

An ultra-quick primer to Fortran

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General information

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Fortran Intros on the World Wide Web:

wwwasdoc.web.cern.ch/wwwasdoc/f90.html

www.nsc.liu.se/~boein/f77to90/

Fortran literature:

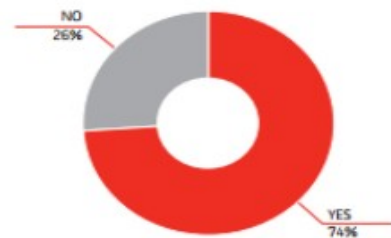
„Fortran 95/2003“, M. Metcalf, J. Reid, M. Cohen

„Fortran 90/95“, Stephen J. Chapman

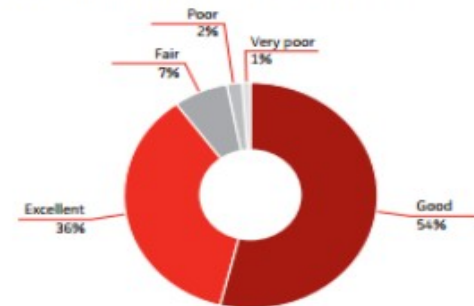
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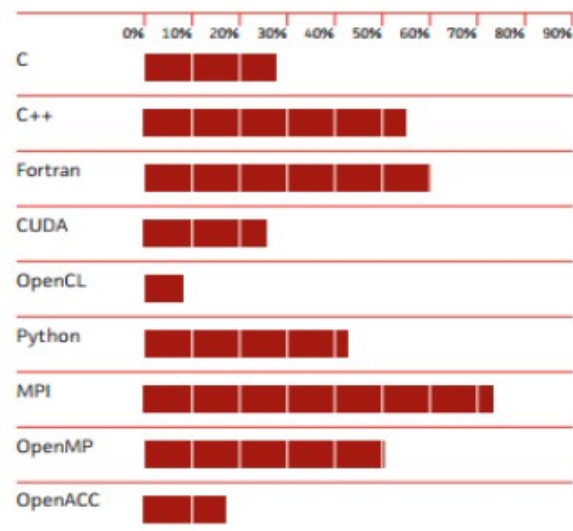
Do you develop and maintain application codes?



How do you rate the offered range of programming tools (compilers, libraries, editors, etc.)?



Which programming languages and parallelization paradigms are you using primarily?



“Hello World” program

```
program helloworld  
implicit none  
  
write(*,*) "Hello World"  
  
stop  
end program
```

A Fortran 90 file has to be stored with the ending *.f90,
e.g. helloworld.f90

How to compile and execute a program

Compile = translate a program from a programming language to machine language.

Fortran 90 Compilers:

ifort, gfortran, pgf95, g95, pathscale, ... etc.

How do we compile e.g. helloworld.f90

```
compiler [options] program-name [-o executable-name]
```

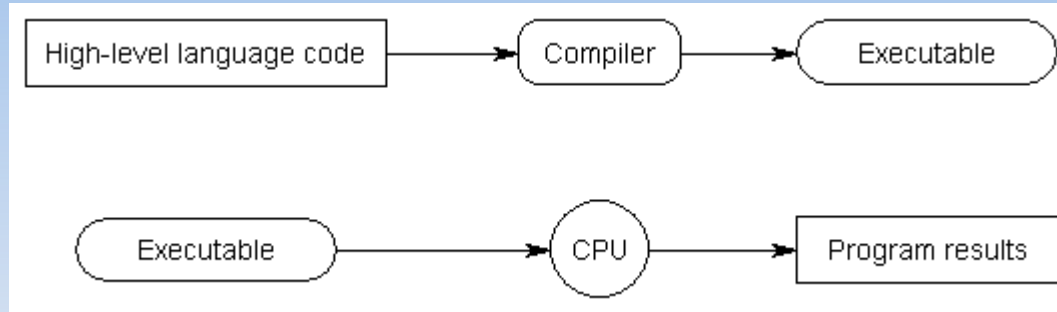
concretely:

```
gfortran helloworld.f90 -o helloworld.x
```

The compiled program can then be executed by:

```
./helloworld.x
```

The compiling process

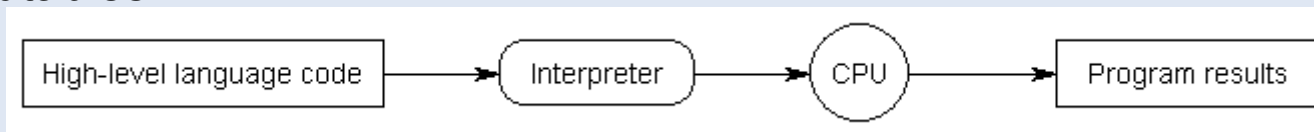


A computer's CPU is incapable of speaking Fortran (or other high-level languages).

The very limited set of instructions that a CPU natively understands is called machine code (or machine language or an instruction set).

Programs written in high level languages must be translated into a form that the CPU can understand before they can be executed. There are two primary ways this is done: **compiling and interpreting**.

Modern compilers do an excellent job of converting high-level languages into fast executables.



An interpreter is a program that directly executes your code without compiling it into machine code first. Interpreters tend to be more flexible, but are less efficient when running programs because the interpreting process needs to be done every time the program is run.

Compiling and linking

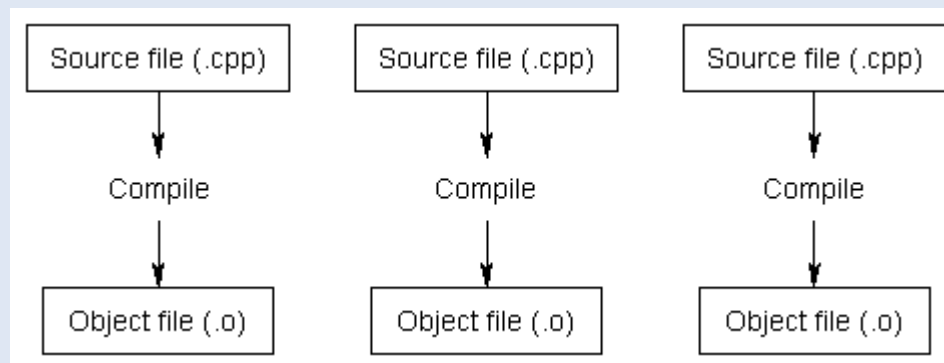
The job of the compiler is twofold:

1) To check your program and make sure it follows the rules of the programming language.

If it does not, the compiler will give you an error to help pinpoint what needs fixing.

2) To convert each file of source code into a machine language file called an object file.

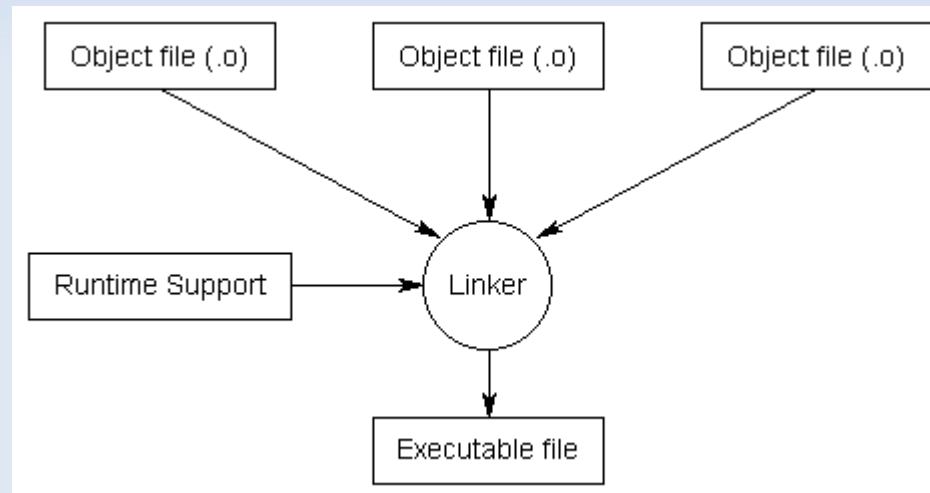
If your program had 3 .cpp files, the compiler would generate 3 object files.



Compiling and linking (2)

For complex projects, some development environments use a **makefile**, which is a file that tells the compiler which files to compile.

Linking is the process of taking all the object files generated by the compiler and combining them into a single executable program that you can run. This is done by a program called the linker.



Once the linker is finished linking all the object files (assuming all goes well), you will have an executable file.

The compile and link steps can be combined together if desired.

Fortran-“Alphabet”/Operators

Valid characters in Fortran:

0-9, a-z, A-Z

+ - * / ** () . = , ' ! ? “ \$: % & ; > <

Arithmetic operators:

** * / + -

Relational operators:

.eq. .ne. .lt. .le. .gt. .ge.

== != < <= > >=

Logical/Boolean operators:

.not. .and. .or. .eqv. .neqv.

Program structure*

```
program program-name  
implicit none  
! Declaration section - here, all variables  
! need to be declared  
double precision:: a,b,c  
  
! Execution section - read a and b from std in  
write(*,*) 'please enter two numbers'  
read(*,*) a,b  
  
! Multiplication of a and b, result displayed to  
! the terminal  
c = a*b  
write(*,*) 'a*b = ',c  
  
! probably invoke other, internal subroutines  
  
! end - a program-stop can be put explicitly  
! in the code  
stop  
end program program-name
```

comments are useful!

Commenting a program carefully is crucial.

In Fortran, a comment always begins with !

```
program comment
implicit none
! Here, the declaration section starts
double precision:: seconds ! If possible, the meaning of the
double precision:: hours   ! variables are commented
! Begin of main program
  read(*,*) hours ! Here, the number of hours are read in

! Spaces are treated from the compiler like a comment
  seconds = hours*3600.d0 ! conversion to seconds
  write(*,*) "Seconds: ", seconds
  stop
end program comment
```

Continuation of lines

Whenever a line ends with & it continues on the next one.

Increases readability of the code in case of e.g. a long comment.

```
a = (b + 2*c)**3
```

```
a = (b + 2*c &  
     )**3
```

```
a = (b + 2*c &  
! This line is ignored by the compiler  
)**3
```

Data types

There are 5 data types in Fortran 90/95

integer, real, complex, logical, character

Constants:

Integer – e.g.: 0, 1, 5, +101, -4321, ...

Incorrect: 1,234 or 1'234 , 111.0

Real – e.g.: -1.001, 1.989e+30, 3.14159d0, 9.10E-31, ...

Incorrect: 1,02 , 99, 1.23e+4.5, 1.23-45

Complex – z.B.: (1.05, 2.45), ...

Logical .true. or .false.

Character – z.B.: 'Finance', "that's correct", ' ', "", 'Fraction in %', ...

Incorrect: "Hallo", 'Hello World', 'that's wrong, this also'

Declaration of variables (1)

Always before the declaration section!!!:

```
implicit none
```

Integer numbers:

```
integer                :: i, j, k
integer(kind=4)        :: number
integer(4)             :: number
integer, dimension(5)  :: array1
integer, dimension(8,9):: array2
integer                :: array1(5), array2(8,9)
integer                :: startvalue = 100
integer, parameter     :: maxshells = 2000
```

Declaration of variablen (2)

logical data type:

```
logical:: onoff
```

real:

```
real(kind=8):: realnumber  
double precision:: realnumber
```

complex:

```
complex, parameter:: complexnumber = (1,2)
```

characters:

```
character:: type  
character(len=20):: name
```

Rounding

rounding of integers (towards zero):

$$\frac{1}{2}=0 \quad \frac{3}{2}=1 \quad \frac{5}{4}=1 \quad \frac{9}{4}=2 \quad -\frac{2}{3}=0 \quad \frac{9}{2}=4$$

rounding of reals:

$$\frac{1.}{2.}=0.5 \quad \frac{7.}{4.}=1.75 \quad \frac{1.}{3.}=0.3333333 \quad \frac{13.}{10.}=1.3$$

Initialization

We can fix parameters in the declaration section

```
real(8),parameter:: me = 9.10938215e-31 ! Mass of an electron
abohr = 4.d0*pi*eps0*hbar**2/me/e**2
```

It is easy to assign a single value to an entire array

```
real(8), dimension(9,11):: A
...
A = 0.d0 ! All entries of A are set to 0.
```

Attention: if a variable is used in a computation without having an assigned value, it may contain arbitrary values (depending on the compiler)

If - branching

Generally:

```
if (scalar-logical-expr) action-statement
```

```
if (scalar-logical-expr) then  
    action-statement  
endif [or end if]
```

e.g.:

```
if (x<0) x = 0.d0
```

```
if (x>y) then  
    temp = x  
    x = y  
    y = temp  
endif
```

If-else

examples:

```
if (x<0) then
  y = -x
else
  y = x
endif
```

```
if (x<0 .and. y<0) then
  z = -x-y
elseif (x<0 .and. y>0) then [or else if]
  z = y-x
elseif (x>0 .and. y<0) then
  z = x-y
else
  z = x+y
endif
```

Loops (1)

Loop construction:

```
! Attention: in a construct as show below,  
! you MUST not forget an exit- or stop- criterion!!!  
do  
    ...  
enddo [or end do]
```

Getting out of a do-loop with „exit“

```
do  
    ...  
    if ( ... ) exit  
    ...  
enddo
```

Loops (2)

Loop with a counter

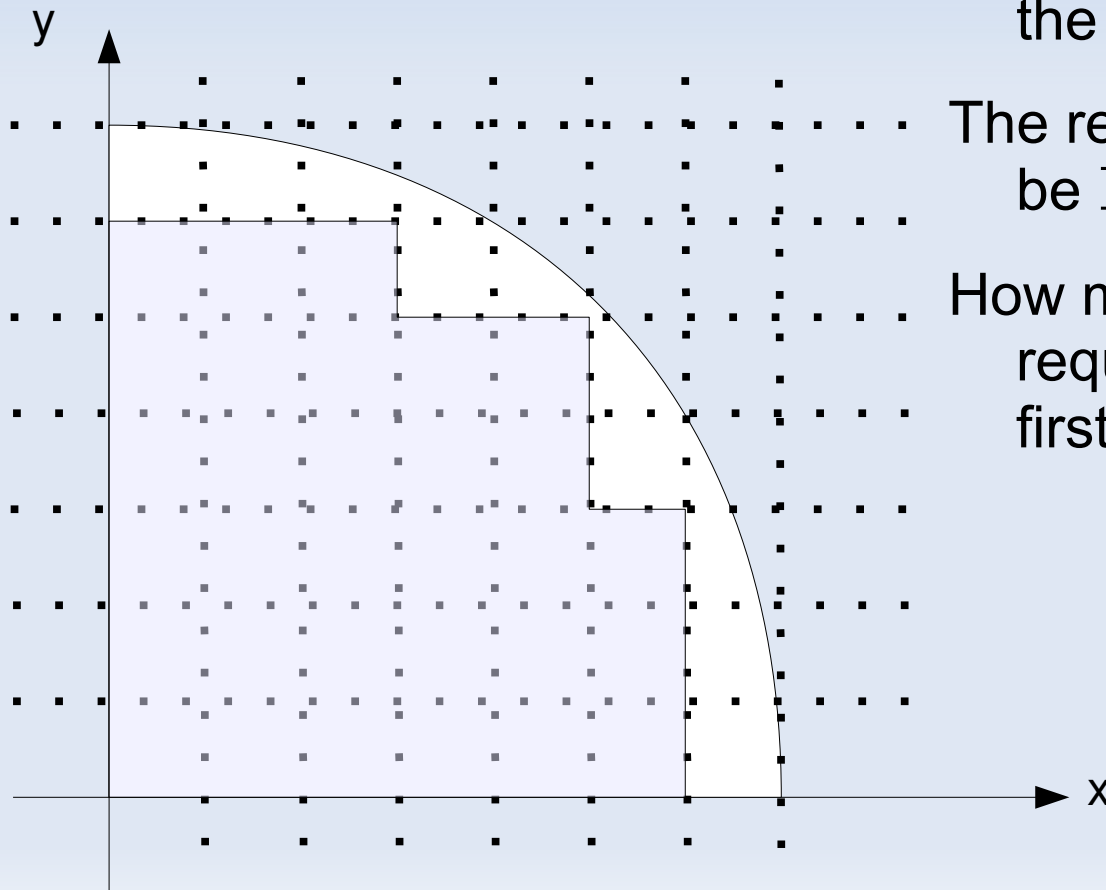
```
do count = initial-value, final-value [, step-size]
  ...
enddo
```

examples:

```
integer:: j, lower, upper
do j = lower, upper
  ...
  if (...) exit !early exit of loop.
  if (...) stop !brute-force stop of the program.
  if (...) cycle !the current loop index is skipped
  ....
enddo
```

Exercise: Approximate Π

Write a program that computes the area of the unit circle by Monte Carlo integration (example code: pi.f90).



simplification: compute a quarter of the circle.

The result should be approximately be $\Pi/4$.

How many sample points n are required in order to obtain the first two correct digits of Π ?

Read(1)

Reading in values of variables is done by the command **read** generally:

```
read(unit, format[,status]) [list of variables]
```

Example: the line below reads 2 values from the terminal.

```
read(*,*) Surname, Name
```

Even if there are more than 2 values provided, only the first two variables „Surname“ and „Name“ are stored.

Read(2)

read can also be used to read data from files.

```
integer:: Accountnumber, readstatus,i
real:: amount
character(len=15):: Surname
character(len=30):: Name
open(99,file='Accountdata.txt')
do
    read(99,'(a15,x,a30,2x,i10,e12.5)',IOstatus=readstatus) &
        Surname, Name, Accountnumber, amount
    if (readstatus<0) then
        write(*,*) 'There were ',i,' customer data'
        exit
    endif
    i=i+1
enddo
close(99)
```


Write

write can be used to write variables to the terminal or files.

```
write(unit,format) [list of variables to be written]
```

Write to the terminal with **write(*,[format])**:

```
write(*,*) 'Temperature= ',temp,'Density= ',density
```

In analogy to read, we can write to files:

```
integer:: i
real:: radius(nshells), temp(nshells), density(nshells)
! Here we generate an Ascii-file, and write to it
open(1,file='Dummyfile.dat',status='new')
do i=1,nshells
    write(1,'(3e17.10)') radius(i), temp(i), density(i)
enddo
```

Functions(1)

The structure of the an (external) function is similar to a main program (or subroutines). In contrast to a subroutine, a function returns a **SINGLE** value.

```
type function  function-name (arg1, arg2, ..., argn)
  implicit none
  [specification part]
  [execution part]
  [subprogram part]
end function  function-name
```

```
function  function-name (arg1, arg2, ..., argn)
  implicit none
  datatype:: function-name
  [specification part]
  [execution part]
  [subprogram part]
end function  function-name
```

Functions(2)

examples:

```
real function  f0(x)
  implicit none
  real, intent(in):: x
  f0 = cos(x)*sin(x)+ x**2
end function  function-name
```

```
function  distance (a,b)
  implicit none
  real:: distance
  real, intent(in), dimension(3) :: a,b
  distance = sqrt((a(1)-b(1))**2 + (a(2)-b(2))**2 + &
    (a(3)-b(3))**2)
end function  function-name
```

Functions(3)

Where to define a function inside a program?

Intern:

```
PROGRAM  program-name  
IMPLICIT  NONE  
[specification part]  
[execution part]  
CONTAINS  
    [your functions]  
END PROGRAM  program-name
```

Extern:

```
PROGRAM  program-name  
IMPLICIT  NONE  
[specification part]  
[interface of your functions]  
[execution part]  
END PROGRAM  program-name  
  
[your functions]
```

Subroutines(1)

A subroutine can, in contrast to a function, return multiple values at once.

Their form is similar to a main program or a function

```
subroutine  subroutine-name (arg1, arg2, ..., argn)
  implicit none
  [specification part]
  [execution part]
end subroutine subroutine-name
```

How can we call/access a subroutine?

```
call subroutine-name (arg1, arg2, ..., argn)
```

With **intent(in) / intent(out)** in the declaration section, we can specify which arguments are supposed to be an input or output.

Subroutines(2)

Example – an external subroutine:

```
program main-program
  implicit none
  ...
  call circle(radius, area, circumferenc)
  ...
end main-program

subroutine circle (r,a,c)
  implicit none
  real, parameter:: pi = 3.1415926
  real, intent(in) :: r
  real, intent(out) :: a,c
  a = pi*r**2
  c = 2*r*pi
end subroutine circle
```

Intrinsic functions(1)

Numerical n:

`int()` - conversion into integers; rounding towards 0.

`real()` - conversion to a real.

`dble()` - conversion into double precision (`real(8)`).

`abs()` - absolute value

`min()` - Minimum of at least 2 values.

`max()` - Maximum of at least 2 values.

`floor()` - Rounding downwards $-^{\circ}$

`ceiling()` - Rounding upwares 1 $+^{\circ}$

...

Intrinsic functions(2)

Mathematical functions:

Trigonometric functions: `cos()`, `sin()`, `tan()`, `acos()`, `asin()`, `atan()`,
`sinh()`, `cosh()`, `tanh()`

`sqrt()` - square root

`log()` - Logarithmus naturalis

`log10()` - Logarithmus with basis 10

`exp()` - exponential function

Exercises

Exercise 1: Write a program that reads arbitrary values a , b , c and prints the solution to the quadratic Equation.

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

Exercise 2: Find the zero of the function $\cos(x) - x$ using Newton's Method.