

Debugging: Manual Walkthrough

Step-by-Step Example

Manual Walkthrough or Tracing

- usually done with paper and pencil
- record and update variable values while working through the lines of code
- may also track conditional statements
 - if/else statements
 - loop enter & exit conditions
- can be done without running the program on a computer (e.g., written tests)
- does not depend on specific code language

Example Program - Pseudocode

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- simple program with
 - one variable
 - one condition to exit loop
- create a table to track these two key elements
- step through code, noting any changes to key elements

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- user input

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- check loop exit for third time

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- exit condition was true
- loop exits

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end of program	