

Chapter 4 Recap - continued

Please note that the following are mainly points with some brief explanations to add to the notes you are compiling. The recap is an opportunity to revisit the work we have spoken about during class.

* Please note that the following recap and associated notes are compiled from multiple sources.

Overview

Chapter highlights:

-- the case structure

still if..then statements

-- Consider the following: Employees working for a major fashion retailer are allowed to purchase from the store. In their first year of employment, there are no discounts offered, but once a year of employment is completed, then the discount applies. Currently the store is testing out this feature for their employees and they are only applying the discount for employees who have been working between 2 and 5 years. (Once more data is provided, the company will expect this program to be updated).

| Year | Discount on Sales Amount |
|------|--------------------------|
| 1 | 0% |
| 2 | 5% |
| 3 | 10% |
| 4 | 15% |
| 5 | 20% |

** pseudocode

0. Start

1. Declarations

num intEmploymentYear

num fltDiscount

num fltSalesAmount

num fltTotalPayable

2. output "Please enter total sales of the products you are purchasing"

3. input fltSalesAmount

4. output "Please enter your year of employment (1 - 5)"

5. input intEmploymentYear

6. if intEmploymentYear = 1 then

 fltDiscount = 0

endif

7. if intEmploymentYear = 2 then

 fltDiscount = 0.05

endif

8. if intEmploymentYear = 3 then

 fltDiscount = 0.1

endif

9. if intEmploymentYear = 4 then

 fltDiscount = 0.15

endif

10. if intEmploymentYear = 5 then

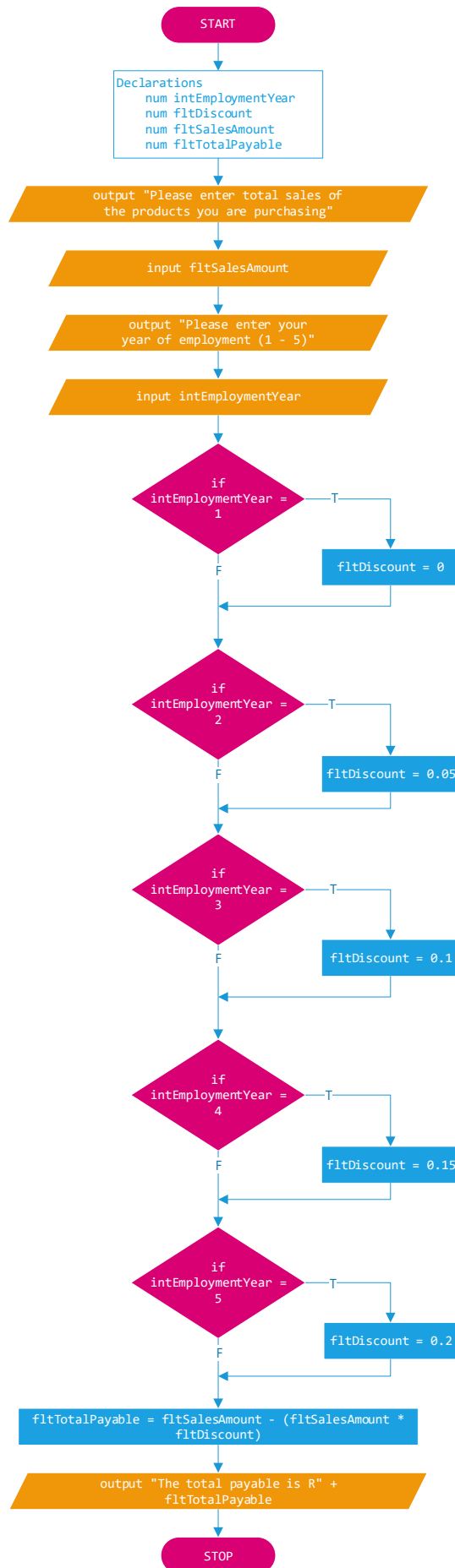
 fltDiscount = 0.2

endif

11. fltTotalPayable = fltSalesAmount - (fltSalesAmount * fltDiscount)

12. output "The total payable is R" + fltTotalPayable

13. Stop



- Now we have dealt with this type of solution above by using straight-through logic, coding sequential if..then statements (each if..then statement is on its own). While it is acceptable, the solution can be made a little more efficient with nested if..then statements (using positive or negative logic | The following example code uses positive logic)

0. Start

1. Declarations

 num intEmploymentYear

 num fltDiscount

 num fltSalesAmount

 num fltTotalPayable

2. output "Please enter total sales of the products you are purchasing"

3. input fltSalesAmount

4. output "Please enter your year of employment (1 - 5)"

5. input intEmploymentYear

6. if intEmploymentYear = 1 then

 fltDiscount = 0

 else

 if intEmploymentYear = 2 then

 fltDiscount = 0.05

 else

 if intEmploymentYear = 3 then

 fltDiscount = 0.1

 else

 if intEmploymentYear = 4 then

 fltDiscount = 0.15

 else

 fltDiscount = 0.2

 endif

 endif

 endif

 endif

7. fltTotalPayable = fltSalesAmount - (fltSalesAmount * fltDiscount)

8. output "The total payable is R" + fltTotalPayable

9. Stop

- While the above solution is now a little more efficient, and we eliminated the last if..then statement (rule while developing positive logic, nested if..then statements), there is still more that could be done.

- Take note of the new statement in the next section.

**** the case structure**

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-- When there are several distinct possible values for a single variable and depending on that value, you proceed to execute a series of instructions, then we need to consider the case statement

**** structure**

```
case of {variable}  
    {value}: {instructions}  
    {value}: {instructions}  
    {value}: {instructions}  
    [default]: {instructions}  
endcase
```

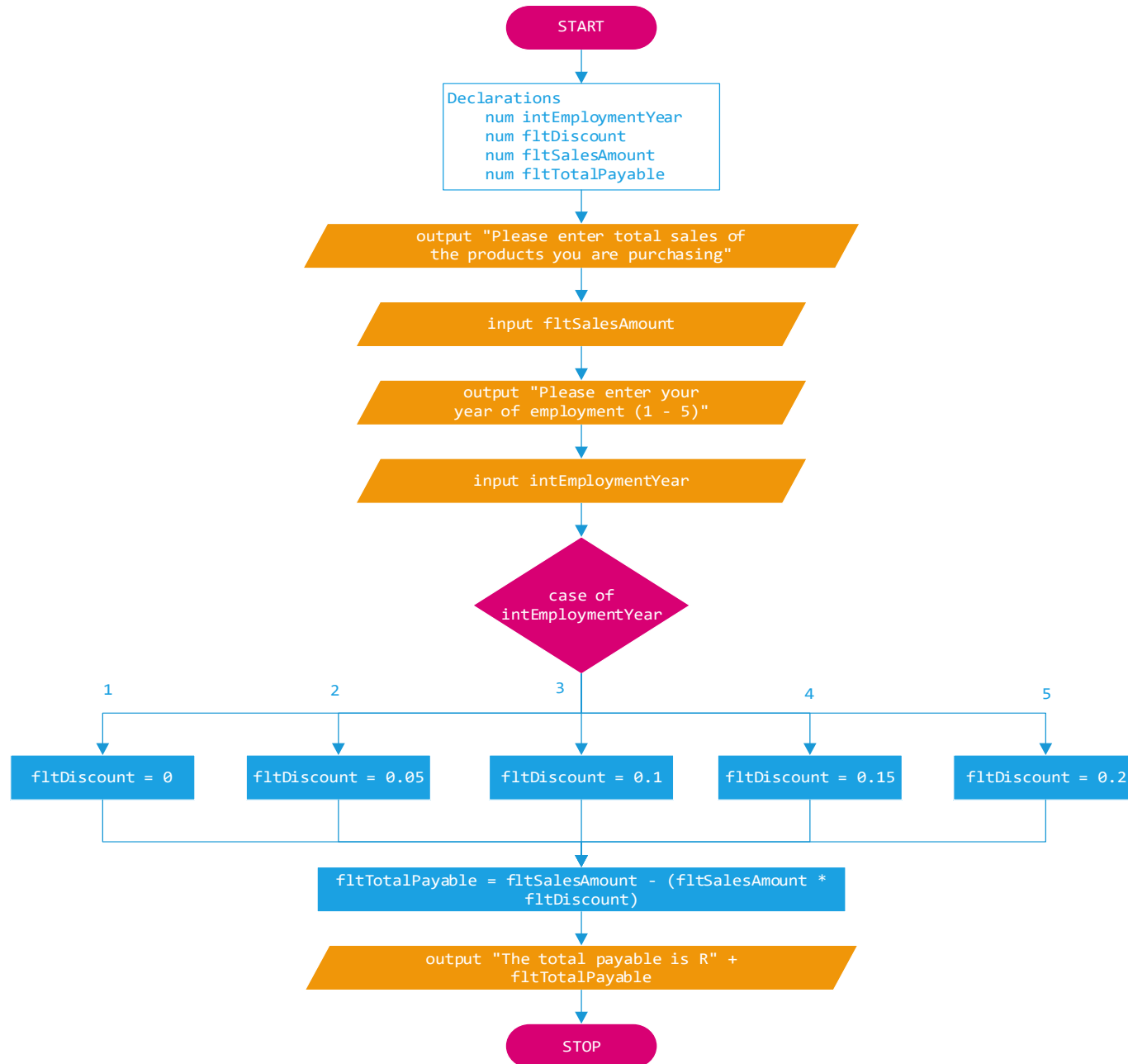
- The case statement allows for the variable to be evaluated and if it equates to a value from the list of distinct values, then the instructions listed are executed

- The [default] piece is optional, where if the value of the variable is not in the distinct list of values being dealt with, then the [default] section is executed. (Think of the default as being a kind of else in an if..then - if the variable is not equal to any of the values, then perform that else section)

-- Now, let us look at the problem and solution from before, since there are distinct year numbers provided, 1,2,3,4,5 - instead of using the nested if..then statements, we could now consider the case statement for this solution.

**** pseudocode**

```
0. Start  
1. Declarations  
    num intEmploymentYear  
    num fltDiscount  
    num fltSalesAmount  
    num fltTotalPayable  
  
2.    output "Please enter total sales of the products you are purchasing"  
3.    input fltSalesAmount  
  
4.    output "Please enter your year of employment (1 - 5)"  
5.    input intEmploymentYear  
  
6.    case of intEmploymentYear  
        1: fltDiscount = 0  
        2: fltDiscount = 0.05  
        3: fltDiscount = 0.1  
        4: fltDiscount = 0.15  
        5: fltDiscount = 0.2  
    endcase  
  
11.    fltTotalPayable = fltSalesAmount - (fltSalesAmount * fltDiscount)  
  
12.    output "The total payable is R" + fltTotalPayable  
  
13. Stop
```



- The above solution is offering a much simpler series of instructions as compared to the previous programs.

- As you can note, there is no default section, because it is optional and since there is no discount offered for an invalid year; we feel that is not necessary to deal with it.

- If we wanted to, we could introduce the default piece to the case statement, to print a kind of error message.

0. Start

1. Declarations

num intEmploymentYear

num fltDiscount

num fltSalesAmount

num fltTotalPayable

2. output "Please enter total sales of the products you are purchasing"

3. input fltSalesAmount

4. output "Please enter your year of employment (1 - 5)"

5. input intEmploymentYear

6. case of intEmploymentYear

1: fltDiscount = 0

2: fltDiscount = 0.05

3: fltDiscount = 0.1

4: fltDiscount = 0.15

5: fltDiscount = 0.2

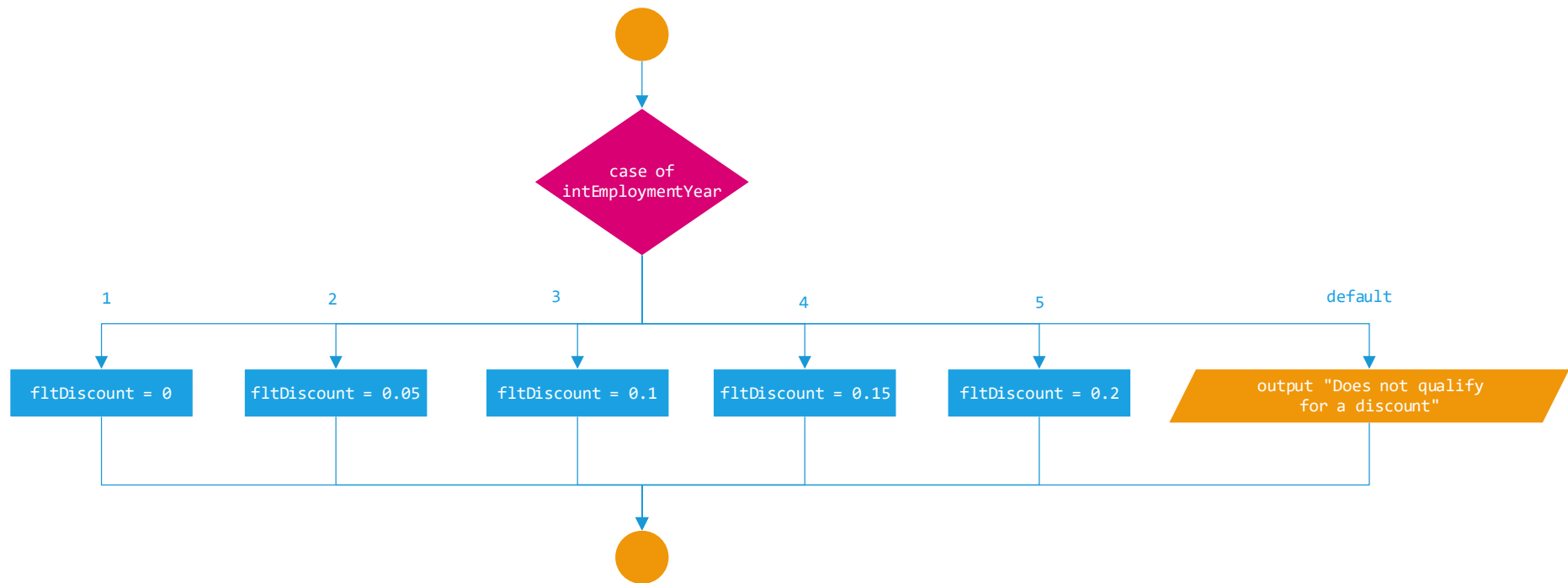
default: output "Does not qualify for a discount"

endcase

11. fltTotalPayable = fltSalesAmount - (fltSalesAmount * fltDiscount)

12. output "The total payable is R" + fltTotalPayable

13. Stop



- However, the introduction of the default piece of code - maybe the output statement may not be the best choice to have made
- Considering that if the user enters anything other than 1, 2, 3, 4, or, 5 - then the discount is always going to be 0%

- Maybe the following is a better choice

```
6.      case of intEmploymentYear
          1: fltDiscount = 0
          2: fltDiscount = 0.05
          3: fltDiscount = 0.1
          4: fltDiscount = 0.15
          5: fltDiscount = 0.2
          default: fltDiscount = 0
      endcase
```

- if we did want to output that the number entered is incorrect (an error) - we could have chosen a little different route, and again, it is a possibility, but maybe not the best.

```
0. Start
1. Declarations
    num intEmploymentYear
    num fltDiscount
    num fltSalesAmount
    num fltTotalPayable

2.      output "Please enter total sales of the products you are purchasing"
3.      input fltSalesAmount

4.      output "Please enter your year of employment (1 - 5)"
5.      input intEmploymentYear

6.      if (intEmploymentYear < 1) OR (intEmploymentYear > 5) then
          output "The year of employment is invalid, and no discount is applied"
          fltTotalPayable = fltSalesAmount
        else
          case of intEmploymentYear
              1: fltDiscount = 0
              2: fltDiscount = 0.05
              3: fltDiscount = 0.1
              4: fltDiscount = 0.15
              5: fltDiscount = 0.2
          endcase
          fltTotalPayable = fltSalesAmount - (fltSalesAmount * fltDiscount)
        endif

7.      output "The total payable is R" + fltTotalPayable

8. Stop
```

- The above solution now meets the needs of our thinking and deals with the information in a much nicer way than the original

**** Menus and the case structure**

-- One of the more interesting uses of the case statement is when we are required to present and deal with a menu of choices for a user to choose from.

- Story

- Allow the user an opportunity to choose from a menu of choices, to solve the following areas of 2 dimensional shapes:

| Menu Choice | Program |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. | Area of a circle |
| 2. | Area of a square |
| 3. | Area of a rectangle |
| 4. | Area of a triangle |

- *After the user chooses an option, you must offer the menu choices repeatedly until the user chooses to exit the program.*
- *Please offer an option #5 to end the program.*
- *Make use of modules to deal with the input, processing and output of the above-mentioned menu choices (making the main program more readable and a little efficient)*

Please note that the development of the program will require the use of a *Loop Logic structure* - This solution will use the `do..while` loop.

While we have begun the discussion of the next chapter and the notes will be shared soon - please try your best to understand why and how the loop logic code is being used in this solution.

** pseudocode

```
0. Start
1. Declarations
    num intChoice
    num intRadius
    num intBase
    num intHeight
    num intSide
    num intLength
    num intWidth
    num fltAreaCircle
    num fltAreaTriangle
    num intAreaSquare
    num intAreaRectangle

2.    do
        menuChoices()
        case of intChoice
            1: areaCircle()
            2: areaSquare()
            3: areaRectangle()
            4: areaTriangle()
        endcase
    while (intChoice <> 5)
```

11. Stop

```
=====
0. menuChoices()
1.    output "Welcome to the Area of 2D Shapes Program"
2.    output "1. Area of a circle"
3.    output "2. Area of a square"
4.    output "3. Area of a rectangle"
5.    output "4. Area of a triangle"
6.    output "5. Exit Program"
7.    output "Please enter the number to choose the specific menu item"
8.    input intChoice
9. return
=====
```

```
0. areaCircle()
1.    output "Please enter the radius of the circle"
2.    input intRadius

3.    fltAreaCircle = 3.14 * (intRadius ^ 2)
4.    output "The area of the circle is " + fltAreaCircle

5. return
=====
```

```
0. areaSquare()
1.    output "Please enter the length of one side of the square"
2.    input intSide

3.    intAreaSquare = intSide * intSide
4.    output "The area of the square is " + intAreaSquare

5. return
=====
```

```
0. areaRectangle()
1.    output "Please enter the length of the rectangle"
2.    input intLength

3.    output "Please enter the width of the rectangle"
4.    input intWidth

5.    intAreaRectangle = intLength * intWidth
6.    output "The area of the rectangle is " + intAreaRectangle

7. return
```

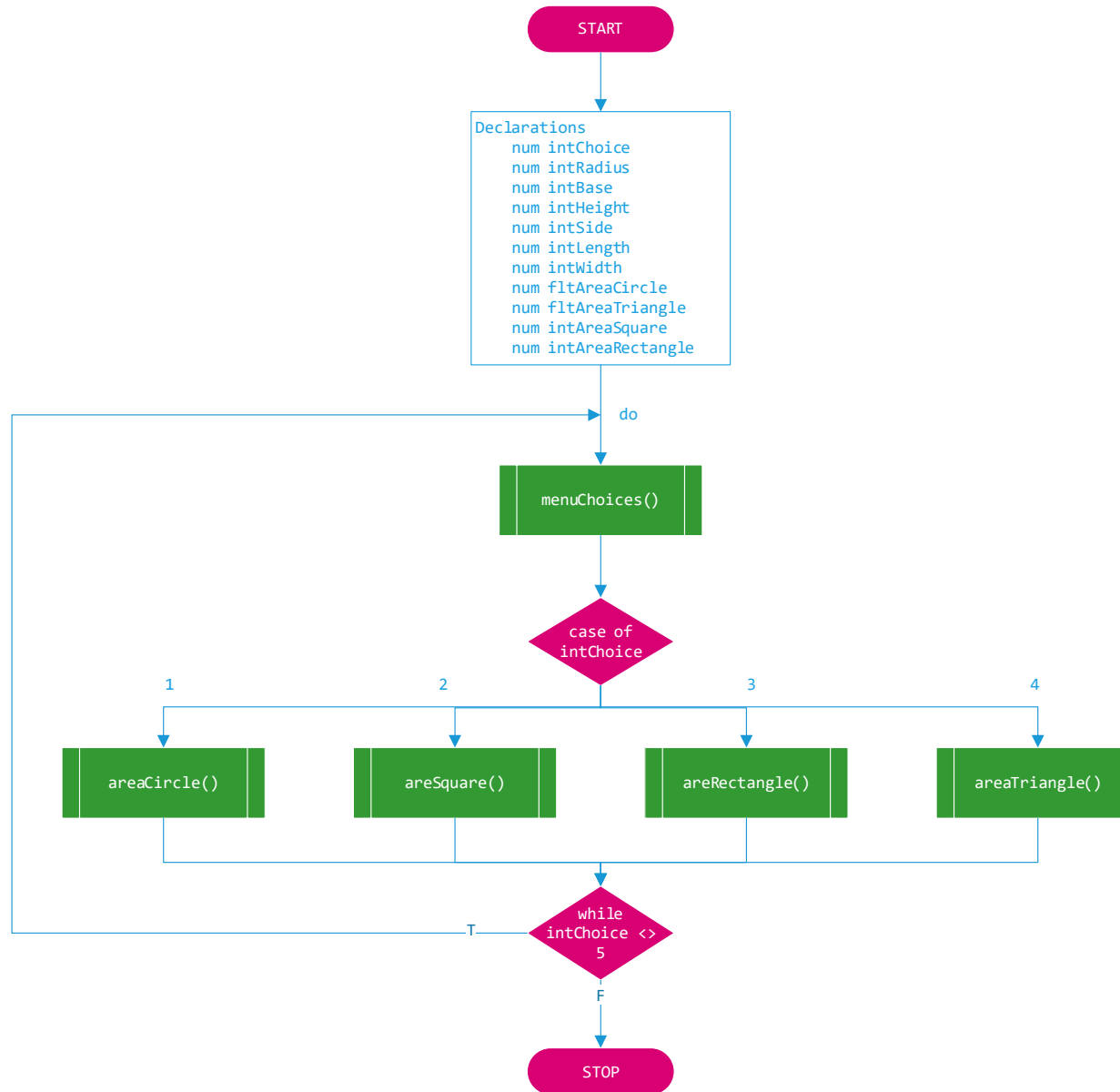
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0. areaTriangle()
1.   output "Please enter the length of the base of the triangle"
2.   input intBase

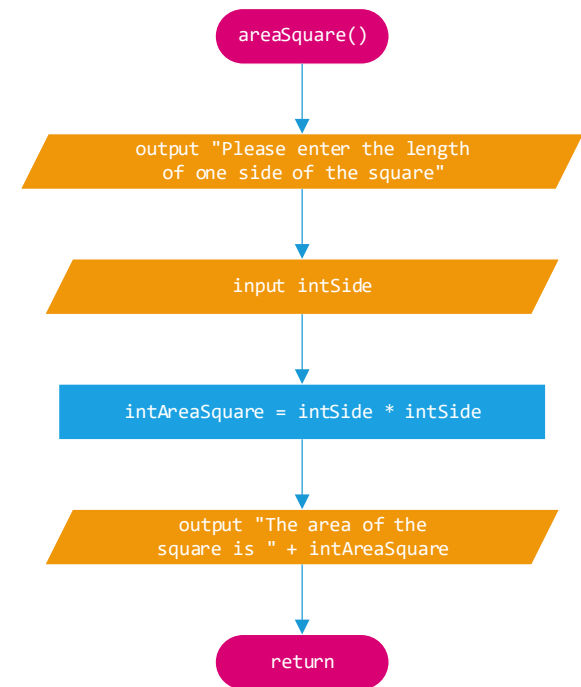
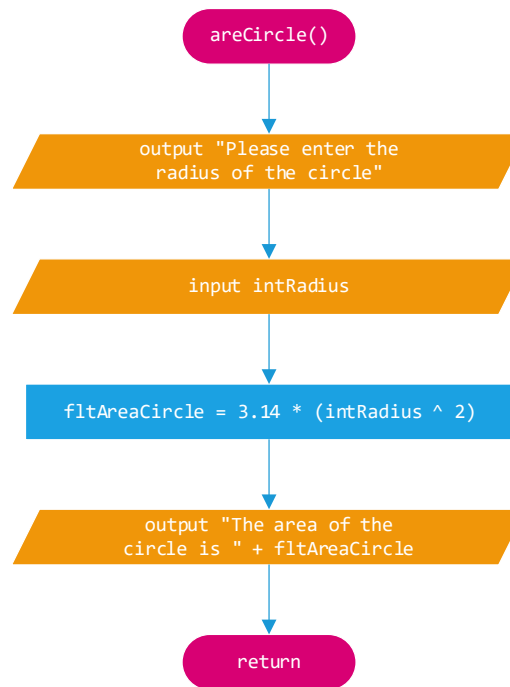
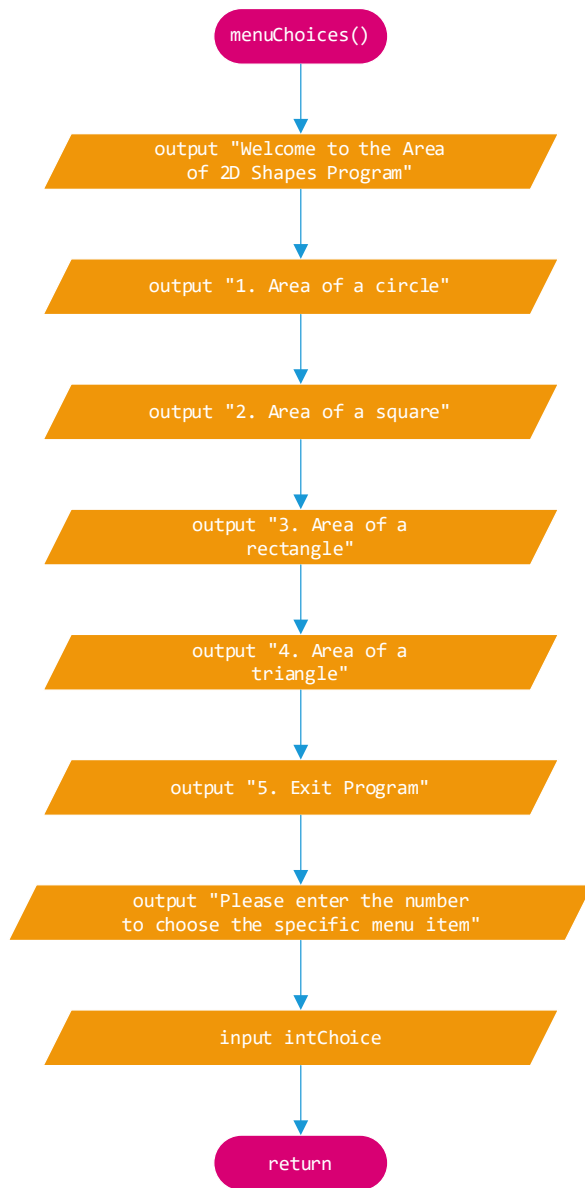
3.   output "Please enter the length of the height of the triangle"
4.   input intHeight

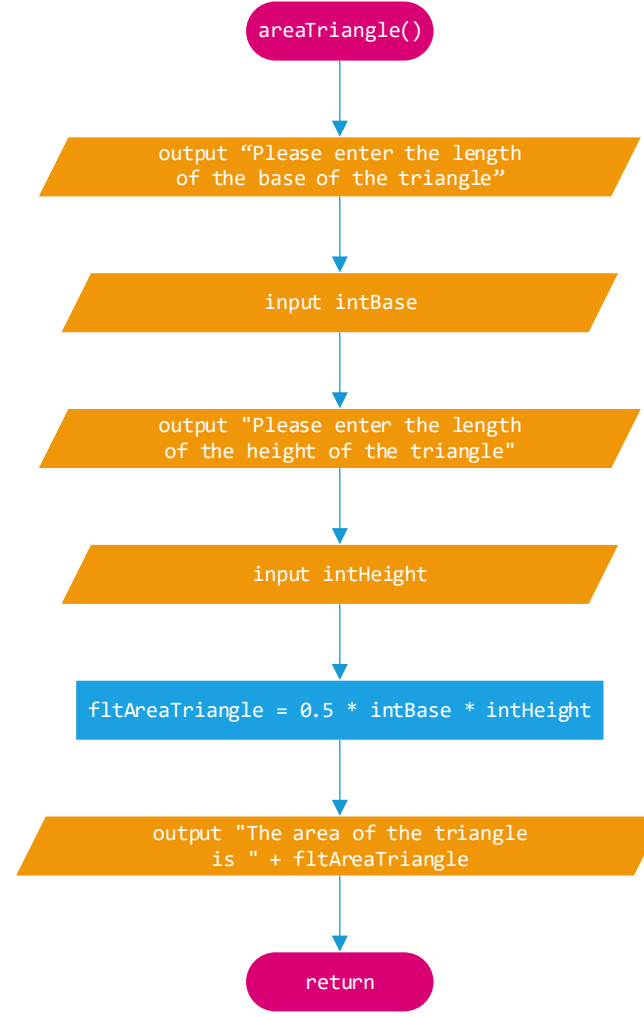
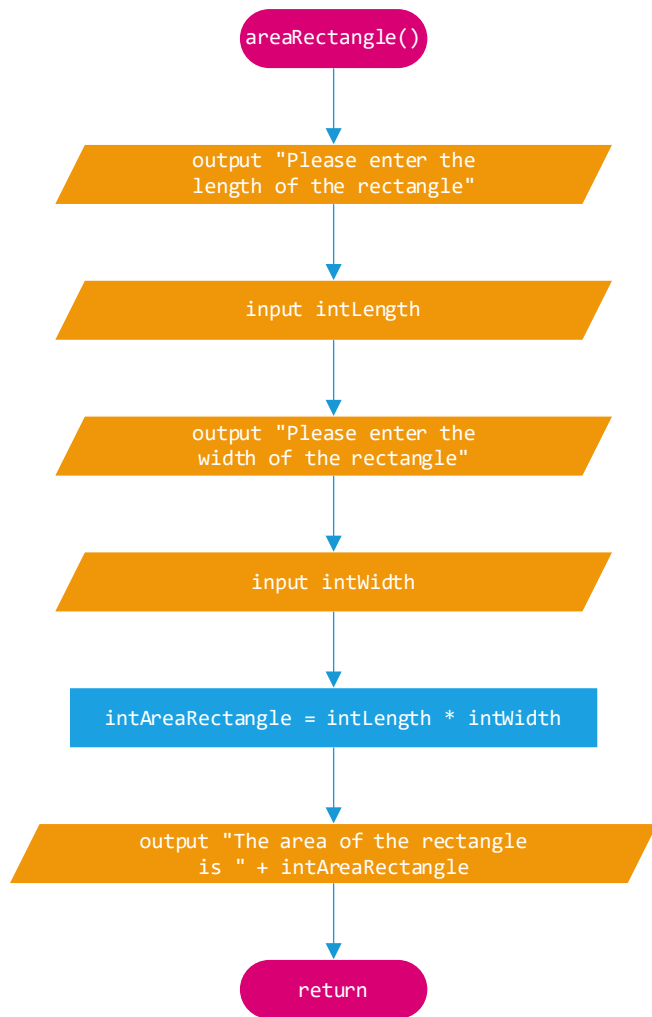
5.   fltAreaTriangle = 0.5 * intBase * intHeight
6.   output "The area of the triangle is " + fltAreaTriangle

7. return
=====
```

The flowchart should also provide a better understanding as well.







- Please do remember that the use of the case statement is many. So, it is important to remember that when there is a singular value for many choices, then it is likely that we would choose to use a case statement instead of multiple nested if..then statements.