Editing, Compiling And Executing Code

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Editing a C++ program in Linux

- To edit a file we need to use a text editor.(Notepad is an example of a text editor on Windows.)
- We will use the vi editor on our Linux machine. (You can also use emacs or pico but the first or second quiz will have questions about basic vi commands and I expect you to know them.)
- ► To launch the vi to edit a file, type the following:
 - vi <file_name>
 - Example: vi helloworld.cpp
- ▶ The vi editor creates a file if it doesn't exist.
- ▶ It opens the file if the file already exists.

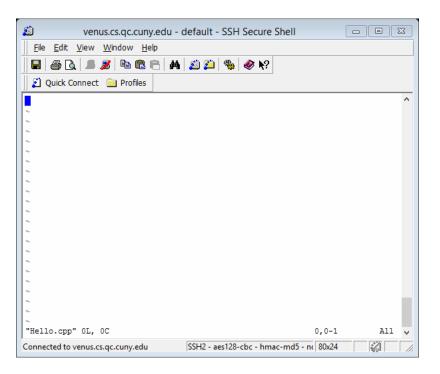
Vi

- vi editor has two modes of operation:
 - Command mode (start out by default)
 - ► Insert mode
- If currently in Command mode, type i to go to Insert mode
- ▶ If currently in Insert mode, hit ESC key to go to Command mode
- In Command mode:
 - :wq --- save (write) the file and quit vi
 - :q --- quit vi when the file has not been modified
 - :q! --- disregard any modification and quit vi

Example of HelloWorld.cpp

- vi HelloWorld.cpp
- Command Mode

[ctse@venus practice] vi HelloWorld.cpp



To switch from Command Mode to Insert Mode, press i

Write the program in Insert Mode

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    #include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main() {
        cout << "Hello World" << endl;
        return 0;
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Go back to **Command Mode** by hitting [Esc] key, then save the program using ":wq"

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using namespace std;
int main() {
       cout << "Hello World" << endl;
       return 0;
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Compile a program using a compiler

• g++ HelloWorld.cpp (compile HelloWorld.cpp)

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[ctse@venus lab02]$ ls
HelloWorld.cpp
[ctse@venus lab02]$ g++ HelloWorld.cpp
[ctse@venus lab02]$ ls
a.out HelloWorld.cpp
[ctse@venus lab02]$
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You should see this

- If the program compiles, there would be no output from the g++ program.
- If you see any output, you have errors in the code,
- Fix these errors (debug) and recompile.

Run Program

Run Command is "./a.out"

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[ctse@venus lab02]$ ls
a.out HelloWorld.cpp
[ctse@venus lab02]$ ./a.out
Hello World!
[ctse@venus lab02]$
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Run Program (cont.)

- a.out is default executable file of the HelloWorld.cpp
- ► Since we didn't specify the name of the output file at the time of compiling, the system created this default file.
- ▶ If we want to include the name of the executable file, use the -o option.
- Example: g++ HelloWorld.cpp -o HelloWorld
- Now if you type ls, you will see the file HelloWorld in the list.
- ► You can run the file by typing ./HelloWorld

SSH Secure File Transfer Client

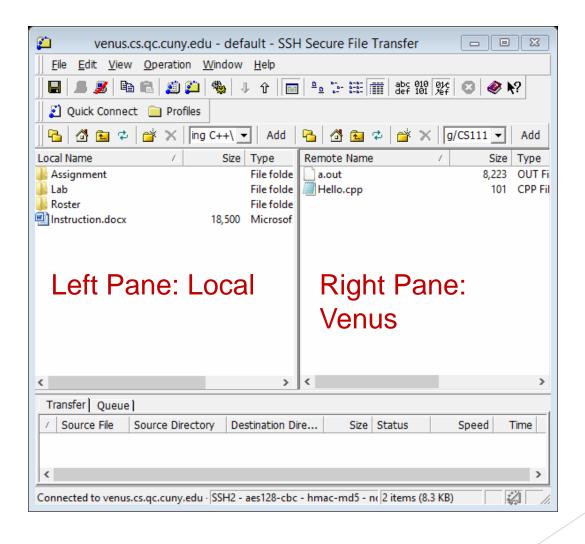
- Upload files to Venus
- Download files from Venus
- Icon on lab desktop



• For Mac users, use scp to download from venus. For example:

scp smjo5678@venus.cs.qc.cuny.edu:HelloWorld.cpp ~/Desktop

Log in to venus.cs.qc.cuny.edu



Lab exercise using cout

Write a complete C++ program that prints the following triangle of stars. Name the program triangle.cpp

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- Compile the program and name the executable file triangle1
- Try this: make triangle; ls
- What do you notice?
- Execute the program