



Trace Tables

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Lecture 1

Development Software 1 (ONT1000/SDS1000)

Trace Tables

- Trace tables can be used to test an algorithm to make sure that the algorithm is free of logical errors
- A trace table usually takes the form of a multi-column, multirow table
- Each column represents a variable, and the rows are used to show how the value of each variable changes during the execution of the algorithm



```
int x = 5, y = 3, z = 4;
x = y + z;
y = x - y;
z = x + y;
```



X	у	Z
5	3	4



X	у	z
5	3	4



X	у	z
5	3	4
7		



X	у	Z
5	3	4
7		



X	у	Z
5	3	4
7	4	



X	у	z
5	3	4
7	4	



X	у	z
5	3	4
7	4	11



Trace Tables - Class Exercise:

```
int a = 0, b = 1, c = 5;
a = b;
b = a + b + c;
c = b - 4;
```



```
int a = 0, b = 1, c = 5;
a = b;
b = a + b + c;
c = b - 4;
```

a	b	C
0	1	5



a	b	С
0	1	5



a	b	С
0	1	5
1		



$$c = b - 4;$$

a	b	С
0	1	5
1		



$$c = b - 4;$$

a	b	С
0	1	5
1	7	



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```

a	b	С
0	1	5
1	7	



```
int a = 0, b = 1, c = 5;
a = b;
b = a + b + c;
c = b - 4;
```

a	b	С
0	1	5
1	7	3



Order of Precedence

- Operator Precedence:
 - the rules that determine the order in which parts of a mathematical expression are evaluated.
- Multiplication, division and remainder always take place first prior to addition or subtraction



Usewill

What would the value of answer be?

$$answer = (c * b) - a;$$

c = b

a	b	C
0	1	5
1	7	3

All variables are integers



Use will

What would the value of answer be?

answer =
$$(c * b) - a;$$

$$20 = (3 * 7) - 1$$

$$c = b$$

a	b	c
0	1	5
1	7	3

All variables are integers



Usewill

What would the value of answer be?

answer = c * b - a;

c = b

a	b	c
0	1	5
1	7	3

All variables are integers



Use will

What would the value of answer be?

answer =
$$c * b - a;$$

$$20 = 3 * 7 - 1$$

$$c = b$$

a	b	C
0	1	5
1	7	3

All variables are integers



Usewil

What would the value of answer be?

ans=
$$a + c * b + b / 2 - a;$$

$$C = \mathcal{D}$$

a	b	C
0	1	5
1	7	3



Usewil

What would the value of answer be?

ans=
$$a + c * b + b / 2 - a;$$

$$24 = 1 + 3 * 7 + 7 / 2 - 1$$

$$C = \mathcal{D}$$

a	b	C
0	1	5
1	7	3



• Use What would the value of answer be?

ans=
$$a + c * b + b / 2 - a;$$

24 = 1 + 3 * 7 + 7 / 2 - 1

$$24 = 1 + 21 + 3 - 1$$

$$C = \mathcal{D}$$

will

a	b	C
0	1	5
1	7	3



Usewil

What would the value of answer be?

ans =
$$b * c / 2;$$

$$c = b$$

a	b	C
0	1	5
1	7	3



• Use What would the value of answer be?

ans =
$$b * c / 2;$$

$$10 = 7 * 3 / 2$$

$$C = \mathcal{D}$$

wil

a	b	C
0	1	5
1	7	3



Usewil

What would the value of answer be?

ans =
$$b / c * 2;$$

$$C = \mathcal{D}$$

a	b	C
0	1	5
1	7	3



Usewil

What would the value of answer be?

ans =
$$b / c * 2;$$

 $4 = 7 / 3 * 2$

$$C = \mathcal{D}$$

a	b	C
0	1	5
1	7	3



Trace Table Exercise

a	b	C



Trace Table Solution

```
int a = 10, b = 5, c = 3;
a = b + c * 2;
b = b + (10 - c);
c = b + b;
```

a	b	С
10	5	3
11	12	24



Trace Table Exercise

```
int a = 10, b = 5, c = 3;
a = b + c * 2;
b = b + (10 - c);
c = b + b;
a = 3; b = 5; c = 10;
a = a * b;
b = c + 7 * a / 2;
a = b;
a = b / 10;
```

a	b	C
10	5	3
11	12	24
3	5	10



Trace Table Exercise

```
int a = 10, b = 5, c = 3;
a = b + c * 2;
b = b + (10 - c);
c = b + b;
a = 3; b = 5; c = 10;
a = a * b;
b = c + 7 * a / 2;
a = b;
a = b / 10;
```

b	С
5	3
12	24
5	10
62	
	5 12 5

