Functions in Fortran

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Subprogram basics



Subprograms in contains clause

```
Program foo

< declarations>

< executable statements >

Contains

< subprogram definitions >

End Program foo
```



Subroutines

```
subroutine foo()
  implicit none
  print *,"foo"
  if (something) return
  print *,"bar"
end subroutine foo
```

- Looks much like a main program
- Ends at the end, or when return is reached
- Activated with

call foo()



Function definition and usage

- Return type, keyword function, name, parameters
- Function body has statements
- Result is returned by assigning to the function name
- Use: y = f(x)



Function example

Code:

```
program plussing
implicit none
integer :: i
    i = plusone(5)
    print *,i
contains
integer function plusone(invalue)
    implicit none
    integer,intent(in) :: invalue
    plusone = invalue+1
    end function plusone
end program plussing
```

Output from running plusone in code directory funcf:

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Why a 'contains' clause?

```
Program ContainsScope
                                                   Program ContainsScope
  implicit none
                                                     implicit none
 call DoWhat()
                                                     call DoWhat()
end Program ContainsScope
                                                   contains
                                                     subroutine DoWhat(i)
subroutine DoWhat(i)
                                                       implicit none
  implicit none
                                                       integer :: i
  integer :: i
                                                       i = 5
  i = 5
                                                     end subroutine DoWhat
end subroutine DoWhat
                                                   end Program ContainsScope
```

Warning only, crashes.

Error, does not compile



Why a 'contains' clause, take 2

Code:

Program ContainsScope
implicit none
integer :: i=5
call DoWhat(i)
end Program ContainsScope
subroutine DoWhat(x)
implicit none
real :: x
print *,x

end subroutine DoWhat

Output from running nocontaintype in code directory funcf:

7.00649232E-45

At best compiler warning if all in the same file For future reference: if you see very small floating point numbers, maybe you have made this error.



Exercise 1

Write a program that asks the user for a positive number; negative input should be rejected. Fill in the missing lines in this code fragment:

Code:

```
program readpos
implicit none
real(4) :: userinput
print *,"Type a positive number:"
userinput = read_positive()
print *,"Thank you for", userinput
contains
real(4) function read_positive()
implicit none
/* .. */
end function read_positive
end program readpos
```

Output from running readpos in code directory funcf:

```
Type a positive number:
No, not -5.00000000
No, not 0.00000000
No, not -3.14000010
Thank you for 2.48000002
```



Subprogram arguments

Arguments are defined in subprogram body:

```
subroutine f(x,y,i)
  implicit none
  integer,intent(in) :: i
  real(4),intent(out) :: x
  real(8),intent(inout) :: y
  x = 5; y = y+6
end subroutine f
! and in the main program
call f(x,y,5)
```



Parameter passing

- Everything is passed by reference.
- Use in, out, inout qualifiers to clarify semantics to compiler.
- Terminology: Fortran talks about 'dummy' and 'actual' arguments. Dummy: in the definition; actual: in the calling program.



Intent checking

Compiler checks your intent against your implementation. This code is not legal:

```
subroutine ArgIn(x)
implicit none
real,intent(in) :: x
x = 5 ! compiler complains
end subroutine ArgIn
```



Why intent checking?

Allow compiler optimizations:

Call to f removed

y2 is same as y1 because x not changed



Exercise 2

Take your prime number testing function is_prime, and use it to write program that prints multiple primes:

- Read an integer how_many from the input, indicating how many (successive) prime numbers should be printed.
- Print that many successive primes, each on a separate line.
- (Hint: keep a variable number_of_primes_found that is increased whenever a new prime is found.)



Modules



Module definition

```
Module FunctionsAndValues
implicit none

real(8),parameter :: pi = 3.14

contains
subroutine SayHi()
print *,"Hi!"
end subroutine SayHi

End Module FunctionsAndValues
```



Module use

```
Program ModProgram
use FunctionsAndValues
implicit none
```

```
print *,"Pi is:",pi
call SayHi()
```

End Program ModProgram

Also possible:

Use mymodule, Only: func1,func2
Use mymodule, func1 => new_name1



Exercise 3

Write a module PointMod that defines a type Point and a function distance to make this code work:

```
use pointmod
implicit none
type(Point) :: p1,p2
real(8) :: p1x,p1y,p2x,p2y
read *,p1x,p1y,p2x,p2y
p1 = point(p1x,p1y)
p2 = point(p2x,p2y)
print *,"Distance:",distance(p1,p2)
```

Put the program and module in two separate files and compile thusly:

```
ifort -g -c pointmod.F90
ifort -g -c pointmain.F90
ifort -g -o pointmain pointmod.o pointmain.o
```

