

Introduction to Algorithmics



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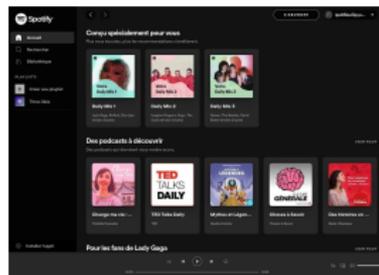
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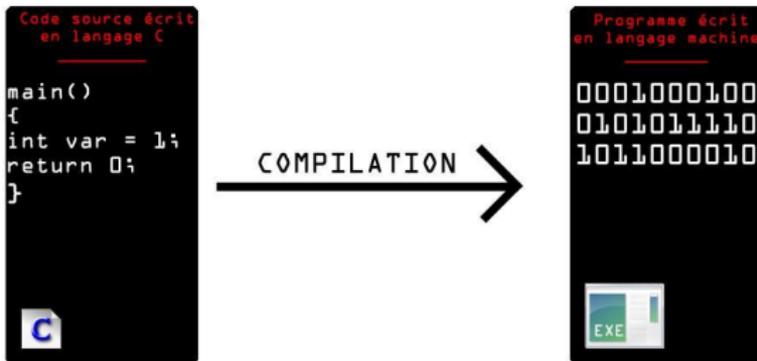
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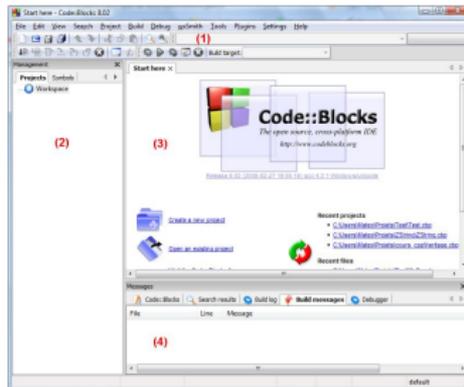
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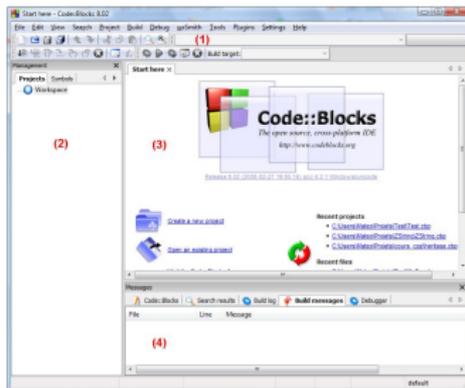
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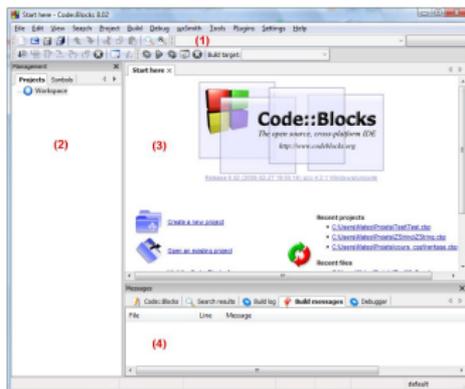
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My First C Program

Example C Program

```
#include <stdio .h>

int main () {
    printf ("Hello , World !\n");
    return 0;
}
```

- when you run this program, it will display "Hello, World!" on the screen and then terminate with a success status of 0.
- This simple program is often used as a starting point for learning new programming languages, as it provides a basic understanding of how to output text to the console.



Comments in C

Example:

```
/* Below are preprocessor directives . These lines add files
   to the project ,
   files called libraries . Thanks to these libraries , we have
   pre-made functions to display messages on the screen . */

#include <stdio .h>
#include <stdlib .h>

/* Below , you have the main function of the program , called
   main . All programs start with this function . Here , my
   function simply displays "Hello " on the screen . */

int main ()
{
    printf (" Hello "); // This instruction displays "Hello " on
                        the screen
    return 0;          // The program returns the number 0 and stops
}
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