

G-ROVER: SOFTWARE GOALS

- 1. Move the Car with Motors
- 2. Control the Car with Joystick
- 3. (Challenge) Control the Brightness & Color of LEDs
- 4. (Challenge) Move the Servo Motor Arm
- 5. (Challenge) Transmit & Receive Messages using IR

S O F T W A R E S E S S I O N S

Today (1:15pm-2pm)

- Programming Introduction
- C++ Coding Background
- Setup Your environment

Tomorrow (12:30pm-2pm)

- Programming Your Own Car Code
- Challenge Sessions
 - Satellite Uplink: IR Communication
- Probe Button Jumpstart: Servo Motor

WHAT IS PROGRAMMING?

- Giving instructions to a computer
- A computer reads lines of code step by step
- Different programming languages are just different ways to give the instructions
- Ex: Python, C, C++, Java, etc.



PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE SYNTAX

- "Syntax" = the rules on how programmers are allowed to write code in a certain language for the computer to understand
- Ex: (Python) print "Hello World"(C++) printf("Hello World");
- In C++, never forget the semicolon!



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- A very popular programming language
- "Object-oriented" = we can store information/data in unique ways that are easy to use
- 3 main topics to learn:
 - 1. Variables
 - 2. Functions
 - 3. Classes

VARIABLES



- Containers for data values
- Make sure your variable names are descriptive, so you know what they are later!

VARIABLE TYPES

Variable Type	C++ Keyword	Value Ranges
Boolean	bool	True (1), False (0)
Integer	int	, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2,
Character	char	A, B,, a, b,, !, *,
String	char*, string	"hello", "!",

- Syntax: type variableName = value;
- <u>Variable Example</u>

FUNCTIONS

- Functions perform a specific set of instructions
- Good for code that will be reused a lot
 - Drive Function Example
- The computer will read all the lines in a function before continuing in the main program
- Function Example 1

FUNCTIONS

```
returnType functionName(parameterType parameterName, ...) {
    // code
    return valueToReturn;
}
Function Example 2
```

```
#include<iostream>

void displayNum(int n1, double n2) {
    // code
}

int main() {
    ... ...
    displayNum(num1, num2);
}
```

```
#include<iostream>

int add(int a, int b) {
    return (a + b);
}

int main() {
    int sum;
    sum = add(100, 78);
}
......
}
```

CLASSES

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 Classes are like blueprints for different data objects

 They hold variables and functions that are specific to that class — these are called "members"

```
class Circle {
public:
    // Attributes
    double radius;
    // Methods
    double calculateArea() {
        return 3.14159 * radius * radius;
    double calculateCircumference() {
        return 2 * 3.14159 * radius;
```

CLASSES

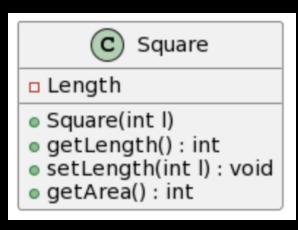
- To use a class, you must create an object of the class type and then refer to the members
- You can see the members of a class in VSCode using a "." or "->"
- Class Example

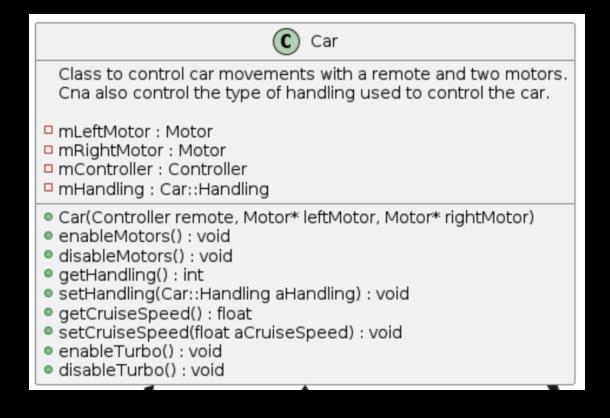
```
Circle myCircle; // Creating an instance of Circle

myCircle.radius = 5.0; // Setting the radius attribute

double area = myCircle.calculateArea();
double circumference = myCircle.calculateCircumference();
```

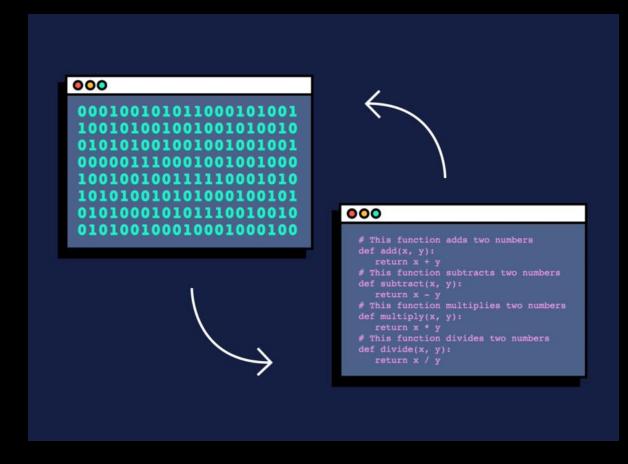
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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN SOMETHING GOES WRONG?

- We call solving issues in code "debugging"
- Different Ways to Debug:
 - Printing out information as the program runs
 - Lights/other signals when disconnected from a computer
 - Reread and ask for help



SEE YOU TOMORROW!