

# Computer Science Major



What my friends think I do.



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.

# CS1428

# Foundation of Computer Science

Bonus Content: Creating  
Libraries

# Bonus Content

- 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.

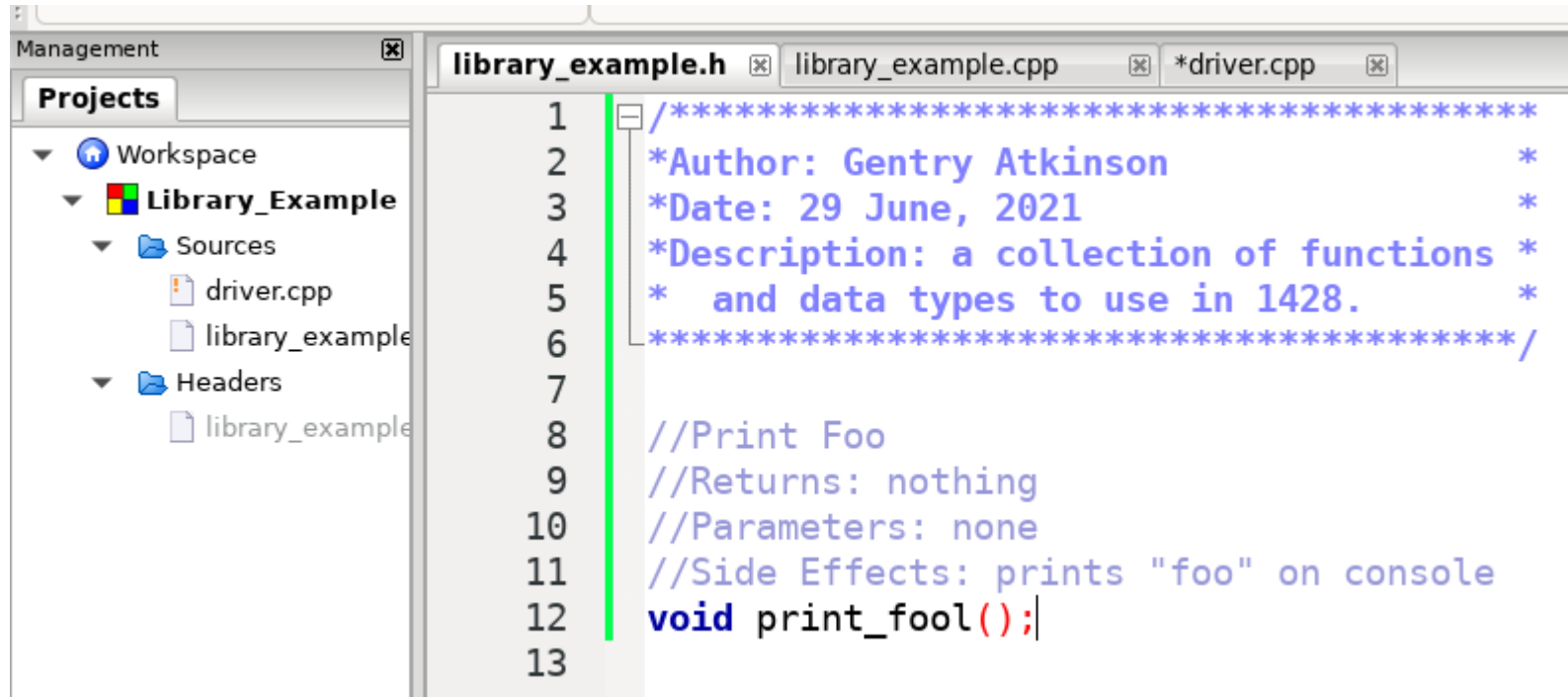
# How We Put Code into Libraries

- 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>`

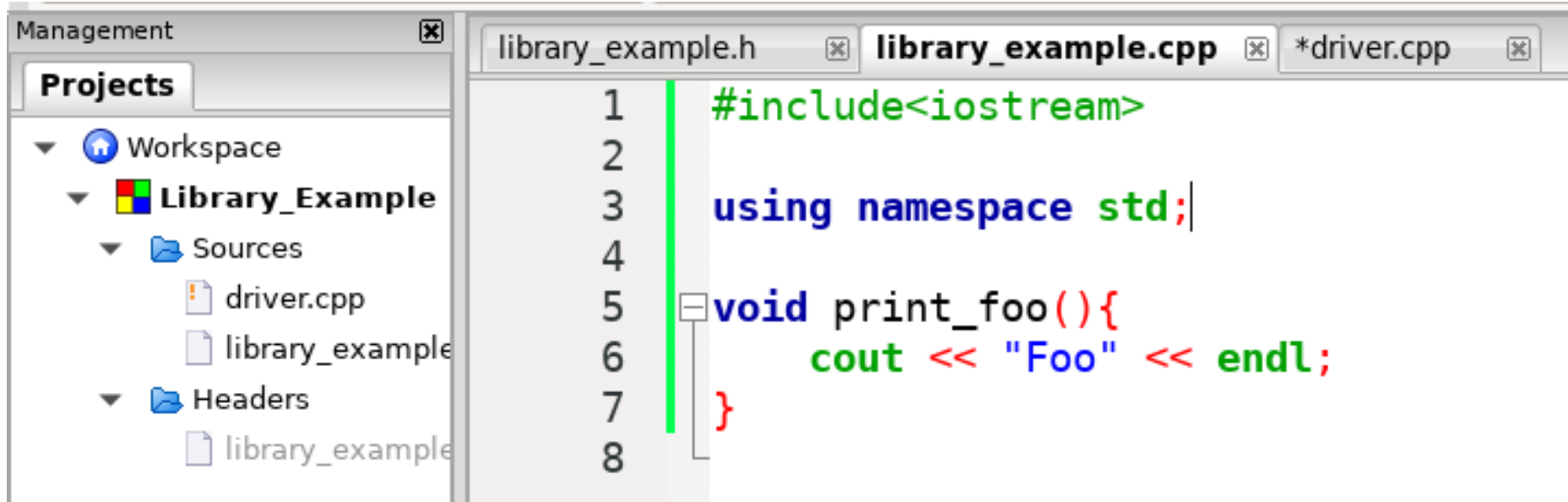
# Writing Libraries



The screenshot shows an IDE window with a 'Management' tab. On the left, a 'Projects' pane shows a workspace with a project named 'Library\_Example'. Under 'Sources', there are files 'driver.cpp' and 'library\_example'. Under 'Headers', there is a file 'library\_example'. The main editor area shows the 'library\_example.h' file with the following content:

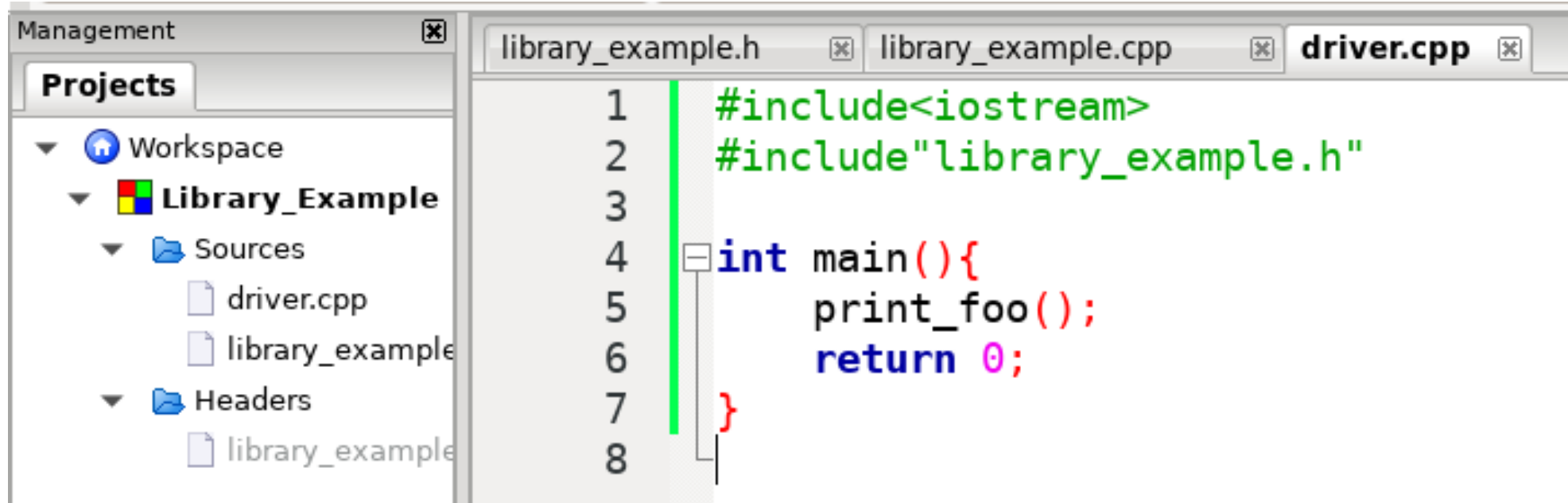
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5  * and data types to use in 1428.  
6  *****/  
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10 //Parameters: none  
11 //Side Effects: prints "foo" on console  
12 void print_fool();  
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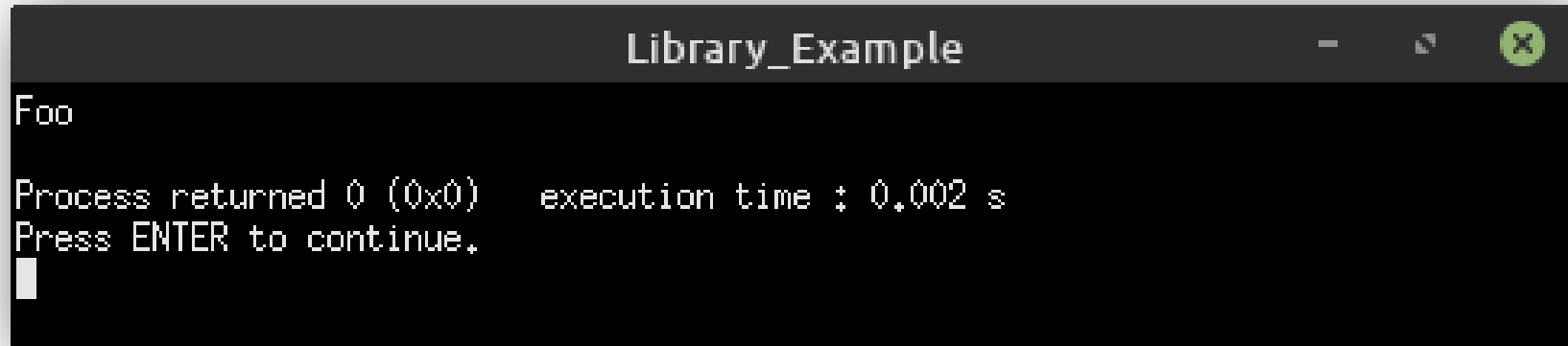




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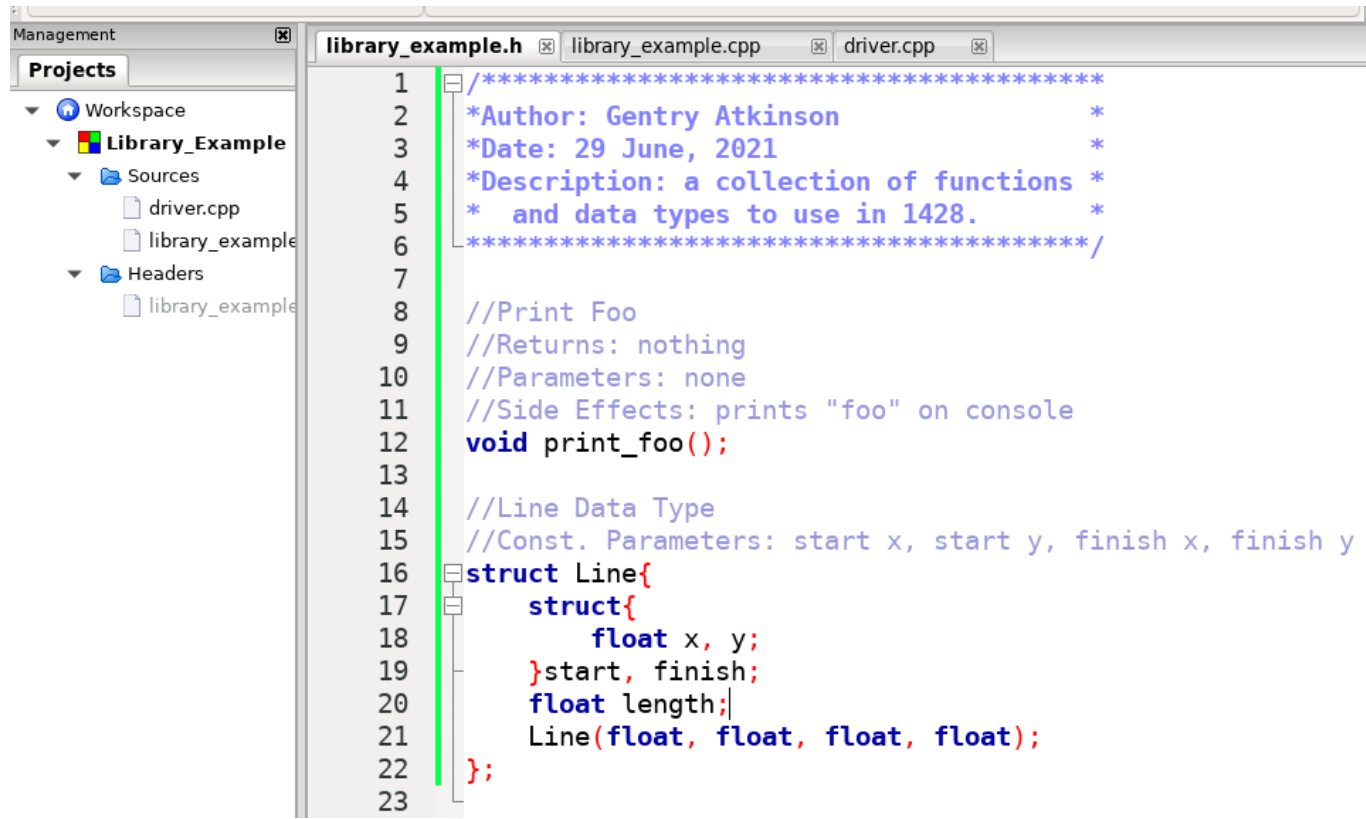


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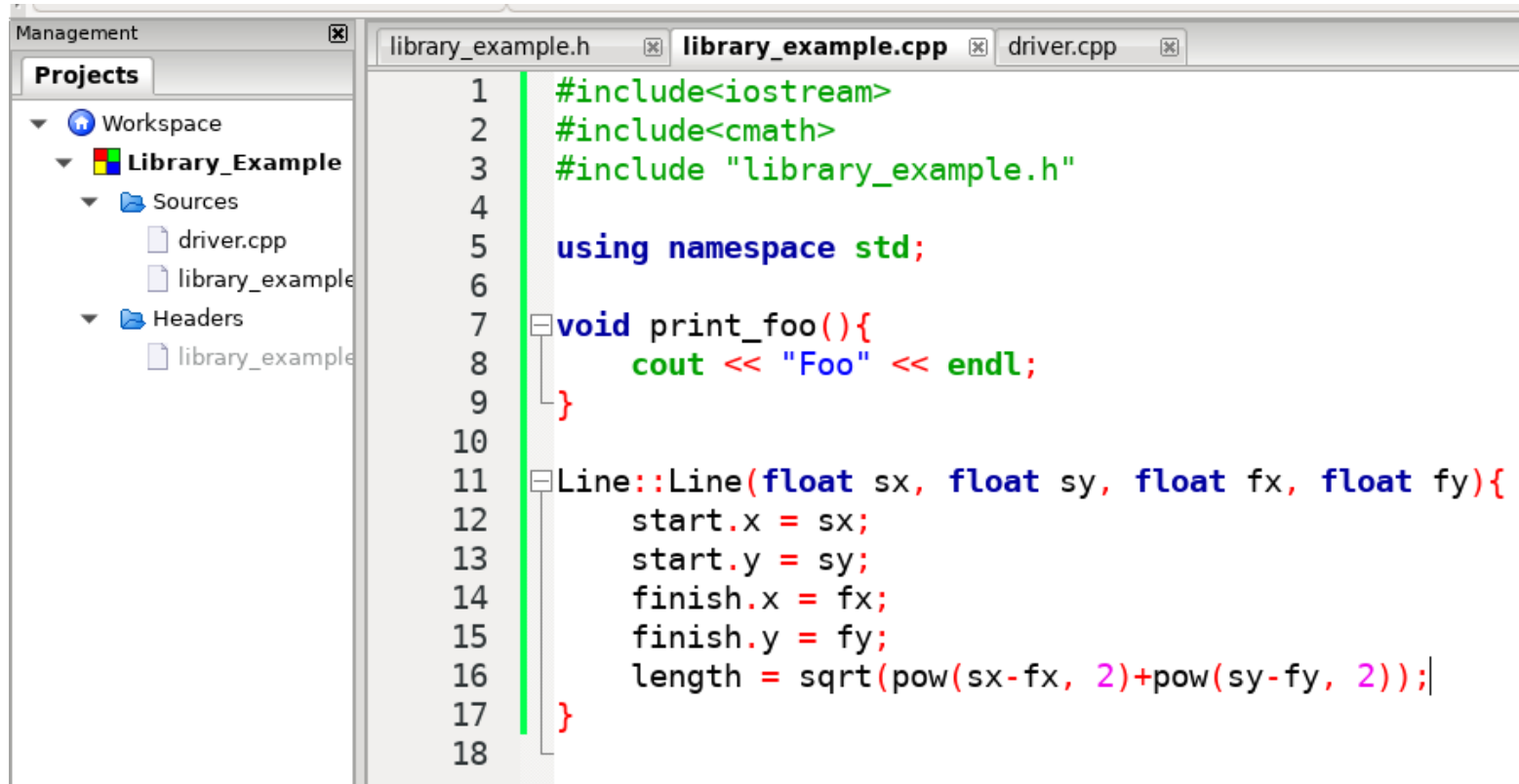
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Library_Example
Foo
Process returned 0 (0x0)   execution time : 0.002 s
Press ENTER to continue.
```

# Data Types in Libraries



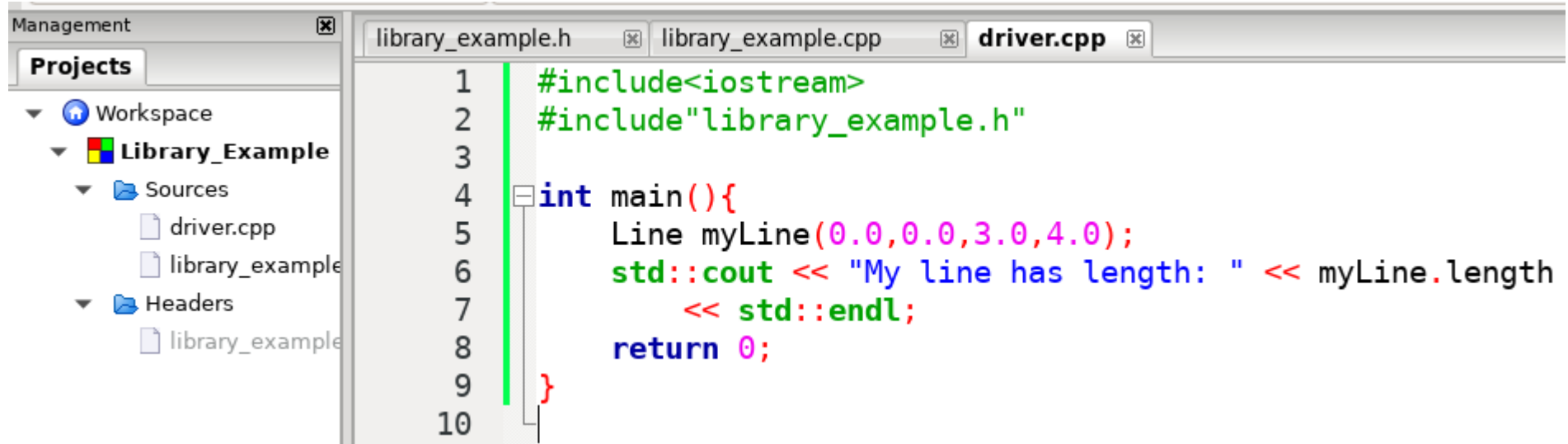
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13  
14 //Line Data Type  
15 //Const. Parameters: start x, start y, finish x, finish y  
16 struct Line{  
17     struct{  
18         float x, y;  
19     }start, finish;  
20     float length;  
21     Line(float, float, float, float);  
22 };  
23
```

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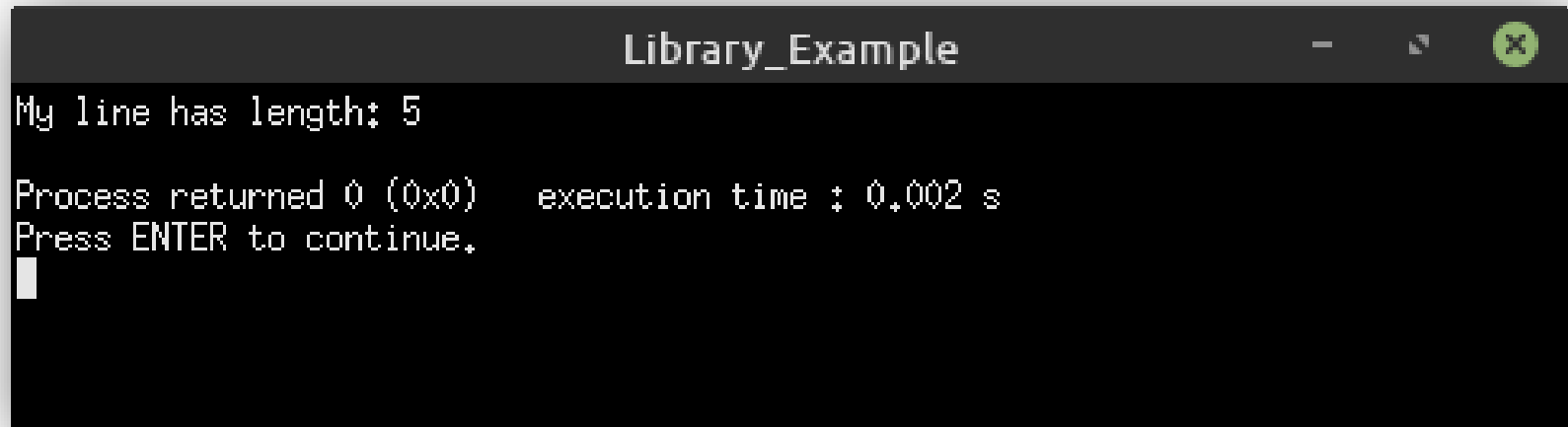
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1  #include<iostream>
2  #include<cmath>
3  #include "library_example.h"
4
5  using namespace std;
6
7  void print_foo(){
8      cout << "Foo" << endl;
9  }
10
11  Line::Line(float sx, float sy, float fx, float fy){
12      start.x = sx;
13      start.y = sy;
14      finish.x = fx;
15      finish.y = fy;
16      length = sqrt(pow(sx-fx, 2)+pow(sy-fy, 2));
17  }
18
```

# Data Types in Libraries



```
1  #include<iostream>
2  #include"library_example.h"
3
4  int main(){
5      Line myLine(0.0,0.0,3.0,4.0);
6      std::cout << "My line has length: " << myLine.length
7          << std::endl;
8      return 0;
9  }
```

# Data Types in Libraries



```
Library_Example
My line has length: 5
Process returned 0 (0x0)    execution time : 0.002 s
Press ENTER to continue.

```

# 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.