

# 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