

Chapter 2 : Instructions and Operators

A C program is a set of instructions. Just like a recipe - which contains instructions to prepare a particular dish.

Types of Instructions

- 1> Type declaration Instruction
- 2> Arithmetic Instruction
- 3> Control Instruction

Type declaration Instruction

```
int a;  
float b;
```

Other Variations :

```
int i=10; int j=i; int a=2  
int j1=a+j-i;
```

float b = a+3; float a=1.1 \Rightarrow ERROR! as we are trying to use a before defining it.

```
int a, b, c, d;  
a=b=c=d=30;  $\Rightarrow$  Value of a, b, c & d will be 30 each.
```

Arithmetic Instructions

`int i = (3 * 2) + 1`

Operands can be int / float etc.

+ - * / are arithmetic operators

`int b = 2, c = 3;`

`int z; z = b * c;` ✓ legal

`int z; b * c = z;` ✗ Illegal (Not allowed)

`%` → Modular division operator

`%` → Returns the remainder

`./` → Cannot be applied on float

`./` → Sign is same as of numerator ($-5 \% 2 = -1$)

$$5 \% 2 = 1$$

$$-5 \% 2 = -1$$

Note:

1. No operator is assumed to be present

`int i = ab` → Invalid

`int i = a * b` → Valid

2. There is no operator to perform exponentiation in C.
However we can use `pow(x, y)` from `<math.h>` (More later)

Type Conversion

An Arithmetic operation between

Int and Int \rightarrow Int

Int and float \rightarrow float

float and float \rightarrow float

$$5/2 \rightarrow 2 \quad 5.0/2 \rightarrow 2.5$$

} Important !!

$$2/5 \rightarrow 0 \quad 2.0/5 \rightarrow 0.4$$

Note :-

`int a = 3.5;` In this case 3.5 (float) will be demoted to 3 (int) because a is not able to store floats.

`float a = 8;` a will store 8.0
 $8 \rightarrow 8.0$ (promotion to float)

Quick Quiz:

Q `int k = 3.0/9` Value of k? And why?

S $3.0/9 = 0.333$ but since k is an int, it cannot store floats & value 0.33 is demoted to 0.

Operator precedence In C

$3 * x - 8 y$ is $(3x) - (8y)$ or $3(x - 8y)$?

In C language Simple mathematical rules like BODMAS, no longer applies.

The answer to the above question is provided by operator precedence & associativity.

Operator precedence \div The following table lists the operator priority in C

| Priority | Operators |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1 st | $*$ $/$ $%$ |
| 2 nd | $+$ $-$ |
| 3 rd | $=$ $<$ $>$ $<=$ $>=$ |

Operators of higher priority are evaluated first in the absence of parenthesis.

Operator Associativity \div When operators of equal priority are present in an expression, the tie is taken care of by associativity.

$$x * y / z \Rightarrow (x * y) / z$$

$$x / y * z \Rightarrow (x / y) * z$$

$*$, $/$ follows left to right associativity

Control Instructions

Determines the flow of Control in a program

Four types of Control Instructions in C are:

1. Sequence Control Instruction

2. Decision Control Instruction

3. Loop Control Instruction

4. Case Control Instruction