

# Computers in Chemistry – Lecture VIII

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## Today's Lecture

- **Programming with Functions**
- Combine FORTRAN statements into a program unit that can be used in similar or different contexts.
- Saves time, makes code easier to read
- Especially useful for complex problems:
  1. Divide the problem into small pieces
  2. write functions and/or subroutines to solve them
  3. put them together in one complete program.

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## 6.2 Functions I

- FORTRAN language provides many *intrinsic*, or *library*, functions.
- Include numeric functions such as `cos()`, `exp()`, `abs()`, etc. shown in Lecture 5 (Table 2-2), as well as character and logical functions.
- For a complete list, see for example <http://www.nsc.liu.se/~boein/f77to90/a5.html>
- Today we would like to add new, user-defined functions

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## 6.2 Functions II

- Functions are written as “**function subprograms**”, which are separate program units with similar syntax to that of a FORTRAN “**program**”:

```
Function heading  
Specification part  
Execution part  
END FUNCTION statement
```

- The function can be contained in the same or a different .f90 file. For simplicity, we will only consider the case where one .f90 source code file contains both **program** and **functions**.

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## 6.2 Functions III

- Function heading is a FUNCTION statement of the form:

```
FUNCTION function-name (formal-argument-list)
```

- Or:

```
type-identifier FUNCTION function-name (formal-argument-list)
```

- “function-name” is a legal Fortran identifier, “formal-argument-list” is an identifier or list (possibly empty, in which case we still need “()”) of identifiers separated by commas, and in the second version, “type-identifier” is the name of a FORTRAN type (integer, real, etc.)

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## 6.2 Functions IV

- Variables in the “formal-argument-list” are called “**formal**” or “**dummy arguments**” and are used to pass information to the function subprogram.
- Note: Different program languages have different default ways of passing information from the main program to the subprogram.
- FORTRAN: “**pass-by-reference**” (use a memory pointer)
- C/C++ and Java: “**pass-by-value**” (the value cannot be changed by the subprogram)

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## 6.2 Functions V

- Specification part of a function subprogram has the same form as that of a regular program. It must declare:
  1. The type of the function value of not declared in the function heading
  2. The type of each formal argument appearing in the “list-of-arguments” as well as variables that appear in the function subprogram
- The execution part of a function subprogram is similar to a regular program, except that it has to include at least one statement:

```
function-name = expression
```

- The last statement of a function subprogram should be:

```
END FUNCTION function-name
```

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## 6.2 Functions VI

- The function value of the function subprogram will be returned to the calling program, when a “RETURN” statement is executed.

RETURN

- Example: download a program to convert temperature from Fahrenheit to Celsius units, temp2.f90, and compile and run it in an X-Windows terminal by:
- cd Downloads
- gfortran -o temp2.x temp2.f90
- ./temp2.x

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## 6.2 Functions VII

- Sample run:

```
$ ./temp2.x
Enter temperature in Fahrenheit:
32
 32.00000 is equivalent to  0.000000 in Celsius
More temperatures to convert (Y/N)?
y
[stephan@hawk ~]$ ./temp2.x
Enter temperature in Fahrenheit:
32
 32.00000 is equivalent to  0.000000 in Celsius
More temperatures to convert (Y/N)?
y
Enter temperature in Fahrenheit:
212
 212.0000 is equivalent to 100.0000 in Celsius
More temperatures to convert (Y/N)?
y
Enter temperature in Fahrenheit:
-22.5
-22.50000 is equivalent to -30.27778 in Celsius
More temperatures to convert (Y/N)?
```

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## 6.2 Functions VIII

- In this program, I have used an “internal” function subprogram, which is included BEFORE the END PROGRAM statement.
- Alternative ways: EXTERNAL function subprogram, temp2ext.f90
- Download, run, and compare the two programs
- NOTES: INTENT(IN) protects the variable from being modified within the function subroutine
- EXTERNAL statement is necessary when using an external function subprogram that appears outside the PROGRAM (within the same .f90 file or within different .f90 files)

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## 6.2 FUNCTIONS IX

- **Task: Write a FORTRAN 90 program containing a real-valued function NumericGrade that accepts a letter grade and returns the corresponding numeric value (A = 4.0, B = 3.0, C = 2.0, D = 1.0, F = 0.0)**

Good luck. This concludes today’s lecture.

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