



11.3. Structured programming

- use a procedure
- explain where in the construction of an algorithm it would be appropriate to use a procedure
 - a procedure may have none, one or more parameters
 - a parameter can be passed by reference or by value
- show understanding of passing parameters by reference
- show understanding of passing parameters by value
 - a call is made to the procedure using CALL <identifier> ()
- use a function
- explain where in the construction of an algorithm it is appropriate to use a function
- use the terminology associated with procedures and functions: procedure/function header, procedure/ function interface, parameter, argument, return value
 - given pseudocode will use the following structure for function definitions:
 - a function is used in an expression, for example
- write programs containing several components and showing good use of resources

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Algorithm design involves developing **step-by-step** instructions to solve a problem and subroutines are to **modularize the solution**.

PROCEDURE or Subroutine:

A **PROCEDURE** is a self-contained section of program code which performs a specific task and is referenced by a name. Procedures can be used repeatedly throughout a program and can be called when needed in program by **CALL** keyword

A PROCEDURE/ subroutine resemble a standard program. it will contain its own local variables, data types, labels, and constant declarations.

FUNCTION: is a self contained program code which **performs a specific task** and is referenced by a name. **FUNCTION always returns a value**. FUNCTION is a sequence of steps that is given an identifier and returns a single value; function call is part of an expression

Parameter of Procedure/Function:

A **variable applied to a procedure or function** that allows one to **pass in a value** for the **procedure/function** to use.

By Value: a method of passing a parameter to a procedure in which the value of the variable cannot be changed by the procedure/function. What it means is that you are **passing a copy** of a variable to your Subroutine.

By Reference: a method of passing a parameter to a procedure in which the value of the variable can be changed by the procedure/function. Any change you make to the variable within your **subroutine will effect the variable itself**.

Header (Procedure or Function): the first statement in the definition of a procedure or function, which contains its name, any parameters passed to it, and, for a function, the type of the return value.

Argument – the value passed to a procedure or function is called an argument.



PSEUDOCODE of PROCEDURE

```
PROCEDURE timestable(ByREF number As INTEGER) //This is a Procedure
    FOR count = 1 To 20
        OUTPUT(number & " X " & count & " = " & count * number)
    NEXT
END PROCEDURE
```

BEGIN

```
    OUTPUT("PLEASE Input number for TimesTable") //Prompt for user
    CALL timestable //CALL to procedure in the main Program
```

END

PYTHON CODE

```
def TimesTable(number):
    for count in range(1,11):
        print(number, " X ", count, " = ", number*count)

num = int(input("Please input a number for its TimesTable"))
TimesTable(num)
```

```
Please input a number for its TimesTable88
88 X 1 = 88
88 X 2 = 176
88 X 3 = 264
88 X 4 = 352
88 X 5 = 440
88 X 6 = 528
88 X 7 = 616
88 X 8 = 704
88 X 9 = 792
88 X 10 = 880
```

VB CODE OF PROCEDURE

```
Module module1
    ' This is a Procedure
    Sub timestable(ByRef number As Integer)
        For count = 1 To 20
            Console.WriteLine(number & " X " & count & " = " & count * number)
        Next
    End Sub

    Sub main()
        Console.WriteLine("PLEASE Input a number for TimesTable") 'asking for numb
        timestable(Console.ReadLine) 'CALL to procedure to execute it in the main
        Console.ReadKey()
    End Sub
End Module
```

```
PLEASE Input a number to see its Table
12
12 X 1 = 12
12 X 2 = 24
12 X 3 = 36
12 X 4 = 48
12 X 5 = 60
12 X 6 = 72
12 X 7 = 84
12 X 8 = 96
12 X 9 = 108
12 X 10 = 120
12 X 11 = 132
12 X 12 = 144
12 X 13 = 156
12 X 14 = 168
12 X 15 = 180
12 X 16 = 192
12 X 17 = 204
12 X 18 = 216
12 X 19 = 228
12 X 20 = 240
```



PROCEDURE Fahrenheit to Celsius (By Value parameter)

```
PROCEDURE Celsius (ByVAL temp : REAL)
    temp = (temp - 32)/1.8
    OUTPUT("Celsius = ", temp)
END PROCEDURE

BEGIN
    DECLARE MyTemp : REAL
    OUTPUT("Input temperature in Fahrenheit ")
    INPUT MyTemp
    CALL Celsius(MyTemp) //CALL to procedure to execute
END
```

PYTHON Code

```
def celcius(temp):
    temp = (temp-32)/1.8
    print("Celcius is",temp)
```

```
mytemp = int(input("Enter temperature in Fahrehheit: ", ))
celcius(mytemp)
```

(Python has only (ByValue Parameter). Python doesn't have BY REFERENCE Parameter

The screenshot shows a Python IDE window titled '*Procedure code.py - C:/Users/majid/AppData/Local/Programs/Python/Python312/Proced'. The code editor contains the following Python code:

```
def celcius(temp):
    temp = (temp-32)/1.8
    print("Celcius is",temp)

mytemp = int(input("Enter temperature in Fahrehheit: ", ))
celcius(mytemp)
```

Below the code editor, the output of the program is displayed in a separate window. It shows the Python version (3.12.5), the operating system (win32), and the execution of the program. The user is prompted to enter a temperature in Fahrenheit, and the program outputs the corresponding Celsius value.

```
Python 3.12.5 (tags/v3.12.5:ff3bc82, Au
AMD64)] on win32
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or
>>>
= RESTART: C:/Users/majid/AppData/Local
.PY
Enter temperature in Fahrehheit: 100
Celcius is 37.77777777777778
>>>
```

OUTPUT of Python code:



Visual Basic Code (By VALUE Parameter)

VB Code of Fahrenheit to Celsius

```
Sub Celsius(ByVal temp As Double)
    temp = (temp - 32) / 1.8
    Console.WriteLine("Celsius = " & temp)
End Sub

Sub Main()
    Dim MyTemp As Double
    Console.WriteLine("please input temperature in Farenheit")
    MyTemp = Console.ReadLine()
    Celsius(MyTemp) ' Called Procedure Celsius
    Console.WriteLine(" Original value was : " & MyTemp)
End Sub
```

```
C:\Users\Lenovo\source\repos\ProcedureTEMPERA
Farenheit to Celsius Program
please input temperature in Farenheit
40
Celsius = 4.444444444444445
Original value was : 40
```

NOTE in above code if **ByVal** PARAMETER is used, original value of **MyTemp** remains same

Now we will use the same program with **ByRef** parameter and see the changes in program

PROCEDURE Fahrenheit to Celsius (ByReference)

```
PROCEDURE Celsius (ByRef temp : REAL)
    temp = (temp - 32) / 1.8
    OUTPUT("Celsius = " , temp)
END PROCEDURE

BEGIN
    DECLARE MyTemp : REAL
    OUTPUT("Input temperature in Fahrenheit ")
    INPUT MyTemp
    CALL Celsius(MyTemp) //CALL to procedure to execute
END
```

Note that by Reference changed the value of original variable too when executed the PROCEDURE



VB Code of Fahrenheit to Celsius

```
Sub Celsius(ByRef temp As Double)
    temp = (temp - 32) / 1.8
    Console.WriteLine("Celsius = " & temp)
End Sub

Sub Main()
    Dim MyTemp As Double
    Console.WriteLine("please input temperature in Farenheit")
    MyTemp = Console.ReadLine()
    Celsius(MyTemp) ' Called Procedure Celsius
    Console.WriteLine(" Original value was : " & MyTemp)
End Sub
```

NOTE in above code if **ByRef** PARAMETER is used, original value of **MyTemp** **changed**

Using Global variable (Pseudocode)

```
DECLARE num1, num2, answer As Integer
PROCEDURE input_sub()
    OUTPUT("Enter number 1")
    INPUT num1 = Console.ReadLine
    OUTPUT("Enter number 2")
    INPUT num2
END PROCEDURE

PROCEDURE Calculation()
    answer = num1 * num2
END PROCEDURE

PROCEDURE output_sub()
    OUTPUT("the product of " & num1 & " and " & num2 & " is ")
    OUTPUT (answer)
END PROCEDURE

BEGIN
    CALL input_sub()
    CALL Calculation()
    CALL output_sub()
END
```




Example Program – Procedures (VB Code)

```
Dim num1 As Integer
Dim num2 As Integer
Dim answer As Integer
Sub input_sub()
    Console.WriteLine("Enter number 1")
    num1 = Console.ReadLine
    Console.WriteLine("Enter number 2")
    num2 = Console.ReadLine
End Sub
Sub Calculation()
    answer = num1 * num2
End Sub
Sub output_sub()
    Console.Write("the product of " & num1 & " and " & num2 & " is ")
    Console.WriteLine(answer)
    Console.ReadLine()
End Sub
Sub Main()
    input_sub()
    Calculation()
    output_sub()
End Sub
```

Global Variables declared

Parameters

As mentioned above, **local variables** only have a **lifespan of the procedure**. Sometimes it is useful to **pass a value from one procedure to another**.

This is done by using **parameters (or arguments)**

A parameter can be passed from one procedure to another by value or by reference.

By Value

The word **ByVal** is short for "**By Value**". What it means is that you are **passing a copy** of a variable to your Subroutine.

You can make changes to the copy and the **original will not be altered**.



```
Module Module1
```

```
Sub WriteSQRT(ByVal n As Double)
    n = Math.Sqrt(n)
    Console.WriteLine("n = " & n)
End Sub
```

This procedure is expecting a double variable, which is known locally as **n**. Any changes to **n** do not effect the original variable

```
Sub Main()
    Dim number As Double
    Console.WriteLine("Enter a number")
    number = Console.ReadLine
    WriteSQRT(number)
    Console.WriteLine("Number = " & number)
    Console.ReadLine()
End Sub
```

The variable **number** is passed to the subroutine **WriteSQRT**

```
End Module
```

```
file:///C:/Users/Young/AppData/Local/Temporary Projects/ConsoleApplication1/bin/Debug/Conso...
Enter a number
25
n = 5
Number = 25
```

By Reference

ByRef is the alternative. This is short for **By Reference**.

This means that you are not handing over a copy of the original variable but pointing to the original variable.



```
Module Module1
```

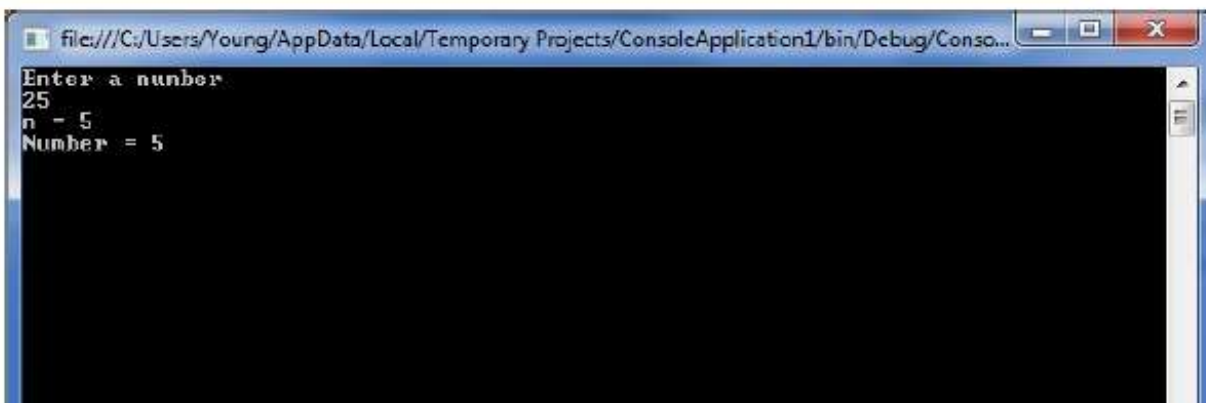
```
Sub WriteSQRT(ByRef n As Double)
    n = Math.Sqrt(n)
    Console.WriteLine("n = " & n)
End Sub
```

This procedure is expecting a double variable, which is known locally as **n**. Any changes **WILL** effect the original variable

```
Sub Main()
    Dim number As Double
    Console.WriteLine("Enter a number")
    number = Console.ReadLine
    WriteSQRT(number)
    Console.WriteLine("Number = " & number)
    Console.ReadLine()
End Sub
```

The variable **number** is passed to the subroutine **WriteSQRT**

```
End Module
```



A procedure is a group of statements that together perform a task when called. After the procedure is executed, the control returns to the statement calling the procedure. VB.Net has two types of procedures:



Functions



Procedure

Functions **return a value**, whereas Subs/**Procedures do not return a value**.

Defining a Function

The Function statement is used to declare the name, parameter and the body of a function. The syntax for the Function statement is:

```
FUNCTION Name (Parameter: Datatype) : RETURN DataType
    [Statements]
    RETURN DataType
END FUNCTION
```




Functions

Functions are similar to subroutines, except that they always return a value. They are normally used in either **assignments** (A:=TaxA(370);) or **expressions** (IF taxA(15000) THEN....)

The function names doubles as a procedure name and a variable.

Pseudocode

```
FUNCTION square(ByVal num : INTEGER) : RETURNS INTEGER
    RETURN (num * num) // The value of (num*num) will be stored in square
END FUNCTION
FUNCTION sum (ByRef a :INTEGER, ByRef b : INTEGER) RETURNS INTEGER
    RETURN a + b // The value of (a+b) will be stored in sum
END FUNCTION
BEGIN
    DECLARE number, value1, value2 : INTEGER
    PRINT ("Please Input a number for its square")
    INPUT number
    PRINT ("Square of number is: " (CALL square(number))
    PRINT ("Please Input a num1 and num2 for sum ")
    INPUT value1, value2
    PRINT ("Sum is" (CALL sum(value1, value2))
END
```

PYTHON Doesn't make PROCEDURES & FUNCTIONS separately

Example VB Program – Functions

```
Module Module1
    Function square(ByVal x As Integer) As Integer
        square = x * x
    End Function
    Function sum(ByRef a As Integer, ByRef b As Integer) As Integer
        sum = a + b
    End Function
    Sub Main()
        Dim number As Double = 5
        Console.WriteLine("x = " & number)
        Console.WriteLine("Square of x is " & square(number))
        Console.WriteLine(sum(3, 7))
        Console.WriteLine(square(sum(16, 9)))
        Console.ReadLine()
    End Sub
End Module
```



```
file:///C:/Users/Young/AppData/Local/Temporary Projects/ConsoleApplication1/bin/Debug/Conso...
x = 5
Square of x is 25
10
625
```

Sample VB Program in Visual Studio

```
Module1 Main
Module Module1
    'this is a function (functions return a value)
    Function adder(ByRef a As Integer, ByVal b As Integer)
        adder = a + b
        Return adder
    End Function

    Sub Main()

        Dim x As Integer
        x = adder(2, 3) 'call to function adder which returns a value
        Console.WriteLine("2 + 3 = " & x)
        'you can simply then code by putting the call directly into the print statement
        Console.WriteLine("4 + 6 = " & adder(4, 6))

        Console.ReadKey()
    End Sub
End Module
```

Finding maximum with VB Function.

Following code snippet shows a function *FindMax* that takes two integer values and returns the larger of the two.

```
Function FindMax(ByVal num1 As Integer, ByVal num2 As Integer) As Integer
    Dim result As Integer ' local variable declaration
    If (num1 > num2) Then
        result = num1
    Else
        result = num2
    End If
    RETURN result 'result will be returned to FindMax Function.
End Function
```



Function Returning a Value

In VB.Net, a function can return a value to the calling code in two ways:

- By using the return statement
- By assigning the value to the function name

The following example demonstrates using the *FindMax* function:

Module module1

```
Function FindMax(ByVal num1 As Integer, ByVal num2 As Integer) As Integer
    ' local variable declaration */
    Dim result As Integer
    If (num1 > num2) Then
        result = num1
    Else
        result = num2
    End If
    FindMax = result
End Function
```

Sub Main()

```
Dim a As Integer
Console.WriteLine("Write value number 1")
a = Console.ReadLine()
Dim b As Integer
Console.WriteLine("Write value number 2")
b = Console.ReadLine()
Dim res As Integer
res = FindMax(a, b)
Console.WriteLine("Max value is : {0}", res)
Console.ReadLine()
```

End Sub

End Module

When the above code is compiled and executed, it takes value 1 & value 2 as input and produces the maximum value for example:

```
file:///C:/Users/Nile/AppData/Local/Temporary Pr
Write value number 1
100
Write value number 2
200
Max value is : 200
```



Recursive Function

A function can call itself. This is known as recursion. Following is an example that calculates factorial for a given number using a recursive function:

```
Module myfunctions
    Function factorial(ByVal num As Integer) As Integer ' local variable
    declaration */
        Dim result As Integer
        If (num = 1) Then
            Return 1
        Else
            result = factorial(num - 1) * num
            Return result
        End If
    End Function
    Sub Main()
        'calling the factorial method
        Console.WriteLine("Factorial of 6 is : {0}", factorial(6))
        Console.WriteLine("Factorial of 7 is : {0}", factorial(7))
        Console.WriteLine("Factorial of 8 is : {0}", factorial(8))
        Console.ReadLine()
    End Sub
End Module
```

When the above code is compiled and executed, it produces the following result:

```
ConsoleApplication1 (Running) - Microsoft Visual Studio
File Edit View Project Build Debug Team Data Tools Test Window Help
Module1.vb
module1
Module module1
    Function factorial(ByVal num As Integer) As Integer
        ' local variable declaration
        Dim result As Integer
        If (num = 1) Then
            Return 1
        Else
            result = factorial(num - 1) * num
            Return result
        End If
    End Function
    Sub Main()
        'calling the factorial method
        Console.WriteLine("Factorial of 6 is : {0}", factorial(6))
        Console.WriteLine("Factorial of 7 is : {0}", factorial(7))
        Console.WriteLine("Factorial of 8 is : {0}", factorial(8))
        Console.ReadLine()
    End Sub
End Module
100 %
Autos
file:///C:/Users/Nile/AppData/Local/Temporary Projects/ConsoleA
Factorial of 6 is : 720
Factorial of 7 is : 5040
Factorial of 8 is : 40320
Error List
```



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