String Input and Output

You may use >> and << to read and write string objects, like this:

This version of the program reads a **string** input by the user into the variable **name** and then includes **name** as part of the greeting, as shown in the screenshots below:



- 1. If the user enters only a first name, then all goes as you'd expect.
- 2. However, the user enters a **full name** instead of just the first, only the first is read.

Even though the program contains no code to split the name apart, it somehow still uses **only** the first name when it prints its greeting.

Why? Because >> **stops reading** as soon as it sees the first **whitespace character**. A whitespace character is any character that appears as blank space on the screen, and includes the tab and newline characters.

3. To read an entire line of text, use the string function getline() like this, in place of line 3:

```
3 | getline(cin, name);
```

This **reads an entire line** from **cin** into the variable **name**. When run, the program allows you to display the full name of the user instead of just the first name.



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