

OOB.03 — Vocabulary Trainer

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This time you are going to implement a vocabulary trainer. It will only be terminal based, but we'll use some fancy colors and headings at least.

```
@startuml

class Trainer {
    -int WORD_IDX [const]
    -int TRANSLATION_IDX [const]
    -int CYCLE_COUNT [const]
    -VocabularyItem[] _vocabularyItems [readonly]

    +Trainer(string[][][])
    +void PerformTrainingCycle()
    +void PrintStatistics()
    -int PickNextWord(bool[])
    -void Sort()
    {static} -VocabularyItem[] CreateVocabularyItems(string[][][])
}

class VocabularyItem {
    -int _countCorrect
    -int _countAsked
    +string NativeWord [readonly]
    +string Translation [readonly]

    +VocabularyItem(string, string)
    +bool TestTranslation(string)
    +int CompareTo(VocabularyItem)
    +string ToString() [override]
    {static} -int CompareStrings(string, string)
}

Trainer "1" -r- "n" VocabularyItem: has

@enduml
```

Some parts of the application have already been provided to you, especially the **Program.cs** file.



You might need to comment some code to allow the program to compile initially

1. VocabularyItem class

This class is meant to hold one 'word':

1. The 'native' word
2. The translation

For example: 'horse' & 'Pferd'.

It also holds information about the 'translation success' of the user who is currently training:

- How often was user 'asked' to translate this specific word
- How often did the user get it right (correct translation)

The following operations are supported:

- Test a user provided translation
 - Returns `true` or `false` accordingly
 - Updates the internal statistics
- Compare to another instance of `VocabularyItem`
 - Used for sorting before displaying the statistics
 - First we compare the number of correct answers.
If those are equal we then compare the native words lexically.
- Create a `string` representation of the `VocabularyItem` instance
 - This method requires the `override` keyword, we'll talk about that later. For now just put it there and be happy that everything works.
- Compare two strings lexically while ignoring case
 - This is an internal helper method
 - Look up `string.Compare` & `StringComparison.OrdinalIgnoreCase` in the documentation for the implementation of this method

▼ *Cheating: Look at the XMLDoc of the methods if you have a hard time understanding what each is supposed to do*

```
/// <summary>
///     A translation attempt is checked for correctness.
/// </summary>
/// <param name="translationAttempt">The user provided translation</param>
/// <returns>True if the translation was correct; false otherwise</returns>

/// <summary>
///     The vocabulary item is compared to another. First the number of correct
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answers is compared.
///      If it is equal the native words are compared ordinal.
/// </summary>
/// <param name="other">The <see cref="VocabularyItem"/> to compare with</param>
/// <returns>0 if equal; less than 0 if this item is smaller; greater than 0
otherwise</returns>

/// <summary>
///      Overrides the default string representation to display the word and
translation statistics.
/// </summary>
/// <returns>A string containing the word, its translation and the training
statistics</returns>

/// <summary>
///      Compares two strings by ordinal value, ignoring case.
/// </summary>
/// <param name="a">First string</param>
/// <param name="b">Second string</param>
/// <returns>Less than 0 if a precedes b in the sorting order; greater than 0 if b
precedes a; 0 otherwise</returns>

```

2. Trainer class

This class contains the vocabulary and is responsible for guiding the user through a training cycle.



A considerable part of the 'user interface' is handled by **Program**, be aware which class performs which action(s) based on its purpose

It provides the following operations:

- Turn 'raw' words read from the **vocabulary.csv** file (provided as **string[][]**) into an array of **VocabularyItem** instances
 - Invalid entries (native word, translation or both are **null** or **empty**) are skipped ⇒ the final array is trimmed as usual (or rather, a temporary array can be used)
 - That's easily possible with two loops in total (within this method)
 - Make use of the **WORD_IDX** & **TRANSLATION_IDX** constants
- Sort the vocabulary
 - The sorting happens in-place
 - Use any algorithm you want
 - Called before printing the statistics
 - Make use of the **CompareTo** method of the **VocabularyItem** class
- Randomly pick the next word (from the vocabulary) to show to the user
 - In general, words are picked by random. However, a word should not reappear while

another hasn't been used yet. To implement this logic use the `bool[]` in which you can track which vocabulary items have already been used (via index). Draw a new random number until you get an 'unused' word. **Once all words have been used at least once any one is chosen.**

- Keep in mind: an array parameter is passed by *reference* ⇒ useful here
- Make sure to use the `RandomProvider` otherwise you'll have a *very hard* time writing your unit tests
- Print training statistics
 - Already implemented for you
- Perform a training cycle
 - *Partially* implemented already
 - Look at the sample run to learn about the expected interaction and output format
 - Make sure to call the `TestTranslation` method of the *proper* `VocabularyItem` instance when checking translation input

3. Sample Run

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