ASSIGNMENT # 03



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DOMAIN SPECIFIC LANGUAGE (DSL):

A **Domain-Specific Language** (**DSL**) is a programming language or syntax created specifically for a particular application domain. Unlike general-purpose languages (like C#, Python, or Java), a DSL is tailored to address specific tasks or problems within a niche area, making it more expressive and easier to use for that purpose.

What Does "Designing a DSL in C#" Mean?

Designing a DSL in C# involves creating a specialized mini-language or syntax, embedded within or external to the C# code that allows users to define or manipulate elements related to a specific problem domain.

Why Use a DSL?

- 1. Improves Productivity: Allows users to describe complex tasks in a simplified manner.
- 2. Increases Readability: Makes the code or configuration easier to understand for domain experts.
- 3. **Focus on the Domain:** Reduces the need to deal with general programming constructs when working within a specific domain.

Types of DSLs

1. **Internal DSL:** Embedded within an existing programming language, often leveraging its syntax and libraries.

Example: LINQ in C#.

2. **External DSL:** Defined independently with its custom syntax and requires a parser to interpret. Example: SQL or a configuration file format like JSON/YAML.

Steps to Design a DSL in C#

- 1. **Define the Domain**: Decide the specific domain and tasks your DSL will address.
 - Example: Configuring gameplay elements for a space shooter game.
- 2. **Design the Syntax**: Define the structure and format of your DSL.

Example: Use a JSON-like or custom block-style syntax.

- 3. **Implement Parsing**: Write a parser to interpret the DSL and convert it into objects or commands.
- 4. **Build an Interpreter/Compiler**: Implement logic to execute or transform the parsed DSL into actions.
- 5. **Integrate with Applications**: Use the DSL to define configurations or behaviors within your C# application.

CODE.

```
Using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
namespace GalaxyShooterDSL
  // DSL Parser
  public class DSLParser
     public Dictionary<string, Dictionary<string, object>> Parse(string script)
       var objects = new Dictionary<string, Dictionary<string, object>>();
       var lines = script.Split('\n');
       string currentType = null;
       Dictionary<string, object> currentObject = null;
       foreach (var line in lines)
          var trimmed = line.Trim();
         if (trimmed.StartsWith("#") || string.IsNullOrWhiteSpace(trimmed))
            continue; // Skip comments and empty lines
         if (trimmed.EndsWith("{"))
            currentType = trimmed.Split(' ')[0];
            currentObject = new Dictionary<string, object>();
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objects[currentType] = currentObject;
else if (trimmed.EndsWith("}"))
  currentType = null;
  currentObject = null;
else
  var parts = trimmed.Split(':');
  var key = parts[0].Trim();
  var value = parts[1].Trim().TrimEnd(';');
  if (currentObject != null)
    if (value.StartsWith("[") && value.EndsWith("]")) // Array
       value = value.Trim('[', ']');
       currentObject[key] = value.Split(',');
     else
       currentObject[key] = value;
```

```
return objects;
  // Game Interpreter
  public class GameInterpreter
    public void GenerateGameElements(Dictionary<string, Dictionary<string, object>>
parsedObjects)
       foreach (var obj in parsedObjects)
         if (obj.Key == "PlayerShip")
            CreatePlayerShip(obj.Value);
         else if (obj.Key == "EnemyWave")
            Create Enemy Wave (obj. Value);\\
         else if (obj.Key == "PowerUp")
            CreatePowerUp(obj.Value);
         else if (obj.Key == "Level")
            CreateLevel(obj.Value);
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```
private void CreatePlayerShip(Dictionary<string, object> shipData)
       Console.WriteLine($"Player Ship: {shipData["Name"]}, Speed: {shipData["Speed"]},
Health: {shipData["Health"]}");
       Console.WriteLine($"Weapons: {string.Join(", ", (string[])shipData["Weapons"])}");
     }
    private void CreateEnemyWave(Dictionary<string, object> waveData)
       Console.WriteLine($"Enemy Wave: {waveData["Name"]}, Type:
{waveData["EnemyType"]}, Count: {waveData["Count"]}, Interval:
{waveData["SpawnInterval"]}s");
    private void CreatePowerUp(Dictionary<string, object> powerUpData)
       Console.WriteLine($"Power-Up: {powerUpData["Type"]}, Duration:
{powerUpData["Duration"]}s, Location: {string.Join(", ",
(string[])powerUpData["SpawnLocation"])}");
    private void CreateLevel(Dictionary<string, object> levelData)
       Console.WriteLine($"Level: {levelData["Name"]}, Background:
{levelData["Background"]}");
       Console.WriteLine($"Waves: {string.Join(", ", (string[])levelData["Waves"])}");
       Console.WriteLine($"Power-Ups: {string.Join(", ",
(string[])levelData["PowerUps"])}");
```

```
// Main Program
public class Program
  public static void Main()
    string script = @"
    # Define a player ship
    PlayerShip {
      Name: ""Falcon"";
       Speed: 500;
       Health: 100;
       Weapons: [""Laser"", ""Missile""];
     }
    # Define an enemy wave
    EnemyWave {
       Name: ""Wave1"";
       EnemyType: ""Fighter"";
       Count: 5;
       SpawnInterval: 2;
    # Define a power-up
    PowerUp {
       Type: ""Shield"";
```

```
Duration: 10;
  SpawnLocation: [50, 200];
# Define a level
Level {
  Name: ""Asteroid Field"";
  Background: ""asteroid.png"";
  Waves: [""Wave1""];
  PowerUps: [""Shield""];
}";
DSLParser parser = new DSLParser();
GameInterpreter interpreter = new GameInterpreter();
Console.WriteLine("Parsing DSL script...");
var parsedObjects = parser.Parse(script);
Console.WriteLine("Generating game elements...\n");
interpreter.GenerateGameElements(parsedObjects);
```

OUTPUT:

