



Introduction to Programming

Tutorial Task 3.1: Name Tester

Overview

Control flow enables you to easily add conditions and loops to your programs. In this task you will create a small program that uses conditions and loops to output custom messages to users.

- Purpose:** Learn to use the control flow statements within a program.
- Task:** Create a program that tests a user's name and echoes a custom message.
- Time:** This task should be completed before the start of week 4.
- Resources:**
- Chapters 6 and 8 of 'Learn to Program'
- [Chapt 6: Flow Control](#)
- [Chapt 8: Writing Your Own Methods](#)

Note: Remember to submit **all tasks** to Doubtfire for assessment. Also make sure you *fix and resubmit* any tasks you did not get signed off last week!

Submission Details

You must submit the following files to Doubtfire:

- NameTester program source code.
- A screenshot of your program running
- Answers to questions about control flow.

Make sure that your task has the following in your submission:

- Demonstrates use of Ruby programming convention, including indentation within selection and repetition statements.
- Demonstrates use of an **if** statement to perform selection, and a **while** loop to perform repetition.

Instructions

Create a small program that will check the user's name and respond with different messages for different people.

1. Download and extract the resources for this task.
2. Open **name_tester.rb** using Atom or Sublime Text or similar
3. Implement a **main** procedure with the following logic:
 - It reads a name from the user, and displays back a message.
 - Check if the name entered is your name.
 - If the name is *your name* or *your tutor's name* output the message 'Awesome name!'
 - Otherwise output the silly name message:

Steps:

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1: Assign name, the result of calling read_string with  
the prompt: 'Please enter your name: '
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2: if name is 'add your name here' or 'add your tutors  
name here' then output ' is an awesome name'  
otherwise:
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3. Print '- the name entered - is a silly name!'
```

Note: Indentation is important! Notice that lines 4 and 5 in Listing 2 are indented... this means that they are inside the while loop. Line 6 is not indented so it sits outside the while loop, as the instruction after the loop.

An example of the output of this program is as follows:

```
What is your name?  
Ted  
Ted is an awesome name!
```

Saying that the name is 'silly' will have a much greater effect if we add lots of 'silly's to the output... Add a **print_silly_name** procedure to your Name Test program. This will output the person's name and ' is a silly silly' ... with 60 'silly's, then ' name'.

Call this new procedure from main when the name is not your name.

The pseudocode for this procedure follows:

```
Procedure: print_silly_name
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Parameter:
- name (the silly name String)
Local Variables:
- i (an integer, used to count the number of loops)
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Steps:
1: Make i equal 0
2: Print (staying on the same line) name, ' is a'
3: While i is less than 60
4:     Print (on the same line) ' silly'
5:     Increment i (make i equal i + 1)
6: Output ' name!' (moving to a new line)
```

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Hint: Use **print** instead of **puts** to output without going to a new line.

The output of the program should look like this:

```
What is your name?
Sam
Sam is a
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lly silly silly silly silly silly silly silly name!
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Get a screenshot of the terminal showing the output of running this program with your name, and with someone else's name.

End of Task