

Introduction to Computer Programming

- Week 3&4

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Quick Recap of Week 2

- Key Concepts:
 - Variables
 - Data types,
 - Assignment operations,
 - Introduced control structures.

What is Variable?

- A **Labeled storage location** in memory that holds a value, which can change during program execution.
- It acts as a container for storing data like numbers, text, or Boolean values.



Example

- Variable **Age** as Integer

Age ← 25

What is Data type?

- A **data type** in programming defines the **kind of data** a variable can store, such as **numbers**, **text**, or **Boolean values**.
- It helps the computer understand how to handle the stored data efficiently.



Example

Common Data Types:

- **Integer (int)** – *Whole numbers (e.g., 10, -3).*
- **Float** – *Decimal numbers (e.g., 3.14, -0.99).*
- **String (str)** – *Text values (e.g., "Hello").*
- **Boolean (bool)** – *True/False values (e.g., True, False).*

Assignment operation

- An **assignment operation** is the process of **storing a value in a variable** using the assignment operator (\leftarrow).

Example

Variable **Age** \leftarrow 25

Control structures

- Instructions that determine the **flow of execution** in a program.
- They help make decisions, repeat tasks, or execute statements in order.



Example

```
If age >= 18 Then  
    Write "You are an adult."  
Else  
    Write "You are a minor."  
End If
```

Chap 2. Variables and Operations | Control Structures

Today's Objectives

Objective 1

- Understand different types of control structures

Objective 2

- Learn about conditional and iterative structures.

Objective 3

- Implement decision-making using If-Else and Switch statements.

Objective 4

- Explore loops for repeated execution.

What are Control Structures?

Definition

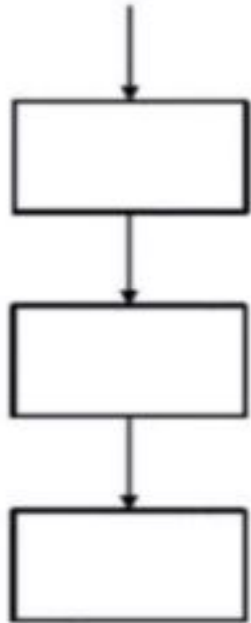
Control structures guide the sequence in which instructions execute in a program

Three main types

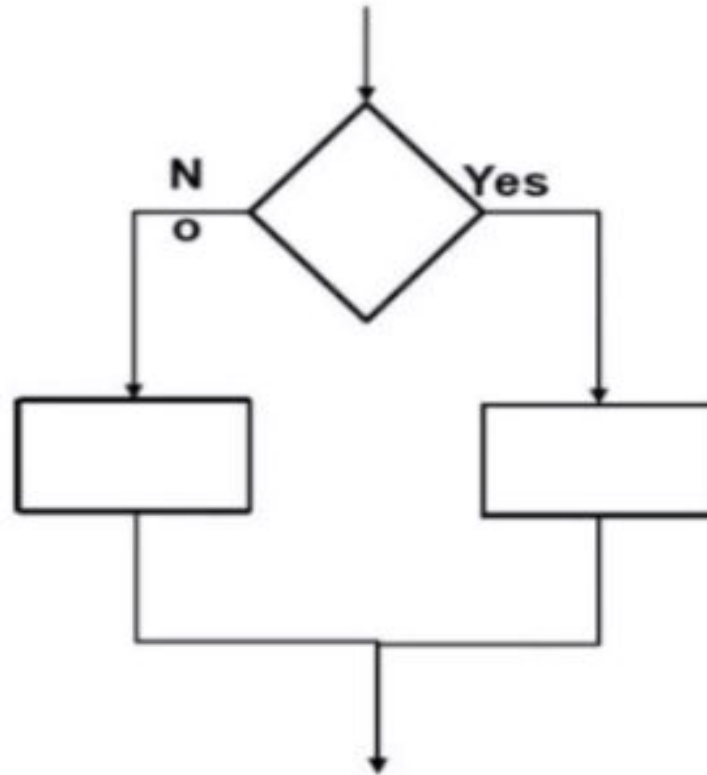
1. Sequential Execution
2. Selection
(Decision-making)
3. Iteration (Loops)

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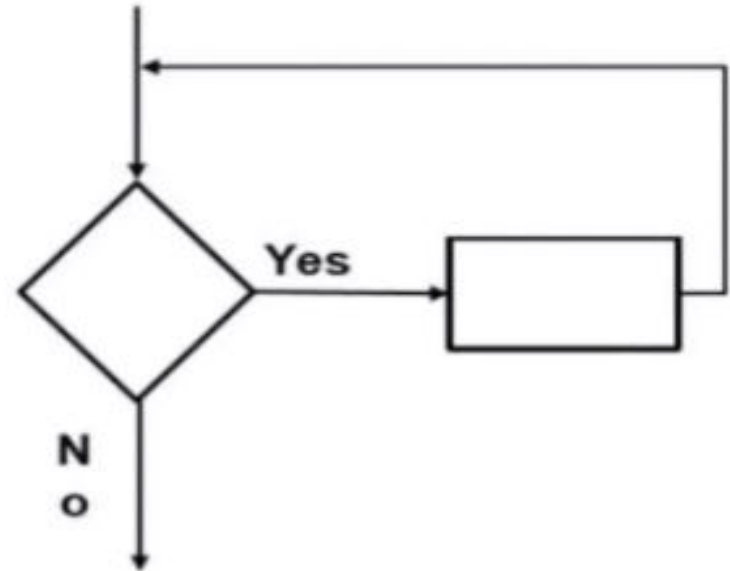
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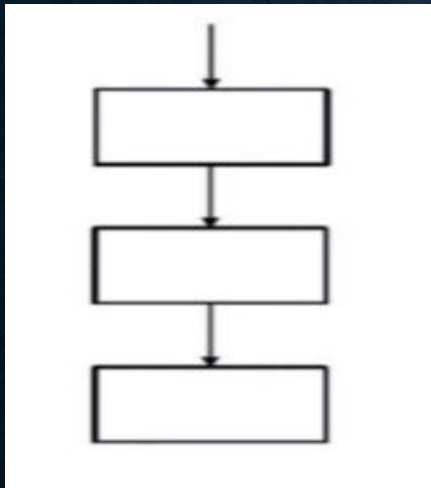
Selection



Iteration



1. Sequence



Instructions
run from
top to
bottom

Example: Add two numbers

Variables num1, num2, sum as Integer
Start

Write "Enter two numbers: "

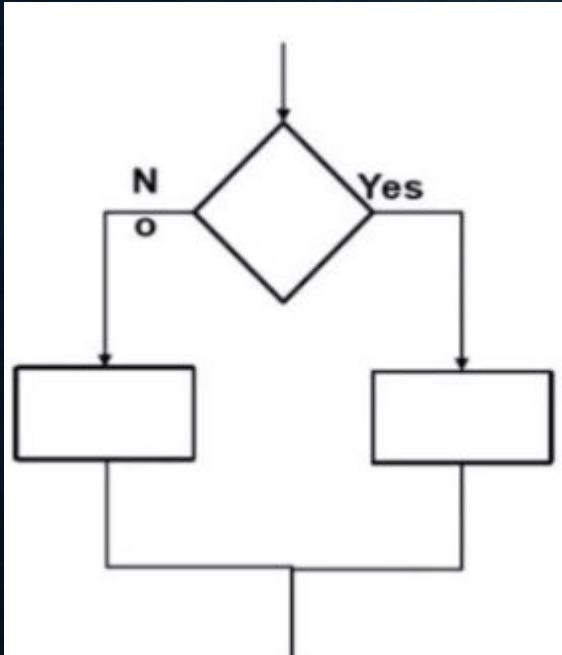
Read num1, num2

sum \leftarrow num1 + num2

Write "Sum is:", sum

End

2. Selection /Decision making

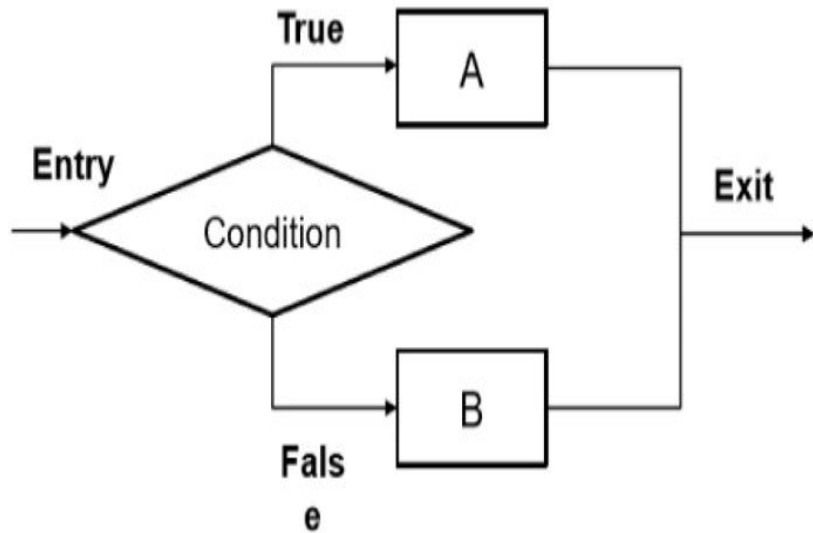


Choosing between multiple execution paths

3 Components of the structure:

1. A condition to be tested
2. The statement to be performed if the condition is satisfied (Process A)
3. The statement to be performed if the conditions in not satisfied (Process B)

2.1. Selection - If -Else



Choosing between multiple execution paths

Example:

Start

Write "Enter your age:"

Read age

If age ≥ 18 Then

Write "You are eligible to vote."

Else

Write "You are not eligible to vote."

End If

End

2.2.1 Selection - Compound conditions

When more than one condition needs to be checked together.

Logical Operators:

- **AND** (`&&` or `AND`): Both conditions must be `True`.
- **OR** (`||` or `OR`): At least one condition must be `True`.
- **NOT** (`!` or `NOT`): Reverses the condition.

Example: -AND

Start

Write "Enter your age:"

Read age

Write "Enter your citizenship status (yes/no):"

Read citizen

*If age \geq 18 **AND** citizen = "yes" Then*

Write "You are eligible to vote."

Else

Write "You are not eligible to vote."

End If

End

2.2. 2 Selection - Compound conditions

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Example: -OR

Start

Write "Enter your age:"

Read age

If age < 18 OR age > 60 Then

Write "You are eligible for a discount."

Else

Write "No discount available."

End If

End

2.2.3 Selection - Compound conditions

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- **AND** (`&&` or `AND`): Both conditions must be `True`.
- **OR** (`||` or `OR`): At least one condition must be `True`.
- **NOT** (`!` or `NOT`): Reverses the condition.

Example: -NOT

Start

Write "Enter a number:"

Read num

*If **NOT** (num > 0) Then*

Write "The number is not positive."

End If

End

2.3. Selection - Nested If

When one If statement is placed inside another.

Example:

Start

Write "Enter a number:"

Read num

If num > 0 Then

If num % 2 == 0 Then

Write "The number is positive and even."

Else

Write "The number is positive and odd."

End If

Else

Write "The number is not positive."

End If

End

2.4. Selection - Switch Case

Used when
multiple
conditions
depend on a
single
variable.

Example:

Start

Write "Enter a day number (1-7):"

Read day

Switch day

Case 1: Write "Monday"

Case 2: Write "Tuesday"

Case 3: Write "Wednesday"

Case 4: Write "Thursday"

Case 5: Write "Friday"

Case 6: Write "Saturday"

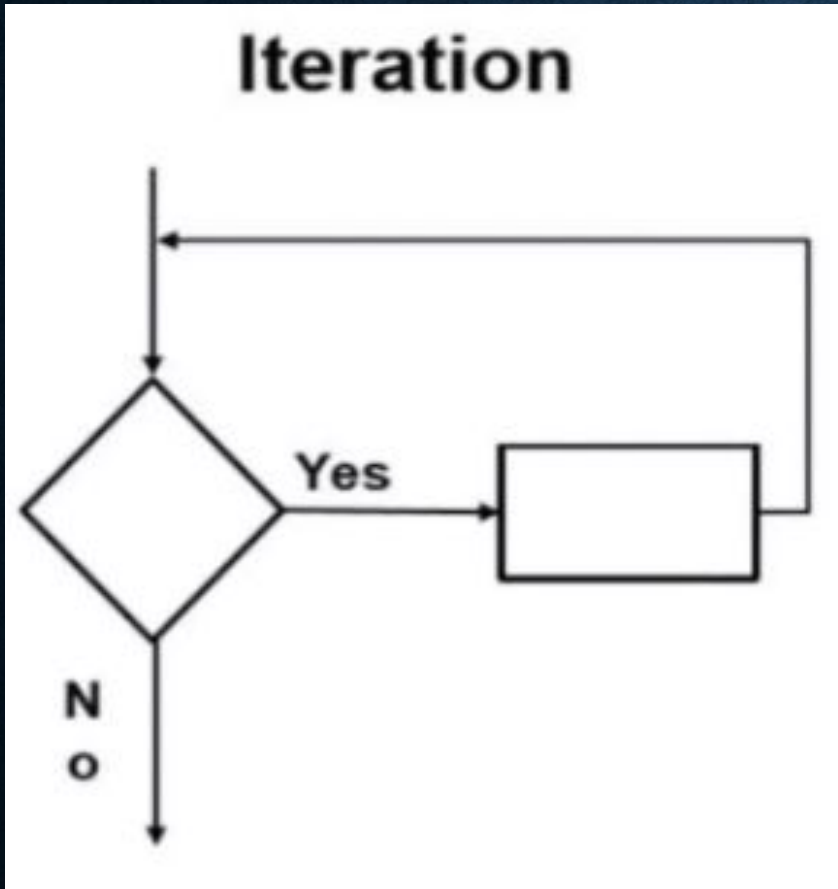
Case 7: Write "Sunday"

Default: Write "Invalid Day"

End Switch

End

3. Iteration/Loops



Iteration structures allow a program to **execute a block of code** multiple times.

3.1. Iteration - For Loop

Executes a block of code a **fixed number of times**.

Example: **Counting from 1 to 5**

Start

For $i \leftarrow 1$ to 5 Do

Write i

End For

End

- This program prints numbers from **1** to **5**
- The loop repeats until the end value is reached

3.2. Iteration - While Loop(Pre-Tested Loop)

Executes a block of code **while** a condition is **`True`**

Example 1: Display the word "Hello" 5 Times

Start

Declare i as Integer

$i \leftarrow 1$

While $i \leq 5$ Do

Write "Hello ", i

$i \leftarrow i + 1$

End While

End

- This program prints the word "Hello" Five times, but it only executes **while** the condition **` $i \leq 5$ `** holds true.



3.2. Iteration - While Loop(Pre-Tested Loop)

Syntax

While
condition **is**
true Do

//statements

End While

Example 2: ATM Machine

Start

*Declare **continue** as String*

continue ← "yes"

While continue = "yes" **Do**

Write "Withdraw money"

Write "Do you want another transaction? (yes/no)"

Read continue

End While

End

- The ATM allows withdrawals until the user chooses to stop.

3.3. Iteration - Do-While Loop(**Post-Tested Loop**)

Executes a block of code **at least once**, then repeats **while** a condition is **`True`**

Example 1: Displaying 'Hello' word 5 times

Start

Declare i as Integer

$i \leftarrow 1$

Do

Write "Hello ", i

$i \leftarrow i + 1$

While $i \leq 5$

End

- This program ensures that at least 'Hello' word is printed once even if the i violates the condition

3.3. Iteration - Do-While Loop(**Post-Tested Loop**)

Syntax

Do

// statements

While condition is true

Example 2: Game Playing

Start

*Declare **playAgain** as String*

Do

Write "Play game round"

Write "Do you want to play again? (yes/no)"

*Read **playAgain***

While **playAgain = "yes"**

End

- A player plays at least one round of a game and then decides if they want to play again.

3.4. Iteration - Break and Continue Statements

1. Stops the
loop
immediately

Example: Using Break

Start

For i ← 1 to 10 Do

If i = 5 Then

Break

End If

Write i

End For

End

- This program prints numbers 1 to 4, but the loop stops when `i = 5`.

3.5. Iteration - Break and Continue Statements

1. Skips the current iteration and moves to the next

Example: Using Continue

Start

For i ← 1 to 5 Do

If i = 3 Then

Continue

End If

Write i

End For

End

- This program prints **1, 2, 4, 5**, skipping `3`.
- It is useful for skipping unnecessary iterations (e.g., ignoring invalid inputs).

3. Iteration/Loops - Summary

Loops allow efficient repetition of tasks.

- **For loops** are best when the number of iterations is known.
- **While loops** are useful when the condition determines the repetitions.
- **Do-while loops** ensure execution happens at least once.
- **Break and Continue** help control loop execution.

End

Group Exercises on While and Do-While
Loops. [Click Here](#) to access them

Group Assignment([*Click Here* to access it](#))
to be Presented and Submitted by the next
class. - Same way we did the previous
presentations