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The C++ 20 Masterclass : From Fundamentals to Advanced

Learn and Master Modern C++ From Beginning to Advanced in Plain English : C++11, C++14, C++17, C++20 and More!

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Section :Function call stack and debugging

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Function call stack & Debugging

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sum

main

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Locals

Watches

Call Stack

Function call stack


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Program
area

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0010

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CPU

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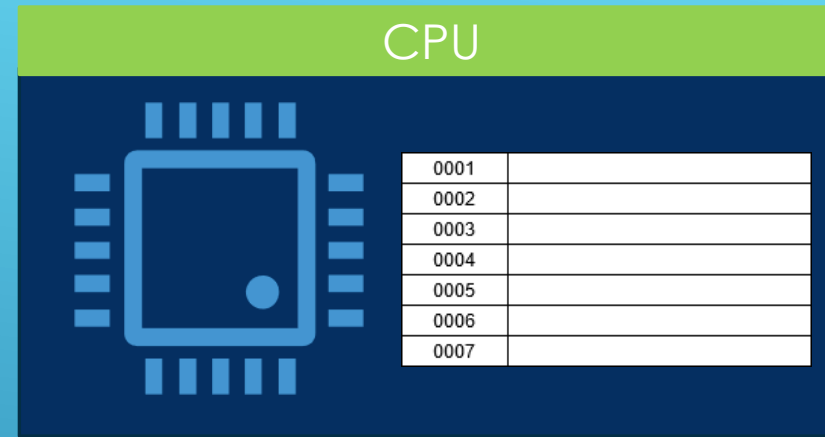
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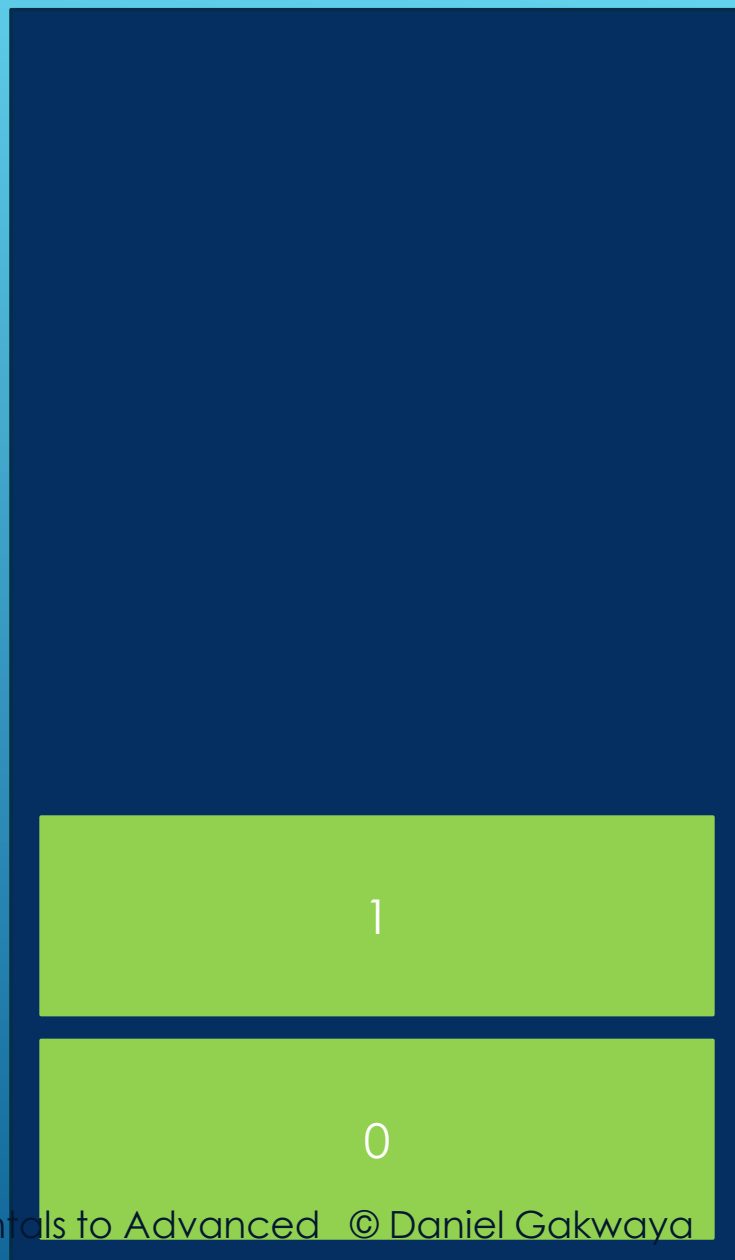
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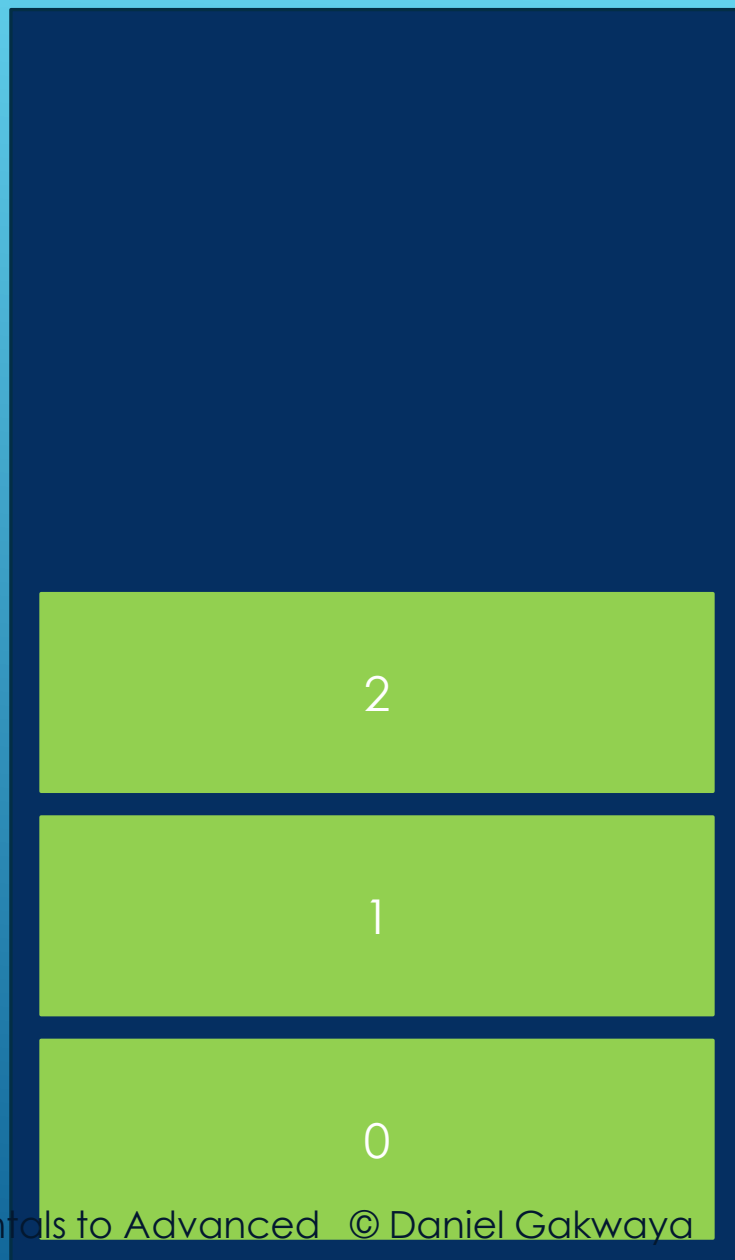
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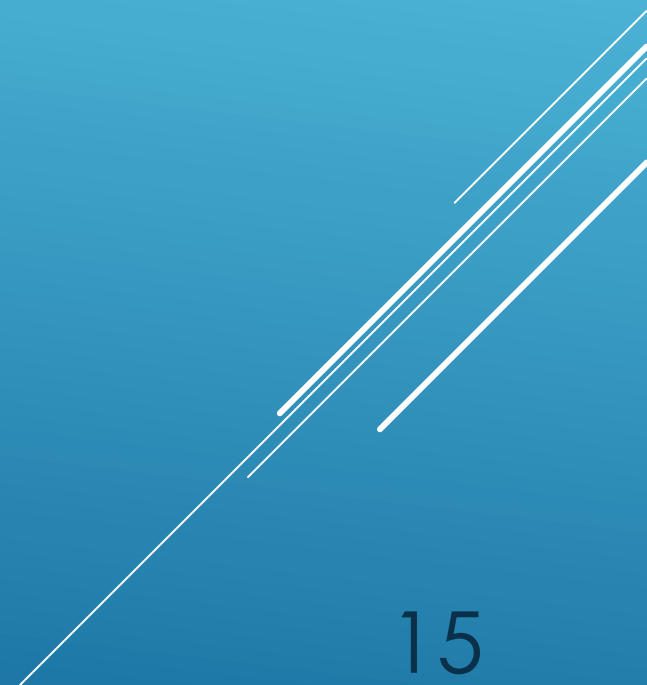
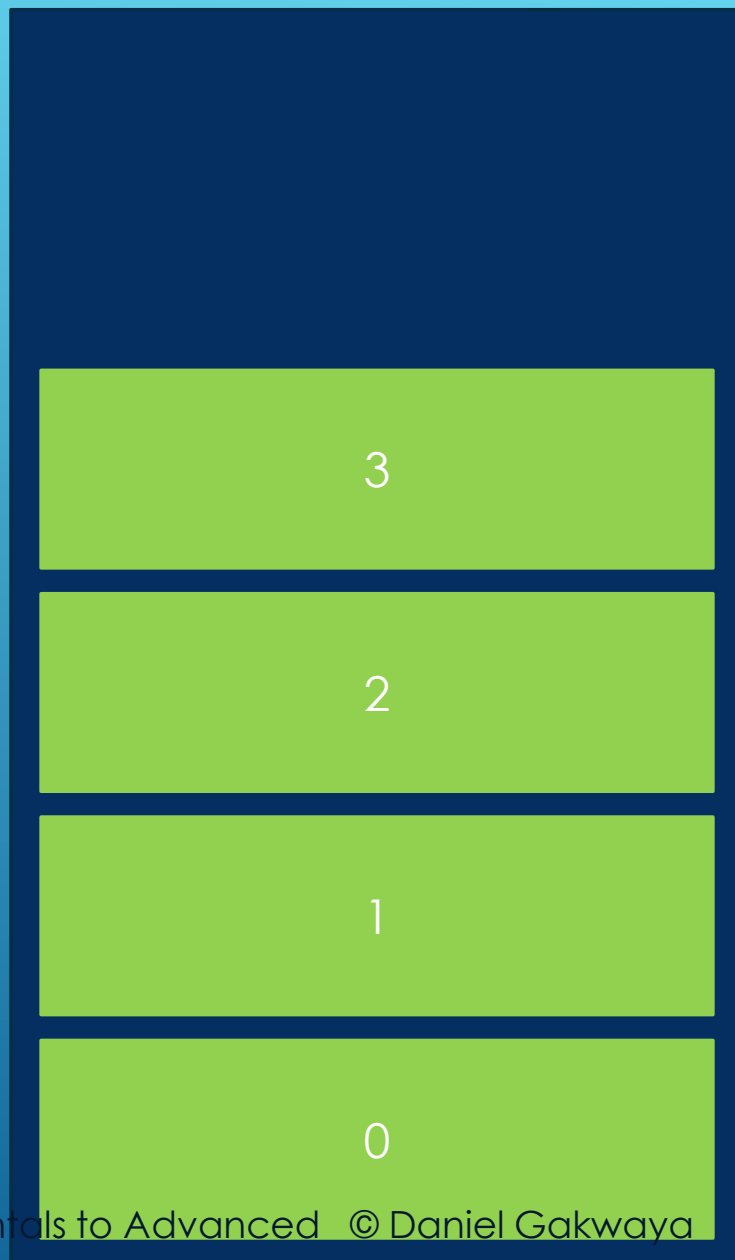


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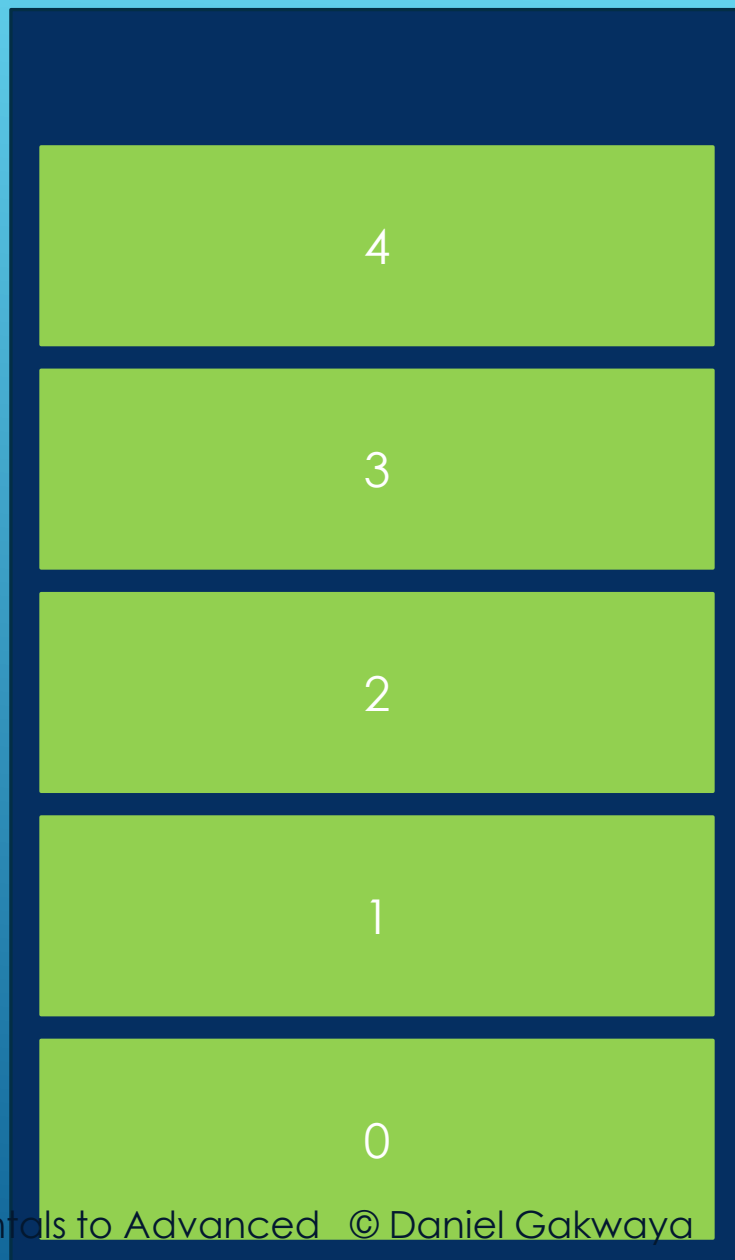
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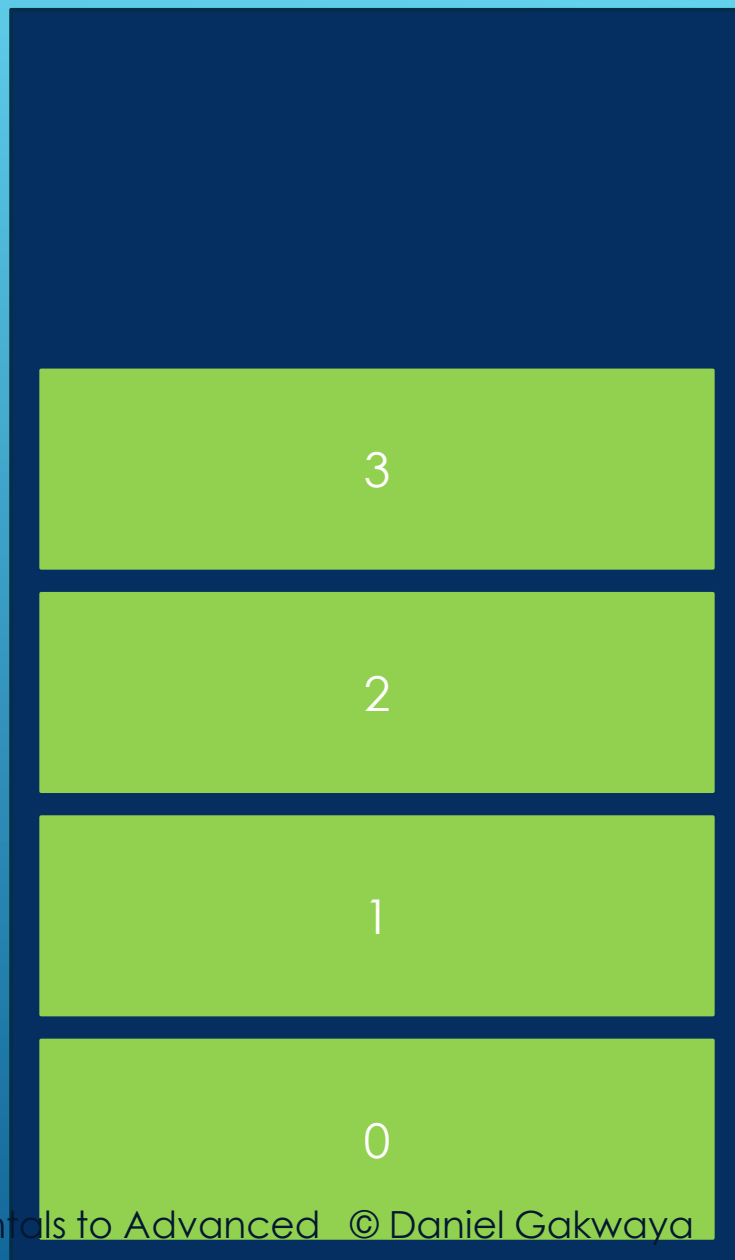


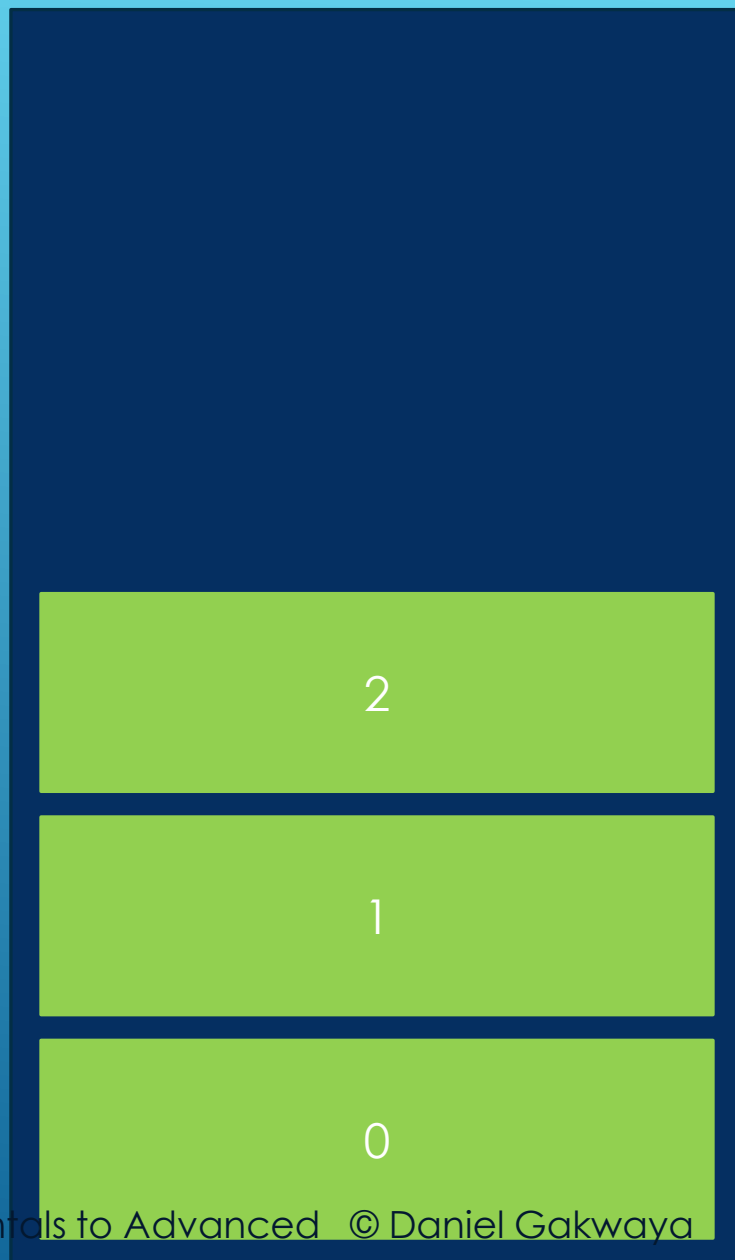


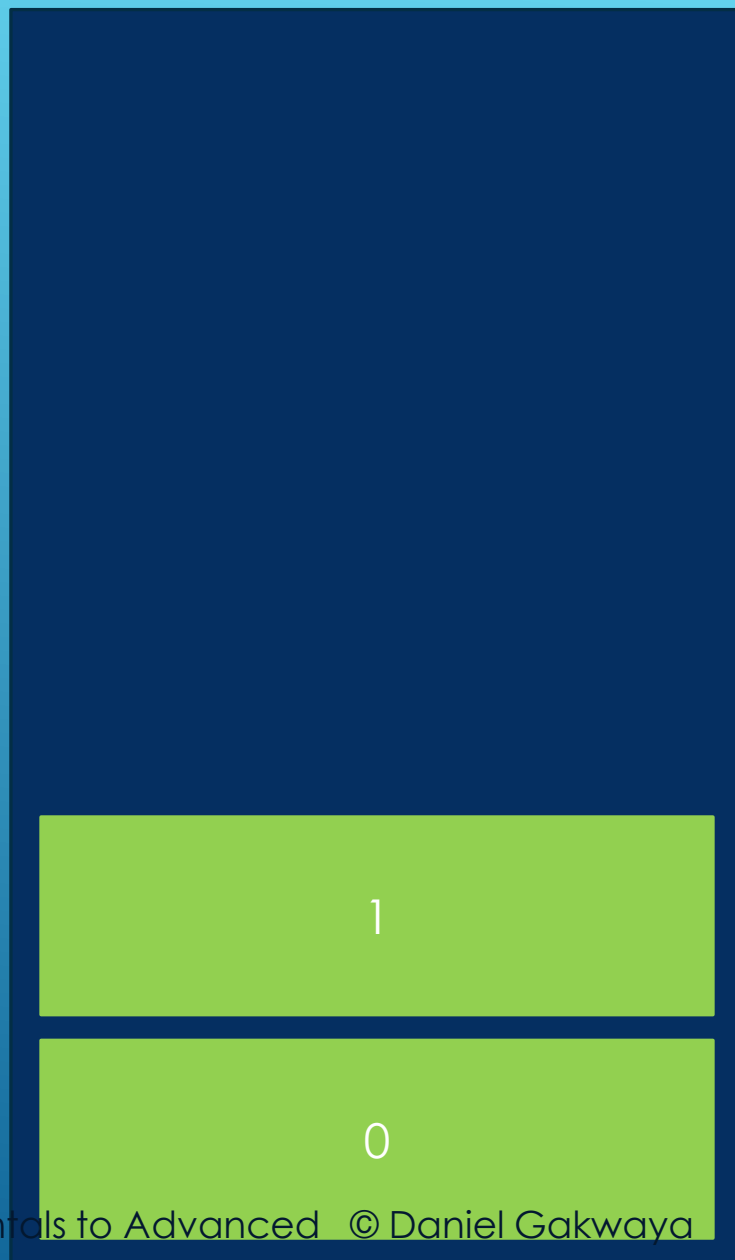


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Understanding the call stack : some benefits

- Truly understanding how function local variables become alive and die
- The need for inline functions becomes obvious
- Understanding the debug process of your program becomes easier. We are going to learn more about that in the next lecture.

Debugging

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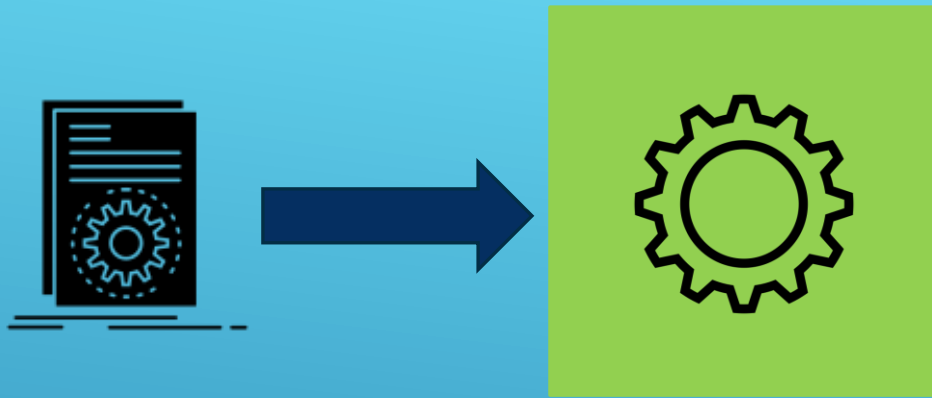
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Debugging in Visual Studio Code

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Documentation



Run/Debug configurations in launch.json files

Debug tools from gcc

```
8      {
9          "name": "g++.exe - Build and debug active file",
10         "type": "cppdbg",
11         "request": "launch",
12         "program": "${fileDirname}\\rooster.exe",
13         "args": [],
14         "stopAtEntry": false,
15         "cwd": "${workspaceFolder}",
16         "environment": [],
17         "externalConsole": true,
18         "MIMode": "gdb",
19         "miDebuggerPath": "C:\\mingw64\\bin\\gdb.exe",
20         "setupCommands": [
21             {
22                 "description": "Enable pretty-printing for gdb",
23                 "text": "-enable-pretty-printing",
24                 "ignoreFailures": true
25             }
26         ],
27         "preLaunchTask": "Build with GCC 10.0.2 Mingw"
28     },
```

Debug tools from the Microsoft C++ compiler

```
29      {
30          "name": "cl.exe build and debug active file",
31          "type": "cppvsdbg",
32          "request": "launch",
33          "program": "${fileDirname}\\rooster.exe",
34          "args": [],
35          "stopAtEntry": false,
36          "cwd": "${workspaceFolder}",
37          "environment": [],
38          "console": "externalTerminal",
39          "preLaunchTask": "Build with MSVC"
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Debugging In CodeLite

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The diagram consists of three rectangular boxes arranged horizontally. The first box on the left is dark blue and contains the text 'Locals'. The second box in the middle is a slightly lighter shade of blue and contains the text 'Watches'. The third box on the right is a light blue and contains the text 'Call Stack'. To the right of these boxes, there are several white diagonal lines of varying lengths, creating a sense of depth or movement.

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Debugging arrays, loops and pointers

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```

#include <iostream>

double sum ( double array[], size_t count){

    double sum{};
    for(size_t i{} ; i < count ; ++i){
        sum += array[i];
    }
    return sum;
}

int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    double numbers[] {10.0,20.0,30.0,40.0,50.0}; // Sum should be 150.0

    double total = sum(numbers,std::size(numbers));

    std::cout << "sum : " << total << std::endl;

    return 0;
}

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Function call stack & Debugging : Summary

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