



Chapter 1

, 0 and 1's

→ Code needs to be "translated" for computers to understand

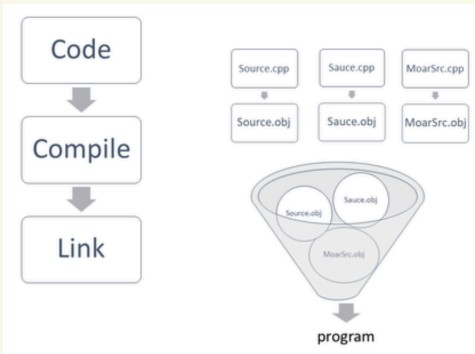
↳ Python/JavaScript are **Interpreted** meaning tools read the code and decide what to do dynamically/at runtime

↳ Java/C# compile to an intermediate language **more efficient than interpreting code every time it is run**

↳ C++ source code is transformed directly into something computer understands in 2 steps:

1) **Compiler** reads code and produces object files that are specific to the target machine such as 32-bit windows, 64-bit linux

2) **Linker** stitches the object files together to produce a library, for you to use in another codebase or program to run directly



↳ This is the fastest process

Using Tools:

→ C++ programs are composed of functions which group together statements into a block

↳ Functions can call other functions

↳ Function may return a value or not

↳ if not use keyword null

→ Function that returns value must have its type specified.

↳ int: negative/positive numbers

→ Program requires a **main** function that always returns an int for success or fail

```
int main() ❶  
{ ❷  
  ❷  
}
```

❶ Function head

❷ Function body

→ Almost any C++ function has a return type, a function name and parentheses indicating any parameters or values given to the function

```
int main()
```

name
forms a function header
no parameters
return type

→ after function header set of curly braces with statements in them comprising the function body

→ The function `main` is special, returns `int 0` to indicate no errors
↳ only one `main` function in the program

Instruction for Compiler

```
tool_name [optional flags] source_name.cpp -o output_name
```

```
clang++ -Wall -std=c++2b empty.cpp -o empty
```

✓ for Mac

Running Program

→ vlc `.empty` on mac,

Writing to the Screen:

→ The `println` function is part of the Standard library
↳ use `#include`

```
#include <print> ❶  
  
int main() ❷  
{  
}
```

→ use `println` to print

```
#include <print>  
  
int main()  
{  
    std::println("Hello, world!"); ❸  
}
```

prints then goes to
a new line

prints message

→ The `Print` header also uses a different kind of "Scope"

↳ groups code into a space called a **namespace**

↳ All standard library facilities live inside the standard namespace **std**

→ prefix function needed with **std::** to indicate where it comes from

↳ consists of the name **std** and the scope-resolution operator (**::**)

→ Can create your own namespaces, and specify where the compiler can find the function you want to use

→ without **std::** compiler/linker will look for a function called `println` outside the standard namespace and won't find it

↳ error **unresolved symbol**

using cout:

→ before C++ 23, **std::cout** printed instead of `println`

↳ in the **iostream** header

prints and
stays on the
line

```
#include <iostream> ❶  
  
int main()  
{  
    std::cout << "Hello, world!"; ❷  
}
```

❶ Includes the `iostream` header

❷ Prints a message

```
#include <iostream>
```

```
int main()  
{
```

```
    std::cout << "Hello, world!\n";  
}
```

moves to the
next line

In depth:

```
int main()  
{  
}
```

return type
name
name
parenthesis/input

→ function head followed by a semicolon **declares** the function

↳ tells compiler this function exists somewhere

→ function **definition** is code in curly braces

```
void println(); ↗ overloads
```

```
void println(/* maybe some parameters */);
```

→ **overload function** have the same name but take different parameters

↳ `println();` has 0 parameters and moves to the next line

↳ `println("um");` takes 1 parameter

→ Void means nothing is returned

→ Can use `cout` with the stream insertion operator (`<<`) to display text

```
std::cout << "Hello, world!" << '\n';
```

↳ You can chain calls together

↳ Compiler sends left to right

↳ left-most argument is the message so it is used first, then the `<<` operator is applied a second time with the newline character

```
(std::cout << "Hello, world!") << '\n';
```

→ `std::endl` can be used instead of `'\n'`

↳ 1) appends a new line

↳ 2) flushes the buffer

→ **flushing** the buffer ensures that everything in the buffer is written

↳ if program crashes without this buffered characters may not make it to the stream

→ `std::endl` is a helper function to control a stream, called a manipulator, and using it is

equal to: `std::cout << '\n' << std::flush;`