# Some Clarifications

## STRUCTURED PROGRAMMING OR MODULAR PROGRAMMING?

- Some references define these two concepts in the same way
- In our discussions we referred to *Structured*\*Programming as a style of programming that follows the \*Program Development Process\*
- However, there are some references that differentiate between the two
  - In these references, what we discussed is called *Modular Programming* while Structured Programming is defined in a different way.

### THE GOTO STATEMENT

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• In the olden days (>:)), programmers used the
 goto statement
o Usage: goto <label>;
• Example:
     int i = 0;
loop:
     i++;
     printf("%i\n", i);
     if(i < 10)
           goto loop;
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### Unstructured Programming

- Use of goto statement was classified as *Unstructured Programming*
- o goto statements were used to transfer control to the line of code indicated by the label
- During those times, **goto** statements were used as an alternative to loops
- The rampant usage of goto statements produced what we call *spaghetti code*
- Hard to trace the execution of code with numerous goto statements because the control flow jumps from one line to another

# So, What is Structured Programming? (3)

- Structured Programming was then defined as programming WITHOUT THE USE OF goto statements
- Made code much more readable and easy to trace

### REMARKS

- However, for our CMSC 21 lecture, we will stick with our current definition of Structured Programming ©
- Just remember the other definition of Structured Programming and that our definition can also be called Modular Programming