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Week 2 - Lecture 1

Write a C program

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Overview

- Write a C Program
- Compile and Run a C Program
- Practice Hygienic Coding

Program Structure

- C programs contain one or more functions, one of which *must* be `main`.

- Every program in C begins executing at the function `main`.

- The keyword void/`int` to the left of `main` indicates that `main` "returns" nothing/an integer (whole number) value.

An Example

A program starts at the beginning of main. A left brace, {, begins the body of code, whereas a corresponding right brace ends.

```
 8  #include <stdio.h>
 9
10  int main(void)
11  {
12      int number = 0;
13
14      printf("Current number is: %d\n", number);
15
16      printf("Please enter a new number: ");
17      scanf("%d", &number);
18
19      printf("You've entered: %d\n", number);
20
21      return 0;
22
23  }
```

This pair of braces and the portion of the program between the braces is called a *block*.

Return Value

It is common to return 0 to indicate that the program has run and exited successfully.

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21      return 0;
22
23  }
```

```
2   void main(void)
3   {
4
5   }
```

Return Value (2)

- A program can have multiple functions.
- Each function may or may not return a value.

```
26  #include <stdio.h>
27
28  void myPrint(void);
29  int myReturn(void);
30
31  int main(void)
32  {
33      int number = 0;
34
35      myPrint();
36
37      printf("Current number is: %d\n", number);
38
39      number = myReturn();
40
41      printf("The number is now: %d\n", number);
42
43      return 0;
44
45  }
46
47  void myPrint(void)
48  {
49      printf("Hello There !!\n");
50  }
51
52  int myReturn(void)
53  {
54      return 5;
55  }
```

```
C:\Users\z2017233\Desktop>lecture2
Hello There!!
Current number is: 0
The number is now: 5

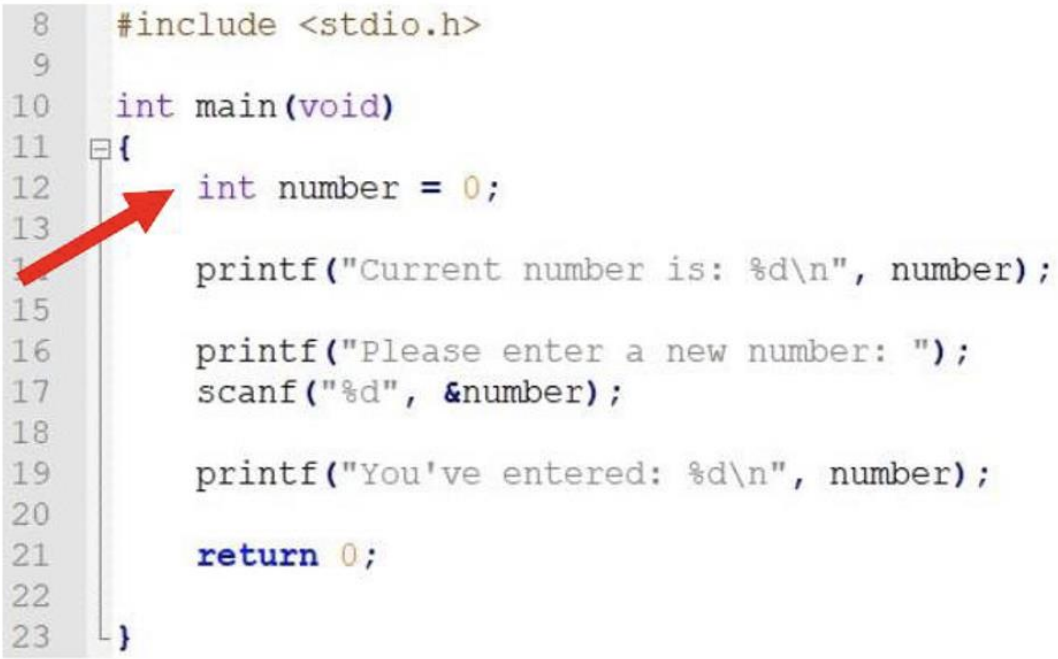
C:\Users\z2017233\Desktop>_
```

Libraries

- If a program needs a library, then declare it.
- Example libraries:
  - limits.h
  - math.h
  - stdio.h

Variables and Data Types

Variables should be declared before their first use.
Variables should be initialised.



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Input with scanf

- Read data from the standard input stream (stdin) and store that data in variables

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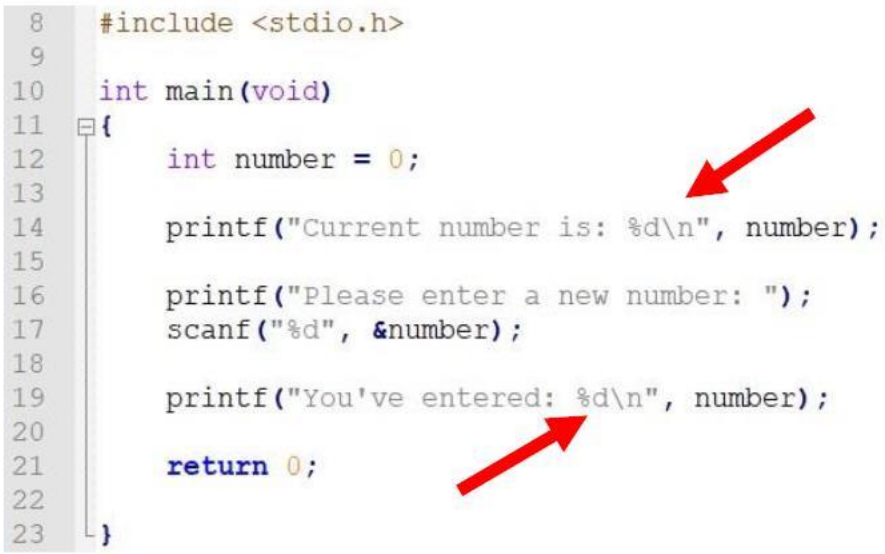
Output with printf

- Output **"formatted"** data to the standard output e.g. monitor.



```c
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int main(void)
{
    int number = 0;

    printf("Current number is: %d\n", number);

    printf("Please enter a new number: ");
    scanf("%d", &number);

    printf("You've entered: %d\n", number);

    return 0;

}
```

- Using correct format specifier is important!!

Some useful characters for Printf()

Escape sequence	Description
\n	Newline. Position the cursor at the beginning of the next line.
\t	Horizontal tab. Move the cursor to the next tab stop.
\a	Alert. Produces a sound or visible alert without changing the current cursor position.
\\	Backslash. Insert a backslash character in a string.
\"	Double quote. Insert a double-quote character in a string.

Comments

- Use block or single line comment to explain what your program does.

```
149  int main(void)
150  {
151      /* This program calculate the remainder if division,
152         and return zero to the shell */
153
154      int i = (10 % 3);
155
156      // The line belows return zero to the shell that calls the program
157      return 0;
158  }
```

Compile a C Program

- gcc filename.c –o filename

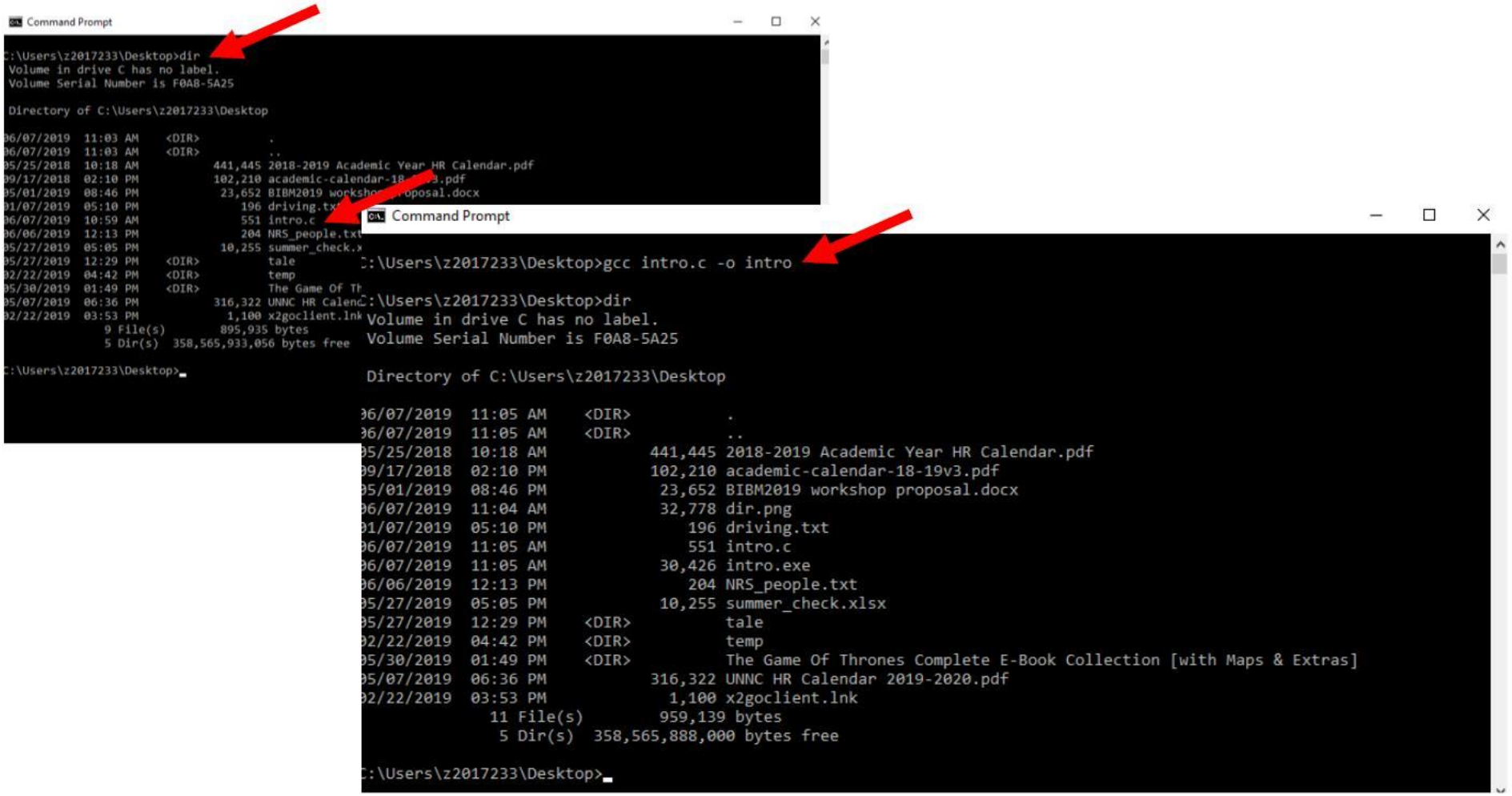
Compile and link
i.e. reference to functions
e.g. standard libraries

Create an executable called “filename”

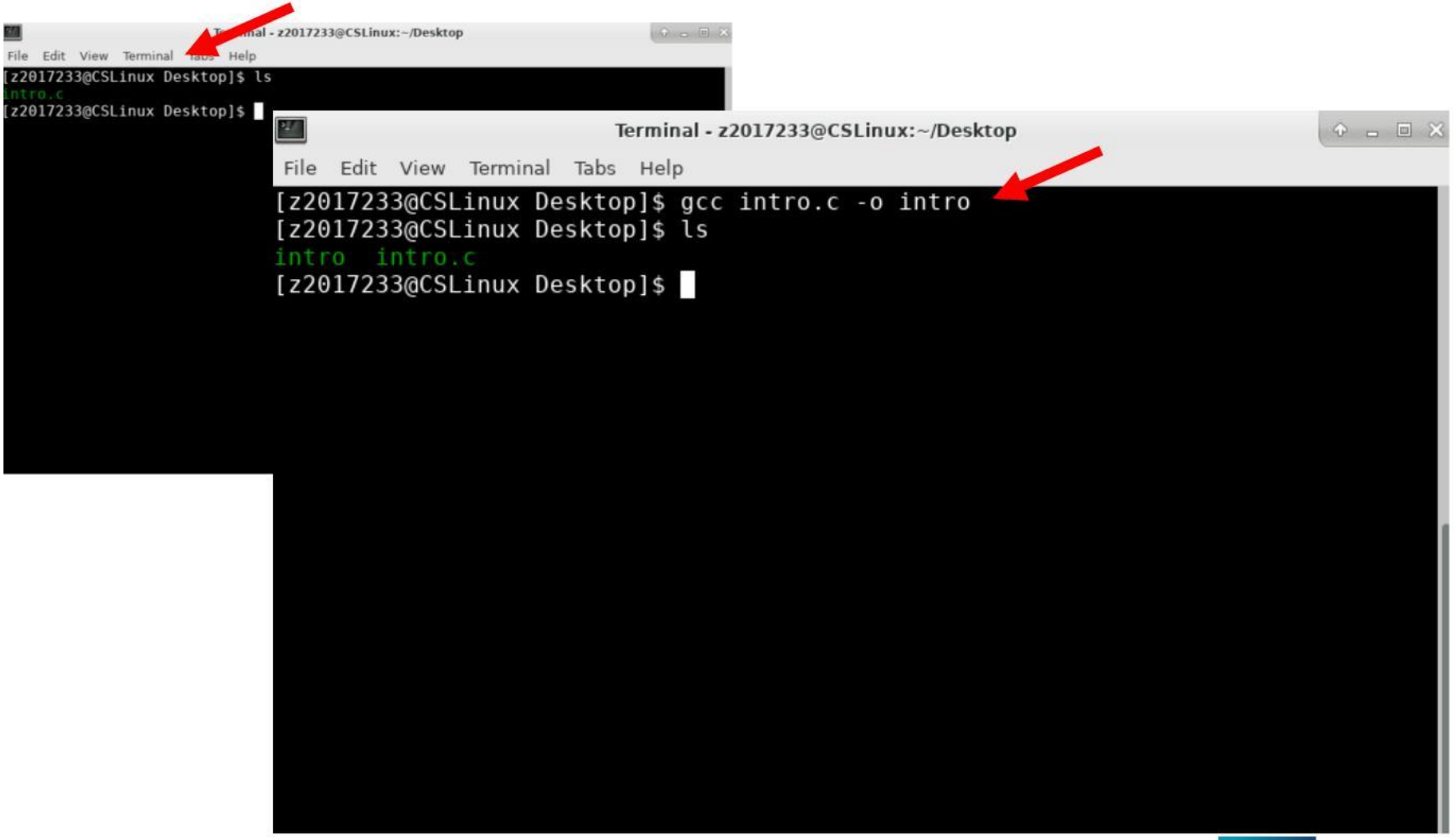
- gcc filename.c

Create “default” an executable call a.out

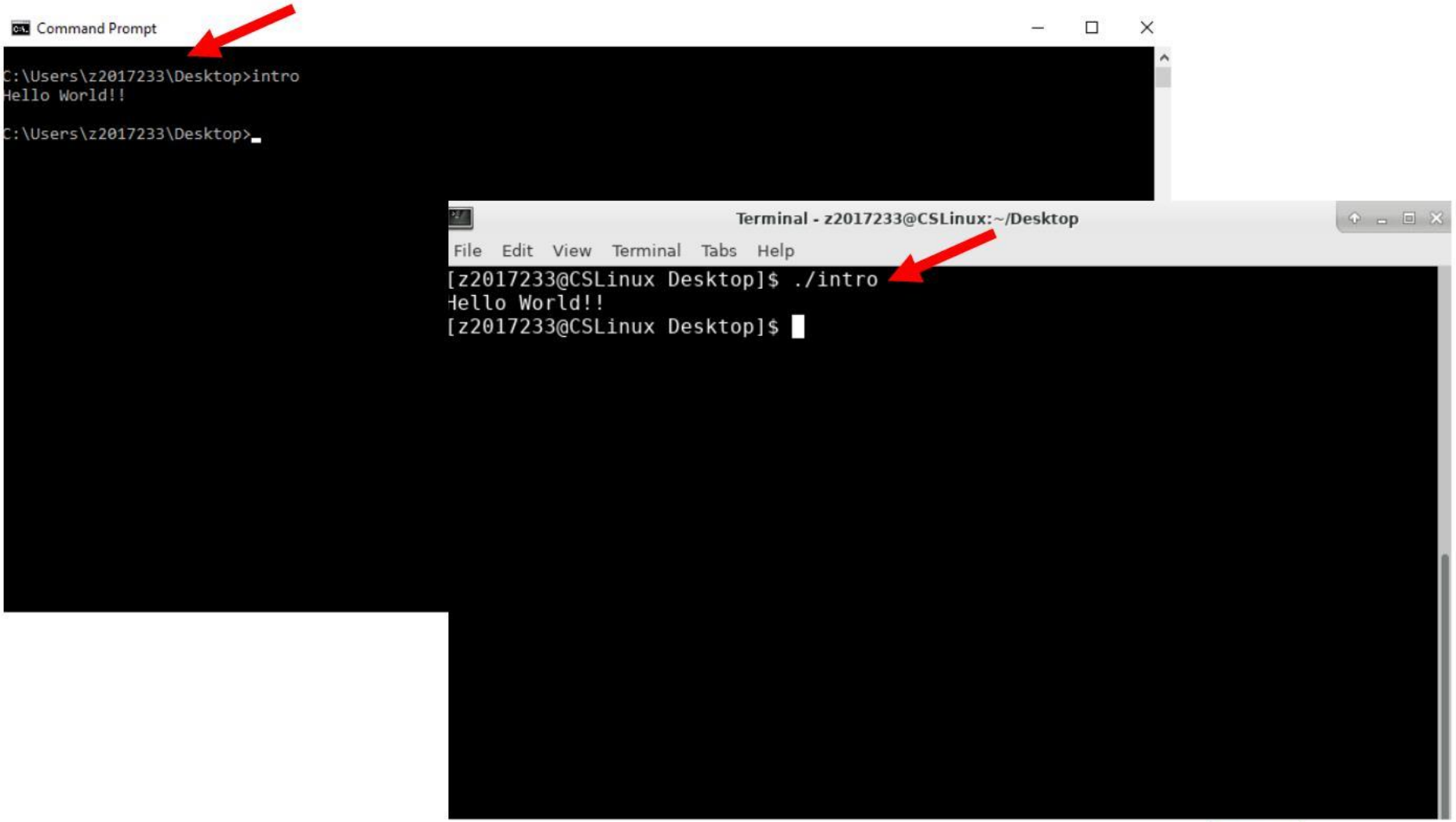
Compile a C Program - Windows



Compile a C Program - Linux



Run a C Program

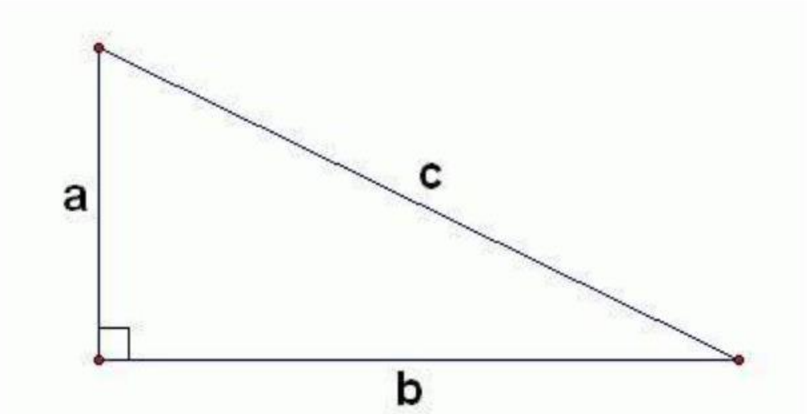


Example 1: Sum

```
1  // Fig. 2.5: fig02_05.c
2  // Addition program.
3  #include <stdio.h>
4
5  // function main begins program execution
6  int main( void )
7  {
8     int integer1; // first number to be entered by user
9     int integer2; // second number to be entered by user
10    int sum; // variable in which sum will be stored
11
12    printf( "Enter first integer\n" ); // prompt
13    scanf( "%d", &integer1 ); // read an integer
14
15    printf( "Enter second integer\n" ); // prompt
16    scanf( "%d", &integer2 ); // read an integer
17
18    sum = integer1 + integer2; // assign total to sum
19
20    printf( "Sum is %d\n", sum ); // print sum
21 } // end function main
```

Example 2: Right-Angled Triangle

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

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int x, y, z;

    printf("Enter value for x: ");
    scanf("%d", &x);
    if(x < 1)
    {
        printf("Invalid value\n");
        exit(1);
    }

    printf("Enter value for y: ");
    scanf("%d", &y);
    if(y < 1)
    {
        printf("Invalid value\n");
        exit(1);
    }

    printf("Enter value for z: ");
    scanf("%d", &z);
    if(z < 1)
    {
        printf("Invalid value\n");
        exit(1);
    }
    int lhs = x * x + y * y;
    int rhs = z * z;

    if(lhs == rhs)
    {
        printf("Right angled triangle\n");
    }
    else
    {
        printf("Not right angled, %d does not equal %d\n", lhs, rhs );
    }

}
```



$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

Source: https://mathblog.com/reference/theorems/pythagorean-theorem/

Style and Expressiveness

- How clearly the language constructs can "express" the developer's intentions.
- For example, switch statement cases must end with break, return, or a comment indicating a fall-through

```c
#include <stdio.h>

void doSomething();
void doSomethingElse();
void doDefaultThing();

int main()
{
    int value = 0;

    switch(value)
    {
        case 1:
            doSomething();

        case 2:
            doSomethingElse();
            break;

        default:
            doDefaultThing();
            break;
    }
}
```

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void doSomething();
void doSomethingElse();
void doDefaultThing();

int main()
{
    int value = 0;

    switch(value)
    {
        case 1:
            doSomething();
            /* falls through */

        case 2:
            doSomethingElse();
            break;

        default:
            doDefaultThing();
            break;
    }
}
```

A Typo

```c
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int a = 0;
    if(a = 1)
        printf("a is NOT equal to zero\n");
    else
        printf("a is equal to zero\n");

    return 0;
}
```

```c
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int a = 0;
    if(a == 1)
        printf("a is NOT equal to zero\n");
    else
        printf("a is equal to zero\n");

    return 0;
}
```

An Error

```c
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int b = 1.25;
    double c = 1.25;

    printf("The sum of b and c is %.2f\n", (c+b));

    return 0;
}
```

A Run-time Error

- Array out-of-bound is not detected.

```
113  #include <stdio.h>
114
115  int main(void)
116  {
117      int arr[2];
118      arr[0] = 0;
119      arr[1] = 1;
120
121      int i = 0;
122      for(i = 0; i < 3; i++)
123      {
124          printf("%d\n", arr[i]);
125      }
126
127      return 0;
128
129  }
```

Hygienic Coding

- All variables, pointers and references are properly initialised at first and subsequent uses
- All input data, messages and output data should be validated
- Implementations of all algorithms should be validated
- Error handling
- Resource access are explicitly managed
- Use of comment statements
- Code layout and use of indenting
- Layout of braces “{ }” and block structures
- Statement complexity

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