Debug

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Debug

- Easy Debug Tactics
  - Print out intermediate information

```
printf("I reached this point");
printf("foo = %i\n", foo);
```

  - Break problems into pieces

```
foo = a | b << c * d++ - 3 /b % 6;
```

→

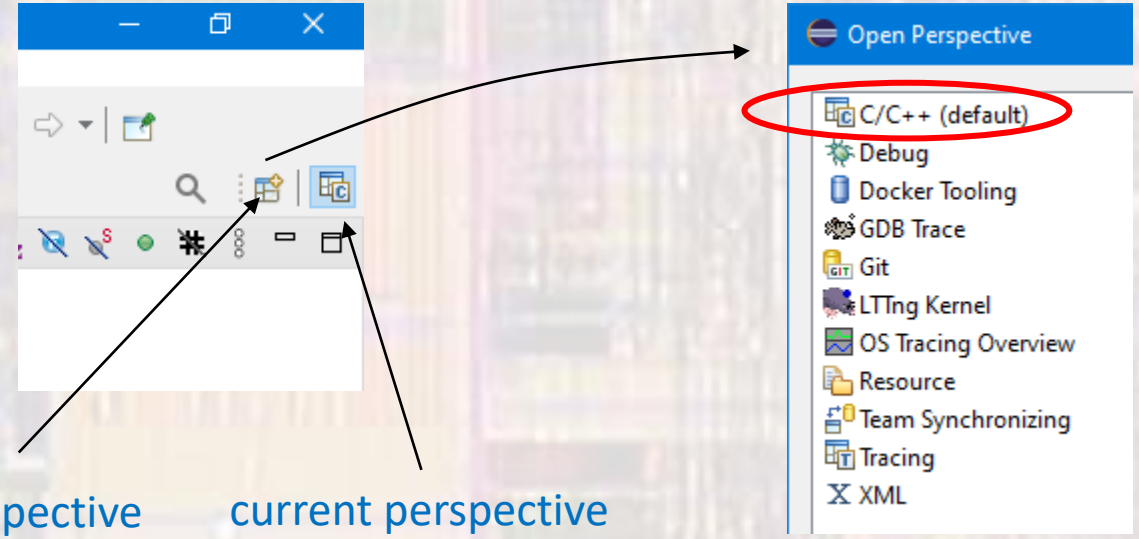
```
foo = d++;
printf("foo = %i\n", foo);
foo = c * d++ ;
printf("foo = %i\n", foo);
…
```

Debug

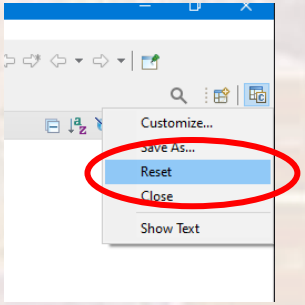
- Debugger
  - Most C tool chains include a debugger
  - The debugger allows
    - Stopping execution
    - Stepping line – by – line
    - Tracking variable values
    - Follow execution into and out of functions

Debug

- Debugger - Eclipse Perspectives
  - Eclipse has a series of pre-defined window configurations
  - Each configuration is optimized for a specific purpose

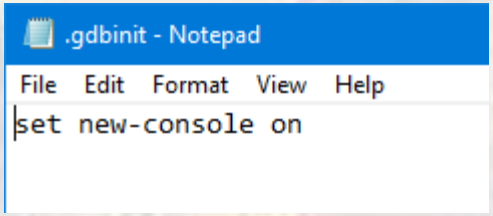


- If your windows get messed up
  - rt-click on the current perspective → Reset



Debug

- Eclipse Debugger – Work-around
  - The debugger does not work in the UI console window
    - To work-around this issue we will use an external terminal window
  - rt-click the project name New → File
  - provide the file name .gdbinit
  - In the opened file type set new-console on
    - save
    - Note – the file will not show up in the Project Explorer list



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- Debugger Tool - Example program

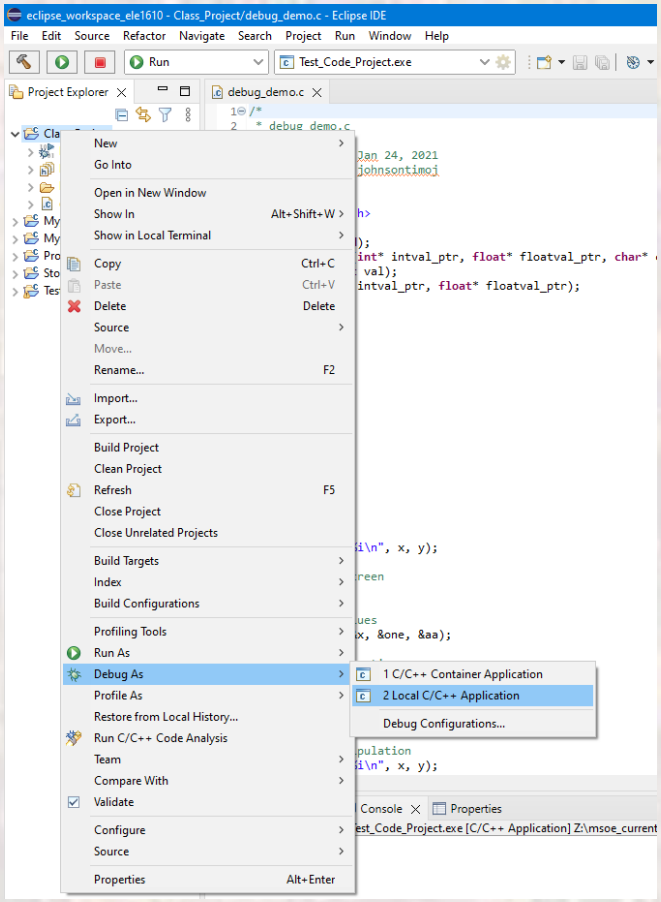
```c
/*
 * debug_demo.c
 *
 *  Created on: Jan 24, 2021
 *      Author: johnsontimoj
 */

#include <stdio.h>

void splash(void);
void read_input(int* intval_ptr, float* floatval_ptr, char* charval_ptr);
int ifelsefn(int val);
int casefn(int* intval_ptr, float* floatval_ptr);

int main(void){
    setbuf(stdout, NULL);

    int x;
    int y;
    char aa;
    char bb;
    float one;
    float two;

    x = 3;
    y = 4;
    aa = 'f';
    bb = 'g';
    one = 1.003;
    two = 2.222;

    printf("%i %i\n", x, y);

    // splash screen
    splash();

    // input values
    read_input(&x, &one, &aa);

    // ifelse function
    y = ifelsefn(x);

    // case function
    y = casefn(&x, &two);

    // port manipulation
    printf("%i %i\n", x, y);
    printf("%f %f\n", one, two);
    printf("%c %c\n", aa, bb);

    return 0;
}// end main
```

```c

//////////////////////
// splash
//
// code to print splash screen
//
// input: none
// output - prints message to screen
// retrun - viod
//////////////////////
void splash(void){
    printf("\nProgram to demonstrate the debugger\n\n");

    return;
}// end splash

//////////////////////
// read_input
//
// read in an int, a float, and a char
//
// inputs - none
// output - int/float/char via pointers
// return - void
//////////////////////////
void read_input(int* intval_ptr, float* floatval_ptr, char* charval_ptr){
    printf("Please enter an int, a float, and a character: \n");
    scanf("%i %f %c", intval_ptr, floatval_ptr, charval_ptr);

    return;
}// end read_input

//////////////////////////
// ifelsefn
//
// selects an output for a given input
//
// inputs - int to select on
// output - none
// return - random value based on input
//////////////////////
int ifelsefn(int val){
    int result;
    if(val == 0)
        result = 5;
    else if(val == 4)
        result = 9;
    else if(val >=5)
        result = 12;
    else
        result = -2;

    return result;
}// end ifelsefn
```

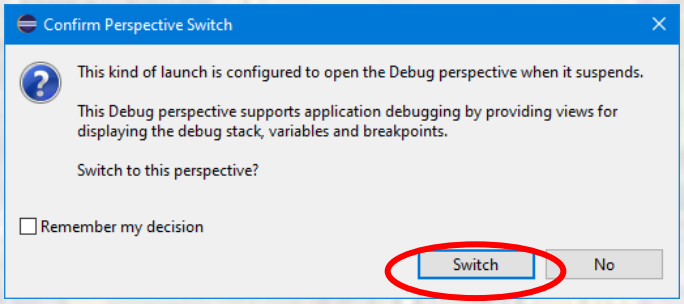
```c

//////////////////////////
// casefn
//
// selects an output for a given input
//
// input - pointer to value to change (and switch on), and float to multiply by
// output - modifies the pointer value
// return - original value input
//////////////////////////
int casefn(int* intval_ptr, float* floatval_ptr){
    int inputval;
    int tmpval;
    inputval = *intval_ptr;
    tmpval = ifelsefn(*intval_ptr);
    switch(tmpval){
    case 5:
        *intval_ptr = 6;
        *floatval_ptr *= 6;
        break;
    case 9:
        *intval_ptr = 10;
        *floatval_ptr *=10;
        break;
    default:
        *intval_ptr = 0;
        *floatval_ptr = 0;
        break;
    }// end switch

    return inputval;
}// end casefn
```

Debug

- Eclipse Debugger
  - rt-click on your project → Debug As → Local C/C++ Application

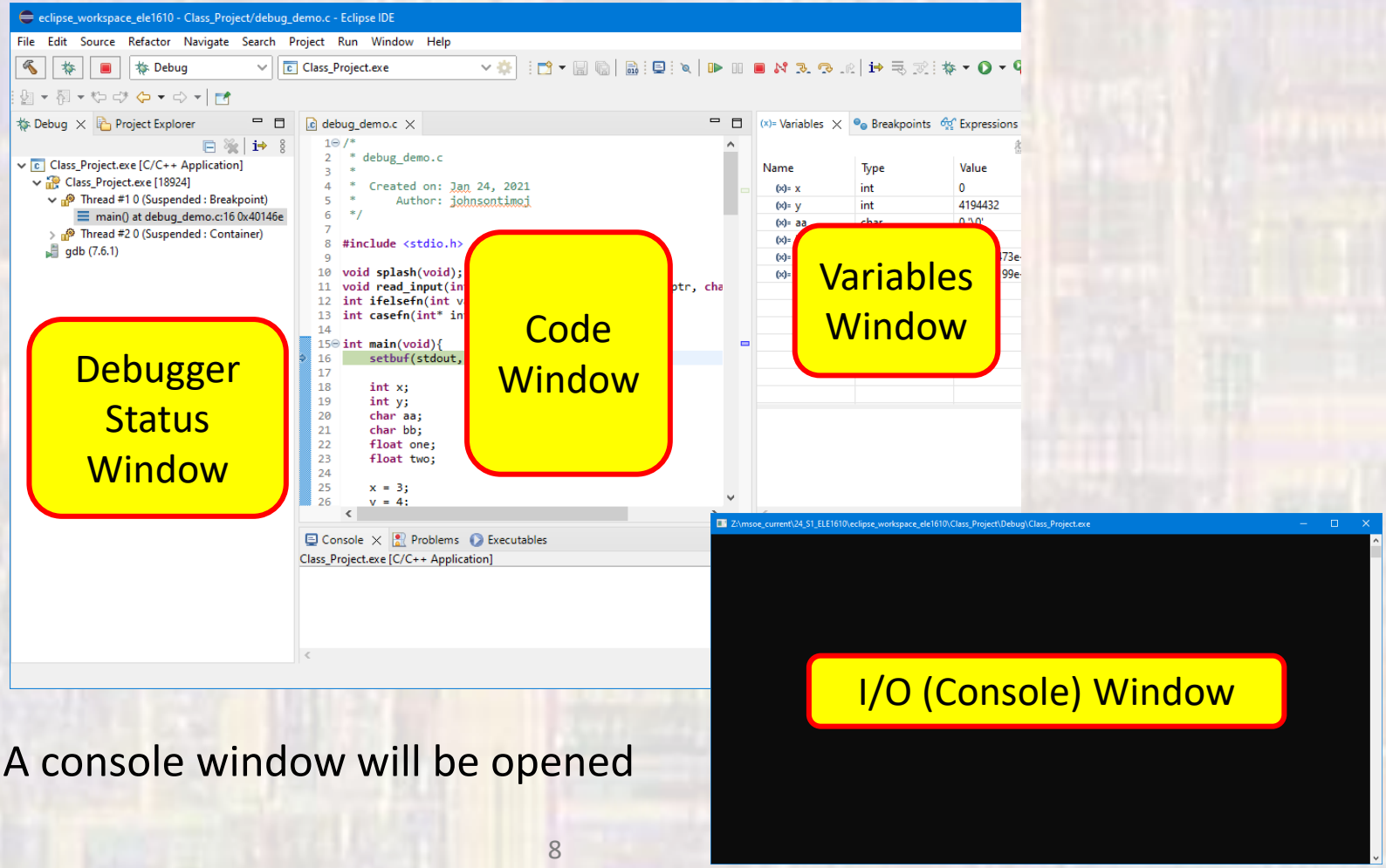


- Select Switch to change the perspective



Debug

- Eclipse Debugger
  - The Eclipse perspective will be changed



  - A console window will be opened

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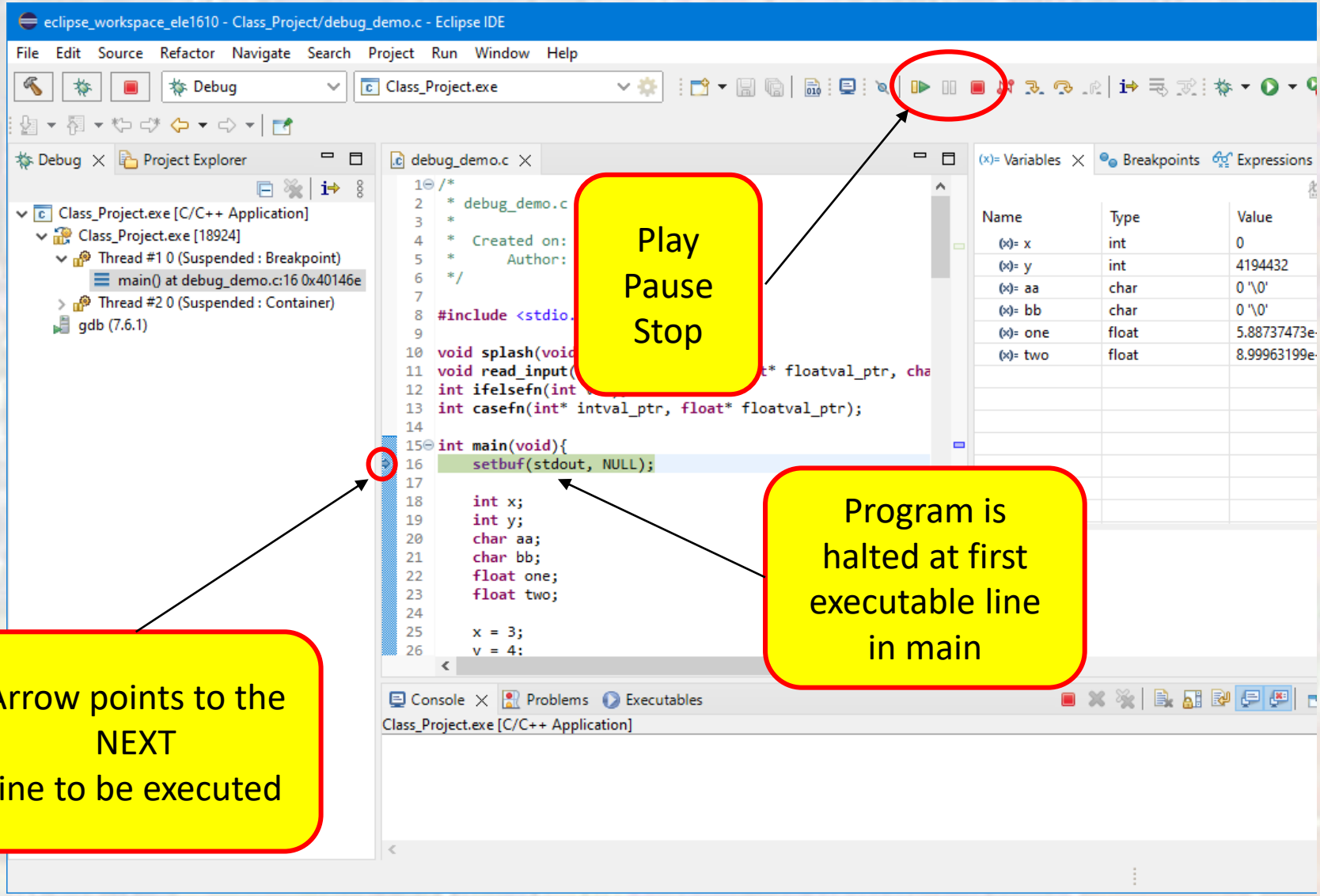
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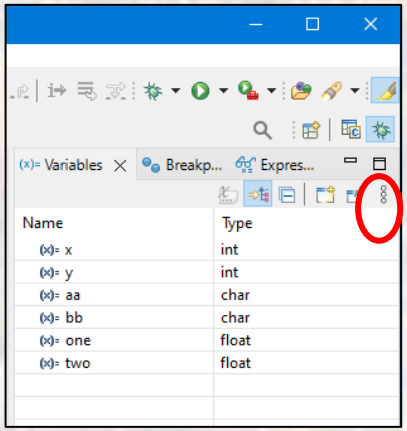
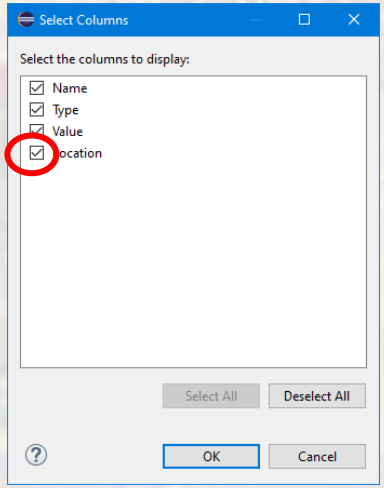
Debug
Class_Project.exe
Debug
Project Explorer
Class_Project.exe [C/C++ Application]
Class_Project.exe [18924]
Thread #1 0 (Suspended : Breakpoint)
main() at debug_demo.c:16 0x40146e
Thread #2 0 (Suspended : Container)
gdb (7.6.1)
debug_demo.c
Variables
Breakpoints
Expressions
Name
Type
Value
x
int
0
y
int
4194432
aa
char
0 '\0'
bb
char
0 '\0'
one
float
5.88737473e-
two
float
8.99963199e-
Play
Pause
Stop
Program is halted at first executable line in main
Arrow points to the NEXT line to be executed
Console
Problems
Executables
Class_Project.exe [C/C++ Application]

Debug

- Eclipse Debugger – default data change
  - The debugger defaults to not-showing the memory location of variables
    - To modify this to show the memory location of variables
    - Click the 3-vertical-dots in the variable window



    - Select Layout → Select Columns
    - Check the Location box



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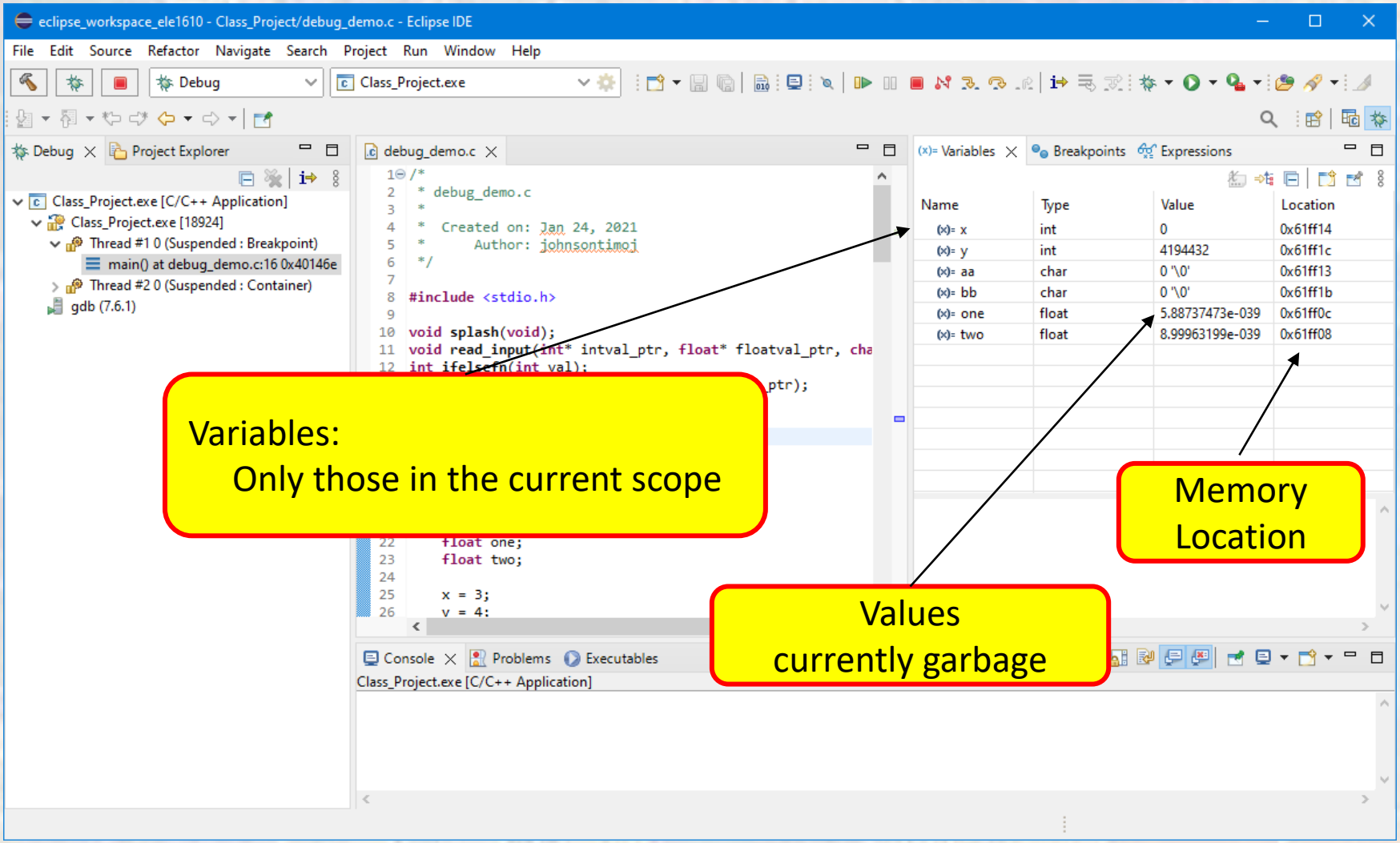
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main() at debug_demo.c:16 0x40146e
Thread #2 0 (Suspended : Container)
gdb (7.6.1)
debug_demo.c
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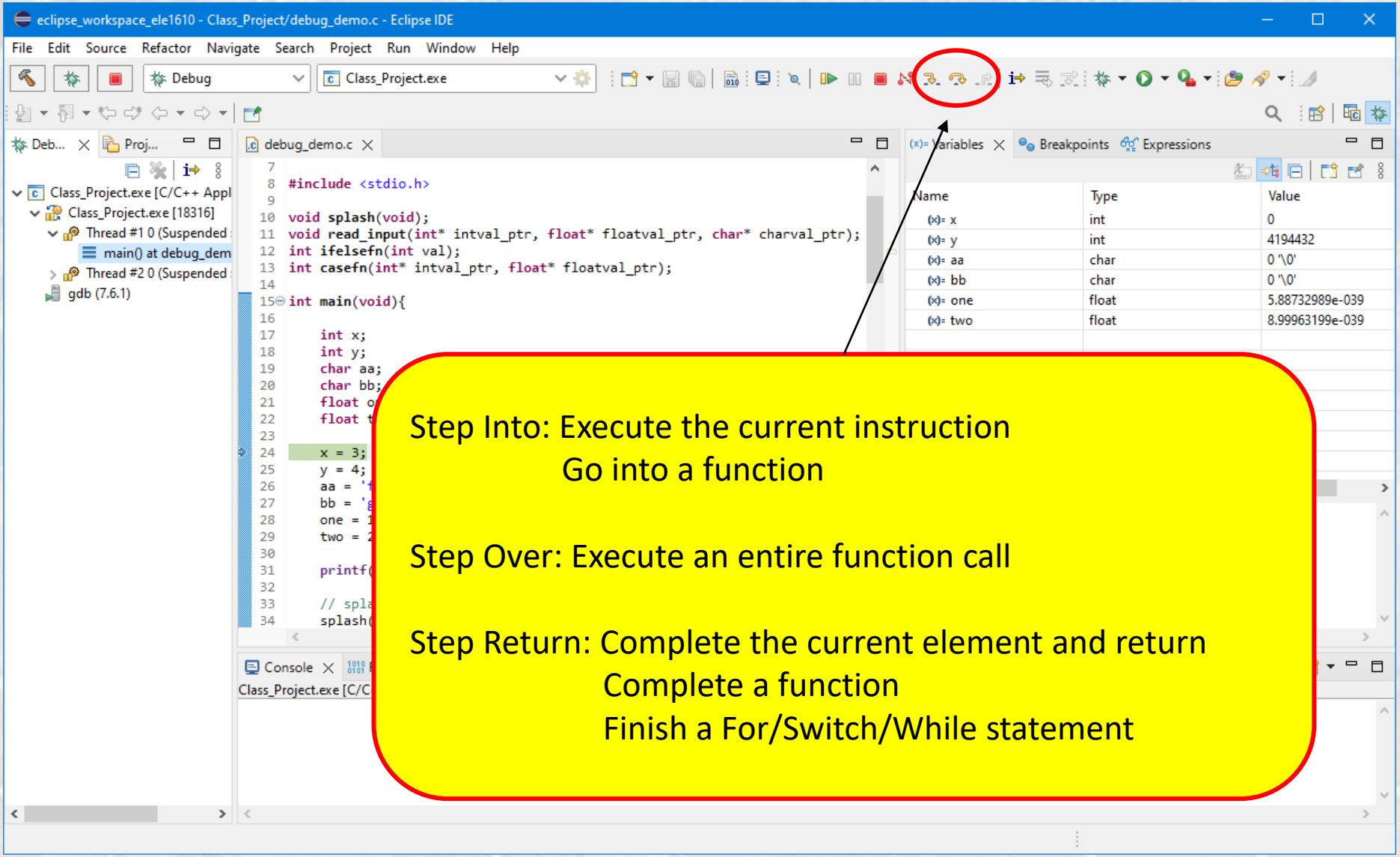
* debug_demo.c
*
* Created on: Jan 24, 2021
* Author: johnsontimoj
*/
#include <stdio.h>
void splash(void);
void read_input(int* intval_ptr, float* floatval_ptr, cha
int ifelsefn(int val);
float one;
float two;
x = 3;
Variables
Breakpoints
Expressions
Name Type Value Location
x int 0 0x61ff14
y int 4194432 0x61ff1c
aa char 0 '\0' 0x61ff13
bb char 0 '\0' 0x61ff1b
one float 5.88737473e-039 0x61ff0c
two float 8.99963199e-039 0x61ff08
Console
Problems
Executables
Class_Project.exe [C/C++ Application]
Variables:
Only those in the current scope
Memory Location
Values currently garbage

Debug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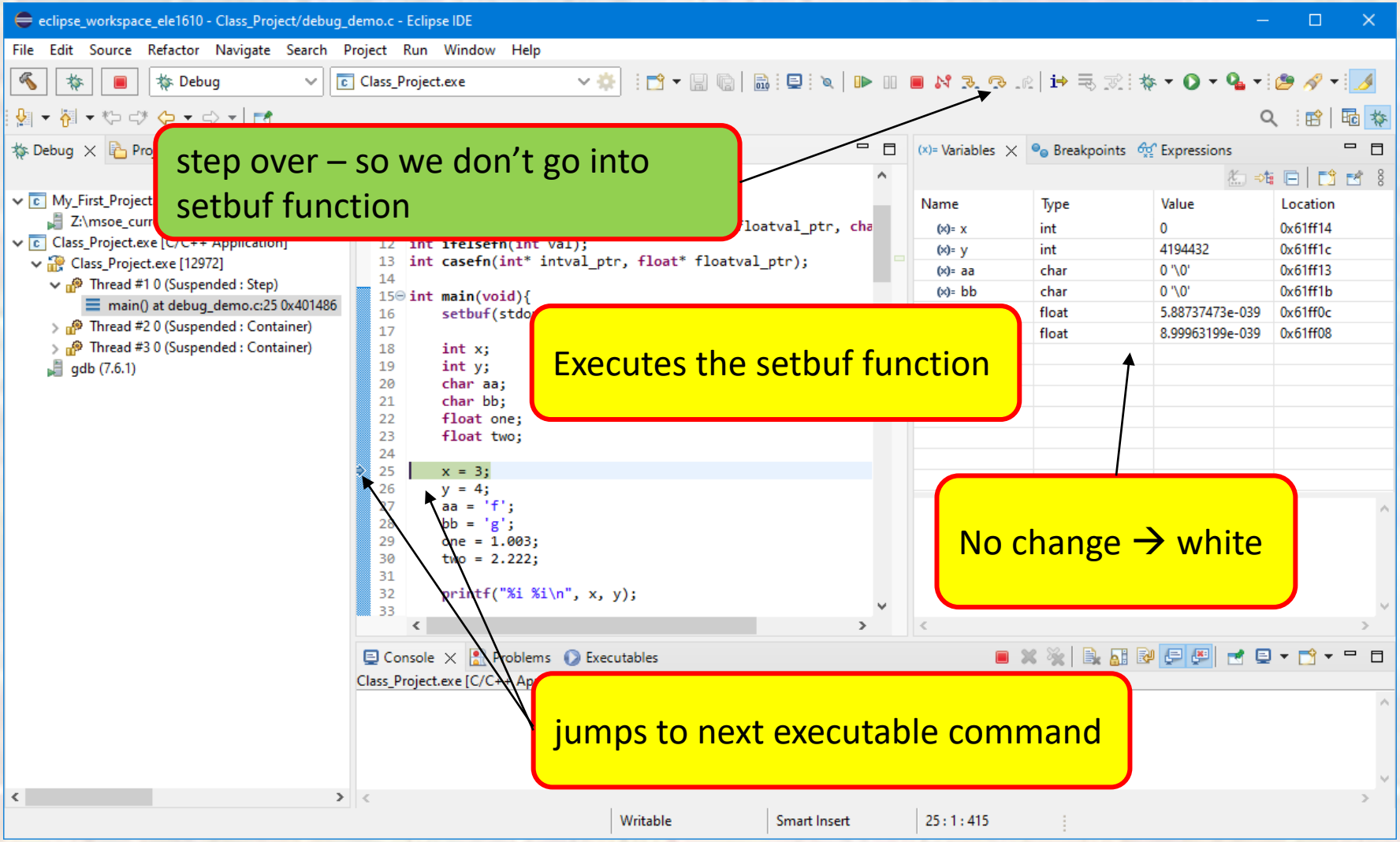
Thread #1 0 (Suspended
main() at debug_dem
Thread #2 0 (Suspended
gdb (7.6.1)
Variables
Breakpoints
Expressions
Name
Type
Value
x
int
0
y
int
4194432
aa
char
0 '\0'
bb
char
0 '\0'
one
float
5.88732989e-039
two
float
8.99963199e-039
Console
Class_Project.exe [C/C
Step Into: Execute the current instruction
Go into a function
Step Over: Execute an entire function call
Step Return: Complete the current element and return
Complete a function
Finish a For/Switch/While statement

Debug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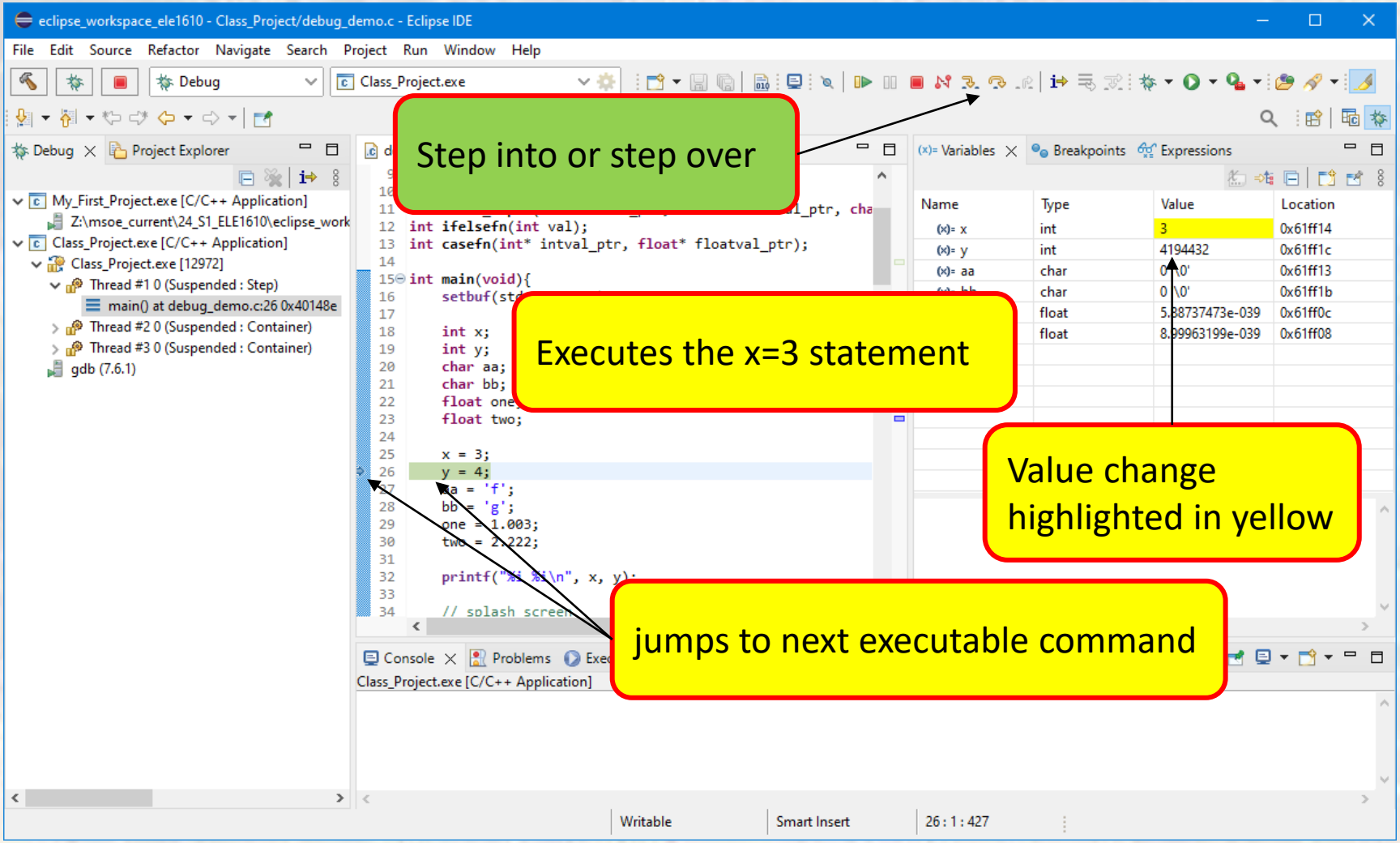
Debug
Class_Project.exe
step over – so we don't go into setbuf function
Executes the setbuf function
No change → white
jumps to next executable command
Variables
Breakpoints
Expressions
Name Type Value Location
x int 0 0x61ff14
y int 4194432 0x61ff1c
aa char 0 '\0' 0x61ff13
bb char 0 '\0' 0x61ff1b
float 5.88737473e-039 0x61ff0c
float 8.99963199e-039 0x61ff08
Console
Problems
Executables
Writable
Smart Insert
25 : 1 : 415

Debug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Class_Project.exe [12972]
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main() at debug_demo.c:26 0x40148e
Thread #2 0 (Suspended : Container)
Thread #3 0 (Suspended : Container)
gdb (7.6.1)
int ifelsefn(int val);
int casefn(int* intval_ptr, float* floatval_ptr);
int main(void){
int x;
int y;
char aa;
char bb;
float one;
float two;
x = 3;
y = 4;
aa = 'f';
bb = 'g';
one = 1.003;
two = 2.222;
printf("%i %i\n", x, y);
// splash screen
Variables
Breakpoints
Expressions
Name
Type
Value
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x
int
3
0x61ff14
y
int
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0x61ff1c
aa
char
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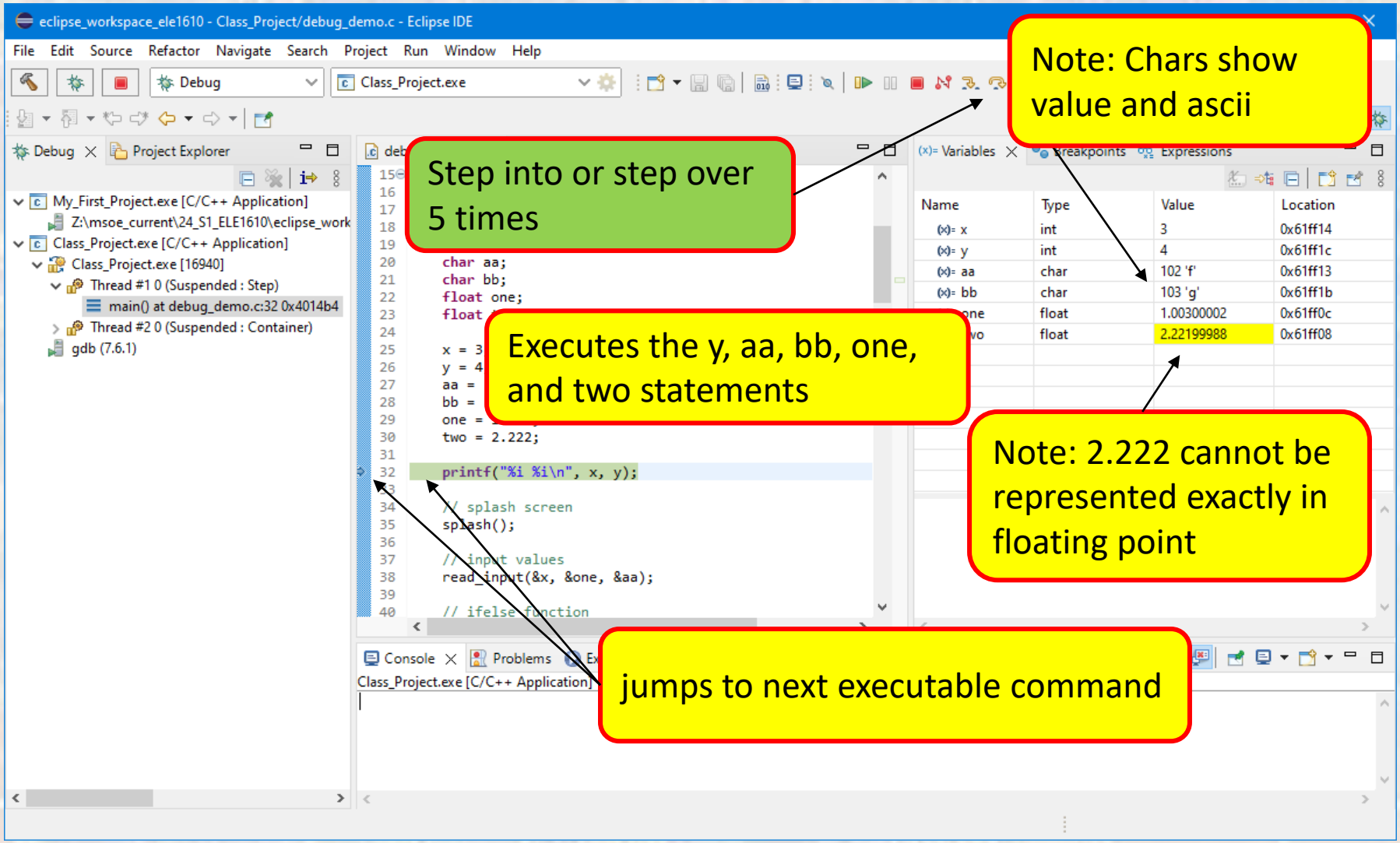
0x61ff13
char
0 '\0'
0x61ff1b
float
5.38737473e-039
0x61ff0c
float
8.99963199e-039
0x61ff08
Console
Problems
Class_Project.exe [C/C++ Application]
Writable
Smart Insert
26 : 1 : 427
Step into or step over
Executes the x=3 statement
Value change highlighted in yellow
jumps to next executable command

Debug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Class_Project.exe [C/C++ Application]
Class_Project.exe [16940]
Thread #1 0 (Suspended : Step)
main() at debug_demo.c:32 0x4014b4
Thread #2 0 (Suspended : Container)
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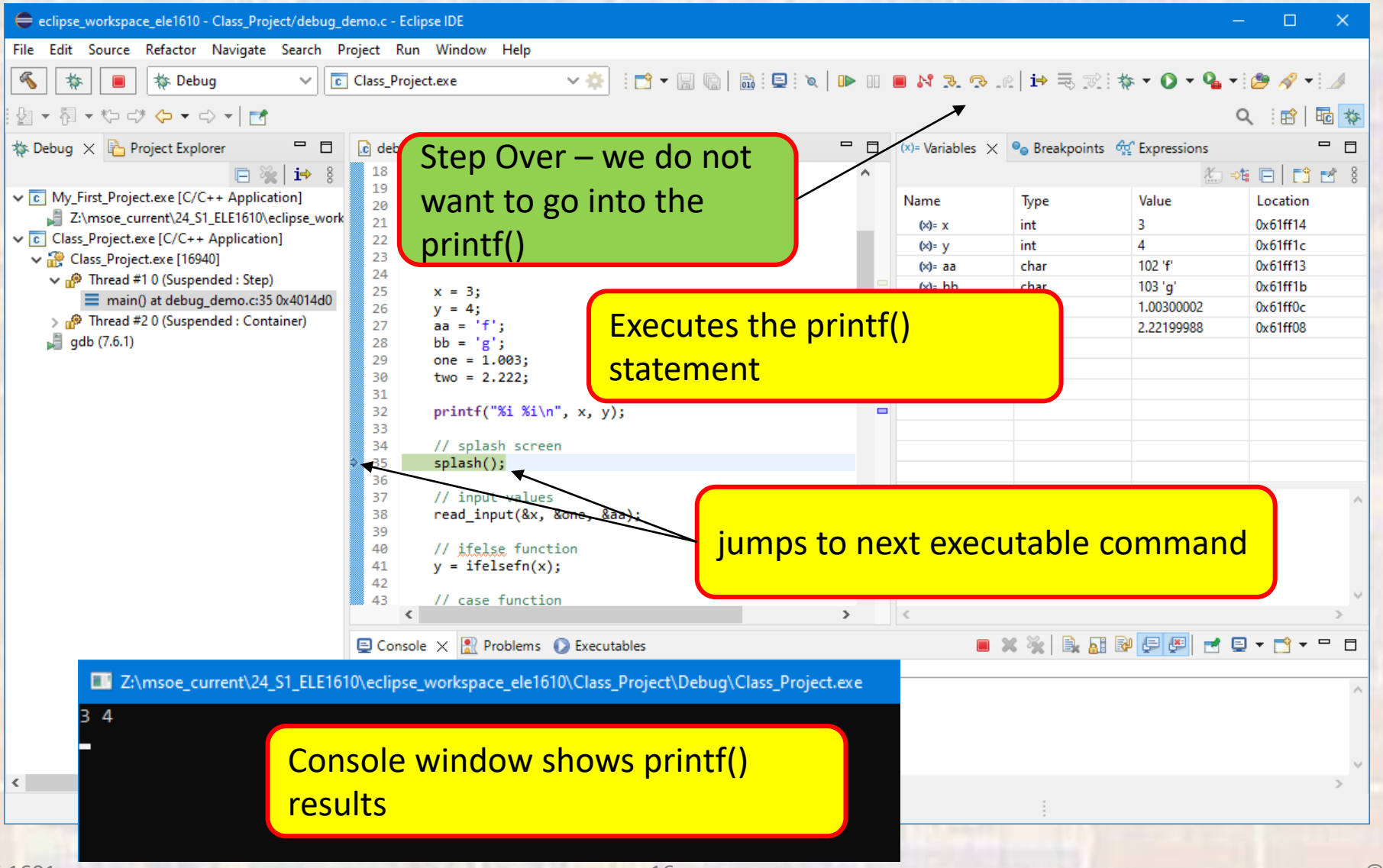
Variables
Breakpoints
Expressions
Name Type Value Location
x int 3 0x61ff14
y int 4 0x61ff1c
aa char 102 'f' 0x61ff13
bb char 103 'g' 0x61ff1b
one float 1.00300002 0x61ff0c
two float 2.22199988 0x61ff08
char aa;
char bb;
float one;
x = 3
y = 4
aa =
bb =
two = 2.222;
printf("%i %i\n", x, y);
// splash screen
splash();
// input values
read_input(&x, &one, &aa);
// ifelse function
Console
Problems
Class_Project.exe [C/C++ Application]
Step into or step over 5 times
Executes the y, aa, bb, one, and two statements
Note: Chars show value and ascii
Note: 2.222 cannot be represented exactly in floating point
jumps to next executable command

Debug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Class_Project.exe [C/C++ Application]
Class_Project.exe [16940]
Thread #1 0 (Suspended : Step)
main() at debug_demo.c:35 0x4014d0
Thread #2 0 (Suspended : Container)
gdb (7.6.1)
Step Over – we do not want to go into the printf()
Executes the printf() statement
jumps to next executable command
Variables
Breakpoints
Expressions
Name
Type
Value
Location
x
int
3
0x61ff14
y
int
4
0x61ff1c
aa
char
102 'f'
0x61ff13
bb
char
103 'g'
0x61ff1b
1.00300002
0x61ff0c
2.22199988
0x61ff08
x = 3;
y = 4;
aa = 'f';
bb = 'g';
one = 1.003;
two = 2.222;
printf("%i %i\n", x, y);
// splash screen
splash();
// input values
read_input(&x, &one, &aa);
// ifelse function
y = ifelsefn(x);
// case function
Console
Problems
Executables
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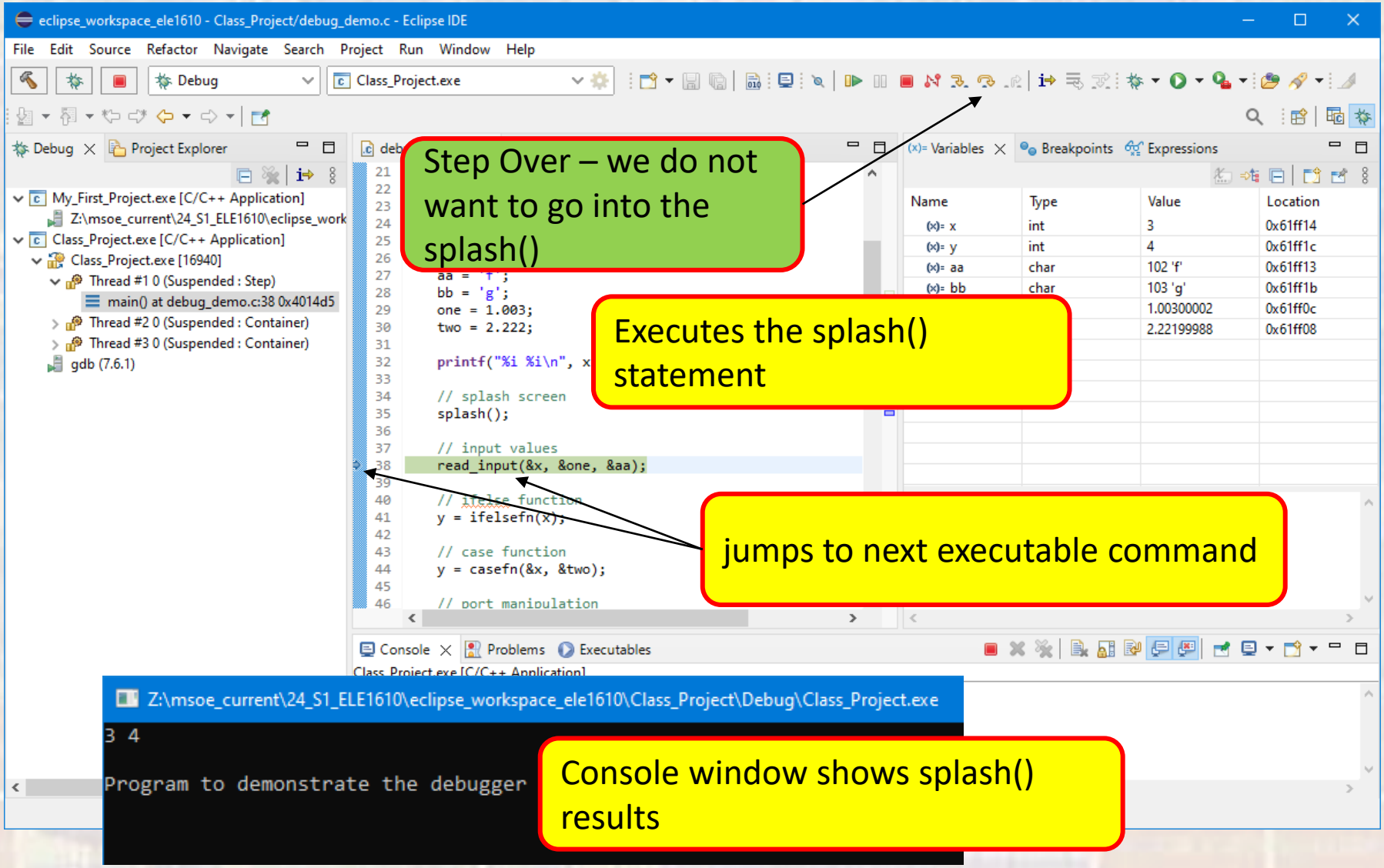
3 4
Console window shows printf() results

Debug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Class_Project.exe [C/C++ Application]
Class_Project.exe [16940]
Thread #1 0 (Suspended : Step)
main() at debug_demo.c:38 0x4014d5
Thread #2 0 (Suspended : Container)
Thread #3 0 (Suspended : Container)
gdb (7.6.1)
Step Over – we do not want to go into the splash()
Executes the splash() statement
jumps to next executable command
Variables
Breakpoints
Expressions
Name
Type
Value
Location
x
int
3
0x61ff14
y
int
4
0x61ff1c
aa
char
102 'f'
0x61ff13
bb
char
103 'g'
0x61ff1b
1.00300002
0x61ff0c
2.22199988
0x61ff08
aa = 'f';
bb = 'g';
one = 1.003;
two = 2.222;
printf("%i %i\n", x
// splash screen
splash();
// input values
read_input(&x, &one, &aa);
// ifelse function
y = ifelsefn(x);
// case function
y = casefn(&x, &two);
// port manipulation
Console
Problems
Executables
Class_Project.exe [C/C++ Application]
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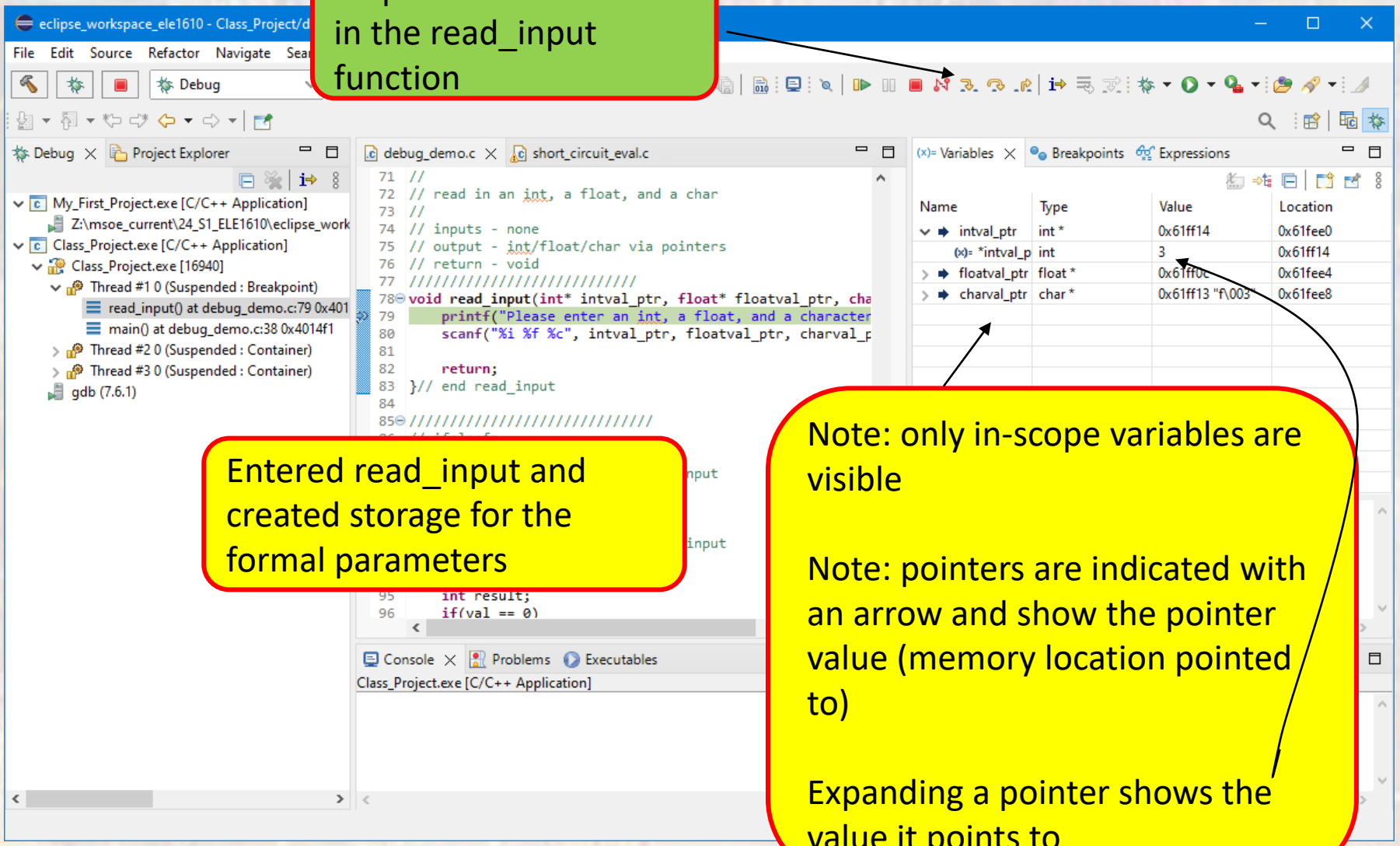
3 4
Program to demonstrate the debugger
Console window shows splash() results

Debug


Step Into – we are now in the read_input function
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Project Explorer
My_First_Project.exe [C/C++ Application]
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Class_Project.exe [C/C++ Application]
Class_Project.exe [16940]
Thread #1 0 (Suspended : Breakpoint)
read_input() at debug_demo.c:79 0x401
main() at debug_demo.c:38 0x4014f1
Thread #2 0 (Suspended : Container)
Thread #3 0 (Suspended : Container)
gdb (7.6.1)
debug_demo.c
short_circuit_eval.c
71 //
72 // read in an int, a float, and a char
73 //
74 // inputs - none
75 // output - int/float/char via pointers
76 // return - void
77 ////////////////////////////
78 void read_input(int* intval_ptr, float* floatval_ptr, cha
79 printf("Please enter an int, a float, and a character
80 scanf("%i %f %c", intval_ptr, floatval_ptr, charval_p
81
82 return;
83 }// end read_input
84
85 ////////////////////////////
95 int result;
96 if(val == 0)
Variables
Breakpoints
Expressions
Name
Type
Value
Location
intval_ptr
int *
0x61ff14
0x61fee0
*intval_p
int
3
0x61ff14
floatval_ptr
float *
0x61fee4
charval_ptr
char *
0x61ff13 "f\003"
0x61fee8
Console
Problems
Executables
Class_Project.exe [C/C++ Application]
Entered read_input and created storage for the formal parameters
Note: only in-scope variables are visible
Note: pointers are indicated with an arrow and show the pointer value (memory location pointed to)
Expanding a pointer shows the value it points to

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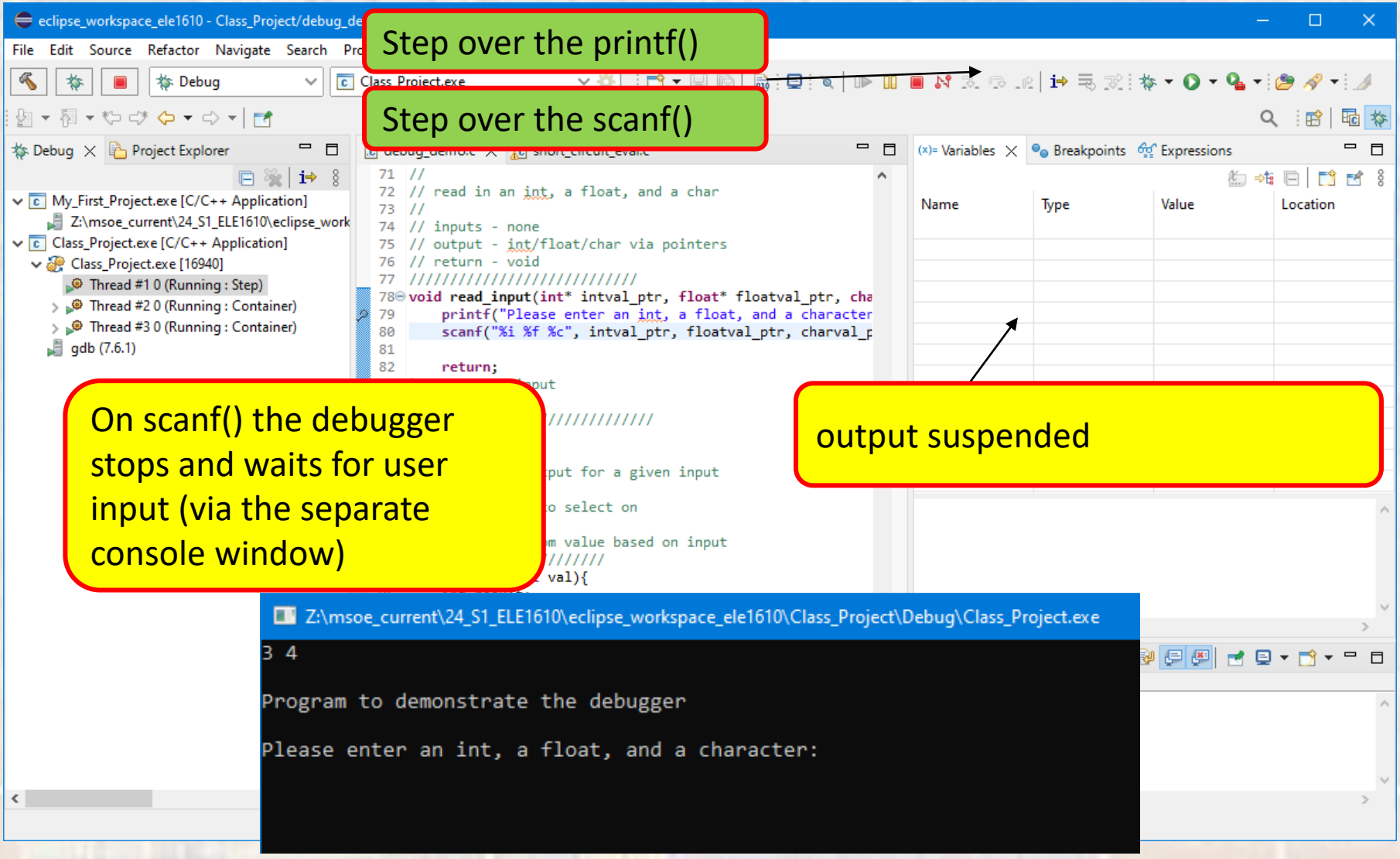
Step over the printf()
Step over the scanf()
On scanf() the debugger stops and waits for user input (via the separate console window)
output suspended
Z:\msoe_current\24_S1_ELE1610\eclipse_workspace_ele1610\Class_Project\Debug\Class_Project.exe
3 4
Program to demonstrate the debugger
Please enter an int, a float, and a character:

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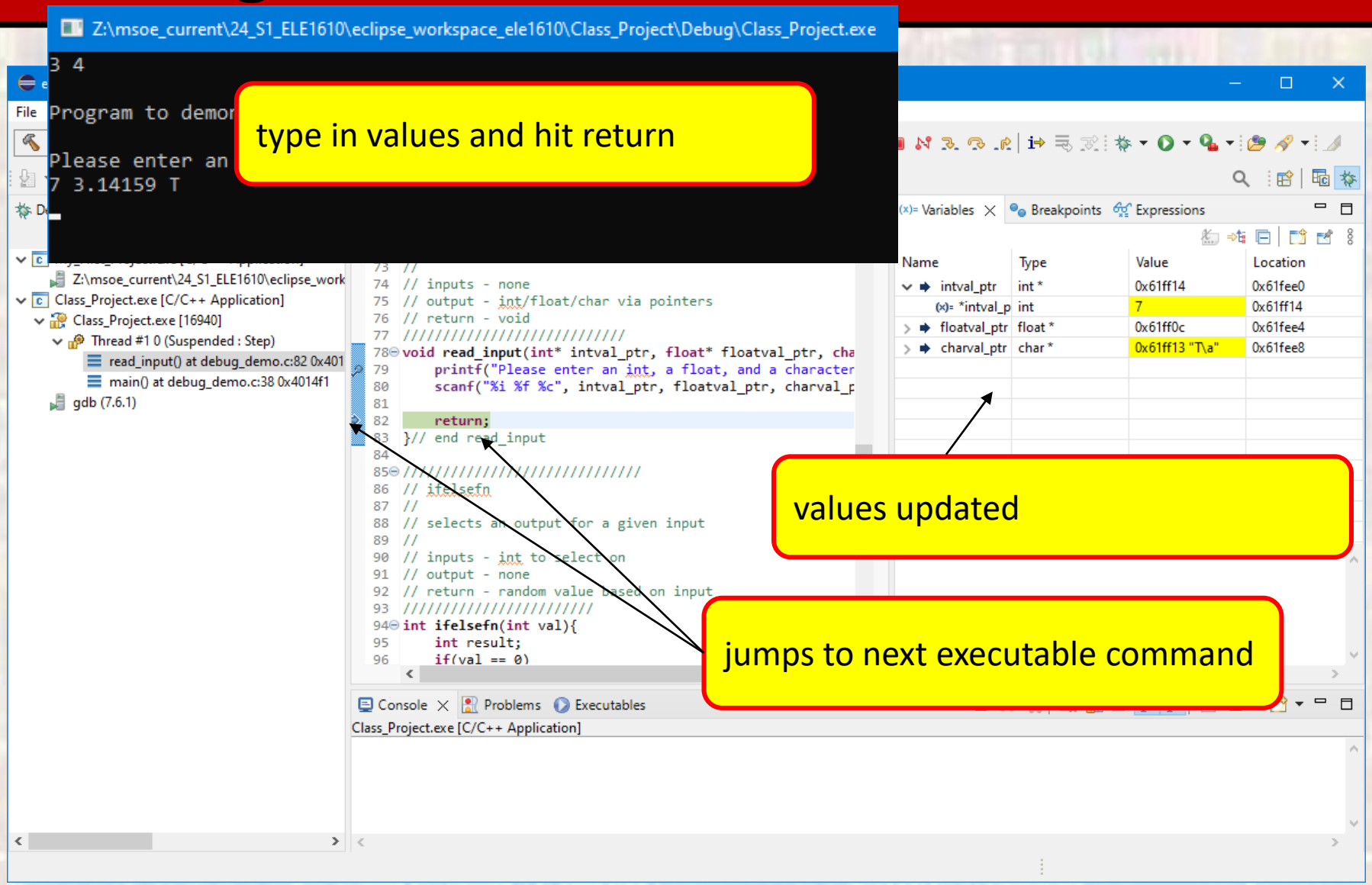
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3 4
Program to demor
Please enter an
7 3.14159 T
type in values and hit return
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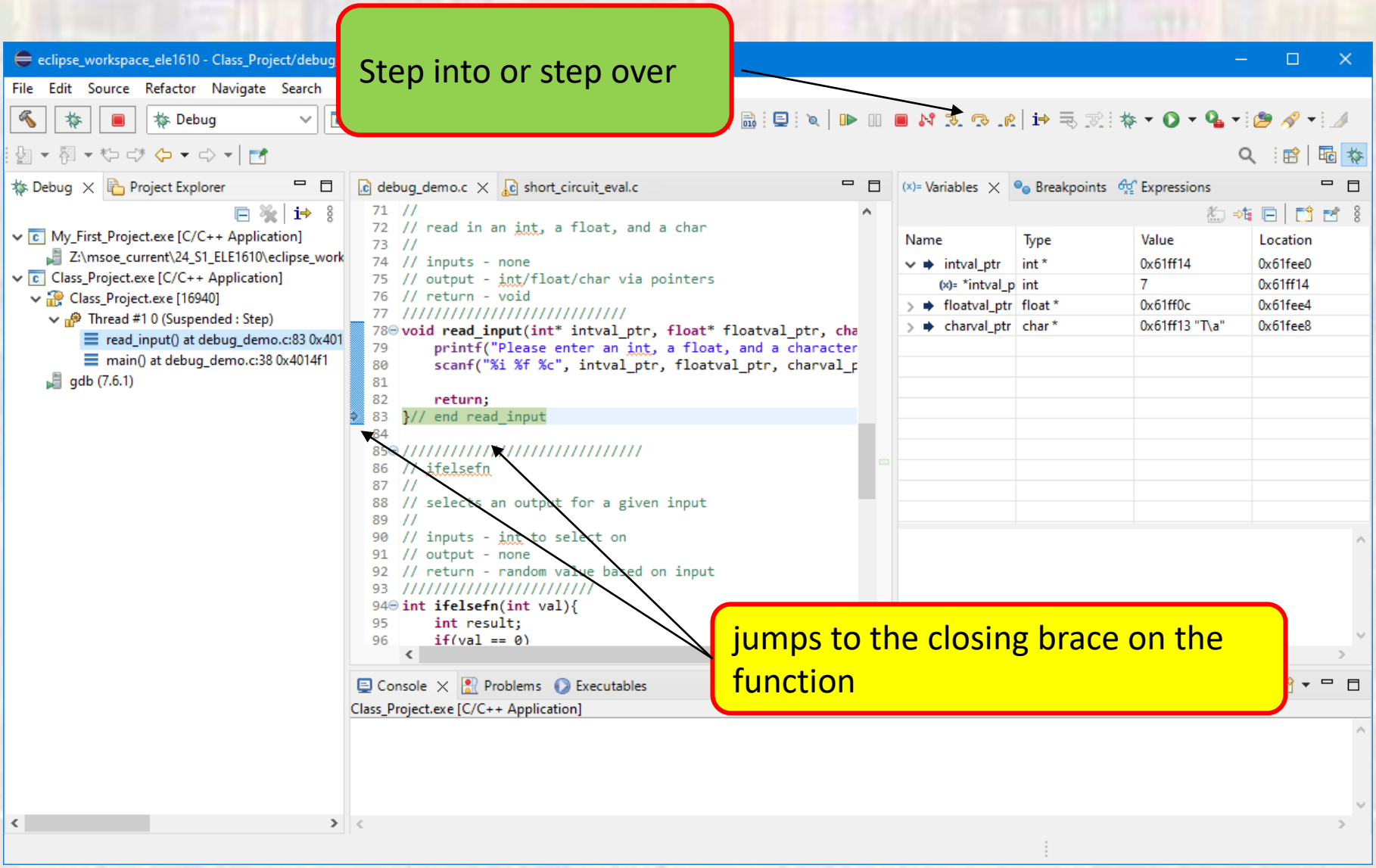
Class_Project.exe [C/C++ Application]
Class_Project.exe [16940]
Thread #1 0 (Suspended : Step)
read_input() at debug_demo.c:82 0x401
main() at debug_demo.c:38 0x4014f1
gdb (7.6.1)
// inputs - none
// output - int/float/char via pointers
// return - void
void read_input(int* intval_ptr, float* floatval_ptr, cha
printf("Please enter an int, a float, and a character
scanf("%i %f %c", intval_ptr, floatval_ptr, charval_p
return;
}// end read_input
// ifelsefn
// selects an output for a given input
// inputs - int to select on
// output - none
// return - random value based on input
int ifelsefn(int val){
int result;
if(val == 0)
Variables
Breakpoints
Expressions
Name
Type
Value
Location
intval_ptr
int *
0x61ff14
0x61fee0
*intval_p
int
7
0x61ff14
floatval_ptr
float *
0x61ff0c
0x61fee4
charval_ptr
char *
0x61ff13 "T\a"
0x61fee8
values updated
jumps to next executable command
Console
Problems
Executables
Class_Project.exe [C/C++ Application]

Debug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Class_Project.exe [C/C++ Application]
Class_Project.exe [16940]
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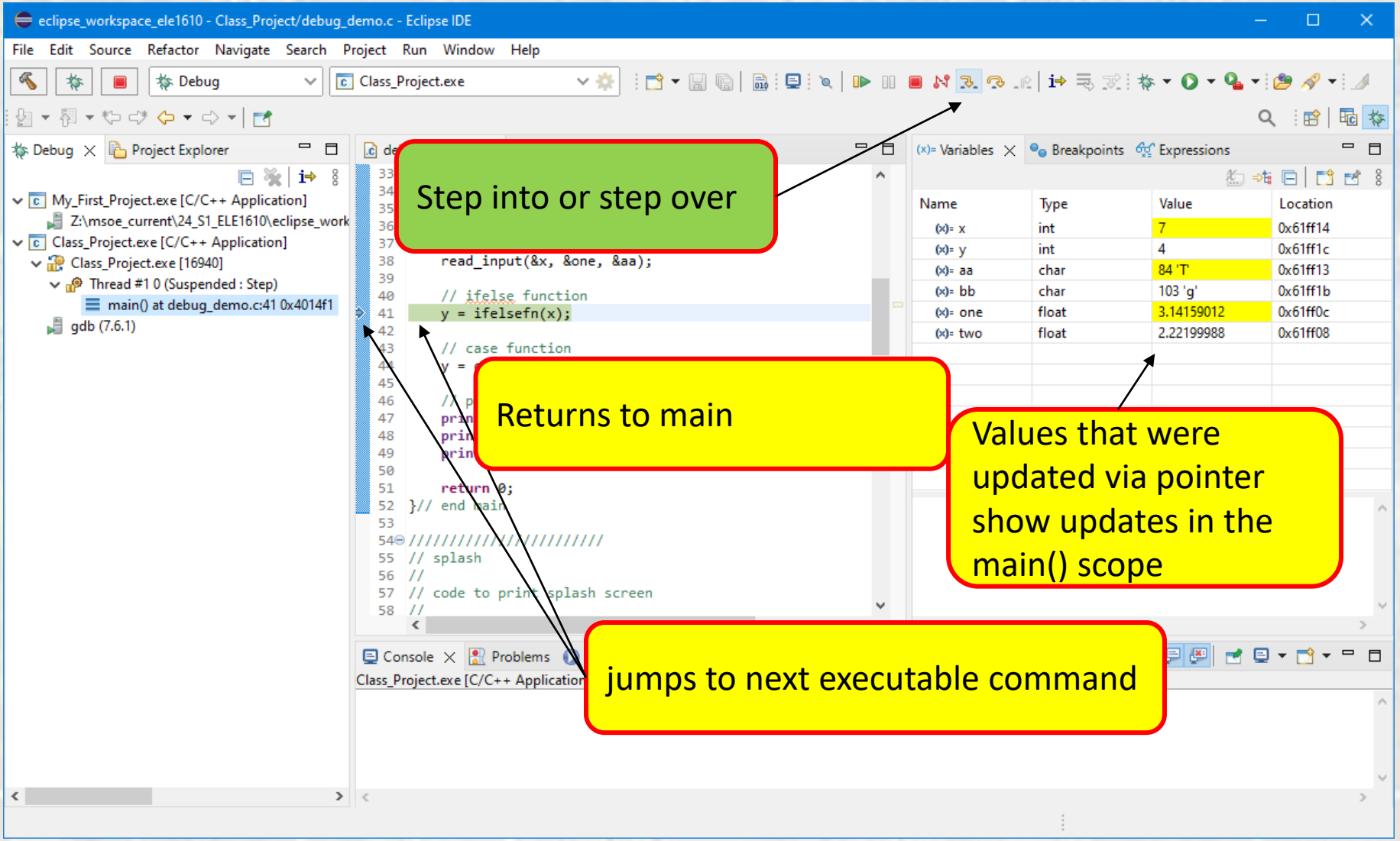
read_input() at debug_demo.c:83 0x401
main() at debug_demo.c:38 0x4014f1
gdb (7.6.1)
debug_demo.c
short_circuit_eval.c
71 //
72 // read in an int, a float, and a char
73 //
74 // inputs - none
75 // output - int/float/char via pointers
76 // return - void
77 ////////////////////////////
78 void read_input(int* intval_ptr, float* floatval_ptr, cha
79 printf("Please enter an int, a float, and a character
80 scanf("%i %f %c", intval_ptr, floatval_ptr, charval_p
81
82 return;
83 }// end read_input
84
85 ////////////////////////////
86 // ifelsefn
87 //
88 // selects an output for a given input
89 //
90 // inputs - int to select on
91 // output - none
92 // return - random value based on input
93 ////////////////////////////
94 int ifelsefn(int val){
95 int result;
96 if(val == 0)
Variables
Breakpoints
Expressions
Name Type Value Location
intval_ptr int * 0x61ff14 0x61fee0
*intval_p int 7 0x61ff14
floatval_ptr float * 0x61ff0c 0x61fee4
charval_ptr char * 0x61ff13 "T\a" 0x61fee8
Console
Problems
Executables
Class_Project.exe [C/C++ Application]
jumps to the closing brace on the function

Debug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Class_Project.exe
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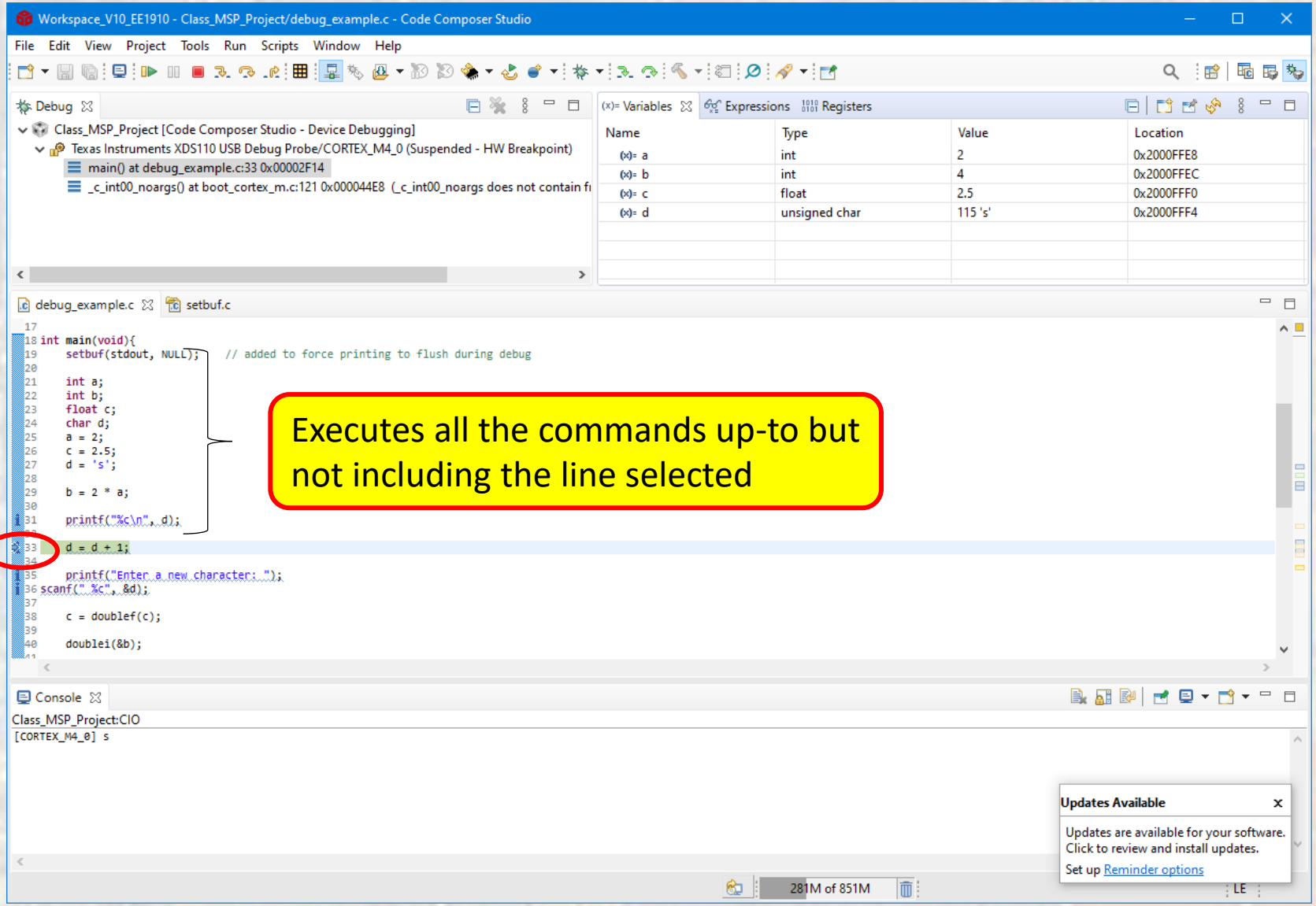
Project Explorer
My_First_Project.exe [C/C++ Application]
Z:\msoe_current\24_S1_ELE1610\eclipse_work
Class_Project.exe [C/C++ Application]
Class_Project.exe [16940]
Thread #1 0 (Suspended : Step)
main() at debug_demo.c:41 0x4014f1
gdb (7.6.1)
Variables
Breakpoints
Expressions
Name Type Value Location
x int 7 0x61ff14
y int 4 0x61ff1c
aa char 84 'T' 0x61ff13
bb char 103 'g' 0x61ff1b
one float 3.14159012 0x61ff0c
two float 2.22199988 0x61ff08
read_input(&x, &one, &aa);
// ifelse function
y = ifelsefn(x);
// case function
return 0;
// splash
// code to print splash screen
Console
Problems
Class_Project.exe [C/C++ Application
Step into or step over
Returns to main
Values that were updated via pointer show updates in the main() scope
jumps to next executable command

Additional Things we can do in the debugger

Debug

Instead of single stepping
Right click on a line and select run_to

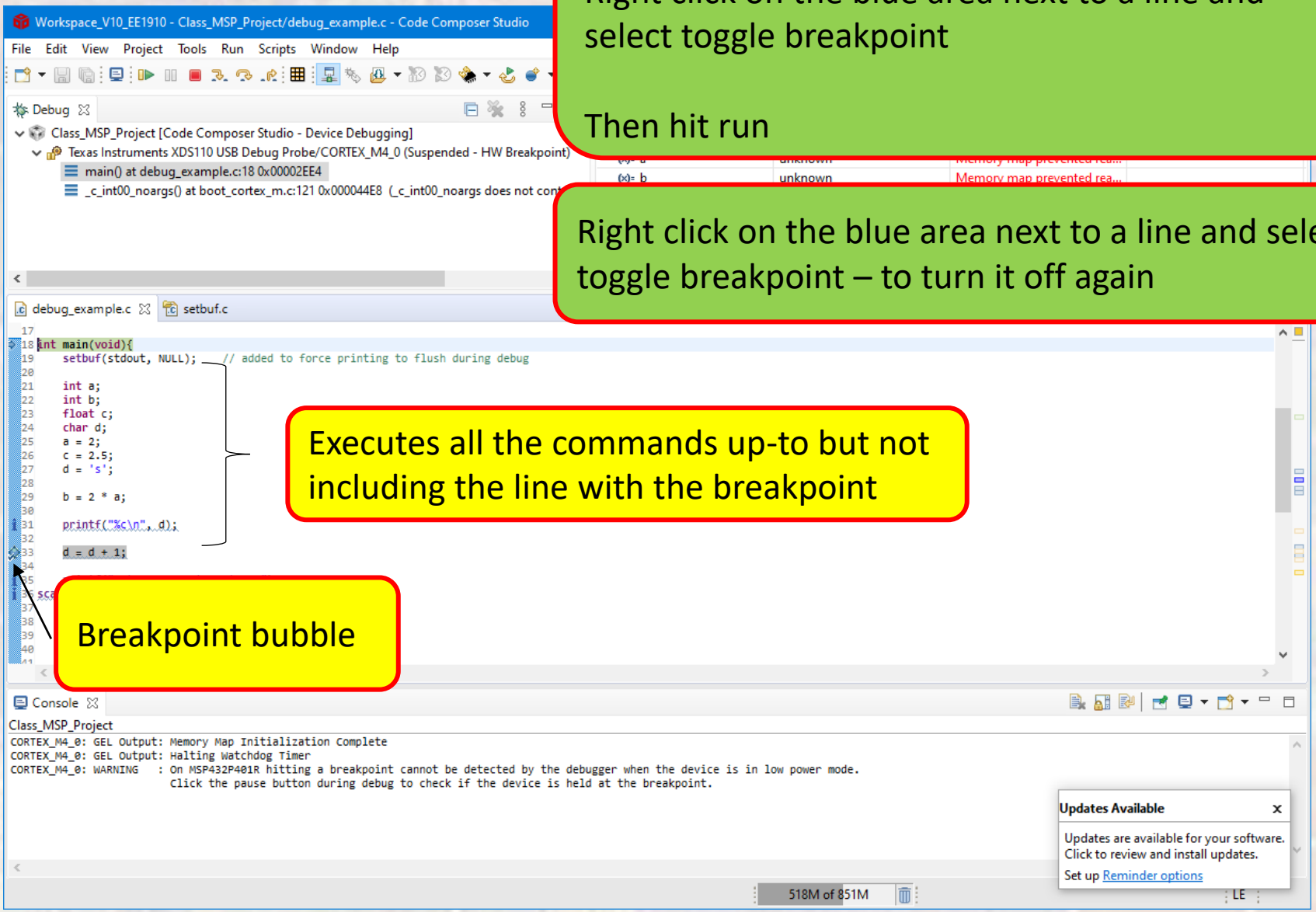


Debug

Instead of single stepping

Right click on the blue area next to a line and select toggle breakpoint

Then hit run



Right click on the blue area next to a line and select toggle breakpoint – to turn it off again

Executes all the commands up-to but not including the line with the breakpoint

Breakpoint bubble

Debug

```c
/*
 * debug_example_bp.c
 *
 *  Created on: Dec 17, 2020
 *      Author: johnsontimoj
 */
////////////////////////////
//
// Program to demonstrate debugger
//
////////////////////////////
#include "msp432.h"
#include <stdio.h>


int main(void){
    setbuf(stdout, NULL);    // added to force printing to flush during debug

    int a;
    char d;

    while(1){
        printf("\nEnter a new character: ");
        scanf(" %c", &d);

        switch(d){
            case 'a':
            case 'b':
                a = 5;
                break;
            case 'c':
                a = 7;
                break;
            case 'd':
                a = 9;
                break;
            default:
                a = 0;
                break;

        }// end switch
        printf("a is: %i\n", a);

    }// end while

    return 0;
} // end main
```

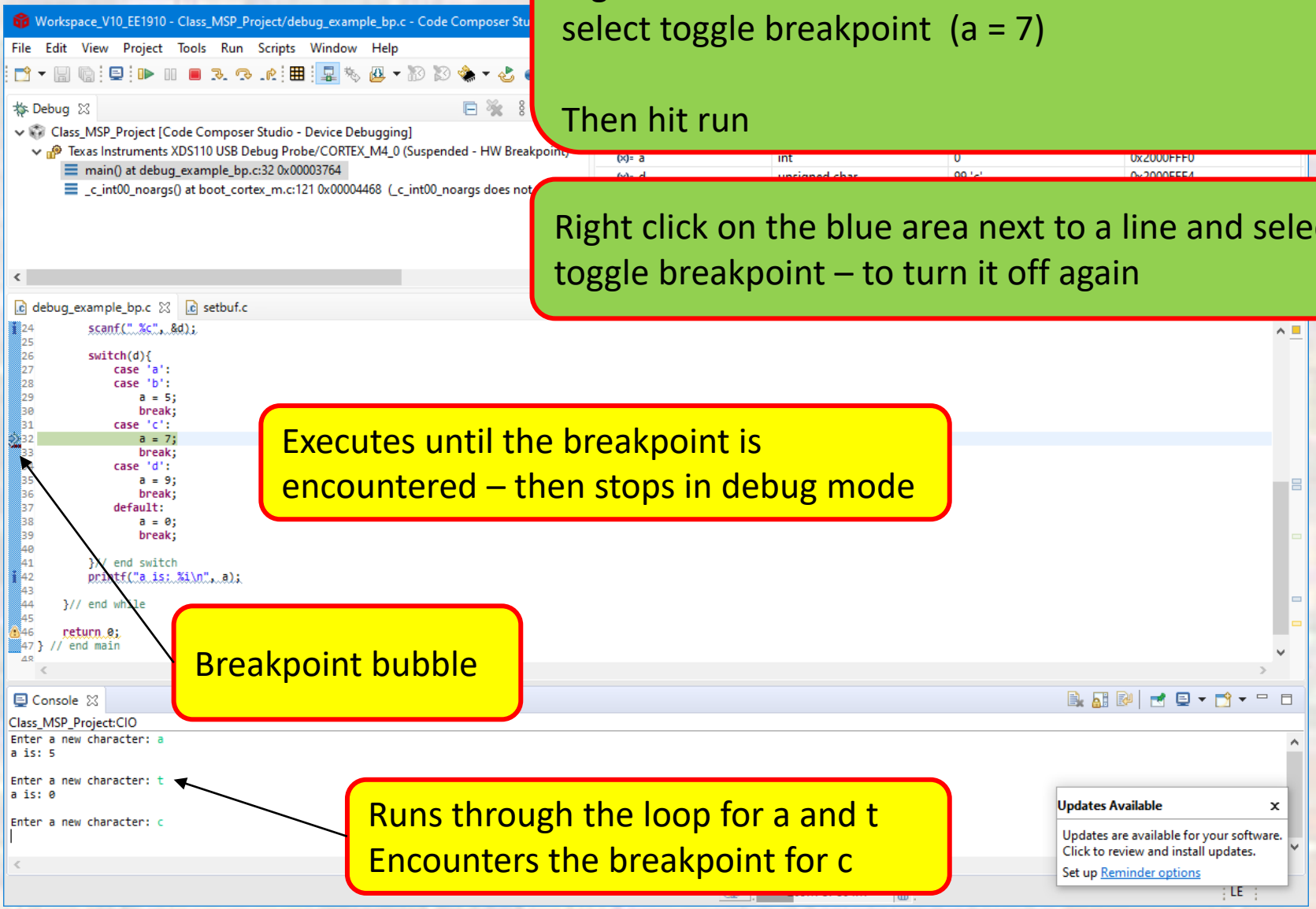
Would like to stop when a c is entered

Debug

Instead of single stepping

Right click on the blue area next to a line and select toggle breakpoint (a = 7)

Then hit run



Right click on the blue area next to a line and select toggle breakpoint – to turn it off again

Executes until the breakpoint is encountered – then stops in debug mode

Breakpoint bubble

Runs through the loop for a and t
Encounters the breakpoint for c