

012 An algorithm a day...

Algorithm Question

Source: OCR GCSE Computing Additional Specimen Exam

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*****There are always different ways to solve a problem. This algorithm is just an example. What is important is that the logic is correct!*****

LOGIC:

- **Input a word**
- **Code contains a loop starting from item 1**
- **... compares the word searched to the current item**
- **... outputs "Word Found" if there is a match**
- **loop stops when you get to item 10**
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EXAMPLE ALGORITHM:

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INPUT SearchWord
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FOR count 1 to Length(WordList)
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    IF WordList(count) = SearchWord THEN
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        OUTPUT "Word Found"
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    END IF
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