

## CSC1103 Laboratory/Tutorial 1 : Understanding C

### 1. Familiarization with C compiler and text editor environment

We will be using Microsoft Visual Studio Code (VS Code) as the text editor environment and using the GNU C Complier (GCC) compiler. If your computing resource has not installed the Microsoft VS Code with C/C++ extension and GCC compiler, please follow the steps below:

#### a) For Windows Operating System (OS)

##### i. Installation of Microsoft VS code

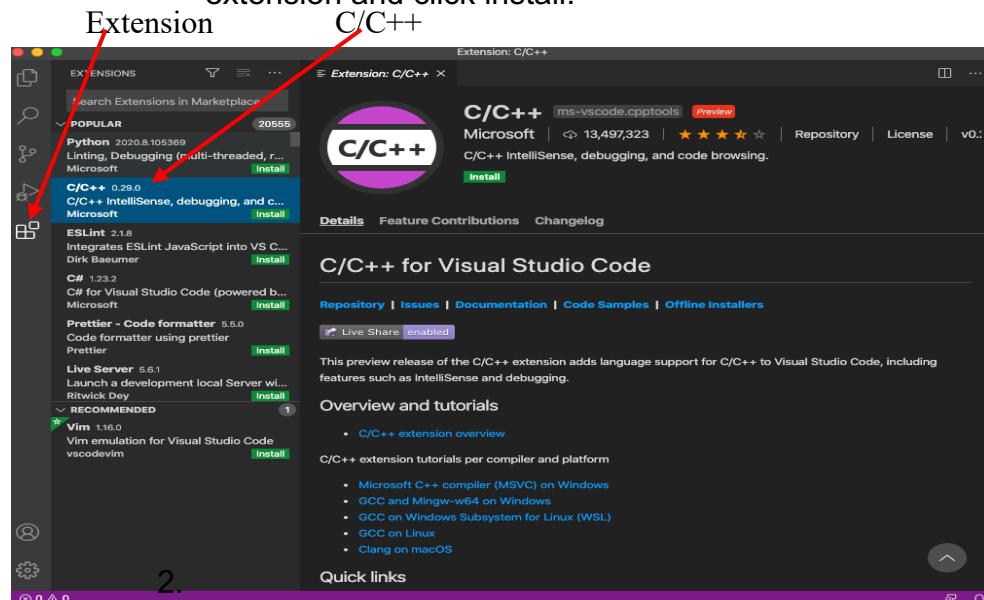
i. Go to <https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/setup/windows> to install and set up Microsoft VS code. Follow the installation steps:

1. Download the [Visual Studio Code installer](#) for Windows.
2. Once it is downloaded, run the installer (VSCodeUserSetup-{version}.exe). This will only take a minute.
3. By default, VS Code is installed under `C:\users\{username}\AppData\Local\Programs\Microsoft VS Code`.

##### ii. Configuration of Microsoft of VS code for C programming

###### i. Install C/C++ extension

1. Launch the VS code.  and click on the extension view  icon on the left-hand sidebar. Search for **C/C++** extension and click install.



- ii. Installation of C/C++ compiler and debugger using GCC complier with Minimalist GNU for Window OS (Mingw-w64) (Mingw) at <https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/cpp/config-mingw>

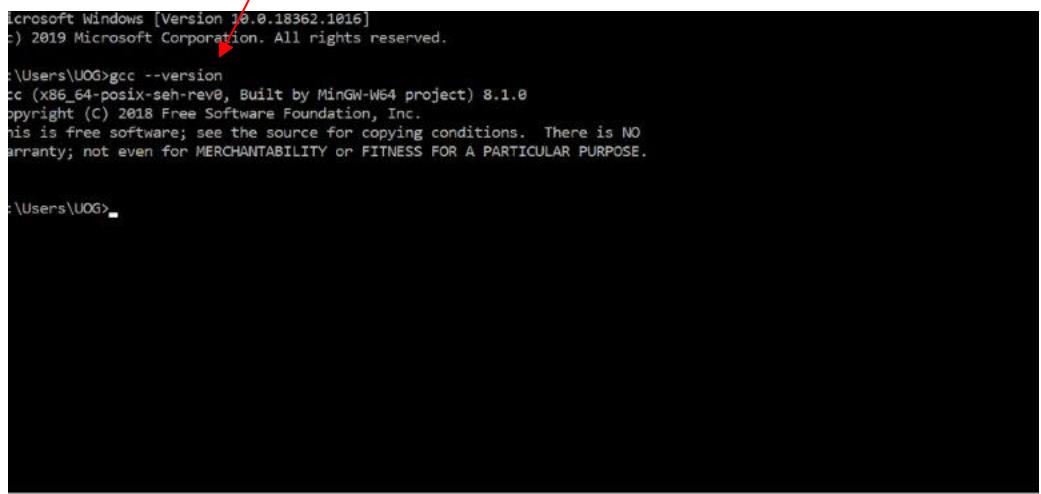
1. Install Mingw-w64 via the MSYS2 website or the direct link to the installer. Download the Windows Mingw-w64 installer.
2. Run the installer and follow the steps of the installation wizard. For MSYS2, 64-bit windows 8.1 or newer is required.
3. Use the default installation folder and install MinGW. For MSYS2, when completed, ensure **Run MSYS2 now** box is checked and select **Finish**. This will open a MSYS2 terminal window.
4. For MSYS2 terminal, install the MinGW-w64 toolchain by running the following command:

```
pacman -S --needed base-devel mingw-w64-x86_64-toolchain
```

5. Accept the default number of packages in the toolchain group by pressing **Enter**. Enter **Y** when prompted to proceed with installation.
6. Add the path to your Mingw-w64 **bin** folder to the Windows **PATH** environment variable by using the following steps:
  - a. In the Windows search bar, type 'settings' to open your Windows Settings.
  - b. Search for **Edit environment variables for your account**.
  - c. In your **User variables**, choose the **Path** variable and then select **Edit**.
  - d. Select **New** and add the Mingw-w64 path to the system path. The exact path depends on which version of Mingw-w64 you have installed and where you installed it. If you used the default settings above to install Mingw-w64, then add this to the path: **C:\msys64\mingw64\bin** (\* if differ, you need to search your folder where this **bin** folder resides in your computer and cut and paste this path)
  - e. Select **OK** to save the updated PATH. You will need to reopen any console windows for the new PATH location to be available.
7. Restart the computer to allow the environment path of GCC compiler environment path to take effect.
8. To check that your Mingw-w64 tools are correctly installed and available, open a new Command Prompt by typing

**command prompt** in the Windows search bar. A command prompt will appear and type

```
gcc --version
```



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C:\Users\UOG>gcc --version  
cc (x86\_64-posix-seh-rev0, Built by MinGW-W64 project) 8.1.0  
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b) For Mac Operating System (OS)

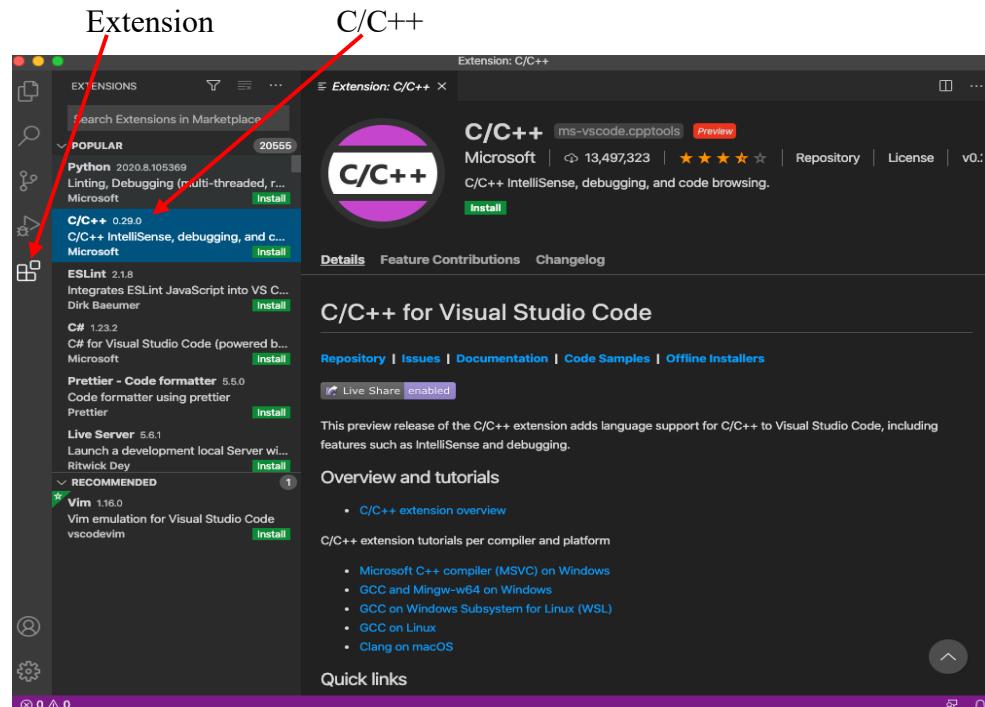
I. Installation of Microsoft VS code

- Go to <https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/setup/mac> to install and set up Microsoft VS code. Followed the installation steps in the page namely
  - [Download Visual Studio Code](#) for macOS.
  - Open the browser's download list and locate the downloaded archive.
  - Select the 'magnifying glass' icon to open the archive in Finder.
  - Drag **Visual Studio Code.app**  to the **Applications**  folder, making it available in the macOS **Launchpad** .
  - Optional : Add VS Code to your Dock by launching the VS code  in MacOS **Launchpad** and right-clicking on the icon to bring up the context menu and choosing **Options, Keep in Dock**.

II. Configuration of Microsoft of VS code for C programming

i. Install C/C++ extension

- Launch the VS code.  and click on the extension view  icon on the left-hand sidebar. Search for **C/C++** extension and click install.

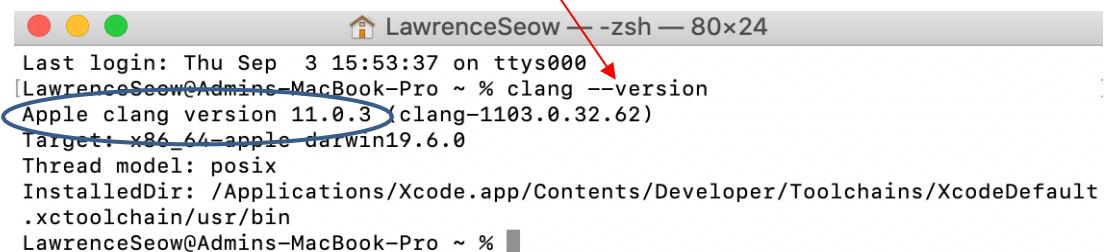


- ii. Installation of C/C++ compiler and debugger using GCC complier with Clang for Mac

1. Go to apple store apps  in your Mac , search for XCode  , download and install (need you to login into your apple ID account). Launch XCode in your launchpad, accept the apple agreement and install all components.
2. Open up a MacOS terminal window  (open up launch pad and go to other folder) to verify Clang compiler has been installed.

Enter the following command at the command prompt.

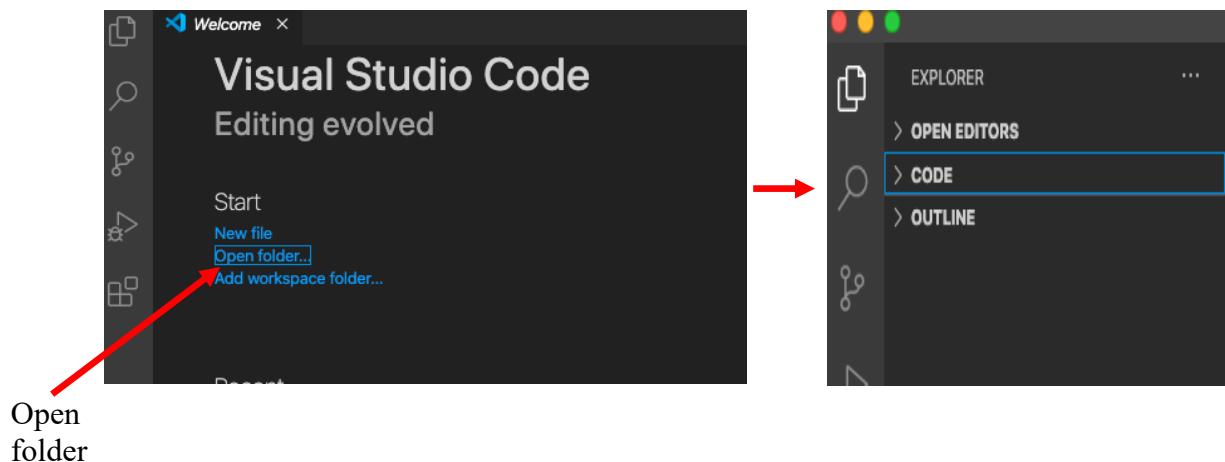
```
% Clang --version
```



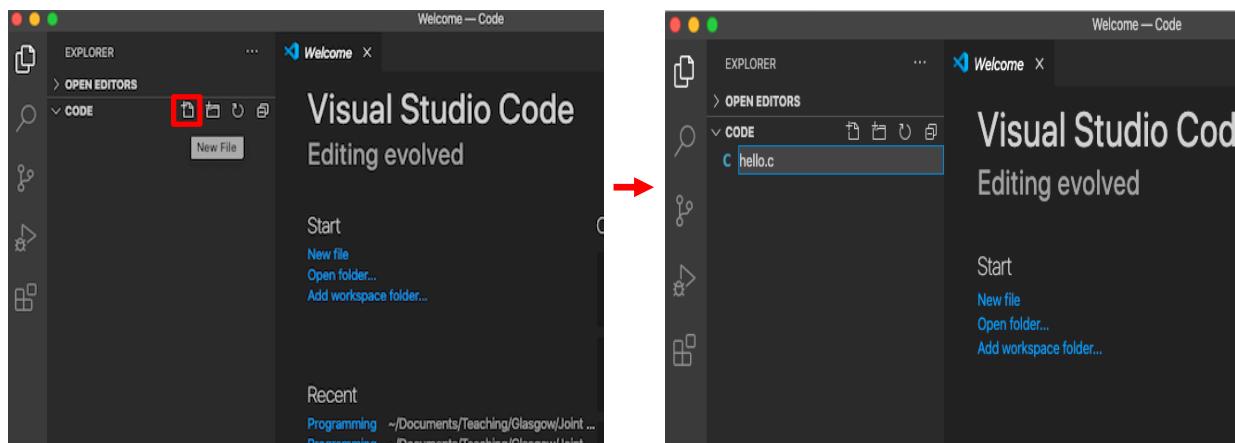
```
Last login: Thu Sep  3 15:53:37 on ttys000
[LawrenceSeow@Admins-MacBook-Pro ~ % clang --version
Apple clang version 11.0.3 (clang-1103.0.32.62)
Target: x86_64-apple-darwin19.6.0
Thread model: posix
InstalledDir: /Applications/Xcode.app/Contents/Developer/Toolchains/XcodeDefault.xctoolchain/usr/bin
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```

## 2. Write a Simple Hello program and setup one-time configuration

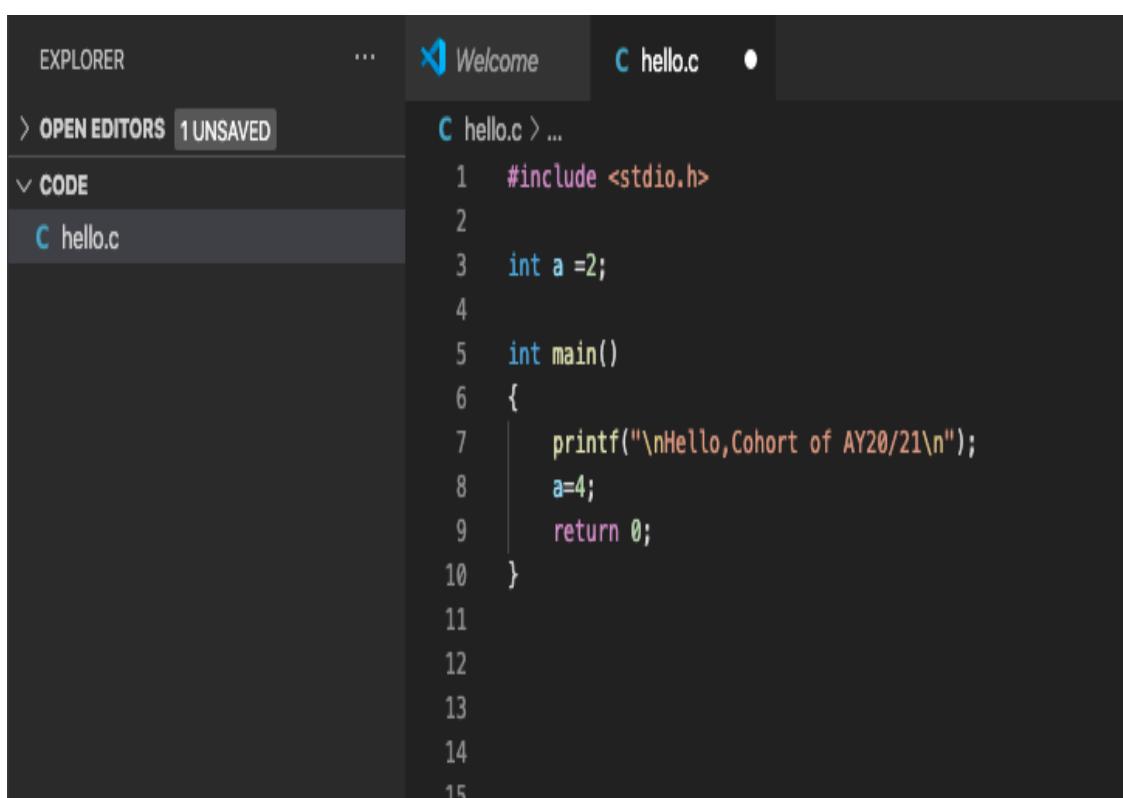
- a) Create your preferred folder so that all future programming codes will be stored in this folder. For example, a folder called **code** under a main folder called **programming\_methodology**. Open the VS code editor and click open folder and pointed to the desired folder(in this case **programming\_methodology->code**)



- b) In the file explorer title bar, select **New File** and name the file as **hello.c**.

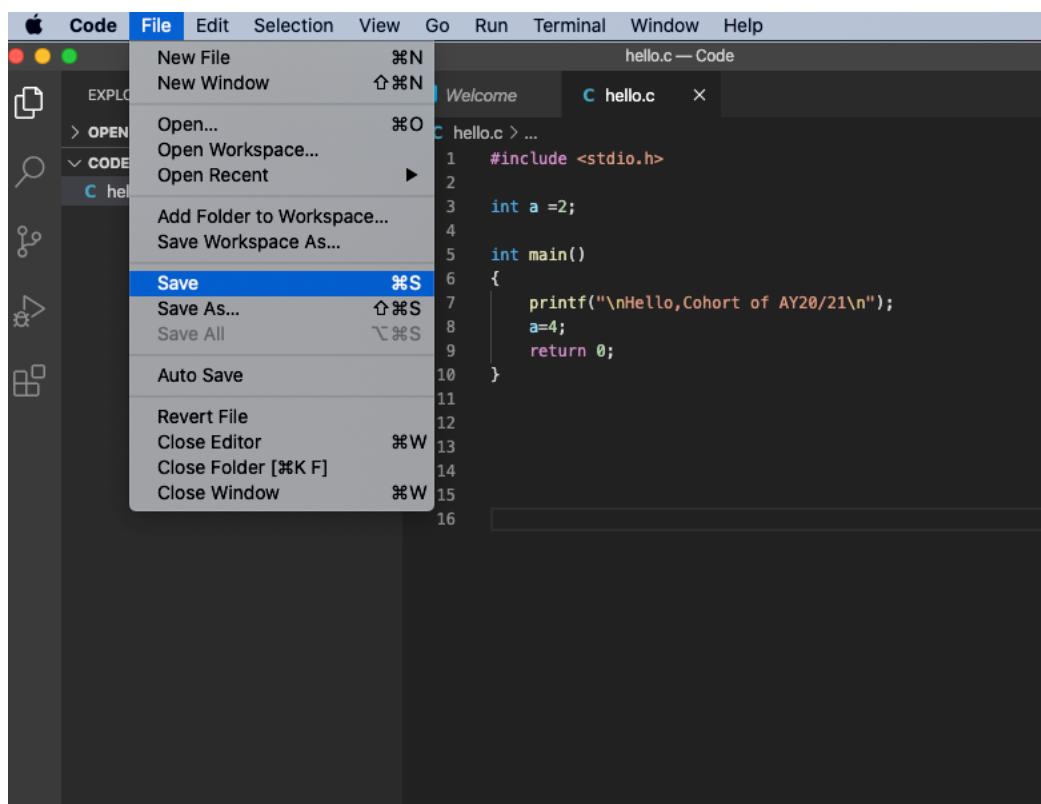


- c) Paste or type in the following C source code



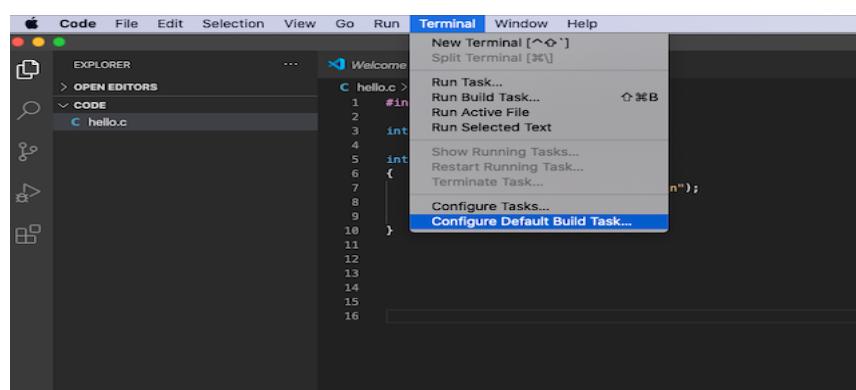
```
#include <stdio.h>
int a =2;
int main()
{
    printf("\nHello,Cohort of AY20/21\n");
    a=4;
    return 0;
}
```

File Save the code.

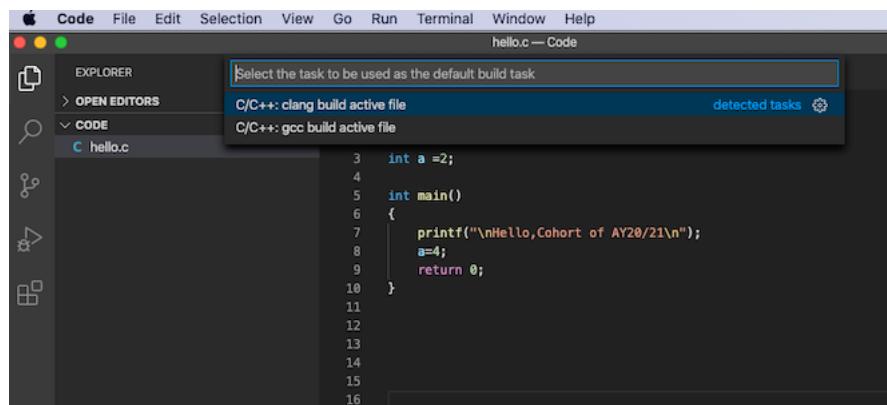


d) Build the compilation environment

- I. Create **tasks.json** file to tell VS code how to build(compile) the program. This will invoke the Clang C/C++ compiler for MAC OS and GCC for Window OS to create an executable file from source code (one-time effort for all codes under the folder). Go **Terminal->Configure Default Build Task**



A dropdown will appear listing various predefined build tasks for the compilers that VS Code found on your machine. Choose **C/C++ clang build active file** for MAC OS and **C/C++ gcc.exe build active file** for window OS to build the file that is currently displayed (active) in the editor.



The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface on Mac OS. The menu bar includes Code, File, Edit, Selection, View, Go, Run, Terminal, Window, and Help. The title bar says "hello.c — Code". The Explorer sidebar shows "OPEN EDITORS" and "CODE" sections, with "hello.c" selected. The main editor area contains the following C code:

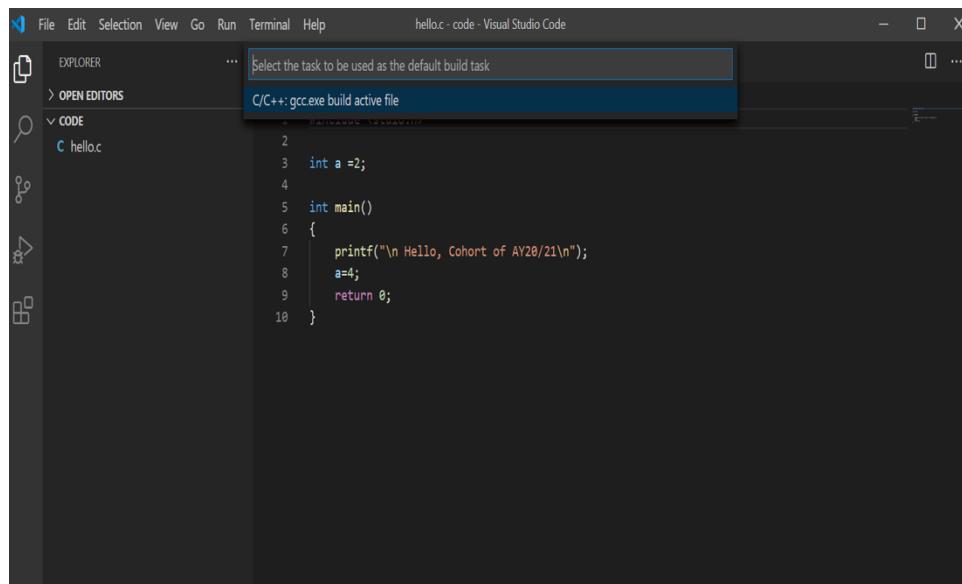
```

3 int a =2;
4
5 int main()
6 {
7     printf("\nHello,Cohort of AY20/21\n");
8     a=4;
9     return 0;
10 }
11
12
13
14
15
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```

A dropdown menu is open at the top right, titled "Select the task to be used as the default build task". It lists two options: "C/C++: clang build active file" and "C/C++: gcc build active file".

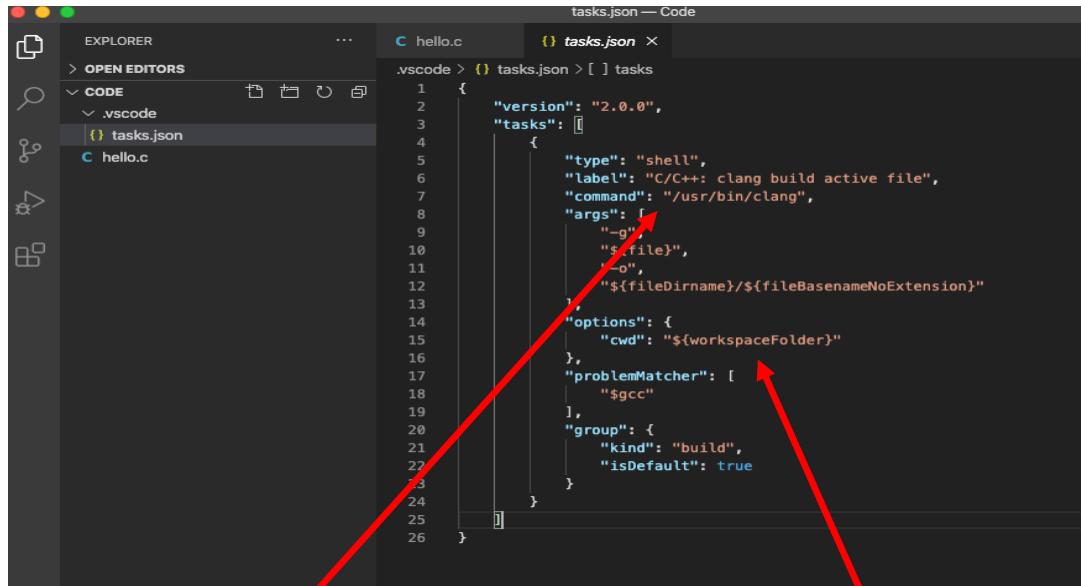
## Mac OS



The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface on Windows OS. The menu bar includes File, Edit, Selection, View, Go, Run, Terminal, Help, and a tab for "hello.c - code - Visual Studio Code". The Explorer sidebar shows "OPEN EDITORS" and "CODE" sections, with "hello.c" selected. The main editor area contains the same C code as the Mac OS screenshot. A dropdown menu is open at the top right, titled "Select the task to be used as the default build task". It lists two options: "C/C++: gcc.exe build active file" and "C/C++: clang build active file".

## Windows OS

This will create a **tasks.json** file in the .vscode folder and open it in the editor.



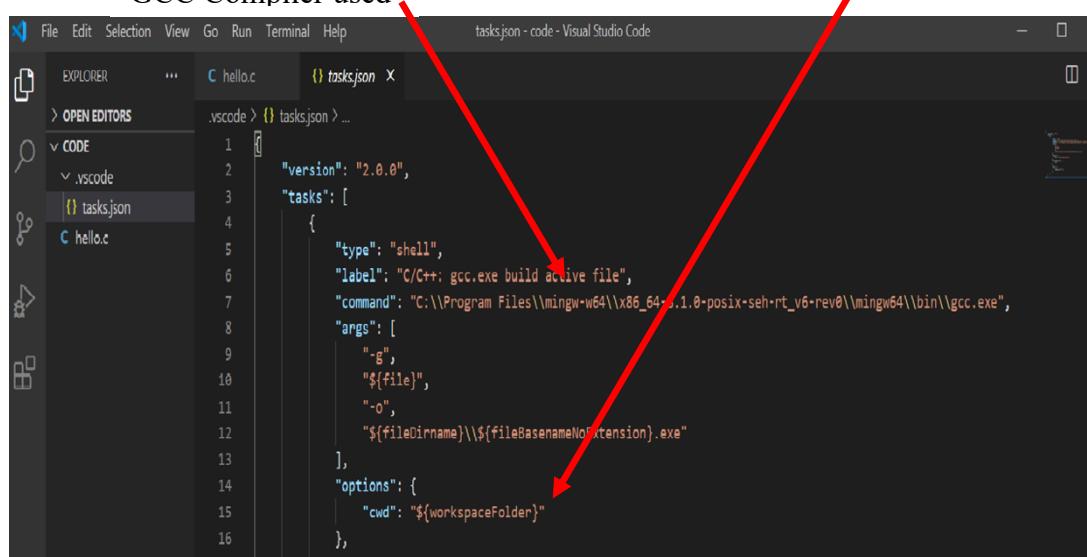
```
tasks.json — Code
EXPLORER ... C hello.c ( tasks.json
CODE .vscode > tasks.json > [ ] tasks
  1 { "version": "2.0.0",
  2   "tasks": [
  3     {
  4       "type": "shell",
  5       "label": "C/C++: clang build active file",
  6       "command": "/usr/bin/clang",
  7       "args": [
  8         "-g",
  9         "${file}",
 10         "-o",
 11         "${fileDirname}/${fileBasenameNoExtension}"
 12       ],
 13       "options": {
 14         "cwd": "${workspaceFolder}"
 15       },
 16       "problemMatcher": [
 17         "$gcc"
 18       ],
 19       "group": {
 20         "kind": "build",
 21         "isDefault": true
 22       }
 23     }
 24   }
 25 }
 26 }
```

Clang Compiler used

Compile files in working directory

### Mac OS

GCC Compiler used



```
tasks.json - code - Visual Studio Code
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  1 { "version": "2.0.0",
  2   "tasks": [
  3     {
  4       "type": "shell",
  5       "label": "C/C++: gcc.exe build active file",
  6       "command": "C:\Program Files\mingw-w64\x86_64-5.1.0-posix-seh-rt_v6-rev0\mingw64\bin\gcc.exe",
  7       "args": [
  8         "-g",
  9         "${file}",
 10         "-o",
 11         "${fileDirname}\${fileBasenameNoExtension}.exe"
 12       ],
 13       "options": {
 14         "cwd": "${workspaceFolder}"
 15       },
 16       "problemMatcher": [
 17         "$gcc"
 18       ],
 19       "group": {
 20         "kind": "build",
 21         "isDefault": true
 22       }
 23     }
 24   }
 25 }
```

Windows OS

If can't task .json, go View->Command Palette->C/C++ :Edit Configuration (UI)  
 c\_cpp\_properties.json will be formed.

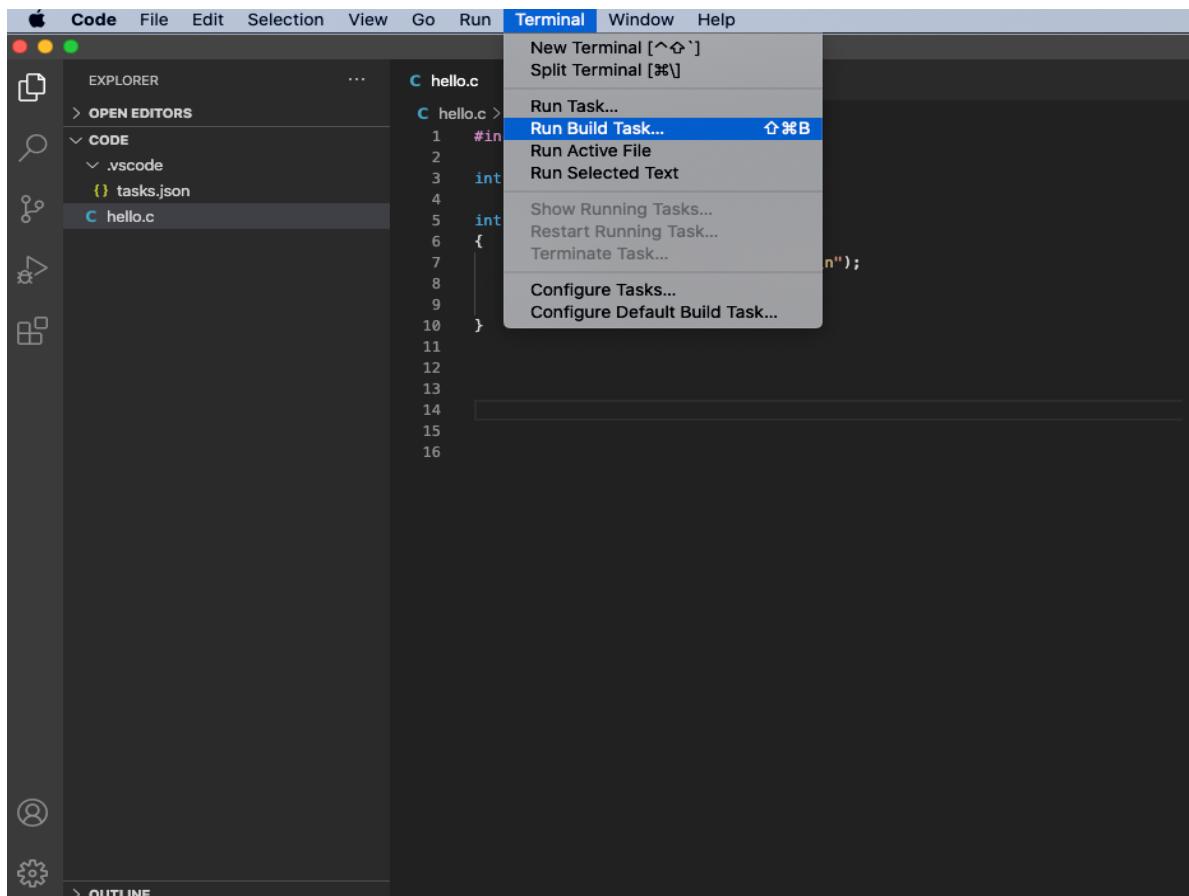
Then go Terminal->Run Build Task after that for method 1 as usual

e) Running the Build (Compile) to run the `hello.c` program

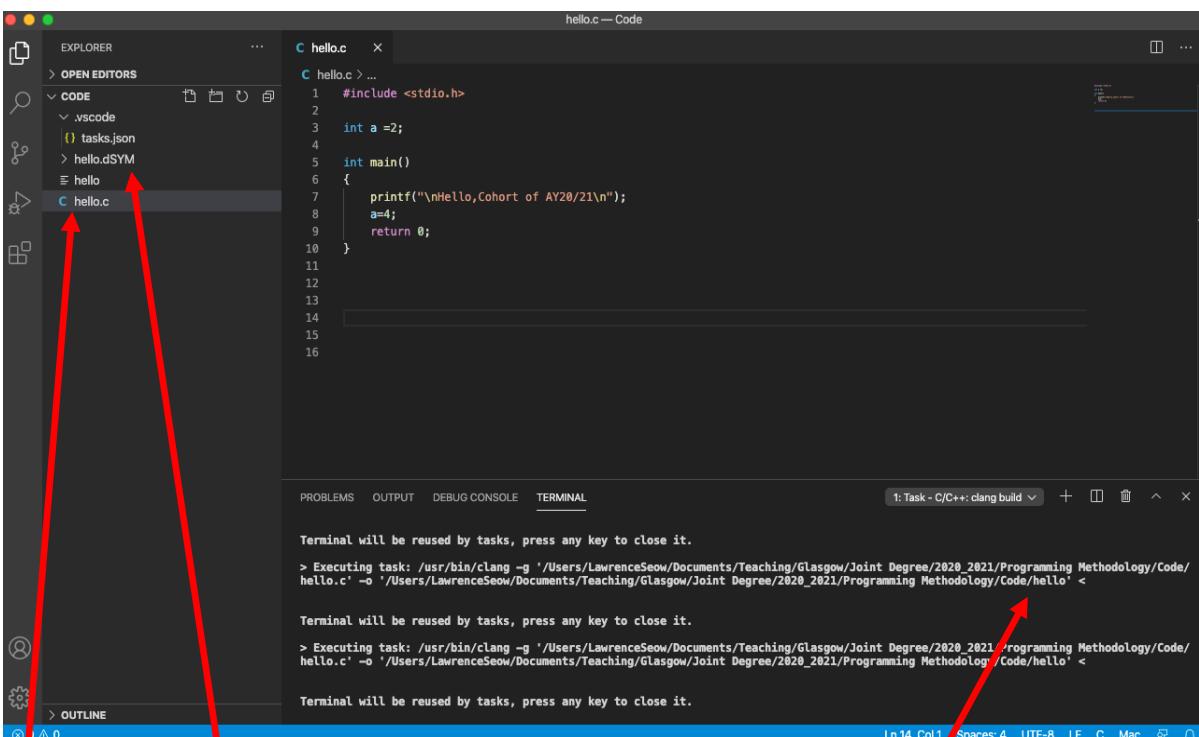
## I. Method 1

Step 1: Go back to `hello.c`. Because we want to build `hello.c`, it is important that this file be the one that is active in the editor for the next step.

Step 2: To run the build task to generate `hello.exe` that you defined in `tasks.json`, press **Terminal->Run Build Task**



Step 3 : When the task starts, you should see the Integrated Terminal window appear below the code editor. After the task completes, the terminal shows output from the compiler that indicates whether the build succeeded or failed. For a successful Clang build, the output looks something like this below with two files created namely `hello.exe` and `hello.dSYM`(MAC OS Only):

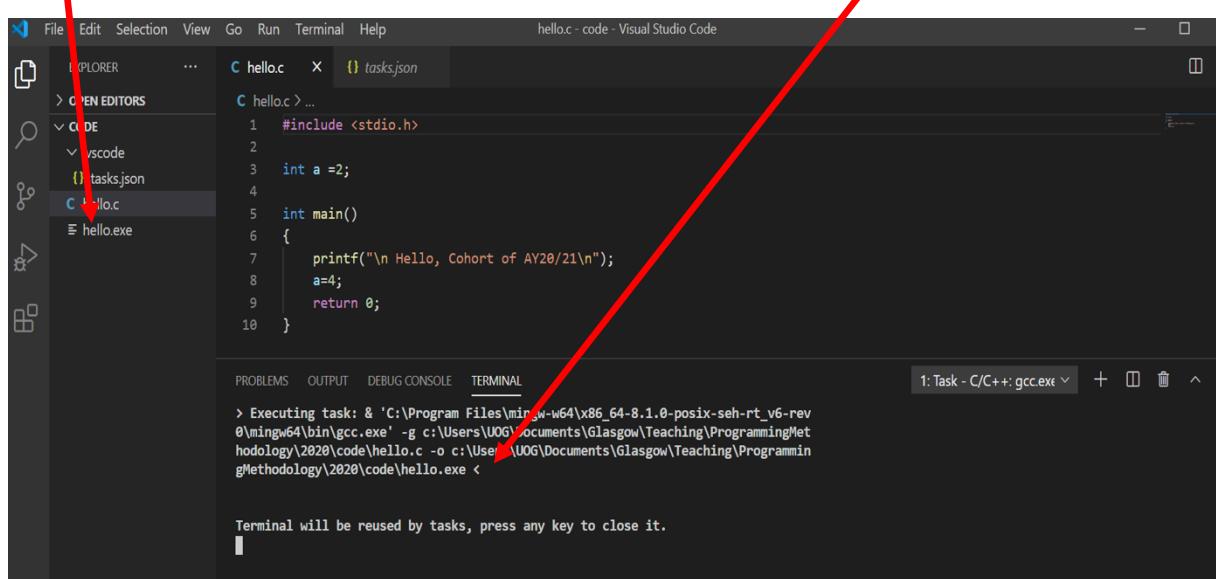


The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface on a Mac OS system. The Explorer sidebar on the left lists files: .vscode, tasks.json, hello.dSYM, and hello. The main editor window displays the C code for 'hello.c'. The terminal at the bottom shows the build command being executed:

```
Terminal will be reused by tasks, press any key to close it.
> Executing task: /usr/bin/clang -g '/Users/LawrenceSeow/Documents/Teaching/Glasgow/Joint Degree/2020_2021/Programming Methodology/Code/hello.c' -o '/Users/LawrenceSeow/Documents/Teaching/Glasgow/Joint Degree/2020_2021/Programming Methodology/Code/hello' <
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```

Labels below the screenshot indicate the file paths: 'hello.exe' and 'hello.dSYM'.

MAC OS

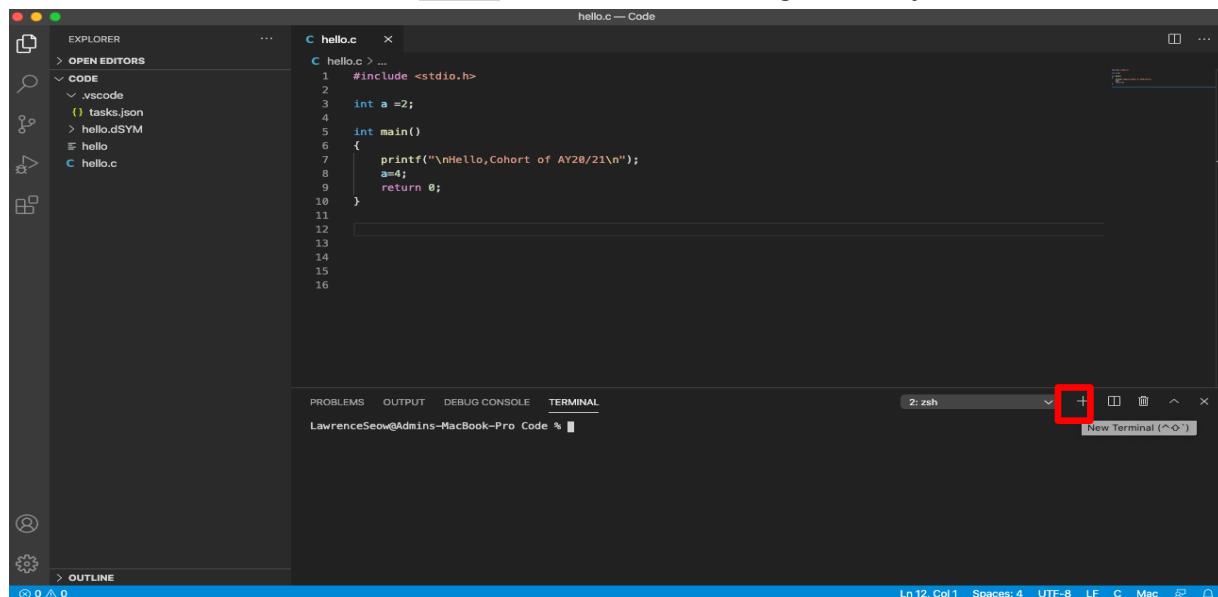


The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface on a Windows OS system. The Explorer sidebar lists files: .vscode, tasks.json, and hello. The main editor window displays the C code for 'hello.c'. The terminal at the bottom shows the build command being executed:

```
> Executing task: & 'C:\Program Files\mingw-w64\x86_64-8.1.0-posix-seh-rt_v6-rev0\mingw64\bin\gcc.exe' -g c:\Users\UOG\Documents\Glasgow\Teaching\ProgrammingMethodology\2020\code\hello.c -o c:\Users\UOG\Documents\Glasgow\Teaching\ProgrammingMethodology\2020\code\hello.exe <
```

Label below the screenshot indicates the file path: 'Window OS'.

Step 4: Create a new terminal using the + button and you'll have a new terminal with the `code` folder as the working directory.



Step 5 : MAC OS : Run `ls` and you should now see the executable `hello` along with the debugging file (`hello.dSYM`). Type the following at the terminal command prompt `./hello`. The hello message should appear.

Window OS : Run `dir` and you should now see the executable `hello`. Type the following at the terminal command prompt `.\hello`. The hello message should appear.

```
PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL
LawrenceSeow@Admins-MacBook-Pro Code % ls
hello    hello.c    hello.dSYM
LawrenceSeow@Admins-MacBook-Pro Code % ./hello
Hello, Cohort of AY20/21
LawrenceSeow@Admins-MacBook-Pro Code %
```

MAC OS

```
PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL
Try the new cross-platform PowerShell https://aka.ms/pscore6
PS C:\Users\UOG\Documents\Glasgow\Teaching\Programming\Methodology\2020\code> dir

Directory: C:\Users\UOG\Documents\Glasgow\Teaching\Programming\Methodology\2020\code

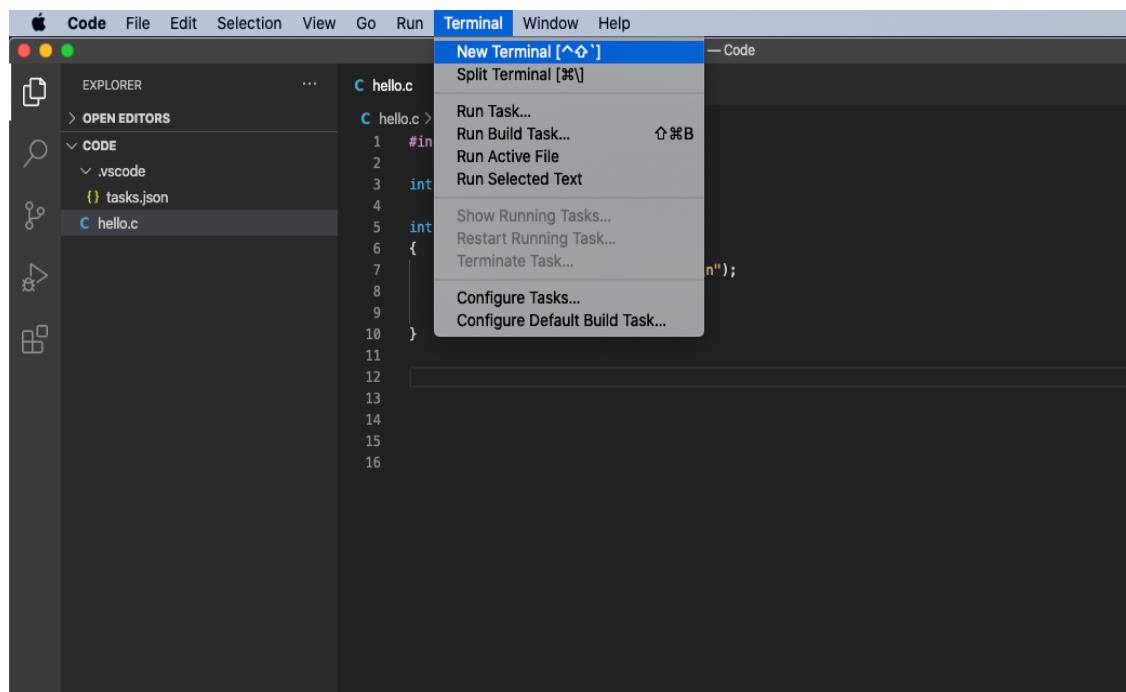
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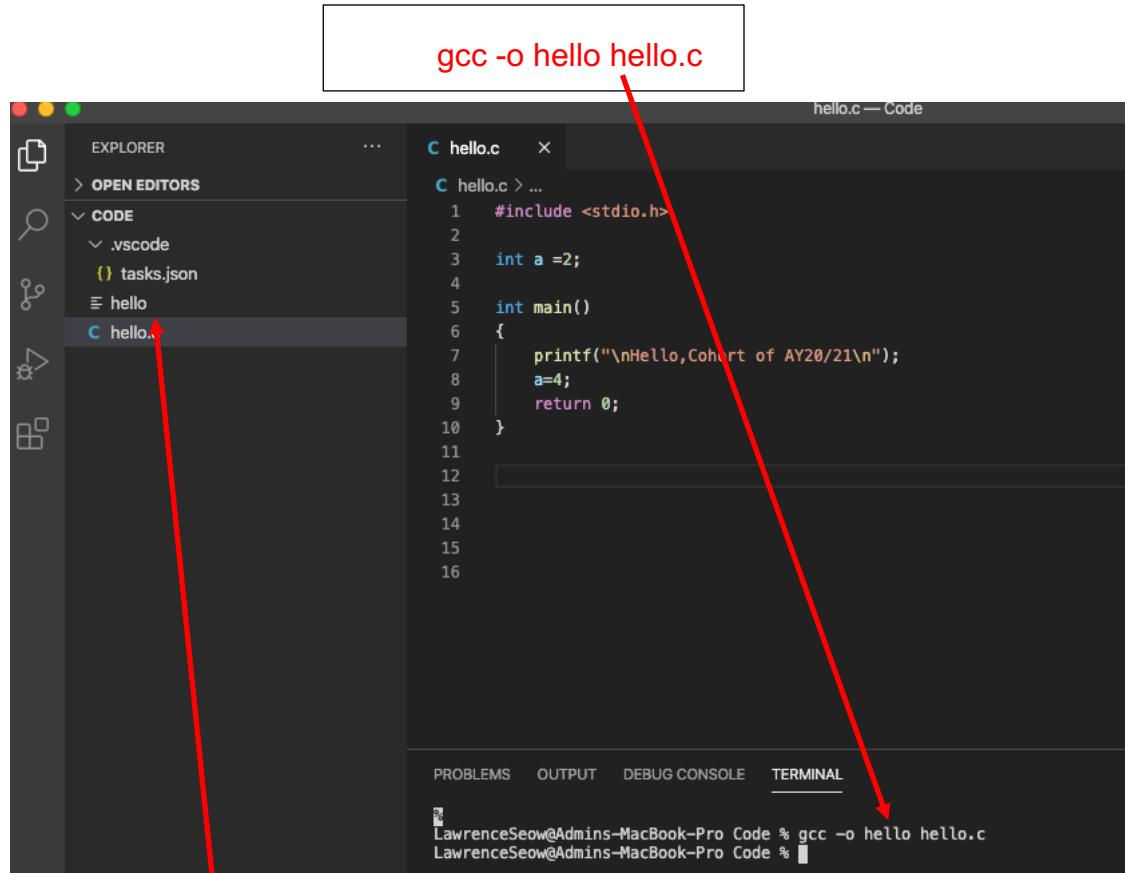
Window OS

## II. Method 2

Step 1: Go to drop down menu **Terminal->New Terminal** to generate new terminal if not exist.



Step 2 : Type the following at the Terminal command prompt to compile and generate the **hello.exe**



```
gcc -o hello hello.c
```

hello.c — Code

EXPLORER OPEN EDITORS CODE .vscode tasks.json hello hello.c

```

C hello.c > ...
1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 int a =2;
4
5 int main()
6 {
7     printf("\nHello,Cohort of AY20/21\n");
8     a=4;
9     return 0;
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```

PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL

LawrenceSeow@Admins-MacBook-Pro Code % gcc -o hello hello.c  
LawrenceSeow@Admins-MacBook-Pro Code %

hello.exe

Step 3: Run the hello.exe at the terminal command prompt `./hello` or `.\hello`. The hello message should appear.



MAC OS

PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL

LawrenceSeow@Admins-MacBook-Pro Code % gcc -o hello hello.c  
LawrenceSeow@Admins-MacBook-Pro Code % ./hello  
  
Hello, Cohort of AY20/21  
LawrenceSeow@Admins-MacBook-Pro Code %

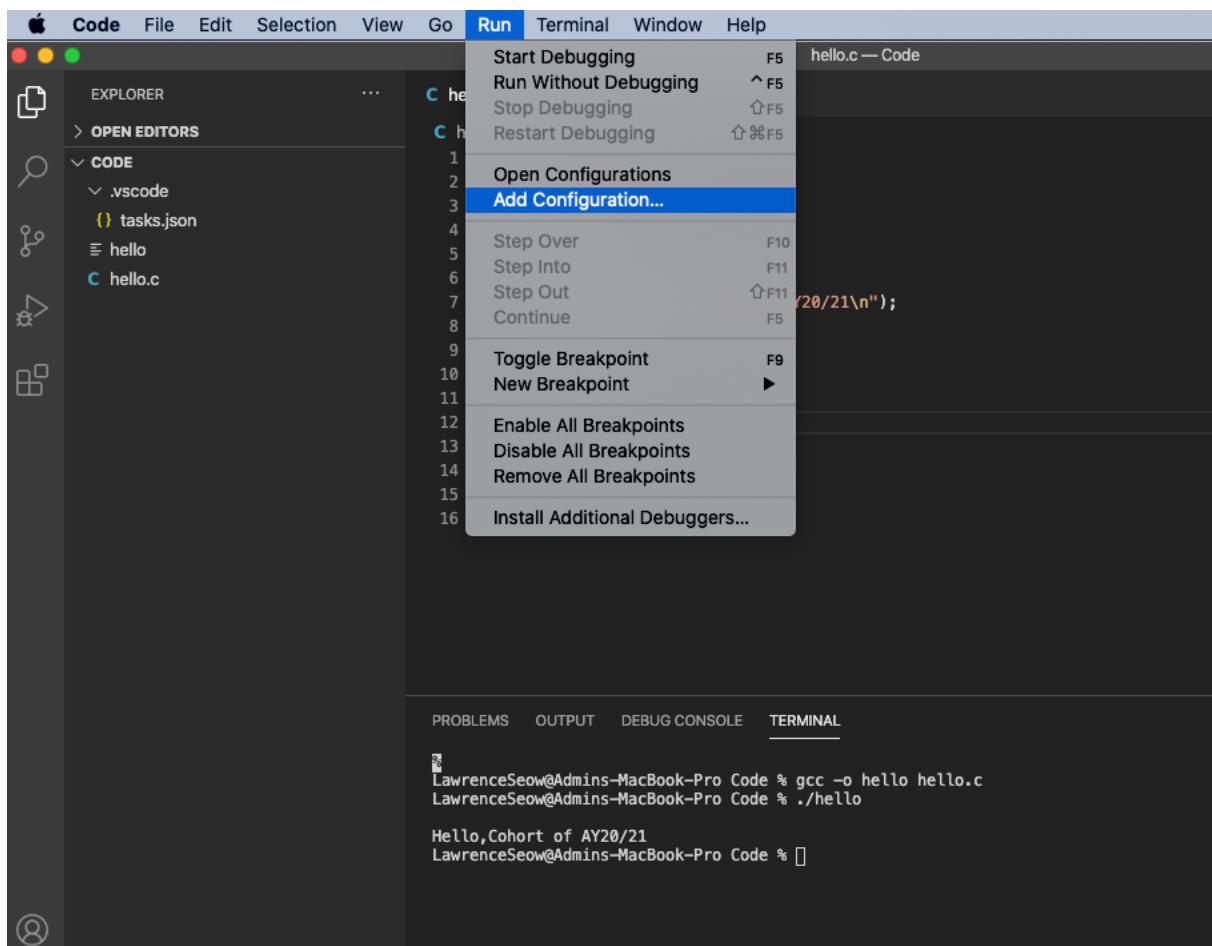
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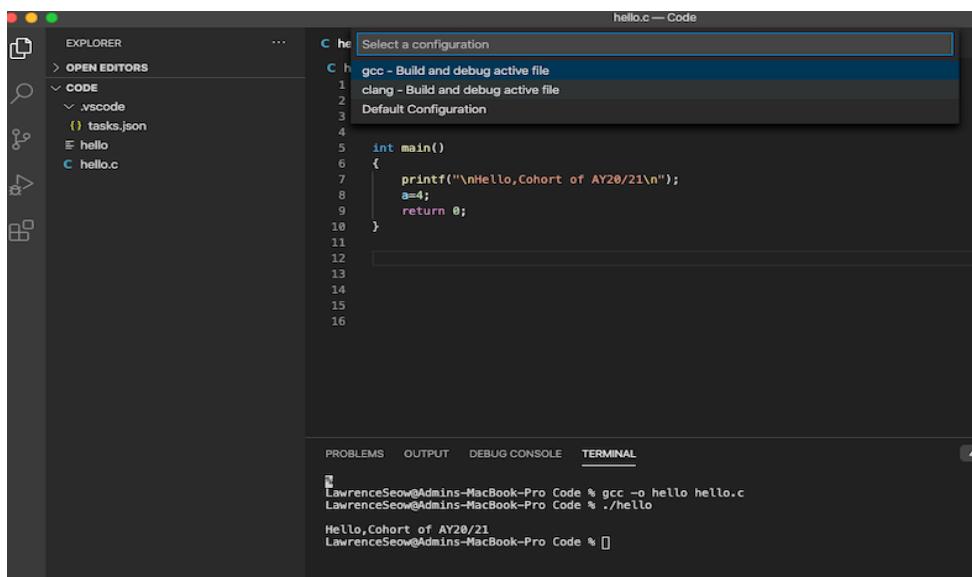
Windows PowerShell  
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Try the new cross-platform PowerShell https://aka.ms/pscore6  
  
PS C:\Users\UOG\Documents\Glasgow\Teaching\ProgrammingMethodology\2020\code> gcc -o hello hello.c  
PS C:\Users\UOG\Documents\Glasgow\Teaching\ProgrammingMethodology\2020\code> .\hello  
  
Hello, Cohort of AY20/21  
PS C:\Users\UOG\Documents\Glasgow\Teaching\ProgrammingMethodology\2020\code>

- f) Create Debug environment. Sometime, it is good to create a debug environment to step tracing to troubleshoot your code. You can create a one-time debug environment for all the codes under the same folder.

Step 1 : Create the **launch.json** file to configure VS Code to launch the LLDB debugger when you press **F5** or **Run-> Start Debugging** to debug the program. From the main menu, choose **Run -> Add Configuration...** and then choose **C++ (GDB/LLDB)**.



You'll then see a dropdown for predefined debugging configurations.  
 Choose **clang - Build and debug active file** for MAC OS and **gcc.exe - Build and debug active file** for Window OS.



The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface on a MAC OS. The code editor displays a C program named 'hello.c' with the following content:

```

1 int main()
2 {
3     printf("\nHello, Cohort of AY20/21\n");
4     a=4;
5     return 0;
}

```

A dropdown menu titled 'Select a configuration' is open at the top of the code editor, listing three options:

- gcc - Build and debug active file
- clang - Build and debug active file
- Default Configuration

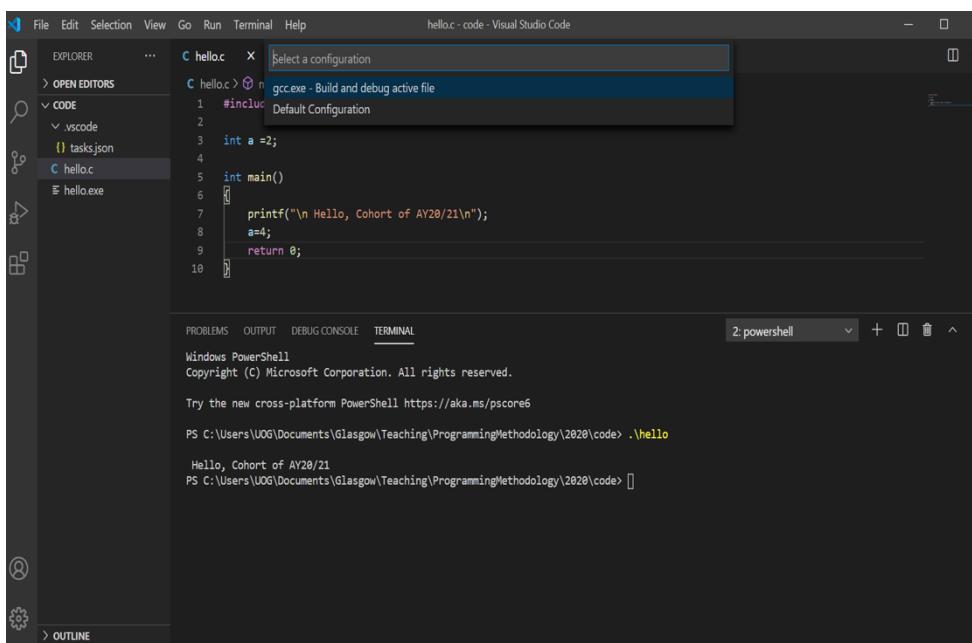
The terminal at the bottom shows the output of running the code:

```

LawrenceSeow@Admins-MacBook-Pro Code % gcc -o hello hello.c
LawrenceSeow@Admins-MacBook-Pro Code % ./hello
Hello, Cohort of AY20/21
LawrenceSeow@Admins-MacBook-Pro Code %

```

MAC OS



The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface on a Windows OS. The code editor displays the same 'hello.c' program as the MAC OS version. A dropdown menu titled 'Select a configuration' is open, showing:

- gcc.exe - Build and debug active file
- Default Configuration

The terminal at the bottom shows the output of running the code via PowerShell:

```

Windows PowerShell
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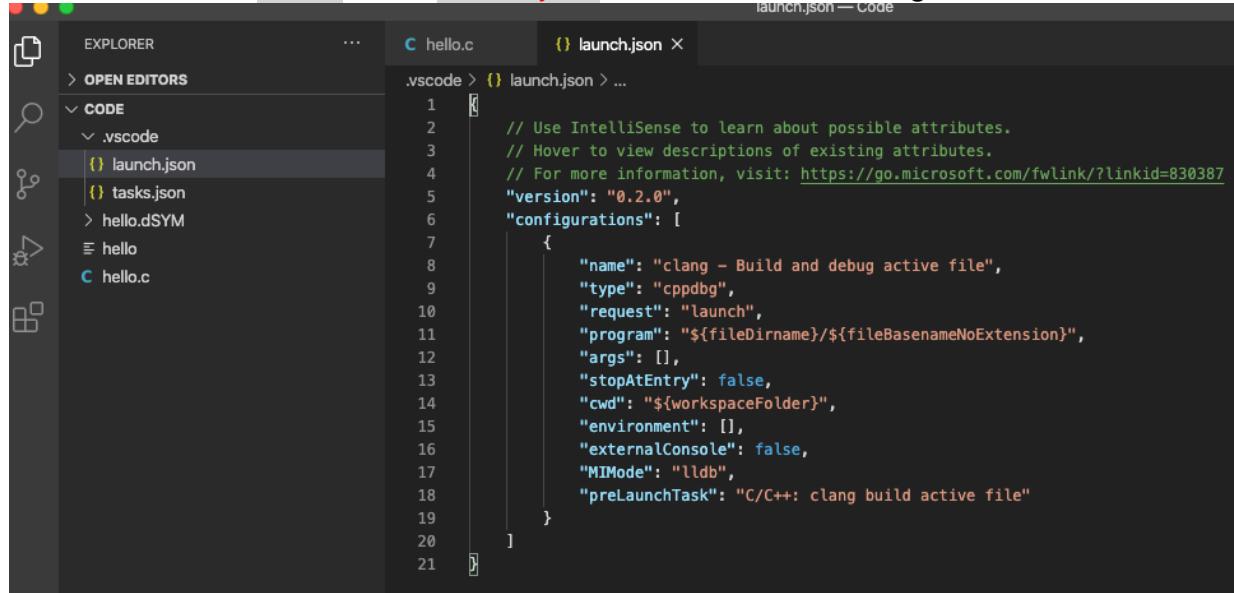
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PS C:\Users\UOG\Documents\Glasgow\Teaching\Programming\Methodology\2020\code> .\hello
Hello, Cohort of AY20/21
PS C:\Users\UOG\Documents\Glasgow\Teaching\Programming\Methodology\2020\code>

```

Window OS

VS Code creates a `launch.json` file, opens it in the editor, and builds and runs 'hello'. Your `launch.json` file will look something like this:

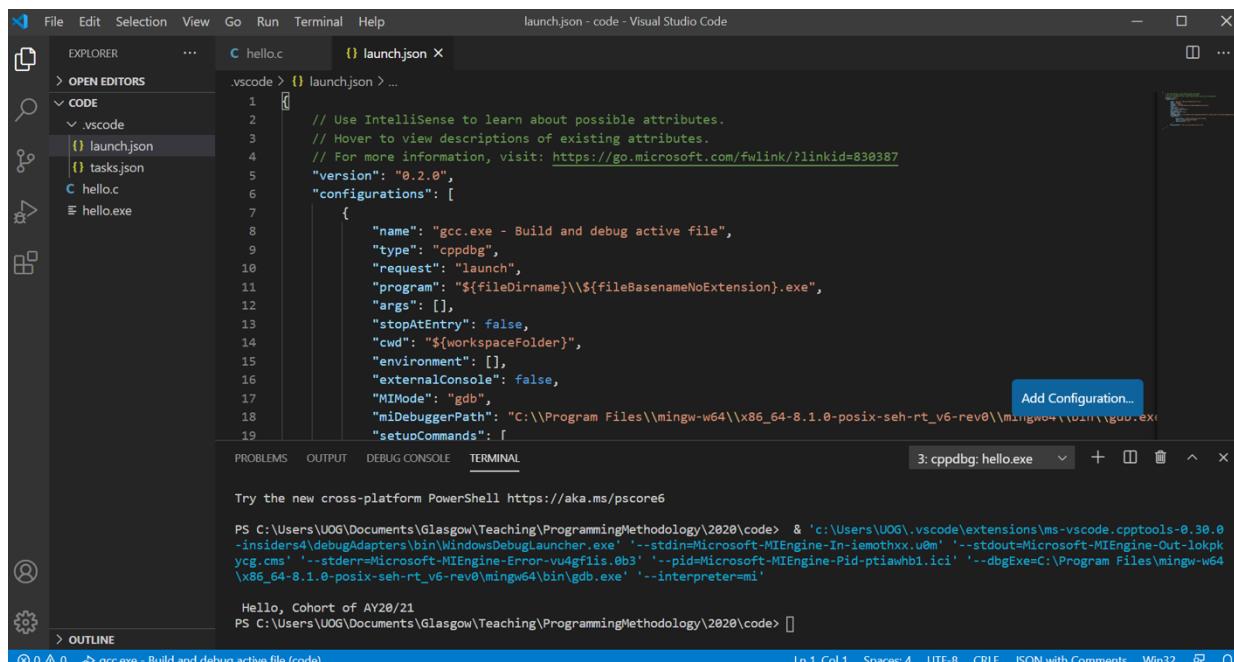


```

{
    "version": "0.2.0",
    "configurations": [
        {
            "name": "clang - Build and debug active file",
            "type": "cppdbg",
            "request": "launch",
            "program": "${fileDirname}/${fileBasenameNoExtension}",
            "args": [],
            "stopAtEntry": false,
            "cwd": "${workspaceFolder}",
            "environment": [],
            "externalConsole": false,
            "MIMode": "lldb",
            "preLaunchTask": "C/C++: clang build active file"
        }
    ]
}

```

## Mac OS



```

{
    "version": "0.2.0",
    "configurations": [
        {
            "name": "gcc.exe - Build and debug active file",
            "type": "cppdbg",
            "request": "launch",
            "program": "${fileDirname}\\${fileBasenameNoExtension}.exe",
            "args": [],
            "stopAtEntry": false,
            "cwd": "${workspaceFolder}",
            "environment": [],
            "externalConsole": false,
            "MIMode": "gdb",
            "miDebuggerPath": "C:\\Program Files\\mingw-w64\\x86_64-8.1.0-posix-seh-rt_v6-rev0\\mingw64\\bin\\gdb.exe",
            "setupCommands": [
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            ]
        }
    ]
}

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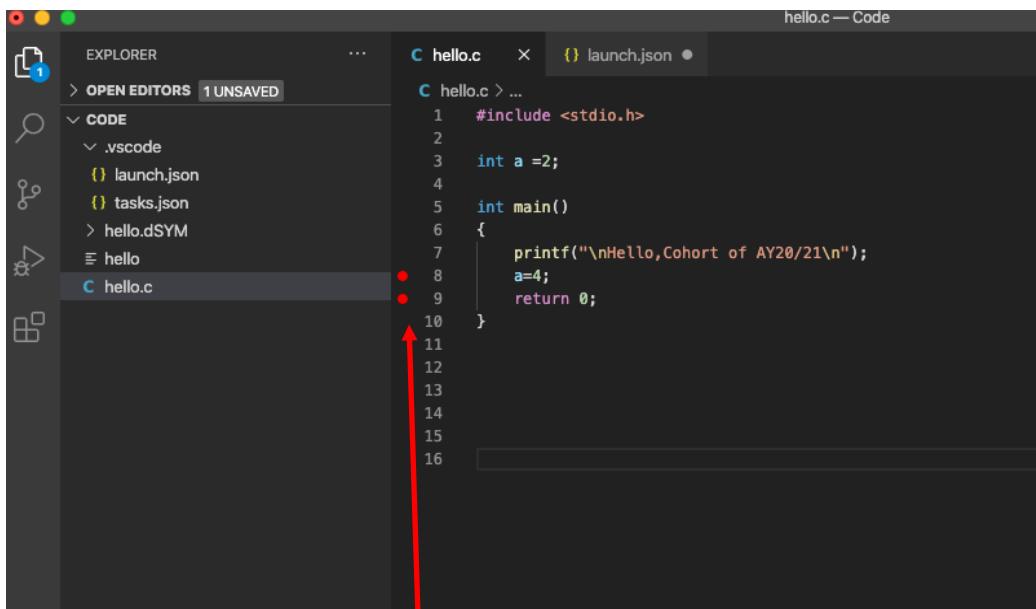
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PS C:\Users\UOG\Documents\Glasgow\Teaching\ProgrammingMethodology\2020\code> & "c:\Users\UOG\.vscode\extensions\ms-vscode.cpptools-0.30.0-insiders4\debugAdapters\bin\WindowsDebugLauncher.exe" '--stdin=Microsoft-MIEngine-In-iemotxx.u0m' '--stdout=Microsoft-MIEngine-Out-l0kpkycg.cms' '--stderr=Microsoft-MIEngine-Error-vu4gfis.0b3' '--pid=Microsoft-MIEngine-Pid-ptiawhb1.ici' '--dbgExe=C:\Program Files\mingw-w64\x86_64-8.1.0-posix-seh-rt_v6-rev0\mingw64\bin\gdb.exe' '--interpreter=mi'
Hello, Cohort of AY20/21
PS C:\Users\UOG\Documents\Glasgow\Teaching\ProgrammingMethodology\2020\code>

```

## Window OS

**Step 2:** Go back to **hello.c** so that it is the active file in the editor. This is important because VS Code uses the active file to determine what you want to debug. Create two toggle points at line 8 and line 9 to allow the see the usefulness of debug mode. Go to line 8 and line 9 and choose **Run->Toggle BreakPoint**



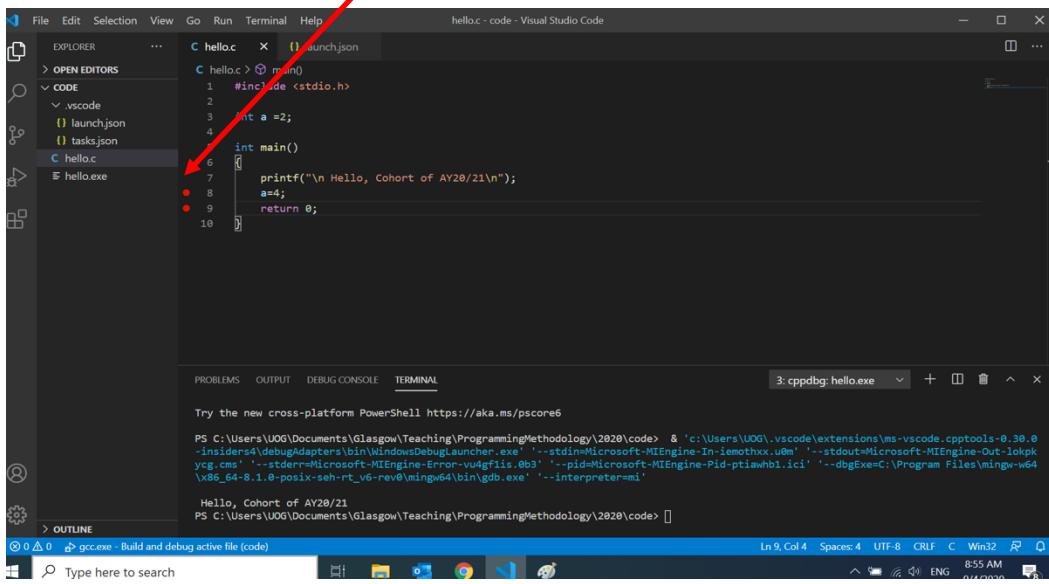
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```

hello.c — Code
hello.c
C hello.c > ...
C hello.c > ...
1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 int a =2;
4
5 int main()
6 {
7     printf("\nHello, Cohort of AY20/21\n");
8     a=4;
9     return 0;
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```

Breakpoint  
MAC OS



The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface on a Windows OS. The code editor displays the same C program `hello.c`. Two red dots, representing breakpoints, are placed on line 8 and line 9. A vertical red arrow points upwards from the text "Breakpoint" to the line numbers 8 and 9 in the code.

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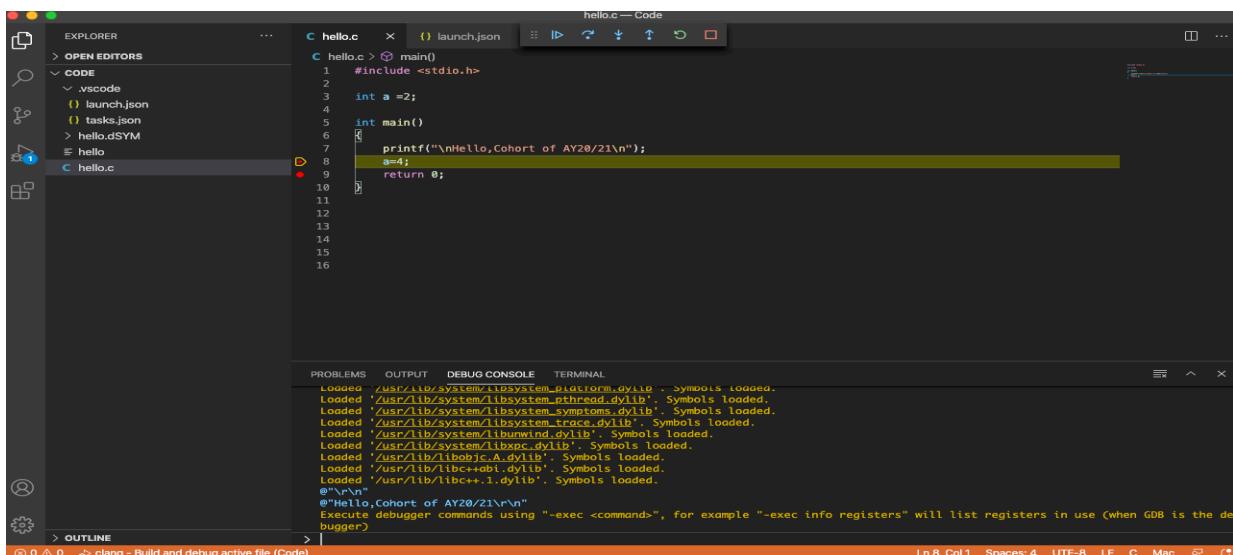
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hello.c - code - Visual Studio Code
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```

Breakpoint  
Window OS

Step 3: Press **F5** or from the main menu choose **Run -> Start Debugging**. Before you start stepping through the source code, let's take a moment to notice several changes in the user interface:

- The Integrated Terminal appears at the bottom of the source code editor. In the **DEBUG CONSOLE Output** tab, you see output that indicates the debugger is up and running.
- The program stops at the breakpoint where **a=4**.



This screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface on a Mac OS system. The code editor displays a C file named 'hello.c' with the following code:

```

1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 int a =2;
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5 int main()
6 {
7     printf("\nHello, Cohort of AY20/21\n");
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9     return 0;
10 }

```

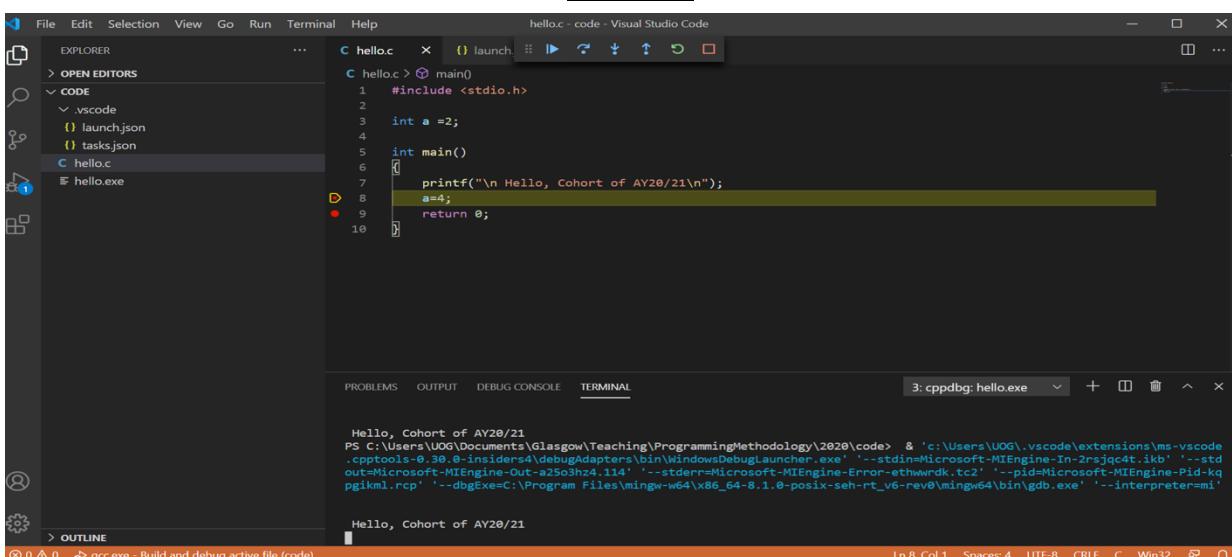
The integrated terminal at the bottom shows the output of the debugger:

```

Loaded '/usr/lib/system/libSystem.dylib'. Symbols loaded.
Loaded '/usr/lib/system/libSystem_pthread.dylib'. Symbols loaded.
Loaded '/usr/lib/system/libSystem_symptoms.dylib'. Symbols loaded.
Loaded '/usr/lib/system/libSystem_trace.dylib'. Symbols loaded.
Loaded '/usr/lib/system/libRunwind.dylib'. Symbols loaded.
Loaded '/usr/lib/libc++/libc++.dylib'. Symbols loaded.
Loaded '/usr/lib/libobjc.A.dylib'. Symbols loaded.
Loaded '/usr/lib/libc++abi.dylib'. Symbols loaded.
Loaded '/usr/lib/libc+++.dylib'. Symbols loaded.
@"/r/n"
@"/Hello, Cohort of AY20/21\r\n"
Execute debugger commands using "-exec <command>", for example "-exec info registers" will list registers in use (when GDB is the debugger)

```

MAC OS



This screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface on a Windows OS system. The code editor displays the same 'hello.c' file as the Mac OS version. The integrated terminal at the bottom shows the output of the debugger:

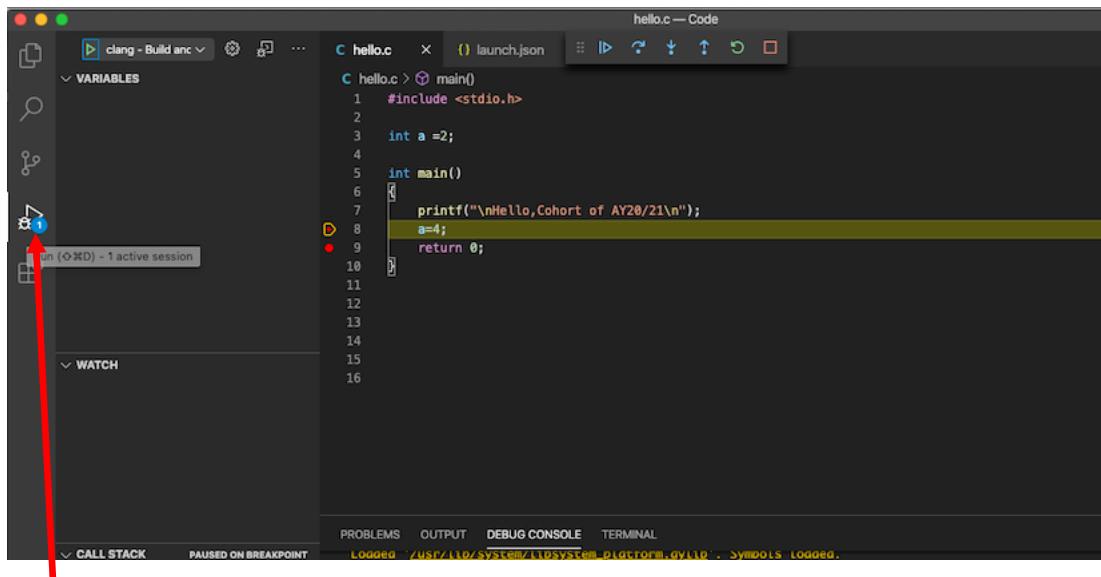
```

Hello, Cohort of AY20/21
PS C:\Users\UOG\Documents\Glasgow\Teaching\ProgrammingMethodology\2020\code> & 'c:\Users\UOG\.vscode\extensions\ms-vscode.cpptools-0.30.0-insiders4\debugAdapters\b1n\WindowsDebugLauncher.exe' '--stdinMicrosoft-MIEngine-In-2rj9qc4t.ikb' '--stdoutMicrosoft-MIEngine-Out-a2S03hz4.114' '--stderrMicrosoft-MIEngine-Error-ethawrdk.tcz' '--pidMicrosoft-MIEngine-Pid-kqpgikml.rcp' '--dbgExe=C:\Program Files\mingw-w64\x86_64-8.1.0-posix-seh-rt_v6-rev0\mingw64\bin\gdb.exe' '--interpreter=mi'
Hello, Cohort of AY20/21

```

Window OS

Step 4: Double click on the **Run** view



A screenshot of the Visual Studio Code interface. The title bar says "hello.c — Code". The left sidebar has sections for "VARIABLES" and "WATCH". The main editor area shows a C program named "hello.c" with the following code:

```

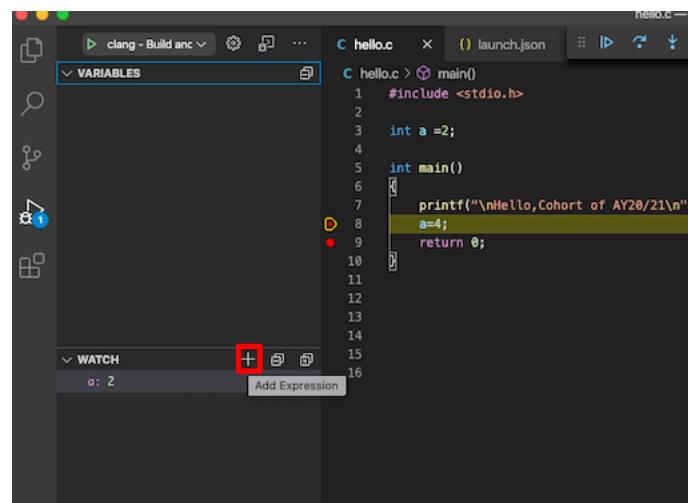
1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 int a =2;
4
5 int main()
6 {
7     printf("\nHello,Cohort of AY20/21\n");
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```

The "Run" icon in the sidebar is highlighted with a red arrow pointing to it. The status bar at the bottom shows "PAUSED ON BREAKPOINT".

Run view

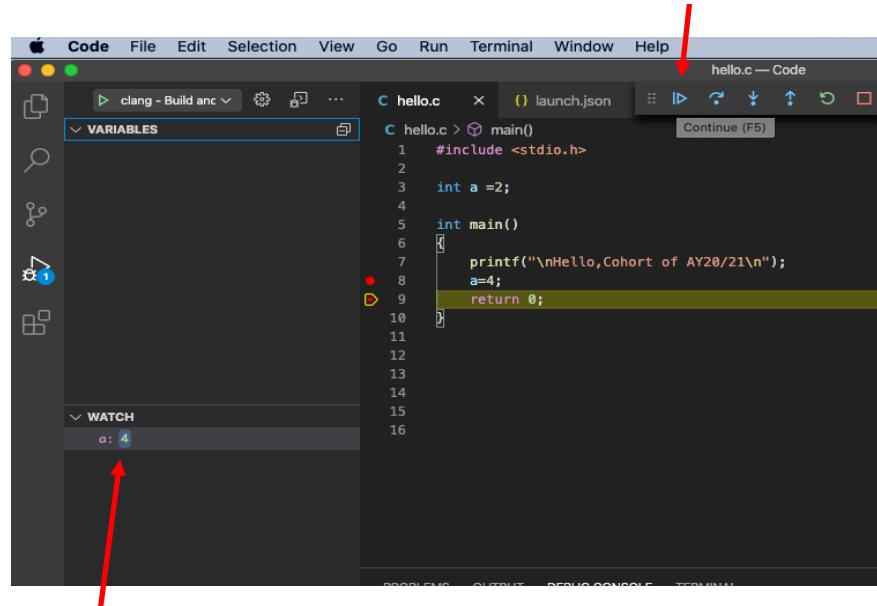
At the **WATCH** view , **Add Expression** and type **a** for variable **a** to observe how the variable a change value from 2 to 4



A screenshot of the Visual Studio Code interface, similar to the previous one but with the "WATCH" view open. The "WATCH" section shows a single entry: "a: 2". Below it is a button labeled "Add Expression". The status bar at the bottom shows "PAUSED ON BREAKPOINT".

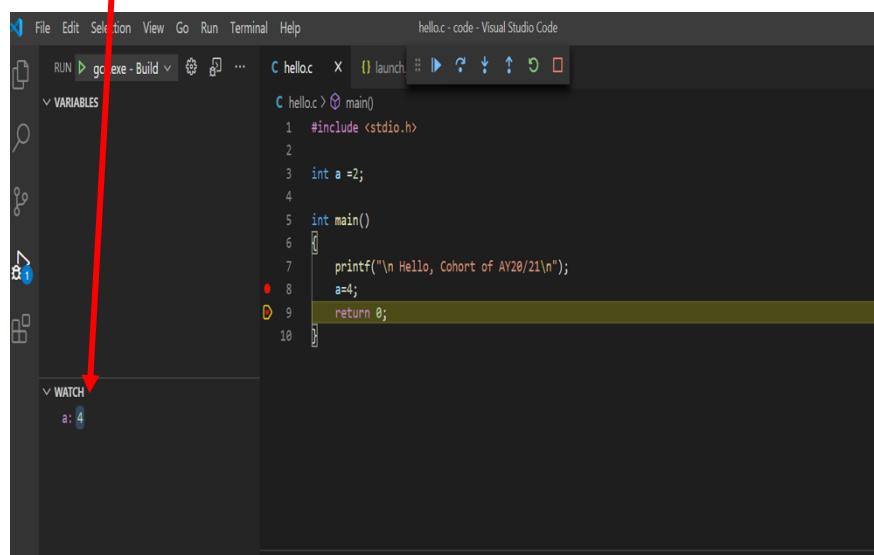
Step 5: Click on the **continue** button or F5 to step through to the next toggle point and observe the variable **a** change from 2 to 4. Press **F5** to complete the program run.

Continue button



variable **a** changes from 2 to 4

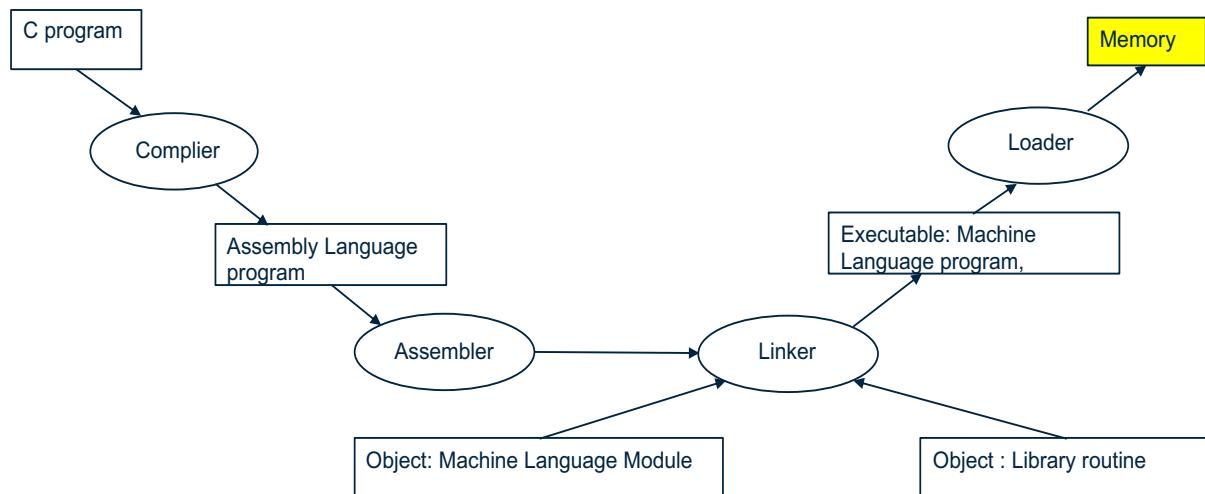
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### 3. Understanding the Edit-Compile-Link-Execute (ECLE) Process of a C Program

The full cycle of ECLE is depicted as followed



In general, the ECLE process of a C program are mainly

- Preprocessing
- Compilation
- Assembly
- Linking

#### Pre-processing

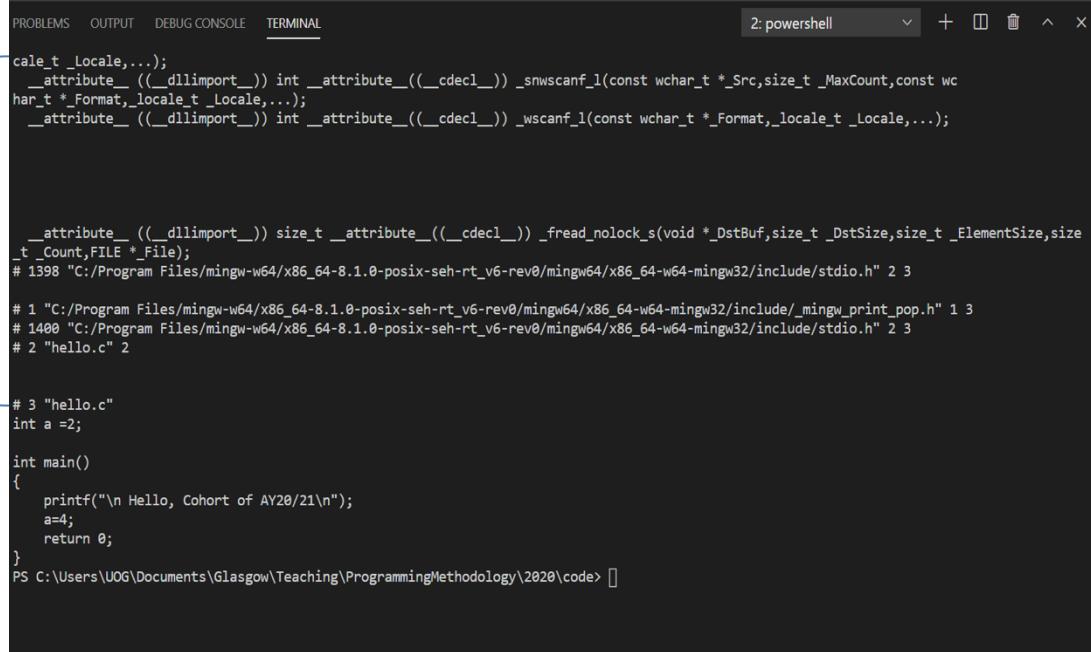
In this stage, pre-processor directives that start with a # character are interpreted by the *pre-processor*. Before interpreting, the preprocessor perform initial processing such as joining continued lines (lines ending with a \) and stripping comments.

To see the effect of the preprocessing stage, type the following at the terminal

```
gcc -E hello.c
```

using the same `hello.c` program above, the preprocessor will produce the contents of the `stdio.h` header file joined with the contents of the `hello.c` file, stripped free from its leading comment as shown below

stdio.h  
code



```

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cale_t _Locale,...);
__attribute__((_dllimport)) int __attribute__((__cdecl__)) _snwscanf_l(const wchar_t *_Src, size_t _MaxCount,const wchar_t *_Format, _locale_t _Locale,...);
__attribute__((_dllimport)) int __attribute__((__cdecl__)) _wscanf_l(const wchar_t *_Format, _locale_t _Locale,...);

__attribute__((_dllimport)) size_t __attribute__((__cdecl__)) _fread_nolock_s(void *_DstBuf, size_t _DstSize, size_t _ElementSize, size_t _Count, FILE *_File);
# 1398 "C:/Program Files/mingw-w64/x86_64-8.1.0-posix-seh-rt_v6-rev0/mingw64/x86_64-w64-mingw32/include/stdio.h" 2 3

# 1 "C:/Program Files/mingw-w64/x86_64-8.1.0-posix-seh-rt_v6-rev0/mingw64/x86_64-w64-mingw32/include/_mingw_print_pop.h" 1 3
# 1400 "C:/Program Files/mingw-w64/x86_64-8.1.0-posix-seh-rt_v6-rev0/mingw64/x86_64-w64-mingw32/include/stdio.h" 2 3
# 2 "hello.c" 2

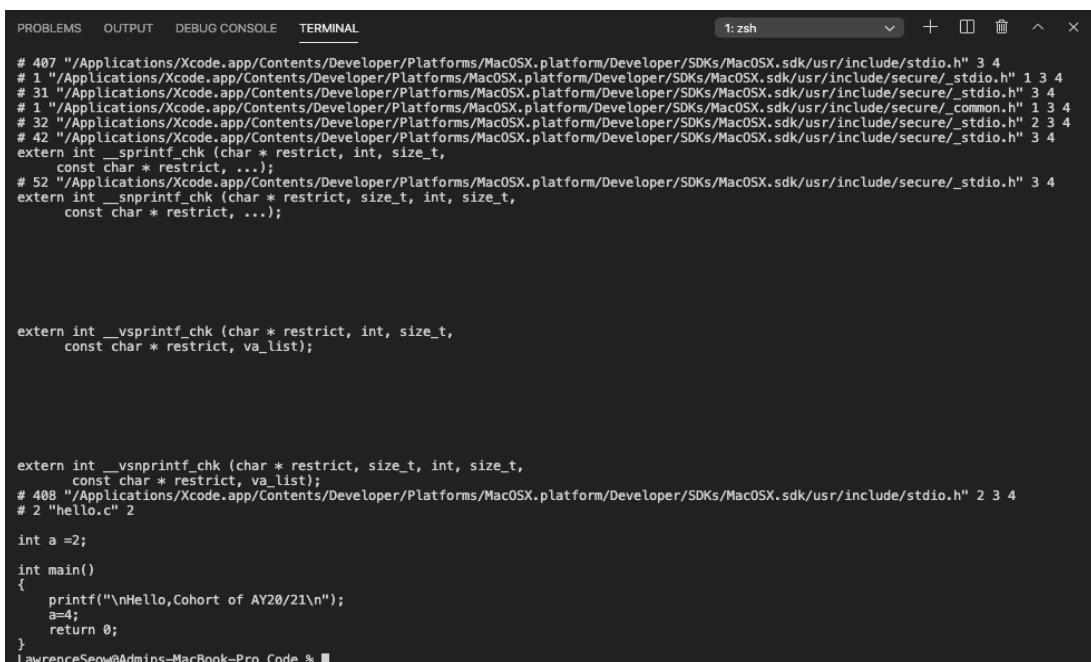
# 3 "hello.c"
int a =2;

int main()
{
    printf("\n Hello, Cohort of AY20/21\n");
    a=4;
    return 0;
}
PS C:\Users\UOG\Documents\Glasgow\Teaching\ProgrammingMethodology\2020\code> []

```

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stdio.h  
code



```

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# 407 "/Applications/Xcode.app/Contents/Developer/Platforms/MacOSX.platform/Developer/SDKs/MacOSX.sdk/usr/include/stdio.h" 3 4
# 1 "/Applications/Xcode.app/Contents/Developer/Platforms/MacOSX.platform/Developer/SDKs/MacOSX.sdk/usr/include/secure/_stdio.h" 1 3 4
# 31 "/Applications/Xcode.app/Contents/Developer/Platforms/MacOSX.platform/Developer/SDKs/MacOSX.sdk/usr/include/secure/_stdio.h" 3 4
# 1 "/Applications/Xcode.app/Contents/Developer/Platforms/MacOSX.platform/Developer/SDKs/MacOSX.sdk/usr/include/secure/_common.h" 1 3 4
# 32 "/Applications/Xcode.app/Contents/Developer/Platforms/MacOSX.platform/Developer/SDKs/MacOSX.sdk/usr/include/secure/_stdio.h" 2 3 4
# 42 "Applications/Xcode.app/Contents/Developer/Platforms/MacOSX.platform/Developer/SDKs/MacOSX.sdk/usr/include/secure/_stdio.h" 3 4
extern int __sprintf_chk (char * restrict, int, size_t,
    const char * restrict, ...);
# 52 "/Applications/Xcode.app/Contents/Developer/Platforms/MacOSX.platform/Developer/SDKs/MacOSX.sdk/usr/include/secure/_stdio.h" 3 4
extern int __snprintf_chk (char * restrict, size_t, int, size_t,
    const char * restrict, ...);

extern int __vsprintf_chk (char * restrict, int, size_t,
    const char * restrict, va_list);

extern int __vsnprintf_chk (char * restrict, size_t, int, size_t,
    const char * restrict, va_list);
# 408 "/Applications/Xcode.app/Contents/Developer/Platforms/MacOSX.platform/Developer/SDKs/MacOSX.sdk/usr/include/stdio.h" 2 3 4
# 2 "hello.c" 2

int a =2;

int main()
{
    printf("\nHello,Cohort of AY20/21\n");
    a=4;
    return 0;
}
LawrenceSeow@Admins-MacBook-Pro:~ % █

```

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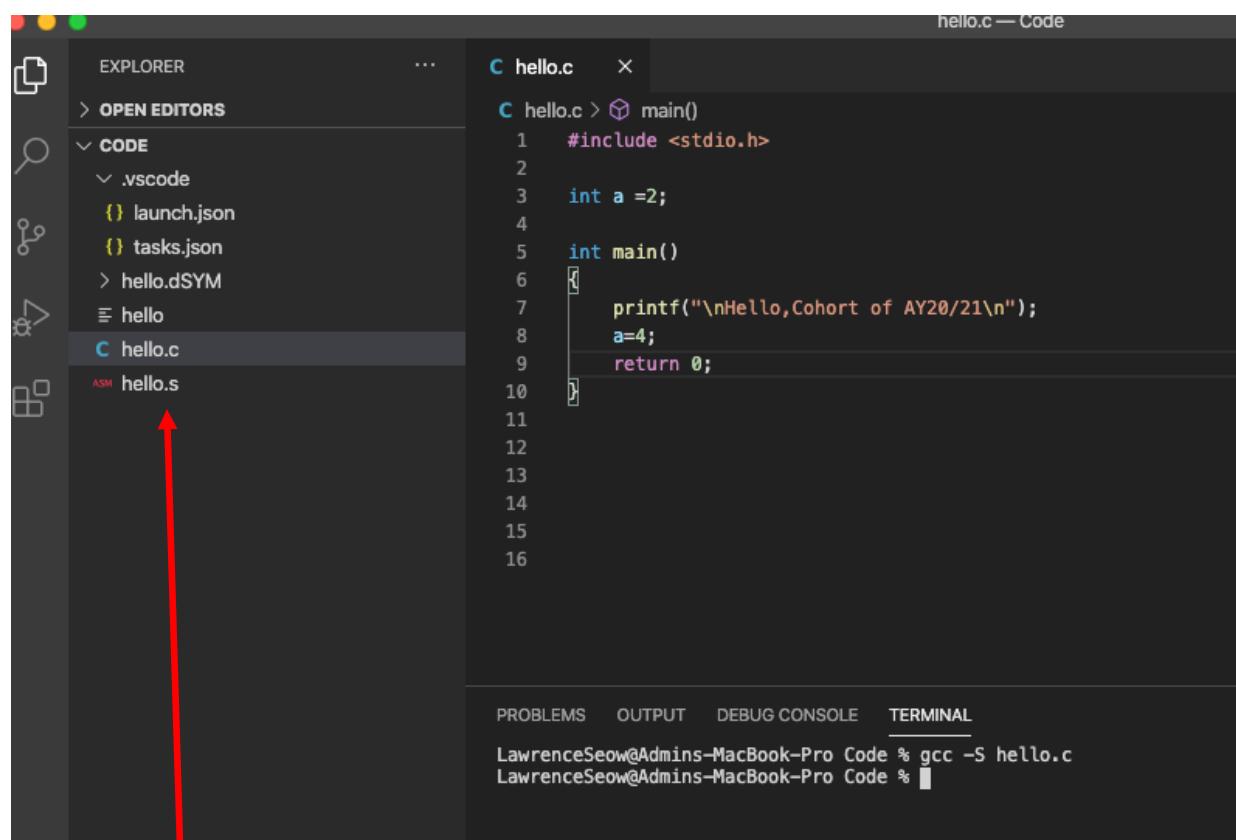
## Compilation

In this stage, the preprocessed code is translated to *assembly instructions* specific to the target processor architecture. Some compilers also supports the use of an integrated assembler, in which the compilation stage generates *machine code* directly, avoiding the overhead of generating the intermediate assembly instructions and invoking the assembler.

To generate the assembly language program , type at the terminal prompt

```
gcc -S hello.c
```

This will create a file named **hello.s**, containing the generated assembly instructions.



The screenshot shows a Microsoft Visual Studio Code (VS Code) interface running on MAC OS. The Explorer sidebar on the left lists files and folders, including a .vscode folder, launch.json, tasks.json, a hello.dSYM folder, a hello folder, and two files: hello.c and hello.s. A red arrow points from the hello.c file in the Explorer to the hello.s file in the list, indicating the result of the compilation process. The main editor window displays the C code for hello.c:

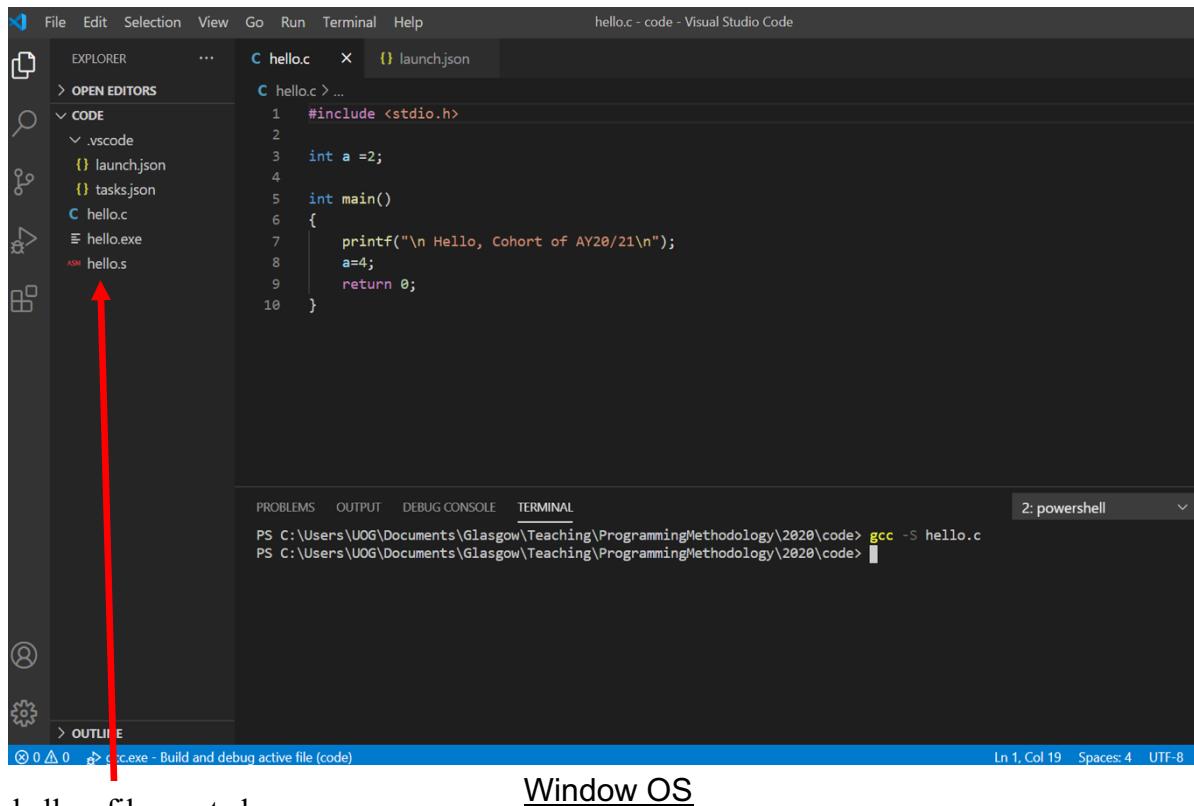
```
C hello.c  X
C hello.c > ⚡ main()
1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 int a =2;
4
5 int main()
6 {
7     printf("\nHello,Cohort of AY20/21\n");
8     a=4;
9     return 0;
10 }
```

The bottom right corner of the interface shows the terminal window with the command and its output:

```
PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL
LawrenceSeow@Admins-MacBook-Pro ~ % gcc -S hello.c
LawrenceSeow@Admins-MacBook-Pro ~ %
```

hello.s file created

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A screenshot of the Visual Studio Code interface. The left sidebar shows a tree view with 'OPEN EDITORS' expanded, showing '.vscode' (with 'launch.json' and 'tasks.json'), 'hello.c', 'hello.exe', and 'hello.s'. A red arrow points from the text 'hello.s file created' to the 'hello.s' entry in the tree view. The main editor area displays the C code for 'hello.c':

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 int a =2;
4
5 int main()
6 {
7     printf("\n Hello, Cohort of AY20/21\n");
8     a=4;
9     return 0;
10 }
```

The terminal at the bottom shows the command line output:

```
PS C:\Users\UOG\Documents\Glasgow\Teaching\ProgrammingMethodology\2020\code> gcc -S hello.c
PS C:\Users\UOG\Documents\Glasgow\Teaching\ProgrammingMethodology\2020\code>
```

Below the terminal, the status bar shows 'Ln 1, Col 19' and 'Spaces: 4'.

Click on the **hello.s** file to see the assembly code

Window OS

```
C hello.c          ASM hello.s      X
ASM hello.s
1   .section    __TEXT,__text,regular,pure_instructions
2   .build_version macos, 10, 15    sdk_version 10, 15, 6
3   .globl     _main                ## — Begin function main
4   .p2align   4, 0x90
5   _main:                                ## @main
6       .cfi_startproc
7   ## %bb.0:
8       pushq    %rbp
9       .cfi_def_cfa_offset 16
10      .cfi_offset %rbp, -16
11      movq    %rsp, %rbp
12      .cfi_def_cfa_register %rbp
13      subq    $16, %rsp
14      movl    $0, -4(%rbp)
15      leaq    L_str(%rip), %rdi
16      movb    $0, %al
17      callq   _printf
18      xorl    %ecx, %ecx
19      movl    $4, _a(%rip)
20      movl    %eax, -8(%rbp)        ## 4-byte Spill
21      movl    %ecx, %eax
22      addq    $16, %rsp
23      popq    %rbp
24      retq
25      .cfi_endproc
26      ## — End function
27      .section    __DATA,__data
28      .globl     _a                  ## @a
29      .p2align   2
30      _a:                                ## @a
31      .long    2                    ## 0x2
32
33      .section    __TEXT,__cstring,cstring_literals
34      L_str:                         ## @.str
35      .asciz   "\nHello, Cohort of AY20/21\n"
36
37
38      .subsections_via_symbols
39
```

MAC OS

```
C hello.c          ASM hello.s      X
ASM hello.s
1   .file    "hello.c"
2   .text
3   .globl   a
4   .data
5   .align 4
6   a:
7   .long   2
8   .def    __main; .scl   2; .type  32; .edef
9   .section .rdata,"dr"
10  .LC0:
11  .ascii  "\12 Hello, Cohort of AY20/21\0"
12
13  .text
14  .globl  main
15  .def   main; .scl   2; .type  32; .edef
16  .seh_proc main
17  main:
18  pushq  %rbp
19  .seh_pushreg %rbp
20  movq  %rsp, %rbp
21  .seh_setframe %rbp, 0
22  subq  $32, %rsp
23  .seh_stackalloc 32
24  .seh_endprologue
25  call   __main
26  leaq   .LC0(%rip), %rcx
27  call   puts
28  movl  $4, a(%rip)
29  movl  $0, %eax
30  addq  $32, %rsp
31  popq  %rbp
32  ret
33  .seh_endproc
34  .ident  "GCC: (x86_64-posix-seh-rev0, Built by MinGW-W64 project) 8.1.0"
35  .def   puts; .scl   2; .type  32; .edef
```

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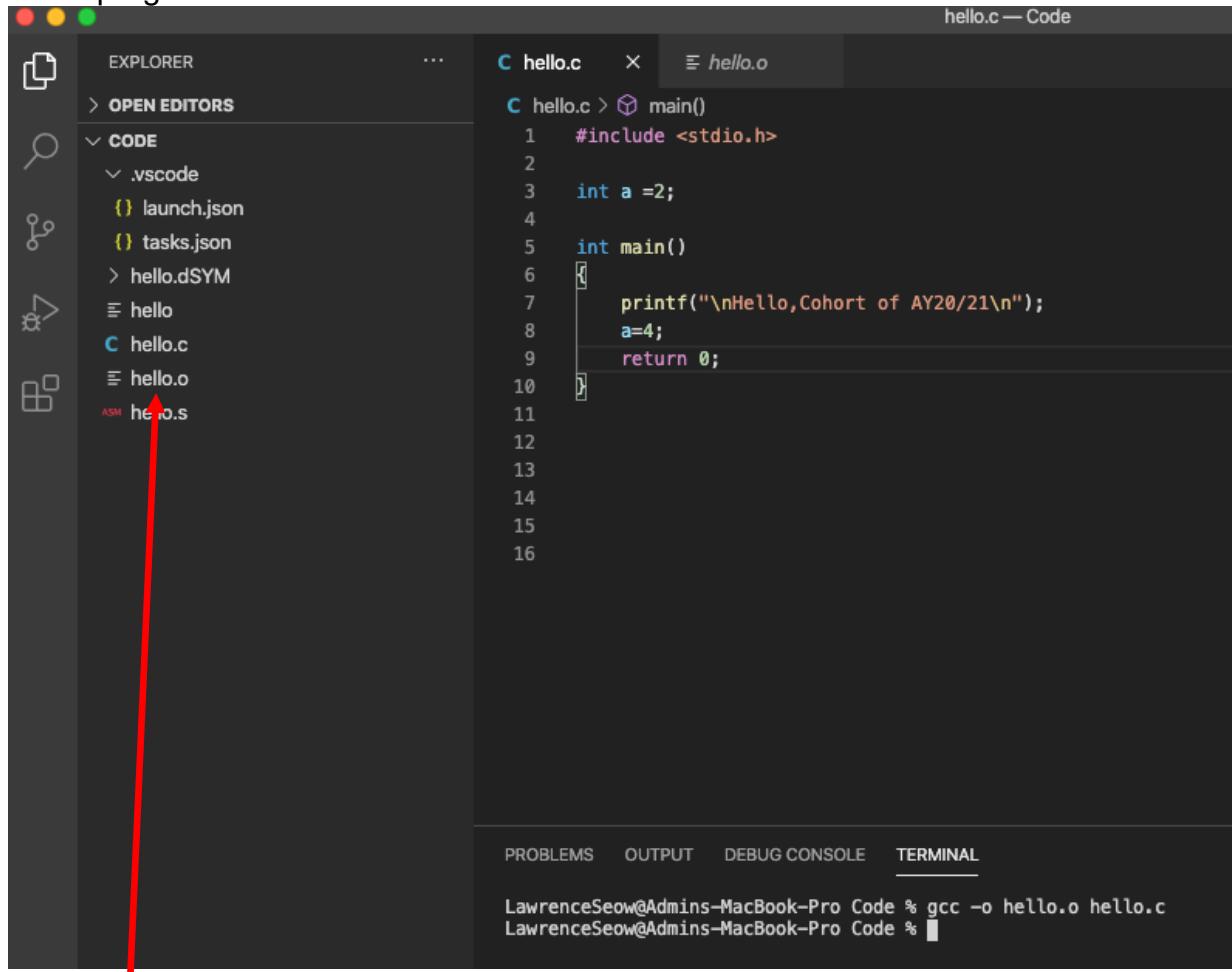
## Assembly

During the assembly stage, an assembler is used to translate the assembly instructions to machine code, or *object code*. The output consists of actual instructions to be run by the target processor.

To generate machine/object code at the terminal prompt

```
gcc -o hello.o hello.c
```

Running the above command will create a file named `hello.o`, containing the object code of the program.



A screenshot of the Visual Studio Code (VS Code) interface. On the left is the Explorer sidebar showing a project structure with files: .vscode, hello.dSYM, hello, hello.c, hello.o, and hello.o.s. A red arrow points from the text "hello.o file created" to the "hello.o" file in the sidebar. The main editor area shows a C file named "hello.c" with the following code:

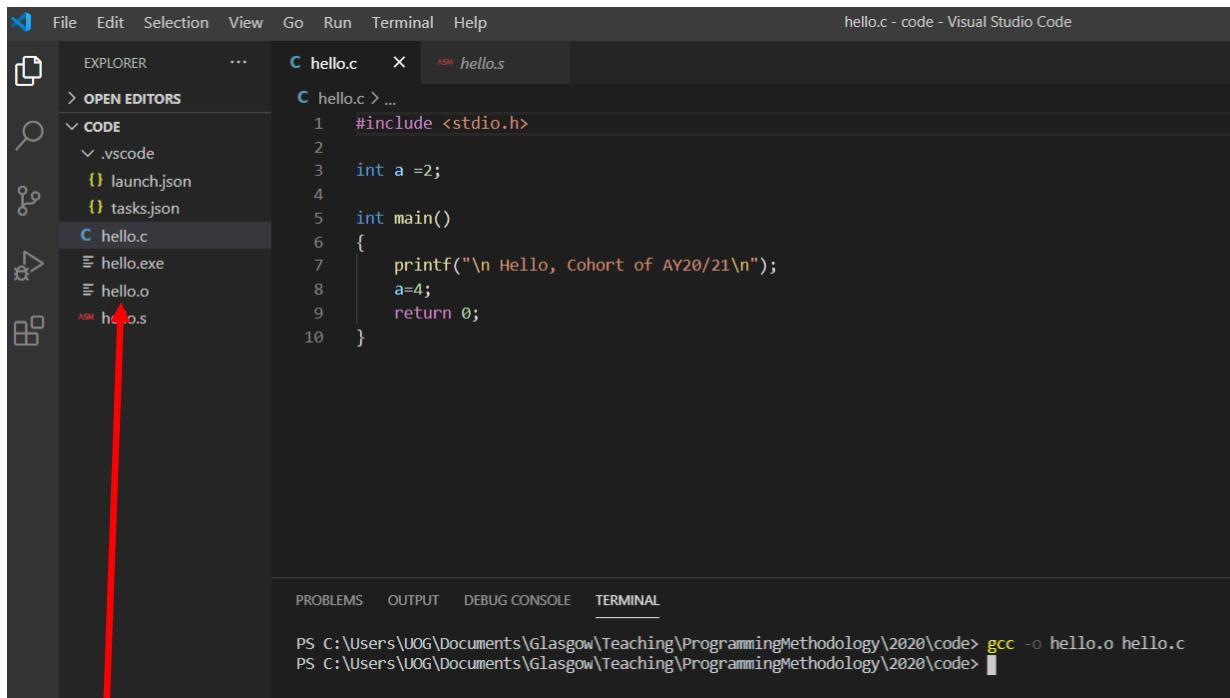
```
C hello.c > ↗ main()
1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 int a =2;
4
5 int main()
6 {
7     printf("\nHello,Cohort of AY20/21\n");
8     a=4;
9     return 0;
10}
```

The bottom right corner shows the Terminal tab with the following command and output:

```
PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL
LawrenceSeow@Admins-MacBook-Pro Code % gcc -o hello.o hello.c
LawrenceSeow@Admins-MacBook-Pro Code %
```

hello.o file created

MAC OS



File Edit Selection View Go Run Terminal Help

hello.c - code - Visual Studio Code

EXPLORER OPEN EDITORS CODE .vscode launch.json tasks.json hello.c hello.exe hello.o hello.s

```
C hello.c x ASM hello.s
C hello.c > ...
1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 int a =2;
4
5 int main()
6 {
7     printf("\n Hello, Cohort of AY20/21\n");
8     a=4;
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```

PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL

```
PS C:\Users\UOG\Documents\Glasgow\Teaching\ProgrammingMethodology\2020\code> gcc -o hello.o hello.c
PS C:\Users\UOG\Documents\Glasgow\Teaching\ProgrammingMethodology\2020\code>
```

hello.o file created

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The contents of this file is in a binary format and can be viewed for MAC OS at terminal prompt with

hexdump hello.o

If the computer don't have hexdump.exe especially Windows computer, download hexdump software at <https://www.di-mgt.com.au/hexdump-for-windows.html> or from marketplace in VS code, search for hexdump for VSCode if any and the machine code is

0000000 cf fa ed fe 07 00 00 01 03 00 00 00 02 00 00 00  
0000010 10 00 00 00 58 05 00 00 85 00 20 00 00 00 00 00  
0000020 19 00 00 00 48 00 00 00 5f 5f 50 41 47 45 5a 45  
0000030 52 4f 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
0000040 00 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
0000050 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
0000060 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 19 00 00 00 d8 01 00 00  
0000070 5f 5f 54 45 58 54 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
0000080 00 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 10 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
0000090 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 10 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
00000a0 05 00 00 00 05 00 00 00 05 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
00000b0 5f 5f 74 65 78 74 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
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00001b0 5f 5f 54 45 58 54 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
00001c0 96 0f 00 00 01 00 00 00 1a 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
00001d0 96 0f 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
00001e0 02 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
00001f0 5f 5f 75 6e 77 69 6e 64 5f 69 6e 66 6f 00 00 00  
0000200 5f 5f 54 45 58 54 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
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0000260 00 10 00 00 00 00 00 00 10 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
0000270 00 10 00 00 00 00 00 00 03 00 00 00 03 00 00 00  
0000280 01 00 00 00 10 00 00 00 5f 5f 67 6f 74 00 00 00

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00002b0 08 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 10 00 00 03 00 00 00  
00002c0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 06 00 00 00 01 00 00 00  
00002d0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 19 00 00 00 e8 00 00 00  
00002e0 5f 5f 44 41 54 41 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
00002f0 00 20 00 00 01 00 00 00 00 10 00 00 00 00 00 00  
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0000310 03 00 00 00 03 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
0000320 5f 5f 6c 61 5f 73 79 6d 62 6f 6c 5f 70 74 72 00  
0000330 5f 5f 44 41 54 41 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
0000340 00 20 00 00 01 00 00 00 08 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
0000350 00 20 00 00 03 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
0000360 07 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
0000370 5f 5f 64 61 74 61 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
0000380 5f 5f 44 41 54 41 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
0000390 08 20 00 00 01 00 00 00 0c 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
00003a0 08 20 00 00 03 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
00003b0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
00003c0 19 00 00 00 48 00 00 00 5f 5f 4c 49 4e 4b 45 44  
00003d0 49 54 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 30 00 00 01 00 00 00  
00003e0 00 10 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 30 00 00 00 00 00 00  
00003f0 24 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 01 00 00 00  
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0003120 74 65 00 00
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```

### Linking

The object code generated in the assembly stage is composed of machine instructions that the processor understands but some pieces of the program are out of order or missing. To produce an executable program, the existing pieces have to be rearranged and the missing ones filled in. This process is called linking.

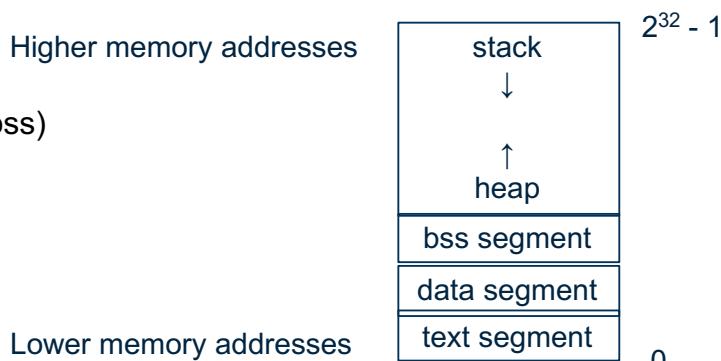
The linker will arrange the pieces of object code so that functions in some pieces can successfully call functions in other pieces. It will also add pieces containing the instructions for library functions used by the program. The result of this stage is the final executable program. Type at the terminal command prompt

```
gcc -o hello hello.c
```

### 4. Understanding the memory structure of C program

When you run any C-program, its executable image is loaded into RAM of computer in an organized manner which is called process address space or Memory layout of C program. In general, the memory layout is organized in following fashion:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Text or Code Segment</li> <li>2. Initialized Data Segments</li> <li>3. Uninitialized Data Segments (bss)</li> <li>4. Stack Segment</li> <li>5. Heap Segment</li> </ol> | Higher memory addresses<br><br>Lower memory addresses |
|--|---|



To have a brief understanding of such structure, type the following code and save it as **memory-layout.c**

a) Only code segment with no data

Create the following code and saved as **memory-layout.c**

```
/* memory-layout.c */

#include<stdio.h>

int main()

{

    return 0;

}
```

Compile and the check the memory as follows at the terminal prompt.

Window OS → size .\memory-layout.exe

MAC OS → size ./memory-layout

Observe the memory structure

```
LawrenceSeow@Admins-MacBook-Pro Lab_1 % gcc -o memory-layout memory-layout.c
LawrenceSeow@Admins-MacBook-Pro Lab_1 % size ./memory-layout
  TEXT    DATA    OBJC   others   dec    hex
  4096      0       0     4294971392   4294975488   100002000
```

### MAC OS

```
PS C:\Users\UOG\Documents\Glasgow\Teaching\ProgrammingMethodology\2020\code> gcc -o memory-layout memory-layout.c
PS C:\Users\UOG\Documents\Glasgow\Teaching\ProgrammingMethodology\2020\code> size .\memory-layout.exe
text    data    bss    dec    hex filename
9708    2200    2432    14340    3804 .\memory-layout.exe
```

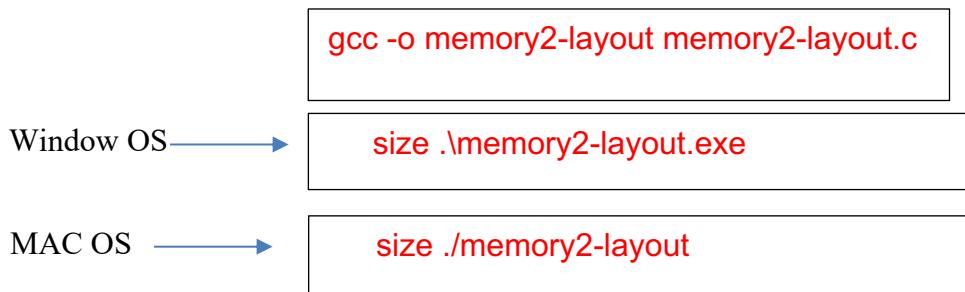
### Window OS

b) Code segment and uninitialized data

Create the following code and saved as **memory2-layout.c**

```
/* memory2-layout.c */
#include<stdio.h>
int x;
int main()
{
    return 0;
}
```

Compile and the check the memory as follows at the terminal prompt.



Observe the memory structure

```
LawrenceSeow@Admins-MacBook-Pro Lab_1 % gcc -o memory2-layout memory2-layout.c
LawrenceSeow@Admins-MacBook Pro Lab_1 % size ./memory2-layout
  TEXT   DATA   OBJC others dec   hex
  4096   4096     0      4294971392   4294979584   100003000

```

MAC OS

```
PS C:\Users\UOG\Documents\Glasgow\Teaching\ProgrammingMethodology\2020\code> gcc -o memory2-layout memory2-layout.c
PS C:\Users\UOG\Documents\Glasgow\Teaching\ProgrammingMethodology\2020\code> size .\memory2-layout.exe
  text   data   bss   dec   hex filename
  9708   2200   2440   14348   380c .\memory2-layout.exe
```

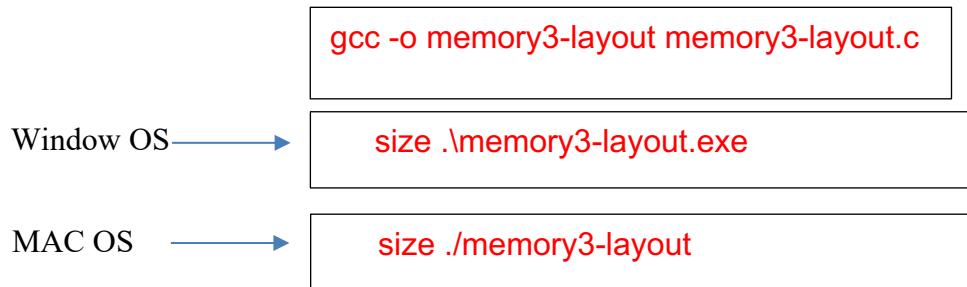
Window OS

c) Code segment and uninitialized data

Create the following code and saved as **memory3-layout.c**

```
/* memory3-layout.c */  
  
#include<stdio.h>  
  
int x;  
int y[100000];  
  
int main()  
{  
    return 0;  
}
```

Compile and the check the memory as follows at the terminal prompt.



Observe the memory structure

Find the conclusion on the memory structure of C program for the 3 cases

5. Write a simple computational C program

- a) Open the VS code editor and type the following code and save as **cylinder.c**

```
*****cylinder.c*****
/* compute the volume and surface area of a cylinder */
***** */

#include <stdio.h>
#define PI 3.141592654

void main (void);
void main (void)
{
    float radius, height, volume, surface_area;
    /* print heading */
    printf("\n Cylinder.c");
    printf("\n computes volume and surface area of a cylinder.");

    /* read in radius and height */
    printf("\n\n Enter raduius of cylinder: ");
    scanf("%f",&radius);
    printf(" Enter height of cylinder: ");
    scanf("%f", &height);

    /* compute volume and surface area */
    volume=PI*radius*radius*height;
    surface_area=2*PI*radius*(radius+height);

    /*print results */
    printf("\n volume of cylinder is %10.4f", volume);
    printf("\n surface area of cylinder is %10.4f \n\n", surface_area);
}
```

b) Compile, run and test the cylinder.c program

## 6. Construct linear interpolation program, the basic of machine learning algorithm

Linear interpolation is one of fundamental techniques of machine learning algorithm in classification. As shown in the diagram, the equation of a straight line is given as

$$y = mx + c$$

where  $m$  is the slope and  $c$  is the  $y$  intercept. Given that the coordinates of the two points  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  respectively, write a C program to compute the slope and  $y$  intercept of a straight line using the coordinates of the given two points on the straight line. The C program should also able to compute the  $y$  coordinates of a point on the straight line, given the  $x$  coordinate of the point.

