

# Input and Output [Lecture 2]

## 1. Standard I/O

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[K & R 7.1]

int getchar(void);

int putchar(int);

\* # code 1 - upper.c

## 2. Formatted Output - printf

[K & R 7.2]

int printf(char \*format, arg1, arg2, ...);

int sprintf(char \*string, char \*format, arg1, arg2, ...);

## 3. Formatted Input - scanf

[K & R 7.4]

int scanf(char \*format, ...);

↳ returns no. of items successfully matched.

int sscanf(char \*string, char \*format, arg1, arg2, ...);

Args to scanf - pointers!

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⊗ The arguments to scanf and sscanf must be pointers!

scanf ("%d", n);

scanf ("%d", &n);

#code2 - fun-with-scanf

## 4. File Access

[R & R 7.5]

standard file descriptors - 0, 1, 2  
stdin ↓      ↓      ↓      stdout      stderr.

1) Open a file (fopen)

FILE \*fp;

fp = fopen (name, mode);

char []  
file name

char string  
"r", "w", "a".

"b" - appended to mode if file is a binary file.

2) check for errors.

## Admin

1. Waitlist.
2. Piazza.
3. DH (tentative)
4. PO - clarification.
5. Linux

## 5. Line I/O

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- 3) Read / Write to a file
  - 4) Close the file.

[K & R 7.7]

char \* fgets (char \*line, int maxline, FILE \*fp);

int fputs (char \*line, FILE \*fp);

## The UNIX System Interface

### 1) File Descriptors

[K & R 8.1]

fd - a small non-negative integer.

0 - stdin

1 - stdout

2 - stderr



prog < infile > outfile

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## 2) Low Level I/O - Read and Write [K & R 8.2]

int n\_read = read(int fd, char \*buf, int n);

int n\_written = write(int fd, char \*buf, int n);

Limit of no. of files a program may open = 20 (usually)

no. of bytes read / written

1 or 1024 or 4096 bytes.

## 3) Open, creat, close [K & R 8.3]

int open(char \*name, int flags, int perms);

O\_RDONLY

O\_WRONLY

O\_RDWR

int creat(char \*name, int perms);

int close(int fd);