

Example – Parameter passage

Write a function to simulate throwing two dice. The function will return a void and the value of the two dice will come back as output parameters. Your main program will print the value of the two dice on the console.

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<stdlib.h>
#include<time.h>
void RollTwoDice(int *d1, int *d2);
int main()
{
    int d1, d2;
    //seed random number generator with present time
    srand((unsigned)time(NULL));
    RollTwoDice(&d1, &d2);
    printf("%d, %d \n", d1, d2);
    printf("%d, %d \n", (int)&d1, (int)&d2);

    return 0;
}
void RollTwoDice(int *pd1,int *pd2)
{
    *pd1 = rand() % 6 + 1;
    *pd2 = rand() % 6 + 1;
    printf("%d, %d \n", (int)pd1, (int)pd2);
}
}
```

Go over this example with the debugger.

```
#include<stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int a = 15;
    int *aPtr = &a;
    printf("%d\n", a);
    printf("%d\n", (int)&a);
    printf("%d\n", (int)aPtr);
    printf("%d\n", *aPtr);
    printf("%d\n", (int>(&*aPtr));
    printf("%d\n", *(aPtr));
}/*
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```


Format string specifications^[edit]

The formatting [placeholders](#) in `scanf` are more or less the same as that in `printf`, its reverse function.

There are rarely constants (i.e. characters that are not formatting [placeholders](#)) in a format string, mainly because a program is usually not designed to read known data. The exception is one or more [whitespace](#) characters, which discards all whitespace characters in the input.

Some of the most commonly used placeholders follow:

- `%d` : Scan an integer as a signed [decimal](#) number.
- `%i` : Scan an integer as a signed number. Similar to `%d`, but interprets the number as [hexadecimal](#) when preceded by `0x` and [octal](#) when preceded by `0`. For example, the string `031` would be read as 31 using `%d`, and 25 using `%i`. The flag `h` in `%hi` indicates conversion to a `short` and `hh` conversion to a `char`.
- `%u` : Scan for decimal `unsigned int` (Note that in the C99 standard the input value minus sign is optional, so if a minus sign is read, no errors will arise and the result will be the [two's complement](#) of a negative number, likely a very large value. See `strtoul()`.^[not in citation given]) Correspondingly, `%hu` scans for an `unsigned short` and `%hhu` for an `unsigned char`.
- `%f` : Scan a [floating-point](#) number in normal ([fixed-point](#)) notation.
- `%g`, `%G` : Scan a floating-point number in either normal or exponential notation. `%g` uses lower-case letters and `%G` uses upper-case.
- `%x`, `%X` : Scan an integer as an unsigned [hexadecimal](#) number.
- `%o` : Scan an integer as an [octal](#) number.
- `%s` : Scan a [character string](#). The scan terminates at [whitespace](#). A [null character](#) is stored at the end of the string, which means that the buffer supplied must be at least one character longer than the specified input length.
- `%c` : Scan a character (`char`). No [null character](#) is added.
- [whitespace](#): Any whitespace characters trigger a scan for zero or more [whitespace](#) characters. The number and type of whitespace characters do not need to match in either direction.
- `%lf` : Scan as a [double](#) floating-point number.
- `%Lf` : Scan as a [long double](#) floating-point number.

The above can be used in compound with numeric modifiers and the `l`, `L` modifiers which stand for "long" in between the percent symbol and the letter. There can also be numeric values between the percent symbol and the letters, preceding the `long` modifiers if any, that specifies the number of characters to be scanned. An optional [asterisk](#) (`*`) right after the percent symbol denotes that the datum read by this format specifier is not to be stored in a variable. No argument behind the format string should be included for this dropped variable.

The `ff` modifier in `printf` is not present in `scanf`, causing differences between modes of input and output. The `ll` and `hh` modifiers are not present in the C90 standard, but are present in the C99 standard.^[2]

An example of a format string is

```
"%7d%s %c%lf"
```

The above format string scans the first seven characters as a decimal integer, then reads the remaining as a string until a space, new line or tab is found, then scans the first non-whitespace character following and a double-precision floating-point number afterwards.

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TABLE 11.1 Meanings of Common Escape Sequences

Escape Sequence	Meaning
'\n'	new line
'\t'	tab
'\f'	form feed (new page)
'\r'	return (go back to column 1 of current output line)
'\b'	backspace

TABLE 11.2 Placeholders for printf Format Strings

Placeholder	Used for Output of	Example	Output
%c	a single character	<code>printf("%c%c%c\n", 'a', '\n', 'b');</code>	a b
%s	a string	<code>printf("%s%s\n", "Hi, how ", "are you?");</code>	Hi, how are you?
%d	an integer (in base 10)	<code>printf("%d\n", 43);</code>	43
%o	an integer (in base 8)	<code>printf("%o\n", 43);</code>	53
%x	an integer (in base 16)	<code>printf("%x\n", 43);</code>	2b
%f	a floating-point number	<code>printf("%f\n", 81.97);</code>	81.970000
%e	a floating-point number in scientific notation	<code>printf("%e\n", 81.97);</code>	8.197000e+01
%E	a floating-point number in scientific notation	<code>printf("%E\n", 81.97);</code>	8.197000E+01
%%	a single % sign	<code>printf("%d%%\n", 10);</code>	10%

TABLE 11.3 Designating Field Width, Justification, and Precision in Format Strings

Example	Meaning of Highlighted Format String Fragment	Output Produced
<code>printf("%5d%4d\n", 100, 2);</code>	Display an integer right-justified in a field of five columns.	<code> 100 2</code>
<code>printf("%2d with label\n", 5210);</code>	Display an integer in a field of two columns. Note: Field is too small.	<code>5210withlabel</code>
<code>printf("%-16s%d\n", "Jeri R. Hanly", 28);</code>	Display a string left-justified in a field of 16 columns.	<code>Jeri R. Hanly 28</code>
<code>printf("%15f\n", 981.48);</code>	Display a floating-point number right-justified in a field of 15 columns.	<code> 981.480000</code>
<code>printf("%10.3f\n", 981.48);</code>	Display a floating-point number right-justified in a field of ten columns, with three digits to the right of the decimal point.	<code> 981.480</code>
<code>printf("%7.1f\n", 981.48);</code>	Display a floating-point number right-justified in a field of seven columns, with one digit to the right of the decimal point.	<code> 981.5</code>
<code>printf("%12.3e\n", 981.48);</code>	Display a floating-point number in scientific notation right-justified in a field of 12 columns, with three digits to the right of the decimal point and a lowercase <code>e</code> before the exponent.	<code> 9.815e+02</code>
<code>printf("%.5E\n", 0.098148);</code>	Display a floating-point number in scientific notation, with five digits to the right of the decimal point and an uppercase <code>E</code> before the exponent.	<code>9.81480E-02</code>