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Intro to C programming

Where did C come from?

- Derived from B by Ken Thompson (1972)
- Influenced by
  - CPL and BCPL
  - B PDP-11 processor

Hello World!

```
#include <stdio.h>   // standard I/O package
int main(void) {     // no arguments
    printf("Hello world!\n");
    return 0;        // 0 means success
}
```

print →

Compile and run (save file as)

```
cc -o hello hello.c   ← compile
./hello               ← run
Hello, world!
```

Read the book!

Temperature

- Kelvin is the scale for science:
  - 0K → All nuclear motion in a cell (absolute zero)
- °C = K - 273.15
- °F = °C * 9 ÷ 5 + 32

First Attempt

comment → // Print a table of F to °C, for 0 to 300

```
int main (void) {
    int fahr, celsius
    int lower = 0, upper = 300, step = 20;
    fahr = lower;
    while ( fahr <= upper ) {
        celsius = (5.0 / 9.0) * (fahr - 32);
        printf ("%3.0f %6.1f \n", fahr, celsius);
        fahr = fahr + step;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

%d = digit

{ ... }
- C is a "curly brace" language
- {} groups statements
- {} is called a block
- A block introduces a local scope

while
- while () is the simplest loop
- dry test loop

printf ()
- just a function of standard I/O lib

for()
- better + easier to understand
- initialization is explicit
- test and increments are all visible at the top.

- Clarity above all

Declaring Variables
- you must declare var before you can use it
- declaring it means to specify its type.
- be confined and scalar types.
  - char, int
  - float, double

Scope
- each pair of curly braces introduces a scope
- the scope of each variable tells us where that variable exists or is defined

Scoping Rules
- when you have a set of {} you create a new scope
- create new local variable

So what you happen?
- outer i gets hidden by inner i.

Copy stdin to stdout

```
int main (void) {
    int c;
    while ((c = getchar()) != EOF) {
        if (c == '\n') {
            line++;
        }
        putchar(c);
        printf("%d lines copied.\n", line);
        return 0;
    }
if()
```

Do not try to be clever

Counting Coconuts
- imagine a circle in a square
- shake coconut tree
- all coconuts fall inside the square
- 78% fall inside circle

What is a language translator?
- program that maps an input language to an output

The need for language translators
- computers are between of software and hardware
- Hardware functions are controlled by a compatible software

Compilation process of a C program

- compiling process is a sequence of 4 phases, input for each phase is the output

1. The Pre-Processor
   - Source code is passed into preprocessor
   - Execute a preprocessor

2. Compiler
   - Compiler converts source code to assembly

3. Lexical Phase
   - Break down the source code from preprocessor

Source Code
↓
Pre-processor
↓
Compiler → Assembly Code
↓
Assembler → object code
↓
Linker ← Libraries
↓
Executable

Compilers vs. Interpreters

- Compiler
  - translates that takes a high-level prog. (anguage, goes through a sequence of translations and outputs as executable
  - translates entire program / code at once
- Interpreter
  - a program

GCC vs. CC vs. Clang

- gcc
  - GNU C compiler
  - default on Linux
- CC
  - Unix / Linux environment variable that points to the default compiler
- clang
  - Default on Mac and Free BSD

Coming back to make

- the make utility automates the mundane aspects of building executables from source code
- "make" uses a special called a Make File