



Fundamental of Programming (C)



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Lecture 4 Input and Output



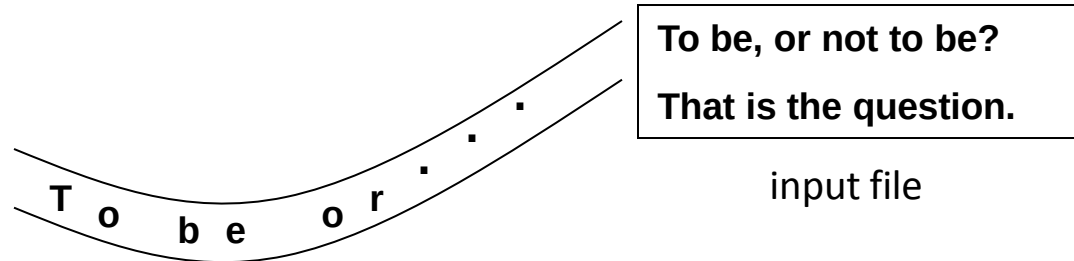
Outline

- printf
- scanf
- putchar
- getchar
- getch
- getche



Input and Output in C

- C has no built-in statements for IO
 - The I/O library functions are in `<stdio.h>`
- All input and output is performed with **streams**
 - A stream is a sequence of characters organized into lines



- Standard types of streams in C:
 - **stdin**: input stream (normally connected to the keyboard)
 - **stdout**: output stream (normally connected to the screen)
 - **stderr**: error stream (normally connected to the screen)



Formatted Output - printf

- This function provides for formatted output to the screen. The syntax is:

printf ("format", var1, var2, ...) ;

- The **format** includes, some **text** and **conversion specifications**
- A conversion specifier begins with the % character. After the % character come the following in this order:
 - [**flags**]: control the conversion (**optional**)
 - [**width**]: the number of characters to print (**optional**)
 - [**.precision**]: the amount of precision to print for a number type (**optional**)
 - [**modifier**]: overrides the size (type) of the argument (**optional**)
 - [**type**]: the type of conversion to be applied (**required**)
 - Example: %**[flags][width][.precision][modifier]type**



Conversion specifier: type

Type	Output
d, i	Type signed int
o	Type unsigned int printed in octal
u	Type unsigned int printed in decimal
x	Type unsigned int printed in hexadecimal as dddd using a, b, c, d, e, f
X	Type unsigned int printed in hexadecimal as dddd using A, B, C, D, E, F
f	Type double printed as [-]ddd.ddd
e, E	Type double printed as [-]d.ddde[-]dd where there is one digit printed before the decimal (zero only if the value is zero); the exponent contains at least two digits . If type is E then the exponent is printed with a capital E
g, G	Type double printed as type e or E if the exponent is less than -4 or greater than or equal to the precision, otherwise printed as type f . Trailing zeros are removed. Decimal point character appears only if there is a nonzero decimal digit
c	Type char ; single character is printed
s	Type pointer to array ; string is printed according to precision (no precision prints entire string)
p	Prints the value of a pointer (the memory address)
n	The argument must be a pointer to an int . Stores the number of characters printed thus far
%	A % sign is printed



Example: type

```
#include <stdio.h> // note: preprocessor does not need semicolon
/* Objective: Using conversion specifiers */
int main()
{ // start main
    int i = 1234;
    float m = 12.5, n = -12.5;

    printf("%d %o %x %X\n", i, i, i, i);
    printf("%f %f\n", m, n);
    printf("%e %e %E\n", n, m, n);
    printf("%g %g\n", m, n);
    printf("%s\n", "string");
    printf("-----\n");
    printf("%d %d\n", i, i);
    printf("%d\n", i, i);
    printf("%d");
    getch();
    return 0; // indicates successful termination
} // end main
```

```
1234 2322 4d2 4D2
12.500000 -12.500000
-1.250000e+001 1.250000e+001 -1.250000E+001
12.5 -12.5
string
-----
1234 1076428800
1234
1234
```



Example: type

```
#include <stdio.h>
/* Objective: Using conversion specifiers */
int main()
{ // start main
    int i = 1234;
    float m = 12.5, n = -12.5;
    char c = 'A';
    m = c;
    printf("%f\n", 18); //meaningless; if 18 replace by 18.0 then it is OK.
    printf("%f\n", c); //meaningless
    printf("%f\n", m);
    i = c;
    printf("%d\n", i);
    printf("%d\n", c);
    i = m; // i = 65;
    printf("%d\n", i);
    printf("%d\n", m); //meaningless
    printf("%d\n", 12.6); //meaningless
    //printf("%s %s %s", i, m, c); // meaningless OR runtime-error
    getch();
    return 0; // indicates successful termination
} // end main
```

```
0.000000
0.000000
65.000000
65
65
65
0
858993459
Press any key to continue . . .
```



Modifier

modifier	type	Effect
h	d, i, o, u, x, X	Value is first converted to a short int or unsigned short int.
h	n	Specifies that the pointer points to a short int.
l	d, i, o, u, x, X	Value is first converted to a long int or unsigned long int .
l	n	Specifies that the pointer points to a long int.
L	e, E, f, g, G	Value is first converted to a long double.



Width

- The width of the field is specified here with a **decimal value**
- If the value is not large enough to fill the width, then the rest of the field is **padded with spaces** (unless the 0 flag is specified)
- If **the value overflows the width of the field**, then the field is expanded to fit the value
- If a * is used in place of the width specifier, then the next argument (**which must be an int type**) specifies the width of the field.
 - `printf( "%*f", 7, 98.736 );`



Example

```
int i = 1234;
```

```
float m = 12.5;
```

```
float n = -12.5;
```

```
printf("%d%d%d\n", i, i, i);
```

1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

```
printf("%3d %5d %8d\n", i, i, i);
```

1	2	3	4			1	2	3	4					1	2	3	4
---	---	---	---	--	--	---	---	---	---	--	--	--	--	---	---	---	---

```
printf("%3s %5s\n", "test", "c");
```

t	e	s	t					c
---	---	---	---	--	--	--	--	---

```
printf("%3f %5f %12f\n", m, n, n);
```

1	2	.	5	0	0	0	0	0		-	1	2	.	5	0	0	0	0	0				-	1	2	.	5	0	0	0	0	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	--	--	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

```
printf("%3g %6g %8g\n", m, n, n);
```

1	2	.	5			-	1	2	.	5				-	1	2	.	5
---	---	---	---	--	--	---	---	---	---	---	--	--	--	---	---	---	---	---



Precision

- The precision **begins with a dot (.)** to distinguish itself from the width specifier
- The precision can be given as a decimal value or as an asterisk (*)
 - If a * is used, then the next argument (which is an **int type**) specifies the precision
 - when using the * with the width and/or precision specifier, the width argument comes first, then the precision argument, then the value to be converted
 - `printf("%*.*f", 7, 2, 98.736 );`
- Precision does not affect the c type



Precision

.precision	Result
(none)	• Default precision values: • 1 for d, i, o, u, x, X types. The minimum number of digits to appear • 6 for f, e, E types. Specifies the number of digits after the decimal point • For g or G types all significant digits are shown • For s type all characters in string are print
. or .0	• For d, i, o, u, x, X types the default precision value is used unless the value is zero in which case no characters are printed • For f, e, E types no decimal point character or digits are printed • For g or G types the precision is assumed to be 1
.n	• For d, i, o, u, x, X types then at least n digits are printed (padding with zeros if necessary) • For f, e, E types specifies the number of digits after the decimal point • For g or G types specifies the maximum number of significant digits to print • For s type specifies the maximum number of characters to print



Example

```
#include <stdio.h>
/* Objective: example of conversion specifiers */
int main()
{
    int i = 1234;
    float m = 123.525;

    printf("%7.3f %7.2f %7.1f %7.0f %7.5f\n", m, m, m, m, m);
    printf("%4d %5.2d %5.6d %8.5d\n", i, i, i, i);
    printf("%3s %12.5s %.13s\n", "programming", "programming", "programming");

    getch();
    return 0; // indicates successful termination
} // end main
```

```
123.525  123.53   123.5    124 123.52500
1234    1234 001234    01234
programming          progr programming
Press any key to continue . . .
```



Flags

Several flags may be combined in one conversion specifier

-	Value is left justified (default is right justified). Overrides the 0 flag										
+	Forces the sign (+ or -) to always be shown. Default is to just show the - sign. Overrides the space flag										
space	Causes a positive value to display a space for the sign . Negative values still show the - sign										
#	Alternate form: <table><tr><th>Conversion Character</th><th>Result</th></tr><tr><td>o</td><td>Precision is increased to make the first digit a zero</td></tr><tr><td>X or x</td><td>Nonzero value will have 0x or 0X prefixed to it</td></tr><tr><td>E, e, f, g, or G</td><td>Result will always have a decimal point</td></tr><tr><td>G or g</td><td>Trailing zeros will not be removed</td></tr></table>	Conversion Character	Result	o	Precision is increased to make the first digit a zero	X or x	Nonzero value will have 0x or 0X prefixed to it	E, e, f, g, or G	Result will always have a decimal point	G or g	Trailing zeros will not be removed
Conversion Character	Result										
o	Precision is increased to make the first digit a zero										
X or x	Nonzero value will have 0x or 0X prefixed to it										
E, e, f, g, or G	Result will always have a decimal point										
G or g	Trailing zeros will not be removed										
0	For d, i, o, u, x, X, e, E, f, g, and G leading zeros are used to pad the field width instead of spaces. This is useful only with a width specifier. Precision overrides this flag										



Example

```
#include <stdio.h>
/* Objective: example of conversion specifiers */
int main()
{
    int i = 1234;
    float m = 123.0;

    printf("%#7.0f %g %#g\n", m, m, m);
    printf("%d %07d %-7d %+d %d %d\n", i, i, i, i, i, -i);
    printf("%o %#o %x %#x\n", 025, 025, 0x25, 0x25);
    printf("%+0d %09d %+09d\n", 445, 445, 445);

    getch();
    return 0; // indicates successful termination
} // end main
```

```
123. 123 123.000
1234 0001234 1234 +1234 1234 -1234
25 025 25 0x25
+445 000000445 +000000445
Press any key ...
```



Escape sequence

ASCII Code	Escape sequence	Represents
7	\a	alert (bell)
92	\\	backslash
8	\b	backspace
63	\?	question mark
12	\f	formfeed
39	\'	single quote
10	\n	newline
34	\"	double quote
13	\r	carriage return
-	\ooo	octal number
9	\t	horizontal tab
-	\xhh	hexadecimal number
11	\v	vertical tab
0	\0	null character



Escape sequence

```
printf("1\t10\n"); // \n = code(10) code(13)
```

```
printf("2\t20\n");
```

```
printf("5\\9\n");
```

```
printf("programming\r\n");
```

```
1      10
2      20
5\\9
programming
Press any key to continue . . .
```



printf return value

- The return value is the number of values that were read, or the value of EOF (-1) if an input failure occurs

```
printf("\nn = %d\n", printf("C/C++"));  
printf("\nn = %d\n", printf("%d", -1234));
```

```
C/C++  
n = 5  
-1234  
n = 5  
Press any key to continue . . .
```



Formatted input - scanf

- Input formatting `scanf("format", arguments);`
 - Input all types of data
 - Input specific characters
 - Skip specific characters
- **Format:** an input field is specified with a conversion specifier which begins with the % character. After the % character come the following in this order:
 - [*] Assignment suppressor (optional).
 - [width] Defines the maximum number of characters to read (optional).
 - [modifier] Overrides the size (type) of the argument (optional).
 - Similar to printf modifier
 - [type] The type of conversion to be applied (required).
 - Example: %*[width][modifier]type

%	*	12	L	g
---	---	----	---	---



scanf

- These functions take input in a manner that is specified by the format argument and store each input field into the following arguments in a left to right fashion
- Each input field is specified in the format string with a conversion specifier which specifies how the input is to be stored in the appropriate variable
- Other characters in the format string specify characters that must be matched from the input, but are not stored in any of the following arguments
- If the **input does not match** then the function **stops scanning and returns**
- A **whitespace** character may match with any whitespace character (**space, tab, carriage return, new line, vertical tab, or formfeed**) or the next incompatible character



type

- It also controls what a valid convertible character
 - what kind of characters it can read so it can convert to something compatible



type	Input
d	Type signed int represented in base 10. Digits 0 through 9 and the sign (+ or -)
i	Type signed int . The base (radix) is dependent on the first two characters . If the first character is a digit from 1 to 9, then it is base 10. If the first digit is a zero and the second digit is a digit from 1 to 7 , then it is base 8 (octal) . If the first digit is a zero and the second character is an x or X , then it is base 16 (hexadecimal)
o	Type unsigned int . The input must be in base 8 (octal) . Digits 0 through 7 only
u	Type unsigned int . The input must be in base 10 (decimal) . Digits 0 through 9 only
x, X	Type unsigned int . The input must be in base 16 (hexadecimal) . Digits 0 through 9 or A through Z or a through z. The characters 0x or 0X may be optionally prefixed to the value
e, E, f, g, G	Type float . Begins with an optional sign. Then one or more digits, followed by an optional decimal-point and decimal value. Finally ended with an optional signed exponent value designated with an e or E
s	Type character array . Inputs a sequence of non-whitespace characters (space, tab, carriage return, new line, vertical tab, or formfeed). The array must be large enough to hold the sequence plus a null character appended to the end
[...]	Type character array . Allows a search set of characters. Allows input of only those character encapsulated in the brackets (the scanset) . If the first character is a carrot (^), then the scanset is inverted and allows any ASCII character except those specified between the brackets . On some systems a range can be specified with the dash character (-) . By specifying the beginning character, a dash, and an ending character a range of characters can be included in the scan set. A null character is appended to the end of the array
c	Type character array . Inputs the number of characters specified in the width field. If no width field is specified, then 1 is assumed. No null character is appended to the array
p	Pointer to a pointer. Inputs a memory address in the same fashion of the %p type produced by the printf function.
n	The argument must be a pointer to an int . Stores the number of characters read thus far in the int. No characters are read from the input stream
%	Requires a matching % sign from the input



Example

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
int i;
```

```
float f;
```

```
scanf("%d %f", &i, &f);
```

// space between conversion specifier is important for char type

```
scanf("%d%f", &i, &f);
```

```
printf("i = %d, f = %f", i, f);
```

```
system("PAUSE");
```

```
return 0;
```

```
}
```

5 1 0 . 5 ↵

Number Space Number

5 1 0 . 5 ↵

Number Tab Number

5 ↵
1 0 . 5 ↵

Number Enter Number



Example

```
int main()
{
    char c1, c2, c3;
    int i, j;
    scanf("%c %c %c", &c1, &c2, &c3);
    scanf("%c%c%c", &c1, &c2, &c3);

    scanf("%c-%c-%c", &c1, &c2, &c3);
    scanf("%c - %c - %c", &c1, &c2, &c3);
    scanf("%d t %d", &i, &j);
    scanf("%dt%d", &i, &j);
    system("PAUSE");
    return 0;
}
```

a	b	c			
---	---	---	--	--	--

a	,	b	,	c	
---	---	---	---	---	--

a	,		b	,	c	,	d
---	---	--	---	---	---	---	---

?



Example

```
int main()
{
    int i;

    scanf("%i", &i);
    printf("i = %d", i);

    system("PAUSE");
    return 0;
}
```

```
1 0
i = 1 0
```

```
0 1 0
i = 8
```

```
0 x 1 0
i = 1 6
```

```
0 1 3 8
i = 1 1
```

```
0 4 5 i 1
i = 3 7
```

// scanf("%d", &i);

~~0 x 1 0~~
i = 0



Example

```
int main()
{
    char c;

    scanf("%c", &c);
    printf("c = %c", c);

    system("PAUSE");
    return 0;
}
```

```
6 5
c = A
```

```
A
c = A
```



Example

```
int main()
{
    unsigned short j;
    short k;

    scanf("%u %u", &k, &j);
    printf("%u, %u", k, j);
    printf("%d, %d", k, j);

    system("PAUSE");
    return 0;
}
```

```
- 2    - 2
6 5 5 3 4    6 5 5 3 4
- 2    - 2
```



Example

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

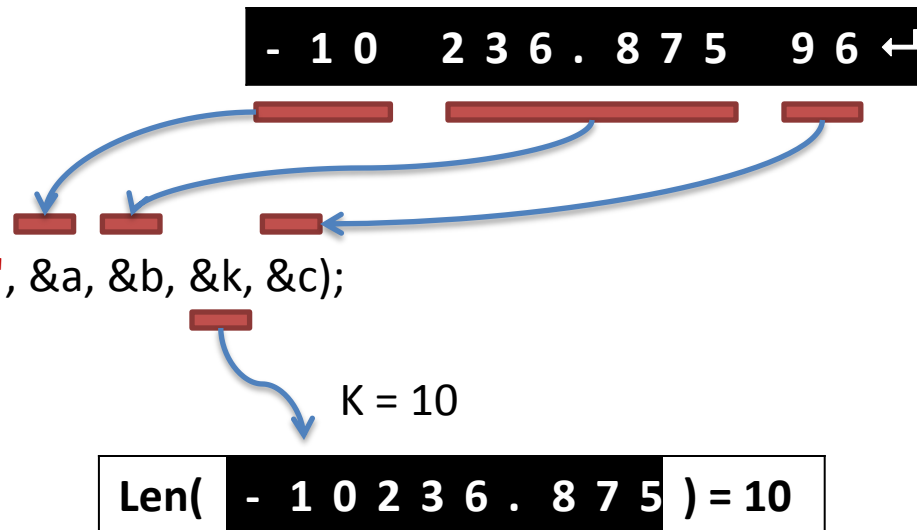
```
    short a, b, c, k;
```

```
    scanf("%d %d %n %d", &a, &b, &k, &c);
```

```
    system("PAUSE");
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```





Assignment suppressor

- *: Causes the input field to be scanned but not stored in a variable

```
int x, y;
```

```
scanf("%d .*c %d", &x, &y);
```

2 0 / 1 0

2 0 / 1 0



Width

- The **maximum width of the field** is specified here with a **decimal value**
 - If the input is smaller than the width specifier (i.e. it reaches a nonconvertible character), then what was read thus far is converted and stored in the variable



Example

```
int main()
{
    int i, j, k;

    scanf("%3d %3d %3d", &i, &j, &k);

    system("PAUSE");
    return 0;
}
```

1	2	3
1 4 2	3 5 6	4 9 8
1 4 2 6	5 6 6 4	8
1 4 2 6 9	5 6 6 4 9	8

a	b	c
1	2	3
142	356	498
142	6	566
142	695	664



Example

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    int i;
```

```
    float f;
```

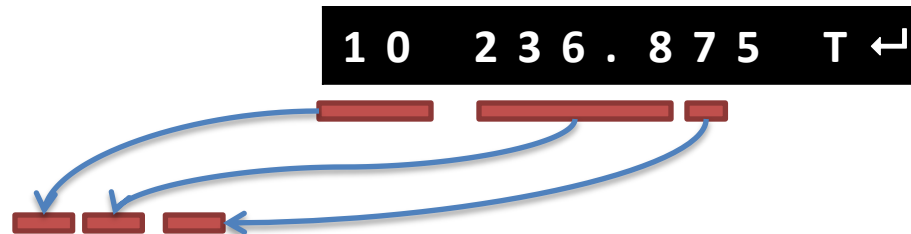
```
    char c;
```

```
    scanf("%3d %5f %c", &i, &f, &c);
```

```
    system("PAUSE");
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```





Example

- Consider the following code;
 - `scanf ("%d", &n);`
 - `scanf ("%c", &op);`
- Many students have done this, only to find the program "just skips through" the second `scanf`. Assume you type 45`\n` in response to the first `scanf`. The 45 is copied into variable `n`. When your program encounters the next `scanf`, the remaining `\n` is quickly copied into the variable `op`



scanf return value

- The scanf function returns an integer, which indicates the number of successful conversions performed
 - lets the program check whether the input stream was in the proper format

```
printf("%d", scanf("%d/%d/%d", &Month, &Day, &Year));
```

Input Stream	Return Value
02/16/69	3
02 16 69	1



Arguments

- What's wrong with the following?

```
int n = 0;  
scanf("%d", n);
```

- **Of course, the argument is not a pointer!**
 - scanf will use the value of the argument as an address
 - What about a missing data argument?

```
scanf("%d");
```

 - scanf will get an address from stack, where it expects to find first data argument - if you're lucky, the program will crash trying to modify a restricted memory location



Arguments

- The number of arguments in a call to **printf** or **scanf** depends on the number of data items being read or written
- **printf** or **scanf** parameters pushed on the stack from **right to left**
 - `int i = 5;`
 - `printf("%d %d", ++i, ++i);` // 7 6
 - `printf("%d %d", i++, i++);` // 8 7



getchar and putchar

- get character from **keyboard buffer**
 - Input from the keyboard is buffered in an input buffer managed by the operating system
- **getchar()** is used to read in a character
 - No input parameter
 - Read first character after press **Enter key**
 - Return the int data type. The value return correspond to the ASCII code of the character read
- **putchar()** is used to display a character
 - Required the char variable as input parameter
 - Return the int data type. The value return correspond to the ASCII code of the character displayed



getch and getche

- **getch()**
 - Ignore keyboard buffer
 - Without echo input character
- **getche()**
 - Ignore keyboard buffer
 - echo input character



Example

```
printf("c = %c\n", getchar());
```

```
printf("c = %c\n", getch());
```

```
printf("c = %c\n", getche());
```

```
printf("toupper = %c\n", toupper(getche()));// ctype.h
```

```
printf("tolower = %c\n", tolower(getche()));// ctype.h
```