# Basic Compilation Errors and Debugging 

PDS Lab Section 15

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## Using Line Numbers to Locate Errors ...

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#include<stdio.h>
int main()
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    int n;
    float hm
    float a1, a2, a3, a4, a5;
    n =
    scanf("Enter 5 real numbers: %f %f %f %f %f", &a1, &a2, &a3, &a4, &a5);
    printf("\nn =%d \na1 = %f \naz =%f \na3 =%f \na4 =%f \na5 =%f", n, a1, a2, a3, a4, a5);
    hm = n / (1/a1 + 1/a2 +1/a3 + 1/a4 + 1/a5);
    printf("\n\nHarmonic Mean of %f, %f, %f, %f and %ff is:%f \n", a1, a2, a3, a4, a5, hm);
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Compilation fails - it says that we have 3 errors in our code!!

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Note the line numbers (circled in red) mentioned in each error message Can we use these line numbers to help ourselves debug the code?

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We need to go to Preferences > View and then check the two options circled in red, which are:
i) Display line numbers
ii) Highlight matching brackets

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3 #include<stdio.h>
main()
                                    Let us go back to examining our
                                    source code for debugging
    int n;
    float hm
    float a1, a2, a3, a4, a5;
    n = 5;
    scanf("Enter 5 real numbers: %f %f %f %f %f", &a1, &a2, &a3, &a4, &a5);
    printf("\nn =%d \na1 = %f \naz =%f \na3 =%f \na4 = %f \na5 =%f", n, a1, a2, a3, a4, a5);
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main()
                                    Notice that we now get to see the
                                    line numbers (encircled in red) in
int n;
float hm
float a1, a2, a3, a4, a5;
                                    the left margin
    n}=5
    scanf("Enter 5 real numbers: %f %f %f %f %f", &a1, &a2, &a3, &a4, &a5);
    printf("\nn =%d \na1 = %f \naz =%f \na3 =%f \na4 =%f \na5 =%f", n, a1, a2, a3, a4, a5);
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Note the line numbers (circled in red) mentioned in each error message Let us start by examining the earliest line (line 10) which has an error ...

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## Remembering to Put in Missing Semicolons ...

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3 #include<stdio.h>
main()
So let us put in the missing
    int n;
    float hm:
    float a1, a2, a3, a4, a5;
                                    again
    n = 5
    scanf("Enter 5 real numbers: %f %f %f %f %f", &a1, &a2, &a3, &a4, &a5);
    printf("\nn =%d \na1 =%f \naz =%f \na3 =%f \na4=%f \na5=%f", n, a1, a2, a3, a4, a5);
    hm = n / (1/a1 + 1/a2 + 1/a3 + 1/a4 + 1/a5);
    printf("\n\nHarmonic Mean of %f, %f, %f, %f and %ff is: %f \n", a1, a2, a3, a4, a5, hm);

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Lessons to be learnt from this exercise --
i) Always start by examining the earliest / topmost line which has an error
ii) Sometimes the error might actually be in the line preceding the line number shown

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\$ ./a.out
2.5 3.6 1.8 4.9 5.3
n=5
a1 = 0.000000
a2 = 0.000000
a3=0.000000
a4=0.000000
a5 = 0.000000
Harmonic Mean of 0.000000, 0.000000, 0.000000, 0.000000 and 0.000000f is: 0.000000
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Program compiles successfully now - the other 2 errors have disappeared as well!!

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2.5 3.6 1.8 4.9 5.3 These were the real values entered by the user as input
n=5
a1 = 0.000000
a2 = 0.000000
a3 = 0.000000
a4=0.000000
a5 = 0.000000
But the values entered are not being stored properly!
By printing out the values of a1, a2, a3, a4 and a5 (see
line 15), we see that they have in fact all been set to 0.0!
Harmonic Mean of 0.000000, 0.000000, 0.000000, 0.000000 and 0.000000f is: 0.000000
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NB - Though the program compiles successfully now, it is still not producing the correct output!!

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\#\#include<stdio.h>
main()
int n;
float hm;
float a1, a2, a3, a4, a5;
n=5;
scanf("Enter 5 real numbers: %f %f %f %f %f", \&a1, \&a2, \&a3, \&a4, \&a5);
printf("\nn = %d \na1 = %f \naz = %f \na3 = %f \na4 = %f \na5 = %f", n, a1, a2, a3, a4, a5);
hm = n / (1/a1 + 1/a2 +1/a3 + 1/a4 + 1/a5);
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By using the printf statement on line 15, we realize that the user input has not been stored properly!!

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main()
The source of the error is finally
located in line 14, where we have
int n;
float hm;
float a1, a2, a3, a4, a5;
used an incorrect scant syntax:
scanf( (Enter 5 real numbers:) %f %f %f %f %f", \&a1, \&a2, \&a3, \&a4, \&a5);
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Remember to match each parameter with its corresponding format specifier
int n ;
float hm;
float a1, a2, a3, a4, a5;
(like '\%d' or '\%f') in the initial string!
\(\mathrm{n}=5\);
scanf("Enter 5 real numbers: \%f \%f \%f \%f \%f", \&a1, \&a2, \&a3, \&a4, \&a5);
printf( \(\left.{ }^{\prime \prime} \backslash n n=\% d|n a 1=\% f| n a z=\% f|n a 3=\% f| n a 4=\% f \mid n a 5=\% f ", n, a 1, a 2, a 3, a 4, ~ a 5\right) ;\)
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\section*{Checking for Matching Parentheses ...}


Recall that we went to Preferences > View and then checked the "Highlight matching Brackets" option

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