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# Teacher's Introduction

This resource pack is designed to help you support your students taking the **AS Computer Science Paper 1** examination. It is based on the **Morse Code** preliminary material (VB.NET) – for examination June 2018.

On the CD, you will find the following files.



MorseCode	for student use – this folder contains all of the content, accessible via a HTML interface
editable	for teacher use – this folder contains ALL of the documents in editable (docx) formats
Passwords.txt	for teacher use – this file contains all of the passwords for the protected PDFs (also listed below)

\* PRINTED COPIES OF ALL THE MATERIALS IN THIS DIGITAL RESOURCE PACK ARE INCLUDED FOR REFERENCE.

**Installation:** Copy the entire `MorseCode` folder onto a network location that is accessible for students, and provide them with a shortcut to the `index.html` file. All content can be accessed from this page.

**Passwords:** All of the PDFs in the 'Answers & Solutions' HTML page (`answers.html`) are password-protected, so that students can only access them with your permission. Each password is a four-digit code, as follows:

Commentary.pdf	1005
DiagramComplete.pdf	6113
QuestionsMarkScheme.pdf	2887
TaskMarkScheme.pdf	4392

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The resource pack consists of the following:

① **Pre-release Commentary**, consisting of two parts:

- A general walkthrough of the skeleton program, including a written description and flowcharts giving a visual demonstration of the game.
- A detailed, technical overview of the skeleton program, describing how all subroutines and the various code elements work.

**Note:** although this section is intended to give extra support to teachers and students, it should in no way be seen as a substitute to a student exploring the code for themselves. For this reason, this content has been placed on the 'Answers & Solutions' HTML page as a password-protected file, to allow you to control if/when students access it.

② **Structure Diagram Activity**

Partially completed structure diagram activity for students to complete while getting to grips with the skeleton program. Any missing subroutine names, return values, parameters and directional arrows must be added to the diagram. An A4 printed copy is provided in this pack for reference, however it is recommended that you print this in A3 size from the PDF. Solutions are provided on the *Answers & Solutions* page as a protected PDF.

③ **Written Questions**

Theory questions testing students' understanding of the *Morse Code* program. These questions require access to the skeleton code, but no modifications need to be made to the program. Write-on (with answer lines) and non-write-on version are available format. Solutions are provided on the *Answers & Solutions* page as a protected PDF.

④ **Programming Tasks**

Fifteen modification exercises put students' programming skills to the test. Solutions are provided on the *Answers & Solutions* page as a protected PDF. Note that these are example solutions and you must use your discretion to award marks accordingly where there are valid alternative solutions.

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# MORSE CODE

## Description of the Program

The program is a system that converts between plaintext and Morse code.

Plaintext is language printed alphabetically (A, B, C, etc.) whereas Morse code uses dots and dashes to represent each letter in the alphabet:

Plaintext	Morse code	Plaintext	Morse code
A	. -	J	. - - -
B	- . . .	K	- . -
C	- . - .	L	. - . .
D	- . .	M	- -
E	.	N	- .
F	. . - .	O	- - -
G	- - .	P	. - - .
H	. . . .	Q	- - . -
I	. .	R	. - .

Each character is separated by a space, so the word HELLO is represented as follows:

. . . . . . - . . . - . . - - -

H	E	L	L	O
. . . .	. - . .	. - .	. - .	- - -

Included with the release material is a text file called 'message.txt'. The contents of the file are as follows:

===△△△=△△△=△===△△△△△△△△===

**Note:** The △ symbols are not included in the text file, they have been included in this explanation to make them more visible. The message.txt file consists of spaces.

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## ReceiveMorseCode

ReceiveMorseCode consists of three main stages:

- For an extract from the text file:



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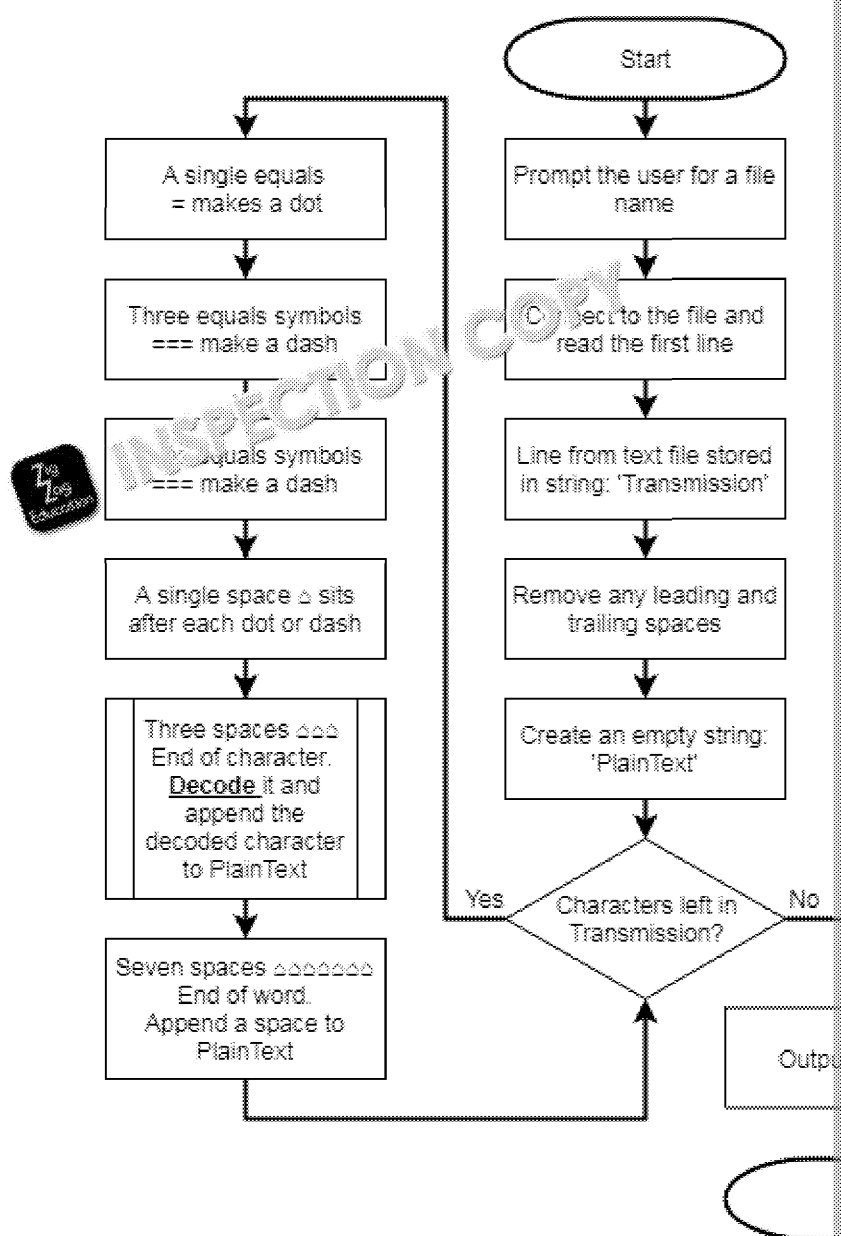
`SendMorseCode` is less involved in that it types uppercase plaintext at the console as Morse code. The Morse code is then displayed on the console. Any spaces in the plaintext are replaced by three spaces in the Morse code.

input	Output
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## ReceiveMorseCode Subroutine



ReceiveMorseCode calls seven other subroutines, either directly or indirectly, in the flowchart, as the flowchart exists only to provide a top-level understanding

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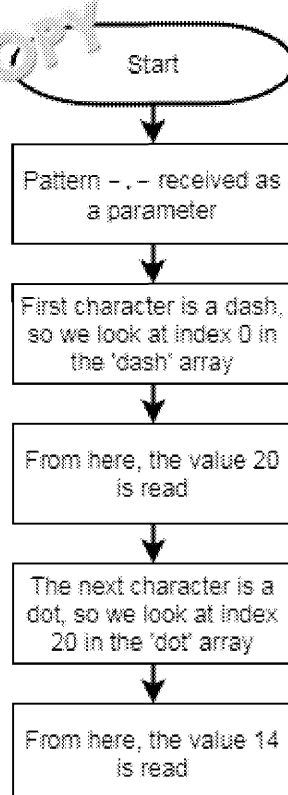


## Decode Subroutine

Element index in array:	Dot	Dash	Letter
0	5	20	△
1	18	23	A
2	0	0	B
3	0	0	C
4	2	24	D
5	9	1	E
6	0	0	F
7	0	17	G
8	0	0	H
9	19	21	I
10	0	0	J
11	3	25	K
12	0	0	L
13	7	15	M
14	4	11	N
15	0	0	O
16	0	0	P
17	0	0	Q
18	12	0	R
19	8	22	S
20	14	13	T
21	6	0	U
22	0	0	V
23	16	10	W
24	0	0	X
25	0	0	Y
26	0	0	Z

The subroutine Decode uses Dot, Dash and Letter, which are used throughout execution.

The flowchart below shows how the pattern -. - is decoded into the plaintext.



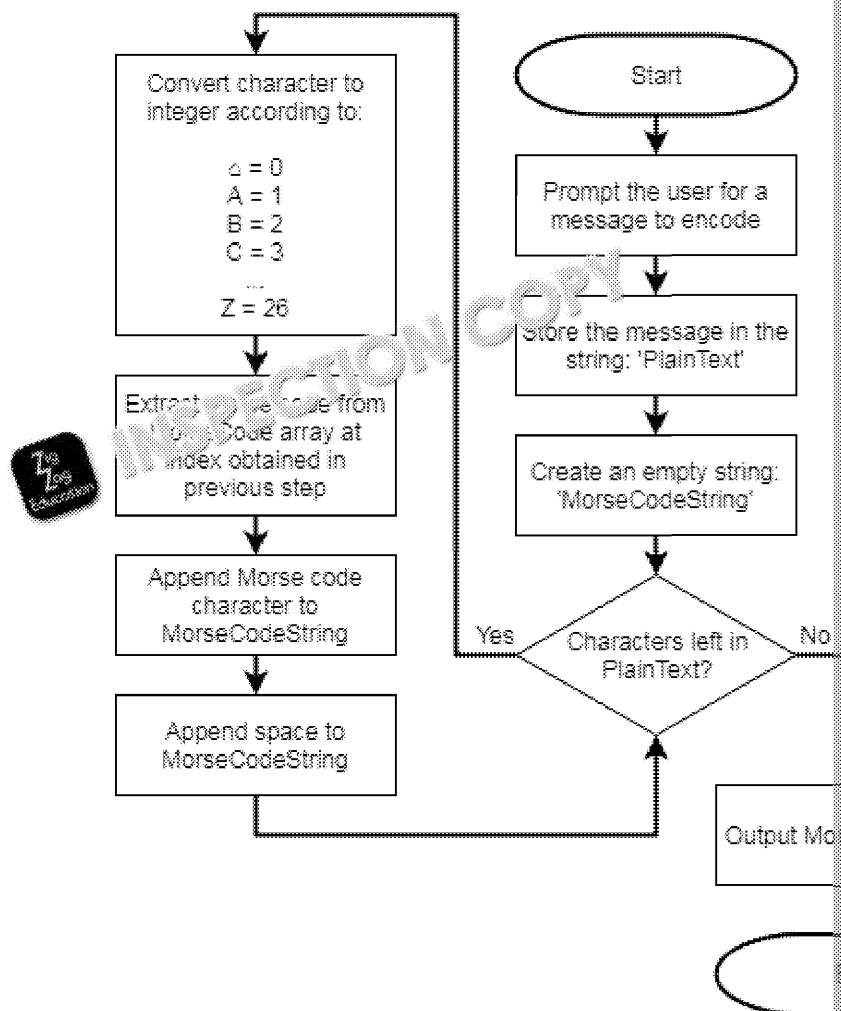
If the first character is a dash, we look at index 0 in the Dash array. If the first character is a dot (.), the starting point is index 0 in the Dot array.

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## SendMorseCode Subroutine








Unlike `ReceiveMorseCode`, which calls several other subroutines, `SendMorseCode` calls no other subroutines. The user enters a message, which is validated to ensure it contains only valid characters and spaces. The message is then translated, one character at-a-time, by looking up the Morse code for each character in an array called `MorseCode`.

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## The Text File (message.txt)

The contents of the text file are explained below:

	<p>This is a dash (==), followed by three spaces.</p> <p>Three spaces signals the end of a character.</p> <p>The character that is made up of a single dash is the equals sign.</p>
	<p>This is the second character, which is a single dash.</p>
	<p>This character is a dot followed by a dash.</p> <p>A single space is used between them (instead of three spaces) as the character is not finished yet.</p> <p>The Morse code comprising a dot followed by a dash is the letter 'Z'.</p>
	<p>This is then followed by seven spaces, which is used to separate between two words.</p>
	<p>This is a character that is made up of a dash followed by a dot, followed by a dash, which makes the letter 'A'.</p>

The whole message, therefore, is **TEA X**

# Subroutine Calls, Parameters and Return Values

The numbers to the left do **not** indicate the order in which subroutines are called, as there are multiple possible orders. Instead, these numbers relate to the numbers in the structure diagram.

Call	Parameters	Return
1 Main calls SendReceiveMessages	-	-
2 SendReceiveMessages calls DisplayMenu	-	-
3 SendReceiveMessages calls GetMenuOption	-	String: MenuOption
4 SendReceiveMessages calls ReceiveMorseCode	Integer(): Dash String(): Letter Integer(): Dot	-
5 SendReceiveMessages calls SendMorseCode	String(): MorseCode	-
6 ReceiveMorseCode calls GetTransmission	-	String: Transmission
7 ReceiveMorseCode calls GetNextLetter	Integer: i String: Transmission	String: SymbolString
8 ReceiveMorseCode calls Decode	String: CodedLetter Integer(): Dash String(): Letter Integer(): Dot	String: Letter(Integer: Pointer)  This returns a string, but the string is always one character long, and is a character within the string Letter, at location Pointer. If Letter contains the string "Hello", then Letter(0) = H, Letter(1) = E, etc.





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# Description of Subroutines

Each subroutine is described below.

Subroutine Name	Description
<div> Decode Receives a coded letter (i.e. a letter in Morse code, such as -. - .), and returns the corresponding plain text letter ('X' in this case)</div>	<div><p>Parameters: String: CodedLetter Integer(): Dash String(): Letter Integer(): Dot String: Letter(Int: Pointer) ReceiveMorseCode</p><p>Returns: -</p><p>Called from: -</p><p>Calls: -</p></div> <div><p>1. Initialise an integer variable CodedLetterLength to be equal to the length of the parameter CodedLetter</p><p>2. Initialise an integer variable Pointer to zero</p><p>3. Set up a loop to iterate through each character in CodedLetter, using the variable i</p><p>4. If i points to a space, this routine returns a space to ReceiveMorseCode</p><p>5. If i points to a dash, Pointer is changed to navigate the Morse code binary tree (see Preliminary Material, page 4), one step to the left</p><p>6. If i points to a dot, Pointer is changed to navigate the Morse code binary tree, one step to the right</p><p>7. By the time i has looped through each dot/dash in the encoded character, the value of Pointer should point to the Letter array) to the letter that corresponds to the Morse code letter</p><p>8. If a space is not returned to ReceiveMorseCode in step 4 (above), the letter identified in step 7 is returned as a string</p></div>
<div> DisplayMenu Displays three options to the user – send Morse code, receive Morse code or end the program</div>	<div><p>Parameters: -</p><p>Returns: -</p><p>Called from: SendReceiveMessages</p><p>Calls: -</p></div> <div><p>1. Output three menu options (R, S, X), one on each line</p></div>



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Subroutine Name	Description	
<p>GetNextLetter</p> <p><i>A Morse code transmission usually consists of multiple letters. This subroutine extracts the next letter from a transmission.</i></p>	<p>Parameters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integer: <code>i</code></li> <li>String: <code>Transmission</code></li> </ul> <p>Returns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>String: <code>SymbolString</code></li> </ul> <p>Called from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ReceiveMorseCode</li> </ul> <p>Calls:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GetNextSymbol</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Declare string variable <code>SymbolString</code> and initialise it to an empty string</li> <li>2. Set up a loop to repeat until any <b>one</b> of these conditions is met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A space is reached from a call to <code>GetNextSymbol</code> (meaning the Morse character has been parsed)</li> <li>• The EOL character (#) is reached (meaning the end of the entire message has been reached)</li> <li>• The two characters after the current character are both spaces (meaning the letter has ended)</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Within the loop, a call is made to <code>GetNextSymbol</code>, which will return a space, a dash or a dot. A space (see first bullet point) terminates the loop</li> <li>4. If the call to <code>GetNextSymbol</code> returns a dash or a dot, that dash or dot is appended to the string variable <code>SymbolString</code></li> <li>5. At the end of the word (see bullet points), <code>SymbolString</code> is returned to <code>ReceiveMorseCode</code></li> </ol>
<p>GetNextSymbol</p> <p><i>A Morse code letter can consist of multiple symbols (combinations of dots and dashes). There are also spaces, which are used to separate them. This subroutine determines whether the next symbol is a dot, a dash or a space.</i></p>	<p>Parameters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integer: <code>i</code></li> <li>String: <code>Transmission</code></li> </ul> <p>Returns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>String: <code>Symbol</code></li> </ul> <p>Called from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GetNextLetter</li> </ul> <p>Calls:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ReportError</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. When the parameter <code>i</code> is initially passed to this subroutine, its value is zero; any changes to <code>i</code> are reflected in other subroutines, as it is passed by reference, not by value</li> <li>2. Integer variable <code>SymbolLength</code> initialised to zero</li> <li>3. <code>i</code> is used to point to characters within the string variable <code>Transmission</code></li> <li>4. If <code>i</code> points to the # character, '<i>End of transmission</i>' is written to the console, and an empty string is returned to <code>GetNextLetter</code></li> <li>5. Otherwise, <code>i</code> is incremented until it reaches either a space or the EOF character (#) within <code>Transmission</code></li> </ol>



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Subroutine Name	Description	
<p>GetTransmission</p> <p><i>This subroutine prompts the user for a filename, then reads the first line of the corresponding file, passing it back to ReceiveMorseCode</i></p>	<p>Parameters:</p> <p>Returns: String: Transmission</p> <p>Called from: ReceiveMorseCode</p> <p>Calls: StripLeadingSpaces StripTrailingSpaces ReportError</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prompt the user for a file name</li> <li>Create a StreamReader connected to the specified file</li> <li>Read the first line of the file into the variable Transmission</li> <li>Pass the variable Transmission to the subroutine StripLeadingSpaces, from which it should be returned</li> <li>If the length of Transmission at this point is greater than zero, pass it to StripTrailingSpaces, from which it should be returned</li> <li>Append a # symbol (to the end of line) to the variable Transmission</li> <li>If any errors occur between steps 2 and 6, call ReportError (passing 'No transmission found' as a parameter) and set the variable Transmission to an empty string</li> <li>Return the variable Transmission to the subroutine ReceiveMorseCode</li> </ol>
<p>Main</p> <p><i>This subroutine only exists to start the program (by calling SendReceiveMessages) and to pause the program before it terminates</i></p>	<p>Parameters:</p> <p>Returns:</p> <p>Called from:</p> <p>Calls: SendReceiveMessages</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call SendReceiveMessages</li> <li>Prompt the user to press Enter before program execution ends</li> </ol>
<p>ReceiveMorseCode</p> <p><i>Calls other subroutines to manage the process of retrieving</i></p>	<p>Parameters: Integer(): Dash String(): Letter Integer(): Dot</p> <p>Returns:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set string variables PlainText and MorseCodeString to contain empty strings</li> <li>Set the string variable Transmission to contain the return value from a call to the subroutine GetTransmission</li> </ol>

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Subroutine Name	Description	
<b>ReportError</b> <i>Writes an error to the console between two asterisks</i> 	<b>Parameters:</b> <code>String: s</code> <b>Returns:</b> - <b>Called from:</b> <code>GetTransmission</code> <code>StripLeadingSpaces</code> <code>GetNextSymbol</code> <b>Calls:</b> -	1. The error message arrives as a string parameter called <code>s</code> 2. Parameter <code>s</code> is displayed between two asterisks
<b>SendMorseCode</b> <i>Accepts a plain text input from the user, translates it into Morse code and outputs the translation to the console</i> 	<b>Parameters:</b> <code>String(): MorseCode</code> <b>Returns:</b> - <b>Called from:</b> <code>SendReceiveMessages</code> <b>Calls:</b> -	1. Prompt the user for a message to be encoded 2. Store the message in the variable <code>PlainText</code> 3. Store the length of the message in the variable <code>PlainTextLength</code> 4. Initialise variable <code>MorseCodeString</code> as an empty string 5. Set up a loop to iterate through each character in <code>PlainText</code> 6. If the character is a space, the integer variable <code>Index</code> is set to 0 7. Otherwise, <code>Index</code> is set to a number that represents that letter's position in the alphabet, e.g. if the letter is A, <code>Index</code> will be set to 1; if the letter is B, <code>Index</code> will be set to 2; etc. 8. The value of <code>Index</code> is used as an index in the <code>MorseCode</code> array that was passed in as a parameter. For example, if the letter being examined was A, the value of <code>Index</code> would be 1. Element 1 would then be retrieved from the <code>MorseCode</code> array. 9. The Morse code value retrieved from the array is appended to the variable <code>MorseCodeString</code> , followed by a space 10. Once steps 6–9 have been performed on each character in the variable <code>PlainText</code> , the variable <code>MorseCodeString</code> is output to the console

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Subroutine Name	Description	
SendReceiveMessages  <i>This contains the main program loop, which repeatedly displays the menu, prompts the user for an input, then calls the appropriate subroutine in response. This loop ends when the user indicates a desire to end the program.</i>	Parameters: Returns: Called from: Main Calls: DisplayMenu, GetMenuOption, ReceiveMorseCode, SendMorseCode	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Initialise Dash array (to contain integer pointers that relate to the Morse code binary tree)</li> <li>2. Initialise the Letter array (SPACE, 'A', 'B', 'C' ... 'Z')</li> <li>3. Initialise the Dot array to contain integer pointers that relate to the Morse code binary tree</li> <li>4. Initialise the MorseCode array (to contain the Morse equivalents of letters, in the same order as the Letter array)</li> <li>5. Begin a loop that continues until the user indicates that they want to end the program</li> <li>5. Call DisplayMenu to display the menu</li> <li>6. Call GetMenuOption to get user input from menu</li> <li>7. Either call ReceiveMorseCode, call SendMorseCode, or terminate the loop, depending on user input</li> </ol>
StripLeadingSpaces  <i>Removes any spaces from the left of a string</i>	Parameters: String: Transmission Returns: String: Transmission Called from: GetTransmission Calls: ReportError	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Store the length of the transmission in the integer variable TransmissionLength</li> <li>2. Set up a loop that repeats while the first character of Transmission is a space, and while the length of Transmission is greater than zero</li> <li>3. Within that loop, decrement the variable TransmissionLength and remove the first character of Transmission</li> <li>4. If, after the loop, the length of Transmission is zero, call the subroutine ReportError, passing to it the string 'No signal received' as a parameter</li> </ol>
StripTrailingSpaces	Parameters: String: Transmission	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Set the integer variable LastChar to point to the index of the last</li> </ol>

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# Description of Variables, Constants and Parameters


The following table contains variables (V), constants (C) and parameters (P)

Name	Type	Description	Created in
CodedLetter (P)	String	Contains a single Morse code letter that is about to be decoded (passed by value)	Decode ReceiveMorseCode
CodedLetter (V)	String	Contains a single Morse code letter that is about to be decoded or has just been encoded	ReceiveMorseCode SendMorseCode
CodedLetterLength (V)	Integer	The number of Morse symbols in an encoded letter	Decode
Dash (P)	Integer array	Contains pointers to left branches of the binary tree seen on the Preliminary Material document, page 4 (passed by value)	Decode ReceiveMorseCode
Dash (V)	Integer array	Contains pointers to left branches of the binary tree seen on the Preliminary Material document, page 4	SendReceiveMessages
Dot (P)	Integer array	Contains pointers to right branches of the binary tree seen on the Preliminary Material document, page 4 (passed by value)	Decode ReceiveMorseCode
Dot (V)	Integer array	Contains pointers to right branches of the binary tree seen on the Preliminary Material document, page 4	SendReceiveMessages
EMPTYSTRING (C)	String	Constant to store an empty string: ""	(global)
EOL (C)	Char	Constant to store # symbol, which marks the end of a line	(global)
FileName (V)	String	Name (which can include path) of a text file to be read	GetTransmission

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Name	Type	Description	Created in
Letter  (P)	String array	Contains a space in the first element, followed by the upper-case alphabet, with each letter in its own element (passed by value)	Decode ReceiveMorseCode
Letter (V)	String array	Contains a space in the first element, followed by the lower-case alphabet, with each letter in its own element	SendReceiveMessages
LetterEnd (V)	Boolean	Set to true if the end of a Morse code letter has been reached while it is being parsed character by character	GetNextLetter
MenuOption (V)	String	Contains the user's response when presented with the program's main menu	GetMenuOption SendReceiveMessages
MorseCode (P)	String array	Contains a space in the first element, followed by Morse code equivalents for each letter, with one such letter per element (passed by value)	SendMorseCode
MorseCode (V)	String array	Contains a space in the first element, followed by Morse code equivalents for each letter, with one such letter per element	SendReceiveMessages
MorseCodeString (V)	String	An entire Morse code message, which can contain any number of Morse code characters	ReceiveMorseCode
MorseCodeString (V)	String	Contains a Morse code message, constructed character by character	SendMorseCode
PlainText (V)	String	Contains a message that has been (or is about to be) decoded from its Morse code equivalent	ReceiveMorseCode SendMorseCode
PlainTextLength (V)	Integer	The number of characters to be converted to Morse code	SendMorseCode
PlainTextLetter (V)	Char	Contains a single, upper-case letter that has been decoded, i.e. is no longer Morse code	ReceiveMorseCode
PlainTextLetter (V)	Char	Contains each letter in turn, as it is about to be converted to Morse code	SendMorseCode

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Name	Type	Description	Created in
SPACE (C)	Char	Constant to store a single space character	(global)
Symbol (V)	Char	Contains a dot, dash or space within a Morse code letter	GetNextSymbol Decode
Symbol (V)	String	Contains the value returned from GetNextSymbol (dot, dash or space) that forms part of a Morse code letter	GetNextLetter
SymbolLength (V)	Integer	Stores the number of characters in a single Morse code letter	GetNextSymbol
SymbolString (V)	String	Built up, one dot or dash at a time, into a Morse code letter	GetNextLetter
Transmission (P)	String	Stores a sequence of Morse code letters (passed by value)	StripLeadingSpaces StripTrailingSpaces GetNextSymbol GetNextLetter
Transmission (V)	String	Stores a sequence of Morse code letters	GetTransmission ReceiveMorseCode
TransmissionLength (V)	Integer	Stores the length of the Transmission variable	StripLeadingSpaces

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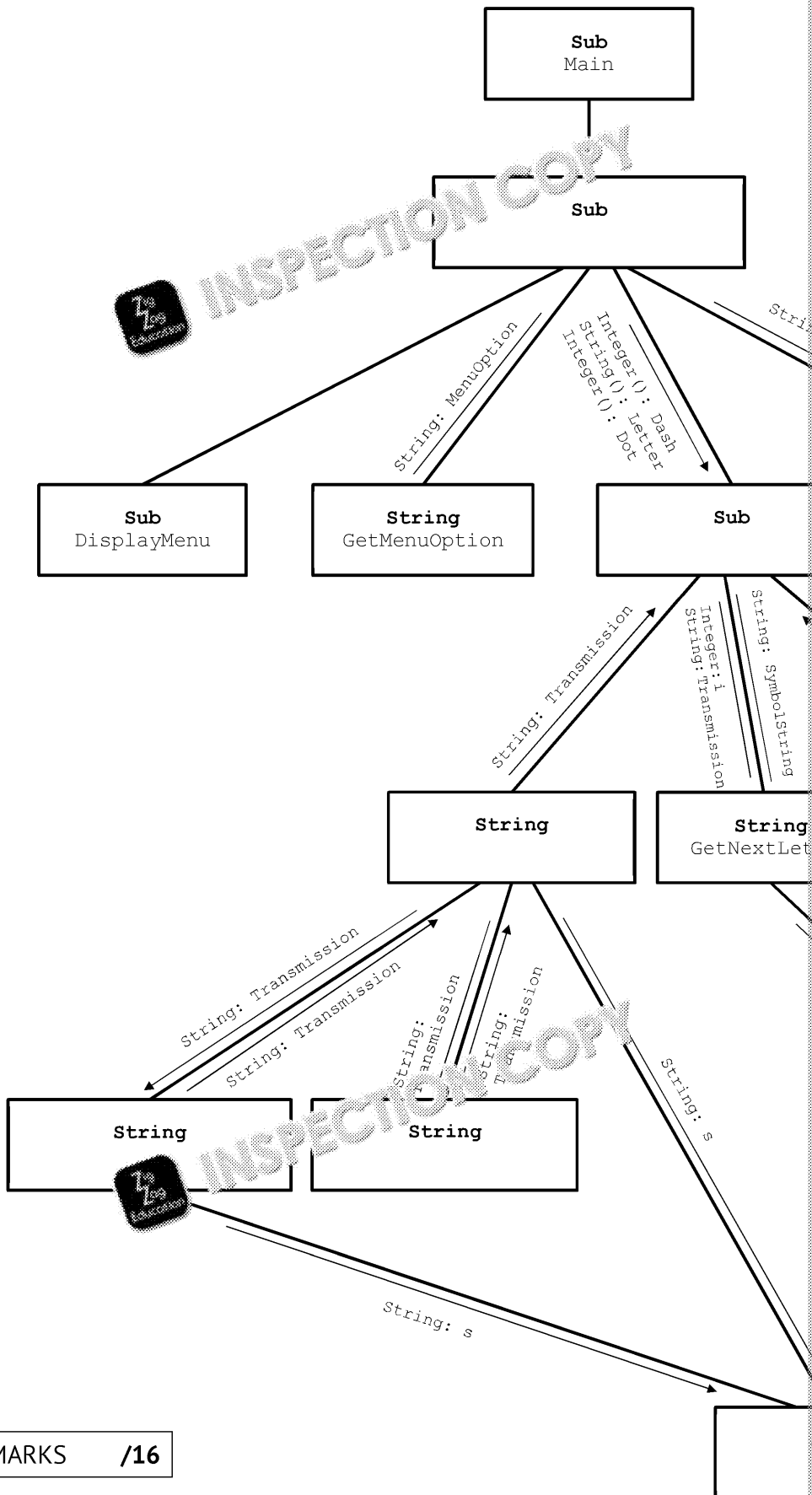


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# Structure Diagram (Activity)

The following structure diagram is incomplete, and you will need to make the following changes, as required:

- Adding a subroutine's name, e.g. **ReceiveMorseCode**
- Adding or completing one or more parameters, e.g. **Integer () : Dash**
- Adding a return value, e.g. **String: Symbol**
- Completing the arrow by drawing its head – parameters in this diagram are passed downwards; return



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# Programming Questions

These questions refer to the preliminary material and require you to load the skeleton program, but do not require any additional programming.

1. State the name of an identifier for:

a) A string constant [1]

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b) A subroutine with two parameters [1]

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c) A parameter that is passed by reference [1]

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d) A Boolean variable [1]

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e) A parameter that is an array [1]

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f) An integer array [1]

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g) A library function called from within the `GetMenuOption` subroutine [1]

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h) A parameter passed **out** of the `GetNextLetter` subroutine [1]

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2. State the purpose of each of the following lines in the `GetTransmissions` subroutine.

```
Dim Filename As String
...
Filename = Console.ReadLine()
Dim Reader As New StreamReader(Filename)
Transmission = Reader.ReadLine
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3. Describe the purpose of the `While` loop within the `SendMessage` subroutine.

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4. Describe the nature and purpose of the `Dash` data structure in `SendReceive`.

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5. Look at the subroutine `StripLeadingSpaces`. Describe the purpose and the return value of `FirstSignal`. [2]

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6. Describe each of the following lines of code, taken from the `StripTrailingSpaces` subroutine.

```
Dim LastChar As Integer = Transmission.Length() - 1
While Transmission(LastChar) = SPACE
    Transmission = Transmission.Remove(LastChar)
    LastChar -= 1
End While
Return Transmission
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7. Describe the function of the following line from the `ConvertToMorseCode` subroutine.

```
Index = Asc(PlainTextLetter) - Asc("A") + 1
```

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8. Describe the purpose of the `Catch` block in the `GetTransmission` subroutine.  
State one situation in which the code in the `Catch` block would be executed.

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9. The skeleton program begins with a number of constants.  
State two benefits of the program being written in this way. [2]

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10. The `StripLeadingSpaces` subroutine uses the `Substring` operation.  
Describe the purpose of the `Substring` operation and explain how it is used.

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11. Describe each of the circumstances that would lead to the subroutine `Report`.

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12. Describe fully the operation of the `Decode` subroutine if the value of `Coded`

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# MORSE CODE : Programming

The following tasks require you to open the skeleton program and modify it.

## Task 1

This task refers to `GetTransmission`.

Currently, the user must include the suffix '.txt' in order to load a transmission file. If the file is not found.

Modify the code so that if '.txt' is not entered by the user as part of the file name, the program should add nothing.

### Evidence you need to provide:

- Your amended SOURCE CODE PROGRAM for `GetTransmission`
- One screen capture showing the result of selecting option R from the main menu with the file name 'message'
- One screen capture showing the result of selecting option R from the main menu with the file name 'message.txt'

## Task 2

This task refers to `SendReceiveMessages`.

At present, the main menu loops repeatedly until the user enters a valid option. In the event of an invalid entry, the error message 'Please select an option from the menu' is presented the menu again.

### Evidence you need to provide:

- Your amended SOURCE CODE PROGRAM for `SendReceiveMessages`
- One screen capture showing the result of selecting option Q from the main menu
- One screen capture showing the result of selecting option S from the main menu

## Task 3

This task refers to `SendReceiveMessages`.

Currently, the main menu only accepts uppercase letters. Modify the code so that it also accepts lowercase letters. For example, a lowercase 'r' should have the same value as an uppercase 'R'.

All menu options should be selectable using their current uppercase option as well as their lowercase option.

### Evidence you need to provide:

- Your amended SOURCE CODE PROGRAM for `SendReceiveMessages`
- One screen capture showing the result of selecting option r from the main menu
- One screen capture showing the result of selecting option R from the main menu

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## Task 4

This task refers to `SendMorseCode`.

When a plaintext message is input for encoding, it must consist of uppercase letters. The program should allow users to input messages using lowercase letters, as well as uppercase letters.

If the user enters a purely uppercase message, it should be processed as normal. If the user enters a combination of uppercase and lowercase, they should be presented with the following message:

```
Lowercase letters detected - convert to uppercase? (y/n)
```

If they enter 'n', they should be re-prompted to enter the message. Otherwise, any lowercase letters in the message should be converted to their uppercase equivalents.

### Evidence you need to provide:

- Your amended SOURCE CODE PROGRAM for `SendMorseCode`
- One screen capture showing the result of selecting option S from the main menu, followed by the message 'Basic', followed by 'y'
- One screen capture showing the result of selecting option S from the main menu, followed by the message 'Basic', followed by 'n'
- One screen capture showing the result of selecting option S from the main menu, followed by the message 'BASIC'

## Task 5

This task refers to `DisplayMenu` and `SendReceiveMessages`, as well as a new subroutine called `ShowAlphabet`.

Add the following option to the main menu (in any position):

```
D - Display Morse alphabet
```

If the user selects 'D' while `GetMenuOptions` is executing, a new subroutine called `ShowAlphabet` should be called. `SendReceiveMessages` should pass the arrays `Letter` and `MorseCode` to `ShowAlphabet`.

`ShowAlphabet` should display each plaintext character, followed by a space, followed by its Morse code equivalent. Each plaintext letter, together with its Morse code equivalent, should be displayed on a new line. The output for the letter 'A' will be:

```
A .- 
```

You should not display the equivalent of a space. After the Morse code alphabet has been displayed, the program should return to the main menu.

### Evidence you need to provide:

- Your amended SOURCE CODE PROGRAM for `DisplayMenu`
- Your amended SOURCE CODE PROGRAM for `SendReceiveMessages`
- The SOURCE CODE for a new subroutine, in full, called `ShowAlphabet`
- One screen capture showing the result of selecting option D from the main menu

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## Task 6

This task refers to `GetTransmission` as well as a new subroutine, `GetManualTransmission`.

At the moment, a transmission signal must enter the program from a text file. A series of equals symbols and spaces. Modify `GetTransmission` so that the first option is presented to the user with two options:

```
F - Read the transmission from a file
M - Enter the transmission manually
```

If the user enters 'F', execution carries on as before, with the program prompting the user for a signal. If the user enters 'M', a new subroutine `GetManualTransmission` should be called. This subroutine should prompt the user for a signal by displaying the following text:

```
Enter transmission signal:
```

When the user enters a signal, it should be passed back as a string to `GetTransmission`. The signal should be the same as the file-read string.

No validation is required in `GetManualTransmission`, but the new submenu should loop until the user has entered either 'F' or 'M'.

### Evidence you need to provide:

- Your amended SOURCE CODE PROGRAM for `GetTransmission`
- The SOURCE CODE for a new subroutine, in full, called `GetManualTransmission`
- One screen capture showing the result of the following set of actions:
  - Select R from the main menu
  - Select M from the submenu
  - Enter the following, substituting each `△` with a space, and press `Enter`

```
=△==△△△=△△=
```

## Task 7

This task refers to `StripLeadingSpaces`.

Currently, any spaces at the start of a transmission are removed by `StripLeadingSpaces`. It also removes spaces that were intentionally included within the transmission.

Modify the code so that transmissions that begin with seven spaces are not trimmed. Transmissions that begin with more than seven spaces should be trimmed as normal.

### Evidence you need to provide:

- Your amended SOURCE CODE PROGRAM for `StripLeadingSpaces`

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## Task 8

This task refers to `GetTransmission`.

At present, the message 'No transmission found' is displayed for files that are not found. Modify the code so that other exceptions should result in a call to `ReportError` with the string 'File error'.

Modify the code so that a file not being found calls `ReportError` with the string 'File not found'. Any other exception should result in a call to `ReportError` with the string 'File error'.

### Evidence you need to provide:

- Your amended SOURCE CODE PROGRAM for `GetTransmission`
- One screen capture showing the result of selecting option R from the main menu, with the file name as the file name



## Task 9

This task refers to `GetTransmission`.

Currently, `GetTransmission` returns a string read from a text file without validation. The string should contain dots represented by a single equals symbol, and dashes represented by two equals symbols. Any other number of consecutive equals symbols would cause an invalid transmission.

After calls to `StripLeadingSpaces` and `StripTrailingSpaces`, and the character is not a dot or a dash, add code that checks for the following within the `Transmission` string:

- Four equals symbols in a row
- Two equals symbols followed by a space
- Two equals followed by the 'end-of-line' character

If any of these occur, a call should be made to `ReportError`, passing the string 'Invalid transmission'. `GetTransmission` should then return an empty string.

### Evidence you need to provide:

- Your amended SOURCE CODE PROGRAM for `GetTransmission`

## Task 10

This task refers to `SendMorseCode`.

Currently, the program converts user-input plaintext into Morse code and displays it. Modify the code so that each new Morse code message generated in `SendMorseCode` is in the standard transmission format (e.g. `=△===△△△=△=△=`) and displayed in this format on the screen.

Modify the code so that each new Morse code message generated in `SendMorseCode` is in the standard transmission format (e.g. `=△===△△△=△=△=`) and displayed in this format on the screen.

### Evidence you need to provide:

- Your amended SOURCE CODE PROGRAM for `SendMorseCode`
- One screen capture showing the result of selecting 'S' on the main menu, with the file name as the file name

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## Task 11

This task refers to `Decode`.

An individual dot or dash is known as a *symbol*. All possible combinations of one symbol are assigned to letters. All combinations of four symbols are assigned with the exception of the asterisk.

```
----
---.
.-.-
..--
```

Modify `Decode` so that if any of these four sequences or any sequence longer than four symbols is entered, an asterisk `*` is returned to `ReceiveMessage` to indicate that an error has occurred.

**Evidence you need to provide:**

- Your amended SOURCE CODE PROGRAM for `Decode`

## Task 12

This task refers to `DisplayMenu` and `SendReceiveMessages`, as well as a new subroutine `ConvertMorseCode`.

Currently, there is no option for the message to be entered in Morse code at the `DisplayMenu` and `SendReceiveMessages` to add the following new menu option:

```
C - Convert Morse code
```

This new menu option will need to call a new subroutine `ConvertMorseCode` which uses arrays `MorseCode` and `Letter`. The new subroutine should ask the user to enter a message in Morse code and print out the decoded message.

Any errors that arise as a result of users entering invalid characters, combinations not in the alphabet, or incorrect numbers of spaces should be handled with a call to `ReportError`.

```
Data entry error
```

**Evidence you need to provide:**

- Your amended SOURCE CODE PROGRAM for `DisplayMenu`
- Your amended SOURCE CODE PROGRAM for `SendReceiveMessages`
- The SOURCE CODE for a new subroutine, in full, called `ConvertMorseCode`
- One screenshot showing the result of the following set of actions:
  - Select 'C' from the main menu
  - Enter the following Morse code, substituting each `△` with a space

```
. . . . △ . . △△△-△ . . . . △ . △ . - . △ .
```

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## Task 13

This task refers to `GetTransmission`.

Currently, the program reads the first line of the text file and stores it in the variable `transmission`. Modify the code so that the user is asked 'Which line number' after they have specified a file. Only the second line should be stored in `transmission`.

If the user requests a line that does not exist, or if they enter a value other than a number, display 'No transmission found' as normal.

### Evidence you need to provide:

- Your amended SOURCE CODE PROGRAM for `GetTransmission`
- One screen capture showing the result of the following set of actions:
  - Select 'R' from the main menu
  - Enter 'message.txt' at the first prompt
  - Enter '2' at the second prompt
- One screen capture showing the result of the following set of actions:
  - Select 'R' from the main menu
  - Enter 'message.txt' at the first prompt
  - Enter '1' at the second prompt

## Task 14

This task refers to `SendMorseCode`.

Morse code has been used in the past by the army and navy in times of war. As with any code, they would also probably be encrypted to make them less intelligible.

Modify `SendMorseCode` to implement a Caesar cipher with a shift value of 5. The character `Δ` is used here to represent a space. The top row represents plaintext and the bottom row represents ciphertext.

Δ	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W

For example, if the character L were to be sent, the Morse code for the character L is `.-..`.

### Evidence you need to provide:

- Your amended SOURCE CODE PROGRAM for `SendMorseCode`
- One screen capture showing the result of selecting option S from the main menu and entering 'BY VWN'

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## Task 15

This task refers to `SendReceiveMessages` and `SendMorseCode`

Currently, the program works only with letters. In this task, you will modify the `MorseCode` to incorporate numerals using the Morse code values shown in the table below.

You should append the values in the order shown below to the `Letter` and `MorseCode` arrays. You will also need to modify the `Dot` and `Dash` arrays, so that the binary tree structure functions for letters.

You will need to ensure that `SendMorseCode` assigns value of `Index` appropriately in the array, i.e. the value for 0 (zero) will be stored in the 27 element of the `MorseCode` array. For 1 (one), an `Index` value of 28 should be applied.

0	-----
1	....-
2	.....
3	...--
4	....-
5	.....
6	-.....
7	--...
8	---..
9	----.

### Evidence you need to provide:

- Your amended SOURCE CODE PROGRAM for `SendReceiveMessages`
- Your amended SOURCE CODE PROGRAM for `SendMorseCode`
- One screen capture showing the result of selecting option 5 from the main menu and the message to be encoded

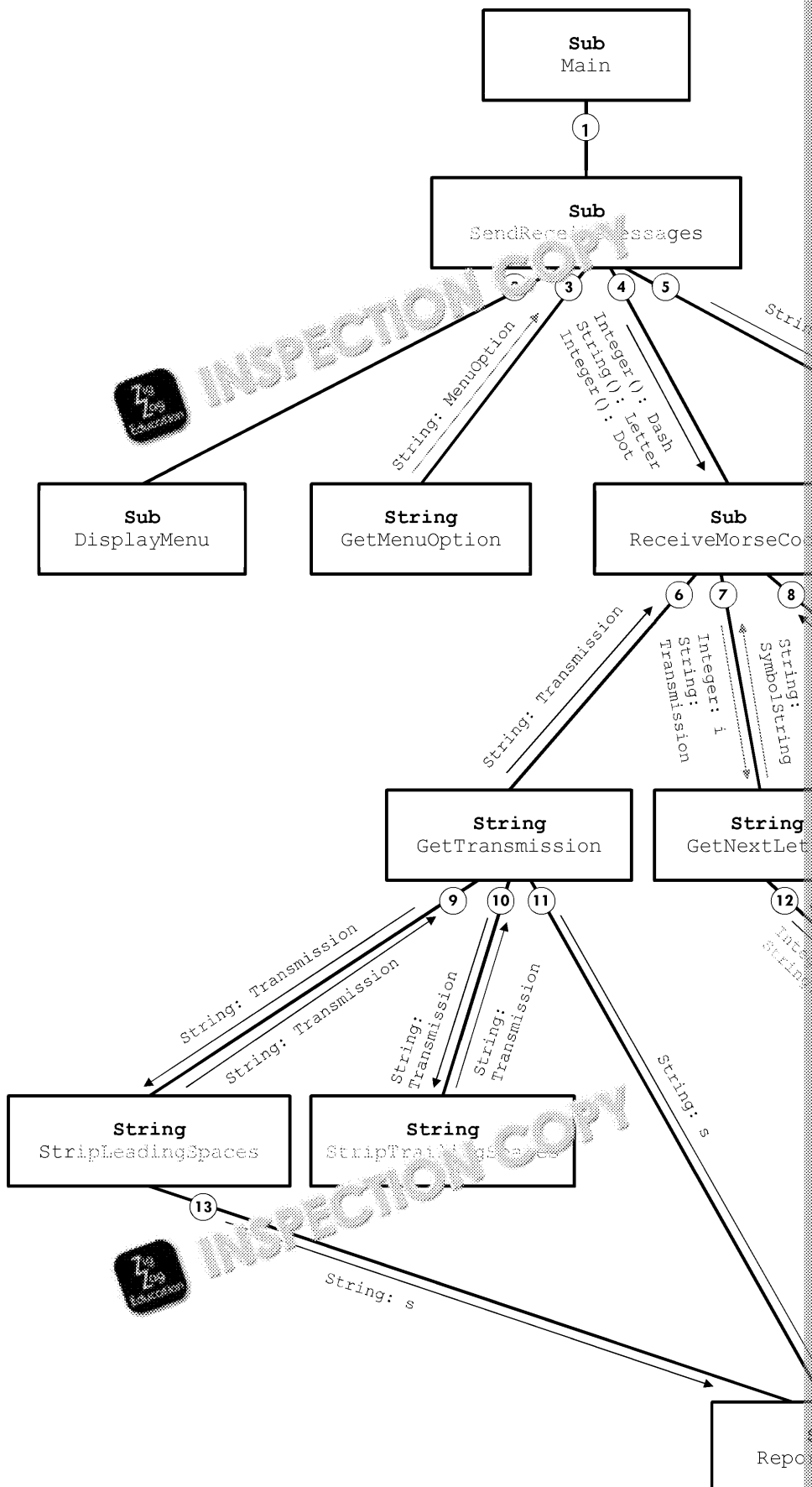
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# Structure Diagram (Complete)

Subroutines are called downwards, i.e. Main calls SendReceiveMessages, not the other way around. Arrows pointing downwards indicate parameters; arrows pointing upwards indicate return values.



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# Programming Questions (Solutions)

Q	Answer/Guidance
1a	EMPTYSTRING
1b	GetNextSymbol // GetNextLetter
1c	i
1d	LetterEnd // ProgramEnd
1e	Dash // Letter // Dot // MorseCode
1f	Dash // Dot
1g	Length // Write // ReadLine
1h	i // Transmission
2	1 mark for each of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integer variable declared</li> <li>• Initialised to user/console input</li> <li>• Specified file accessed/opened/passed to <code>StreamReader</code> object</li> <li>• Different/Transmission variable set to first line of the file</li> </ul>
3	1 mark for each of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (Repeatedly) prompt the user / accept user input</li> <li>• Until X is entered / loop terminates at X</li> </ul>
4	1 mark for each of the following (max 3): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integer array</li> <li>• Contains pointers</li> <li>• Indicates which element to move to next...</li> <li>• ... if the next Morse signal is a dash</li> </ul>
5	1 mark for each of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initially set to the first character in <code>Transmission</code></li> <li>• As spaces are removed, it points to the new first character</li> </ul>
6	1 mark for each of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integer is declared</li> <li>• Set to the index of the last character in <code>Transmission</code></li> <li>• Loop repeats while <code>LastChar</code> / last character is a space</li> <li>• If the last character is a space, remove it (from <code>Transmission</code>)</li> <li>• Decrement <code>LastChar</code> / integer variable</li> <li>• Return <code>Transmission</code>, with all spaces removed from end/right</li> </ul>
7	1 mark for each of the following (max 3): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gets ASCII value of <code>PlainTextCharacter</code></li> <li>• Gets ASCII value of A / Gets value 65</li> <li>• Subtracts ASCII value of A / 65 from ASCII value of <code>PlainTextCharacter</code></li> <li>• <code>PlainTextLetter</code> is A, Index is 1 (for example)</li> </ul>
8	1 mark for each of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catch block executed if Try block fails to execute correctly / general exception</li> <li>• File name mistyped // file not found // error reading file // error/exception in <code>StripLeadingSpaces</code> // error/exception in <code>StripTrailingSpaces</code> // <code>Transmission/EOL</code> not being a valid string</li> </ul>

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Q	Answer/Guidance
9	<p>1 mark for each of the following (<b>max 2</b>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constants won't be accidentally changed</li> <li>By being at the start of the code, the code is easier to read/understand (<i>this is for the benefit of the human, not the computer</i>)</li> <li>No need to remember (precise) values // constant names more meaningful code is more readable</li> </ul>
10	<p>1 mark for each of the following (<b>max 3</b>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A substring is part of a string</li> <li>Is used here to trim the first character/space from a string</li> <li>The substring is all characters besides the first one</li> <li>Is called repeatedly if multiple spaces exist</li> </ul>
11	<p>1 mark for <code>StripLeadingSpaces</code> instance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the length of the transmission is zero</li> </ul> <p>1 mark for <code>GetTransmission</code> instance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is a file error (accept any error relating to code in the <code>Try</code> block executes // if the <code>Try</code> block fails / generates an error/exception</li> </ul> <p>3 marks for <code>GetNextSymbol</code> instance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the symbol is not a dot...</li> <li>... not a dash / minus sign...</li> <li>... not a space</li> </ul>
12	<p>1 mark for each of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>CodedLetterLength</code> variable set to 4</li> <li><code>For</code> loop to run four times</li> <li><code>Symbol</code> initially set to - (dash)</li> <li><code>Pointer</code> set to 20</li> <li><code>Symbol</code> then set to dot (on next iteration)</li> <li><code>Pointer</code> set to 14</li> <li><code>Pointer</code> set to 4 (on next iteration)</li> <li><code>Symbol</code> then set to dash (on next iteration)</li> <li><code>Pointer</code> set to 24</li> <li>X retrieved from <code>Letter</code> array / X returned (<i>only credit this mark if you parse the arrays</i>)</li> </ul>
<b>TOTAL MARKS</b>	

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# MORSE CODE: Programming

## Suggested Solutions and Mark Scheme

The following are recommended solutions, and not an exhaustive list of all possible solutions. Guidance should be used as a guide only. Discretion should be used in awarding credit where appropriate.

### Task 1

**1 mark** IF statement after FileName has been initialised

**1 mark** .txt suffix added only if missing

```
Filename = Console.ReadLine()  
If Filename.IndexOf(".txt") = -1 Then  
    Filename = Filename & ".txt"  
End If
```

**1 mark** Morse code translated to 'TEA X' when suffix is not included

```
Main Menu  
=====  
R - Receive Morse code  
S - Send Morse code  
X - Exit program  
  
Enter your choice: R  
Enter file name: message  
- . - - - . -  
TEA X
```

**1 mark** Morse code translated to 'TEA X' when suffix is included

```
Main Menu  
=====  
R - Receive Morse code  
S - Send Morse code  
X - Exit program  
  
Enter your choice: R  
Enter file name: message.txt  
- . - - - . -  
TEA X
```

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## Task 2

**1 mark** Clause (probably Else) triggered by any input other than R, S or X

**1 mark** Correct message displayed in clause (R. any alternative wording, I. spelling)

```
If MenuOption = "R" Then
    ReceiveMorseCode(Dash, Letter, Dot)
ElseIf MenuOption = "S" Then
    SendMorseCode(MorseCode)
ElseIf MenuOption = "X" Then
    ProgramEnd = True
Else
    Console.WriteLine("Please select an option from the menu")
End If
```

**1 mark** Capital R causing error followed by main menu being re-displayed

```
Main Menu
=====
R - Receive Morse code
S - Send Morse code
X - Exit program

Enter your choice: Q
Please select an option from the menu

Main Menu
=====
R - Receive Morse code
S - Send Morse code
X - Exit program

Enter your choice: _
```

**1 mark** Capital R followed by prompt for file

```
Main Menu
=====
R - Receive Morse code
S - Send Morse code
X - Exit program

Enter your choice: R
Enter file name: _
```

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### Task 3

**1 mark** Uppercase options still function correctly

**1 mark** Lowercase r, s and x have the same effect as R, S and X respectively

**1 mark** No other inputs trigger a menu option

```
MenuOption = GetMenuOption()  
MenuOption = MenuOption.ToUpper  
If MenuOption = "R" Then  
    ReceiveMorseCode(Dash, Letter, File)  
ElseIf MenuOption = "S" Then  
    SendMorseCode(MorseCode)  
ElseIf MenuOption = "X" Then  
    ProgramEnd = True  
End If
```

Full marks can be awarded for any functioning solution; an alternative is to use OR of uppercase letter in each If/ElseIf statement.

**1 mark** Lowercase r followed by prompt for file

```
Main Menu  
=====  
R - Receive Morse code  
S - Send Morse code  
X - Exit program  
  
Enter your choice: r  
Enter file name: _
```

**1 mark** Uppercase R followed by prompt for file

```
Main Menu  
=====  
R - Receive Morse code  
S - Send Morse code  
X - Exit program  
  
Enter your choice: R  
Enter file name: _
```

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## Task 4

**1 mark** Creation of a loop that begins before prompt for message

**1 mark** Termination condition possible (**A.** if termination condition never actually

```
Dim validEntry As Boolean = False
Dim responseToYN As String

While validEntry = False

    Console.Write("Enter your message (uppercase letters and numbers only)
    PlainText = Console.ReadLine()
```

**1 mark** Every character in the input string is checked

**1 mark** Any lowercase characters would be detected

**1 mark** Integer incremented, Boolean set or complex If statement to denote detection

```
Dim lowerCaseCount As Integer = 0
For x = 1 To PlainText.Length
    If Char.IsLower(PlainText(x - 1)) Then
        lowerCaseCount += 1
    End If
Next
```

**1 mark** Check for any detected lowercase character (**A.** if part of same complex If statement)

**1 mark** Correct prompt displayed (**R.** any alternative wording, **I.** spelling/capitalisation) and confirmation that lowercase characters have been entered

**1 mark** Response to prompt processed via variable or complex If statement

**1 mark** If user enters 'y' (**I.** case), convert PlainText to uppercase

**1 mark** Loop terminated if PlainText converted to uppercase

**1 mark** Loop terminated if there were no lowercase characters

```
If lowerCaseCount > 0 Then
    Console.Write("Lowercase letters detected - convert to uppercase")
    responseToYN = Console.ReadLine()
    If Not (responseToYN = "y") Then
        PlainText = PlainText.ToUpper()
        validEntry = True
    End If
Else
    validEntry = True
End If
End While
```

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1 mark Input sequence of 'S', 'Basic', 'y' and Morse code output

```
Main Menu
=====
R - Receive Morse code
S - Send Morse code
X - Exit program

Enter your choice: S
Enter your message (uppercase letters and spaces only):
Lowercase letters detected - convert to uppercase? (y/n) y
-... ..- ... ..-..
```

1 mark Input sequence of 'S', 'Basic', 'n' and re-prompt for message

```
Main Menu
=====
R - Receive Morse code
S - Send Morse code
X - Exit program

Enter your choice: S
Enter your message (uppercase letters and spaces only):
Lowercase letters detected - convert to uppercase? (y/n) n
Enter your message (uppercase letters and spaces only):
```

1 mark Input sequence of 'S', 'BASIC' and Morse code output

```
Main Menu
=====
R - Receive Morse code
S - Send Morse code
X - Exit program

Enter your choice: S
Enter your message (uppercase letters and spaces only): B
-... ..- ... ..-..
```

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## Task 5

**1 mark** New menu option added in DisplayMenu (R. any alternative wording, I

```
Sub DisplayMenu()  
    Console.WriteLine()  
    Console.WriteLine("Main Menu")  
    Console.WriteLine("=====")  
    Console.WriteLine("R - Receive Morse code")  
    Console.WriteLine("S - Send Morse code")  
    Console.WriteLine("D - Display Morse alphabet")  
    Console.WriteLine("X - Exit program")  
    Console.WriteLine()  
End Sub
```

**1 mark** Appropriate selection structure used in SendReceiveMessages

**1 mark** Call to ShowAlphabet in correct place

**1 mark** Letter and MorseCode arrays passed (R. if any other structures or variable

```
If MenuOption = "R" Then  
    ReceiveMorseCode(Dash, Letter, Dot)  
ElseIf MenuOption = "S" Then  
    SendMorseCode(MorseCode)  
ElseIf MenuOption = "D" Then  
    ShowAlphabet(Letter, MorseCode)  
ElseIf MenuOption = "X" Then  
    ProgramEnd = True  
End If
```

**1 mark** Sub DisplayAlphabet declared

**1 mark** Two string arrays declared as parameters

**1 mark** An attempt to loop through each element of the arrays, even if unsuccessful

**1 mark** All plaintext letters correctly displayed

**1 mark** All Morse code letters correctly displayed

**1 mark** Space not displayed

```
Sub ShowAlphabet(ByVal Letter() As String, ByVal MorseCode()  
  
    For x = 1 To Letter.Length - 1  
        Console.WriteLine(letter(x) & " " & MorseCode(x))  
    Next x  
End Sub
```

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1 mark Input of D and correct display of plaintext and Morse alphabets (R. if each on own line or if space is displayed)

```
Enter your choice: D
A .-
B -.-
C -.-.-
D -.-
E .
F ..-
G --.-
H ....
I ..-.-
J -.-.-
K -.-.-
L -.-.-
M --
N -.
O ---
P -.-.-
Q --.-
R -.-
S ...
T -.-
U ..-
V ...-
W -.-.-
X -.-.-
Y -.-.-
Z --..

Main Menu
=====
R - Receive Morse code
S - Send Morse code
D - Display Morse alphabet
X - Exit program

Enter your choice: _
```

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## Task 6

**1 mark** Declaration of `GetManualTransmission` as a string function

**1 mark** Prompting user for transmission signal (**R.** any alternative wording, **I.** spelling)

**1 mark** Returning the user input

```
Function GetManualTransmission() As String

    Console.WriteLine("Enter transmission signal")
    Return Console.ReadLine

End Function
```

**1 mark** Loop that continues until F or M entered

**1 mark** Menu options correctly displayed (**R.** any alternative wording, **I.** spelling/capitalization)

**1 mark** Storage of response in string variable

```
Dim selection As String = ""

While Not (selection = "F" Or selection = "M")

    Console.WriteLine("F - read the transmission from a file")
    Console.WriteLine("M - enter the transmission manually")
    selection = Console.ReadLine

End While
```

**1 mark** User input of M results in no prompt for file name or attempt to access a file

**1 mark** User input of M results in a call to `GetManualTransmission`

**1 mark** User input of F results in prompt for file, followed by access to that file

**1 mark** Input string processed identically whether manually entered or from file

```
Try
    If selection = "F" Then
        Console.Write("Enter file name: ")
        Filename = Console.ReadLine()
        Dim Reader As New StreamReader(Filename)
        Transmission = Reader.ReadLine
        Reader.Close()
    Else
        Transmission = GetManualTransmission()
    End If
    Transmission = StripLeadingSpaces(Transmission)
    If Transmission.Length > 0 Then
        Transmission = TrimTrailingSpaces(Transmission)
        Transmission = Transmission + EOL
    End If
Catch
```

**1 mark** Input of 'R', 'M' and `=△===△△△=△=△=` results in plaintext AS

```
Enter your choice: R
F - read the transmission from a file
M - enter the transmission manually
M
Enter transmission signal
= === = = =
...
AS
```

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## Task 7

**1 mark** Checking for seven consecutive spaces only at start of transmission

**1 mark** If there are seven consecutive spaces at the start, transmission is not trim

**1 mark** If there are not seven consecutive spaces at the start, transmission is trim

```
If TransmissionLength > 0 Then
    If Not (Transmission.IndexOf(" ") = 0) Then
        FirstSignal = Transmission(0)
        While FirstSignal = SPACE And TransmissionLength > 0
            TransmissionLength = TransmissionLength - 1
            Transmission = Transmission.Substring(1, TransmissionLength)
            If TransmissionLength > 0 Then
                FirstSignal = Transmission(0)
            End If
        End While
    End If
End If
```

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## Task 8

- 1 mark** Any attempt to detect two exceptions separately, even if unsuccessful
- 1 mark** Try block contains code to attempt to access but not read specified file (It can be either before the Try block or within it)
- 1 mark** Exceptions caught call `ReportError` with string 'File not found' (R. any spelling/capitalisation errors)
- 1 mark** Exception would not be triggered by a call to `ReadLine`

```
Dim Transmission As String = EMPTYSTRING
Dim fileFound As Boolean = False

Try
    Filename = Console.ReadLine()
    reader = New StreamReader(Filename)
    fileFound = True
Catch ex As Exception
    ReportError("File not found")
End Try
```

- 1 mark** Attempt to read file is only made if file exists
- 1 mark** Second Try block, which must contain calls to `ReadLine`, `StripLeadingSpaces`, `StripTrailingSpaces`
- 1 mark** Catch block calls `ReportError` with string 'File error' (R. any alternative spelling/capitalisation errors)
- 1 mark** No path through the code allows `Transmission` to remain uninitialised

```
If fileFound Then
    Try
        Transmission = reader.ReadLine
        reader.Close()
        Transmission = StripLeadingSpaces(Transmission)
        If Transmission.Length() > 0 Then
            Transmission = StripTrailingSpaces(Transmission)
            Transmission = Transmission + EOL
        End If
    Catch ex As Exception
        ReportError("File error")
        Transmission = EMPTYSTRING
    End Try
End If
```

- 1 mark** Input of 'R' followed by 'mmm' resulting in 'File not found' message

```
Main Menu
=====
R - Receive Morse code
S - Send Morse code
X - Exit program

Enter your choice: R
Enter file name: mmm
*      File not found      *
```

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## Task 9

**1 mark** checking for presence of four equals

**1 mark** checking for presence of two equals followed by a space

**1 mark** checking for presence of two equals followed by EOL (A. "#")

**1 mark** 'Invalid file format' passed to `ReportError` in each case (R. any alternative spelling/capitalisation errors)

**1 mark** 'Invalid file format' would only be displayed, at most, once per call to `Get`

**1 mark** Empty string returned in each case (A. "")

*N.B. full credit can be given if all three valid strings are checked for in a single line*

```
If Transmission.Length() > 0 Then
    Transmission = StripTrailingSpaces(Transmission)
    Transmission = Transmission + EOL

    If Transmission.IndexOf("====") > -1 Then
        ReportError("Invalid file format")
        Return EMPTYSTRING
    End If

    If Transmission.IndexOf("== ") > -1 Then
        ReportError("Invalid file format")
        Return EMPTYSTRING
    End If

    If Transmission.IndexOf("==" & EOL) > -1 Then
        ReportError("Invalid file format")
        Return EMPTYSTRING
    End If

End If
```

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## Task 10

**1 mark** Variable to store transmission-format output

**1 mark** Loop to examine each character in `MorseCodeString`

**1 mark** Check whether character is a dot

**1 mark** If it is a dot, add a single equals to the transmission string (A. with or without)

**1 mark** Check whether the character is a dash

**1 mark** If it is a dot, add three equals to the transmission string (A. with or without)

**1 mark** Check whether the character is a space

**1 mark** If it is a space, either one or three spaces added to the transmission string

**1 mark** Output should be correct for any valid combination of Morse code. One may use a substring (or similar) to handle spaces between words.

```
Dim transmission As String = EMPTYSTRING

For x = 1 To MorseCodeString.Length

    If MorseCodeString(x - 1) = "." Then
        transmission = transmission & "="
    ElseIf MorseCodeString(x - 1) = "-" Then
        transmission = transmission & "=== "
    ElseIf MorseCodeString(x - 1) = " " Then
        transmission = transmission & "   "
    End If

Next

Console.WriteLine(transmission)
```

**1 mark** Following input of 'S', then 'AQA AS', output includes correct transmission

```
Main Menu
=====
R - Receive Morse code
S - Send Morse code
X - Exit program

Enter your choice: S
Enter your message (only letters and spaces only): AQA AS
=====
=====
```

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## Task 11

**1 mark** Check for length of `CodedLetter` being greater than four

**1 mark** Check for each invalid symbol given in question

**1 mark** Return \* if invalid code detected (A. if errors made for previous marks)

**1 mark** No invalid value of `CodedLetter` would be checked using code already material, e.g. only a valid `CodedLetter` value would reach the 'For i = 0

```
If CodedLetter.Length > 4 Or CodedLetter = "----" Or CodedLetter = ".-.-" Or CodedLetter = "-.-." Or CodedLetter = "-.-." Then  
    Return "*"
End If  
  
For i = 0 To CodedLetter.Length - 1
```



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## Task 12

- 1 mark** New menu item added at the correct point in the menu (**R.** any alternative spelling/capitalisation errors)

```
Sub DisplayMenu()  
    Console.WriteLine()  
    Console.WriteLine("Main Menu")  
    Console.WriteLine("=====")  
    Console.WriteLine("R - Receive Morse code")  
    Console.WriteLine("S - Send Morse code")  
    Console.WriteLine("C - Convert Morse code")  
    Console.WriteLine("X - Exit program")  
    Console.WriteLine()  
End Sub
```

- 1 mark** Declaration of subroutine with two array parameters
- 1 mark** Variable to determine whether a Morse character is declared (**A.** if any attempt to determine whether an entered Morse character exists in the list)
- 1 mark** String variable to store the plaintext output
- 1 mark** String variable to store Morse code input
- 1 mark** String variable to store each Morse character in turn (mark can be awarded for parsing individual letters, such as an array or list)
- 1 mark** Any attempt to differentiate between a single space (between letters) and multiple spaces (between words)
- 1 mark** Prompt the user to enter Morse code with any suitable method
- 1 mark** Store the user response in a variable

```
Sub ConvertMorseCode(ByVal MorseCode() As String, ByVal Letter() As String)  
  
    Dim validCharacter As Boolean  
    Dim PlainText As String = ""  
    Dim MorseMessage As String  
    Dim MorseCharacter As String = ""  
    Dim consecutiveSpaces As Integer = 0  
  
    Console.Write("Enter Morse code message")  
    MorseMessage = Console.ReadLine
```

- 1 mark** Loop to examine each character in turn
- 1 mark** Code checks each position for a dot
- 1 mark** Code checks each position for a dash

```
For x = 0 To MorseMessage.Length - 1  
  
    If MorseMessage(x) = "." Then  
        MorseCharacter = MorseCharacter & "."  
        consecutiveSpaces = 0  
    ElseIf MorseMessage(x) = "-" Then  
        MorseCharacter = MorseCharacter & "-"  
        consecutiveSpaces = 0  
    End If
```

- 1 mark** Code checks each position for a space
- 1 mark** Code checks whether it's looking at the last character in the input string

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- 1 mark** Either of the above causes the program to process the Morse code letter
- 1 mark** Any search method that would successfully find the Morse character in the
- 1 mark** Corresponding value in `Letter` array appended to plaintext for output
- 1 mark** Call to `ReportError` with 'Data Entry Error' (R. different wordings, I. sp

```

If (MorseMessage(x) = " " And consecutiveSpaces = 0) Or _
    (x = MorseMessage.Length - 1 And Not (MorseMessage(x) = " ")) Then

    validCharacter = False

    For y = 0 To MorseCode.Length - 1
        If MorseCharacter = MorseCode(y) Then
            PlainText = PlainText & Letter(y)
            validCharacter = True
            MorseCharacter = ""
        End If
    Next

    If validCharacter = False Then
        ReportError("Data Entry Error")
        Exit Sub
    End If

```

- 1 mark** Presence of three consecutive spaces adds one space to plaintext
- 1 mark** `PlainText` output at end of subroutine
- 1 mark** Output would always be correct for valid Morse code entry, including any

```

        consecutiveSpaces += 1

    ElseIf MorseMessage(x) = " " And consecutiveSpaces = 2 Then
        PlainText = PlainText & " "
        consecutiveSpaces = 0
    ElseIf MorseMessage(x) = " " Then
        consecutiveSpaces += 1
    End If

Next

Console.WriteLine(PlainText)

```

- 1 mark** Call to `ConvertMorseCode` from `SendReceiveMessages`, including Mo

```

If MenuOption = "R" Then
    ReceiveMorseCode(Dash, Letter, Dot)
ElseIf MenuOption = "S" Then
    SendMorseCode(MorseCode, Letter)
ElseIf MenuOption = "C" Then
    ConvertMorseCode(MorseCode, Letter)

```

- 1 mark** Output from Morse code to read 'HI THERE'

```

Main Menu
=====
R - Receive Morse code
S - Send Morse code
C - Convert Morse code
X - Exit program

Enter your choice: C
Enter Morse code message..... - .....
HI THERE

```

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```
Function GetTransmission() As String
    Dim Filename As String
    Dim Transmission As String
    Dim lineNumber As Integer
```

**1 mark** User input in response to prompt stored in appropriate variable (the 'Try' point in this part of the code)



**1 mark** Technique would be effective, assuming integer has been input and that

```
Dim Reader As New StreamReader(Filename)
For x = 1 To lineNumber
    Transmission = Reader.ReadLine
Next
```

```
Main Menu
=====
R - Receive Morse code
S - Send Morse code
X - Exit program

Enter your choice: R
Enter file name: message.txt
Enter line number: 2
*      No transmission found      *
```

```

Main Menu
=====
R - Remove Morse code
S - Set Morse code
X - Exit program

Enter your choice: R
Enter file name: message.txt
Enter line number: 1

-.-.-
TEA X

```

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## Task 14

**1 mark** Space stored with an index of 5

**1 mark** Other character stored with an index five higher, i.e.  $\text{Asc}(\text{"A"}) + 6$  ins

**1 mark** Any attempt to 'wrap around' the characters V-Z, even if unsuccessful

**1 mark** V, W, X, Y, Z indexes altered to those of SPACE, A, B, C, D (0, 1, 2, 3, 4) res

```
If PlainTextLetter = SPACE Then
    Index = 5
Else
    Index = Asc(PlainTextLetter) - Asc("A") + 6
End If
```

```
If Index = 27 Then Index = 0
If Index = 28 Then Index = 1
If Index = 29 Then Index = 2
If Index = 30 Then Index = 3
If Index = 31 Then Index = 4
```

**1 mark** After cipher, output should be Morse equivalent of GCE AS, as below

```
Main Menu
=====
R - Receive Morse code
S - Send Morse code
X - Exit program

Enter your choice: S
Enter your message (uppercase letters and spaces only):
-- . -- . . . . - . . .
```

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**6 marks** One for each correct value that is highlighted below in the `Dot` array

```
Dim Letter = {" ", "A", "B", "C", "D", "E", "F", "G", "H", "I", "J",  
"P", "Q", "R", "S", "T", "U", "V", "W", "X", "Y", "Z", "0", "1", "2",  
"8", "9"}
```

[illegible]

**1 mark** Not overwriting those values using the existing ASCII code, i.e. use of an

```
If IsNumeric(PlainTextLetter) Then
    Index = Integer.Parse(PlainTextLetter) + 27
ElseIf PlainTextLetter = SPACE Then
    Index = 0
Else
    Index = Asc(PlainTextLetter) - Asc("A") + 1
End If
```

```

Main Menu
=====
R - Receive Morse code
S - Send Morse code
X - Exit program

Enter your choice:
Enter your message (uppercase letters and spaces only)

```

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