

# **FORTRAN Functions**

## Syntax

### Form 1

```
type FUNCTION  function-name (arg1, arg2, . . . , argn)
    IMPLICIT  NONE
    [specification part]
    [execution part]
    [subprogram part]
END FUNCTION  function-name
```

### Form 2

```
type FUNCTION  function-name ()
    IMPLICIT  NONE
    [specification part]
    [execution part]
    [subprogram part]
END FUNCTION  function-name
```

# Function Design Guidelines

## 1. Function Header

```
REAL FUNCTION TriangleArea(a, b, c)
```

- (a) A function requires a *name* (`TriangleArea`).
- (b) The arguments, `a`, `b` and `c`, receive information from outside of a function.
- (c) The function uses these argument values to compute a function value, which requires a type (`REAL`).

The arguments are called *formal arguments*.

## 2. Declaring the Arguments

```
REAL, INTENT(IN) :: a, b, c
```

- (a) All arguments **must** be declared with their intents. For functions, using `INTENT(IN)` means that they receive information from outside and *should not* be changed.

## 3. Other Specifications

Do it as if you are writing a program.

## 4. Executable Statements

Do it as if you are writing a program.

## 5. The End of a Function

```
END FUNCTION TriangleArea
```

The last line of a function must be END FUNCTION followed by the function name.

## 6. Function Name as a Special Variable

```
s = (a + b + c)/2.0
```

```
TriangleArea = SQRT(s*(s-a)*(s-b)*(s-c))
```

When reaches END FUNCTION, the *most* recent value stored in the function name is returned. **Never use the function name in the right-hand side of an expression.**

## 7. A Simple Example

```
REAL FUNCTION TriangleArea(a, b, c)
    IMPLICIT NONE
    REAL, INTENT(IN) :: a, b, c
    REAL :: s
    s = (a + b + c)/2.0
    TriangleArea = SQRT(s*(s-a)*(s-b)*(s-c))
END FUNCTION TriangleArea
```

## Function Examples

1. The following computes the sum of the three arguments:

```
INTEGER FUNCTION Sum(a, b, c)
    IMPLICIT NONE

    INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: a, b, c

    Sum = a + b + c
END FUNCTION Sum
```

2. The following returns .TRUE. if the only argument is positive:

```
LOGICAL FUNCTION Positive(a)
    IMPLICIT NONE
    REAL, INTENT(IN) :: a

    IF (a > 0.0) THEN
        Positive = .TRUE.
    ELSE
        Positive = .FALSE.
    END IF
END FUNCTION Positive
```

The following is a shorter version which uses LOGICAL assignment:

```
LOGICAL FUNCTION Positive(a)
    IMPLICIT NONE
    REAL, INTENT(IN) :: a

    Positive = a > 0.0
END FUNCTION Positive
```

3. The following returns the larger root of quadratic equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ :

```
REAL FUNCTION LargerRoot(a, b, c)
    IMPLICIT NONE
    REAL, INTENT(IN) :: a, b, c
    REAL             :: d, r1, r2

    d   = SQRT(b*b - 4.0*a*c)
    r1 = (-b + d) / (2.0*a)
    r2 = (-b - d) / (2.0*a)
    IF (r1 >= r2) THEN
        LargerRoot = r1
    ELSE
        LargerRoot = r2
    END IF
END FUNCTION LargerRoot
```

4. The following computes the factorial of  $n$ :

```
INTEGER FUNCTION Factorial(n)
    IMPLICIT NONE
    INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: n
    INTEGER             :: i, Ans

    Ans = 1
    DO i = 1, n
        Ans = Ans * i
    END DO
    Factorial = Ans
END FUNCTION
```

5. What is wrong with the following version?

```
INTEGER FUNCTION Factorial(n)
    IMPLICIT NONE

    INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: n
    INTEGER             :: i

    Factorial = 1
    DO i = 1, n
        Factorial = Factorial * i
    END DO
END FUNCTION
```

6. The following function reads in and returns a positive number. Note that this function does not have argument.

```
REAL FUNCTION GetNumber()
    IMPLICIT NONE

    DO
        WRITE(*,*)    'A positive real number: '
        READ(*,*)    GetNumber
        IF (GetNumber > 0.0) EXIT
        WRITE(*,*)    'ERROR. Try again.'
    END DO
    WRITE(*,*)
END FUNCTION GetNumber
```

# Common Problems

## 1. Forget the Type of a Function: *BAD*

```
FUNCTION DoSomething(a, b)
    IMPLICIT NONE

    INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: a, b

    DoSomething = SQRT(a*a + b*b)
END FUNCTION DoSomething
```

## 2. Forget INTENT(IN): *BAD*

```
REAL FUNCTION DoSomething(a, b)
    IMPLICIT NONE

    INTEGER :: a, b

    DoSomething = SQRT(a*a + b*b)
END FUNCTION DoSomething
```

3. Change the value of a formal argument declared with INTENT(IN): ERROR

```
REAL FUNCTION DoSomething(a, b)
IMPLICIT NONE

INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: a, b

IF (a > b) THEN
    a = a - b
ELSE
    a = a + b
END IF
DoSomething = SQRT(a*a + b*b)
END FUNCTION DoSomething
```

4. Forget to store a value to the function name:  
BAD and INCORRECT

```
REAL FUNCTION DoSomething(a, b)
IMPLICIT NONE

INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: a, b
INTEGER             :: c

c = SQRT(a*a + b*b)
END FUNCTION DoSomething
```

5. Function name is used in the right-hand side  
of an expression: *ERROR*

```
REAL FUNCTION DoSomething(a, b)  
IMPLICIT NONE
```

```
INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: a, b
```

```
DoSomething = a*a + b*b
```

```
DoSomething = SQRT(DoSomething)
```

```
END FUNCTION DoSomething
```

# Where Do My Functions Go?

There are two types of functions: *internal* and *external*. Internal functions are part of the main program as follows:

```
PROGRAM main
    IMPLICIT NONE
    .....
CONTAINS
    INTEGER FUNCTION Sum(...)
        IMPLICIT NONE
        .....
    END FUNCTION Sum

    REAL FUNCTION Average(...)
        IMPLICIT NONE
        .....
    END PFUNCTION Average
END PROGRAM main
```

# An Example

```
PROGRAM TwoFunctions
    IMPLICIT NONE
    INTEGER :: a, b, BiggerOne
    REAL :: GeometricMean

    READ(*,*) a, b
    BiggerOne = Large(a,b)
    GeometricMean = GeoMean(a,b)
    WRITE(*,*) BiggerOne, GeometricMean

CONTAINS
    INTEGER FUNCTION Large(a, b)
        IMPLICIT NONE
        INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: a, b
        IF (a >= b) THEN
            Large = a
        ELSE
            Large = b
        END IF
    END FUNCTION Large

    REAL FUNCTION GeoMean(a, b)
        IMPLICIT NONE
        INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: a, b
        GeoMean = SQRT(REAL(a*b))
    END FUNCTION GeoMean
END PROGRAM TwoFunctions
```

# How to Use Functions?

1. Use it as if you are using `SIN(x)`, `LOG(x)`, etc.  
Functions can be used in expressions and `WRITE(*,*)`.  
The arguments are called  
actual arguments.

PROGRAM Example

```
IMPLICIT NONE
INTEGER :: a, b, c
READ(*,*) a, b
c = Sum(a, b)
WRITE(*,*) c
WRITE(*,*) Sum(a, c)
.....
```

CONTAINS

```
INTEGER FUNCTION Sum(x, y)
IMPLICIT NONE
INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: x, y
Sum = x + y
END FUNCTION Sum
```

END PROGRAM Example

2. The types of corresponding actual and formal arguments must be *identical*:

```
PROGRAM Example
    IMPLICIT NONE
    INTEGER :: a, b
    REAL      :: p, q
    READ(*,*) a, b, p, q
    c = Sum(a, p)
    .....
CONTAINS
    INTEGER FUNCTION Sum(x, y)
        IMPLICIT NONE
        INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: x, y
        Sum = x + y
    END FUNCTION Sum
END PROGRAM Example
```

3. The number of actual and formal arguments must be equal:

```
PROGRAM Example
    IMPLICIT NONE
    INTEGER :: a, b, c, d
    .....
    d = Sum(a, b, c)
    .....
CONTAINS
    INTEGER FUNCTION Sum(x, y)
        IMPLICIT NONE
        INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: x, y
        Sum = x + y
    END FUNCTION Sum
END PROGRAM Example
```

# Argument Association

1. In the use of a function (*i.e.*, function call), if an actual argument is an expression, it is evaluated and the result is saved to a temporary location and the value stored there is passed to the corresponding formal argument.
2. If an actual argument is a constant, it is considered as an expression. Thus, its value is saved to a temporary location and the value stored there is passed.
3. If an actual argument is a variable, its value is passed to the formal argument directly.
4. If a formal argument is declared with **INTENT(IN)**, its value is supposed to be “passed-in” and cannot be changed.
5. Consequently, if a formal argument is declared *without* **INTENT(IN)**, then its value may be changed in that function.

# Argument Association Examples – Part 1

```
INTEGER :: a, b, c
a = 10
b = 5
c = 13
WRITE(*,*) Small(a,b,c)
WRITE(*,*) Small(a+b,b+c,c)
WRITE(*,*) Small(1, 5, 3)
WRITE(*,*) Small((a),(b),(c))
```

```
INTEGER FUNCTION Small(x, y, z)
IMPLICIT NONE
INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: x, y, z
IF (x <= y .AND. x <= z) THEN
    Small = x
ELSE IF (y <= x .AND. y <= z) THEN
    Small = y
ELSE
    Small = z
END IF
END FUNCTION Small
```

WRITE(\*,\*) Small(a,b,c)

+-----+	+-----+	+-----+
a	b	c
+-----+	+-----+	+-----+
V	V	V
+-----+	+-----+	+-----+
x	y	z
+-----+	+-----+	+-----+

# Argument Association Examples – Part 2

```

INTEGER :: a, b, c
a = 10
b = 5
c = 13
WRITE(*,*) Small(a,b,c)
WRITE(*,*) Small(a+b,b+c,c)
WRITE(*,*) Small(1, 5, 3)
WRITE(*,*) Small((a),(b),(c))

```

```

INTEGER FUNCTION Small(x, y, z)
IMPLICIT NONE
INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: x, y, z
IF (x <= y .AND. x <= z) THEN
    Small = x
ELSE IF (y <= x .AND. y <= z) THEN
    Small = y
ELSE
    Small = z
END IF
END FUNCTION Small

```

## Small(a+b,b+c,c)

temp L.	temp L.	temp L. = temporary location
+----+	+----+	+----+
a+b	b+c	c
+----+	+----+	+----+
V	V	V
+----+	+----+	+----+
x	y	z
+----+	+----+	+----+

# Argument Association Examples – Part 3

```
INTEGER :: a, b, c  
  
a = 10  
b = 5  
c = 13  
WRITE(*,*) Small(a,b,c)  
WRITE(*,*) Small(a+b,b+c,c)  
WRITE(*,*) Small(1, 5, 3)  
WRITE(*,*) Small((a),(b),(c))
```

```
INTEGER FUNCTION Small(x, y, z)  
IMPLICIT NONE  
INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: x, y, z  
  
IF (x <= y .AND. x <= z) THEN  
    Small = x  
ELSE IF (y <= x .AND. y <= z) THEN  
    Small = y  
ELSE  
    Small = z  
END IF  
END FUNCTION Small
```

Small(1, 5, 3)

temp L.	temp L.	temp L.	temp L. = temporary location
+-----+	+-----+	+-----+	
1	5	3	
+-----+	+-----+	+-----+	
V	V	V	
+-----+	+-----+	+-----+	
x	y	z	
+-----+	+-----+	+-----+	

# Argument Association Examples – Part 4

```
INTEGER :: a, b, c
a = 10
b = 5
c = 13
WRITE(*,*) Small(a,b,c)
WRITE(*,*) Small(a+b,b+c,c)
WRITE(*,*) Small(1, 5, 3)
WRITE(*,*) Small((a),(b),(c))
```

```
INTEGER FUNCTION Small(x, y, z)
IMPLICIT NONE
INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: x, y, z
IF (x <= y .AND. x <= z) THEN
    Small = x
ELSE IF (y <= x .AND. y <= z) THEN
    Small = y
ELSE
    Small = z
END IF
END FUNCTION Small
```

Small(1, 5, 3)

temp L.	temp L.	temp L.	temp L. = temporary location
+-----+	+-----+	+-----+	
(a)	(b)	(c)	
+-----+	+-----+	+-----+	
V	V	V	
+-----+	+-----+	+-----+	
x	y	z	
+-----+	+-----+	+-----+	

# Scope Rules – 1

The scope of an entity is the program or function in which it is declared. It is local to that program or function.

```
PROGRAM Scope_1
    IMPLICIT NONE
    REAL, PARAMETER :: PI = 3.1415926
    INTEGER          :: m, n
    .....
CONTAINS
    INTEGER FUNCTION Funct1(k)
        IMPLICIT NONE
        INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: k
        REAL              :: f, g
        .....
    END FUNCTION Funct1

    REAL FUNCTION Funct2(u, v)
        IMPLICIT NONE
        REAL, INTENT(IN) :: u, v
        .....
    END FUNCTION Funct2
END PROGRAM Scope_1
```

- Variables **k**, **f** and **g** are local to function **Funct1()**. Their scope is function **Funct1()**.
- Variables **u** and **v** are local to function **Funct2()**. Their scope is function **Funct2()**
- Variables **m** and **n** and **PI** are local to the main program.

## Scope Rules – 2

A global entity is visible to all contained functions, including the functions in which that entity is declared.

```
PROGRAM Scope_2
    IMPLICIT NONE
    INTEGER :: a = 1, b = 2, c = 3

    WRITE(*,*) Add(a)
    c = 4
    WRITE(*,*) Add(a)
    WRITE(*,*) Mul(b,c)

CONTAINS
    INTEGER FUNCTION Add(q)
        IMPLICIT NONE
        INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: q
        Add = q + c
    END FUNCTION Add

    INTEGER FUNCTION Mul(x, y)
        IMPLICIT NONE
        INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: x, y
        Mul = x * y
    END FUNCTION Mul
END PROGRAM Scope_2
```

- Variables **a**, **b** and **c** are global to function **Add()** and **Mul()**.
- Variable **c** in **Add()** is the **c** declared in the main program.
- What values are displayed with the three **WRITES**? 4, 5 and 8.
- This is called *side effect*. If it is possible, avoid using global variables.

## Scope Rules – 3

An entity declared in the scope of another entity is always a different entity even if their names are identical.

```
PROGRAM Scope_3
    IMPLICIT NONE
    INTEGER :: i, Max = 5

    DO i = 1, Max
        Write(*,*) Sum(i)
    END DO

CONTAINS

    INTEGER FUNCTION Sum(n)
        IMPLICIT NONE
        INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: n
        INTEGER             :: i, s
        s = 0
        DO i = 1, n
            s = s + i
        END DO
        Sum = s
    END FUNCTION Sum
END PROGRAM Scope_3
```

- Variable **i** declared in the program has a scope of the program.
- Variable **i** declared in **Sum()** has a scope of function **Sum()**.
- Since variable **i** of **Sum()** is declared in the scope of **i** in the main program, it is a totally different entity. In function **Sum()**, when **i** is used, it always refers to the **i** declared in **Sum()** rather than the one declared in the main program.

Compute the cubes of 1, 2, 3, ..., 10 in both INTEGER and REAL types.

```
PROGRAM Cubes
    IMPLICIT NONE
    INTEGER, PARAMETER :: Iterations = 10
    INTEGER             :: i
    REAL                :: x
    DO i = 1, Iterations
        x = i
        WRITE(*,*) i, x, intCube(i), realCube(x)
    END DO

CONTAINS
    INTEGER FUNCTION intCube(Number)
        IMPLICIT NONE
        INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: Number
        intCube = Number*Number*Number
    END FUNCTION intCube

    REAL FUNCTION realCube(Number)
        IMPLICIT NONE
        REAL, INTENT(IN) :: Number
        realCube = Number*Number*Number
    END FUNCTION realCube
END PROGRAM Cubes
```

## Cm and Inch conversion.

```
PROGRAM Conversion
    IMPLICIT NONE
    REAL, PARAMETER :: Initial = 0.0, Final = 10.0
    REAL, PARAMETER :: Step = 0.5
    REAL             :: x
    x = Initial
    DO
        IF (x > Final) EXIT
        WRITE(*,*) x, 'cm = ', Cm_to_Inch(x), 'inch and ', &
                    x, 'inch = ', Inch_to_Cm(x), 'cm'
        x = x + Step
    END DO
CONTAINS
    REAL FUNCTION Cm_to_Inch(cm)
        IMPLICIT NONE
        REAL, INTENT(IN) :: cm
        REAL, PARAMETER :: To_Inch = 0.3937
        Cm_to_Inch = To_Inch * cm
    END FUNCTION Cm_to_Inch

    REAL FUNCTION Inch_to_Cm(inch)
        IMPLICIT NONE
        REAL, INTENT(IN) :: inch
        REAL, PARAMETER :: To_Cm = 2.54
        Inch_to_Cm = To_Cm * inch
    END FUNCTION Inch_to_Cm
END PROGRAM Conversion
```

## Triangle Area.

```
PROGRAM HeronFormula
    IMPLICIT NONE
    REAL :: a, b, c, TriangleArea

    DO
        WRITE(*,*) 'Three sides of a triangle please --> '
        READ(*,*) a, b, c
        WRITE(*,*) 'Input sides are ', a, b, c
        IF (TriangleTest(a, b, c)) EXIT ! exit if not a triangle
        WRITE(*,*) 'Your input CANNOT form a triangle. Try again'
    END DO

    TriangleArea = Area(a, b, c)
    WRITE(*,*) 'Triangle area is ', TriangleArea

CONTAINS

    LOGICAL FUNCTION TriangleTest(a, b, c)
        IMPLICIT NONE
        REAL, INTENT(IN) :: a, b, c
        LOGICAL           :: test1, test2
        test1 = (a > 0.0) .AND. (b > 0.0) .AND. (c > 0.0)
        test2 = (a + b > c) .AND. (a + c > b) .AND. (b + c > a)
        TriangleTest = test1 .AND. test2 ! both must be .TRUE.
    END FUNCTION TriangleTest

    REAL FUNCTION Area(a, b, c)
        IMPLICIT NONE
        REAL, INTENT(IN) :: a, b, c
        REAL             :: s
        s    = (a + b + c) / 2.0
        Area = SQRT(s*(s-a)*(s-b)*(s-c))
    END FUNCTION Area
END PROGRAM HeronFormula
```

## Newton's Method for Finding Square Root.

```
PROGRAM SquareRoot
    IMPLICIT NONE
    REAL :: Begin, End, Step
    REAL :: x, SQRTx, MySQRTx, Error
    READ(*,*) Begin, End, Step
    x = Begin
    DO
        IF (x > End) EXIT
        SQRTx = SQRT(x)
        MySQRTx = MySqrt(x)
        Error = ABS(SQRTx - MySQRTx)
        WRITE(*,*) x, SQRTx, MySQRTx, Error
        x = x + Step
    END DO

CONTAINS
    REAL FUNCTION MySqrt(Input)
        IMPLICIT NONE
        REAL, INTENT(IN) :: Input
        REAL :: X, NewX
        REAL, PARAMETER :: Tolerance = 0.00001
        IF (Input == 0.0) THEN
            MySqrt = 0.0
        ELSE
            X = ABS(Input)
            DO
                NewX = 0.5*(X + Input/X)
                IF (ABS(X - NewX) < Tolerance) EXIT
                X = NewX
            END DO
            MySqrt = NewX
        END IF
    END FUNCTION MySqrt
END PROGRAM SquareRoot
```

## Greatest Common Divisor – GCD.

```
PROGRAM GreatestCommonDivisor
    IMPLICIT NONE
    INTEGER :: a, b

    WRITE(*,*) 'Two positive integers please --> '
    READ(*,*) a, b
    WRITE(*,*) 'The GCD of is ', GCD(a, b)
```

CONTAINS

```
INTEGER FUNCTION GCD(x, y)
    IMPLICIT NONE
    INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: x, y
    INTEGER :: a, b, c

    a = x
    b = y
    IF (a <= b) THEN
        c = a
        a = b
        b = c
    END IF

    DO
        c = MOD(a, b)
        IF (c == 0) EXIT
        a = b
        b = c
    END DO

    GCD = b
END FUNCTION GCD
END PROGRAM GreatestCommonDivisor
```

# What is a Module?

## Syntax

```
MODULE module-name
    IMPLICIT NONE
    [specification part]
CONTAINS
    [internal-functions]
END MODULE module-name
```

1. The structure of a module is almost identical to the structure of a program.
2. A module starts with the keyword **MODULE** and ends with **END MODULE**.
3. A module **does not** have any executable statements.
4. As a result, a module cannot exist alone; it must be used with other modules and a main program.

# Short Examples

1. A module only contains declarations

```
MODULE SomeConstants
    IMPLICIT NONE
    REAL, PARAMETER :: PI = 3.1415926
    REAL, PARAMETER :: g = 980
    INTEGER          :: Counter
END MODULE SomeConstants
```

2. A module only contains internal functions

```
MODULE SumAverage
    CONTAINS
        REAL FUNCTION Sum(a, b, c)
            IMPLICIT NONE
            REAL, INTENT(IN) :: a, b, c
            Sum = a + b + c
        END FUNCTION Sum

        REAL FUNCTION Average(a, b, c)
            IMPLICIT NONE
            REAL, INTENT(IN) :: a, b, c
            Average = Sum(a,b,c)/2.0
        END FUNCTION Average
END MODULE SumAverage
```

3. A module only contains declarations and internal functions

```
MODULE DegreeRadianConversion
    IMPLICIT NONE
    REAL, PARAMETER :: PI = 3.1415926
    REAL, PARAMETER :: Degree180 = 180.0

    REAL FUNCTION DegreeToRadian(Degree)
        IMPLICIT NONE
        REAL, INTENT(IN) :: Degree
        DegreeToRadian = Degree*PI/Degree180
    END FUNCTION DegreeToRadian

    REAL FUNCTION RadianToDegree(radian)
        IMPLICIT NONE
        REAL, INTENT(IN) :: Radian
        RadianToDegree = Radian*Degree180/PI
    END FUNCTION RadianToDegree
END MODULE DegreeRadianConversion
```

# How to Use a Module?

In any program or module, if you want to use a name or a function declared in a module, do the following:

## Syntax

```
USE module-name
```

```
USE module-name, ONLY: name-1, name-2, ..., name-n
```

1. The main program can use **PARAMETERs PI** and **g**, and **INTEGER** variable **Counter**. That is, everything declared in module **SomeContents** can be used by the main program.

```
PROGRAM MainProgram
  USE SomeConstants
  IMPLICIT NONE
  .....
END PROGRAM MainProgram
```

```
MODULE SomeConstants
  IMPLICIT NONE
  REAL, PARAMETER :: PI = 3.1415926
  REAL, PARAMETER :: g = 980
  INTEGER          :: Counter
END MODULE SomeConstants
```

2. The main program can use only part of the module. In the following example, the main program only wants to use **PARAMETER PI** and **INTEGER** variable **Counter** of the module. Thus, in any place of the main program, **g** cannot be accessed.

```
MODULE SomeConstants
    IMPLICIT NONE
    REAL, PARAMETER :: PI = 3.1415926
    REAL, PARAMETER :: g = 980
    INTEGER          :: Counter
END MODULE SomeConstants
```

---

```
PROGRAM MainProgram
    USE SomeConstants, ONLY: PI, Counter
    IMPLICIT NONE
    .....
END PROGRAM MainProgram
```

# How to Compile Programs with Modules?

- Normally, your main program and modules are in separate files. Suppose your main program is in file `main.f90` and it needs to use modules in files `a.f90`, `b.f90`, `c.f90` and `d.f90`. The following command compiles your files and generates `a.out`:

```
f90 a.f90 b.f90 c.f90 d.f90 main.f90
```

If you want the executable to be named `main`

```
f90 a.f90 b.f90 c.f90 d.f90 main.f90 -o main
```

- The order of module files sometimes is important. You should **list module files that do not use any other modules first, followed by the modules use them and so on, followed by your main program.** If `c.f90` uses `a.f90`, `b.f90` uses `a.f90`, and `d.f90` uses `b.f90`, then use the following:

```
f90 a.f90 b.f90 c.f90 d.f90 main.f90 -o main
```

However, the following is also good:

```
f90 a.f90 c.f90 b.f90 d.f90 main.f90 -o main
```

## Factorial and Combinatorial Coefficients – Module in file fact-m.f90

```
MODULE FactorialModule
    IMPLICIT NONE

CONTAINS

    INTEGER FUNCTION Factorial(n)
        IMPLICIT NONE
        INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: n
        INTEGER             :: Fact, i

        Fact = 1
        DO i = 1, n
            Fact = Fact * i
        END DO
        Factorial = Fact
    END FUNCTION Factorial

    INTEGER FUNCTION Combinatorial(n, r)
        IMPLICIT NONE
        INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: n, r
        INTEGER             :: Cnr

        IF (0 <= r .AND. r <= n) THEN
            Cnr = Factorial(n) / (Factorial(r)*Factorial(n-r))
        ELSE
            Cnr = 0
        END IF
        Combinatorial = Cnr
    END FUNCTION Combinatorial
END MODULE FactorialModule
```

## Factorial and Combinatorial Coefficients – Main in file main.f90

```
PROGRAM ComputeFactorial
  USE FactorialModule

  IMPLICIT NONE

  INTEGER :: N, R

  WRITE(*,*)  'Two non-negative integers --> '
  READ(*,*)  N, R

  WRITE(*,*)  N,    '! = ', Factorial(N)
  WRITE(*,*)  R,    '! = ', Factorial(R)

  IF (R <= N) THEN
    WRITE(*,*)  'C( , N, , , R, ) = ', Combinatorial(N, R)
  ELSE
    WRITE(*,*)  'C( , R, , , N, ) = ', Combinatorial(R, N)
  END IF

END PROGRAM ComputeFactorial
```

Compile:

```
f90 fact-m.f90 main.f90
```

## Trigonometric Functions Using Degrees – Module in file trigon.f90

```
MODULE MyTrigonometricFunctions
    IMPLICIT NONE
    REAL, PARAMETER :: PI      = 3.1415926
    REAL, PARAMETER :: Degree180 = 180.0
    REAL, PARAMETER :: R_to_D   = Degree180/PI
    REAL, PARAMETER :: D_to_R   = PI/Degree180

CONTAINS
    REAL FUNCTION RadianToDegree(Radian)
        IMPLICIT NONE
        REAL, INTENT(IN) :: Radian
        RadianToDegree = Radian * R_to_D
    END FUNCTION RadianToDegree

    REAL FUNCTION DegreeToRadian(Degree)
        IMPLICIT NONE
        REAL, INTENT(IN) :: Degree
        DegreeToRadian = Degree * D_to_R
    END FUNCTION DegreeToRadian

    REAL FUNCTION MySIN(x)
        IMPLICIT NONE
        REAL, INTENT(IN) :: x
        MySIN = SIN(DegreeToRadian(x))
    END FUNCTION MySIN

    REAL FUNCTION MyCOS(x)
        IMPLICIT NONE
        REAL, INTENT(IN) :: x
        MyCOS = COS(DegreeToRadian(x))
    END FUNCTION MyCOS
END MODULE MyTrigonometricFunctions
```

## Trigonometric Functions Using Degrees – Main in file test.f90

```
PROGRAM TrigonFunctTest
  USE MyTrigonometricFunctions

  IMPLICIT NONE

  REAL :: Begin = -180.0
  REAL :: Final = 180.0
  REAL :: Step = 10.0
  REAL :: x

  WRITE(*,*) 'Value of PI = ', PI
  WRITE(*,*)
  x = Begin
  DO
    IF (x > Final) EXIT
    WRITE(*,*) 'x = ', x, 'deg sin(x) = ', MySIN(x), &
               'cos(x) = ', MyCOS(x)
    x = x + Step
  END DO

END PROGRAM TrigonFunctTest
```

Compile:

```
f90 trigon.f90 test.f90 -o test
```

# A Little Privacy: PRIVATE and PUBLIC

## Syntax

```
PUBLIC  :: name-1, name-2, ..., name-n  
PRIVATE :: name-1, name-2, ..., name-n
```

1. In the following, `SkyWalker` and `Princess` are public. By default, `DeathStar` and `WeaponPower` are also public.
2. `VolumeOfDeathStar`, `SecretConstant` and `BlackKnight` are private.

```
MODULE TheForce  
    IMPLICIT NONE  
    INTEGER :: Skywalker, Princess  
    REAL :: BlackKnight  
    LOGICAL :: DeathStar  
    REAL, PARAMETER :: SecretConstant = 0.123456  
    PUBLIC :: Skywalker, Princess  
    PRIVATE :: VolumeOfDeathStar  
    PRIVATE :: SecretConstant, BlackKnight  
CONTAINS  
    INTEGER FUNCTION VolumeOfDeathStar()  
        .....  
    END FUNCTION VolumeOfDeathStar  
  
    REAL FUNCTION WeaponPower(SomeWeapon)  
        .....  
    END FUNCTION  
END MODULE TheForce
```

## Trigonometric Functions Using Degrees – Module in file trigon2.f90

```
MODULE MyTrigonometricFunctions
    IMPLICIT NONE
    REAL, PARAMETER :: PI      = 3.1415926
    REAL, PARAMETER :: Degree180 = 180.0
    REAL, PARAMETER :: R_to_D   = Degree180/PI
    REAL, PARAMETER :: D_to_R   = PI/Degree180

    PRIVATE          :: Degree180, R_to_D, D_to_R
    PRIVATE          :: RadianToDegree, DegreeToRadian
    PUBLIC          :: MySIN, MyCOS
CONTAINS
    REAL FUNCTION RadianToDegree(Radian)
        IMPLICIT NONE
        REAL, INTENT(IN) :: Radian
        RadianToDegree = Radian * R_to_D
    END FUNCTION RadianToDegree
    REAL FUNCTION DegreeToRadian(Degree)
        IMPLICIT NONE
        REAL, INTENT(IN) :: Degree
        DegreeToRadian = Degree * D_to_R
    END FUNCTION DegreeToRadian
    REAL FUNCTION MySIN(x)
        IMPLICIT NONE
        REAL, INTENT(IN) :: x
        MySIN = SIN(DegreeToRadian(x))
    END FUNCTION MySIN
    REAL FUNCTION MyCOS(x)
        IMPLICIT NONE
        REAL, INTENT(IN) :: x
        MyCOS = COS(DegreeToRadian(x))
    END FUNCTION MyCOS
END MODULE MyTrigonometricFunctions
```

## Trigonometric Functions Using Degrees – Main in file test.f90

```
PROGRAM TrigonFunctTest
  USE MyTrigonometricFunctions

  IMPLICIT NONE

  REAL :: Begin = -180.0
  REAL :: Final = 180.0
  REAL :: Step = 10.0
  REAL :: x

  WRITE(*,*) 'Value of PI = ', PI
  WRITE(*,*)
  x = Begin
  DO
    IF (x > Final) EXIT
    WRITE(*,*) 'x = ', x, 'deg sin(x) = ', MySIN(x), &
               'cos(x) = ', MyCOS(x)
    x = x + Step
  END DO

END PROGRAM TrigonFunctTest
```

Compile:

```
f90 trigon2.f90 test.f90 -o test
```

# Interface Block

Functions do not have to be internal to a main program or a module. They can be stand-alone (*i.e.*, not containing in any program or module). In this case, the function/program that uses a function must have an INTERFACE block.

## Syntax

```
INTERFACE
    type FUNCTION name(arg-1, arg-2, ..., arg-n)
        type, INTENT(IN) :: arg-1
        type, INTENT(IN) :: arg-2
        .....
        type, INTENT(IN) :: arg-n
    END FUNCTION name
    .....
    ..... other functions .....
END INTERFACE
```

1. The INTERFACE block starts with INTERFACE and ends with END BLOCK.
2. In the block, it contains one or more function headers and their declarations. Note that only the declarations of the formal arguments are required.

# Short Examples

Suppose the following are external functions:

```
INTEGER FUNCTION Coin(value)
    IMPLICIT NONE
    INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: value
    .....
END FUNCTION Coin

REAL FUNCTION Volume(a, b, c)
    IMPLICIT NONE
    REAL, INTENT(IN) :: a, b, c
    .....
END FUNCTION Volume
```

The INTERFACE block is:

```
INTERFACE
    INTEGER FUNCTION Coin(value)
        INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: value
    END FUNCTION Coin

    REAL FUNCTION Volume(a, b, c)
        REAL, INTENT(IN) :: a, b, c
    END FUNCTION Volume
END INTERFACE
```

If only function Volume() is used, then:

```
INTERFACE
    REAL FUNCTION Volume(a, b, c)
        REAL, INTENT(IN) :: a, b, c
    END FUNCTION Volume
END INTERFACE
```

# Where Does the Interface Block Go?

**Answer:** after IMPLICIT NONE

```
PROGRAM CoinVolume
    IMPLICIT NONE

    INTERFACE
        INTEGER FUNCTION Coin(value)
            INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: value
        END FUNCTION Coin

        REAL FUNCTION Volume(a, b, c)
            REAL, INTENT(IN) :: a, b, c
        END FUNCTION Volume
    END INTERFACE

    ..... other specification statements .....
    ....... executable statements .....
END PROGRAM CoinVolume
```

Note that functions `Coin()` and `Volume()` can be in the same file of the main program or in a separate file. If they are in a separate file, say `funct.f90`, use the following to compile your program:

```
f90 funct.f90 main.f90
```

## Cm and Inch Conversion

```
PROGRAM Conversion
    IMPLICIT NONE
    INTERFACE
        REAL FUNCTION Cm_to_Inch(cm)
            REAL, INTENT(IN) :: cm
        END FUNCTION Cm_to_Inch
        REAL FUNCTION Inch_to_Cm(inch)
            REAL, INTENT(IN) :: inch
        END FUNCTION Inch_to_Cm
    END INTERFACE
    REAL, PARAMETER :: Initial = 0.0, Final = 10.0, Step = 0.5
    REAL :: x
    x = Initial
    DO
        IF (x > Final) EXIT
        WRITE(*,*) x, 'cm = ', Cm_to_Inch(x), 'inch and ', &
                   x, 'inch = ', Inch_to_Cm(x), 'cm'
        x = x + Step
    END DO
END PROGRAM Conversion

REAL FUNCTION Cm_to_Inch(cm)
    IMPLICIT NONE
    REAL, INTENT(IN) :: cm
    REAL, PARAMETER :: To_Inch = 0.3937
    Cm_to_Inch = To_Inch * cm
END FUNCTION Cm_to_Inch

REAL FUNCTION Inch_to_Cm(inch)
    IMPLICIT NONE
    REAL, INTENT(IN) :: inch
    REAL, PARAMETER :: To_Cm = 2.54
    Inch_to_Cm = To_Cm * inch
END FUNCTION Inch_to_Cm
```

## Triangle Area

```
PROGRAM HeronFormula
    IMPLICIT NONE
    INTERFACE
        LOGICAL FUNCTION TriangleTest(a, b, c)
            REAL, INTENT(IN) :: a, b, c
        END FUNCTION TriangleTest
        REAL FUNCTION Area(a, b, c)
            REAL, INTENT(IN) :: a, b, c
        END FUNCTION Area
    END INTERFACE
    REAL :: a, b, c, TriangleArea
    DO
        READ(*,*) a, b, c
        IF (TriangleTest(a, b, c)) EXIT
        WRITE(*,*) 'Your input CANNOT form a triangle. Try again'
    END DO
    TriangleArea = Area(a, b, c)
    WRITE(*,*) 'Triangle area is ', TriangleArea
END PROGRAM HeronFormula
LOGICAL FUNCTION TriangleTest(a, b, c)
    IMPLICIT NONE
    REAL, INTENT(IN) :: a, b, c
    LOGICAL :: test1, test2
    test1 = (a > 0.0) .AND. (b > 0.0) .AND. (c > 0.0)
    test2 = (a + b > c) .AND. (a + c > b) .AND. (b + c > a)
    TriangleTest = test1 .AND. test2
END FUNCTION TriangleTest
REAL FUNCTION Area(a, b, c)
    IMPLICIT NONE
    REAL, INTENT(IN) :: a, b, c
    REAL :: s
    s = (a + b + c) / 2.0
    Area = SQRT(s*(s-a)*(s-b)*(s-c))
END FUNCTION Area
```