PROGRAMMING CONCEPTS

Communicating with the computer

- you have to learn its system of communication or language.
- The meaning of an instruction is essentially the same in many computer language or application.
- Syntax refers to the rules governing the computer operating system, the application, and the languages.
- An errors is called a bug.
- A process called debugging.

Communicating with the computer

- many bugs are result of syntax errors but some are logic errors.
- All syntax errors must be corrected before you execute and test your program.

Organizing the Problem

- Certain organizational tools will help you learn to solve problems on the computer.
- The tools include the:
 - Problem Analysis Chart (PAC)
 - Structure/Interactivity Charts
 - Input Processing Output (IPO) Chart
 - Algorithms.
 - Flowcharts

Analyzing the problem

- Understand the Problem
- Analyze the Requirements of the Problem
- A good way to analyze a problem is to separate it into four parts, problem analysis chart(PAC):
- The given data.(constant and variables)
- 2. The required results. (the out put)
- The processing that is required in the problem .(equations and expressions)
- 4. A list of solution alternatives.

Problem Analysis Chart (PAC)

Given Data	Required Results	
Section 1: Data given in the problem or provided by the user. These can be known values or general names for data, such as price, quantity, and so forth.	Section 2: Requirements for the output reports. This includes the information needed and the format required.	
Processing Required	Solution Alternatives	
Section 3: List of processing required. This includes equations or other types of processing, such as sorting, searching, and so forth.	Section 4: List of ideas for the solution of the problem.	

PAC Payroll Example

Calculate the gross pay of an employee. The formula to be used is

GrossPay=Hours*PayRate

Develop PAC for a solution to this problem?

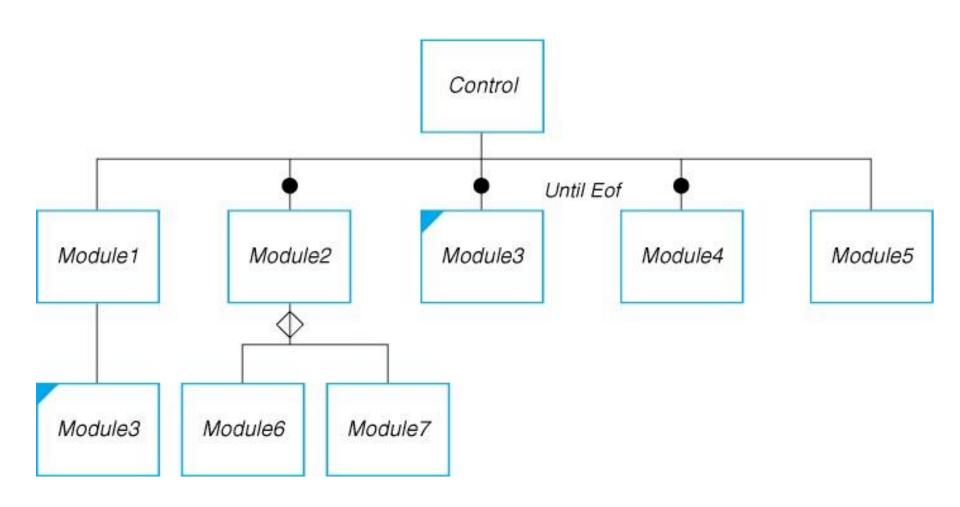
PAC Payroll Example

Given Data	Required Results	
Hours Pay Rate	Gross Pay	
Processing Required	Solution Alternatives	
GrossPay = Hours * PayRate	Define the hours worked and pay rate as constants. *2. Define the hours worked and pay rate as input values.	

Interactivity (Structure) Chart

- Divide processing into subtasks called <u>modules</u>
- Then connect these <u>modules</u> together to show the interaction of processing between modules.
- Each modules should contain the tasks to accomplish one function.
- There will be one module that controls the flow to most of other modules called the Control or main module.
- The subtasks of this module are then located below it in the structure chart.

The Interactivity Chart



The Interactivity Chart

Indicates duplicate modules by darkening the upper left-hand corner of each module.

□ The darkened circles indicate that the module is part of a set of modules that are processed many time — those in loop .

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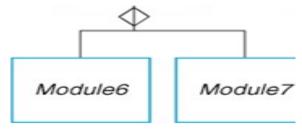
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Module3

Module4

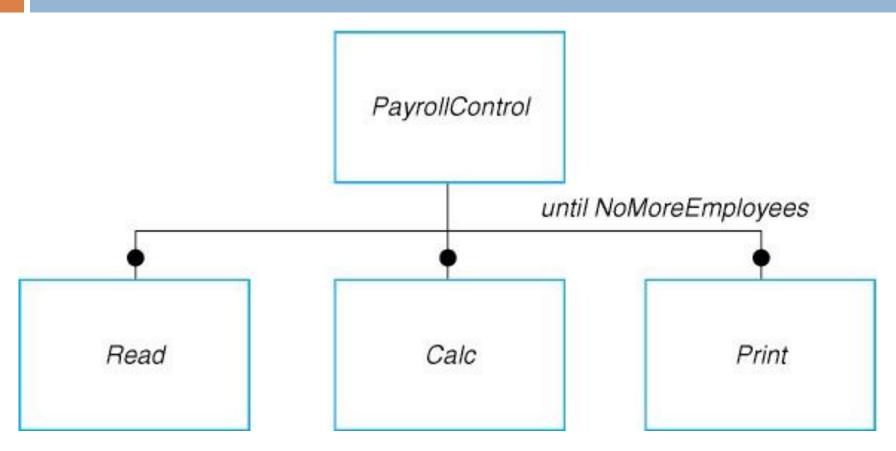
The Interactivity Chart

The diamond on the vertical line above the box indicates which modules are involved in a decision.



 Annotation may be placed beside the circle or diamond to indicate the condition

The Interactivity Chart for the Payroll Problem



Developing Input Processing Output (IPO) Chart

- □ IPO chart shows:
 - What data item are input
 - What processing takes place on that data
 - What information will be the end result, the output
 - Where in the solution the processing takes place.

Input	Processing	Module Reference	Output
All input data (from	All processing in steps	Module reference from the interactivity chart	All output requirements
Section 1 of the	(from Sections 3 and 4		(from Sections 1 and
problem analysis	of the problem		2 of the problem
chart)	analysis chart)		analysis chart)

The IPO Chart for the Payroll Problem

Input	Processing	Module Reference	Output
Hours Worked Pay Rate 2. Enter Pay Rate 3. Calculate Pay 4. Print Pay 5. End		Read Read Calc Print PayRollControl	Gross pay

The module references are show which will perform each step in the processing

Writing the Algorithm

- The next step of organizing a solution is to develop sets of instructions for the computer, called algorithms.
- □ The programmer writes a separate set of instructions for each module in the structure chart.
- The number of instruction is determined by the way the programmer chooses to solve the problem.

The Form of an Algorithm

Control <i>Module</i>	Name of Module (list of parameters)
1. Instruction	1. Instruction
2. Instruction	2. Instruction
3	3
4	4
—. end	—, exit

- The Control module uses an End since this is the end of the processing
- . The other modules use Exit because the processing continues .

Drawing the Flowchart

- Graphic representations of the algorithms.
- The algorithms and flowcharts are the final steps in organizing a solution.
- A flowcharts shows the flow of the processing from the beginning to the end of a solution.
- Each block in a flowchart represents one instruction from an algorithm.

Drawing the Flowchart

- □ Flowlines indicate the direction of the data flow.
- Most block have one or more entrances
- Most block have only one exit.
- Since ,in most cases , data can flow to only one other block .
- Exception a block representing a decision instruction
- A loop enables the computer to perform a task repeatedly during the processing of solution.

Flowchart Symbols

Flowchart Symbol	Explanation	
Flowlines	Flowlines are indicated by straight lines with optional arrows to show the direction of data flow. The arrowhead is necessary when the flow direction might be in doubt. Flowlines are used to connect blocks by exiting from one and entering another.	
Start End/Stop/Exit	Flattened ellipses indicate the start and the end of a module. An ellipse uses the name of the module at the start. The end is indicated by the word end or stop for the top or Control module and the word exit for all other modules. A start has no flowlines entering it and only one exiting it; an end or exit has one flowline entering it but none exiting it.	

Processing	The rectangle indicates a processing block, for such things as calculations, opening and closing files, and so forth. A processing block has one entrance and one exit.
I/O	The parallelogram indicates input to and output from the computer memory. An input/output (I/O) block has one entrance and only one exit.
Decision	The diamond indicates a decision. It has one entrance and two and only two exits from the block. One exit is the action when the resultant is <i>True</i> and the other exit is the action when the resultant is <i>False</i> .

Flowchart Symbols

Flowchart Symbol	Explanation
Process Module	Rectangles with lines down each side indicate the process of modules.They have one entrance and only one exit.
Counter A B S Automatic-Counter Loop	The polygon indicates a loop with a counter. The counter starts with A (the beginning value) and is incremented by S (the incrementor value) until the counter is greater than B (the ending value). Counter is a variable. A, B, and S may be constants, variables, or expressions.

Flowchart Symbols



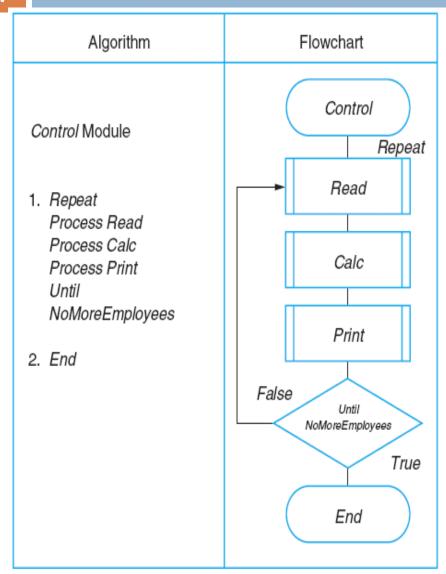
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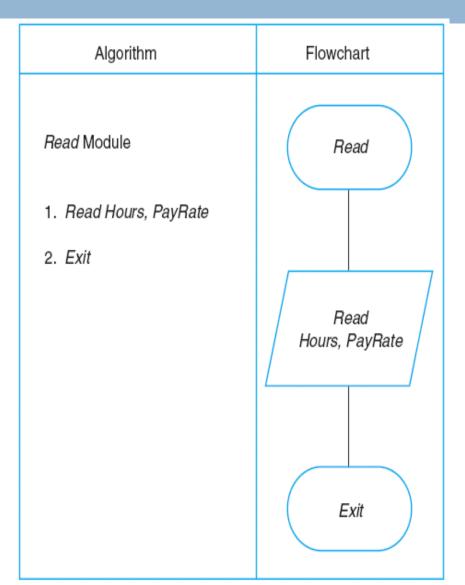


Off-Page Connectors*

Flowchart sections can be connected with two different symbols. The circle connects sections on the same page, and the home base plate connects flowcharts from page to page. Inside these two symbols the programmer writes letters or numbers. The on-page connector uses letters inside the circle to indicate where the adjoining connector is located. An A connects to an A, a B to a B, etc. The off-page connectors use the page number where the next part or the previous part of the flowchart is located. This allows the reader to easily follow the flowchart. On- and off-page connectors will have either an entrance or an exit.

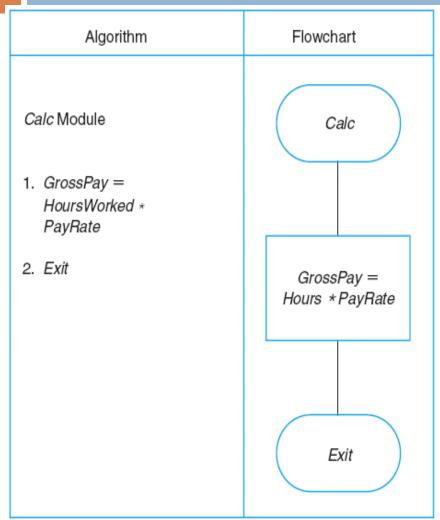
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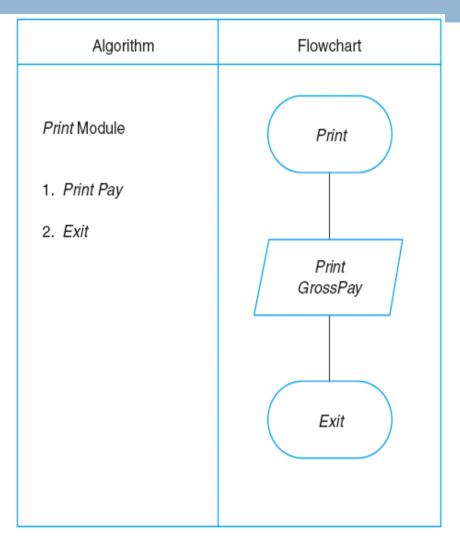


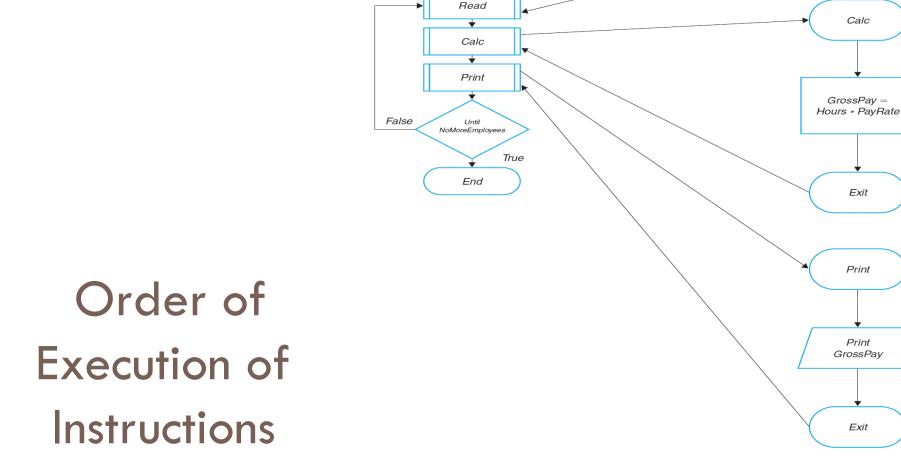


The algorithms and Flowcharts for the Payroll Problem

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Control

Repeat

Read

Read Hours, PayRate

Exit

Calc

GrossPay =

Exit

Print

Print

GrossPay

Exit

Algorithm and Flowchart Form

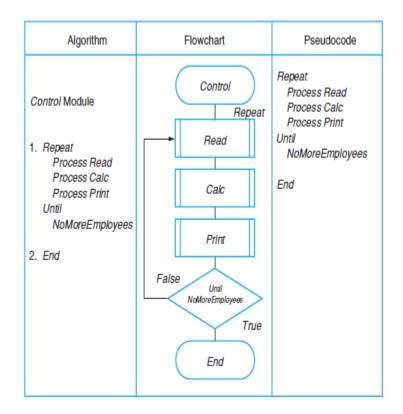
Algorithm	Flowchart	Annotation	Test	Internal Documentation	External Documentation

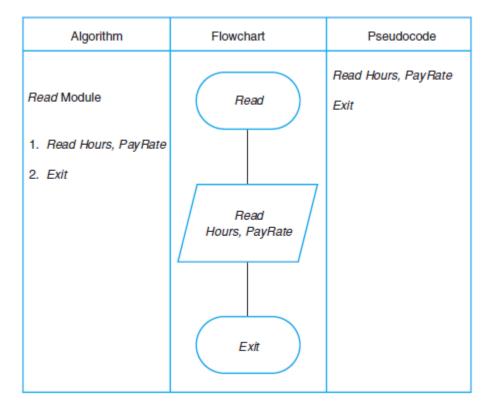
Pseudocode

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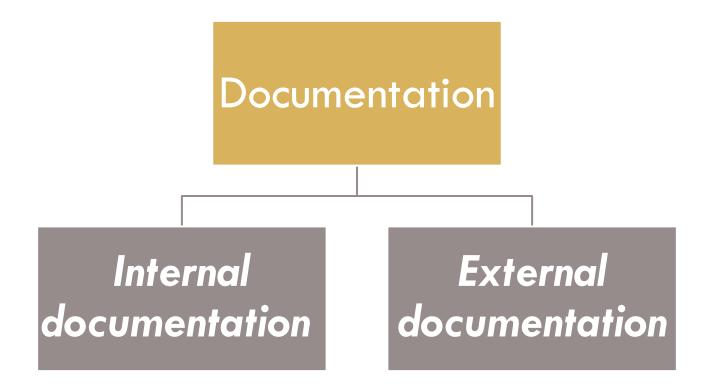
It closely follows the algorithm, but is characteristically closer to what you would write in a computer language.

Pseudocode





Documentation



Internal Documentation

- Is a file contains:
 - People who worked on the program
 - List of all variable name (details).
 - Note about the development of the program

External Documentation

- □ For the user of the program.
- Include any thing that allow the user to learn to use the program in the least amount of time (what should to do and what should not do).

Coding the solution

- Select the appropriate language
- Code the program

Testing the solution

□ Test the a solution to make sure it meet the requirements of the user ,the all instruction on program is correct without any error if a bug is detected the solution has to be modified to correct it.

Algorithm Instructions

- For example, the square root function is used in an assignment statement as follows:

$$A = Sqrt(X) + 7$$

Therefore, the result of the square root of X would be returned in the name of the function. This value is added to 7 and then stored in A.

The Write instruction outputs values to the printer. The list of information to be printed follows the Write, as in

The *Print* instruction is similar to the *Write* instruction <u>expect</u> that the output is directed to the screen rather than the printer.

Algorithm Instructions (continues)

- □ The End, Exit, or Return instruction specifies the completion of a module.
- End is used to end the Control module and indicates that the processing of the solution is complete.
- Exit is used to end a subordinate module if there is no return value, and indicates that the processing will continue in another module, the module where the Process instruction originated
- The Return (variable) is used to place a value in the name of the module. The Return is used when the module is to be processed within an expression.

An Example

- 1- Enter a name and an age into the computer.
- 2- Print a name and an age on the screen.

The algorithm and flowchart to enter a name and age into computer and print it on the screen.

Notice that the algorithm instructions are numbered starting with the first instruction after the name of module

