

Exercises to Extension Methods

Program the following extension methods in a separate class **Extensionmethods.cs**. In a WPF (or console) app these methods should be used. Some of them are quite simple, others are more difficult.

- Write an extension method for string that returns the first and last two characters of the string.
- Write an extension method **Yesterday** for DateTime that returns the date exactly 24 hours before the specified one.
- Implement the function to calculate the factorial of a number as an extension Method **Fact()** for the type **int**. Remember the calculation of factorial: $n! = n * (n-1) * \dots * 1$, e.g. $6! = 6 * 5 * 4 * 3 * 2 * 1$
- Write an Extension method **UseOnly** for List<string>, which takes a function of type **delegate bool CheckFunction(string)** as a parameter and returns a List<string>. The returned list should contain only those elements for which the function returns true.
- Program the same thing for List<double>, i.e. with a **delegate bool CheckFunction(double)**
- Try the same for generic lists
- Write an Extension method **Transform** for List<Person>, which converts such a list into a list of strings by accepting a suitable delegate as parameter.

```
var persons = new List<Person>
{
    new Person {Firstname = "Hansi", Lastname = "Huber", Age = 66},
    new Person {Firstname = "Heinzi", Lastname = "Prüller", Age = 77},
    new Person {Firstname = "Susi", Lastname = "Maurer", Age = 55}
};
var fullnames = persons.Transform(x => $"{x.Firstname} {x.Lastname} [{x.Age}]");
```

- therefore, the output of fullnames should be:

```
Hansi Huber [66]
Heinzi Prüller [77]
Susi Maurer [55]
```

- Write a **ToUsefulString** extension method for DateTime that converts the date to relative times:
 - Vorgestern 12:30
 - Gestern 17:21
 - Heute 08:45
 - vor 1 h 12 min (if less than 4 hours ago)
 - Jetzt
 - in 2 h 09 min (if less than 4 hours ahead)
 - Morgen 06:12
 - Übermorgen 20:15
 - otherwise the format Di 22.11. 14:30 shall be returned

- Create an object array **object[] persons** that stores person objects as above, but as anonymous objects.

```
var person = new { ...};
```

Convert this array with **JsonSerializer.Serialize(...)** to a JSON string and print it to the console.

Hint: this is more or less how WebApi works when using REST services.

- The method **Sort** (which is already available for collections) can be given as a parameter a delegate of the form **delegate int Comparison<T> (T x, T y)**. Call Sort with a lambda expression that sorts a string collection by the length of each string. The delegate method must therefore deliver:
 - 0 if both strings are the same length
 - 1 if the first string is longer than the second
 - -1 if the first string is shorter than the second