# C Comments

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## Comments in C

Comments can be used to explain code, and to make it more readable. It can also be used to prevent execution when testing alternative code.

Comments can be **singled-lined** or **multi-lined**.

## Single-line Comments

Single-line comments start with two forward slashes (//).

Any text between // and the end of the line is ignored by the compiler (will not be executed).

This example uses a single-line comment before a line of code:

### **Example**

// This is a comment  
printf("Hello World!");

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This example uses a single-line comment at the end of a line of code:

### **Example**

printf("Hello World!"); // This is a comment

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## C Multi-line Comments

Multi-line comments start with /\* and ends with \*/.

Any text between /\* and \*/ will be ignored by the compiler:

### **Example**

/\* The code below will print the words Hello World!  
to the screen, and it is amazing \*/  
printf("Hello World!");

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#### **Single or multi-line comments?**

It is up to you which you want to use. Normally, we use // for short comments, and /\* \*/ for longer.

**Good to know:** Before version **C99** (released in 1999), you could only use multi-line comments in C.