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## Chapter 2

# Subprograms: *Functions and Procedures*

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# Course Topics

**1. Modularity**

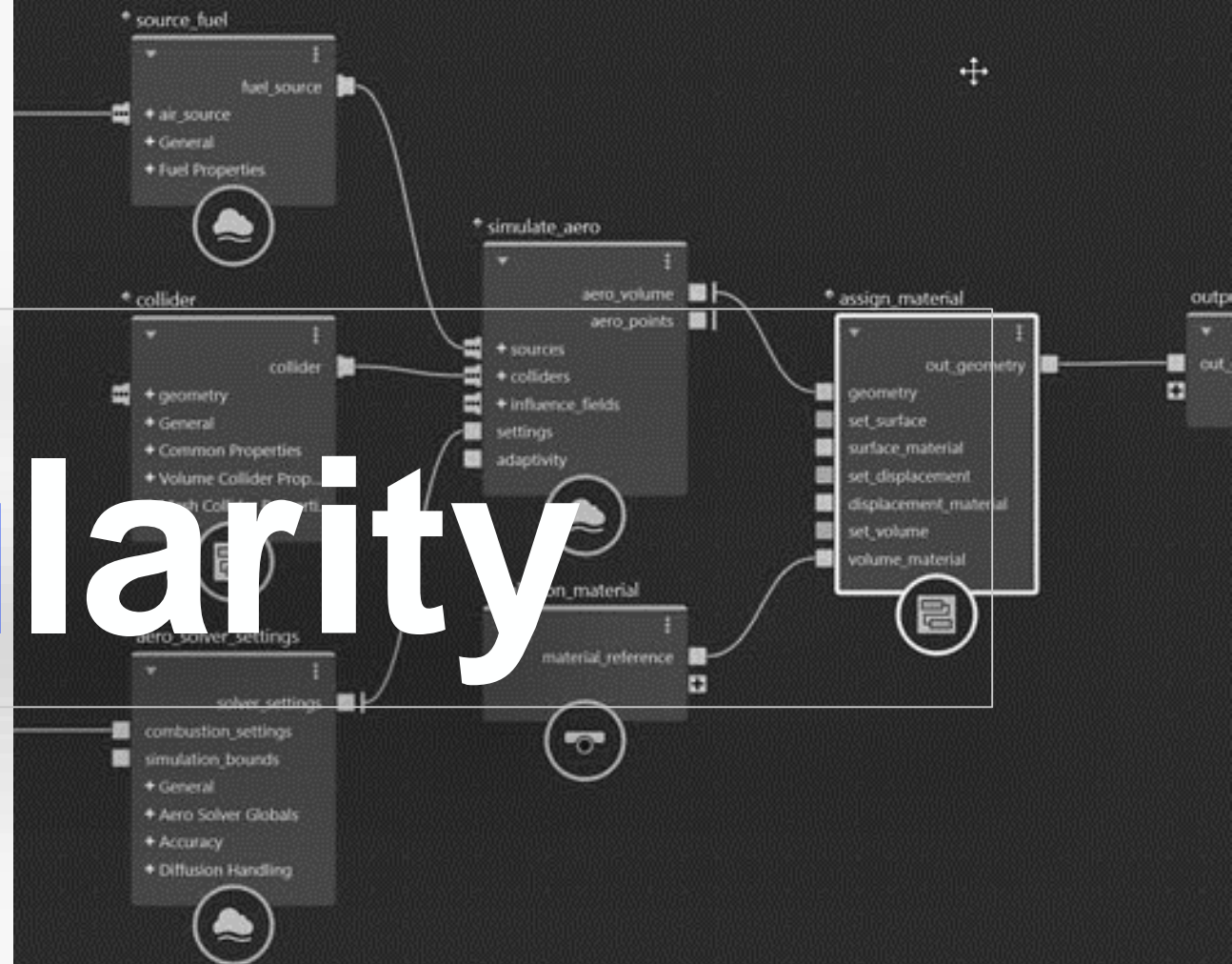
**2. Passing parameters**

**3. Local variables and global variables**

**4. Functions**

**5. Procedures**

# Modularity



# Problem

## Combination Calculation

Find the number of combinations of p objects among n such that

$$C_n^p = \frac{n!}{p!(n-p)!}$$

```

Algorithm Calcul_Combinaison ;
Var n,p,c : integer ;
    fact_n, fact_p, fact_np: integer;
Begin
    //les entrées
    Read (n,p);

    //manipulation des données
    fact_n = 1;
    For i := 1 to n Do
        fact_n := fact_n * i;

    fact_p = 1;
    For i := 1 à p Do
        fact_p := fact_p * i;

    fact_np = 1;
    For i := 1 à (n-p) Do
        fact_np := fact_np * i;

    c := fact_n/(fact_p*fact_np);

    //les sorties
    Write ('le nombre de combinaisons=',c);
End.

```



## Problem

Repeating  
the  
factorial  
calculation

```
fact_n = 1;  
For i := 1 to n Do  
    fact_n := fact_n * i;
```

```
fact_p = 1;  
For i := 1 to p Do  
    fact_p := fact_p * i;
```

```
fact_np = 1;  
For i := 1 to n-p Do  
    fact_np := fact_np * i;
```



How to  
write the  
solution  
only once?  
Organize  
the code?

Modules / Subprograms



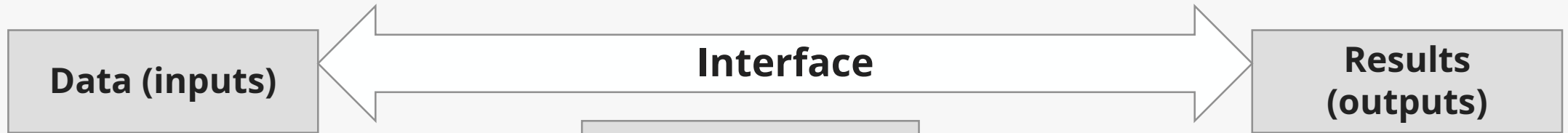
## Definition

- ✓ A **subprogram** or module is a set of instructions with a well-defined interface that performs a specific task.
- ✓ The purpose of a subroutine is:
  1. Receive input data
  2. Carry out processing/transformation of this data
  3. Return one or more results
- ✓ The **interface** consists of the inputs/outputs of the module. It makes it possible to establish the link between the module and its environment (main algorithm, other modules).



# Subprograms

## Structure



Type that depends on the output

Type of Subprograms

0 to n **inputs**

**name\_sub\_programs**

0 to n **outputs**

Role of Sub-Program

unique and meaningful **name** that is used in the declaration and appeal

**Role** that indicates what exactly the subroutine does

Modularity

## Types

✓ Depending on the number and type of outputs, there are two (02) types of Subprograms (modules):

**1. Function** : When the module returns a **single (1)** result and this result is **elementary** (basic) type data, example:

- Function that calculates the sum of an array of integers (return ***an integer***)
- Function that checks if a number is prime (return ***a boolean***)

**2. Procedure** : When the module returns **0 to n** results or the result is of **structured** type, examples:

- Procedure that displays a matrix (return ***0 result***)
- Procedure solves a 2nd degree equation (return ***2 results***)
- Procedure that reverses the content of an array(return ***an array***)





# Qualities

- ✓ In order to decide whether a sequence of instructions deserves to be designed in the form of a subroutine or module, the following qualities must be checked:
  1. **Reuse**: a module is designed so that it can be **reused** in several solutions. It must be **generalized** as much as possible.
  2. **Independence**: avoid using global variables in a module so that it is **independent** of the main algorithm. Same thing for reads and writes.
  3. **Simplicity**: keep your code **readable** and design a module that meets a **specific task**.



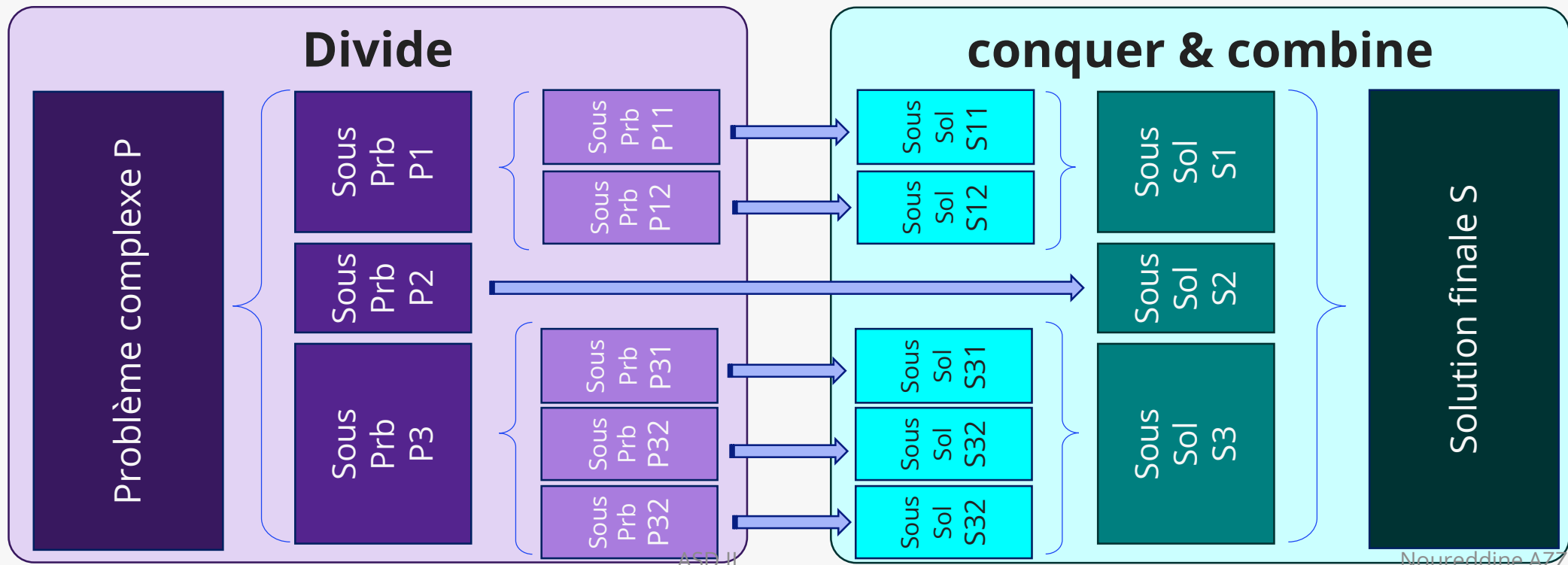
# Definitions

- ✓ **Modularity**: “It is a way of thinking aimed at building algorithms starting from a very general level and gradually detailing each treatment, until arriving at the lowest level of description.”
- ✓ **Modularity**: is a **Top-down Analysis** which **divides** (cuts) a problem into sub-problems to **conquer** them then **combine** the sub-solutions and obtain an overall result.
- ✓ **Modularity**: the basis of **structured programming** consists of solving a problem by building simple, readable and reusable **modules**.



# Objectifs / Goals

- ✓ Cut (divide) a complex problem into simple sub-problems which will be solved separately.
- ✓ Propose a solution to a (sub)problem once and only once



# Modular Approach Stages

Modularity

1st STEP:  
Understanding  
the problem

2nd STEP: Analysis  
and Design

- Modular Cutting/Split
- Construction of Modules

3rd STEP:  
Realization



# Modular Breaking/Splitting

- ✓ Break the problem into coherent modules:
  - ❑ Start extracting obvious modules that are easy to detect.
  - ❑ Improve and enrich the breakdown as you progress in solving the problem



# Build Modules

- ✓ To build a module, we start with its description:
  - Draw the Module
  - Give it a name
  - Define your interface
  - Specify its nature (function or procedure)
  - Indicate its role
- ✓ If the module already exists, we do not build it. Its description is given only

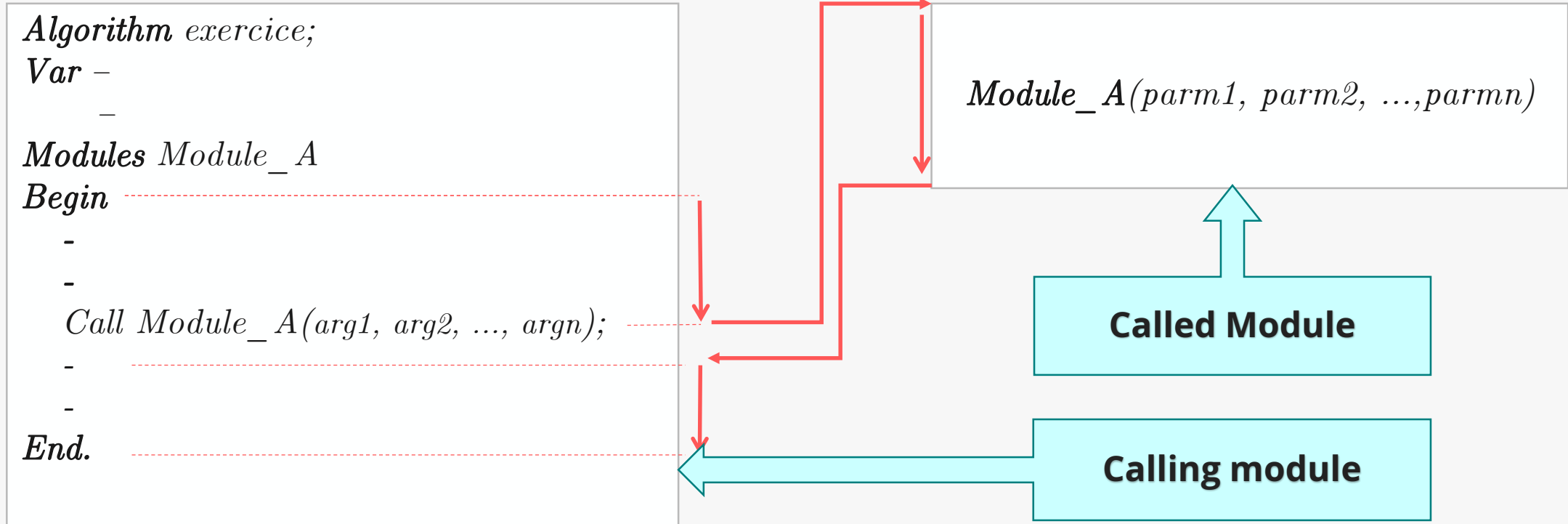


# Avantages / Benefits

- ✓ Cutting into coherent modules is done using a Top-Down Approach
- ✓ Simplifies design
- ✓ Independent and separate construction of modules
- ✓ Readability and ease of understanding of algorithms
- ✓ Ease of maintenance and code updating
- ✓ Reuse of modules (Subprograms) already designed



# Communication between Modules



- ✓ When a **call** to a module is encountered,
  - ❑ Suspend the execution of the **calling module** (For example: Main algorithm)
  - ❑ Start and run the **called module** (For example: Module\_A)
  - ❑ Resume execution of the calling module just after the calling instruction



# Parameters and Arguments

- ✓ The variables used during the construction of the module (subroutine header) are called **Parameters** or **formal parameters**
  - ❑ **Example** : les paramètres (ou paramètre formels) du module « **Module\_A** » sont :  
*parm1, parm2, ..., parm<sub>n</sub>*
- ✓ The variables used when calling (using) a module are called **Effective parameters** or **arguments**. They replace the formal parameters during the call.
  - ❑ **Example** : les arguments (ou paramètre effectifs) du module « **Module\_A** » utilisés dans son appel à l'algorithme principale sont : *arg1, arg2, ..., arg<sub>n</sub>*
- ✓ The **number** of arguments must match the number of parameters.
- ✓ The **order** of arguments must match the order of parameters.
- ✓ The **type** of the  $k_{th}$  argument must match the type of the  $k_{th}$  parameter.
- ✓ The correspondence between arguments and parameters is done using the **order**.

# Parameters Passing Modes

- ✓ It is the **substitution** of **formal** parameters by an **effective** parameters when calling a subprogram.
- ✓ On distingue deux mode de passage :
  - ❑ **Passing by Value**: Any modification of the content of the parameter in the called program has no effect on the value of the effective parameter in the calling program.
  - ❑ **Passing by Variable (by Reference)**: any modification of the content of the formal parameter automatically results in the modification of the effective parameter.
- ✓ formal parameters passed by variable are preceded by the keyword **VAR** in the header of the

*type\_ module nom\_fonction (Formal input parameters; VAR Formal output parameters);*

## Passing Parameters

# Passing by Value

- ✓ Copy the argument values to the start of the subprogram.
  - ✓ This is in fact an assignment of the values of the arguments in the associated formal parameters.
  - ✓ Can receive any expression (constant, variable, expression, function call, etc.)
  - ✓ Peut recevoir n'importe qu'elle expression (constant, variable, expression, appel de fonct ...)
- ❑ **Example** subroutine (function) which calculate the area of a rectangle.

```
surf := Surface (x, y);
```

Call

equivalent to

Module

```
Function Surface(long, larg:real):real;
Var      S: integer;
Begin
  S := long * larg;
  Surface := S;
End;
```

```
Function Surface(long, larg:real): real;
Var      S: integer;
Begin
  long := x; larg := y;
  S := long * larg;
  Surface := S;
End;
```

## Passing Parameters

# Passing by Variable

- ✓ In passing by variable (or reference) the parameter itself becomes the argument,
- ✓ that is, the parameter becomes an alias of the argument.
- ✓ Can only be linked to variables..
  - ❑ **Example** : subroutine (procedure) which swaps (exchanges) the values of two variables..

*Echange (a, b);*

Call

équivalent à

**Module**

```

Procedure Echange(VAR x, y:integer);
Var      z: integer;
Begin
  z := x;
  x := y;
  y := z;
End;

```

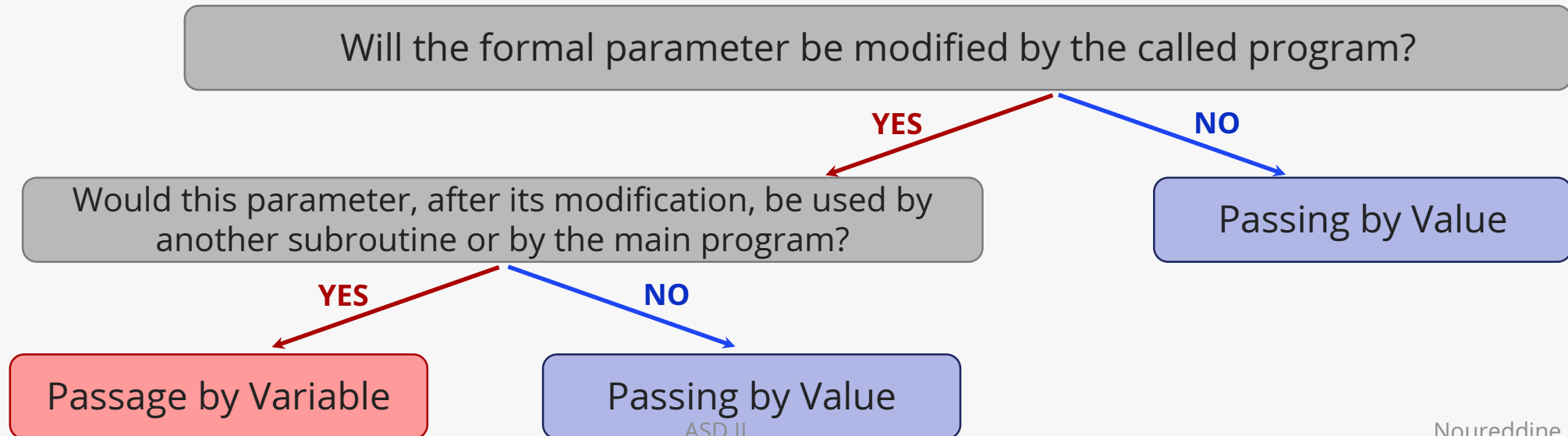
```

Procedure Echange(VAR x, y: integer);
Var      z: integer;
Begin
  z := a;
  a := b;
  b := z;
End;

```

# Params Passing Modes

- **Passing by Value**: is adopted when we want the module to return the **same value** that the parameter had at the input, or the parameter **is not used** in other modules (useless to find the final result).
- **Passage by Variable (by Reference)**: is adopted when the input parameter **is modified** during the execution of a subroutine and it is the **modified content** of the parameter that we want.



### Notes

- It is recommended to use:
- A **passing by values** for the **input** parameters of a **function**.
- A **passing per variable** for all the **output** parameters of a **procedure**.

# Local Variables and Global Variables

There are two categories of variables:

- **Local Variables**: which are defined in a module and which can only be manipulated in this module.
  - **Global Variables**: which are defined in a calling module and can be manipulated in this module and in all modules called by this module.
- ❑ **The scope**: of a variable is the set of modules where this variable is accessible (or defined).

# Local Variables and Global Variables

*Module\_Apellant*

*Var A, B, X: real;*

*Module\_1*

*Var X: integer;*

*T: booléen;*

*Module\_2*

*Var C: integer;*

*Module\_3*

*Var X, Y, Z: integer;*

*Begin*

-

-

*End;*

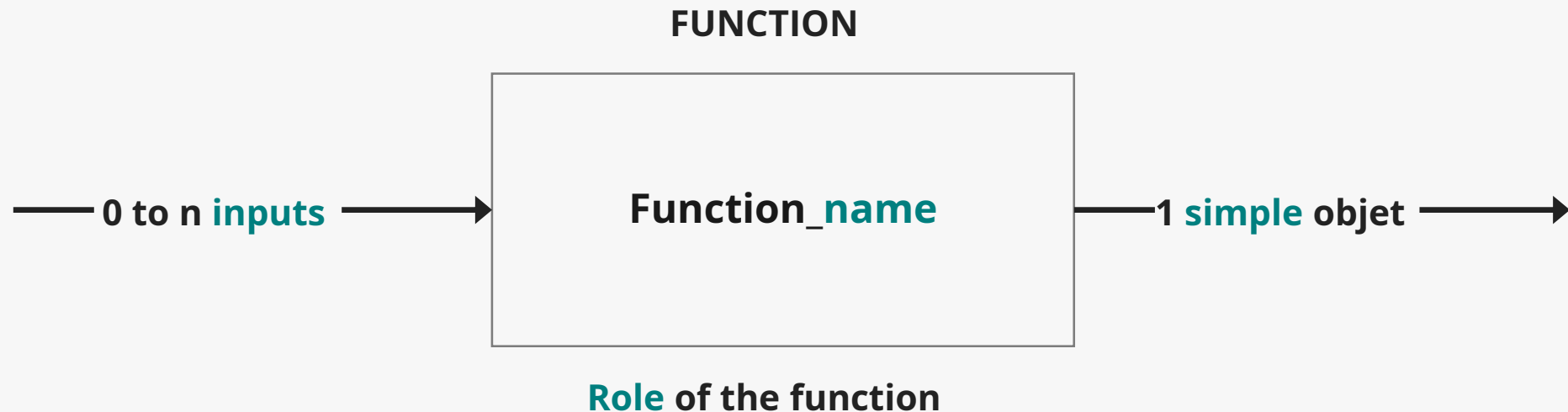
Variable	Scope (Portée)
A,B	Module_Apellant , Module_1, Module_2, Module_3
T	Module_1, Module_2
C	Module_2
X:déclaré au Module_Apellant	Module_Apellant
X:déclaré au Module_1	Module_1, Module_2
X:déclaré au Module_3	Module_3
Y, Z	Module_3



# Functions

# Definition and Description

- ✓ A function is a sub-programme (subroutine or module) which returns a **single result** (single output) of **simple** (elementary) type: integer, real, boolean, character. It can receive **0 to n input parameters**.



**Description of a fuonction**

## Structure and Syntax

**Header**

*Function* *fonction\_name* (*List of formal input parameters :Type*): *Return Type*;

*Type*     –     { *Déclaration des*  
*Const*   –     { *données (objets)*  
*Var*      –     { *locales* }

**Body**

*Begin*

-

-

-

-

-

-

- *fonction\_name := Result*;

*End*;

## Properties & Notes

- ✓ The body of a function can contain all **declarations** (Type, Const, Var, etc.) and algorithmic **structures** (Assignment, Repetition, Conditional, etc.).
- ✓ The calculated result (return value) must be **passed in the function name**. This assignment is located – in most cases – at the end of the function.
- ✓ **Formal parameters** describe the input parameters used in the function as well as their **type** and their passing **mode**.
- ✓ In Functions, formal parameters are used in **passing-by-value** mode.

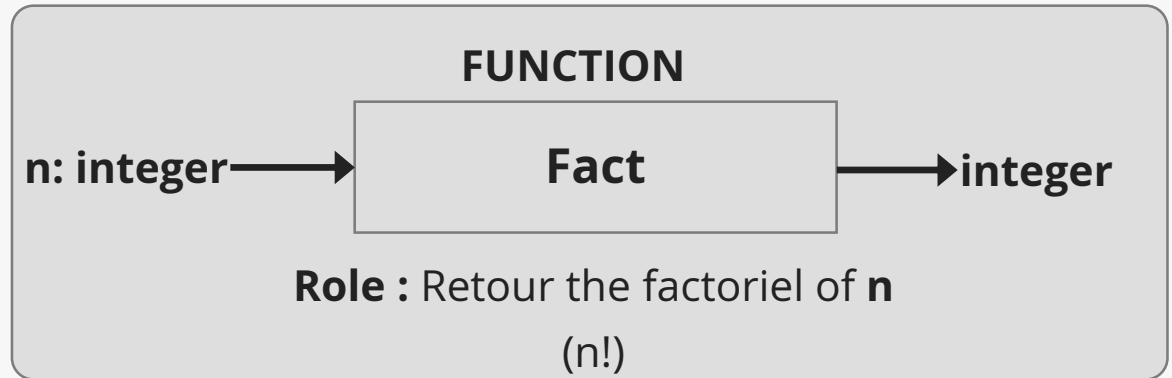
## Calls

- ✓ Calling a function can be used as:
  - ❑ *Expression* in an **assignment**,
  - ❑ *Operand* in a **condition**
  - ❑ *Argument* in a **procedure** or **function call**
- ✓ **Examples:**
  - ❑ `X := Prime (a)`
  - ❑ `if Prime (a) = True then write ( a, 'is prime')`
  - ❑ `Res := Prime (Fact(n))`

## 1<sup>st</sup> Step : Split Modules

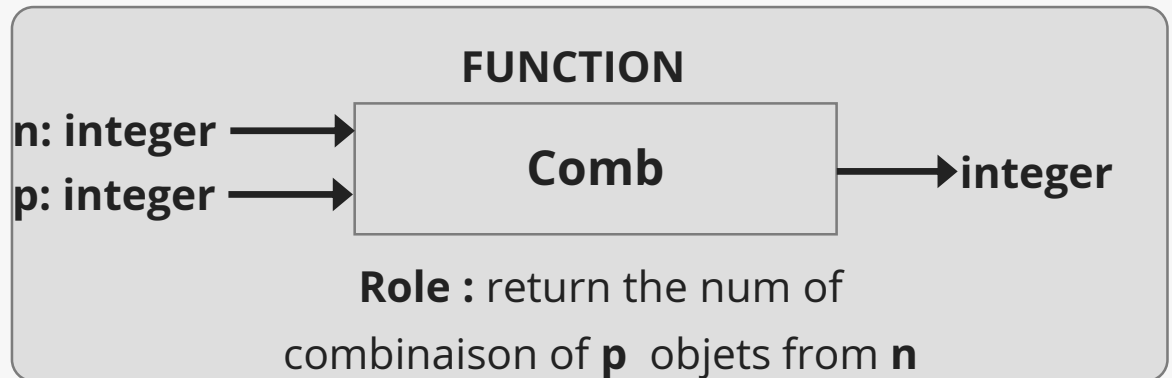
### Function : Fact

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Fact}(n) &= n! \\ &= n*(n-1)*\dots*3*2*1 \end{aligned}$$



### Function : Comb

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Comb}(n,p) &= C_n^p = \frac{n!}{p!*(n-p)!} \\ &= \text{Fact}(n)/\text{Fact}(p)*\text{Fact}(n-p) \end{aligned}$$



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Step: Construction of modules

```
Function Fact (n: integer): integer;  
Var    F, i: integer;  
Begin  
    F := 1;  
    for i := 1 to n Do  
        F := F * i;  
  
    Fact := F;  
End;
```

```
Function Comb (n , p: integer): integer;  
Functions : Fact;  
Begin  
    Comb := Fact(n) / Fact(p) * Fact(n-p);  
End;
```

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Step: Main Algorithm

```
Algorithm Calcul_comb;  
Var          x,y,c: integer;  
Functions : Comb;  
Begin  
  Read(x,y);  
  c := Comb(x,y);  
  Write ('Le nombre de combinaison = ', c);  
End;
```



# Function declaration

## PASCAL

```
FUNCTION nom_fonction (Input parameters): type_retour;  
var      { Déclaration des données locales }  
begin  
  -      { Instructions }  
  -  
  -  
  nom_fonction := valeur_retour;  
fin;
```

```
function Fact(n: integer) : integer;  
  var F,i : integer;  
  begin  
    F := 1;  
    for i := 2 to n do  
      F := F*i;  
    end  
    Fact := F;  
  end;
```

## C

```
type_retour nom_fonction (Input parameters)  
{  
  { Déclaration des données locales }  
  - { Instructions }  
  -  
  -  
  -  
  return valeur_retour;  
}
```

```
int Fact (int n)  
{  
  int F , i;  
  F = 1;  
  for (i=2; i<=n; i++){  
    F = F*i;  
  }  
  return F;  
}
```

## Function declaration

## PASCAL

- ✓ In PASCAL, Functions and procedures must be declared **before** the main program.
- ✓ In general, each called module must be constructed **before** the calling module for it to be **recognized**.
- ✓ In this example:
  - ❑ A **Call** to a Fact function (line 17)
  - ❑ **n**: **parameter** (**formal** parameter) (line 5)
  - ❑ **x**: **argument** (**effective** parameter)(line 17)

```
1 program factoriel;  
2 uses Crt;  
3 var x : integer;  
4  
5 function Fact(n: integer) : integer;  
6 var F,i : integer;  
7 begin  
8     F := 1;  
9     for i := 2 to n do  
10        F := F*i;  
11  
12        Fact := F;  
13     end;  
14  
15 begin  
16     Readln(x);  
17     Writeln(x, '! =', Fact(x));  
18 end.
```

## Function declaration

### C

- ✓ In C language, Functions and procedures can be declared **before** and **after** the *main* function.
- ✓ If the function is placed **before** the *main* , the compiler checks the parameters and executes the function.
- ✓ If the function is placed **after** the *main* , we need to define a **prototype** of the function for it to be recognized.

```

1  #include <stdio.h>
2
3  int Fact (int n)
4  {
5      int F , i;
6      F = 1;
7      for (i=2; i<=n; i++){
8          F = F*i;
9      }
10
11     return F;
12 }
13
14 int main()
15 {
16     int x;
17     scanf("%d", &x);
18     printf("%d! = %d", x, Fact(x));
19
20     return 0;
21 }

```

# Function declaration

## C

- ✓ **A prototype** is a function declaration so that it can be used (called) even before it is coded.
- ✓ The prototype is placed at the **beginning of the program** (just after the libraries declaration).
- ✓ A prototype is declared as a function

*type\_retour nom\_fonction (Input parameters)*

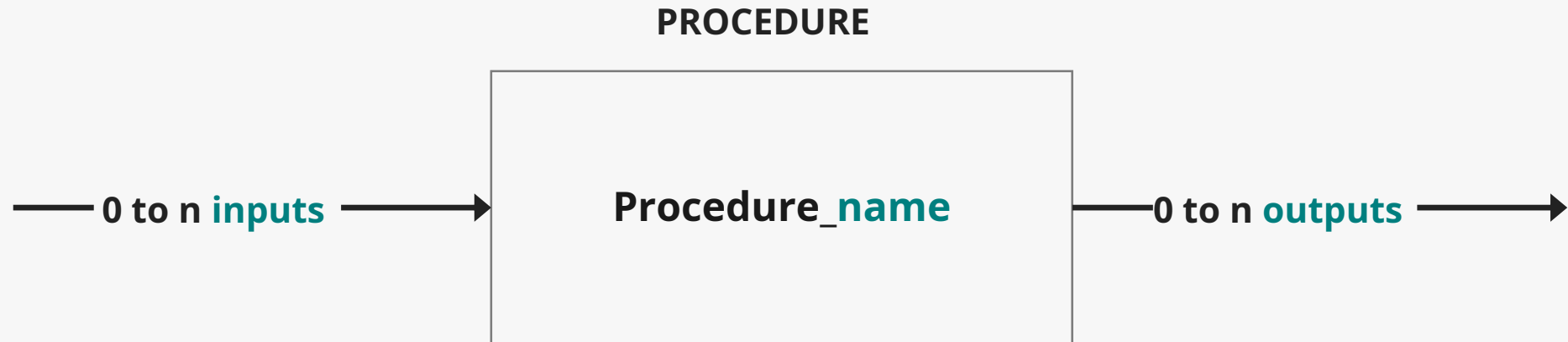
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2
3  int Fact (int n);
4
5  int main()
6  {
7      int x;
8      scanf("%d", &x);
9      printf("%d! = %d", x, Fact(x));
10
11     return 0;
12 }
13
14 int Fact (int n)
15 {
16     int F , i;
17     F = 1;
18     for (i=2; i<=n; i++){
19         F = F*i;
20     }
21
22     return F;
23 }
```

# Procedures

```
17 string sInput;  
18 int iLength, iN;  
19 double dblTemp;  
20 bool again = true;  
21  
22 while (again) {  
23     iN = -1;  
24     again = false;  
25     getline(cin, sInput);  
26     system("cls");  
27     stringstream(sInput) >> dblTemp;  
28     iLength = sInput.length();  
29     if (iLength < 4) {  
30         again = true;  
31         continue;  
32     } else if (sInput[iLength - 3] !=  
33         '0') {  
34         again = true;  
35         continue;  
36     } while (++iN < iLength) {  
37         if (isdigit(sInput[iN])) {  
38             continue;  
39         } else if (iN == (iLength - 3) &&  
40             sInput[iN] != '0') {  
41             again = true;  
42             continue;  
43         }  
44     }  
45 }
```

## Definition and Description

- ✓ A procedure is a sous-programme (subroutine or module) which returns 0 to  $n$  results (multiple output) of simple or compound type. It can receive 0 to  $n$  input parameters.



**Role of the procédure**

**Description of a procedure**

# Structure & Syntax

**Header**

*Procedure* *procedure\_name* (*List of formels input and output parameters :Type*);

*Type*     –     { *Déclaration des données (objets) locales* }

*Const*   –

*Var*       –

**Body**

*Begin*

-     { *Traitements* }

-

-

-

-

*End;*

# Properties & Notes

- ✓ The body of a procedure can contain all **declarations** (Type, Const, Var, etc.) and algorithmic **structures** (Assignment, Repetition, Conditional, etc.).
- ✓ The **formal parameters** describe the **input** and **output** parameters used in the procedure as well as their **type** and their **passing mode**.
- ✓ In Procedures, formal **output** parameters must always be described in a **passing-by-variable** mode.



## Calls

- ✓ Calling a procedure is a **primitive action**. It is composed of the name of the procedure followed in parentheses by the list of effective input and output parameters separated by commas.
- ✓ As for functions, the **number**, **order**, and **type** of the effective parameters must be identical to those of the formal parameters.
- ✓ **Examples:**
  - ❑ `remplir_tab (n, T)`
  - ❑ `echange (x, y)`

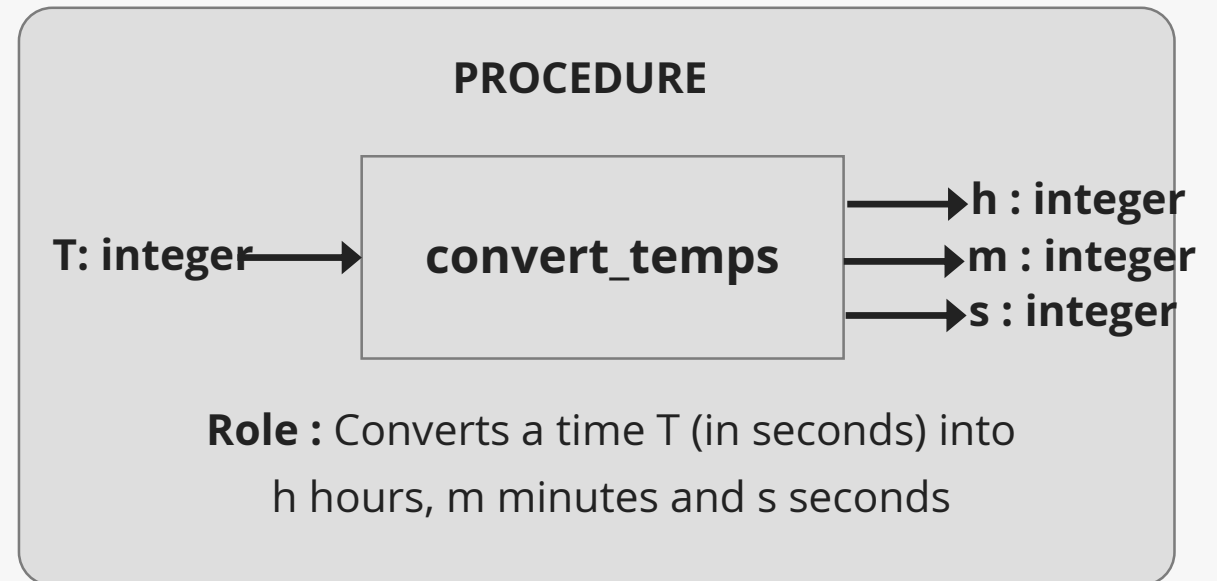
## Example: Convert a time T (in seconds) to hours, minutes and seconds

# 1<sup>st</sup> Step : Split Modules

### Procedure: `convert_temps`

`convert_temps (T, h, m, s)`

1. On divise T sur 360 : le quotient est h
2. Le reste de cette division est divisé sur 60
  - a. Le quotient est m
  - b. Le reste est s



Example: Convert a time T (in seconds) to hours, minutes and seconds

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Step: Construction of modules

```
Procedure convert_temps (T: integer; VAR h, m, s : integer);  
Var      R: integer;  
Begin  
    h := T DIV 3600;  
    R := T MOD 3600;  
    m := R DIV 60;  
    s := R MOD 60;  
End;
```

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Step: Main Algorithm

```
Algorithm Convert;  
Var          A, x, y, z: integer;  
Procedures : convert_temps;  
Begin  
  Read(A);  
  convert_temps(A, x, y, z);  
  Write (A, '=', x, 'heures et ', y, ' minutes et ', z, 'secondes');  
End;
```

# Exemple: Convertir un temps T (en secondes) en heures, minutes et secondes

## PASCAL

## C

```
PROCEDURE nom_procedure (Input/output parameters);  
var { Déclaration des données locales }  
begin  
- { Instructions }  
-  
-  
-  
fin;
```

```
void nom_fonction (Input/output parameters)  
{  
- { Déclaration des données locales }  
- { Instructions }  
-  
-  
-  
-  
}
```

```
procedure convert_temps(T: integer; VAR h,m,s: integer);  
var R : integer;  
begin  
  h := T DIV 3600;  
  R := T MOD 3600;  
  m := R DIV 60;  
  s := R MOD 60;  
end;
```

```
void convert_temps (int T, int *h, int *m, int *s)  
{  
  int R;  
  
  *h = T / 3600;  
  R = T % 3600;  
  *m = R / 60;  
  *s = R % 60;  
}
```

# Declaration of a Procedure

## PASCAL

- ✓ Dans cet exemple:
  - ❑ Un *Appel* d'une procédure convert\_temps (ligne 5)
  - ❑ T : *paramètre* (paramètre *formel* d'entrée) (ligne 5)
  - ❑ h,m,s : *paramètre* (paramètre *formel* de sortie) (ligne 5)
  - ❑ A : *argument* (paramètre *effectif* d'entrée (ligne 17))
  - ❑ x,y,z : *argument* (paramètre *effectif* de sortie (ligne 17))

```

1 program Convert;
2 uses Crt;
3 var A,x,y,z : integer;
4
5 procedure convert_temps(T: integer; VAR h,m,s: integer);
6   var R : integer;
7   begin
8     h := T DIV 3600;
9     R := T MOD 3600;
10    m := R DIV 60;
11    s := R MOD 60;
12  end;
13
14 begin
15   Readln(A);
16   convert_temps(A, x, y, z);
17   Writeln(A, '=', x, 'heures et ', y, ' minutes et ', z, 'secondes');
18 end.

```

# Declaration of a Procedure

## C

- ✓ In C language, the return type of procedures is specified as *void*.
- ✓ When declaring the procedure, formal output parameters are preceded by *\**.
- ✓ When calling this procedure, the effective output parameters are preceded by *&*.

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 void convert_temps (int T, int *h, int *m, int *s);
4
5 int main()
6 {
7     int A, x, y, z;
8     scanf("%d", &A);
9     convert_temps(A, &x, &y, &z);
10    printf("%d = %d heures et %d minutes et %d secondes", A, x, y, z);
11
12    return 0;
13 }
14
15 void convert_temps (int T, int *h, int *m, int *s)
16 {
17     int R;
18
19     *h = T / 3600;
20     R = T % 3600;
21     *m = R / 60;
22     *s = R % 60;
23 }
```