

Algorithm for the commercial calculating program

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Step 1 - Welcome the user

- 1a. Output the welcome message: "Hi there, welcome to our program!"
- 1b. Introduce the main purpose of the program by outputting "We're here to help you calculate how many commercials can fit in a show that is scheduled for a 60 minute time slot."

Step 2 - Get the length of the show

- 2a. Ask for the length of the show that is being aired during the 60 minute time slot by prompting the user: "Please enter the length of the show in minutes (in the range of 0-60, including 0 and 60): ", store the answer in a variable;
- 2b. Read in the answer. If the user entered something that is not in the range of 0-60 (inclusive), repeat Step 2; otherwise, continue to 2c.;
- 2c. Echo the answer out: "The length of the show is xxx (answer from the user) minutes."

Step 3 - Calculate the length for commercials

- 3a. Use the formula "length for commercials = 60 - length of the show" to calculate the length for commercials, store the answer in a variable;
- 3b. Output the result: " This leaves xxx (length for commercials) minutes for commercials."

Step 4 - Get the length of the commercials that the user plans to air

- 4a. Prompt the user for the length of the commercial that they want to air: "Please enter the length of the commercial that you want to air: ", store the answer in a variable;
- 4b. Read in the answer;
- 4c. Test the value of the answer:
 - c.i. If the value is less than or equal to the "length left over for commercials", increment the number for the amount of commercials and continue to 4d.;
 - c.ii. If the value is more than the "length left over for commercials", output the message: "We are out of time and it can't be used." Then repeat Step 4;

- c.iii. If the value is zero, then skip to Step 5.
- 4d. Calculate how many minutes are left after the user enter the length of the commercial that they plan to air, inform the user how much time is left by outputting: "There are xxx minutes left for commercials."
- 4e. Check if there is still time left for commercials, if there is still time left, repeat Step 4; if not, skip to Step 6.

Step 5 - Check if there is time left over for filler commercials

- 5a. Calculate how many minutes are left over, if there is still time left over, then inform the user by outputting the message: "There is still time left over, filler commercials (such as previews) will be needed, and the length needed for those fillers should be xxx minutes."
- 5b. If there is no time left over, continue to Step 6.

Step 6 - Tell the user the amount of commercials that can fit in the show

- 6a. Output the message: "There are xxx(how many) commercials that can fit in the show. And the length needed for filler commercials should be xxx minutes."

Step 7 - Terminate/End the program

- 7a. Ask if the user wants to start the program again by prompting the user for an answer: "Do you want to calculate again? ("Y" for "yes; "N" for "no"), please enter your answer: "
- 7b. Read in the answer and decide the outcome
 - b.i. If the answer is neither "Y" or "N", repeat Step 7.
 - b.ii. If the answer is "Y", then repeat Step 2;
 - b.iii. If the answer is "N", then terminate the program and output the message: "Thank you for using our program, have a wonderful day!"