

Section 02 - Subprograms

Subprograms 01

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1 INTRODUCTION

ADA is known as safety-focused language. There are many ways this is realized but two important points are:

- Ada makes the user specify as much as possible about the behavior expected for the program, so that the compiler can warn or reject if there is an inconsistency.
- Ada provides a variety of techniques for achieve the two designs goals above. A subprogram parameter can be specified a mode, which is one of the following:
 - **in** Parameter can only be read, not written.
 - **out** Parameter can be written to, then read.
 - **in out** Parameter can be both read and written.

The default mode for parameters is **in**; so far, most of the examples have been using **in** parameters.

In the Code.(1) is executed the case in which a procedure named `In_Out_Params` has two arguments, both of them are of type **in out**. Observer that **it is a procedure, hence it should not use return, but it is modifying the variables and setting them as outputs**. It might be like using references like in C/C++.

Code 1: main.adb

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1 with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
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2
3 procedure In_Out_Paramters is
4   procedure Swap(A, B: in out Integer) is
5     Tmp : Integer;
6   begin
7     Tmp := A;
8     A   := B;
9     B   := Tmp;
10  end Swap;
11  A : Integer := 12;
12  B : Integer := 44;
13 begin
14   Swap(A,B);
15
16   -- prints 44
17   Put_Line(Integer'Image(A));
18 end In_Out_Paramters;
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