

Types

- The **type** of an object determines the **values** it can have and the **operations** that can be performed on it
- Basic types
 - char** a “character”; typically a “byte”
 - int** an integer; typically a “word”
 - float** single-precision floating point
 - double** double-precision floating point
- **int** qualifiers (optional)
 - short int** “smaller” **int**
 - long int** “bigger” **int**, but **not** double precision
- Unsigned integers: non-negative modulo 2^n where n is #bits/integer
 - unsigned int** **unsigned short int** **unsigned char**
- Is **char** signed or unsigned?

Type Sizes

year	72–81	80–92	64–92	93–?
computer	DEC-10	PCs	IBM360 VAX 68020 SPARC MIPS	R4000 DEC Alpha
char	7	8	8	8
short	18	16	16	<u>16,32</u>
int	36	<u>16,32</u>	32	<u>32,64</u>
type long	36	32	32	<u>64</u>
float	36	32	32	32
double	72	64	64	64
pointer	18	<u>16, 32</u>	32	<u>64</u>

Note: C did not exist in 1964; this table just reflects typical sizes

Types of Constants

char	'a'	character constant (single quote)
	'\035'	character code 35 octal
	'\x29'	character code 29 hexadecimal
	'\t'	tab ('\011', do "man ascii" for details)
	'\n'	newline ('\012')
	'\\'	backslash
	'\''	single quote
	'\b'	backspace ('\010')
	'\0'	null character
int	156	decimal constant
	0234	octal
	0x9c	hexadecimal
long	156L	
	156l	for sanity, use upper-case L
float	15.6f	
	1.56e1F	
double	15.6	"plain" floating point constants are doubles
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Constant Expressions

- **Const** qualifier identifies read-only variables

```
const double Pi = 3.14159;
```

```
const double TwoPi = 2*3.14159;
```

- Constant expressions are evaluated at compile time

```
int p = 1 - 1;
```

```
int p = 1/0, x = 1 ? 0 : 1/0;
```

- Use constant expressions

to reduce the number of **#define** constants

to increase readability

to improve changeability, e.g.

```
#define MAXLINE 120
```

```
...
```

```
char buf[2*MAXLINE + 1];
```

Arrays

- Array declarations specify the ***number*** of elements, not the upper bound

```
int digits[10];
```

digits is an array of 10 **ints**

```
digits[0], digits[1], ..., digits[9]
```

- Arrays may be indexed by any integer expression

```
digits[f(x)/2 + BASE]
```

- ***No bounds checking!***

- Multi-dimensional arrays

```
float matrix[3][4][5]
```

a 3-dimensional array with $3 \times 4 \times 5 = 60$ elements

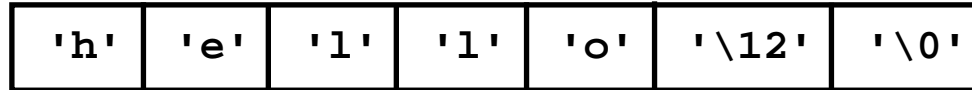
- Arrays are stored in ***row-major order***; last subscript varies “fastest”

```
matrix[0][0][0], matrix[0][0][1], ...
```

Strings & Initialization

- “Strings” are arrays of characters

"hello\n"



the compiler always provides a terminating '\0'

- Array length can be *derived* from initialization

```
char hello[] = "hello\n";
```

is equivalent to

```
char hello[7] = "hello\n";
```

```
char hello[7] = { 'h', 'e', 'l', 'l', 'o', '\n', '\0' }
```

- Ditto for arrays

```
int x[] = { 1, 2, 3 };
```

```
int y[][3] = {
```

```
  { 1, 3, 5 },
```

```
  { 2, 4, 6 },
```

```
  { 3, 5, 7 },
```

```
  { 4, 6, 8 }
```

```
};
```

will be 4 — number of 3-element rows

these braces can be omitted

see K&R, sections 2.4 & 4.9 for more information

Enumerations

- **Enumerations** associate constant values with identifiers

```
enum boolean { NO, YES };
```

```
enum color { RED, GREEN, BLUE };
```

- Values are generated and may be printed symbolically by debuggers
- Values can be given and unspecified ones automatically continue

```
enum escapes { BELL='\a', BACKSPACE='\b', TAB='\t'};
```

```
enum months { Jan=1, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul,  
             Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec };
```

- `enum` identifiers are `int` constants, but enumeration type may take less space

```
sizeof NO           is 4 bytes
```

```
enum boolean flag;  may occupy 1–4 bytes
```

- `enum` identifiers should have no **conflicts**
- What is the difference between `enum` and `#define`?