Fortran 90 Basics

I don't know what the programming language of the year 2000 will look like, but I know it will be called FORTRAN.

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F90 Program Structure

- A Fortran 90 program has the following form:
 program-name is the name of that program
 specification-part, *execution-part*, and *subprogram-part* are optional.
 - Although **IMPLICIT NONE** is also optional, this is <u>required</u> in this course to write safe programs.

PROGRAM program-name IMPLICIT NONE [specification-part] [execution-part] [subprogram-part] END PROGRAM program-name

Program Comments

Comments start with a !

Everything following ! will be ignored
This is similar to // in C/C++

```
! This is an example
!
PROGRAM Comment
.....
READ(*,*) Year ! read in the value of Year
.....
Year = Year + 1 ! add 1 to Year
....
END PROGRAM Comment
```

Continuation Lines

- Fortran 90 is not completely format-free!
- •A statement must starts with a new line.
- If a statement is too long to fit on one line, it has to be *continued*.
- The continuation character is &, which is not part of the statement.

```
Total = Total + &
Amount * Payments
! Total = Total + Amount*Payments
PROGRAM &
ContinuationLine
! PROGRAM ContinuationLine
```

Alphabets

Fortran 90 alphabets include the following:
Upper and lower cases letters
Digits
Special characters



Constants: 1/6

- A Fortran 90 constant may be an integer, real, logical, complex, and character string.
- •We will not discuss complex constants.
- •An integer constant is a string of digits with an optional sign: 12345, -345, +789, +0.

Constants: 2/6

- •A real constant has two forms, decimal and exponential:
 - In the decimal form, a real constant is a string of digits with exactly one decimal point. A real constant may include an optional sign. Example: 2.45, .13, 13., -0.12, -.12.

Constants: 3/6

- A real constant has two forms, decimal and exponential:
 - In the exponential form, a real constant starts with an integer/real, followed by a E/e, followed by an integer (*i.e.*, the exponent). Examples:
 - 12E3 (12×10³), -12e3 (-12×10³),
 3.45E-8 (3.45×10⁻⁸), -3.45e-8
 (-3.45×10⁻⁸).
 - $0E0 (0 \times 10^{0} = 0).$ 12.34-5 is wrong!

Constants: 4/6

A logical constant is either .TRUE. or .FALSE.
Note that the periods surrounding TRUE and FALSE are required!

Constants: 5/6

- A character string or character constant is a string of characters enclosed between two double quotes or two single quotes. Examples: "abc", 'John Dow', "#\$%^", and `()()'.
- The content of a character string consists of all characters between the quotes. Example: The content of `John Dow' is John Dow.
- The length of a string is the number of characters between the quotes. The length of `John Dow' is 8, space included.

Constants: 6/6

- •A string has length zero (*i.e.*, no content) is an empty string.
- If single (or double) quotes are used in a string, then use double (or single) quotes as delimiters.
 Examples: "Adam's cat" and `I said
 "go away"'.
- Two consecutive quotes are treated as one! `Lori''s Apple' is Lori's Apple "double quote""" is double quote" `abc''def"x''y' is abc'def"x'y "abc""def'x""y" is abc"def'x"y

Identifiers: 1/2

- A Fortran 90 identifier can have no more than 31 characters.
- The first one must be a letter. The remaining characters, if any, may be letters, digits, or underscores.
- Fortran 90 identifiers are CASE INSENSITIVE.
- •Examples: A, Name, toTAL123, System_, myFile_01, my_1st_F90_program_X_.
- Identifiers Name, nAmE, nAME and NAME are the same.

Identifiers: 2/2

- Unlike Java, C, C++, etc, *Fortran 90 does not have reserved words*. This means one may use Fortran keywords as identifiers.
- Therefore, PROGRAM, end, IF, then, DO, etc may be used as identifiers. Fortran 90 compilers are able to recognize keywords from their "positions" in a statement.
- Yes, end = program + if/(goto while) is legal!
- However, avoid the use of Fortran 90 keywords as identifiers to minimize confusion.

Declarations: 1/3

Fortran 90 uses the following for variable declarations, where type-specifier is one of the following keywords: INTEGER, REAL, LOGICAL, COMPLEX and CHARACTER, and list is a sequence of identifiers separated by commas.

```
type-specifier :: list
```

•Examples:

INTEGER :: Zip, Total, counter
REAL :: AVERAGE, x, Difference
LOGICAL :: Condition, OK
COMPLEX :: Conjugate

Declarations: 2/3

- Character variables require additional information, the *string length*:
 - Keyword CHARACTER must be followed by a length attribute (LEN = l), where l is the length of the string.
 - **The LEN= part is optional.**
 - **If the length of a string is 1, one may use CHARACTER** without length attribute.
 - Other length attributes will be discussed later.

Declarations: 3/3

• Examples:

CHARACTER (LEN=20) :: Answer, Quote Variables Answer and Quote can hold strings up to 20 characters.
CHARACTER (20) :: Answer, Quote is the same as above.
CHARACTER :: Keypress means variable Keypress can only hold <u>ONE</u> character (*i.e.*, length 1).

The PARAMETER Attribute: 1/4

- •A **PARAMETER** identifier is a name whose value cannot be modified. In other words, it is a <u>named constant</u>.
- The **PARAMETER** attribute is used after the type keyword.
- Each identifier is followed by a = and followed by a value for that identifier.

INTEGER, PARAMETER :: MAXIMUM = 10 REAL, PARAMETER :: PI = 3.1415926, E = 2.17828 LOGICAL, PARAMETER :: TRUE = .true., FALSE = .false.

The PARAMETER Attribute: 2/4

- Since CHARACTER identifiers have a length attribute, it is a little more complex when used with PARAMETER.
- •Use (LEN = *) if one does not want to count the number of characters in a **PARAMETER** character string, where = * means the length of this string is determined elsewhere.

```
CHARACTER(LEN=3), PARAMETER :: YES = "yes" ! Len = 3
CHARACTER(LEN=2), PARAMETER :: NO = "no" ! Len = 2
CHARACTER(LEN=*), PARAMETER :: &
PROMPT = "What do you want?" ! Len = 17
```

The PARAMETER Attribute: 3/4

- Since Fortran 90 strings are of *fixed* length, one must remember the following:
 - **If a string is longer than the PARAMETER** length, the right end is truncated.
 - **If a string is shorter than the PARAMETER** length, spaces will be added to the right.

CHARACTER(LEN=4), PARAMETER :: ABC = "abcdef" CHARACTER(LEN=4), PARAMETER :: XYZ = "xy"

$$ABC = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d \end{bmatrix} XYZ = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \end{bmatrix}$$

The PARAMETER Attribute: 4/4

- By convention, **PARAMETER** identifiers use all upper cases. However, this is not mandatory.
- For maximum flexibility, constants other than 0 and 1 should be **PARAMETER**ized.
- •A **PARAMETER** is an alias of a value and is <u>not</u> a variable. Hence, one cannot modify the content of a **PARAMETER** identifier.
- •One can may a **PARAMETER** identifier anywhere in a program. It is equivalent to replacing the identifier with its value.
- The value part can use expressions.

Variable Initialization: 1/2

A variable receives its value with
 Initialization: It is done once before the program runs.

Assignment: It is done when the program executes an assignment statement.

Input: It is done with a **READ** statement.

Variable Initialization: 2/2

- Variable initialization is very similar to what we learned with **PARAMETER**.
- A variable name is followed by a =, followed by an expression in which all identifiers must be constants or **PARAMETER**S defined *previously*.
- Using an un-initialized variable may cause unexpected, sometimes disastrous results.

Arithmetic Operators

- There are four types of operators in Fortran 90: arithmetic, relational, logical and character.
- The following shows the first three types:

Туре		Operator					Associativity
			<u>right to left</u>				
Arithmetic	*			/			left to right
	+			-			left to right
Relational	<	<=	>	>=	==	/=	none
Logical			<u>right to left</u>				
			left to right				
	.OR.						left to right
	.EQVNEQV.					left to right	

Operator Priority

- ** is the highest; * and / are the next, followed
 by + and -. All relational operators are next.
- Of the 5 logical operators, **.EQV**. and **.NEQV**. are the lowest.

Туре		Operator					Associativity
		**					<u>right to left</u>
Arithmetic	*			/			left to right
	+			-			left to right
Relational	<	<=	>	>= == /=		/=	none
		.NOT.				<u>right to left</u>	
Logical			•	left to right			
				left to right			
		.EQV.		.NEQV.		•	left to right

highest

priority

Expression Evaluation

- Expressions are evaluated from left to right.
- If an operator is encountered in the process of evaluation, its *priority* is compared with that of the next one
 - if the next one is lower, evaluate the current operator with its operands;
 - if the next one is equal to the current, the <u>associativity laws</u> are used to determine which one should be evaluated;
 - **if the next one is higher, scanning continues**

Single Mode Expression

- A *single mode* arithmetic expression is an expression all of whose operands are of the same type.
- If the operands are INTEGERS (*resp.*, REALS), the result is also an INTEGER (*resp.*, REAL).

$$1.0 + 2.0 * 3.0 / (6.0*6.0 + 5.0*44.0) ** 0.25$$

--> 1.0 + 6.0 / (6.0*6.0 + 5.0*44.0) ** 0.25
--> 1.0 + 6.0 / (36.0 + 5.0*44.0) ** 0.25
--> 1.0 + 6.0 / (36.0 + 220.0) ** 0.25
--> 1.0 + 6.0 / 256.0 ** 0.25
--> 1.0 + 6.0 / 4.0
--> 1.0 + 1.5
--> 2.5

Mixed Mode Expression: 1/2

- If operands have different types, it is *mixed mode*.
- INTEGER and REAL yields REAL, and the INTEGER operand is converted to REAL before evaluation. Example: 3.5*4 is converted to 3.5*4.0 becoming single mode.
- Exception: x**INTEGER: x**3 is x*x*x and x**(-3) is 1.0/(x*x*x).
- x**REAL is evaluated with log() and exp().
- Logical and character cannot be mixed with arithmetic operands.

Mixed Mode Expression: 2/2

 Note that a**b**c is a**(b**c) instead of (a**b)**c, and a**(b**c) ≠ (a**b)**c. This can be a big trap!



red: type conversion

The Assignment Statement: 1/2

The assignment statement has a form of variable = expression

- If the type of **variable** and **expression** are identical, the result is saved to **variable**.
- If the type of variable and expression are not identical, the result of expression is converted to the type of variable.
- If expression is REAL and variable is INTEGER, the result is truncated.

The Assignment Statement: 2/2

• The left example uses an initialized variable **Unit**, and the right uses a **PARAMETER PI**.

INTEGER	::	Total	,	Amount
INTEGER	::	Unit :	=	5
Amount = Total =	= 1(Un:)0.99 Lt * An	no	unt

```
REAL, PARAMETER :: PI = 3.1415926
REAL :: Area
INTEGER :: Radius
Radius = 5
Area = (Radius ** 2) * PI
```

This one is equivalent to Radius ** 2 * PI

Fortran Intrinsic Functions: 1/4

- Fortran provides many commonly used functions, referred to as *intrinsic functions*.
- To use an intrinsic function, we need to know:
 - Name and meaning of the function (*e.g.*, SQRT () for square root)
 - Number of arguments
 - The type and range of each argument (e.g., the argument of SQRT () must be nonnegative)
 - The type of the returned function value.

Fortran Intrinsic Functions: 2/4

Some mathematical functions:

Function	Meaning	Arg. Type	Return Type
ABC ()	absolute value of	INTEGER	INTEGER
ABS(X)	absolute value of x	REAL	REAL
SQRT(x)	square root of x	REAL	REAL
SIN(x)	sine of x radian	REAL	REAL
COS(x)	cosine of x radian	REAL	REAL
TAN(x)	tangent of x radian	REAL	REAL
ASIN(x)	arc sine of x	REAL	REAL
ACOS(x)	arc cosine of x	REAL	REAL
ATAN(x)	arc tangent of x	REAL	REAL
EXP(x)	exponential ex	REAL	REAL
LOG(x)	natural logarithm of x	REAL	REAL

LOG10(x) is the common logarithm of x!

Fortran Intrinsic Functions: 3/4

Some conversion functions:

Function	Meaning	Arg. Type	Return Type
INT(x)	truncate to integer part x	REAL	INTEGER
NINT(x)	round nearest integer to x	REAL	INTEGER
FLOOR(x)	greatest integer less than or equal to 🗴	REAL	INTEGER
FRACTION(x)	the fractional part of x	REAL	REAL
REAL(x)	convert x to REAL	INTEGER	REAL

Examples:
INT(-3.5)
$$\rightarrow$$
 -3
NINT(3.5) \rightarrow 4
NINT(-3.4) \rightarrow -3
FLOOR(3.6) \rightarrow 3
FLOOR(-3.5) \rightarrow -4
FRACTION(12.3) \rightarrow 0.3
REAL(-10) \rightarrow -10.0

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Fortran Intrinsic Functions: 4/4

• Other functions:

Function	Meaning	Arg. Type	Return Type
	maximum of 11 12 up	INTEGER	INTEGER
$\operatorname{MAX}(XI, XZ, \ldots, XII)$		REAL	REAL
MTN(m1 m2 mp)	minimum of 11	INTEGER	INTEGER
$\operatorname{MIN}(\mathbf{XI}, \mathbf{XZ}, \ldots, \mathbf{XII})$		REAL	REAL
	romaindor TNM (/) *	INTEGER	INTEGER
MOD(X,Y)	$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} $	REAL	REAL

Expression Evaluation

- Functions have the highest priority.
- Function arguments are evaluated first.
- The returned function value is treated as a value in the expression.

```
REAL :: A = 1.0, B = -5.0, C = 6.0, R

R = (-B + SQRT(B*B - 4.0*A*C))/(2.0*A)

R gets 3.0

(-B + SQRT(B*B - 4.0*A*C))/(2.0*A)

-> (5.0 + SQRT(B*B - 4.0*A*C))/(2.0*A)

-> (5.0 + SQRT(25.0 - 4.0*A*C))/(2.0*A)

-> (5.0 + SQRT(25.0 - 4.0*C))/(2.0*A)

-> (5.0 + SQRT(25.0 - 24.0))/(2.0*A)

-> (5.0 + SQRT(1.0))/(2.0*A)

-> (5.0 + 1.0)/(2.0*A)

-> 6.0/(2.0*A)

-> 6.0/(2.0*A)

-> 3.0

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```

What is IMPLICIT NONE?

- Fortran has an interesting tradition: all variables starting with i, j, k, 1, m and n, if not declared, are of the INTEGER type by default.
- This handy feature can cause serious consequences if it is not used with care.
- IMPLICIT NONE means all names must be declared and there is no implicitly assumed INTEGER type.
- All programs in this class must use IMPLICIT NONE. Points will be deducted if you do not use it!

List-Directed READ: 1/5

Fortran 90 uses the READ(*,*) statement to read data into variables from keyboard: READ(*,*) v1, v2, ..., vn READ(*,*)

 The second form has a special meaning that will be discussed later.

INTEGER	:: Age
REAL	:: Amount, Rate
CHARACTER(LEN=10)	:: Name
<pre>READ(*,*) Name, i</pre>	Age, Rate, Amount

List-Directed READ: 2/5

Data Preparation Guidelines

READ(*,*) reads data from keyboard by default, although one may use input redirection to read from a file.

- If READ (*, *) has n variables, there must be n Fortran constants.
- Each constant must have the type of the corresponding variable. Integers can be read into REAL variables but not vice versa.
- Data items are separated by spaces and may spread into multiple lines.

List-Directed READ: 3/5

• The execution of **READ(*, *)** always starts with a new line!

Then, it reads each constant into the corresponding variable.

```
CHARACTER(LEN=5) :: Name

REAL :: height, length

INTEGER :: count, MaxLength

READ(*,*) Name, height, count, length, MaxLength

Input: "Smith" 100.0 25 123.579 10000
```

List-Directed READ: 4/5

Be careful when input items are on multiple lines.



List-Directed READ: 5/5

Since READ(*, *) always starts with a new line, a READ(*, *) without any variable means skipping the input line!

INTEGER :: P, Q, R, S



List-Directed WRITE: 1/3

- Fortran 90 uses the WRITE (*, *) statement to write information to screen.
- WRITE (*, *) has two forms, where exp1, exp2, ..., expn are expressions

WRITE(*,*) exp1, exp2, ..., expn
WRITE(*,*)

• WRITE (*, *) evaluates the result of each expression and prints it on screen.

•WRITE (*, *) always starts with a new line!

List-Directed WRITE: 2/3

• Here is a simple example:



List-Directed WRITE: 3/3

- The previous example used LEN=*, which means the length of a CHARACTER constant is determined by actual count.
- WRITE (*, *) without any expression advances to the next line, producing a blank one.
- A Fortran 90 compiler will use the *best* way to print each value. Thus, indentation and alignment are difficult to achieve with **WRITE(*, *)**.
- One must use the **FORMAT** statement to produce good looking output.

Complete Example: 1/4

- This program computes the position (*x* and *y* coordinates) and the velocity (magnitude and direction) of a projectile, given *t*, the time since launch, *u*, the launch velocity, *a*, the initial angle of launch (in degree), and *g*=9.8, the acceleration due to gravity.
- The horizontal and vertical displacements, *x* and *y*, are computed as follows:

$$x = u \times \cos(a) \times t$$

$$y = u \times \sin(a) \times t - \frac{g \times t^2}{2}$$

Complete Example: 2/4

• The horizontal and vertical components of the velocity vector are computed as

$$V_{x} = u \times \cos(a)$$
$$V_{y} = u \times \sin(a) - g \times t$$

• The magnitude of the velocity vector is

$$V = \sqrt{V_x^2 + V_y^2}$$

• The angle between the ground and the velocity vector is

$$\tan(\theta) = \frac{V_x}{V_y}$$

Complete Example: 3/4

Write a program to read in the launch angle *a*, the time since launch *t*, and the launch velocity *u*, and compute the position, the velocity and the angle with the ground.

```
PROGRAM Projectile
   IMPLICIT NONE
   REAL, PARAMETER :: g = 9.8 ! acceleration due to gravity
   REAL, PARAMETER :: PI = 3.1415926 ! you know this. don't you?
   REAL :: Angle
                                      ! launch angle in degree
  REAL :: Time
                                      ! time to flight
                                      ! direction at time in degree
   REAL :: Theta
                                      ! launch velocity
   REAL :: U
   REAL :: V
                                      ! resultant velocity
   REAL :: Vx
                                      ! horizontal velocity
                                      ! vertical velocity
   REAL :: Vy
                                      ! horizontal displacement
   REAL :: X
                                      ! vertical displacement
   REAL :: Y
      ..... Other executable statements .....
END PROGRAM Projectile
```

Complete Example: 4/4

Write a program to read in the launch angle *a*, the time since launch *t*, and the launch velocity *u*, and compute the position, the velocity and the angle with the ground.

```
READ(*,*) Angle, Time, U
Angle = Angle * PI / 180.0 ! convert to radian
X = U * COS(Angle) * Time
Y = U * SIN(Angle) * Time - a*Time*Time / 2.0
Vx = U * COS(Angle)
Vy = U * SIN(Angle) - g * Time
V = SORT(Vx*Vx + Vy*Vy)
Theta = ATAN(Vy/Vx) * 180.0 / PI ! convert to degree
WRITE(*,*) 'Horizontal displacement : ', X
WRITE(*,*) 'Vertical displacement : ', Y
WRITE(*,*) 'Resultant velocity : ', V
WRITE(*,*) 'Direction (in degree) : ', Theta
```

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CHARACTER Operator //

- Fortran 90 uses // to concatenate two strings.
- If strings A and B have lengths m and n, the concatenation A // B is a string of length m+n.

CHARACTER(LEN=4) :: John = "John", Sam = "Sam" CHARACTER(LEN=6) :: Lori = "Lori", Reagan = "Reagan" CHARACTER(LEN=10) :: Ans1, Ans2, Ans3, Ans4 Ans1 = John // Lori ! Ans1 = "JohnLori[]" Ans2 = Sam // Reagan ! Ans2 = "Sam[Reagan" Ans3 = Reagan // Sam ! Ans3 = "ReaganSam]" Ans4 = Lori // Sam ! Ans4 = "Lori[]Sam]"

CHARACTER Substring: 1/3

- A consecutive portion of a string is a *substring*.
- To use substrings, one may add an *extent specifier* to a **CHARACTER** variable.
- An extent specifier has the following form:
 - (integer-exp1 : integer-exp2)
- The first and the second expressions indicate the start and end: (3:8) means 3 to 8,
- If A = "abcdefg", then A(3:5) means A's substring from position 3 to position 5 (*i.e.*, "cde").

CHARACTER Substring: 2/3

- In (integer-expl:integer-exp2), if the first expl is missing, the substring starts from the first character, and if exp2 is missing, the substring ends at the last character.
- If A = ``12345678'', then A(:5) is ``12345'' and A(3+x:) is ``5678'' where x is 2.
- As a good programming practice, in general, the first expression exp1 should be no less than 1, and the second expression exp2 should be no greater than the length of the string.

CHARACTER Substring: 3/3

- Substrings can be used on either side of the assignment operator.
- Suppose LeftHand = 123456789''(length is 10).

 - LeftHand(4:) = "lmnopqr" yields LeftHand = "123lmnopqr"
 - LeftHand(3:8) = "abc" yields LeftHand =
 "12abc[]]90"

LeftHand(4:7) = "lmnopq" yields LeftHand = "123lmno890"

Example: 1/5

- This program uses the DATE_AND_TIME() Fortran 90 intrinsic function to retrieve the system date and system time. Then, it converts the date and time information to a readable format. This program demonstrates the use of concatenation operator // and substring.
- System date is a string ccyymmdd, where cc century, yy = year, mm = month, and dd = day.
- System time is a string hhmmss.sss, where hh = hour, mm = minute, and ss.sss = second.

Example: 2/5

 The following shows the specification part. Note the handy way of changing string length.



Example: 3/5

Decompose DateINFO into year, month and day. DateINFO has a form of ccyymmdd, where cc = century, yy = year, mm = month, and dd = day.

```
Year = DateINFO(1:4)
Month = DateINFO(5:6)
Day = DateINFO(7:8)
WRITE(*,*) 'Date information -> ', DateINFO
WRITE(*,*) ' Year -> ', Year
WRITE(*,*) ' Month -> ', Month
WRITE(*,*) ' Day -> ', Day
```

```
Output: Date information -> 19970811
Year -> 1997
Month -> 08
Day -> 11
```

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Example: 4/5

• Now do the same for time:

Hour	= TimeINFO(1:2)
Minute	= TimeINFO(3:4)
Second	= TimeINFO(5:10)
PrettyTime	= Hour // ':' // Minute // ':' // Second
WRITE(*,*)	
WRITE(*,*)	'Time Information -> ', TimeINFO
WRITE(*,*)	'Hour -> ', Hour
WRITE(*,*)	' Minute -> ', Minute
WRITE(*,*)	' Second -> ', Second
WRITE(*,*)	' Pretty Time -> ', PrettyTime

Example: 5/5

• We may also use substring to achieve the same result:

```
PrettyTime = " " ! Initialize to all blanks
PrettyTime(:2) = Hour
PrettyTime(3:3) = ':'
PrettyTime(4:5) = Minute
PrettyTime(6:6) = ':'
PrettyTime(7: ) = Second
WRITE(*,*)
WRITE(*,*) ' Pretty Time -> ', PrettyTime
```

What **KIND** Is It?

- Fortran 90 has a **KIND** attribute for selecting the precision of a numerical constant/variable.
- The **KIND** of a constant/variable is a positive integer (more on this later) that can be attached to a constant.
- Example:

126_3: 126 is an integer of KIND 3
 3.1415926_8: 3.1415926 is a real of KIND 8

What KIND Is It (INTEGER)? 1/2

- Function SELECTED_INT_KIND(k) selects the KIND of an integer, where the value of k, a positive integer, means the selected integer KIND has a value between -10^k and 10^k.
- Thus, the value of k is approximately the number of digits of that KIND. For example,
 SELECTED_INT_KIND(10) means an integer
 KIND of no more than 10 digits.
- If **SELECTED_INT_KIND()** returns **-1**, this means the hardware does not support the requested **KIND**.

What KIND Is It (INTEGER)? 2/2

SELECTED_INT_KIND() is usually used in the specification part like the following:

INTEGER, PARAMETER :: SHORT = SELECTED_INT_KIND(2)
INTEGER(KIND=SHORT) :: x, y

- The above declares an INTEGER PARAMETER SHORT with SELECTED_INT_KIND(2), which is the KIND of 2-digit integers.
- Then, the KIND= attribute specifies that INTEGER variables x and y can hold 2-digit integers.
- In a program, one may use -12_SHORT and
 9_SHORT to write constants of that KIND.

What KIND Is It (REAL)? 1/2

- Use SELECTED_REAL_KIND(*k*, *e*) to specify a KIND for REAL constants/variables, where *k* is the number of significant digits and *e* is the number of digits in the exponent. Both *k* and *e* must be positive integers.
- Note that *e* is optional.
- SELECTED_REAL_KIND(7,3) selects a REAL KIND of 7 significant digits and 3 digits for the exponent: ±0.xxxxxx×10^{±yyy}

What KIND Is It (REAL)? 2/2

• Here is an example:

```
INTEGER, PARAMETER :: &
    SINGLE=SELECTED_REAL_KIND(7,2), &
    DOUBLE=SELECTED_REAL_KIND(15,3)
REAL(KIND=SINGLE) :: X
REAL(KIND=DOUBLE) :: Sum
x = 123.45E-5_SINGLE
Sum = Sum + 12345.67890_DOUBLE
```

Why KIND, etc? 1/2

- Old Fortran used INTEGER*2, REAL*8, DOUBLE PRECISION, etc to specify the "precision" of a variable. For example, REAL*8 means the use of 8 bytes to store a real value.
- This is not very portable because some computers may not use bytes as their basic storage unit, while some others cannot use 2 bytes for a short integer (*i.e.*, **INTEGER*2**).
- Moreover, we also want to have more and finer precision control.

Why KIND, etc? 2/2

- Due to the differences among computer hardware architectures, we have to be careful:
 - The requested KIND may not be satisfied. For example, SELECTED_INT_KIND(100) may not be realistic on most computers.
 - Compilers will find the best way good enough (*i.e.*, larger) for the requested **KIND**.
 - If a "larger" KIND value is stored to a "smaller" KIND variable, unpredictable result may occur.
- Use KIND carefully for maximum portability.

The End