



C Comments

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Comments in C

Comments can be used to explain code, and to make it more readable. It can also be used to prevent execution when testing alternative code.

Comments can be **singled-lined** or **multi-lined**.

Single-line Comments

Single-line comments start with two forward slashes (`//`).

Any text between `//` and the end of the line is ignored by the compiler (will not be executed).

This example uses a single-line comment before a line of code:

Example

```
// This is a comment  
printf("Hello World!");
```

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This example uses a single-line comment at the end of a line of code:

Example

```
printf("Hello World!"); // This is a comment
```

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C Multi-line Comments

Multi-line comments start with `/*` and ends with `*/`.

Any text between `/*` and `*/` will be ignored by the compiler:

Example

```
/* The code below will print the words Hello World!  
to the screen, and it is amazing */  
printf("Hello World!");
```

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Single or multi-line comments?

It is up to you which you want to use. Normally, we use `//` for short comments, and `/*` for longer.

Good to know: Before version **C99** (released in 1999), you could only use multi-line comments in C.

C Exercises

Test Yourself With Exercises

Exercise:

Comments in C are written with special characters. Insert the missing parts:

```
This is a single-line comment
```

```
This is a multi-line comment
```

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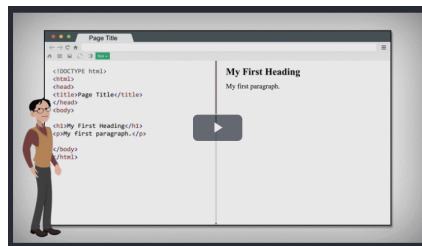
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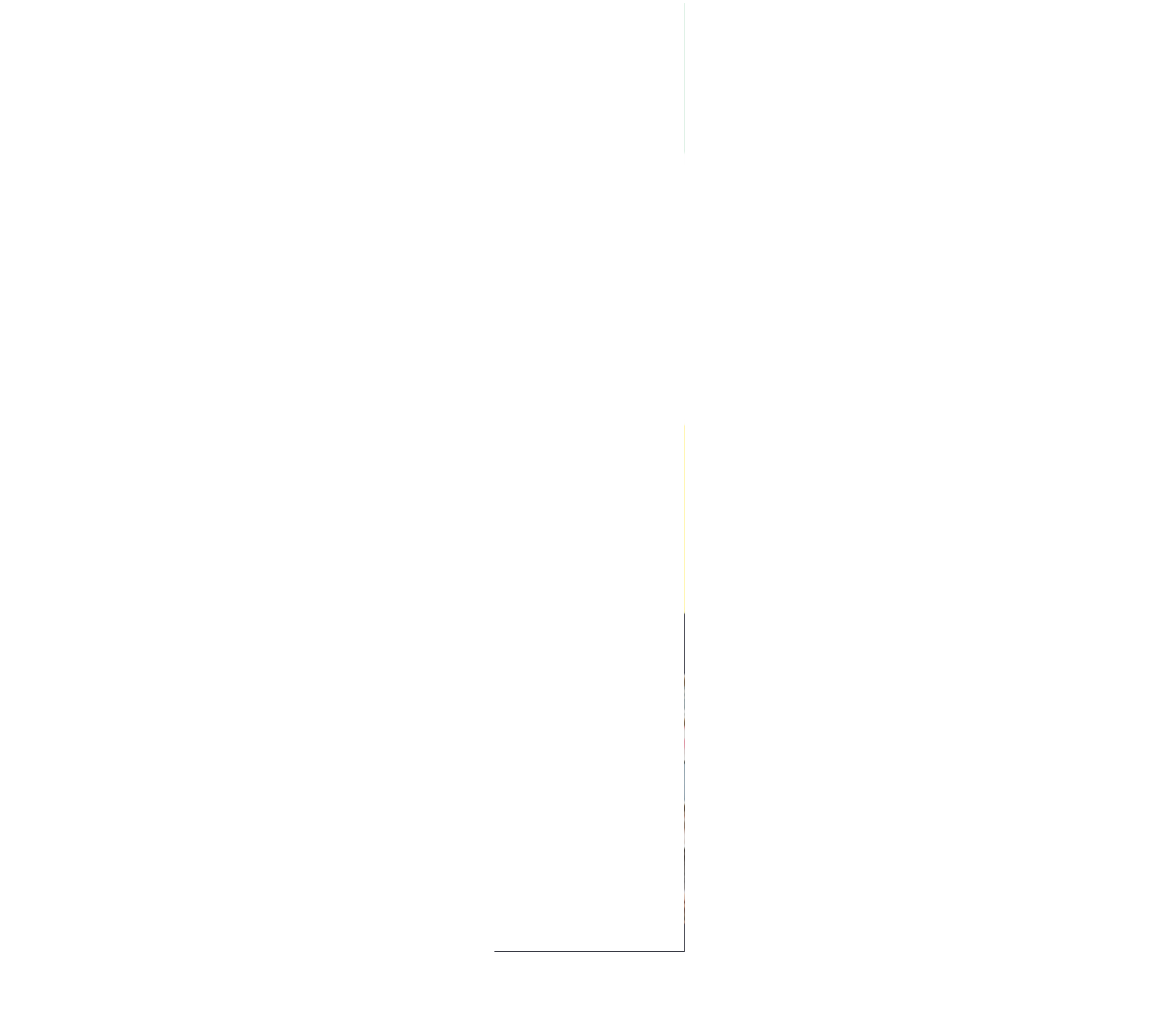
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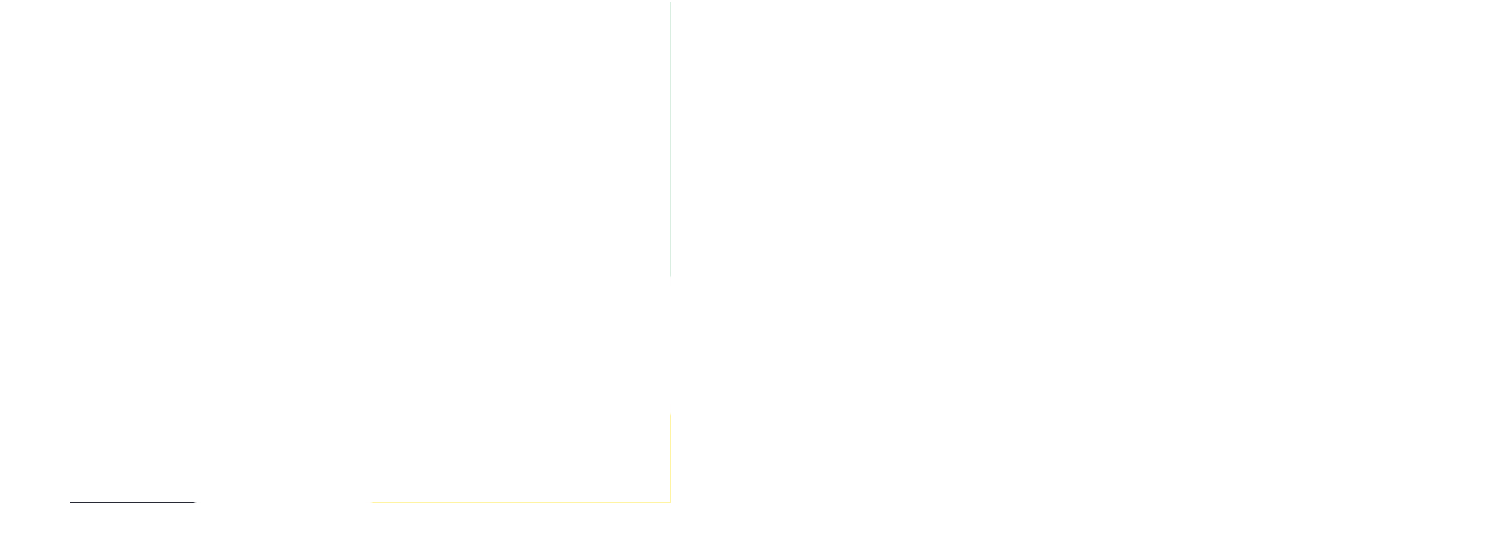
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