C++ Programming Fundamentals

C++ Lecture I

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Lecture Goals

- Introduction to your integrated development environments (IDE)
- The basic building blocks ("Hello World")
 - Setting up the IDE
 - C++ Syntax
 - Using the "Includes" Statement
 - Commenting Code
 - Output to the Command Line
- Onderstanding of IDE's, C++ Syntax, and Libraries





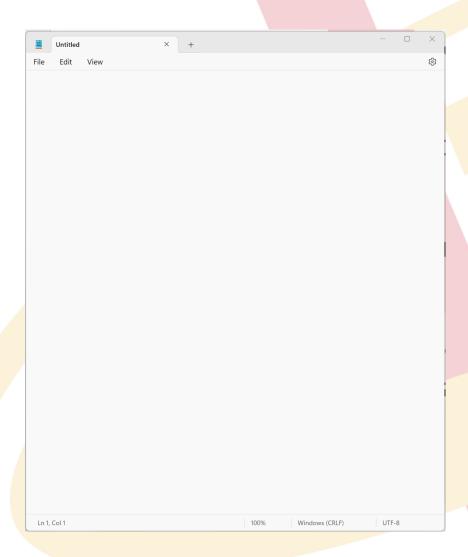
What is an IDE?

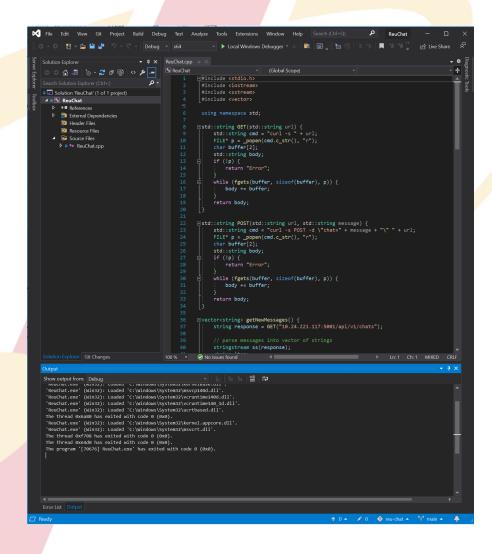
- Definition: An Integrated Development Environment (IDE) is a software application that provides comprehensive facilities to computer programmers for software development. An IDE normally consists of a source code editor, build automation tools and a debugger.
- o Let's simplify →





Text Editor vs IDE









Visual Studio Anatomy

Toolbar

Tools for applying actions to your program

Project Explorer

Same as File Explorer

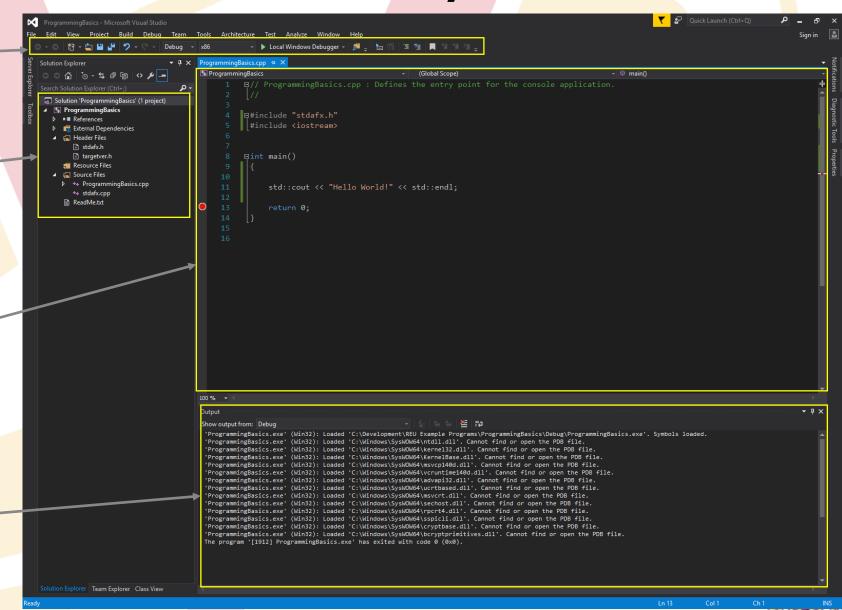
Editor Window

Where you write code

Console

Build output and debug information





Mini Task

 Open Visual Studio and and create a new visual C++ Console Application

• Run the default file with HelloWorld!





What's Happening?!

- The C++ compiler links the included libraries
- 2. The C++ compiler looks for the main() function
- 3. Program is executed starting at the first line of main()

```
1 #include <iostream>
2
3 int main() {
4    std::cout << "Hello World!" << std::endl;
5 }</pre>
```





Programming Syntax

- Letters and symbols must be arranged in a specific way for your program to run
- o Syntax describes this "language"
- Like UK English and American English, many programming languages have the same fundamental structure, but differ slightly





Syntax Mini Task

Delete the ';' symbol and run the program.

What happens?

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```





Code Comments

- Good programmers comment their code
- o Comments explain in plain language what a portion of code does
- Comments are helpful to yourself and <u>OTHERS</u> when reading code!

```
#include <iostream> // Include the iostream library for printing to the console

/*

Multi-line comments can be made with a slash and an asterisk.

This is a multi-line comment.

*/

int main() {

// This is a above line comment

std::cout << "Hello World!" << std::endl; // This is an inline comment
}</pre>
```





Include Statements

- There are commonly used functions, objects, and data structures that programmers want to use.
- We don't want to reinvent the wheel every time we program
- We include the C++ Standard Library to use pre-written code in our programs.





Include Statements

- To specify what features we want, we use **#include** at the top of our file.
- For example, in our Hello World program we used #include <iostream>, giving us access to the cout object, allowing us to print to the console.
- Tiny Task: Remove the "#include <iostream>" and see what happens.





Questions?





Mini Task

- Play around with the Hello World application
- Add single line and multiline comments
- Have the program print something other than Hello World



