Statements

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Statements

Much of our programming will consist of writing statements.

Examples include declaration statements, assignment statements, and function calls, each of which is terminated by a semicolon.

One thing to keep in mind when looking at a program is that the code is processed from the top down.

Declaration Statements

Declaration statements are when we declare variables for use. In C89, variables must be declared at the top of the block in which they are used.

Example:

```
int cost;
int age = 42;
```

Both of these statements allocate memory for use. The second statement also assigns an initial value to the variable.

Assignment Statements

Assignment statements have a left side and a right side. The right side could contain a single value, a complicated expression, or a function call. In each case, the right side will ultimately reduce to a single value, which is then assigned to the variable named on the left side.

Example:

```
int a, b;
a = 14;
b = a + 10;
```

Assignment

Many times we wish to modify the value of a variable (e.g., add, subtract, etc.).

Example: We want to add 5 to the value of a. We can use

$$a = a + 5;$$

Remember: The statement

is assigning the value of expression to some_variable; this isn't an equation in the mathematical sense.

Operators – Assignment

The following assignment operators are available in C:

- += addition
- -= subtraction
- *= multiplication
- /= division

These are an alternative to what we saw on the previous slide.

Example: Instead of

$$a = a + 5;$$

we could use

$$a += 5;$$

Assignment examples

```
int a = 3;
int b = 5;

printf("a has a value of %d\n", a);

a = a + b;
printf("now a has a value of %d\n", a);

/* we could have done this instead */
a += b;
printf("now a has a value of %d\n", a);
```

Output

```
a has a value of 3 now a has a value of 8 now a has a value of 13
```

Brief Introduction to Functions

Functions are collections of computer code that perform a task. In order to use a function, we call it by name and provide it with whatever information is necessary to perform the task.

Example: We can determine the sine of x using

$$y = sin(x);$$

instead of writing the code for the mathematical function

$$\sin(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \cdots$$

We'll discuss how to write our own functions in a future lecture.

Libraries of Functions

The C language (C89 standard) only has 32 keywords, none of which deal with common tasks such as printing, reading / writing files, performing complex mathematical operations, and so forth.

Modern C compilers include functions for performing these common tasks in the Standard C Library.

The function we will use most often in this course is printf().

printf() example

We need to tell the compiler where to find the information it needs to include the function code in the program. This is why when we use printf() we put #include <stdio.h> at the top of the file.

Example

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)
{
   int some_variable = 2;
   printf("some_variable is %d\n", some_variable);
}
```

Output:

More about printf()

We would be severely limited if we had to know exactly what our programs would print at the time we wrote the code.

We can use variables, whose values may be unknown at the time we write our programs, in our calls to printf().

We use **format specifiers** to indicate where our variable will be located in the printed output and how it will appear.

More about printf() cont.

```
#include <stdio.h>
    int main(void)
        int a = 23, b = 1000;
        printf("a is %d\n", a);
        printf("b is %d\n\n", b);
        printf("a is %5d\n", a);
        printf("b is %5d\n", b);
produces
    a is 23
    b is 1000
            23
    a is
    b is 1000
```

printf() Format specifiers

Here are a few examples of the many format specifiers available.

```
#include <stdio.h>
    int main(void)
        int a = 23, b = 1000;
        printf("%d %d\n", a, b);
        printf("%4d %d\n", a, b);
        printf("%04d %d\n", a, b);
        printf("%-4d %d\n", a, b);
produces
23 1000
  23 1000
0023 1000
23
     1000
```

printf() Format specifiers

We use f for floating point numbers.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)
{
    double c = 123.456789;

    printf("%f\n", c);
    printf("%6.4f\n", c);
    printf("%10.4f\n", c);
}
```

produces

```
123.456789
123.4568
123.4568
```