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1 Introduction to Computers and Programming

1.1 Principles of Computer Programming

- Computer hardware changes frequently from room-filling machines with punch cards and tapes to modern laptops and tablets
- With these changes the capabilities of computers increase rapidly (storage, speed, graphics, etc.)
- Computer programming languages also change
 - Better programming language theory leads to new programming techniques
 - Improved programming language implementations
 - New languages are created old ones updated
- There are hundreds of programming languaes, why?
 - Different tools for different jobs
 - * Some languages are better suited for certain jobs
 - * Python for scripting, Javascript for web pages
 - Personnel preference and popularity
- This class is about "principles" of computer programming
 - Common principles behind all languages won't change, even though hardware and languages do
 - How to organize and structure data
 - How to express logical conditions and relations
 - How to solve problems with programs

1.2 Programming Language Concepts

- Machine language
 - Computers are made of electronic circuits
 - Basic instructions are encoded by setting wires to "on" or "off"
 - * Read data, write data, add, subtract, etc.
 - Binary digits represent on/off state of wires in a circuit
 - Machine language: which sequence of binary digits (circuit state) represents which computer instruction
 - * Example instruction: 0010110010101101
 - Most CPUs use one of two languages: x86 or ARM
- Assembly language
 - Easier way for humans to write machine-language instructions
 - Use a sequence of letters/symbols to represent an instruction, instead of 1s and 0s.
 - * Example x86 instruction: movq %rdx, %rbx
 - **Assembler**: Translates assembly language code to machine instructions
 - * One assembly instruction = one machine-language instruction
 - * x86 assembly produces x86 machine code
 - Computers can only execute the machine code
- High-level language
 - More human-readable than assembly language
 - Each statement does not need to correspond to a machine instruction
 - Statements represent more "high-level" concepts, such as storing a value in a variable, not "machine-level" concepts like "read these bits from this address"
 - Most languages we program in are high-level (C, C#, Python...)
 - Compiler: Translates high-level language to machine code
 - $\ast\,$ Small programs in high-level language might produce lots of machine code
 - \ast Compiler is specific to both the source language and the target machine code
 - Compile then execute, since computers can only execute machine code
- Compiled vs. Interpreted languages
 - Not all high-level languages use a compiler some use an interpreter
 - **Interpreter**: Lets a computer "execute" high-level code by translating one statement at a time to machine code
 - Advantage: Less waiting time before you can run the program (no separate "compile" step)
 - Disadvantage: Program runs slower, since you wait for each high-level statement to be translated before the program can continue
- Managed high-level languages (like C#)
 - Combine features of compiled and interpreted languages
 - Compiler translates high-level statements to intermediate language instructions, not machine code
 - * Intermediate language: Looks like assembly language, but not specific to any CPU
 - Runtime executes compiled program by *interpreting* the intermediate language instructions translates one at a time to machine code
 - Advantages of managed languages:
 - * In a "non-managed" language, a compiled program only works on one OS + CPU combination (**platform**) because it is machine code

- * Managed-language programs can be reused on a different platform without recompiling intermediate language is not machine code and not CPU-specific
- * Still need to write an intermediate language interpreter for each platform (so it produces the right machine code), but in a non-managed language you must write a compiler for each platform
- * Intermediate-language interpreter is much faster than a high-level language interpreter, so programs run faster than an "interpreted language" like Python
- This still runs slower than a non-managed language (due to the interpreter), so performance-minded programmers use non-managed compiled languages (e.g. for video games)

1.3 Software Concepts

- Flow of execution in a program
 - Program receives input from some source, e.g. keyboard, mouse, data in files
 - Program uses input to make decisions
 - Program produces output for the outside world to see, e.g. by displaying images on screen, writing text to console, or saving data in files
- Program interfaces
 - **GUI** or Graphical User Interface: Input is from clicking mouse in visual elements on screen (buttons, menus, etc.), output is by drawing onto the screen
 - CLI or Command Line Interface: Input is from text typed into "command prompt" or "terminal window," output is text printed at same terminal window
 - This class will use CLI because it's simple, portable, easy to work with no need to learn how to draw images, just read and write text

1.4 Programming Concepts

- Programming workflow (see flowchart)
 - Writing down specifications
 - Creating the source code
 - Running the compiler
 - Reading the compiler's output, warning and error messages
 - Fixing compile errors, if necessary
 - Running and testing the program
 - Debugging the program, if necessary
- Interpreted language workflow (see flowchart)
 - Writing down specifications
 - Creating the source code
 - Running the program in the interpreter
 - Reading the interpreter's output, determining if there is a syntax (language) error or the program finished executing
 - Editing the program to fix syntax errors
 - Testing the program (once it can run with no errors)
 - Debugging the program, if necessary
 - Advantages: Fewer steps between writing and executing, can be a faster cycle
 - **Disadvantages**: All errors happen when you run the program, no distinction between syntax errors (compile errors) and logic errors (bugs in running program)



Figure 1: "Flowchart demonstrating roles and tasks of a programmer, beta tester and user in the creation of programs."

1.4.0.1 Programming workflow

- Integrated Development Environment (IDE)
 - Combines a text editor, compiler, file browser, debugger, and other tools
 - Helps you organize a programming project
 - Helps you write, compile, and test code in one place
 - Visual Studio terms:
 - * Solution: An entire software project, including source code, metadata, input data files, etc.
 - * "Build solution": Compile all of your code
 - * "Start without debugging": Run the compiled code
 - * Solution location: The folder (on your computer's file system) that contains the solution, meaning all your code and the information needed to compile and run it

2 C# Fundamentals

2.1 Introduction to the C# Language

- C# is a managed language (as introduced in previous lecture)
 - Write in a high-level language, compile to intermediate language, run intermediate language in interpreter
 - Intermediate language is called CIL (Common Intermediate Language)
 - Interpreter is called .NET Runtime
 - Standard library is called .NET Framework, comes with the compiler and runtime
- It is widespread and popular
 - 7th most used language on StackOverflow¹, 5th-most if you discount JavaScript and HTML (which
 are used for websites, not programs)
 - .NET is the 2nd most used library/framework

2.2 The Object-Oriented Paradigm

- $\bullet~$ C# is called an "object-oriented" language
 - Programming languages have different paradigms: philosophies for organizing code, expressing ideas
 - Object-oriented is one such paradigm, C# uses it
 - Meaning of object-oriented: Program mostly consists of objects, which are reusable modules of code
 - Each object contains some data (attributes) and some functions related to that data (methods)
- Object-oriented terms
 - Class: A blueprint or template for an object. Code that defines what kind of data the object will
 contain and what operations (functions) you will be able to do with that data
 - Object: A single instance of a class, containing running code with specific values for the data.
 Each object is a separate "copy" based on the template given by the class.
 - **Method**: A function that modifies an object. This is code that is defined (written) in the class, but when it runs, it only runs on/for a specific object and modifies that object.
 - Attribute: A piece of data stored in an object
- Example objects:

 $^{^{-1}} https://insights.stackoverflow.com/survey/2017 \# technology-programming-languages$

- "Car" object, represents a car
 - * Attributes: Color, wheel size, engine status (on/off/idle), gear position
 - * Methods: Press gas or brake pedal, turn key on/off, shift transmission
- "Audio" object, represents a song being played in a music player
 - * Attributes: Sound wave data, current playback position, target speaker device
 - * Methods: Play, pause, stop, fast-forward, rewind

3 First Program

Here's a simple "hello world" program in the C# language:

3.0.0.1 Hello World

```
/* I'm a multi-line comment,
   * I can span over multiple lines!
   */
using System;

class Program
{
    static void Main()
    {
        Console.WriteLine("Hello, world!"); // I'm an in-line comment.
    }
}
```

Features of this program:

- A multi-line comment: everything between the /* and */ is considered a *comment*, i.e. text for humans to read. It will be ignored by the C# compiler and has no effect on the program.
- A using statement: This imports code definitions from the System *namespace*, which is part of the .NET Framework (the standard library).
 - In C#, code is organized into **namespaces**, which group related classes together
 - If you want to use code from a different namespace, you need a using statement to "import" that namespace
 - All the standard library code is in different namespaces from the code you will be writing, so you'll need using statements to access it
- A class declaration
 - Syntax: class [name of class], then { to begin the body of the class, then } to end the body of the class
 - All code between opening { and closing } is part of the class named by the class [name] statement
- A method declaration
 - The name of the method is Main, and is followed by empty parentheses (we'll get to those later, but they're required)
 - Just like with the class declaration, after the name, { begins the body of the method, } ends it
- A statement inside the body of the method
 - This is the part of the program that actually "does something": It prints a line of text to the console
 - A statement *must* end in a semicolon (the class header and method header aren't statements)

- This statement contains a class name (Console), followed by a method name (WriteLine). It calls the WriteLine method in the Console class.
- The argument to the WriteLine method is the text "Hello, world!", which is in parentheses after the name of the method. This is the text that gets printed in the console: The WriteLine method (which is in the standard library) takes an argument and prints it to the console.
- Note that the argument to WriteLine is inside double-quotes. This means it is a string, i.e. textual data, not a piece of C# code. The quotes are required in order to distinguish between text and code.
- An in-line comment: All the text from the // to the end of the line is considered a comment, and is ignored by the C# compiler.

3.1 Rules of C# Syntax

- Each statement must end in a semicolon (;),
 - Class and method declarations are not statements
 - A method *contains* some statements, but it is not a statement
- All words are case-sensitive
 - A class named Program is not the same as one named program
 - A method named writeline is not the same as one named WriteLine
- Braces and parentheses must always be matched
 - Once you start a class or method definition with {, you must end it with }
- Whitespace spaces, tabs, and newlines has almost no meaning
 - There must be at least 1 space between words
 - Spaces are counted exactly if they are inside string data, e.g. "Hello world!"
 - Otherwise, entire program could be written on one line; it would have the same meaning
 - Spaces and new lines are just to help humans read the code
- All C# applications must have a Main method
 - Name must match exactly, otherwise .NET runtime will get confused
 - This is the first code to run when the application starts any other code (in methods) will only run when its method is called

3.2 Conventions of C# Programs

- Conventions: Not enforced by the compiler/language, but expected by humans
 - Program will still work if you break them, but other programmers will be confused
- Indentation
 - After a class or method declaration (header), put the opening { on a new line underneath it
 - Then indent the next line by 4 spaces, and all other lines "inside" the class or method body
 - De-indent by 4 spaces at end of method body, so ending } aligns vertically with opening {
 - Method definition inside class definition: Indent body of method by another 4 spaces
 - In general, any code between { and } should be indented by 4 spaces relative to the { and }
- Code files
 - C# code is stored in files that end with the extension ".cs"
 - Each ".cs" file contains exactly one class
 - The name of the file is the same as the name of the class (Program.cs contains class Program)

3.3 Reserved Words and Identifiers

- Reserved words: Keywords in the C# language
 - Note they have a distinct color in the code sample and in Visual Studio
 - Built-in commands/features of the language
 - Can only be used for one specific purpose; meaning cannot be changed
 - Examples:
 - * using
 - * class
 - * public
 - * private
 - * namespace
 - * this
 - * if
 - * else
 - * for
 - * while
 - * do
 - * return
- Identifiers: Human-chosen names
 - Names for classes (Rectangle, ClassRoom, etc.), variables (age, name, etc.), methods (ComputeArea, GetLength, etc.), namespaces, etc.
 - Some have already been chosen for the standard library (e.g. Console, WriteLine), but they are still identifiers, not keywords
 - Rules for identifiers:
 - * Must not be a reserved word
 - * Must contain only letters $(a \to Z)$, numbers $(0 \to 9)$, and underscore (_)- no spaces
 - * Must not begin with a number
 - * Are case sensitive
 - * Must be unique (you cannot re-use the same identifier twice in the same scope a concept we will discuss later)
 - Conventions for identifiers
 - * Should be descriptive, e.g. "AudioFile" or "userInput" not "a" or "x"
 - * Should be easy for humans to read and type
 - * If name is multiple words, use CamelCase² (or its variation Pascal case³) to distinguish words
 - * Class and method names should start with capitals, e.g. "class AudioFile"
 - * Variable names should start with lowercase letters, then capitalize subsequent words, e.g. "myFavoriteNumber"

3.4 Write and WriteLine

- The WriteLine method
 - We saw this in the "Hello World" program: Console.WriteLine("Hello World!"); results in "Hello World!" being displayed in the terminal
 - In general, Console.WriteLine("text"); will display the text in the terminal, then $start\ a\ new\ line$

²https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camel case

³https://www.c-sharpcorner.com/UploadFile/8a67c0/C-Sharp-coding-standards-and-naming-conventions/

- This means a second Console. WriteLine will display its text on the next line of the terminal. For example, this program:

```
using System;

class Welcome
{
    static void Main()
    {
        Console.WriteLine("Hello");
        Console.WriteLine("World!");
    }
}

will display the following output in the terminal:
Hello
World!
```

- Methods with multiple statements
 - Note that our two-line example has a Main method with multiple statements
 - In C#, each statement must end in a semicolon
 - Class and method declarations are not statements
 - Each line of code in your .cs file is not necessarily a statement
 - A single invocation/call of the WriteLine method is a statement
- The Write method
 - Console.WriteLine("text") prints the text, then starts a new line in the terminal it effectively
 "hits enter" after printing the text
 - Console.Write("text") just prints the text, without starting a new line. It's like typing the text without hitting "enter" afterwards.
 - Even though two Console.Write calls are two statements, and appear on two lines, they will result in the text being printed on just one line. For example, this program:

```
using System;

class Welcome
{
    static void Main()
    {
        Console.Write("Hello");
        Console.Write("World!");
    }
}
```

will display the following output in the terminal:

HelloWorld!

- Note that there is no space between "Hello" and "World!" because we didn't type one in the argument to Console.Write
- Combining Write and WriteLine
 - We can use both WriteLine and Write in the same program

- After a call to Write, the "cursor" is on the same line after the printed text; after a call to WriteLine the "cursor" is at the beginning of the next line

```
- This program:
```

```
using System;

class Welcome
{
    static void Main()
    {
        Console.Write("Hello ");
        Console.WriteLine("World!");
        Console.WriteLine("CSCI 1301!");
        Console.WriteLine("CSCI 1301!");
    }
}

will display the following output in the terminal:
Hello world!
Welcome to CSCI 1301!
```

3.5 Escape Sequences

- Explicitly writing a new line
 - So far we've used WriteLine when we want to create a new line in the output
 - The **escape sequence** \n can also be used to create a new line it represents the "newline character," which is what gets printed when you type "enter"
 - This program will produce the same output as our two-line "Hello World" example, with each word on its own line:

```
using System;

class Welcome
{
    static void Main()
    {
        Console.Write("Hello\nWorld!\n");
    }
}
```

- Escape sequences in detail
 - An **escape sequence** uses "normal" letters to represent "special", hard-to-type characters
 - \n represents the newline character, i.e. the result of pressing "enter"
 - \t represents the tab character, which is a single extra-wide space (you usually get it by pressing the "tab" key)
 - $\$ " represents a double-quote character that will get printed on the screen, rather than ending the text string in the C# code.
 - * Without this, you couldn't write a sentence with quotation marks in a Console.WriteLine, because the C# compiler would assume the quotation marks meant the string was ending

* This program won't compile because in quotes is not valid C# code, and the compiler thinks it is not part of the string:

```
class Welcome
{
    static void Main()
    {
        Console.WriteLine("This is "in quotes"");
    }
}
```

* This program will display the sentence including the quotation marks:

```
using System;

class Welcome
{
    static void Main()
    {
        Console.WriteLine("This is \"in quotes\"");
    }
}
```

- Note that all escape sequences begin with a backslash character $(\)$
- General format is \[key letter] the letter after the backslash is like a "keyword" indicating which special character to display
- If you want to put an actual backslash in your string, you need the escape sequence \\, which prints a single backslash
 - * This will result in a compile error because \U is not a valid escape sequence: Console.WriteLine("Go to C:\U
 - * This will display the path correctly: Console.WriteLine("Go to C:\\Users\\Edward");

4 Datatypes and Variables

4.1 Datatype Basics

- Recall the basic structure of a program
 - Program receives input from some source, uses input to make decisions, produces output for the outside world to see
 - In other words, the program reads some data, manipulates data, and writes out new data
 - In C#, data is stored in objects during the program's execution, and manipulated using the methods of those objects
- This data has types
 - Numbers (the number 2) are different from text (the word "two")
 - Text data is called "strings" because each letter is a **character** and a word is a *string of characters*
 - Within "numeric data," there are different types of numbers
 - * Natural numbers (\mathbb{N}): 0, 1, 2, ...
 - * Integers (\mathbb{Z}): ... -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, ...
 - * Real numbers (\mathbb{R}): 0.5, 1.333333..., -1.4, etc.
- Basic Datatypes in C#
 - C# uses keywords to name the types of data

- Text data:

```
* string: a string of characters, like "Hello world!"
* char: a single character, like 'e' or 't'
```

- Numeric data:

- * int: An integer, as defined previously
- * uint: An unsigned integer, in other words, a natural number (positive integers only)
- * float: A "floating-point" number, which is a real number with a fractional part, such as 3.85
- * double: A floating-point number with "double precision" also a real number, but capable of storing more significant figures
- * decimal: An "exact decimal" number also a real number, but has fewer rounding errors than float and double (we'll explore the difference later)

4.2 Literals and Variables

- Literals and their types
 - A **literal** is a data value written in the code
 - A form of "input" provided by the programmer rather than the user; its value is fixed throughout the program's execution
 - Literal data must have a type, indicated by syntax:

```
* string literal: text in double quotes, like "hello"
```

- * char literal: a character in single quotes, like 'a'
- * int literal: a number without a decimal point, with or without a minus sign (e.g. 52)
- * long literal: just like an int literal but with the suffix 1 or L, e.g. 4L
- * double literal: a number with a decimal point, with or without a minus sign (e.g. -4.5)
- * float literal: just like a double literal but with the suffix f or F (for "float"), e.g. 4.5f
- * decimal literal: just like a double literal but with the suffix m or M(for "deciMal"), e.g. 6.01m
- Variables overview
 - Variables store data that can vary (change) during the program's execution
 - They have a type, just like literals, and also a name
 - You can use literals to write data that gets stored in variables
 - Sample program with variables:

This program shows three major operations you can do with variables.

* First it **declares** two variables, an **int**-type variable named "myAge" and a **string**-type variable named "myName"

- * Then, it assigns values to each of those variables, using literals of the same type. myAge is assigned the value 29, using the int literal 29, and myName is assigned the value "Edward", using the string literal "Edward"
- * Finally, it **displays** the current value of each variable by using the **Console.WriteLine** method and **string interpolation**, in which the values of variables are inserted into a string by writing their names with some special syntax (a \$ character at the beginning of the string, and braces around the variable names)

4.3 Variable Operations

• Declaration

- This is when you specify the *name* of a variable and its *type*
- Syntax: type_keyword variable_name;
- Examples: int myAge;, string myName;, double winChance;
- A variable name is an identifier, so it should follow the rules and conventions
 - * Can only contain letters and numbers
 - * Must be unique among all variable, method, and class names
 - * Should use CamelCase if it contains multiple words
- Note that the variable's type is not part of its name: two variables cannot have the same name $even\ if$ they are different types
- Multiple variables can be declared in the same statement: string myFirstName, myLastName;
 would declare two strings called respectively myFirstName and myLastName.

• Assignment

- The act of changing the value of a variable
- Uses the symbol =, which is the assignment operator, not a statement of equality it does not mean "equals"
- Direction of assignment is **right to left**: the variable goes on the left side of the = symbol, and its new value goes on the right
- Syntax: variable_name = value;
- Example: myAge = 29;
- Value *must* match the type of the variable. If myAge was declared as an int-type variable, you cannot write myAge = "29"; because "29" is a string
- Initialization (Declaration + Assignment)
 - Initialization statement combines declaration and assignment in one line (it's just a shortcut, not a new operation)
 - Creates a new variable and also gives it an initial value
 - Syntax: type variable_name = value;
 - Example: string myName = "Edward";
 - Can only be used once per variable, since you can only declare a variable once

• Assignment Details

- Assignment replaces the "old" value of the variable with a "new" one; it's how variables vary
 - * If you initialize a variable with int myAge = 29; and then write myAge = 30;, the variable
 myAge now store the value 30
- You can assign a variable to another variable: just write a variable name on both sides of the = operator
 - * This will take a "snapshot" of the current value of the variable on the right side, and store it into the variable on the left side
 - * For example, in this code:

```
int a = 12;
int b = a;
a = -5;
```

the variable b gets the value 12, because that's the value that a had when the statement int b = a was executed. Even though a was then changed to -5 afterward, b is still 12.

- Displaying
 - When you want to print a mixture of values and variables with Console.WriteLine, we should convert all of them to a string
 - String interpolation: a mechanism for converting a variable's value to a string and inserting it into the main string
 - * Syntax: \$"text {variable} text" begin with a \$ symbol, then put variable's name inside brackets within the string
 - * Example: \$"I am {myAge} years old"
 - * When this line of code is executed, it reads the variable's current value, converts it to a string (29 becomes "29"), and inserts it into the surrounding string
 - When string interpolation converts a variable to a string, it must call a "string conversion" method supplied with the data type (int, double, etc.). All built-in C# datatypes come with string conversion methods, but when you write your own data types (classes), you'll need to write your own string conversions string interpolation won't magically "know" how to convert MyClass variables to strings

On a final note, observe that you can write statements mixing multiple declarations and assignments, as in int myAge = 10, yourAge, ageDifference; that declares three variables of type int and set the value of the first one. It is generally recommended to separate those instructions in different statements as you begin, to ease debugging and have a better understanding of the "atomic steps" your program should perform.

4.4 Variables in Memory

- A variable names a memory location
 - Data is stored in memory (RAM), so a variable "stores data" by storing it in memory
 - Declaring a variable reserves a memory location (address) and gives it a name
 - Assigning to a variable stores data to the memory location (address) named by that variable
- Numeric datatypes have different sizes
 - Amount of memory used/reserved by each variable depends on the variable's type
 - Amount of memory needed for an integer data type depends on the size of the number
 - * int uses 4 bytes of memory, can store numbers in the range $[-2^{31}, 2^{31} 1]$
 - * long uses 8 bytes of memory can store numbers in the range $[-2^{63}, 2^{63} 1]$
 - * short uses 2 bytes of memory, can store numbers in the range $[-2^{15}, 2^{15} 1]$
 - * sbyte uses only 1 bytes of memory, can store numbers in the range [-128, 127]
 - Unsigned versions of the integer types use the same amount of memory, but can store larger positive numbers
 - * byte uses 1 byte of memory, can store numbers in the range [0, 255]
 - * ushort uses 2 bytes of memory, can store numbers in the range $[0,2^{16}-1]$
 - * uint uses 4 bytes of memory, can store numbers in the range $[0, 2^{32} 1]$
 - * ulong uses 8 bytes of memory, can store numbers in the range $[0, 2^{64} 1]$
 - * This is because in a signed integer, one bit (digit) of the binary number is needed to represent the sign (+ or -). This means the actual number stored must be 1 bit smaller than the size of the memory (e.g. 31 bits out of the 32 bits in 4 bytes). In an unsigned integer, there is no "sign bit", so all the bits can be used for the number.

- Amount of memory needed for a floating-point data type depends on the precision (significant figures) of the number
 - * float uses 4 bytes of memory, can store positive or negative numbers in a range of approximately $[10^{-45}, 10^{38}]$, with 7 significant figures of precision
 - * double uses 8 bytes of memory, and has both a wider range $(10^{-324} \text{ to } 10^{308})$ and more significant figures (15 or 16)
 - * decimal uses 16 bytes of memory, and has 28 or 29 significant figures of precision, but it actually has the smallest range $(10^{-28} \text{ to } 10^{28})$ because it stores decimal fractions exactly
- Difference between binary fractions and decimal fractions
 - * float and double store their data as binary (base 2) fractions, where each digit represents a power of 2
 - The binary number 101.01 represents 4 + 1 + 1/4, or 5.25 in base 10
 - * More specifically, they use binary scientific notation: A mantissa (a binary integer), followed by an exponent assumed to be a power of 2, which is applied to the mantissa
 - · 10101e-10 means a mantissa of 10101 (i.e. 21 in base 10) with an exponent of -10 (i.e. 2^{-2} in base 10), which also produces the value 101.01 or 5.25 in base 10
 - * Binary fractions can't represent all base-10 fractions, because they can only represent fractions that are negative powers of 2. 1/10 is not a negative power of 2 and can't be represented as a sum of 1/16, 1/32, 1/64, etc.
 - * This means some base-10 fractions will get "rounded" to the nearest finite binary fraction, and this will cause errors when they are used in arithmetic
 - * On the other hand, decimal stores data as a base-10 fraction, using base-10 scientific notation
 - * This is slower for the computer to calculate with (since computers work only in binary) but has no "rounding errors" with fractions that include 0.1
 - * Use decimal when working with money (since money uses a lot of 0.1 and 0.01 fractions), double when working with non-money fractions

Summary of numeric data types and sizes:

Type	Size	Range of Values	Precision
sbyte	1 bytes	-128127	N/A
byte	1 bytes	0255	N/A
short	2 bytes	$-2^{15}2^{15}-1$	N/A
ushort	2 bytes	$02^{16} - 1$	N/A
int	4 bytes	$-2^{31}2^{31}-1$	N/A
uint	4 bytes	$02^{32} - 1$	N/A
long	8 bytes	$-2^{63}2^{63}-1$	N/A
ulong	8 bytes	$02^{64} - 1$	N/A
float	4 bytes	$\pm 1.5 \cdot 10^{-45} \dots \pm 3.4 \cdot 10^{38}$	7 digits
double	8 bytes	$\pm 5.0 \cdot 10^{-324} \dots \pm 1.7 \cdot 10^{308}$	15-16 digits
decimal	16 bytes	$\pm 1.0 \cdot 10^{-28} \dots \pm 7.9 \cdot 10^{28}$	28-29 digits

- Value and reference types: different ways of storing data in memory
 - Variables name memory locations, but the data that gets stored at the named location is different for each type
 - For a **value type** variable, the named memory location stores the exact data value held by the variable (just what you'd expect)
 - Value types: all the numeric types (int, float, double, decimal, etc.), char, and bool
 - For a **reference type** variable, the named memory location stores a *reference* to the data, not the data itself

- * The contents of the memory location named by the variable are the address of another memory location
- * The other memory location is where the variable's data is stored
- * To get to the data, the computer first reads the location named by the variable, then uses that information (the memory address) to find and read the other memory location where the data is stored
- Reference types: string, object, and all objects you create from your own classes
- Assignment works differently for reference types
 - * Assignment always copies the value in the variable's named memory location but in the case of a reference type that's just a memory address, not the data
 - * Assigning one reference-type variable to another copies the memory address, so now both variables "refer to" the same data
 - * Example:

```
string word = "Hello";
string word2 = word;
```

Both word and word2 contain the same memory address, pointing to the same memory location, which contains the string "Hello". There is only one copy of the string "Hello"; word2 doesn't get its own copy.

4.5 Overflow (7)

- Assume a car has a 4-digit odometer, and currently, it shows 9999. What does the odometer show if you drive the car another mile? As you guess, it shows 0000 while it should show 10000. The reason is the odometer does not have a counter for the fifth digit. Similarly, in C#, when you do arithmetic operations on integral data, the result may not fit in the corresponding data type. This situation is called overflow error.
- In an unsigned data type variable with N bits, we can store the numbers ranged from 0 to $2^{(N-1)}$. In signed data type variables, the high order bit represents the sign of the number as follows:
 - 0 means zero or a positive value
 - 1 means a negative value
- With the remaining N-1 bits, we can represent $2^{(N-1)}$ states. Hence, considering the sign bit, we can store a number from $-2^{(N-1)}$ to $2^{(N-1)}-1$ in the variable.
- In many programming languages like C, overflow error raise an exceptional situation that crashes the program if it is not handled. But, in C#, the extra bits are just ignored, and if the programmer does not care about such a possibility, it can lead to a severe security problem.
- For example, assume a company gives loans to its employee. Couples working for the company can get loans separately, but the total amount can not exceed \$10,000. The underneath program looks like it does this job, but there is a risk of attacks. (This program uses notions you have not studied yet, but that should not prevent you from reading the source code and executing it.)

```
using System;

class Program
{
    static void Main()
    {
      uint n1, n2;

    Console.WriteLine("Enter the requested loan amount for the first person:");
```

```
n1 = uint.Parse(Console.ReadLine());

Console.WriteLine("Enter the reguested loan amount for the second person:");
n2 = uint.Parse(Console.ReadLine());

if(n1 + n2 < 10000)
{
    Console.WriteLine($"Pay ${n1} for the first person");
    Console.WriteLine($"Pay ${n2} for the second person");
}
else
{
    Console.WriteLine("Error: the sum of loans exceeds the maximum allowance.");
}
}</pre>
```

- If the user enters 2 and 4,294,967,295, we expect to see the error message ("Error: the sum of loans exceeds the maximum allowance."). However, this is not what will happened, and the request will be accepted even if it should not have. The reason can be explained as follows:
 - uint is a 32-bit data type.

4.6 Underflow

- Sometimes, the result of arithmetic operations over floating-point numbers is smaller than what can be stored in the corresponding data type. This problem is known as the underflow problem.
- In C#, in case of an underflow problem, the result will be zero.

```
float no;
no = 1E-45f;
Console.WriteLine(no); //outputs 1.401298E-45
no = no / 10;
Console.WriteLine(no); //outputs 0
no = no * 10;
Console.WriteLine(no); //outputs 0
```

5 Operators

5.1 Arithmetic Operators

Variables or literals of numeric data types (int, double, etc.) can be used to do math. All the usual arithmetic operations are available in C#:

Operation	C# Operator	Algebraic Expression	C# Expression
Addition	+	x + 7	myVar + 7
Subtraction	-	x-7	myVar - 7
Multiplication	*	$x \times 7$	myVar * 7
Division	/	$x/7, x \div 7$	myVar / 7
Remainder (a.k.a. modulo)	%	$x \mod 7$	myVar % 7

Note: the "remainder" or "modulo" operator represents the remainder after doing integer division between its two operands. For example, $44 \mod 7 = 2$ because $44 \div 7 = 6$ with remainder 2.

• Arithmetic and variables

- The result of an arithmetic expression (like those shown in the table) is a numeric value
 - * For example, the C# expression 3 * 4 has the value 12, which is int data
- A numeric value can be assigned to a variable of the same type, just like a literal: int myVar = 3 * 4; initializes the variable myVar to contain the value 12
- A numeric-type variable can be used in an arithmetic expression
- When a variable is used in an arithmetic expression, its current value is read, and the math is done on that value
- Example:

```
int a = 4;
int b = a + 5;
a = b * 2;
```

- * To execute the second line of the code, the computer will first evaluate the expression on the right side of the = sign. It reads the value of the variable a, which is 4, and then computes the result of 4 + 5, which is 9. Then, it assigns this value to the variable b (remember assignment goes right to left).
- * To execute the third line of code, the computer first evaluates the expression on the right side of the = sign, which means reading the value of b to use in the arithmetic operation. b contains 9, so the expression is 9 * 2, which evaluates to 18. Then it assigns the value 18 to the variable a, which now contains 18 instead of 4.
- A variable can appear on both sides of the = sign, like this:

```
int myVar = 4;
myVar = myVar * 2;
```

This looks like a paradox because myVar is assigned to itself, but it has a clear meaning because assignment is evaluated right to left. When executing the second line of code, the computer evaluates the right side of the = before doing the assignment. So it first reads the current ("old") value of myVar, which is 4, and computes 4 * 2 to get the value 8. Then, it assigns the new value to myVar, overwriting its old value.

• Compound assignment operators

- The pattern of "compute an expression with a variable, then assign the result to that variable" is common, so there are shortcuts for doing it
- The compound assignment operators change the value of a variable by adding, subtracting, etc. from its current value, equivalent to an assignment statement that has the value on both sides:

Statement	Equivalent
x += 2;	x = x + 2;
x -= 2;	x = x - 2;

Statement	Equivalent
x *= 2;	x = x * 2;
x /= 2;	x = x / 2;
x %= 2;	x = x % 2;

5.2 Implicit and Explicit Conversions Between Datatypes

- Assignments from different types
 - The "proper" way to initialize a variable is to assign it a literal of the same type:

```
int myAge = 29;
double myHeight = 1.77;
float radius = 2.3f;
```

Note that 1.77 is a double literal, while 2.3f is a float literal

- If the literal is not the same type as the variable, you will sometimes get an error for example,
 float radius = 2.3 will result in a compile error but sometimes, it appears to work fine: for example float radius = 2; compiles and runs without error even though 2 is an int value.
- In fact, the value being assigned to the variable must be the same type as the variable, but some types can be implicitly converted to others
- Implicit conversions
 - Implicit conversion allows variables to be assigned from literals of the "wrong" type: the literal value is first implicitly converted to the right type
 - * In the statement float radius = 2;, the int value 2 is implicitly converted to an equivalent float value, 2.0f. Then the computer assigns 2.0f to the radius variable.
 - Implicit conversion also allows variables to be assigned from other variables that have a different type:

```
int length = 2;
float radius = length;
```

When the computer executes the second line of this code, it reads the variable length to get an int value 2. It then implicitly converts that value to 2.0f, and then assigns 2.0f to the float-type variable radius.

- Implicit conversion only works between some data types: a value will only be implicitly converted
 if it is "safe" to do so without losing data
- Summary of possible implicit conversions:

Type	Possible Implicit Conversions
short	int, long, float, double, decimal
int	long, float, double, decimal
long	float, double, decimal
ushort	uint, int, ulong, long, decimal, float, double
uint	ulong, long, decimal, float, double
ulong	decimal, float, double
float	double

- In general, a data type can only be implicitly converted to one with a larger range of possible values
- Since an int can store any integer between -2^{31} and $2^{31}-1$, but a float can store any integer between -3.4×10^{38} and 3.4×10^{38} (as well as fractional values), it's always safe to store an int value in a float
- You cannot implicitly convert a float to an int because an int stores fewer values than a float
 it can't store fractions so converting a float to an int will lose data
- Note that all integer data types can be implicitly converted to float or double
- Each integer data type can be implicitly converted to a larger integer type: short \rightarrow int \rightarrow long
- Unsigned integer data types can be implicitly converted to a *larger* signed integer type, but not the *same* signed integer type: $uint \rightarrow long$, but **not** uint rightarrow int
 - * This is because of the "sign bit": a **uint** can store larger values than an **int** because it doesn't use a sign bit, so converting a large **uint** to an **int** might lose data

• Explicit conversions

- Any conversion that is "unsafe" because it might lose data will not happen automatically: you get a compile error if you assign a double variable to a float variable
- If you want to do an unsafe conversion anyway, you must perform an explicit conversion with the cast operator
- Cast operator syntax: ([type name]) [variable or value] the cast is "right-associative", so it applies to the variable to the right of the type name
- Example: (float) 2.8 or (int) radius
- Explicit conversions are often used when you (the programmer) know the conversion is actually "safe" data won't actually be lost
 - * For example, in this code, we know that 2.886 is within the range of a float, so it's safe to convert it to a float:

```
float radius = (float) 2.886;
```

The variable radius will be assigned the value 2.886f.

* For example, in this code, we know that 2.0 is safe to convert to an **int** because it has no fractional part:

```
double length = 2.0;
int height = (int) length;
```

The variable height will be assigned the value 2.

- Explicit conversions only work if there exists code to perform the conversion, usually in the standard library. The cast operator isn't "magic" it just calls a method that is defined to convert one type of data (e.g. double) to another (e.g. int).
 - * All the C# numeric types have explicit conversions to each other defined
 - * string does not have explicit conversions defined, so you cannot write int myAge = (int) "29";
- If the explicit conversion is truly unsafe (will lose data), data is lost in a specific way
 - * Casting from floating-point (e.g. double) types to integer types: fractional part of number is truncated (ignored/dropped)

- * In int length = (int) 2.886;, the value 2.886 is truncated to 2 by the cast to int, so the variable length gets the value 2.
- * Casting from more-precise to less-precise floating point type: number is *rounded* to nearest value that fits in less-precise type:

```
decimal myDecimal = 123456789.999999918m;
double myDouble = (double) myDecimal;
float myFloat = (float) myDouble;
```

In this code, myDouble gets the value 123456789.9999993, while myFloat gets the value 123456790.0f, as the original decimal value is rounded to fit types with fewer significant figures of precision.

- * Casting from a larger integer to a smaller integer: the most significant bits are truncated remember that numbers are stored in binary format
- * This can cause weird results, since the least-significant bits of a number in binary don't correspond to the least significant digits of the equivalent base-10 number
- * Casting from another floating point type to decimal: Either value is stored precisely (no rounding), or *program crashes* with System.OverflowException if value is larger than decimal's maximum value:

```
decimal fromSmall = (decimal) 42.76875;
double bigDouble = 2.65e35;
decimal fromBig = (decimal) bigDouble;
```

In this code, fromSmall will get the value 42.76875m, but the program will crash when attempting to cast bigDouble to a decimal because 2.65×10^{35} is larger than decimal's maximum value of 7.9×10^{28}

* decimal is more precise than the other two floating-point types (thus doesn't need to round), but has a smaller range (only 10^{28} , vs. 10^{308})

Summary of implicit and explicit conversions for the numeric data types:

Refer to the "Result Type of Operations" chart from the cheatsheet⁴ for more detail.

5.3 Arithmetic on Mixed Data Types

- Math operators for each data type
 - The math operators (+, -, *, /) are defined separately for each data type: There is an int version of + that adds ints, a float version of + that adds floats, etc.
 - Each operator expects to get two values of the same type on each side, and produces a result of that same type. For example, 2.25 + 3.25 uses the double version of +, which adds the two double values to produce a double-type result, 5.5.
 - Most operators have the same effect regardless of their type, except for /
 - The int/short/long version of / does integer division, which returns only the quotient and drops the remainder: In the statement int result = 21 / 5;, the variable result gets the value 4, because 21 ÷ 5 is 4 with a remainder of 1. If you want the fractional part, you need to use the floating-point version (for float, double, and decimal): double fracDiv = 21.0 / 5.0; will initialize fracDiv to 4.2.
- Implicit conversions in math

 $^{^4.../}datatypes_in_csharp.html\#result-type-of-operations$



Figure 2: "Implicit and Explicit Conversion Between Datatypes"

- If the two operands/arguments to a math operator are not the same type, they must become the same type – one must be converted
- C# will first try implicit conversion to "promote" a less-precise or smaller value to a more precise, larger type
- Example: with the expression double fracDiv = 21 / 2.4;
 - * Operand types are int and double
 - * int is smaller/less-precise than double
 - * 21 gets implicitly converted to 21.0, a double value
 - * Now the operands are both double type, so the double version of the / operator gets executed
 - * The result is 8.75, a double value, which gets assigned to the variable fracDiv
- Implicit conversion also happens in assignment statements, which happen after the math expression is computed
- Example: with the expression double fraction = 21 / 5;
 - * Operand types are int and int
 - * Since they match, the int version of / gets executed
 - * The result is 4, an **int** value
 - * Now this value is assigned to the variable fraction, which is double type
 - * The ${\tt int}$ value is implicitly converted to the double value 4.0, and ${\tt fraction}$ is assigned the value 4.0
- Explicit conversions in math
 - If the operands are int type, the int version of / will get called, even if you assign the result to a double
 - You can "force" floating-point division by explicitly converting one operand to double or float
 - Example:

```
int numCookies = 21;
int numPeople = 6;
double share = (double) numCookies / numPeople;
```

Without the cast, share would get the value 3.0 because numCookies and numPeople are both int type (just like the fraction example above). With the cast, numCookies is converted to the value 21.0 (a double), which means the operands are no longer the same type. This will cause numPeople to be implicitly converted to double in order to make them match, and the double version of / will get called to evaluate 21.0 / 6.0. The result is 3.5, so share gets assigned 3.5.

- You might also need a cast to ensure the operands are the same type, if implicit conversion doesn't work
- Example:

```
decimal price = 3.89;
double shares = 47.75;
decimal total = price * (decimal) shares;
```

In this code, double can't be implicitly converted to decimal, and decimal can't be explicitly converted to double, so the multiplication price * shares would produce a compile error. We need an explicit cast to decimal to make both operands the same type (decimal).

5.4 Order of Operations

- Math operations in C# follow PEMDAS from math class: Parentheses, Exponents, Multiplication, Division, Addition, Subtraction
 - Multiplication/division are evaluated together, as are addition/subtraction
 - Expressions are evaluated left-to-right
 - Example: int x = 4 = 10 * 3 21 / 2 (3 + 3);
 - * Parentheses: (3 + 3) is evaluated, returns 6
 - * Multiplication/Division: 10 * 3 is evaluated to produce 30, then 21 / 2 is evaluated to produce 10 (left-to-right)
 - * Addition/Subtraction: 4 + 30 10 6 is evaluated, result is 18
- Cast operator is higher priority than all binary operators
 - Example: double share = (double) numCookies / numPeople;
 - * Cast operator is evaluated first, converts numCookies to a double
 - * Division is evaluated next, but operand types don't match
 - * numPeople is implicitly converted to double to make operand types match
 - * Then division is evaluated, result is 21.0 / 6.0 = 3.5
- Parentheses always increase priority, even with casts
 - An expression in parentheses gets evaluated before the cast "next to" it
 - Example:

```
int a = 5, b = 4;
double result = (double) (a / b);
```

The expression in parentheses gets evaluated first, then the result has the (double) cast applied to it. That means a / b is evaluated to produce 1, since a and b are both int type, and then that result is cast to a double, producing 1.0.

6 Reading Input, Displaying Output, and Concatenation

6.1 Output with Variables

- Converting from numbers to strings
 - As we saw in a previous lecture (Datatypes and Variables), the Console.WriteLine method needs
 a string as its argument
 - If the variable you want to display is not a string, you might think you could cast it to a string,
 but that won't work there is no explicit conversion from string to numeric types
 - * This code:

```
double fraction = (double) 47 / 6;
string text = (string) fraction;
will produce a compile error
```

You can convert numeric data to a string using string interpolation, which we've used before in Console. WriteLine statements:

```
int x = 47, y = 6;
double fraction = (double) x / y;
string text = $"{x} divided by {y} is {fraction}";
```

After executing this code, text will contain "47 divided by 6 is 7.8333333"

- String interpolation can convert any expression to a **string**, not just a single variable. For example, you can write:

```
Console.WriteLine($"{x} divided by {y} is {(double) x / y}");
Console.WriteLine($"{x} plus 7 is {x + 7}");
This will display the following output:
47 divided by 6 is 7.8333333
```

Note that writing a math expression inside a string interpolation statement does not change the values of any variables. After executing this code, x is still 47, and y is still 6.

• The ToString() method

47 plus 7 is 54

- String interpolation doesn't "magically know" how to convert numbers to strings it delegates the task to the numbers themselves
- This works because all data types in C# are objects, even the built-in ones like int and double
 - * Since they are objects, they can have methods
- All objects in C# are guaranteed to have a method named ToString(), whose return value (result) is a string
- Meaning of ToString() method: "Convert this object to a string, and return that string"
- This means you can call the ToString() method on any variable to convert it to a string, like this:

```
int num = 42;
double fraction = 33.5;
string intText = num.ToString();
string fracText = fraction.ToString();
```

After executing this code, intText will contain the string "42", and fracText will contain the string "33.5"

- String interpolation calls ToString() on each variable or expression within braces, asking it to convert itself to a string
 - * In other words, these three statements are all the same:

```
Console.WriteLine($"num is {num}");
Console.WriteLine($"num is {intText}");
Console.WriteLine($"num is {num.ToString()}");
```

Putting num within the braces is the same as calling ToString() on it.

6.2 String Concatenation

- Now that we've seen ToString(), we can introduce another operator: the concatenation operator
- Concatenation basics
 - Remember, the + operator is defined separately for each data type. The "double + double" operator is different from the "int + int" operator.
 - If the operand types are string (i.e. string + string), the + operator performs concatenation, not addition
 - You can concatenate string literals or string variables:

```
string greeting = "Hi there, " + "John";
string name = "Paul";
string greeting2 = "Hi there, " + name;
```

After executing this code, greeting will contain "Hi there, John" and greeting2 will contain "Hi there, Paul"

- Concatenation with mixed types
 - Just like with the other operators, both operands (both sides of the +) must be the same type
 - If one operand is a **string** and the other is not a **string**, the **ToString**() method will automatically be called to convert it to a **string**
 - Example: In this code:

```
int bananas = 42;
string text = "Bananas: " + bananas;
```

The + operator has a string operand and an int operand, so the int will be converted to a string. This means the computer will call bananas. ToString(), which returns the string "42". Then the string + string operator is called with the operands "Bananas:" and "42", which concatenates them into "Bananas: 42".

- Output with concatenation
 - We now have two different ways to construct a string for Console.WriteLine: Interpolation and concatenation
 - Concatenating a string with a variable will automatically call its ToString() method, just like interpolation will. These two WriteLine calls are equivalent:

```
int num = 42;
Console.WriteLine($"num is {num}");
Console.WriteLine("num is " + num);
```

- It's usually easier to use interpolation, since when you have many variables the + signs start to add up. Compare the length of these two equivalent lines of code:

- Be careful when using concatenation with numeric variables: the meaning of + depends on the types of its two operands
 - \ast If both operands are numbers, the + operator does addition
 - * If both operands are strings, the + operator does concatenation
 - * If one argument is a string, the other argument will be converted to a string using ToString()
 - * Expressions in C# are always evaluated left-to-right, just like arithmetic
 - * Therefore, in this code:

```
int var1 = 6, var2 = 7;
Console.WriteLine(var1 + var2 + " is the result");
Console.WriteLine("The result is " + var1 + var2);
```

The first WriteLine will display "13 is the result", because var1 and var2 are both ints, so the first + operator performs addition on two ints (the resulting number,13, is then converted to a string for the second + operator). However, the second WriteLine will display "The result is 67", because both + operators perform concatenation: The first one concatenates a string with var1 to produce a string, and then the second one concatenates this string with var2

* If you want to combine addition and concatenation in the same line of code, use parentheses to make the order and grouping of operations explicit. For example:

```
int var1 = 6, var2 = 7;
Console.WriteLine((var1 + var2) + " is the result");
Console.WriteLine("The result is " + (var1 + var2));
```

In this code, the parentheses ensure that var1 + var2 is always interpreted as addition.

6.3 Reading Input from the User

- Input and output in CLI
 - Our programs use a command-line interface, where input and output come from text printed in a "terminal" or "console"
 - We've already seen that Console.WriteLine prints text on the screen to provide output to the user
 - The equivalent method for reading input is Console.ReadLine(), which waits for the user to type some text in the console and then returns it
 - In general, the Console class represents the command-line interface
- Using Console.ReadLine()
 - This method is the "inverse" of Console. WriteLine, and the way you use it is also the "inverse"

- While Console.WriteLine takes an argument, which is the text you want to display on the screen,
 Console.ReadLine() takes no arguments because it doesn't need any input from your program
 it will always do the same thing
- Console.WriteLine has no "return value" it doesn't give any output back to your program, and the only effect of calling it is that text is displayed on the screen
- Console.ReadLine() does have a return value, specifically a string, just like ToString(). This means you can use the result of this method to assign a string variable.
- The string that Console.ReadLine() returns is one line of text typed in the console. When you call it, the computer will wait for the user to type some text and then press "Enter", and everything the user typed before pressing "Enter" gets returned from Console.ReadLine()
- Example usage:

```
using System;

class PersonalizedWelcomeMessage
{
   static void Main()
   {
      string firstName;
      Console.WriteLine("Enter your first name:");.
      firstName = Console.ReadLine();
      Console.WriteLine($"Welcome, {firstName}!");
   }
}
```

This program first declares a string variable named firstName. On the second line, it uses Console.WriteLine to display a message (instructions for the user). On the third line, it calls the Console.ReadLine() method, and assigns its return value (result) to the firstName variable. This means the program waits for the user to type some text and press "Enter", and then stores that text in firstName. Finally, the program uses string interpolation in Console.WriteLine to display a message including the contents of the firstName variable.

- Parsing user input
 - Casting cannot be used to convert numeric data to or from string data
 - When converting numeric data to string data, we use the ToString() method:

```
int myAge = 29;
//This does not work:
//string strAge = (string) myAge;
string strAge = myAge.ToString();
```

- Similarly, we use a method to convert strings to numbers:

```
string strAge = "29";
//This does not work:
//int myAge = (int) strAge;
int myAge = int.Parse(strAge);
```

- The int.Parse method takes a string as an argument, and returns an int containing the numeric value written in that string
- Each built-in numeric type has its own Parse method

```
* int.Parse("42") returns the value 42
* long.Parse("42") returns the value 42L
* double.Parse("3.65") returns the value 3.65
* float.Parse("3.65") returns the value 3.65f
```

- The Parse methods are useful for converting user input to useable data. Remember,
 Console.ReadLine() will always return a string, even if you asked the user to enter a number.
- Example of parsing user input:

```
Console.WriteLine("Please enter the year.");
string userInput = Console.ReadLine();
int curYear = int.Parse(userInput);
Console.WriteLine("Next year it will be {curYear + 1}");
In order to do arithmetic with the user's input (i.e. add 1), it must be a numeric type (i.e. int), not a string.
```

- The Parse methods *assume* that the string they are given as an argument (i.e. the user input) actually contains a valid number. If not, they will make the program crash
 - * If the string does not contain a number at all e.g. int badIdea = int.Parse("Hello"); the program will fail with the error System.FormatException
 - * If the string contains a number that cannot fit in the desired datatype, the program will fail with the error System.OverflowException. For example, int.Parse("52.5") will cause this error because an int cannot contain a fraction, and int.Parse("3000000000") will fail because 3000000000 is larger than $2^{31} 1$ (the maximum value an int can store)

7 Classes, Objects, and UML

7.1 Class and Object Basics

- Classes vs. Objects
 - A **class** is a specification, blueprint, or template for an object; it is the code that describes what data the object stores and what it can do
 - An **object** is a single instance of a class, created using its "template." It is running code, with specific values stored in each variable
 - To **instantiate** an object is to create a new object from a class
- Object design basics
 - Objects have **attributes**: data stored in the object. This data is different in each instance, although the type of data is defined in the class.
 - Objects have **methods**: functions that use or modify the object's data. The code for these functions is defined in the class, but it is executed on (and modifies) a specific object
- Encapsulation: An important principle in class/object design
 - Attribute data is stored in **instance variables**, a special kind of variable
 - Called "instance" because each instance, i.e. object, has its own copy of them
 - Encapsulation means instance variables (attributes) are "hidden" inside an object: other code cannot access them directly
 - * Only the object's own methods can access the instance variables
 - * Other code must "ask permission" from the object in order to read or write the variables
 - Accessor method: a method written specifically to allow other code to access instance variables (i.e. attributes)

7.2 Writing Our First Class

• Designing the class

- Our first class will be used to represent rectangles; each instance (object) will represent one rectangle
- Attributes of a rectangle:
 - * Length
 - * Width
- Methods that will use the rectangle's attributes
 - * Get length
 - * Get width
 - * Set length
 - * Set width
 - * Compute the rectangle's area
- Note that the first four are accessor methods because they allow other code to read (get) or write (set) the rectangle's instance variables

The Rectangle class:

```
class Rectangle
{
    private int length;
    private int width;

    public void SetLength(int lengthParameter)
    {
        length = lengthParameter;
    }
    public int GetLength()
    {
        return length;
    }
    public void SetWidth(int widthParameter)
    {
        width = widthParameter;
    }
    public int GetWidth()
    {
        return width;
    }
    public int ComputeArea()
    {
        return length * width;
    }
}
```

Let's look at each part of this code in order.

- Attributes
 - Each attribute (length and width) is stored in an instance variable
 - Instance variables are declared similarly to "regular" variables, but with one additional feature: the **access modifier**
 - Syntax: [access modifier] [type] [variable name]
 - The access modifier can be either public or private
 - An access modifier of **private** is what enforces encapsulation: when you use this access modifier, it means the instance variable cannot be accessed by any code outside the **Rectangle** class

- The C# compiler will give you an error if you write code that attempts to use a private instance variable anywhere other than a method of that variable's class
- SetLength method our first accessor method
 - This method will allow code outside the Rectangle class to modify a Rectangle object's "length" attribute
 - Note that the header of this method has an access modifier, just like the instance variable
 - In this case the access modifier is public because we want to allow other code to call the SetLength method
 - Syntax of a method declaration: [access modifier] [return type] [method name]([parameters])
 - This method has one **parameter**, named **lengthParameter**, whose type is **int**. This means the method must be called with one **argument** that is **int** type.
 - * Similar to how Console.WriteLine must be called with one argument that is string type the Console.WriteLine declaration has one parameter that is string type.
 - * Note that it's declared just like a variable, with a type and a name
 - A parameter works like a variable: it has a type and a value, and you can use it in expressions and assignment
 - When you call a method with a particular argument, like 15, the parameter is assigned this value, so within the method's code you can assume the parameter value is "the argument to this method"
 - The body of the SetLength method has one statement, which assigns the instance variable length
 to the value contained in the parameter lengthParameter. In other words, whatever argument
 SetLength is called with will get assigned to length
 - This is why it's called a "setter": SetLength(15) will set length to 15.

• GetLength method

- This method will allow code outside the Rectangle class to read the current value of a Rectangle object's "length" attribute
- The **return type** of this method is **int**, which means that the value it returns to the calling code is an **int** value
- Recall that Console.ReadLine() returns a string value to the caller, which is why you can write string userInput = Console.ReadLine(). The GetLength method will do the same thing, only with an int instead of a string
- This method has no parameters, so you don't provide any arguments when calling it. "Getter" methods never have parameters, since their purpose is to "get" (read) a value, not change anything
- The body of GetLength has one statement, which uses a new keyword: return. This keyword declares what will be returned by the method, i.e. what particular value will be given to the caller to use in an expression.
- In a "getter" method, the value we return is the instance variable that corresponds to the attribute named in the method. GetLength returns the length instance variable.

• SetWidth method

- This is another "setter" method, so it looks very similar to SetLength
- It takes one parameter (widthParameter) and assigns it to the width instance variable
- Note that the return type of both setters is void. The return type void means "this method does not return a value." Console. WriteLine is an example of a void method we've used already.
- Since the return type is **void**, there is no **return** statement in this method

• GetWidth method

- This is the "getter" method for the width attribute
- It looks very similar to GetLength, except the instance variable in the return statement is width rather than length

• The ComputeArea method

- This is not an accessor method: its goal is not to read or write a single instance variable

- The goal of this method is to compute and return the rectangle's area
- Since the area of the rectangle will be an **int** (it's the product of two **ints**), we declare the return type of the method to be **int**
- This method has no parameters, because it doesn't need any arguments. Its only "input" is the instance variables, and it will always do the same thing every time you call it.
- The body of the method has a return statement with an expression, rather than a single variable
- When you write return [expression], the expression will be evaluated first, then the resulting value will be used by the return command
- In this case, the expression length * width will be evaluated, which computes the area of the rectangle. Since both length and width are ints, the int version of the * operator runs, and it produces an int result. This resulting int is what the method returns.

7.3 Using Our Class

- We've written a class, but it doesn't do anything yet
 - The class is a blueprint for an object, not an object
 - To make it "do something" (i.e. execute some methods), we need to instantiate an object using this class
 - The code that does this should be in a separate file (e.g. Program.cs), not in Rectangle.cs
- Here is a program that uses our Rectangle class:

```
using System;

class Program
{
    static void Main(string[] args)
    {
        Rectangle myRectangle = new Rectangle();
        myRectangle.SetLength(12);
        myRectangle.SetWidth(3);
        int area = myRectangle.ComputeArea();
        Console.WriteLine("Your rectangle's length is" +
        $"{myRectangle.GetLength()}, and its width is" +
        $"{myRectangle.GetWidth()}, so its area is {area}.");
    }
}
```

- Instantiating an object
 - The first line of code creates a Rectangle object
 - The left side of the = sign is a variable declaration it declares a variable of type Rectangle
 - * Classes we write become new data types in C#
 - The right side of the = sign assigns this variable a value: a Rectangle object
 - We **instantiate** an object by writing the keyword **new** followed by the name of the class (syntax: **new** [class name]()). The empty parentheses are required, but we'll explain why later.
 - This statement is really an initialization statement: It declares and assigns a variable in one line
 - The value of the myRectangle variable is the Rectangle object that was created by new Rectangle()
- Calling setters on the object
 - The next two lines of code call the SetLength and SetWidth methods on the object
 - Syntax: [object name]. [method name] ([argument]). Note the "dot operator" between the variable name and the method name.

- SetLength is called with an argument of 12, so lengthParameter gets the value 12, and the rectangle's length instance variable is then assigned this value
- Similarly, SetWidth is called with an argument of 3, so the rectangle's width instance variable is assigned the value 3
- Calling ComputeArea
 - The next line calls the ComputeArea method and assigns its result to a new variable named area
 - The syntax is the same as the other method calls
 - Since this method has a return value, we need to do something with the return value we assign
 it to a variable
 - Similar to how you must do something with the result (return value) of Console.ReadLine(),
 i.e. string userInput = Console.ReadLine()
- Calling getters on the object
 - The last line of code displays some information about the rectangle object using string interpolation
 - One part of the string interpolation is the area variable, which we've seen before
 - The other interpolated values are myRectangle.GetLength() and myRectangle.GetWidth()
 - Looking at the first one: this will call the GetLength method, which has a return value that is an int. Instead of storing the return value in an int variable, we put it in the string interpolation brackets, which means it will be converted to a string using ToString. This means the rectangle's length will be inserted into the string and displayed on the screen

7.4 Flow of Control with Objects

• Consider what happens when you have multiple objects in the same program, like this:

```
class Program
{
    static void Main(string[] args)
    {
        Rectangle rect1;
        rect1 = new Rectangle();
        rect1.SetLength(12);
        rect1.SetWidth(3);
        Rectangle rect2 = new Rectangle();
        rect2.SetLength(7);
        rect2.SetWidth(15);
    }
}
```

- First, we declare a variable of type Rectangle
- Then we assign rect1 a value, a new Rectangle object that we instantiate
- We call the SetLength and SetWidth methods using rect1, and the Rectangle object that rect1 refers to gets its length and width instance variables set to 12 and 3
- Then we create another Rectangle object and assign it to the variable rect2. This object has its own copy of the length and width instance variables, not 12 and 3
- We call the SetLength and SetWidth methods again, using rect2 on the left side of the dot instead of rect1. This means the Rectangle object that rect2 refers to gets its instance variables set to 7 and 15, while the other Rectangle remains unmodified
- The same method code can modify different objects at different times
 - Calling a method transfers control from the current line of code (i.e. in Program.cs) to the method code within the class (Rectangle.cs)

- The method code is always the same, but the specific object that gets modified can be different each time
- The variable on the left side of the dot operator determines which object gets modified
- In rect1.SetLength(12), rect1 is the calling object, so SetLength will modify rect1
 - * SetLength begins executing with lengthParameter equal to 12
 - * The instance variable length in length = lengthParameter refers to rect1's length
- In rect2.SetLength(7), rect2 is the calling object, so SetLength will modify rect2
 - * SetLength begins executing with lengthParameter equal to 7
 - * The instance variable length in length = lengthParameter refers to rect2's length # A Class for ClassRoom

7.5 UML - Specification

```
ClassRoom
- name: string
- number: int
+ SetName(nameParameter: string): void
+ GetName(): string
+ SetNumber(numberParameter: int): void
+ GetNumber(): int
```

7.6 Implementation

```
using System;
   class ClassRoom
        private string name;
5
        private int number;
        public void SetName(string nameParameter)
            name = nameParameter;
10
        }
        public string GetName()
        {
13
            return name;
        }
16
        public void SetNumber(int numberParameter)
17
18
            number = numberParameter;
20
        public int GetNumber()
22
            return number;
24
   }
25
```

7.7 Default Values

What if we display the values of the instance variables before setting them?

```
ClassRoom english = new ClassRoom();
Console.WriteLine(english.GetName()); // Nothing!
Console.WriteLine(english.GetNumber()); // 0
```

Indeed, instance variables are different from "usual" variables in that sense that they receive a "default" value when created. This value depends of the variable datatype:

Type	Default
numerical value	0
char	'\x0000'
bool	false
string	null

- Note how different it is from the variables we have been using so far, that could not be for instance displayed if their value had not been set.
- We can set a different default value, using, in the class declaration,

```
private string name = "Unknown";
private int number = -1;
```

7.8 Constructors

7.8.1 Custom

A constructor is a method used to create an object. It has to have the same name as the class, and doesn't have a return type.

```
public ClassRoom(string nameParameter, int numberParameter)
{
    name = nameParameter;
    number = numberParameter;
}
We use it as follows:
ClassRoom math = new ClassRoom("Bertrand", 5);
Note:
```

- the order of the arguments matter,
- the variables, as usual, have a particular scope,
- constructor do not have a return type (not even void)

In the UML diagram, we would add:

+ «constructor» ClassRoom(nameParameter: string, numberParameter: int)

Note that we could skip the «constructor» part, can you tell why?

7.8.2 Default

If we implement this constructor, then we lose the "No args", default constructor

```
public ClassRoom() { }
We can re-define it, using something like:
public ClassRoom() {
   name = "Unknown";
   int = -1;
}
```

8 Signature and Overloading

Every method has a signature made of - its name, - its parameters types (but not the parameter names).

Note that the return type is not part of the method signature in C#.

In a class, all the methods need to have a different signature. You cannot, for example, have these two methods in the same class:

```
int DoSomething(int a, int b);
string DoSomething(int c, int d);
```

It is possible, however, to have two methods with the same name, as long as they have different signatures. If we are in such a situation, then we say that we are *overloading*. We will look at examples of overloading in lab.

9 ToString

A particular method can be used to display information about our objects. It is called ToString, and can be defined as follows:

```
public override string ToString()
{
    return "Person: " + Name + " " + Age;
}
```

10 Decisions and Decision Structures

Everybody needs to take decisions all the time. Consider an instructor teaching CSCI 1301 for instance, at the beginning of class they may

- Ask if there are questions. If a student have a question, then the instructor will answer it, and ask again ("Anything else?").
- When there are no more questions, they may move on to the next step, which is to introduce the class ("Today, we will be discussing Decisions and Decision Structures").
- If there is a quiz scheduled, then they will proceed to distribute it, otherwise they may start the class.
- etc.



Figure 3: "An Activity Diagram on Teaching a Class"

This type of "branching" between multiple choices can be represented with an activity diagram⁵:

In C#, we will represent

- repetitions (or "loops") ("As long as there are questions...") with the while, do...while and for keywords.
- branchings ("If there is a quiz...") with the if, if...else and switch keywords.

Both structures need a datatype to express the result of a decision ("Is it *true* that there are questions.", or "Is it *false* that there is a quiz.") called booleans. Those booleans can be obtained using conditions, that can be composed ("If we are a Monday, and if it is not past 10:10 am, and if mid-term is not passed, the class will also include a brief reminder about the upcoming first exam.") in different ways using three operators ("and", "or" and "not").

11 Boolean and Conditions

A condition is either true or false. We can store if something is true or false in a (boolean) flag, which is simply a variable of type boolean.

We can declare, assign, initialize and display it as any other variable:

```
bool flag = true;
Console.WriteLine(true);
```

But the only two possible values are true and false, and we will study three operations on them: "and" (&&, the conjunction), "or" (||, the disjunction) and "not" (!, the negation). They have the expected meaning that the condition "A and B" is true if and only if A is true, and B is true. Similarly, "A or B" is false if and only if A is false, and B is false (that is, it takes only one to make their disjunction true).

 $^{^5}$ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Activity_diagram

We present this behavior with *truth tables*, as follows:

true	e && true	true
true	e && false	false
fals	se && true	false
fals	se && false	false
true	e true	true
true	e false	true
fals	se true	true
fals	se false	false
	!true fa	186
	false tr	

We could also have represented those tables in 2-dimensions, and will do so in lab.

12 Equality and Relational Operators

Equality Operators				
Mathematical Notation	C# Notation	Example		
=	==	$3 == 4 \rightarrow \mathtt{false}$		
#	!=	$3!=4 \rightarrow \mathtt{true}$		

We test numerical value for equality, as well as string, char and bool!

```
Console.WriteLine(3 == 4);
Console.WriteLine(myStringVar == "Train");
Console.WriteLine(myCharVar == 'b');
```

We can also test if a value is greater than another, using the following relational operators.

Relational Operators		
Mathematical Notation	C# Notation	Example
>	>	$3 > 4 \rightarrow \mathtt{false}$
<	<	$3 < 4 \rightarrow \mathtt{true}$
\geqslant	>=	$3 >= 4 \rightarrow \mathtt{false}$
\leq	<=	$3 \ll 4 \rightarrow \texttt{true}$

We can also compare **char**, but the order is a bit complex (you can find it, for instance, at https://stackoverflow.com/a/14967721/).

The precedence, that we will study in lab, is as follows:

```
! (* / %) (+ -) (< > <= >=) (== !=) && ||
```

13 if Statement

13.1 First Example

```
console.WriteLine("Enter your age");
int age = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine());
if (age >= 18)
{
    Console.WriteLine("You can vote!");
}
```

The idea is that the statement Console.WriteLine("You can vote!"); is executed only if the condition (age >= 18) evaluates to true. Otherwise, that statement is simply "skipped".

13.2 Syntax

Please observe the following.

- <Condition> is something that evaluates to a bool. For instance, having a number like in if(3) would not compile.
- Note the absence of semicolon after if (<condition>).
- The curly braces can be removed if the statement block is just one statement.
- The following statements (that is, after the } that terminates the body of the if statement) are executed in any case.

14 if-else Statements

14.1 Syntax

With if-else statements, the idea is that the statement block 1 is executed only if the condition evaluates to true, and that the statement block 2 is executed only if the condition evaluates to false. Note that since a condition is always either true or false, we know that at least one of the block will be executed, and since a condition cannot be true and false at the same time, at most one block will be executed: hence, exactly one block will be executed.

15 Nested if-else Statements

<statement block> can actually be an if-else statement itself!

```
bool usCitizen = true;
   int age = 19;
   if (usCitizen == true)
       if (age > 18)
            Console.WriteLine("You can vote!");
       }
       else
10
            Console.WriteLine("You are too young!");
12
   }
14
   else
16
       Console.WriteLine("Sorry, only citizens can vote");
17
   }
18
```

Note that

- There is a simpler way to write usCitizen == true: simply write usCitizen!
- We could remove the braces
- We could have a similar flavor with only if: if (age > 18 && usCitizen) ... else ..., but the messages would be less accurate.

16 if-else-if Statements

```
if (<condition 1>)
       <statement block> // Executed if condition 1 is true
   }
   else if (<condition 2>)
      <statement block> // Executed if condition 1 is false and condition 2 is true
   }
   else if (<condition N>)
10
11
       <statement block> // Executed if all the previous conditions are false and condition
12
        ↔ N is true
   }
13
   else
15
       <statement block> // Executed if all the conditions are false
16
17
```

Note that the conditions could be really different, not even testing the same thing!



Figure 4: "A flowchart representation of the nested if-else statement"

16.1 Example

We can make an example with really different conditions, not overlapping:

Giving various values to age, charVar and boolFlag, we will see which value would x get in each case.

17 ?: Operator

There is an operator for if else statements for particular cases (assignment, call, increment, decrement, and new object expressions):

```
condition ? first_expression : second_expression;
int price = adult ? 5 : 3;
```

We will have a brief look at it if time allows, otherwise you can read about it at https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/dotnet/csharp/language-reference/operators/conditional-operator.

18 if-else-if Statements

```
if (<condition 1>)
        <statement block 1> // Executed if condition 1 is true
   }
4
   else if (<condition 2>)
   {
6
       <statement block 2> // Executed if condition 1 is false and condition 2 is true
   }
   else if (<condition N>)
10
11
        <statement block N> // Executed if all the previous conditions are false and
12
         \hookrightarrow condition N is true
   }
13
   else
14
   {
15
        <statement block N+1> // Executed if all the conditions are false
16
17
```

Note that the conditions could be really different, not even testing the same thing!

18.1 Example

We can make an example with really different conditions, not overlapping:

Try to give various values to age, charVar and boolFlag, and see which value would x get in each case.

19 Boolean Flags

Remember that a boolean flag is a boolean variable? We can use it to "store" the result of an interaction with a user.

Assume we want to know if the user work full time at some place, we could get started with:

But we can't accommodate this 3-party situation (you either work here full-time, or you don't), so we can change the behavior to

```
i if (ch == 'y' || ch == 'Y')
Console.WriteLine("Answered Yes");
else
Console.WriteLine("Answered No");
```

We'll study user input validation, that allows to get better answers from the users, later on.

But imagine we are at the beginning of a long form, and we will need to re-use that information multiple times. With this previous command, we would need to duplicate all our code in two places. Instead, we could "save" the result of our test in a boolean variable, like so:

```
bool fullTime;
if (ch == 'y' || ch == 'Y')
fullTime = true;
else
fullTime = false;
```

If you looked at the ? operator in lab, you can even shorten that statement to:

```
fullTime = (ch == 'y' || ch == 'Y') ? true : false;
```

Why stop here? We could even do

```
fullTime = (ch == 'y' || ch == 'Y');
```

Tada! We went from a long, convoluted code, to a very simple line! We already did this trick last time, but I thought that seeing it again would help.

20 Constructing a Value Progressively

In lab, last time, you were asked the following:

Ask the user for an integer, and display on the screen "positive and odd" if the number is positive and odd, "positive and even" if the number is positive and even, "negative and odd" if the number is negative and odd, "negative and even" if the number is negative and even, and "You picked 0" if the number is 0.

A possible answer is:

```
Console.WriteLine("Enter an integer");
   a = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine());
   if (a >= 0)
   {
5
        if (a % 2 == 0)
            Console.WriteLine("Positive and even");
       else // if (a % 2 != 0)
            Console.WriteLine("Positive and odd");
   }
10
   else
11
   {
12
       if (a \% 2 == 0)
13
            Console.WriteLine("Negative and even");
14
       else
            Console.WriteLine("Negative and odd");
16
   }
```

That is a lot of repetition! We could actually construct "progressively" the message we will be displaying:

```
string msg;
   if (a >= 0)
2
        msg = "Positive";
   }
5
   else
   {
        msg = "Negative";
   }
   if (a \% 2 == 0)
10
        msg += " and even";
11
   else // if (a % 2 != 0)
        msg += " and odd";
13
```

Much better! Since the two conditions are actually independent, we can test them in two different if statements!

21 Switch Statements

switch statements allow to simplify the "matching" of a value against a pre-determined set of values. Its formal syntax is as follows:

```
switch (<variable name>)
   {
2
        case (<literal 1>):
3
            <statement block 1>
4
            break;
       case (<literal 2>):
            <statement block 2>
            break:
9
       default:
10
            <statement block n>
11
            break;
   }
13
```

The (...) are mandatory, the $\{...\}$ are optional.

- All the literals need to be different.
- The literal and the variable have to be of the same type.
- You can't have case(<variable name>)

For instance, imagine we want to go from a month's number to its name. We could do that with an if...else if ...:

```
int month = 11;
string monthname;
if (month == 1) monthname = "January";
else if (month == 2) monthname = "February";
// ...
else if (month == 12) monthname = "December";
else monthname = "Error!";
```

But since we know that "month" will be a value between 1 and 12, or else we have an error, we could also have:

```
switch (month)
   {
2
        case (1):
            monthname = "January";
4
            break;
        case (2):
            monthname = "February";
            break;
        // ..
9
        case (12):
10
            monthname = "December";
11
            break;
        default:
13
            monthname = "Error!";
            break;
15
   }
```

Another example, to match a section letter against 4 possibilities, where two actually result in the same behavior:

```
char section = 'c';
   string meet;
   switch (section)
        case ('a'):
5
            meet = "MW 1-2PM";
            break;
        case ('b'):
            meet = "TT 1-2PM";
            break;
10
        case ('c'):
11
        case ('d'):
12
          case ('a'): Would not compile!
13
            meet = "F 2-4PM";
14
            break;
        default:
16
            meet = "Invalid code";
            break;
18
   }
```

22 Definition and First Example of while loops

22.1 Formal Syntax

```
while (<condition>)
{
      <statement block>
}
```

22.2 Example

```
int number = 0;
while (number <=5)
{
    C.WL("Hi Mom!);
    C.WL(number);
    number++;
}</pre>
```

Notes:

- If <condition> is false: 0 execution of the body.
- If <condition> is always true: program loop for ever!
- The conditions under which <condition> changes should be given a chance to change in the body of the loop!

23 Five Ways Things Can Go Wrong

It is easy to write wrong loop statements. Let us review some of the "classic" blunders.

23.1 Failing to update the variable occurring in the condition

```
int number = 0;
while (number <=5)
{
    C.WL("Hi Mom!);
    C.WL(number);
}</pre>
```

Number isn't changed!

23.2 Updating the "wrong" value

```
int number1, number = 0;
while (number <=5)
{
    C.WL("Hi Mom!);
    C.WL(number);
    number1++;
}</pre>
```

23.3 Having an empty body

```
int number = 0;
while (number <=5); // Note the semi-colon here!
{
    C.WL("Hi Mom!");
    C.WL(number);
    number++;
}</pre>
```

23.4 Having an empty body (variation)

```
int number = 0;
while (number <=5)
    C.WL("Hi Mom!);
    C.WL(number);
    number++;</pre>
```

23.5 Going in the wrong direction

```
int number = 0;
while (number >=5)
{
    C.WL("Hi Mom!);
    C.WL(number);
    number++;
}
```

The variable number should be decremented, not incremented.

24 User-Input Validation

We can use loops to test what was entered by the user, and ask again if the value does not fit our needs:

```
Console.WriteLine("Please enter a positive number");
int n = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine());
while (n < 0)
{
    Console.WriteLine($"You entered {n}, I asked you for a positive number. Please try
    again.");
    n = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine());
}</pre>
```

25 Vocabulary

Variables and values can have multiple roles, but it is useful to mention three different roles in the context of loops:

Counter Variable that is incremented every time a given event occurs.

```
int i = 0; // i is a counter
while (i < 10){
    Console.WriteLine($"{i}");
    i++;
}</pre>
```

Sentinel Value A special value that signals that the loop needs to end.

```
Console.WriteLine("Give me a string.");
string ans = Console.ReadLine();
while (ans != "Quit") // The sentinel value is "Quit".
{
    Console.WriteLine("Hi!");
    Console.WriteLine("Enter \"Quit\" to quit, or anything else to continue.");
    ans = Console.ReadLine();
}
```

Accumulator Variable used to keep the total of several values.

```
int i = 0, total = 0;
while (i < 10){
    total += i; // total is the accumulator.
}
Console.WriteLine($"The sum from 0 to {i} is {total}.");
We can have an accumulator and a sentinel value at the same time:
Console.WriteLine("Enter a number to sum, or \"Done\" to stop and print the total.");
string enter = Console.ReadLine();
int sum = 0;
while (enter != "Done")
    sum += int.Parse(enter);
    Console.WriteLine("Enter a number to sum, or \"Done\" to stop and print the total.");
    enter = Console.ReadLine();
}
Console.WriteLine($"Your total is {sum}.");
You can have counter, accumulator and sentinel values at the same time!
int a = 0;
int sum = 0;
int counter = 0;
Console.WriteLine("Enter an integer, or N to quit.");
string entered = Console.ReadLine();
while (entered != "N") // Sentinel value
    a = int.Parse(entered);
    sum += a; // Accumulator
    Console.WriteLine("Enter an integer, or N to quit.");
    entered = Console.ReadLine();
    counter++; // counter
Console.WriteLine($"The average is {sum / (double)counter}");
```

We can distinguish between three "flavors" of loops (that are not mutually exclusive):

Sentinel controlled loop The exit condition test if a variable has (or is different from) a specific value.

User controlled loop The number of iterations depends on the user.

Count controlled loop The number of iterations depends on a counter.

Note that a user-controlled loop can be sentinel-controlled (that is the example we just saw), but also count-controlled ("Give me a value, and I will iterate a task that many times").

26 More Input Validation, Using TryParse

The TryParse method is a complex method that will allow us to parse strings, and to "extract" a number out of them if they contain one, or to be given a way to recover if they don't.

```
Console.WriteLine("Please, enter an integer.");
string message = Console.ReadLine();
int a;
bool res = int.TryParse(message, out a);
if (res)
    {
        Console.WriteLine($"The value entered was an integer: {a}.");
    }
else
    {
        Console.WriteLine("The value entered was not an integer, so 0 is assigned to a.");
    }
Console.WriteLine(a);
```

As you can see, int.TryParse takes two arguments, a string and a variable name (prefixed by the "magic" novel keyword out) and returns a boolean. You will get a chance to experiment with this code in lab.

27 While Loop With Complex Conditions

```
int c;
string message;
int count;
bool res;
Console.WriteLine("Please, enter an integer.");
message = Console.ReadLine();
res = int.TryParse(message, out c);
count = 0; // The user has 3 tries: count will be 0, 1, 2, and then we default.
while (!res && count < 3)
    count++;
    if (count == 3)
       {
        c = 1;
        Console.WriteLine("I'm using the default value 1.");
    else
        Console.WriteLine("The value entered was not an integer.");
        Console.WriteLine("Please, enter an integer.");
       message = Console.ReadLine();
        res = int.TryParse(message, out c);
Console.WriteLine("The value is: " + c);
```

28 Combining Methods and Decision Structures

Note that we can have a decision structure inside a method! If we were to re-visit the Rectangle class, we could have a constructor of the following type:

```
public Rectangle(int wP, int 1P)
        {
2
            if (wP <= 0 || 1P <= 0)
3
                Console.WriteLine("Invalid Data, setting everything to 0");
5
                width = 0;
                length = 0;
            }
            else
9
            {
10
            width = wP;
11
            length = 1P;
12
        }
13
   }
14
```

29 Putting it all together!

```
using System;
   class Loan
4
        private string account;
5
        private char type;
        private int cscore;
        private decimal amount;
        private decimal rate;
10
        public Loan()
11
12
            account = "Unknown";
            type = 'o';
14
            cscore = -1;
            amount = -1;
16
            rate = -1;
        }
18
19
        public Loan(string nameP, char typeP, int cscoreP, decimal needP, decimal downP)
20
21
            account = nameP;
22
            type = typeP;
            cscore = cscoreP;
24
            if (cscore < 300)
25
26
                Console.WriteLine("Sorry, we can't accept your application");
27
                amount = -1;
28
                rate = -1;
29
            }
            else
31
32
                amount = needP - downP;
33
                switch (type)
35
```

```
{
36
                     case ('a'):
37
                          rate = .05M;
38
                          break;
40
                     case ('h'):
                          if (cscore > 600 && amount < 1000000M)
42
                              rate = .03M;
43
                          else
44
                              rate = .04M;
45
                          break;
46
                     case ('o'):
47
                          if (cscore > 650 || amount < 10000M)</pre>
48
                              rate = .07M;
49
                          else
50
                              rate = .09M;
51
                          break;
52
53
                 }
54
55
            }
56
        }
57
        public override string ToString()
59
            string typeName = "";
60
            switch (type)
61
62
                 case ('a'):
63
                     typeName = "an auto";
64
                     break;
65
66
                 case ('h'):
67
                     typeName = "a house";
68
                     break;
                 case ('o'):
70
                     typeName = "another reason";
71
                     break;
72
            }
74
            return "Dear " + account + $", you borrowed {amount:C} at {rate:P} for "
76
                 + typeName + ".";
        }
78
   using System;
    class Program
    {
3
        static void Main()
        {
5
            Console.WriteLine("What is your name?");
            string name = Console.ReadLine();
```

```
Console.WriteLine("Do you want a loan for an Auto (A, a), a House (H, h), or for
10
       some Other (0, o) reason?");
            char type = Console.ReadKey().KeyChar; ;
11
            Console.WriteLine();
13
            string typeOfLoan;
15
            if (type == 'A' || type == 'a')
17
                type = 'a';
                typeOfLoan = "an auto";
19
            }
20
            else if (type == 'H' || type == 'h')
21
            {
22
                type = 'h';
                typeOfLoan = "a house";
24
            }
25
            else
26
            {
                type = 'o';
28
                typeOfLoan = "some other reason";
            }
30
            Console.WriteLine($"You need money for {typeOfLoan}, great.\nWhat is your current
32
        credit score?");
            int cscore = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine());
33
34
            Console.WriteLine("How much do you need, total?");
35
            decimal need = decimal.Parse(Console.ReadLine());
36
            Console.WriteLine("What is your down payment?");
38
            decimal down = decimal.Parse(Console.ReadLine());
39
40
            Loan myLoan = new Loan(name, type, cscore, need, down);
            Console.WriteLine(myLoan);
42
43
44
   }
45
```

30 Arrays

30.1 Motivation

Arrays are collection, or grouping, of values held in a single place. They can store multiple values of the same datatype, and are useful, for instance,

- When we want to store a collection of related values,
- When we don't know in advance how many variables we need.

30.2 Declaration and Initialization of Arrays

Declaration and assignment

```
int[] myArray;
   myArray = new int[3]; // 3 is the size declarator
   // We can now store 3 ints in this array,
   // at index 0, 1 and 2
   myArray[0] = 10; // 0 is the subscript, or index
   myArray[1] = 20;
   myArray[2] = 30;
  // the following would give an error:
  //myArray[3] = 40;
11
   // Unhandled Exception: System.IndexOutOfRangeException: Index was outside the bounds of

    the array at Program.Main()

  // "Array bound checking": happen at runtime.
   As usual, we can combine declaration and assignment on one line:
   int[] myArray = new int[3];
   We can even initialize and give values on one line:
   int[] myArray = new int[3] { 10, 20, 30 };
   And that statement can be rewritten as any of the following:
   int[] myArray = new int[] { 10, 20, 30 };
   int[] myArray = new[] { 10, 20, 30 };
   int[] myArray = { 10, 20, 30 };
   But, we should be careful, the following would cause an error:
   int[] myArray = new int[5];
   myArray = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5}; // ERROR
   If we use the shorter notation, we have to give the values at initialization, we cannot re-use this notation
   once the array was created.
   Other datatype, and even objects, can be stored in arrays:
  string[] myArray = { "Bob", "Mom", "Train", "Console" };
   Rectangle[] arrayOfRectangle = new Rectangle[5];
   30.3 Custom Size and Values
   Console.WriteLine("What is size of the array that you want?");
   int size = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine());
   int[] customArray = new int[size];
   How can we fill it with values, since we do not know its size? Using iteration!
   int counter = 0;
   while (counter < size)</pre>
   {
3
       Console.WriteLine($"Enter the {counter + 1}th value");
        customArray[counter] = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine());
5
       counter++;
```

}

We can use length, a property of our array. That is, the integer value myArray. Length is the length (= size) of the array, we can access it directly.

To display an array, we need to iterate as well (this time using the Length property):

```
int counter2 = 0;
while (counter2 < customArray.Length)
{
    Console.WriteLine($"{counter2}: {customArray[counter2]}.");
    counter2++;
}</pre>
```

30.4 Changing the Size

Array is actually a class, and it comes with methods!

```
1 Array.Resize(ref myArray, 4);
2 myArray[3] = 40;
3 Array.Resize(ref myArray, 2);
```

Resize shrinks (and content is lost) and extends (and store the default value, i.e., 0 for int, etc.)!

31 For Loops

31.1 for Loops

```
int i = 0;
   while (i \le 5)
       Console.Write(i + " ");
   }
   int j = 0;
   do
       Console.Write(j + " ");
       j++;
   } while (j \le 5);
   int k = 0;
   for (k = 0; k \le 5; k++)
   {
       Console.Write(k + "");
4
   }
   for (int 1 = 0; 1 <= 5; 1++)
2
       Console.Write(l + "");
3
```

Structure: initialization / condition / update

31.2 Ways Things Can Go Wrong

Don't:

- Increment the counter in the body of the for loop!
- Assume that a variable declared in the header of a for loop will be accessible in the rest of the code. / Use for if you want to use the counter for anything else.
- Declare the variable twice.

31.3 For loops With Arrays

for loops actually go very well with arrays:

```
for (int i = 0; i < size; i++)

Console.WriteLine($"Enter the {i + 1}th value");

customArray[i] = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine());
}</pre>
```

Remember that we can use the Length property of our array. The previous code could become (only the first line changed):

```
for (int i = 0; i < customArray.Length; i++)

Console.WriteLine($"Enter the {i + 1}th value");

customArray[i] = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine());
}</pre>
```

31.4 Nested Loops

Of course, exactly as we could nest if statements, we can nest looping structures!

```
for (int o = 0; o < 11; o++)

for (int p = 0; p < 11; p++)

Console.Write($"{o} × {p} = {o * p} \t ");

Console.Write();
}</pre>
```

31.5 Mixing Control Flows

And we can use **if** statements in the body of **for** loops:

```
for (int m = 0; m < 10; m++)

if (m % 2 == 0) Console.WriteLine("This is my turn.");
else Console.WriteLine("This is your turn.");
}</pre>
```

31.6 Iterations

There is another, close, structure that allows to iterate over the elements of an array, but can only access them, not change their values (they are "read only").

```
for (int i = 0; i < myArray.Length; i++)
Console.Write(myArray[i] + " ");

foreach (int i in myArray) // "Read only"
Console.Write(i + " ");</pre>
```

Difference is w.r.t (with respect to) modifying the array "read vs write". Having i = 2 in the foreach would cause an error!

That last structure is given for the sake of completeness, but it's ok if you'd rather not use it.

32 Static

When we write:

```
Console.WriteLine(Math.PI);
```

The Math actually refers to a class, and not to an object. How is that?

Actually, everything in the MATH class is *static* (public static class Math), and the PI constant is actually public! (public const double PI).

Class attribute: can be static or not, public or private, a constant or variable.

```
public const double PI = 3.14159265358979;
```

We also have static methods:

```
Math.Min(x,y);
Math.Max(x,y);
Math.Pow(x,y);
```

A static member (variable, method, etc) belongs to the type of an object rather than to an instance of that type.

32.1 Static Class Members

Class member = methods and fields (attributes)

Motivation: the methods we are using the most (WriteLine, ConsoleRead) are static, but all the methods we are writing are not (they are "non-static", or "instance").

Static Method	Non-static Method	
ClassName.MethodName(arguments) Math.Pow(2, 5) $(2^5 = 32)$	ObjectName.MethodName(arguments) myRectangle.SetLength(5)	

A static class member is associated with the class instead of with the object.

\	Static Field	Non-static Field
Static method	✓ OK	✗ NO
Non-static method	✓ OK	✓ OK

33 A Static Class for Arrays

```
using System;
        static class Lib
3
            public static int ValueIsIndex(int[] arrayP)
        {
            int res = 0;
6
            for (int i = 0; i < arrayP.Length; i++)</pre>
                 if (arrayP[i] == i) res++;
            return res;
9
        }
10
        public static bool AtLeastOneValueIsIndex(int[] arrayP)
12
            return (ValueIsIndex(arrayP) > 0);
14
        }
16
        public static int ValueMatch(int[] arrayP1, int[] arrayP2)
18
            int res = 0;
19
            int smallestSize;
20
            if (arrayP1.Length < arrayP2.Length) smallestSize = arrayP1.Length;</pre>
21
            else smallestSize = arrayP2.Length;
22
            for (int i = 0; i < smallestSize; i++)</pre>
23
                 if (arrayP1[i] == arrayP2[i]) res++;
            return res;
25
        }
26
   }
27
   using System;
        class Program
2
3
            static void Main(string[] args)
4
            int[] arrayA = {0, 3, 5, 12, 4, 5, 8 };
6
            Console.WriteLine(Lib.ValueIsIndex(arrayA));
            {\tt Console.WriteLine}({\tt Lib.AtLeastOneValueIsIndex}({\tt arrayA}))\,;\\
            int[] arrayB = {3, 5, 4, 12, 5, 8 };
10
            Console.WriteLine(Lib.ValueIsIndex(arrayB));
11
            Console.WriteLine(Lib.AtLeastOneValueIsIndex(arrayB));
12
13
            Console.WriteLine(Lib.ValueMatch(arrayA, arrayB));
15
        }
16
```