Program: “RPNConsole”

Program created with Visual Studio 2008
to make algebraic operations with two numbers,
a calculator working in console mode using the RPN

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Lecture Aims:

Introduction of programming concepts for the C/C++ language by using an example of a RPN (Reversed Polish Notation) Calculator.

Contents/Issues Addressed:

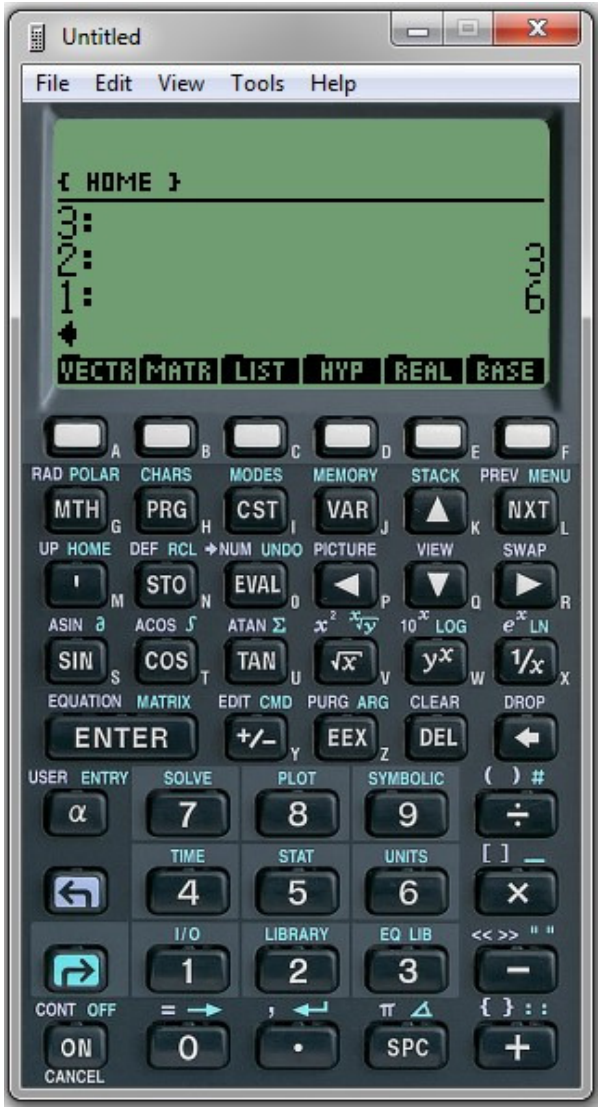
- Introduction to C/C++ programming language.
- Introduction to the concepts of classes and objects in C++.

Capabilities/Skills:

- Know the basic resources of C/C++ language.
- Ability to create a console project in Visual Studio 2008.
- Capacity of understanding algorithms and data structures.
- Understanding the use of functions and mechanisms for passing parameters to functions in C/C++ language.
- Students should be able to develop practical applications.

What does a RPN (Reserved Polish Notation) Calculator mean?

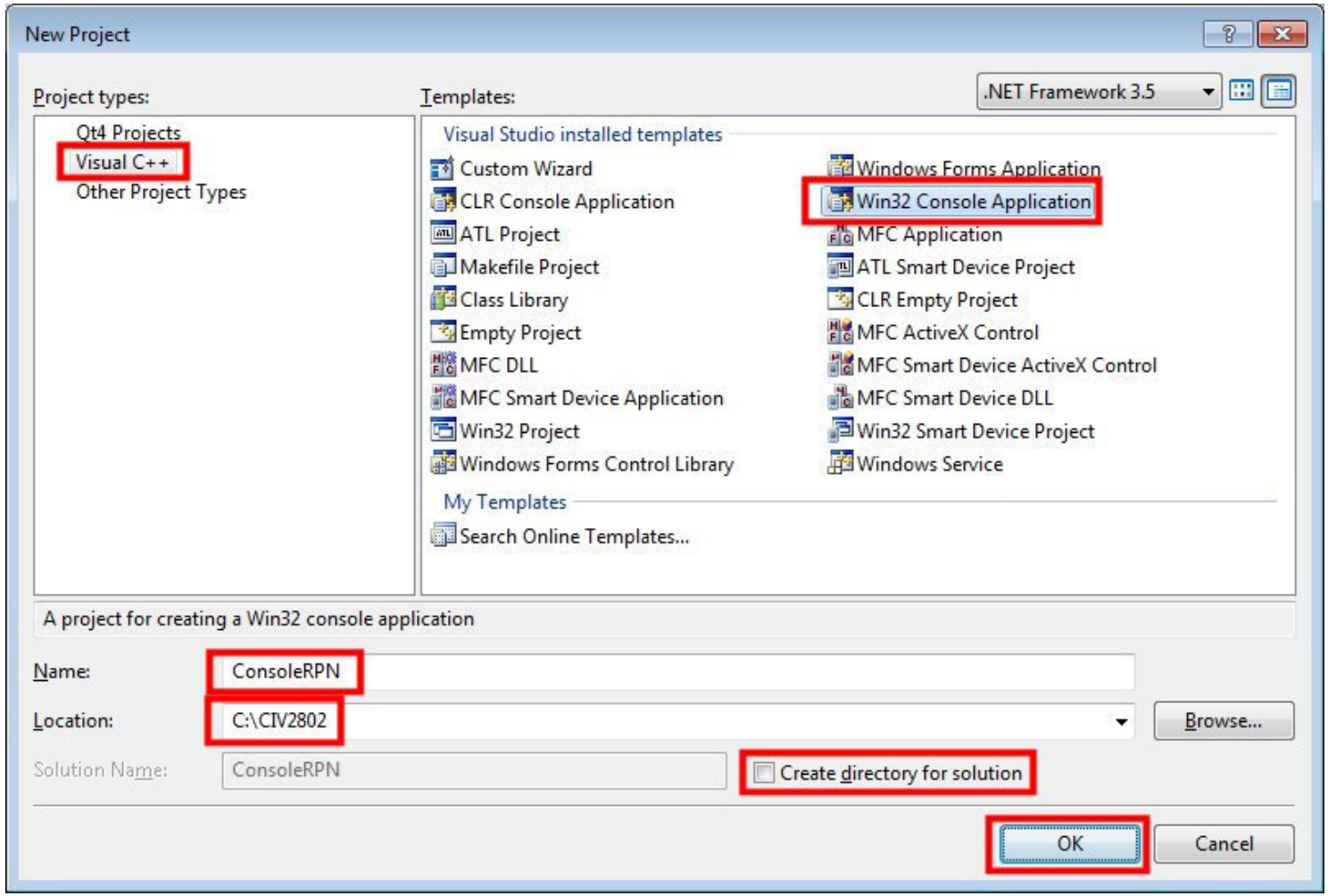
Classical Example of a calculator that utilizes the Reverse Polish Notation (RPN)



How to create our own calculator using a programming language and a graphical user interface?

Creation of a new Visual Studio 2008 project type: Console

Let’s start programming a calculator without a graphical interface



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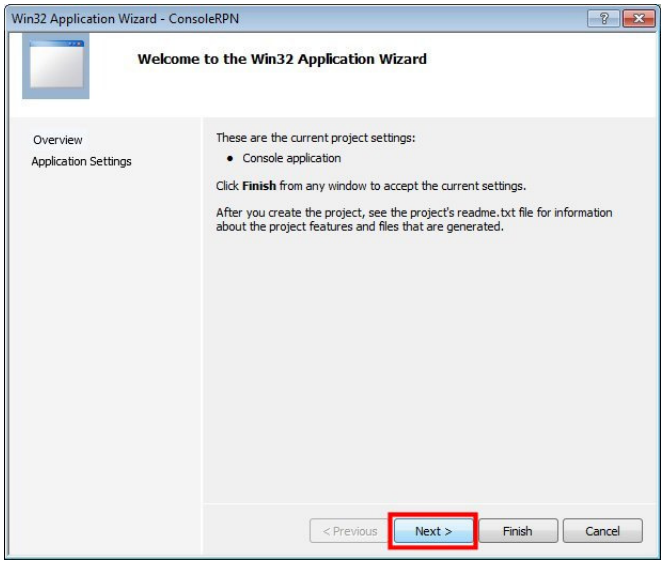
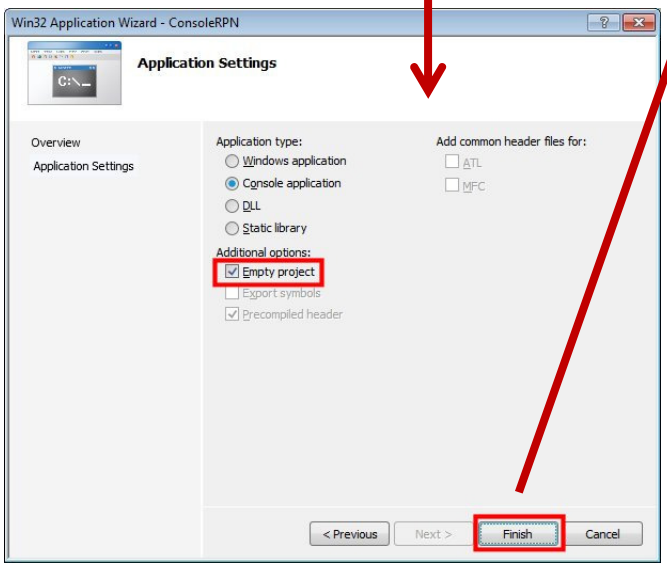
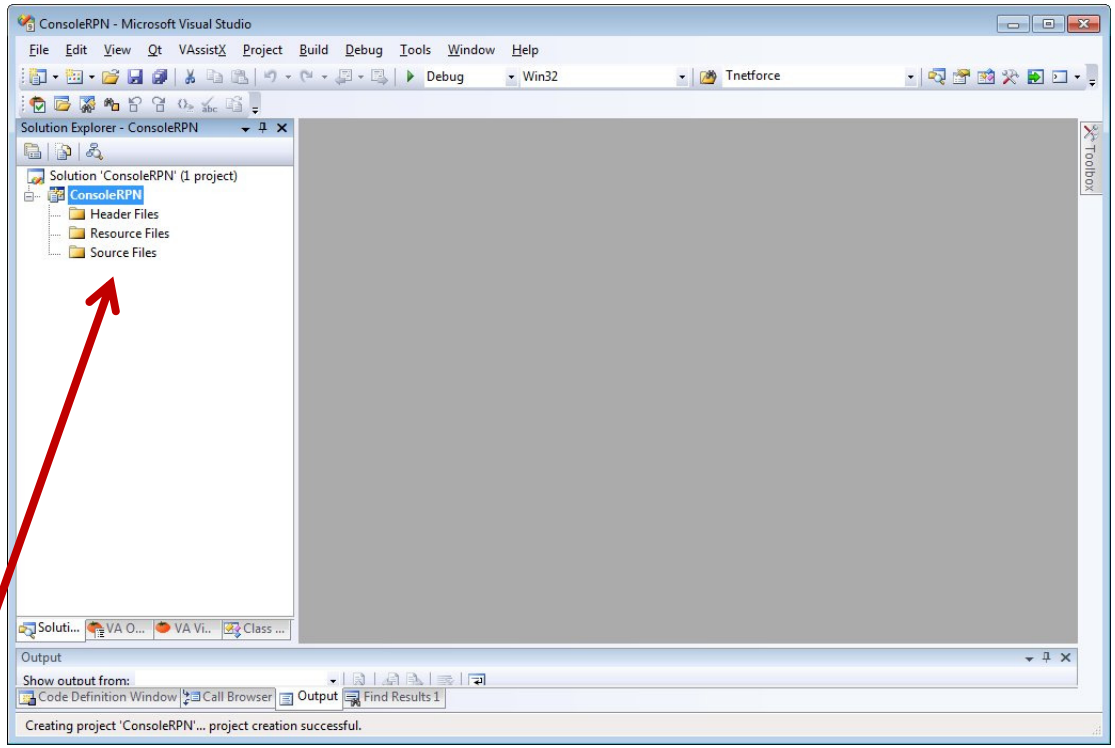
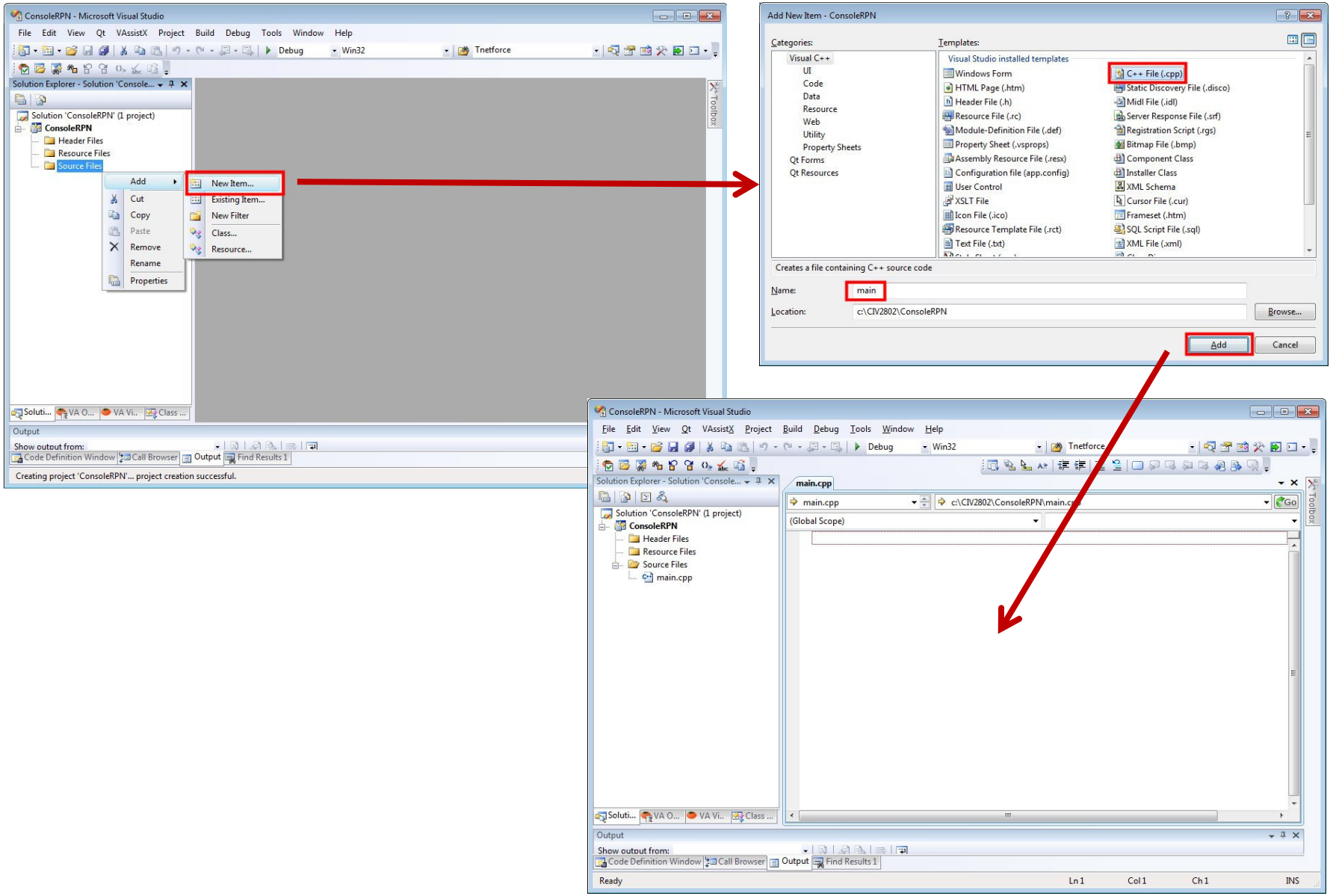






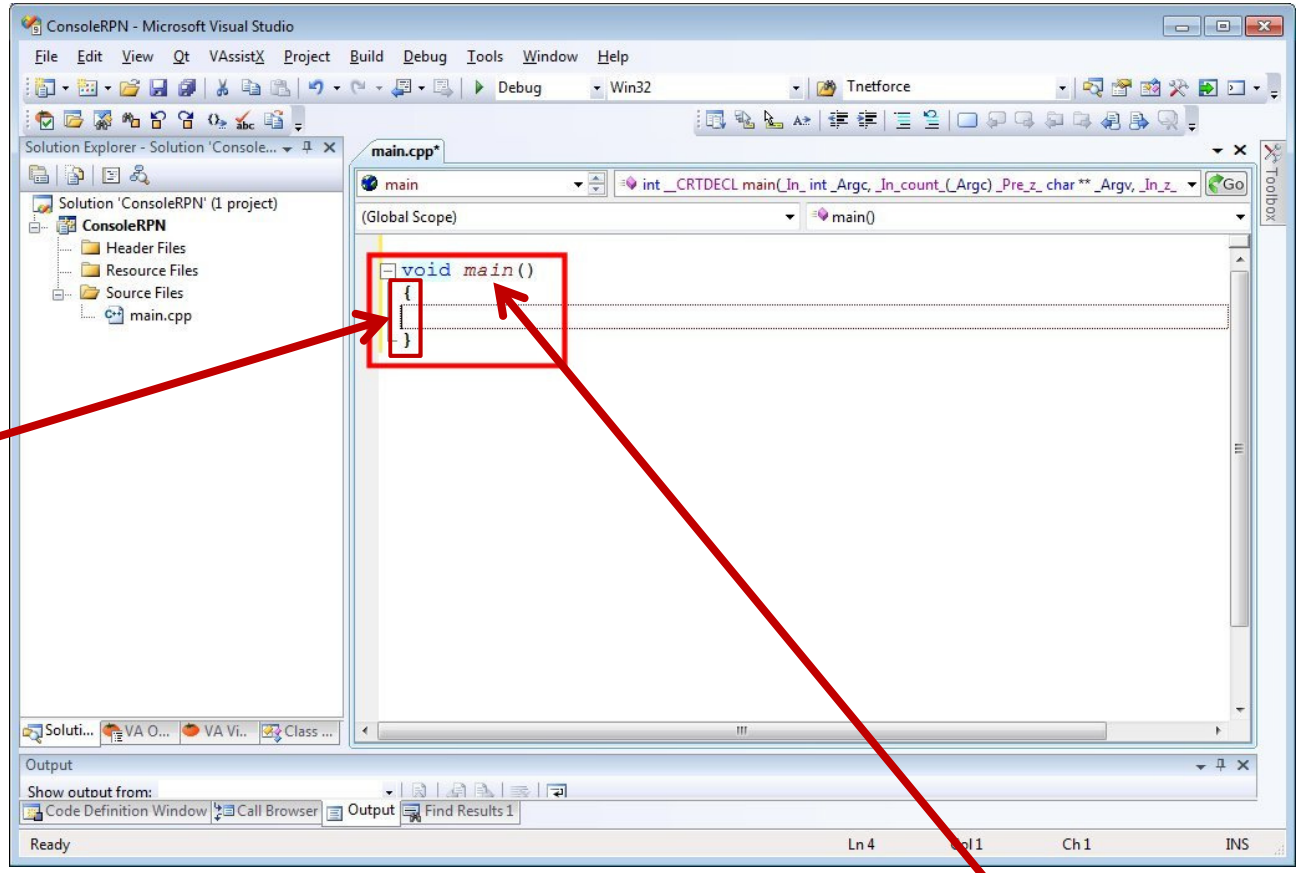
How to start the development
of a program from scratch?

Creation of a new file, calling it by “main” and with extension “.cpp”



Implementation of the “main.cpp” file

Basic structure of a C program



A pair of brackets defines a block of code

The program execution starts by calling the **`main`** function.

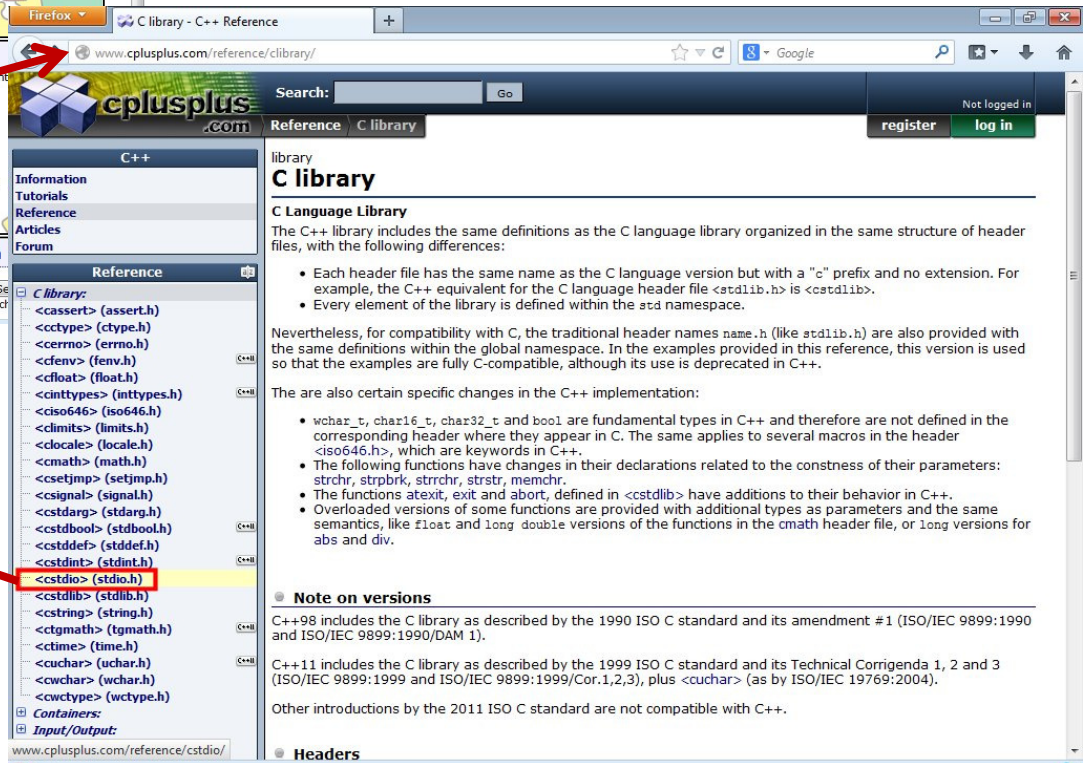
The main function may have different signatures

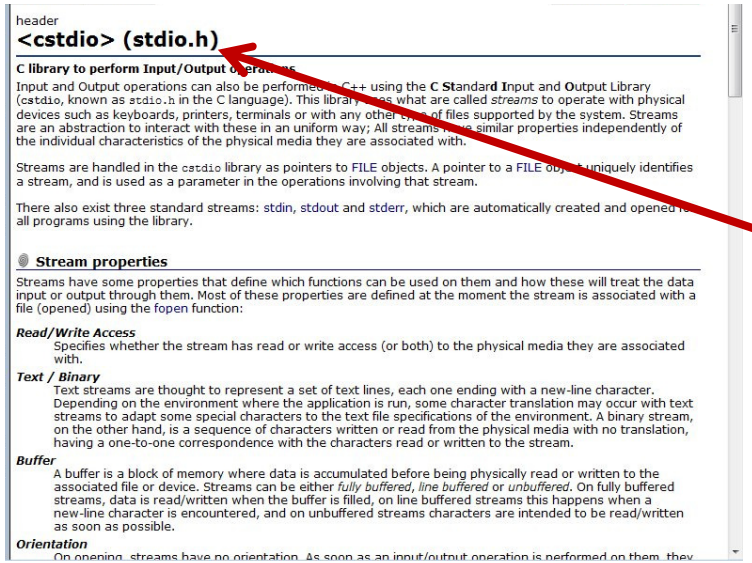
- `main()`
- `int main(int argc, char **argv)`
- `int main(int argc, char **argv, char **env)`

Every C program contains at least one function:
`main`
This case **`void main()`** requires no parameter and returns no parameter.

Documentation and reference to programming in C and C++

How to output data in the screen of a console program?





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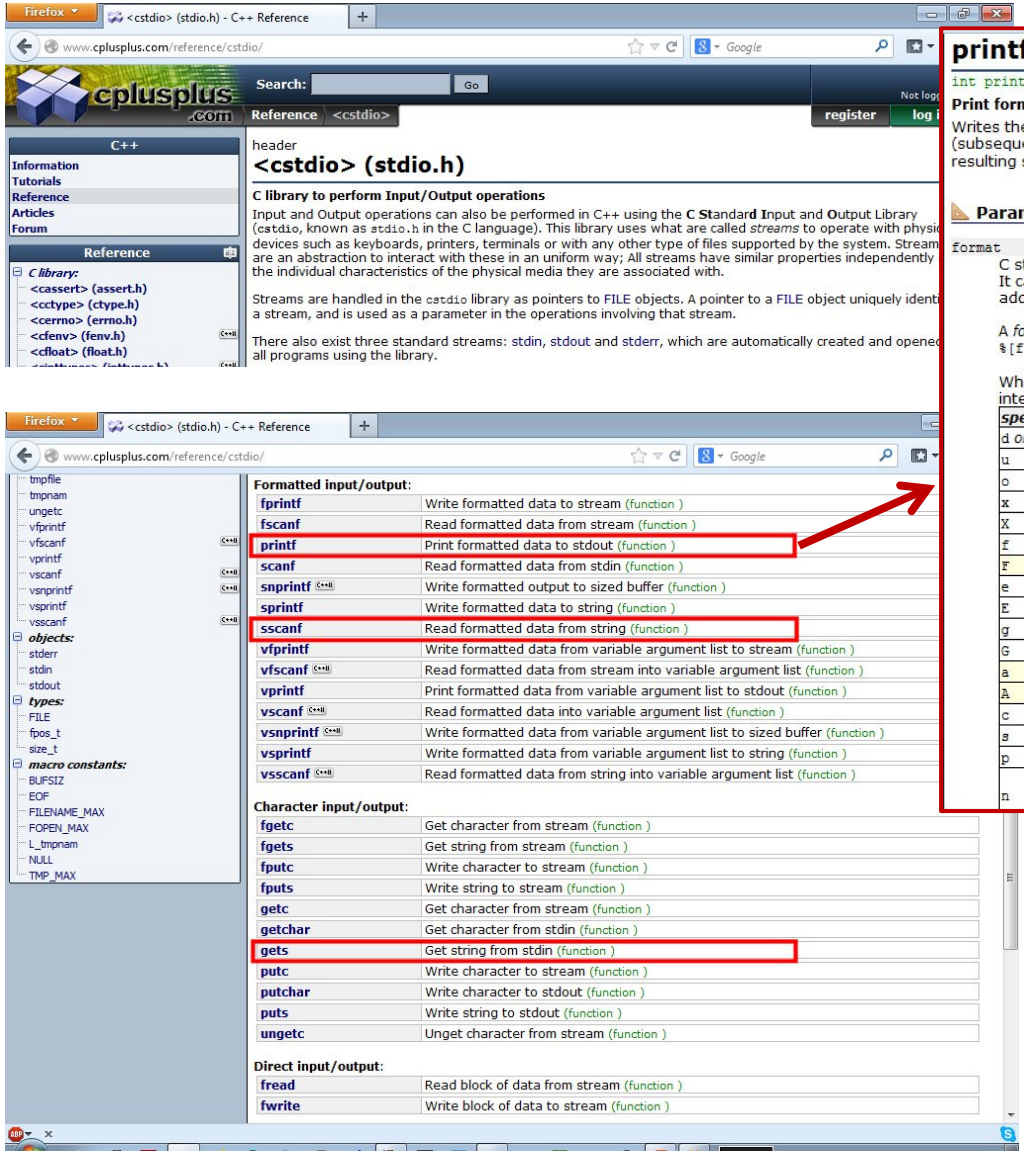

printf

<cstdio>

```
int printf ( const char * format, ... );
```

Print formatted data to stdout

Writes the C string pointed by *format* to the standard output (stdout). If *format* includes *format specifiers* (subsequences beginning with %), the additional arguments following *format* are formatted and inserted in the resulting string replacing their respective specifiers.

Parameters

`format`

C string that contains the text to be written to stdout.
It can optionally contain embedded *format specifiers* that are replaced by the values specified in subsequent additional arguments and formatted as requested.

A *format specifier* follows this prototype: [see compatibility note below]
`%[flags][width][.precision][length]specifier`

Where the *specifier character* at the end is the most significant component, since it defines the type and the interpretation of its corresponding argument:

specifier	Output	Example
d *or* i	Signed decimal integer	392
u	Unsigned decimal integer	7235
o	Unsigned octal	610
x	Unsigned hexadecimal integer	7fa
X	Unsigned hexadecimal integer (uppercase)	7FA
f	Decimal floating point, lowercase	392.65
F	Decimal floating point, uppercase	392.65
e	Scientific notation (mantissa/exponent), lowercase	3.9265e+2
E	Scientific notation (mantissa/exponent), uppercase	3.9265E+2
g	Use the shortest representation: %e or %f	392.65
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a	Hexadecimal floating point, lowercase	-0xc.90fep-2
A	Hexadecimal floating point, uppercase	-0XC.90FEP-2
c	Character	a
s	String of characters	sample
p	Pointer address	b8000000
n		

Example

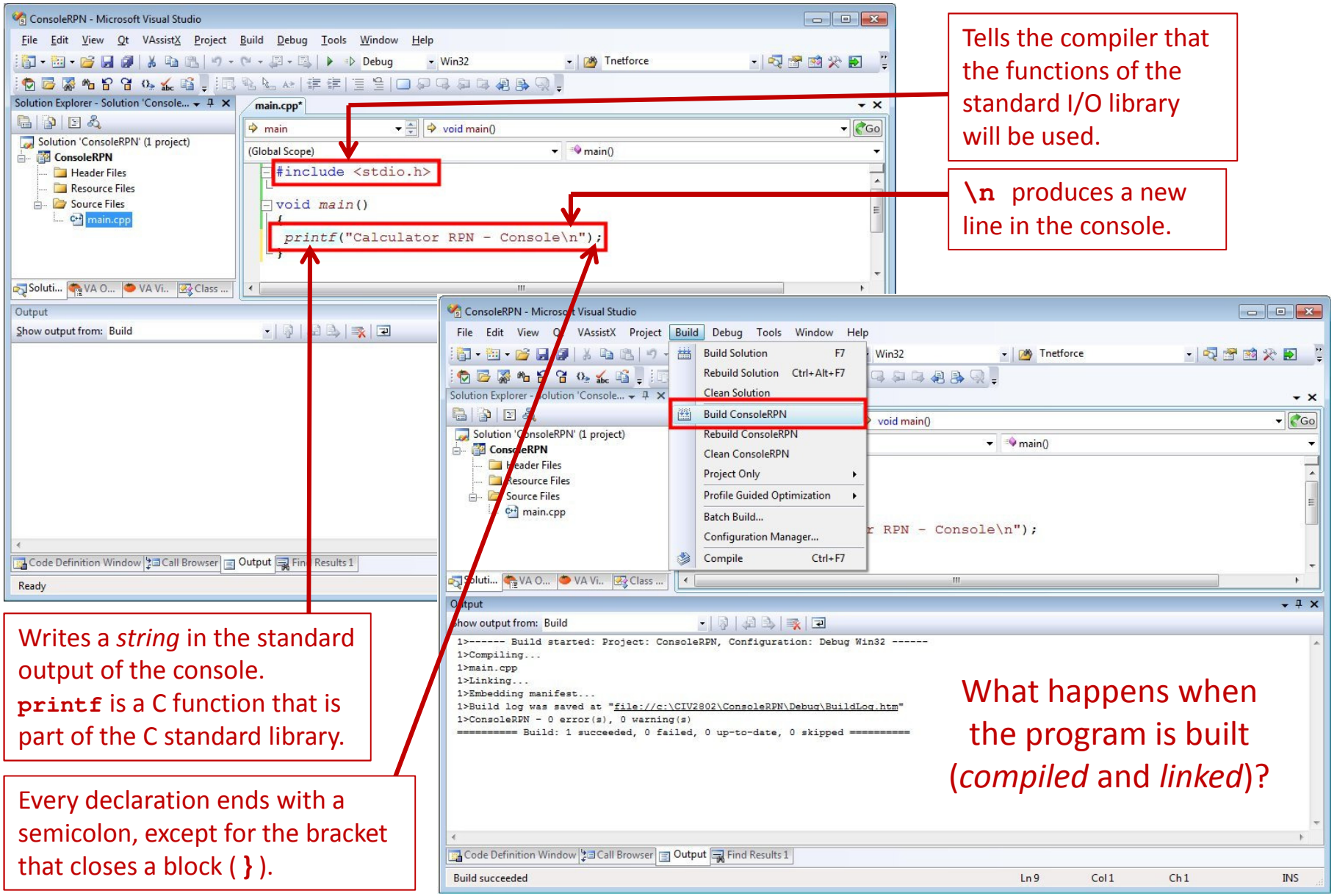
```
/* printf example */
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
   printf ("Characters: %c %c \n", 'a', 65);
   printf ("Decimals: %d %ld\n", 1977, 650000L);
   printf ("Preceding with blanks: %10d \n", 1977);
   printf ("Preceding with zeros: %010d \n", 1977);
   printf ("Some different radices: %d %x %o %#x %#o \n", 100, 100, 100, 100, 100);
   printf ("floats: %4.2f %+.0e %E \n", 3.1416, 3.1416, 3.1416);
   printf ("Width trick: %*d \n", 5, 10);
   printf ("%s \n", "A string");
   return 0;
}
```

Output:

```
Characters: a A
Decimals: 1977 650000
Preceding with blanks:       1977
Preceding with zeros: 0000001977
Some different radices: 100 64 144 0x64 0144
floats: 3.14 +3e+000 3.141600E+000
Width trick:    10
A string
```

Printing a message in the console using the C standard I/O library



Tells the compiler that the functions of the standard I/O library will be used.

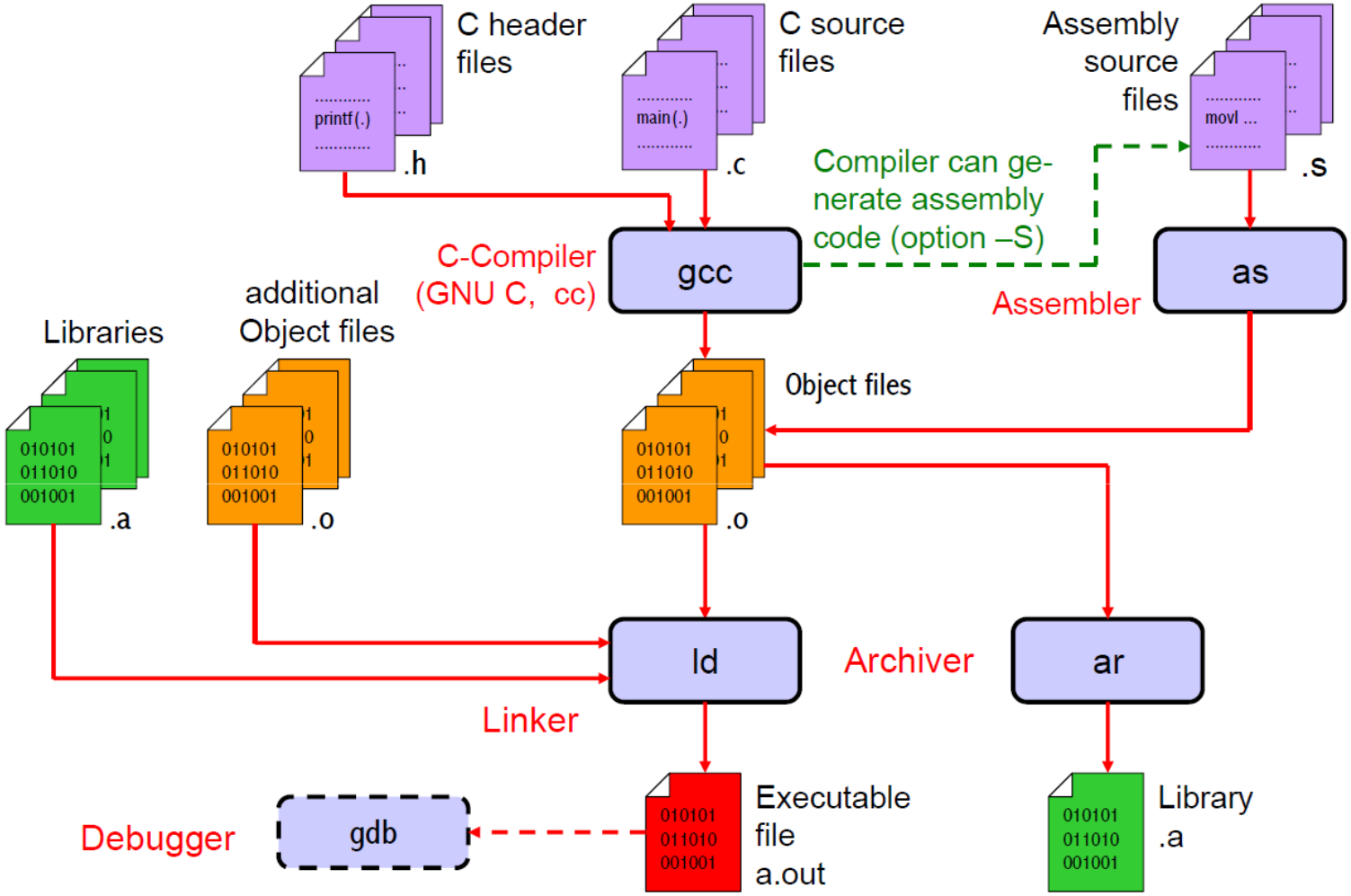
`\n` produces a new line in the console.

Writes a *string* in the standard output of the console. **`printf`** is a C function that is part of the C standard library.

Every declaration ends with a semicolon, except for the bracket that closes a block (**}**).

What happens when the program is built (*compiled* and *linked*)?

From C codes to an executable binary file



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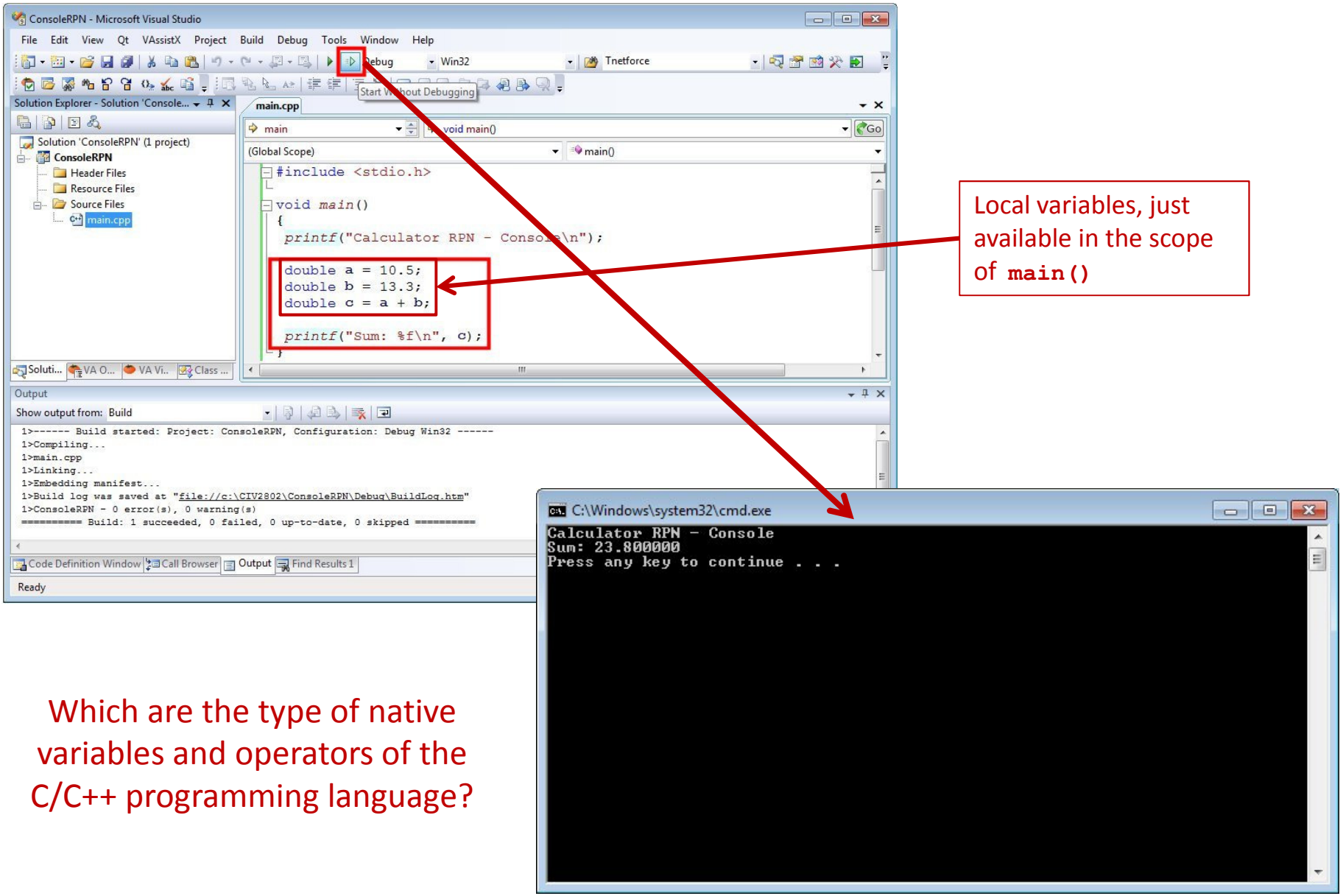
Printing to the console (output) the sum of two numbers



Local variables, just available in the scope of **`main()`**

Which are the type of native variables and operators of the C/C++ programming language?

C data types

- **Four basic data types**
  - **`char`**: character
  - **`int`**: integer
  - **`float`**: real or floating point
  - **`double`**: double precision float
- **Four modifiers**
  - **`signed`**
  - **`unsigned`**
  - **`long`**
  - **`short`**
- **Four storage classes**
  - **`auto`**: variable is not required outside its block (the default)
  - **`register`**: the variable will be allocated on a CPU register
  - **`static`**: allows a local variable to retain its previous value upon reentry
  - **`extern`**: global variable declared in another file
- **Additionally, C supports**
  - the null data type: **`void`**
  - Any user-defined types

Type	Width (bits)	Minimum range
`char`	8	-127 to 127
`unsigned char`	8	0 to 255
`signed char`	8	-127 to 127
`int`	16	-32,767 to 32,767
`unsigned int`	16	0 to 65,535
`signed int`	16	Same as int
`short int`	16	Same as int
`unsigned short int`	8	0 to 65,535
`signed short int`	8	Same as short int
`long int`	32	-2,147,483,647 to 2,147,483,647
`signed long int`	32	--2,147,483,647 to 2,147,483,647
`unsigned long int`	32	0 to 4,294,967,295
`float`	32	Six-digit precision
`double`	64	Ten-digit precision
`long double`	128	Ten-digit precision

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C operators

Type	Operator	Action
Arithmetic	-	Subtraction
	+	Adittion
	*	Multiplication
	/	Division
	%	Modulus
	--	Decrement (by 1)
	++	Increment (by 1)
	+=	Increment (a+=b means a=a+b)
	-=	Decrement (a-=b means a=a-b)
Relational	>	Greater than
	>=	Greater than or equal to
	<	Less than
	<=	Less than or equal to
	==	Equal to
	!=	Different from
Logic	&&	AND
	||	OR
	!	NOT
Bit-wise	&	AND
	|	OR
	^	XOR
	~	NOT
	>>	Right shift
	<<	Left shitf
Miscellaneus	?	Ternary (y=x>9?100:200)
	& and *	Pointer operators
	sizeof	Width of a datatype (in bytes)
	. and ->	Acceess to structures
	[]	Access to arrays

Precedence	Operator
Most ▲	( ) [ ] -> .
	! ~ ++ -- - (cast) * & sizeof
	/ %
	<< >>
	< <= > >=
	== !=
	&
	|
	&&
	||
	?
	= += -= *= /=
Least	,

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Variable declaration and scope

- **Variables MUST be declared before they are used**
  - Any declaration MUST precede the first statement in a block
- **Variables declared inside a block are local to that block**
  - They cannot be accessed from outside the block
- **Variables can be initialized when they are declared of afterwards**

```
int i;                  /* Integer i is global to the entire program
                           and is visible to everything from this point */
void function_1(void)   /* A function with no parameters */
   {
     int k;             /* Integer k is local to function_1 */
       {
         int q;         /* Integer q exists only in this block */
         int j;         /* Integer j is local and not the same as j in main */

       }
   }
void main(void)
  {
     int j;             /* Integer j is local to this block within function main */

  }                     /* This is the point at which integer j ceases to exist */
```

Function (*function*)? What is this?
How to perform a sum operation using a function?

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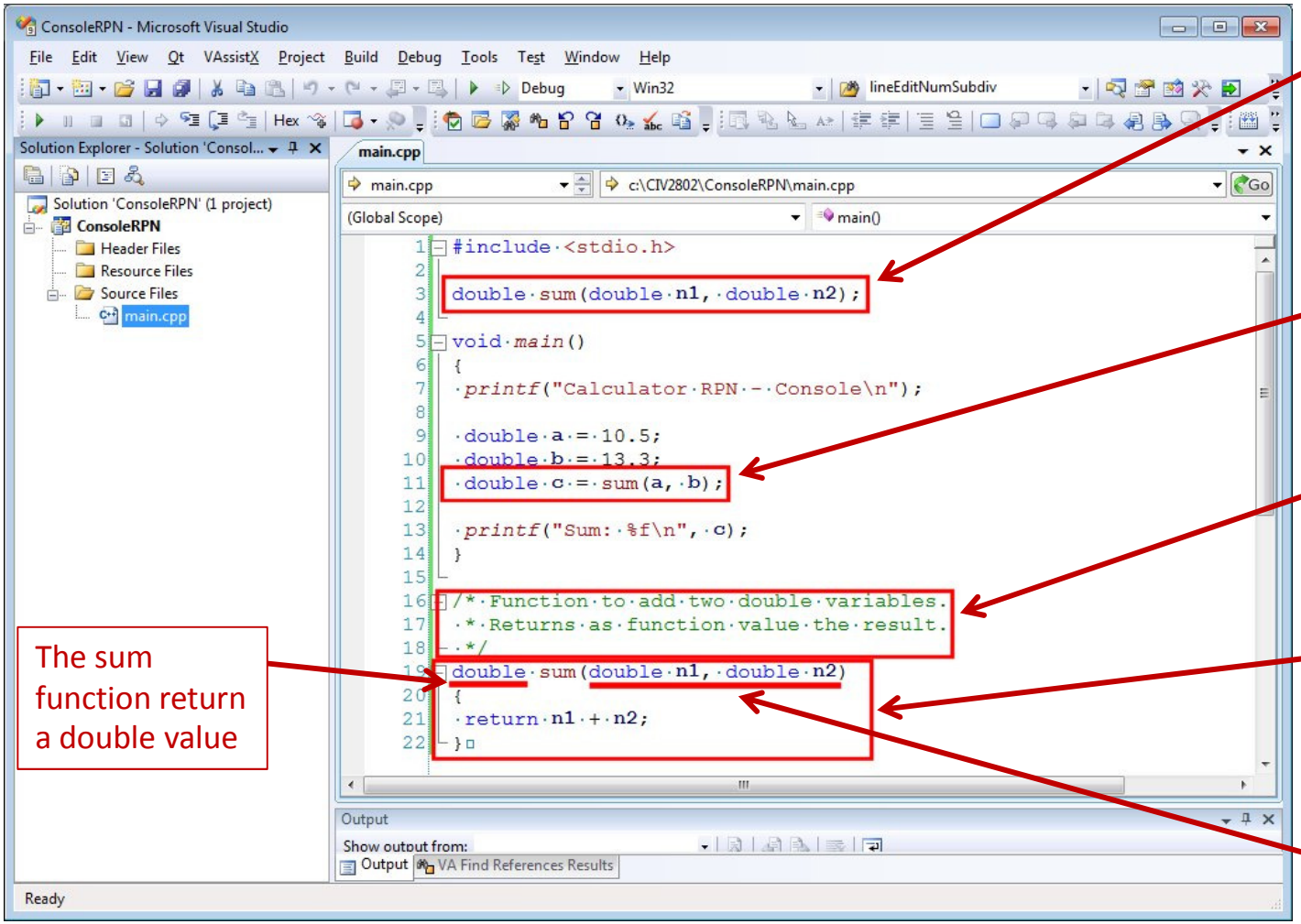
Implementando uma função para executar a soma de dois números



Declaration (*prototype*) of the **sum** funtion

Calls the **sum** function

A pair of /* */ defines a comment that is ignored by the compiler

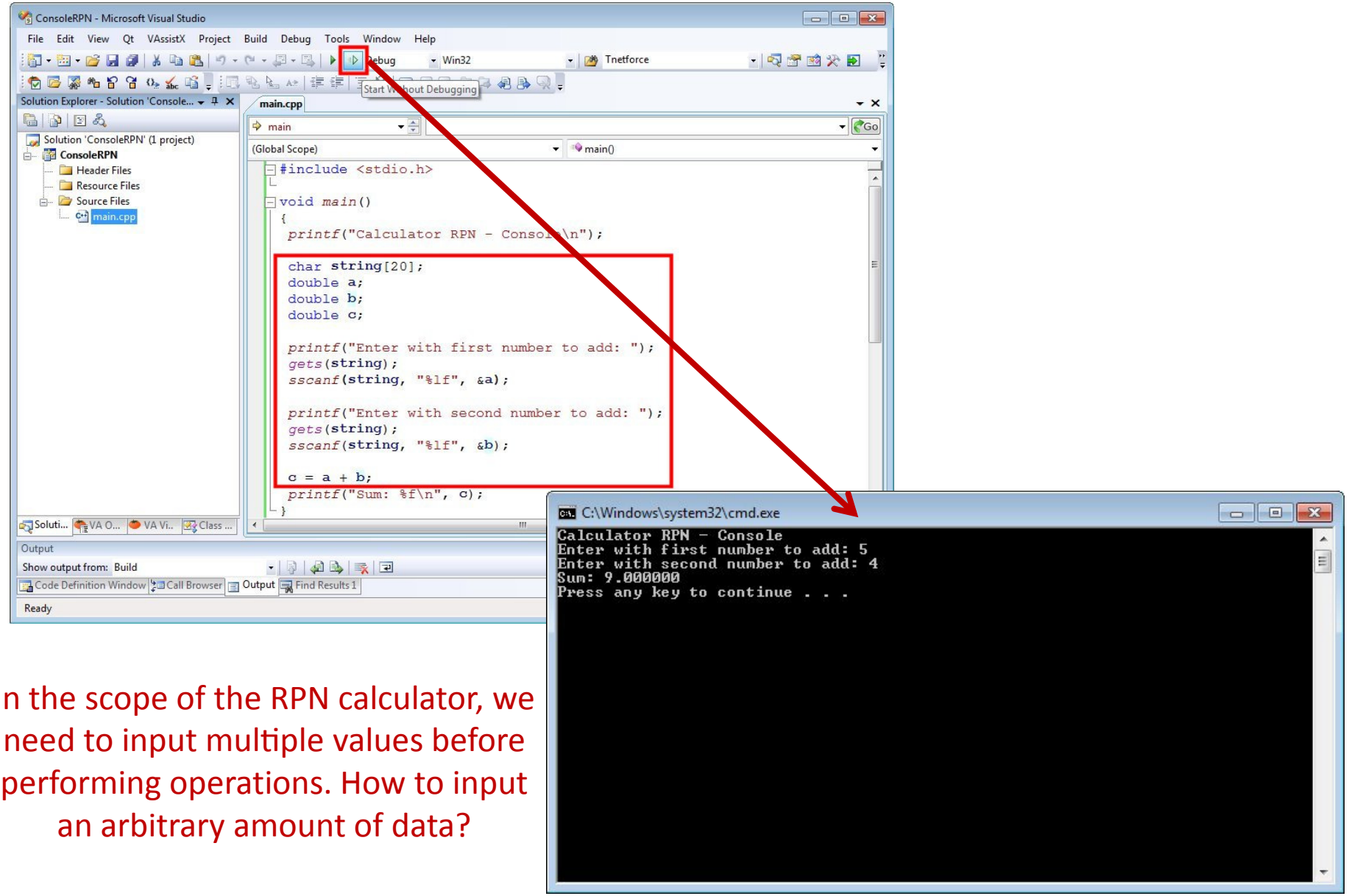
Implementation of the **sum** function

The **sum** function receives two values of double type in the list of parameters

The sum function return a double value

How to input data in C/C++ language?

Inserting by the console (input) the two number to be added



In the scope of the RPN calculator, we need to input multiple values before performing operations. How to input an arbitrary amount of data?

Loops and iterations

- **In C any expression different than ZERO is `TRUE`, including negative numbers, strings, …**
- **C provides the following constructs**

if-else

```
if (expr2) {
  block2;
} else if (expr3) {
  block3;
} else {
  default_block;
}
```

while, do-while

```
while (expression) {
  block;
}

do {
block;
} while (expression);
```

goto

```
goto label;
block1;
label:
block2;
```

for

```
for (initialization;condition;increment) {
  block;
}

for (;;;) {
  block;
  if (expr)
    break;
}
```

switch-case

```
switch (expression) {
  case constant1:
    block1;
    break;
  case constant2:
    block2;
    break;
  default:
    block_default;
}
```

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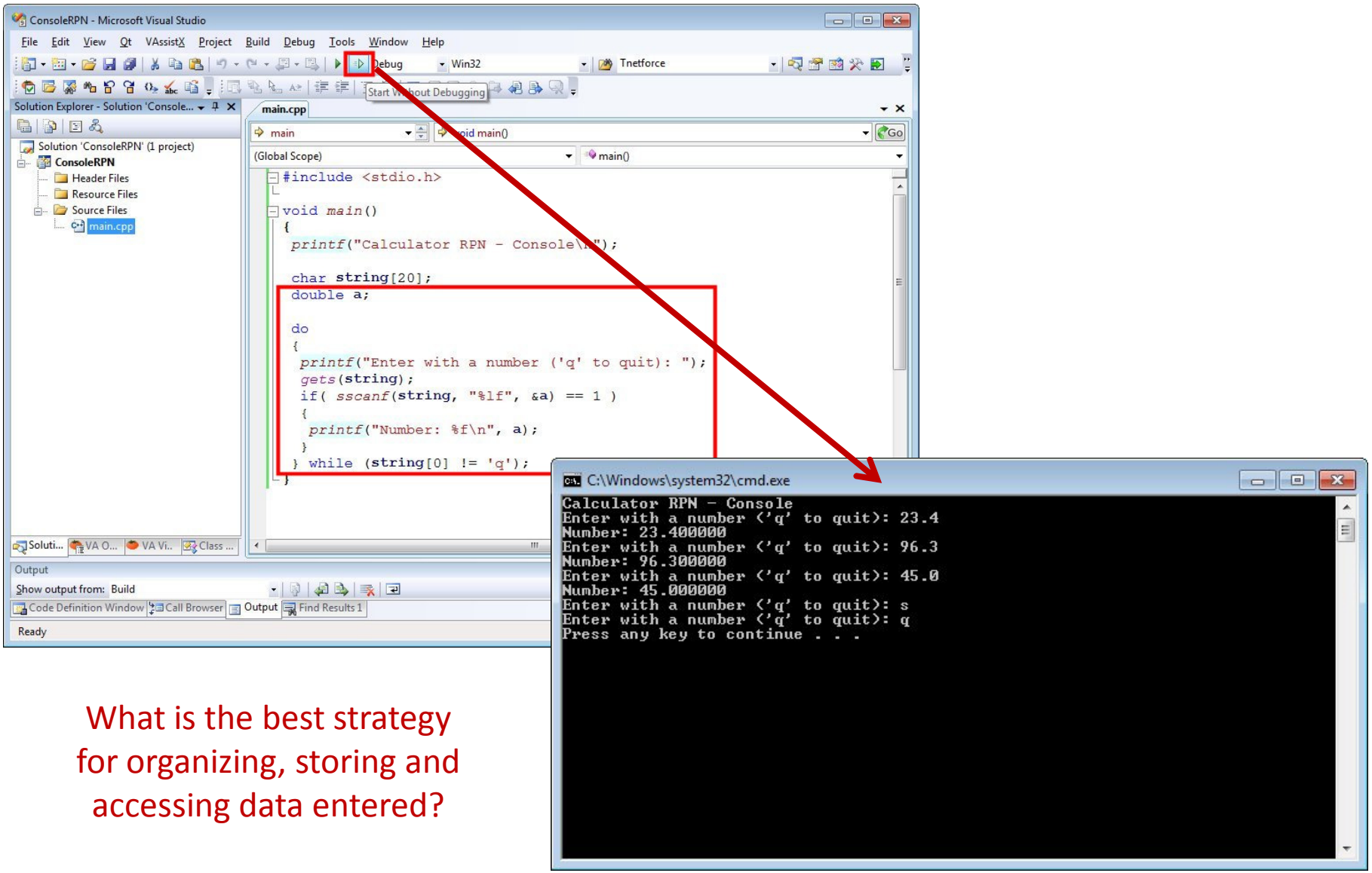
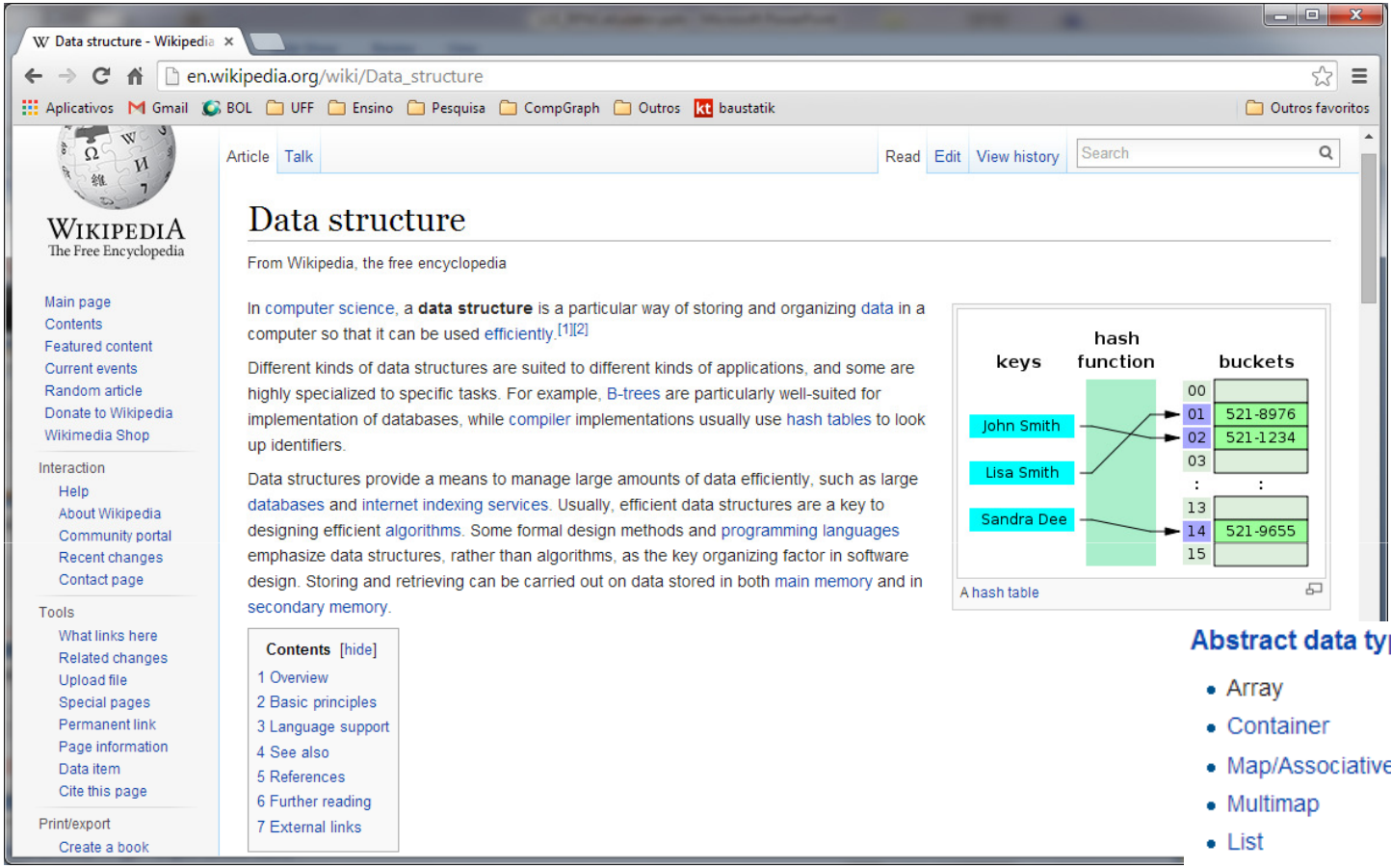
Preparing the program to insert any amount of numbers, and definition of a command to quit the program



What is the best strategy for organizing, storing and accessing data entered?

Data Structures

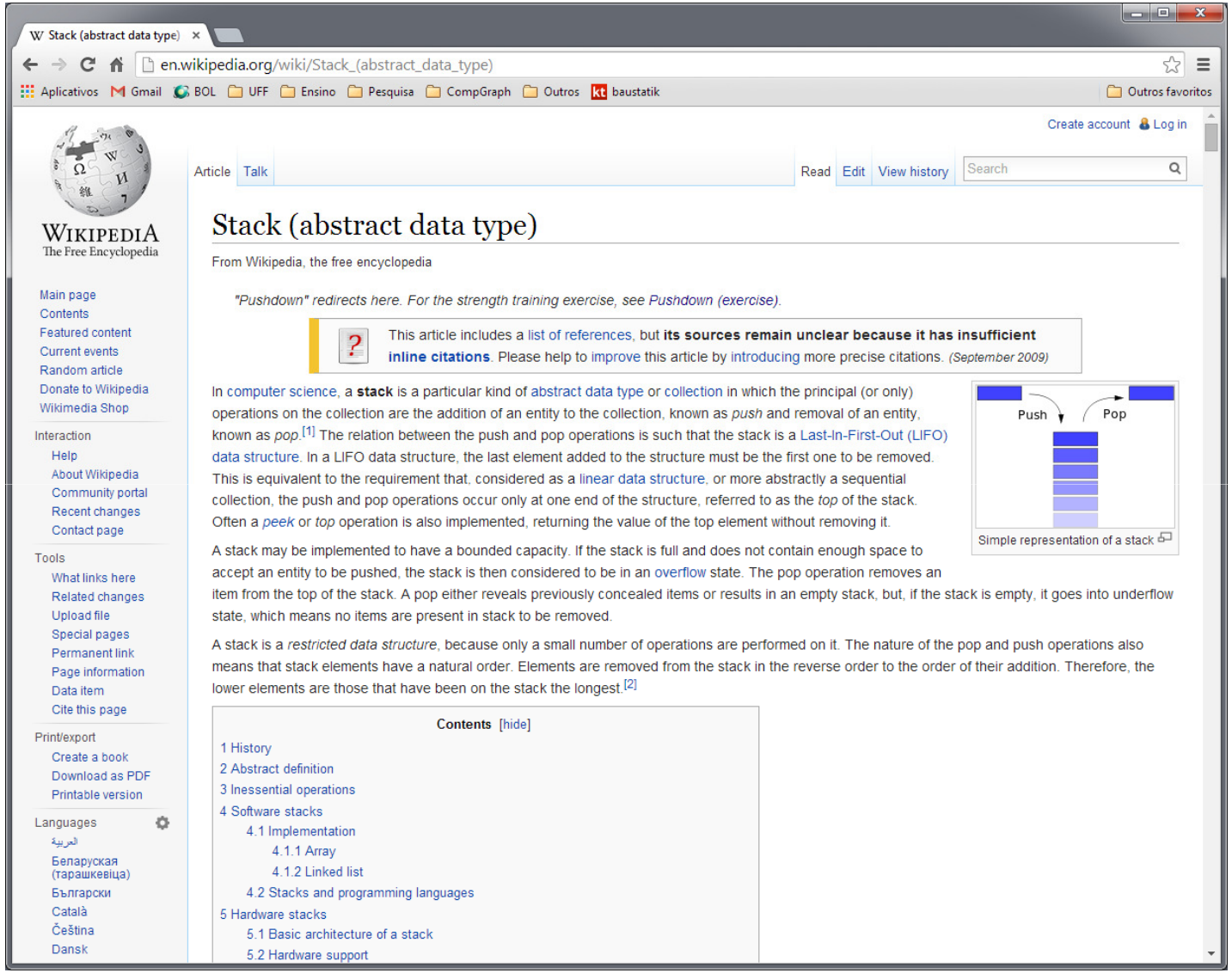


Abstract data types [edit]

- Array
- Container
- Map/Associative array/Dictionary
- Multimap
- List
- Set
- Multiset
- Priority queue
- Queue
- Deque
- Stack
- String
- Tree
- Graph

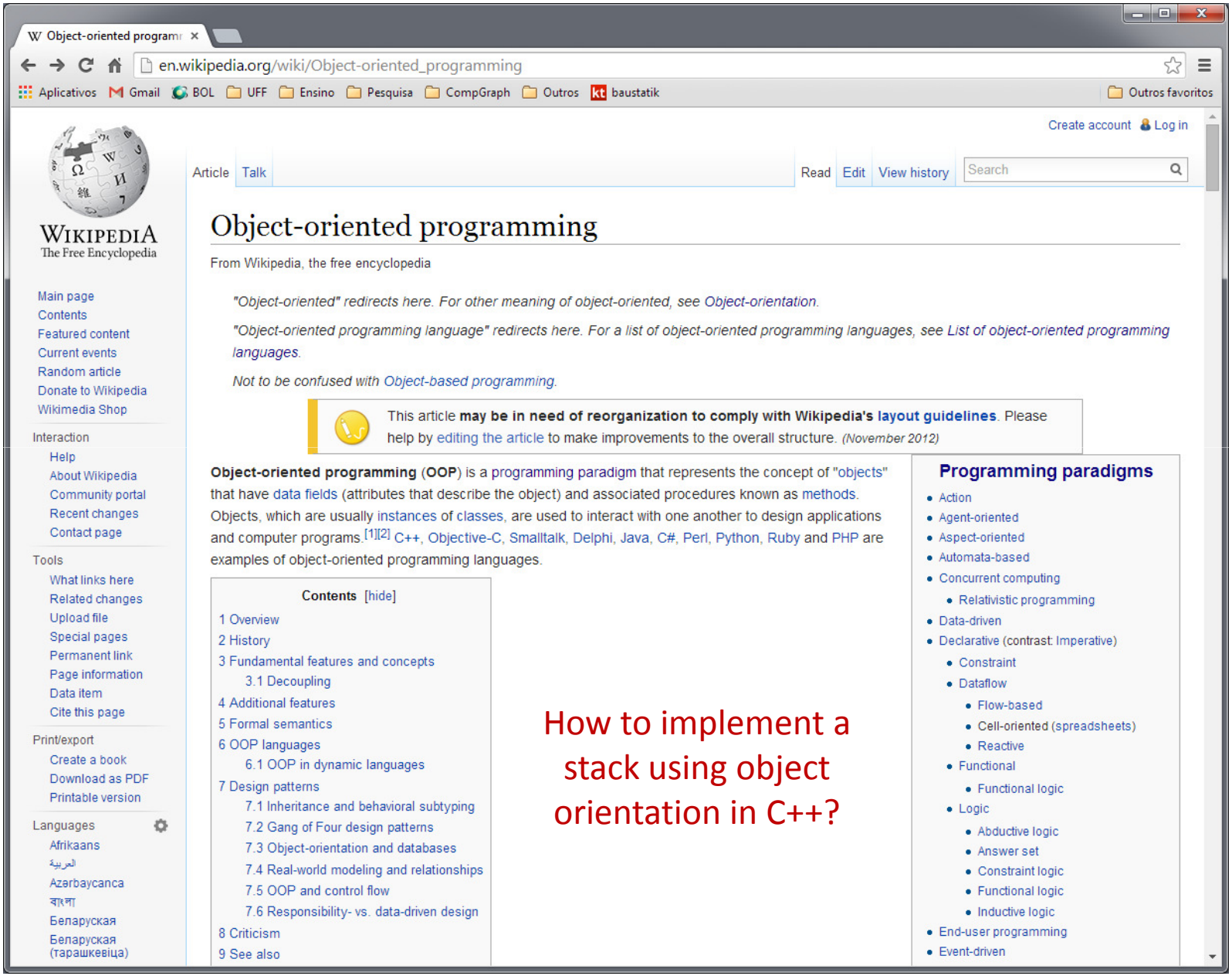
What is the most suitable data structure for the problem of RPN calculator?

The Stack Data Structure

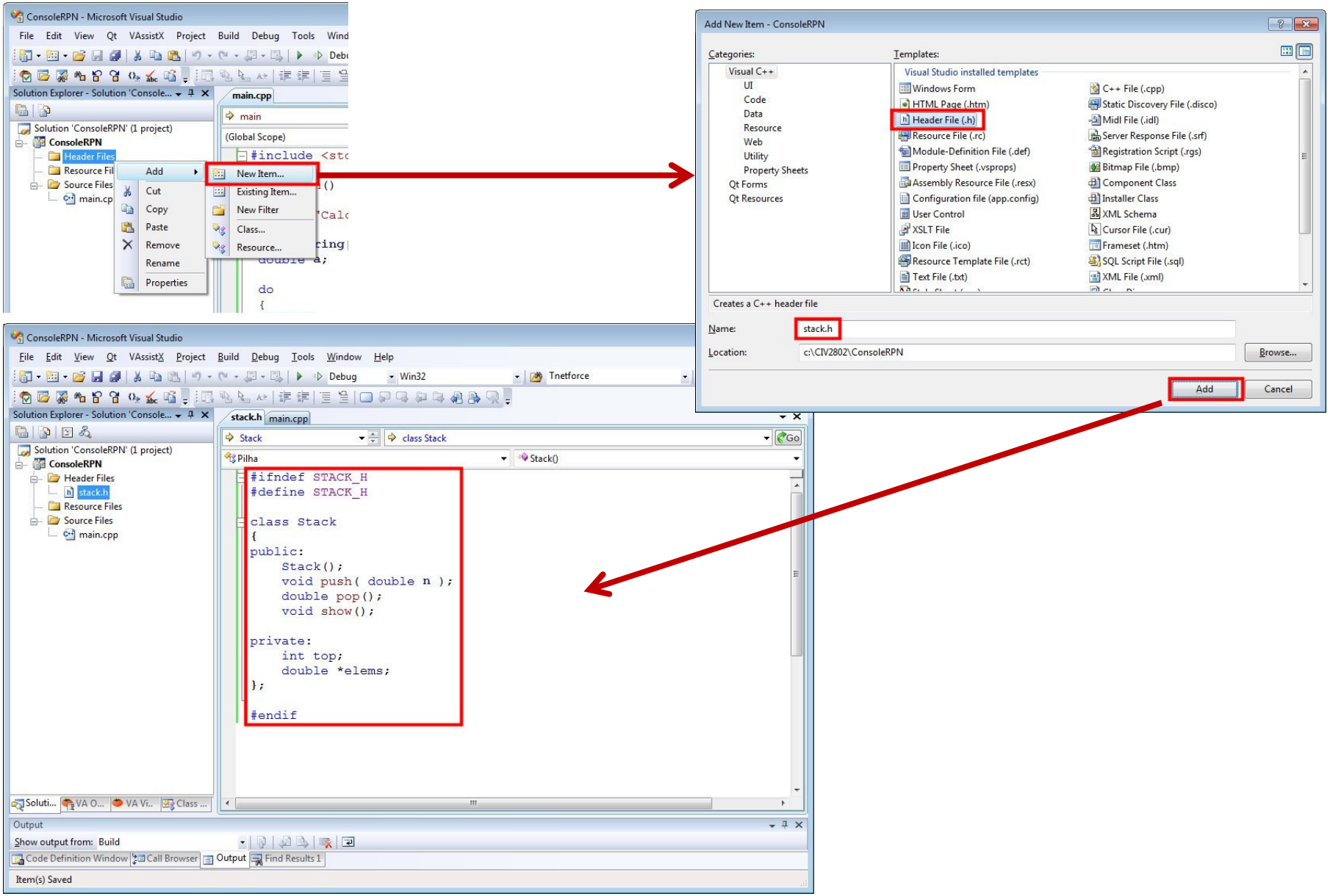


How to implement a stack data structure using the C/C++ language?

Object Oriented Programming



Implementing a *Stack*. Creating the file: “stack.h”



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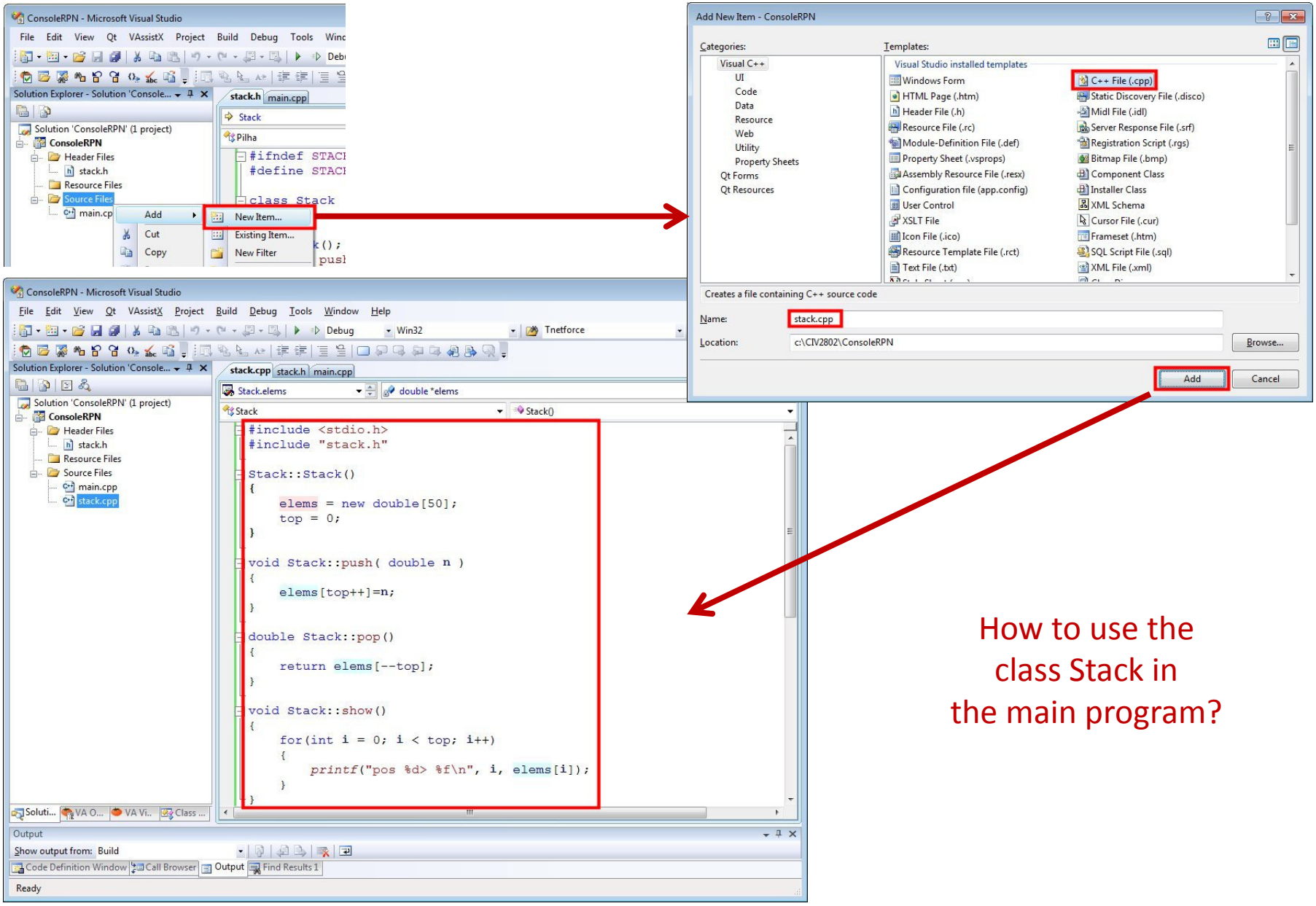
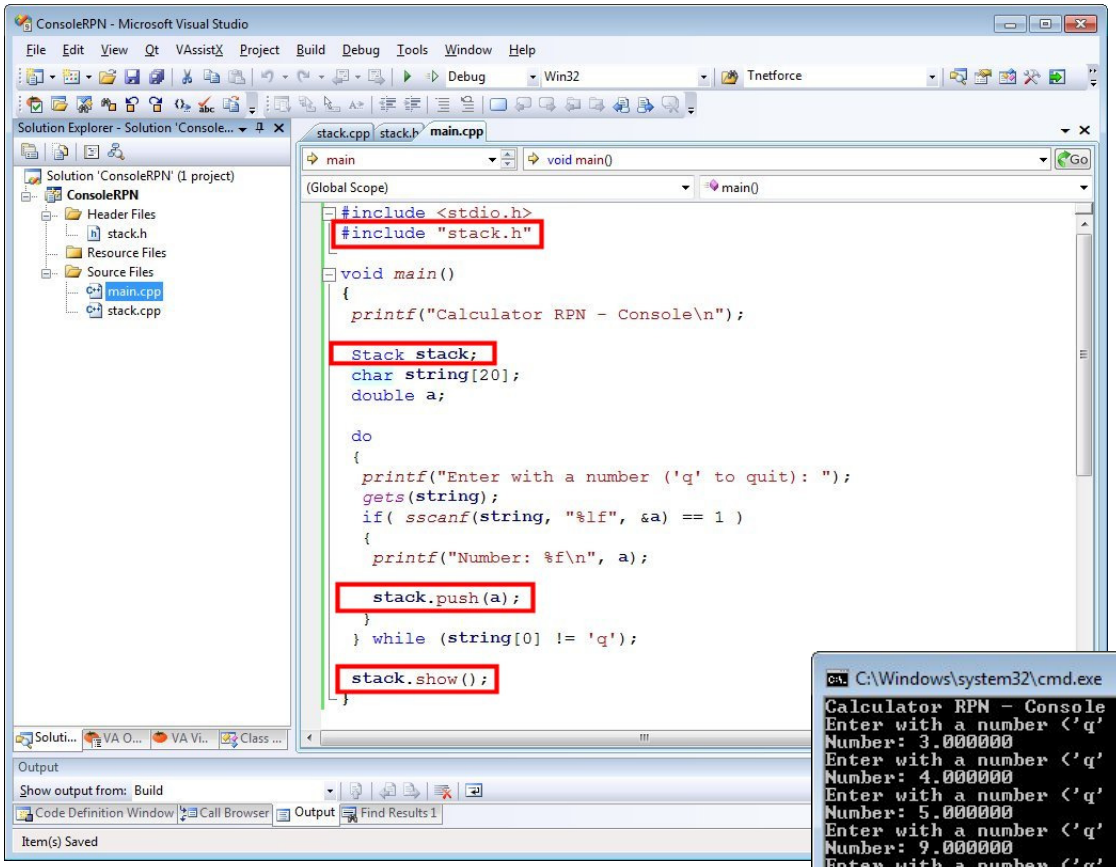
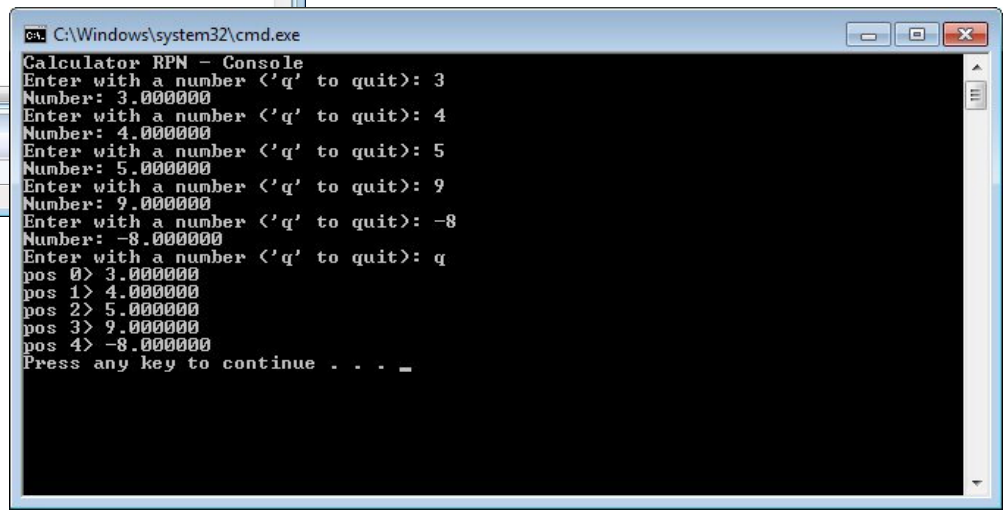


How to use the class Stack in the main program?

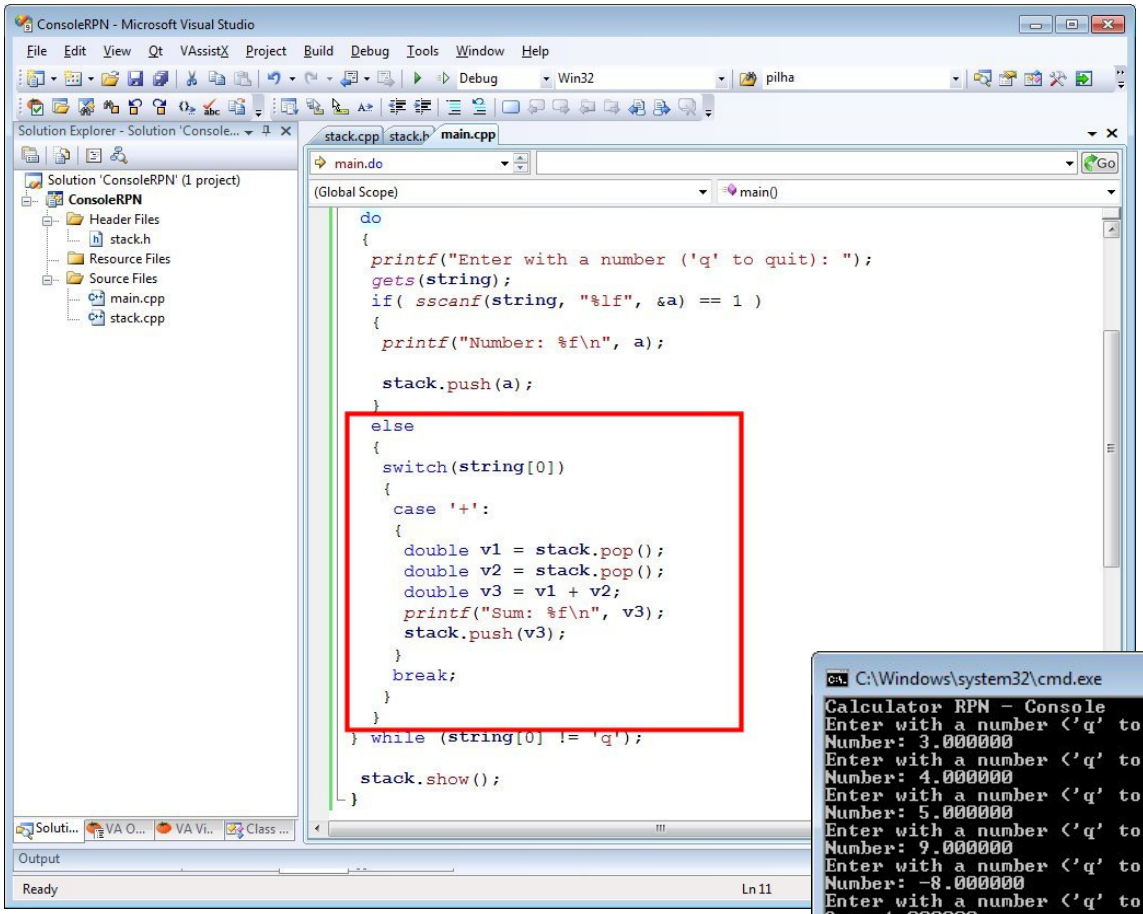
Using the Stack class in the main program to store the data



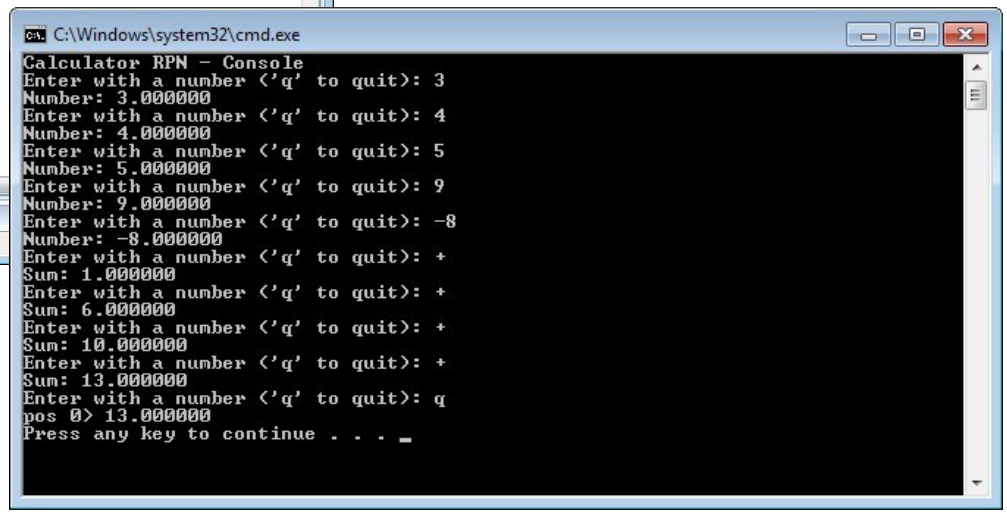


How to use an object of the Stack class to perform the operations with the calculator?

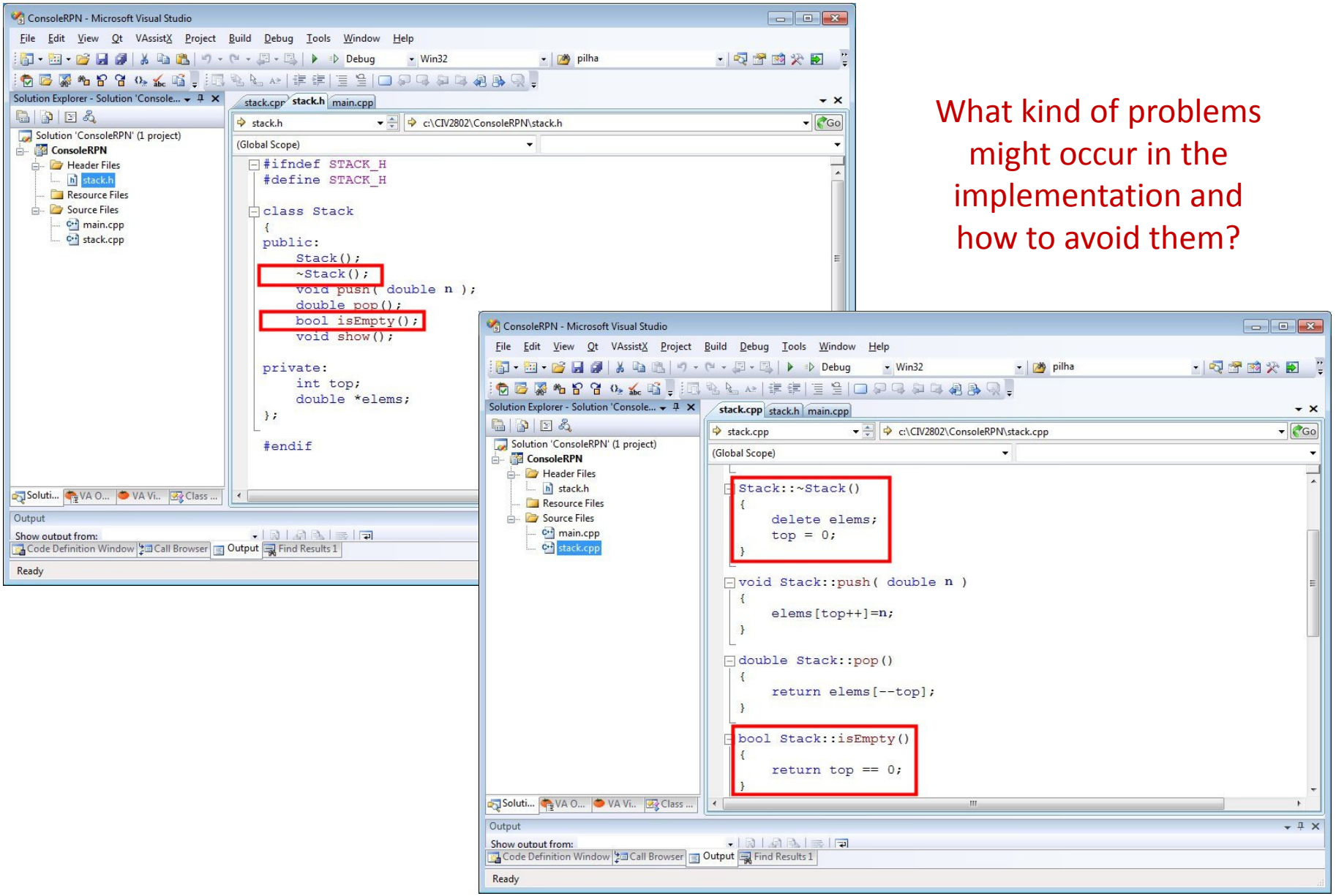
Implementation of addition operation using the stack data



How to ensure robustness in the operation of the calculator?

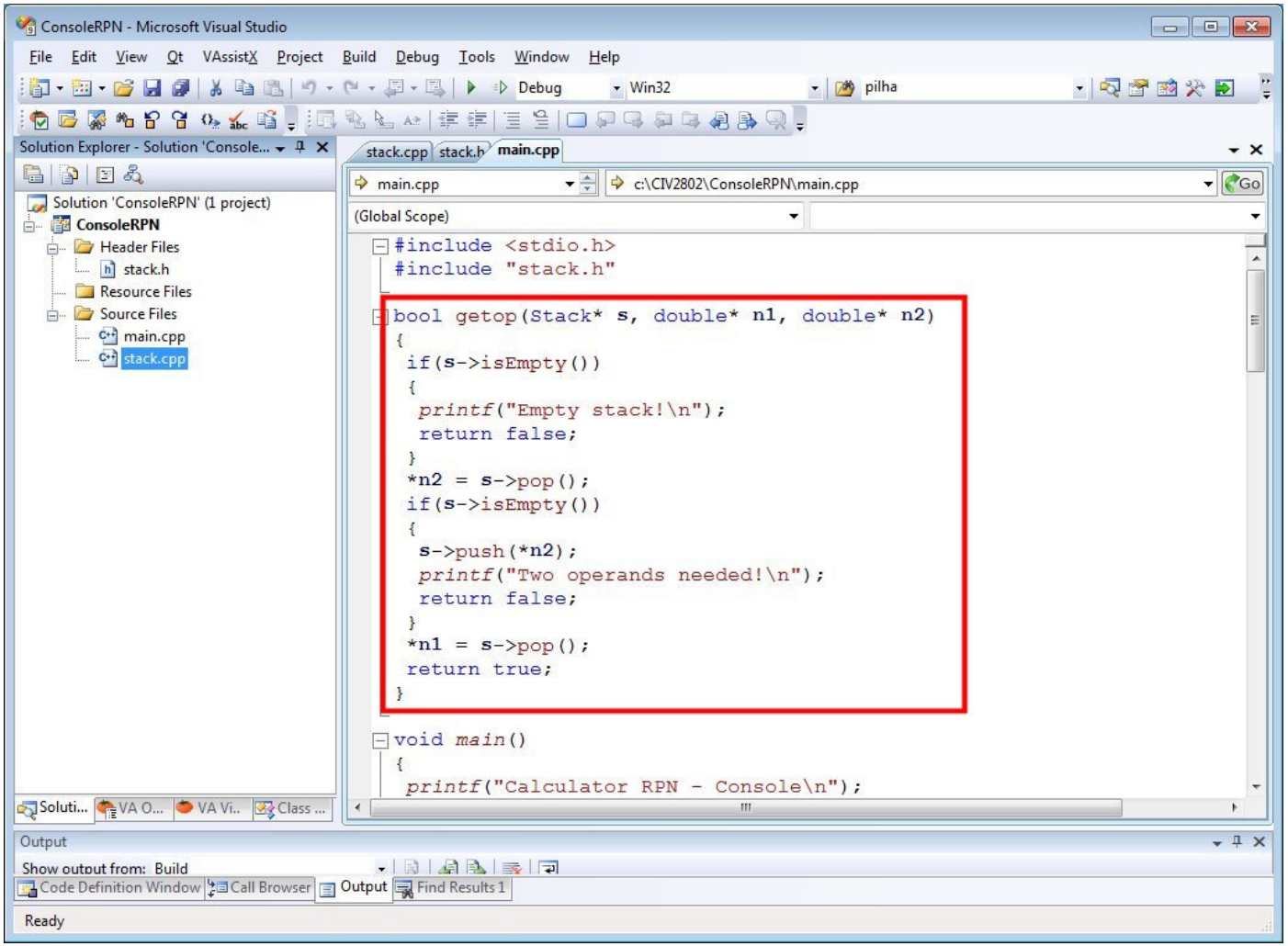


Checking for empty stack and removing the used memory



What kind of problems might occur in the implementation and how to avoid them?

Auxiliary function to obtain both operands of an operation with the handling of possible errors



What are the mechanisms for passing parameters to function in C/C++ language?

Mechanisms for passing parameters to function in C/C++

Consider the following program with a "swap" function whose purpose is to exchange values of two integers.

```
#include <stdio.h>

void swap( int x, int y )
{
 int temp;

 temp = x;
 x = y;
 y = temp;
}

 void main( void )
 {
  int a = 2, b = 5;

  swap( a, b );

  printf( "a: %d     b: %d\n", a, b );
 }
```

Write the result of the program, i.e. what is printed by the program?
Please, justify your answer.

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  printf( "a: %d     b: %d\n", a, b );
 }
```

Program output:

a: 2 b: 5

Corrected Program:

```
#include <stdio.h>

void swap( int *px, int *py )
{
 int temp;

 temp = *px;
 *px = *py;
 *py = temp;
}

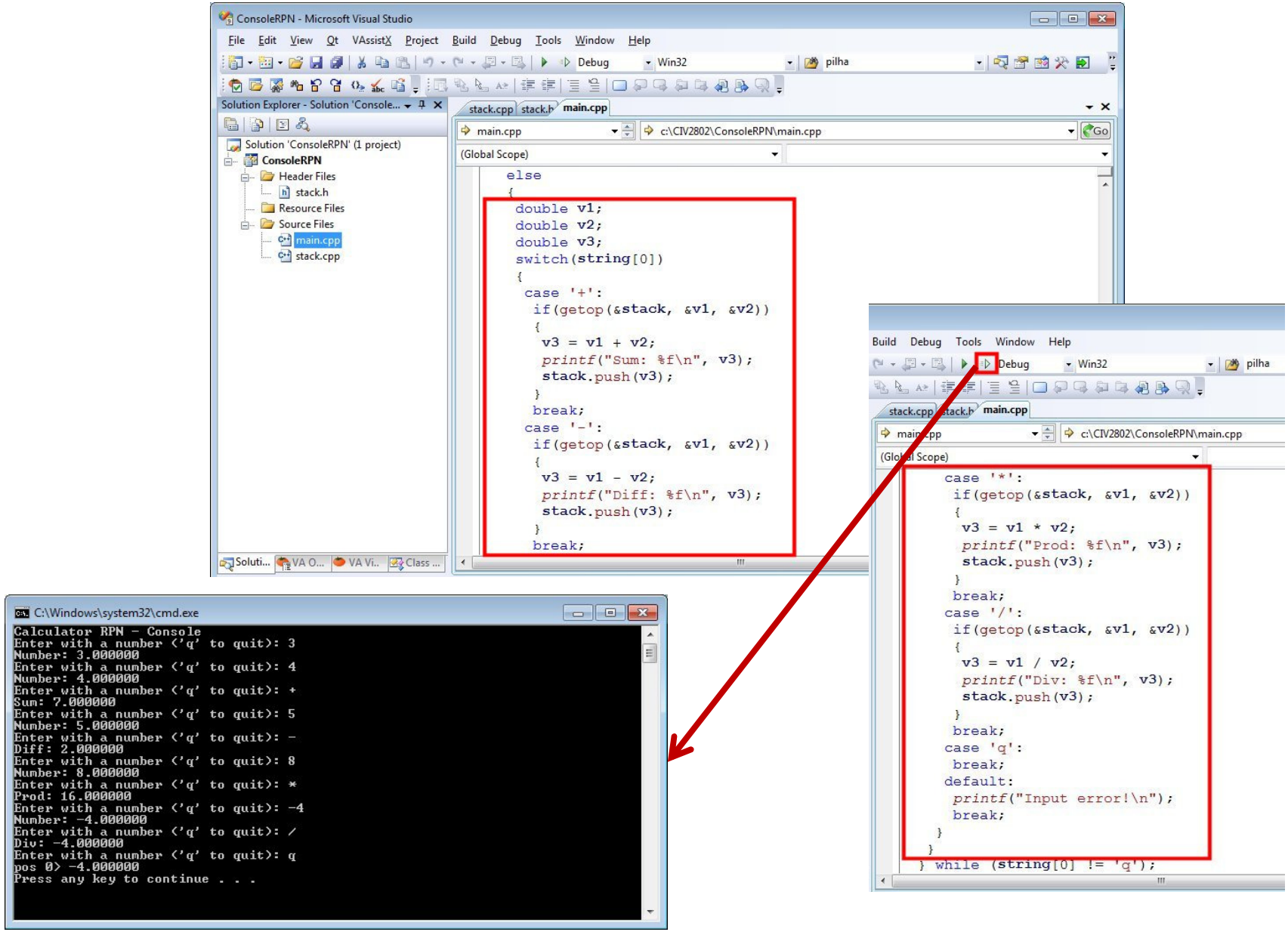
void main( void )
{
 int a = 2, b = 5;

 swap( &a, &b );

 printf( "a: %d     b: %d\n", a, b );
}
```

It is observed that there was no exchange in the values of two numbers.
The reason is that the only mechanism for parameter passing to function in C/C++ is by value.
In this mechanism, a copy of the variable value is passed for the parameter.
The "swap" function is only changing the values of the copies, not the values of the variables "a" and "b".
The solution is to simulate a parameter passing by reference. This is done by passing (by value) the address of variables. The parameters of the "swap" function shall be pointers to integers.

Implementation of other operations on the calculator via the console



Testing the treatment of errors in the implementation of the program