



# Fortran

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Lexical/syntactical structures in Fortran and  
its history

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# History - early 50s

- low-level programming languages
  - dominance of assembly languages (AL)
  - problems with the backward compatibility
  - unsuitable for extensive programs
  - fast programs

```
.model small.stack  
100h  
.data  
msg db 'Hello world!$'  
.codestart:  
    mov ah, 09h  
    lea dx, msg  
    int 21h  
    mov ax, 4C00h  
    int 21h  
  
end start
```

- high-level programming languages
  - abstraction
  - easy to read, write, and maintain
  - lack of the performance

"Hello world" example  
in DOS using MASM



# History - creation

- abbreviation for "FORmula TRANslator"
    - scientific calculations and numerical applications
    - a high-level programming language
  - compiler for FORTRAN released in 1954
    - the first optimizing compiler (performance, memory usage)
    - started a new computer science called *compiler theory*
  - FORTRAN I released in 1957 (the first final release)
    - 5 times quicker for writing programs than assembly languages with only reduction 20% of the performance
- ```
program hello
  print *, "Hello World!"
```

```
program hello
```
- "Hello world" example  
in Fortran 77



# History - the rise

- dominance among programming languages
  - advantages over assembly languages
  - derivatives – derivative language with user-specific functionality
  - re-issue with backward compatibility
- FORTRAN 66
  - the first standardized programming language (ANSI)
- evolution of the standard (FORTRAN 77, Fortran 90, etc.)
  - solved the backward compatibility issues
  - new functionality is added according to needs of programmers (e.g. OOP)



# History - today

- Fortran 2008
  - the standard and the language itself still evolves
  - modern programming language
- lost its dominance
  - the 22th favorite programming language
  - scientific programs (performance reasons)
- legacy for today
  - most current languages use principles implied from FORTRAN
  - compiler theory



# Fortran structure

- Here is an example of Fortran code

```
program circle
real :: r, area
!This program reads a real number r and prints
!the area of a circle with radius r
read (*,*) r
area = 3.14159*r*r
write (*,*)"Area =",area
stop
end program circle
```

- Note that all variables are declared at the beginning of the program and before they are used



# Declaration of Variables

- Single and double precision

```
: real :: x  
: real(4) :: x  
: real*4 :: x
```

```
: real (8) :: z  
: real*8 :: z  
: double precision :: z
```

- Complex number and characters

```
: COMPLEX (COMPLEX*8 or COMPLEX(4))  
: COMPLEX(8) or COMPLEX*16  
: CHARACTER (LEN=n), CHARACTER (n), or CHARACTER*n  
: LOGICAL can be .TRUE. or .FALSE.
```



# Declaring Arrays

- One-dimensional array

```
: real :: a(4)  
:  
: integer , parameter :: n=20  
: real :: a(n)  
:  
: integer :: b(0:19)
```

- 2-dimensional array

```
: double precision, dimension (10,10) :: c
```



# Kind Parameter

- KIND parameter allow more flexibility for the user in declaring variable precision

```
: integer, parameter :: i4=SELECTED_INT_KIND (4)
: integer, parameter :: i8=SELECTED_INT_KIND (8)
: integer, parameter :: r4=SELECTED_REAL_KIND(6,37)
: integer, parameter :: r8=SELECTED_REAL_KIND(15,307)
: integer (KIND=i4) :: ia
: integer (KIND=i8) :: ib
: real (KIND=r4) :: ra
: real (KIND=r8) :: rb
: print *, ' Integer 4 ', huge (ia), kind (ia)
: print *, ' Integer 8 ', huge (ib), kind (ib)
: print *, ' Real 4 ', huge (ra), kind (ra)
: print *, ' Real 8 ', huge (rb), kind (rb)
```



# Numeric Expressions

- Types of numeric expressions

|    |                |
|----|----------------|
| +  | Addition       |
| -  | Subtraction    |
| *  | Multiplication |
| /  | Division       |
| ** | Exponential    |

- Data type of Numeric Expressions
  - Combination of different data type

```
double precision :: x, y  
y = x*2
```

- The integer will be promoted to double



# Loops and conditionals

- Do Loops

```
n = 10  
do i=1, n  
...  
enddo
```

```
do 5 i=1, n  
...  
continue
```

- Do While statements

```
i = 0  
do while (resid >= 5.0D-10)  
    resid = abs (x(i))  
    write (*,*) ' Continue execution '  
    i = i+1  
end do
```



# Conditionals

- Logical expressions

|      |    |                       |
|------|----|-----------------------|
| .LT. | <  | less than             |
| .LE. | <= | less than or equal    |
| .GT. | >  | greater than          |
| ,GE, | >= | greater than or equal |
| .EQ. | == | equal                 |
| .NE. | /= | not equal             |

- Conditional (IF) Statements

```
if (resid < 5.0D - 10) stop
```



# Functions and Subroutines

- Two types of subprograms in Fortran
  - Functions

```
: real*8 :: x, y  
: x = func (y)
```

- Subroutines

```
: real*8 :: x, y  
: call subr (x, y)
```



# Fortran I/O

- There are many ways of writing out data

```
: print *,result  
: write (*,*) result  
: write (6,*) result
```

- Open files and read/write data

```
: open (unit=2,file='ascii_data',form='formatted',status='old')  
: read (2,'(10f20.4)') (input (i), i=1,10)  
: close (2)  
  
: open (unit=3,file='binary_data',form='unformatted',status='unknown',iostat=ierr)  
: if (ierr = 0) write (3,*) data  
: close (3)
```



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