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2 Introduction (2) - Basic Elements

• Basic Elements in C Programming

"C How to Program", Paul Deitel and Harvey Deitel

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- comments // : to the end of a line
- comments /* ... */ : start and end
- every c statement ; (statement terminator)
- ignore white spaces : spaces, tabs, newlines(enter)
- a statement across many lines

- # preprocessor directives
- <stdio.h> file must be included to use printf()
- must have 1+ functions
- must always have main() function
- building block { ... }
- function : many inputs, one output (return value)
- main() returns an int value (used by the shell)
- void means no input in main(void)

- a variable is stored in a location in memory
- a variable of type int can hold numbers without decimal point
- a variable definition: type + name
- a variable name : a valid identifier {letter, digits, _}
- case sensitive : upper case and lower case
- x = ... : writing a new value to x , LHS(Left Hand Side)
- . . . = x : reading a curent value of x , RHS(Right Hand Side)
- access: read or write operation
- a variable must be *defined* bedfore it can be *accessed*

- "xyz..." : string with termination '\0'
- "x" : 1-character string with termination '\0'
- 'x' : a single character
- $\bullet\,$ escape character $\setminus\,$ to provide special meaning to escape sequence
- escape sequence \n : new line
- to print $\$ inside a string : use $\$
- to print " inside a string : use \"

printf() and scanf()

- printf() is a standard library output function (stdio)
- scanf() is a standard library input function (stdio)
- "%d %c %s": format string
- %d for int type i/o
- %c for char type i/o
- %s for *string* type i/o
- to print % inside a string : use %%
- &x : the location of a variable x in memory : address
- printf(... x ...); call by value : printf <u>cannot</u> change x
- scanf(... &x ...); call by refrence : scanf <u>can</u> change x

- + addition
- subtraction
- * multiplication
- / division
- no power operator (^), use pow(x,y) in <math.h>
- many mathematical functions in math standard library
- parenthesis
- operator precedence
- from left to right
- expression

- equality operators
 - == equal?
 - != not equal?
- relational operators
 - > greater?
 - >= greater or equal?
- assignment
 - = : LHS <- RHS
- equality op > relational op > assignment op in precedence level

• Syntax Error: grammatically wrong

- error messages
- warning messages
- note messages
- Semantic Error: algorithmically wrong

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- use printf("%s", "Hello\n"); instead of printf("Hello\n");
- difference between printf_s and printf
 - printf_s checks the format string for valid formatting characters
 - printf only checks if the format string is a null pointer