

The Standard C Library



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Agenda

- Group I: For the Adequate Programmer
- Group II: For the Polished Programmer
- Group III: For the Complete Programmer

Group I

Group I (required knowledge for every C programmer)

<ctype.h>

Character Handling

<stdio.h>

Input/Output

<stdlib.h>

Miscellaneous Utilities

<string.h>

Text Processing

<ctype.h>

| | |
|----------|---|
| isalnum | alphanumeric (isalpha isdigit) |
| isalpha | alphabetic |
| isctrl | control (beware!) |
| isdigit | '0' through '9' |
| isgraph | visible when printed |
| islower | lower case alphabetic |
| isprint | isgraph ' ' |
| ispunct | isgraph && !isalnum |
| isspace | whitespace |
| isupper | upper case alphabetic |
| isxdigit | isdigit 'a' thru 'f' 'A' thru 'F' |
| tolower | convert to lower case (if applicable) |
| toupper | convert to upper case (if applicable) |

```
#include <ctype.h>
#include <string.h>

long atox(char *s)
{
    char xdigs[] = "0123456789ABCDEF";
    long sum;

    /* Skip whitespace */
    while (isspace(*s))
        ++s;

    /* Do the conversion */
    for (sum = 0L; isxdigit(*s); ++s)
    {
        int digit = strchr(xdigs, toupper(*s)) - xdigs;
        sum = sum*16L + digit;
    }

    return sum;
}
```

<stdio.h>

- Formatted I/O
- Byte I/O
- String I/O
- Block I/O
- File Operations

Formatted I/O

Fixed-length argument lists

| | |
|---------|-------------------|
| scanf | (standard input) |
| fscanf | (file input) |
| sscanf | (in-core input) |
| printf | (standard output) |
| fprintf | (file output) |
| sprintf | (in-core output) |

Variable-length argument lists

| | |
|----------|-------------------|
| vprintf | (standard output) |
| vfprintf | (file output) |
| vsprintf | (in-core output) |

```
#include <stdio.h>

long atox(char *s)
{
    long n;
    sscanf(s, "%x", &n);
    return n;
}

int main()
{
    int n = atox("1abf");
    printf("%x, %d\n", n, n);
    return 0;
}

/* Output:
labf, 6847
*/
```


Byte I/O

| | |
|---------|----------------------|
| getchar | (standard input) |
| getc | (file input) |
| ungetc | (affects file input) |
| fgetc | (file input) |
| putchar | (standard output) |
| putc | (file output) |
| fputc | (file output) |

```
#include <stdio.h>

int copy(FILE *dest, FILE *source)
{
    int c;

    while ((c = getc(source)) != EOF)
        if (putc(c, dest) == EOF)
            return EOF;
    return 0;
}
```

String I/O

gets

(standard input)

fgets

(file input)

puts

(standard output)

fputs

(file output)

Block I/O

fread
fwrite

```
#include <stdio.h>

int copy(FILE *dest, FILE *source)
{
    size_t count;
    char buf[BUFSIZ];

    while (!feof(source))
    {
        count = fread(buf, 1, BUFSIZ, source);
        if (ferror(source))
            return EOF;
        if (fwrite(buf, 1, count, dest) != count)
            return EOF;
    }
    return 0;
}

int main()
{
    return copy(stdout, stdin);
}
```

File I/O

fopen

freopen

fclose

fflush

```
/* copy3.c */
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    if (argc == 3)
    {
        char s[BUFSIZ];
        FILE *inf, *outf;

        if ((inf = fopen(argv[1], "r")) == NULL)
            return EXIT_FAILURE;

        if ((outf = fopen(argv[2], "w")) == NULL)
            return EXIT_FAILURE;

        while (fgets(s, BUFSIZ, inf))
            fputs(s, outf);

        fclose(inf);
        fclose(outf);
        return EXIT_SUCCESS;
    }
    else
        return EXIT_FAILURE;
}
```

```
/* records.c: Illustrates file positioning */

#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

#define MAXRECS 10

struct record
{
    char last[16];
    char first[11];
    int age;
};

static char *get_field(char *, char *);

int main()
{
    int nrecs;
    char s[81];
    struct record recs[MAXRECS], recbuf;
    FILE *f;
```



```
/* Carefully store records */
for (nrecs = 0; nrecs < MAXRECS && get_field("Last",s);
    ++nrecs)
{
    strncpy(recs[nrecs].last,s,15)[15] = '\0';
    get_field("First",s);
    strncpy(recs[nrecs].first,s,10)[10] = '\0';
    get_field("Age",s);
    recs[nrecs].age = atoi(s);
}

/* Write records to file */
if ((f = fopen("recs.dat","w+b")) == NULL)
    return EXIT_FAILURE;
if (fwrite(recs,sizeof recs[0],nrecs,f) != nrecs)
    return EXIT_FAILURE;

/* Position at last record */
fseek(f,(nrecs-1)*sizeof(struct record),SEEK_SET);
fread(&recbuf,1,sizeof(struct record),f);
printf("last: %s, first: %s, age: %d\n",
    recbuf.last,recbuf.first,recbuf.age);
```

```
/* Position at first record */
rewind(f);
fread(&recbuf,1,sizeof(struct record),f);
printf("last: %s, first: %s, age: %d\n",
       recbuf.last,recbuf.first,recbuf.age);

return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}

static char *get_field(char *prompt, char *buf)
{
    /* Prompt for input field */
    fprintf(stderr,"%s: ",prompt);
    return gets(buf);
}
```

File Operations

remove

rename

tmpfile

tmpnam

fgetpos

fsetpos

fseek

ftell

rewind

clearerr

feof

ferror

Other <stdio.h> stuff

Types

FILE

Encapsulates file access info

fpos_t

File Position (returned by fgetpos)

Macros

NULL

Zero pointer

EOF

Special value representing end-of-file

BUFSIZ

Preferred stream buffer size

FOPEN_MAX

Max # of files open simultaneously

FILENAME_MAX

Max # of characters in a file name minus 1

L_tmpnam

Max # of characters in a tempfile name minus 1

TMP_MAX

Max # of distinct filenames returned from tmpnam

SEEK_CUR

Signals fseek to seek relative to current position

SEEK_END

Signals fseek to seek from end-of-file

SEEK_SET

Signals fseek to seek from start-of-file

Walkthrough:

A File Viewing program

- `view.c`
- `stack.h`
- `ansi.h`

<stdlib.h>

- String Conversion
- Random Numbers
- Memory Management
- Environment Interface
- Searching and Sorting
- Integer Arithmetic
- Multibyte String Functions

String Conversion

- `atoi` `((int) strtol(s, NULL, 10))`
- `atol` `(strtol(s, NULL, 10))`
- `atof` `(strtod(s, NULL))`
- `strtod`
- `strtol`
- `stroul`

```
/* sconv.c */
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int main()
{
    const char* s = " -123.45";
    int n = atoi(s);
    double x = atof(s);
    long m = strtol(s, NULL, 8);
    printf("n == %d, x == %f, m == %ld\n",
           n, x, m);
    return 0;
}
```

```
/* Output:
```

```
n == -123, x == -123.450000, m == -83
```

```
*/
```



```
/* strtol.c */
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int main()
{
    char *input = "101 123 45678 90abc g";
    char *nextp = input;
    long bin, oct, dec, hex, beyond;

    bin = strtol(nextp, &nextp, 2);
    oct = strtol(nextp, &nextp, 8);
    dec = strtol(nextp, &nextp, 10);
    hex = strtol(nextp, &nextp, 16);
    beyond = strtol(nextp, &nextp, 17);

    printf("bin = %ld\n", bin);
    printf("oct = %lo\n", oct);
    printf("dec = %ld\n", dec);
    printf("hex = %lx\n", hex);
    printf("beyond = %ld\n", beyond);
    return 0;
}
```

```
/* Output:
bin = 5
oct = 123
dec = 45678
hex = 90abc
beyond = 16
*/
```

A better atoi()

```
#include <stdlib.h>

long atoi(char *s)
{
    return strtol(s, NULL, 16);
}
```

Environment Interface

- getenv
- exit
- system

- abort
- atexit

Walkthrough:

An external sort/merge

- vsort.c
- Illustrates:
 - tmpnam
 - atexit
 - remove

Walkthrough: Dealing Cards

- deal.c
- Illustrates:
 - random numbers
 - integer arithmetic (abs, div)

<string.h>

- Copying
- Concatenation
- Comparison
- Searching

Copying

- memcpy
- memmove
- strcpy
- strncpy

Concatenation

- strcat
- strncpy

Comparison

- memcmp
- strcmp
- strncmp
- strcoll
- strxfrm

Searching

- memchr
- strchr
- strrchr
- strspn
- strcspn
- strstr
- strpbrk
- strtok

```
/* find.c:      Extract lines from a file */
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

#define WIDTH 128

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    char line[WIDTH];
    char *search_str;
    int lineno = 0;

    if (argc == 1)
        return 1;    /* Search string required */
    else
        search_str = argv[1];

    while (gets(line))
    {
        ++lineno;
        if (strstr(line, search_str))
            printf("%d:  %s\n", lineno, line);
    }

    return 0;
}
```

```
$ find str <find.c
```

```
4: #include <string.h>
```

```
11:     char *search_str;
```

```
15:     return 1; /* Search string required */
```

```
17:     search_str = argv[1];
```

```
22:     if (strstr(line,search_str))
```

Walkthrough

String Spanning

- `span.c`
- Illustrates:
 - `strspn`
 - `strcspn`
 - `strpbrk`

```
/* token.c: Splits stdin into tokens */
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

int main()
{
    char s[81];
    const char *break_set =
        " \t\n\\\"~!@#$_%^&*()-_+=`'[]{}|;:/?.,<>";

    while (gets(s))
    {
        char *tokp, *sp = s;

        while ((tokp = strtok(sp, break_set)) !=
                NULL)
        {
            puts(tokp);
            sp = NULL;
        }
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Group II

Group II (tools for the professional)

<assert.h>

Defensive Programming

<limits.h>

Integral Parameters

<stddef.h>

Universal declarations

<time.h>

Date & Time Processing

Assertions

- Authoritative statements about code
 - design documentation in your code!
- For debugging an implementation
 - Not for error handling
- Doesn't appear in released binaries

A Sample Assertion

```
#include <assert.h>
...
{
    long y;
    int m, d;
    j2g(jd, y, m, d);
    assert(m > 0);
    return daysToDate[isLeap(y)][m-1] + d;
}
```

A Sample Assertion

```
/* Make the 1's precede the 2's so that we get
 * non-negative answers */
if (order > 0)
{
    j2g(d.jd, y1, m1, d1);
    j2g(jd, y2, m2, d2);
}
else
{
    j2g(jd, y1, m1, d1);
    j2g(d.jd, y2, m2, d2);
}

long years = y2 - y1;
int months = m2 - m1;
int days = d2 - d1;
assert(years > 0 || years == 0 && months > 0 ||
        years == 0 && months == 0 && days > 0);
```

<stddef.h>

- ptrdiff_t
- size_t
- wchar_t
- NULL
- offsetof

```
/* offsetof.c */
#include <stddef.h>
#include <stdio.h>

struct Person
{
    char name[15];
    int age;
};

int main()
{
    printf("%d\n",offsetof(struct Person, age));
    return 0;
}

/* Output:
16
[expected 15]
*/
```

<time.h>

- Stopwatch-like functions
- Current date and time
- Limited date arithmetic

Stopwatch Stuff

- `clock()`
- `clock_t`
- `CLOCKS_PER_SEC`

```
/* timer.c: Stopwatch Functions */
#include <time.h>
#include "timer.h"

static clock_t start = (clock_t) 0;

/* Reset the timer */
void timer_reset(void)
{
    start = clock();
}

/* Wait a number of seconds */
void timer_wait(double secs)
{
    clock_t stop = clock() +
                (clock_t) (secs * CLOCKS_PER_SEC);
    while (clock() < stop);
}

/* Compute elapsed time in seconds */
double timer_elapsed(void)
{
    return (double) (clock() - start) / CLOCKS_PER_SEC;
}
```

Time and Date Stuff

- `time()`
- `time_t`
- `localtime()`
- `struct tm`
- `ctime()`
- `mktime()`
- `difftime()`
- `strftime()`

Walkthrough

Formatting the Current Time

- `tformat.c`
- Illustrates:
 - `time_t`
 - `time()`
 - `localtime()`
 - `strftime()`

Walthrough

Date Arithmetic

- Tmath.c
- Illustrates:
 - mktime
 - difftime

Group III

Group III (power at your fingertips when you need it)

<errno.h>

Error detection

<float.h>

Real arithmetic parms

<locale.h>

Cultural adaptation

<math.h>

Math functions

<setjmp.h>

Non-local branching

<signal.h>

Interrupt handling (sort of)

<stdarg.h>

Variable-length arg lists

Walkthrough

A Simple Calculator

- `calc.c`
- Illustrates:
 - `errno`
 - various math and string functions

Locales

- Cultural-specific info
 - monetary symbols, punctuation, dates
- `setlocale()`
- Categories:
 - `LC_COLLATE`, `LC_CTYPE`,
`LC_MONETARY`, `LC_NUMERIC`, `LC_TIME`
- Affects I/O functions

```
/* locale.c: Doesn't work on all compilers */
#include <locale.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <time.h>

int main()
{
    char text[81];
    time_t timer = time(NULL);

    setlocale(LC_ALL, "french");
    printf("%f\n", 1.2);
    puts(ctime(&timer));
    strftime(text, sizeof text,
              "%x %A %B %d\n", localtime(&timer));
    puts(text);
    return 0;
}
```

/ Output:*

1,200000

Thu Jul 22 18:34:22 1999

22/07/99 jeudi juillet 22

**/*

Walkthrough & Demo

Signal Handling

- `ignore.c`
- Usurps Control-C handling

Walkthrough

Non-local Branching

- `setjmp.c`
- Illustrates `setjmp/longjmp`

<stdarg.h>

- Allows you to build functions like printf
 - variable number of args
- You must pass information about the args to the function
 - number of args
 - format string
 - NULL terminator arg

Walkthrough

Finding a List Maximum

- `max.c`
- Illustrates:
 - `va_list`
 - `va_start`
 - `va_arg`
 - `va_end`

Walkthrough

Concatenating Multiple Strings

- `concat.c`

va_lists as Arguments

- `vprintf/vsprintf/vfprintf`
- Walkthrough `fatal.c`
- See Chapter 6