

# Fortran Basics

*I don't know what the programming language  
of the year 2000 will look like, but I know it  
will be called FORTRAN.*

*Charles Anthony Richard Hoare*

# F Program Structure

- A Fortran program has the following form:
  - *program-name* is the name of that program
  - *specification-part*, *execution-part*, and *subprogram-part* are optional.
  - Although **IMPLICIT NONE** is also optional, this is required in this course to write safe programs.

```
PROGRAM program-name  
IMPLICIT NONE  
[specification-part]  
[execution-part]  
[subprogram-part]  
END PROGRAM program-name
```

# Program Comments

- Comments start with a **!**
- Everything following **!** will be ignored
- This is similar to **//** in C/C++

```
! This is an example
!  
  
PROGRAM Comment  
    .....  
    READ(*,*) Year    ! read in the value of Year  
    .....  
    Year = Year + 1    ! add 1 to Year  
    .....  
END PROGRAM Comment
```

# Continuation Lines

- Fortran is not completely format-free!
- A statement must start with a new line.
- If a statement is too long to fit on one line, it has to be *continued*.
- The continuation character is **&**, which is not part of the statement.

```
Total = Total + &  
                Amount * Payments  
! Total = Total + Amount*Payments  
  
PROGRAM &  
    ContinuationLine  
! PROGRAM ContinuationLine
```

# Alphabets

- Fortran alphabets include the following:
  - Upper and lower cases letters
  - Digits
  - Special characters

space

' "

( ) \* + - / : =

\_ ! & \$ % ; < >

% ? , .

# Constants: 1/6

- A Fortran constant may be an integer, real, logical, complex, and character string.
- We will not discuss complex constants.
- An **integer constant** is a string of digits with an optional sign: **12345**, **-345**, **+789**, **+0**.

## Constants cont.

- A **real constant** has two forms, **decimal** and **exponential**:
  - In the **decimal form**, a real constant is a string of digits with exactly one decimal point. A real constant may include an optional sign. Example: **2.45**, **.13**, **13.**, **-0.12**, **-.12**.

# Constants:

- A **real constant** has two forms, **decimal** and **exponential**:
  - In the **exponential** form, a real constant starts with an integer/real, followed by a **E/e**, followed by an integer (*i.e.*, the exponent).  
Examples:

✓ **12E3** ( $12 \times 10^3$ ), **-12e3** ( $-12 \times 10^3$ ),  
**3.45E-8** ( $3.45 \times 10^{-8}$ ), **-3.45e-8**  
( $-3.45 \times 10^{-8}$ ).

✓ **0E0** ( $0 \times 10^0 = 0$ ). **12.34-5 is wrong!**



# Constants:

- A logical constant is either **.TRUE.** or **.FALSE.**
- Note that the periods surrounding **TRUE** and **FALSE** are required!

# Constants:

- A **character string** or **character constant** is a string of characters enclosed between two double quotes or two single quotes. Examples: `"abc"`, `'John Dow'`, `"#$%^"`, and `'() ()'`.
- The content of a character string consists of all characters between the quotes. Example: The content of `'John Dow'` is `John Dow`.
- The length of a string is the number of characters between the quotes. The length of `'John Dow'` is 8, space included.

## Constants cont. :

- A string has length zero (*i.e.*, no content) is an **empty string**.
- If single (or double) quotes are used in a string, then use double (or single) quotes as delimiters. Examples: `"Adam's cat"` and `'I said "go away"'`.
- Two consecutive quotes are treated as one!  
`'Lori''s Apple'` is `Lori's Apple`  
`"double quote"""` is `double quote"`  
`'abc' 'def"x' 'y'` is `abc' def"x' y`  
`"abc""def' x""v"` is `abc" def' x"v`

# Identifiers:

- A Fortran identifier can have no more than 31 characters.
- The first one must be a letter. The remaining characters, if any, may be letters, digits, or underscores.
- *Fortran identifiers are CASE INSENSITIVE.*
- Examples: **A**, **Name**, **toTAL123**, **System\_**, **myFile\_01**, **my\_1st\_F\_program\_X\_**.
- Identifiers **Name**, **nAmE**, **naME** and **NamE** are the same.

# Identifiers:

- Unlike Java, C, C++, etc, *Fortran does not have reserved words*. This means one may use Fortran keywords as identifiers.
- Therefore, PROGRAM, end, IF, then, DO, etc may be used as identifiers. Fortran compilers are able to recognize keywords from their “positions” in a statement.
- Yes, end = program + if/ (goto - while) is legal!
- However, avoid the use of Fortran keywords as identifiers to minimize confusion.

# Declarations:

- Fortran uses the following for variable declarations, where `type-specifier` is one of the following keywords: `INTEGER`, `REAL`, `LOGICAL`, `COMPLEX` and `CHARACTER`, and `list` is a sequence of identifiers separated by commas.

`type-specifier :: list`

- Examples:

```
INTEGER :: Zip, Total, counter
REAL    :: AVERAGE, x, Difference
LOGICAL :: Condition, OK
COMPLEX :: Conjugate
```

# Declarations:

- Character variables require additional information, the string length:
  - Keyword **CHARACTER** must be followed by a length attribute (**LEN = *l***) , where *l* is the length of the string.
  - If the length of a string is 1, one may use **CHARACTER** without length attribute.
  - Other length attributes will be discussed later.

# Declarations:

- Examples:

- `CHARACTER (LEN=20) :: Answer, Quote`

Variables `Answer` and `Quote` can hold strings up to 20 characters.

- `CHARACTER (20) :: Answer, Quote` is the same as above.

- `CHARACTER :: Keypress` means variable `Keypress` can only hold ONE character (*i.e.*, length 1).



# The **PARAMETER** Attribute:

- A **PARAMETER** identifier is a name whose value cannot be modified. In other words, it is a *named constant (final, const)*.
- The **PARAMETER** attribute is used after the type keyword.
- Each identifier is followed by a **=** and followed by a value for that identifier.

```
INTEGER, PARAMETER :: MAXIMUM = 10  
REAL, PARAMETER    :: PI = 3.1415926, E = 2.17828  
LOGICAL, PARAMETER :: TRUE = .true., FALSE = .false.
```

# The **PARAMETER** Attribute:

- Since **CHARACTER** identifiers have a length attribute, it is a little more complex when used with **PARAMETER**.
- Use **(LEN = \*)** if one does not want to count the number of characters in a **PARAMETER** character string, where **= \*** means the length of this string is determined elsewhere.

```
CHARACTER (LEN=3) ,  PARAMETER  :: YES = "yes"    ! Len = 3
CHARACTER (LEN=2) ,  PARAMETER  :: NO  = "no"      ! Len = 2
CHARACTER (LEN=*) ,  PARAMETER  :: &
                        PROMPT = "What do you want?" ! Len = 17
```

# The **PARAMETER** Attribute:

- Since Fortran strings are of *fixed* length, one must remember the following:
  - If a string is longer than the **PARAMETER** length, the right end is truncated.
  - If a string is shorter than the **PARAMETER** length, spaces will be added to the right.

```
CHARACTER (LEN=4) , PARAMETER :: ABC = "abcdef"  
CHARACTER (LEN=4) , PARAMETER :: XYZ = "xy"
```

ABC = 

a	b	c	d
---	---	---	---

XYZ = 

x	y		
---	---	--	--

# The **PARAMETER** Attribute:

- By convention, **PARAMETER** identifiers use all upper cases. However, this is not mandatory.
- For maximum flexibility, constants other than 0 and 1 should be **PARAMETER**ized.
- A **PARAMETER** is an alias of a value and is not a variable. Hence, one cannot modify the content of a **PARAMETER** identifier.
- One can may use a **PARAMETER** identifier anywhere in a program. It is equivalent to replacing the identifier with its value.
- The value part can use expressions.

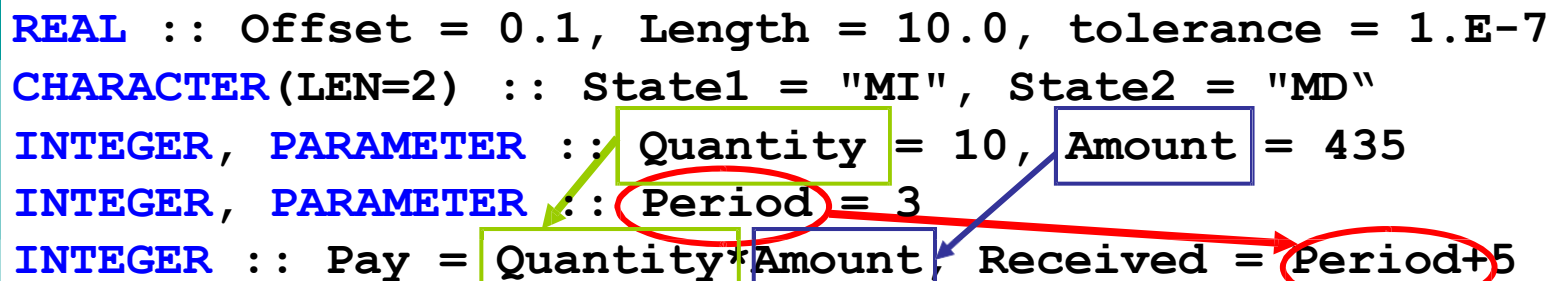
# Variable Initialization:

- A variable receives its value with
  - *Initialization*: It is done once before the program runs.
  - *Assignment*: It is done when the program executes an assignment statement.
  - *Input*: It is done with a **READ** statement.

# Variable Initialization:

- Variable initialization is very similar to what we learned with **PARAMETER**.
- A variable name is followed by a **=**, followed by an expression in which all identifiers must be constants or **PARAMETERS** defined *previously*.
- Using an un-initialized variable may cause unexpected, sometimes disastrous results.

```
REAL :: Offset = 0.1, Length = 10.0, tolerance = 1.E-7
CHARACTER(LEN=2) :: State1 = "MI", State2 = "MD"
INTEGER, PARAMETER :: Quantity = 10, Amount = 435
INTEGER, PARAMETER :: Period = 3
INTEGER :: Pay = Quantity*Amount, Received = Period+5
```



# Arithmetic Operators

- There are four types of operators in Fortran : arithmetic, relational, logical and character.
- The following shows the first three types:

<i>Type</i>	<i>Operator</i>						<i>Associativity</i>
Arithmetic	**						<u>right to left</u>
	*		/				left to right
	+		-				left to right
Relational	<	<=	>	>=	==	/=	none
Logical	.NOT.						<u>right to left</u>
	.AND.						left to right
	.OR.						left to right
	.EQV.		.NEQV.				left to right

# The Assignment Statement:

- The assignment statement has a form of  
`variable = expression`
- If the type of `variable` and `expression` are identical, the result is saved to `variable`.
- If the type of `variable` and `expression` are not identical, the result of `expression` is converted to the type of `variable`.
- If `expression` is `REAL` and `variable` is `INTEGER`, the result is truncated.



# The Assignment Statement:

- The left example uses an initialized variable **Unit**, and the right uses a **PARAMETER PI**.

```
INTEGER :: Total, Amount  
INTEGER :: Unit = 5
```

```
Amount = 100.99  
Total = Unit * Amount
```

```
REAL, PARAMETER :: PI = 3.1415926  
REAL :: Area  
INTEGER :: Radius
```

```
Radius = 5  
Area = (Radius ** 2) * PI
```

This one is equivalent to `Radius ** 2 * PI`

# Fortran Intrinsic Functions:

- Fortran provides many commonly used functions, referred to as *intrinsic functions*.
- To use an intrinsic function, we need to know:
  - Name and meaning of the function (*e.g.*, **SQRT ( )** for square root)
  - Number of arguments
  - The type and range of each argument (*e.g.*, the argument of **SQRT ( )** must be non-negative)
  - The type of the returned function value.

# Fortran Intrinsic Functions:

- Some mathematical functions:

<i>Function</i>	<i>Meaning</i>	<i>Arg. Type</i>	<i>Return Type</i>
ABS (x)	absolute value of x	INTEGER	INTEGER
		REAL	REAL
SQRT (x)	square root of x	REAL	REAL
SIN (x)	sine of x radian	REAL	REAL
COS (x)	cosine of x radian	REAL	REAL
TAN (x)	tangent of x radian	REAL	REAL
ASIN (x)	arc sine of x	REAL	REAL
ACOS (x)	arc cosine of x	REAL	REAL
ATAN (x)	arc tangent of x	REAL	REAL
EXP (x)	exponential $e^x$	REAL	REAL
LOG (x)	natural logarithm of x	REAL	REAL

LOG10 (x) is the common logarithm of x!

# Fortran Intrinsic Functions: 3/4

- Some conversion functions:

<i>Function</i>	<i>Meaning</i>	<i>Arg. Type</i>	<i>Return Type</i>
INT (x)	truncate to integer part x	REAL	INTEGER
NINT (x)	round nearest integer to x	REAL	INTEGER
FLOOR (x)	greatest integer less than or equal to x	REAL	INTEGER
FRACTION (x)	the fractional part of x	REAL	REAL
REAL (x)	convert x to REAL	INTEGER	REAL

**Examples:**

```
INT (-3.5)  → -3
NINT (3.5)  → 4
NINT (-3.4) → -3
FLOOR (3.6) → 3
FLOOR (-3.5) → -4
FRACTION (12.3) → 0.3
REAL (-10)  → -10.0
```

# Fortran Intrinsic Functions:

- Other functions:

<i>Function</i>	<i>Meaning</i>	<i>Arg. Type</i>	<i>Return Type</i>
MAX( <i>x</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>x</i> <sub>2</sub> , ..., <i>x</i> <sub><i>n</i></sub> )	maximum of <i>x</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>x</i> <sub>2</sub> , ... <i>x</i> <sub><i>n</i></sub>	INTEGER	INTEGER
		REAL	REAL
MIN( <i>x</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>x</i> <sub>2</sub> , ..., <i>x</i> <sub><i>n</i></sub> )	minimum of <i>x</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>x</i> <sub>2</sub> , ... <i>x</i> <sub><i>n</i></sub>	INTEGER	INTEGER
		REAL	REAL
MOD( <i>x</i> , <i>y</i> )	remainder $x - \text{INT}(x/y) * y$	INTEGER	INTEGER
		REAL	REAL

# What is IMPLICIT NONE?

- Fortran has an interesting tradition: all variables starting with **i, j, k, l, m** and **n**, if not declared, are of the **INTEGER** type by default.
- This handy feature can cause serious consequences if it is not used with care.
- **IMPLICIT NONE** means all names must be declared and there is no implicitly assumed **INTEGER** type.
- All programs in this class must use **IMPLICIT NONE**. *Points will be deducted if you do not use it!*

## List-Directed READ:

- Fortran uses the `READ (*, *)` statement to read data into variables from keyboard:

```
READ (*, *) v1, v2, ..., vn
```

```
READ (*, *)
```

- The second form has a special meaning that will be discussed later.

```
INTEGER                :: Age
REAL                   :: Amount, Rate
CHARACTER(LEN=10)      :: Name

READ (*, *) Name, Age, Rate, Amount
```

# List-Directed READ:

- Data Preparation Guidelines
  - **READ (\*,\*)** reads data from keyboard by default, although one may use input redirection to read from a file.
  - If **READ (\*,\*)** has *n* variables, there must be *n* Fortran constants.
  - Each constant must have the type of the corresponding variable. Integers can be read into **REAL** variables but not vice versa.
  - Data items are separated by spaces and may spread into multiple lines.



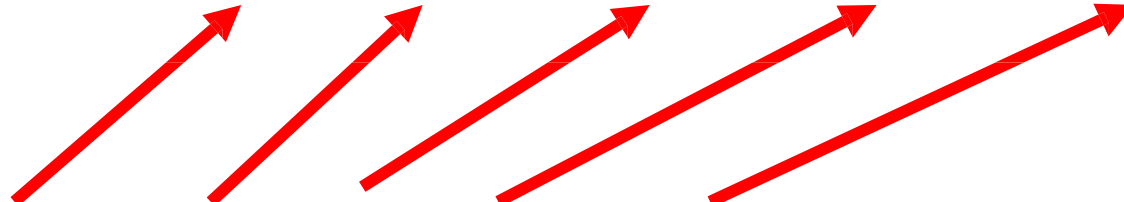
## List-Directed READ:

- *The execution of READ (\*,\*) always starts with a new line!*
- Then, it reads each constant into the corresponding variable.

```
CHARACTER (LEN=5)  :: Name  
REAL               :: height, length  
INTEGER            :: count, MaxLength
```

```
READ (*,*) Name, height, count, length, MaxLength
```

**Input:** "Smith" 100.0 25 123.579 10000



# List-Directed READ:

- Be careful when input items are on multiple lines.

```
INTEGER :: I, J, K, L, M, N
```

**Input:**

```
READ (*, *) I, J  ← 100 200
READ (*, *) K, L, M ← 300 400 500
READ (*, *) N ← 600
```

```
INTEGER :: I, J, K, L, M, N
```

*ignored!*

```
READ (*, *) I, J, K ← 100 200 300
READ (*, *) L, M, N ← 500 600 700
                     0
```

*400*  
*800*

**READ (\*, \*) always starts with a new line**

## List-Directed READ:

- Since **READ (\*,\*)** always starts with a new line, a **READ (\*,\*)** without any variable means skipping the input line!

```
INTEGER :: P, Q, R, S
```

READ (*,*) P, Q	←	100	200	300
READ (*,*)	←	...	400	500
READ (*,*) R, S	←	700	800	0

## List-Directed WRITE: 1/3

- Fortran uses the **WRITE (\*,\*)** statement to write information to screen.
- **WRITE (\*,\*)** has two forms, where **exp1**, **exp2**, ..., **expn** are expressions  
**WRITE (\*,\*) exp1, exp2, ..., expn**  
**WRITE (\*,\*)**
- **WRITE (\*,\*)** evaluates the result of each expression and prints it on screen.
- **WRITE (\*,\*)** *always starts with a new line!*

# List-Directed WRITE: 2/3

- Here is a simple example:

```
INTEGER :: Target
REAL    :: Angle, Distance
CHARACTER(LEN=*) , PARAMETER ::
    Time = "The time to hit target ",
    IS = " is ",
    UNIT = " sec."
```

means length is determined by actual count

```
Target = 10
Angle = 20.0
Distance = 1350.0
WRITE(*,*) 'Angle = ', Angle
WRITE(*,*) 'Distance = ', Distance
WRITE(*,*)
WRITE(*,*) Time, Target, IS,
```

continuation lines

&  
&  
&

Output:

```
Angle = 20.0
Distance = 1350.0
```

```
The time to hit target 10 is 27000.0 sec.
```

&

```
Angle * Distance, UNIT
```

print a blank line

# List-Directed WRITE:

- The previous example used `LEN=*` , which means the length of a `CHARACTER` constant is determined by actual count.
- `WRITE (* , *)` without any expression advances to the next line, producing a blank one.
- A Fortran compiler will use the *best* way to print each value. Thus, indentation and alignment are difficult to achieve with `WRITE (* , *)`.
- One must use the `FORMAT` statement to produce good looking output.

# CHARACTER Operator

- Fortran uses `//` to concatenate two strings.
- If strings **A** and **B** have lengths *m* and *n*, the concatenation **A** `//` **B** is a string of length *m+n*.

```
CHARACTER(LEN=4) :: John = "John", Sam = "Sam"  
CHARACTER(LEN=6) :: Lori = "Lori", Reagan = "Reagan"  
CHARACTER(LEN=10) :: Ans1, Ans2, Ans3, Ans4
```

```
Ans1 = John // Lori           ! Ans1 = "JohnLori["  
Ans2 = Sam // Reagan          ! Ans2 = "Sam[Reagan"  
Ans3 = Reagan // Sam          ! Ans3 = "ReaganSam["  
Ans4 = Lori // Sam            ! Ans4 = "Lori[Sam["
```

# Example:

- This program uses the `DATE_AND_TIME()` Fortran intrinsic function to retrieve the system date and system time. Then, it converts the date and time information to a readable format. This program demonstrates the use of concatenation operator `//` and substring.
- System date is a string `ccyyymmdd`, where `cc` = century, `yy` = year, `mm` = month, and `dd` = day.
- System time is a string `hhmmss.sss`, where `hh` = hour, `mm` = minute, and `ss.sss` = second.



# Example:

- The following shows the specification part.  
Note the handy way of changing string length.

```
PROGRAM DateTime
  IMPLICIT NONE
  CHARACTER(LEN = 8)    :: DateINFO                ! ccyymmdd
  CHARACTER(LEN = 4)    :: Year, Month*2, Day*2
  CHARACTER(LEN = 10)   :: TimeINFO, PrettyTime*12 ! hhmmss.sss
  CHARACTER(LEN = 2)    :: Hour, Minute, Second*6

  CALL DATE_AND_TIME(DateINFO, TimeINFO)
  ..... other executable statements .....
END PROGRAM DateTime
```

This is a handy way of changing string length

# Example:

- Decompose **DateINFO** into year, month and day. **DateINFO** has a form of **ccyyymmdd**, where **cc** = century, **yy** = year, **mm** = month, and **dd** = day.

```
Year  = DateINFO(1:4)
Month = DateINFO(5:6)
Day   = DateINFO(7:8)
WRITE(*,*) 'Date information -> ', DateINFO
WRITE(*,*) '                Year -> ', Year
WRITE(*,*) '                Month -> ', Month
WRITE(*,*) '                Day -> ', Day
```

**Output:**

```
Date information -> 19970811
                Year -> 1997
                Month -> 08
                Day -> 11
```

# Example:

- Now do the same for time:

```
Hour      = TimeINFO(1:2)
Minute    = TimeINFO(3:4)
Second    = TimeINFO(5:10)
PrettyTime = Hour // ':' // Minute // ':' // Second
WRITE(*,*)
WRITE(*,*) 'Time Information -> ', TimeINFO
WRITE(*,*) ' Hour           -> ', Hour
WRITE(*,*) ' Minute        -> ', Minute
WRITE(*,*) ' Second        -> ', Second
WRITE(*,*) ' Pretty Time   -> ', PrettyTime
```

**Output:**

```
Time Information -> 010717.620
                Hour  -> 01
                Minute -> 07
                Second -> 17.620
                Pretty Time -> 01:07:17.620
```