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# MODULE 8: STRUCTURE / UNION P-1

Earlier, we have seen how ordinary variable (like  $x, y, \dots$ ) can hold one piece of data and how Arrays can hold a number of pieces of data/information of the same data type. These two data types can handle a great variety of situation.

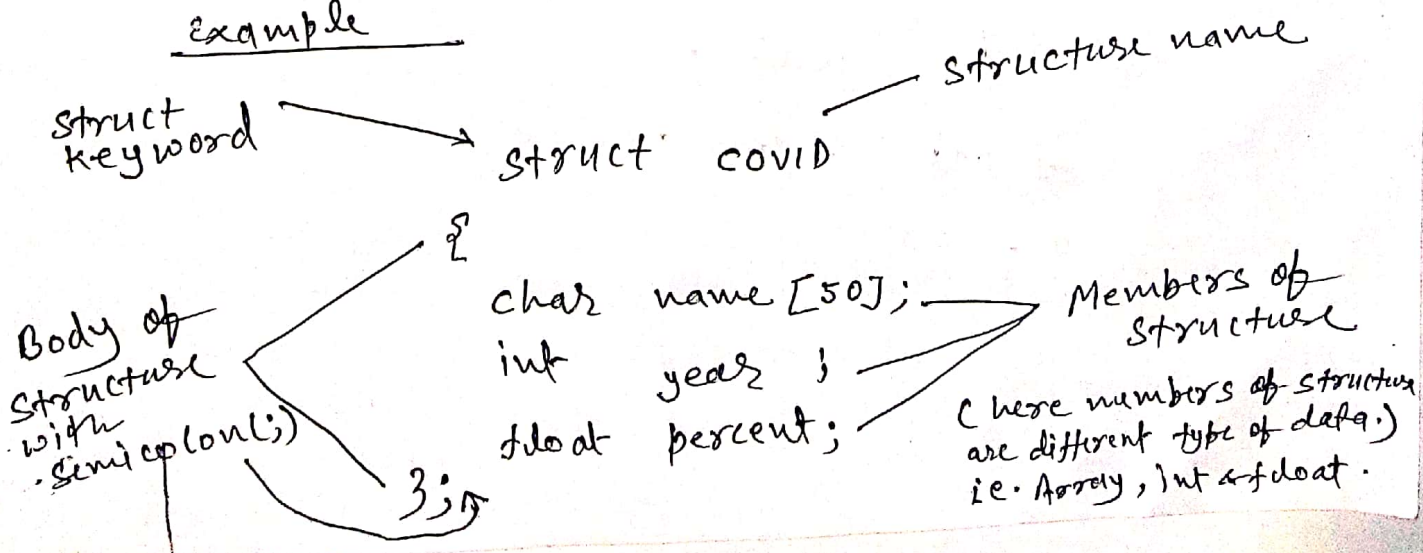
But quite often we deal with entities that are collection of dissimilar data types.

To solve this problem, C provides a special data type - the "STRUCTURE".

Structure :- A structure is a user defined data type in C language which allows us to combine data of different types together.

" Structure is a group of variables of different data types represented by a single name.

example



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```
struct student
{
    char name[25];
    int age;
    char branch[10];
    char gender;
};
```

Example - 3

```
struct lupit
{
    char Add[30];
    int id;
    char branch[10];
    int year;
    float result;
};
```



→ New things, so read carefully

The memory is allocated when the variable of structure tag type is created. To define a variable of structure type, we use the structure tag followed by the variable name. Like

```
book X;
```

Here X is a structure variable of book type. Therefore X will have title, author, publication, year and price. Now suppose we want to represent a ~~date~~ date in day/month/year format, say 10/04/2020. One can see that ~~date~~ day month and year all are integer types of values, but combination of these three will make a single entity i.e. date.

So we must declare a structure for date rather than an array of three elements. We can define the variable along with the structure definition. For example:

①

```
struct date
{
    int day;
    int month;
    int year;
}; adate, bdate;
```

②

```
struct
{
    char title[20];
    char author[10];
    char publication[20];
    int year;
    float price;
}; B;
```

Structure variable →

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In the definition given in case (1), date is a structure tag and a date and bdate are the variable (instances) of data type.

→ Since two structure variables have been declared, the memory space has been reserved for these two variables.

→ Some time structure tag is skipped ~~tag is~~ when only one variable is declared. i.e. in case (2).

### The Dot operator;

The structure variable cannot read or write the values in the in the single command. i.e.

```
printf("v.d", X);
```

this statement produces the error since a single <sup>statement</sup> cannot write the value for all members of X.

Each member of a structure is accessed by using components; a variable name followed by a dot, and then member name. Once the structure variable is defined, its member can be accessed by using dot (.) operator. i.e.

① a.date.month = 11;

② x.prile = 750.78;

③ x.year = 2020;

Cont....

The format for the dot operator is;

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Syntax

Structure\_variable . member\_name ;

### Initialization of a structure

book X = {"C", "Suresh shukla", "WILEY", 2020, "250.19"};

here X is variable of book type whose members are initialized as

X.title = "C"

X.author = "Suresh shukla"

X.publication = "WILEY"

X.year = 2020

X.price = 250.19

Q) Write a program to initialization of value in structure.

```
struct student
{
    char name[20];
    int roll-no;
    float marks;
    char gender;
    long int phone-no;
};
```

Cont....



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```
void main()
```

```
{
```

```
    struct student st1 = { "Ram", 4, 79.8, 'M', 7542958330 };
```

```
    printf("Name\t Roll no\t Marks\t Gender\t PhoneNo.");
```

```
    printf("\n %s\t %d\t %f\t %c\t %d", st1.name,  
          st1.rollno, st1.marks, st1.gender, st1.phone-no);
```

```
    getch();
```

```
}
```

- Q Create a structure named student that has ~~roll no~~ roll and marks as member. Assume appropriate types and size of member. w.a.p. using structure to read and display the data entered by the user.

```
struct student
```

```
{
```

```
char name[50];
```

```
    int roll;
```

```
    float marks;
```

```
};
```

```
void main()
```

```
{
```

```
    struct student s;
```

P.T.O.

```
printf("\n Enter roll : \t");
```

```
scanf("%d", &s.roll);
```

```
printf("\n Enter marks: \t");
```

```
scanf("%f", &s.mark);
```

```
printf("\n Name: \t");
```

```
printf("\n Roll \t Mark \n");
```

```
printf("\n ----- \n");
```

```
printf("\n %d \t %f", s.roll, s.mark);
```

```
getch();
```

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