

Chapter 2

Subprograms: *Functions and Procedures*

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Course Topics

1. Modularity

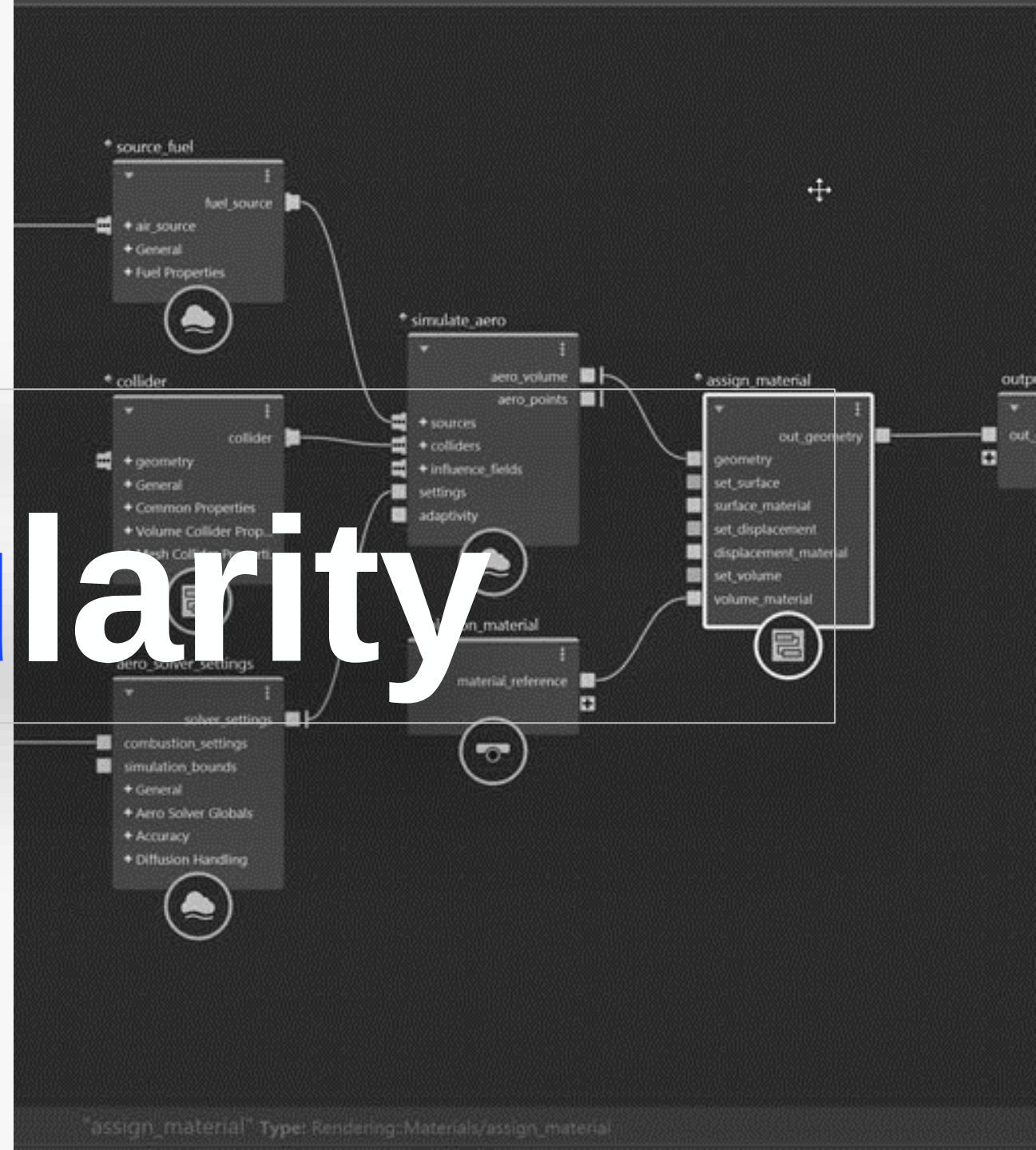
2. Passing parameters

3. Local variables and global variables

4. Functions

5. Procedures

Modularity



Introduction

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
    //inputs
    Read (n,p);

    //manipulating data
    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);

    //outputs
    Write ('number of combinations=',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



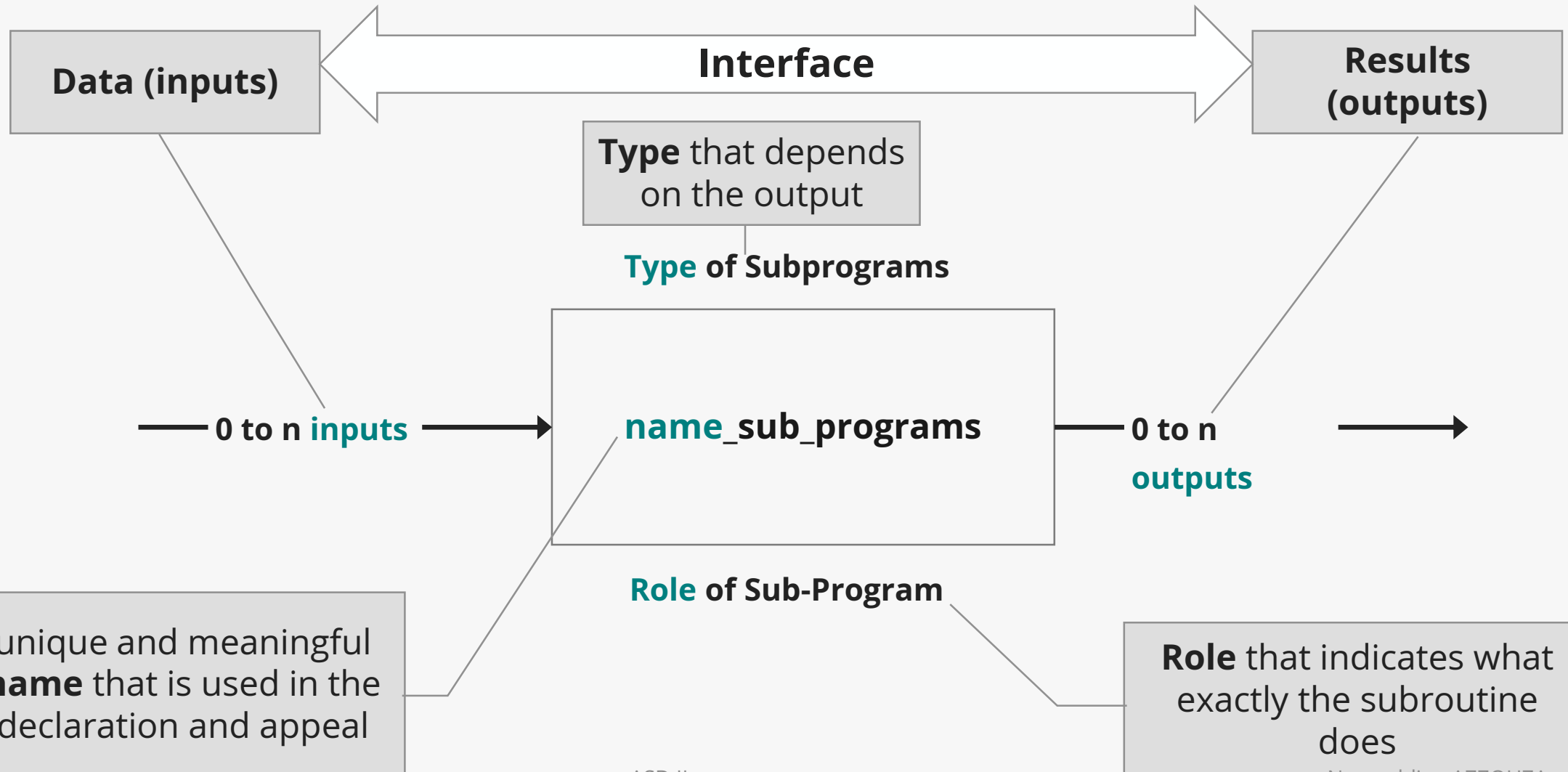
Definition

- ✓ 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



Subprograms

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

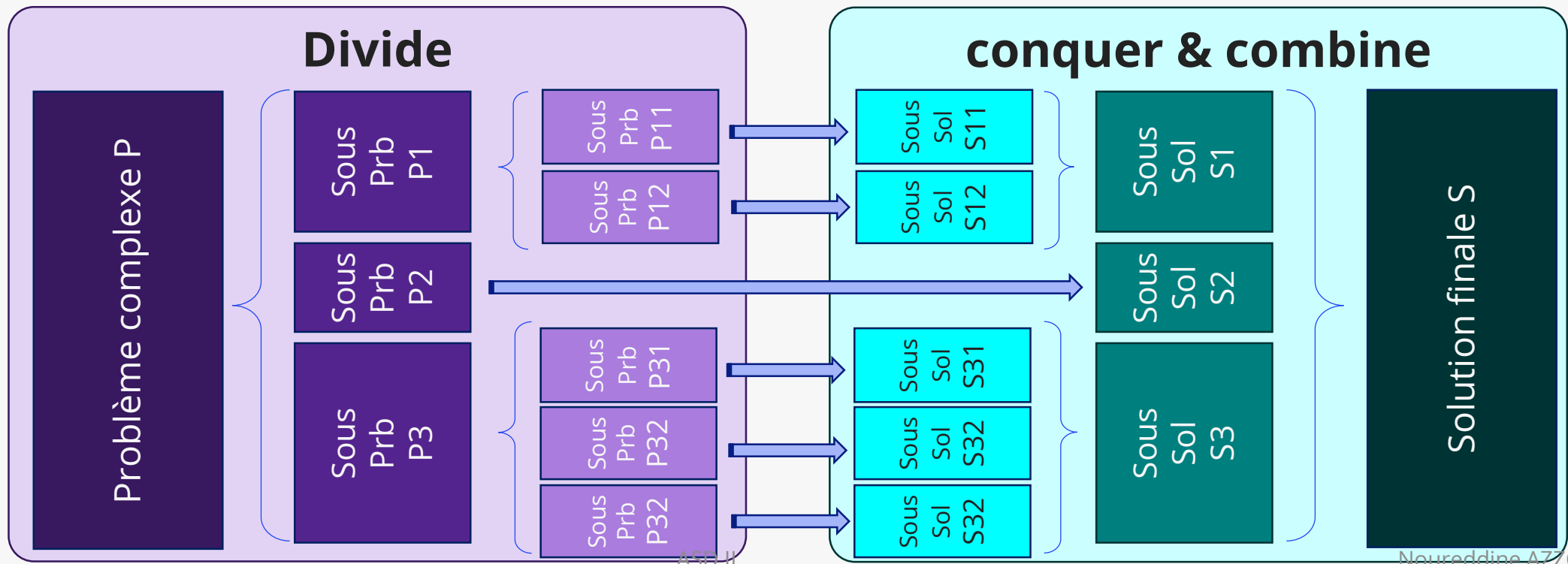
- ✓ **Modularity**: “It is a way of thinking aimed at building algorithms starting from a very general level and gradually detailing each treatment, until arriving at the lowest level of description.”
- ✓ **Modularity**: is a **Top-down Analysis** which **divides** (cuts) a problem into sub-problems 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**.



Modular Approach

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

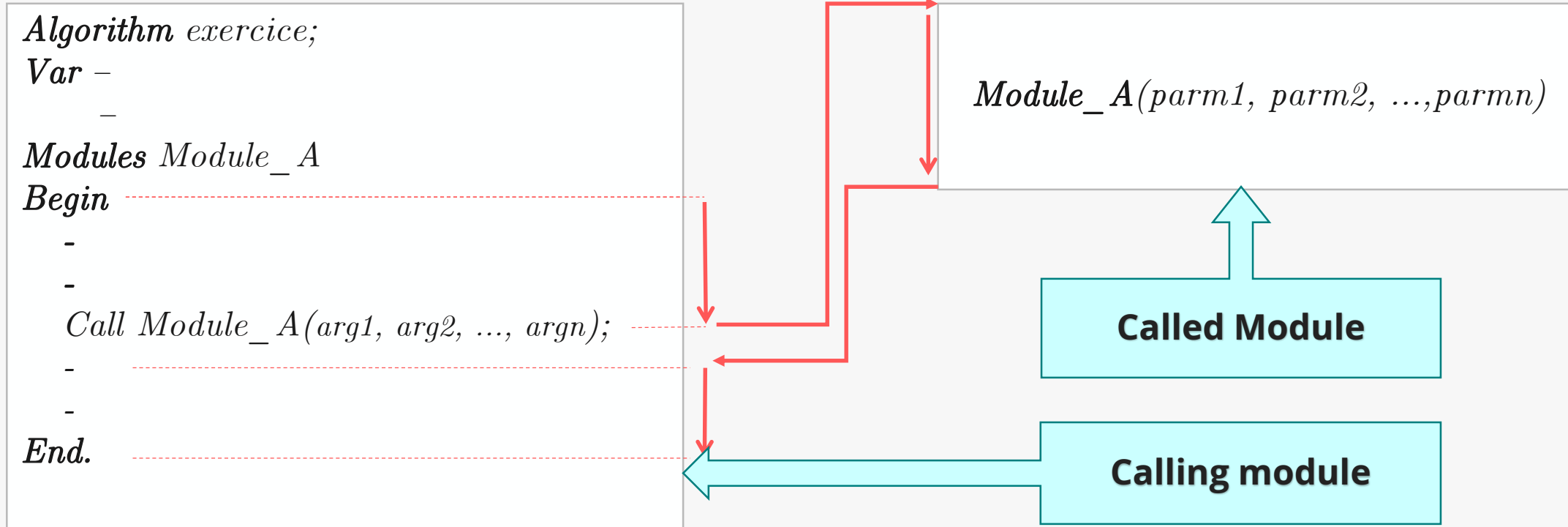


Avantages / Benefits

- ✓ 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_n
- ✓ 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_n*
- ✓ 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**.

Passing Parameters

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;
  
```

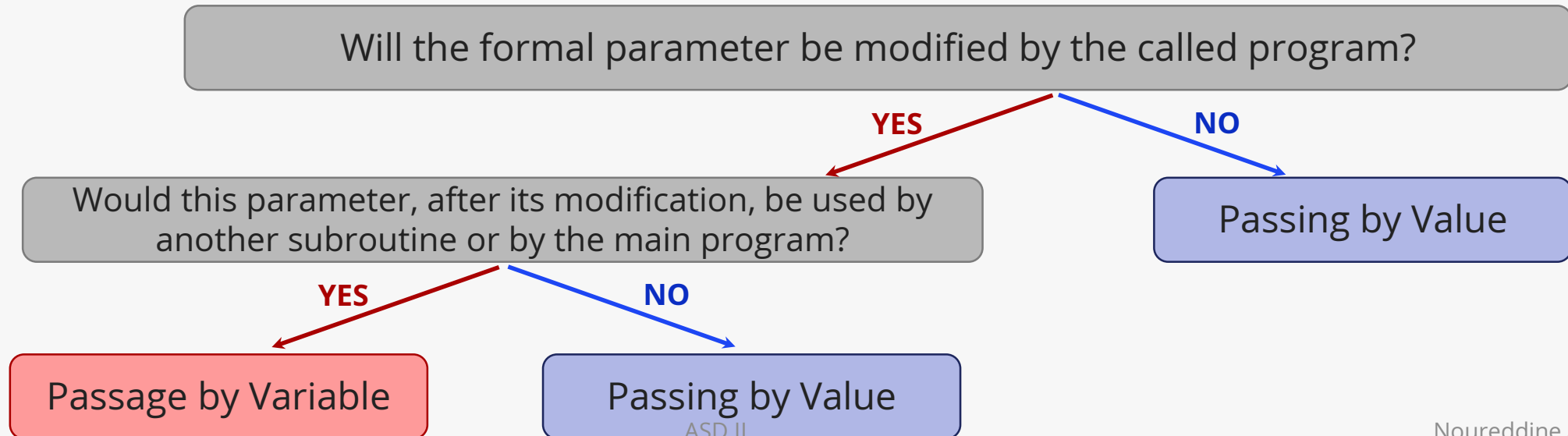
```

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

Passing Parameters

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.



Passing Parameters

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_Appelant

Var A, B, X: real;

Module_1

Var X: integer;

T: boolean;

Module_2

Var C: integer;

Module_3

Var X, Y, Z: integer;

Begin

-

-

End;

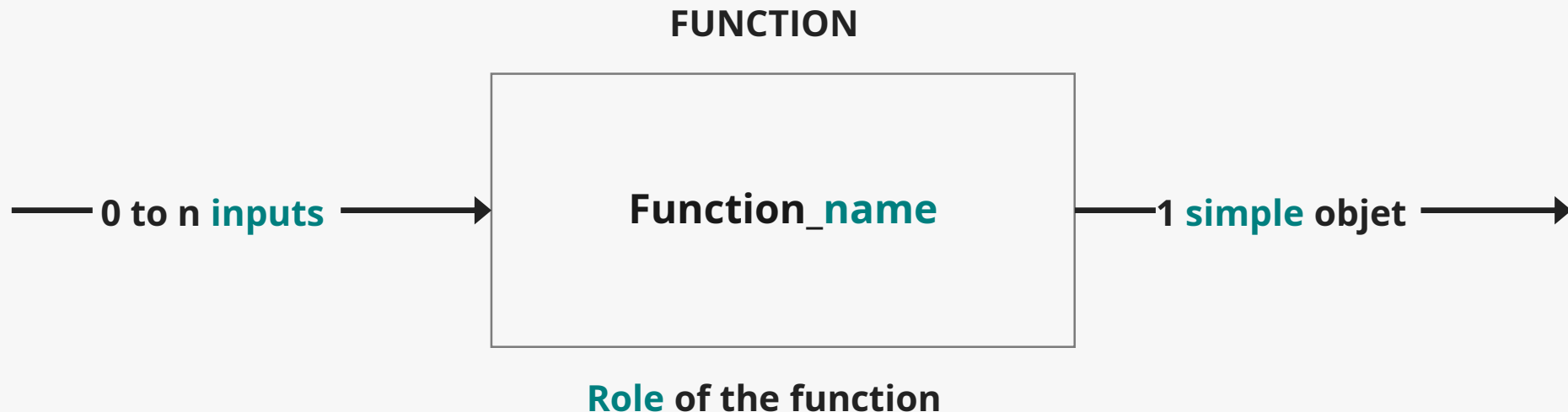
Variable	Scope (Portée)
<i>A, B</i>	<i>Module_Appelant, Module_1, Module_2, Module_3</i>
<i>T</i>	<i>Module_1, Module_2</i>
<i>C</i>	<i>Module_2</i>
<i>X: déclaré au Module_Appelant</i>	<i>Module_Appelant</i>
<i>X: déclaré au Module_1</i>	<i>Module_1, Module_2</i>
<i>X: déclaré au Module_3</i>	<i>Module_3</i>
<i>Y, Z</i>	<i>Module_3</i>

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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

-
 -
 - { *Traitements* }
 -
 -

- *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.

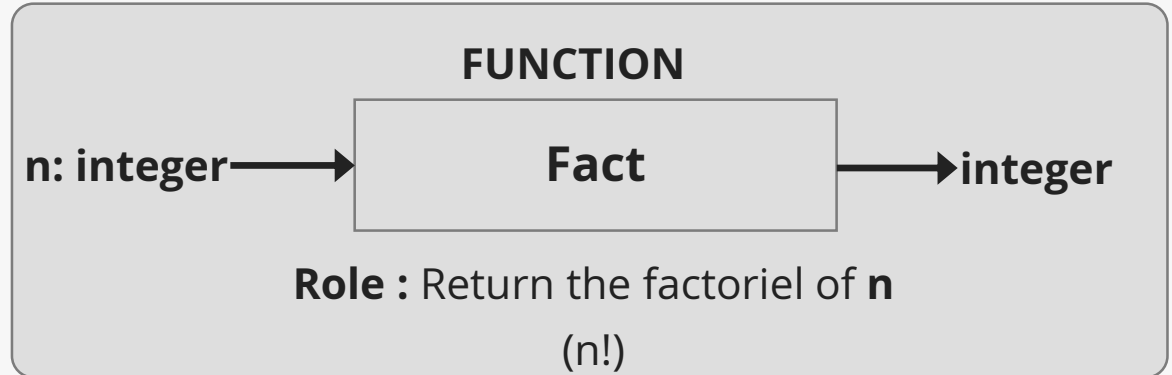
Calls

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

1st Step : Split Modules

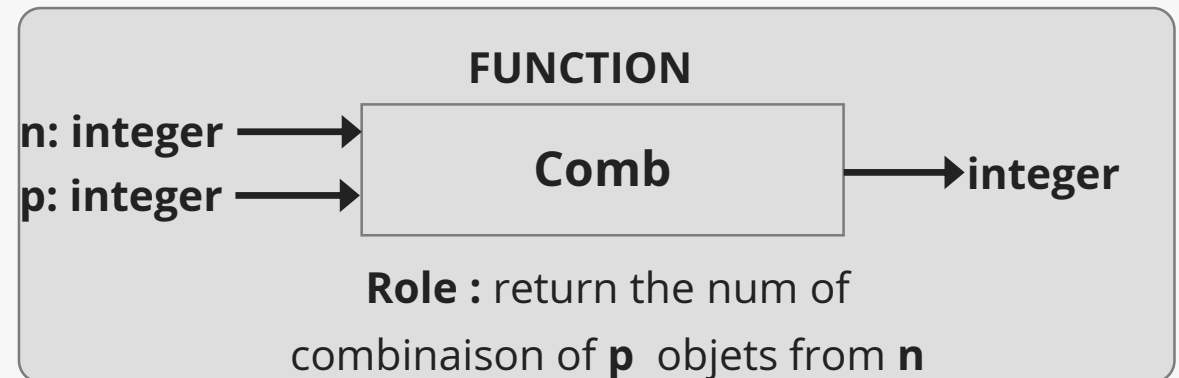
Function : Fact

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



Function : Comb

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



2nd 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;
```

3rd 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;

  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)

```

1  #include <stdio.h>
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 }

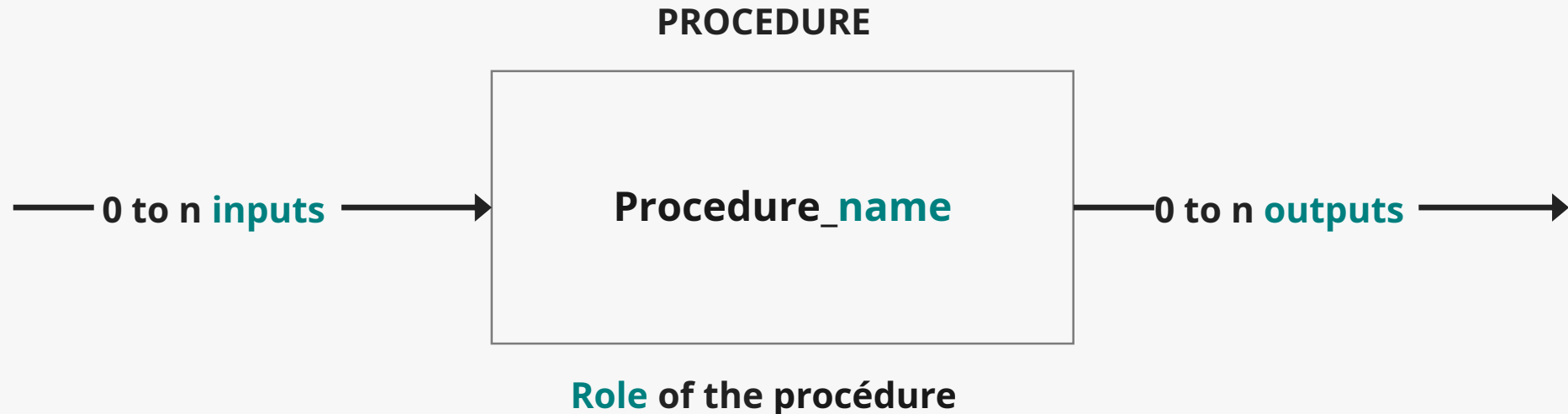
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Procedures

```
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         again = true;  
34         continue;  
35     } while (++iN < iLength) {  
36         if (isdigit(sInput[iN])) {  
37             continue;  
38         } else if (iN == (iLength - 3) !=  
39             continue;
```

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.



Description of a procedure

Structure & Syntax

Header

Procedure *procedure_name* (*List of formels input and output parameters :Type*);

Body

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

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)`

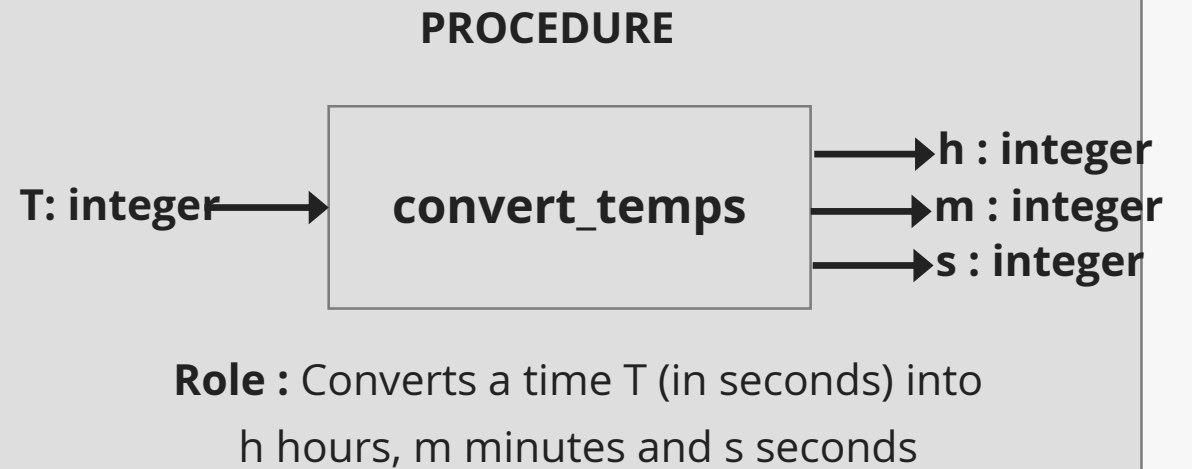
Example: Convert a time T (in seconds) to hours, minutes and seconds

1st 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

2nd 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;
```

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

3rd 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

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

```
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;
```

C

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

```
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 }

```