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Quick Start

How to write a one-line "hello, world" program

```
1. Create the file hello.chpl:
    writeln("hello, world");
2. Compile and run it:
    > chpl hello.chpl
    > ./a.out
    hello, world
    >
```

Comments

```
// single-line comment
/* multi-line
   comment */
```

Primitive Types

Туре	Default size	Other sizes	Default init
bool	impl. dep.	8, 16, 32, 64	false
int	32	8, 16, 64	0
uint	32	8, 16, 64	0
real	64	32, 128	0.0
imag	64	32, 128	0.0i
complex	128	64, 256	0.0+0.0i
string	variable		\\ //

Variables, Constants and Configuration

```
var x: real = 3.14; variable of type real set to 3.14
var isSet: bool; variable of type bool set to false
var z = -2.0i; variable of type imag set to -2.0i
const epsilon: real = 0.01; runtime constant
param debug: bool = false; compile-time constant
config const n: int = 100; > ./a.out --n=4
config param d: int = 4; > chpl -sd=3 x.chpl
```

Modules

Expression Precedence and Associativity*

Operators	Uses
. () []	member access, call and index
new (right)	constructor call
:	cast
** (right)	exponentiation
reduce scan	reduction, scan, apply domain
dmapped	map
! ~ (right)	logical and bitwise negation
* / %	multiplication, division, modulus
unary + - (right)	positive identity, negation
+ -	addition, subtraction
<< >>	shift left, shift right
<= >= < >	ordered comparison
== !=	equality comparison
<u>&</u>	bitwise/logical and
^	bitwise/logical xor
1	bitwise/logical or
8-8	short-circuiting logical and
11	short-circuiting logical or
• •	range construction
in	loop expression
by #	range/domain stride and count
if forall [conditional expression, parallel
for sync	iterator expression, serial iterator
single	expression, synchronization type
,	comma separated expression

^{*}Left-associative except where indicated

Casts and coercions

```
var i: int = 2.0:int; cast real to int
var x: real = 2; coerce int to real
```

Conditional and Loop Expressions

```
var half = if i%2 then i/2+1 else i/2;
writeln(for i in 1..n do i**2);
```

Assignment and Swap

```
Simple Assignment: = Compound Assignments: += -= *= /= %= **= \&= |= <<= >>=  Swap: <=>
```

Statements

```
if cond then stmt1(); else stmt2();
if cond { stmt1(); } else { stmt2(); }
select expr {
  when equiv1 do stmt1();
  when equiv2 { stmt2(); }
  otherwise stmt3();
type select actual {
  when type1 do stmt1();
  when type2 { stmt2(); }
  otherwise stmt3();
while condition { ... }
while condition do ...;
do { ... } while condition;
for index in aggregate { ... }
for index in aggregate do ...;
label outer for ...
break; or break outer;
continue; or continue outer;
Functions
```

```
def bar(r: real, i: imag): complex {
  var c: complex = r + i;
  return c;
}
def foo(i) return i**2 + i + 1;
```

Formal Argument Intents

Intent	Semantics		
in	copied in		
out	copied out		
inout	copied in and out		
blank	formal arguments are constant except arrays,		
	domains, syncs are passed by reference		

```
Named Formal Arguments
```

foo(2);

```
def foo(arg1: int, arg2: real) { ... }
foo(arg2=3.14, arg1=2);

Default Values for Formal Arguments
def foo(arg1: int, arg2: real = 3.14);
```

Records

Classes

```
class definition
class Circle {
                                 declaring fields
  var p: Point;
  var r: real;
                                 class construction
var c = new Circle(r=2.0);
                                  method definition
def Circle.area()
  return 3.14159*r**2;
writeln(c.area());
                                 method call
class Oval: Circle {
                                  inheritance
  var r2: real;
def Oval.area()
                                  method override
  return 3.14159*r*r2;
delete c;
                                 free memory
c = new Oval(r=1.0, r2=2.0); polymorphism
writeln(c.area());
                                 dynamic dispatch
```

Unions

```
union U {
    var i: int;
    var r: real;
}
```

Tuples

```
var pair: (string, real); heterogeneous tuple
var coord: 2*int; homogeneous tuple
pair = ("one", 2.0); tuple assignment
(s, r) = pair; destructuring
coord(2) = 1; tuple indexing
```

Enumerated Types

```
enum day {sun,mon,tue,wed,thu,fri,sat};
var today: day = day.fri;
```

Ranges

```
var every: range = 1..n; range definition
var everyOther = every by 2; strided range
var R = 0..#count; counted range
var FiveBy2 = 0.. by 2 # 5; 0, 2, 4, 6, 8
```

Domains and Arrays

```
var D: domain(1) = [1..n]; domain
var A: [D] real; array
var Set: domain(int); associative domain
Set += 3; add index to domain
var SD: sparse subdomain(D); sparse domain
```

Domain Maps

```
var B = new dmap(
  new Block([1..n])); block distribution
var D: domain(1) dmapped B; distributed domain
var A: [D] real; distributed array
var D2: domain(1) dmapped
  Block([1..n]); domain map sugar
```

Data Parallelism

Reductions and Scans

Iterators

Task Parallelism

```
begin task();
cobegin { task1(); task2(); }
coforall i in aggregate do task(i);
sync { begin task1(); begin task2(); }
serial condition do stmt();
```

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Synchronization Examples

```
1) var lock$: sync bool;
lock$ = true; lock$ = true;
critical1(); critical2();
lock$; lock$;
2) var data$: sync int;
```

```
data$ = produce1(); consume(data$); data$ = produce2(); consume(data$);
```

```
3)     var go$: single real;
go$=set();     use1(go$);     use2(go$);
```

Locality

```
Built-in Constants:
```

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