

## 2. Basic Program Structure

### ENEE 140

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### What is Programming (Review)

- Becoming fluent in the language that computers understand
  - Humans are better than computers at doing certain things
  - Computers are better than humans at other things
  - **If you can program, you can do both!**
- Programming stimulates a **way of thinking**
  - Helps you acquire aptitudes and skills applicable in many situations
  - Examples: top-down problem solving, thinking at multiple levels of abstraction, thinking of worst-case scenarios to avoid failures
- Programming is a **creative** process
  - Within the bounds of what computers and programming languages can do

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## ENEE 140 Focuses on Programming Principles

- The lectures will discuss important programming principles
  - Most of these are applicable to any programming language
  - C examples will be provided for illustration
- To learn all the details about the C concepts discussed, you must read additional materials
  - The relevant chapters in the textbook
  - Many Internet resources on C programming (Google is your friend)
  - Quick documentation: press F1 in CLion

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## First Principles: Code Quality

- Learning objective: write high-quality code
  - **Correctness**: the code should do what it's supposed to do (and nothing else!)
  - **Maintainability**: other programmers should find the code easy to read and to modify
- Other code-quality attributes that we will not emphasize in ENEE 140
  - Efficiency
  - Robustness
  - Security

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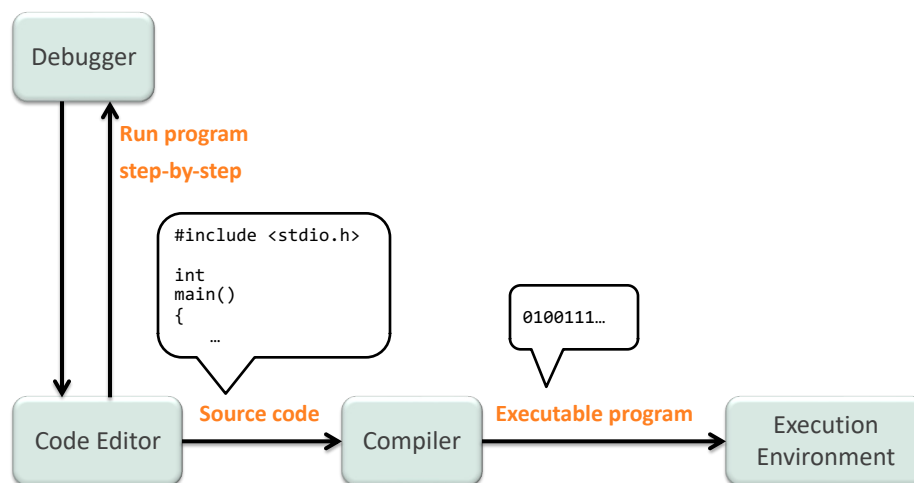
## The C Language

- A low-level language
  - No operations for manipulating composite types (e.g. strings, lists, arrays), no memory management, no input/output facilities
    - The standard library provides some of these facilities
  - A small language
    - Can be learned quickly
- Topics **covered** in ENEE 140:
  - Data types, type conversions
  - Operators (arithmetic, relational, logic, bitwise, etc.)
  - Flow control (loops, branches)
  - Functions
  - Multi-dimensional arrays
- Topics **not covered** in 140:
  - Recursion
  - Pointers

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## The Programming Toolchain



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## Getting Started in C

|                                               |                                                         |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>int main() { ... }</code>               | each program must have one <code>main()</code> function |
| <code>return ...</code>                       | exit the function                                       |
| <code>;</code>                                | end each statement with a semicolon                     |
| <code>#include &lt;stdio.h&gt;</code>         | use functions from the standard library                 |
| <code>printf(...)</code>                      | print something                                         |
| <code>// ...</code> or <code>/* ... */</code> | comments (ignored by the compiler)                      |

Use comments to explain what your program is trying to do

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## We've Seen: Programming Concepts

- Write programs to compute quantities difficult to work out in your head
  - Programming languages provide **variables** and **arithmetic operations**
- Come up with step-by-step procedure for arriving at the result
  - Programming languages provide **loops** and **branching statements**
- Break down a problem into simpler steps
  - Programming languages provide **functions**
  - Helpful for solving problems from the top down to the small details
- Communicate with the user
  - Programming languages provide **input/output** mechanisms

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## Variables

- Correspond to memory locations that hold data and that may be manipulated in your program
- Must be **declared**:
 

|                       |                                               |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <code>int a;</code>   | integer variable                              |
| <code>float b;</code> | floating-point variable (has fractional part) |
- Must be **assigned** a value
 

|                       |                              |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| <code>a = 1;</code>   | assignments change the value |
| <code>b = 1.5;</code> | stored in the variable       |
- May be used in **expressions**

|                         |                                                  |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <code>a &lt; 10</code>  | comparison test                                  |
| <code>b = a + 1;</code> | value of arithmetic operation used in assignment |

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## Assignment vs. Equality Testing

`a = a + 1;`                      assignment (increment a by 1)

`a == a + 1`                      equality testing (result is false)

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## Arithmetic Operations

+ - \* /

- **Integer** arithmetic
  - **Division truncates**: the fractional part is discarded
  - `int a = 1 / 2;`      value of a is 0
- **Floating-point** arithmetic
  - **Division does not truncate**
  - `float b = 1.0 / 2.0;`      value of b is 0.5

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## Relational Operators

- Used for making comparisons
 

|                   |           |                    |                       |
|-------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| <code>==</code>   | Equal     | <code>&gt;</code>  | Greater Than          |
| <code>!=</code>   | Not Equal | <code>&lt;=</code> | Less Than or Equal    |
| <code>&lt;</code> | Less Than | <code>&gt;=</code> | Greater Than or Equal |
- Work on both integers and floats
- Good programming practice: **avoid (in)equality tests with floats!**
  - Example:
 

`b != 0`      if b is a float, try to use `<=` or `>=` instead
  - Results of floating-point operations are imprecise (more on this later)

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## Combining ints and floats in Expressions

- If an arithmetic operator has integer operands
  - Integer arithmetic is used

```
int a = 1;
int b = a / 2;
```

 value of b is 0
- If an arithmetic operator has at least one floating-point operand
  - Floating-point arithmetic is used

```
float a = 1;
float b = a / 2;
```

 value of b is 0.5
- Expression type is evaluated before assignment

```
float b = 1 / 2;      value of b is 0
float b = 1.0 / 2.0;  value of b is 0.5
```

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## Symbolic Constants

- Good programming practice: if you have **constants** in your program, give them a **symbolic name**
- Declaring constants
  - Modern constant declarations
 

```
const float pi = 3.14;
```
  - Old-school constant declarations (traditionally uppercase)
 

```
#define PI 3.14
```

 no type, no semicolon
- Using constants

```
float radius = 1;
float circumference = 2 * PI * radius;
```

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## while loops

- Repeating program statements while a condition holds
 

```
while (condition) {    condition is tested first
    ...
}
```
- Example: print “Hello world” 10 times
  - You need a variable to count the number of iterations. Let’s call it `i`

```
int i = 0;              initialize i
while (i < 10) {        iterate while i is less than 10
    printf("Hello World\n");
    i = i + 1;          increment i
}
```

**If you find yourself copy-pasting code several times, think about rewriting your program to use a loop!**

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## Review of Lecture

- What did we learn?

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## Next Steps

- Next lecture
  - Character Input/Output
- Assignments for this week
  - Review **K&R 1.2** and make sure you understand how while loops and arithmetic operations work
  - Read **K&R Chapters 1.3, 1.5, 2.1, 2.6, 3.1, 3.2**
  - **Syllabus Quiz**, due on Friday at 11:59 pm
    - Tests your understanding of the ENEE 140 syllabus
  - **Quiz 2**, due on Sunday at 11:59 pm
    - Tests reading assignment
  - Weekly challenge: **word\_per\_line.c**
  - Homework: **lab02.pdf**, due on Friday at 11:59 pm

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