# BCA SEMESTER - II 0302203 HISTORY OF COMPUTING

UNIT – 3 HISTORY OF PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

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#### **PASCAL**

- Pascal is a general-purpose, high-level language that was originally developed by Niklaus Wirth in the early 1970s.
- It was developed for teaching programming as a systematic discipline and to develop reliable and efficient programs.
- Pascal is Algol-based language and includes many constructs of Algol.
- Algol 60 is a subset of Pascal.
- Pascal offers several data types and programming structures.
- It is easy to understand and maintain the Pascal programs.

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#### **PASCAL**

- Pascal has grown in popularity in the teaching and academics arena for various reasons:
  - Easy to learn.
  - Structured language.
  - It produces transparent, efficient and reliable programs.
  - It can be compiled on a variety of computer platforms.

# Features of the Pascal Language

- Pascal is a strongly typed language.
- It offers extensive error checking.
- It offers several data types like arrays, records, files and sets.
- It offers a variety of programming structures.
- It supports structured programming through functions and procedures.
- It supports object oriented programming.

#### **Facts about Pascal**

- The Pascal language was named for Blaise Pascal, French mathematician and pioneer in computer development.
- Niklaus Wirth completed development of the original Pascal programming language in 1970.
- Pascal is based on the block structured style of the Algol programming language.
- Pascal was developed as a language suitable for teaching programming as a systematic discipline, whose implementations could be both reliable and efficient.
- The ISO 7185 Pascal Standard was originally published in 1983.
- Pascal was the primary high-level language used for development in the Apple Lisa, and in the early years of the Mac.
- In 1986, Apple Computer released the first Object Pascal implementation, and in 1993, the Pascal Standards Committee published an Object-Oriented Extension to Pascal.

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# Why to use Pascal?

- Pascal allows the programmers to define complex structured data types and build dynamic and recursive data structures, such as lists, trees and graphs.
- Pascal offers features like records, enumerations, subranges, dynamically allocated variables with associated pointers and sets.
- Pascal allows nested procedure definitions to any level of depth.
- This truly provides a great programming environment for learning programming as a systematic discipline based on the fundamental concepts.

# Why to use Pascal?

- Among the most amazing implementations of Pascal are
  - Skype
  - Total Commander
  - TeX
  - Macromedia Captivate
  - Apple Lisa
  - Various PC Games
  - Embedded Systems

## Pascal compilers and interpreter

- Turbo Pascal provides an IDE and compiler for running Pascal programs on CP/M, CP/M-86, DOS, Windows and Macintosh.
- Delphi provides compilers for running Object Pascal and generates native code for 32- and 64-bit Windows operating systems, as well as 32-bit Mac OS X and iOS. Embarcadero is planning to build support for the Linux and Android operating system.
- Free Pascal it is a free compiler for running Pascal and Object Pascal programs. Free Pascal compiler is a 32- and 64-bit Turbo Pascal and Delphi compatible Pascal compiler for Linux, Windows, OS/2, FreeBSD, Mac OS X, DOS and several other platforms.
- Turbo51 It is a free Pascal compiler for the 8051 family of microcontrollers, with Turbo Pascal 7 syntax.
- Oxygene It is an Object Pascal compiler for the .NET and Mono platforms.
- GNU Pascal (GPC) It is a Pascal compiler composed of a front end to GNU Compiler Collection.

#### **Text Editor used**

- Examples of few editors include Windows Notepad, OS Edit command, Brief, Epsilon, EMACS, and vim or vi.
- Name and version of text editor can vary on different operating systems. For example, Notepad will be used on Windows and vim or vi can be used on windows as well as Linux or UNIX.

- The files you create with your editor are called source files and contain program source code.
- The source files for Pascal programs are typically named with the extension pas.

```
File
                         Compile
          Edit Run
                                   Options
                                             Debug
                                                      Break/watch
                                 = Edit ===
     Line 15 Col 39 Insert Indent Unindent * D:NONAME.PAS
program KenLovesTurboPascal;
uses
   crt:
var
   age: Integer;
  name: String;
   message: String;
begin
   ClrScr:
   name := 'Ken Egozi';
   age := 30;
   if age < 10 then
      message := ' loves Turbo Pascal'
   else
      message := ' loved Turbo Pascal';
   write (name);
   writeln (message);
end.
                                  Watch -
F1-Help F5-Zoom F6-Switch F7-Trace F8-Step F9-Make F10-Menu
```

```
TURBO.EXE
                             Compile
    File
             Edit
                                         Options
                      Run
                                   Edit
Line 1 Col 1 Insert Indent program helloworld;
                                          E:HW.PAS
begin
    writeln('Hello, World!');
end.
                                   Output -
F1-Help F2-Save F3-Load F5-Zoom F6-Output F9-Make F10-Main menu
```