

## Section 4

# Input / Output

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More about printf and scanf;

Quick look at textfile I/O (reading and writing files that contain text, suitable for use with a text editor like notepad)

```
/* hello.c : a first program */
```

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

```
main()
```

```
{
```

```
    printf( "Hello, world.\n" );
```

```
}
```

Hello, world.

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The classic c program, prints/displays string somewhere.

Where? C adopts from UNIX and elsewhere notion of standard files: in C's case there are three:

stdout, where output goes (eg printf),

stdin, where input comes from (eg scanf),

stderr, where error-messages go

These entities are defined in <stdio.h> and automatically initialized.

Meaning and behaviour is system-dependent. On line-mode systems like old-style UNIX & DOS, stdout = screen, stdin = keyboard, stderr = screen.

In current windowing systems, unclear clear. Concept not really supported in these environments. Lab software, watcom c, creates a window that behaves like line-mode screen.

```
/* io-decimal.c : example decimal format */
```

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

```
#define FIRST 0
```

```
#define LAST 20
```

```
#define STEP 4
```

```
main()
```

```
{
```

```
    int i;
```

```
    printf( "Squares of i\n\n" );
```

```
    i = FIRST;
```

```
    while( i <= LAST )
```

```
    {
```

```
        printf( "%d %d\n", i, i * i );
```

```
        i = i + STEP;
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

Squares of i

0 0

4 16

8 64

12 144

16 256

20 400

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Review:

printf, control string, formatting directives, values contained in subsequent parameters, programmer's responsibility to get these correct.

using %d for integers here. note left aligned

```
printf( control, arg1, arg2, . . . );
```

d, i	decimal
o	unsigned octal
x, X	unsigned hexadecimal
u	unsigned decimal
c	single character
s	character string
e, E	exponential
f	real
g, G	real / exponential
%	%

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there are lots of directives, this is most (missing %p for pointer, %n for target output length (written to parameter))

d,i: decimal integers [i for compatibility with scanf]

o: converts to octal

x,X: converts to hex, case controls output case

.  
.  
.

e,E: exponential (scientific: d.ddd eii), case controls output case

f: real (fixed-point)

g,G: decides for itself between e and f

?: prints a %

Again: control string defines types of parameters and how to process, therefore what to pass; user's responsibility

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```
/* io-3decimal.c : example field width format */
```

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

```
#define FIRST 0
```

```
#define LAST 20
```

```
#define STEP 4
```

```
main()
```

```
{
```

```
    int i;
```

```
    printf( "Squares of i\n\n" );
```

```
    i = FIRST;
```

```
    while( i <= LAST )
```

```
    {
```

```
        printf( "%3d %3d\n", i, i * i );
```

```
        i = i + STEP;
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

Squares of i

0 0

4 16

8 64

12 144

16 256

20 400

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1) minimum field width, will be enlarged if necessary. note right alignment of output

- minus sign inserted if necessary

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```
/* io-zero.c : example ZERO fill format */
```

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

```
#define FIRST 0
```

```
#define LAST 20
```

```
#define STEP 4
```

```
main()
```

```
{
```

```
    int i;
```

```
    printf( "Squares of i\n\n" );
```

```
    i = FIRST;
```

```
    while( i <= LAST )
```

```
    {
```

```
        printf( "%03d %03d\n", i, i * i );
```

```
        i = i + STEP;
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

Squares of i

000	000
004	016
008	064
012	144
016	256
020	400

1) same, leading zeroes

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```
/* io-left.c : example left justify format */
```

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

```
#define FIRST 0
```

```
#define LAST 20
```

```
#define STEP 4
```

```
main()
```

```
{
```

```
    int i;
```

```
    printf( "Squares of i\n\n" );
```

```
    i = FIRST;
```

```
    while( i <= LAST )
```

```
    {
```

```
        printf( "%-3d %-3d\n", i, i * i );
```

```
        i = i + STEP;
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

Squares of i

0 0

4 16

8 64

12 144

16 256

20 400

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1) negative field-width: get rid of zeroes, left-align in fixed-width columns

```
/* io-float.c : example floating point format */
```

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

```
#define FIRST 0.0
```

```
#define LAST 2.0
```

```
#define STEP 0.4
```

```
main()
```

```
{
```

```
float i;
```

```
printf( "Squares of i\n\n" );
```

```
i = FIRST;
```

```
while( i <= LAST )
```

```
{
```

```
printf( "%4.1f %5.2fn", i, i * i );
```

```
i = i + STEP;
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

Squares of i

0.0 0.00

0.4 0.16

0.8 0.64

1.2 1.44

1.6 2.56

2.0 4.00

floating-point example, nothing new here



The diagram illustrates the execution of a C program that prints squares of numbers in exponential format. It consists of a code block on the left and an output box on the right, with arrows and numbers explaining specific parts.

```
/* io-exponent.c : example exponential format */
#include <stdio.h>

#define FIRST 0.0
#define LAST 2.0
#define STEP 0.4

main()
{
    float i;

    printf( "Squares of i\n\n" );
    i = FIRST;
    while( i <= LAST )
    {
        printf( "%8.2E %8.2E\n", i, i * i );
        i = i + STEP;
    }
    printf( "\n( %13.7e )\n", i );
}
```

**Squares of i**

0.00E+00	0.00E+00
4.00E-01	1.60E-01
8.00E-01	6.40E-01
1.20E+00	1.44E+00
1.60E+00	2.56E+00
2.00E+00	4.00E+00
( 2.4000000e+00 )	

**Annotations:**

- 1**: Points to the `printf( "%8.2E %8.2E\n", i, i * i );` line in the code, indicating the format used for the main loop.
- 2**: Points to the `printf( "\n( %13.7e )\n", i );` line in the code, indicating the format used for the final value.
- 9**: Points to the final output line `( 2.4000000e+00 )` in the output box.

1) exponential/scientific format: mantissa and exponent; precise format is system-dependent and usually coordinated with system datatypes.

2) upper and lower case "e"

```

/* io-string.c : example string format */
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

main() {
    char message[ 100 ];

    strcpy( message, "Hello World" );
    printf( "%s\n", message );
    printf( "%10s\n", message );
    printf( "%-10s\n", message );
    printf( "%20s\n", message );
    printf( "%-20s\n", message );
    printf( "%20.10s\n", message );
    printf( "%-20.10s\n", message );
    printf( "%.10s\n", message );
}

```

```

'Hello World'
'Hello World'
'Hello World'
'    Hello World'
'Hello World    '
'    Hello Worl'
'Hello Worl    '
'Hello Worl'

```

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string has 11 visible characters, not use of singles to show fields

- 1) print whole string
- 2) field length is a minimum, so no-op in this case
- 3) left-aligned, still a no-op
- 4) pads with blanks on the left (right-aligned by default)
- 5) left-aligned with minus, pads on right with blanks
- 6) format: width.maximum, used to truncate part of string that is displayed; right-aligned by default
- 7) same as above, left aligned
- 8) no width, but truncation: common use to display first “n” characters

```
/* io-table.c : Monthly Payment Schedule */
```

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

```
#define RATE 0.01
```

```
#define INITIAL 10000.00
```

```
#define PAYMENT 750.00
```

```
main()
```

```
{
```

```
float balance, principal, interest;
```

```
int month;
```

```
balance = INITIAL;
```

```
month = 1;
```

sample program that incorporates many of the ideas. employs a standard technique to guarantee columns with proper spacing.

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```
printf( "%6s%9s%9s%10s\n\n", "month", "balance",  
        "interest", "principal" );  
interest = balance * RATE;  
principal = PAYMENT - interest;  
while( balance > principal )  
{  
    printf( "%6d%9.2f%9.2f%10.2f\n", month, balance,  
        interest, principal);  
    balance = balance - principal;  
    interest = balance * RATE;  
    principal = PAYMENT - interest;  
    month++;  
}  
printf( "%6d%9.2f%9.2f%10.2f\n\n",  
        month, balance, interest, principal );  
printf( "number of months to repay is %d\n", month );  
}
```

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1) note use of equal field width in both places to ensure columns, in particular, substituting constants in field widths.

month	balance	interest	principal
-------	---------	----------	-----------

1	10000.00	100.00	650.00
2	9350.00	93.50	656.50
3	8693.50	86.93	663.07
4	8030.43	80.30	669.70
5	7360.73	73.61	676.39
6	6684.34	66.84	683.16
7	6001.18	60.01	689.99
8	5311.19	53.11	696.89
9	4614.30	46.14	703.86
10	3910.44	39.10	710.90
11	3199.55	32.00	718.00
12	2481.54	24.82	725.18
13	1756.36	17.56	732.44
14	1023.92	10.24	739.76
15	284.16	2.84	747.16

number of months to repay is 15

```
/* io-char.c : example character format */

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

main()
{
    unsigned int cursor;
    char message[ 100 ];

    strcpy( message, "Hello World" );
    cursor = 0;
    while( message[ cursor ] != '\0' )
    {
        printf( "%c", message[ cursor++ ] );
    }
    printf( "\n" );
}
```

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printing character strings on character at a time: more array preview

- 1) loop starts at first character and proceeds until nullchar encountered.
- 2) uses %c formatting directive to display single character
- 3) note use of post auto increment

```
scanf( control, arg1, arg2, . . . );
```

d	decimal
u	unsigned decimal
o	unsigned octal
x, X	unsigned hexadecimal
i	generalized integer
c	single character
s	character string
f	real / exponential
e, E	
g, G	
%	%

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scanf directives, much the same idea as printf ones.

1) %d for decimal (base 10) integers; %i for integral values of any base (in which case, must follow rules for numbers)

2) no distinction in case (both allowed for completeness)

# The Student File

"student.fil"

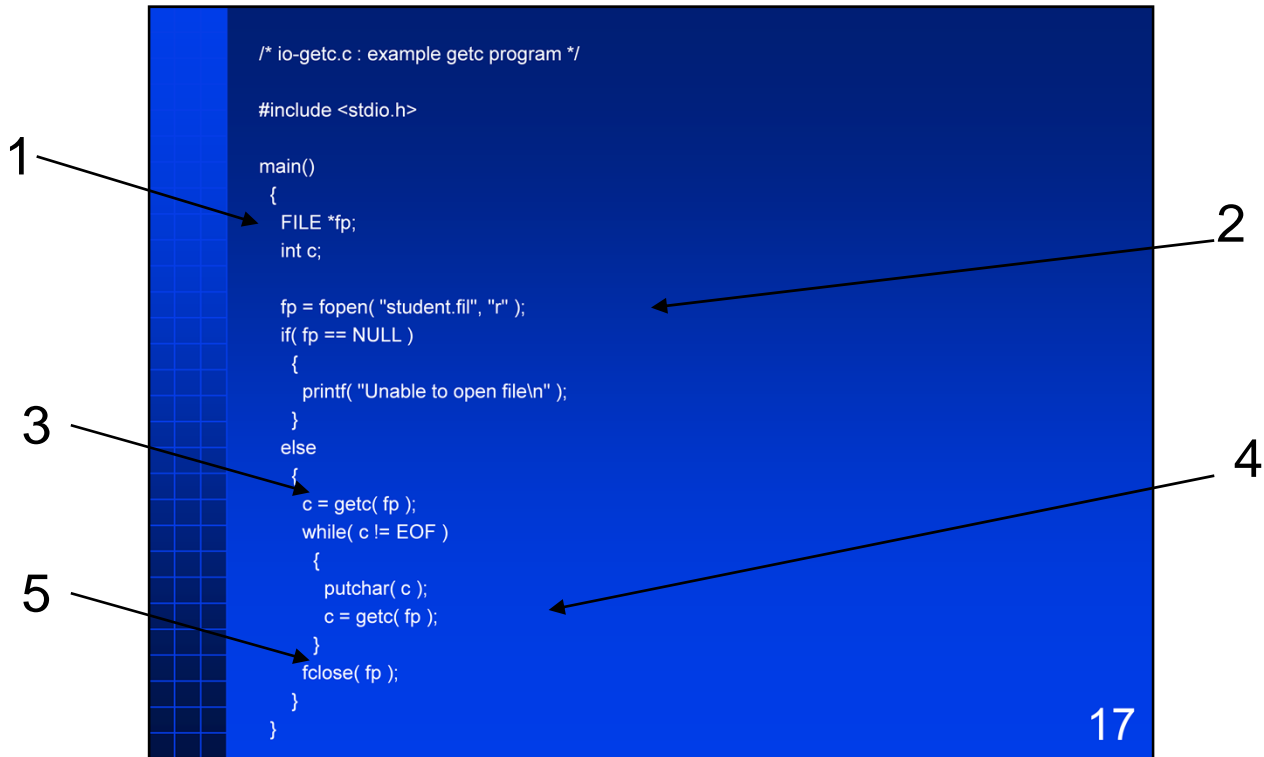
1110 STEVENS	M 17 65 63 85 56 76
1297 WAGNER	M 15 65 86 85 84 74
1317 RANCOURT	F 16 75 72 70 68 65
1364 WAGNER	M 16 70 58 90 64 83
1617 HAROLD	M 17 85 80 80 75 74
1998 WEICKLER	M 16 72 74 75 75 75
2203 WILLS	F 16 73 72 72 73 84
2232 ROTH	M 17 72 70 70 74 72
2234 GEORGE	M 18 70 70 71 58 69
2265 MAJOR	M 16 65 65 68 68 69
2568 POLLOCK	M 17 89 88 85 92 63
2587 PEARSON	F 15 55 50 49 61 60
2617 REITER	M 17 100 68 69 75 89
3028 SCHULTZ	M 18 69 68 75 74 53
3036 BROOKS	M 18 65 68 69 70 65
3039 ELLIS	M 17 85 85 85 85 85
3049 BECKER	F 15 65 65 65 68 69
3055 ASSLEY	M 16 65 63 60 63 65
3087 STECKLEY	M 15 56 53 85 84 72

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Standard files are OK, move on now to look at permanent-file (disk-file) processing. Will be looking at text-files eg the student file. lines of text arranged into columns or fields. Processing will be sequential (start at beginning of file, move forward until end-of-file).

other file-access methods possible, use a different library (eg binary, random-access)



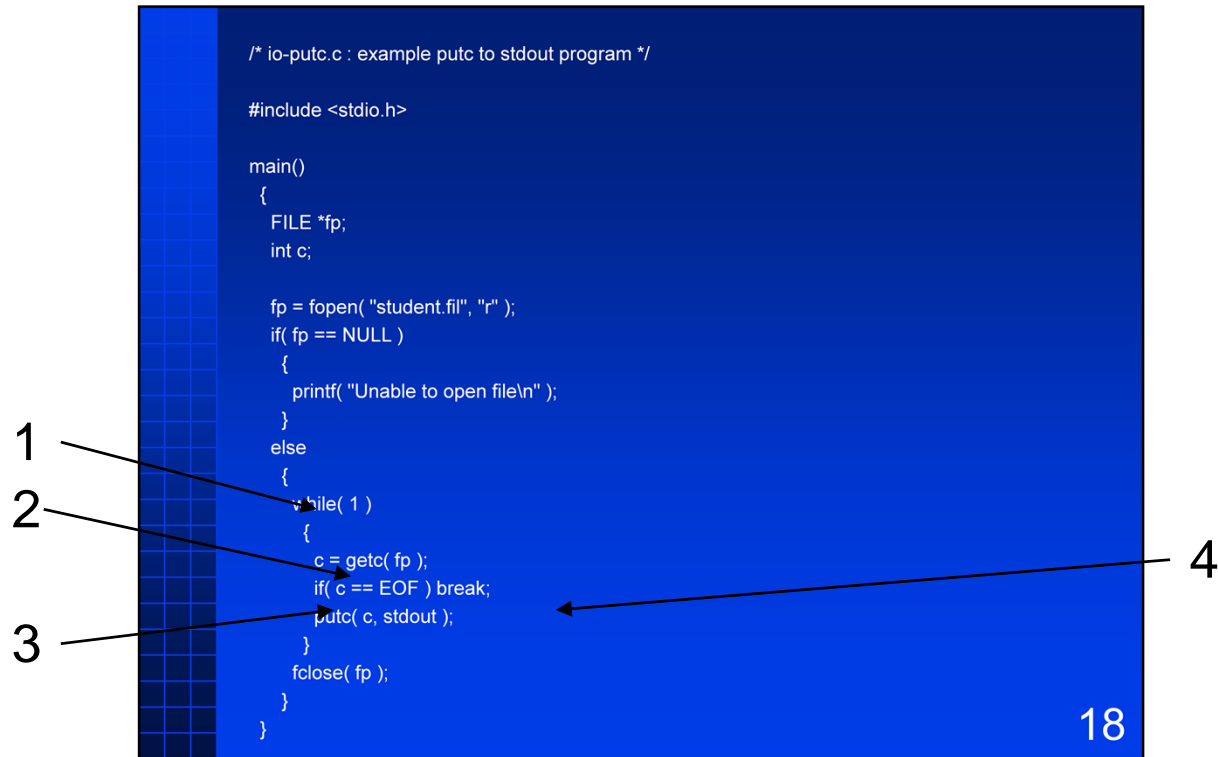


Read student-file and copy verbatim onto standard output (display file)

- 1) magic variable declaration (pointer)
- 2) stdio function fopen: open the named file (name is sysdep) for read "r". returns constant NULL (defined in stdio) if failure, some magical value otherwise (don't care what)
- 3) get a character from the file and put into variable c. if there is no character available, put character constant EOF (defined in stdio) into var c.
  - note that c is declared as an int. allows arbitrary character codes. In particular, allows EOF to be defined as a value that is not any character
- 4) putchar: put a character on stdout
- 5) close the file

Note we pay no attention for line structure, no \n processing, just copy char-for-char. if \n encountered, treated as normal char and written. equivalent to printf( "\n" );

This is a UNIX-ism, view file as sequence of characters with no particular structure, newline may have an interpretation on some devices, others not.



same function, some variations:

- 1) infinite loop: 1 is non-zero which is true
- 2) get out of loop: break. exist from closest-enclosing loop construct. note style of typing
- 3) put a character on specified file. in this case, file is "stdout", so this is equivalent to putchar(c)
- 4) stdout is declared in stdio.h, declared as FILE \*stdout

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```
/* io-putc.c : example putc to file program */
```

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

```
main()
```

```
{
```

```
FILE *fpin, *fpout;
```

```
int c;
```

```
fpin = fopen( "student.fil", "r" );
```

```
if( fpin == NULL )
```

```
{
```

```
printf( "Unable to open input file\n" );
```

```
}
```

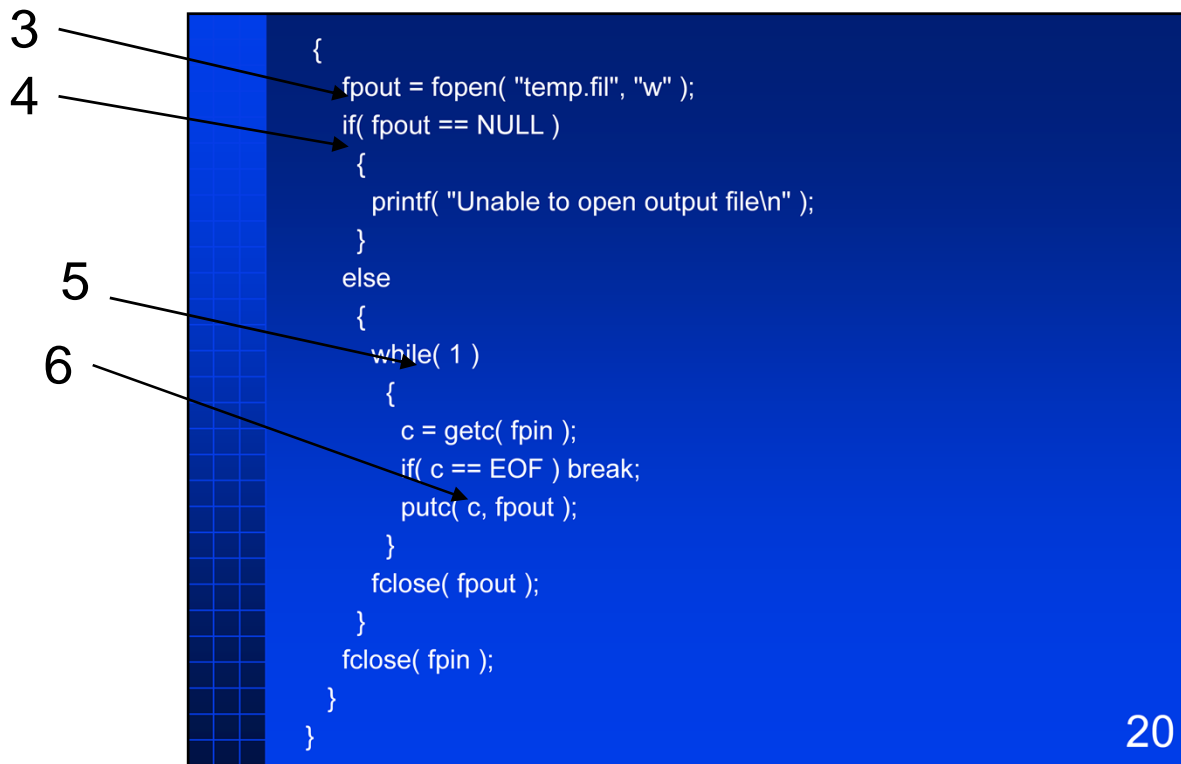
```
else
```

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now, write to a different place than stdout: make a copy of the disk file

1) need two file variables: input file and output file

2) open input file and make sure it opened OK



- 3) open output file: name is "temp.fil", mode is "w" for write
- 4) as opening for read, make sure file opens OK
- 5) loop has same structure: copy characters, ignore line structure
- 6) reference our `fpout` instead of `stdout`

also: make sure not to close a file that didn't open, so have to pay attention to nesting etc.

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```
/* io-gets.c : example fgets program */  
  
#include <stdio.h>  
  
#define MAXLINE 100  
  
main()  
{  
    FILE *fp;  
    int c;  
    char line[ MAXLINE ];  
  
    fp = fopen( "student.fil", "r" );  
    if( fp == NULL )  
    {  
        printf( "Unable to open file\n" );  
    }  
}
```

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sometimes want to maintain record structure. program to read file one line at a time and display on stdout

1) declare a string variable to be used as a line/record buffer. use a symbolic constant for the length, since we'll need this later

```
else
{
    while( fgets( line, MAXLINE, fp ) != NULL )
    {
        fputs( line, stdout );
    }
    fclose( fp );
}
```

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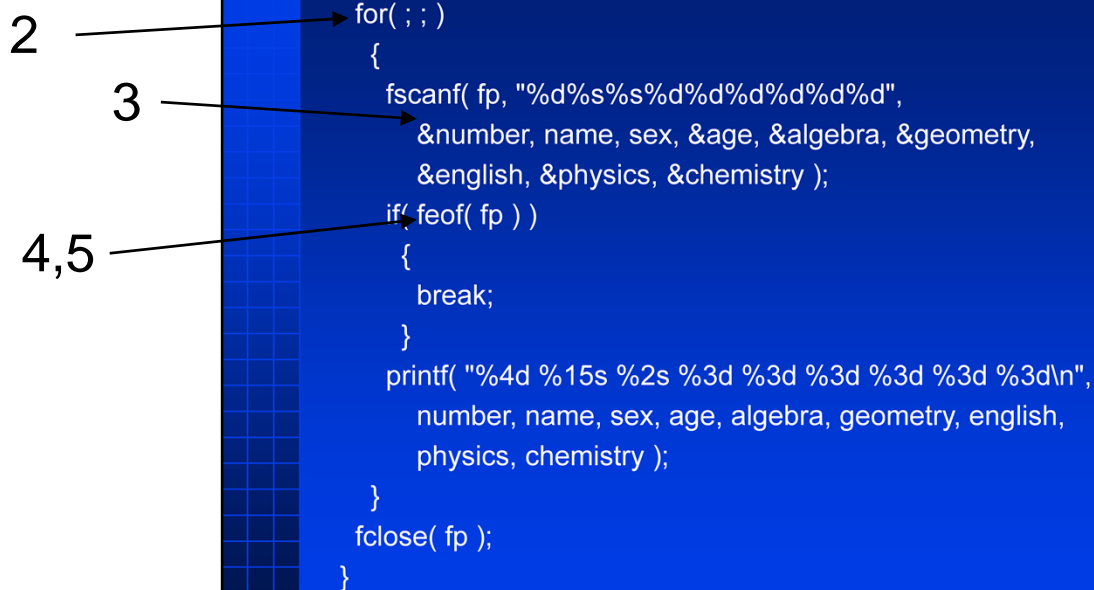
- 2) fgets: gets a string up to and including \n (if any) from a file. destination is "line", source is fp. read no more than MAXLINE characters (use of symbolic constant in both places guarantees no buffer overrun)
- 3) put a string on given file (stdout here). note that string already contains a \n, so no additional stuff
- 4) loop termination: fgets returns null if eof or error, so keep going as long as fgets doesn't return null

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```
/* io-fscanf.c : example fscanf program */  
  
#include <stdio.h>  
  
main()  
{  
    FILE *fp;  
    int number;  
    char name[ 15 ], sex[ 2 ];  
    int age;  
    int algebra, geometry, english, physics, chemistry;  
  
    fp = fopen( "student.fil", "r" );
```

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can use scanf to get at individual fields  
construct control string to match record layout  
1) declare bunch of variables to receive fields



```

2  for(;;)
    {
3      fscanf( fp, "%d%s%s%d%d%d%d%d",
        &number, name, sex, &age, &algebra, &geometry,
        &english, &physics, &chemistry );
4,5  if( feof( fp ) )
        {
            break;
        }
        printf( "%4d %15s %2s %3d %3d %3d %3d %3d %3d\n",
            number, name, sex, age, algebra, geometry, english,
            physics, chemistry );
    }
    fclose( fp );
}

```

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2) infinite loop with for statement instead of while

3) fscanf instead of scanf: first parameter is file variable, rest are the same.  
note mixture of & and not &

- note also that data file is carefully constructed to ensure that each field is blank-delimited.

4) unlike getchar, gets, have no indication from scanf about EOF. have to test explicitly: feof returns true if no more characters in the file.

5) alternate style for if -- break



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```
/* io-sprin.c : example dynamic control string */

#include <stdio.h>

main()
{
    unsigned int total;
    unsigned int decimals;
    float value;
    char control[ 25 ];

    printf( "Total width?\n" );
    scanf( "%d", &total );

    printf( "Decimal places?\n" );
    scanf( "%d", &decimals );
}
```

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Remember that control strings are interpreted at run-time. They can be created and modified at run-time.

Example creates a control string from input provided by the user, then displays a number according to that control string.

1) string variable that will contain the control string, 25 is arbitrary.

The diagram illustrates the use of `printf` and `sprintf` functions. It features a code block with the following C code:

```
printf( "Value to format?\n" );  
scanf( "%f", &value );  
  
sprintf( control, "%%%d.%%df\n", total, decimals );  
printf( "The control string is \"%s\"\n", control );  
printf( control, value );  
}
```

Annotations point to specific parts of the code:

- 2 points to the `sprintf` function call.
- 3 points to the format string `"%%%d.%%df\n"` in the `sprintf` call.
- 4 points to the `\n` escape sequence in the format string.
- 5 points to the `printf` call that uses the `control` string.

A terminal window shows the output of the program:

```
Total width?  
10  
Decimal places?  
5  
Value to format?  
123.456  
The control string is "%10.5f  
"  
123.45600
```

The number 26 is displayed in the bottom right corner of the slide.

- 2) `sprintf`: like `printf`, except that target is not a file, target is a string variable
- 3) want to produce a control string with a %, so need %% [go over control string char by char]
- 4) note `\n` in created control string; note how displayed
- 5) use `\` to display a "

## Summary of printf/scanf

```
printf( control, arg1, arg2, . . . );  
scanf( control, arg1, arg2, . . . );
```

```
fprintf( fp, control, arg1, arg2, . . . );  
fscanf( fp, control, arg1, arg2, . . . );
```

```
sprintf( string, control, arg1, arg2, . . . );  
sscanf( string, control, arg1, arg2, . . . );
```

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printf/scanf to standard files, arbitrary files, string variables.