

Fortran - Basics

Variables, Data types, Expressions

Kevin Schmidt, Susan Lindsey, Charlie Dey

History



- Fortran stands for **Formula Translation**
- Designed with the scientist in mind
- First high-level computer language, circa 1956
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timeline_of_programming_languages

Usage

- Compiled
 - Intel compiler (preferred)
 - `ifort sourcefilename.F90 -o outputfilename`
 - GNU compiler
 - `gfortran sourcefilename.F90 -o outputfilename`

Jumping In - Code this now.

Hello World

```
program hello
```

```
implicit none
```

```
print *, 'Hello World'
```

```
end program hello
```

Jumping In

Hello World

```
program hello  
  
implicit none  
  
print *, 'Hello World'  
  
end program hello
```

Start with:

program <program name>

Declaration section

Turn-off implicit declarations:

implicit none

Execution section

Print to screen:

print *, 'text'
*: Automatic formatting

End with:

end program <program name>

Jumping In

Hello World... what's different?

```
program hello
```

```
implicit none
```

```
print *, 'Hello World'
```

```
end program hello
```

What's different from C/C++?

- no int main()
- no curly braces
- no semi-colons (semi-colons can be used to put multiple statements on one line)
- program begins with `program programname`
- `implicit none` statement
- separate variable declaration section and execution section
- program end with `end program programname`
- ...
- ...
- more to come...

Jumping In

Hello World with comments and continuation

```
program hello
! This is a comment
! Comments start with an
!   exclamation mark (!)
! This program prints
!   "Hello World" on the screen

! Turn off implicit declarations
implicit none

print *, 'Hello World' ! print
! with a continuation line
! Last character is a &
print *, &
'Hello World'

end program hello
```

Comments start with !

! This is a comment

Comments start with !

print * ! comment starts after

!

Continue a line with &

print *, &
'Hello World'

Jumping In - Exercise 1

Hello World

Take the ‘hello world’ program you wrote earlier, and duplicate the hello-line.
Compile and run.

Does it make a difference whether you have the two hellos on the same line or on different lines?

Experiment with other changes to the layout of your source.

Jumping In - Exercise 2*

Hello World

Experiment with the print statement.

print out a number or mathematical expression.

Can you guess how to print more than one thing, for instance the string **One third is** and the result of $1/3$, with the same print statement?

Jumping In

Variables and Assignments

```
program variables

implicit none          ! Declaration
integer :: year, day   ! Section
real      :: age

year = 2018            ! Execution
day  = 9                ! Section
age  = 27.35

print *, 'year', year
print *    ! Print a blank line
print *, 'This is day', day
print *, 'She is', age, 'years old'

end program variables
```

Declaration section

Integer variables

integer :: var1, var2

Real variables

real :: var3, var4

Execution section

Assignments

variable = value

Real assignment with a decimal

var3 = 17.5

var4 = 18.

Integer assignments

var1 = 17

Jumping In

Constants and Expressions

```
program variables  
  
implicit none  
real :: age, years_left  
real, parameter :: ret_age = 62.  
  
! Assign the age  
age      = 27.35  
! Calculate the years to retirement  
years_left = ret_age - age  
  
print *, 'Years to retirement:', &  
         years_left  
  
end program variables
```

Declaration section

Integer variables

integer :: var1, var2

Real constant

real, parameter :: &
const = <value>

Execution section

Assignments

variable = <variable>

Expression

variable = <expression>

Examples

i = 5

x = 2.5 * y

a = b + c

Jumping In

Rules: Variables, Declarations, Assignments

- Names in Fortran are between 1 and 31 characters in length
- Names are **case-insensitive**
 - Var, vAr, VAR, and var are equivalent names
- First character in a name must be an alphabet character; names must not start with a number
- Names must not contain non-alphanumeric characters (but the underscore can be used)
- **NOTE:** If **implicit none** is not specified in a program
 - variables with names that begin with the letters **i-n** are integer by default
 - variables with names that begin with **a-h** or **o-z** are of type real by default

Jumping In

Rules: Variables, Declarations, Assignments

Just to make sure you caught that!!!

- **NOTE: If implicit none is not specified in a program**
 - **variables with names that begin with the letters i-n are integer by default**
 - **variables with names that begin with a-h or o-z are of type real by default**

Jumping In

Arithmetic Expressions

+	addition
-	subtraction
*	multiplication
/	division
**	exponent

Jumping In

Assignments and Expressions Example

```
program assign

implicit none
real :: x, y
integer :: i, j

x = 3.4          ! Evaluate Right-Hand-Side first
x = 2.*x          ! then assign result to Left-Hand-Side
y = 4.*x*x + 2.5*x - 3.4 ! 3.4, 4. and 3.4 are unnamed constants of type real

i = 4          ! 4 and 2 are unnamed constants of type integer
i = 2*i
j = 2*i*i + 4*i - 2

y = i * x          ! i is converted into a real before the calculation
y = real(i) * x      ! Explicit type conversion with the function real()

end program assign
```

Jumping In

Rules: Variables, Declarations, Assignments

- Type [Optional attributes] :: Variables

```
integer[ kind selector ]
```

```
real[ kind selector ]
```

```
complex [ length selector ]
```

```
logical[ length selector ]
```

```
character[ length selector ]
```

- **kind** specifies how many *bytes* the variable will require
 - usage: kind=*integer value*
- **length** specifies how *long* the variable is
 - usage: len=*integer value*

- Other optional attributes :
 - parameter, allocatable, dimension, intent, optional, save, pointer, target
(more on these later)

Jumping In - Integers

Data Types, Assignments and Expressions Example

```
integer          :: i      ! Default 4 bytes
integer(kind=4) :: j      ! Explicitly 4 bytes
integer(8)       :: k      ! Explicitly 8 bytes

integer, parameter :: lng=selected_int_kind(16) ! selected_int_kind(n) returns the kind
                                                ! value needed to specify precision to
                                                ! n decimal places

integer(kind=lng) :: l

i = 5; j = 6; k = 7_8; l = 2_lng

print *, huge(i), huge(j) ! huge() is a built-in function and
                           ! returns the largest value of the
argument type
```

Jumping In - Real

Data Types, Assignments and Expressions Example

```
real      :: x      ! Default 4 bytes
real(4)   :: y      ! Explicitly 4 bytes
real(8)   :: z      ! Explicitly 8 bytes

!selected_real_kind(n,m) returns the kind value needed to specify precision to n
!decimal places and exponent up to m

integer, parameter :: db=selected_real_kind(12,99)
real(kind=db)       :: r

x = 5.; y = 6.; z = 7._8; r = 2_db          ! Multiple statements in one line
print *, huge(y), tiny(y)                   ! tiny() returns smallest number
print *, huge(z), tiny(z)

! NOTE: Constants can be defined to arbitrary precision, e.g., 2_db
```

Jumping In - Characters (strings)

Data Types, Assignments and Expressions Example

```
character(len=10)    :: first, last ! String of max length 10
character(len=20)    :: full        ! String of max length 20

first = ''           ! String with no content '
first = 'John'       ! 4 letters + 6 trailing blanks 'John'
last = 'Doe'
full = first         ! Assignment
full = first // last ! Assignment with concatenation
print *, full
full = trim(first) // ' ' // trim(last) ! trim() cuts off trailing print *, full
                                         ! blanks
                                         ! //
concatenates strings
```

Jumping In - Exercise 3

Variables, Declarations, Assignments

Write a program that has several variables of different types

Assign values either in an initialization or in an assignment.

Print out the values.

Jumping In

Reading input from the keyboard

```
program read  
  
implicit none  
real :: input  
real, parameter :: ret_age = 62.  
  
! Read from Keyboard  
print *, 'Enter your age:'  
read *, input  
print *, 'You have entered', input  
  
! Calculate the years to retirement  
years_left = ret_age - input  
  
print *, 'Years left', years_left  
  
end program read
```

Execution section

Read from Keyboard

read *, <variable>

Examples

read *, input

read *, age

read *, age1, age2

Jumping In - Exercise 4

Variables, Declarations, Assignments

Take your program from Exercise 3

Assign the values using the keyboard

Print out the values.

Jumping In - Exercise 5*

Variables, Declarations, Assignments

Write a program that accepts three numbers, (a, b, and c) from the keyboard and your name (name)

- The program will say hello to you i.e. “Hello, Jim”
- It will then calculate the volume of a sphere with a being the radius.
 - $V = (4/3) * \pi * a^3$ (NOTE: the 2 *'s are used for exponent, i.e. a^3 would be $a^{**}3.0$)
- Calculate the volume of a cube
 - ‘a’ being the length,
 - ‘b’ being the height,
 - ‘c’ being the width.
- BONUS:
 - create a real data type, d.
 - set $d = (a * b * c) / 7$.
 - convert d to an integer.