

Comments in C++

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Program comments are explanatory statements that you can include in the C++ code. These comments help anyone reading the source code. All programming languages allow for some form of comments.

C++ supports single-line and multi-line comments. All characters available inside any comment are ignored by C++ compiler.

C++ comments start with `/*` and end with `*/`. For example –

```
/* This is a comment */

/* C++ comments can also
   * span multiple lines
  */
```

A comment can also start with `//`, extending to the end of the line. For example –

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

main() {
    cout << "Hello World"; // prints Hello World

    return 0;
}
```

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When the above code is compiled, it will ignore `// prints Hello World` and final executable will produce the following result –

```
Hello World
```

Within a `/*` and `*/` comment, `//` characters have no special meaning. Within a `//` comment, `/*` and `*/` have no special meaning. Thus, you can "nest" one kind of comment within the other kind. For example –

```
/* Comment out printing of Hello World:

cout << "Hello World"; // prints Hello World

*/
```

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