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Hello

Getting Started

CS50 IDE is a web-based "integrated development environment" that allows you to program "in the cloud," without installing any software locally. Indeed, CS50 IDE provides you with your very own "workspace" (i.e., storage space) in which you can save your own files and folders (aka directories).

Logging In

Head to ide.cs50.io (https://ide.cs50.io) and click "Log in" to access your CS50 IDE. Once your IDE loads, you should see that (by default) it's divided into three parts. Toward the top of CS50 IDE is your "text editor", where you'll write all of your programs. Toward the bottom of is a "terminal window" (light blue, by default), a command-line interface (CLI) that allows you to explore your workspace's files and directories, compile code, run programs, and even install new software. And on the left is your "file browser", which shows you all of the files and folders currently in your IDE.

Start by clicking inside your terminal window. You should find that its "prompt" resembles the

below.

~/ \$

Click inside of that terminal window and then type

```
mkdir ~/pset1/
```

followed by Enter in order to make a directory (i.e., folder) called pset1 inside of your home directory. Take care not to overlook the space between mkdir and ~/pset1 or any other character for that matter! Keep in mind that ~ always denotes your home directory and ~/pset1 denotes a directory called pset1, which is inside of ~.

Here on out, to execute (i.e., run) a command means to type it into a terminal window and then hit Enter. Commands are "case-sensitive," so be sure not to type in uppercase when you mean lowercase or vice versa.

Now execute

cd ~/pset1/

to move yourself into (i.e., open) that directory. Your prompt should now resemble the below.

~/pset1/ \$

If not, retrace your steps and see if you can determine where you went wrong.

Now execute

mkdir ~/pset1/hello

to create a new directory called hello inside of your pset1 directory. Then execute

cd ~/pset1/hello

to move yourself into that directory.

Shall we have you write your first program? From the *File* menu, click *New File*, and save it (as via the *Save* option in the *File* menu) as hello.c inside of your ~/pset1/hello directory. Proceed to write your first program by typing precisely these lines into the file:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)
{
    printf("hello, world\n");
}
```

Notice how CS50 IDE adds "syntax highlighting" (i.e., color) as you type, though CS50 IDE's choice of colors might differ from this problem set's. Those colors aren't actually saved inside of the file itself; they're just added by CS50 IDE to make certain syntax stand out. Had you not saved the file as hello.c from the start, CS50 IDE wouldn't know (per the filename's extension) that you're writing C code, in which case those colors would be absent.

Listing Files

Next, in your terminal window, immediately to the right of the prompt (~/pset1/hello/ \$), execute

```
ls
```

You should see just hello.c? That's because you've just listed the files in your hello folder. In particular, you *executed* (i.e., ran) a command called 1s, which is shorthand for "list." (It's such a frequently used command that its authors called it just 1s to save keystrokes.) Make sense?

Compiling Programs

Now, before we can execute the hello.c program, recall that we must *compile* it with a *compiler*, translating it from *source code* into *machine code* (i.e., zeroes and ones). Execute the command below to do just that:

```
make hello
```

And then execute this one again:

```
ls
```

This time, you should see not only hello.c but hello listed as well? You've now translated the source code in hello.c into machine code in hello.

Now execute the program itself by executing the below.

./hello

Hello, world, indeed!

Getting User Input

Suffice it to say, no matter how you compile or execute this program, it only ever prints hello, world. Let's personalize it a bit, just as we did in class.

Modify this program in such a way that it first prompts the user for their name and then prints hello, so-and-so, where so-and-so is their actual name.

As before, be sure to compile your program with:

make hello

And be sure to execute your program, testing it a few times with different inputs, with:

./hello

Walkthrough



Hints

Don't recall how to prompt the user for their name?

Recall that you can use <code>get_string</code> as follows, storing its *return value* in a variable called <code>name</code> of type <code>string</code>.

```
string name = get_string("What is your name?\n");
```

Don't recall how to format a string?

Don't recall how to join (i.e., concatenate) the user's name with a greeting? Recall that you can use printf not only to print but to format a string (hence, the f in printf), a la the below, wherein name is a string.

```
printf("hello, %s\n", name);
```

Use of undeclared identifier?

Seeing the below, perhaps atop other errors?

```
error: use of undeclared identifier 'string'; did you mean 'stdin'?
```

Recall that, to use <code>get_string</code> , you need to include <code>cs50.h</code> (in which <code>get_string</code> is <code>declared</code>) atop a file, as with:

```
#include <cs50.h>
```

How to Test Your Code

Execute the below to evaluate the correctness of your code using check50. But be sure to compile and test it yourself as well!

```
check50 cs50/problems/2021/x/hello
```

Execute the below to evaluate the style of your code using style50.

```
style50 hello.c
```

How to Submit

Execute the below to submit your work.

submit50 cs50/problems/2021/x/hello

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