

## **Stepwise Refinement**

- **A *program design strategy* where a solution is first described in terms of high level functions, then each function is broken down into details that are refined in successive steps until the whole program is fully defined.**

## **Stepwise Refinement (another definition)**

- **The software design technique that aims to describe functionality at a very high level, then partition it repeatedly into more detailed levels (one level at a time) until the detail is sufficiently refined to express directly as code.**
- **Also called *top-down design*.**