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Procedural Abstraction

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Top-Down Design: Tasks and Subtasks



Tasks and Subtasks

Successive Refinements

Tasks a program has to execute: Can be divided into easier subtasks

Subtasks: Also can be divided into other, easier subtasks...

→ Successive refinements

Designing in successive steps that expand the level of detail

Examples:

- ✓ Draw 
- ✓ Print the string HELLO MUM in big letters



A Drawing



1. Draw ○

2. Draw △

3. Draw ▲

REFINEMENT

1. Draw ○

2. Draw △

2.1. Draw ▲

2.2. Draw —

3. Draw ▲

Same task



A Drawing



1. Draw ○

2. Draw △

2.1. Draw ▲

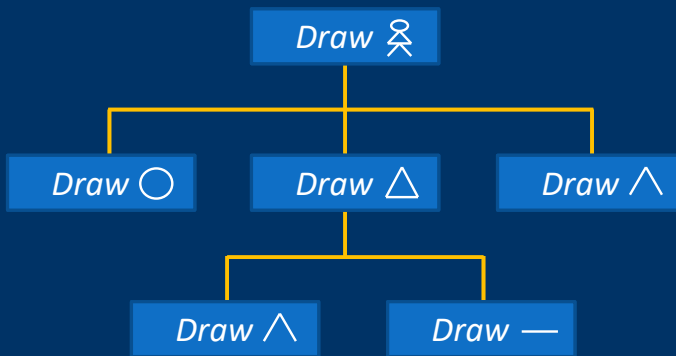
2.2. Draw —

3. Draw ▲

4 tasks, but two of them are the same
We only need to know how to draw:



A Drawing



```
void drawCircle()
{ ... }

void drawSecants()
{ ... }

void drawLine()
{ ... }

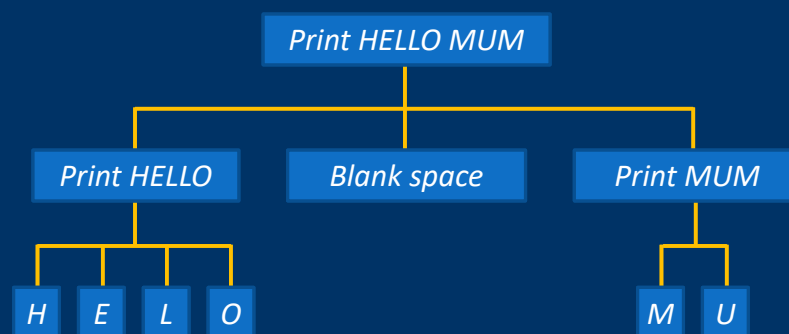
void drawTriangle()
{
    drawSecants();
    drawLine();
}

int main() {
    drawCircle();
    drawTriangle();
    drawSecants();
    return 0;
}
```



Message in Big Letters

Print the string HELLO MUM in big letters



Basic tasks



Message in Big Letters

```
void printH() {
    cout << "*" << endl;
    cout << "*" << endl;
    cout << "*****" << endl;
    cout << "*" << endl;
    cout << "*" << endl << endl;
}

void printE() {
    cout << "*****" << endl;
    cout << "*" << endl;
    cout << "****" << endl;
    cout << "*" << endl;
    cout << "*****" << endl << endl;
}

void printL()
{ ... }

void printO()
{ ... }
```

```
void blankSpace() {
    cout << endl << endl << endl;
}

void printM()
{ ... }

void printU()
{ ... }

int main() {
    printH();
    printE();
    printL();
    printL();
    printO();
    blankSpace();
    printM();
    printU();
    printM();
    return 0;
}
```



Fundamentals of Programming I

Subprograms



Procedural Abstraction

Subprograms

Smaller programs inside other programs

- ✓ Independent execution units
- ✓ Encapsulate code and data
- ✓ Can communicate with other subprograms (data exchange)



Higher abstraction level for the program
Easier testing, debugging and maintenance

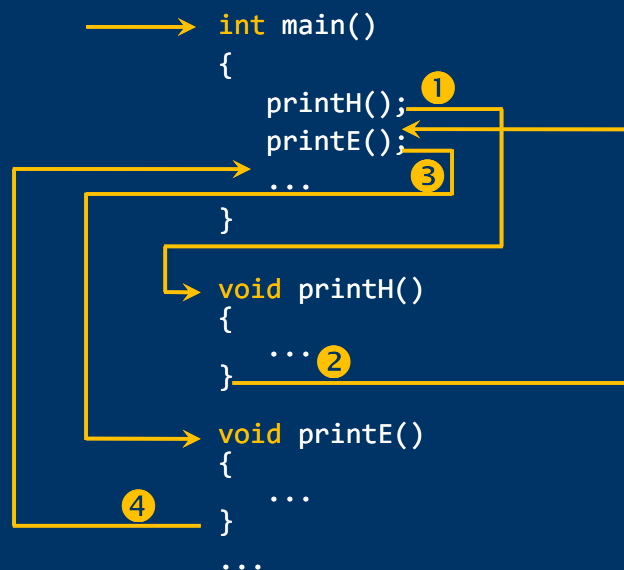
Subroutines, procedures, functions, actions, ...

- ✓ Implement individual tasks in the program
- ✓ Concrete, identifiable and coherent functionality (design)
- ✓ Execute from beginning to end when called (*invoked*)
- ✓ End returning control to calling point



Subprograms

Execution flow



Subprograms

Subprograms in C++

General form of a C++ subprogram:

```
type name(parameters) // Heading
{
    // Body
}
```

- ✓ *Type* of data the subprogram returns as a result
- ✓ *Parameters* for communicating with the exterior
- ✓ *Body*: A block of code!



Subprograms

Kinds of subprograms

Procedures (*actions*):

DON'T **return** any data as subprogram result

Type: **void**

Calling: Independent instruction `mostrarH();`

Functions:

DO **return** a subprogram result

Type different than **void**

Calling: Inside any valid expression `x = 12 * + square(20) - 3;`

Call is substituted in the expression by the value returned

We are using functions since Lesson 2!



Subprograms

Functions

Subprograms of type different than **void**

```
...
int menu()
{
    int op;
    cout << "1 - Edit" << endl;
    cout << "2 - Combine" << endl;
    cout << "3 - Publish" << endl;
    cout << "0 - Cancel" << endl;
    cout << "Option: ";
    cin >> op;
    return op;
}

int main()
{
    ...
    int option;
    option = menu();
    ...
}
```



Subprograms

Procedures

Subprograms of type **void**

```
...
void menu() {
    int op;
    cout << "1 - Edit" << endl;
    cout << "2 - Combine" << endl;
    cout << "0 - Cancel" << endl;
    cout << "Option: ";
    cin >> op;
    if (op == 1)
        edit();
    else if (op == 2)
        combine();
}

int main()
{
    ...
    menu();
    ...
}
```



Subprograms and Data



Subprograms and Data

Subprogram's exclusive use

```
type name(parameters) // Heading
{
    Local declarations // Body
}
```

- ✓ Local declarations of types, constants and variables
Inside subprogram's body
- ✓ Parameters declared in subprogram's heading
Communication with other subprograms



Local and Global Data

Program data

- ✓ Global data: declared outside every subprogram
Exists during entire program execution
- ✓ Local data: declared in any subprogram.
Exists only during subprogram execution

Scope and visibility of data

Lesson 3

- Scope of global data: rest of the program
Known inside following subprograms
- Scope of local data: rest of subprogram
Not known outside subprogram
- Data visibility: Local data in a block hides external data with same name



Local and Global Data

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
```

```
const int MAX = 100;
double income;
```

} Global Data

```
...
void proc() {
    int op;
    double income;
```

} Data local to proc()

Known: MAX (global), op (local)
and income (local that hides global)

```
int main() {
    int op;
    ...
    return 0;
```

} Data local to main()

Known: MAX (global), op (local)
and income (global)

op in proc()
is different
from op in main()



Local and Global Data

About using global data in programs

Global data MUST NOT BE USED in subprograms

✓ *Need external data?*

Define parameters in subprogram

External data will be passed as arguments in subprogram's call

✓ Use of global data in subprograms:

Risk of *lateral effects*

Unnoticed modification of the data, affecting other places

Exceptions:

✓ Global constants (unalterable values)

✓ Global types (needed in several subprograms) (no data)



Fundamentals of Programming I

Parameters

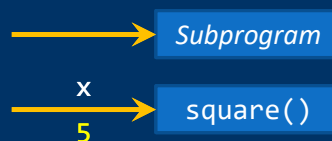


Communication with other Subprograms

Input data, output data and input/output data

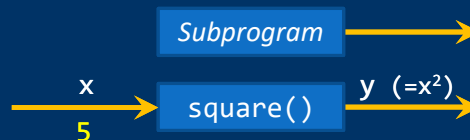
Input Data: Accepted

Subprogram that given a number prints its square on the screen:



Output Data: Returned

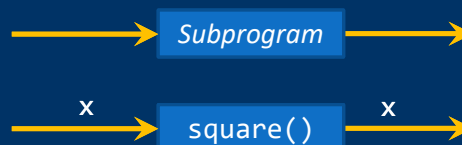
Subprogram that given a number returns its square:



Input/Output Data:

Accepted and updated

Subprogram that given a numerical **variable** returns it squared:



Parameters in C++

Parameter declaration

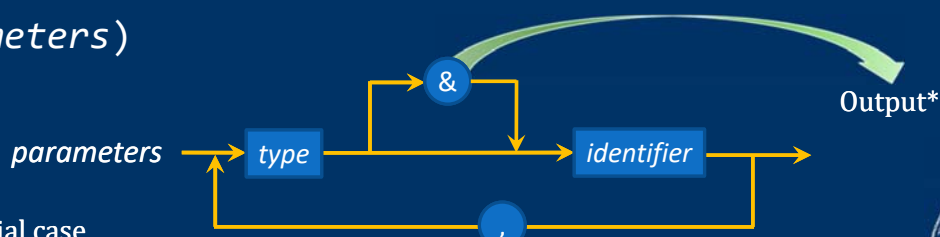
Only two kinds of parameters in C++:

- Input only (*by value*)
- Output (only output or I/O) (*by reference / by variable*)

Formal parameter list

Between the parentheses in subprogram's heading

type name(parameters)



(*) Arrays are a especial case



Parameters Passed by Value

Receive copies of the arguments used in subprogram's call

```
int square(int num)
```

```
double power(double base, int exp)
```

```
void print(string name, int age, string nif)
```

```
void proc(char c, int x, double a, bool b)
```

Receive their values when subprogram is called

Arguments: Expressions in general

Variables, constants, literals, function calls, operations

Destroyed when subprogram execution ends

Warning! Arrays are passed by value as constants:

```
double mean(const TArray list)
```



Parameters Passed by Reference

&

Same identity as variables passed as arguments

```
void increment(int &x)
```

```
void interchange(double &x, double &y)
```

```
void proc(char &c, int &x, double &a, bool &b)
```

Receive the variable used in subprogram call: *Only variables!*

Arguments can be modified

We will not use parameters passed by reference in functions!

Only in procedures



There may be some passed by value and some by reference

Warning! Arrays are passed by reference without using &:

```
void insert(TArray list, int &counter, double item)
```

The argument of list (variable `TArray`) will be modified



Arguments



Calling Subprograms with Parameters

name(arguments)

- As many arguments as parameters, and in the same order
- Type agreement between argument and parameter
- By value: Valid expressions (the result is passed)
- By reference: *Only variables!*

Values of expressions passed by value are copied
in corresponding parameters

Arguments passed by reference (variables) are bound
to corresponding parameters



Arguments Passed by Value

Valid expressions with type agreement:

```
void proc(int x, double a) → proc(23 * 4 / 7, 13.5);  
→ double d = 3;  
  proc(12, d);  
→ double d = 3;  
  int i = 124;  
  proc(i, 33 * d);  
→ double d = 3;  
  int i = 124;  
  proc(sqr(20) * 34 + i, i * d);
```



Arguments Passed by Value

```
void proc(int x, double a)  
{ ... }  
  
int main()  
{  
  int i = 124;  
  double d = 3;  
  → proc(i, 33 * d);  
  ...  
  return 0;  
}
```

Memory	
i	124
d	3.0
	...
	...
	...
x	124
a	99.0
	...



Arguments Passed by Reference

```
void proc(int &x, double &a)
{ ... }

int main()
{
    int i = 124;
    double d = 3;
    → proc(i, d);
    ...

    return 0;
}
```

x i
a d

Memory	
x	124
a	3.0
...	



Which Calls are Correct?

With these declarations:

```
int i;
double d;
void proc(int x, double &a);
```

Are the following arguments passing correct? Why not?

proc(3, i, d);	✗	Nr. of arguments ≠ Nr. of parameters
proc(i, d);	✓	
proc(3 * i + 12, d);	✓	
proc(i, 23);	✗	Parameter by reference → Variable!
proc(d, i);	✗	double argument for int parameter!
proc(3.5, d);	✗	double argument for int parameter!
proc(i);	✗	Nr. of arguments ≠ Nr. of parameters



Argument Passing

```
void divide(int op1, int op2, int &div, int &rem) {
    // Divides op1 by op2 and returns quotient and reminder
    div = op1 / op2;
    rem = op1 % op2;
}

int main() {
    int quotient, rest;
    for (int j = 1; j <= 4; j++)
        for (int i = 1; i <= 4; i++) {
            divide(i, j, quotient, rest);
            cout << i << " by " << j << " gives a quotient of "
                << quotient << " and a remainder of " << rest << endl;
        }

    return 0;
}
```



Argument Passing

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}

int main() {
    int quotient, rest;
    for (int j = 1; j <= 4; j++)
        for (int i = 1; i <= 4; i++) {
            → divide(i, j, quotient, rest);
            ...
        }

    return 0;
}
```

Memory	
quotient	?
rest	?
i	1
j	1
...	



Argument Passing

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}
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    int quotient, rest;  
    for (int j = 1; j <= 4; j++)  
        for (int i = 1; i <= 4; i++) {  
            divide(i, j, quotient, rest);  
            ...  
        }  
    return 0;  
}
```

Memory	
div quotient	?
rem rest	?
i	1
j	1
...	
op1	1
op2	1
...	



Argument Passing

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void divide(int op1, int op2, int &div, int &rem) {  
    // Divides op1 by op2 and returns quotient and reminder  
    div = op1 / op2;  
    rem = op1 % op2;  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    int quotient, rest;  
    for (int j = 1; j <= 4; j++)  
        for (int i = 1; i <= 4; i++) {  
            divide(i, j, quotient, rest);  
            ...  
        }  
    return 0;  
}
```

Memory	
div quotient	1
rem rest	0
i	1
j	1
...	
op1	1
op2	1
...	



Argument Passing

```
void divide(int op1, int op2, int &div, int &rem) {  
    // Divides op1 by op2 and returns quotient and reminder  
    div = op1 / op2;  
    rem = op1 % op2;  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    int quotient, rest;  
    for (int j = 1; j <= 4; j++)  
        for (int i = 1; i <= 4; i++) {  
            divide(i, j, quotient, rest);  
            ...  
        }  
    return 0;  
}
```

Memory	
quotient	1
rest	0
i	1
j	1
...	



More Examples

```
void exchange(double &value1, double &value2) {  
    // Exchanges the values  
    → double tmp; // Local variable (temporary)  
    tmp = value1;  
    value1 = value2;  
    value2 = tmp;  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    double num1, num2;  
    cout << "Value 1: ";  
    cin >> num1;  
    cout << "Value 2: ";  
    cin >> num2;  
    exchange(num1, num2);  
    ...  
    return 0;  
}
```

Procedure's
temporary memory

tmp	?
...	

main() memory

value1	num1	13.6
value2	num2	317.14
...		



More Examples

```
// Prototype
void change(double price, double payment, int &euros, int &cent50,
            int &cent20, int &cent10, int &cent5, int &cent2, int &cent1);

int main() {
    double price, payment;
    int euros, cent50, cent20, cent10, cent5, cent2, cent1;
    cout << "Price: ";
    cin >> price;
    cout << "Payment: ";
    cin >> payment;
    change(price, payment, euros, cent50, cent20, cent10, cent5, cent2, cent1);
    cout << "Change: " << euros << " euros, " << cent50 << " x 50c., "
         << cent20 << " x 20c., " << cent10 << " x 10c., "
         << cent5 << " x 5c., " << cent2 << " x 2c. and "
         << cent1 << " x 1c." << endl;
    return 0;
}
```



More Examples

```
void change(double price, double payment, int &euros, int &cent50,
            int &cent20, int &cent10, int &cent5, int &cent2, int &cent1) {
    if (payment < price) // Insufficient payment
        cout << "Error: Payment less than price!" << endl;
    else {
        int chng = int(100.0 * (payment - price) + 0.5);
        euros = chng / 100;
        chng = chng % 100;
        cent50 = chng / 50;
        chng = chng % 50;
        cent20 = chng / 20;
        chng = chng % 20;
        cent10 = chng / 10;
        chng = chng % 10;
        cent5 = chng / 5;
        chng = chng % 5;
        cent2 = chng / 2;
        cent1 = chng % 2;
    }
}
```



Notifying Errors

We can detect errors during subprogram execution

Errors that impede making some computations:

```
void change(double price, double payment, int &euros, int &cent50,
            int &cent20, int &cent10, int &cent5, int &cent2, int &cent1) {
→ { if (payment < price) // Insufficient payment
    cout << "Error: Payment is less than price!" << endl;
    ...
}
```

Should the subprogram notify the user or notify the program?

→ It's better to notify the calling point and decide what to do there

```
void change(double price, double payment, int &euros, int &cent50,
            int &cent20, int &cent10, int &cent5, int &cent2, int &cent1,
→ bool &error) {
    if (payment < price) // Insufficient payment
→ error = true;
    else {
→ error = false;
    ...
}
```



Notifying Errors

change.cpp

At the calling point we decide what to do in case of error...

- ✓ Inform the user?
- ✓ Ask for data again?
- ✓ Etcetera

```
int main() {
    double price, payment;
    int euros, cent50, cent20, cent10, cent5, cent2, cent1;
→ bool error;
    cout << "Price: ";
    cin >> price;
    cout << "Payment: ";
    cin >> payment;
    change(price, payment, euros, cent50, cent20, cent10, cent5, cent2,
            cent1, error);
→ if (error)
    cout << "Error: Payment is less than price!" << endl;
    else {
    ...
}
```



Function Result



Function Result

A function must return a result

The function ends its execution by returning a result

return instruction:

- Returns the data that follows as the function result
- Ends function execution

The data returned substitutes the function call in the expression

```
int square(int x) {  
    return x * x;  
    x = x * x;  
}  
  
int main() {  
    cout << 2 * square(16);  
    return 0;  
}
```

Diagram illustrating the function call and return value:

- An arrow points from the `square(16)` call in the `main` function to the `square` function definition.
- Another arrow points from the `return x * x;` line in the `square` function to the `2 * square(16)` expression in the `main` function.
- The value `256` is shown below the `square(16)` call, indicating the result returned by the function.
- A bracket under the `x = x * x;` line in the `square` function is labeled "This instruction will never be executed", indicating that the function returns before this line is reached.



Example: Factorial

factorial.cpp

Factorial (N) = 1 x 2 x 3 x ... x (N-2) x (N-1) x N

```
long long int factorial(int n); // Prototype
```

```
int main() {  
    int num;  
    cout << "Num: ";  
    cin >> num;  
    cout << "Factorial of " << num << ": " << factorial(num) << endl;  
    ...  
}
```

```
long long int factorial(int n) {  
    long long int fact = 1;  
    if (n < 0)  
        fact = 0;  
    else  
        for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++)  
            fact = fact * i;  
    → return fact;  
}
```



Only One Exit Point

```
int compare(int val1, int val2) {  
    // -1 if val1 < val2, 0 if equal, +1 if val1 > val2  
    if (val1 == val2) {  
        return 0; →  
    }  
    else if (val1 < val2) {  
        return -1; →  
    }  
    else {  
        return 1; →  
    }  
}
```

3 exit points!



Only One Exit Point

```
int compare(int val1, int val2) {  
    // -1 if val1 < val2, 0 if equal, +1 if val1 > val2  
    int result;  
  
    if (val1 == val2) {  
        result = 0;  
    }  
    else if (val1 < val2) {  
        result = -1;  
    }  
    else {  
        result = 1;  
    }  
  
    return result;  
}
```

—————→ Only one exit point



Subprogram Finalization

Procedures (type **void**):

- When reaching the close brace that ends the subprogram or
- After executing a **return** instruction (without result)

Functions (type different than **void**):

- ONLY after executing a **return** instruction (with a result)

Our subprograms will always finish at the end:

- ✓ We will not use **return** in procedures
- ✓ Functions: only one **return** at the end



For easier debugging and maintenance
code subprograms with a unique exit point



Prototypes



Subprograms of the Program

Where do we put them? Before `main()`? After `main()`?

→ We will put them after `main()`

Are subprogram callings correct?

In `main()` or in other subprograms

- Does the subprogram exist?
- Is there agreement between arguments and parameters?

There must be, before `main()`, prototypes for all subprograms

Prototype: subprogram heading ended with `;`

```
void drawCircle();  
void printM();  
void proc(double &a);  
int square(int x);  
...
```



`main()` is the only subprogram
that doesn't need to be prototyped



Examples

exchange.cpp

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

void exchange(double &value1, double &value2); // Prototype

int main() {
    double num1, num2;
    cout << "Value 1: ";
    cin >> num1;
    cout << "Value 2: ";
    cin >> num2;
    exchange(num1, num2);
    ...

    void exchange(double &value1, double &value2) {
        double tmp; // Local variable (temporary)
        tmp = value1;
        value1 = value2;
        value2 = tmp;
    }
```



Make sure that prototypes match implementations



Examples

math.cpp

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

// Prototypes
long long int factorial(int n);
int summation(int n);

int main() {
    int num;
    cout << "Num: ";
    cin >> num;
    cout << "Factorial of "
         << num << ": "
         << factorial(num) << endl
         << "Summation from 1 to "
         << num << ": "
         << summation(num) << endl;

    return 0;
}

long long int factorial(int n) {
    long long int fact = 1;

    if (n < 0)
        fact = 0;
    else
        for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++)
            fact = fact * i;

    return fact;
}

int summation(int n) {
    int sum = 0;

    for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++)
        sum = sum + i;

    return sum;
}
```



Operator Functions



Operator Functions

Infix Notation (operator)

leftOperand operator rightOperand

a + b

The operator is executed with both operands as arguments

Operators are implemented as functions:

type operatorSymbol(parameters)

For unary operators there will be only one parameter

For binary operators there will be two parameters

The *symbol* is an operator symbol (one or two characters):

*+, -, *, /, --, <<, %, ...*



Operator Functions

```
double prod(tVector v1, tVector v2);  
tVector a, b;  
cout << prod(a, b);
```

```
double operator*(tVector v1, tVector v2);  
tVector a, b;  
cout << a * b;
```

Implementation will be exactly the same!
Closer to mathematical language



Fundamentals of Programming I

Top-Down Design (Example)



Successive Refinements

Initial specification (Step 0).-

Develop a program to make conversion operations for measures until the user decides to quit

Analysis and design increasing the level of detail in every step

What conversion operations?

Step 1.-

Develop a program to make conversion operations for measures until the user decides to quit

- ★ *Inches to centimeters*
- ★ *Pounds to grams*
- ★ *Degrees Fahrenheit to degrees Celsius*
- ★ *Gallons to liters*



Successive Refinements

Step 2.-

Develop a program that shows a menu with four measure conversion operations:

- ★ *Inches to centimeters*
- ★ *Pounds to grams*
- ★ *Degrees Fahrenheit to degrees Celsius*
- ★ *Gallons to liters*

And then reads user's choice and proceeds with the conversion until the user decides to quit

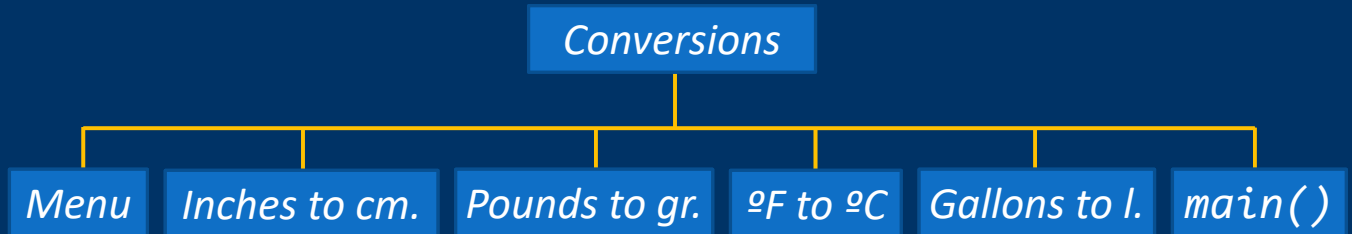
6 general tasks:

Menu, four conversion functions and `main()`



Successive Refinements

Step 2.-



Successive Refinements

Step 3.-

- ★ *Menu*: Show four options plus one for quitting
Ask the user for an option, validate it and return it if valid
- ★ *Inches to centimeters*:
Return the equivalent in centimeters for the value in inches
- ★ *Pounds to grams*:
Return the equivalent in grams for the value in pounds
- ★ *Degrees Fahrenheit to degrees Celsius*:
Return the equivalent in °C for the value in °F
- ★ *Gallons to liters*:
Return the equivalent in liters for the value in gallons
- ★ *Main program*: `main()`



Successive Refinements

Step 3.- Each task becomes a subprogram

Communication between subprograms:

Function	Input	Output	Returned value
menu()	—	—	int
inchToCm()	double inches	—	double
pdToGr()	double pounds	—	double
fahrToCel()	double degrees	—	double
galToLit()	double gallons	—	double
main()	—	—	int



Successive Refinements

Step 4.- Detailed algorithms for each subprogram → Programming

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
// Prototypes
int menu();
double inchToCm(double inches);
double pdToGr(double pounds);
double fahrToCel(double degrees);
double galToLit(double gallons);
```

```
int main() {
    double value;
    int op = -1;
    while (op != 0) {
        op = menu();
        ...
    }
    return 0;
}
```



.../...



Successive Refinements

```
switch (op) {
case 1:
    cout << "Inches: ";
    cin >> value;
    cout << inchToCm(value) << " cm." << endl;
    break;
case 2:
    cout << "Pounds: ";
    cin >> value;
    cout << pdToGr(value) << " gr." << endl;
    break;
case 3:
    cout << "Degrees Fahrenheit: ";
    cin >> value;
    cout << fahrToCel(value) << " °C" << endl;
    break;
case 4:
    cout << "Gallons: ";
    cin >> value;
    cout << galToLit(value) << " l." << endl;
    break;
}
```

.../...



Successive Refinements

```
int menu() {
    int op = -1;

    while ((op < 0) || (op > 4)) {
        cout << "1 - Inches to Cm." << endl;
        cout << "2 - Pounds to Gr." << endl;
        cout << "3 - Fahrenheit to °C" << endl;
        cout << "4 - Gallons a L." << endl;
        cout << "0 - Quit" << endl;
        cout << "Option: ";
        cin >> op;
        if ((op < 0) || (op > 4))
            cout << "Invalid option!" << endl;
    }

    return op;
}
```

.../...



Successive Refinements

conversions.cpp

```
double inchToCm(double inches) {  
    const double cmPerInch = 2.54;  
    return inches * cmPerInch;  
}  
  
double pdToGr(double pounds) {  
    const double grPerPnd = 453.6;  
    return pounds * grPerPnd;  
}  
  
double fahrToCel(double degrees) {  
    return ((degrees - 32) * 5 / 9);  
}  
  
double galToLit(double gallons) {  
    const double ltrPerGal = 4.54609;  
    return gallons * ltrPerGal;  
}
```



Fundamentals of Programming I

Preconditions and postconditions



Preconditions and postconditions

Subprogram integrity

Conditions that must be satisfied before execution

→ **Preconditions**

✓ When calling the subprogram they must be guaranteed

Conditions that will be satisfied after finishing execution

→ **Postconditions**

✓ When returning to the calling point they are guaranteed

Assertions:

Conditions that if not true execution is halted

Function `assert()`



Assertions as Preconditions

Preconditions

For example, we will not convert negative measures:

```
double inchToCm(double inches) {  
    assert(inches > 0);  
    double cmPerInch = 2.54;  
    return inches * cmPerInch;  
}
```

The function has a precondition: `inches` must be positive

`assert(inches > 0);` will interrupt execution if not true



Assertions as Preconditions

Preconditions

When calling the subprogram they must be guaranteed:

```
int main() {
    double value;
    int op = -1;
    while (op != 0) {
        op = menu();
        switch (op) {
            case 1:
                cout << "Inches: ";
                cin >> value;
                if (value < 0)
                    cout << "Invalid!" << endl;
                else { // Precondition is guaranteed...
                    ...
                }
            ...
        }
    }
}
```



Assertions as Postconditions

Postconditions

A subprogram can guarantee conditions at the end:

```
int menu() {
    int op = -1;
    while ((op < 0) || (op > 4)) {
        ...
        cout << "Option: ";
        cin >> op;
        if ((op < 0) || (op > 4))
            cout << "Invalid option!" << endl;
    }
    assert ((op >= 0) && (op <= 4));
    return op;
}
```

The subprogram should make sure they are satisfied



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