



# Programming 1

# Lecture 1 Introduction



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PROGRAM

C++

#### **Objectives**

- Understand differences between compilers and interpreters
- What is a program and which are the steps to develop computer programs?
- Some advice on how to learn to program
- Why is C our first programming language?

# 1. Representing the information



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#### **Representing information**

 Computers represent information using two digits: BINARY CODIFICATION (base 2)

• **BIT** (BInary digIT): minimal unit of information that can be represented in a computer: 0 or 1

• **BYTE**: number of bits used to encode a single character of text: 8 bits

• WORD: natural unit of data used by a particular computer design: 1, 2, 3, 4 or 8 bytes (8, 16, 24, 32 or 64 bits)

### **Representing information**

- A character is represented using a byte
- Character encoding, character set or charset: set of characters that can be codified in a computer. It is made up of:
  - Letters or alphabetic characters
  - Digits or numerical characters
  - Special characters and punctuation characters
  - Control characters (line break, ...)
- ASCII character encoding system (American Standard Code for Information Interchange)
  - 01000001  $\rightarrow$  'A'

### **Topics**

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# Compiler

 A compiler analyses our program, checking its syntax and indicating the typographical errors, and it generates the program in machine language. It may need a linkage process when several library modules are joined.



# Interpreter

• The interpreter analyses and executes the program statement by statement



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#### What is a program?

 A computer program is a set of ordered statements or instructions, written in a programming language for the computer to perform a specific task





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#### How to develop a program?



Analyse the problem: answer the following question ....

What is the problem to be solved?

Identify



Problem: calculate the mark of a subject

Calculate the mark of a subject for a student, considering the exam period (January or July).

In January, the final mark is obtained from the marks of the first practical exam (15%), the second practical exam (35%) and the written exam (50%), except when the written exam mark or the second practical exam mark is lower than 4. In this case, the final mark is the minimum of these marks.

In July, the final mark is obtained from the marks of the practical exam (50%) and the written exam (50%), except when one of these marks is lower than 4. In this case, the final mark is the minimum of these marks.

Propose the sequence of steps (algorithm) to solve the problem: answer the following question ....

How will the problem be solved?



# **Design a solution: example**

# Algorithmic solution

Algorithm:

- Enter the exam period to obtain the final mark
- If the exam is taken in January

<u>Then</u>

- Enter the marks of the two practical exams and of the written exam
- <u>If the written exam mark < 4 or the 2nd practical exam mark < 4</u>

<u>Then</u>

YOUR FINAL MARK IS = Minimum (written ex. mark, 2nd pract. ex. mark) else

```
YOUR FINAL MARK IS = 0,15*Practice_1+0,35*Practice_2+0,5*Written
```

- If the exam is taken in July

<u>Then</u>

- Enter the written exam mark and the practice exam mark
- <u>If the written exam mark < 4 or the practice exam mark < 4</u>

<u>Then</u>

YOUR FINAL MARK IS = Minimum (written ex. mark, practice ex. mark) else

YOUR FINAL MARK IS = 0,5\*Practice+0,5\*Written

**Codify**, in a programming language, the sequence of steps to solve the problem

- You will have to
  - 1. know the **syntax** of a programming language
  - 2. write the program using a text editor
  - 3. compile and correct the syntax errors

# Implement a program

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
main()
   char
          call;
   float practice 1, practice 2, written exam, final mark;
   cout << "Enter the exam call (J: January,L: July):";</pre>
   cin >> call;
   if (call == 'J') {
      cout << "Enter the mark of the practice exam 1:";
      cin >> practice 1;
      cout << "Enter the mark of the practice exam 2:";
      cin >> practice 2;
      cout << "Enter the mark of the written exam:";</pre>
      cin >> written exam;
      if (written exam < 4 || practice 2 < 4)
         final mark = minimum (written exam, practice 2;
      else
         final mark = 0.15*practice 1 + 0.35*practice 2 +
        0.5*written exam;
   if (call == 'L') {
      cout << "Enter the mark of the written exam :";
      cin >> written exam;
      cout << "Enter the mark of the practice exam:";
      cin >> practice 2;
      if (written exam < 4 || practice 2 < 4)
         final mark = minimum (written exam, practice 2;
      else
         final mark = 0.5*practice 2 + 0.5*written exam;
   cout << "YOUR FINAL MARK IS = " << final mark << endl;</pre>
```

- It may not compile
  - Correct syntax errors
- It may fail when it is executed or when the input data are introduced
  - Correct the logic errors
- It may not be the optimal solution
  - Improve the temporal or spatial efficiency

### Verify and debug the program

- Execute the program and correct the errors:
  - 1. Verify the program (Tests)
    - Execute the program and detect the errors
  - 2. Debug the program (Debugging)
    - Correct execution errors of the program

Input				Output	OK
Call	Pr_1	Pr_2	WE		
Ja	5	3	5	3	$\checkmark$
Ja	3	6	3	3	$\checkmark$
Ja	6	5	9	5.8	$\checkmark$
Р					×
Ju		4	4	4	$\checkmark$
Ju		10	5	7.5	$\checkmark$
Ju		66	6	36	×



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#### How to learn to program?

- Advice on how to learn to program
  - Study
  - Practice



- Learn from errors
- Search before asking





• Programming is challenging, the best virtue of a programmer is perseverance



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## Why C language?

- A general purpose language
- It is one of the most widely used in business
- It favours a structured and modular programming
- We will use C language with some elements of C++ to make the learning process easier



C++ under the IMPERATIVE paradigm...

...not under its natural paradigm Object-Oriented, which will be taught in other subjects: Programming 2, Programming 3, ...

### Creating an executable program in C

- You need
  - A text editor  $\rightarrow$  to write the instructions.
    - Examples: Notebook, Kate, gedit
  - Compiler and linker  $\rightarrow$  to generate the executable code
    - Example: g++
- The compilation process (source code  $\rightarrow$  executable file) can be done by using:
  - Command line based programs: g++...
  - IDE (integrated development environment): Dev-C++, Eclipse, NetBeans...

IDEs include an editor, a compiler, a linker and a debugger, as well as other elements.



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The importance of analysis and design

• Understanding the problem correctly is a must before thinking about the solution

 Before writing the program (implementation) it is necessary to know how to solve the problem







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