CS107, Lecture 1
Welcome to CS107!

Reading:

Course Syllabus

Bryant & O'Hallaron, Ch. 1 (skim – available on Canvas)

Honor Code and Collaboration Page

Plan For Today

- Introduction + Syllabus
- Unix & C 101

Interactive Classes

- Please feel free to raise your hand at any time with a question!
- Questions and comments are encouraged and recommended!

Asynchronous Questions

- Have questions outside of class?
  - Reach out on ED

- NOTE: Anonymous posts on ED are only Anonymous to other students

Visit Ed through the link on Canvas

What is CS 107?

- The CS 106 series teaches you how to solve problems as a programmer
- Many times CS 106 instructors had to say “just don’t worry about that” or “it probably doesn’t make sense why that happens, but ignore it for now” or “just type this to fix it”
- **CS 107 *finally* takes you behind the scenes**
- **How do things really work in there?**
  - > It’s not quite down to hardware or physics/ electromagnetism (those will have to stay even further behind the scenes for now!)
  - > It’s how things work inside Python/C++ (we will explore from C), and how your programs map onto the components of computer systems

CS107 Learning Goals

- The goals for CS107 are for students to gain **mastery** of
  - writing C programs with complex use of memory and pointers
  - an accurate model of the address space
  - strong understanding of the compile/runtime behavior of C programs

- to achieve **competence** in
  - translating C to/from assembly
  - writing programs that respect the limitations of computer arithmetic
  - identifying bottlenecks and improving runtime performance
  - writing code that correctly ports to other architectures
  - working effectively in UNIX development environment

- and have **exposure** to
  - a working understanding of the basics of computer architecture
  - understanding compilers and disassemblers
  - understand the semantics of assembly with respect to stack layout

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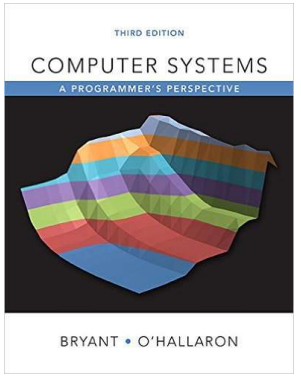
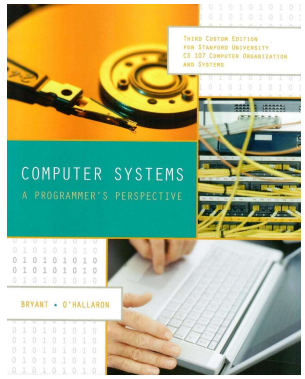
Textbook(s)

- *Computer Systems: A Programmer's Perspective* by Bryant & O'Hallaron, **3rd Edition**
  - **3rd edition matters** – important updates to content
  - Stanford Library has generously scanned **all** readings for CS107 under "fair use" (private study, scholarship, research). [**Canvas -> Files**]. Please do not distribute.
  - If you want more context, you may want to purchase a full copy
- A C programming reference of your choice
  - *The C Programming Language* by Kernighan and Ritchie (free link on course website Resources page)
  - Other C programming books, websites, or reference sheets

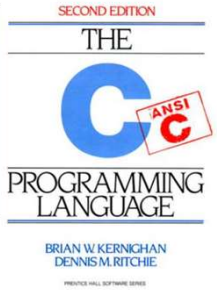




Full textbook

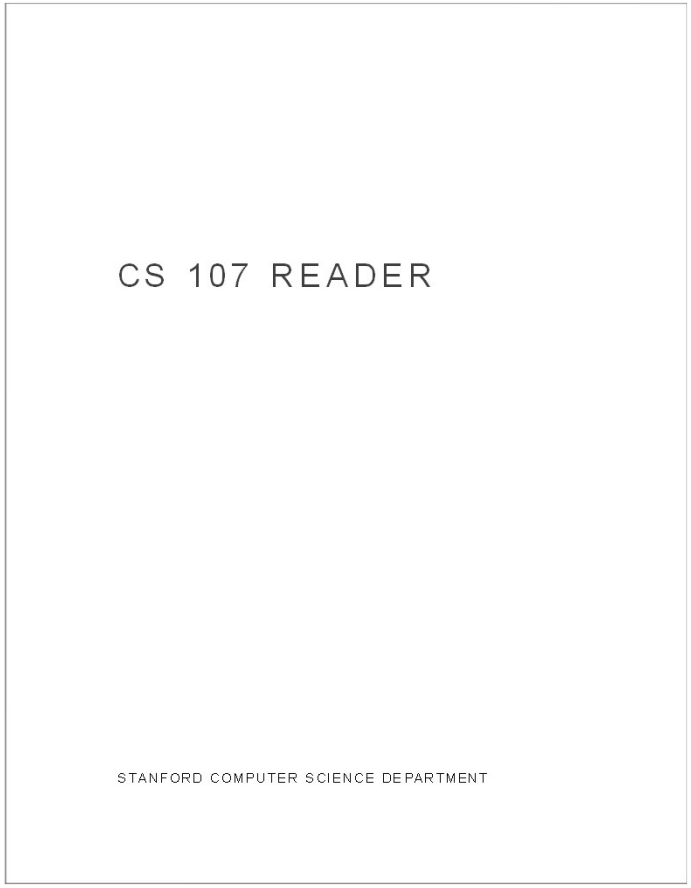
canvas For CS107-specific readings

The textbooks are a **very** good resources in this course!



C Programming Language

Course Components and Overview



There is a course reader, which condenses much of the material for the course:

https://stanford.edu/~cgregg/cgi-bin/107-reader

- If you find typos, let us know!

Course Structure

- Lectures: understand concepts, see demos
- Assignments: build programming skills, synthesize lecture/lab content
- Labs: learn tools, study code, discuss with peers

Great preview of homework!

Course Overview

1. **Bits and Bytes -** *How can a computer represent integer numbers?*
2. **Chars and C-Strings -** *How can a computer represent and manipulate more complex data like text?*
3. **Pointers, Stack and Heap –** *How can we effectively manage all types of memory in our programs?*
4. **Generics -** *How can we use our knowledge of memory and data representation to write code that works with any data type?*
5. **Assembly -** *How does a computer interpret and execute C programs?*
6. **Heap Allocators -** *How do core memory-allocation operations like malloc and free work?*

Grading

*****	50%	Assignments
**	15%	Lab Participation
**	15%	Midterm Exam
*	10%	Heap Allocator(Final Project)
*	10%	Lecture Participation
*		Extra Credit Projects/Assignments

Stanford Honor Code

- The **Honor Code** is an undertaking of the students, individually and collectively:
  - that they will not give or receive aid in examinations; that they will not give or receive unpermitted aid in class work, in the preparation of reports, or in any other work that is to be used by the instructor as the basis of grading;
  - that they will do their share and take an active part in seeing to it that others as well as themselves uphold the spirit and letter of the Honor Code.

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see also: http://honorcode.stanford.edu/

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Honor Code and CS107

- Please help us ensure academic integrity:
  - Indicate any assistance received on HW (books, friends, internet, ChatGPT, etc.).
  - Do not look at other people's solution code or answers
  - Do not give your solutions to others or post them on the web or our ED forum.
  - Report any inappropriate activity you see performed by others.
- Assignments are checked regularly for similarity with help of software tools.
- If you need help, please contact us and we will help you.
  - We do not want you to feel any pressure to violate the Honor Code in order to succeed in this course.
  - If you realize that you have made a mistake, you may retract your submission to any assignment at any time, no questions asked.

https://cs107.stanford.edu/collaboration

Always Cite Your Sources

- The world has an increasing number of resources available from:
  - Documentation
  - Stack Overflow
  - ChatGPT
  - Medium
  - And More

- Increasingly Important to Cite Sources!

- Please tag sources that you used either in the README or top of the relevant file.

Lecture Participation

In-Class Attendance is **required** for all non-SCPD students

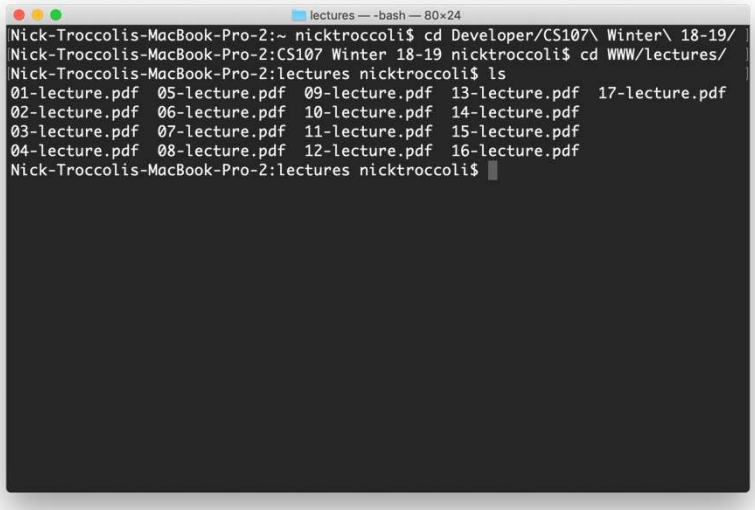
- During the lectures, there will be interactive questions
- These questions will be run using Poll Everywhere
- Some of the questions may encourage you to work with your neighbor

Lets Try a Poll Everywhere Now!

Go to https://pollev.com/akeppler

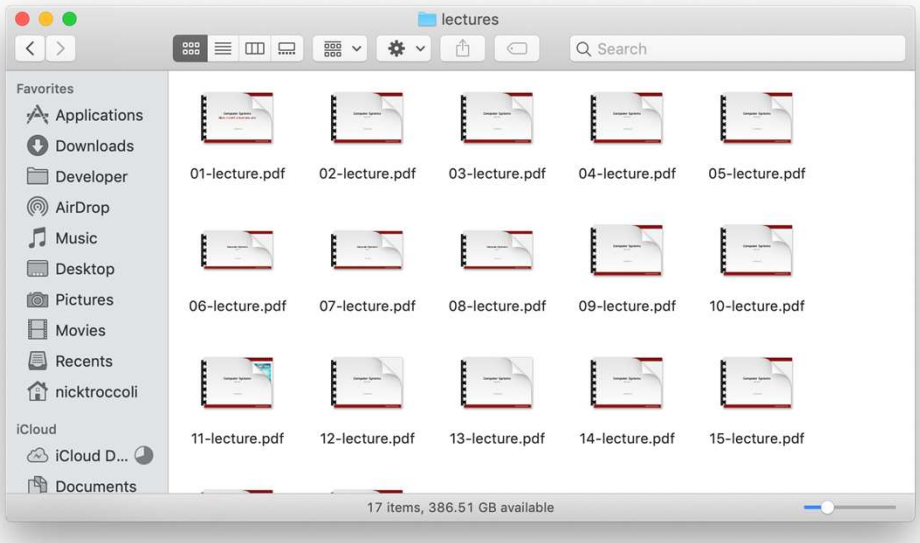
What is Unix?

- **Unix:** a set of standards and tools commonly used in software development.
  - **macOS** and **Linux** are operating systems built on top of Unix
- You can navigate a Unix system using the **command line** (“terminal”)
- Every Unix system works with the same tools and commands

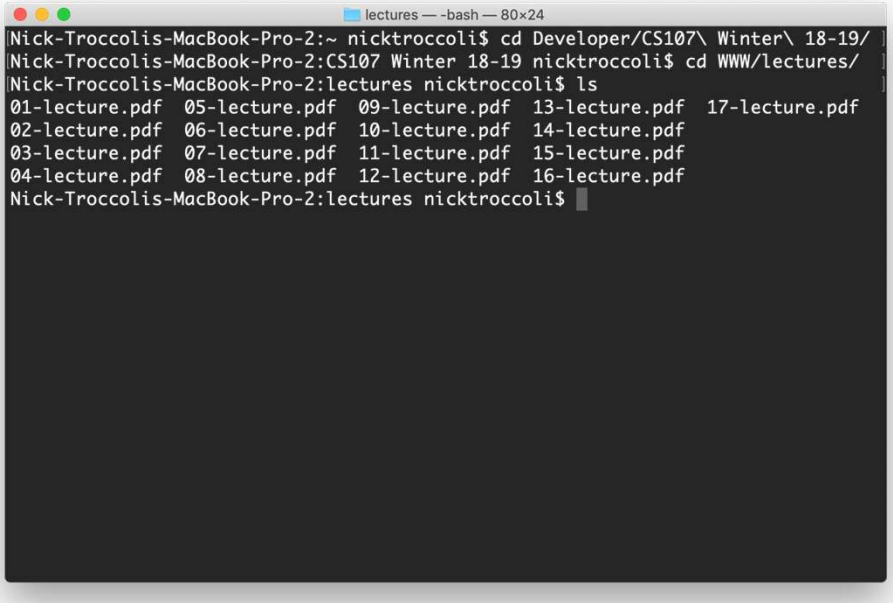


What is the Command Line?

- The **command-line** is a text-based interface (i.e., **terminal** interface) to navigate a computer, instead of a Graphical User Interface (GUI).



Graphical User Interface

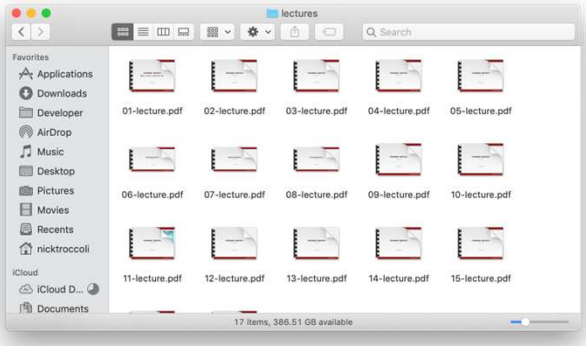


Text-based interface

Command Line Vs. GUI

Just like a GUI file explorer interface, a terminal interface:

- shows you a **specific place** on your computer at any given time.
- lets you go **into folders** and **out of folders**.
- lets you **create new** files and **edit** files.
- lets you **execute programs**.



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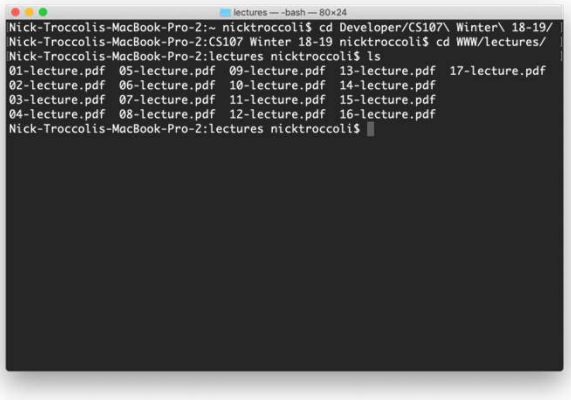


Command-line interface

Why Use Unix / the Command Line?

- You can navigate almost any device using the same tools and commands:
  - Servers
  - Laptops and desktops
  - Embedded devices (Raspberry Pi, etc.)
  - Mobile Devices (Android, etc.)
- Used frequently by software engineers:
  - **Web development**: running servers and web tools on servers
  - **Machine learning**: processing data on servers, running algorithms
  - **Systems**: writing operating systems, networking code and embedded software
  - **Mobile Development**: running tools, managing libraries
  - And more…
- We'll use Unix and the command line to implement and execute our programs.

Unix Commands To Try

- **cd** – change directories (..)
- **ls** – list directory contents
- **mkdir** – make directory
- **vim** – open text editor
- **rm** – remove file or folder
- **man** – view manual pages

See the course website for more commands and a complete reference.

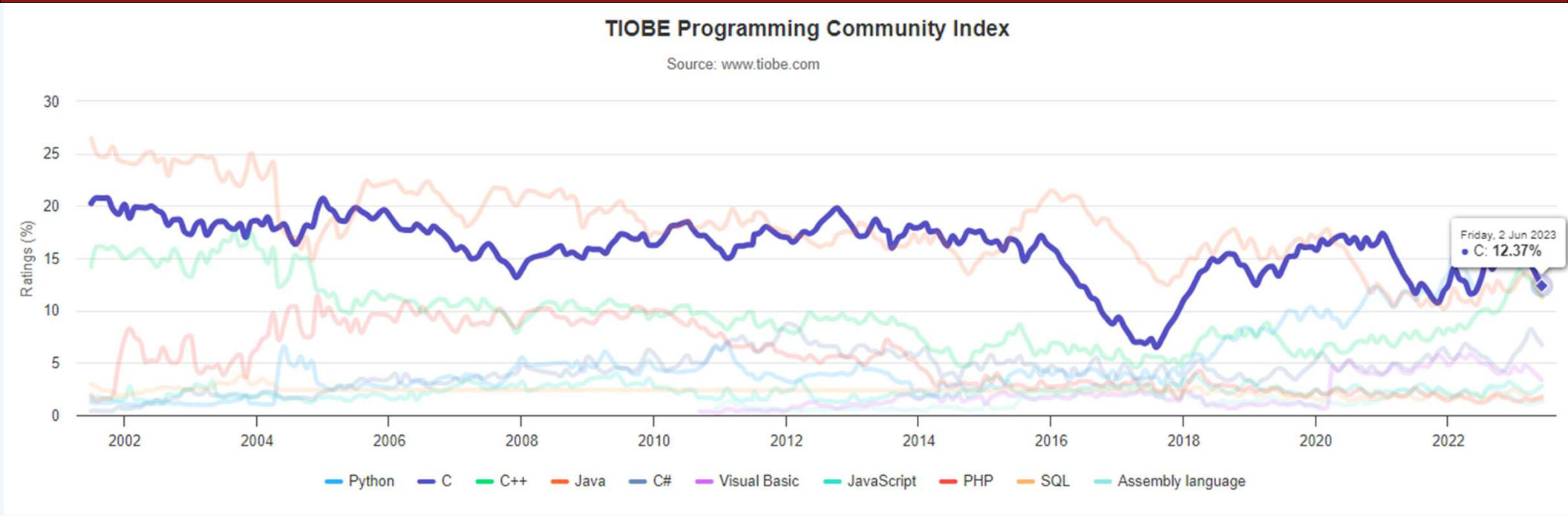
Learning Unix and the Command Line

- Using Unix and the command line can be intimidating at first:
  - It looks retro!
  - How do I know what to type?
- It's like learning a new language:
  - At first, you may have to constantly look things up (**resources** on course website!)
  - It's important to spend as much time as possible (during labs and assignments) building muscle memory with the tools

Demo: Using Unix and the Command Line

NOTE: Different 'Host OS' (Your local OS) is fine, how you connect will vary by your OS, see the "Getting Started on Myth" or "Logging Into Myth" Section of the site for details!

Programming Language Popularity



- C has consistently been the most or 2nd most popular language since 1988!

The C Language: History

- Birthdate around 1970
- Created to make writing Unix (the OS itself) and tools for Unix easier
- Common Ancestor to most Programming Languages
  - Especially C++/Java family of languages
- Design principles:
  - › Small, simple abstractions of hardware
  - › Minimalist aesthetic
  - › C Focuses on:
    - Efficiency and minimalism
  - › C Sacrifices:
    - Safety (unlike Java/Python)
    - Convenient high-level services and abstractions (which are commonly found Java, Python, C++)
- As the common ancestor, it inspired safer systems, increased abstraction, and higher level features

C vs. C++ and Java

They all share:

- Syntax
- Basic data types
- Arithmetic, relational, and logical operators

C Limitations:

- No advanced features like operator overloading, default arguments, pass by reference, classes and objects, Abstract Data Types, etc.
- Standard Libraries offer core functionality rather than nice wrappers or syntactic sugar.
- Small language means small footprint on a system.
- No runtime checks (this may cause severe security vulnerabilities and bugs !)

Programming Philosophies

Functional Programming (FP) – Programming Philosophy that seeks to avoid using state, preferring functions with no side effect, data immutability, and thread-safe code.

- C supports some functional elements, but is not a functional programming language (FPL).

Procedural Programming (PP) – About creating procedures or 'scripts' using functions to setup a series of tasks or steps to complete.

- C is consider the quintessential Procedural Programming Language.

Object Oriented Programing (OOP) – The idea that we can create objects that contain and maintain both data and code in the form of fields (attributes/methods). There are also interactions between the objects such as inheritance, encapsulation, abstraction, and polymorphism.

- Unlike Python/C++/Java, C is ***not*** an Object Oriented Language and does not have a notion of objects.

Programming Language Philosophies

C is procedural: you write functions, rather than define new variable types with classes and call methods on objects. **C is small, fast and efficient.**

Programming Philosophy is a Spectrum: Most major languages have elements of multiple philosophies, while some occasionally epitomize a specific philosophy.

Quintessential Examples:

LISP - Functional Programming
Java - Object Oriented Programming
C – Procedural Programming

Why C?

- Many tools (and even other languages, like Python!) are built with C.
- C is the language of choice for fast, highly efficient programs.
- C is popular for systems programming (operating systems, networking, etc.)
- C lets you work at a lower level to manipulate and understand the underlying system.

The Heart of C

- C helps those who help themselves
- C is meant to give fundamental tools that expose the computer's internal workings as much as possible, without becoming Assembly
- As such C is fundamentally about data, its storage, and its manipulation
  - Every program is technically data itself, with C it is possible to write self-editing programs
- There are no objects in C only data
- Types in C is an illusion meant to provide convenience to the user and help with organization

Types in C: Static & Strong Typing

- A type in C defines how much memory is stored with the associated data

- It also defines whether the value is raw data or a 'pointer' to another location in memory
  - We will talk extensively more about pointers in the coming weeks.

- For now, lets take a look at the fundamental non-pointer types:
  - int – records an integer value (…, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3 , …) in binary
  - float – records a decimal value (-0.3, 0, 0.3 , 1.0, 3.14, etc.) in binary
    - If you are wondering how this happens, it is a great question! We will cover it in a later section
  - char – Any English letter (uppercase, lowercase, numbers, and some control codes)
  - bool – Technically as small as a single bit 0 or 1, compilers sometimes store it as a char due to restrictions on byte-alignment of memory

- While the above are the core types, they come in different flavors. Flavors are arranged by:
  - **How much room,** you have to store the information (it takes more room to store 1024 than 4)
  - **Storage Format**, is the value always positive? Do you need a negative? A Decimal?
  - **Does it hold data or point to data?** (Pointers)

Our First C Program

```c
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 * This program prints a welcome message
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Program comments
You can write block or inline comments.

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Import statements
C libraries are written with angle brackets.
Local libraries have quotes:
`#include "lib.h"`

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Main function – entry point for the program
Should always return an integer (0 = success)

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Main parameters – **main** takes two parameters, both relating to the *command line arguments* used to execute the program.

argc is the *number* of arguments in **argv**
argv is an *array of arguments* ***(char * is C string)***

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printf – prints output to the screen

Console Output: printf

```
printf(text, arg1, arg2, arg3,...);
```

`printf` makes it easy to print out the values of variables or expressions.

If you include *placeholders* in your printed text, `printf` will replace each placeholder *in order* with the values of the parameters passed after the text.

`%s (string)` `%d (integer)` `%f (double)`

```
// Example
char *classPrefix = "CS";
int classNumber = 107;
printf("You are in %s%d", classPrefix, classNumber);     // You are in CS107
```

Familiar Syntax

```
int x = 42 + 7 * -5;                  // variables, types
double pi = 3.14159;
char c = 'Q';                         /* two comment styles */

for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {        // for loops
    if (i % 2 == 0) {                 // if statements
        x += i;
    }
}

while (x > 0 && c == 'Q' || b) {      // while loops, logic
    x = x / 2;
    if (x == 42) {
        return 0;
    }
}

binky(x, 17, c);                    // function call
```

Boolean Variables

To declare Booleans, (e.g. `bool b = ____`), you must include `stdbool.h`:

```
#include <stdio.h>      // for printf
#include <stdbool.h>    // for bool

  int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
       bool x = 5 > 2 && binky(argc) > 0;
       if (x) {
          printf("Hello, world!\n");
       } else {
          printf("Howdy, world!\n");
       }
       return 0;
  }
```

Boolean Expressions

C treats a nonzero value as true, and a zero value as false:

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char *argv[]){
    int x = 5;
    if (x) {   // true
       printf("Hello, world!\n");
    } else {
       printf("Howdy, world!\n");
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Writing, Debugging and Compiling

We will use:

- the **vim** text editor to write our C programs
- the **make** tool to compile our C programs
- the **gdb** debugger to debug our programs
- the **valgrind** tools to debug memory errors and measure program efficiency

Now

Next week

Working On C Programs

- **ssh** – remotely log in to Myth computers
- **Vim** – text editor to write and edit C programs
  - Use the mouse to position cursor, scroll, and highlight text
  - Ctl-x Ctl-s to save, Ctl-x Ctl-c to quit
- **make** – compile program using provided Makefile
- **./myprogram** – run executable program (optionally with arguments)
- **make clean** – remove executables and other compiler files
- Lecture code is accessible at **/afs/ir/class/cs107/lecture-code/lect[N]**
  - Make your own copy: **cp -r /afs/ir/class/cs107/lecture-code/lect[N] lect[N]**
  - See the website for even more commands, and a complete reference.

Demo: Compiling And Running A C Program

Get up and running with our guide:
http://cs107.stanford.edu/resources/getting-started.html

Assignment 0: Unix!

Assignment page: https://web.stanford.edu/class/cs107/assign0/

Assignment already released, due Friday, 6/30

Lab

https://web.stanford.edu/class/archive/cs/cs107/cs107.1238/labs

Preference form is now open

Labs will begin **week 2**.

Lab signup is based on submitted preferences, otherwise assigned. Please submit by this Friday.