Assignment 5: Assignments and control structures

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Goals

• Understand assignments.
• Learn to program with loops and conditionals.
• Start to work on a more complex application.

1 Assignments

In this task you can test your understanding of assignment instructions. Consider the following class:

```plaintext
class PERSON
create make
feature -- Initialization
  make (s: STRING)
    -- Set ‘name’ to ‘s’.
    require
      s_non_empty: s /= Void and then not s.is_empty
    do
      name := s
    ensure
      name_set: name = s
  end
end
```

GOTO © Randall Munroe (http://xkcd.com/292)
feature -- Access
   name: STRING
       -- Person’s name.

   loved_one: PERSON
       -- Person’s loved one.

feature -- Basic operations
   set_loved_one (p: PERSON)
       -- Set ‘loved_one’ to ‘p’.
       do
           loved_one := p
       ensure
           loved_one set: loved_one = p
       end

invariant
   has_name: name /= Void and then not name.is_empty
end

Below is the code of the feature tryout. It contains a number of declarations and creation instructions, and it is defined in a class different from PERSON. All features of class PERSON as shown above are accessible by feature tryout.

tryout
   -- Tryout assignments.
   local
       i, j: INTEGER
       a, b, c: PERSON
   do
       create a.make ("Anna")
       create b.make ("Ben")
       create c.make ("Chloe")
       a.set_loved_one (b)
       b.set_loved_one (c)
       -- Here the code snippets from below are added
   end

To do
Below you will find a number of subtasks, each containing a code snippet and statements. For each subtask, list all the correct statements (there might be more than one).

Assume that the code snippet is inserted at the location indicated in feature tryout above. If it produces a compilation error, choose option (a); otherwise decide for each statement whether it is correct or incorrect after the code snippet has been fully executed.

To make the answers easier to read, we call Anna the object whose name attribute is set to "Anna", and accordingly Ben and Chloe for subtasks 6 – 9.
1. \( j := 3 \)
   \( i := j \)
   \( 2 := i \)
   (a) Compilation error.
   (b) \( i \) has value 2, \( j \) has value 3.
   (c) \( i \) and \( j \) have both value 2.
   (d) \( i \) and \( j \) have both value 3.

2. \( j := 7 \)
   \( i := j \)
   \( i := i + 3 \)
   (a) Compilation error.
   (b) \( i \) has value 7 and \( j \) has value 2.
   (c) \( i \) has value 5 and \( j \) has value 2.
   (d) \( i \) and \( j \) have both value 5.

3. \( i := -7 \)
   \( j := 5 \)
   \( i := j \)
   \( j := i \)
   (a) Compilation error.
   (b) \( i \) and \( j \) have both value -7.
   (c) \( i \) and \( j \) have both value 5.

4. \( j := 8 \)
   \( i := 19 \)
   \( j := i \)
   (a) Compilation error.
   (b) \( i \) and \( j \) have both value 19.
   (c) \( j \) has value 19 and \( i \) holds no value any more.
   (d) \( i \) and \( j \) have both value 19.
   (e) \( i \) has value 8 and \( j \) has value 19.

5. \( b := a \)
   \( a := b \)
   (a) Compilation error.
   (b) \( a \) and \( b \) are both attached to Ben.
   (c) \( a \) is an void reference and \( b \) is attached to Anna.
   (d) \( b \) is attached to Anna and \( a \) to Ben.
   (e) \( a \) and \( b \) are both attached to Anna.

6. \( b := a \)
   \( a := b \)
   (a) Compilation error.
   (b) The attribute loved_one of Ben references Ben.
   (c) \( a \) is a void reference and \( b \) is attached to Anna.
   (d) \( b \) is attached to Anna and \( a \) to Ben.
   (e) \( a \) and \( b \) are both attached to Anna.

7. \( b := a \)
   \( a := b \)
   (a) Compilation error.
   (b) The attribute loved_one of Ben references Ben.
   (c) \( a \) is attached to Chloe.
   (d) \( a \) is attached to Anna and \( b \) to Ben.
   (e) \( b \) is attached to Anna and \( a \) to Chloe.

8. \( b := c \)
   \( b := a \)
   (a) Compilation error.
   (b) \( b \) is attached to Chloe and its attribute loved_one references Ben.
   (c) The attribute loved_one of Chloe references Ben.
   (d) \( b \) is attached to Ben and \( c \) to Chloe.

9. \( b := a \)
   \( a := b \)
   (a) Compilation error.
   (b) The object with name Ben is not reachable any more.
   (c) \( b \) is void and the attribute loved_one of \( a \) is attached to Chloe.
   (d) \( a \) is attached to Anna and \( b \) to Ben.

To hand in

Hand in your answers to the questions above.

2 Reading loops

To review the structure and semantics of loops refer to section 7.5 of Touch of class.

It happens very often that you want to iterate through all the items of a container, for example all lines in Zurich or all stations of a particular line. To do this you can use the
following scheme:

```
-- Make all lines pink:
across Zurich.lines as i -- Create a new cursor 'i'
loop
  -- 'i.item' denotes the current station:
  i.item.set_color("F010B0")
end
```

If you need to do something more complicated, for example exit from the loop before you traversed all the elements, you will need the full form of the loop:

```
local i: like Zurich.lines.new_cursor -- Local variable to store the cursor
do
  -- Make all lines pink:
  from
  -- Create a new cursor at the beginning of the container
  -- and assign it to 'i':
  i := Zurich.lines.new_cursor
  until
    i.after -- 'i' traversed the whole container (add your condition here)
loop
  i.item.set_color("F010B0")
  i.forth -- Move 'i' one position forward
end
end
```

The type declaration for `i` means “`i` has the same type as the expression `Zurich.lines.new_cursor`”. The actual type of `i` in this case is `V_ITERATOR [LINE]` (“an iterator over lines”).

**To do**

Assume that the two code extracts in Listing 1 and Listing 2 intend to iterate through all stations in Zurich, find one named “Central” and move it to the exact center of the city (coordinates [0, 0]).

1. For each version (Listings 1 and 2) decide whether it does what it is supposed to do.
2. If you think it does not, then correct the errors.

**Hints**

Operator `=` used on expressions of a reference type compares two references. If they are pointing to the same object the result is true, otherwise it is false. In contrast, feature `is_equal` compares the content of two objects.

For this exercise you may assume the following:

- There are no compilation problems
- All the entities are not Void (i.e. they are all attached to an object)
Listing 1: Version A

```
explore
  -- Move "Central".
local
  i: like Zurich.stations.new_cursor
found: BOOLEAN
do
  from
    i := Zurich.stations.new_cursor
until
  i.after or found
loop
  if i.item.name = "Central" then
    found := True
  else
    i.forth
  end
if not i.after then
  i.item.set_position ([0.0, 0.0])
end
end
```

Listing 2: Version B

```
explore
  -- Move "Central".
local
  i: like Zurich.stations.new_cursor
do
  from
    i := Zurich.stations.new_cursor
until
  i.after or i.item.name.is_equal ("
    Central")
loop
  if not i.after then
    i.item.set_position ([0.0, 0.0])
  end
end
```

To hand in

This is a pen-and-paper exercise: you do not need to write code in EiffelStudio. Hand in the corrected versions of Listing 1 and Listing 2.

3 Next station: loops

In this task you will equip public transportation in Traffic with route information displays, similar to ones real trams and buses have in Zurich (Figure 1).

![Route information display in a tram](image1.png)

Figure 1: Route information display in a tram
To do

1. Download http://se.inf.ethz.ch/courses/2011b_fall/eprog/assignments/05/traffic.zip, unzip it and open assignment_5.ecf. Open class DISPLAY in the editor.

2. First let us add some public transport to Zurich. In the feature add_public_transport write a loop that iterates though all lines in Zurich and adds one transportation unit to each line. You can use the across loop example from task 2.

   Run the application to check if you can see trams and buses. Try double-clicking on the map to toggle animation and left-clicking on trams and buses to select them.

3. Now let us implement the feature update_transport_display (t: PUBLIC_TRANSPORT). The application is programmed to call this feature every time you select a transport, and, if the animation is running and a transport is selected, whenever some short amount of time has passed. The selected transport is passed through the argument t.

   The feature has to output route information of the selected transport to the console below the map. In particular, for the next three stops of the transport, it has to show the time it takes to reach the stop and the station name. Then it has to show the same information for the final destination (unless the destination is already listed among the next stops). See an example in Figure 2.

![Figure 2: Route information display in Traffic](image)

Note that sometimes there are less then three stops left until the end of the line. In this case the display only shows as many stops as there are left.

To iterate though stations on a line in a given direction (denoted by a terminal station), sometimes it is more convenient to use the feature next_station of class LINE, as an alternative to to the schemes described in task 2. For example:

```plaintext
local
    s: STATION

do
    from
        s := Zurich.station ("Central") -- Start from Central
    until
        s = Void -- Until the end of the line (add your condition here)
```
4. *(Optional)* Next to each coming station, output all connections available at that station. Note that a line is not considered a connection, if its next stations in both directions are covered by the line we are already on.

Hints

- To do the output you might want to call features clear and append_line on the object console. Use ”%T” to print a tabulation character. Use query out to get a string representation of any object.
- To convert time from seconds to minutes, use the integer division operator (//):
  \[
  \text{time\_minutes} := \text{time\_seconds} // 60.
  \]
- You might want to define a separate function stop_info (t: PUBLIC\_TRANSPORT; s: STATION): STRING, which returns the data to be displayed for a given station.

To hand in

Hand in the code of class DISPLAY.

4 Board game: Part 1

In this task you will start a small project from scratch. We will proceed in iterations, starting with a simplified problem and then progressively enriching it. This first part will focus on choosing the right classes.

The idea is to program a prototype of a board-game. It comes with a board, divided into 40 squares, and a pair of dice; the game can accommodate 2 to 6 players. It works as follows:

- All players start from the first square.
- One at the time, players take a turn: roll the dice and advance their respective tokens on the board.
- A round consists of all players taking their turns once.
- The winner will be the player that first advances beyond the 40th square.

To do

Make up a list of classes that you would use to model the board game.

Choosing right abstractions

To suggest classes, you have to ask yourself: *What are the relevant abstractions in the problem domain?* A good source of abstractions is the problem description: names (nouns) in the description often identify important concepts in the problem domain.

Unfortunately, some names in the problem description might not deserve to become classes (like “idea” or “program”); also there might be relevant abstractions that are not expressed as names in the specific text we are looking at.
Whether an entity in the problem domain deserves its own class, depends on its relevant properties and behavior. If you are modeling a door, whose only relevant property is being open or closed, use a boolean variable. If you are programming a game with trapdoors and magic doors that trigger special behavior, then you might need a class for it. Thus the second question you should ask yourself about each candidate abstraction is: *Is there any meaningful data (attributes) and behavior (routines) associated with the abstraction?*

Finally, you should take into account that the problem description (the requirements) is almost never final. When reading the description think about things that are likely to change and new functionality that is likely to be added. Sometimes a concept doesn’t have enough associated behavior in the present version of the requirements, but if you think it is likely to gain more in the future, it might still deserve its own class.

**To hand in**

Hand in your candidate list of class names together with short descriptions of their associated properties and behavior.