Introduction to C Programming

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Hello World

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    printf("Hello, world!\n");
    return 0;
}
```