

Programming Logic and Design

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Chapter 2

Working with Data, Creating Modules, and Designing High-Quality Programs

Objectives

In this chapter, you will learn about:

- Declaring and using variables and constants
- Assigning values to variables
- The advantages of modularization
- Modularizing a program
- The most common configuration for mainline logic

Objectives (continued)

In this chapter, you will learn about: (continued)

- Hierarchy charts
- Some features of good program design

Declaring and Using Variables and Constants

- Data items
 - All the text, numbers, and other information that are processed by a computer
 - Stored in variables in memory
- Different forms
 - Variables
 - Literals, or unnamed constants
 - Named constants

Working with Variables

- Named memory locations
- Contents can vary or differ over time
- **Declaration**
 - Statement that provides a data type and an identifier for a variable
- **Identifier**
 - Variable's name

Working with Variables (continued)

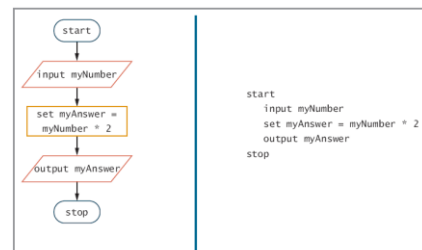


Figure 2-1 Flowchart and pseudocode for the number-doubling program

Working with Variables (continued)

- **Data type**
 - Classification that describes:
 - What values can be held by the item
 - How the item is stored in computer memory
 - What operations can be performed on the data item
- **Initializing a variable**
 - Declare a starting value for any variable
- **Garbage**
 - Variable's unknown value before initialization

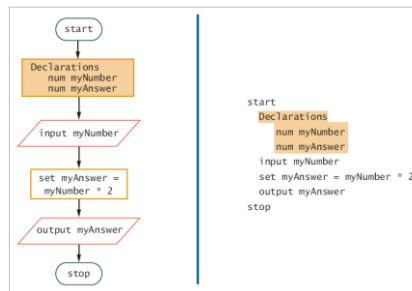


Figure 2-2 Flowchart and pseudocode of number-doubling program with variable declarations

Naming Variables

- Programmer chooses reasonable and descriptive names for variables
- Programming languages have rules for creating identifiers
 - Most languages allow letters and digits
 - Some languages allow hyphens
- Some languages allow dollar signs or other special characters
- Different limits on the length of variable names

Naming Variables (continued)

- **Camel casing**
 - Variable names such as `hourlyWage` have a "hump" in the middle
- Variable names used throughout book
 - Must be one word
 - Should have some appropriate meaning

Understanding Unnamed, Literal Constants and their Data Types

- **Numeric constant (or literal numeric constant)**
 - Specific numeric value
 - Example: 43
 - Does not change
- **String constant (or literal string constant)**
 - String of characters enclosed within quotation marks
 - Example: "Amanda"
- **Unnamed constants**
 - Do not have identifiers like variables do

Understanding the Data Types of Variables

- **Numeric variable**
 - Holds digits
 - Can perform mathematical operations on it
- **String variable**
 - Can hold text
 - Letters of the alphabet
 - Special characters such as punctuation marks
- Assign data to a variable
 - Only if it is the correct type

Declaring Named Constants

- **Named constant**
 - Similar to a variable
 - Can be assigned a value only once
 - Assign a useful name to a value that will never be changed during a program's execution
- **Magic number**
 - Unnamed constant
 - Purpose is not immediately apparent
 - Avoid this

Assigning Values to Variables

- **Assignment statement**
 - `set myAnswer = myNumber * 2`
- **Assignment operator**
 - Equal sign
 - Always operates from right to left
- Valid
 - `set someNumber = 2`
 - `set someNumber = someOtherNumber`
- Not valid
 - `set 2 + 4 = someNumber`

Performing Arithmetic Operations

- Standard arithmetic operators:
 - + (plus sign)—addition
 - - (minus sign)—subtraction
 - * (asterisk)—multiplication
 - / (slash)—division

Performing Arithmetic Operations (continued)

- **Rules of precedence**
 - Also called the **order of operations**
 - Dictate the order in which operations in the same statement are carried out
 - Expressions within parentheses are evaluated first
 - Multiplication and division are evaluated next
 - From left to right
 - Addition and subtraction are evaluated next
 - From left to right

Performing Arithmetic Operations (continued)

- **Left-to-right associativity**
 - Operations with the same precedence take place from left to right

Performing Arithmetic Operations (continued)

Operator symbol	Operator name	Precedence (compared to other operators in this table)	Associativity
=	Assignment	Lowest	Right-to-left
+	Addition	Medium	Left-to-right
-	Subtraction	Medium	Left-to-right
*	Multiplication	Highest	Left-to-right
/	Division	Highest	Left-to-right

Table 2-1 Precedence and associativity of five common operators

Understanding the Advantages of Modularization

- **Modules**
 - Subunit of programming problem
 - Also called **subroutines, procedures, functions, or methods**
- **Modularization**
 - Breaking down a large program into modules
 - Reasons
 - Abstraction
 - Allows multiple programmers to work on a problem
 - Reuse your work more easily

Modularization Provides Abstraction

- **Abstraction**
 - Paying attention to important properties while ignoring nonessential details
 - Selective ignorance
- Newer high-level programming languages
 - Use English-like vocabulary
 - One broad statement corresponds to dozens of machine instructions
- Modules provide another way to achieve abstraction

Modularization Allows Multiple Programmers to Work on a Problem

- More easily divide the task among various people
- Rarely does a single programmer write a commercial program
 - Professional software developers can write new programs quickly by dividing large programs into modules
 - Assign each module to an individual programmer or team

Modularization Allows You to Reuse Your Work

- **Reusability**
 - Feature of modular programs
 - Allows individual modules to be used in a variety of applications
 - Many real-world examples of reusability
- **Reliability**
 - Feature of programs that assures you a module has been tested and proven to function correctly

Modularizing a Program

- **Main program**
 - Basic steps (**mainline logic**) of the program
- Include in a module
 - **Header**
 - **Body**
 - **Return statement**
- Naming a module
 - Similar to naming a variable
 - Module names are followed by a set of parentheses

Modularizing a Program (continued)

- When a main program wants to use a module
 - “Calls” the module’s name
- Flowchart
 - Symbol used to call a module is a rectangle with a bar across the top
 - Place the name of the module you are calling inside the rectangle
 - Draw each module separately with its own sentinel symbols

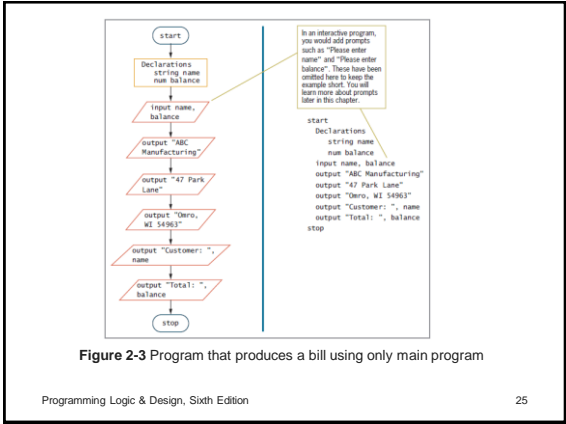


Figure 2-3 Program that produces a bill using only main program

Modularizing a Program (continued)

- Determine when to break down any particular program into modules
 - Does not depend on a fixed set of rules
 - Programmers do follow some guidelines
 - Statements should contribute to the same job
 - **Functional cohesion**

Declaring Variables and Constants within Modules

- Place any statements within modules
 - Input, processing, and output statements
 - Variable and constant declarations
- Variables and constants declared in a module are usable only within the module
 - **Visible**
 - **In scope**
- **Portable**
 - Self-contained units that are easily transported

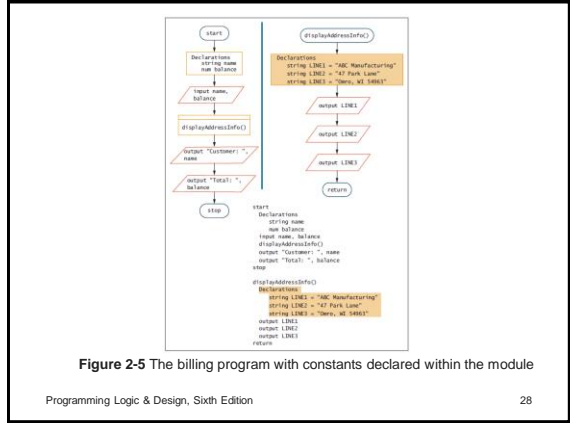


Figure 2-5 The billing program with constants declared within the module

Declaring Variables and Constants within Modules (continued)

- **Global** variables and constants
 - Declared at the **program level**
 - Visible to and usable in all the modules called by the program

Understanding the Most Common Configuration for Mainline Logic

- Mainline logic of almost every procedural computer program follows a general structure
 - Declarations for global variables and constants
 - **Housekeeping tasks**
 - **Detail loop tasks**
 - **End-of-job tasks**

Understanding the Most Common Configuration for Mainline Logic (continued)

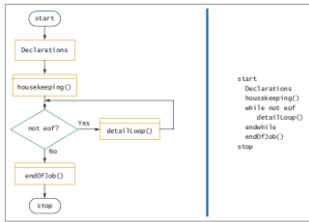


Figure 2-6 Flowchart and pseudocode of mainline logic for a typical procedural program

Creating Hierarchy Charts

- **Hierarchy chart**
 - Shows the overall picture of how modules are related to one another
 - Tells you which modules exist within a program and which modules call others
 - Specific module may be called from several locations within a program
- Planning tool
 - Develop the overall relationship of program modules before you write them
- Documentation tool

Features of Good Program Design

- Use program comments where appropriate
- Identifiers should be well-chosen
- Strive to design clear statements within your programs and modules
- Write clear prompts and echo input
- Continue to maintain good programming habits as you develop your programming skills

Using Program Comments

- **Program comments**
 - Written explanations
 - Not part of the program logic
 - Serve as documentation for readers of the program
- Syntax used differs among programming languages
- Flowchart
 - Use an **annotation symbol** to hold information that expands on what is stored within another flowchart symbol

Using Program Comments (continued)

```

Declarations
num sqFeet
// sqFeet is an estimate provided by the seller of the property
num pricePerFoot
// pricePerFoot is determined by current market conditions
num lotPremium
// lotPremium depends on amenities such as whether lot is waterfront
    
```

Figure 2-12 Pseudocode that declares some variables and includes comments

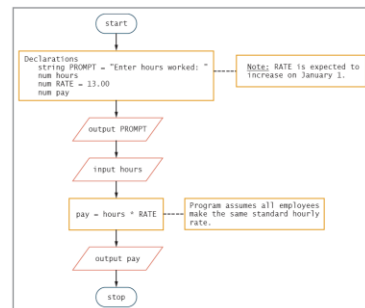


Figure 2-13 Flowchart that includes some annotation symbols

Choosing Identifiers

- General guidelines
 - Give a variable or a constant a name that is a noun
 - Give a module an identifier that is a verb
 - Use meaningful names
 - Self-documenting
 - Use pronounceable names
 - Be judicious in your use of abbreviations
 - Avoid digits in a name

Choosing Identifiers (continued)

- General guidelines (continued)
 - Use the system your language allows to separate words in long, multiword variable names
 - Consider including a form of the verb to be
 - Name constants using all uppercase letters separated by underscores (`_`)
- Organizations sometimes enforce different rules for programmers to follow when naming variables
 - **Hungarian notation**

Designing Clear Statements

- Avoid confusing line breaks
- Use temporary variables to clarify long statements

Avoiding Confusing Line Breaks

- Most modern programming languages are free-form
- Take care to make sure your meaning is clear
- Do not combine multiple statements on one line

Using Temporary Variables to Clarify Long Statements

- **Temporary variable**
 - **Work variable**
 - Not used for input or output
 - Working variable that you use during a program's execution
- Consider using a series of temporary variables to hold intermediate results

Using Temporary Variables to Clarify Long Statements (continued)

```
// Using a single statement to compute commission
salespersonCommission = (sqFeet * pricePerFoot + lotPremium) * commissionRate
// Using multiple statements to compute commission
basePropertyPrice = sqFeet * pricePerFoot
totalSalePrice = basePropertyPrice + lotPremium
salespersonCommission = totalSalePrice * commissionRate
```

Figure 2-14 Two ways of achieving the same `salespersonCommission` result

Writing Clear Prompts and Echoing Input

- **Prompt**
 - Message displayed on a monitor to ask the user for a response
 - Used both in command-line and GUI interactive programs
- **Echoing input**
 - Repeating input back to a user either in a subsequent prompt or in output

Writing Clear Prompts and Echoing Input (continued)

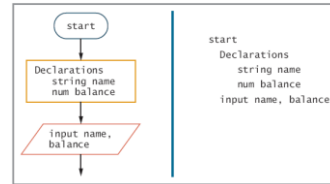


Figure 2-15 Beginning of a program that accepts a name and balance as input

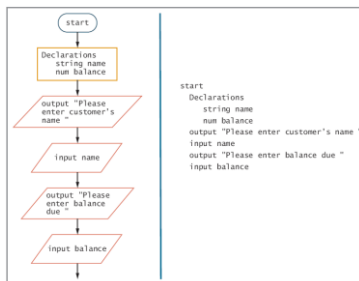


Figure 2-16 Beginning of a program that accepts a name and balance as input and uses a separate prompt for each item

Maintaining Good Programming Habits

- Every program you write will be better if you:
 - Plan before you code
 - Maintain the habit of first drawing flowcharts or writing pseudocode
 - Desk-check your program logic on paper
 - Think carefully about the variable and module names you use
 - Design your program statements to be easy to read and use

Summary

- Variables
 - Named memory locations with variable contents
- Equal sign is the assignment operator
- Break down programming problems into reasonable units called modules
 - Include a header, a body, and a return statement
- Mainline logic of almost every procedural computer program can follow a general structure
- As your programs become more complicated:
 - Need for good planning and design increases