

## Identifiers

- \* In C language, every word is classified into either a keyword / identifier.
- \* Names given to various program elements such as variables, functions & arrays.

## Rules - Identifiers

- (i) Consists of letters & digits in any order
- (ii) must begin with a letter / character / underscore (-) Considered as letter  
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- (iii) Uppercase & lowercase letters are allowed.
- (iv) Identifiers can be of any length (most 'C' compilers recognizes 1<sup>st</sup> 31 characters).
- (v) No space & special symbols are allowed.
- (vi) Identifiers cannot be a keyword.

## Examples.

STDNAME, TOT\_MARKS, \_TEMP, Y2K.

Not allowed: IREL, STD NAME.

word.

Reserved words - standard & predefined meaning in 'C' which cannot be changed & they are building blocks for program structure.

Examples.

auto, break, case, default, char, do, float, int, void

Variables

\* Variable is an identifier which is used to represent some specific type of information within a particular portion of program.

Variable  $\leftarrow$  different values at different times during the execution.

Rules for naming the variables.

(i) Variable name - combination of 0 to 8 alphabets, digits/underscore.

(ii) first character - Alphabet/underscore (-).

(iii) length of variable cannot extend upto 8 characters long, & some can recognize upto 31 characters long.

(iv) No commas/blank spaces allowed within a variable name.

(v) No special symbol, an underscore (-) can be used in variable name.

Variable Declaration.

\* After designing variable names, declare them in pgm & this declaration tells the compiler what variable name & what type of data it can hold.

Syntax: data-type  $\underbrace{V_1, V_2, V_3, \dots, V_n}_{\text{List of variables}};$

is the type of  $\swarrow$   
data

List of variables.



Example: `int code; char sex; float price;`  
`char name[10].` (array of characters)

## Initializing Variables.

- \* Initialization - Assignment operator (=).
- \* Initialization can be done while declaring variables.

Syntax: `Variable = constant; / datatype variable = const;`

Example: `int i = 5; char c = 's';`  
`float f = 29.77;`

User-defined variables: C provides a feature to declare a variable of type of user-defined. It allows users to define an identifier that represents existing data type & this can later be used to declare variables.

Type Declaration  $\Rightarrow$  Syntax: `typedef data-type identifier;`  
 User defined type declaration  $\leftarrow$   
 $\rightarrow$  identifier refers to new name given to the datatype.

Example: `typedef int marks;`  
`marks m1, m2, m3;`

Enumerated Data type. (User-defined data type)  $\leftarrow$  define own datatype where its variable can take value.

Syntax: `enum identifier {value1, value2, ..., valuen}`

User-defined enumerated datatype  $\leftarrow$   
 $\downarrow$   
 Enumerated constant

Example: `enum day {mon, tue, ..., sun}`  
`enum day w-st, w-end;`  
`w-st = mon;`  
`w-end = sun;`

enum ... only one value from constant



... type of Variables.

• Availability of variables within the program.

\* Two types of scopes - local & Global

### ① Local Variables.

Variables defined inside function blk/compound stmt is called local variables.

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Ex: function()
{
  int (i, j);
  /* body of function */
}
```

→ local variables

### ② Global/External Variables.

Variables declared before function main(). These variables are available for all functions inside the pgm.

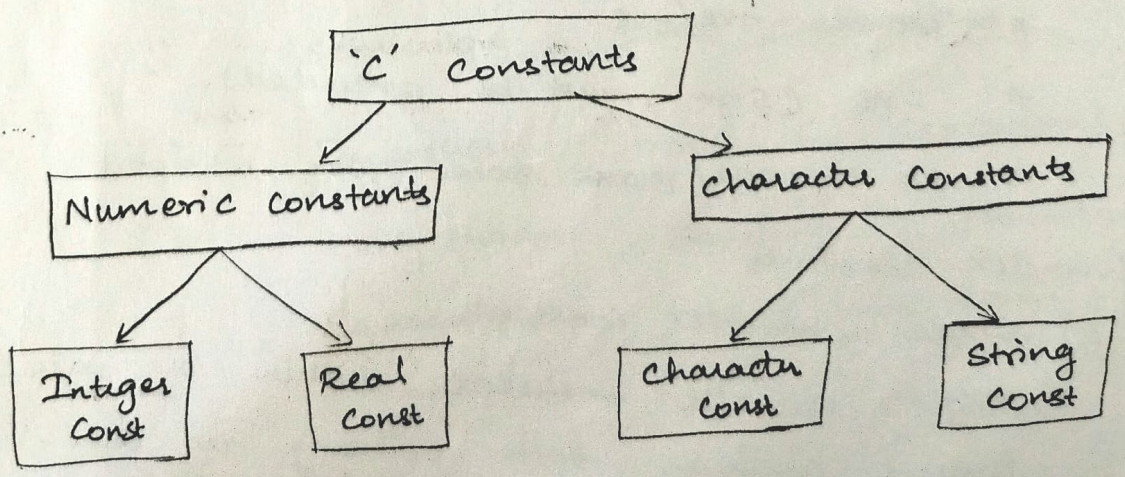
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Ex: int (a, b) = 2;
main()
{
  ...
  fun();
}

fun()
{
  int sum;
  sum = a + b;
}
```

→ Global Variables

### Constants.

Item whose value cannot be changed during execution is called constants.





## Numeric Constants.

① Integer Constant. Formed with sequence of digit

3 types: Decimal Number - 0 to 9  
(10, 153, -321)

Octal Number - 0 to 7  
(052, 0541)

Hexadecimal Number - 0 to 9, A, B, C, D, E, F.  
(0xA, 0x8F, 0xBF)

Ex: marks = 90; discount = 15;

### Rules:

- \* Decimal point is not allowed.
- \* can either be +ve/-ve. -ve (sign must be preceded) -51
- \* Must have atleast one digit.
- \* No commas / Blank spaces are allowed.
- \* Range (-32,768 to 32,767).

② Real Constants. It is made up of sequence of numeric digits with presence of a decimal point.

To represent quantities that vary continuously such as distance, height, temperature, etc..

Ex: distance = 126.0;  
height = 5.6;

### Rules:

- \* must have one digit
- \* must have decimal point
- \* Either +ve/-ve.
- \* -ve (sign must be preceded).
- \* No commas / Blank spaces are allowed.

## Character Constants.

① Single character constants.

Single character enclosed within a pair of single inverted commas both pointing to left.

Ex: 's', 'M', '3'.



## String Constants.

Sequence of character enclosed in double quotes, the characters may be letters, numbers, special characters, blank spaces. At the end of string '\0' is automatically placed.

Ex: "HI", "Muni", "39.77", "50".

### ③ Declaring a Variable as Constant.

When the value of some of the variables may remain constantly during execution of program, in such a situation this is done by using const keyword.

Syntax: `const datatype variable = constant`

keyword to  
declare constant

Example: `const int dob = 3977;`

## Delimiters.

Symbols, which has some syntactic meaning & has got significance. Doesn't specify any operation.

#	Hash	pre-processor directive
,	Comma	separate list of variables.
:	Colon	label Delimitus
;	Semicolon	stmt Delimitus
()	Parenthesis	Used in Expression/fn.
{ }	Curly braces	Blocking 'c' structure
[ ]	Square braces	used with arrays.