

# Modern Fortran Reference Card

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## 1 Data Types

### 1.1 Simple Data Types

`integer(specs)[,attrs] :: i` integer  
`real(specs)[,attrs] :: r` real number  
`complex(specs)[,attrs] :: z` complex number  
`logical(specs)[,attrs] :: b` boolean variable  
`character(specs)[,attrs] :: s` string  
`real, parameter :: c = 2.9e1` constant declaration  
`real(idp) :: d; d = 1.0d0` double precision real  
`s2=s(2:5); s2=s(:5); s2=s(5:)` substring extraction  
**attributes:** parameter, pointer, target, allocatable, dimension, public, private, intent, optional, save, external, intrinsic  
**specs:** kind=..., **for character:** len=...  
double precision: `integer, parameter :: idp = kind(1.0d0)`

### 1.2 Derived Data Types

`type person_t` define derived data type  
    `character(len=10) :: name`  
    `integer :: age`  
`end type person_t`  
`type group_t`  
    `type(person_t), allocatable & F2008: allocatable ...`  
    `& :: members(:)` ...components  
`end type group_t`  
`name = group%members(1)%name` access structure component

### 1.3 Arrays and Matrices

`real :: v(5)` explicit array, index 1..5  
`real :: a(-1:1,3)` 2D array, index -1..1, 1..3  
`real, allocatable :: a(:)` “deferred shape” array  
`a=(/1.2,b(2:6,:),3.5/)` array constructor  
`v = 1/v + a(1:5,5)` array expression  
`allocate(a(5),b(2:4),stat=e)` array allocation  
`deallocate(a,b)` array de-allocation

### 1.4 Pointers (avoid!)

`real, pointer :: p` declare pointer  
`real, pointer :: a(:)` “deferred shape” array  
`real, target :: r` define target  
`p => r` set pointer p to r  
`associated(p, [target])` pointer assoc. with target?  
`nullify(p)` associate pointer with NUL

### 1.5 Operators

`.lt. .le. .eq. .ne. .gt. .ge.` relational operators  
`< <= == /= > >=` relational op aliases  
`.not. .and. .or. .eqv. .neqv.` logical operators  
`x**(-y)` exponentiation  
`’AB’//’CD’` string concatenation

## 2 Control Constructs

`if (...) action` if statement  
`if (...) then` if-construct  
    `block`  
`else if (...) then; block`  
`else; block`  
`end if`  
`select case (number)` select-construct  
    `case (:0)` everything up to 0 (incl.)  
        `block`  
    `case (1:2); block` number is 1 or 2  
    `case (3); block` number is 3  
    `case (4:); block` everything up from 4 (incl.)  
    `case default; block` fall-through case  
`end select`  
`outer: do` controlled do-loop  
    `inner: do i=from,to,step` counter do-loop  
        `if (...) cycle inner` next iteration  
        `if (...) exit outer` exit from named loop  
    `end do inner`  
`end do outer`  
`do while (...);block;end do` do-while loop

## 3 Program Structure

`program myprog` main program  
    `use foo, lname => username` used module, with rename  
    `use foo2, only: [only-list]` selective use  
    `implicit none` require variable declaration  
    `interface;...;end interface` explicit interfaces  
    `specification-statements` var/type declarations etc.  
    `exec-statements` statements  
    `stop ’message’` terminate program  
`contains`  
    `internal-subprograms` subroutines, functions  
`end program myprog`  
  
`module foo` module  
    `use bar` used module  
    `public :: f1, f2, ...` list public subroutines  
    `private` make private by default  
    `interface;...;end interface` explicit interfaces  
    `specification statements` var/type declarations, etc.  
`contains`  
    `internal-subprograms` “module subprograms”  
`end module foo`  
  
`function f(a,g) result r` function definition  
    `real, intent(in) :: a` input parameter  
    `real :: r` return type  
    `interface` explicit interface block  
        `real function g(x)` dummy var g is function  
            `real, intent(in) :: x`  
        `end function g`  
    `end interface`  
    `r = g(a)`  
`end function f` function call  
  
`recursive function f(x) ...` allow recursion  
`elemental function f(x) ...` work on args of any rank

`subroutine s(n,i,j,a,b,c,d,r,e)` subroutine definition  
    `integer, intent(in) :: n` read-only dummy variable  
    `integer, intent(inout) :: i` read-write dummy variable  
    `integer, intent(out) :: j` write-only dummy variable  
    `real(idp) :: a(n)` explicit shape dummy array  
    `real(idp) :: b(2,:)` assumed shape dummy array  
    `real(idp) :: c(10,*)` assumed size dummy array  
    `real, allocatable :: d(:)` deferred shape (*F2008*)  
    `character(len=*) :: r` assumed length string  
    `integer, optional :: e` optional dummy variable  
    `integer :: m = 1` same as integer, save::m=1  
    `if (present(e)) ...` presence check  
    `return` forced exit

`end subroutine s`

`call s(1,i,j,a,b,c,d,e=1,r="s")` subroutine call

Notes:

- explicit shape allows for reshaping trick (no copies!):  
    you can pass array of any dim/shape, but matching size.
- assumed shape ignores lbounds/ubounds of actual argument
- deferred shape keeps lbounds/ubounds of actual argument
- subroutines/functions may be declared as pure (no side effects)

### Use of interfaces:

• *explicit interface* for external or dummy procedures  
`interface`  
    `interface body` sub/function specs  
`end interface`  
• *generic/operator/conversion interface*  
`interface generic-spec`  
    `module procedure list` internal subs/functions  
`end interface`

*generic-spec* can be any of the following:

1. “generic name”, for overloading routines
2. operator name (+ -, etc) for defining ops on derived types  
    You can also define new operators names, e.g. `.cross.`  
    Procedures must be one- or two-argument functions.
3. assignment (=) for defining assignments for derived types.  
    Procedures must be two-argument subroutines.

The *generic-spec* interfaces should be used inside of a module; otherwise, use full sub/function specs instead of module procedure list.

## 4 Intrinsic Procedures

### 4.1 Transfer and Conversion Functions

`abs(a)` absolute value  
`aimag(z)` imag. part of complex z  
`aint(x, kind), anint(x, kind)` to whole number real  
`dbble(a)` to double precision  
`cmplx(x, y, kind)` create  $x + iy$   
`cmplx(x, kind=idp)` real to dp complex  
`int(a, kind), nint(a, kind)` to int (truncated/rounded)  
`real(x, kind)` to real (i.e. real part)  
`char(i, kind), achar(i)` char of ASCII code  
`ichar(c), iachar(c)` ASCII code of character  
`logical(l, kind)` change kind of logical 1  
`ibits(i, pos, len)` extract sequence of bits  
`transfer(source, mold, size)` reinterpret data

## 4.2 Arrays and Matrices

allocated(a) check if array is allocated  
lbound(a,dim) lowest index in array  
ubound(a,dim) highest index in array  
shape(a) shape (dimensions) of array  
size(array,dim) extent of array along dim  
all(mask,dim) all .true. in logical array?  
any(mask,dim) any .true. in logical array?  
count(mask,dim) number of true elements  
maxval(a,d,m) max value in masked array  
minval(a,d,m) min value in masked array  
product(a,dim,mask) product along masked dim  
sum(array,dim,mask) sum along masked dim  
merge(src,fsrc,mask) combine arrays as mask says  
pack(array,mask,vector) packs masked array into vect.  
unpack(vect,mask,field) unpack vect into masked field  
spread(source,dim,n) extend source array into dim.  
reshape(src,shp,pad,ord) make array of shape from src  
cshift(a,s,d) circular shift  
eoshift(a,s,b,d) “end-off” shift  
transpose(matrix) transpose a matrix  
maxloc(a,mask) find pos of max in array  
minloc(a,mask) find pos of min in array

## 4.3 Computation Functions

ceiling(a), floor(a) to next higher/lower int  
conjg(z) complex conjugate  
dim(x,y) max(x-y, 0)  
max(a1,a2,...), min(a1,...) maximum/minimum  
dprod(a,b) dp product of sp a, b  
mod(a,p) a mod p  
modulo(a,p) modulo with sign of a/p  
sign(a,b) make sign of a = sign of b  
matmul(m1,m2) matrix multiplication  
dot\_product(a,b) dot product of vectors  
**more:** sin, cos, tan, acos, asin, atan, atan2,  
sinh, cosh, tanh, exp, log, log10, sqrt

## 4.4 Numeric Inquiry and Manipulation Functions

kind(x) kind-parameter of variable x  
digits(x) significant digits in model  
bit\_size(i) no. of bits for int in model  
epsilon(x) small pos. number in model  
huge(x) largest number in model  
minexponent(x) smallest exponent in model  
maxexponent(x) largest exponent in model  
precision(x) decimal precision for reals in  
radix(x) base of the model  
range(x) dec. exponent range in model  
tiny(x) smallest positive number  
exponent(x) exponent part of x in model  
fractional(x) fractional part of x in model  
nearest(x) nearest machine number  
rrspacing(x) reciprocal of relative spacing  
scale(x,i) x b\*\*i  
set\_exponent(x,i) x b\*\*(i-e)  
spacing(x) absolute spacing of model

## 4.5 String Functions

lge(s1,s2), lgt, lle, llt string comparison  
adjustl(s), adjustr(s) left- or right-justify string  
index(s,sub,from\_back) find substr. in string (or 0)  
trim(s) s without trailing blanks  
len\_trim(s) length of trim(s)  
scan(s,setd,from\_back) search for any char in set  
verify(s,set,from\_back) check for presence of set-chars  
len(string) length of string  
repeat(string,n) concat n copies of string

## 4.6 Bit Functions

btest(i,pos) test bit of integer value  
iand(i,j), ieor(i,j), ior(i,j) and, xor, or of bit in 2 integers  
ibclr(i,pos), ibset(i,pos) set bit of integer to 0 / 1  
ishft(i,sh), ishftc(i,sh,s) shift bits in i  
not(i) bit-reverse integer

## 4.7 Misc Intrinsic Subroutines

date\_and\_time(d,t,z,v) put current time in d,t,z,v  
mvbits(f,fpos,len,t,tpos) copy bits between int vars  
random\_number(harvest) fill harvest randomly  
random\_seed(size,put,get) restart/query random generator  
system\_clock(c,cr,cm) get processor clock info

## 5 Input/Output

### 5.1 Format Statements

fmt = "(F10.3,A,ES14.7)" format string  
Iw Iw.m integer form  
Bw.m Ow.m Zw.m binary, octal, hex integer form  
Fw.d decimal form real format  
Ew.d exponential form (0.12E-11)  
Ew.dEe specified exponent length  
ESw.d ESw.dEe scientific form (1.2E-10)  
ENw.d ENw.dEe engineer. form (123.4E-12)  
Gw.d generalized form  
Gw.dEe generalized exponent form  
Lw logical format (T, F)  
A Aw characters format  
nX horizontal positioning (skip)  
Tc Tlc TRc move (absolute, left, right)  
r/ vert. positioning (skip lines)  
r(...) grouping / repetition  
: format scanning control  
S SP SS sign control  
BN BZ blank control (blanks as zeros)

w full length, m minimum digits, d dec. places, e exponent  
length, n positions to skip, c positions to move, r repetitions

### 5.2 Argument Processing / OS Interaction

n = command\_argument\_count()  
call get\_command\_argument(2, value) ! get 2nd arg  
call get\_environment\_variable(name, &  
& value, length, status, trim\_name) ! optional  
call execute\_command\_line(command, &  
& wait, exitstat, cmdstat, cmdmsg) ! optional

These are part of *F2003/F2008*. Older Fortran compilers might  
have vendor extensions: iargc, getarg, getenv, system

## 5.3 Reading and Writing to Files

print '(I10)', 2 print to stdout with format  
print \*, "Hello World" list-directed I/O (stdout)  
write(\*,\*) "Hello World" list-directed I/O (stdout)  
write(unit, fmt, spec) list write list to unit  
read(unit, fmt, spec) list read list from unit  
open(unit, specifiers) open file  
close(unit, specifiers) close file  
inquire(unit, spec) inquiry by unit  
inquire(file=filename, spec) inquiry by filename  
inquire(iolength=iol) outlist inquiry by output item list  
backspace(unit, spec) go back one record  
endfile(unit, spec) write eof record  
rewind(unit, spec) jump to beginning of file

### 5.4 I/O Specifiers (open statement)

iostat=error save int error code to error  
err=label label to jump to on error  
file='filename' name of file to open  
status='old' 'new' 'replace' status of input file  
'scratch' 'unknown'  
access='sequential' 'direct' access method  
form='formatted' 'unformatted' formatted/unformatted I/O  
recl=integer length of record  
blank='null' 'zero' ignore blanks/treat as 0  
position='asis' 'rewind' position, if sequential I/O  
'append'  
action='read' 'write' read/write mode  
'readwrite'  
delim='quote' 'apostrophe' delimiter for char constants  
'none'

pad='yes' 'no' pad with blanks  
**close-specifiers:** iostat, err, status='keep' 'delete'  
**inquire-specifiers:** access, action, blank, delim, direct,  
exist, form, formatted, iostat, name, named, nextrec,  
number, opened, pad, position, read, readwrite, recl,  
sequential, unformatted, write, iolength  
**backspace-, endfile-, rewind-specifiers:** iostat, err

### 5.5 Data Transfer Specifiers

iostat=error save int error code to error  
advance='yes' 'no' new line?  
err=label label to jump to on error  
end=label label to jump to on EOF  
eor=label label for end of record  
rec=integer record number to read/write  
size=integer-variable number of characters read

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