Compilers and Interpreters

Compilers translate program code into machine language that the computer can understand before it is executed.

Interpreters translate program code into machine language and execute the machine language.

Program Development

- 1. Analyze the problem (specs)
- 2. Devise an algorithm to solve the problem
- 3. Test the design
- 4. Code the program (don't forget to document the program)
- 5. Review the code
- 6. Enter the program
- 7. Run the program with test data
- 8. Maintain the program

Designing the program-FlowCharts



These shapes can be found on the drawing toolbar in Word

FlowChart "Rules"

Flow is top down
Only one entry point
Only one exit point
No infinite loops
No unreachable code

PseudoCode

Uses English words
 Resembles QBasic code

Clear Screen Discount = rate x sale price If male then add 1 to male counter Else add 1 to female counter End if

PseudoCode "Rules"

Begin with title statement Program : Sales Report End with terminal statement End: Sales Report Begin each statement with a new line Express assignment as formula or English-like statement Avoid logic structures not in the programming language Use indentation and other conventions

associated with the logic structures in QBasic

Nassi-Scheiderman Charts (structured flowcharts)

Flow of control top down
 series of rectangles containing statements
 Logic structures:

Do while







Practice your skills

Write a flowchart (or Nassi-Schneiderman) to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Make a decision between grape and strawberry jelly.