SWT 11012 - Fundamentals of Programming

Structure of a simple program

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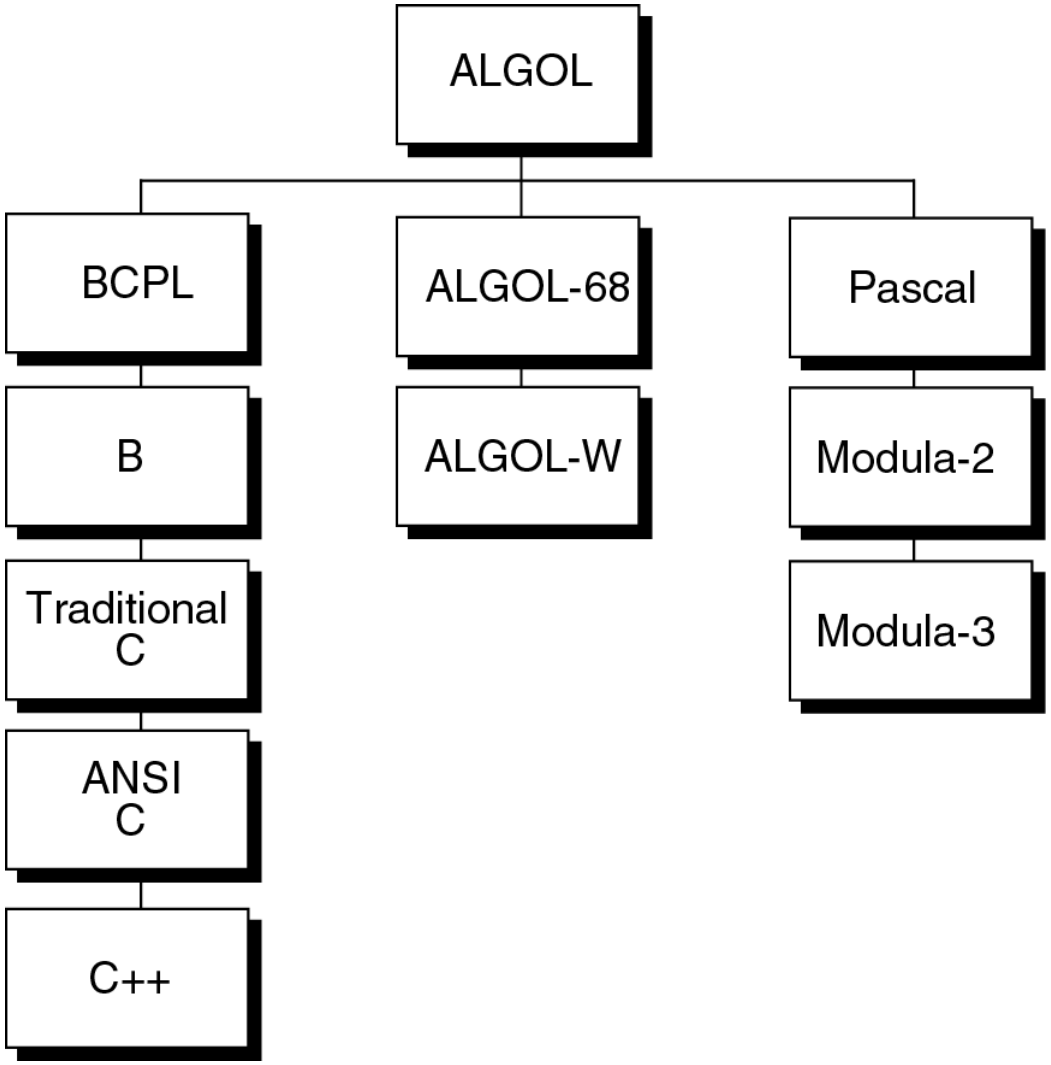
Lecture Session Two Outline

- History of Programing languages
- Program Structure using C
- Elements of Programing Language
  - Preprocessor directives
  - Function (Header and body)
  - Executable statements
- Words
  - Reserved word, Standard identifiers, user defined identifiers

History of Programing languages



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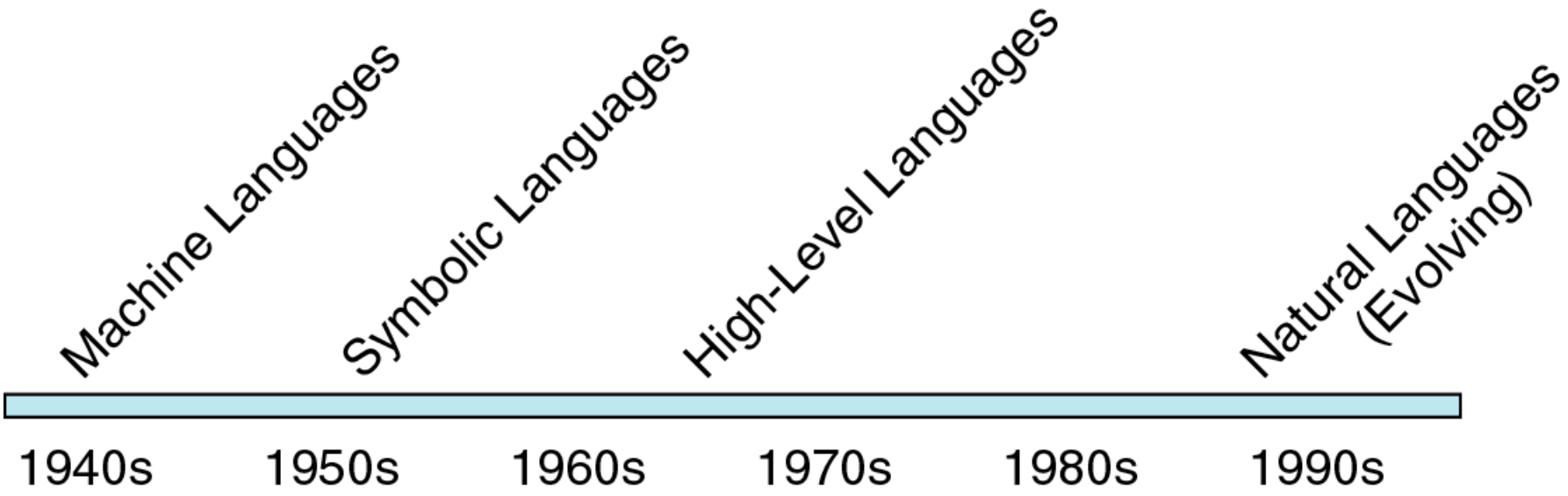

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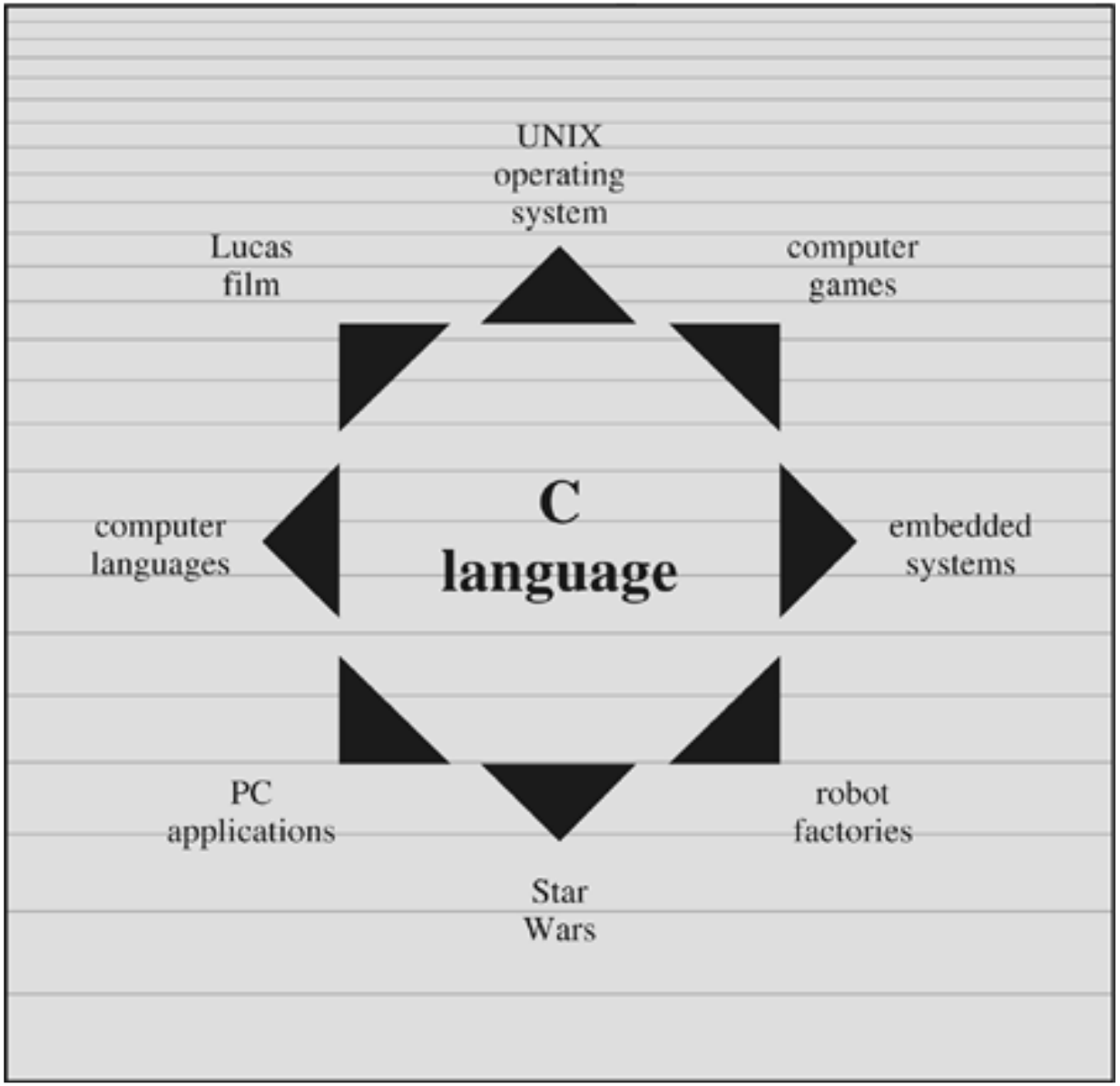
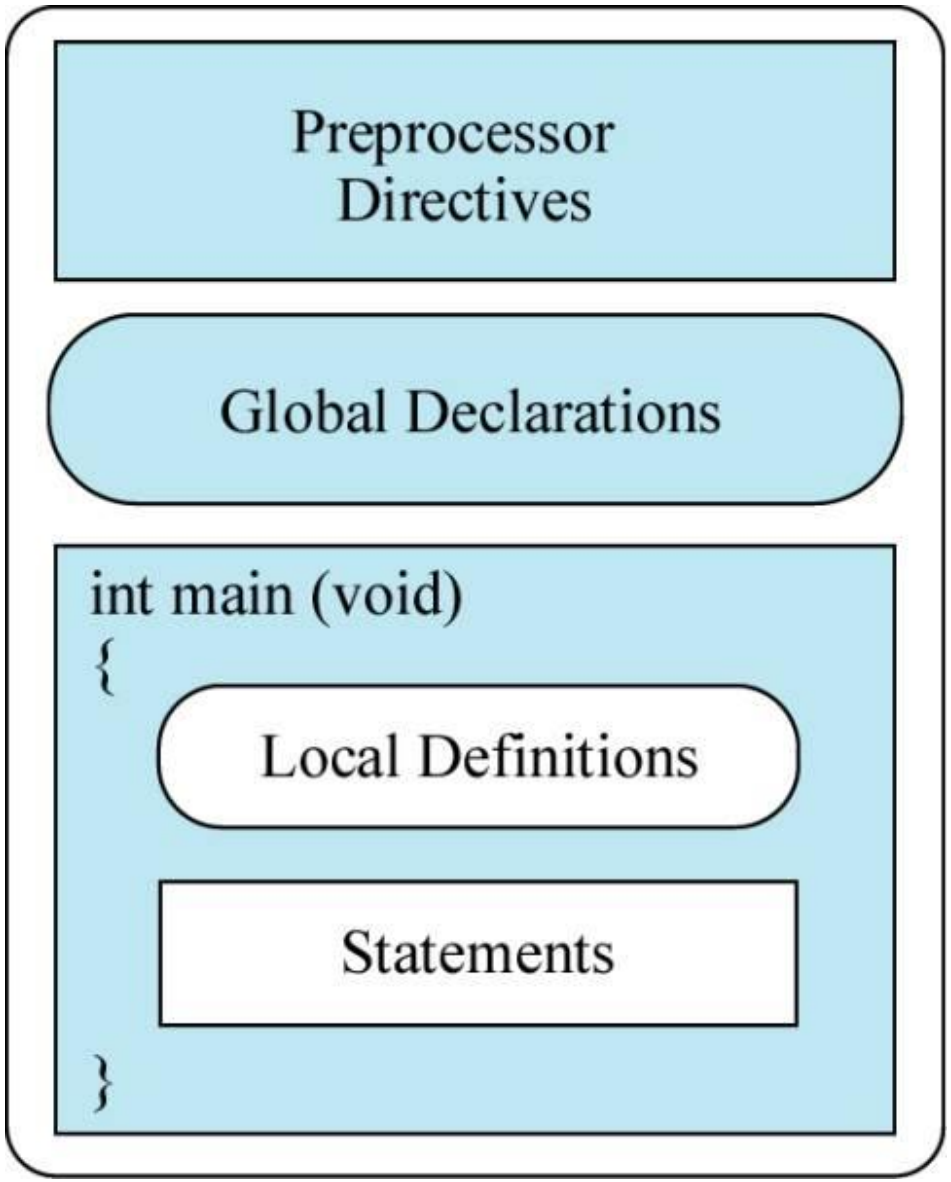


C Program Structure

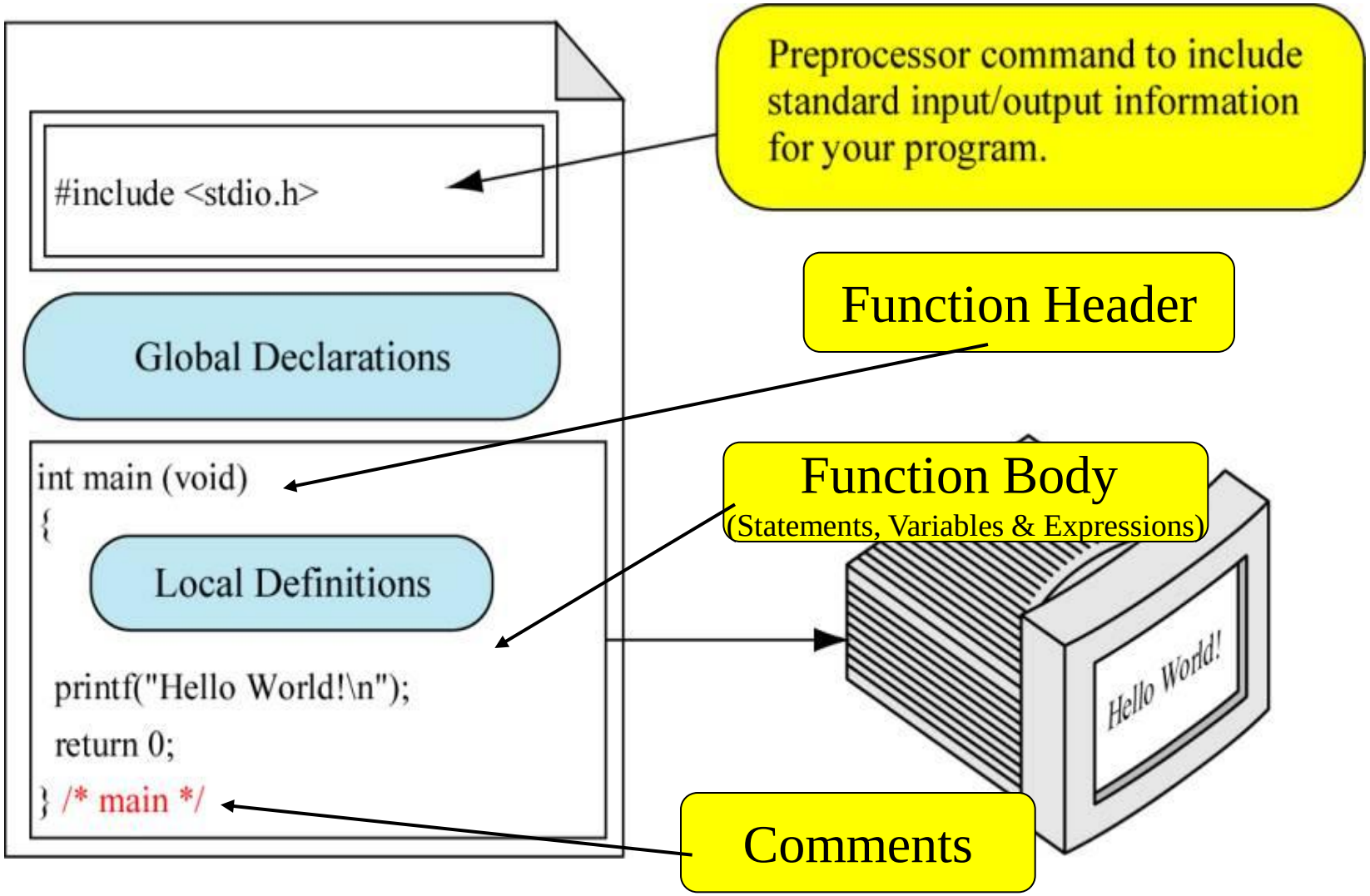


Simple C Program structure

A C program basically consists of the following parts:

- Preprocessor directives
- Functions
- Variables
- Statements & Expressions
- Comments

Simple C Program structure

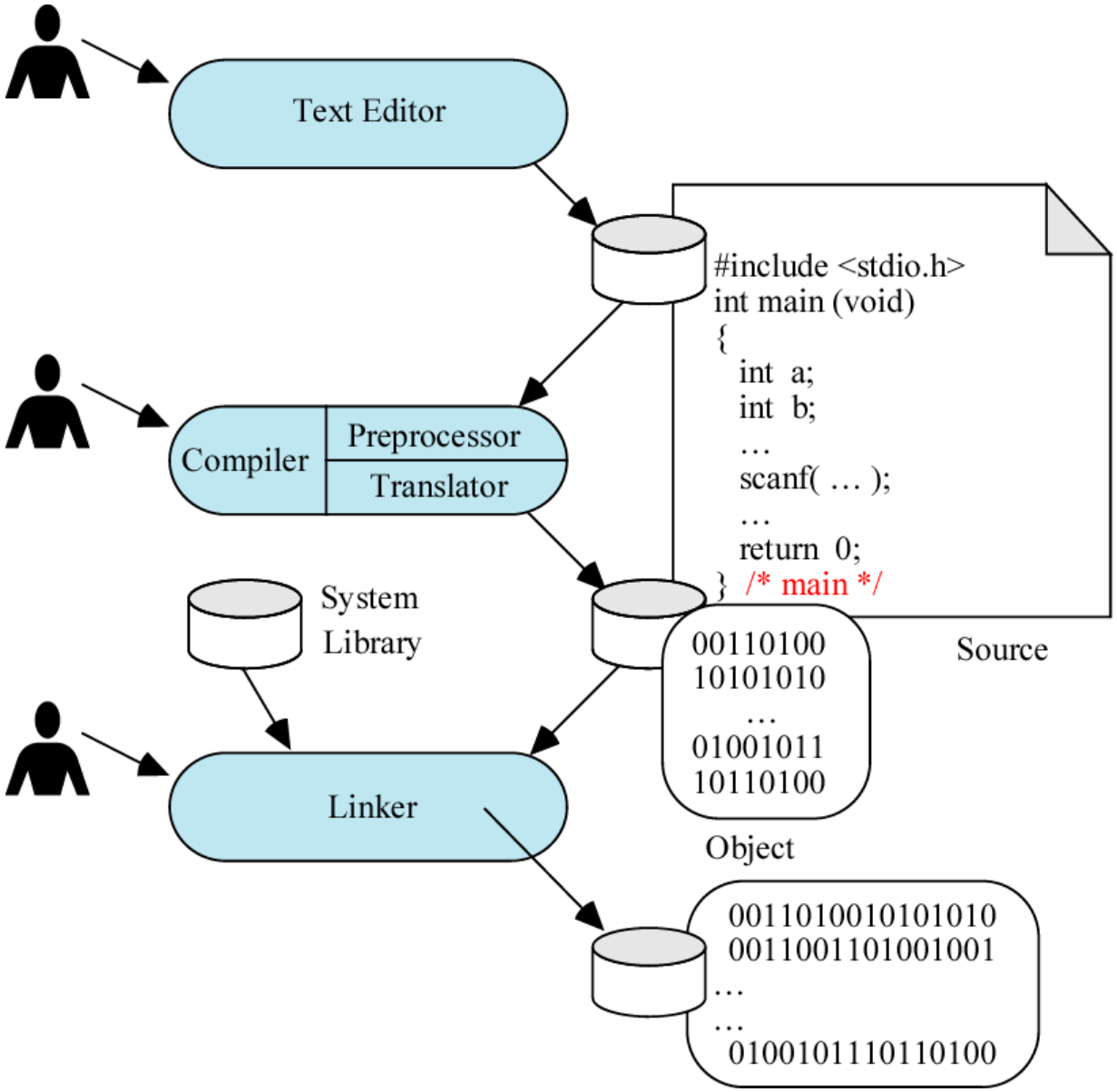


Simple C Programs

- Write a c program to print an “Welcome to C programing world”.
- **Program 01**

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
    {
        printf("Welcome to C programing world");
        return 0;
    /*This is printing the Welcome to C Programing world on
    the screen*/
    }
```

Programing .....


Text Editor
#include <stdio.h>
int main (void)
{
int a;
int b;
…
scanf(…);
…
return 0;
} /* main */
Source
Compiler
Preprocessor
Translator
System
Library
00110100
10101010
…
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Object
Linker
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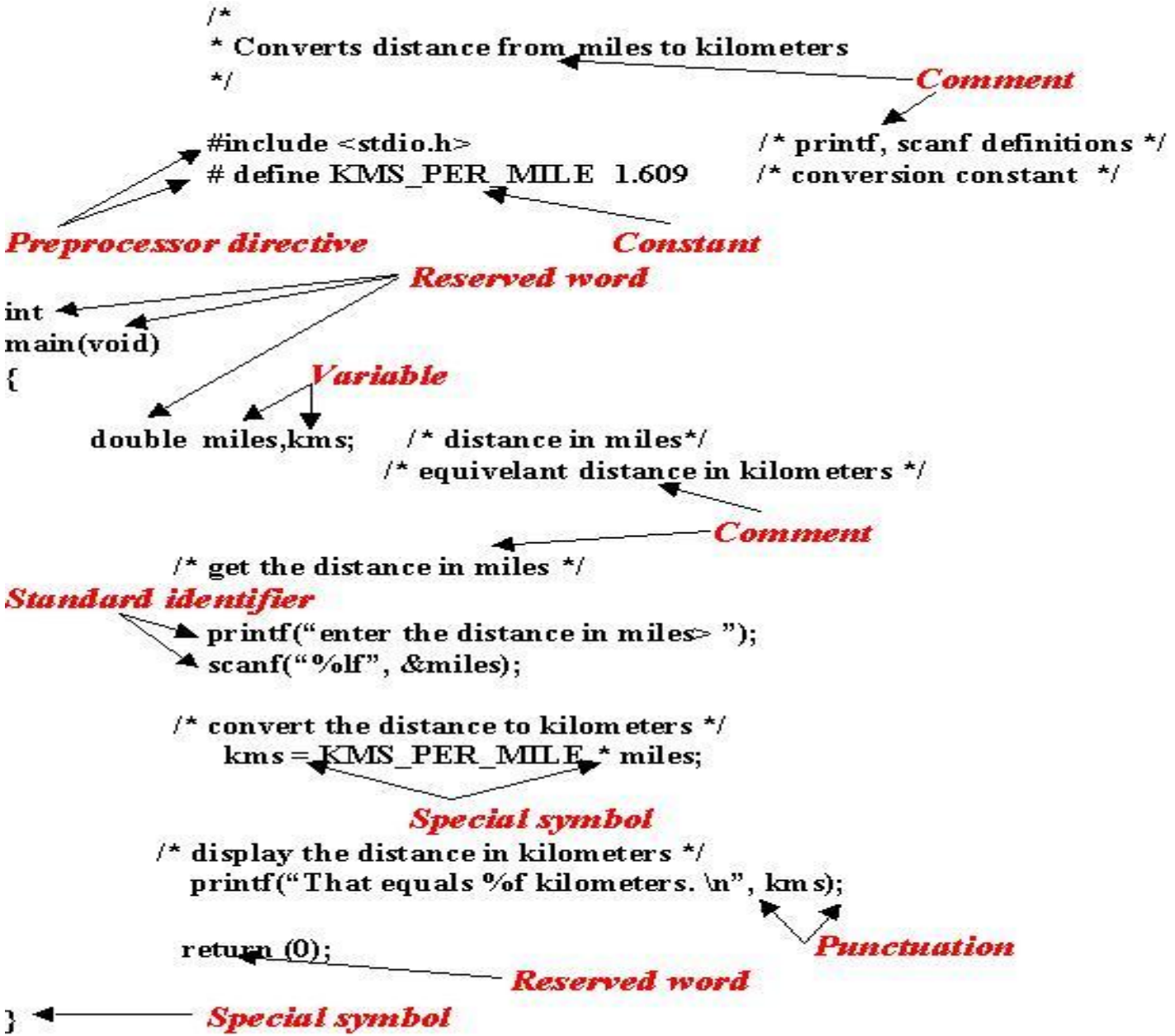
A simple second C program



Elements of C Programing Languages : Preprocessor Directives

- Are commands that give instructions to the C preprocessor
- Begins with a (#) as its nonblank character.
- C preprocessor is a system program that modifies a C program prior to its compilation

Example

#include <stdio.h>

- The C language cannot do I/O by itself, so we need help from the library "stdio.h" to use the screen/Keyboard !
- We can use other libraries, too , as needed.
- Another popular "library" is math.h , for advanced math functions.

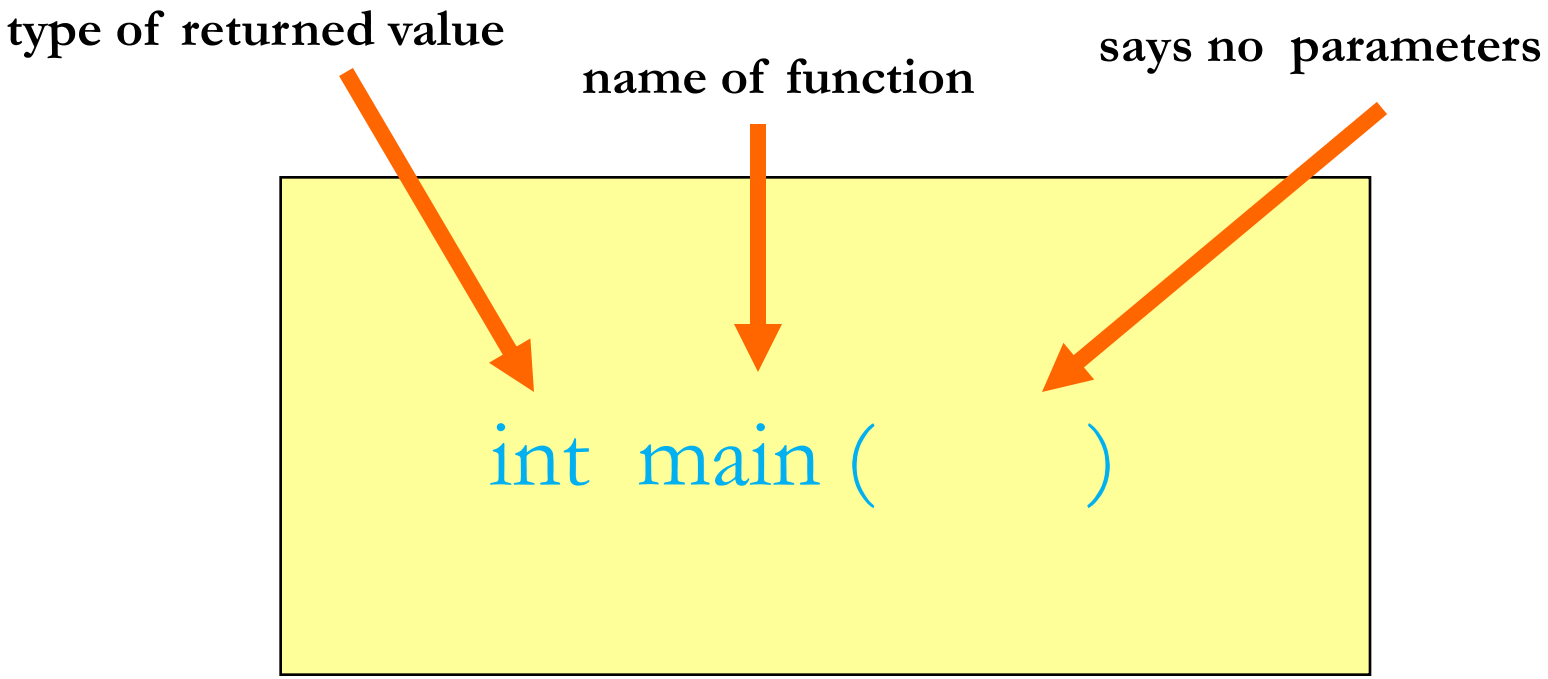
Elements of C Programing Languages :
Preprocessor Directives

Examples

#define KMS_PER_MILE 1.609
 # define AT '@'
 # define VOTING_AGE 18

- **#define** is a preprocessor directives. It is used for valid constant declarations.
- A named constant is a location in the memory that we can refer to by a name, and in which a data value that cannot be changed is stored.
- This directives instructs the processor to replace each occurrence of KMS_PER_MILE in the statements of the C program by 1.609 before compilation begins.

Elements of C Programing Languages :
The Function Header



Elements of C Programing Languages :
The Function Body

- A C program is a **collection** of **one** or **more** "functions" (parts)
- There must be a function called **main( )**
- A function body has two parts **declaration** and **executable statements**.
- Execution always begins with the first statement in function **main( )**
- Any other functions in the program are **subprograms** and are not executed until they are called.

Elements of C Programing Languages :
The Executable Statements

- **printf(“ Hello, World”);**

  This statement means: Display the words **Hello, World** on the screen

- **return (0);**

  This statement **STOPs** the program and returns **Zero** to the O.S. (more about this later)

Words

- **Reserved Word**
  - A word that has special meaning in C
- **Standard Identifiers**
  - A word having special meaning but one that a programmer may redefine (but redefinition is not recommended)
- **User Defined Identifiers**
  - An **identifier** must **consist only** of letters, digits, and underscores.
  - An identifier cannot **begin** with a **digit**
  - A C reserved word cannot be used as an **identifier**.
  - An identifier defined in a C standard library should not be redefined.
  - C is a **case-sensitive** language. The names **Pressure**, **pressure**, and **PRESSURE** are viewed by the compiler as different identifier.