



# PSEUDOCODE

Chapter 8

# WHY PSEUDOCODE?

- **Cross-Platform Understanding**
  - There are many programming languages e.g. Python, Java, C
  - Each programming language has its own instructions
  - Same algorithm needs to be implemented in different programming languages
  - It helps ensure that the core logic remains consistent across different implementations
- **Clarity and Communication**
  - It's a more human-readable and intuitive representation, making it easier for team members to collaborate and discuss ideas
  - Pseudocode provides a way for developers, designers, and stakeholders to communicate and understand the logic of an algorithm or program without getting bogged down by the syntax of a specific programming language

# DATA TYPE

- Data types in pseudocode

- INTEGER : a whole number
- REAL : a number capable of containing a fractional part
- CHAR : a single character
- STRING : a sequence of zero or more characters
- BOOLEAN : the logical values TRUE and FALSE

- Identifiers

- The names given to variables, constants, procedures and functions
- Identifiers should be meaningful that tell the purpose of them
  - Name ← "Alex"; this identifier stores a name of person
  - Class\_score ← [10, 20, 15]; this identifier stores scores from a classroom

# VARIABLE AND CONSTANT DECLARATION

- Declaration is on the upper part of the coding
- It tells users that what variables/constants will be used in the program and what is the data type of those variable
- Examples
  - DECLARE Counter : INTEGER
  - DECLARE TotalToPay : REAL
  - DECLARE GameOver : BOOLEAN
  
  - CONSTANT HourlyRate ← 6.50
  - CONSTANT Tax ← 0.07

# ARRAY DECLARATION

- Arrays are fixed-length structures of elements of identical data type
- DECLARE StudentNames : ARRAY[1:30] OF STRING
- DECLARE ClassScore : ARRAY[1:20, 1:3] OF INTEGER // 20 students with 3 subjects
  
- Using arrays
  - StudentNames[1] ← "Ali"
  - NoughtsAndCrosses[2,3] ← 'X'
  - StudentNames[n+1] ← StudentNames[n]

# ASSIGNMENT STATEMENTS

- The assignment operator is  $\leftarrow$
- In Python is “=”
  
- Counter  $\leftarrow$  0
- Counter  $\leftarrow$  Counter + 1
- TotalToPay  $\leftarrow$  NumberOfHours \* HourlyRate

# INPUT AND OUTPUT

- Values are input using the INPUT command as follows:
  - `INPUT <identifier>`
- Values are output using the OUTPUT command as follows:
  - `OUTPUT <value(s)>`
- INPUT Answer
- OUTPUT Score
- OUTPUT "You have ", Lives, " lives left"

# ARITHMETIC OPERATIONS

- Standard arithmetic operator symbols are used:
  - + addition
  - – subtraction
  - \* multiplication
  - / division
  - ^ raised to the power of
- $\text{Answer} \leftarrow \text{Score} * 100 / \text{MaxMark}$
- $\text{Answer} \leftarrow \text{Pi} * \text{Radius} ^ 2$

# DIV AND MOD FUNCTIONS

- **DIV(<identifier1>, <identifier2>)**

- Returns the quotient of identifier1 divided by identifier2 with the fractional part discarded
- OUTPUT DIV(10, 3) // show 3 on the screen

- **MOD(<identifier1>, <identifier2>)**

- Returns the remainder of identifier1 divided by identifier2
- OUTPUT MOD(10, 3) // show 1 on the screen

# LOGICAL OPERATORS

- The following symbols are used for logical operators:
  - = equal to // Python ==
  - < less than
  - <= less than or equal to
  - > greater than
  - >= greater than or equal to
  - <> not equal to // Python !=

# BOOLEAN OPERATORS

- The only Boolean operators used are AND, OR and NOT
  - IF Answer < 0 OR Answer > 100
    - THEN
      - Correct ← FALSE
    - ELSE
      - Correct ← TRUE
  - ENDIF

# STRING FUNCTIONS

- **LENGTH(<identifier>)**
  - Returns the integer value representing the length of string. The identifier should be of data type string
    - LENGTH("Happy Days") will return 10
    - Name ← "Alex"
    - OUTPUT LENGTH(Name) // show 4 on the screen
- **SUBSTRING(<identifier>, <start>, <length>)**
  - Returns a string of length *length* starting at position start. The identifier should be of data type string, length and start should be positive and data type integer.
    - SUBSTRING("Happy Days", 1, 5) will return "Happy"

# STRING FUNCTIONS

- **LCASE(<identifier>)**

- Returns the string/character with all characters in lower case
- The identifier should be of data type string or char
  - LCASE('W') will return 'w'

- **UCASE(<identifier>)**

- Returns the string/character with all characters in upper case
- The identifier should be of data type string or char
  - UCASE("Happy") will return "HAPPY"