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# Hackathon

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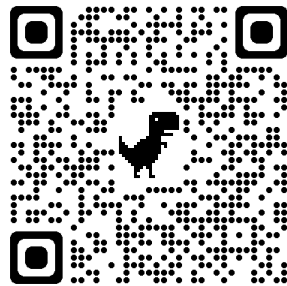
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As part of the Customer Success Team, I am involved in Content Creation and User Support roles. Previously I was a partner at a consultancy company using AIMMS to successfully deliver projects to clients. I also started my own company in 2018 in the same area. This brought me a wide range of experiences with different business verticals, planning levels and technologies.

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# Hackathon!

## Format

### > Tuesday 9:00-10:00

- I will present the problem we will be solving, give some link references and provide you with an overview of what is expected
- The idea is that you can start to think of how to resolve the problem, but no need to code just yet

### > Thursday – Whole day

- 9:00–10:00 – Review of the problem / Presentation of the AIMMS Template Project / Introduction of our Consultancy Team
- 10:00–12:30 – Work Session – teams work with consultants to implement improvements to AIMMS template project
- 13:30–15:00 – Work Session – teams work with consultants to implement improvements to AIMMS template project
- 16:00–17:30 – Teams present their solutions / Consultants + AIMMSians decide winner!

## Prize!

- > For the winning team, we have an AIMMS goodie pack (still a surprise! – but I can say I want it!), trees will be planted in your name, a voucher with 50% discount for next year's AIMMS Campus and a digital certificate "AIMMS Hackathon Champion!" for bragging rights!

# What is provided? What is expected?

## > We will provide an AIMMS Project with

- A simple interface
- Input instances – varying from simple to very complex
- A random solution generator – does not optimize anything, but seeks to generate a feasible solution
- A validation process that can provide feedback on quality of solution

## > We will evaluate the resulting AIMMS Projects based on

- UX: improving the user experience in our WebUI interface
- Quality of solution: does your approach solve the provided instances?
- Breadth of solution: how many different objectives/constraints were you able to model?

# The problem!

- > The problem we select is based on the ITC 2021: International Timetabling Competition on Sports Timetabling.
- > We will plan one-on-one matches between sports teams that belong to a single league. We call the complete set of matches a tournament. This tournament follows a double round-robin (2RR). Every team plays against every other team two times: once at home, once away. As a result we have  $(N - 1) \times 2$  matches per team, where  $N$  is the total number of teams.
- > The planning horizon is divided into slots  $((N - 1) \times 2)$ . We assume that each team plays exactly once per slot. We also assume an even number of teams.
- > There are several types of constraints that we briefly present here.

**The challenge can be very hard! We do not expect you to implement all constraints. We will have a growing level of difficulties, so don't worry to get them all done!**

| Teams  | Round   | Home   | x | Away   |
|--------|---------|--------|---|--------|
| Team 0 | Round 0 | Team 0 |   | Team 1 |
| Team 1 | Round 0 | Team 2 |   | Team 3 |
| Team 2 | Round 1 | Team 0 |   | Team 2 |
| Team 3 | Round 1 | Team 1 |   | Team 3 |
|        | Round 2 | Team 0 |   | Team 3 |
|        | Round 2 | Team 1 |   | Team 2 |
|        | Round 3 | Team 1 |   | Team 0 |
|        | Round 3 | Team 3 |   | Team 2 |
|        | Round 4 | Team 2 |   | Team 0 |
|        | Round 4 | Team 3 |   | Team 1 |
|        | Round 5 | Team 3 |   | Team 0 |
|        | Round 5 | Team 2 |   | Team 1 |

# The problem!

## Constraints

- > There are both soft and hard constraints. SOFT and HARD tags are included with each one. A PENALTY is also included for each unit of violation. The unit of violation depends on the constraint. A HARD constraint should always be satisfied (although this is sometimes very difficult).

## Objective function

- > We want to minimize the sum of penalized soft constraints violations.

## Structure

- > If the timetable instance is "phased", then the first half of slots in the tournament is a complete round-robin and the second half is another complete round-robin. That is, each pair of teams only sees each other once in each half, with their home-away status inverted between halves.

# Capacity Constraints

<CA1 teams="0" max="0" mode="H" slots="0" type="HARD"/>

Each team from **teams** plays at most **max** home/away games (**mode** = "H" or "A") during time slots in **slots**. Penalty is number of games over max.

Ex.: Team 0 cannot play at home on time slot 0.

| Round   | Home   | x | Away   |
|---------|--------|---|--------|
| Round 0 | Team 0 |   | Team 1 |



# Capacity Constraints

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<CA2 teams1="0" min="0" max="1" mode1="HA" mode2="GLOBAL" teams2="1;2" slots="0;1;2" type="SOFT"/>
```

Each team in **teams1** plays at most **max** home/away/any games (mode1 = "H", "A" or "HA"), against teams in **teams2** during time slots in **slots**. **Mode2** will always be "GLOBAL".

Penalty is number of games over max.

Ex.: Team 0 plays at most one game against teams 1 and 2 during the first three time slots.

| Teams  | Min | Max | Mode         | Against   | Slots          |
|--------|-----|-----|--------------|-----------|----------------|
| Team 0 | 0   | 1   | Home or Away | Team 1, 2 | Rounds 0, 1, 2 |

| Round   | Home   | x | Away   |
|---------|--------|---|--------|
| Round 0 | Team 0 |   | Team 1 |
| Round 1 | Team 0 |   | Team 2 |
| Round 2 | Team 0 |   | Team 3 |

# Capacity Constraints

<CA3 teams1="0" max="2" mode1="HA" teams2="1;2;3" intp="3" mode2="SLOTS" type="SOFT"/>

Each team in **teams1** plays at most **max** home/away/any games (**mode1** = "H", "A" or "HA") against teams in **teams2** in each sequence of **intp** time slots. **mode2** = "SLOTS" always.

Penalty is number of games over max in any sequence of **intp**.

Ex.: Team 0 plays at most two consecutive games against teams 1, 2, and 3.

| Round   | Home   | x | Away   |
|---------|--------|---|--------|
| Round 0 | Team 0 |   | Team 5 |
| Round 1 | Team 0 |   | Team 1 |
| Round 2 | Team 0 |   | Team 2 |
| Round 3 | Team 0 |   | Team 3 |
| Round 4 | Team 0 |   | Team 4 |

# Capacity Constraints

<CA4 teams1="0;1" max="3" mode1="H" teams2="2,3" mode2="GLOBAL" slots="0;1" type="HARD"/>

Teams in **teams1** play at most **max** home/away/any games (**mode1** = "H", "A" or "HA") against teams in **teams2** during time slots in **slots** (when **mode2** = "GLOBAL") or during each individual time slot in **slots** (**mode2** = "EVERY").

Penalty is number of games over max.

Ex.: Teams 0 and 1 together play at most three home games against teams 2 and 3 during the first two time slots.

| Round   | Home   | x | Away   |
|---------|--------|---|--------|
| Round 0 | Team 0 |   | Team 2 |
| Round 0 | Team 1 |   | Team 3 |
| Round 1 | Team 0 |   | Team 3 |
| Round 1 | Team 1 |   | Team 2 |

# Game Constraints

<GA1 min="0" max="0" meetings="0,1;1,2;" slots="3" type="HARD"/>

At least **min** and at most **max** games from meetings =  $\{(i_1, j_1), (i_2, j_2), \dots\}$  take place during time slots in **slots**.

Penalty is number of games under min or over max.

Ex.: Game (0,1) and (1,2) cannot take place during time slot 3.

| Round   | Home   | x | Away   |
|---------|--------|---|--------|
| Round 3 | Team 0 |   | Team 5 |
| Round 3 | Team 1 |   | Team 2 |

# Break Constraints

<BR1 teams="0" intp="0" mode2="HA" slots="1" type="HARD"/>

Each team in **teams** has at most **intp** home/away/any breaks (**mode2** = "H", "A" or "HA") during time slots in **slots**.

Penalty is the number of breaks over the limit. We say that a team has a break if it has two consecutive home games, or two consecutive away games.

Ex.: Team 0 cannot have a break on time slot 1 (they cannot repeat the home or away of slot 0).

| Round   | Home   | x | Away   |
|---------|--------|---|--------|
| Round 0 | Team 0 |   | Team 5 |
| Round 1 | Team 0 |   | Team 2 |

# Break and Fairness Constraints

<BR2 homeMode="HA" teams="0;1" mode2="LEQ" intp="2" slots="0;1;2;3" type="HARD"/>

The sum over all breaks (**homeMode** = "HA", the only mode we consider) in **teams** is no more than (**mode2** = "LEQ", the only mode we consider) **intp** during time slots in **slots**.

Penalty is the number of breaks over the limit.

Ex.: Team 0 and 1 together do not have more than two breaks during the first four time slots.

| Round   | Home   | x | Away   |
|---------|--------|---|--------|
| Round 0 | Team 0 |   | Team 5 |
| Round 0 | Team 1 |   | Team 6 |
| Round 1 | Team 0 |   | Team 6 |
| Round 1 | Team 5 |   | Team 1 |
| Round 2 | Team 7 |   | Team 0 |
| Round 2 | Team 2 |   | Team 1 |
| Round 3 | Team 3 |   | Team 0 |
| Round 3 | Team 1 |   | Team 4 |

# Fairness Constraints

<FA2 teams="0;1;2" mode="H" intp="1" slots="0;1;2;3" type="HARD"/>

Each pair of teams in **teams** has a difference in played home games (**mode** = "H", the only mode we consider) that is not larger than **intp** after each time slot in **slots**.

Penalty is the largest difference between home games over the limit.

Ex.: the difference in home games played between teams 0, 1 and 2 is not larger than 1 during the first four time slots.

| Round   | Home   | x | Away   | # Home games |   |
|---------|--------|---|--------|--------------|---|
| Round 0 | Team 0 |   | Team 5 | Team 0       | 1 |
| Round 0 | Team 1 |   | Team 2 | Team 1       | 3 |
| Round 1 | Team 6 |   | Team 0 | Team 2       | 3 |
| Round 1 | Team 2 |   | Team 1 |              |   |
| Round 2 | Team 1 |   | Team 0 |              |   |
| Round 2 | Team 2 |   | Team 4 |              |   |
| Round 3 | Team 2 |   | Team 0 |              |   |
| Round 3 | Team 1 |   | Team 4 |              |   |

# Separation Constraints

<SE1 teams="0;1" min="5" mode1="SLOTS" type="HARD"/>

Each pair of teams in **teams** has at least **min** time slots (**mode1** = "SLOTS", the only mode we consider) between two consecutive mutual games.

Ex.: there are at least 5 time slots between the mutual games of team 0 and 1 (that is matches 0-1 and 1-0).

Penalty is the number of slots less then the minimum limit.

| Round   | Home   | x | Away   |
|---------|--------|---|--------|
| Round 0 | Team 0 |   | Team 1 |
| Round 1 | Team 6 |   | Team 0 |
| Round 1 | Team 2 |   | Team 1 |
| Round 2 | Team 1 |   | Team 4 |
| Round 2 | Team 0 |   | Team 4 |
| Round 3 | Team 1 |   | Team 0 |





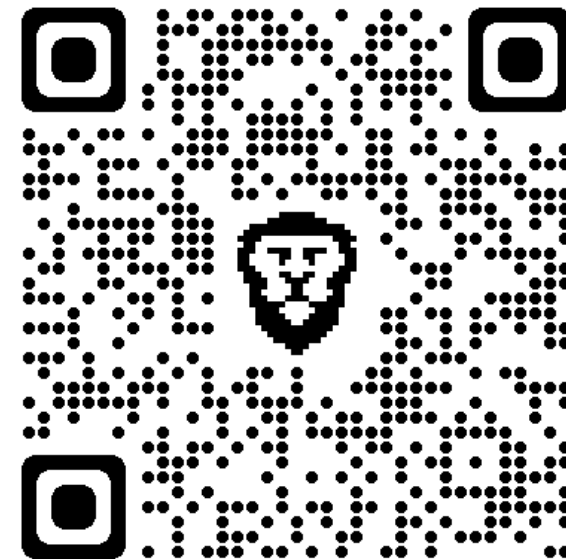
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DON'T  
PANIC**

# Remember!

- > You will be provided with an AIMMS kick starter project that already imports data and validates results.
- > You can focus on how to create a nice solution – from an optimization and visual point of view.
- > You do not need to implement all constraints – we have instances with 0, 1, 2... constraints.
- > We have great AIMMS partners and AIMMSians to help you out.

<https://tinyurl.com/aimmshackathon2022>

<https://github.com/aimms/aimmscampushackathon2022>



# Quick sample! Input

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="no"?>
```

```
<Instance>
  <MetaData>
    <InstanceName>Test Instance 1</InstanceName>
    <DataType>A</DataType>
    <Contributor>ITC2021</Contributor>
    <Date year="2020" month="10"/>
  </MetaData>
  <Structure>
    <Format leagueIds="0">
      <numberRoundRobin>2</numberRoundRobin>
      <compactness>C</compactness>
      <gameMode>P</gameMode>
    </Format>
  </Structure>
  <ObjectiveFunction>
    <Objective>SC</Objective>
  </ObjectiveFunction>
  <Resources>
    <Leagues>
      <league id="0" name="League 0"/>
    </Leagues>
    <Teams>
      <team id="0" league="0" name="Team 0"/>
      <team id="1" league="0" name="Team 1"/>
      <team id="2" league="0" name="Team 2"/>
      <team id="3" league="0" name="Team 3"/>
      <team id="4" league="0" name="Team 4"/>
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    </Teams>
```

```
</Slots>
  <Resources>
    <Constraints>
      <BasicConstraints/>
      <CapacityConstraints>
        <CA1 max="1" min="0" mode="H" penalty="1" slots="9;6;7" teams="0" type="HARD"/>
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        <CA1 max="0" min="0" mode="A" penalty="1" slots="3" teams="5" type="HARD"/>
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        <CA1 max="0" min="0" mode="H" penalty="1" slots="4" teams="5" type="HARD"/>
      </CapacityConstraints>
    </Constraints>
  </Resources>
```

# Quick sample! Output!

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<Solution>
  <MetaData>
    <InstanceName>ITC2021_Test1.xml</InstanceName>
    <SolutionName>Test</SolutionName>
    <ObjectiveValue infeasibility="0.0" objective="0.0" />
  </MetaData>
  <Games>
    <ScheduledMatch home="0" away="1" slot="5" />
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    <ScheduledMatch home="5" away="1" slot="1" />
    <ScheduledMatch home="5" away="2" slot="7" />
```



# **Thank you for joining the challenge!**

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