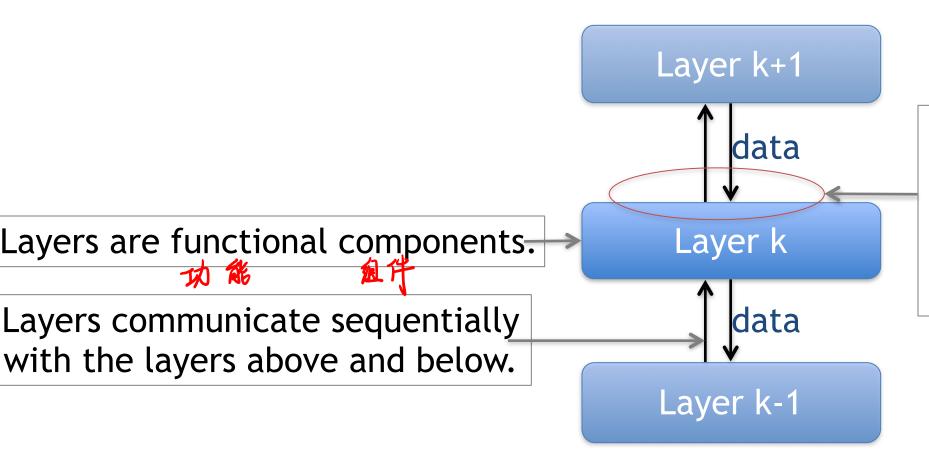
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Principle: Layering



Layering



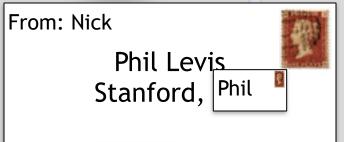
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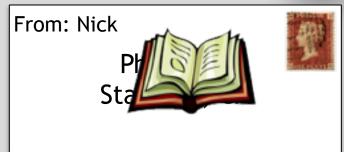
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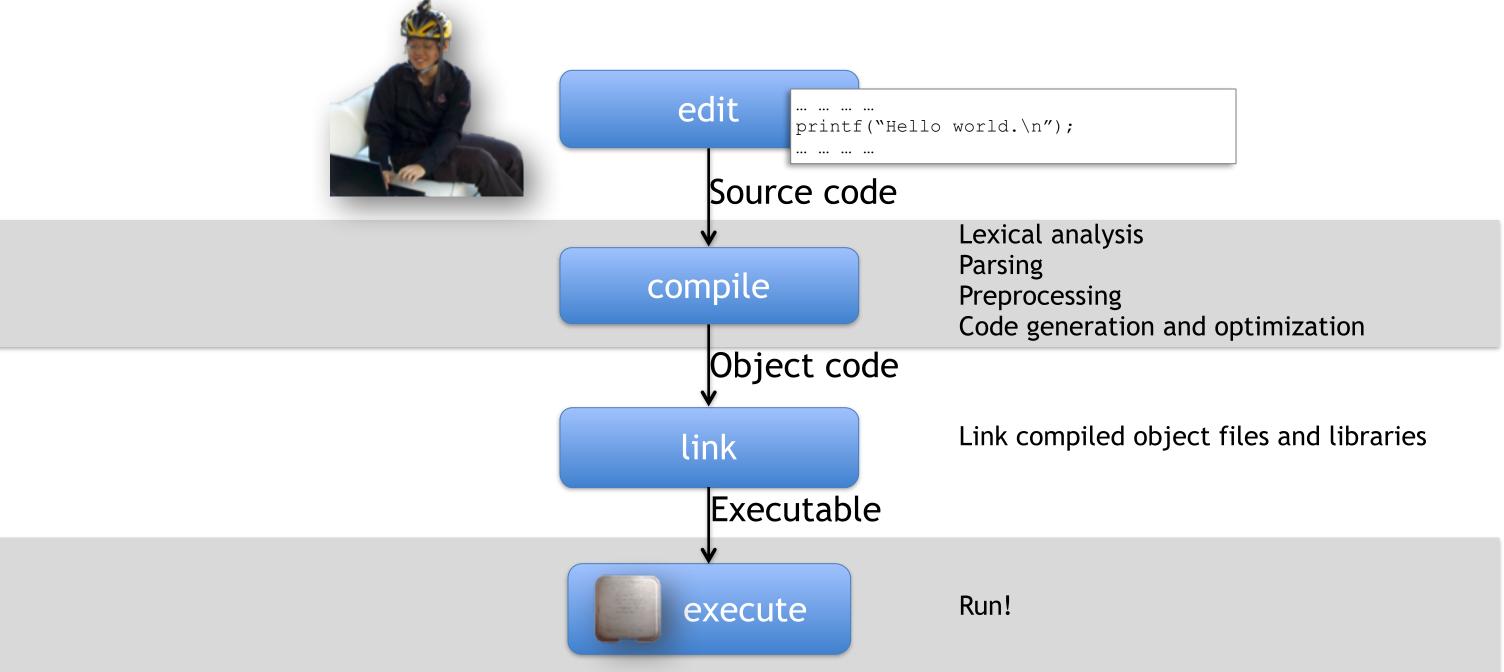




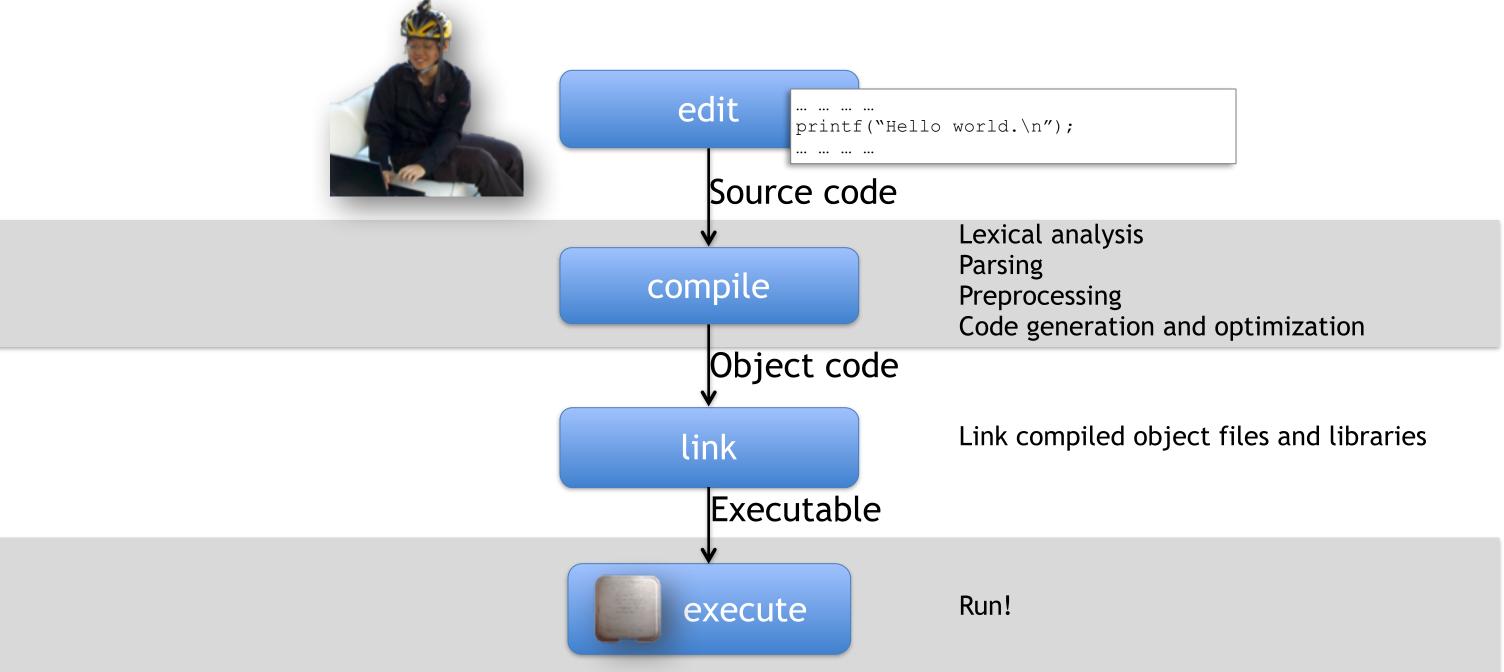




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Reasons for layering

- 1. Modularity
- 2. Well defined service
- 3. Reuse
- 4. Separation of concerns
- 5. Continuous improvement
- 6. Peer-to-peer communications