

*** Include ***

Include is a C preprocessor directive. It serves to incorporate the contents of another file into the current one. Usually, it is used to include header files from the C standard library or user defined ones. Include is usually placed at the start of a C file, before any of the other code. Included files can either be in the same directory as the file that includes them or can be added to the preprocessor using different flags depending on the compiler.

The syntax of include is

```
#include <(C standard library file)>
```

```
#include "(user defined file)"
```

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*** Include Examples ***

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

This instance of include serves to add all the functions located in the standard library `stdio.h` file to the current source code. It will allow the code to use functions such as `printf`, and types such as `FILE`.

```
#include "myheader.h"
```

In this instance, include takes all the contents from `myheader.h`, which is completely user defined.

```
#include "module1.h"
```

Here, include is used to incorporate all the contents from a user defined module. This module can be part of a bigger project, where

code separation and modularity become essential. Include allows developers to make their code as modular as they want.

*** Main Parameters ***

Main functions in C can accept two different parameters. These are `argc` and `argv`. These are meant to be used for command-line arguments that are passed to the program when it is executed. The integer `argc` represents the amount of arguments (including the executable itself), while `argv` is an array of strings. Again, the name of the executable is always included, so `argc` will always be at least one, and `argv` at index 0 will be the executable's name.

The syntax of main parameters is

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {}
```

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*** Main Parameters Examples ***

```
./test first second third
```

This is an example of executing a C program from the command-line (bash), while passing three arguments. In this case, `argc` would be equal to 4, while `argv[0]` would be `./test`, `argv[1]` would be `first`, `argv[2]` would be `second`, and so on.

```
printf("%s\n", argv[0]);
```

This code is printing the first argument in the `argv` parameter. This is going to be the executable name, so if the file is `test.c` and the executable is `test.exe`, this code will print `./test.exe`.

```
printf("%d, %s\n", argc, argv[argc - 1]);
```

In this code, n and the nth argument are being printed, where n is the amount of arguments (argc). Looking at the previous examples, the output would be '4, third'.

```
for(int i = 0; i < argc; i++) {  
    printf("%d, %s\n", i, argv[i]);  
}
```

Here, each index and equivalent argument is being printed. Looking at the previous examples, the output would be '0, ./test', then '1, first', then '2, second', and then '3, third'.