

Hello World Program:

So we will be using nano to write our programs, so let's create a new file called "hello_world" with the ".c" extension which tells the OS that it is a C file.

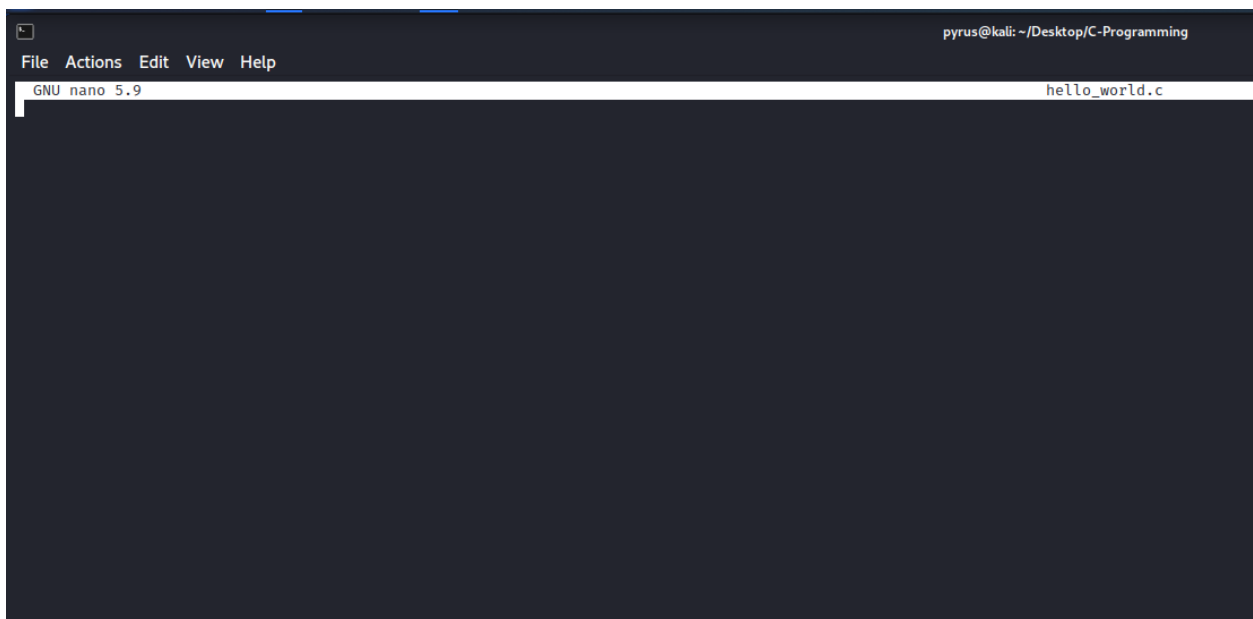
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$ touch hello_world.c

(pyrus@kali)-[~/Desktop/C-Programming]
$ ls
hello_world.c
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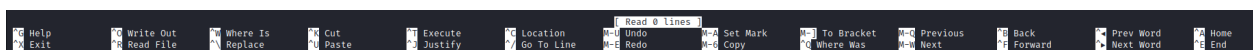
Then open the file with the nano editor

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(pyrus@kali)-[~/Desktop/C-Programming]
$ nano hello_world.c
```

We will be taken to a screen where we can type

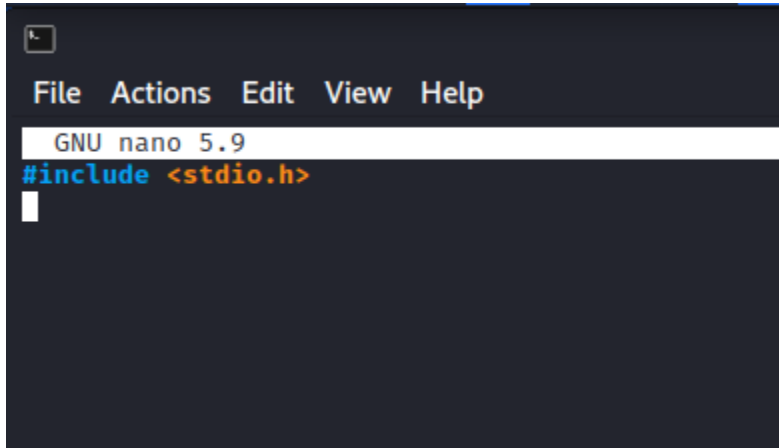


With various commands that we can use on the bottom



Now let's write our first C Program

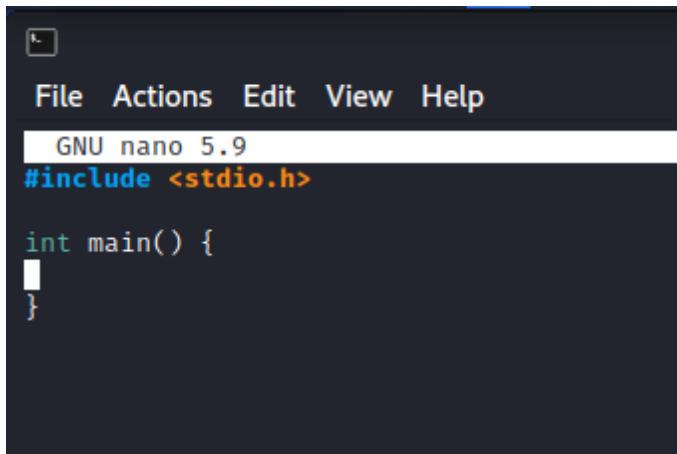
We start by including the contents of a C file that we will need for this program which is the `stdio.h` file (Standard input and output) Let's do this

A screenshot of the GNU nano 5.9 text editor. The editor has a dark background with a menu bar at the top containing 'File', 'Actions', 'Edit', 'View', and 'Help'. Below the menu bar, the text 'GNU nano 5.9' is displayed. The main editing area shows the line `#include <stdio.h>` in blue and orange text. A white cursor is positioned at the end of this line.

```
File Actions Edit View Help
GNU nano 5.9
#include <stdio.h>
```

We are going to use functions such as `printf` and the `stdio.h` files contain these functions, so that is why we include it.

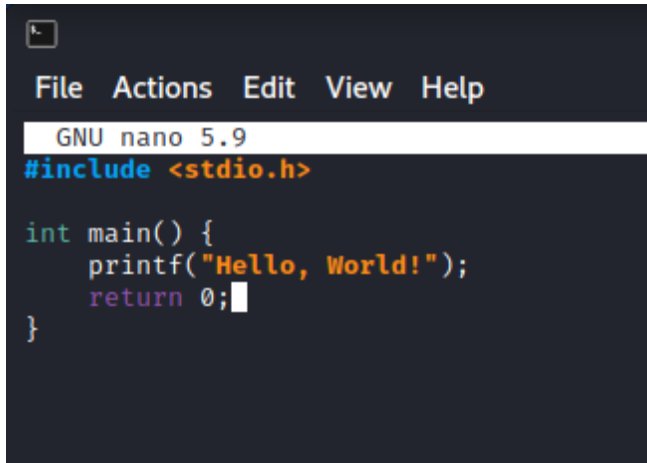
We will now make a `main()` function as any execution in C Programs usually start with the `main()` function

A screenshot of the GNU nano 5.9 text editor, continuing from the previous one. The menu bar and title bar are the same. The main editing area now shows the `main` function definition: `int main() {` on one line and a closing brace `}` on the next line. A white cursor is positioned at the end of the opening brace.

```
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#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
}
```

Now let's use the `printf()` function to print out "Hello, World!" which is the goal of this program. Now at the end of the function we have to add a `"return 0;"` line as it tells the program to stop after it reads it.



```
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GNU nano 5.9
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
    printf("Hello, World!");
    return 0;
}
```

Now let's save the file with Ctrl + O , hit enter and then Ctrl + X

If we cat the file, we should see the contents of our Hello World Program



```
(pyrus@kali)-[~/Desktop/C-Programming]
$ cat hello world.c
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
    printf("Hello, World!");
    return 0;
}
```

Now it's time to compile the program, which means we are converting our source code file that is written in C to a assembly language which will make it an executable (a file that is capable of being executed or run as a program)

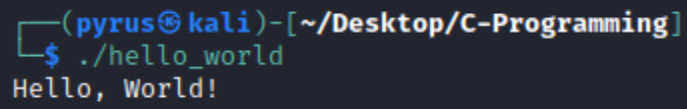
We will use GCC (GNU Compiler Collection) to do this .



```
(pyrus@kali)-[~/Desktop/C-Programming]
$ gcc hello world.c -o hello_world
```

"-o" is telling the program to save the executable in a file called "hello_world" in our case.

Now lets run the file

A terminal window with a dark background. The prompt is '(pyrus@kali)-[~/Desktop/C-Programming]'. The user enters './hello_world' and the output is 'Hello, World!'.

```
(pyrus@kali)-[~/Desktop/C-Programming]  
$ ./hello_world  
Hello, World!
```

Awesome, you just made your first C Program!