CSE 142
Computer Programming I

Input and Output (I/O)

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Overview

Topics
    Output: printf
    Input: scanf
    Basic format codes
    More on initializing variables

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Writing Useful Programs

It's hard to write useful programs using only variables and assignment statements

Even our Fahrenheit to Celsius program needed more:
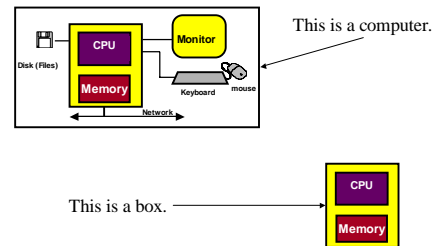
    Needed a way to get data into and out of the program

We'll learn more about doing this today

    Lots of terminology and messy details, but worthwhile.

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What's a Computer?

This is a computer.

This is a box.

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Basic Definitions

Input: movement of data **into memory** from outside world (e.g., from keyboard).

    Changes the value of a variable
    "*read*" operation

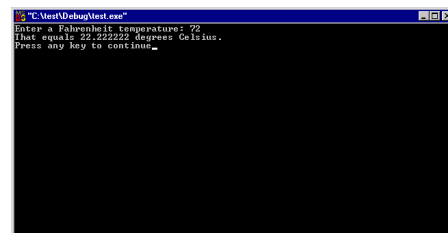**Output**: movement of data **from memory** to outside world (e.g., to monitor)

    "*write*" operation
    Does not change value of memory

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Text Output

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I/O Statements from a Familiar Program

printf("Enter a Fahrenheit temperature: ");

scanf("%lf", &fahrenheit);

celsius = (fahrenheit - 32.0) * 5.0 / 9.0;

printf("That equals %f degrees Celsius.",
                celsius);

Display Input and Output

The functions printf and scanf provide display I/O services.

   printf("control string", list of expressions) ;
   scanf("control string", list of &variables) ;

Control string gives the format of output or input.

Expressions are what to output.

Variables are where to store the input.

'&' is magic (that is REQUIRED for scanf!)

printf( ): Display Output

   int   numPushups;

   numPushups = 5 ;
   printf("Hello. Do %d pushups. \n", numPushups);

   output: Hello. Do 5 pushups.

%d is a placeholder ("conversion character") for an *int* value.

\n is an escape sequence for "newline" character.

What Does the '\n' Do?

   int   numPushups;

   numPushups= 5 ;
   printf("Hello.");
   printf(" Do %d pushups. \n", numPushups);
   printf("Do them now. \n");

   output: Hello. Do 5 pushups.
              Do them now.

Getting a Little Fancier

   printf("control string", list of expressions) ;

printf might have more than one expression in its list:

printf("%d times %f is %f. \n",
      multiplier , pi , (double) multiplier * pi);

Multiple Output Expressions

% placeholders in format string match expressions in output list in number, order, and type.

   int multiplier;
   double pi;
   pi = 3.14;
   multiplier = 2;
   printf(" %d times %f is %f. \n",
      multiplier , pi , (double) multiplier * pi);

Output: 2 times 3.14000 is 6.28000.

Advanced Output Formatting

This is only the beginning! A few of many other things you can do:

Control number of decimals

3.1 vs 3.100000

Exponential (scientific) or decimal notation

3.1 vs 3.1E0

Control total width (including spaces)

_____3.1 vs __3.1

How?

Look in textbook or a reference manual, or online help!

Output Format Examples

%10.2f	_ _ _ _ 1 2 3 . 5 5	**double**
%10.4f	_ _ 1 2 3 . 5 5 0 0	
%.2f	1 2 3 . 5 5	
%10d	_ _ _ _ _ _ _ 4 7 5	**int**
%-10d	4 7 5 _ _ _ _ _ _ _	
%10c	_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ a	**char**

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scanf( ): Read Input

scanf ("control string", &input list) ;

int numPushups ;

printf ("Hello. Do how many pushups? ") ;
scanf (" %d " , &numPushups) ;
printf ("Do %d pushups.\n", numPushups) ;

output: Hello. Do how many pushups? **5**
           Do 5 pushups.

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If You Forget the '&'

The program will compile, but when you execute...

Whitespace

space (' '), **tab** ('\t'), **newline** ('\n') are "whitespace"

Whitespace is skipped by scanf for int (**"%d"**), and double (**"%lf"**)

This means the user can type spaces before a number and they are ignored

Not skipped for char input **"%c"**

each character typed, including spaces and newlines, is read separately

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Multiple Inputs

Basic rule:

% placeholders in the format must match variables in the input list

MUST! match one-for-one in **number, order, and type**.

int   studentID ;

double   grade ;

scanf (" **%d %lf**", **&studentID** , **&grade**) ;

Input Errors

What happens if the user doesn't type the right thing for scanf?

Number with a decimal point when integer expected…

Character when number expected…

Answer: scanf halts - doesn't change corresponding variables

Can we detect this when it happens?
Yes, but let's wait on that..

Format Items Summary

Type	scanf()	printf()	
char	%c	%c	
int	%d	%d	%i also works
double	%lf	%f	(long) float

What happens if types don't match?

printf -- garbled output

scanf -- unpredictable errors
and don't forget the & !

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printf/scanf Summary

Output: printf("control string", output list);

output list – expressions; values to be printed

control string – types and desired format

for now, NO "&", ever!

Input: scanf("control string", &input list);

input list – variables; values to be read

control string – types and expected format

can be a way of initializing variables

for now, YES "&", always!

Both: %x's, I/O list match in number, order, type

I/O Summary

Input is the movement of data into memory

In C, we use scanf for input from the keyboard

Output is the movement of data from memory

In C, use printf for output to the screen

Know the basic printf/scanf rules, and know them well

Be aware that advanced formatting options exist and can be looked up when needed

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Review Topic: More on Initializing Variables

Review: Initialization means giving something a value for the first time.

Potential ways to initialize:

Assignment statement

scanf

Yet another way: initializer with declaration

Initializing when Declaring

Declarations without initializers	Declarations with initializers
int product, i;	int product = 40, i =5;
product = 40; i = 5;	i = 6;

Initializers are part of the declaration;
they are not assignment statements (despite the = sign).

Initialization Quiz

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int main (void) {          /*line 1*/
    int a, b, c, d=10;     /*line 2*/
    b=5;                   /*line 3*/
    d=6;                   /*line 4*/
    scanf("%d %d", &b, &c); /*line 5*/
    return 0;              /*line 6*/
}
```

Q: Where is each of a, b, c, and d initialized?

Next Time

We'll learn about a powerful new type of statement, the conditional or "if" statement

QOTD: Madlibf

"Madlibs" are games where a person asks for a series of words of different types and then puts those out-of-context words into a story.

Write a scanf statement that would read all the appropriate underlined entries for the following Madlibf:

"I just got my grade back in <u>C S E</u> <u>142</u>. It was a <u>3.2</u>! That's a <u>B</u> letter grade! I tell you, I feel <u>100</u>% better about that class, now!"

Don't get it?
Check out http://w3.one.net/~mariae/madlib.htm for an example.