

Introduction to Fortran: Part 2

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Modern Fortran Features

Program organization and style:

- free format
- modules, sub-module
- **implicit none**
- **portable** precision model

Fortran 90/95 OO features:

- derived type
- array operations, dynamic allocation
- procedure and **operator** overloading (*static polymorphism*)
- Fortran pointer

Fortran 2003 adds more:

- type-bound procedures with pass attribute
- procedure pointers
- Type-bound procedure by name
- final procedure, automatic deallocation (*garbage collection*)
- type extension, **abstract** type (*templating*)
- polymorphic entities
- procedure **overriding**, deferred binding (*dynamic polymorphism*)



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 - as opposed to C & C++, for example, where multi-D array is implemented as a vector of pointers (array of array)
 - true multi-D array in contiguous memory block is more efficient for many array operations

Arrays Terminologies

- The **rank** of the array is the number of dimensions
 - maximum rank is 31 (F2008)
 - previous max is 7 (F90)
- The number of elements in a dimension is the **extent**
- The **shape** of an array is a vector where each element of the vector is the extent in the corresponding dimension

Array Syntax

```
1 real :: x
2 real , dimension(10) :: a, b
3 real , dimension(10,10) :: c, d
4 real , dimension(0:4,3:8,7,9) &
5   :: e
6
7 a = b
8 c = d
9 a(1:10) = b(1:10)
10 a(2:3) = b(4:5)
11 a(1:10) = c(1:10,2)
12 a = x
13 c = x
14 a(1:5) = b(1:5) * cos(c(6:10,1))
15 a(1:3) = b(1:5:2)
16
17 print *, shape(e) !- prints 5,6,7,9
```

- Array assignment must be *conformable*: size and dimension (i.e. shape) have to agree
- Scalars are conformable
- Strides can be used too
- Default lower bound is 1, but can be explicitly specified

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- Dynamic array is allocated on the *heap* memory
 - vs. static array on the stack
 - the size of stack is often limited (default: 2 GB)
 - remedies are somewhat problematic (e.g. compiler dependent, not portable)
- Allocation/deallocation is done with **allocate/deallocate** statement
 - allocation and deallocation take time
 - e.g. do not allocate/deallocate in a loop
- Use allocatable for large arrays

Example: Allocatable Array

```
1 program allocatable_array
2   implicit none
3   integer :: iSize , jSize , kSize
4   real , dimension (:, :, :) , allocatable :: a_3d
5
6   print* , "Input the size of the array"
7   read* , iSize , jSize , kSize
8
9   allocate(a_3d(iSize , jSize , kSize))
10  print* , shape(a_3d)
11
12  !- Use array
13
14  deallocate(a_3d)
15 end program allocatable_array
```

Array Construct: where

The **where** construct is used when we want to make selective assignment to array.

Example: where

```
1 real , dimension(10,10) :: &
2   a, recip_a
3
4 !- fill in a ...
5
6 where( a/= 0.0 )
7   recip_a = 1.0/a
8 elsewhere
9   recip_a = 1.0
10 endwhile
```

- Arrays must be conformable
- code block executes when condition is true

Array Construct: forall

The **forall** construct provide a mechanism to specify an indexed parallel assignment to array.

Example: forall

```
1  !- With do-loops:
2  do j = 1, m
3    do i = 1, n
4      a(i, j) = i + j
5    end do
6  end do
7
8  !- with forall
9  forall(i = 1:n, j = 1:m)
10   a(i, j) = i + j
11 end forall
```

- The **forall** and **where** constructs may aid in vectorization and parallelization on certain architecture
- These constructs provide more natural mechanism to express often found mathematical formulas



any Function

The function **any** returns true if any array elements are true.

Example: any

```
1 integer , dimension (4) :: a
2
3 a = [0, -1, 1, 2]
4
5 if (any(a < 0)) then
6   print *, 'found negative number'
7 end if
```

all Function

The function **all** returns true if all array elements are true.

Example: all

```
1 integer , dimension(4) :: a, b
2
3 a = [0, -1, 1, 2]
4 b = [5, 3, 6, 4]
5
6 if (all(a > 0)) then
7     print*, 'All numbers are positive '
8 end if
9
10 if (all(a /= b))
11     print*, 'a and b are mutually exclusive '
12 end if
```


Passing Arrays to Subroutines

Example: Array Arguments

```
1 subroutine ex2 (a, b, x)
2   real, dimension(:), intent(in) :: a
3   real, dimension(0:), intent(in) :: b
4   real, dimension(2:, :), intent(inout) :: x
5   ...
6 end subroutine ex2
7
8 call ex2(u, v, w(4:9, 2:6))
```

- An assumed-shape array is a *dummy* argument that takes the shape of the *actual* argument
- The default lower bound is 1, but can be redefined
- The *extent* of the array is determined from the actual argument

Automatic Array

- An *automatic array* can be created upon entry to a procedure
- The size can vary and determined at runtime
- The array is allocated on the stack
- The object disappear when the procedure exit
- Requires explicit interface of the procedure (see module section)

Example: Automatic Array

```
1 subroutine swap(a, b)
2   real, dimension(:), intent(in) :: a, b
3   real, dimension(size(a))      :: work
4
5   work = a
6   a    = b
7   b    = work
8 end subroutine swap
```

Elemental Procedures

- A procedure (function or subroutine) can be declared as **elemental**
- An **elemental** procedure can be passed an array of any dimension
- Each element of the array is acted upon one element at a time
- The argument and result must be scalar
- The procedure must have an explicit interface visible to the caller (more on this later in *module*)
- Elemental procedure must be **pure**:
 - A pure procedure has no side effect: it does not change the state of the program except,
 - For function: it returns a value
 - For subroutines: it modifies **intent(out)** and **intent(inout)** arguments
 - All intrinsic functions are pure

Example: Elemental Procedures

```
1 module geometry
2   implicit none
3
4 contains
5
6   elemental function circumference(r) result (c)
7     real, intent(in) :: r  !- intent(in) required
8     real              :: c
9     c = 2.0 * acos(-1.0) * r
10  end function circumference
11
12  elemental subroutine area(r, a)
13    real, intent(in)  :: r  !- intent(in) required
14    real, intent(out) :: a
15    a = acos(-1.0) * r**2
16  end subroutine area
17
18 end module geometry
```

Example: Invoking Elemental Procedures

```
1 program circles
2   use geometry
3
4   real , dimension(5) :: r , a
5
6   r = [2.0, 4.0, 4.3, 5.0, 7.0]
7
8   print*, circumference(r)
9
10  call area(r,a)
11  print*, a
12
13 end program circle
```



Derived (Structures) Data Types

- A collection of intrinsic data types (integer, real, logical, etc)
- Can hold static and allocatable arrays
- Can hold other derived types
- A derived type must first be **declared** before it can be used

Example: Derived Type

```
1 program DerivedTypeExample
2
3   implicit none
4
5   type :: color
6     integer           :: shade
7     real, dimension(3) :: rgb
8     character(len=30) :: name
9 end type color
10
11 type(color) :: background
12
13 background % shade = 10
14 background % rgb   = [128.0, 255.0, 132.0]
15 background % name  = "greyish"
16
17 print*, background
18 end program DerivedTypeExample
```


Program Organization

Why should we use Subprogram (Function / Subroutines)?

- Decompose complex tasks into simpler, manageable code blocks
 - no “super main” program
- Enable reuse of code, reduce code duplication
- Hide implementation details, limit scope of variables

Module

Modules are another, more flexible tool to organize code base.

A **module** contains definition that can be made accessible to other program units.

Modules may contain:

- Derived Type definitions
- Variables
- Subroutines, Functions

A module collects related type definition, subroutines, and functions into a *package* that can be re-used (by other program, modules, etc).

Example: Module

```
1 module geometry
2   implicit none
3   private
4
5   type, public :: circleType
6     real          :: radius
7     real, dimension(2) :: center
8   end type circleType
9
10  real, parameter :: PI = acos(-1.0)
11
12 contains
13
14  elemental function circumference(g) result (c)
15    type(circleType), intent(in) :: g
16    real                      :: c
17    c = 2.0 * PI * g % radius
18  end function circumference
19
20 end module geometry
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- Modules provide reliable mechanism for specifying global data, including variables, type definitions, and procedure interface
- Modules facilitate object-oriented concepts and modular programming

Implicit and Explicit Interface

Implicit interface:

- Position of arguments to procedures are the only available information
- The call to procedure is matched and resolved during program linking
- This is all that is available in Fortran 77
- Drawbacks:
 - No compile-time type checking
 - Programmer is responsible for checking the interfaces
 - If there is a mismatch of type, precision, etc, may result in strange program behavior, segmentation fault, and other runtime error

Implicit and Explicit Interface

Explicit interface:

- More information is available to the compilers: types, precision, argument names, etc.
- Provided automatically when procedures are in a module
- Module has to be compiled first, then use-d by the other program unit (other module or program). (Usually this is in the form of .mod file.)
- Benefits:
 - At compile time, compiler does consistency checking of argument passed by the caller to procedures.
 - Required for many features of modern Fortran: optional parameters, elemental procedures, assume-shape arrays, procedure overloading, etc.

Always use explicit interface. The easiest way to do this is to put all the procedures inside module(s).

Putting It All Together: Module Example

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- A procedure can be overloaded if at least one of its arguments is distinguishable
 - Anything distinguishable works: different precision, array shape, types

Generic Interface (2)

- Generic interface works across modules in different files
- A better way for the previous example:
 - Create one module for Circle, another for Rectangle
 - Scalable programming: different people can work on different object
- Intrinsic subroutines / functions can also be overloaded

Operator Overloading

- Intrinsic operator ($+$, $-$, $/$, $=$) can be overloaded for user-defined and derived-type entities
- Using interface block, new meaning can be given to intrinsic operator

Example: Operator Overloading

```
1 module geometry
2   implicit none
3   type, public :: circleType
4     real          :: radius
5     real, dimension(2) :: center
6   end type circleType
7
8   interface operator (+)
9     module procedure circle_sum
10  end interface
11
12 contains
13
14  function circle_sum(c1,c2) result (cs)
15    type(circleType), intent(in) :: c1, c2
16    type(circleType)              :: cs
17    cs%radius = c1%radius + c2%radius
18  end function circle_sum
19
20 end module geometry
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- Write module-oriented (modular) code:
 - Put related subroutines, data types, into a module
 - Use module for access control, information hiding
 - Create one file per module
 - Break up modules as needed, to manage complexity and to get scalable programming
- Use module variables and common blocks judiciously
 - module variables are global
 - not thread-safe by default

Best Practices in Fortran Programming

- Use derived-type to organize your data
- One derived-type (with its type-bound procedures) and related methods per module: **a class** (object and methods)
- Use **intent** for subroutine arguments
- Function should not have side-effects: **pure function**
- Use portable precision model with **kind**

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