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Header files, or h files, allow related function, method, and class declarations to be collected in one place. The corresponding definitions can then be placed in cpp files. The compiler considers a header declaration a "promise" that the definition will be found later in the code, so if the compiler reaches a function that hasn't been defined yet, it can continue on compiling until the definition is found. This allows functions to be defined (and declared) in arbitrary order.

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