

1 Data Model

As an example, let’s define two structures, one to describe/list “Activities” (like a term project, course project, etc.) and a second one to describe/list the enrolled students (assuming that each enrolled student has one, or more, advisors and a set of reviewers.

Note: As in any “procedural language”, one is advised to pay special attention and carefully design the data model, since this will shape the functions which will set and use said data.

1.1 Activity Set

For the activities one could set an “starray” as follow:

```
\starray_new:n {activity}
\starray_def_from_keyval:nn {activity} {
  name = Activity's~ name ,
  acronym = ACRO ,
  coord . struct = {
    name = Coordinator's~ name,
    title = Coordinator's~ title ,
  } ,
  calendar . struct = {
    date = {-day-} ,
    week = {-week-} ,
    event = {-event-} ,
  } ,
  chkID = ,          %%% 'unique ID' for checklists
  chkmarked = ,      %%% This shall be a prop list of   marked itens
  chkunmarked = ,    %%% This shall be a prop list of unmarked itens
  chkref = ,         %%% This shall be a prop list of ref      itens
}
```

Whereas, the “coord” sub-structured is for the activity’s coordinator, whilst “calendar” shall (for instance) contains a list of calendar events, and, finally, the many “chk* ” will be used for a “check list”.

Note: The “chkID” (and checklists). In many cases it’s handy to have an unique identifier for a given structure. That can be obtained with `\starray_get_unique_ID:nN`, and to avoid having to call this function time and time again, one can just store that ID as a field for later use. (as it will be done in this example).

Note: Could the Coordinator’s name and title be a direct property (dismissing the “coord” sub-structure) ? of course, that’s a matter of taste/choice, on how to model it.

1.2 Student Set

Similarly, a student’s structure might contain, besides student’s name, work title, some flags, an advisor (and co-advisor, if needed), reviewer’s list (with a provision for reviewer’s grade, if needed).

Of course, one doesn’t need to define a `starray` structure using `\starray_def_from_keyval:nn`, but, as in this, if the set of properties is known, it always makes for a cleaner definition.

Note: The fields/properties defaults can be anything, including usual $\text{\LaTeX 2}_{\epsilon}$ commands, like a `\rule` which is handy, for instance, when generating forms, e.g., if the fields are all set, a form can be created with the proper values, otherwise, it will be created with “rules” in place (no need to test if the properties were set).

```

\starray_new:n {student}
\starray_def_from_keyval:nn {student} {
  self = , %% this shall be self hash (if any)
  first = ,
  last = ,
  name = \rule{\l__stdemo_name_rule_dim}{.1pt} ,
  Nproc = \rule{\l__stdemo_ID_rule_dim}{.1pt} ,
  ID = \rule{\l__stdemo_ID_rule_dim}{.1pt} ,
  email = \rule{\l__stdemo_email_rule_dim}{.1pt} ,
  worktitle = \rule{\l__stdemo_worktitle_rule_dim}{.1pt} ,
  remarks = ,
  board-local = {local} ,
  board-date = {dia} ,
  board-time = {hora} ,
  gradeavrg = 0,
  grade = ,
  flag-null = \c_false_bool , %% IF no grade was given
  flag-graded = \c_false_bool , %% IF gradeavrg AND finalgrade already calculated (or defined)
  flag-approved = \c_false_bool ,
  flag-coadvisor = \c_false_bool ,
  advisor . struct = {
    first = ,
    last = ,
    name = \rule{\l__stdemo_name_rule_dim}{.1pt},
    institution = \rule{\l__stdemo_name_rule_dim}{.1pt},
    title = \rule{\l__stdemo_title_rule_dim}{.1pt} ,
    email = \rule{\l__stdemo_email_rule_dim}{.1pt} ,
  } ,
  coadvisor . struct = {
    first = ,
    last = ,
    name = \rule{\l__stdemo_name_rule_dim}{.1pt},
    institution = \rule{\l__stdemo_name_rule_dim}{.1pt},
    title = \rule{\l__stdemo_title_rule_dim}{.1pt} ,
    email = \rule{\l__stdemo_email_rule_dim}{.1pt} ,
  } ,
  reviewer . struct = {
    first = ,
    last = ,
    name = \rule{\l__stdemo_name_rule_dim}{.1pt},
    institution = \rule{\l__stdemo_name_rule_dim}{.1pt},
    title = \rule{\l__stdemo_title_rule_dim}{.1pt} ,
    email = \rule{\l__stdemo_email_rule_dim}{.1pt} ,
    pointA = ,
    pointB = ,
    pointC = ,
    pointD = ,
    grade = 0 ,
    flag-set = \c_false_bool ,
  } ,
}

```