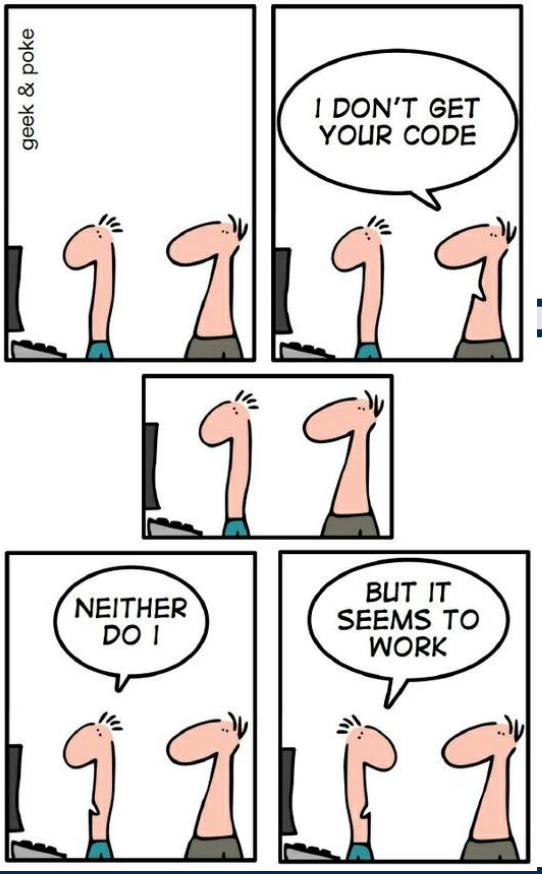
CSCI 200: Foundational Programming Concepts & Lecture 06

Debugging



Download Debugger Cheat Sheet

Open up VS Code with sample code

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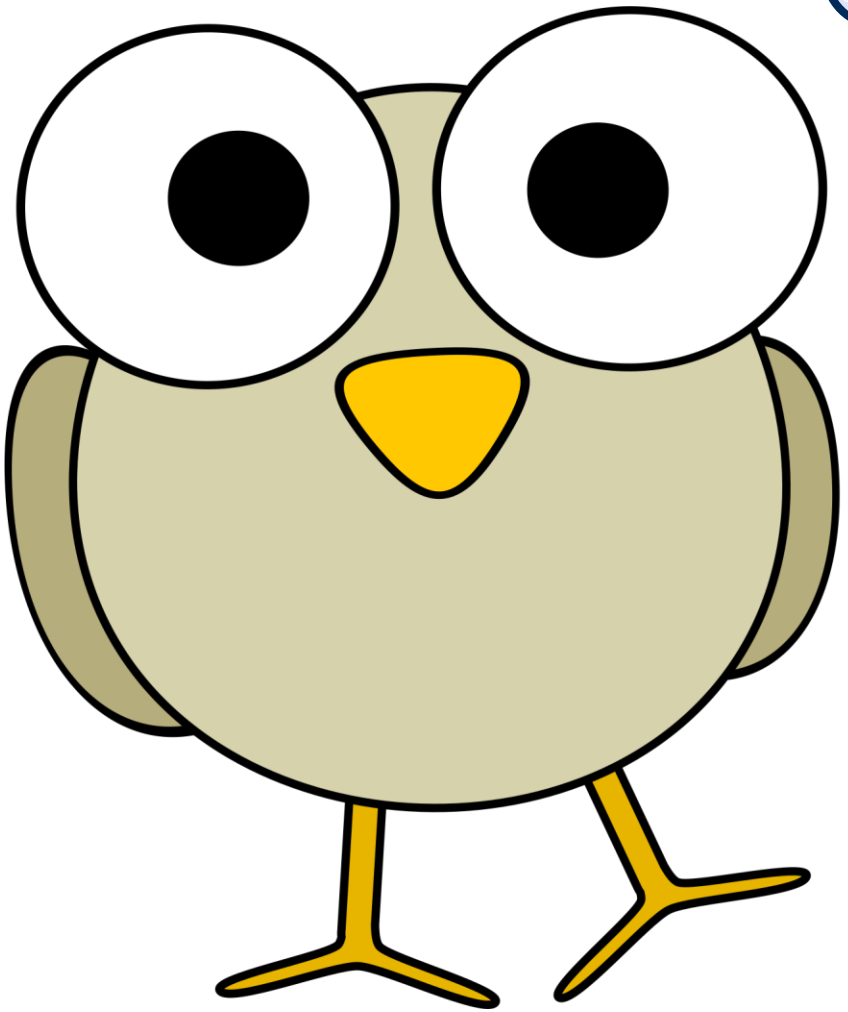

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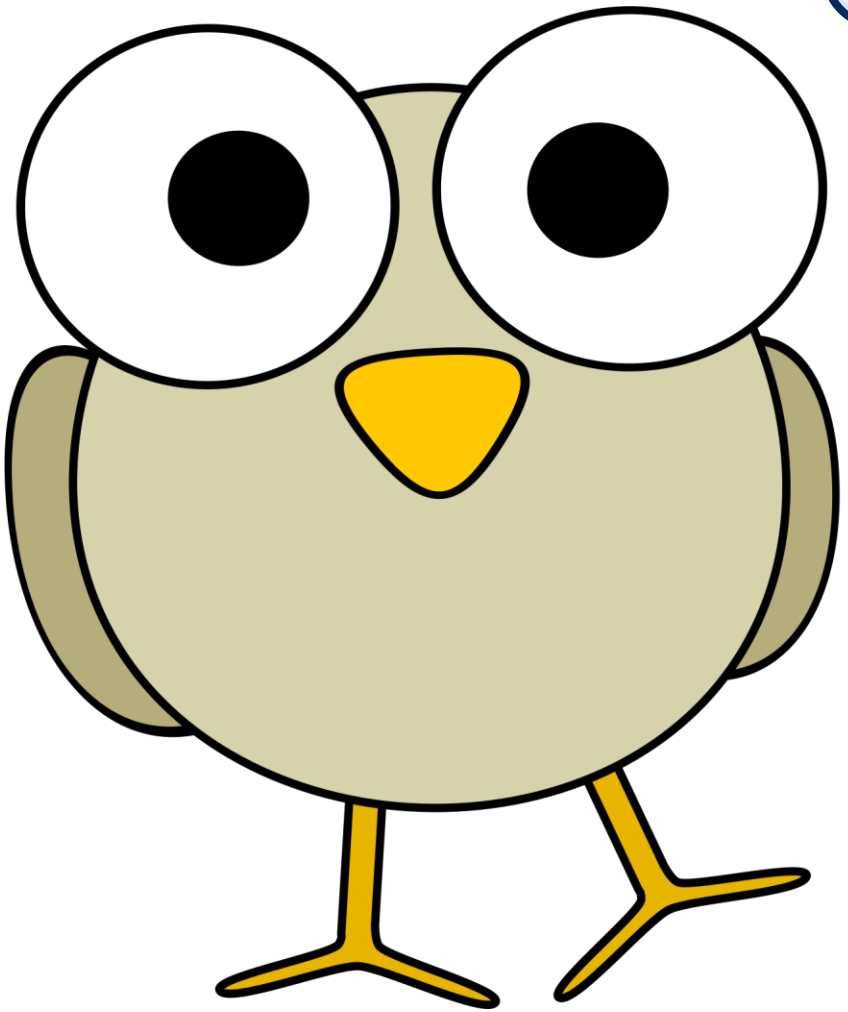

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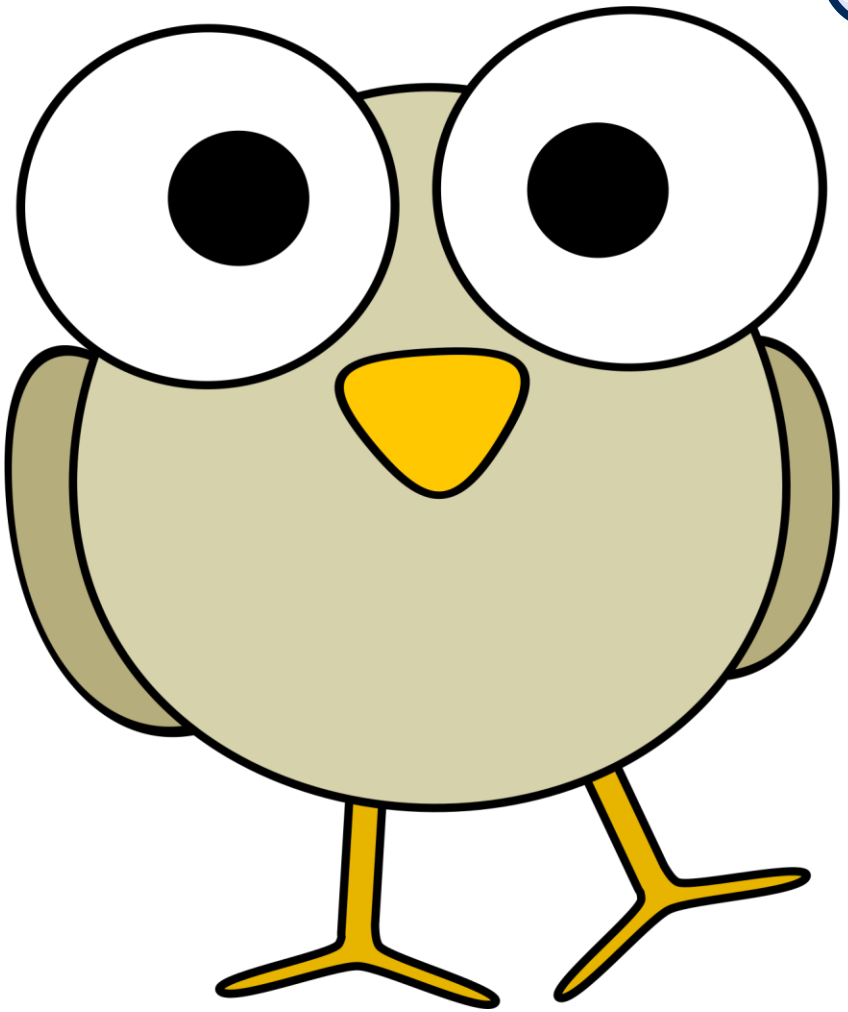

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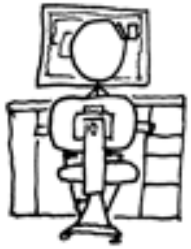

Learning Outcomes For Today

- Describe how a computer generates a program from code.
- Discuss the design process and strategies for developing good code.
- Implement various techniques to trace & debug a program.
- Discuss the pros/cons of the various debugging techniques.
- Identify and correct errors in program structure and logic.

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Pseudocode

- Intermediary step before typing any C++ code
- English description of algorithm and program
  - Develop solution and program logic before touching the keyboard

- First step in the design process

Simple Pseudocode Example

- Task: Compute the area of a circle
  - Define constant PI
  - Create double variables area, radius
  - Prompt user for radius value
  - Calculate area (PI*r^2)
  - Print area for circle with given radius

Implementing Pseudocode

- Write out pseudocode as comments

```
// Define constant PI

// Create double variables area, radius

// Prompt user for radius value

// Calculate area (PI*r^2)

// Print area for circle with given radius
```

Implementing Code

- Fill in code comment by comment
  - Can test that each step is done correctly
  - Code is commented upon completion!

```
// Define constant PI
const double PI = 3.141529;
// Create double variables area, radius
double area, radius;
// Prompt user for radius value


// Calculate area (PI*r^2)


// Print area for circle with given radius
```

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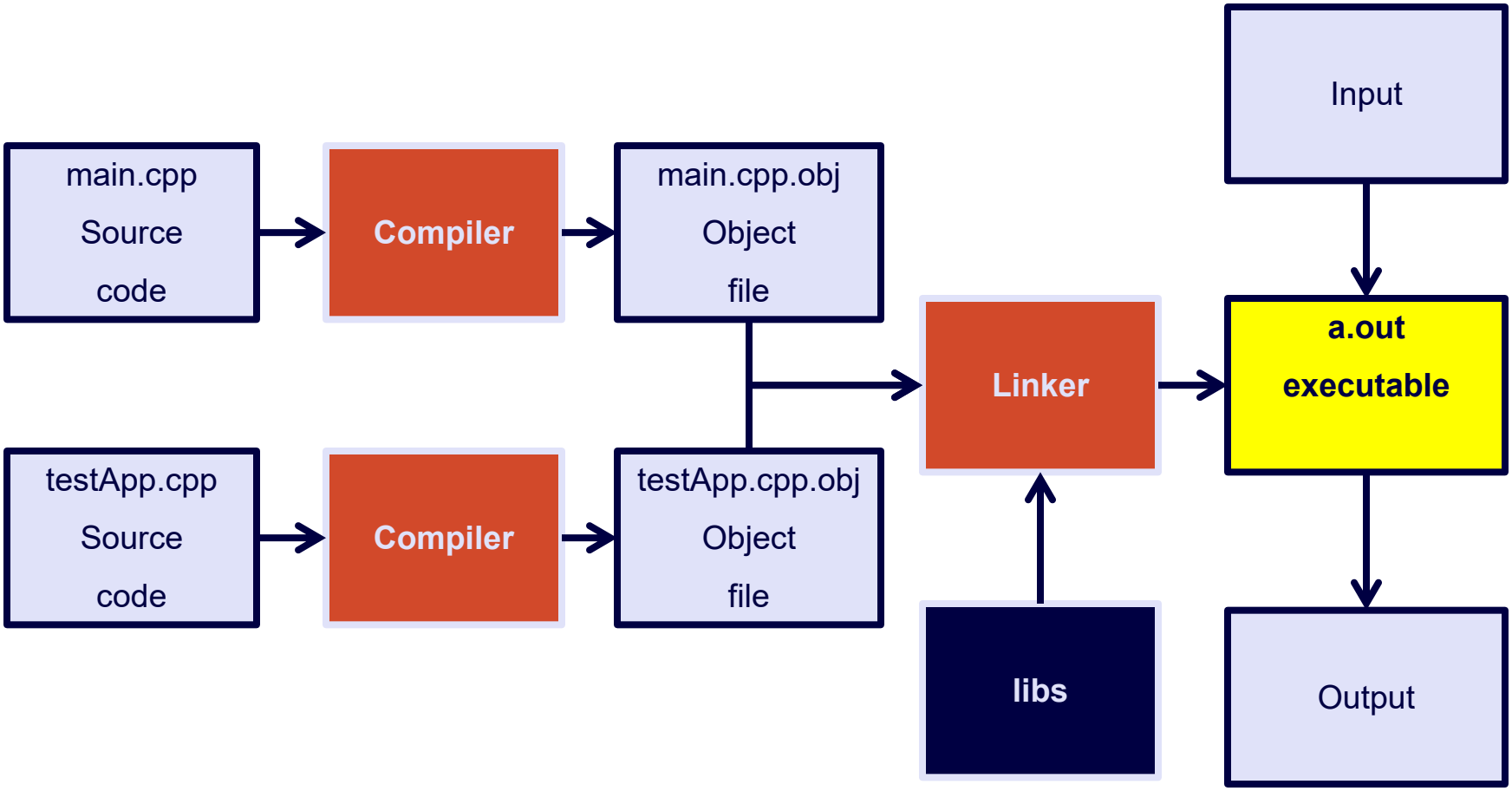
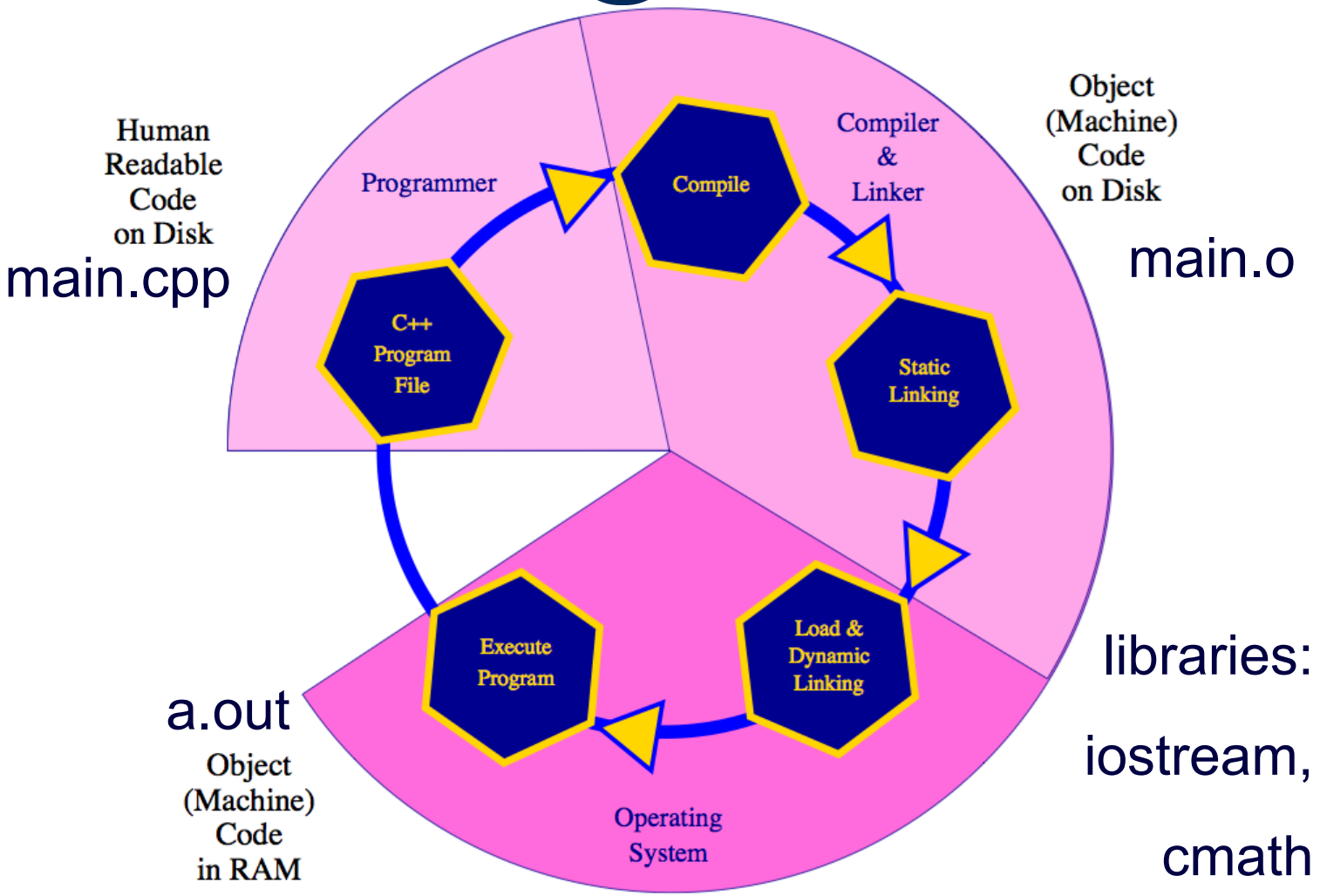
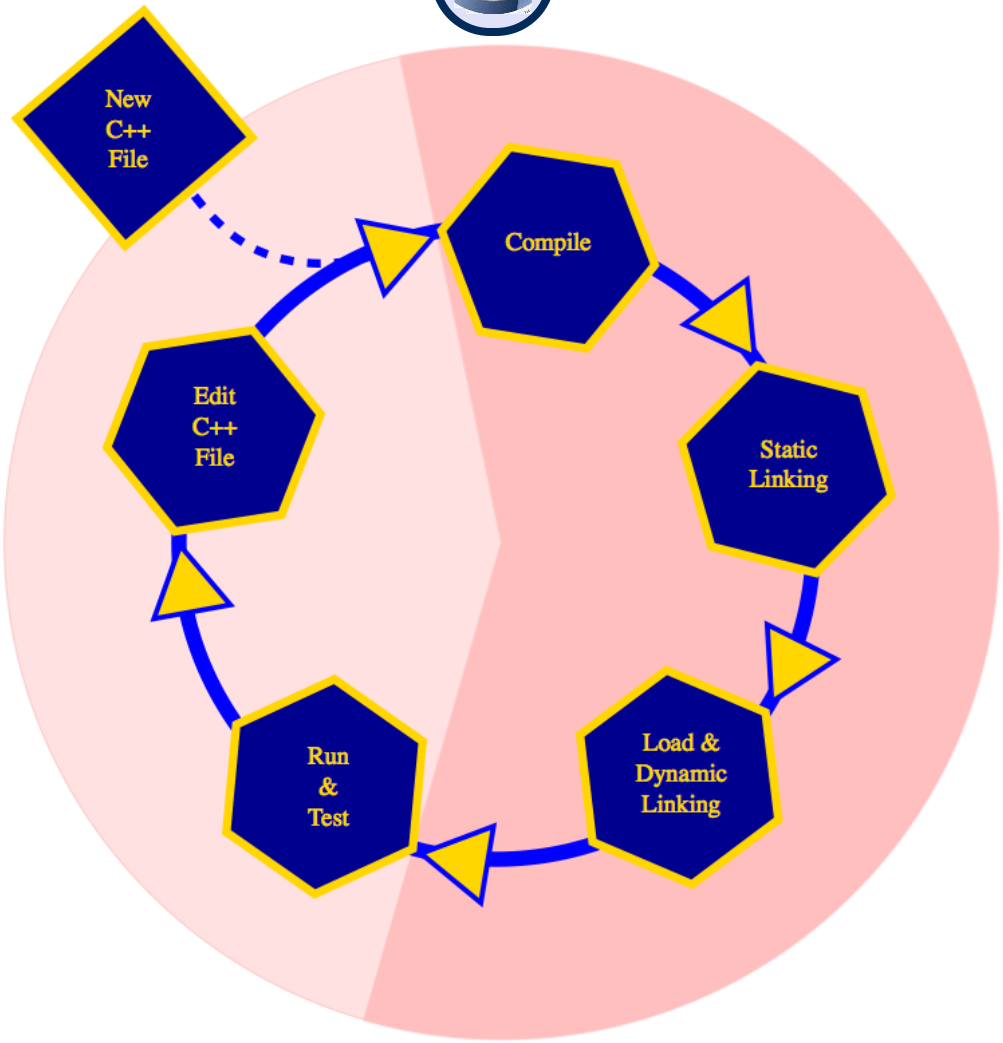
Compile & Link Process



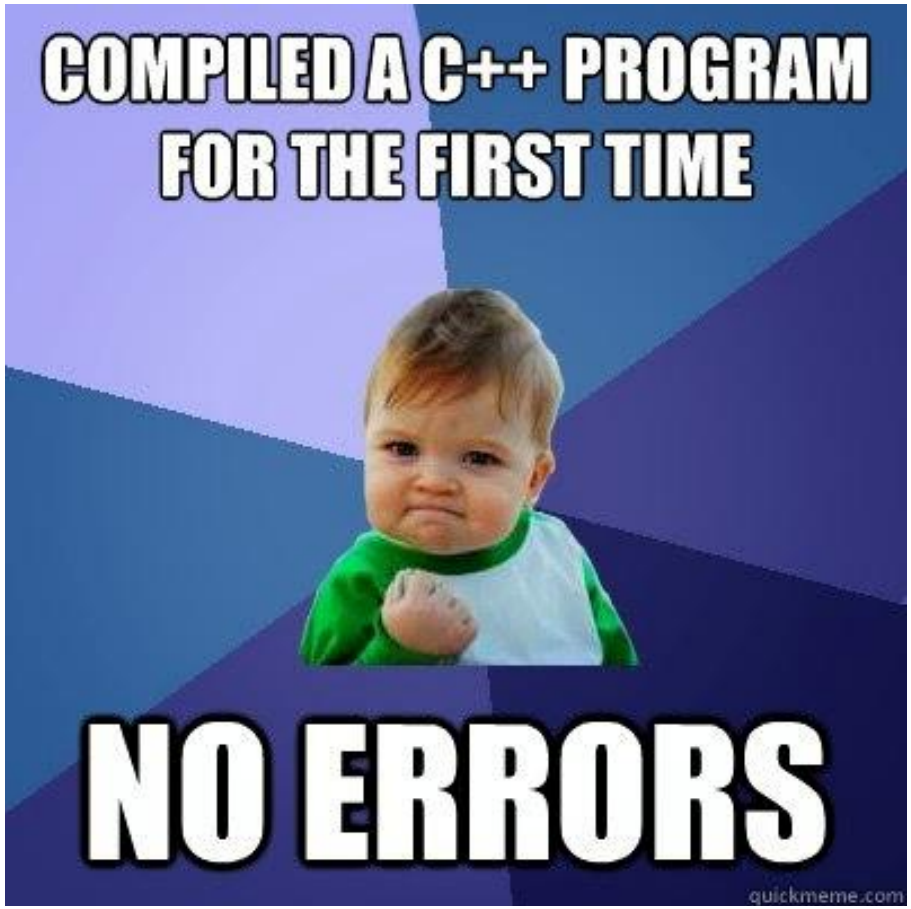
C++ Build Process



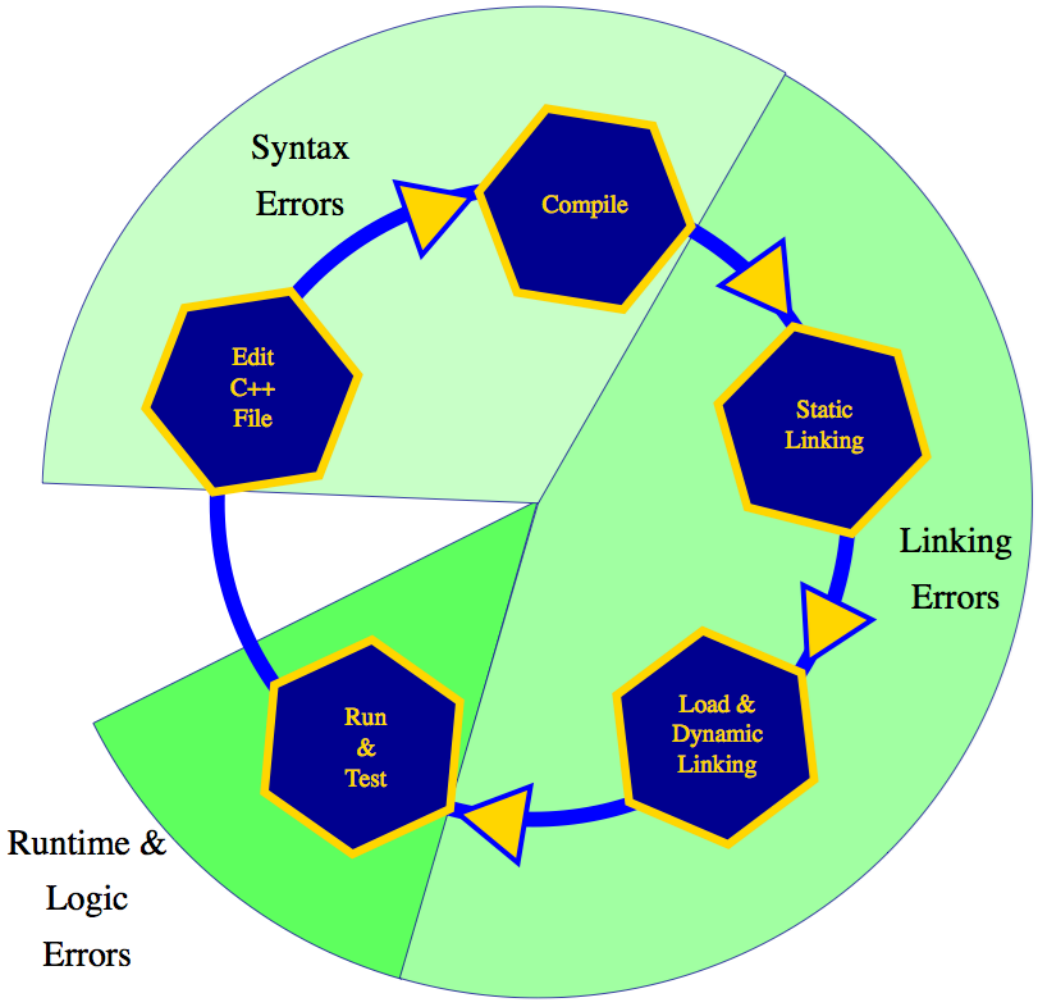
C++ Development Cycle



The Goal


COMPILED A C++ PROGRAM
FOR THE FIRST TIME
NO ERRORS
quickmeme.com

The Reality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Debugging aka Fixing Errors

- Syntax Errors
  - Program will not compile
  - Compiler gives you message and line #
- Linker Errors
  - Program will not link
  - Linker gives you message
- Runtime & Logic Errors
  - Program runs & quits unexpectedly (runtime)
  - Program runs & produces wrong output (logic)

Fixing Syntax Errors

- Code

```
5  cout << "Hello World" << enl;
6  cout << "Hello World" << endl
7  cout << "Hello World" << endl;
```

- Compiler Message

```
main.cpp:5:28: error: use of undeclared identifier 'enl'; did you mean 'endl'?
  cout << "Hello World" << enl;
                           ^~~
                           endl
ostream:1004:1: note: 'endl' declared here
endl(basic_ostream<_CharT, _Traits>& __os)
^
main.cpp:6:32: error: expected ';' after expression
  cout << "Hello World" << endl
                               ^
                               ;
```

Fixing Linking Errors

- Stay tuned!
  - Won't see these until next week ☺
- Will discuss when they start appearing

Fixing Runtime/Logic Errors

- Three options
  - Display compiler warnings
  - Add print lines that display helpful debug statements
  - Use a debugger to trace the execution of the program

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Example

- Code

```
12  int x;
13  cout << "x is: " << x << endl;
14  x++;
15  cout << "x is: " << x << endl;
```

- Displays

```
x is: 6422352
x is: 6422353
```

Compiler Warnings

- NOT compiler errors
  - Nothing wrong syntactically with code
  - Flow, values, etc. not being used correctly
  - Hint that something could go wrong at runtime

- Enable with compiler flags `-Wall -Wextra`
  - Turns on ALL warnings

```
g++ -Wall -Wextra -o main.o -c main.cpp
```

Compiler Flags

- Add to Makefile

```
CXX = g++

CXXFLAGS = -Wall -Wextra


%.o: %.cpp
	$(CXX) $(CXXFLAGS) -o $@ -c $<
```

- When compiling

```
% make
g++ -Wall -Wextra -o main.o -c main.cpp
main.cpp:13:23: warning: variable 'x' is uninitialized when used here [-Wuninitialized]
  cout << "x is: " << x << endl;
                      ^
main.cpp:12:8: note: initialize the variable 'x' to silence this warning
  int x;
       ^
        = 0
1 warning generated.
```

- ALWAYS have warnings turned on!

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Add `cout` Statements

- Useful statements for the developer
  1. Print the value of a variable
  2. Print a message of where currently am within the program
  3. Print the result of an expression
     1. What a condition evaluates to
     2. Split apart a complex expression into its components
  4. Others

Print Lines v1 – print

```
// ...
cout << "Before loop" << endl;
for(int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
  cout << "i = " << i << endl;
  // ...
}
cout << "After loop" << endl;
// ...
```

- Pros?
- Cons?

Print Lines v2 – print maybe

```
const bool DEBUG = true;
// ...
if(DEBUG) cout << "Before loop" << endl;
for(int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
  if(DEBUG) cout << "i = " << i << endl;
  // ...
}
if(DEBUG) cout << "After loop" << endl;
// ...
```

- Pros?
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Print Lines v3 – compiler directives

```
// ...
#ifndef NDEBUG
cout << "Before loop" << endl;
#endif
for(int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
#ifndef NDEBUG
  cout << "i = " << i << endl;
#endif
  // ...
}
#ifndef NDEBUG
cout << "After loop" << endl;
#endif
// ...
```

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Debugger

- Another program / tool at your disposal
  - Windows: `gdb`
  - OS X: `lldb`
- Run through terminal
  - Need to compile with `-g` flag to generate debug information

```
g++ -Wall -Wextra -g -o main.o -c main.cpp
```

- ALWAYS have debug flag turned on!

Let Makefile Handle It

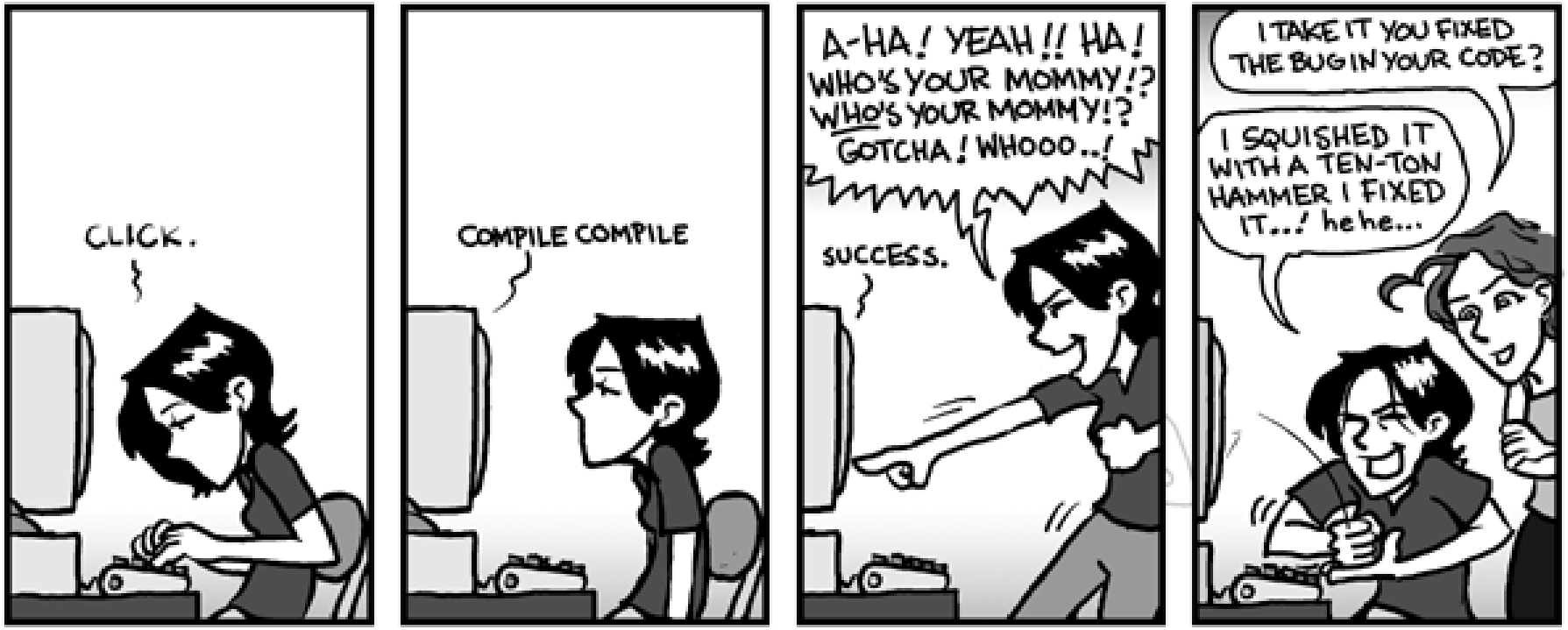
```
TARGET = HelloWorld
SRC_FILES = main.cpp


CXX = g++
CXXFLAGS = -Wall -Wextra -g
OBJECTS = $(SRC_FILES:.cpp=.o)


...


%.o: %.cpp
	$(CXX) $(CXXFLAGS) -o $@ -c $<


...
```

Running Debugger

```
gdb .\HelloWorld.exe
   b <#>
   run
   print <var>
   info b
   step
   continue
   kill
   q
```

```
lldb ./HelloWorld
   b <#>
   run
   print <var>
   br l
   step
   continue
   kill
   q
```

The Joy of Debugging



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To Do for Next Time

- A1 due tomorrow
- Set2 beginning next time
- Complete Lecture 06 Post-Class Survey before Friday class
- Quiz during next class
  - Practice quiz available in Canvas