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# Quick Start: one-line "hello, world"

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

### Comments

```
// single-line comment
/* multi-line
  comment /*can be nested*/ */
```

# **Primitive Types**

Туре	Default size	Other sizes	Default init
bool	n/a		false
int	64	8, 16, 32	0
uint	64	8, 16, 32	0
real	64	32	0.0
imag	64	32	0.0i
complex	128	64	0.0+0.0i
string	n/a		11 11

# 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; $./prog -n=4
config param d: int = 4; $ chpl - sd=3 x.chpl
```

## Modules

```
module M1 { var x = 10; } module definition
module M2 {
   use M1; module use
   proc main() { writeln(x); } main function
}
```

# Expression Precedence and Associativity\*

Operators	Uses
. () []	member access; call or index
new (right)	creation of a new instance
:	cast
** (right)	exponentiation
reduce scan	reduction, scan,
dmapped	apply domain map
! ~ (right)	logical and bitwise negation
* / %	multiplication, division, modulus
unary + - (right)	positive identity, negation
<< >>	shift left, shift right
&	bitwise/logical and
^	bitwise/logical xor
1	bitwise/logical or
+ -	addition, subtraction
<	range and open range construction
<= >= < >	ordered comparison
== !=	equality comparison
8.8	short-circuiting logical and
11	short-circuiting logical or
by # align	range stride, count, alignment
in	used in loop headers
if	conditional expression,
for	serial loop expression,
forall and []	parallel loop expressions
,	expression list

<sup>\*</sup> left-associative except where indicated

### Casts and coercions

## **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);
```

## Assignments

```
Simple Assignment: =

Compound Assignments: += -= *= /= %=
    **= &= |= ^= &&= | |= <<= >>=

Swap Assignment: <=>
```

### Statements

```
if cond then stmt1(); else stmt2();
if cond { stmt1(); } else { stmt2(); }
select expr {
  when equiv1 do stmt1();
  when equiv2 { stmt2(); }
  otherwise stmt3();
}
do { ... } while condition;
while condition { ... } single-statement forms:
for index in iterable { ... } ... do stmt();
foreach index in iterable { ... }
try { ... } catch error { ... }
label outer for ...
break; or break outer;
continue; or continue outer;
```

### **Procedures**

```
proc bar(r: real, i: imag): complex {
   return r + i;
}
proc foo(i) do return i**2 + i + 1;
```

### **Formal Argument Intents**

Intent	Semantics
in	copy-initialized in
out	copied out
inout	copied in and out
ref	passed by reference
const in	copied in, with local modifications disabled
const ref	passed by reference, with local modifications disabled
const	passed by value or by reference; caller and callee modifications are disallowed
default	like const for most types; like ref for syncs and atomics

## Named Formal Arguments

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

## **Default Values for Formal Arguments**

```
proc foo(arg1: int, arg2: real = 3.14);
foo(2);
```

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#### Records

```
record Point {
    var x, y: real;
}
var p: Point;
writeln(sqrt(p.x**2+p.y**2)); field accesses
p = new Point(1.0, 1.0); assignment
    of a new instance
```

### Classes

```
class definition
class Circle {
  var p: Point;
                                  declaring fields
  var r: real;
var c = new Circle(r=2.0);
                                  initialization
proc Circle.area()
                                  method definition
  do return 3.14159*r**2;
                                  method call
writeln(c.area());
class Oval: Circle {
                                  inheritance
  var r2: real;
                                  method override
override proc Oval.area()
  do return 3.14159*r*r2;
c = new Oval(r=1, r2=2);
                                 polymorphism
writeln(c.area());
                                  dynamic dispatch
var nc: owned Circle? = nil; nilable type required
                                   to store nil references
```

### 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
var (s, r) = pair; destructuring
coord(0) = 1; tuple indexing, 0-based
```

# **Enumerated Types**

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

### Ranges

## **Domains and Arrays**

## **Domain Maps**

```
use BlockDist;
const D = {1..n} dmapped distrib. domain w/ block
  blockDist(boundingBox={1..n}); distribution
var A: [D] real; distributed array
```

### Data Parallelism and Task Intents

### **Reductions and Scans**

## **Zipper Iteration**

```
for (i,s) in zip(1..n, squares(n)) do ...
```

### **Extern Declarations**

```
extern proc C_function(x: int);
extern "C_name" var C_variable: real;
extern { /* c code here */ }
```

### Task Parallelism

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

# Atomic Example

```
var count: atomic int;
if count.fetchAdd(1) == n-1 then
done = true;  n<sup>th</sup> task to arrive
```

## **Synchronization Examples**

```
var data: sync int;
data.writeEF(produce1());
consume(data.readFE());
data.writeEF(produce2());
consume(data.readFE());
```

# Locality

#### **Built-in Constants**

### **User Resources**

https://chapel-lang.org/users.html