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Preface

In the past there have been two distinct approaches used in introductory computer science texts. One approach focused on problem solving and algorithm design in the abstract, leaving the learning of a particular language to a supplemental manual or to a subsequent course. The second approach focused on the syntax of a particular programming language, and assumed that the problem-solving skills would be learned later through practice.

We believe that neither approach is adequate. Problem solving is a skill that can and should be taught—but not in the abstract. Students must be exposed to the precision and detail required in actually implementing their algorithms in a real programming language.

The introduction to the Preface of the first edition of *Introduction to Pascal and Structured Design* (quoted above) proved to be prophetic as to the direction that computer science education would take. That edition came out in early 1983.

In 1983 the College Board published the description of an advanced placement course in computer science. In 1984 the ACM published the revised recommended curriculum for CS1, the first course in computer science. Both guidelines emphasize problem solving and algorithm design within the context of a block-structured language such as Pascal.

Since the first edition of this book has been widely accepted as a model for textbooks for CS1 and the first section of the AP exam in computer science, the temptation is to make only minimal changes for this second edition. We have resisted that temptation: to succumb would be to betray those students for whom the book was written.

The first edition of *Introduction to Pascal and Structured Design* was the first of a new wave of introductory textbooks. We trust this second edition will also make waves, for it is based on our vision of where computer science education is going: toward more testing, more abstraction, and more attention to the development of control structures and data structures.

Many topics considered advanced are introduced right from the beginning. Loop invariants are introduced as a way to design loops, not verify them. Designing

test data is included as an integral part of the programming process. Data types are defined as a set of values and the operations defined on those values. Parallel decomposition of problem and data structure is introduced with the first structured data types. Control and data abstraction are introduced early and encouraged throughout.

In response to your feedback, we have also included many more exercises and examples, earlier coverage of procedures, and more emphasis on interactive programming.

With all the changes, however, we have kept in mind the pedagogical philosophy that the best examples are those drawn from everyday experience. All problems and examples have been carefully chosen to require only high school algebra.

Organization

The order of presentation has been altered slightly to reflect our own changing view and the view of our colleagues who used the first edition.

Chapter 1 is still designed to create a comfortable rapport between the student and the subject. Most students now take their first course in an interactive programming environment. The discussion of the program entry, compilation, and execution process reflects this change with a shift in orientation toward timesharing systems and personal computers. Because it is still widely used in production environments, batch processing is also discussed.

By the end of Chapter 1 students should have a basic knowledge of what computers are, what programming is, and the mechanics of getting a program to run. The goal of Chapter 2 is to bring students to the point where they can design a simple program of their own. Because this involves so many fundamental concepts, we have chosen to divide the chapter into two parts. The first part introduces the bare minimum necessary to design and write a very simple program. The second part fleshes out the details of Pascal syntax for more complex expressions and output.

The top-down design methodology is a major focus of Chapter 3. Our discussion of the methodology builds on the problem-solving techniques that are introduced in Chapter 2 by providing a concrete framework in which to apply them. Chapter 3 also covers input from fundamental concepts to the finer points of style in writing prompting messages. Files other than Input and Output are introduced at this stage in order to allow instructors to assign programming problems that require the use of sample data files.

Both Chapters 2 and 3 contain discussions of procedures and functions, with an introduction to the basic concepts of subprogram calls, parameter passing, and subprogram libraries. Chapter 3 also relates subprograms to the principles of modular design that are used throughout the text.

Chapters 4 and 5 are devoted to the concepts of flow of control and the logical versus physical ordering of statements. In Chapter 4 we introduce selection with the IF-THEN-ELSE and IF-THEN statements. The concept of nested control structures is also developed in this chapter.

Chapter 5 is devoted to looping structures. As in the first edition, all of the structures are introduced using the syntax of the WHILE statement. Rather than

confuse the student with multiple syntactical structures, our approach is to teach the concepts of looping using only the WHILE. Students are first introduced to the basic loop control strategies and common looping operations. We then present a step-by-step process for designing loops using loop invariants.

Because there are so many new concepts associated with designing and writing user-defined procedures and functions, we have devoted three chapters to this topic. Chapter 6 covers flow of control in procedures, formal and actual parameters, interface design, local variables, and multiple calls to a procedure. Chapter 7 expands the discussion to include value parameters, nested scope, stubs and drivers, and more on interface design. Chapter 8 covers user-defined functions and briefly introduces recursion. Because of the numerical orientation of Chapter 8, we also take the opportunity to discuss the problems of representation and precision associated with Real numbers.

Chapter 9 represents a transition between the control structure orientation of the first half of the book and the abstract data type orientation of the second half. The chapter begins by introducing the first new data type since Chapter 3 (Sets) and ends by covering the remaining “ice cream and cake” control structures in Pascal (CASE, REPEAT, and FOR). Chapter 9 forms a natural ending point for the first quarter of a two-quarter introductory programming course.

In keeping with the increased emphasis on abstraction, simple data types are given a chapter all of their own, Chapter 10. The built-in simple data types are examined in terms of the set of values that variables or constants of that type can contain and the allowable operations on values of that type. Enumerated and subrange types are covered in detail. The functions Pred, Succ, and Ord are defined as Pascal implementations of the corresponding operation on scalar data types. Type compatibility is defined, and anonymous typing is strongly discouraged.

The array data type is introduced in Chapter 11. Arrays are the last big conceptual hurdle for the students to cross: A variable to access another variable? Three case studies and numerous small examples successfully make the jump. Three typical types of array processing are covered in the case studies: using only a portion of the array (subarray processing), using two or more arrays in parallel (parallel arrays), and using indices that have more meaning other than just representing a position (indexes with semantic content).

Chapter 12 represents a radical departure from the first edition. Algorithms that are commonly applied to lists of data are developed and coded as general-purpose Pascal procedures. Strings are described. A concluding Problem Solving in Action applies several of the procedures written in the first part of the chapter to strings to demonstrate the general applicability of the procedures.

Multidimensional arrays are discussed in Chapter 13; records are presented in Chapter 14 along with a lengthy discussion on how to choose an appropriate data structure. Data abstraction is demonstrated by creating an abstract data type Date and several useful operations on dates.

The remaining data types, files and pointers, are discussed in Chapter 15. Pointers are presented as a way to make programs more efficient. The use of pointers to create dynamic data structures is handled in a chapter by itself, Chapter 16. Linked lists in general and linked-list representations of stacks, queues, and binary trees are described briefly.

Chapter 17 deals with recursion. There is no consensus as to the best place to cover recursion. We personally feel that it is a topic that requires more maturity than many first semester students possess. We have included it, however, for two reasons: many instructors have requested it and there are those students for whom recursion seems natural. Although it is the last chapter, the examples are divided into two parts: those that require only simple data types and those that require structured data types. The first part is appropriate after Chapter 8. The second part contains examples from simple arrays to binary trees. These examples could be used singly after the appropriate chapter or as a unit after Chapter 16.

Additional Features

Problem Solving in Action Problem solving is demonstrated using case studies. A problem is presented followed by a discussion of how the problem might be solved by hand. An algorithm is developed using top-down design, and the algorithm is coded in Pascal. Sample test data and output are shown, followed by a discussion of what is involved in thoroughly testing the program.

Goals Goals for each chapter are listed at the beginning of the chapter. These goals are then tested in the end-of-chapter exercises.

Quick Checks At the end of each chapter there are questions to test the student's recall of major points keyed to the appropriate pages. The answers immediately follow in the body of the text.

Exam Preparation Exercises Thought questions to help students prepare for tests are presented. Answers to selected questions from each chapter are in the back of the book. Answers to the remaining questions are in the Instructor's Guide.

Preprogramming Exercises Questions that provide students with experience in writing Pascal code fragments or procedures are given in this section. This allows students to practice the syntactic constructs in each chapter without the overhead of writing a complete program. Solutions to selected questions from each chapter appear in the back of the book; the balance are given in the Instructor's Guide.

Programming Problems Specifications for problems from a wide range of disciplines are included. Students are required to write complete programs.

Supplements

Instructor's Guide Prepared by the authors, the Instructor's Guide includes teaching notes, answers to the balance of the exercises, a carefully worked out solution and discussion to one programming problem per chapter, and an example advanced placement exam question with a sample solution and the actual grading rubrics used by the AP exam graders.

Test Item File Prepared by Tom Parks, the Test Item File includes over 1200 possible test questions. It is available in Archive, a computerized test generator, for the IBM PC.

Compiler Supplements Supplementary booklets are available with compiler-specific information keyed to pages in the text. Three versions are available: MacIntosh™ Pascal, VAX Pascal™, and Turbo Pascal™.

In addition to the elements listed above, the programs in the text are available on disk in either Turbo format or ANSI format. A separate set of transparency masters is available to adopters of the text.

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GOALS

- *To gain an understanding of what a computer program is.*
- *To be able to list the basic steps involved in writing a program.*
- *To be able to define what an algorithm is.*
- *To learn what the major parts of a computer are and how they work together.*
- *To learn the difference between interactive and batch processing.*
- *To learn the difference between hardware and software.*
- *To know what a programming language is.*
- *To understand the compilation and execution processes.*
- *To learn some of the history and features associated with the Pascal programming language.*
- *To learn the steps involved in entering a program into the computer and getting it to run correctly.*

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