

Print Statements

We'll write a very basic C statement which displays some text on the screen. Let's begin.

We'll cover the following ^

- printf

For our first step into the vast world of C, we will start by writing a simple **print** statement. We use such a statement any time we want to display something on the console.

C uses the `printf` command to output whatever data we have.

printf

`printf` is part of the **C library** which contains many other useful functions as well. It is a standard practice to include the library into your code. This can be done by typing `#include <stdio.h>` at the top of your code.

Now, on to the main part of the lesson. Let's print "Hello World" in our console:

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(){
    printf("Hello World");
}
```



Do not worry about `int main()`, it is simply the window in which our code runs.

`"Hello World"` is a piece of text which we call a **string**. More on that later.

Congratulations! We've written our first ever C code. In the next lesson, we'll learn about **variables** and how they are essential to our code.

