

Introduction to Computers and Programming

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Lecture 2
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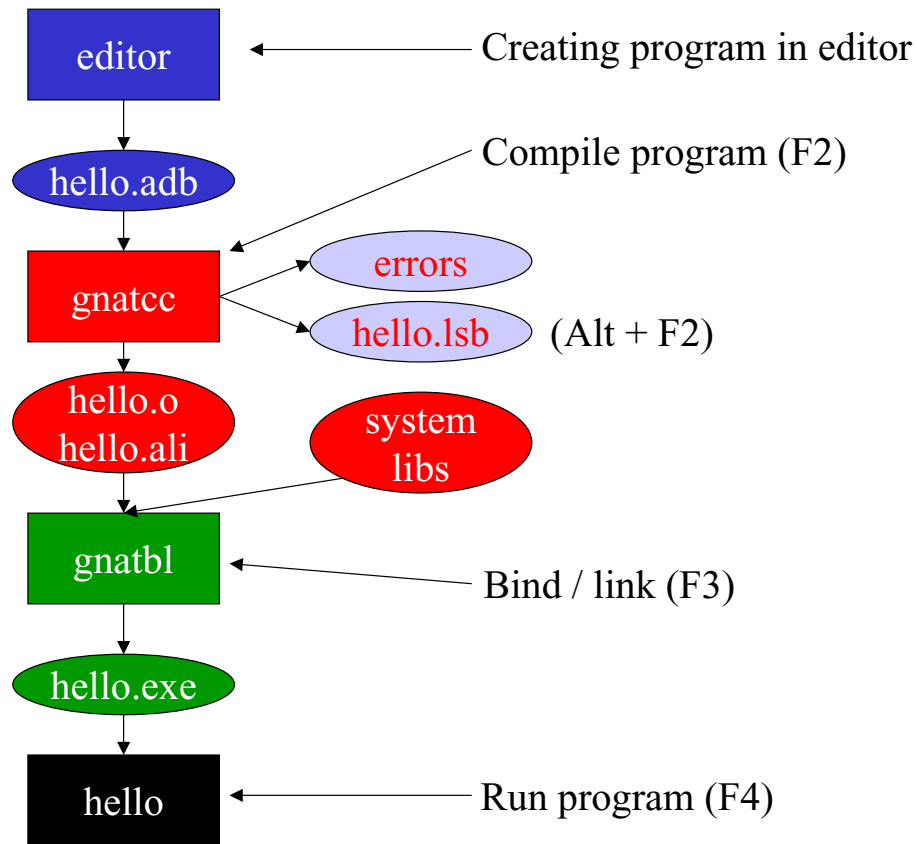
- Palindrome example
- The von Neumann model
- Why is Ada good for mission critical applications?
- What kind of tests?
- How will Ada integrate into rest of unified?
- How to make CP more challenging?

CP homework vs XXX?

1. I want to do the regular homework problems in CP
2. I feel confident in my programming knowledge and would like to skip introductory Ada homework exercises and get something more challenging to do!

Today

- Components of the “hello world” program
- Step-by-step compilation exercise
- Creating the listing file using AdaGIDE
- Programming style
- The Feldman Spider Adventure



hello.adb [p. 33]

```

WITH Ada.Text_IO;
PROCEDURE Hello IS

-----
--| A very simple program; it just displays a greeting.
--| Author: Michael Feldman, The George Washington University
--| Last Modified: June 1998
-----

BEGIN -- Hello

  Ada.Text_IO.Put (Item => "Hello there. ");
  Ada.Text_IO.Put (Item => "We hope you enjoy studying Ada!");
  Ada.Text_IO.New_Line;

END Hello;
  
```

hello.lsb – Listing files

GNAT 3.14p (20010503) Copyright 1992-2001 Free Software Foundation, ..

Compiling:

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(source file time stamp: 1998-09-13 21:04:32)

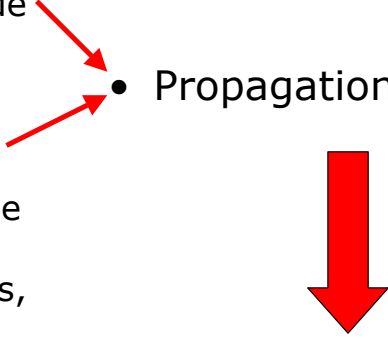
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12.   Ada.Text_IO.New_Line;
13.
14. END Hello;
15.
```

15 lines: No errors

Common Programming Errors - *bugs* ☐

- Compilation errors
- Run-time errors
- Logic or algorithmic errors

Compilation Errors

- Syntax errors
 - Fatal error that has to be fixed before code can be compiled
 - Semantic errors
 - Inconsistency in the use of values, variables, packages, ...
 - Propagation errors
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Correct the first **one** or **two** errors in program, then **recompile**

Run-time Errors

- Detected during execution of a program
- Called **exception** in Ada
- In Ada we have a way of predicting the occurrence of exceptions and prevent the computer from halting
 - Exception handling

Logic / Algorithm Errors

- Developing an incorrect algorithm for solving a problem
- Incorrect translation of a correct algorithm

The computer does only what you tell it to do, not what you meant to tell it to do ... (GIGO)

Comments, headers, and programming style

- Good programming style:

Communication □

- Good style leads to programs that are:
 - Understandable, readable, reusable, efficient, easy to develop and debug

Comments, headers, and programming style

- Comments start with "--" and are ignored by the compiler
- -----
-- program name: my_first_program
-- programmer: Jane B
-- usage:
-- compile:
-- system:
-- date: started 9/5/03
-- phase 1 complete 9/8/03
-- bugs:
-- description:

Adventures of the Spider "introduction to algorithms"

- Simple picture-drawing creature – The Spider
 - Algorithmic constructs
(control structures and parameters)
 - Ada packages

Straight-Line Algorithms

- Program 2.3 – The Spider walks a line
- Program 2.5 – Spider commands with parameters
 - **TYPE** Directions **IS** (North, East, South, West);
 - **TYPE** Colors **IS** (Red, Green, Blue, Black, None);
 - Enumeration types: provides lists of values
 - **PROCEDURE** Face (WhichWay: **IN** Directions);
 - Pre: WhichWay has been assigned a value
 - Post: Spider turns to face the given direction.
 - Spider.Face(WhichWay => Spider.West);
 - **PROCEDURE** ChangeColor (NewColor: Colors);
 - Pre: NewColor has been assigned a value
 - Post: Spider leaves its tracks in the new color
 - Spider.ChangeColor(NewColor => Spider.Red);

Algorithm with single loop

- Algorithm for drawing a box:
 - Repeat steps 1 and 2 four times
 1. Take three steps forward
 2. Turn right
 - A repetition usually called a **loop**□

```
FOR Side IN 1..4 LOOP
...
END LOOP;
```


Algorithm with nested loop

- Algorithm for drawing a box:
 - Repeat steps 1 through 3 four times
 - 1.Choose a color
 - 2.Repeat step 2.1 three times
 - 2.1 Take one step forward
 - 3.Turn right
 - **FOR** Side **IN** 1..4 **LOOP**
Spider.ChangeColor(Spider.RandomColor);
FOR Count **IN** 1..5 **LOOP**
Spider.Step;
END LOOP;
Spider.TurnRight;
END LOOP;

Run-time error

```
WITH Spider;  
PROCEDURE Spider_Crash IS  
BEGIN -- Spider_Crash  
    Spider.Start;  
    Spider.ChangeColor(NewColor => Spider.Red);  
    FOR Count IN 1..12 LOOP  
        Spider.Step;  
    END LOOP;  
    Spider.Quit;  
END Spider_Crash;
```

Conditional execution

```
FUNCTION AtWall RETURN Boolean;  
-- Pre: None  
-- Post: Return True if the spider is standing  
--       next to a wall
```

```
IF Spider.AtWall THEN  
    EXIT;  
END IF;
```

Concept Question

1. The Code will have no errors.
2. The Code will have compilation errors.
3. The Code will have logical errors.