



# WORKSHOP 8

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Prolog

CSX3004 Programming Languages  
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# ACTIVITY: EXPLORING PARAMETER PASSING TECHNIQUES

**Time Limit:** 60 minutes

**Individual work**

# TASK 1: BACKTRACKING EXPLORATION

likes(alice, salad).

likes(james, pizza).

likes(mary, pizza).

likes(mary, pasta).

likes(peter, salad).

1. List all possible answers of the query  
?- likes(mary, X).
2. Discuss how Prolog use backtracking  
to find multiple solutions.

# TASK 2: DEFINING FACTS AND RULES

1. Model a **course prerequisite system** in Prolog. For example:
  - CSX3001 is a prerequisite for CSX3002.
  - CSX3001 is a prerequisite for CSX3006.
  - CSX3002 is a prerequisite for CSX3003.
  - CSX3002 is a prerequisite for CSX4107.
  - CSX3003 is a prerequisite for CSX3009.
  - CSX3001 and ITX2007 are prerequisites for CSX4202.
  - CSX3005 is a prerequisite for CSX4306.
  - CSX3006 is a prerequisite for CSX4211.
2. Write rules to determine if one course is an **indirect prerequisite** of another.
3. Submit your code (task2.pl file)

# TASK 3: SUM OF ELEMENTS

Write a Prolog rule `sum_list(List, Sum)` that computes the sum of all numbers in a list.

## **Example Queries:**

?- `sum_list([1,2,3,4], X).`

`X = 10.`

Submit your prolog code (task3.pl).

# TASK 4: PATH FINDING

1. Represent a small map as facts:

```
edge(a, b).  
edge(b, c).  
edge(c, d).  
edge(a, d).
```

2. Write a recursive rule `path(X, Y)` that succeeds if there is a path from `X` to `Y`.

## **Sample Query:**

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?- path(a, c).
```

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true.
```

Submit your prolog code (task4.pl).

# TASK 5: LOGIC PUZZLE

There are three houses in a row.

- The red house is left of the green house.
- The person in the red house owns a cat.
- The person in the middle house drinks tea.
- The person in the green house drinks coffee.

Represent these facts in Prolog and write queries to answer the following questions.

- Who owns the cat?
- Who drinks coffee?

Submit your prolog code (task5.pl).