

# BASICS

## Set Interpretation

```
sig S extends E {  
    F: one T  
}  
  
fact {  
    all s:S | s.F in T  
}
```

- s is a set
- s is a subset of E
- F is a relation which maps each s to exactly one T
- s is an element of S
- s.F composes the unary relation s with the binary relation F, returning the a unary relation of type T

`sig FSOobject {parent: lone Dir}` : set FSOobject, relation parent which relates FSOobjects to Dirs, at most one parent dir for each FSObejct.

## Sig Declaration

```
sig A,B extends C // A and B are disjoint  
sig A, B in C // not necessarily disjoint  
one sig A // enforces that has to always be exactly one instance of that  
element
```

## Fact Declaration

```
fact {File + Dir = FSOobject} // all system objects are either files or  
directories  
fact {  
    FSOobject in Root.*contents // the set of all fiule sysdtem objects is  
a subset of everything reachable from the Root by following the contents  
relation zero or more times  
}
```

# Assert Declaration

```
assert acyclic {  
  no d: Dir | d in d.^contents  
}  
//the contents path is acyclic
```

=> an assert claims that something must be true due to the behaviour of the model

=> checked using `check` keyword, where Alloy either finds a counter example to the assertion or doesn't

## Ternary Relations

```
// A File System  
sig FileSystem {  
  root: Dir,  
  live: set FSObject,  
  contents: Dir lone-> FSObject,  
  parent: FSObject ->lone Dir  
}  
{  
  // root has no parent  
  no root.parent  
  // live objects are reachable from the root  
  live in root.*contents  
  // parent is the inverse of contents  
  parent = ~contents  
}  
  
contents in live -> live  
// contents is in the set of the relation from live objects to live  
objects
```

- Each file system is related to exactly one directory, the root.
- the live relation relates each file system to the set of file system objects it contains
- the set keyword allows the contents relation to relate FileSystem to any number of file system objects.  
=> without means mapping only one-to-one !!
- the contents relation maps each file system to a binary relation from directories to file system objects.
- parents relation relates each file system to file system objects to directories

# Run

```
run example for exactly 1 FileSystem, 4 FSObject
//alloy will try to find a solution to the model in which there is
exactly 1 FileSystem and 4 FileSystemObjects
```

## ADVANCED

```
root: Dir & live, //intersection
parent: (live - root) ->one (Dir & live),
```

=> the root of a FileSystem is in the set of live objects of its FileSystem and not just any directory.

=> the parent relation maps every live object except the root to exactly one live Dir.

## Alloy Model

```
1. pred move [fs, fs': FileSystem, x: FSObject, d: Dir] {
2.     (x + d) in fs.live
3.     fs'.parent = fs.parent - x->(x.(fs.parent)) + x->d
4. }
```

=> the predicate move is true if file system fs' is the result of moving file system object x to directory d in file system fs.

- Line 2: the object to be moved and the destination directory of the move must both exist in the prestate file system.
- Line 3: the parent relation in the post state is the same as the prestate except the mapping from x to x's old parent is replaced by the mapping from x to x's new parent d.

```
1. pred removeAll [fs, fs': FileSystem, x: FSObject] {
2.     x in (fs.live - fs.root)
3.     let subtree = x.*(fs.contents) | fs'.parent = fs.parent - subtree->
(subtree.(fs.parent))
4. }
```

- 2: the file system object to be deleted, x, must be in the prestate file system, fs, but that it cannot be the root of fs.
- 3: a let statement acts as a macro replacing the right side of the assignment whenever the left side of the assignment appears.

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## Advanced Checking

```
moveOkay: check {  
  all fs, fs': FileSystem, x: FSObject, d:Dir |  
    move[fs, fs', x, d] => fs'.live = fs.live  
} for 5
```

=> claims that the move operation does not alter the set of objects in the file system