

# Imperative Programming

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**Imperative Programming** is a programming paradigm that uses statements that change a program's state. In much the same way that the imperative mood in natural languages expresses commands, an imperative program consists of commands for the computer to perform. Imperative programming focuses on describing how a program operates.

- **Note:**The term is often used in contrast to [Declarative Programming](#), which focuses on what the program should accomplish without specifying how the program should achieve the result.

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