Introduction to Programming

Week 1

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Anatomy of your first C++ program

```
includes I/O library → #include < iostream >

main() method → int main()
{
body of main() method → std::cout << "Hello World";
}</pre>
```

Anatomy of your next several programs

```
includes I/O library → #include < iostream >
  main() method → int main()
(a sequence of statements)
```

Program development in C++

A three-step process, with feedback

1. EDIT your program

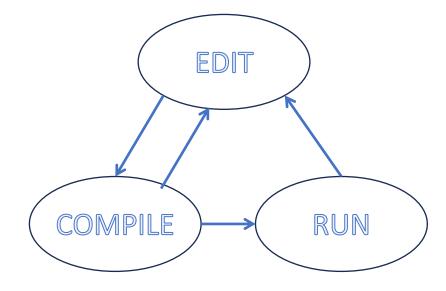
- Create it by typing on your computer's keyboard.
- Result: a text file such as HellpWorld.cpp

2. **COMPILE** it to create an executable file

- Use the C++ compiler.
- Result: An executable file.
- Mistake? Go back to 1. to fix and recompile.

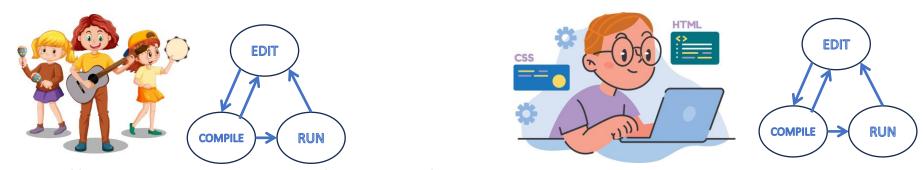
3. RUN your program

- Result: Your program's output.
- Mistake? Go back to 1. to fix, recompile, and run.



Software for program development

Any creative process requires cyclic refinement/development



A significant difference: we can use software to facilitate the process

Software development environment: Software for editing, compiling, and running programs.

Two time-tested options

- Virtual terminal
- Integrated development environment (IDE)

Software for program development: tradeoffs

Virtual Terminal

Pros

- Approach works with any language.
- Useful beyond programming.
- Used by professionals.
- Has withstood the test of time.

Cons

- Good enough for long programs?
- Dealing with independent applications.
- Working at too low a level?

IDE

Pros

- Easy-to-use language-specific tools.
- System-independent (in principle).
- Used by professionals.
- Can be helpful to beginners.

Cons

- Overkill for short programs?
- Big application to learn and maintain.
- Often language- or system-specific.