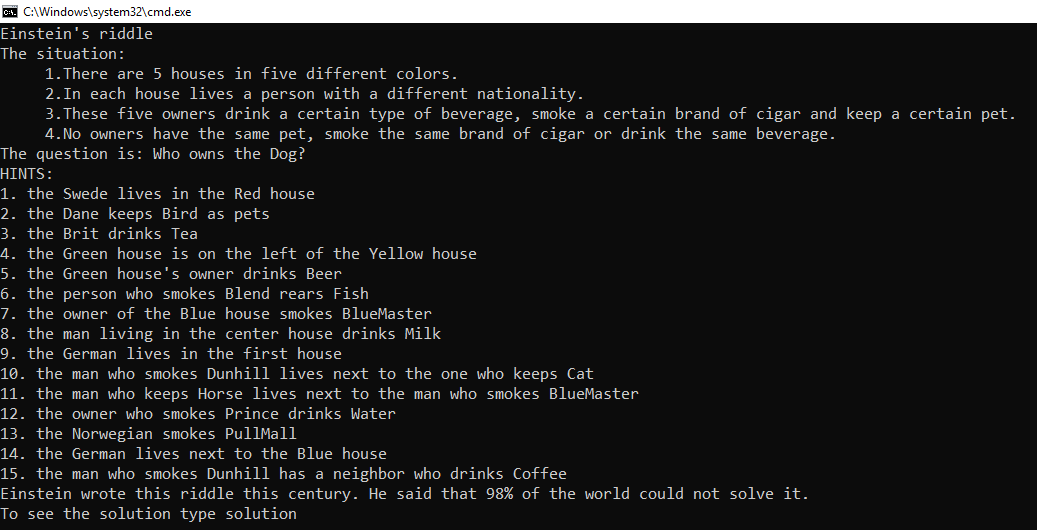
# Einstein’s Riddle Documentation

*In this Lab we are going to create a C# program that generates a random* [*Einstein’s riddle*](https://udel.edu/~os/riddle.html) *each time the program is started. It will also have a functionality to print the solution if the user has trouble solving it. At the end it is going to look like this:*

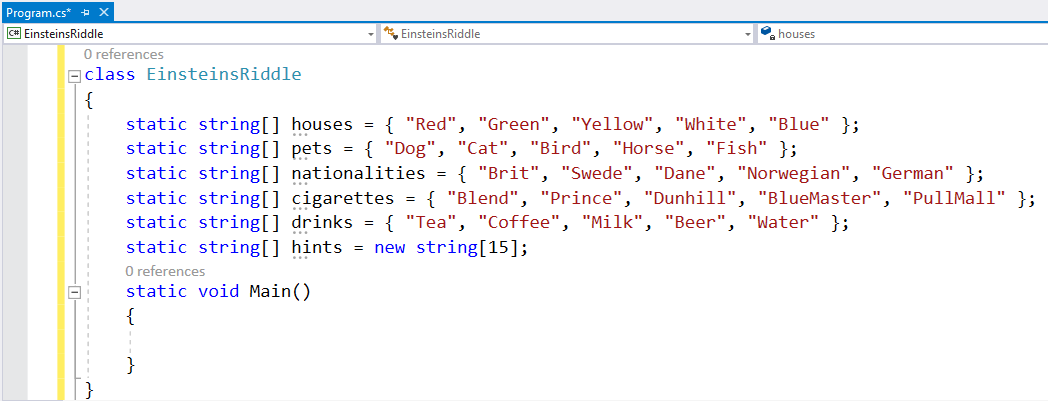
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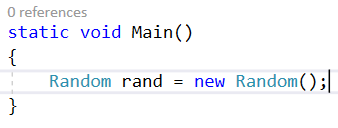
First, we need **5 arrays** to store the information about the **houses, nationalities, drinks, cigarettes** and **pets**. We also need to store the **hints**, because we want to write them on the console. For them to be accessible in all of the code, we are going to create them as **static variables on top of the Main method**.



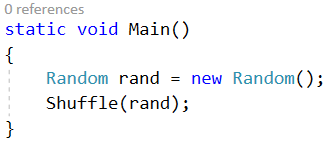
* It does not matter, how the info is ordered. We are going to **shuffle** it anyway.
* The hints array should have **15 elements**, because we are going to create **15 hints**

## Random and shuffling

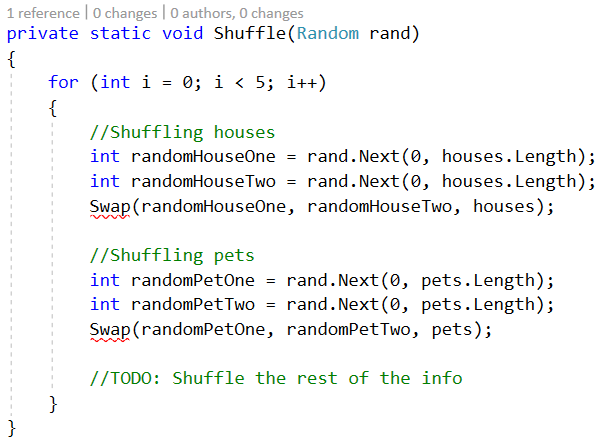
Now to shuffle the info, we need a random generator, so we create it



Now we need a method that shuffles each array of info, so we have new riddle every time we start the program



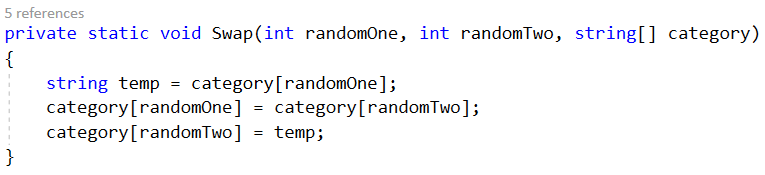
* We create the method and pass it the random generator we created



* We make a **for-loop**. It does not matter how many times we loop
* We take **2 random indices of each array** of info and create a **Swap method** that is going to swap the data at the given **indices** from the given **array of data**. (we are going to implement it in a bit)
* We do that for each array of info we have

## The Swap method

What that method will do is, it is going to receive **2 indices, a category and it is going to swap them**. We use a simple swapping algorithm for that:

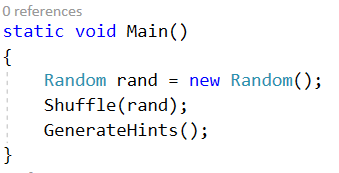


* We **store the value of the first index** from the given array of data
* We **set the first value to the second value**
* We **set the second value to the stored value**

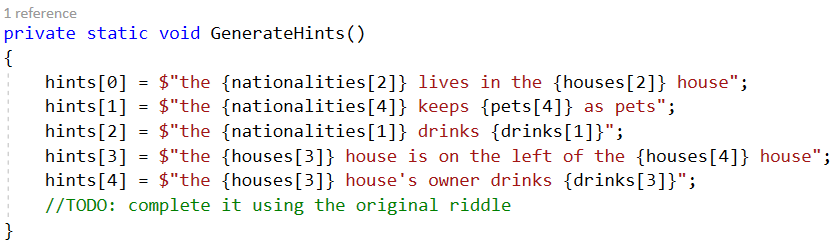
## Generating the Hints

The next step after we shuffled all the data is, to **generate the hints**. We follow the **original hints** of the riddle. If you open the [solution](https://udel.edu/~os/riddle-solution.html) (**scroll to the bottom** to see the solution table) and **check for the first hint**, you will see that it reveals the user the **nationality of the person living in the 3rd house** and the **color of that house**. (in our case we **start counting from 0** because we use **arrays**, so for us it is the **second index**) We do that for all the **15 hints**.

First let us call a method **GenerateHints in our main method**



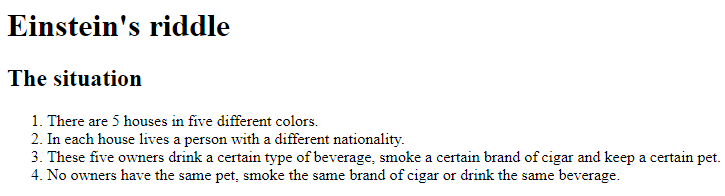
Now let us **create it** following the original riddle

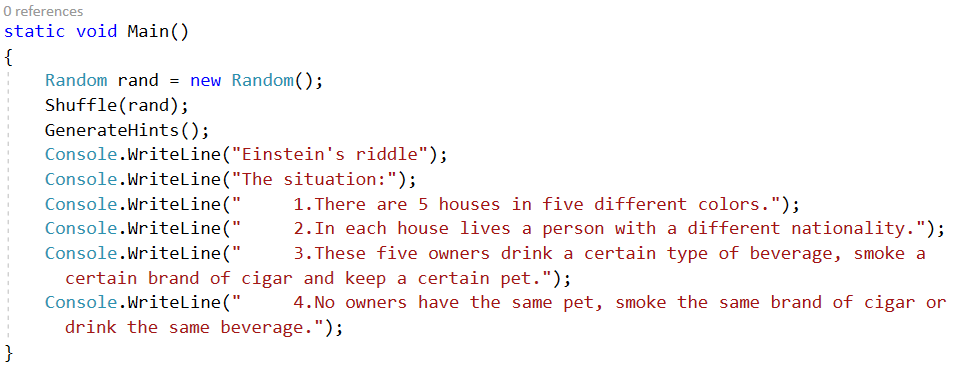


* Check what kind of info we give the user using the hints of the riddle and the solution

## Printing the info for the user

We are almost done. Now we have to provide the user with the intro and the hints of the riddle. Use the link to write on the console the intro:

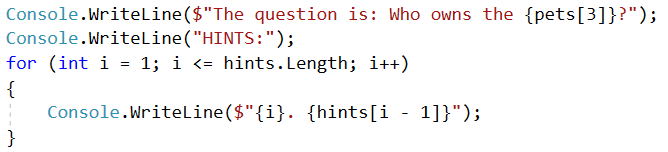




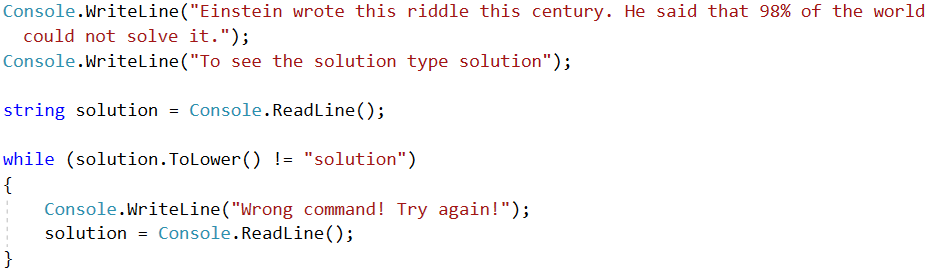
For the question we see the riddle and the solution (the **fish is the 3rd index of our pets array**)



Now we have to loop through the hints and print them:



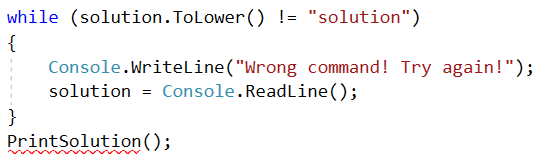
Now we have to check if the user wants to see the solution. We write the following code:

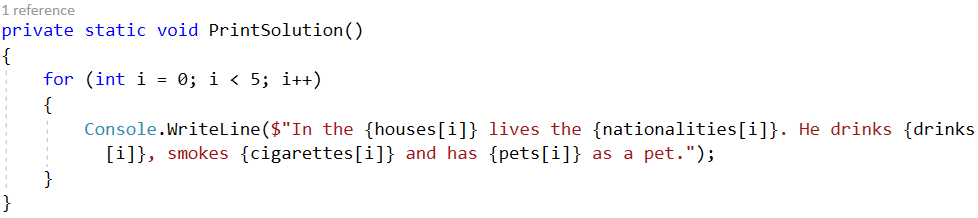


* We wait for the user to type something (it is possible for him to write everything).
* Until we receive a string that says "solution", we say the user that the command is invalid and read the string again
* If the string is correct we proceed

## Printing the solution

If the user asks for the solution we want to print it. So, we create a method called PrintSolution and call it in the Main method after the while loop





* The method will just loop **5 times** to print the info about each person with his **house, drink, nationality, pet and cigarettes**

***Ready! Now you can try running the program and solving the riddle!*** 😊