Introduction to C

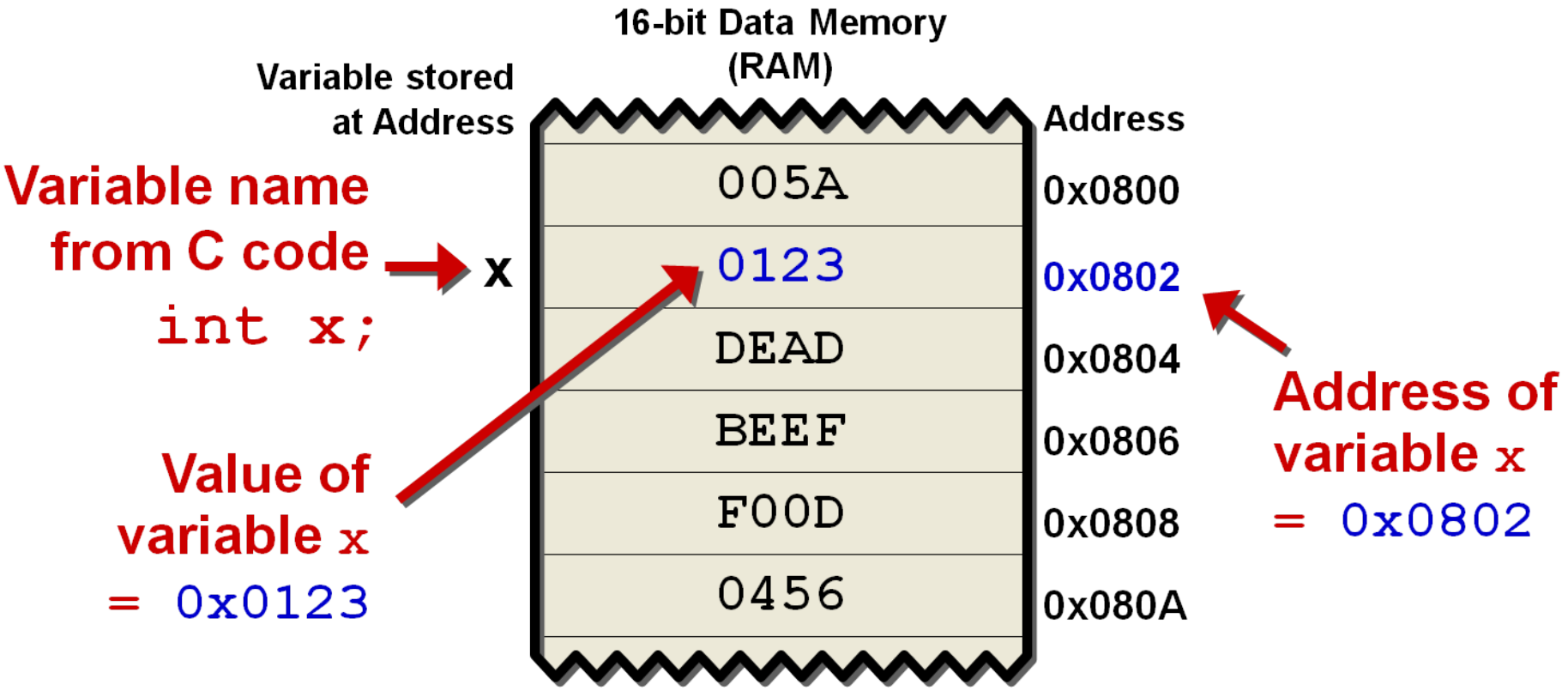
EECS 2031

Song Wang
wangsong@eecs.yorku.ca
eecs.yorku.ca/~wangsong/

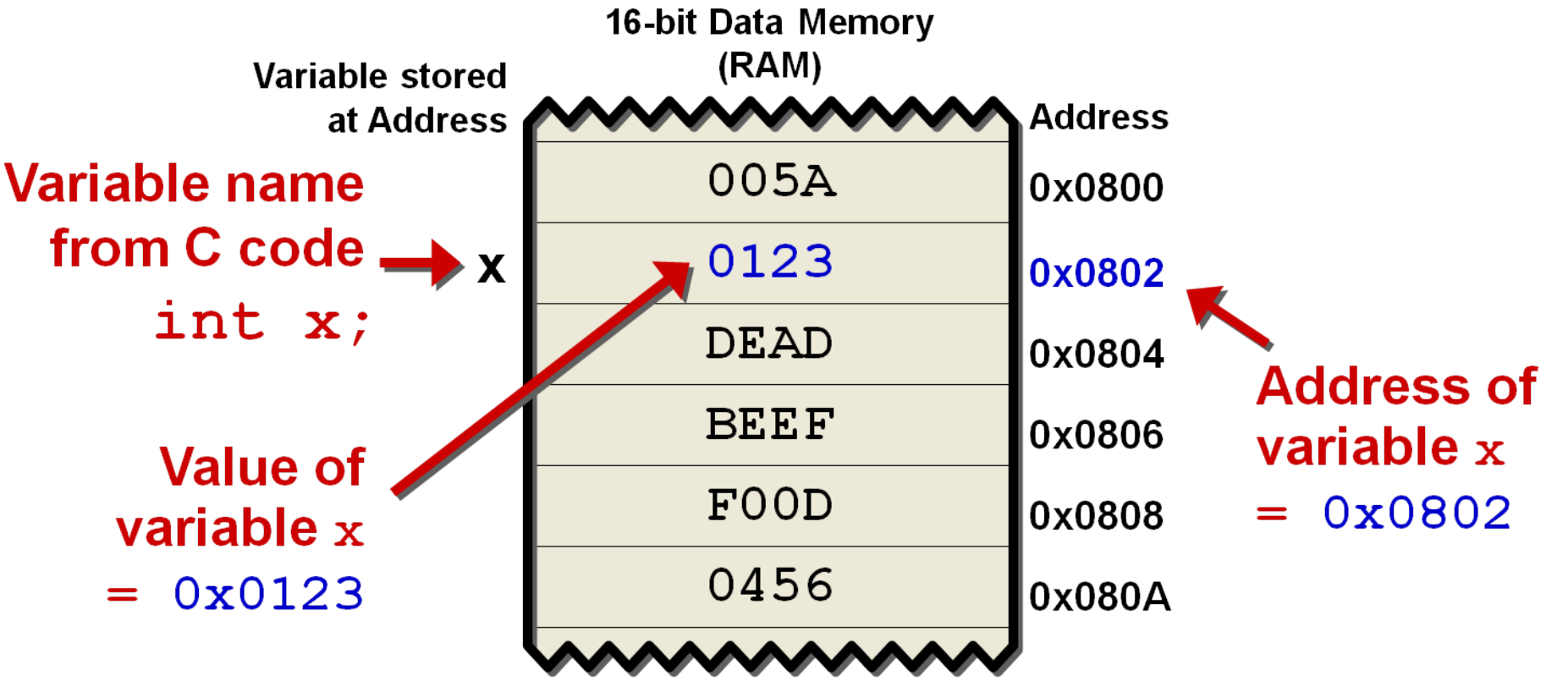
Acknowledgement

- Some of the covered materials are based on previous EECS2031 offerings:
  - Uyen Trang (UT) Nguyen, Pooja Vashisth, Hui Wang, Manos Papagelis

printf() and scanf()



printf() and scanf()



printf(a): values of variables
scanf(&a): addresses of variables

YORK UNIVERSITÉ UNIVERSITY

printf() and scanf()

```c
#include <stdio.h>

int main(){
        float a, b;
        printf("Enter two float separated by <><>:");
        scanf("%f<><>%f", &a, &b);
        printf("these are %f <><>%f \n", a, b);
}
```

```
indigo 320 % ./read
Enter two float separated by <><>:0.9<><>0.2
these are 0.900000 <><>0.200000
indigo 321 % ./read
Enter two float separated by <><>:0.9<><>2
these are 0.900000 <><>2.000000
```

YORK UNIVERSITÉ UNIVERSITY

printf() and scanf()

If we use “a” and “b” as the input for scanf():scanf(“%f<><>%f”, a, b);

```c
#include <stdio.h>

int main(){
        float a, b;
        printf("Enter two float separated by <><>:");
        scanf("%f<><>%f", a, b);
        printf("these are %f <><>%f \n", a, b);
}
```

```
indigo 324 % gcc read2.c -o read2
indigo 325 % ./read2
Enter two float separated by <><>:0.9<><>0.2
Segmentation fault (core dumped)
```

YORK UNIVERSITÉ UNIVERSITY

printf() and scanf()

If we use “&a” and “&b” as the input for printf():printf(“these are %f<><>%f”, &a, &b);

```c
#include <stdio.h>

int main(){
        float a, b;
        printf("Enter two float separated by <><>:");
        scanf("%f<><>%f", &a, &b);
        printf("these are %f <><>%f \n", &a, &b);
}
```

```
indigo 335 % gcc read3.c -o read3
indigo 336 % ./read3
Enter two float separated by <><>:0.9<><>0.2
these are 0.000000 <><>0.000000
```

YORK UNIVERSITÉ UNIVERSITY

getchar, putchar

- **`int getchar(void)`**
  - To read one character at a time from the standard input
  - Returns the next input char each time it is called;
  - Returns EOFwhen it encounters end of file.oend of file; Using < : end of input file
  - keyboard: Ctrl-D (Unix) or Ctrl-Z (Windows). “Keyboard is a file”

- EOF: an **`int`** constant defined in <**`stdio.h`**>, value is -1.

- **`•int putchar(int c)`**
  - Puts the character c on the *standard output*
  - Returns the character written (usually ignored);
  - Like **`printf("%c", c);`**

getchar, putchar

- **countChar.c**

```
#include <stdio.h> // defines EOF

main(){
 int c;
 int count = 0;

 c = getchar();
 while(c != EOF) /* no end of file*/
 {
   count++; //include spaces and '\n'
   c = getchar(); /* read next */
 }
 printf("# of chars: %d\n",count);
}
```

getchar, putchar

- **countChar.c**

```
#include <stdio.h> // defines EOF

main(){
 int c;
 int count = 0;

 c = getchar();
 while(c != EOF) /* no end of file*/
 {
   count++; //include spaces and '\n'
   c = getchar(); /* read next */
 }
 printf("# of chars: %d\n",count);
}
```

red 309 % **a.out**
hellc↵
how are vc↵
iam gooc↵
Ctrl + D (end of the input)

# of chars: 28

getchar, putchar

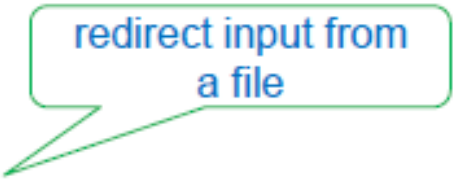
- Redirected from file

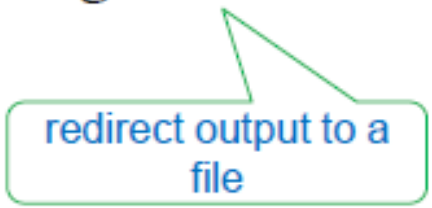
```
red 312 % cat greeting.txt
hello ↵
how are you↵
i am good ↵
red 313%

red 314 % a.out  <  greeting.txt
 # of chars:  28

red 315 % a.out < greeting.txt > out.txt

red 316 % cat out.txt
# of chars: 28
```





Statements

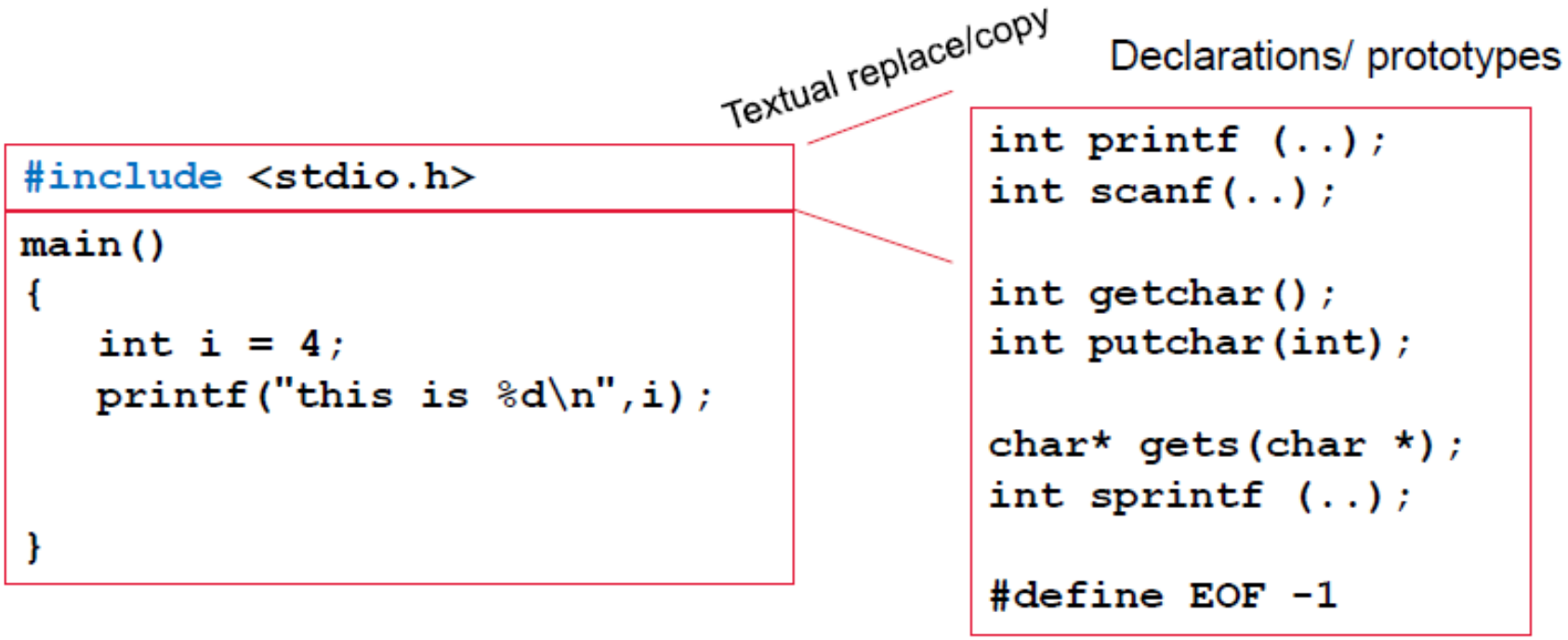
- Expression statement
  - y = i+1; i++; x = 4;
- Function call statement
  - printf("the result is %d");
- Control flow statement
  - if else, for(), while(), do while, case switch

Expression

- Formed by combining **operands**(variable, constants and function calls) using **operators (+ -* % > < == !=)**

- Has return values
  - `x+1`
  - `i < 20` false: 0 true: 1 `printf("%d", i<20);`
  - `sum (i+j)`
  - `x = 5` `= is an operator in C (and Java)! Return value 5`
  - `x = k + sum(i,j)` `printf("%d", x=5);`

Preprocessing: # include, #define



#define directive

- Syntax **`#define name value`** No type;
  - Name called symbolic **constant**, conventionally written in upper case
  - Value can be any sequence of characters

```
#define   N     100
main() {
  int  i  = 10 + N;
}
```

```
main() {
  int  i  = 10 + 100;
}
```

- Use as constant **`N = x + 2;`** 

#define directive

- Syntax **`#define name value`** No type;
  - Name called symbolic **constant**, conventionally written in upper case
  - Value can be any sequence of characters

```
#define   N    100
main() {
  int  i  = 10 + N;
}
```

```
main() {
  int  i  = 10 + 100;
}
```

- Use as constant **`N = x + 2;`** 

```
#define LENGTH 10
#define WIDTH 5
#define NEWLINE '\n'
```

C-Types, Operators, Expressions

- [Primitive/scalar] Types and sizes
  - Primitive Types
  - Constant values (literals)
- [Structured/aggregated] Array and "strings“
- Expressions
  - Basic operators
  - Type promotion and conversion
  - Other operators
  - Precedence of operators

C Primitive Types

- Variables and values have types
- There are two basic types in ANSI-C: integer, and floating point
- **Integer type**
  - **char** -character, 1 byte (8 bits)
  - **short [int]** -short integer, usually2 bytes (16 bits)
  - **int** -integer, usually2 or 4 bytes (16 or 32 bits)
  - **long [int]** -long integer, usually4 or 8 bytes (32 or 64 bits)
- **Floating point**
  - **float** -single-precision, usually4 bytes (32 bits)
  - **double** -double-precision, usually8 bytes (64 bits)
  - **long double** -extended-precision

C Primitive Types and Sizes

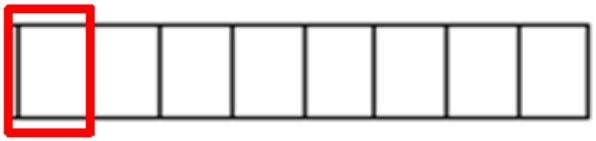
- Variables and values have types

C Basis Data Types	32-bit CPU		64-bit CPU	
	size (bytes)	Range	size (bytes)	Range
char	1	-128 to 128	1	-128 to 128
short	2	-32,768 to 32,767	2	-32,768 to 32,767
int	4	-2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483.647	4	-2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483.647
long	4	-2,147,483,648 to 2,147,48,647	4	-2,147,483,648 to 2,147,48,647
long long	8	9,223,372,036,854,775,808 to 9,223,372,036,854,775,807	8	9,223,372,036,854,775,808 to 9,223,372,036,854,775,807
float	4	3.4E +/-38	4	3.4E +/-38
double	8	1.7E +/-308	8	1.7E +/-308

Qualifiers (modifiers) for integer type

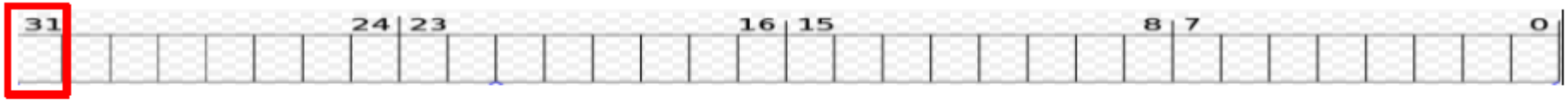
- **signed**, **unsigned** qualifiers can be applied to integer type
  - Signed: default. Left most bit signifies sign 0: positive 1: negative
  - Unsigned: positive. Left most bit contributes to magnitude too

- **`[signed] char`**
- **`[signed] int`**
- **`[signed] short int`**
- **`[signed] long  int`**



- **`unsigned char`**
- **`unsigned int`**
- **`unsigned short int`**
- **`unsigned long  int`**

Java: no direct support for unsigned int -- always signed



`unsigned int`	$0 \sim 2^{32}-1$	2^{32} values	Max: 1111111….11111
`(signed) int`	$-2^{31} \sim 2^{31}-1$	2^{32} values	Max: 0111111….11111

Qualifiers for floating points

- "**`long`**" can be used with double:
  - **`long double`**

- Thus, there are three types of floating points:
  - **`float`** **`/* single-precision floating point */`**
  - **`double`** **`/* double-precision floating point */`**
  - **`long double`** **`/* extended-precision floating point */`**

- More bits, more precise: 3.1415926535….

- printf/scanf("**%f**") for float, ("**%lf**") for double, ("**%Lf**") for long double

- Storage of floating point is complicated.
  - **`float x=4.8, float y = 6.4/2+1.6; x == y`** may not always true.

Qualifiers for floating points

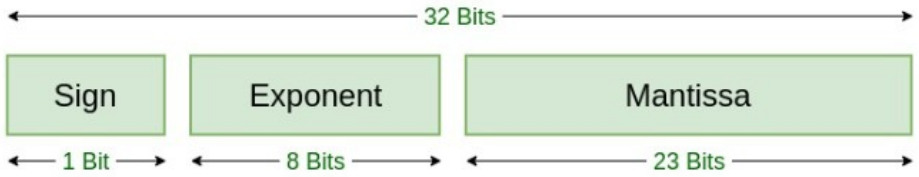
- "**`long`**" can be used with double:
  - **`long double`**

- Thus, there are three types of floating points:
  - **`float`** **`/* single-precision floating point */`**
  - **`double`** **`/* double-precision floating point */`**
  - **`long double`** **`/* extended-precision floating point */`**

- More bits, more precise: 3.1415926535….

- printf/scanf("**%f**") for float, ("**%lf**") for double, ("**%Lf**") for long double

- Storage of floating point is complicated.
  - **`float x=4.8, float y = 6.4/2+1.6; x == y`** may not always true.
- No unsigned. All signed



Character Constants

- A **`char`** in C is one byte (8-bit) in size (16-bit in Java)
  - Will elaborate why 8 bits,16 bits
- A constant char is specified with single quotes:
  - Regular characters: **`'A', 'C', 'z', '0', '#', '$',…`**
  - **`char x = 'A';`**
- Special characters: invisible or control chars
  - New line, tab, del ….
  - Use escape sequence to represent

Special Characters

Escape sequence	Meaning
\n	New line
\t	Tab
\0	**The null character**
\\	The \ character
\"	Double quote
\'	Single quote

```
char c  = '\t';
char c2 = '\n';
```

Internal Representation of characters

- characters as 1/0 bits. So they are stored as (small) integer values, interpreted according to the **character set encoding** (usually ASCII, 7 bits for **128 characters**),
  - **`'a'`** has encoding **`97`**, **`'0'`** has **`48`**, **`'9'`** has **`57`**

- •Escape sequences are integers too
  - e.g. **`'\n'`** has **`10`** (newline character)
  - **`'\t'`** has **`9`** (horizontal tab)
- Special escape: **`'\0'`**
  - has encoding 0 -the null character

Internal Representation of Characters

Dec	Hx	Oct	Char	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr
0	0	000	NUL (null)	32	20	040		Space	64	40	100	@	@	96	60	140	`	`
1	1	001	SOH (start of heading)	33	21	041	!	!	65	41	101	A	A	97	61	141	a	a
2	2	002	STX (start of text)	34	22	042	"	"	66	42	102	B	B	98	62	142	b	b
3	3	003	ETX (end of text)	35	23	043	#	#	67	43	103	C	C	99	63	143	c	c
4	4	004	EOT (end of transmission)	36	24	044	$	$	68	44	104	D	D	100	64	144	d	d
5	5	005	ENQ (enquiry)	37	25	045	%	%	69	45	105	E	E	101	65	145	e	e
6	6	006	ACK (acknowledge)	38	26	046	&	&	70	46	106	F	F	102	66	146	f	f
7	7	007	BEL (bell)	39	27	047	'	'	71	47	107	G	G	103	67	147	g	g
8	8	010	BS (backspace)	40	28	050	(	(	72	48	110	H	H	104	68	150	h	h
9	9	011	TAB (horizontal tab)	41	29	051	)	)	73	49	111	I	I	105	69	151	i	i
10	A	012	LF (NL line feed, new line)	42	2A	052	*	*	74	4A	112	J	J	106	6A	152	j	j
11	B	013	VT (vertical tab)	43	2B	053	+	+	75	4B	113	K	K	107	6B	153	k	k
12	C	014	FF (NP form feed, new page)	44	2C	054	,	,	76	4C	114	L	L	108	6C	154	l	l
13	D	015	CR (carriage return)	45	2D	055	-	-	77	4D	115	M	M	109	6D	155	m	m
14	E	016	SO (shift out)	46	2E	056	.	.	78	4E	116	N	N	110	6E	156	n	n
15	F	017	SI (shift in)	47	2F	057	/	/	79	4F	117	O	O	111	6F	157	o	o
16	10	020	DLE (data link escape)	48	30	060	0	0	80	50	120	P	P	112	70	160	p	p
17	11	021	DC1 (device control 1)	49	31	061	1	1	81	51	121	Q	Q	113	71	161	q	q
18	12	022	DC2 (device control 2)	50	32	062	2	2	82	52	122	R	R	114	72	162	r	r
19	13	023	DC3 (device control 3)	51	33	063	3	3	83	53	123	S	S	115	73	163	s	s
20	14	024	DC4 (device control 4)	52	34	064	4	4	84	54	124	T	T	116	74	164	t	t
21	15	025	NAK (negative acknowledge)	53	35	065	5	5	85	55	125	U	U	117	75	165	u	u
22	16	026	SYN (synchronous idle)	54	36	066	6	6	86	56	126	V	V	118	76	166	v	v
23	17	027	ETB (end of trans. block)	55	37	067	7	7	87	57	127	W	W	119	77	167	w	w
24	18	030	CAN (cancel)	56	38	070	8	8	88	58	130	X	X	120	78	170	x	x
25	19	031	EM (end of medium)	57	39	071	9	9	89	59	131	Y	Y	121	79	171	y	y
26	1A	032	SUB (substitute)	58	3A	072	:	:	90	5A	132	Z	Z	122	7A	172	z	z
27	1B	033	ESC (escape)	59	3B	073	;	;	91	5B	133	[	[	123	7B	173	{	{
28	1C	034	FS (file separator)	60	3C	074	<	<	92	5C	134	\	\	124	7C	174			|
29	1D	035	GS (group separator)	61	3D	075	=	=	93	5D	135	]	]	125	7D	175	}	}
30	1E	036	RS (record separator)	62	3E	076	>	>	94	5E	136	^	^	126	7E	176	~	~
31	1F	037	US (unit separator)	63	3F	077	?	?	95	5F	137	_	_	127	7F	177	&#127;	DEL

Source: www.LookupTables.com

Characters

- **`chars`** are treated in C (and Java) as small integers, **`char`** variables and constants are identical to **`int`** in arithmetic expressions:
  - **`char c`** is converted to its encoding (index in the character set table)

- `char aChar= 'E';   // encoding 69`
  `'E' + 8      //expression with value 69+8 = 77`
  `'E' + 'B'      //expression with value 69+66 = 135`
  `'E' -'B'      //expression with value 69-66 = 3`

- Same for other expressions. In relational/logical expression, characters can be compared directly, comparing indexes/encodings

- `aChar== EOF    //index == -1?`
- `aChar== 'H'    //index == 72?`
- `aChar== '\n'   // index == 10?`
- `aChar< 'H' //69 < 72?`

Characters

- Since **`chars`** are just small integers, **`char`** variables and constants are identical to **`int`** in arithmetic expressions. Some programming idioms that take advantage of this:

```
if(c >= '0' && c <= '9') /*index 48~57,is a digit */
                         (located from '0' to '9')

if(c >='a' && c <= 'z')  /* low case letter */    islower()

if(c >='A' && c <= 'Z')  /* upper case letter */  isupper()

if( (c >='A' && c <= 'Z') || (c >='a' && c <= 'z'))
                                        isalpha()   isalnum()
```

```
if(c >='0' && c <= '9'){   // c<= 48 c>=57 isdigit(c)
  printf("c is a digit\n");
  printf("numerical value is %d\n", c-'0')
}
```

same in Java

c-48 works but avoid

Example

```
#include<stdio.h>

/*copying input to output with
converting upper-case letters to lower-case */
main(){
    int c; int outC;
    c = getchar();
    while ( c != EOF )
    {
        if (c >= 'A' && c <= 'Z') /* 65~90 upper case letter*/
            outC = c + ('a' - 'A') ;    /* = c + 'b' - 'B'   */
        else                          /* = c + ('c' - 'C') */
            outC = c;                     .....
                                      /* = c + 'z' - 'Z'   */
        putchar(outC);                /*  = tolower(c) */

        c = getchar(); //| read again
    }
```

c + 32 works but not good for portability. Avoid that!