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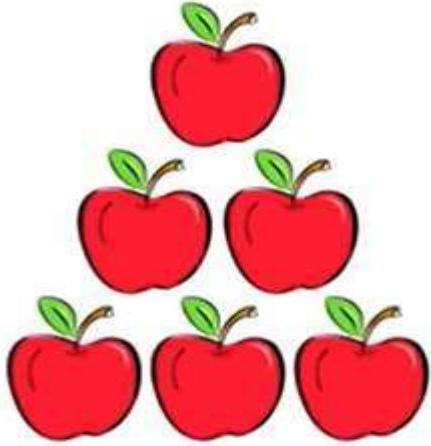
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## Array



## Array

```
int a[4];
```



values
7
8
6
5



Integer type

## structure



## structure

```
struct student  
{  
    int n;  
    float avg;  
    char c;  
};
```



values
7
89.23
'X'



Multiple types



## C Structures

Structure is a user-defined datatype in **C language** which allows us to combine data of different types together. Structure helps to construct a complex data type which is more meaningful. It is somewhat similar to an **Array**, but an array holds data of similar type only. But structure on the other hand, can store data of any type, which is practical more useful.

**For example:** If I have to write a program to store Student information, which will have Student's name, age, branch, permanent address, father's name etc, which included string values, integer values etc, how can I use arrays for this problem, I will require something which can hold data of different types together.

In structure, data is stored in form of **records**.



## Defining a structure

`struct` keyword is used to define a structure. `struct` defines a new data type which is a collection of primary and derived data types.

**Syntax:**

```
struct [structure_tag]
{
    //member variable 1
    //member variable 2
    //member variable 3
    ...
}[structure_variables];
```



## Example of Structure

```
struct Student
{
    char name[25];
    int age;
    char branch[10];
    // F for female and M for male
    char gender;
};
```

Here `struct Student` declares a structure to hold the details of a student which consists of 4 data fields, namely `name`, `age`, `branch` and `gender`. These fields are called **structure elements or members**.

Each member can have different datatype, like in this case, `name` is an array of `char` type and `age` is of `int` type etc. **Student** is the name of the structure and is called as the **structure tag**.



## Declaring Structure Variables

It is possible to declare variables of a **structure**, either along with structure definition or after the structure is defined. **Structure variable** declaration is similar to the declaration of any normal variable of any other datatype. Structure variables can be declared in following two ways:





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## Structure variable

```
struct student  
{  
    char name[10];  
    int Rno;  
    float marks;  
} var;
```



```
struct student  
{  
    char name[10];  
    int Rno;  
    float marks;  
};  
struct student var;
```





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## Structure Example

Input & Output of  
structure elements

Output:  
name = 3MM  
Rno = 53  
Marks = 75.4500

```
Void main()
{
    struct student
    {
        char name[10];
        int Rno;
        float marks;
    };
    struct student var = { "3MM", 53, 75.45 };
    printf (" name = %s ", var.name);
    printf (" number = %d ", var.Rno);
    printf (" marks = %f ", var.marks);
}
```





## 1) Declaring Structure variables separately

```
struct Student
{
    char name[25];
    int age;
    char branch[10];
    //F for female and M for male
    char gender;
};

struct Student S1, S2;    //declaring variables of struct Student
```

## 2) Declaring Structure variables with structure definition

```
struct Student
{
    char name[25];
    int age;
    char branch[10];
    //F for female and M for male
    char gender;
}S1, S2;
```

Here **S1** and **S2** are variables of structure **Student**. However this approach is not much recommended.



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For example:

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

struct Student
{
    char name[25];
    int age;
    char branch[10];
    //F for female and M for male
    char gender;
};
```

OUTPUT:

```
Name of Student 1: Viraaj
Age of Student 1: 18
```

```
int main()
{
    struct Student s1;

    /*
     s1 is a variable of Student type and
     age is a member of Student
    */
    s1.age = 18;
    /*
     using string function to add name
    */
    strcpy(s1.name, "Viraaj");
    /*
     displaying the stored values
    */
    printf("Name of Student 1: %s\n", s1.name);
    printf("Age of Student 1: %d\n", s1.age);

    return 0;
}
```



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## Structure Initialization

Like a variable of any other datatype, structure variable can also be initialized at compile time.

```
struct Patient
{
    float height;
    int weight;
    int age;
};

struct Patient p1 = { 180.75 , 73, 23 }; //initialization
```

or

```
struct Patient p1;
p1.height = 180.75; //initialization of each member separately
p1.weight = 73;
p1.age = 23;
```



## Array of Structure

We can also declare an array of **structure** variables. in which each element of the array will represent a **structure** variable. **Example :** `struct employee emp[5];`

The below program defines an array `emp` of size 5. Each element of the array `emp` is of type `Employee`.



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```
#include<stdio.h>

struct Employee
{
    char ename[10];
    int sal;
};

struct Employee emp[5];
int i, j;
void ask()
{
    for(i = 0; i < 3; i++)
    {
        printf("\nEnter %dst Employee record:\n", i+1);
        printf("\nEnter name:\t");
        scanf("%s", emp[i].ename);
        printf("\nEnter Salary:\t");
        scanf("%d", &emp[i].sal);
    }
    printf("\nDisplaying Employee record:\n");
    for(i = 0; i < 3; i++)
    {
        printf("\nEnter name is %s", emp[i].ename);
        printf("\nEnter salary is %d", emp[i].sal);
    }
}
```

```
void main()
{
    ask();
}
```



