005 An algorithm a day...

Algorithm Question

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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:

- A variable to hold the total (running total) should be declared
- A loop should be used which will run for the same number of times as there are items in the array
- Inside the loop the next array item should accessed using the counter as the index...
- ...and it should be added to the total
- At the end of the loop, the total should be outputted to the screen

EXAMPLE ALGORITHM:

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total = 0
for counter = 0 to (numbers.length - 1)
   total = total + numbers(counter)
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print(total)