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## Lect 3: Algorithms

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# Hello World Program

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// Simple C program to display "Hello World"

// Header file for input output functions
#include <stdio.h>

// main function -
// where the execution of program begins
int main()
{

    // prints hello world
    printf("Hello World");

    return 0;
}
```

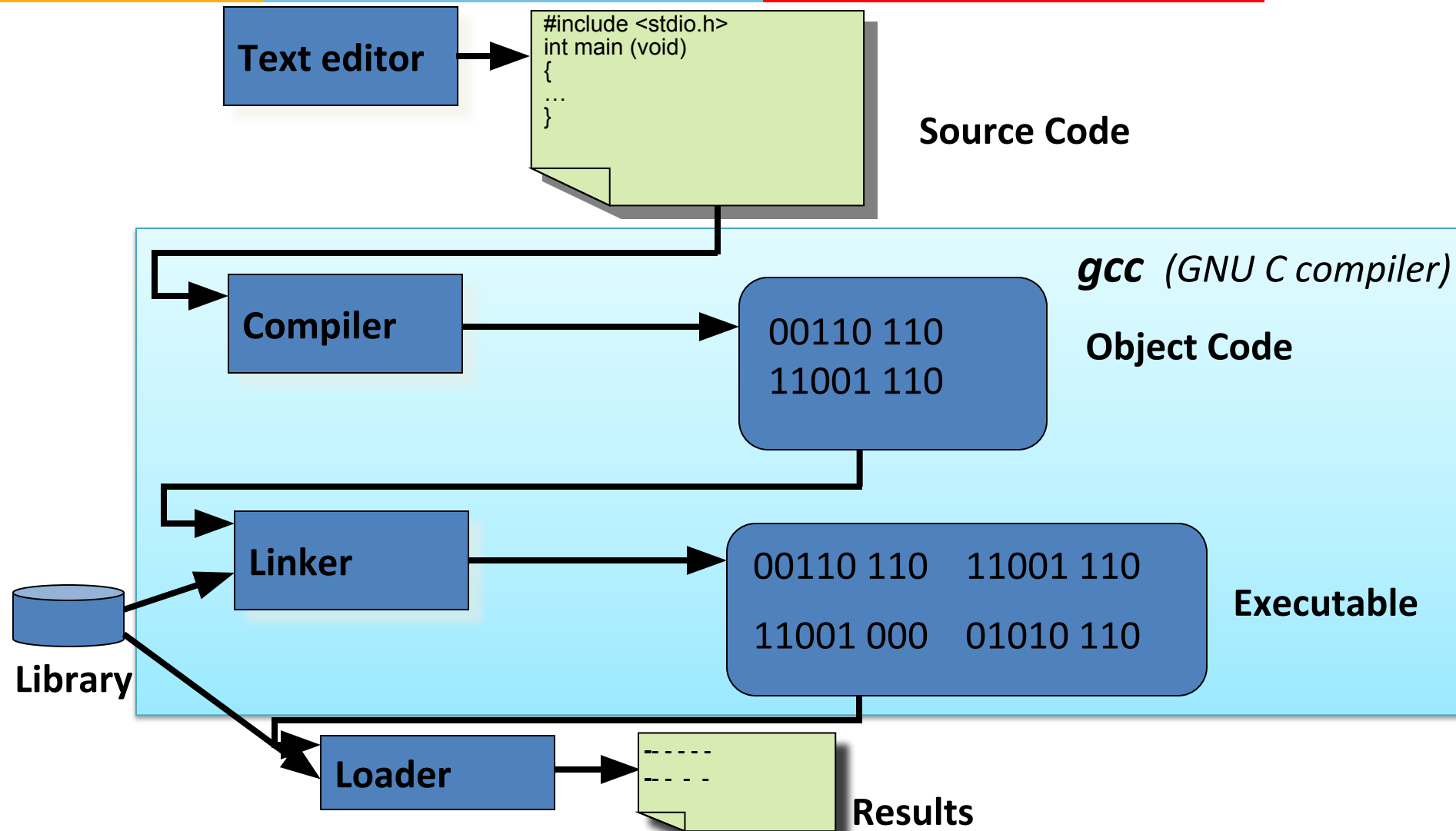
Next Class: How to  
take input, store in  
memory and print  
numbers from the  
memory

# Some programmer Components



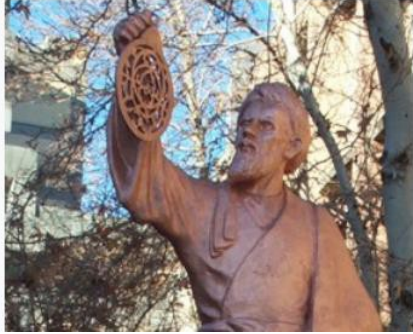
- Some words that will be used a lot:
  - Source code: The stuff you type into the computer, i.e., the program you are writing.
  - Compile (build): Taking source code and making a program that the computer can understand (*gcc in this course*).
  - Executable: The compiled program that the computer can run.
  - Library: Added functions for C programming which are required to do certain tasks.
  - Header file: Files ending in .h which are included at the start of source code, shared between several source code files, typically provided by the compiler.

# Creating and Running C Programs



# Algorithm

Muḥammad ibn Mūsā al-Khwārizmī



## Algorithm

Input List



A step-by-step method for  
solving a problem or doing a task



Output List

Analogies



**Definition:** An ordered and finite set of operations that must be followed in order to solve a problem.

**More complex ones:** Page rank from Google, Facebook Timeline etc.

# Characteristics of an Algorithm

- Clear and Unambiguous (TSRTC stand at Shamshabad)
- Well defined input (Arrived with baggage and enough money in the pocket)
- Well defined output (Campus GATE is Open on that day)
- Finiteness (Not roaming around the city for next 5 days or so...)
- Feasible (Should not expect a Flying scooter to be available at Secunderabad)
- Language independent (No Spanish, say)