

Carleton University
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SYSC 2006 - Foundations of Imperative Programming - Fall 2017

Lab 1

Attendance/Demo

You should do this lab on your own time, during the first week of classes. This lab will not be graded by a TA, and you don't have to demonstrate your work or submit any files.

Exercise 1 - Introduction to the Pelles C IDE

Objective

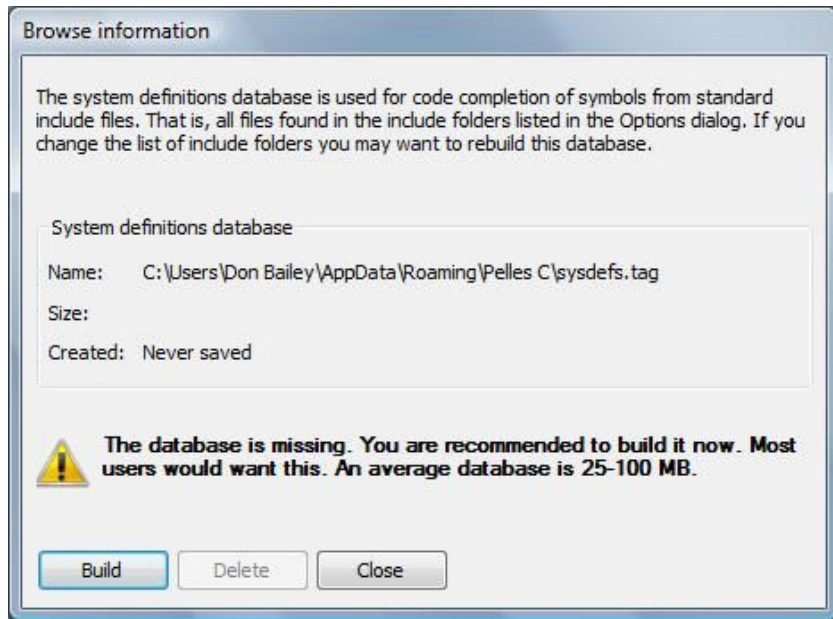
In this part of the lab, you'll learn how to use the Pelles C programming environment to prepare a simple C program. Specifically, you will be able to:

- create a new Pelles C project;
- create a new source code file, use the editor at to prepare a simple C program, and add the edited file to the project;
- build the project (create an executable program);
- execute the program.

Step 1

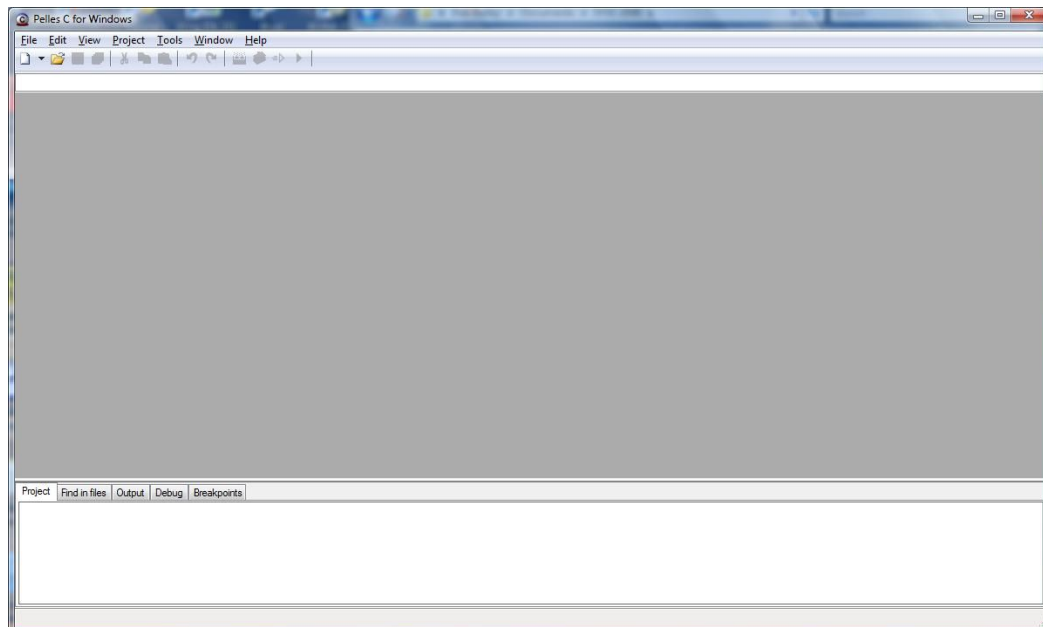
Create a folder named Lab 1.

Launch Pelles C. A Browse information dialogue box may open:



If this box appears, click the **Close** button.

Pelles C should now look like this:



Step 2

You're now going to create a project named **hello**, which will contain the classic "Hello, world!" program that's often used as the first example when learning a programming language.

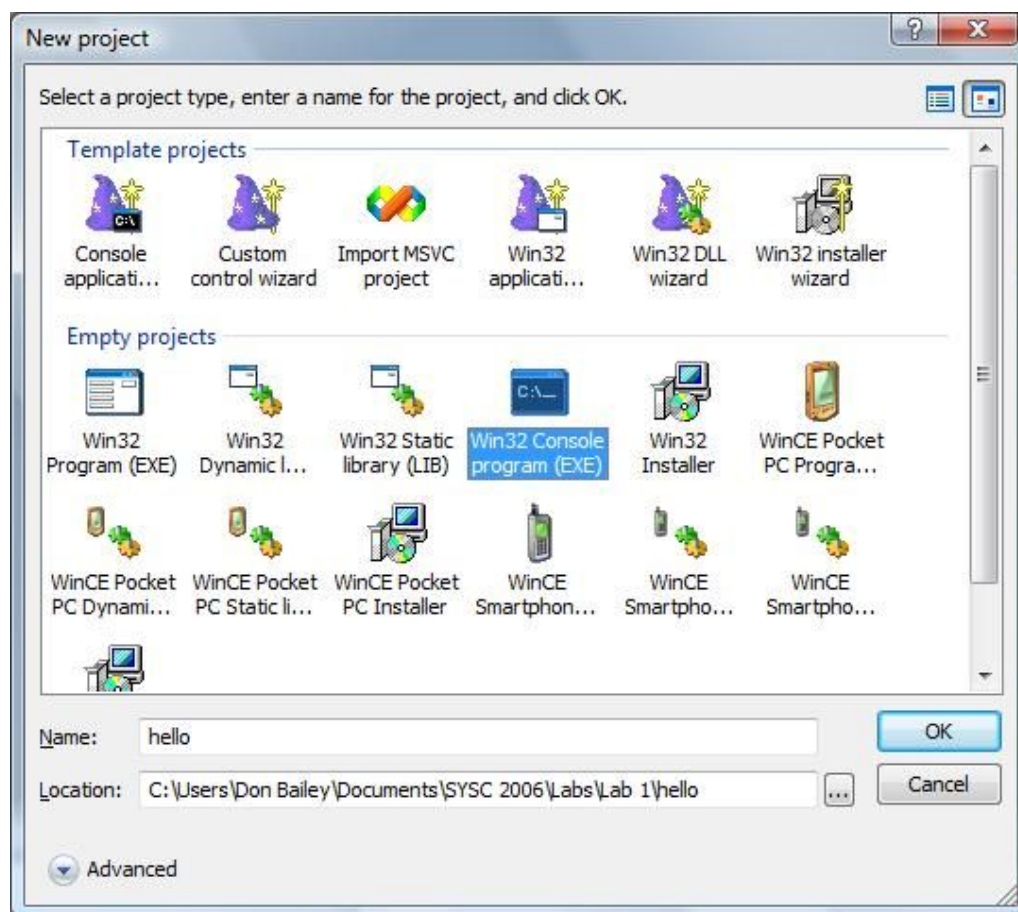
From the menu bar, select **File > New > Project...** A New Project dialog box will appear (see the screenshot, below).

Clicking the ... button beside the **Location:** field allows you to navigate to the folder where you'll store your project. On your computer, navigate to the **Lab 1** folder you created in Step 1. The path will appear in the **Location** field .

After navigating to that folder, type **hello** in the **Name:** field.

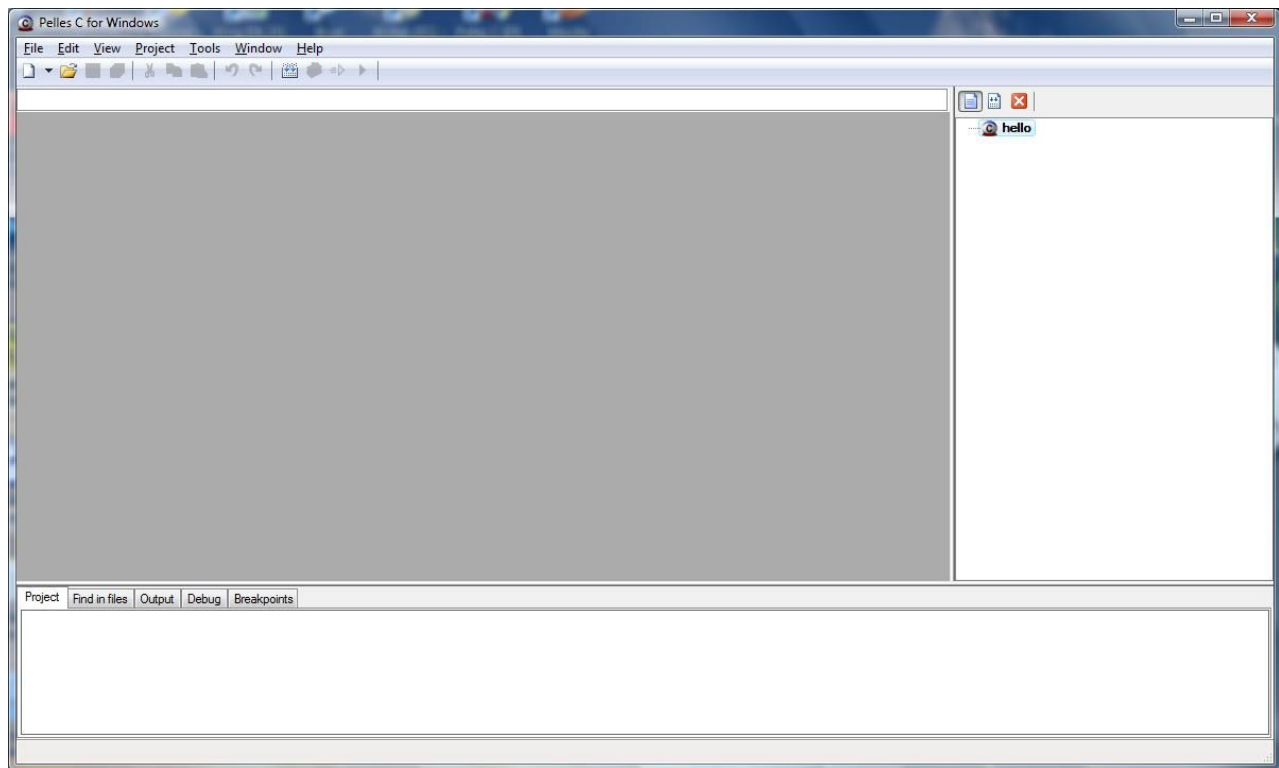
You also need to select the type of project that will be created. If you're using the 64-bit edition of Pelles C, the project type should be **Win 64 Console program (EXE)**. If you're using the 32-bit edition of Pelles C, the project type should be **Win32 Console program (EXE)**. **Do not click Win32 Program (EXE) or any of the other "Empty projects" icons.**

Pelles C should now look similar to this (more icons will be displayed if you're using the 64-bit edition):



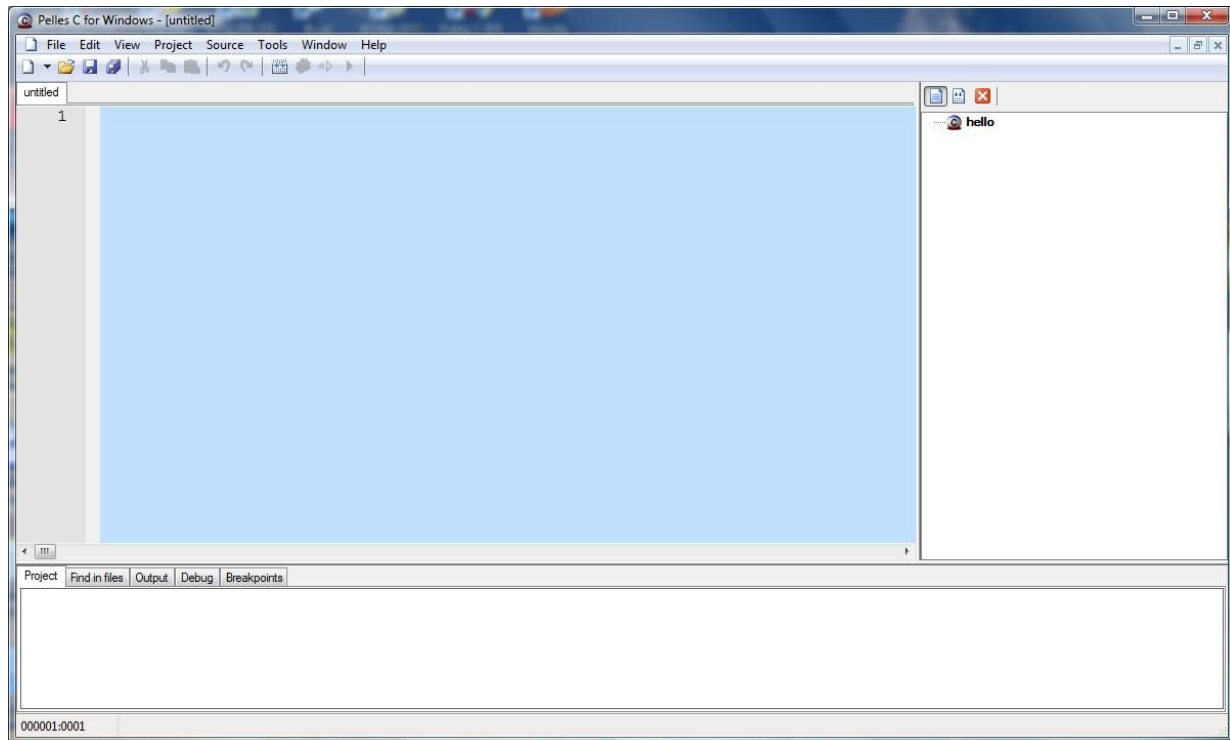
Click the **OK** button. Pelles C will create a folder named **hello** inside the **Lab 1** folder. The files associated with this project will be stored there.

Pelles C should now look like this (notice that the project name, **hello**, now appears in the right-hand pane):



Step 3

From the menu bar, select File > New > Source code. An empty blue editor window will appear:

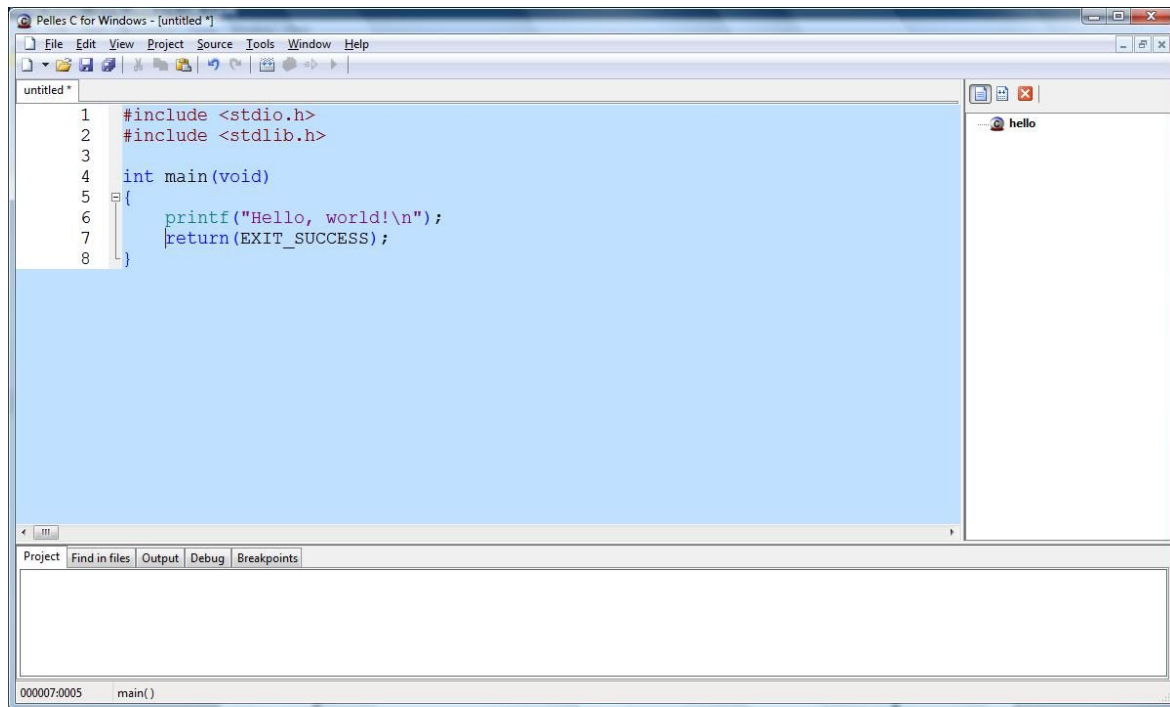


Type this C program in the editor:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int main(void)
{
    printf("Hello, world!\n");
    return(EXIT_SUCCESS);
}
```

Pelles C should now look like this:



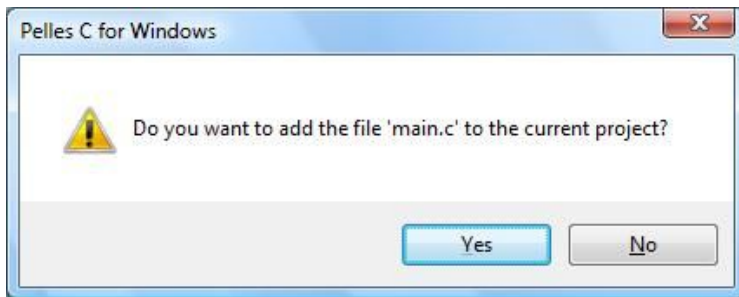
Step 4

You'll now save the source code in a file. Many C programmers always use `main.c` as the name of the file that contains the `main` function. We'll follow that convention in this course.

From the menu bar, select **File > Save as...** (or click the **Save** button from the row of icons below the menu bar). A **Save As** dialogue box will appear. Type the name `main` in the **File name:** field, and ensure that **Save as type:** is **Source file (*.c)**.

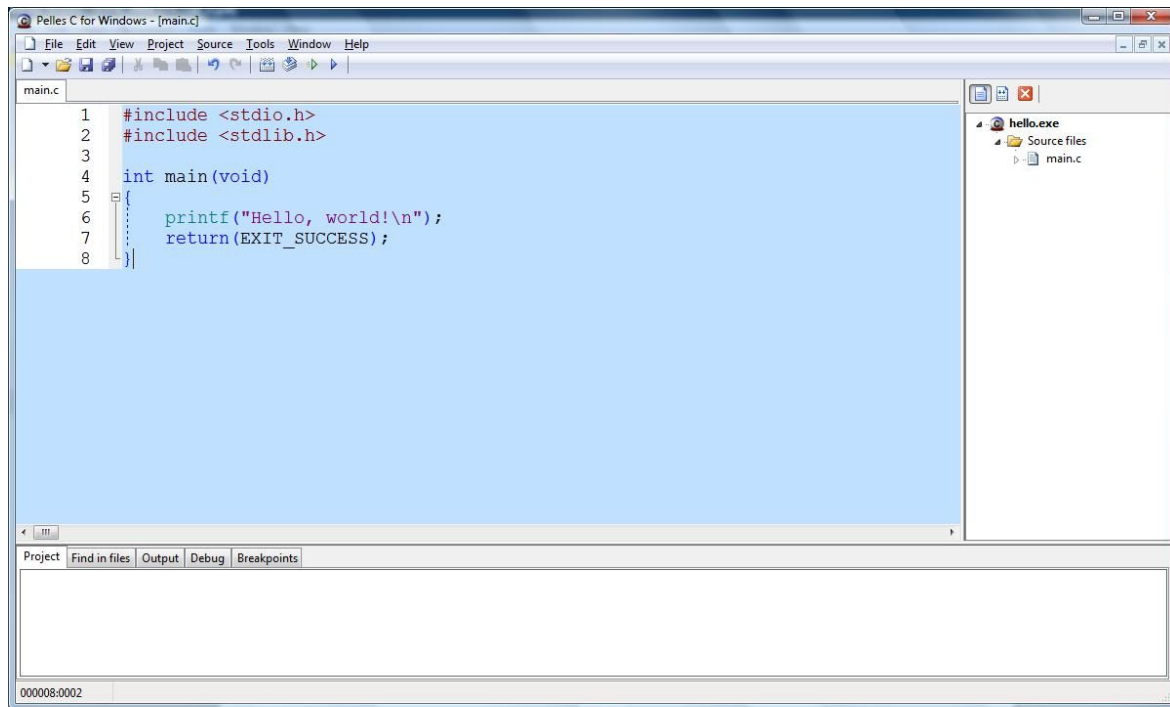


Click **Save**. You will now be asked if you want to add the source code file to the project:



Click **Yes**. Pelles C will save the code in the editor in a file named `main.c` and add this file to your project.

Pelles C will now look like this:



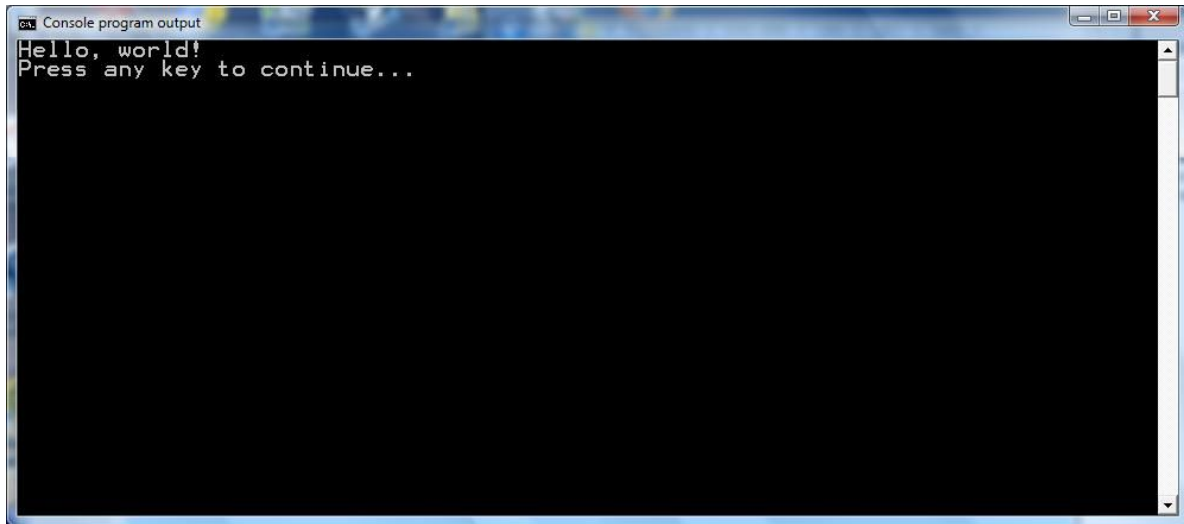
Notice that `main.c` is now listed as one of the source files in the `hello` project (see the right-hand pane).

Step 5

From the menu bar, select **Project > Build hello.exe** (or or click the **Build** button from the row of icons below the menu bar). Pelles C will compile the code in `main.c`, and if there are no compilation errors, link the compiled code to the C libraries that the program requires, producing a file named `hello.exe` file (the executable program).

Step 6

From the menu bar, select **Project > Execute hello.exe** (or or click the **Execute** button from the row of icons below the menu bar). A Console window will appear, showing the program's output:



Press any key to close the console window.

Step 7

Edit the program, adding a `printf` statement that outputs "C programming is fun!" on a separate line, below "Hello, world!".

You'll need to save the modified source code. From the menu bar, select **File > Save** (or or click the **Save** button from the row of icons below the menu bar).

Build and execute the program. It should now display:

```
Hello, world!  
C programming is fun!
```

Exercise 2 - Understanding Pelles C Compilation Errors

Edit the "Hello, world!" program you created in Part 1, adding the comment,

```
/* main: generate some simple output. */
```

after the `#include` statements, but before the definition of `main`. Your program should now look like this:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

/* main: generate some simple output. */

int main(void)
{
    Don't change the body of your main function from Exercise 1.
}
```

Build and execute the program. Did adding the comment have any affect on the output your program displays?

When learning a new programming environment, it is a good idea to write some programs that have syntax errors, so that you can see what error messages the compiler produces. Sometimes the compiler will tell you exactly what is wrong, and all you have to do is fix it. Sometimes, though, the compiler will produce wildly misleading messages, and you will have to figure things out yourself.

After you complete each of part of this exercise, correct the compilation error from that part by "undoing" the change you made to the program, before you start the next part. For example, in part (a), you'll see the error message the compiler produces after you remove a curly-bracket. Correct this error (insert the curly-bracket) before you start part (b). In other words, the changes you make to the program should not be cumulative.

- (a) Remove the closing curly-bracket `}`. Save the modified file and build the program. What error message does the compiler produce?
- (b) Remove the opening curly-bracket `{`. Save the modified file and build the program. What error message does the compiler produce?
- (c) Remove the `int` before `main`. Save the modified file and build the program. What error message does the compiler produce?
- (d) Change `main` to `mian`. Save the modified file and build the program. What error message does the compiler produce?
- (e) Remove the closing `*/` from the comment. Save the modified file and build the program. What error message does the compiler produce?
- (f) Change the first occurrence of `printf` to `pintf`. Save the modified file and build the program. What error message does the compiler produce?

- (g) Delete one of the parentheses: (or). Save the modified file and build the program. What error message does the compiler produce?
- (h) Duplicate one of the parentheses: change a (to ((or) to))). Save the modified file and build the program. What error message does the compiler produce?
- (i) Delete the semicolon ; after the `return` statement.

This exercise was adapted from exercises in *How to Think Like a Computer Scientist - C Version*, by Allen Downey and Thomas Scheffler.

Exercise 3 - Formatting C Code

Objective

In the exercise, you'll learn how to use Pelles C to format your C code so that it adheres to widely-accepted coding conventions.

Step 1

In your **Lab 1** folder, create a new project named `f_to_c`. Remember, the project type should be Win32 Console program (EXE) or Win 64 Console program (EXE), depending on which edition of Pelles C you're using.

After creating the project, you should have a project folder named `f_to_c` in your **Lab 1** folder. Check this. If you do not have a folder named `f_to_c`, close this project and repeat Step 1.

Step 2

Download file `main.c` from cuLearn. Move this file into your `f_to_c` folder.

Step 3

You must also add `main.c` to your project. To do this, select **Project > Add files to project...** from the menu bar. In the dialogue box, select `main.c`, then click **Open**. An icon labelled `main.c` will appear in the Pelles C project window.

Step 4

Build the project. It should build without any compilation or linking errors.

Step 5

Execute the project. The program should output a table of Fahrenheit temperatures and their equivalent Celsius temperatures.

Step 6

Open `main.c` in the editor. The file contains the Fahrenheit to Celsius temperature conversion program that was presented in a lecture. Clearly, the code is poorly formatted. Would you want to attempt to read and understand a source file containing 500 or 1000 lines of code if it was formatted this way?

Step 7

Pelles C makes it easy to reformat your C code so that it adheres to one of two commonly-used formatting conventions (K & R style or BSD/Allman). In addition to placing braces and indenting blocks of code, Pelles C will insert spaces or remove extra spaces when it reformats your code.

To select the formatting style:

- From the menu bar, select **Tools > Options...** An Options box will appear.
- Click the **Tabs** tab
- In the **C formatting style** box, click a radio button to select either Style 1 (for "roughly K & R" style) or Style 2 (which appears to be close to BSD/Allman style).
- Click **OK**. The Options box will close.

To format the code in your editor window:

- Select **Edit > Select all**. The code will be highlighted.
- Select **Source > Convert to**.
- From the submenu, select **Formatted C code**. The highlighted code will be reformatted to conform to the selected style.

Format the program once using Style 1, then a second time using Style 2. In this course, you can use whichever of these two styles you prefer.