

# C# Introduction

Basic Syntax , I/O, Conditions, Loops and Debugging



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# Introduction and Basic Syntax

# C# Programming Language

- C# is modern, flexible, general-purpose programming language
- Object-oriented by nature, statically-typed, compiled
- Runs on .NET Framework / .NET Core

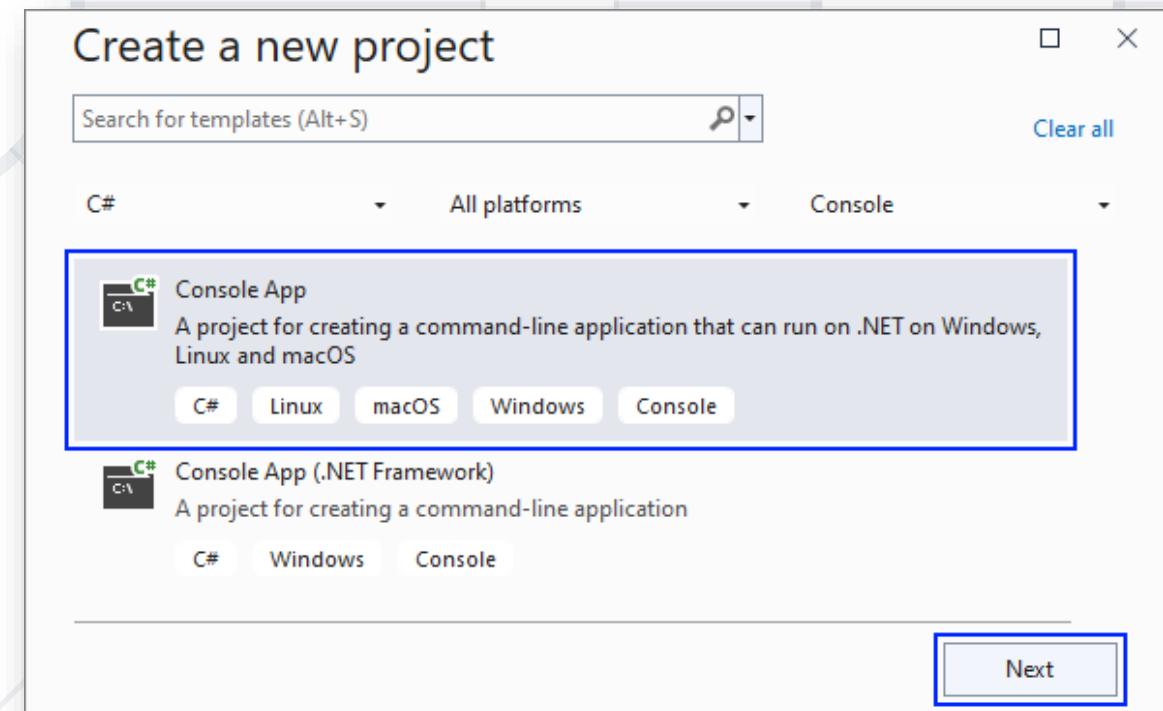


```
static void Main()  
{  
    // Source code  
}
```

Program  
starting  
point

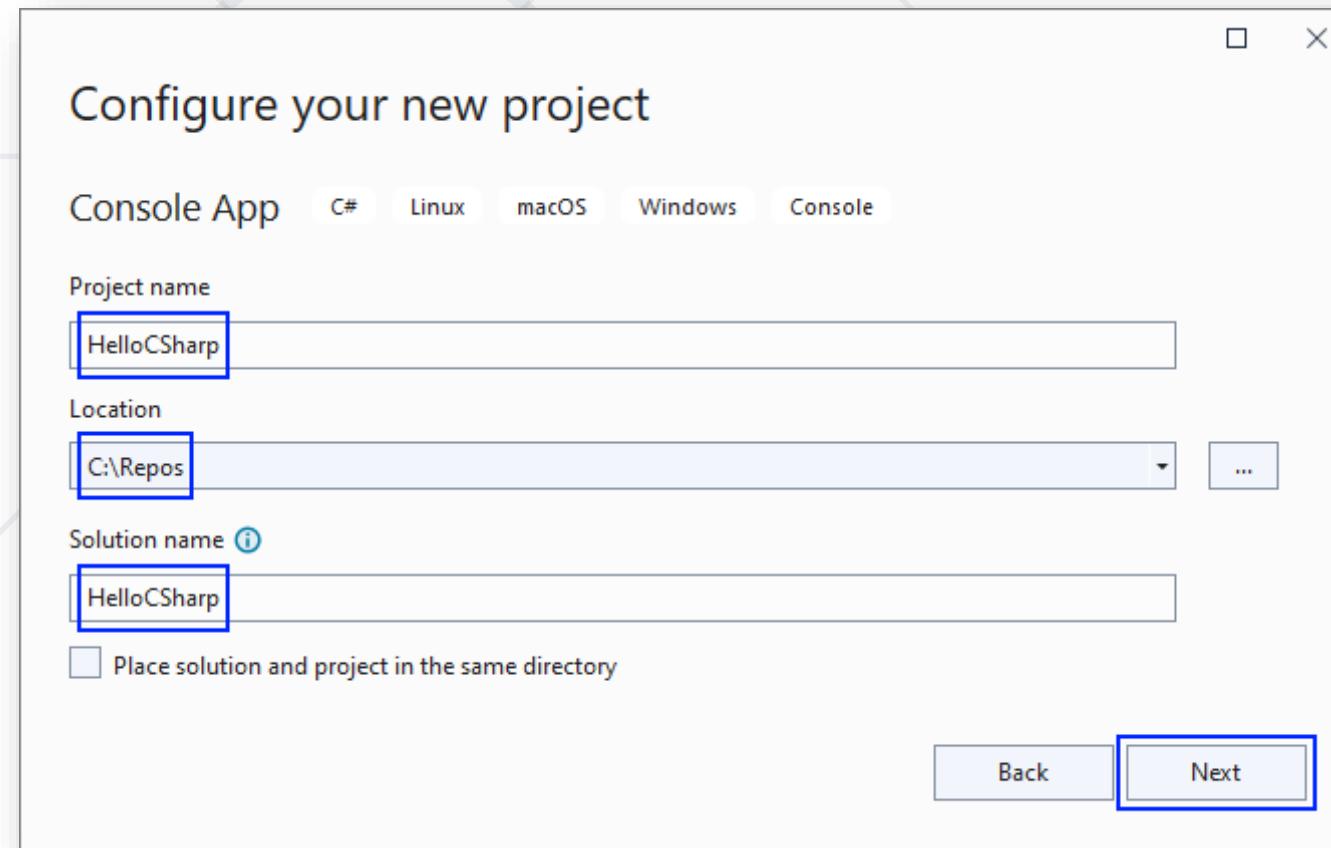
# Using Visual Studio

- Visual Studio (VS) is powerful IDE for C#
- Create a  
**console application**



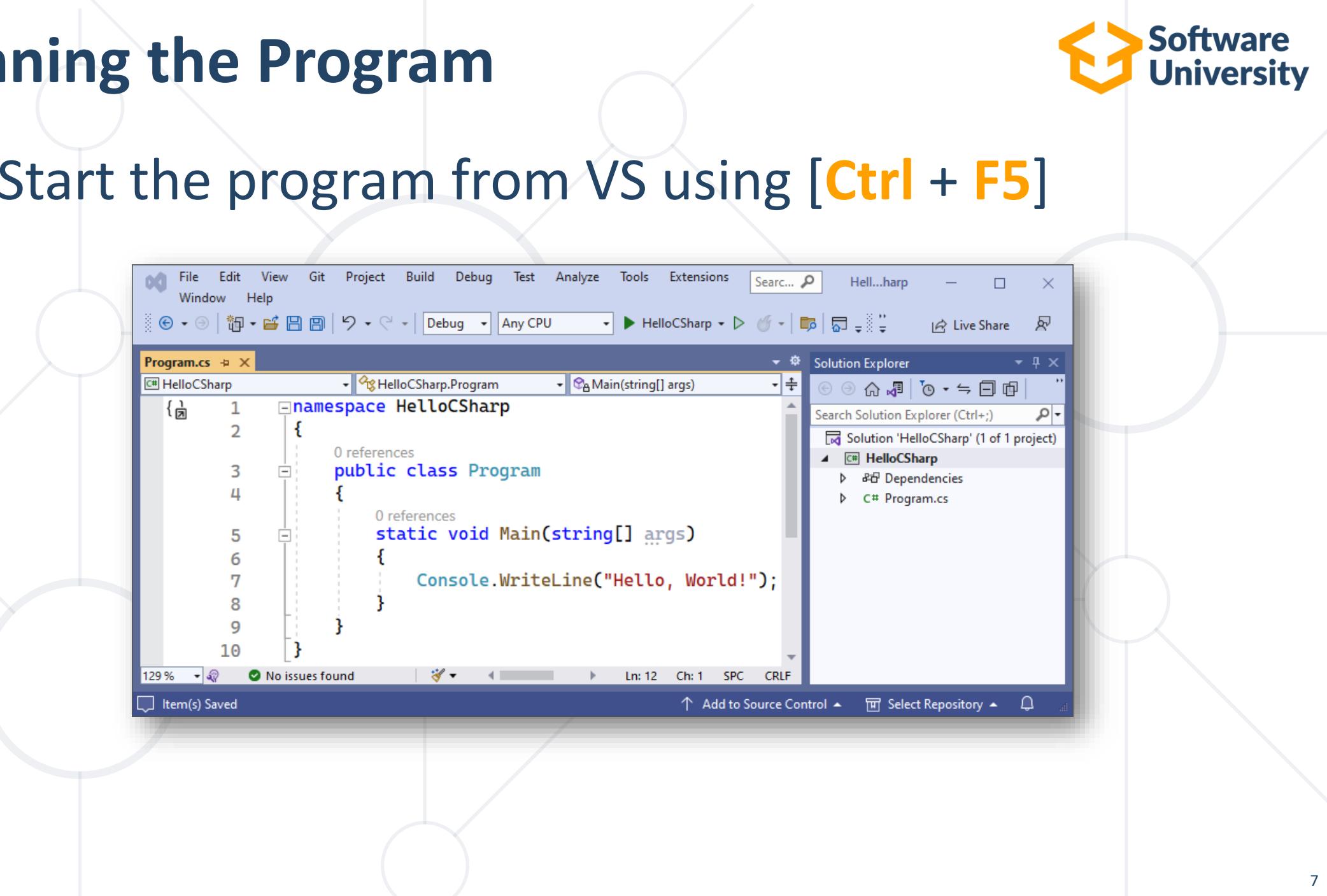
# Using Visual Studio

- Give the console application a **proper name**



# Running the Program

- Start the program from VS using [Ctrl + F5]



A screenshot of the Microsoft Visual Studio IDE interface. The title bar shows "File Edit View Git Project Build Debug Test Analyze Tools Extensions Search... Hell...harp". The toolbar includes icons for file operations like Open, Save, and Build. The status bar at the bottom indicates "129 %", "No issues found", "Ln: 12 Ch: 1 SPC CRLF", and "Item(s) Saved".

The main code editor window displays the following C# code:

```
namespace HelloCSharp
{
    public class Program
    {
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            Console.WriteLine("Hello, World!");
        }
    }
}
```

The Solution Explorer on the right shows a single project named "HelloCSharp" containing a file "Program.cs".

# Declaring Variables

- Defining and Initializing variables

```
{data type / var} {variable name} = {value};
```

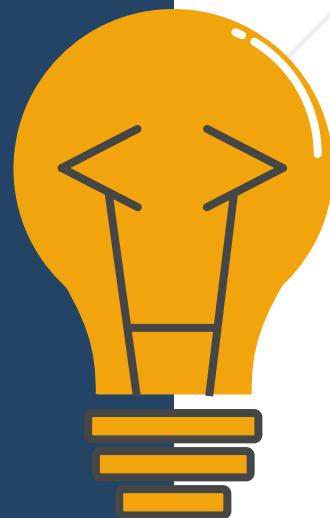
- Example

Variable name

```
int number = 5;
```

Variable value

Data type





# Input / Output

Reading from and Writing to the Console

# Reading from the Console

- We can **read / write** to the console, using the **Console** class
- Use the **System** namespace to access **System.Console** class

```
using System;
```

- Reading input from the console using **Console.ReadLine()**

Returns **string**

```
string name = Console.ReadLine();
```



# Converting Input from the Console

- `Console.ReadLine()` returns a **string**
- Convert the string to number by **parsing**

```
string name = Console.ReadLine();  
int age = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine());  
double salary = double.Parse(Console.ReadLine());  
bool isHungry = bool.Parse(Console.ReadLine());
```



# Printing to the Console

- We can **print** to the console using the **Console** class
- Use the **System** namespace to access **System.Console** class
- Writing output to the console
  - **Console.WriteLine()**
  - **Console.WriteLine()**

```
Console.WriteLine("Hi, ");  
Console.WriteLine("John!");  
// Hi, John!
```

# Using Placeholders

- Using **placeholders** to print on the console
- Examples

```
string name = "George";
int age = 5;
Console.WriteLine("Name: {0}, Age: {1}", name, age);
// Name: George, Age: 5
```

Placeholder **{0}**  
corresponds to **name**

Placeholder **{1}**  
corresponds to **age**

# Formatting Numbers in Placeholders

- **D** – format number to certain digits with leading zeros
- **F** – format floating point number with certain digits after the decimal point
- Examples

```
double grade = 5.5334;  
  
int percentage = 55;  
  
Console.WriteLine("{0:F2}", grade);      // 5.53  
  
Console.WriteLine("{0:D3}", percentage); // 055
```

# Using String Interpolation

- Using string interpolation to print on the console
- Examples

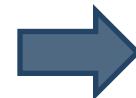
```
string name = "George";  
int age = 5;  
  
Console.WriteLine($"Name: {name}, Age: {age}");  
  
// Name: George, Age 5
```

Put \$ in front of the string to use string interpolation

# Problem: Student Information

- You will be given 3 input lines:
  - Student Name, Age and Average Grade
- Print the input in the following format:
  - "Name: {name}, Age: {age}, Grade: {grade}"
  - Format the grade to 2 decimal places

John  
15  
5.40

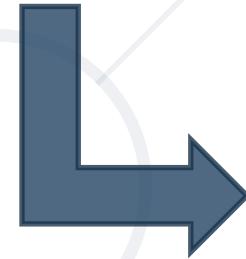


Name: John, Age: 15, Grade: 5.40

# Solution: Student Information

```
string name = Console.ReadLine();
int age = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine());
double grade = double.Parse(Console.ReadLine());

Console.WriteLine($"Name: {name}, Age: {age}, Grade: {grade:f2}");
```



Name: John, Age: 15, Grade: 5.40



# Comparison Operators

# Comparison Operators

## Operator

Equals

Not Equals

Greater Than

Greater Than or Equals

Less Than

Less Than or Equals

## Notation in C#

`==`

`!=`

`>`

`>=`

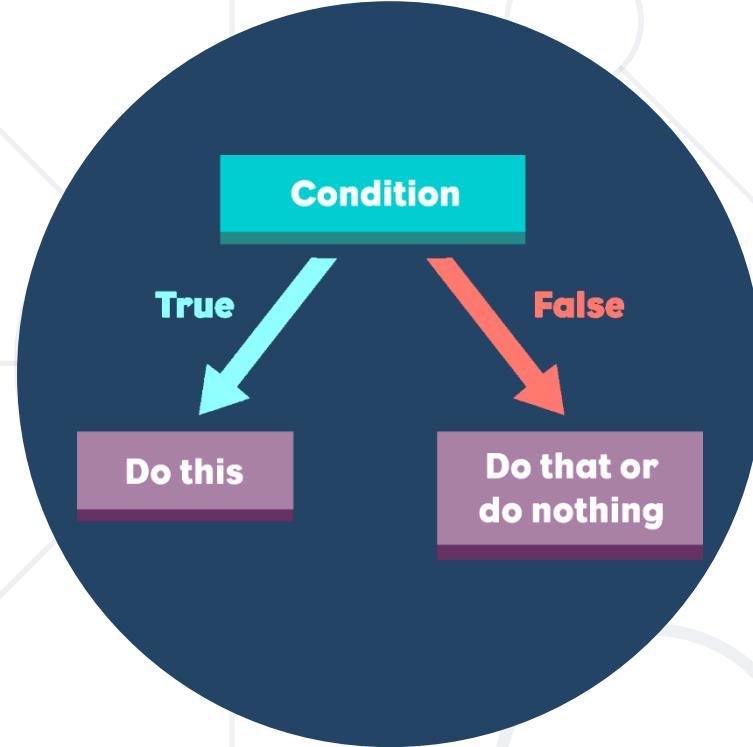
`<`

`<=`

# Comparing Numbers

- Values can be compared:

```
int a = 5;  
int b = 10;  
  
Console.WriteLine(a < b);           // true  
Console.WriteLine(a > 0);           // true  
Console.WriteLine(a > 100);          // false  
Console.WriteLine(a < a);            // false  
Console.WriteLine(a <= 5);           // true  
Console.WriteLine(b == 2 * a);        // true
```



# Implementing Control-Flow Logic

## The If-else Statement

# The If Statement

- The most simple **conditional statement**
  - Test for a condition
- Example: Take as an input a grade and check if the student has passed the exam ( $\text{grade} \geq 3.00$ )

```
double grade = double.Parse(Console.ReadLine());  
if (grade >= 3.00)  
{  
    Console.WriteLine("Passed!");  
}
```

In C# the opening bracket stays on a new line

# The If-Else Statement

- Executes **one branch** if the condition is **true** and **another** if it is **false**
- Example: **Upgrade** the last example, so it prints "**Failed!**" if the mark is lower than 3.00:

The **else** keyword stays on a new line

```
if (grade >= 3.00)
{
    Console.WriteLine("Passed!");
}
else
{
    // TODO: Print the message
}
```

# Problem: Back in 30 Minutes

- Write a program that reads hours and minutes from the console and calculates the time after 30 minutes
  - The hours and the minutes come on separate lines
- Examples

1  
46

2:16

11  
08

11:38

0  
01

0:31

12  
49

13:19

23  
59

0:29

11  
32

12:02

# Solution: Back in 30 Minutes

```
int hours = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine());
int minutes = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine()) + 30;
if (minutes > 59) {
    hours += 1;
    minutes -= 60;
}
if (hours > 23) {
    hours = 0;
}
Console.WriteLine("{0}:{1:D2}", hours, minutes);
```



# The Switch-Case Statement

Simplified If-else-if-else

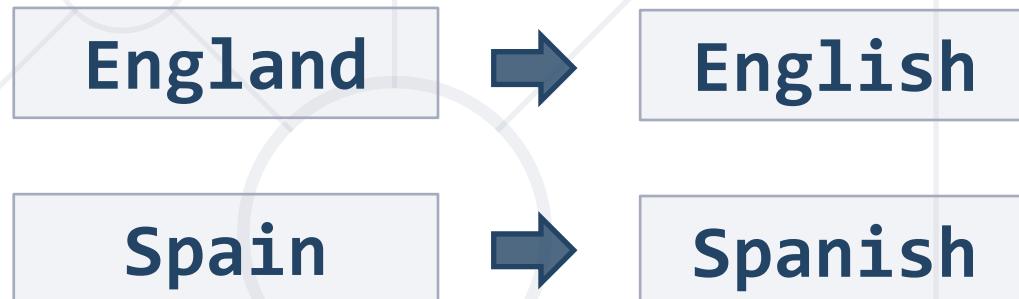
# The Switch-case Statement

- Switch-case statement works as a sequence of if-else
- Example: Read an input number and print its corresponding month

```
int month = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine());  
  
switch (month)  
{  
    case 1: Console.WriteLine("January"); break;  
    case 2: Console.WriteLine("February"); break;  
    // TODO: Add the other cases  
    default: Console.WriteLine("Error!"); break;  
}
```

# Problem: Foreign Languages

- By given country print its typical language:
  - English → England, USA
  - Spanish → Spain, Argentina, Mexico
  - other → unknown



Check your solution here: <https://alpha.judge.softuni.org/contests/basic-syntax-conditional-statements-and-loops-lab/1188/practice#5>

# Solution: Foreign Languages

```
switch (country)
{
    case "USA": break;
    case "England": Console.WriteLine("English"); break;
    case "Spain": break;
    case "Argentina": break;
    case "Mexico": Console.WriteLine("Spanish"); break;
    default: Console.WriteLine("unknown"); break;
}
```



**&&**

## Logical Operators

Writing More Complex Conditions

# Logical Operators

- **Logical operators** give us the ability to write multiple conditions in one **if** statement
- They return a boolean value and compare boolean values

Operator	Notation in C#	Example
Logical NOT	!	<code>!false</code> → true
Logical AND	<code>&amp;&amp;</code>	<code>true &amp;&amp; false</code> → false
Logical OR	<code>  </code>	<code>true    false</code> → true

# Problem: Theatre Promotions

- A theatre has the following ticket prices according to the age of the visitor and the type of day
  - If the age is  $< 0$  or  $> 122$ , print "Error!"

Day / Age	$0 \leqslant \text{age} \leqslant 18$	$18 < \text{age} \leqslant 64$	$64 < \text{age} \leqslant 122$
Weekday	12\$	18\$	12\$
Weekend	15\$	20\$	15\$
Holiday	5\$	12\$	10\$

**Weekday** 42 → **18\$**

**Holiday** -12 → **Error!**

Check your solution here: <https://alpha.judge.softuni.org/contests/basic-syntax-conditional-statements-and-loops-lab/1188/practice#6>

# Solution: Theatre Promotions

```
var day = Console.ReadLine().ToLower();
var age = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine());
var price = 0;
if (day == "weekday")
{
    if ((age >= 0 && age <= 18) || (age > 64 && age <= 122))
    {
        price = 12;
    }
    // TODO: Add else statement for the other group
} // Continues on the next slide...
```

# Solution: Theatre Promotions

```
else if (day == "weekend")
{
    if ((age >= 0 && age <= 18) || (age > 64 && age <= 122))
    {
        price = 15;
    }
    else if (age > 18 && age <= 64)
    {
        price = 20;
    }
} // Continues on the next slide...
```

# Solution: Theatre Promotions

```
else if (day == "holiday")
{
    if (age >= 0 && age <= 18)
        price = 5;
    // TODO: Add the statements for the other cases
}
if (price != 0)
    Console.WriteLine(price + "$");
else
    Console.WriteLine("Error!");
```



# Loops

## Code Block Repetition

# Loop: Definition

- A **loop** is a control statement that repeats the execution of a block of statements. The loop can
  - Execute a code block a fixed number of times
    - **for** loop
  - Execute a code block while a given condition returns true
    - **while**
    - **do...while**





## For Loops

Managing the Count of the Iteration

# For Loops

- The **for** loop executes statements a fixed number of times:

Initial value

End value

Increment

The bracket  
is again at  
the new line

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 10; i++)  
{  
    Console.WriteLine("i = " + i);  
}
```

Loop **body**,  
executed  
each  
iteration

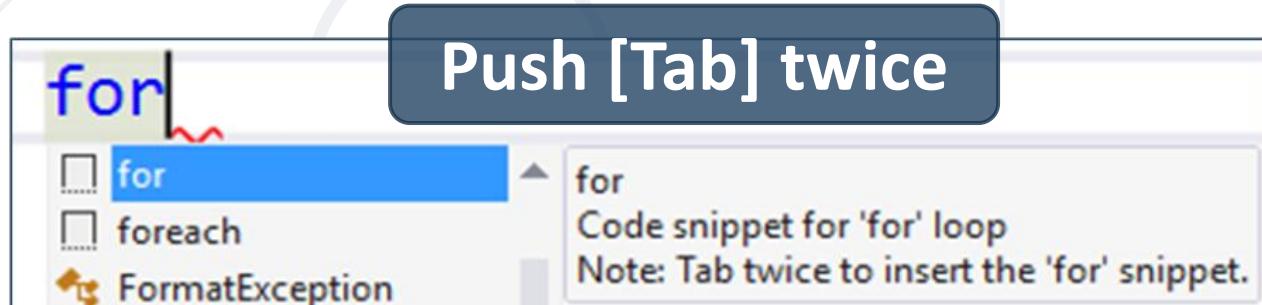
# Example: Divisible by 3

- Print the numbers from 1 to 100 that are divisible by 3

```
for (var i = 3; i <= 100; i += 3)  
{  
    Console.WriteLine(i);  
}
```



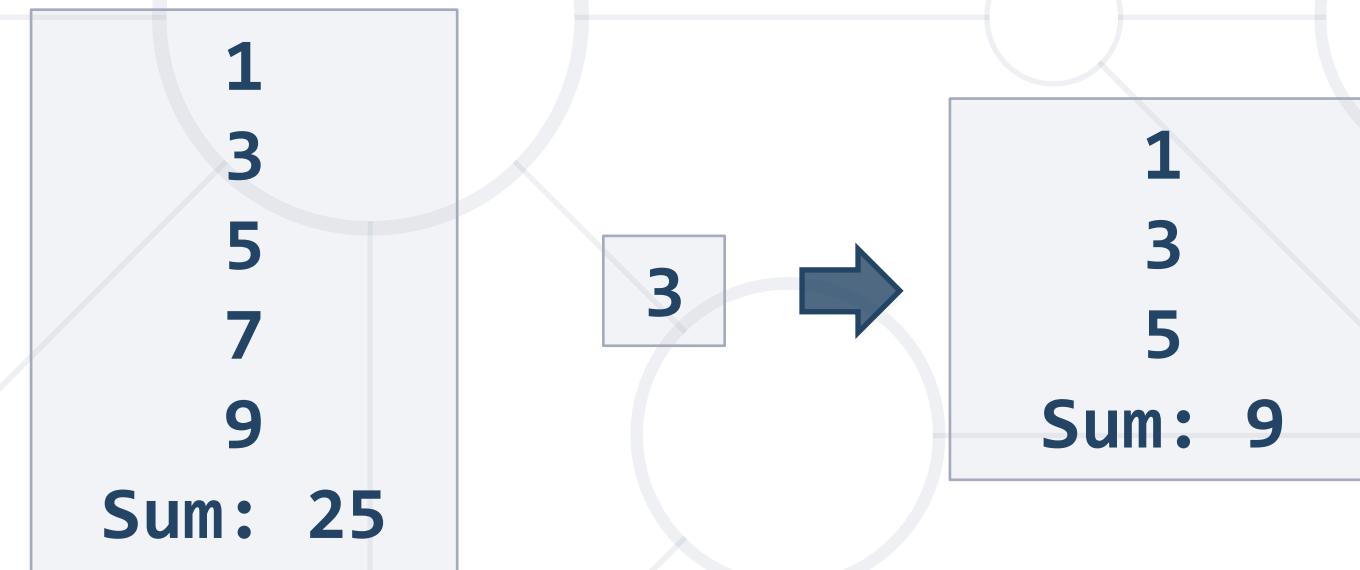
- You can use "**for**" code snippet in Visual Studio



```
for (int i = 0; i < length; i++)  
{  
}  
}
```

# Problem: Sum of Odd Numbers

- Write a program to print the first  $n$  odd numbers and their sum



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# Solution: Sum of Odd Numbers

```
var n = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine());  
  
var sum = 0;  
  
for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++)  
{  
    Console.WriteLine("{0}", 2 * i - 1);  
    sum += 2 * i - 1;  
}  
  
Console.WriteLine("Sum:{0}", sum);
```

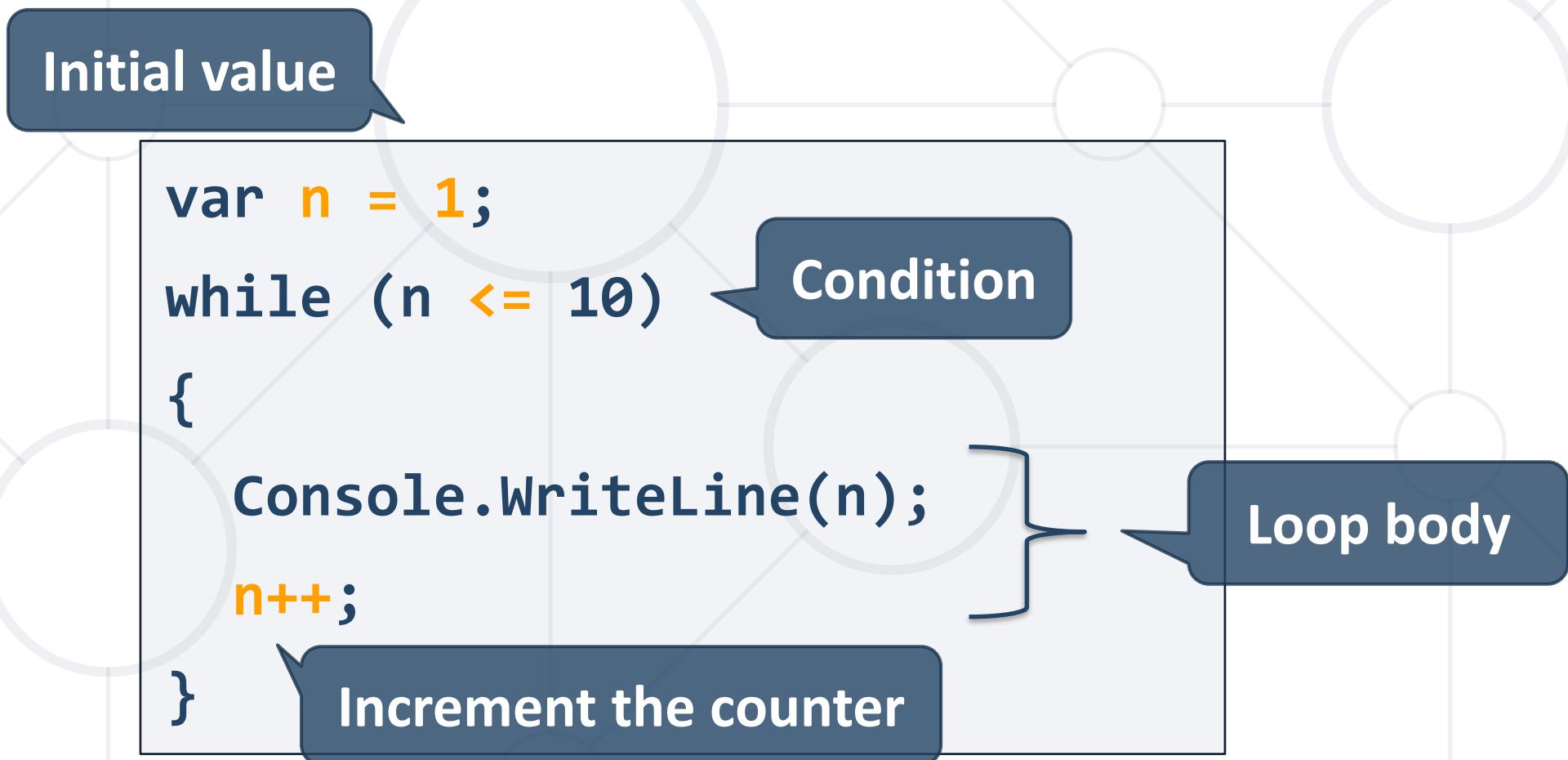


**Iterations While a Condition is True**

**While Loops**

# While Loops

- Executes commands **while the condition is true**



# Problem: Multiplication Table

- Print a table holding number\*1, number\*2, ..., number\*10

```
var number = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine());  
  
var times = 1;  
  
while (times <= 10)  
{  
    Console.WriteLine(  
        $"{number} x {times} = {number * times}");  
    times++;  
}
```

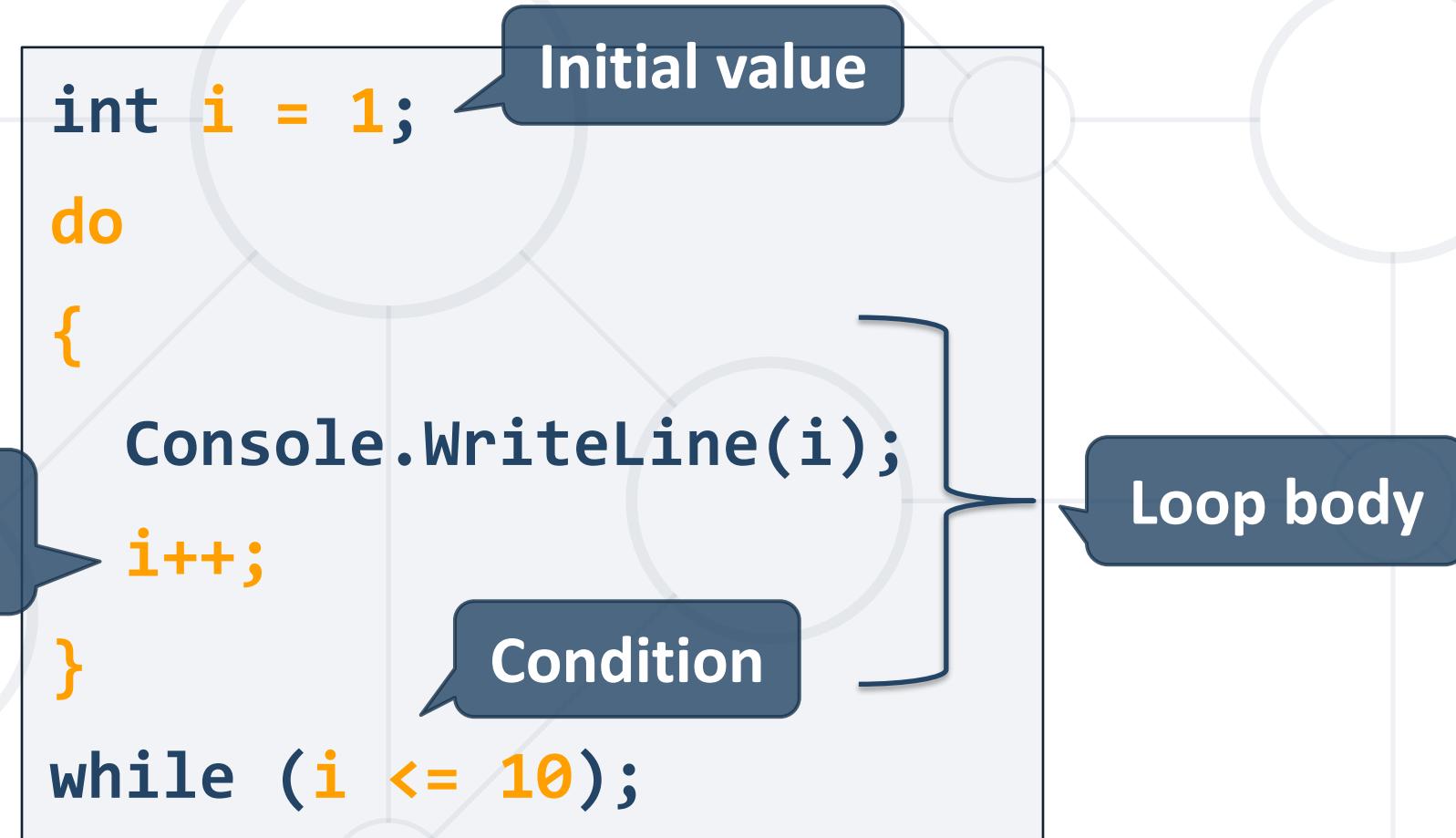


## Do...While Loop

Executes Code Block One or More Times

# Do...While Loop

- Similar to the **while** loop, but always executes at least once



# Problem: Multiplication Table 2.0

- Upgrade your program and take the initial times from the console

```
int number = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine());  
  
int times = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine());  
  
do  
{  
    Console.WriteLine(  
        $"{number} X {times} = {number * times}"  
    );  
    times++;  
} while (times <= 10);
```

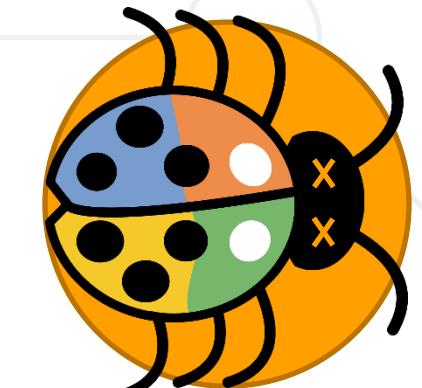


# Debugging and Troubleshooting

## Using the Visual Studio Debugger

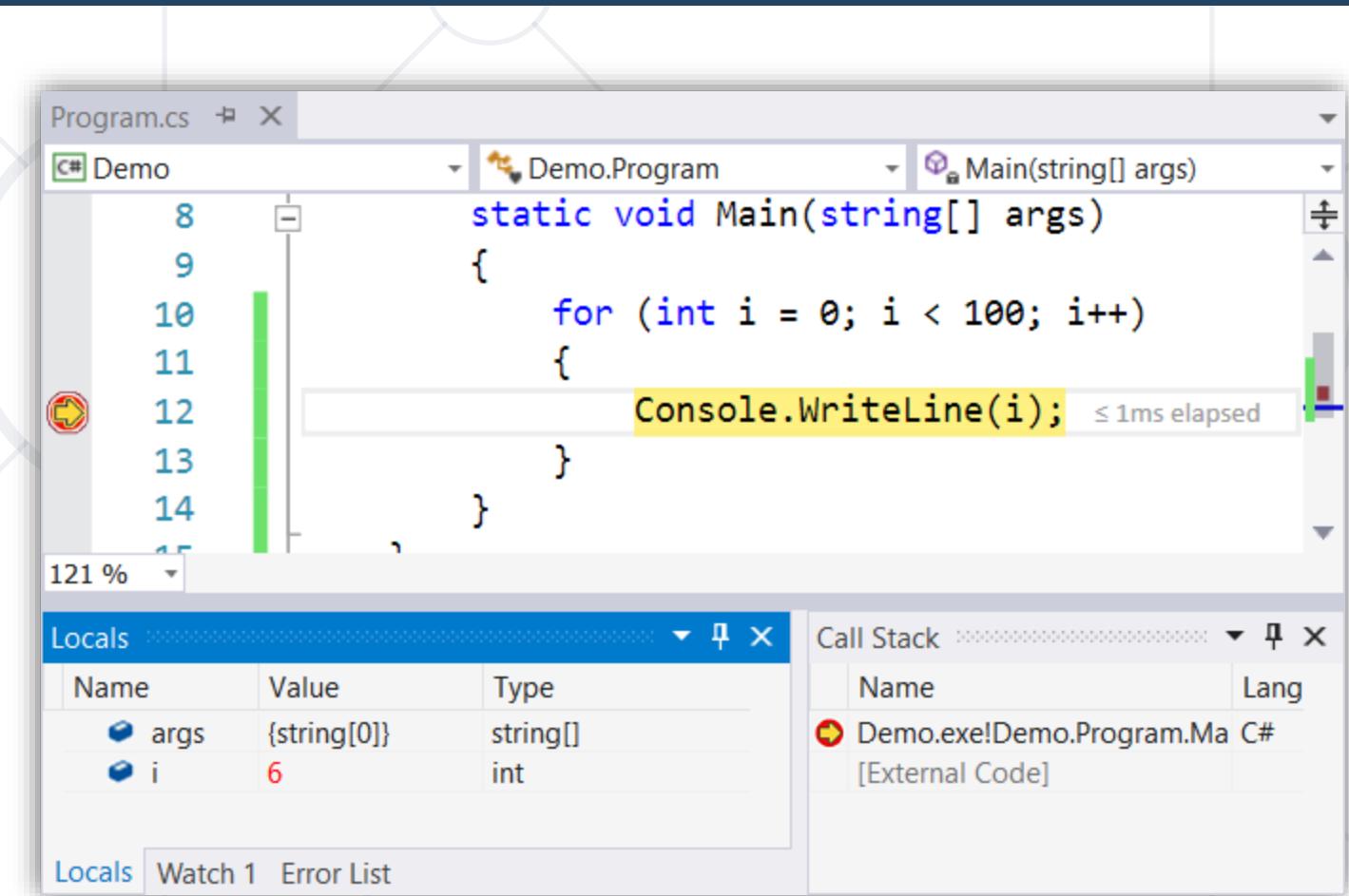
# Debugging the Code

- The process of **debugging an application** includes
  - Spotting an error
  - Finding the lines of code that cause the error
  - Fixing the error in the code
  - Testing to check if the error is gone and no new errors are introduced
- Iterative and continuous process



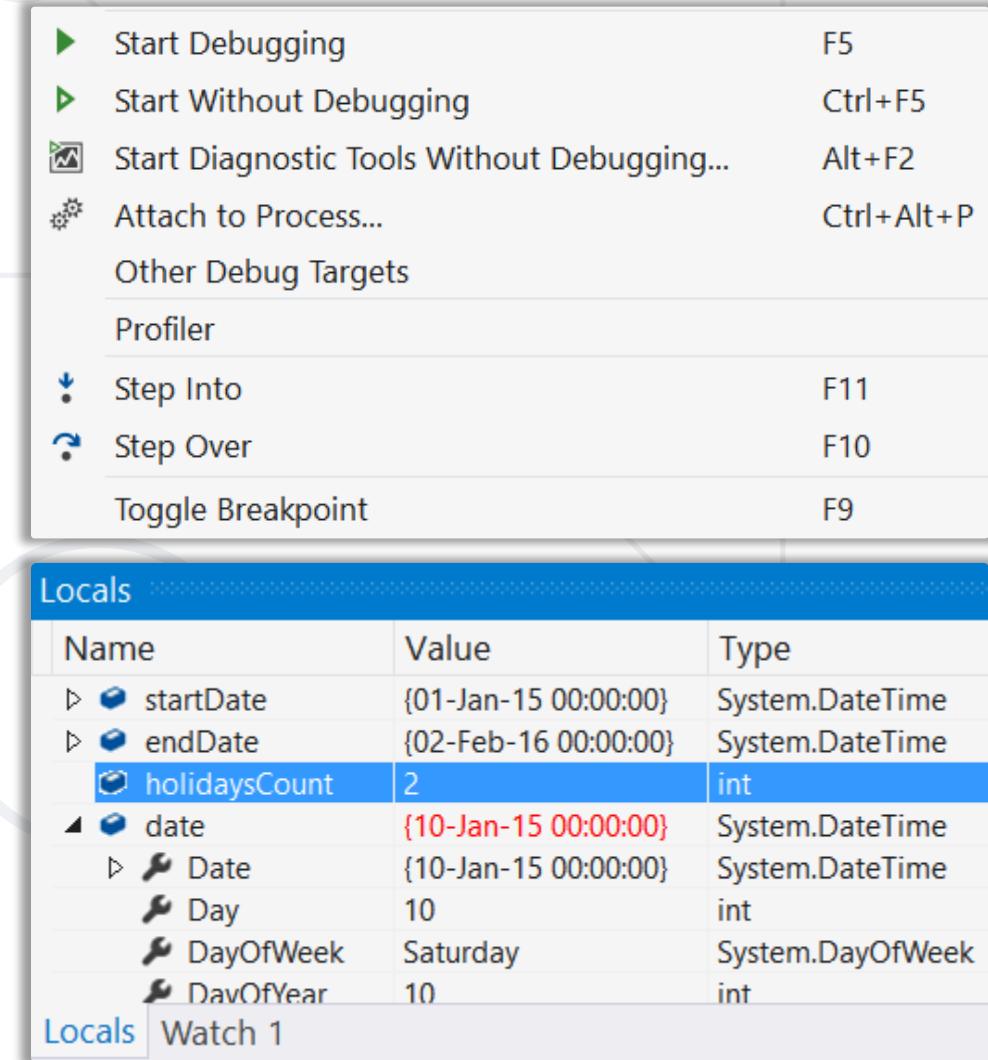
# Debugging in Visual Studio

- Visual Studio has a built-in **debugger**
- It provides
  - **Breakpoints**
  - Ability to **trace** the code execution
  - Ability to **inspect** variables at runtime



# Using the Debugger in Visual Studio

- Start without Debugger: **[Ctrl+F5]**
- Toggle a breakpoint: **[F9]**
- Start with the Debugger: **[F5]**
- Trace the program: **[F10]** / **[F11]**
- Using the **Locals** / **Watches**
- Conditional breakpoints
- Enter debug mode after exception



The screenshot shows the Visual Studio context menu open with the following items and keyboard shortcuts:

Action	Keyboard Shortcut
Start Debugging	F5
Start Without Debugging	Ctrl+F5
Start Diagnostic Tools Without Debugging...	Alt+F2
Attach to Process...	Ctrl+Alt+P
Other Debug Targets	
Profiler	
Step Into	F11
Step Over	F10
Toggle Breakpoint	F9

Below the menu is the Locals window showing variable values:

Name	Type
startDate	System.DateTime
endDate	System.DateTime
holidaysCount	int
date	System.DateTime
Date	System.DateTime
Day	int
DayOfWeek	System.DayOfWeek
DayOfYear	int

At the bottom of the Locals window, it says "Locals Watch 1".

- Declaring **Variables**
- Using **Console – Reading and Writing**
- **Conditional Statements** allow implementing programming logic
- **Loops** repeat code block multiple times
- Using the debugger

