Computer Science and an introduction to Pascal

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Logging in

- Username: ict001-ict030
- Password: password

Virtual Machine:

Start -> Subject Resources -> Programming

- What is a virtual machine?
- Why do you think we use a virtual machine for programming in school?



IDE and Programming Language

The programming language we will be using in class is **Pascal.**

Most would of you would have used Python for GCSE and so this will give you the experience of another language.

The IDE we currently use in lessons is **Lazarus** version 2.0.12 This can be downloaded for free here:

https://www.lazarus-ide.org/index.php?page=downloads

What is an IDE?

Key words and terms

Term	Explanation
Statement	
Identifier	
Reserved words	
Subroutines	
Procedure	
Function	

With the person next to you, discuss the definitions of these words in relation to programming.

The Basic Form

> At its simplest, a Pascal program has the form



Identifiers can only contain letters, underscores or numbers and must start with a letter.



Lazarus opens automatically when opening the virtual machine. Ensure you have it on screen.

Click Start -> New -> Program

- The first line of the program is called the <u>program</u> <u>heading.</u> The rest of the program is the <u>program body</u>.
- At least one space or end-of-line must appear between adjacent identifiers, reserved words and numbers.

First Program: Hello World!

To see the effect of a program there must be some output. A single line of output can be produced using the <u>writeln</u> statement.

PROGRAM helloworld;

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BEGIN
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writeln('Hello World!');

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END.
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- The text to be output must always appear within apostrophes or <u>string quotes</u>.
- Statements must always end with a semi-colon.
- Copy this code. Run the program. What is the problem with it?
- Add readIn() under writeln('Hello World!'); to fix this.

What is wrong with the code?



Try the following Output Examples





Output

- Spaces and end-of-line make no difference to the compiler. To the human reader, however, their inclusion is very important; neat layout is a *major* contributory factor towards program transparency.
- Comments are helpful to identify what is happening in a particular part of the program, not only for you but anyone else who reads the code.



Exercises

- I. Print your name to the screen.
- 2. Print your name to the screen in a border made of a character of your choice.
- 3. Write a program to draw a rocket.



4. Write a program to print your initials in large letters.

MM	MM	SSSSS
MMM 1	MMM	SS
MM MM	MM	SSSSS
MM	MM	SS
MM	MM	SSSSS

Extension

The following code has 3 integers (whole numbers) set up to be used in the program. Currently the program asks the user for a number and stores it in the variable <u>Num1</u>

Complete the program so the user must enter 2 numbers. Then have the sum of those two numbers printed to the console.

