Imperative Programming The Case of FORTRAN

ICOM 4036 Lecture 4

The Imperative Paradigm

- Computer Model consists of bunch of variables
- A program is a sequence of state modifications or <u>assignment statements</u> that converge to an answer
- PL provides multiple tools for structuring and organizing these steps
 - E.g. Loops, procedures

This is what you have been doing since INGE 3016!

A Generic Imperative Program



Imperative Fibonacci Numbers (C)

```
int fibonacci(int f0, int f1, int n) {
    // Returns the nth element of the Fibonacci sequence
    int fn = f0;
    for (int i=0; i<n; i++) {
        fn = f0 + f1;
        f0 = f1;
        f1 = fn;
    }
    return fn;
}</pre>
```

Examples of (Important) Imperative Languages

- FORTRAN (J. Backus IBM late 50's)
- Pascal (N. Wirth 70's)
- C (Kernigham & Ritchie AT&T late 70's)
- C++ (Stroustrup AT&T 80's)
- Java (Sun Microsystems late 90's)
- C# (Microsoft 00's)

FORTRAN Highlights

- For High Level Programming Language
 ever implemented
- First compiler developed by IBM for the IBM 704 computer
- Project Leader: John Backus
- Technology-driven design
 - Batch processing, punched cards, small memory, simple I/O, GUI's not invented yet

Some Online References

- Professional Programmer's Guide to FORTRAN
- Getting Started with G77

Links available on course web site

Structure of a FORTRAN program

PROGRAM <name>

<program_body>

END

SUBROUTINE <name> (args)

<subroutine_body>

END

FUNCTION <name> (args)

<function_body>

END

...

Lexical/Syntactic Structure

- One statement per line
- First 6 columns reserved
- Identifiers no longer than 6 symbols
- Flow control uses numeric labels
- Unstructured programs possible

Hello World in Fortran



```
PROGRAM LOAN
WRITE(UNIT=*, FMT=*)'Enter amount, % rate, years'
READ(UNIT=*, FMT=*) AMOUNT, PCRATE, NYEARS
RATE = PCRATE / 100.0
REPAY = RATE * AMOUNT / (1.0 - (1.0+RATE)**(-NYEARS))
WRITE(UNIT=*, FMT=*)'Annual repayments are ', REPAY
END
```

Implicitly Defined Variables Type determined by initial letter I-M ~ INTEGER A-H, O-Z FLOAT







A loop consists of two separate statements -> Easy to construct <u>unstructured</u> programs

FORTRAN Do Loops



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FORTRAN Functions I

```
PROGRAM TRIANG
WRITE(UNIT=*,FMT=*)'Enter lengths of three sides:'
READ(UNIT=*,FMT=*) SIDEA, SIDEB, SIDEC
WRITE(UNIT=*,FMT=*)'Area is ', AREA3(SIDEA,SIDEB,SIDEC)
END
FUNCTION AREA3(A, B, C)
* Computes the area of a triangle from lengths of sides
S = (A + B + C)/2.0
AREA3 = SQRT(S * (S-A) * (S-B) * (S-C))
END
```

- No recursion
- Parameters passed by reference only
- Arrays allowed as parameters
- No nested procedure definitions Only two scopes
- Procedural arguments allowed
- No procedural return values

Think: why do you think FORTRAN designers made each of these choices?

FORTRAN IF-THEN-ELSE

```
REAL FUNCTION AREA3(A, B, C)
        Computes the area of a triangle from lengths of its sides.
*
        If arguments are invalid issues error message and returns
*
*
        zero.
        REAL A, B, C
        S = (A + B + C)/2.0
        FACTOR = S * (S-A) * (S-B) * (S-C)
        IF (FACTOR .LE. 0.0) THEN
          STOP 'Impossible triangle'
        ELSE
          AREA3 = SORT(FACTOR)
        END IF
      END
```

FORTRAN ARRAYS



```
subroutine checksum(buffer,length,sum32)
С
     Calculate a 32-bit 1's complement checksum of the input buffer, adding
С
     it to the value of sum32. This algorithm assumes that the buffer
С
     length is a multiple of 4 bytes.
С
     a double precision value (which has at least 48 bits of precision)
С
     is used to accumulate the checksum because standard Fortran does not
С
     support an unsigned integer datatype.
С
     buffer - integer buffer to be summed
С
     length - number of bytes in the buffer (must be multiple of 4)
С
     sum32 - double precision checksum value (The calculated checksum
С
           is added to the input value of sum32 to produce the
С
           output value of sum32)
    integer buffer(*),length,i,hibits
    double precision sum32,word32
    parameter (word32=4.294967296D+09)
С
           (word32 is equal to 2**32)
С
     LENGTH must be less than 2**15, otherwise precision may be lost
С
     in the sum
    if (length .gt. 32768)then
      print *, 'Error: size of block to sum is too large'
       return
    end if
    do i=1,length/4
      if (buffer(i) .ge. 0)then
         sum32=sum32+buffer(i)
       else
С
         sign bit is set, so add the equivalent unsigned value
         sum32=sum32+(word32+buffer(i))
      end if
    end do
     fold any overflow bits beyond 32 back into the word
С
10
    hibits=sum32/word32
    if (hibits .gt. 0)then
      sum32=sum32-(hibits*word32)+hibits
       go to 10
    end if
    end
```

• WhiteBoard Exercises