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Preface

Concise Prelude to Programming: Concepts & Design provides a language-independent introduction to programming concepts that helps students learn the following:

- General programming topics, such as data types, control structures, arrays, files, and subprograms
- Structured programming principles, such as top-down modular design and proper program documentation and style
- Basic tools and algorithms, such as data validation, defensive programming, sums and averages computation, and list searching and sorting

No prior computer or programming experience or any special knowledge of mathematics, finance, or other discipline is necessary.

Changes to the Third Edition

The third edition of *Concise Prelude to Programming: Concepts & Design* has undergone a thorough revision and expansion to give you an improved tool for teaching and learning programming concepts. No chapter went untouched. The major changes include the following:

- A new lively presentation—in writing style and text design—to make the book accessible to readers at different levels
- Line-by-line explanations of most pseudocode examples to help students analyze and design the logic and structure needed to solve programming problems
- Additional examples that are both practical and non-mathematical in nature in each chapter

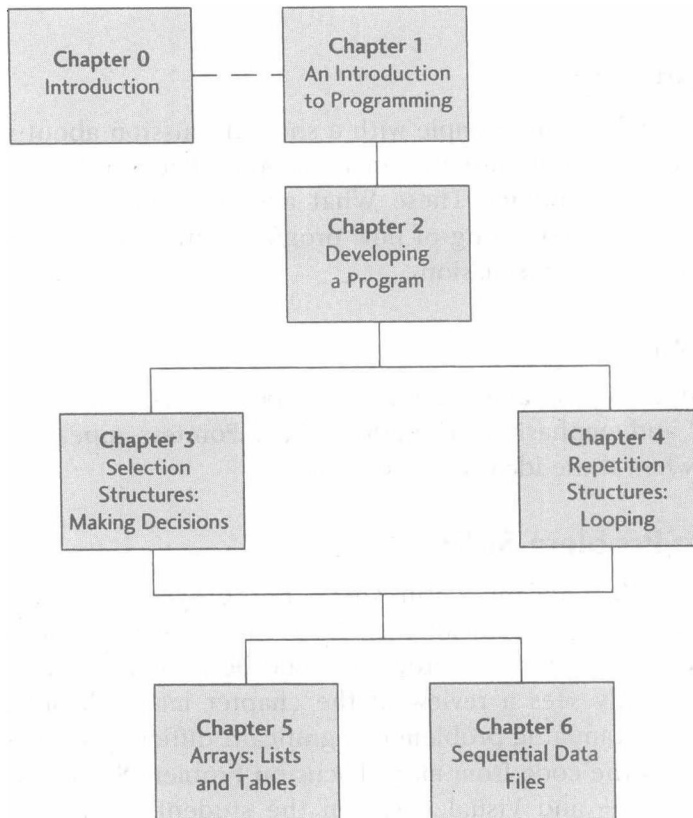
- What and Why features that give students the opportunity to think above and beyond the material in the examples and encourage discussion and student interaction
- Examples of real code in C++ and Visual Basic that show students how pseudocode translates into real world programming
- An expanded Chapter 3 (selection structures) and Chapter 4 (repetition structures) with many more detailed examples
- A chapter presentation in which arrays are covered before data files; but the material has been written with the option for readers to cover the topics in reverse order
- Fully implementable C++ and Visual Basic code from the Focus on Problem Solving sections
- Retooled objectives to encourage active learning and to align better with Self Checks at the end of each section
- An additional section in Chapter 2 on external documentation
- An appendix of Study Skills guidelines
- A second color to show variables in code examples
- A Glossary of key terms

Organization of the Text

The text is organized to allow ample flexibility in the coverage of topics, as outlined in the Chapter Dependency section. Chapter 0 provides an overview of general computer concepts. Chapters 1 and 2 discuss important issues related to programming and program design, including the steps involved in the program development cycle and structured programming. Chapters 3 and 4 delve into the details of the basic programming control structures: sequence, selection (decisions), and repetition (loops). Chapter 5 focuses on how to use one- and two-dimensional arrays. Chapter 6 explains how to use data files for data manipulation and input.

Chapter Dependency

Chapter 0 may be skipped or assigned as background reading before starting Chapter 1. Chapters 1 through 4 should be covered before the following chapters, but Chapters 3 and 4 are independent of one another and may be taught in either order. Chapters 5 and 6 may also be covered in either order. Figure P.1 is a flowchart showing the interdependence of the chapters.

Figure P.1 Chapter Dependency Chart

Features of the Text

In the Everyday World

Each chapter after Chapter 0 begins with a discussion of how the material in the chapter relates to familiar things, such as “Decisions in the Everyday World.” This material provides an introduction to the chapter, using an ordinary and easily understood topic, and establishes a foundation upon which to present programming concepts.

Making It Work

Making It Work features provide information about how to implement concepts in an actual high-level language such as C++ or Visual Basic. These

boxed features appear throughout the text and are self-contained and optional.

What and Why

Often we conclude an example with a short discussion about what would happen if the program were run, or what would happen if something were changed in the program. These What and Why features help students deepen their understanding of how programs run and they are useful in initiating classroom discussion.

Style Pointers

The concepts of programming style and documentation are introduced in Chapter 2 and emphasized throughout. Style Pointers appear in the text to illustrate when these ideas are discussed.

Focus on Problem Solving

Focus on Problem Solving features present a programming problem, analyze it, design a program to solve it, discuss appropriate coding considerations, and indicate how the program could be tested. In the process, the student not only sees a review of the chapter material, but also works through a programming problem of significant difficulty. Complete implementations of the code from many Focus on Problem Solving sections are available in C++ and Visual Basic on the student support Web site at <http://www.aw.com/cssupport>.

Exercises

The text contains the following diverse selection of exercises:

- **Self Checks** at the end of each section include several questions that test the student's understanding of the material covered in that section (answers are provided on the student support Web site).
- **Review Questions** at the end of each chapter include questions of various types that provide further review of the material covered in the chapter (answers to the odd-numbered questions are provided on the student support Web site; answers to the even-numbered questions are provided on the instructor support Web site).
- **Programming Problems** at the end of each chapter require the student to design programs that use material learned in that chapter

and certain previous chapters (solutions to some Programming Problems are provided on the student support Web site; solutions to most of the Programming Problems are provided on the instructor support Web site).

Study Skills Guidelines Appendix

Nine sets of guidelines to improve student study skills are provided in an appendix. Each set of guidelines has a specific theme; for example, Getting the Most Out of Class, Writing Programs, and Using the Textbook.

Supplements

Student Support Web Site

A variety of supplemental materials is available with the text. The following resources are available for all students at <http://www.aw.com/cssupport>:

- Answers to Self Checks
- Answers to odd-numbered Review Questions
- C++ and Visual Basic implementations for Focus on Problem Solving sections

Instructor's Supplements

The following supplements are available to qualified instructors from Addison-Wesley's Instructor's Resource Center. Please visit <http://www.aw.com/irc> or contact your campus Addison-Wesley representative to register.

- Student support materials
- Answers to even-numbered Review Questions
- Solutions to most Programming Problems
- Testbank
- PowerPoint slides

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