

EasyLocal++ workflow

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The directory **SeedProject** contains a complete EasyLocal++ project in which all methods are empty. The project can be compiled and executed as is, but obviously the execution does not produce meaningful behavior.

The naming convention of EasyLocal++ is to name every class with its role in the framework with the name of the problem as a prefix. In the seed project the name of the problem is set to **XYZ**.

The code is split into the following source files **XYZ_Data.cc**, **XYZ_Basics.cc**, **XYZ_Helpers.cc**, **XYZ_Main.cc**, and the corresponding header files **XYZ_Data.hh**, **XYZ_Basics.hh**, **XYZ_Helpers.hh** (the file **XYZ_Main.cc** defines only the **main** function, and thus has no header).

The first step is therefore to copy the seed project and to replace the string **XYZ** in all files (including **makefile**) with the name (or the acronym) of our problem.

The development consists in filling the about files in the following sequence.

1 Data file

This file contains **Input** and **Output** classes, for representing the input data and a solution of an instance, respectively. These classes are provided to the framework as templates, therefore they do not inherit from framework classes.

The should contain

- **Input** class:
 - constructor that takes the file name, reads its content and stores it into appropriate data structures
 - data structures and corresponding getters
- **Output** class:
 - constructor that takes a reference to an **Input** object, stores it in the member **in**, and resizes the data structures
 - data structure for storing the solution and corresponding getters

2 Basics file

- Define `State` class:
 - main data structures
 - redundant data structures (invariant) [for accelerating delta evaluations]
 - assignment operator = [for copying objects (in presence of constant members)]
 - equality operator == [for debugging]
 - constructor that takes input as parameter
- Define `Move` class: [This step must be repeated if more than one move is defined]
 - move attributes
 - constructor that initializes the attributes
 - operators: ==, !=, < [for the tester]

3 Helpers file

- Define `StateManager` class:
 - `RandomState`
 - `CheckConsistency` [optional]
- Define `OutputManager` class:
 - `InputState`
 - `OutputState`
- Define `NeighborhoodExplorer` class:
 - `FirstMove`
 - `NextMove`
 - `RandomMove`
 - `MakeMove`
 - `FeasibleMove` [optional]
- Define `CostComponent` classes (one for each cost component):
 - `ComputeCost`
 - `PrintViolations`
- Define `DeltaCostComponent` classes (one for each cost component):
 - `ComputeDeltaCost`

4 Main file

- Write the `main()` function including:
 - definition of command-line parameters
 - declaration of the `Input` object
 - declaration of helper objects
 - links between helper objects (for example, see `AddCostComponent`)
 - declaration of runner, solver, and tester objects
 - invocation tester or solver