A290 – Tools for Computing

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What do we need to learn in order to write computer programs?

- Fundamental programming constructs:
  - Variables,
  - Arithmetic operators,
  - Input and output
  - Conditionals,
  - Loops,
  - Procedures and functions,
  - Arrays,
  - Structures, classes and objects,
  - Files
Procedures

- Syntax:

  **Private Sub**  `procedureName([OptionalParameterList])`

  [Statements]

  **End Sub**
Procedure calls:

- No parameter needed
- Specification of work
- Architectural drawing
- Room number
- House location
Procedures **without** Parameters:

- Example:

  ```vbnet
  Private Sub DisplayMessage1()
      Console.WriteLine("Hello World")
  End Sub
  ```

  Note: This procedure has **no parameters**.
Passing Parameters to a Procedure

- Parameters can be sent to a procedure either *By Value* or *By Reference*.

- **Pass By Value** is used if the sub-program has **no reason to modify** the content of the parameter.

- **Pass By Reference** is used if the sub-program is **expected to modify** the content of the parameter.
Passing parameters **By Value**:  

Example:

```
Private Sub DisplayMessage2(ByVal Message As String)
    Console.WriteLine(Message)
End Sub

Sub Main()
    DisplayMessage2("hello") 'Pass by value
End Sub
```

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A complete program (Pass By Value)

Option Explicit On
Option Strict On

Module Module1

Sub Main()

Dim Name, Age As String
Name = "John"
Age = "20"

DisplayUserInfo(Name, Age)  'Pass by Value

End Sub

Private Sub DisplayUserInfo(ByVal strName As String, ByVal strAge As String)
Console.WriteLine("Your name is: \
Console.WriteLine("Your age is: \
End Sub

End Module
Passing Parameters **By Reference**:

- This sub procedure will read the "**User's Name**", and pass it back to the calling module.

```vbnet
Private Sub GetUserName(ByRef strName As String)
    Console.Write("Enter your name: ")
    strName = Console.ReadLine()
End Sub
```

```vbnet
Sub Main()
    Dim Name As String
    GetUserName(Name) 'Pass by Reference
    Console.WriteLine("Name = ", Name)
End Sub
```

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Private Sub GetUserName(ByVal strName As String)
    Console.Write("Enter your name: ")
    strName = Console.ReadLine()
End Sub
```

```vbnet
Sub Main()
    Dim Name As String
    GetUserName(Name) 'Pass by Reference
    Console.WriteLine("Name = " & Name)
End Sub
```

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Passing Parameters **By Reference**:

- This sub procedure will read the "**User’s Name**", and pass it back to the calling module.

```vbnet
Private Sub GetUserNum([ByRef] strName As String)
    Console.WriteLine("Enter your name: ")
    strName = Console.ReadLine()
End Sub
```

```vbnet
Sub Main()
    Dim Name As String
    GetUserNum(Name) 'Pass by Reference
    Console.WriteLine("Name = \"{0}\", Name)
End Sub
```

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A complete program (Pass By Reference)

Option Explicit On
Option Strict On

Module Module1

    Sub Main()
        Dim Name, Age As String
        Name = ""
        Age = ""

        GetUserInfo(Name, Age) 'Pass by Reference
        Console.WriteLine("Name = \{0\}, Age = \{1\}". Format(Name, Age))
    End Sub

    Private Sub GetUserInfo(ByRef strName As String, ByRef strAge As String)
        Console.Write("Enter your name: ")
        strName = Console.ReadLine()
        Console.Write("Enter your age: ")
        strAge = Console.ReadLine()
    End Sub

End Module
Combining (Pass ByVal and Pass ByRef)

```vbnet
Option Explicit On
Option Strict On

Module Module1

    Sub Main()
        Dim Name, Age As String
        Name = "...."
        Age = "...."

        GetUserInfo(Name, Age) ' What will be the result?!!!
        Console.WriteLine("Name = ", Name, Age)
    End Sub

    Private Sub GetUserInfo(ByVal strName As String, ByVal strAge As String)
        Console.WriteLine("Enter your name: ")
        strName = Console.ReadLine()
        Console.WriteLine("Enter your age: ")
        strAge = Console.ReadLine()
    End Sub

End Module
```
Combining Pass By Value and Reference

Option Explicit On
Option Strict On

Module Module1

Sub Main()
    Dim Name, Age As String
    Name = "...."
    Age = "...."

    GetUserInfo(Name, Age)

    Console.WriteLine("Name = {0}, Age = {1}", Name, Age)
End Sub

Private Sub GetUserInfo(ByRef strName As String, ByVal strAge As String)
    Console.Write("Enter your name: ")
    strName = Console.ReadLine()
    Console.Write("Enter your age: ")
    strAge = Console.ReadLine()
End Sub
End Module
Event Procedures

- Also known as **Event Handlers**

```csharp
Private Sub BtnQuit_Click(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As System.EventArgs) Handles BtnQuit.Click
    Application.Exit()
End Sub
```

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