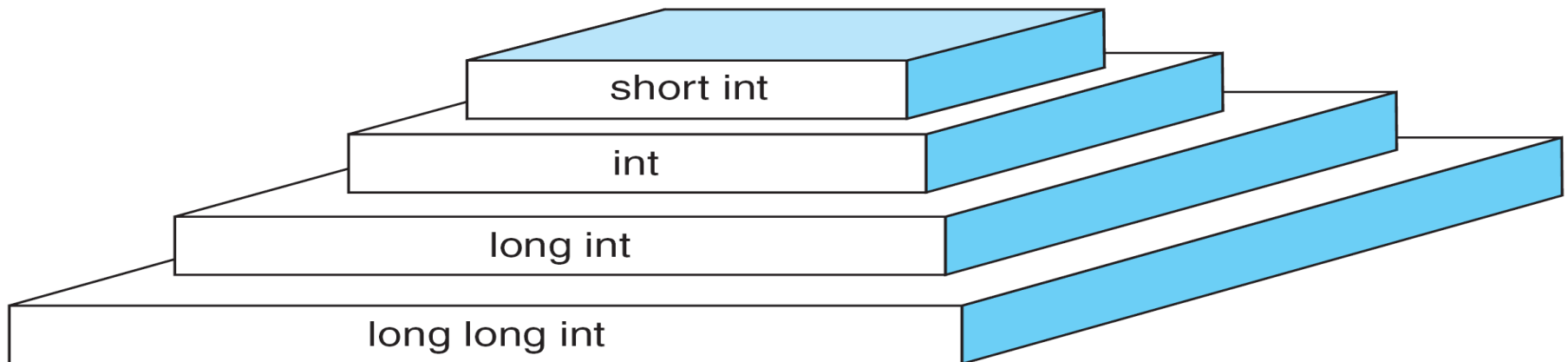


Fig: Integer Types

Floating-point type:

Real

- Real type holds values that consists of integral and fractional part.
- C support types float and double.
- Real type values are always signed.

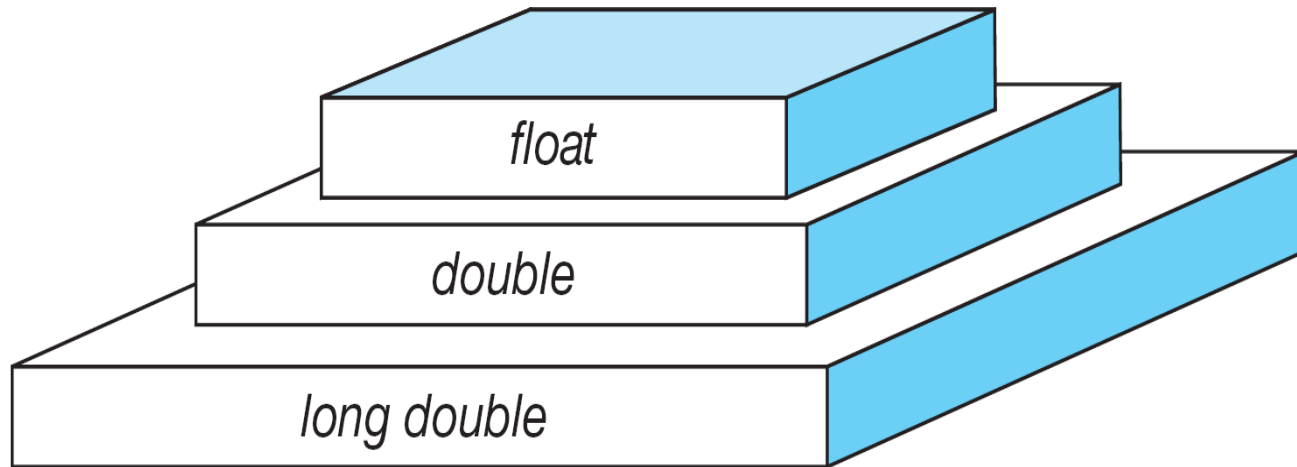


Fig : Floating-Point Types

$\text{sizeof}(\text{float}) \leq \text{sizeof}(\text{double}) \leq \text{sizeof}(\text{long double})$

Data Types

Data Type		Abbreviation	Size (byte)	Range
char	char		1	-128 ~ 127
	unsigned char		1	0 ~ 255
int	int		2 or 4	$-2^{15} \sim 2^{15}-1$ or $-2^{31} \sim 2^{31}-1$
	unsigned int	unsigned	2 or 4	$0 \sim 65535$ or $0 \sim 2^{32}-1$
	short int	short	2	$-32768 \sim 32767$
	unsigned short int	unsigned short	2	$0 \sim 65535$
	long int	long	4	$-2^{31} \sim 2^{31}-1$
	unsigned long int	unsigned long	4	$0 \sim 2^{32}-1$
float			4	
double			8	

Note: $2^7 = 128$, $2^{15} = 32768$, $2^{31} = 2147483648$

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