

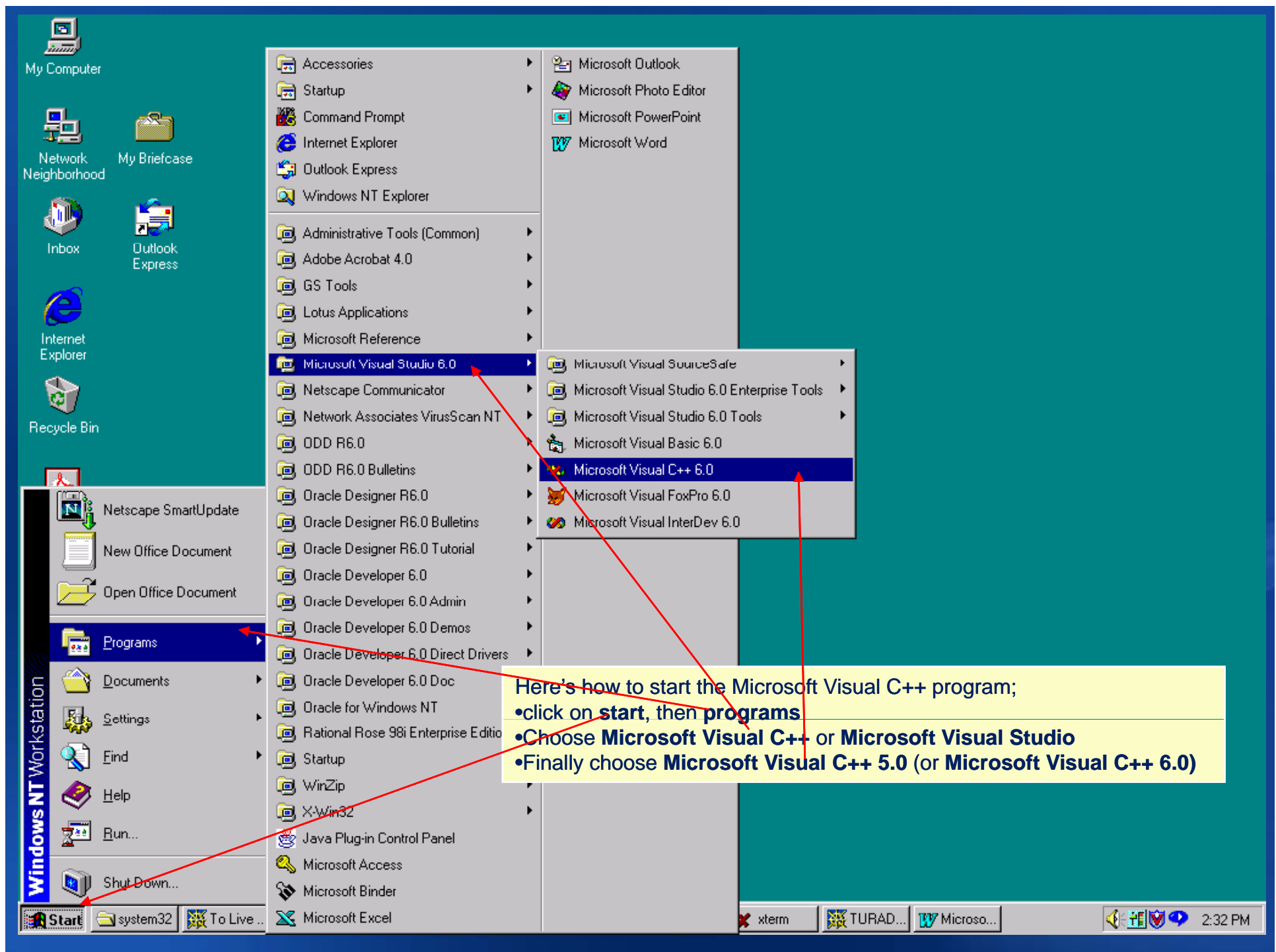
# Chapter 2

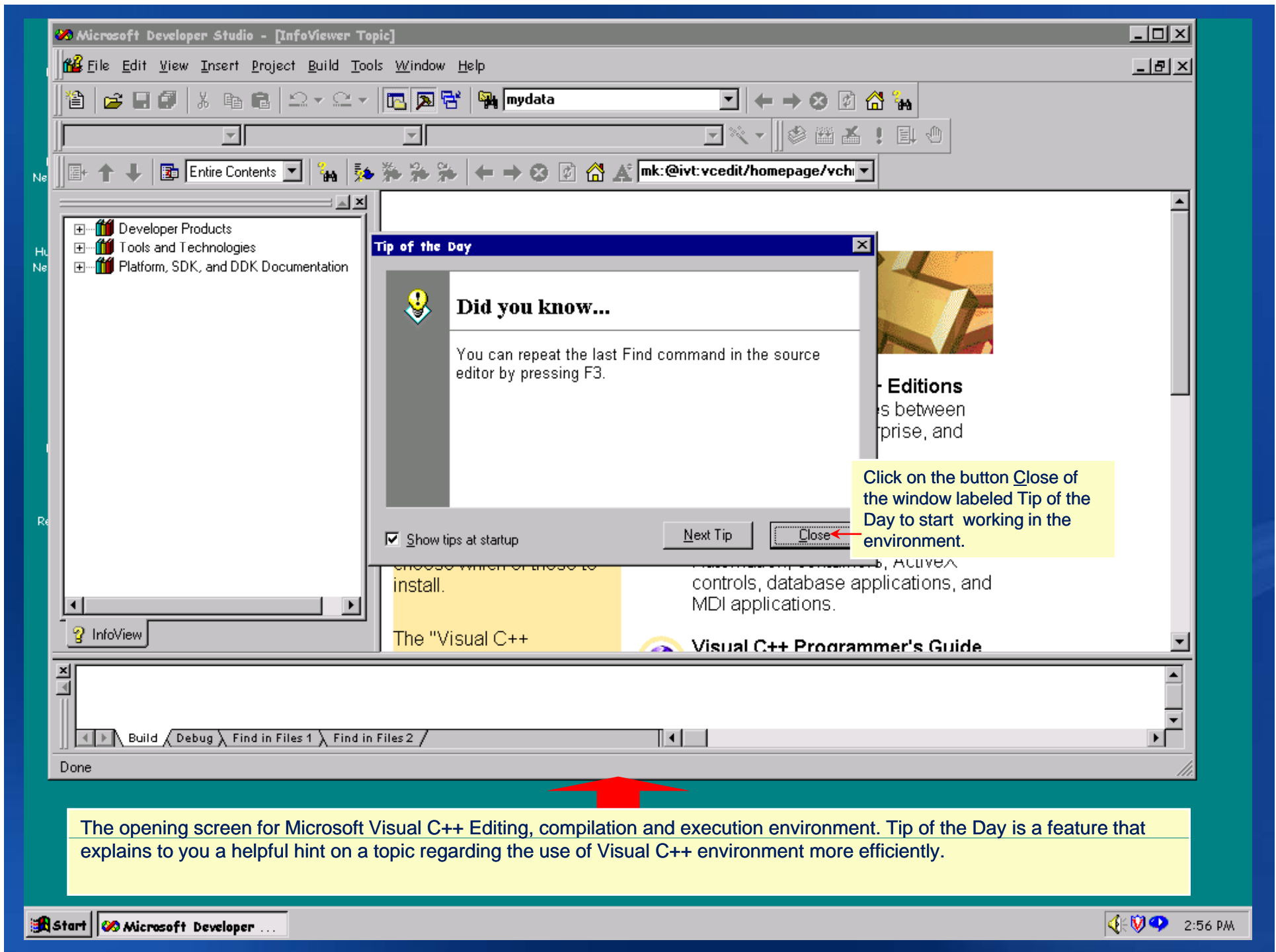
## Introducing C

# Chapter Outline

- Operator: =
- Functions: main(), printf()
- Putting together a simple C program
- Creating integer-valued variables, assigning them values, and displaying those values onscreen
- The newline character
- How to include comments in your programs, create programs containing more than one function, and find program errors
- What keywords are

# Visual C++ 6.0 Tutorial





The opening screen for Microsoft Visual C++ Editing, compilation and execution environment. Tip of the Day is a feature that explains to you a helpful hint on a topic regarding the use of Visual C++ environment more efficiently.

Workspaces  
Projects  
C Program Source files

In Visual C++ The programs you develop are organized as follows;

- C source file

A C program that implements a certain algorithm to solve a problem

- Project

- Sometimes in big programs one has to distribute the C source statements over multiple files, not only one.

- In these cases all the files that logically make up one program must be collected together.

- A project is the folder in visual C where all pieces of the same program are stored.

- Workspaces

- In big big software development projects there may be a need to develop multiple big programs (i.e. multiple projects), for example, In a financial software package , you find Payroll, Accounts payable, Accounts receivable programs.

- A workspace is the way visual C allows us to collect related projects

The Visual C++ environment is split into three basic windows:

- Editing window
- InfoViewing window
- Debugging window

#### Editing Window

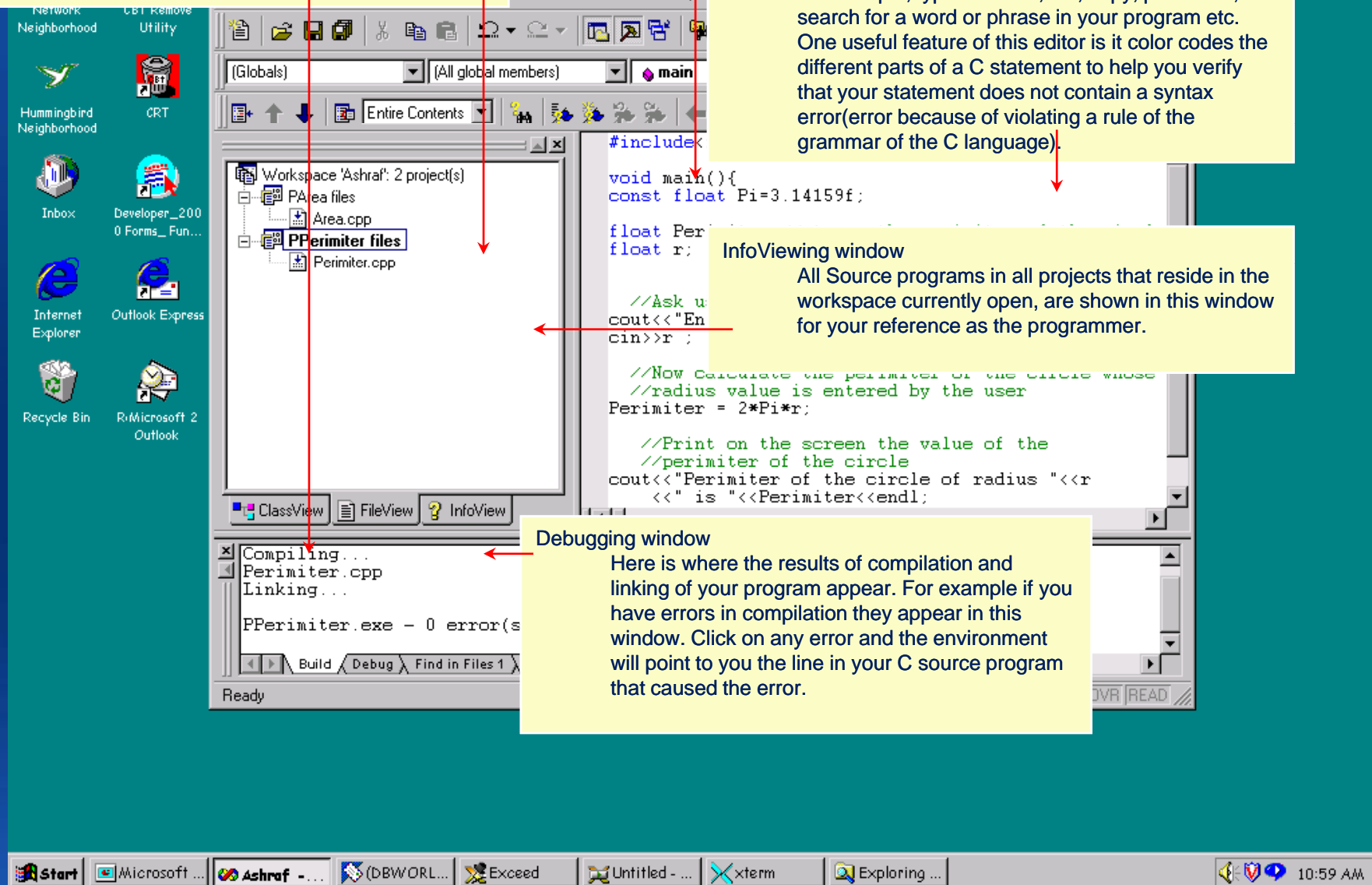
Here you will type the C source program. You can do the normal operations you expect in any editor, for example, type new text, cut, copy, paste text, search for a word or phrase in your program etc. One useful feature of this editor is it color codes the different parts of a C statement to help you verify that your statement does not contain a syntax error(error because of violating a rule of the grammar of the C language).

#### InfoViewing window

All Source programs in all projects that reside in the workspace currently open, are shown in this window for your reference as the programmer.

#### Debugging window

Here is where the results of compilation and linking of your program appear. For example if you have errors in compilation they appear in this window. Click on any error and the environment will point to you the line in your C source program that caused the error.



## Using Microsoft Visual C++ Environment Scenario I

The following slide illustrate a scenario for creating a new C source program from scratch, compiling it, and executing it. The steps are summarized as follows:

- Create New Source file

This step allows a new C source file that will contain your program to be opened

- Editing & storing a C source program inside the project workspace

In the editing window we will type the statements of a simple but complete C source program.

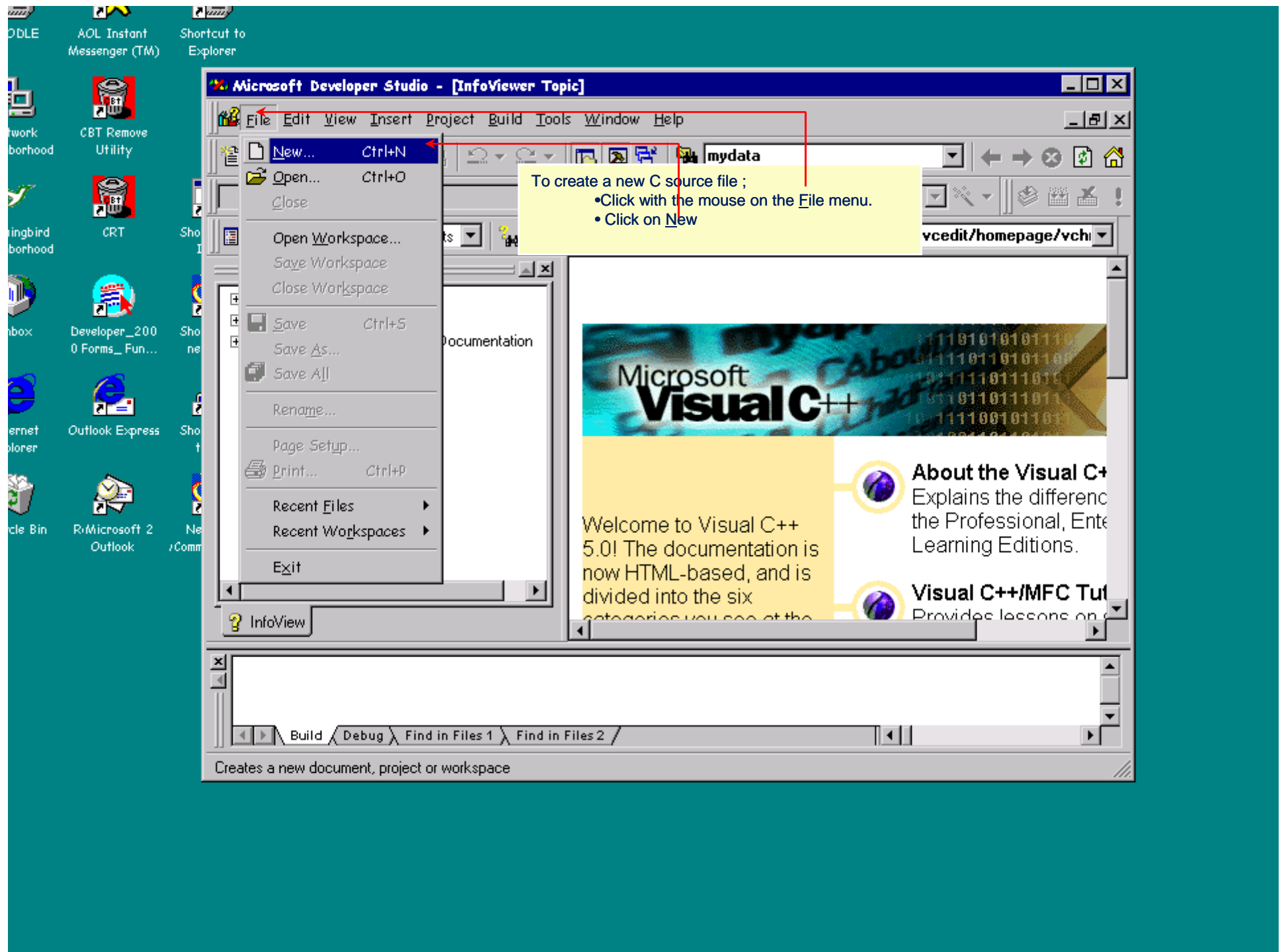
- Compiling & linking the C source program to produce the executable machine language program

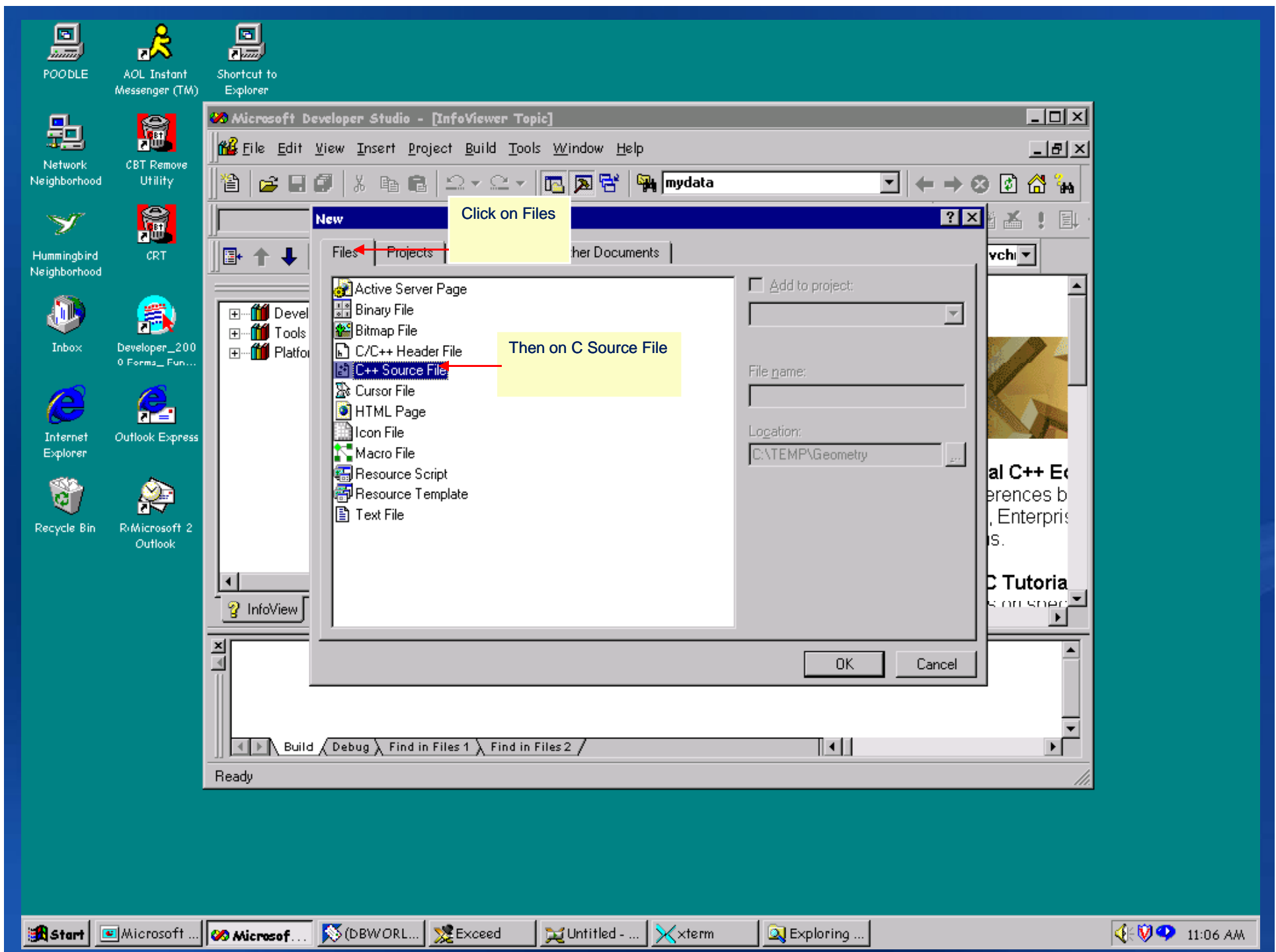
The source program written in the C language is translated into a program that does the same exact thing but written in the machine language of the computer you are using. The later program is called the executable program since it can be run directly on the machine. (For example, if your machine has a Pentium processor translation will produce a program written in the Pentium processor's instruction set)

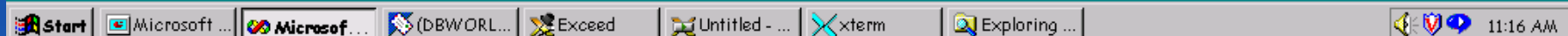
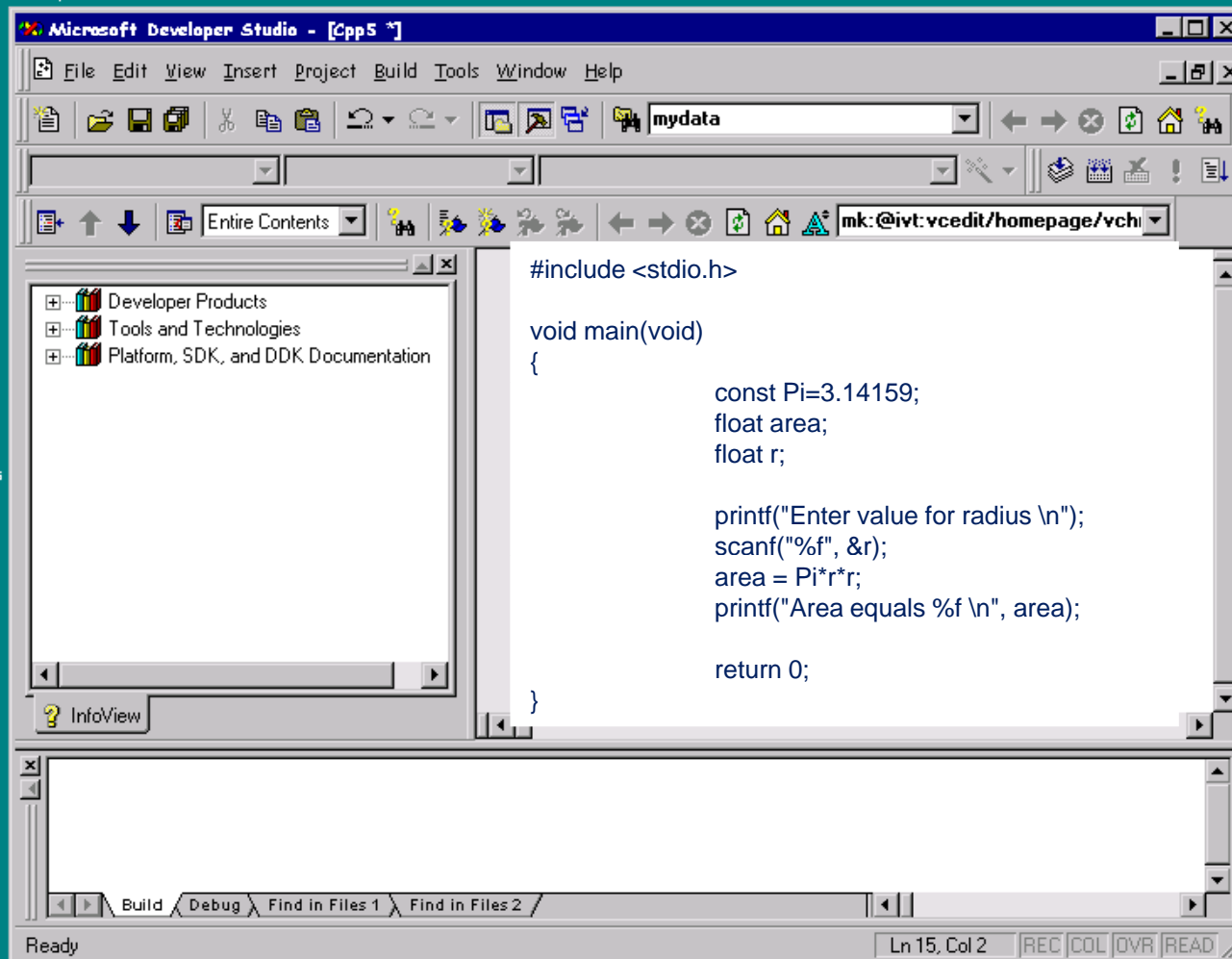
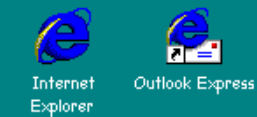
- Executing the executable program

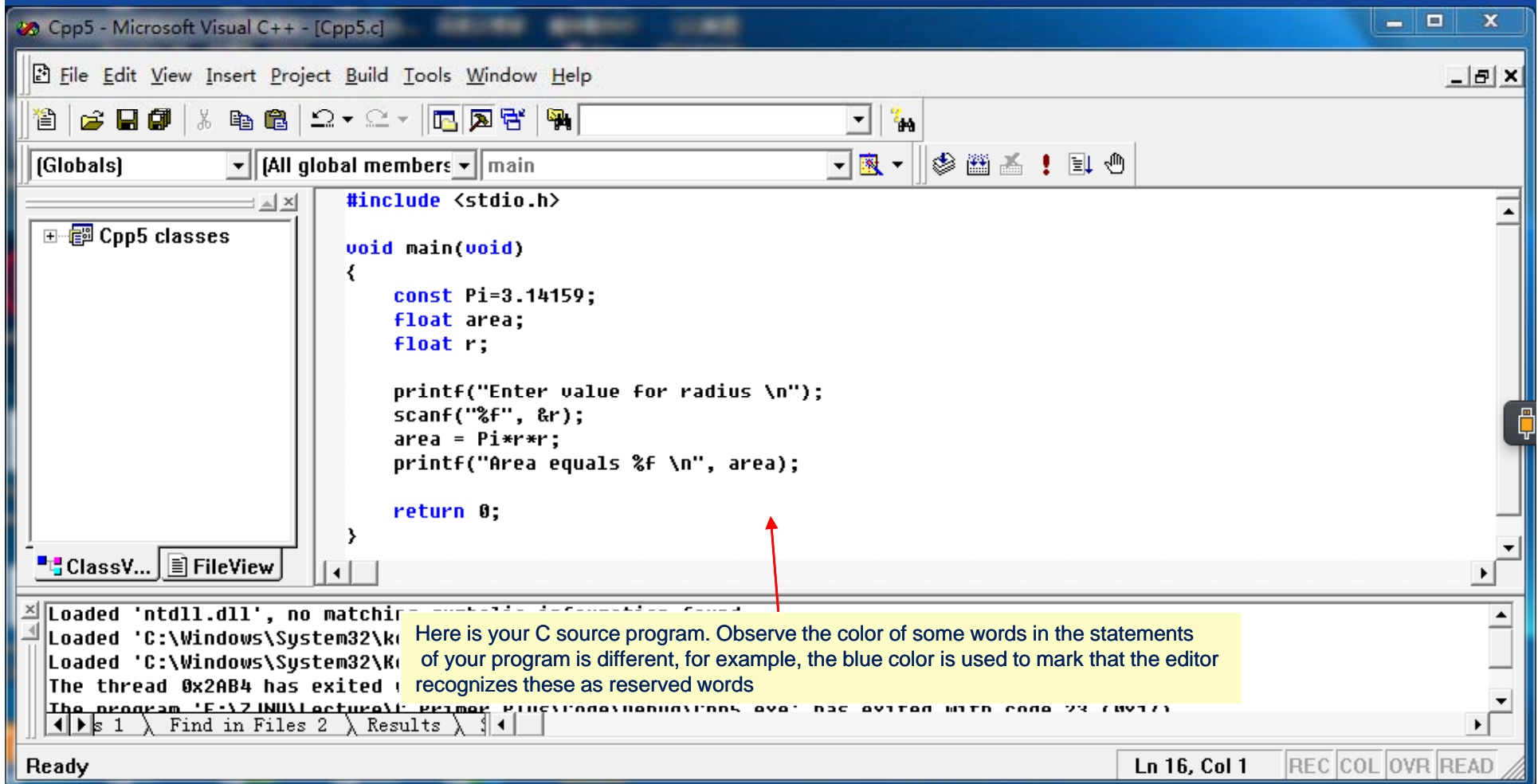
Basically, Visual C++ environment asks the Operating system to load the machine language instructions of your executable program and have them executed.

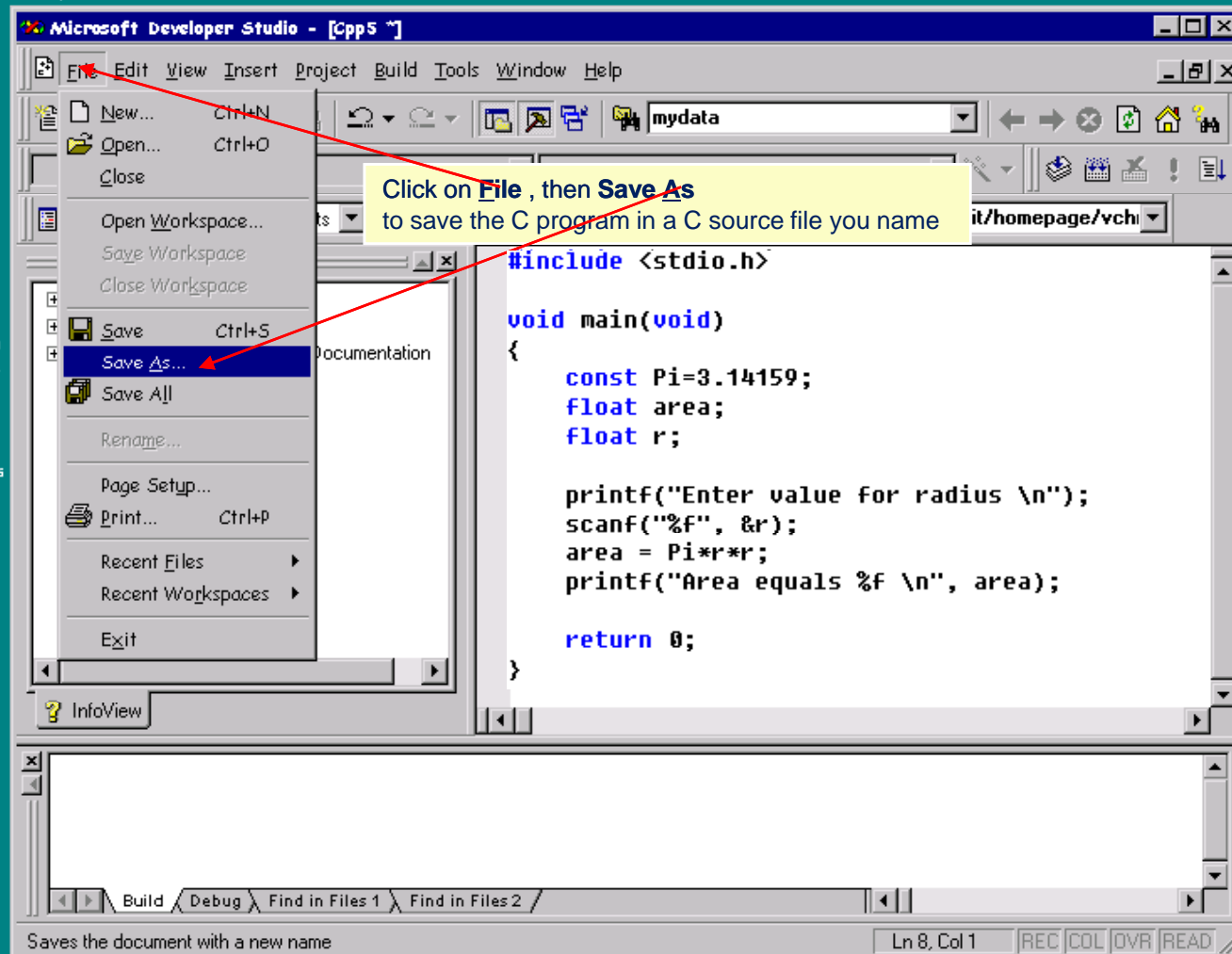
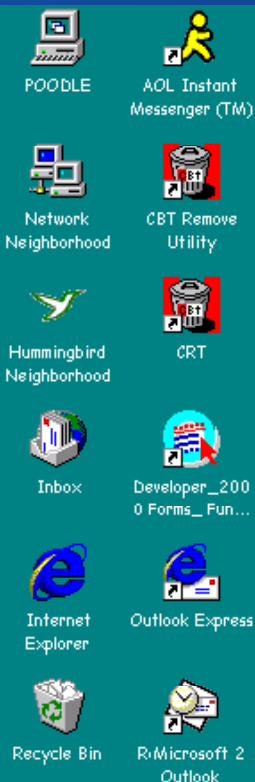


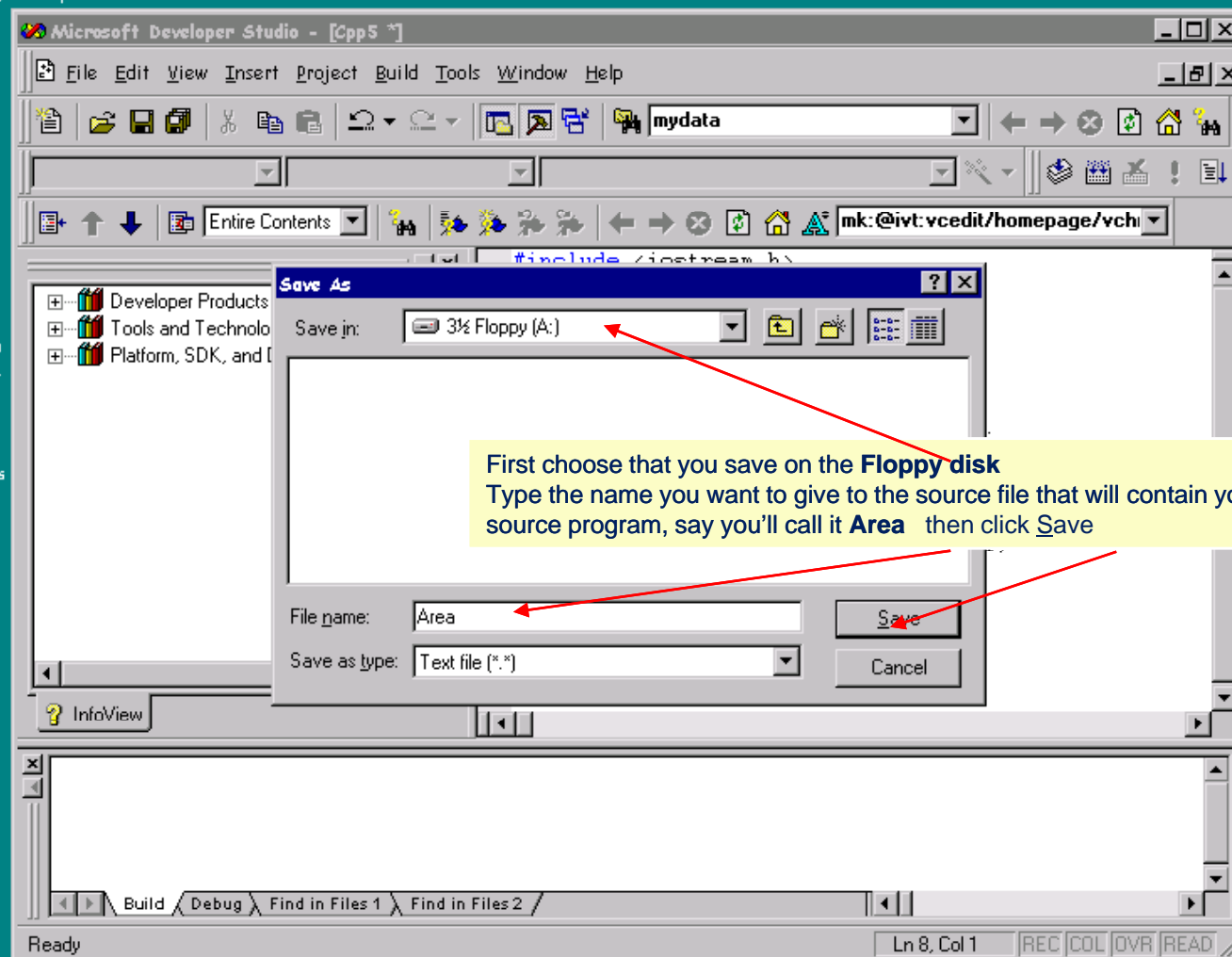
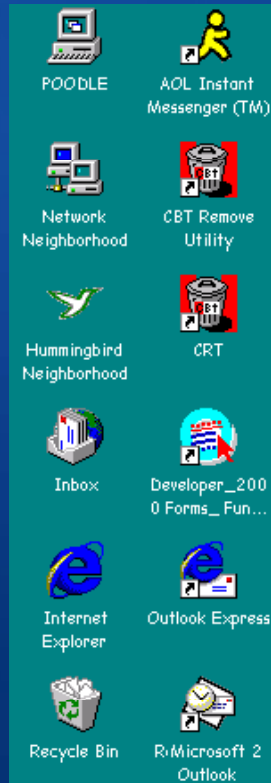


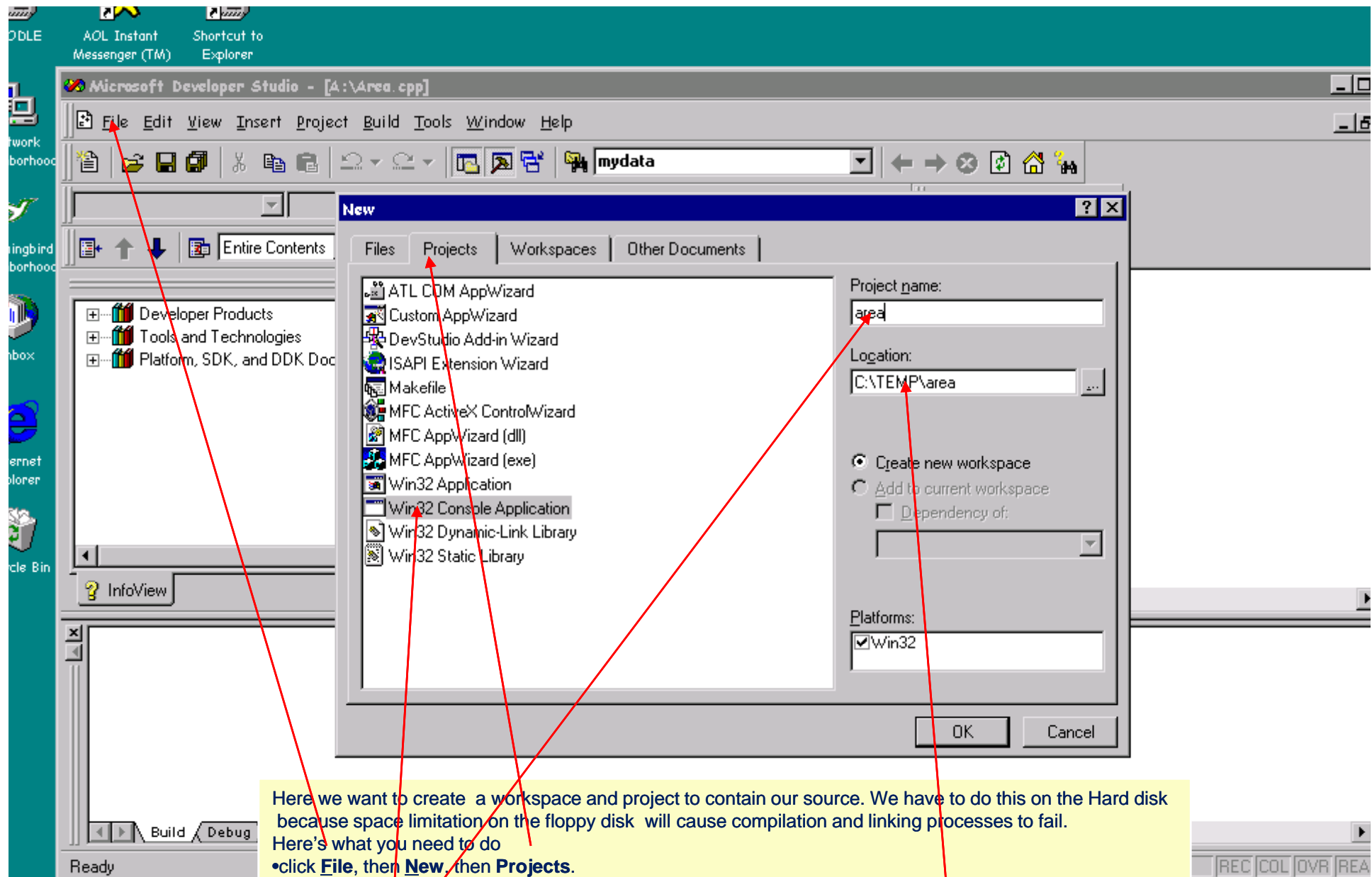












Here we want to create a workspace and project to contain our source. We have to do this on the Hard disk because space limitation on the floppy disk will cause compilation and linking processes to fail.

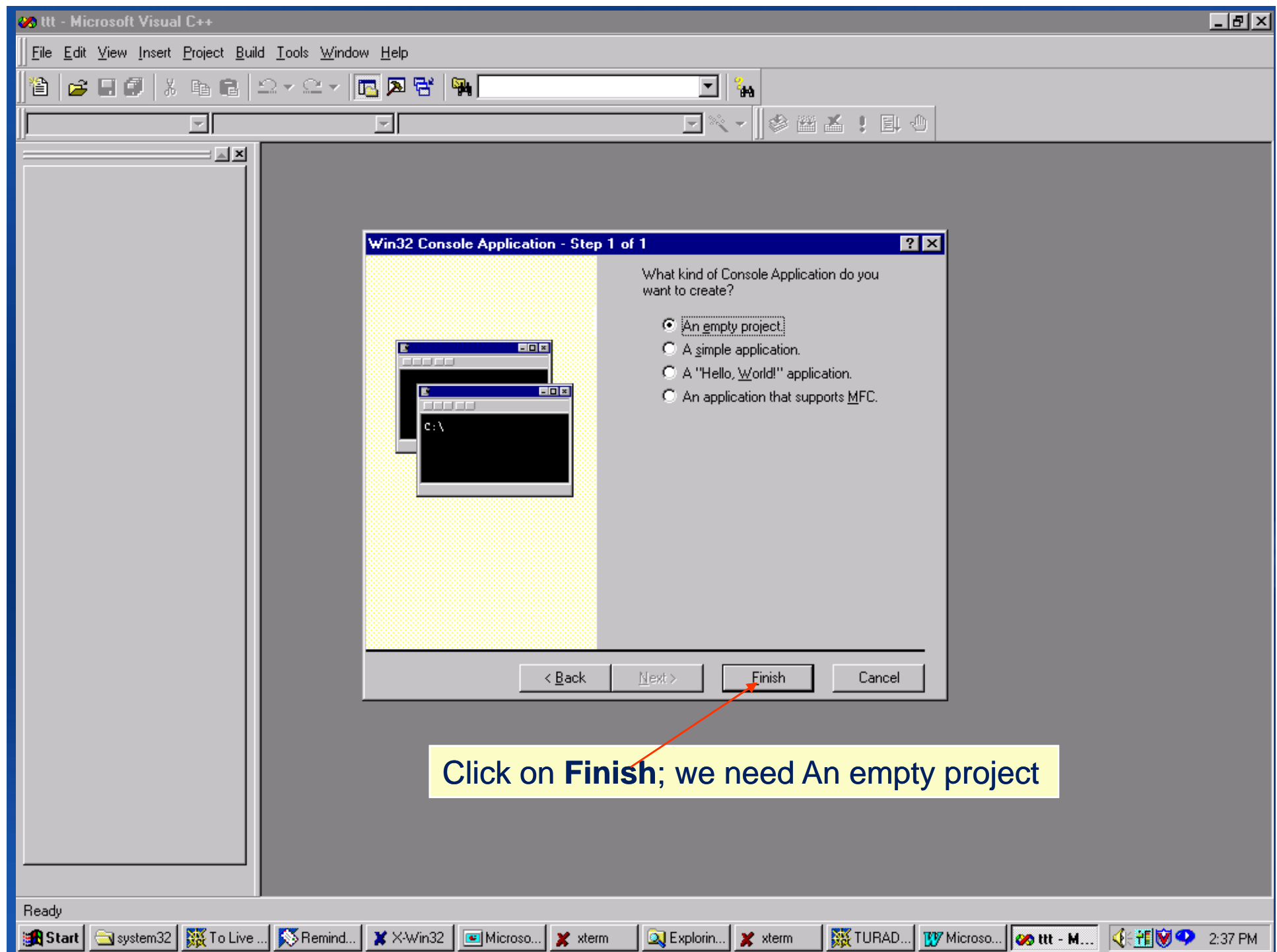
Here's what you need to do

- click **File**, then **New**, then **Projects**.

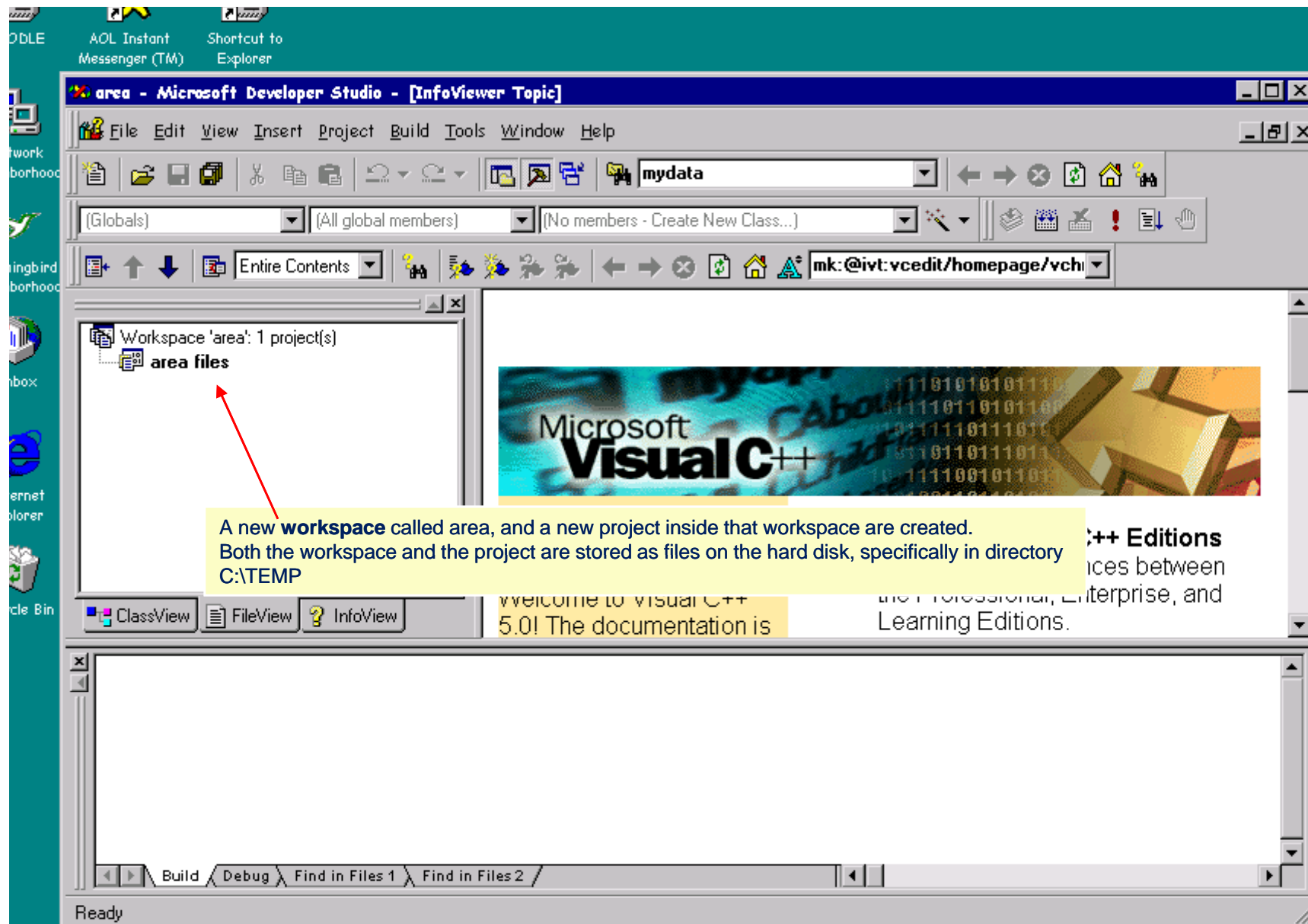
- Choose **Win32 Console Application**

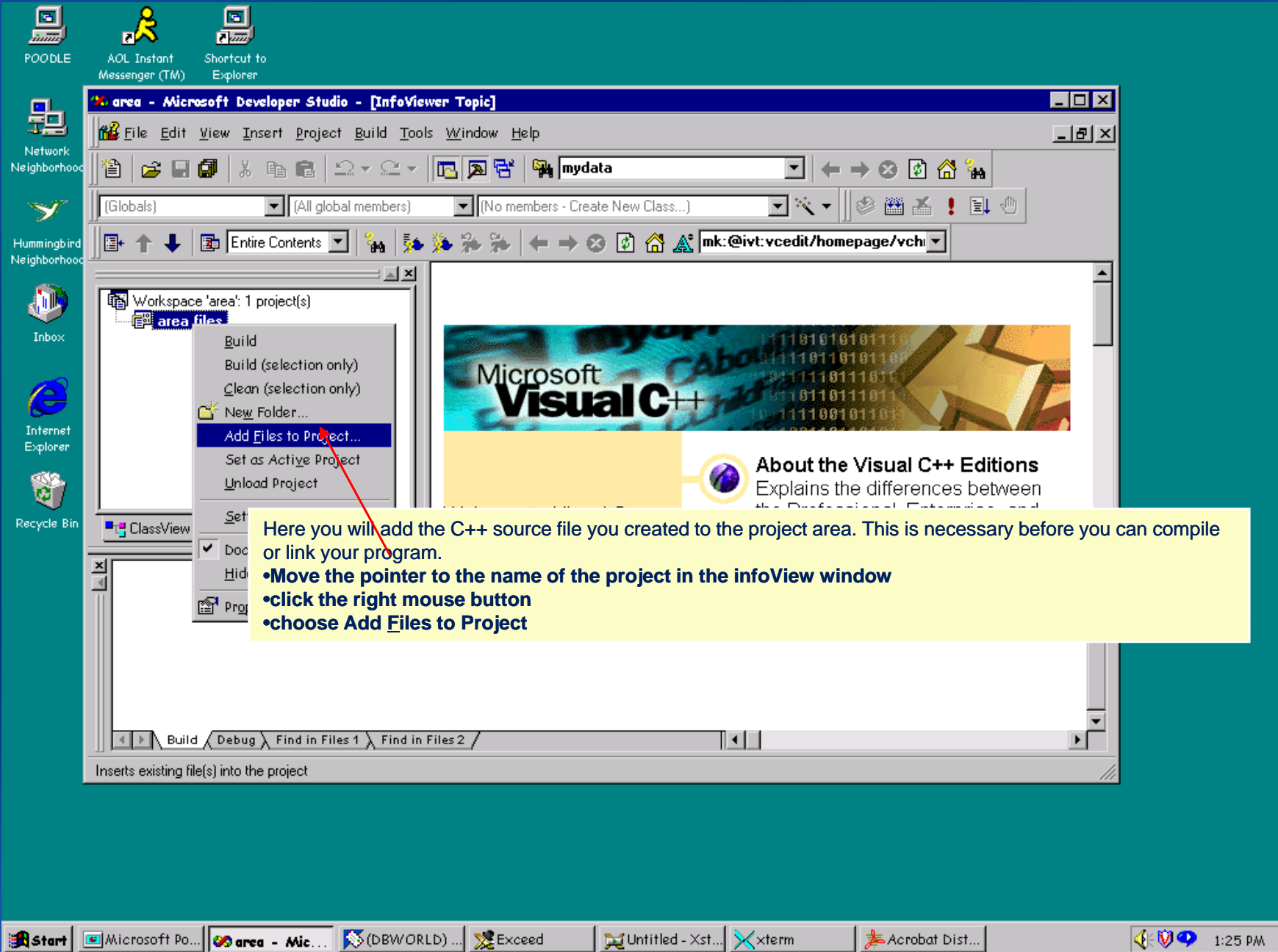
- Type a **Project name** for the project you are creating, best to use the same name as your C++ source file

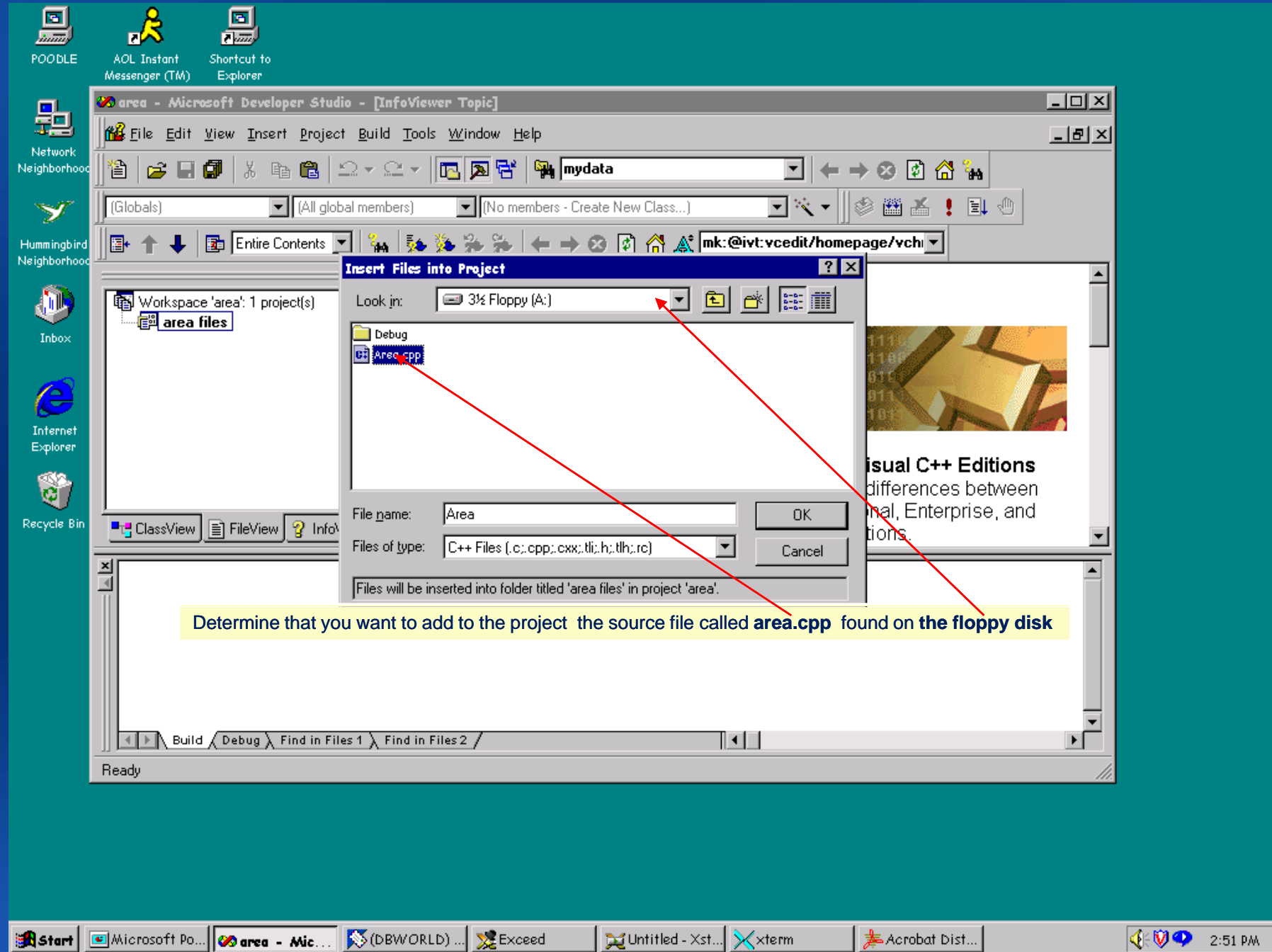
- Make sure the project is stored in a directory on the hard disk C:\, for example **C:\TEMP**

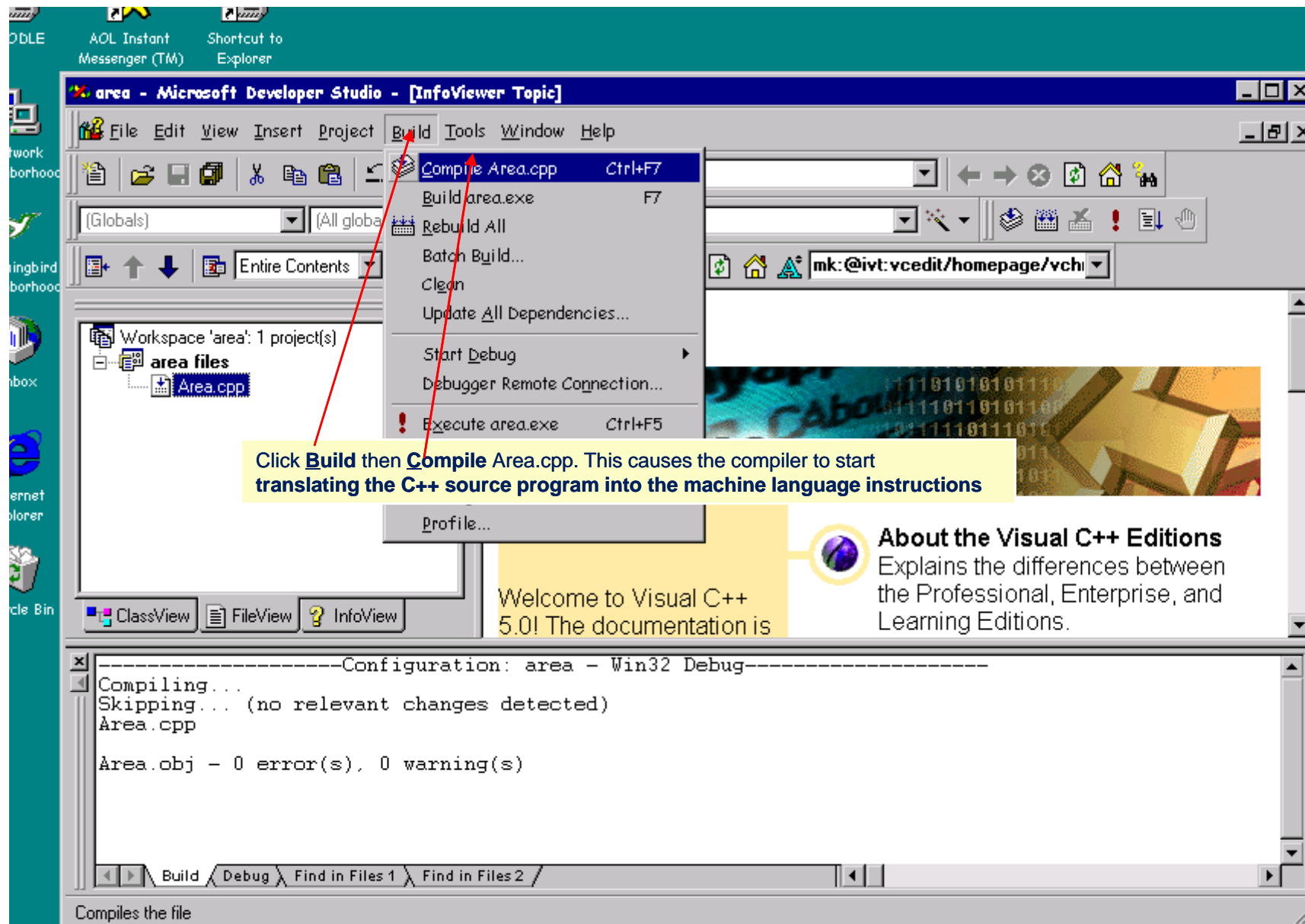


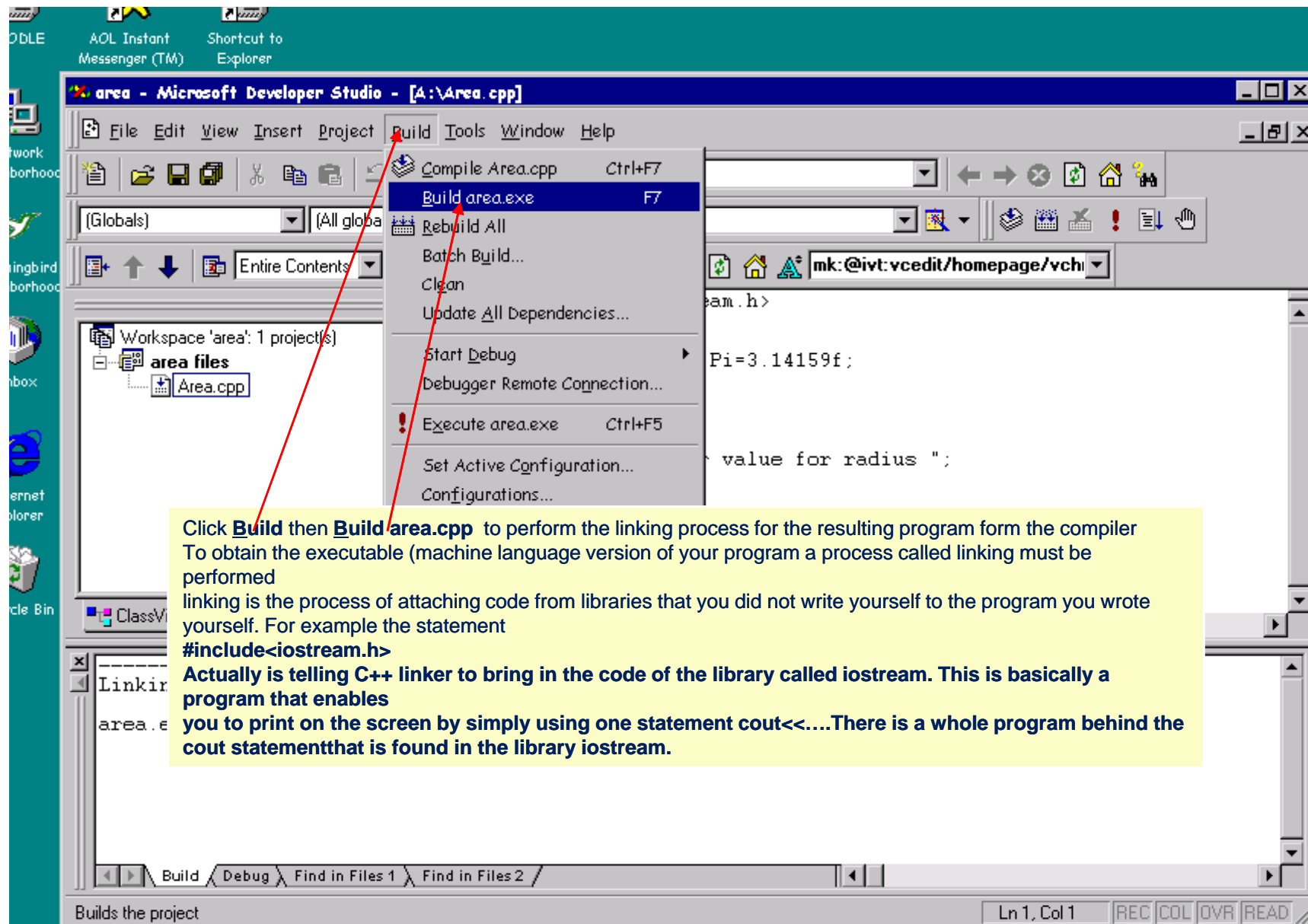


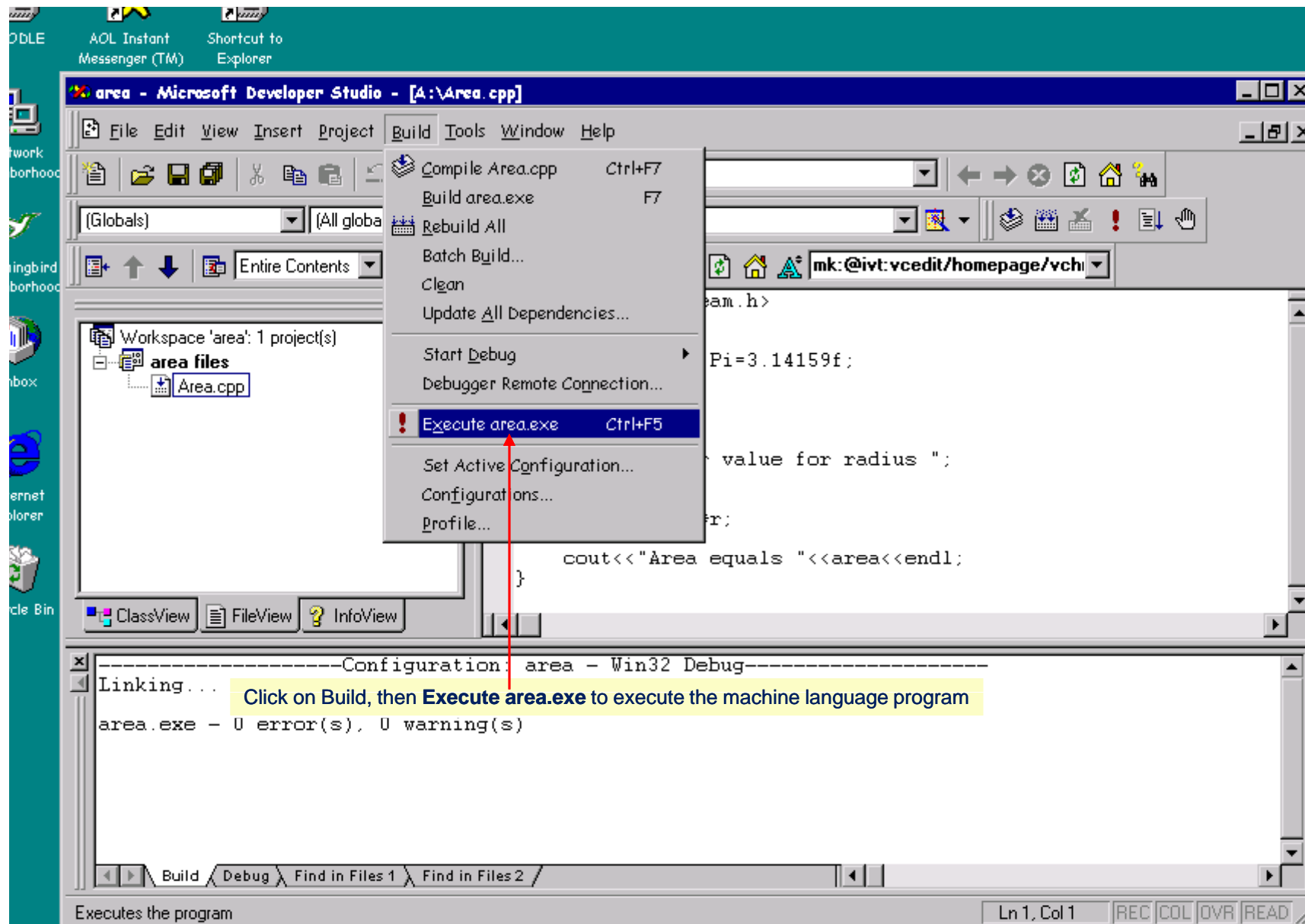


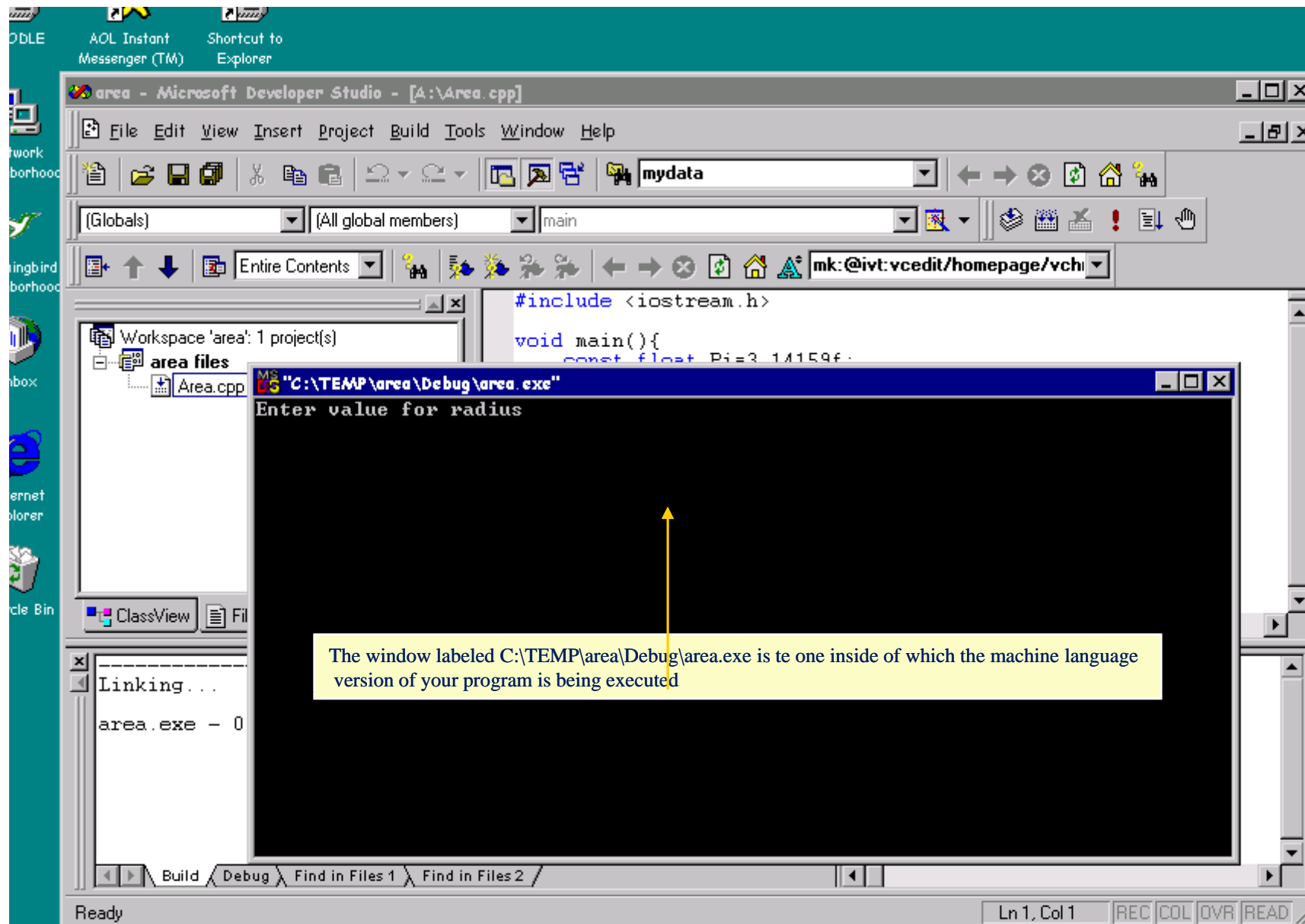












# 1. A Simple Example of C

## Listing 2.1. The first.c Program

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)                /* a simple program */
{
    int num;                  /* define a variable called num */
    num = 1;                  /* assign a value to num */

    printf("I am a simple "); /* use the printf() function */
    printf("computer.\n");
    printf("My favorite number is %d because it is first.\n",num);
    return 0;
}
```

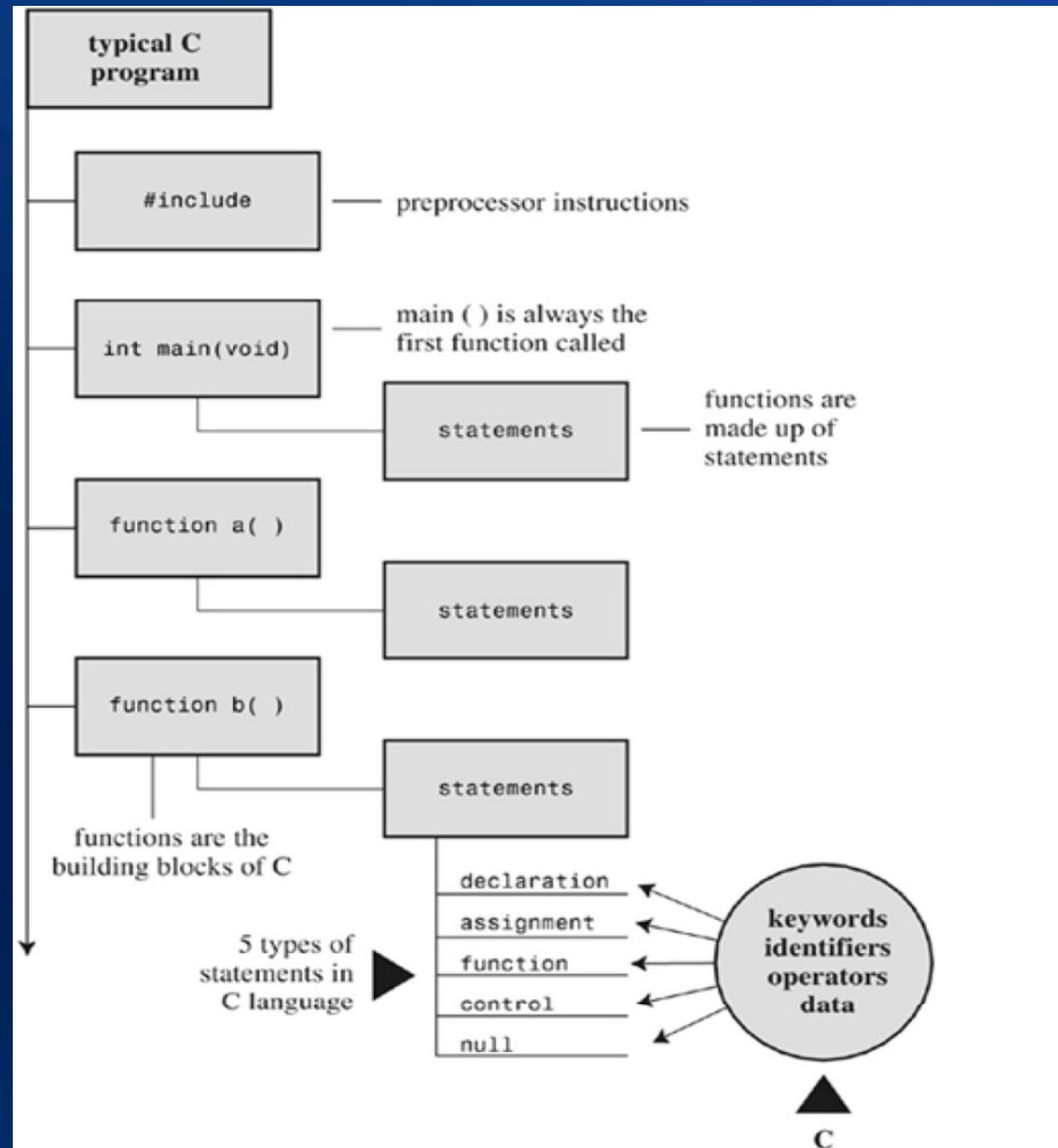
I am a simple computer.

My favorite number is 1 because it is first.



# 2. The Example Explained

- Take **two passes**
  - Pass 1: Quick Synopsis
  - Pass 2: Program Details



# Pass 1: Quick Synopsis

Function call statements

Listing 2.1. The first.c Program

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

Include another file

```
int main(void)
```

A function name

```
{
```

A declaration statement

```
int num;
```

```
num = 1;
```

An assignment statement

```
printf("I am a simple ");
```

```
printf("computer.\n");
```

```
printf("My favorite number is %d because it is first.\n", num);
```

```
return 0;
```

A return statement

```
}
```

The end

Beginning of the  
body of the function

/\* use the printf() function \*/

A comment

# Pass 2: Program Details

## Listing 2.1. The first.c Program

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

Include another file

```
int main(void)
```

/\* a simple program \*/

```
{
```

```
    int num;
```

/\* define a variable called num \*/

```
    num = 1;
```

/\* assign a value to num \*/

```
    printf("I am a simple ");
```

/\* use the printf() function \*/

```
    printf("computer.\n");
```

```
    printf("My favorite number is %d because it is first.\n",num);
```

```
    return 0; —
```

```
}
```

# *#include* Directives and Header Files

- *#include* <stdio.h>
- The line that **begins** the program
- The same as if you had typed the entire contents of the `stdio.h` file into your file at the point where the *#include* line appears
- A **cut-and-paste operation**
- *include* files provide a convenient way to **share information** that is common to many programs
- An example of a C preprocessor directive –  
*Preprocessing*

# *#include* Directives and Header Files

- The `stdio.h` file is supplied as part of all C compiler packages
- Contains information about input and output functions
- The name stands for **standard input/output header**
- C people call a collection of information that goes at the top of a file **a header**, and C implementations typically come with several header files
- Header files contain information used by the compiler to build the final executable program
- The actual code **Header files help guide the compiler in precompiled code putting your program together correctly**

# Question


**Why Are Not Input and Output Built In?**

**One answer is that not all programs use this I/O (input/output) package, and part of the C philosophy is to avoid carrying unnecessary weight.**

# Pass 2: Program Details

## Listing 2.1. The first.c Program

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)
{
    int num;                /* define a variable called num */
    num = 1;                /* assign a value to num */
    printf("I am a simple "); /* use the printf() function */
    printf("computer.\n");
    printf("My favorite number is %d because it is first.\n",num);
    return 0;
}
```



A function name

# The *main()* Function

- *int main(void)*
- A C program **always begins execution with the function called *main()***
- You are free to choose names for other functions you use, but *main()* must be there to start things
- What about the parentheses? – **identify *main()* as a function**

**Functions are the basic modules of a C program**



# The *main()* Function

- The *int* is the *main()* function's **return type** – the kind of value *main()* can return is an integer
- Return where? **To the Operating System** (Keep it for now)
- The **parentheses** following a function name generally **enclose information being passed along to the function**
- For this simple example, nothing is being passed along, so the parentheses contain the word *void*
- The different formats of *main ()*: *main()* or *void main()*

# Pass 2: Program Details

## Listing 2.1. The first.c Program

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)                /* a simple program */
{
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    num = 1;                  /* assign a value to num */
    printf("I am a simple "); /* use the printf() function */
    printf("computer.\n");
    printf("My favorite number is %d because it is first.\n",num);
    return 0;
}
```

A comment

# Comments

- */\* a simple program \*/*
- The parts of the program enclosed in the */\* \*/* symbols are comments
- Can be placed **anywhere**
- Everything between the opening */\** and the closing *\*/* is **ignored** by the compiler

```
/* This is a C comment. */  
/* This comment is spread over  
two lines. */  
/*  
You can do this, too.  
*/
```

```
/* But this is invalid  
because there is no end  
marker
```

# Comments

- Use the symbols `//` to create comments that are confined to a single line
- Because the end of the line marks the end of the comment, this style needs comment markers just at the beginning of the comment.

```
// Here is a comment confined to one line.
```

```
int rigue; // Such comments can go here, too.
```

```
/*
```

```
I hope this works.
```

```
*/
```

```
/*
```

```
I hope this works.
```

**Because the `//` form doesn't extend over more than one line, it can't lead to this "disappearing code" problem.**

# Pass 2: Program Details

## Listing 2.1. The first.c Program

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)                                /* a simple program */
{
    int num;                                  /* define a variable called num */
    num = 1;                                  /* assign a value to num */
    printf("I am a simple ");                 /* use the printf() function */
    printf("computer.\n");
    printf("My favorite number is %d because it is first.\n",num);
    return 0;
}
```

The end

Beginning of the  
body of the function

# Braces, Bodies, and Blocks

{

...

}

- Braces **delimited** the *main()* function.
- In general, **all C functions** use **braces** to **mark the beginning as well as the end of the body of a function**.
- It is mandatory, so don't leave them out
- Only **braces** (**{ }**) work for this purpose, not parentheses (**( )**) and not brackets (**[ ]**)
- Braces can also be used to **gather statements within a function into a unit or block**

# Pass 2: Program Details

## Listing 2.1. The first.c Program

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)                /* a simple program */
{
    int num;                  /* a variable called num */
    num = 1;                  /* assign a value to num */
    printf("I am a simple "); /* use the printf() function */
    printf("computer.\n");
    printf("My favorite number is %d because it is first.\n",num);
    return 0;
}
```

A declaration statement

# Declarations

- *int num*;
- Declare two things:
  - Somewhere in the function, you have **a variable** called *num*.
  - The *int* proclaims *num* as **an integer**—that is, a number without a decimal point or fractional part.
- The compiler uses this information to arrange for **suitable storage space in memory** for the *num* variable.
- The semicolon at the end of the line identifies the line as a C **statement** or **instruction**.



# Declarations

- The word *int* is a C **keyword** identifying one of the basic C data types.
- Keywords are **the words used to express a language, and you can't usurp them for other purposes.**
- The word *num* in this example is an **identifier**—that is, **a name you select for other entity.**
- The declaration **confirms** a particular location in memory establishes the type of data stored at that location.

Traditionally, C has required that variables be declared at the beginning of a block with no other kind of statement allowed to come before any of the declarations.

In C, **all** variables must be declared **before** they are used.

# A Simple Example of C

```
int main()    // traditional rules  
{  
    int doors;  
    int dogs;  
  
    doors = 5;  
    dogs = 3;  
    // other statements  
}
```

# A Simple Example of C

```
int main()    // C99 rules  
{  
// some statements  
    int doors;  
    doors = 5; // first use of doors  
// more statements  
    int dogs;  
    dogs = 3; // first use of dogs  
// other statements  
}
```

# Questions

- What are data types?

# Data Types

- C deals with **several kinds** (or types) of data: integers, characters, and floating point, for example
- Declaring a variable to be an integer or a character type makes it possible for the computer to store, fetch, and interpret the data properly

# Questions

- What choices do you have in selecting a name?

# Name Choice

- Use **meaningful** names for variables
- If the name doesn't suffice, use **comments** to explain what the variables represent.
- The number of characters
  - The C99 standard calls for **up to 63 characters**, except for **external identifiers**, for which only 31 characters need to be recognized.
  - You can use more than the maximum number of characters, but the compiler won't pay attention to the extra characters.

# Name Choice

- The characters at your disposal are **lowercase letters, uppercase letters, digits, and the underscore** (\_).
- The first character must be a letter or an underscore.
- C names are **case sensitive**

Valid Names	Invalid Names
wiggles	\$Z]**
cat2	2cat
Hot_Tub	Hot-Tub
taxRate	tax rate
_kcab	don't

Operating systems and the C library often use identifiers with one or two initial underscore characters, such as in `_kcab`, so it is better to avoid that usage yourself.



# Questions

- Why do you have to declare variables at all?

# Four Good Reasons to Declare Variables

- Putting all the variables in one place makes it **easier** for a reader to grasp what the program is about.
- Thinking about which variables to declare encourages you to **do some planning** before plunging into writing a program.
- Declaring variables helps **prevent** one of

For example, suppose that in some language that lacks declarations, you made the statement

- `RADIUS1 = 20.4;`

and that elsewhere in the program you mistyped

`CIRCUM = 6.28 * RADIUS1;`

# Assignment

- *num = 1;*
- An **assignment statement**
- "assign the value 1 to the variable *num*."
- The earlier *int num;* line set aside space in computer memory for the variable *num*, and the assignment line stores a value in that location.
- You can assign *num* a different value later, if you want; that is why *num* is termed a **variable**
- An assignment statement assigns a value from the right side to the left side



**Assignment  
Operator**

# The printf() Function

- *printf("I am a simple ");*
- *printf("computer.\n");*
- *printf("My favorite number is %d because it is first.\n", num);*
- The parentheses signify that printf is **a function name**.
- The material enclosed in the parentheses is **information passed from the main() function to the printf() function**.
- Such information is called the **argument** or, more fully, **the actual argument** of a function

# The printf() Function

- The *printf("I am a simple ");* line is an example of how you **call** or **invoke** a function in C.
- You need type only the name of the function, placing the desired argument(s) within the parentheses.
- When the program reaches this line, **control** is **turned over** to the named function
- When the function is finished with whatever it does, **control** is **returned to** the original (the *calling*) function—*main()*, in this example.

# The printf() Function

- `printf("computer.\n");` line
- The characters `\n` – didn't get printed!
- The `\n` symbol means to start a new line.
- The `\n` combination (typed as two characters) represents a single character called the *newline character*.
- To `printf()`, it means "start a new line at the far-left margin."
- Perform the same function as pressing the Enter key of a typical keyboard.

# Questions

- Why not just use the Enter key when typing the `printf()` argument?

# The printf() Function

- Because that would be interpreted as **an immediate command to your editor**, not as **an instruction** to be stored in your source code.
- The newline character is an example of an *escape sequence*.
- An escape sequence is used to represent **difficult-or impossible-to-type characters**.
- In each case, the escape sequence begins with the backslash character, \



# The printf() Function

- *printf("My favorite number is %d because it is first.\n", num);*
- What happened to the %d when the line was printed?
- The %d is a **placeholder** to show where the value of num is to be printed.
- The % alerts the program that a variable is to be printed at that location, and the d tells it to print the variable as a decimal (base 10) integer.
- Allow several choices for the format of printed variables

# Return Statement

- *return 0;*
- The **final statement** of the program.
- C functions that return values do so with a return statement, which consists of the keyword **return**, **followed by the returned value**, followed by a semicolon.
- Regard the return statement in main() as something required for logical consistency, but it has a practical use with some operating systems

### 3. The Structure of a Simple Program

- A few general rules about C programs:
  - A program consists of a collection of one or more functions
  - one of which must be called *main()*.
  - The description of a function consists of *a header* and *a body*.
  - The *header* contains *preprocessor statements*
  - The body is enclosed by braces ({ }) and consists of a series of statements, each terminated by a semicolon

# A Simple Example of C

Listing 2.1. The first.c Program

<pre>#include &lt;stdio.h&gt; int main(void)</pre>	Preprocessor instructions	Header
	Function name with arguments	
<pre>{     int q;     q = 1;     printf("%d is n return 0; }</pre>	Declaration statement	Body
	Assigement statement	
	Function statement	

# A Simple Standard C Program

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)
{
    statements
    return 0;
}
```

# Tips on Making Your Programs Readable

- Making your programs **readable** is good programming practice:
  - Choose meaningful variable names
  - Use comments
  - Note that these two techniques complement each other
  - Use blank lines to separate one conceptual section of a function from another
  - Use one line per statement
- This is a readability convention, not a C requirement

**C has a free-form format.**

# Legitimate But Ugly Code

```
int main( void ) { int four; four  
=  
4  
;  
printf(  
"%d\n",  
four); return 0;}
```

# Making your program readable

```
int main(void) /* converts 2 fathoms to feet */
```

Use comments

```
{  
int feet, fathoms;
```

Pick meaningful names

Use space

```
fathoms=2;
```

```
feet=6*fathoms;
```

```
printf("There are %d feet in %d fathoms! \n", feet, fathoms);
```

```
return 0;
```

```
}
```

One statement per line



# Taking Another Step in Using C

## Listing 2.2. The fathm\_ft.c Program

```
// fathm_ft.c -- converts 2 fathoms to feet
```

Provide a program description

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

```
int main(void)
```

```
{
```

```
int feet, fathoms;
```

Declare multiple variables

```
fathoms = 2;
```

```
feet = 6 * fathoms;
```

Do some multiplication

```
printf("There are %d feet in %d fathoms!\n", feet, fathoms);
```

```
printf("Yes, I said %d feet!\n", 6 * fathoms);
```

```
return 0;
```

```
}
```

Print the  
values of two  
variables

# Taking Another Step in Using C

- What's new?
  - Provide a program description
  - Declare multiple variables
  - Do some multiplication
  - Print the values of two variables

# Documentation

- Use the new comment style
- Take but a moment to do and be helpful later when you browse through several files or print them.

# Multiple Declarations

- Declare two variables instead of just one in a single declaration statement
- Separate the two variables (*feet* and *fathoms*) by a **comma** in the declaration statement

```
int feet, fathoms;
```

```
int feet;  
int fathoms;
```

# Multiplication

- It harnesses the tremendous computational power of a computer system to multiply 2 by 6.
- \* is the symbol for multiplication

```
feet = 6 * fathoms;
```

- "look up the value of the variable *fathoms*, multiply it by 6, and assign the result of this calculation to the variable *feet*."

# Printing Multiple Values

```
printf("There are %d feet in %d fathoms!\n", feet, fathoms);  
printf("Yes, I said %d feet!\n", 6 * fathoms);
```

- If you compile and run the example, the output should look like this:

```
There are 12 feet in 2 fathoms!  
Yes, I said 12 feet!
```

- The code made **two substitutions** in the first use of *printf()*:
  - The first %d was replaced by the value of the first variable (feet) in the list following the quoted segment
  - The second %d was replaced by the value of the second variable (fathoms) in the list.

# Printing Multiple Values

- Note that the list of variables to be printed comes at the tail end of the statement after the quoted part.
- Note that each item is separated from the others by a **comma**.
- The second use of *printf()* illustrates that the value printed doesn't have to be a variable: It just has to be something, such as 6 \* fathoms, that reduces to a value of the right type.

# While You're at It—Multiple Functions

**Show you how to incorporate a function of your own—besides `main()`—into a program.**



## Listing 2.3. The two\_func.c Program

```
/* two_func.c -- a program using two functions in one file */  
#include <stdio.h>  
void butler(void); /* ISO/ANSI C function prototyping */  
int main(void)  
{  
    printf("I will summon the butler function.\n");  
    butler();  
    printf("Yes. Bring me some tea and writeable CD-ROMS.\n");  
    return 0;  
}  
void butler(void) /* start of function definition */  
{  
    printf("You rang, sir?\n");  
}
```

# The Output of Listing 2.3

**I will summon the butler function.**

**You rang, sir?**

**Yes. Bring me some tea and writeable CD-ROMS.**

# While You're at It—Multiple Functions

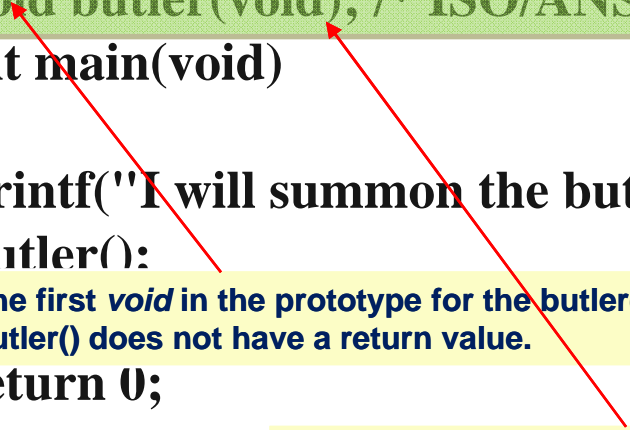
- The *butler()* function appears **three times** in this program:
  - The first appearance is in the ***prototype***, which informs the compiler about the functions to be used.
  - The second appearance is in *main()* in the form of a ***function call***.
  - Finally, the program presents the ***function definition***, which is the source code for the function itself.

# While You're at It—Multiple Functions

- What is the prototype? – *A **prototype*** is **a form of declaration** that tells the compiler that you are using a particular function. It also specifies **properties of the function**.

## Listing 2.3. The two\_func.c Program

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void butler(void); /* ISO/ANSI C function prototyping */
int main(void)
{
    printf("I will summon the butler function.\n");
    butler():
    D-ROMS.\n");
    return 0;
}
void butler(void) /* start of function definition */
{
    printf("You rang, sir?\n");
}
```



The first *void* in the prototype for the `butler()` function indicates that `butler()` does not have a return value.

The second *void* means that the `butler()` function has no arguments.

**Note that *void* is used to mean "empty," not "invalid."**

**In general, a function can return a value to the calling function for its use, but *butler()* doesn't.**

# While You're at It—Multiple Functions

- Older C supported a more limited form of function declaration
- You just specified the return type but omitted describing the arguments

```
void butler();
```

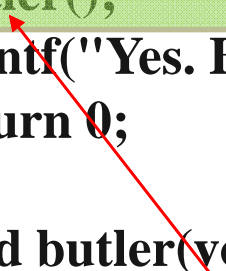
- Older C code uses function declarations like the preceding one instead of function prototypes.

# While You're at It—Multiple Functions

- Next, you **invoke** `butler()` in `main()` simply by giving its name, including parentheses.

## Listing 2.3. The two\_func.c Program

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/* two_func.c -- a program using two functions in one file */
#include <stdio.h>
void butler(void); /* ISO/ANSI C function prototyping */
int main(void)
{
    printf("I will summon the butler function.\n");
    butler();
    printf("Yes. Bring me some tea and writeable CD-ROMS.\n");
    return 0;
}
void butler(void) /* start of function definition */
{ Give its name, including parentheses
    printf("You rang, sir?\n");
}
```





# While You're at It—Multiple Functions

- Finally, the function `butler()` is defined **in the same manner as `main()`**, with **a function header** and **the body enclosed in braces**
- The header repeats the information given in the prototype: `butler()` **takes no arguments and has no return value**
- For older compilers, omit the second `void`.

**One point to note is that it is the location of the `butler()` call in `main()`—not the location of the `butler()` definition in the file—that determines when the `butler()` function is executed.**

## Listing 2.3. The two\_func.c Program

```
/* two_func.c -- a program using two functions in one file */
```

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

```
void butler(void); /* ISO/ANSI C function prototyping */
```

```
int main(void)
```

```
{
```

Be defined in the same manner as main()

```
printf("I will summon the butler\n");
```

```
butler();
```

```
printf("Yes. E");
```

A function header

```
return 0;
```

```
}
```

The body enclosed in braces

```
void butler(void) /* start of function definition */
```

```
{
```

```
printf("You rang, sir?\n");
```

```
}
```

**However, C practice is to list main() first because it normally provides the basic framework for a program.**

**Remember, all C programs begin execution with main(), no matter where main() is located in the program files.**

# While You're at It—Multiple Functions

- The C standard recommends that you **provide function prototypes for all functions you use.**
- The standard **include** files take care of this task for **the standard library functions.**

# Introducing Debugging

- Program errors often are called *bugs*.
- Finding and fixing the errors is called *debugging*.
- You commit a **syntax error** when you don't follow C's rules (It's analogous to a grammatical error in English).

**Bugs frustrate be can.**

- C syntax errors use valid C symbols **in the wrong places**.

# Listing 2.4. The nogood.c Program

It uses parentheses instead of braces to mark the body of the function—it uses a valid C symbol in the wrong place.

```
/* nogood.c -- a program with errors */
```

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

```
int main(void)
```

```
(
```

```
int n, int n2, int n3;
```

```
/* this program has several errors
```

**n :** The declaration should have been: int n, n2, n3;

```
n2 = n * n;
```

```
n3 = n2 * n2;
```

Omit the \*/ symbol pair necessary to complete a comment.

```
printf("n = %d, n squared = %d, n cubed = %d\n", n, n2, n3)
```

```
return 0;
```

```
)
```

Omit the mandatory semicolon that should terminate the printf() statement

Semicolon should have gone away

- What syntax errors did nogood.c make?

# Syntax Errors

- How do you detect syntax errors?
  - First, before compiling, you can **look through the source code** and see whether you spot anything obvious.
  - Second, you can **examine errors found by the compiler** because part of its job is to detect syntax errors.
  - However, **the compiler can get confused**. A true syntax error in one location might cause the compiler to mistakenly think it has found other errors.
  - In fact, rather than trying to correct all the reported errors at once, you should **correct just the first one or two and then recompile**; some of the other errors may go away.
  - Continue in this way until the program works.
  - Another common compiler trick is reporting the error a line late.

# Semantic Errors

- Semantic errors are errors in meaning.

**Furry inflation thinks greenly.**

- The syntax is fine because adjectives, nouns, verbs, and adverbs are in the right places, but the sentence doesn't mean anything.
- In C, you commit a semantic error when you **follow the rules of C correctly but to an incorrect end.**
- The compiler does not detect semantic errors, because they don't violate C rules.

## Listing 2.5. The stillbad.c Program

```
/* stillbad.c -- a program with its syntax errors fixed */
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)
{
    int n, n2, n3;
    /* this program has a semantic error */
    n = 5;
    n2 = n * n;
    n3 = n2 * n2;
    printf("n = %d, n squared = %d, n cubed = %d\n", n, n2, n3);
    return 0;
}
```

**n = 5, n squared = 25, n cubed = 625**

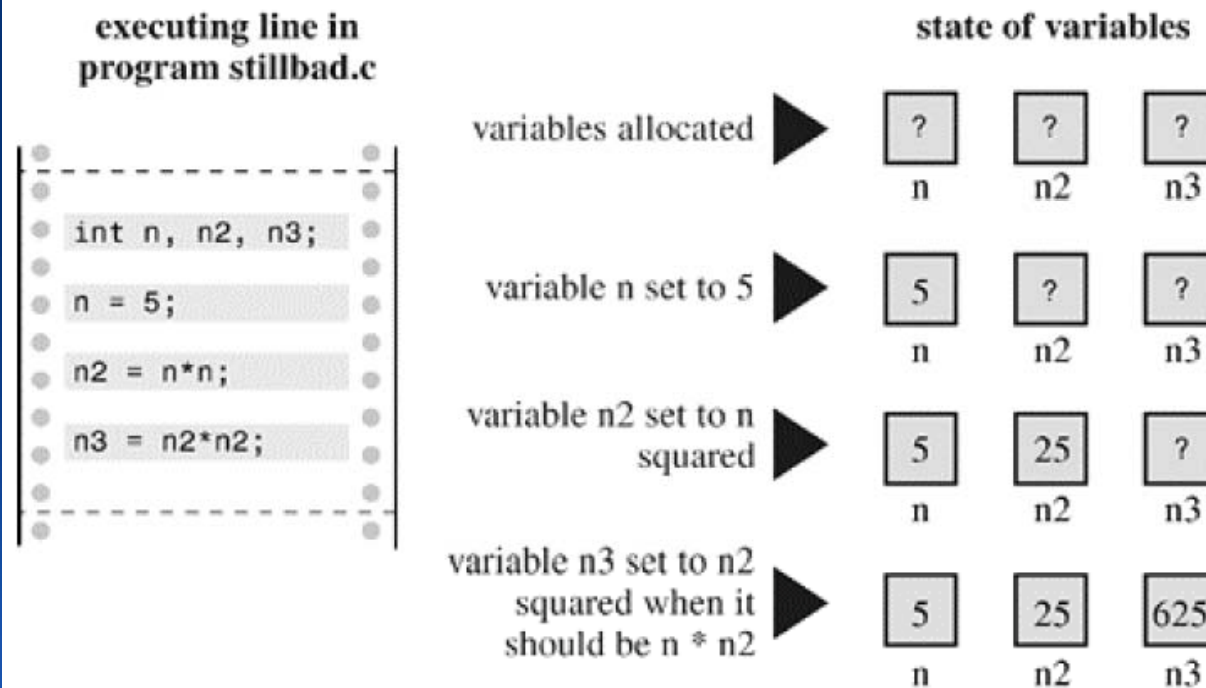
- You probably can spot the error by inspection.
- In general, however, you need to take a more systematic approach.



# Semantic Errors

- One method is to pretend you are the computer and to follow the program steps one by one.
  - The body of the program starts by declaring three variables: n, n2, and n3.

Figure 2.6. Tracing a program.



Perhaps this procedure is overkill for this example, but going through a program step-by-step in this fashion is often the best way to see what's happening.

# Program State

- By tracing the program step-by-step manually, keeping track of each variable, you monitor the **program state**.
- The program state is simply **the set of values of all the variables at a given point in program execution**.
- A **snapshot** of the current state of computation.
- Execute the program step-by-step yourself.
- In a large program, you can go through a few

However, there is always the possibility that you will execute the steps as you intended them to be executed instead of as you actually wrote them, so try to be faithful to the actual code.

# Program State

- Another approach to locating semantic problems is to **sprinkle extra printf() statements throughout to monitor the values of selected variables at key points in the program.**
- Seeing how the values change can illuminate what's happening.
- After you have the program working to your satisfaction, you can remove the extra statements and recompile.

# Program State

- A third method for examining the program states is to use **a debugger**.
- A debugger is **a program** that enables you to run another program step-by-step and examine the value of that program's variables.
- Debuggers come in **various levels of ease of use and sophistication**.
- The more advanced debuggers show which line of source code is being executed.

# Keywords and Reserved Identifiers

- **Keywords** are the vocabulary of C.
- Because they are special to C, you can't use them as identifiers or as variable names.

## ISO/ANSI C Keywords

auto	<b>enum</b>	<i>restrict</i>	unsigned
break	extern	return	<b>void</b>
case	float	short	<b>volatile</b>
char	for	<b>signed</b>	while
<b>const</b>	goto	sizeof	<i>_Bool</i>
continue	if	static	<i>_Complex</i>
default	<i>inline</i>	struct	<i>_Imaginary</i>
do	int	switch	
double	long	typedef	
else	register	union	

There are other identifiers, called **reserved identifiers**, that you shouldn't use: include those beginning with an underscore character and the names of the standard library functions, such as printf().

# Key Concepts

- Computer programming is a challenging activity.
- It demands **abstract, conceptual thinking combined with careful attention to detail.**
- You'll find that **compilers enforce the attention to detail.**
- A compiler doesn't make such allowances; to it, **almost right is still wrong.**

# Key Concepts

- For this chapter, your goal should be to **understand what a C program is**.
- You can think of a program as a **description** you prepare of how you want the computer to behave.
- The compiler handles the really detailed job of **converting your description to the underlying machine language**.
- Because the compiler has no real intelligence, you have to **express your description in the compiler's terms**, and these terms are the formal

Although restrictive, this still is far better than having to express your description directly in machine language!

# Key Concepts

- The compiler **expects to receive its instructions in a specific format**
- Your job as a programmer is to **express your ideas about how a program should behave within the framework that the compiler—**guided by the C standard—can process successfully.



# Summary

- A C program consists of one or more C functions.
- Every C program must contain a function called *main()* because it is the function called when the program starts up.
- A simple function consists of **a header** followed by **an opening brace**, followed by the **statements** constituting the function body, followed by a terminating, or **closing, brace**.

# Summary

- Each C statement is an instruction to the computer and is marked by a terminating semicolon.
- A declaration statement creates a name for a variable and identifies the type of data to be stored in the variable.
- The name of a variable is an example of an identifier.
- An assignment statement assigns a value to a variable or, more generally, to a storage area.

# Summary

- A function call statement causes the **named function** to be executed.
- When the called function is done, the program returns to the next statement after the function call.
- The **syntax** of a language is the set of rules that governs the way in which valid statements in that language are put together.
- The **semantics** of a statement is its meaning.
- **keywords** are the vocabulary of the C language.



# Questions & Homeworks