

Basic Syntax

Basic Syntax , I/O, Conditions, Loops and Debugging

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INTRODUCTION AND BASIC SYNTAX

C# – Introduction

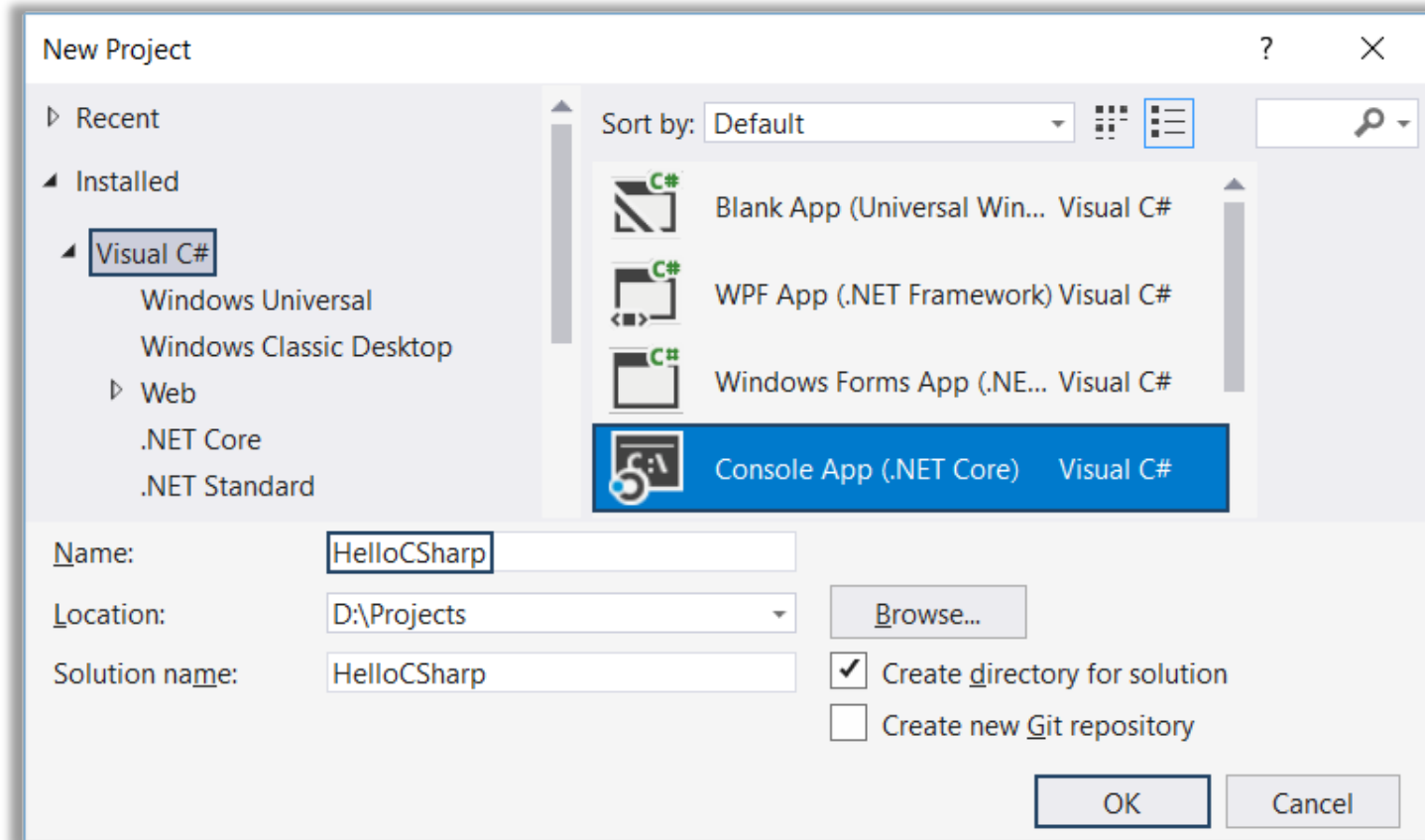
- C# is modern, flexible, general-purpose programming language
- Object-oriented by nature, statically-typed, compiled
- Runs on .NET Framework / .NET Core

```
static void Main()  
{  
    //Source code  
}
```

Program
starting
point

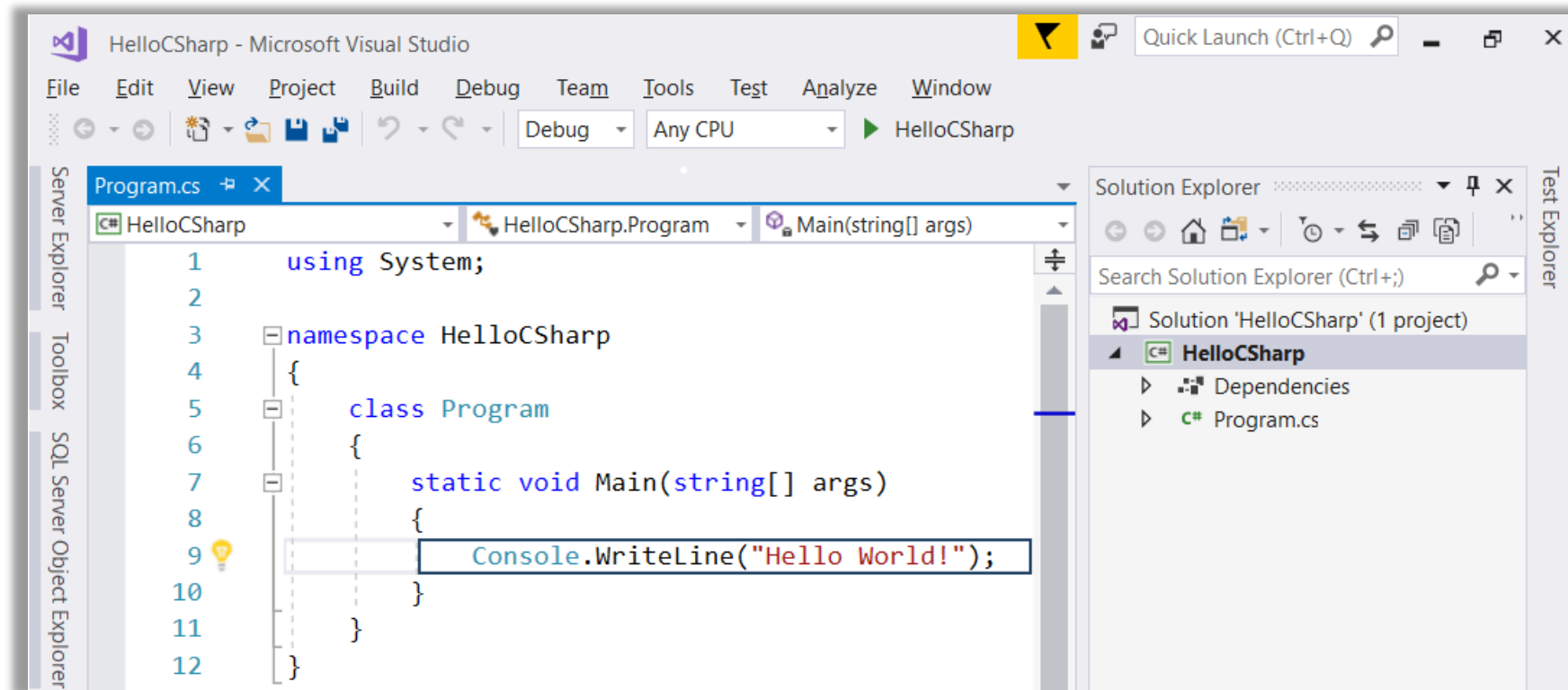
Using Visual Studio

- Visual Studio (VS) is powerful IDE for C#
- Create a console application



Running the Program

- Start the program from VS using [Ctrl + F5]

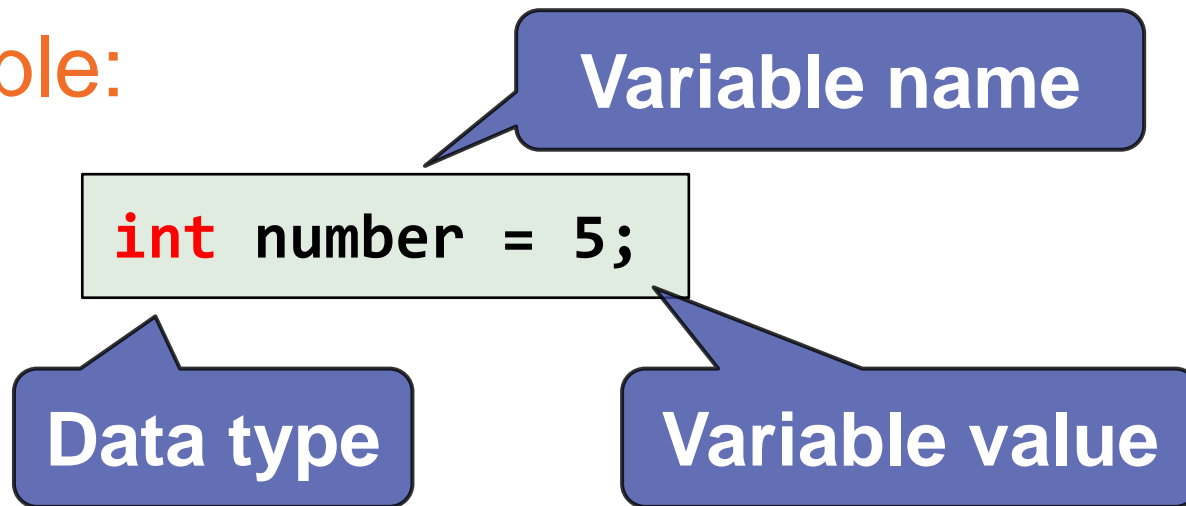


Declaring Variables

- Defining and Initializing variables

```
{data type / var} {variable name} = {value};
```

- Example:





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CONSOLE I/O

Reading from and Writing to the Console

Reading from the Console

- We can read/write to the console, using the Console class
- Use the System namespace to access System.Console class

```
using System;
```

- Reading input from the console using Console.ReadLine():

```
string name = Console.ReadLine();
```

Returns string

Converting Input from the Console

- Console.ReadLine() returns a string
- Convert the string to number by parsing:

```
string name = Console.ReadLine();  
int age = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine());  
double salary = double.Parse(Console.ReadLine());  
bool isHungry = bool.Parse(Console.ReadLine());
```

Printing to the Console

- We can print to the console, using the Console class
- Use the System namespace to access System.Console class
- Writing output to the console:
 - Console.Write()
 - Console.WriteLine()

```
Console.Write("Hi, ");  
Console.WriteLine("John!");  
// Hi, John!
```

Using Placeholders

- Using **placeholders** to print on the console
- Examples:

```
string name = "George";  
int age = 5;  
Console.WriteLine("Name: {0}, Age: {1}", name, age);  
// Name: George, Age: 5
```

Placeholder {0}
corresponds to name

Placeholder {1}
corresponds to age

Formatting Numbers in Placeholders

- D – format number to certain digits with leading zeros
- F – format floating point number with certain digits after the decimal point
- Examples:

```
double grade = 5.5334;  
int percentage = 55;  
Console.WriteLine("{0:F2}", grade);           // 5.53  
Console.WriteLine("{0:D3}", percentage);      // 055
```

Using String Interpolation

- Using string interpolation to print on the console
- Examples:

```
string name = "George";  
int age = 5;
```

Put \$ in front of the
string to use string
interpolation

```
Console.WriteLine($"Name: {name}, Age: {age}");  
//Name: George, Age 5
```

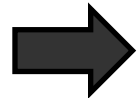
Problem: Student Information

- You will be given 3 input lines:
 - Student Name, Age and Average Grade
- Print the input in the following format:
 - "Name: {name}, Age: {age}, Grade {grade}"
 - Format the grade to 2 decimal places

John

15

5.40



Name: John, Age: 15, Grade: 5.40



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COMPARISON OPERATORS

Comparison Operators

Operator	Notation in C#
Equals	<code>==</code>
Not Equals	<code>!=</code>
Greater Than	<code>></code>
Greater Than or Equals	<code>>=</code>
Less Than	<code><</code>
Less Than or Equals	<code><=</code>

Comparing Numbers

- Values can be compared:

```
int a = 5;  
int b = 10;  
Console.WriteLine(a < b);           // true  
Console.WriteLine(a > 0);           // true  
Console.WriteLine(a > 100);         // false  
Console.WriteLine(a < a);           // false  
Console.WriteLine(a <= 5);          // true  
Console.WriteLine(b == 2 * a);      // true
```



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THE IF-ELSE STATEMENT

Implementing Control-Flow Logic

The If Statement

- The most simple conditional statement
 - Test for a condition
- Example: Take as an input a grade and check if the student has passed the exam (grade \geq 3.00)

```
double grade = double.Parse(Console.ReadLine());  
if (grade  $\geq$  3.00)  
{  
    Console.WriteLine("Passed!");  
}
```

In C# the opening bracket
stays on a new line

The if-else Statement

- Executes one branch if the condition is true and another, if it is false
- Example: Upgrade the last example, so it prints "Failed!", if the mark is lower than 3.00:

The else
keyword stays
on a new line

```
if (grade >= 3.00)
{
    Console.WriteLine("Passed!");
}
else
{
    // TODO: Print the message
}
```

Problem: Back in 30 Minutes

- Write a program that reads hours and minutes from the console and calculates the time after 30 minutes
 - The hours and the minutes come on separate lines
- Example:

1
46 ➡ **2:16**

0
01 ➡ **0:31**

23
59 ➡ **0:29**

11
08 ➡ **11:38**

12
49 ➡ **13:19**

11
32 ➡ **12:02**



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THE SWITCH-CASE STATEMENT

Simplified if-else-if-else

The switch-case Statement

- Works as sequence of if-else statements
- Example: read input a number and print its corresponding month:

```
int month = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine());  
switch (month)  
{  
    case 1: Console.WriteLine("January"); break;  
    case 2: Console.WriteLine("February"); break;  
    // TODO: Add the other cases  
    default: Console.WriteLine("Error!"); break;  
}
```


Problem: Foreign Languages

- By given country print its typical language:
 - English -> England, USA
 - Spanish -> Spain, Argentina, Mexico
 - other -> unknown

England



English

Spain



Spanish





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LOGICAL OPERATORS

Writing More Complex Conditions

Logical Operators

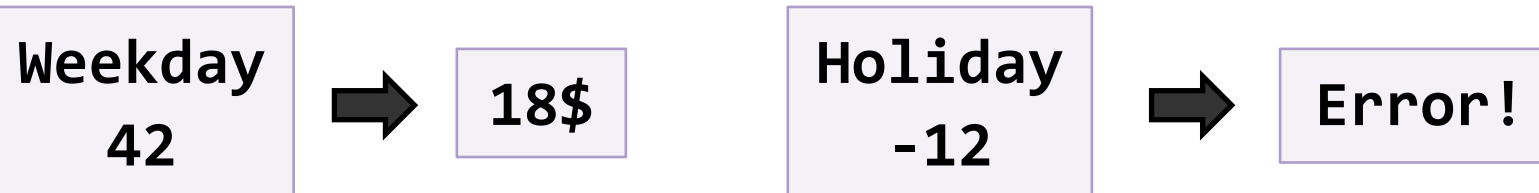
- Logical operators give us the ability to write multiple conditions in one if statement
- They return a boolean value and compare boolean values

Operator	Notation in C#	Example
Logical NOT	!	!false -> true
Logical AND	&&	true && false -> false
Logical OR		true false -> true

Problem: Theatre Promotions

- A theatre has the following ticket prices according to the age of the visitor and the type of day.
- If the age is < 0 or > 122 , print "Error!":

Day / Age	$0 \leq \text{age} \leq 18$	$18 < \text{age} \leq 64$	$64 < \text{age} \leq 122$
Weekday	12\$	18\$	12\$
Weekend	15\$	20\$	15\$
Holiday	5\$	12\$	10\$





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LOOPS

Code Block Repetition

Loop: Definition

- A loop is a control statement that repeats the execution of a block of statements. The loop can:
 - Execute a code block a fixed number of times
 - for loop
 - Execute a code block while a given condition returns true
 - while
 - do...while



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FOR-LOOPS

Managing the Count of the Iteration

For-Loops

- The for loop executes statements a fixed number of times:

Initial value

End value

Increment

The bracket
is again at
the new line

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 10; i++)  
{  
    Console.WriteLine("i = " + i);  
}
```

Loop body,
Executed
each
iteration

Example: Divisible by 3

- Print the numbers from 1 to 100, that are divisible by 3

```
for (var i = 3; i <= 100; i += 3)
{
    Console.WriteLine(i);
}
```



- You can use "for" code snippet in Visual Studio

Push [Tab] twice

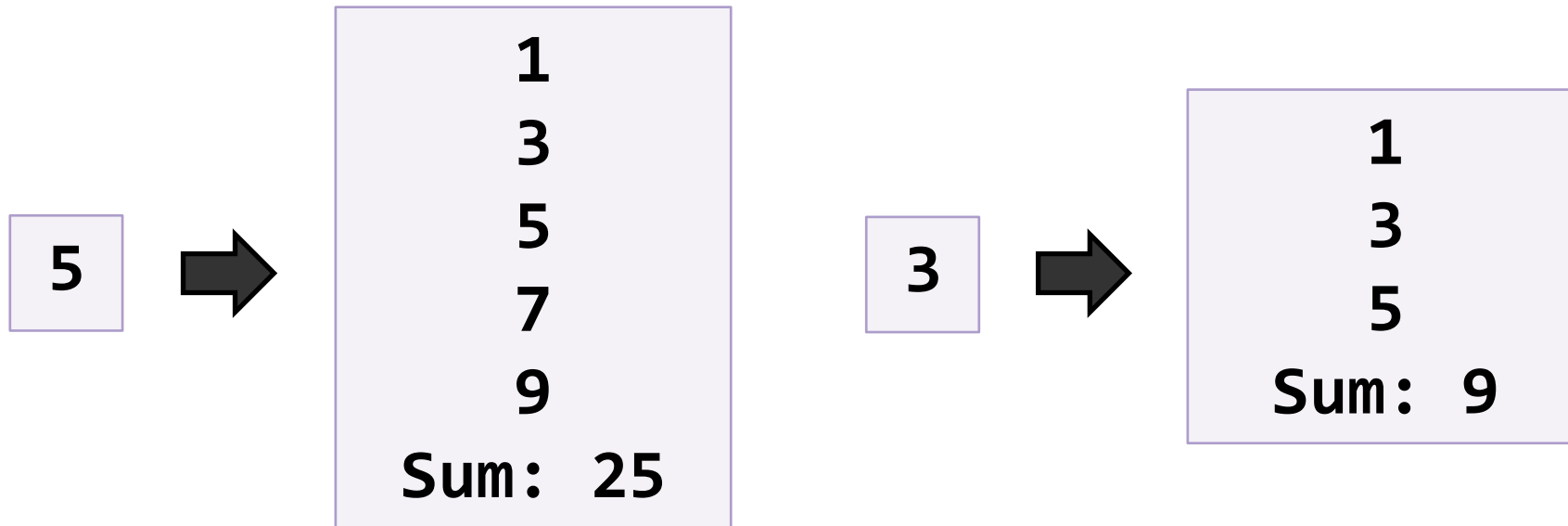
A screenshot of the Visual Studio code editor showing the expansion of a 'for' code snippet. On the left, the word 'for' is typed, and a dropdown menu shows options: 'for' (selected), 'foreach', and 'FormatException'. A blue callout box with the text 'Push [Tab] twice' points to the 'for' option. An arrow points from this menu to the right, where the expanded code snippet is shown:

```
for (int i = 0; i < length; i++)
{
}
```

The expanded code snippet is shown in a separate box on the right, with the variable 'i' and the expression 'i++' highlighted with dashed boxes, and 'length' underlined with a red squiggly line.

Problem: Sum of Odd Numbers

- Write a program to print the first n odd numbers and their sum





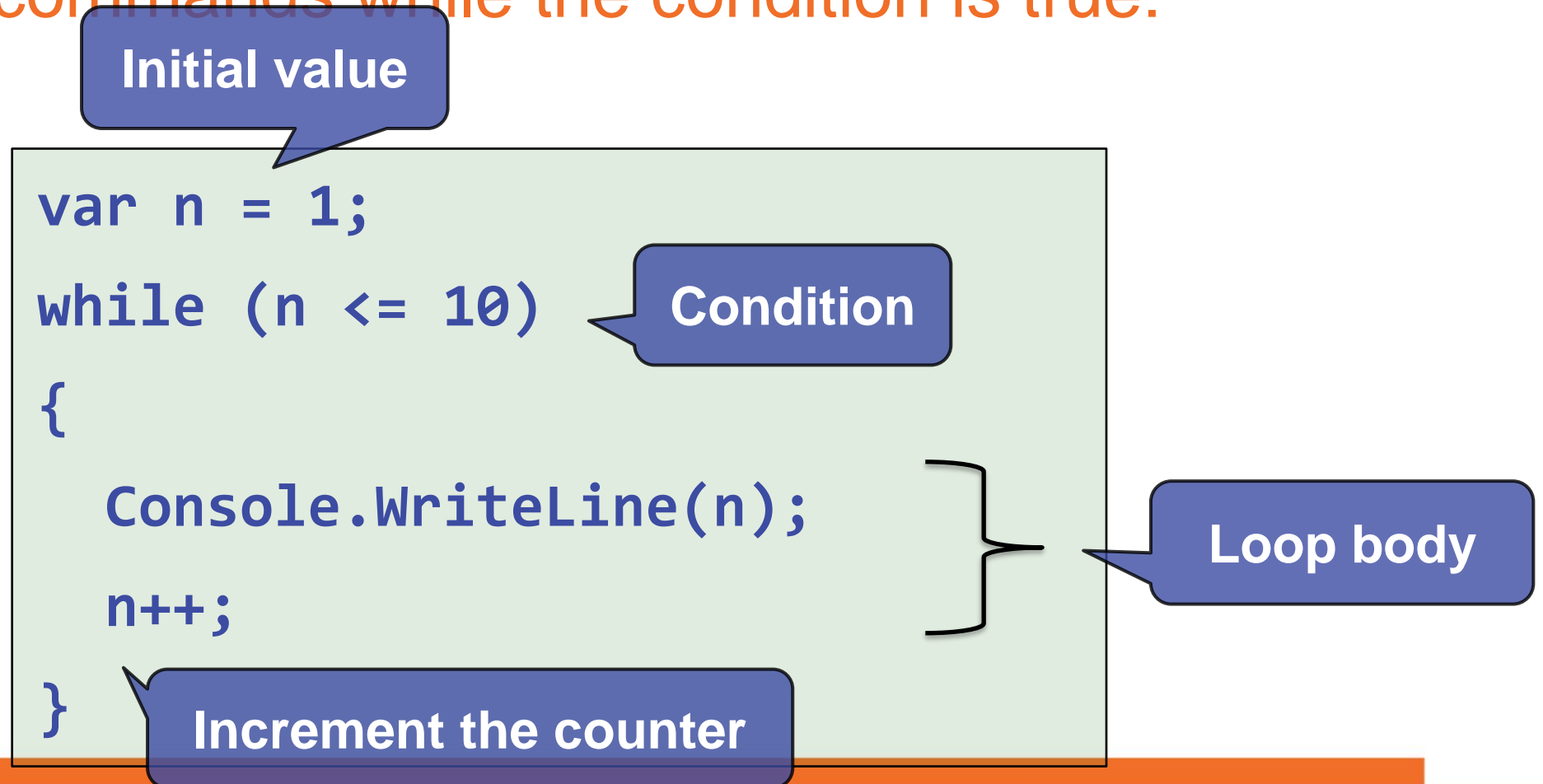
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WHILE LOOPS

Iterations While a Condition is True

While Loops

- Executes commands while the condition is true:



Problem: Multiplication Table

- Print a table holding $\text{number} \times 1$, $\text{number} \times 2$, ..., $\text{number} \times 10$

```
var number = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine());  
var times = 1;  
while (times <= 10)  
{  
    Console.WriteLine(  
        $"{number} X {times} = {number * times}");  
    times++;  
}
```



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**EXECUTES CODE BLOCK ONE OR MORE
TIMES**

Do...While Loop

Do ... While Loop

- Similar to the while loop, but always executes at least once:

```
int i = 1;  
do  
{  
    Console.WriteLine(i);  
    i++;  
}  
while (i <= 10);
```

Initial value

Increment the
counter

Condition

Loop body

Problem: Multiplication Table 2.0

- Upgrade your program and take the initial times from the console

```
int number = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine());  
int times = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine());  
do  
{  
    Console.WriteLine(  
        $"{number} X {times} = {number * times}"  
    );  
    times++;  
} while (times <= 10);
```



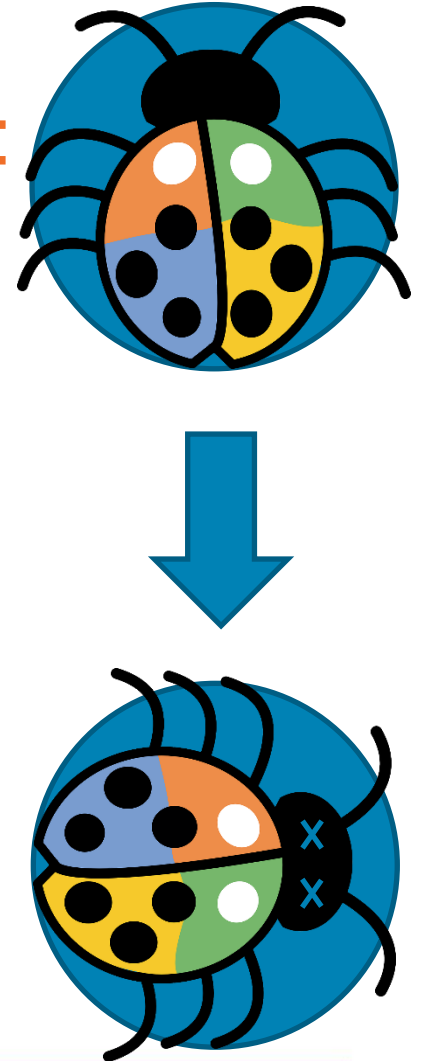

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DEBUGGING THE CODE

Using the Visual Studio Debugger

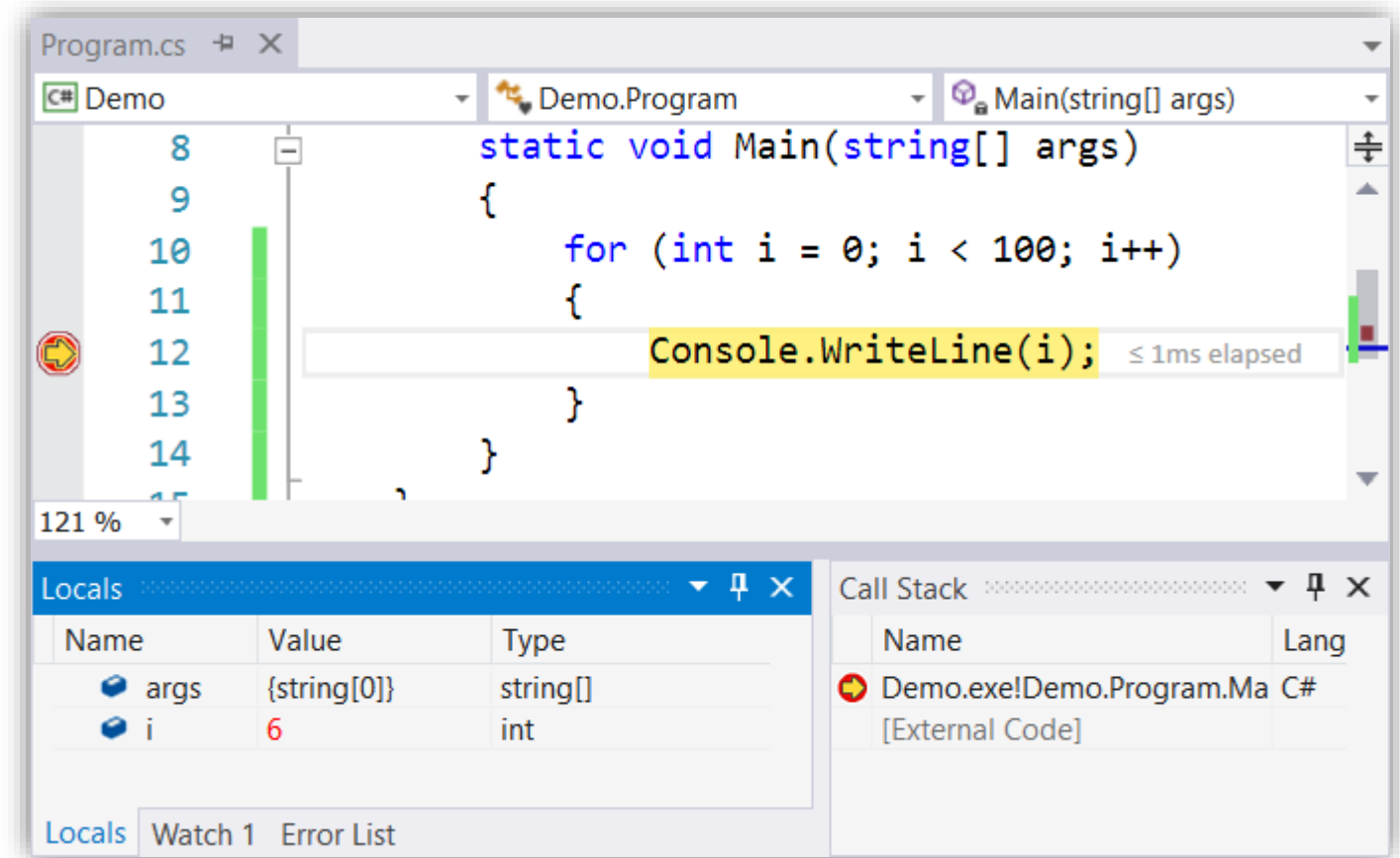
Debugging the Code

- The process of debugging application includes:
 - Spotting an error
 - Finding the lines of code that cause the error
 - Fixing the error in the code
 - Testing to check if the error is gone and no new errors are introduced
- Iterative and continuous process





Debugging in Visual Studio

- Visual Studio has a built-in debugger
- It provides:
 - Breakpoints
 - Ability to trace the code execution
 - Ability to inspect variables at runtime



Using the Debugger in Visual Studio

- Start without Debugger: [Ctrl+F5]
- Toggle a breakpoint: [F9]
- Start with the Debugger: [F5]
- Trace the program: [F10] / [F11]
- Using the Locals / Watches
- Conditional breakpoints
- Enter debug mode after exception

▶	Start Debugging	F5
▶	Start Without Debugging	Ctrl+F5
	Start Diagnostic Tools Without Debugging...	Alt+F2
	Attach to Process...	Ctrl+Alt+P
	Other Debug Targets	
	Profiler	
⬇	Step Into	F11
↻	Step Over	F10
	Toggle Breakpoint	F9

Locals			
	Name	Value	Type
▶	startDate	{01-Jan-15 00:00:00}	System.DateTime
▶	endDate	{02-Feb-16 00:00:00}	System.DateTime
	holidaysCount	2	int
▲	date	{10-Jan-15 00:00:00}	System.DateTime
▶	Date	{10-Jan-15 00:00:00}	System.DateTime
	Day	10	int
	DayOfWeek	Saturday	System.DayOfWeek
	DayOfYear	10	int
Locals	Watch 1		

Problem: Find and Fix the Bugs in the Code

- A program aims to count the non-working days between two dates (e.g. 1.05.2016 ... 15.05.2016 → 5 non-working days). Debug it!

```
var startDate = DateTime.ParseExact(Console.ReadLine(),  
    "dd.m.yyyy", CultureInfo.InvariantCulture);  
var endDate = DateTime.ParseExact(Console.ReadLine(),  
    "dd.m.yyyy", CultureInfo.InvariantCulture);  
var holidaysCount = 0;  
for (var date = startDate; date <= endDate; date.AddDays(1))  
    if (date.DayOfWeek == DayOfWeek.Saturday &&  
        date.DayOfWeek == DayOfWeek.Sunday) holidaysCount++;  
Console.WriteLine(holidaysCount);
```

Summary

- Declaring Variables
- Using Console – Reading and Writing
- Conditional Statements allow implementing programming logic
- Loops repeat code block multiple times
- Using the debugger