

Guide Chapter 1

Variables, Input/Output, Arithmetic

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Program Design Strategies

- Goals when designing a program:
 - Separation of concerns
 - Each method should do one, and only one, thing
 - Design for reuse
 - Eliminate redundant code
 - Generalize by using parameters
 - Design only what is needed
 - A good programmer is lazy
 - Don't do any more than what is required
- Why these three goals?
 - Easier to test
 - Increases possibility of finding logic errors
 - Decreases possibility of vulnerabilities

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Program Design Strategies (cont'd)

- Things to think about as you design a program:
 - KIS (KISS)
 - Keep It Simple (Keep It Simple Stupid)
 - Helps with goals
 - Separation of Concerns, Design for Reuse, Design only what is Needed
 - Abstraction
 - Sometimes, you need to ignore details of a concept
 - Other times, you must pay attention to the details!
 - Generalize based on common characteristic(s)
 - e.g., ball vs. football, baseball, softball, tennis ball
 - Helps with goals
 - Separation of Concerns, Design for Reuse

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Program Design Strategies (cont'd)

- Things to think about as you design a program (cont'd):
 - Information hiding
 - Use method w/out knowing how it's implemented (coded)
 - e.g., we've used turtle graphics library without knowing how it works!
 - You will likely reuse a few methods in many of your solutions
 - Eventually, you'll ignore the details of these methods and simply focus on what it does
 - Helps with goals
 - Separation of Concerns, Design for Reuse

Separation of concerns
Design for reuse
Design only what is needed
Keep it simple
Abstraction
Information hiding

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