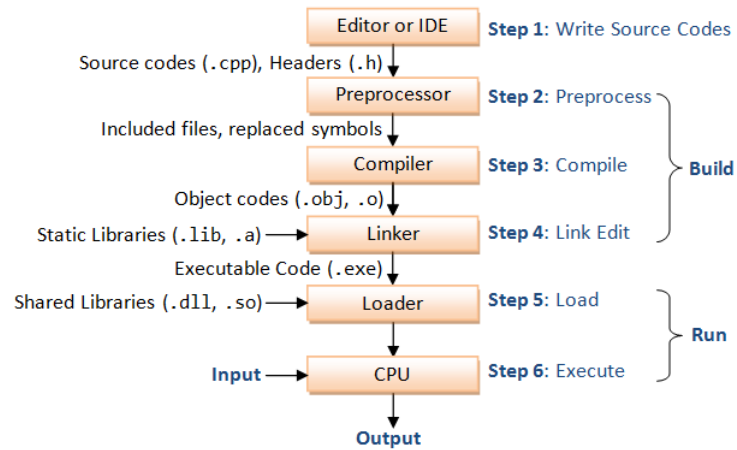


Program Mechanics

To create your own C++ programs, you follow a **mechanical process**, a well-defined set of steps called the **edit-build-run** cycle. In short you:

1. **Create** your source code using a **text editor**.
2. **Build** your executable using a **compiler toolchain**
3. **Run** your program using your operating system facilities



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