Computer Science Major

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What my mom thinks I do.

What society thinks I do.

What my professor thinks I do in class.

What I think I do.

What I actually do.

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Bonus Content: Creating Libraries

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- This content will not be included on the final.
- This content will not be included in any lab or assignment.
- There is not “Check On Learning” for this module.

Why We Put Code into Libraries

- Libraries make general-purpose code easy include in multiple projects.
- Libraries are easy to transport.
- Libraries can be pre-compiled to obscure the source code from another programmer while exposing the interface.

How We Put Code into Libraries

- We split our code into two files:
  - Header: saved with a .h extension. This file contains function prototypes and data type definitions. We should also include explanations for how to use every function and data type.
  - Source: saved with a .cpp extension. This file contains all of the definitions and implementations required to make the functions and data types in our header files work.
- The header file shows the “interface” of our code, i.e. how to use everything.
- The source file can be pre-compiled.

Libraries in Code::Blocks

- Local libraries need to be compiled and included along with your main file.
- Projects automatically link your local libraries at build time
- Local libraries are included using “library name.h” rather than <library name>

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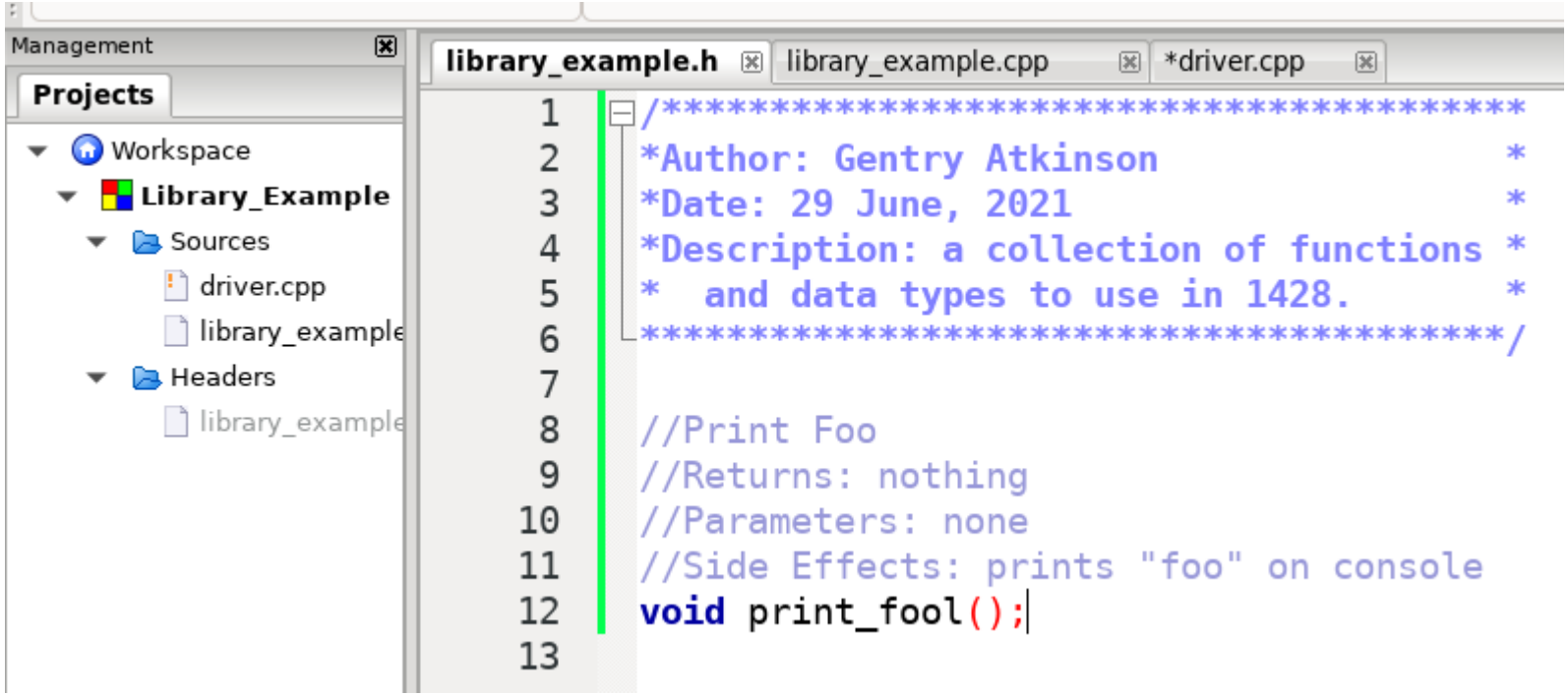

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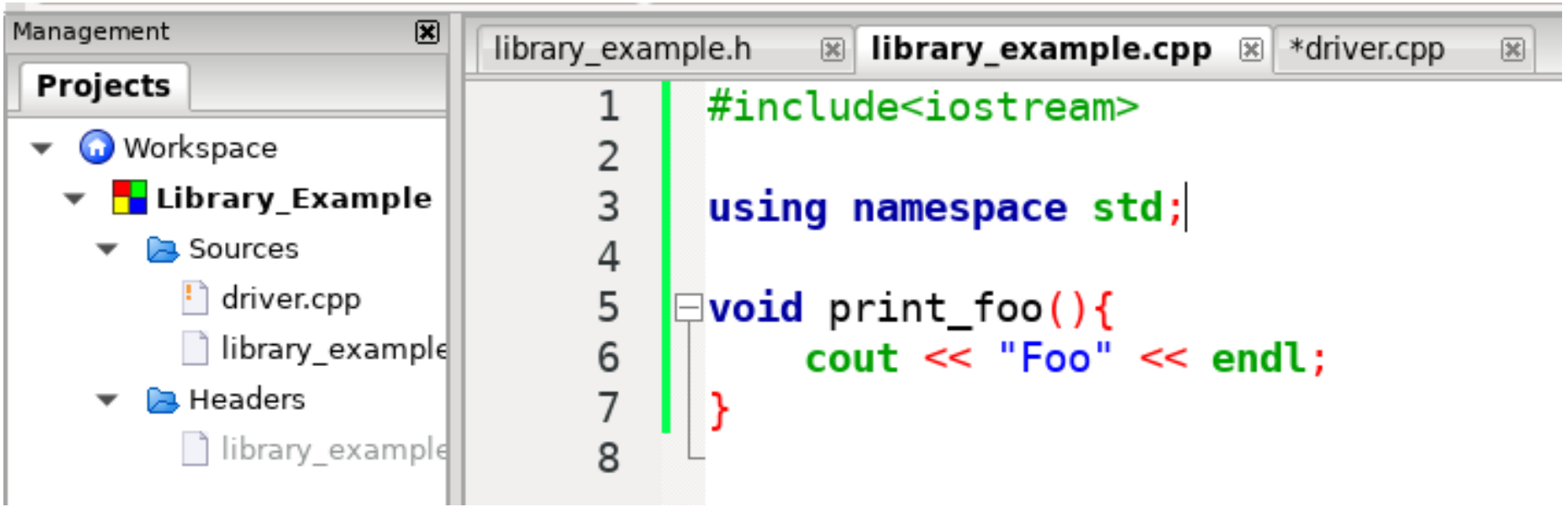

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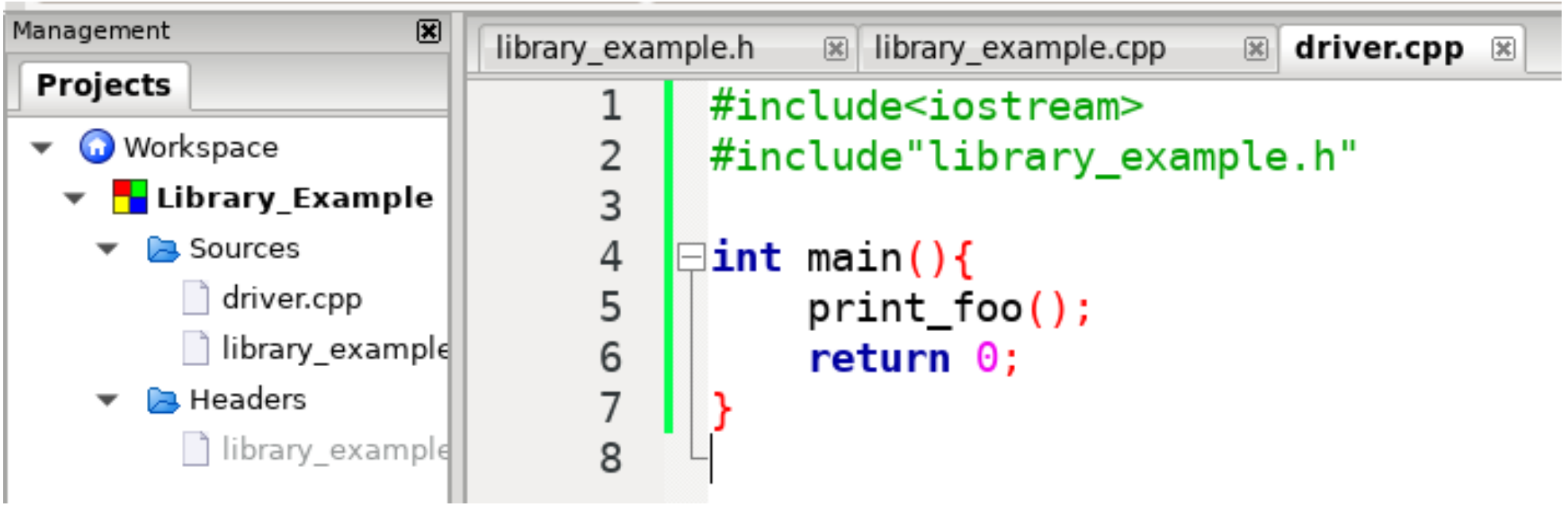

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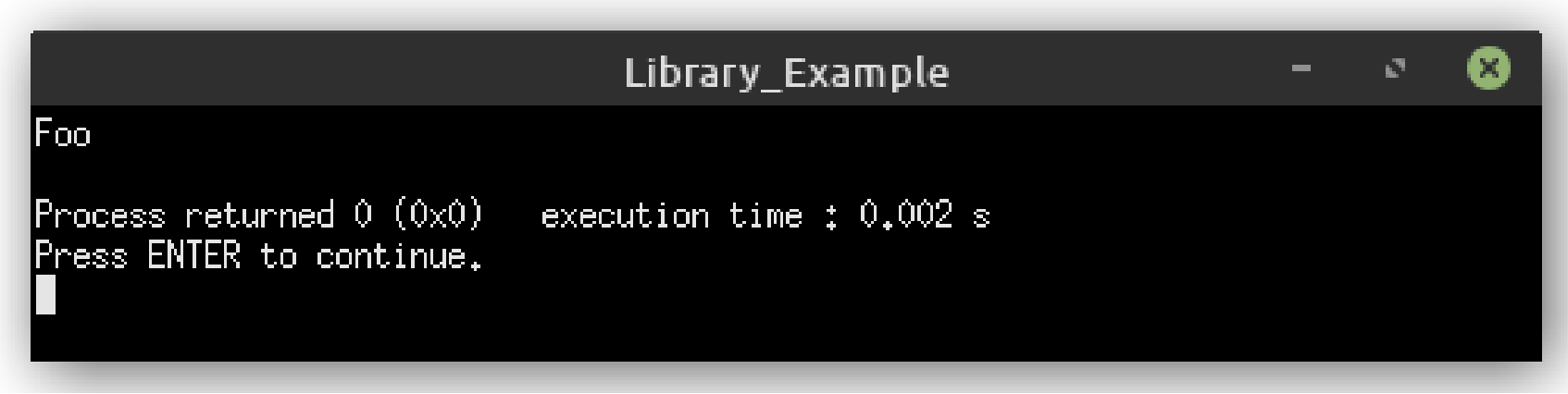

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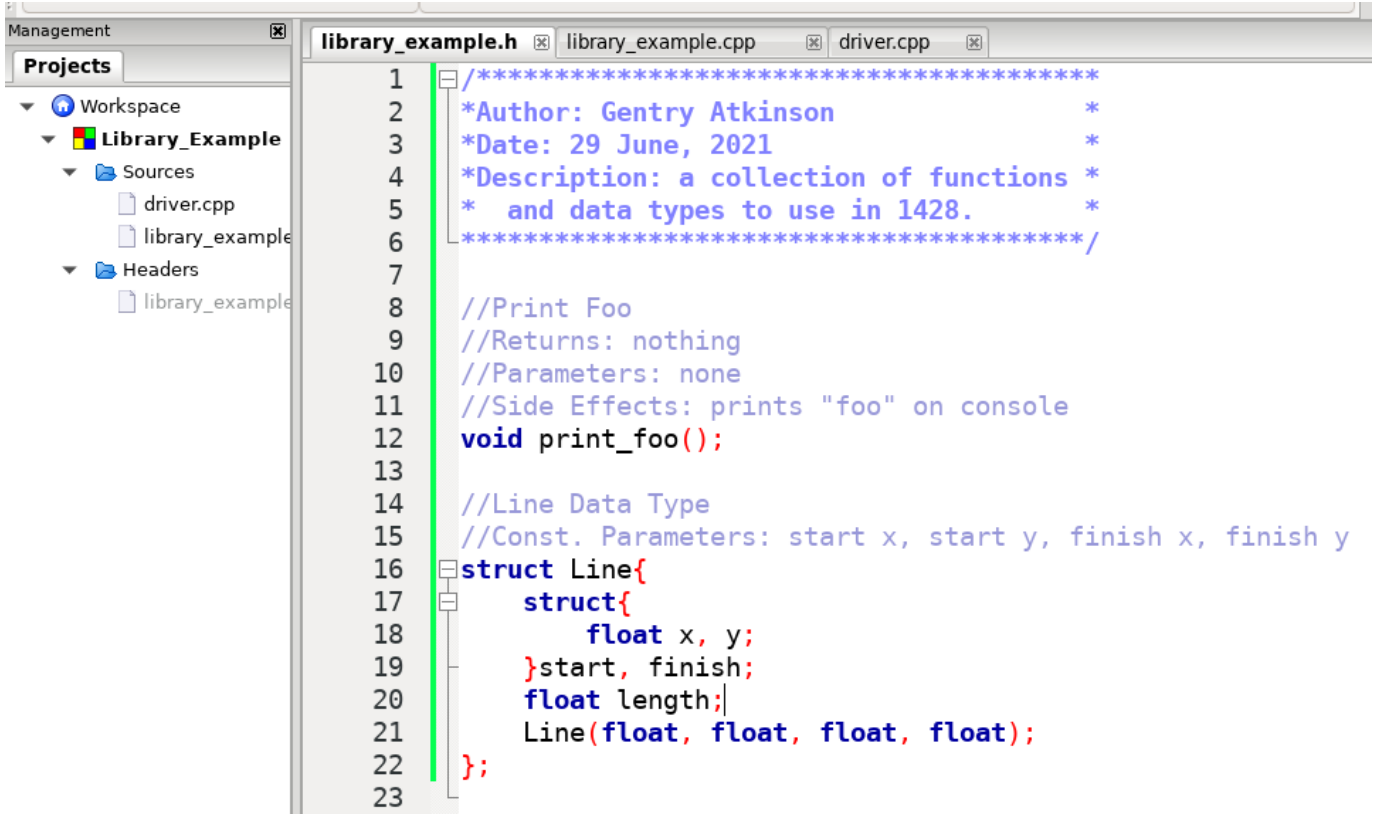

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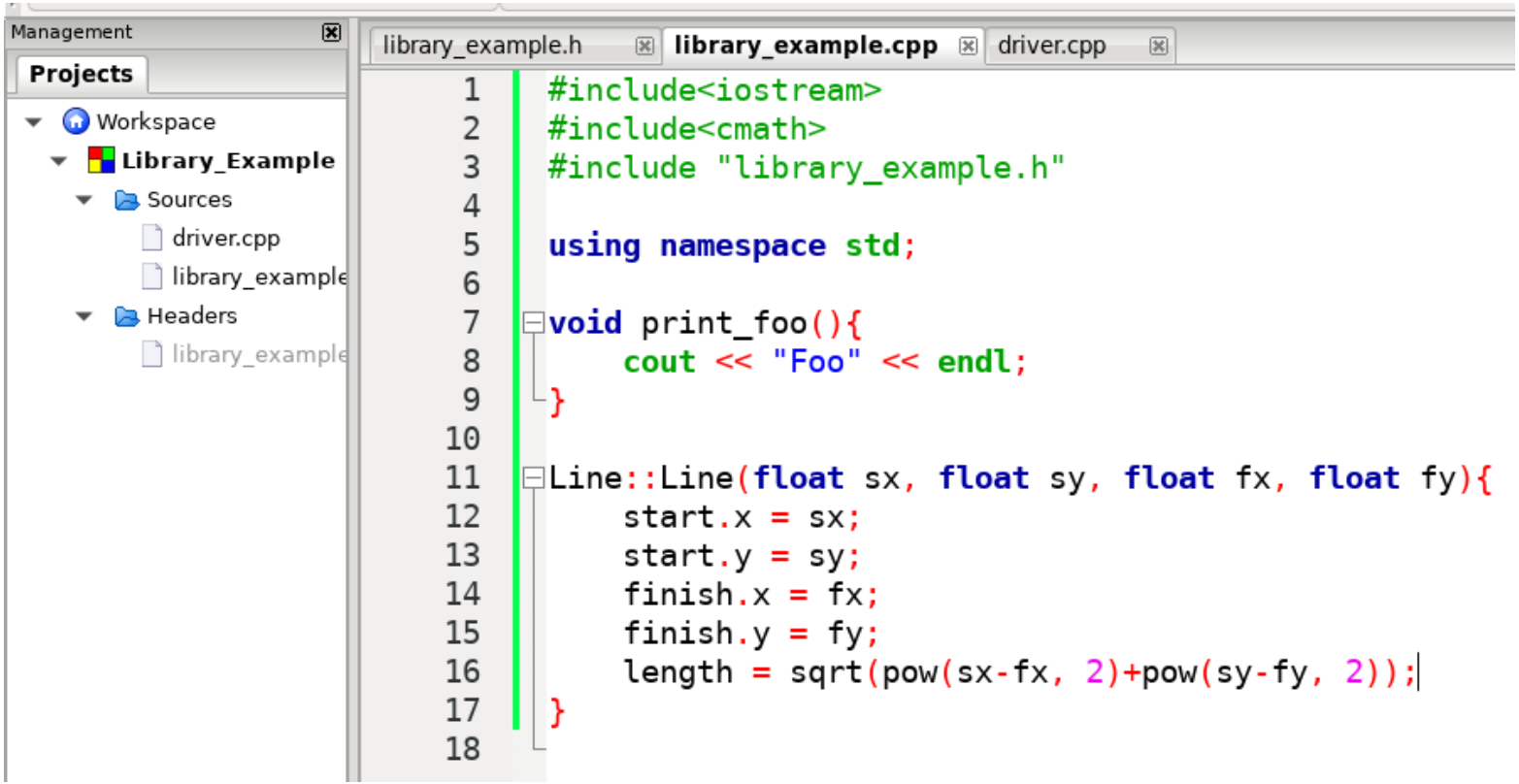

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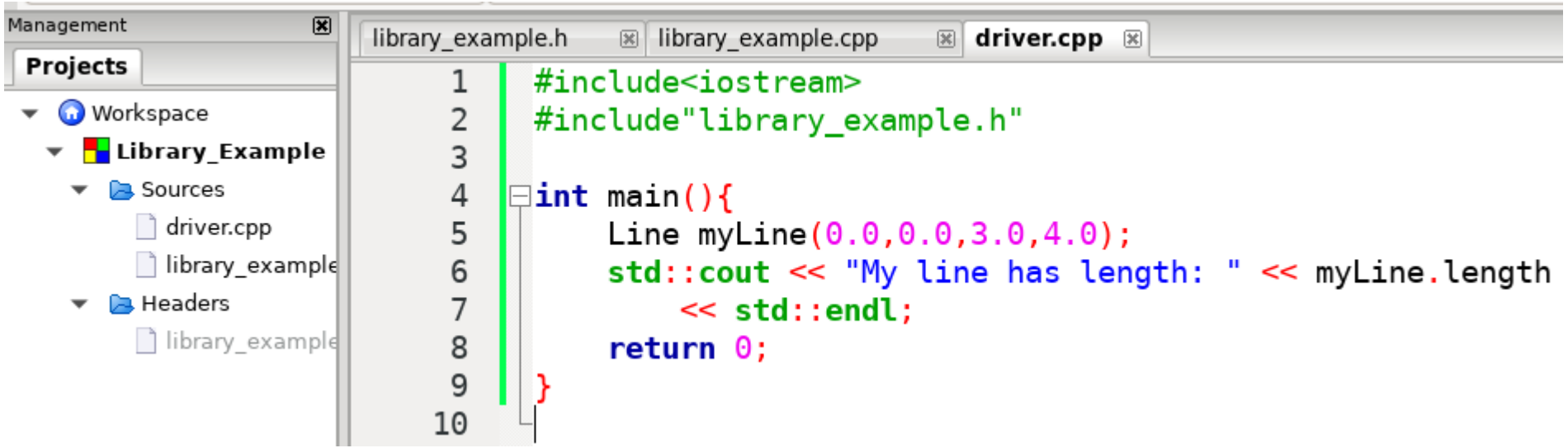

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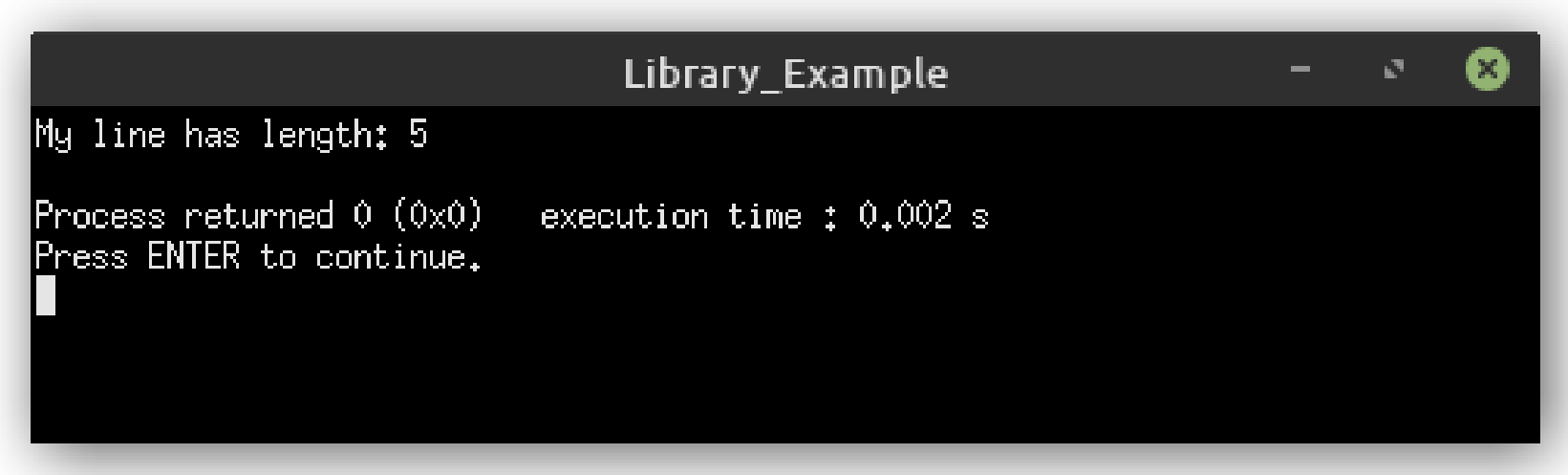

When to Move Code to a Library

- The first code file that your reader reads should be relatively short.
- Header files represent long and complicated code as simple interfaces that are easy to understand and remember.
- Libraries let us logically encapsulate functions and data types in the same way that data types let us logically encapsulate variables.
- Code that is very likely to be re-used should be in a library.