

C PROGRAMMER'S INSTANT REFERENCE CARD

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:

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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 LINT 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

OPT USE TO PREVENT FLAGGING OF
-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
-w vars declared extern and never used
-x Other options
-lx check prog against lint library lib-lx.ln; (-lm uses lint math lib)
-n don't use standard or portable lint lib
-p check portability to other C dialects
-d see cc command
-I see cc command

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 white-space character), s (single character), [...] (string of chars terminated by any char not enclosed between the [...] and ;), % (percent sign).

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), int fflush (f), int fgets (f), int gets (s,n,f), int fileno (f), double floor (d), double fmod (d,d1,d2), FILE *fopen (s1,s2), int fprintf (f,s,...), int fputs (c,f), int fputs (s,f), int fread (f,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,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), 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 *strcat (s1,s2), int strcmp (s1,s2), int strncmp (s1,s2,n), int strncmp (s1,s2,n), int strcmp (s1,s2), char *strchr (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), cflow (ext references), ctrace (traces execution), xref (X-ref listing), lint (checks prog for possible bugs and non-portable language usage), make (recreates program systems based on specified file dependencies), prof (displays 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), soh (1), stx (2), etc. up to del (127).

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