

CSC – 183 PROGRAMMING C

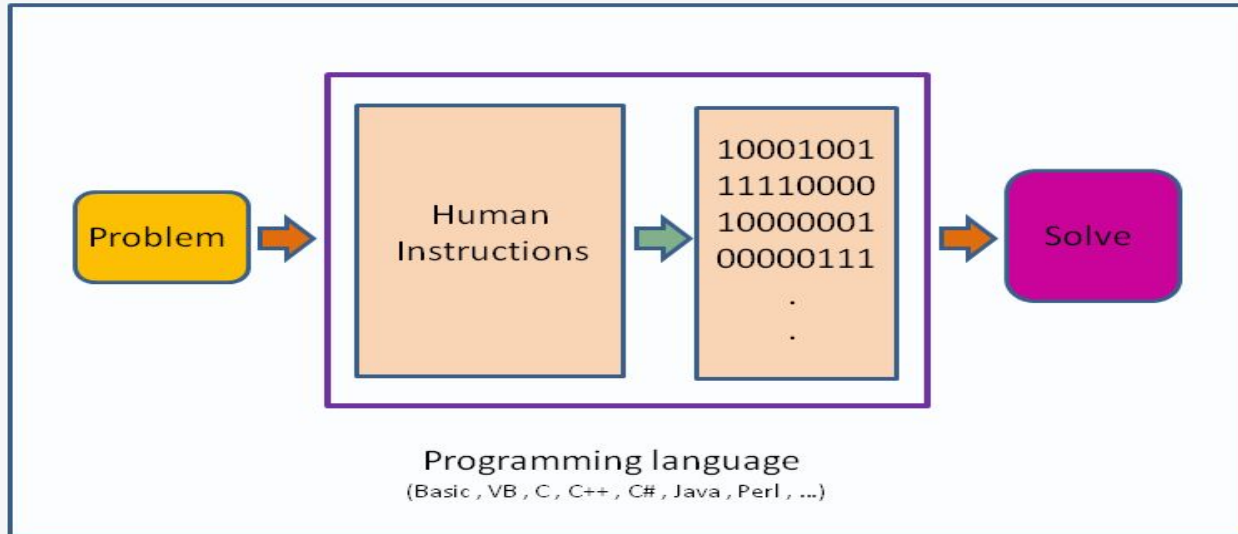
CHAPTER – 1

OVERVIEW OF C

Introduction to Programming

What is a program?

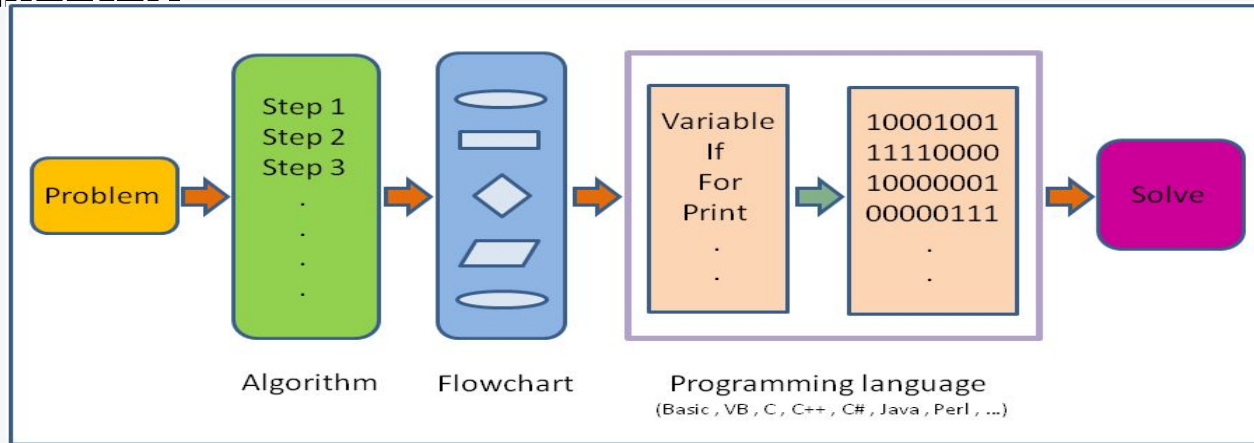
A computer program is a set of instructions that tell a computer what to do.



Introduction to Programming

What is a programming Language?

A programming language is a formal computer language designed to communicate and give instructions to a machine, particularly a computer.





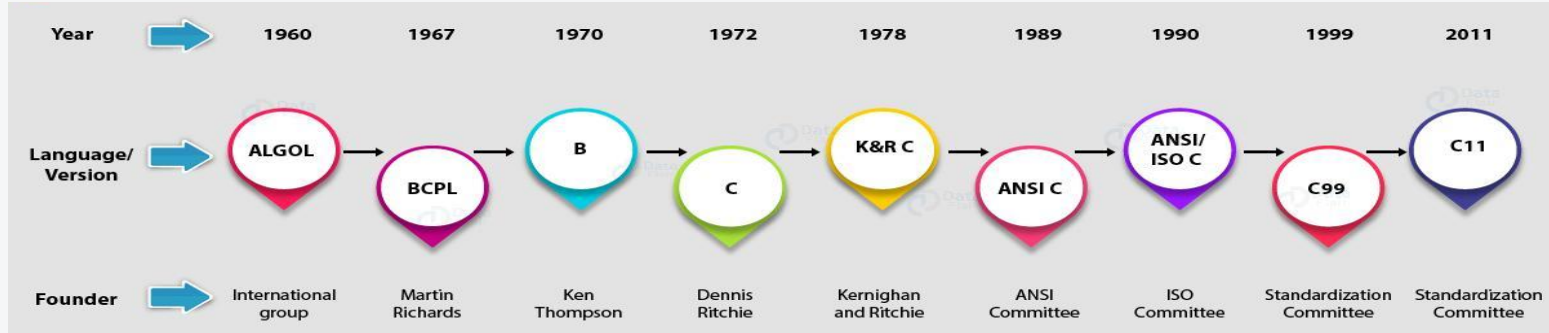
PROGRAMMING C:

C is a high-level and general purpose programming language.

History of C

- ✓ The root of all modern languages is **ALGOL**, introduced in 1960s.
- ✓ In 1967, Martin Rachards developed **BCPL**.
- ✓ In 1970, Ken Thompson created **B** by using BCPL features.
- ✓ In 1972, **C** was evolved from ALGOL, BCPL and B by **Dennis Ritchie** at the **Bell Laboratories** on **DEC PDP-11** machine. Which referred as "Traditional C".
- ✓ In 1978, introduced K&R C (Kerningham and Dennis Ritchie).
- ✓ In 1989, ANSI approved a version of C known as **ANSI C**.
- ✓ In 1990, ISO also approved this version referred as **C89**.
- ✓ In 1999, Another enhanced version of C is introduced **C99**.

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Importance of C

- ✓ C is **small** (only 32 keywords).
- ✓ C has rich set of **built-in functions** and support variety of **data types & operators**.
- ✓ C is **highly portable** (Machine independent).
- ✓ C is **structured**.
- ✓ C has **ability to extend** itself.
- ✓ C is **stable** (the language doesn't change much).
- ✓ C is **quick running** (code written in c is efficient & fast).
- ✓ C is the **basis for many other**
- ✓ C is a **Programmers Language**.
- ✓ It may not feel like it but **C is one of the easiest language to learn**.

What is C used for?

C is most likely an evergreen language.

Initially, C widely known as the development language of the UNIX operating system but today virtually all new major operating systems are written in C and/or C++.

- ✓ **Systems programming:** OSes, like Linux.
- ✓ **Microcontrollers:** Automobiles and Airplanes.
- ✓ **Embedded processors:** Phones, Portable Electronics etc.
- ✓ **DSP processors:** Digital Audio.

Structure of C program

Hello World Program

```
/* My first C program which prints Hello World */  
#include <stdio.h>  
  
int main ()  
{  
    printf("Hello World!\n");  
    return 0;  
}
```

Comments

Main() function begin here

Library function

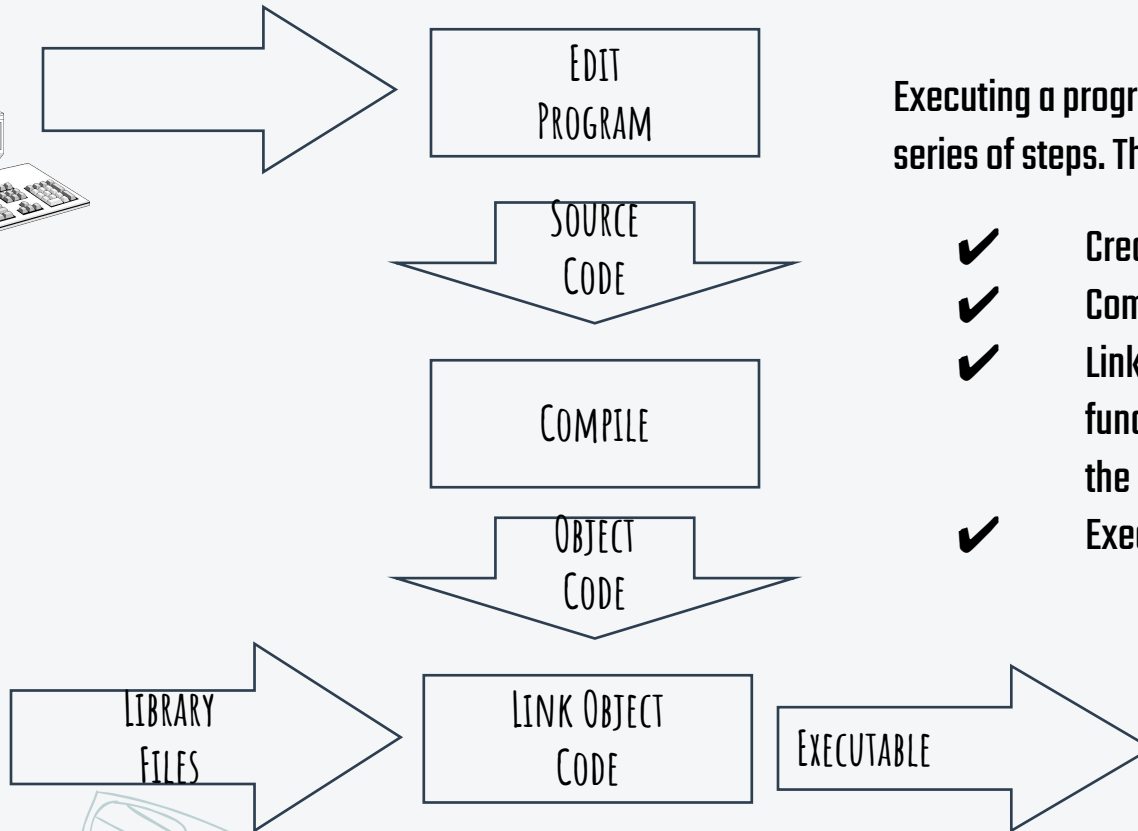
Return 0 from main means our program finished without errors

Main() function ends here

Programming Style

- ✓ You should follow one style for programming
- ✓ We must develop the habit of writing programs in lowercase letters, because C programs statements are written in lowercase letters
- ✓ Uppercase letters are used only for symbolic constants
- ✓ Braces, `{}` indicates beginning and end of a functions
- ✓ Need, braces to align for easy readability
- ✓ write one statement into one line, although C support multiple statement in a single line

Process for Executing A 'C' Program



Executing a program written in C involves a series of steps. There are:

- ✓ Creating the program
- ✓ Compiling it
- ✓ Linking the program with functions that are needed from the C library
- ✓ Executing the program