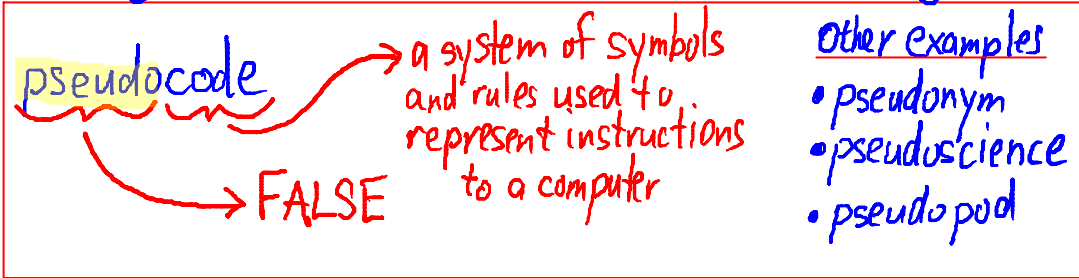


# Creating a Plan for the Credit Card Validation Program



- **Pseudocode** is an informal **high-level description** of the operating principle of an **algorithm**.
- It uses the structural conventions of a **programming language**, but is intended for **human reading** rather than machine reading.
- Pseudocode typically **omits details that are not essential for human understanding of the algorithm**, such as **variable declarations**, system-specific code and some **subroutines**.
- The programming language is **augmented with natural language** description details, where convenient, or with compact mathematical notation.
- The purpose of using pseudocode is that it is **easier for people to understand** than conventional programming language code, and that it is an efficient and environment-independent description of the key principles of an algorithm.
- It is commonly used in textbooks and **scientific publications** that are documenting various algorithms, and also in planning of **computer program development**, for **sketching out the structure of the program before the actual coding takes place**.
- No **standard** for pseudocode **syntax** exists, as a program in pseudocode is not an executable program.

Pasted from <<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pseudocode>>

// Simple pseudocode for credit card validation

// Input

string creditCardNum = creditCardNumTextBox.Text;

// Processing

int length = creditCardNum.Length;

string cardType = "";

string firstDigit = creditCardNum.Substring(0, 1);

string firstTwoDigits = creditCardNum.Substring(0, 2);

string firstFourDigits = creditCardNum.Substring(0, 4);

Use values of "length", "firstDigit", "firstTwoDigits", and "firstFourDigits" to determine the card type.

The value of "cardType" remains "" if the number,

The value of "cardType" remains "" if the number entered does not correspond to any of the supported card types

```
if (cardType != "")  
{
```

calculate checksum

if the checksum is valid, declare credit card # to be valid  
otherwise, the # is invalid

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}  
else  
{
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The number entered is of an unknown type

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}
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