PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

Introduction to Information and Communication Technologies

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Learning Objectives

- Understand the differences between structured programming, object-oriented programming (OOP), aspect-oriented programming (AOP), and adaptive software development.
- 2. Identify and describe the activities involved in the program development life cycle (PDLC).
- Understand what constitutes good program design and list several tools that can be used by computer professionals when designing a program.

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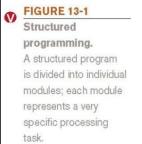
- 4. Explain the three basic control structures and how they can be used to control program flow during execution.
- Discuss some of the activities involved with debugging a program and otherwise ensuring it is designed and written properly.
- List some tools that can be used to speed up or otherwise facilitate the program development process.
- 7. Describe several programming languages in use today and explain their key features.

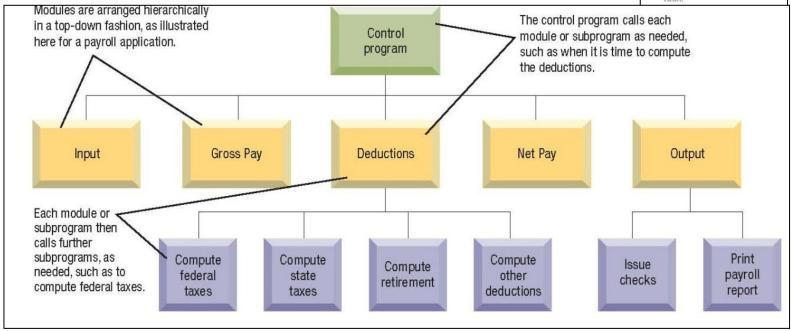
Overview

- This chapter covers:
 - The most common approaches to program design and development
 - The phases of the program development life cycle (PDLC)
 - Tools that can be used to design and develop a program
 - Good program design techniques and types of program errors
 - Common programming languages

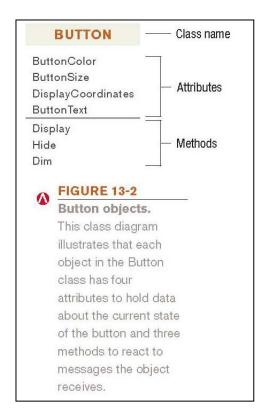
- Procedural programming: An approach to program design in which a program is separated into small modules that are called by the main program or another module when needed
 - Uses procedures (modules, subprograms): Smaller sections of code that perform specific tasks
 - Allows each procedure to be performed as many times as needed;
 multiple copies of code not needed
 - Prior to procedural programming, programs were one large set of instructions (used GOTO statements)
 - Structured programming: Goes even further, breaking the program into small modules (Top-down design)

- Variables: Named memory locations that are defined for a program
 - Used to store the current value of data items used in the program





- Object-oriented programming (OOP): Programs consist of a collection of objects that contain data and methods to be used with that data
 - Class: Group of objects that share some common properties
 - Instance: An individual object in a class
 - Attributes: Data about the state of an object
 - Methods: Perform actions on an object
 - Objects can perform nontraditional actions and be easily used by more than one program



- Aspect-oriented programming (AOP): Separates functions so program components can be developed and modified individually from one another
 - The components can be easily reused with separate nonrelated objects
- Adaptive software development: Designed to make program development faster and more efficient and focus on adapting the program as it is being written
 - Iterative and/or incremental
 - Includes RAD (rapid application development) and extreme programming (XP)
 - Agile software development: Focuses on building small functional program pieces during the project

 Program development: The process of creating application programs

 Program development life cycle (PDLC): The process containing the five phases of program development



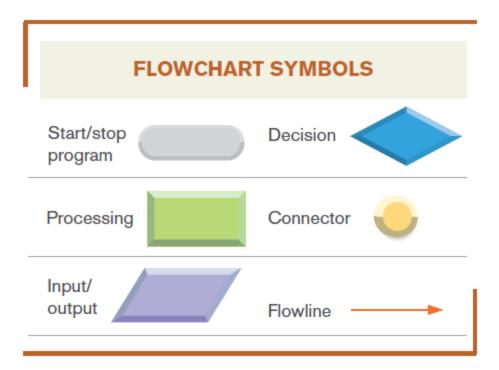
The program development life cycle (PDLC). Each phase of the program development life cycle produces some type of documentation to pass on to the next phase.

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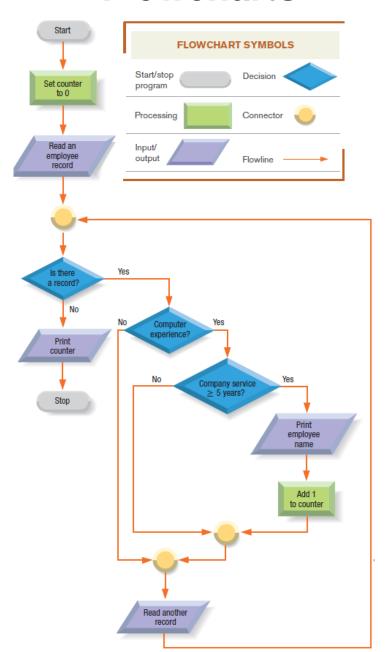
- Problem analysis: The problem is considered and the program specifications are developed
 - Specifications developed during the PDLC are reviewed by the systems analyst and the programmer (the person who will code the program)
 - Goal: To understand the functions the software must perform
 - Documentation: Includes program specifications (what it does, timetable, programming language to be used, etc)

- Program design: The program specifications are expanded into a complete design of the new program
 - Good program design is extremely important
 - Program design tools
 - Structure charts: Depict the overall organization of a program
 - Flowcharts: Show graphically step-by-step how a computer program will process data
 - Use special symbols and relational operators
 - Can be drawn by hand or with flowcharting software

Flowcharts



Flowcharts



- Pseudocode: Uses English-like statements to outline the logic of a program
- Unified Modeling Language (UML)
 Models: Set of standard notations for creating business models
 - Widely used in object-oriented programs
 - Includes class diagrams, use case diagrams, etc.

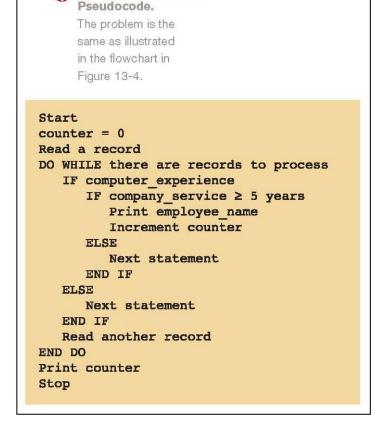
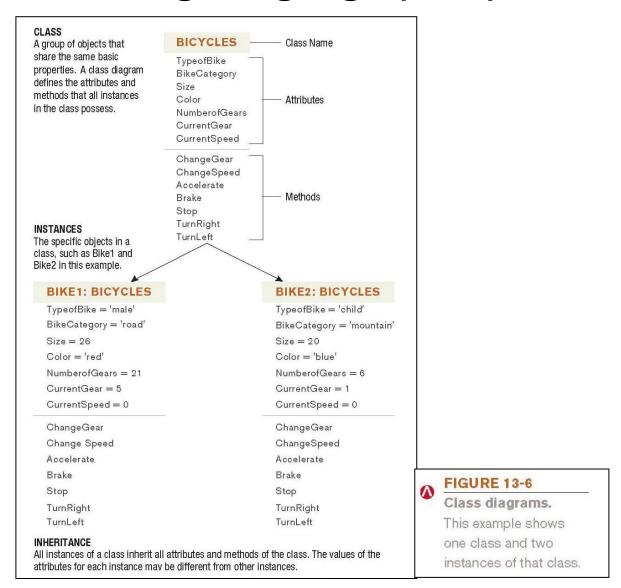


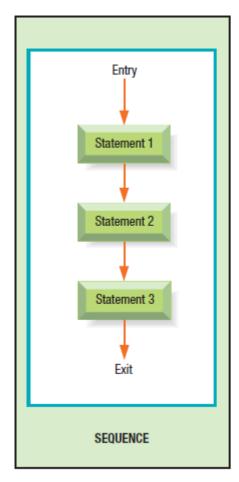
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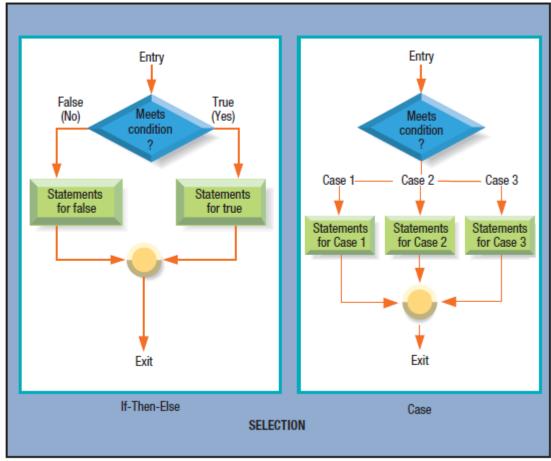
Unified Modeling Language (UML) Models



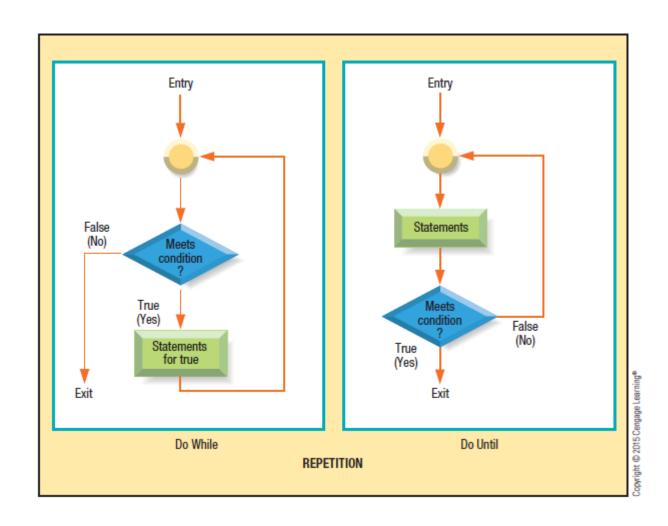
- Control structure: A pattern for controlling the flow of logic in a computer program, module, or method
 - Sequence control structure: Series of statements that follow one another
 - Selection control structure: Multiple paths, direction depends on result of test
 - If-then-else
 - Case (avoids nested if-then-else statements)
 - Repetition control structure: Repeat series of steps
 - Do-while
 - Do-until

Control Structures





Control Structures



- Good program design:
 - Is essential
 - Saves time
- Good program design principles:
 - Be specific
 - All things the program must do need to be specified
 - One-entry-point/one-exit-point rule
 - No infinite loops or other logic errors
 - Infinite loop: Series of steps that repeat forever
- Design should be tested to ensure logic is correct
 - Desk check; tracing tables
- Documentation: Includes design specifications

Good Program Design

DIRECTIONS FOR PERSON DIRECTIONS FOR COMPUTER

- Please make a piece of toast with margarine for me.
- Take one slice of bread out of the bag of bread.
- 2. Put the bread into the slot on the toaster, narrow edge first with the widest part of the bread fitting into the widest part of the slot.
- 3. Push the start lever on the toaster down.
- 4. When the toast pops up, remove the toast from the toaster.
- 5. Place the toast on a plate.
- 6. Open the silverware drawer, take out a knife, then close the silverware drawer.
- 7. Open the refrigerator, remove the margarine, then shut the refrigerator.
- Take the lid off the margarine.
- Scoop out one teaspoon of margarine with the knife.
- Spread the margarine on the top side of the toast, evenly covering that surface of the toast.
- Place the lid back on the margarine.
- 12. Open the refrigerator, replace the margarine, then shut the refrigerator.



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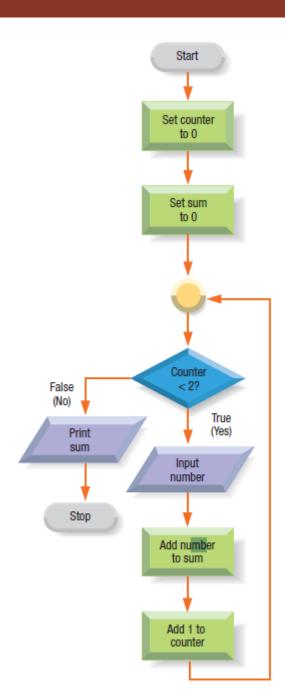
Writing instructions for a computer versus a person. A computer requires step-by-step instructions.

Program Design Testing

DESK CHECK RESULTS FOR CORRECT FLOWCHART Decision Test Results Flowchart Stage Counter (Counter < 2) Number Sum Initialization 0 First decision test 0 (enters loop) After first loop 1 6 6 Second decision 6 6 (enters loop) After second loop 2 3 9 Third decision test F 2 3 (exits loop)

Test data: 6, 3; Expected results: Sum = 9; Actual results: Sum = 9

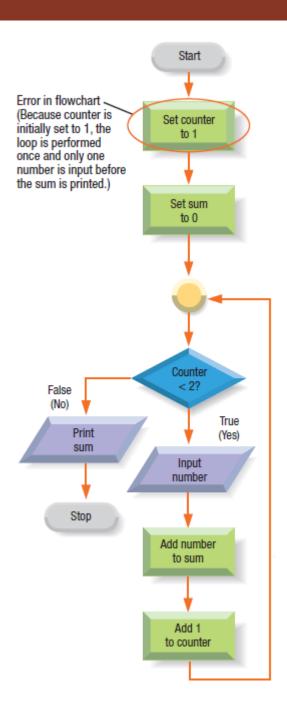




Program Design Testing

Test data: 6, 3; Expected results: Sum = 9; Actual results: Sum = 6





- Program coding: The program code is written using a programming language.
 - When choosing a programming language, consider:
 - Suitability to the application
 - Integration with other programs
 - Standards for the company
 - Programmer availability
 - Portability if being run on multiple platforms
 - Development speed
 - Coding creates source code

Coding Standards

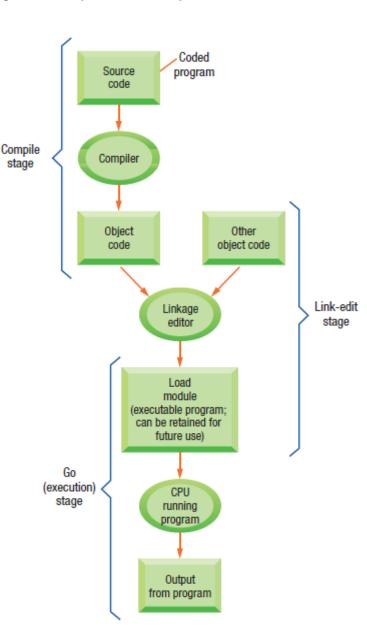
- Coding standards: Rules designed to standardize programming
 - Makes programs more readable and easier to maintain
 - Includes the proper use of comments to:
 - · Identify the programmer and last modification date
 - Explain variables used in the program
 - Identify the main parts of the program
- Reusable code: Pretested, error-free code segments that can be used over and over again with minor modifications
 - Can greatly reduce development time
- Documentation: Includes documented source code

Comments

COMMENTS Comments are usually preceded by a * This program inputs two numbers, computes their sum, specific symbol (such as *, C, ', #, or //); * and displays the sum. the symbol used depends on the programming language being used. * Written by: Deborah Morley 3/12/10 Anything else in a comment line is ignored by the computer. * Variable list * SUM: Running sum * CNTR: Counter * NUM: Number inputted Comments at the top of a program should identify the name and author of the program, REAL SUM, CNTR, NUM date written and last modified, purpose of the program, and variables used in the program. * INITIALIZE VARIABLES SUM = 0CNTR= 0 Comments in the main part of a program should indicate what each section of the INPUT NUMBER, ADD IT TO THE SUM, INCREMENT COUNTER, AND THEN program is doing. Blank comment lines can * REPEAT UNTIL TWO NUMBERS HAVE BEEN ENTERED DO 10 CNTR = 1, 2 also be used to space out the lines of code, as needed for readability.

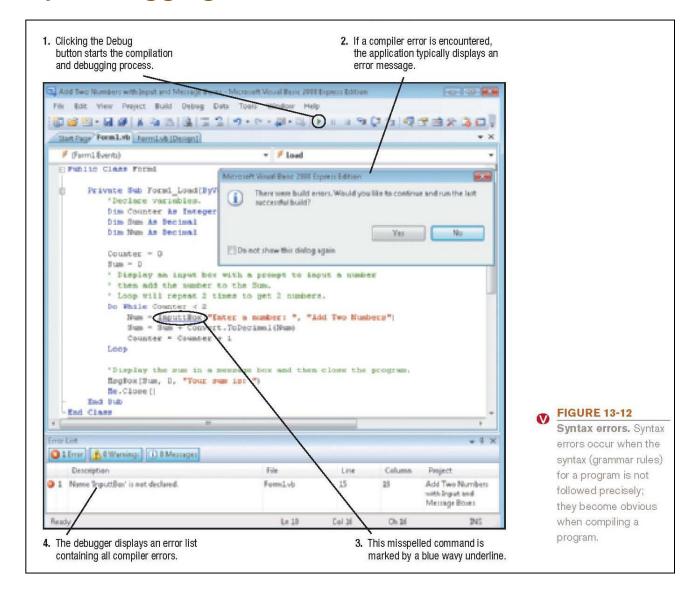
- Program debugging and testing: The process of ensuring a program is free of errors (bugs) and works as it is supposed to
 - Before they can be debugged, coded programs need to be translated into executable code
 - Source code: Coded program before it is compiled
 - Object code: Machine language version of a program
 - Language translator: Program that converts source code to machine language

- Types of language translators:
 - Compilers: Language translator that converts an entire program into machine language before executing it
 - Interpreters: Translates one line of code at one time
 - Assemblers: Convert assembly language programs into machine language

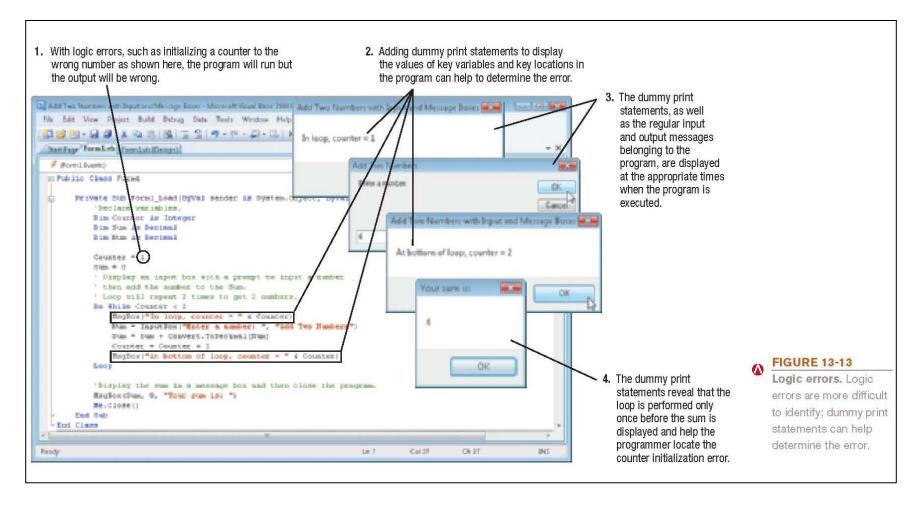


- Preliminary debugging: Finds initial errors
 - Compiler errors: Program doesn't run
 - Typically syntax errors: When the programmer has not followed the rules of the programming language
 - Run time error: Error that occurs when the program is running
 - Logic errors: Program will run but produces incorrect results
 - Dummy print statements can help locate logic errors and other run time errors

Preliminary Debugging



Preliminary Debugging



- Testing: Occurs after the program appears to be correct to find any additional errors
 - Should use good test data
 - Tests conditions that will occur when the program is implemented
 - Should check for coding omissions (product quantity allowed to be < 0, etc.)
 - Alpha test (inside organization)
 - Beta test (outside testers)
- Documentation: Completed program package (user's manual, description of software commands, troubleshooting guide to help with difficulties, etc.)

- Program implementation and maintenance: Installing and maintaining the program
 - Once the system containing the program is up and running, the implementation process is complete
 - Program maintenance: Process of updating software so it continues to be useful
 - Very costly
 - Documentation: Amended program package

Quick Quiz

- 1. Which approach to programming uses the concept of inheritance?
 - a. Procedural
 - b. Object-oriented
 - c. Aspect-oriented
- 2. True or False: An infinite loop is an example of a logic error.
- 3. A(n)______ is a program design tool that shows graphically step-by-step the actions a computer program will take.

Answers:

1) b; 2) True; 3) flowchart

Tools for Facilitating Program Development

- Application Lifecycle Management (ALM): Creating and managing an application during its entire lifecycle, from design through retirement
 - Tools include:
 - Requirements management: Keeping track of and managing the program requirements as they are defined and then modified
 - Configuration management: Keeping track of the progress of a program development project
 - Issue tracking: Recording issues such as bugs or other problems that arise during development or after the system is in place

Tools for Facilitating Program Development

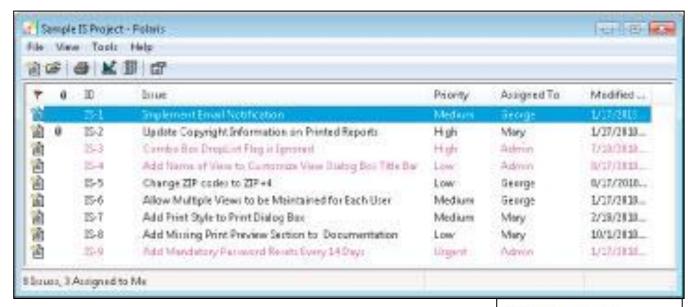


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Issue tracking software. Allows you to track issues during the development and life of an application.

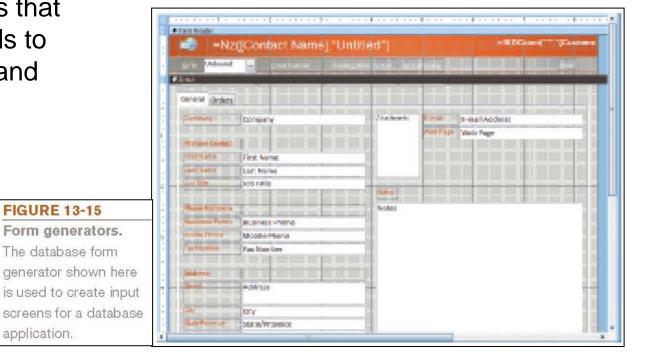
Tools for Facilitating **Program Development**

 Application generator: Software program that helps programmers develop software

FIGURE 13-15

application.

- Macro recorders: Record and play back a series of keystrokes
- Report and form generators: Tools that enable individuals to prepare reports and forms quickly



Tools for Facilitating Program Development

- Device software development tools: Assist with developing embedded software to be used on devices, such as cars, ATM machines, consumer devices, etc
- Software development kits (SDKs): Designed for a particular platform; enables programmers to develop applications more quickly and easily
 - Released by hardware or software companies
 - e.g. iPhone SDK
- Application Program Interfaces (APIs): Help applications interface with a particular operating system
 - Often used in conjunction with Web sites

Tools for Facilitating Program Development

- Rich Internet Application (RIA): Web-based applications that work like installed software programs
 - Desktop RIA can access local files and used without an Internet connection
 - Web-based RIAs are common
 - Tools to develop RIAs
 - Adobe AIR



Adobe AIR must be installed on a computer in order to run AIR applications.

Quick Quiz

- 1. Which of the following is not an Application Lifecycle Management (ALM) tool?
- a. Requirements definition software
- b. Code generator
- c. Application program interface (API)
- 2. True or False: A software development kit (SDK) is designed for a particular platform and allows programmers to develop applications quickly for that platform.
- 3. A(n) ______ is often used to create the forms or input screens used to input data into a program or database.

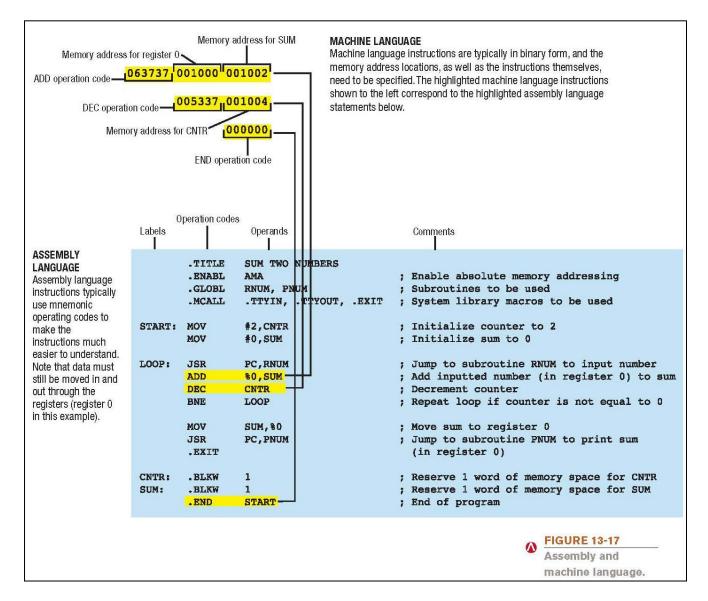
Answers:

1) c; 2) True; 3) form generator

Programming Languages

- Programming language: A set of rules, words, symbols, and codes used to write computer programs
 - To write a program, you need appropriate software for the programming language you will be using
- Categories of programming languages
 - Low-level languages: Difficult to code in; machine dependent
 - Machine language: 1s and 0s
 - Assembly language: Includes some names and other symbols to replace some of the 1s and 0s in machine language

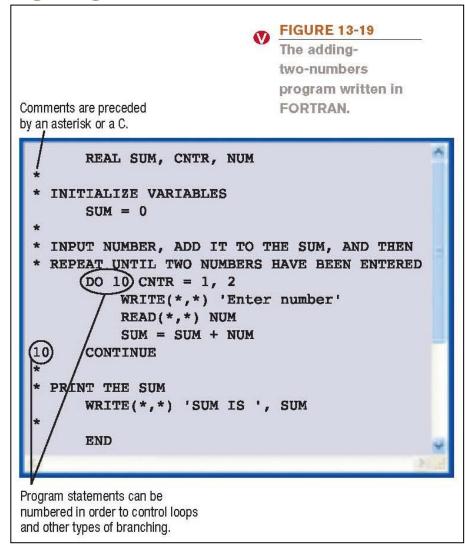
Programming Languages



Programming Languages

- High-level languages: Closer to natural languages
 - Machine independent
 - Includes 3GLs (FORTRAN, BASIC, COBOL,C, etc.) and objectoriented languages (Visual Basic, C#, Python, Java, etc.)
 - Visual or graphical languages: Use graphical interface to create programs
- Fourth-generation languages (4GLs): Even closer to natural languages and easier to work with than high-level
 - Declarative rather than procedural
 - Includes structured query language (SQL) used with databases

- FORTRAN: High-level programming language used for mathematical, scientific, and engineering applications
 - Efficient for math, engineering and scientific applications
 - Still used today for high-performance computing tasks (weather forecast)



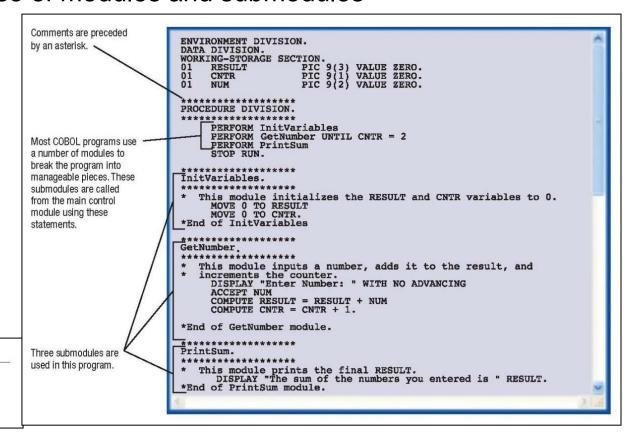
- COBOL: Designed for business transaction processing
 - Makes extensive use of modules and submodules
 - Being phased out in many organizations
 - Evolving (COBOL.NET)

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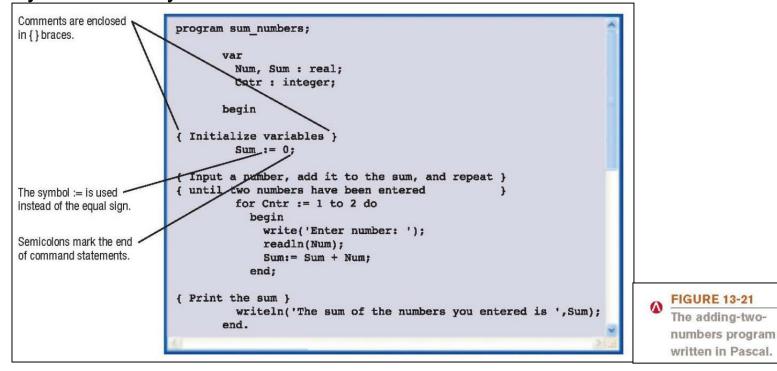
The adding-two-

numbers program

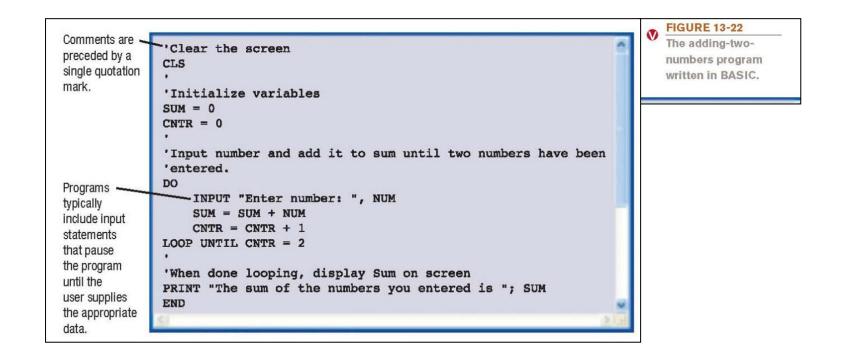
written in COBOL.



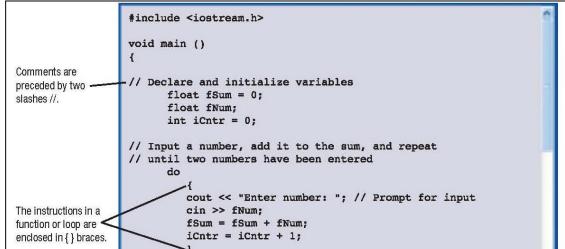
- Pascal: Created as a teaching tool to encourage structured programming
 - Contains a variety of control structures used to manipulate modules systematically



- BASIC: Easy-to-learn, high-level programming language that was developed to be used by beginning programmers
 - Visual Basic: Object-oriented version of BASIC; uses a visual environment



- C: Designed for system programming
- C++: Object-oriented versions of C
- C#: Used for Web applications
- Objective-C: For iPhone and other Apple applications



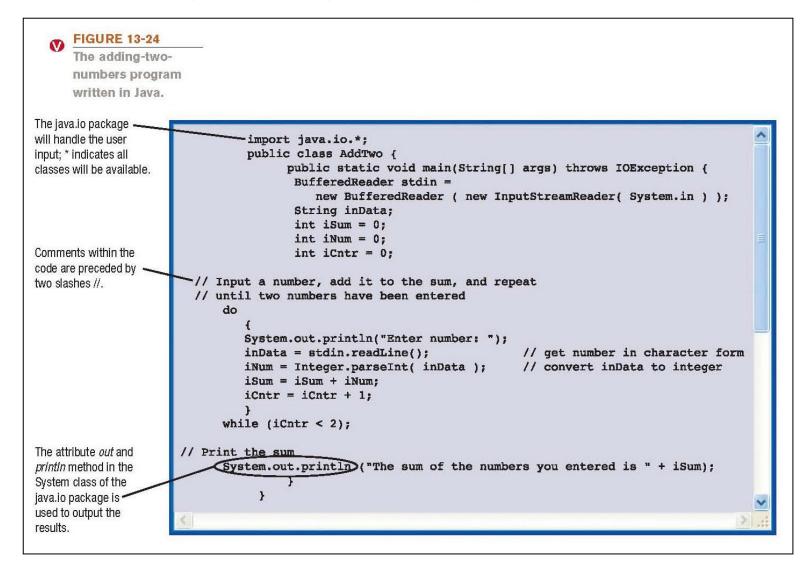
cout << "The sum of the numbers you entered is " << fSum;

while(iCntr < 2);

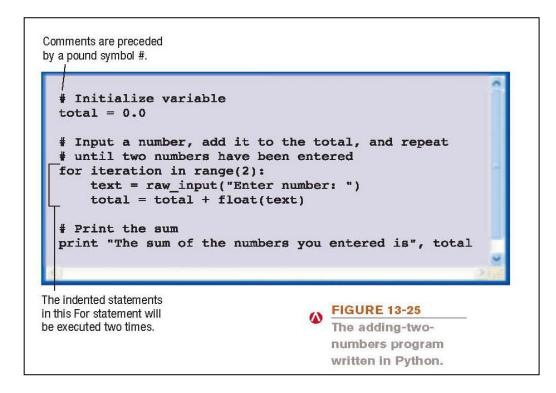
// Print the sum

FIGURE 13-23
The adding-two-numbers program
written in C++.

- Java: High-level, object-oriented programming language frequently used for Web-based applications
 - Java programs are compiled into bytecode
 - Can run on any computer that includes Java Virtual Machine (Java VM)
 - Can be used to write Java applets
 - Scroll text on Web page, games, calculators, etc
 - Is one of the most popular programming languages today



- Python: Open-source, dynamic, object-oriented language that can be used to develop a variety of applications
 - Gaming, scientific, database, and Web applications
 - Only recently gaining a following



- Ruby: Open-source, object-oriented language that can be used to create general-purpose or Web applications
 - Uses a syntax that is fairly easy to read and write, allowing programmers to create database-driven Web applications easily and quickly

- Quick Quiz

 1. An example of a high-level programming language is
 - a. Pascal
 - b. Assembly language
 - c. Machine language
 - 2. True or False: Visual Basic is an object-oriented version of COBOL.
 - 3. Java applets are small programs written in the programming language.

Answers:

1) a; 2) False; 3) Java

Summary

- Approaches to Program Design and Development
- The Program Development Life Cycle (PDLC)
- Tools for Facilitating Program Development
- Programming Languages