

Experiment 4

Aim: Hands on Solidity Programming Assignments for creating Smart Contracts

Theory:

Solidity is a contract-oriented programming language used to write smart contracts on the Ethereum blockchain. Smart contracts are self-executing programs that run on the Ethereum Virtual Machine (EVM) and automatically enforce rules defined within them.

1. Primitive Data Types, Variables and Functions:

Solidity provides several primitive data types that are essential for contract development:

Data Type	Description	Example
uint / int	Unsigned and signed integers (e.g., uint256, int128)	uint256 age = 20;
bool	Logical values (true/false)	bool isActive = true;
address	Stores Ethereum account or contract address	address owner;
string / bytes	Text and raw byte data	string name = "Alice";

Types of Variables:

- **State Variables** – Stored permanently on the blockchain.
- **Local Variables** – Declared inside functions; temporary.
- **Global Variables** – Built-in variables such as msg.sender, msg.value, block.timestamp.

Function Type	Description
pure	Cannot read or modify state variables. Used for computation only.
view	Can read state variables but cannot modify them.
Regular Function	Can read and modify state variables.

2. Function Inputs and Outputs:

Solidity functions can accept parameters and return single or multiple values.

Key Features:

- Input parameters allow users to pass data.
- Return values provide results after execution.
- Named return variables enhance clarity.
- Multiple returns are supported.

Example concept: function add(uint a, uint b) public pure returns (uint) {return a + b;}

3. Visibility, Modifiers and Constructors

A. Function Visibility

Visibility	Accessibility
public	Accessible internally and externally
private	Accessible only within the contract
internal	Accessible within contract and derived contracts
external	Callable only from outside the contract

B. Modifiers: Modifiers are reusable code blocks that enforce conditions before function execution.

Example usage:

- Restricting access to contract owners.
- Validating inputs.
- Checking balances.

C. Constructors

- Executed only once during deployment.
- Used to initialize state variables.
- Commonly assigns the deployer as contract owner.

4. Control Flow Statements

Solidity supports decision-making and looping mechanisms similar to other programming languages. Conditional Statements: if, if-else. Loops: for, while, do-while

5. Data Structures:

Solidity offers powerful data structures to organize and manage data.

Data Structure	Description	Example Usage
Arrays	Ordered collection of elements	List of user addresses
Mappings	Key-value storage	mapping(address => uint)
Structs	Custom grouped data type	struct Student {string name; uint marks;}
Enums	Predefined constant values	enum Status {Pending, Active, Closed}

6. Data Locations:

Understanding data locations is crucial for gas optimization.

Location	Storage Duration	Modifiable	Gas Cost

storage	Permanent (Blockchain)	Yes	High
memory	Temporary (Function execution)	Yes	Medium
calldata	Temporary (External inputs)	No	Low

7. Transactions and Gas Concepts

Ether and Wei

- Ether is the cryptocurrency of Ethereum.
- 1 Ether = 10^{18} Wei.
- Wei ensures precision in financial calculations.

Gas and Gas Price

- Gas represents computational effort.
- Gas price determines transaction priority.
- Higher gas price → Faster processing.

Sending Ether

Common methods:

- transfer()
- send()
- call() (more flexible and recommended in modern contracts)

Implementation

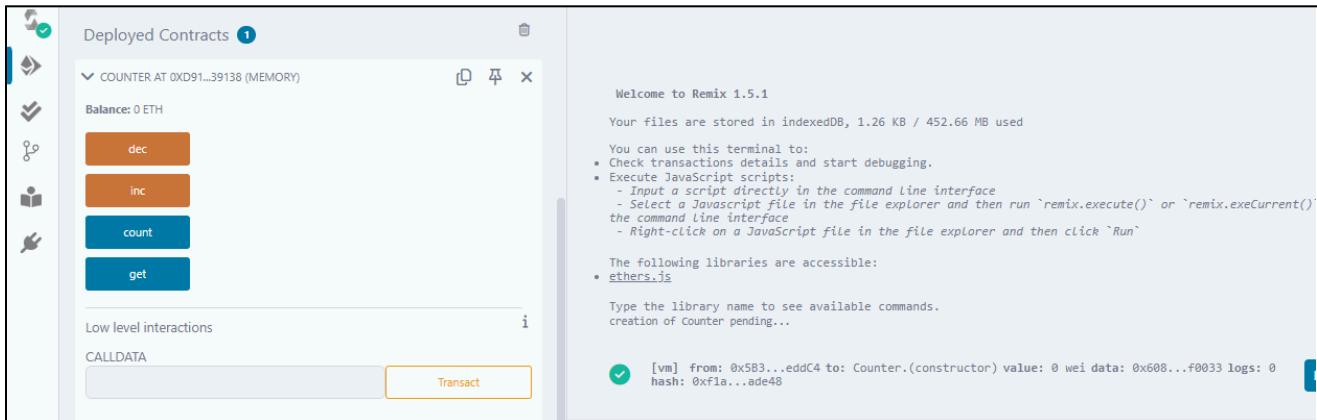
Tutorial no. 1 – Compile the code

The screenshot shows the Remix IDE interface. On the left, the Solidity Compiler section is visible, showing version 0.8.31+commit.fd3a2265. It includes options like 'Include nightly builds', 'Auto compile', and 'Hide warnings'. Below it are buttons for 'Compile introduction.sol' and 'Compile and Run script'. In the center, the code editor displays a simple Counter contract:

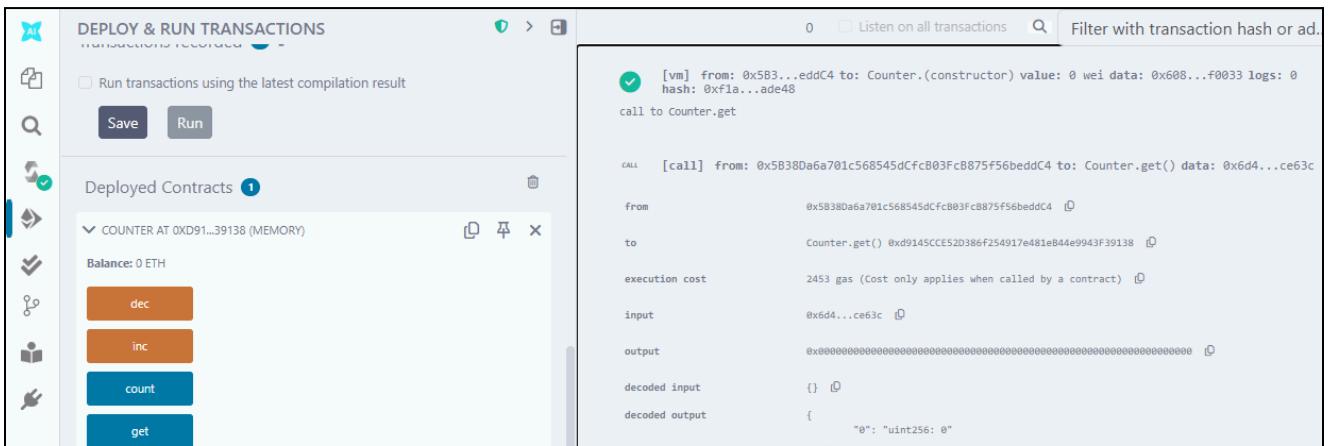
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1 // SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
2 pragma solidity ^0.8.3;
3
4 contract Counter {
5     uint public count;
6
7     // Function to get the current count
8     function get() public view returns (uint) { 2453 gas
9         return count;
10    }
11
12    // Function to increment count by 1
13    function inc() public { infinite gas
14        count += 1;
15    }
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17    // Function to decrement count by 1
18    function dec() public { infinite gas
19        count -= 1;
20    }
21 }
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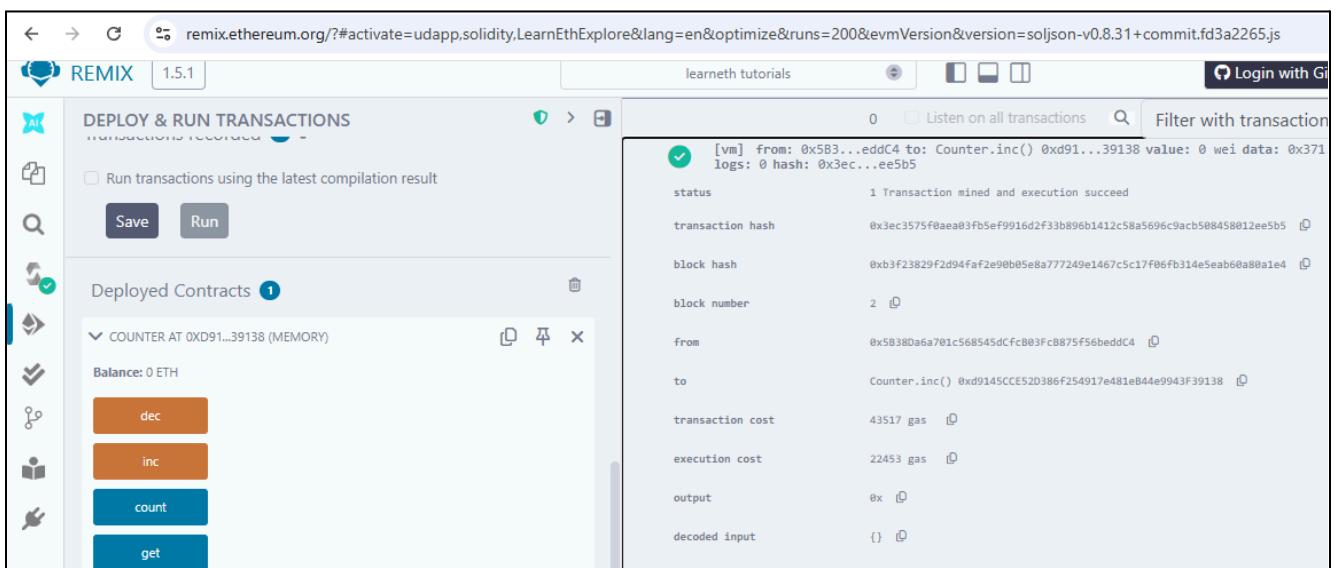
Tutorial no. 1 – Deploy the contract



Tutorial no. 1 – get



Tutorial no. 1 – Increment



Tutorial no. 1 – Decrement

DEPLOY & RUN TRANSACTIONS

Deployed Contracts 1

COUNTER AT 0xD91...39138 (MEMORY)

Balance: 0 ETH

dec

inc

count

get

0: uint256: 0

[vm] from: 0x5B3...eddC4 to: Counter.dec() 0xd91...39138 value: 0 wei data: 0xb3b...cfab2 logs: 0 hash: 0xcccc...79d46

status 1 Transaction mined and execution succeed

transaction hash 0xccc0d8b92cd984df2aeF8f923f2b7178fcacf590eb1b754981daFab679d46

block hash 0x62aa262c984c380d010cff442b0f9a9ab9dbd41f1e72b8034f48005ed7523403

block number 3

from 0x5B380d6a701c568545dcfcB03fc8875f56beddC4

to Counter.dec() 0xd9145CCE52D386F254917e481e844e9943f39138

transaction cost 21661 gas

execution cost 5397 gas

output 0x

decoded input ()

decoded output ()

Tutorial 2: Basic Syntax

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Don't worry if you didn't understand some concepts like *visibility*, *data types*, or *state variables*. We will look into them in the following sections.

To help you understand the code, we will link in all following sections to video tutorials from the [creator](#) of the Solidity by Example contracts.

Watch a video tutorial on [Basic Syntax](#).

Assignment

1. Delete the HelloWorld contract and its content.
2. Create a new contract named "MyContract".
3. The contract should have a public state variable called "name" of the type string.
4. Assign the value "Alice" to your new variable.

Check Answer Show answer

Well done! No errors.

```
// SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
// compiler version must be greater than or equal to 0.8.3 and less than 0.9.0
pragma solidity ^0.8.3;

contract MyContract {
    string public name = "Alice";
}
```

Tutorial no. 3: Primitive Datatype

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and [Structs](#).

Watch a video tutorial on [Primitive Data Types](#).

Assignment

1. Create a new variable `newAddr` that is a `public address` and give it a value that is not the same as the available variable `addr`.
2. Create a `public` variable called `neg` that is a negative number, decide upon the type.
3. Create a new variable, `newU` that has the smallest `uint` size type and the smallest `uint` value and is `public`.

Tip: Look at the other address in the contract or search the internet for an Ethereum address.

Check Answer Show answer

Well done! No errors.

```
int public i = -123;
address public addr = 0xCA35b7d915458EF540aDe6068dFe2F44E8fa733c;
bool public defaultBool;
uint public defaultUint;
int public defaultInt;
address public defaultAddr;

address public newAddr = 0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000001;
int public neg = -10;
uint8 public newU = 0;
```

Explain contract

0 Listen on all transactions Filter with transaction hash or ad...

status 1 Transaction mined and execution succeed

transaction hash 0x1063ed408a53a333c6966b8c254bc58c9f47111ec33e5ce4fe1583960e60d900

block hash 0xe996662bfcc72da13e0080e177bd90a3368c80c0b21d27dd9064ced4413e211a

block number 8

contract address 0x9D7f74d0C41f726EC95884E0e97Fa6129e3b5E99

Tutorial No: 4: Variables

The screenshot shows the LEARNETH platform interface. On the left, the 'Tutorials list' section shows '4. Variables' as the current topic. The main content area displays the tutorial text and a 'Check Answer' button. On the right, the 'Compiled' tab of the Remix IDE is open, showing a Solidity contract named 'Variables'. The code includes comments explaining global variables like `block.timestamp` and `msg.sender`. Below the code, the 'Explain contract' tab shows the transaction logs for a deployed contract, including the status, transaction hash, block hash, block number (18), and contract address.

```
// SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
pragma solidity ^0.8.3;

contract Variables {
    // State variables are stored on the blockchain.
    string public text = "Hello";
    uint public num = 123;
    // ★ New state variable
    uint public blockNumber;

    function doSomething() public {
        // Local variables are not saved to the blockchain.
        uint i = 456;
        // Here are some global variables
        uint timestamp = block.timestamp; // Current block timestamp
        address sender = msg.sender; // address of the caller
        // ★ Assign current block number to state variable
        blockNumber = block.number;
    }
}
```

Tutorial no. 5: Functions - Reading and Writing to a State variable

The screenshot shows the LEARNETH platform interface. On the left, the 'Tutorials list' section shows '5.1 Functions - Reading and Writing to a State Variable' as the current topic. The main content area displays the tutorial text and a 'Check Answer' button. On the right, the 'Compile' tab of the Remix IDE is open, showing a Solidity contract named 'SimpleStorage'. The code defines a state variable `num` and functions `set` and `get` for reading and writing to it. It also includes a `get_b` function that returns the value of a boolean variable `b`.

```
// SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
pragma solidity ^0.8.3;

contract SimpleStorage {
    // State variable to store a number
    uint public num;
    bool public b = true;

    // You need to send a transaction to write to a state variable.
    function set(uint _num) public {
        num = _num;
    }

    // You can read from a state variable without sending a transaction.
    function get() public view returns (uint) {
        return num;
    }

    function get_b() public view returns (bool) {
        return b;
    }
}
```

Tutorial no. 6 : Functions- View and Pure

The screenshot shows the LEARNETH platform interface. On the left, the 'Tutorials list' section shows '5.2 Functions - View and Pure' as the current topic. The main content area displays the tutorial text and a 'Check Answer' button. On the right, the 'Compiled' tab of the Remix IDE is open, showing a Solidity contract named 'ViewAndPure'. The code defines a state variable `x` and three functions: `addToX` (view), `add` (pure), and `addToX2` (view).

```
contract ViewAndPure {
    uint public x = 1;

    // Promise not to modify the state.
    function addToX(uint y) public view returns (uint) {
        return x + y;
    }

    // Promise not to modify or read from the state.
    function add(uint i, uint j) public pure returns (uint) {
        return i + j;
    }

    function addToX2(uint y) public view {
        x = x + y;
    }
}
```

Tutorial no.7 : Functions- Modifiers and Constructors

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22 // execute the rest of the code.
23 ;
24 }
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26 // Modifiers can take inputs. This modifier checks that the
27 // address passed in is not the zero address.
28 modifier validAddress(address _addr) {
29     require(_addr != address(0), "Not valid address");
30     ;
31 }
32
33 function changeOwner(address _newOwner) public onlyOwner validAddress(_newOwner) {
34     owner = _newOwner;
35 }
36 modifier biggerThan0(uint y) {
37     require(y > 0, "Not bigger than x");
38     ;
39 }
40
41 modifier increaseByY(uint y) {
42     ;
43     x = x + y;
44 }
45 function increaseX(uint y) public onlyOwner biggerThan0(y) increaseByY(y) {
46     ;
47 }
48 // Modifiers can be called before and / or after a function.

```

Well done! No errors.

Tutorial no. 8 : Functions- Inputs and outputs

```

1 function arrayInput(uint[] memory _arr) public { } infinite gas
2
3 // Can use array for output
4 uint[] public arr;
5
6 function arrayOutput() public view returns (uint[] memory) { } infinite gas
7     return arr;
8
9 function returnTwo() { } 472 gas
10    public
11    pure
12    returns (
13        int i,
14        bool b
15    )
16    {
17        i = -2;
18        b = true;
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Well done! No errors.

Tutorial no. 9: Visibility

```

51 // State variables cannot be external so this code won't compile.
52 // string external externalVar = "my external variable";
53 }
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55 contract Child is Base {
56     // Inherited contracts do not have access to private functions
57     // and state variables.
58     // function testPrivateFunc() public pure returns (string memory) {
59     //     return privateFunc();
60     // }
61
62     // Internal function call be called inside child contracts.
63     function testInternalFunc() public pure override returns (string memory) { } infinite gas
64         return internalFunc();
65     }
66
67     function testInternalVar() public view returns (string memory, string memory) { } infinite gas
68         return (internalVar, publicVar);
69     }
70

```

Well done! No errors.

Tutorial no. 10: Control Flow - If/Else

The screenshot shows the REMIX IDE interface with the following details:

- Title:** 7.1 Control Flow - If/Else
- Description:** If the first condition (line 6) of the foo function is not met, but the condition of the `else if` statement (line 8) becomes true, the function returns 3.
- Assignment:**
 - Create a new function called `evenCheck` in the `ifElse` contract:
 - That takes in a `uint` as an argument.
 - The function returns `true` if the argument is even, and `false` if the argument is odd.
 - Use a ternary operator to return the result of the `evenCheck` function.
- Code:**

```

6   if (x < 10) {
7     // return 0;
8   } else if (x < 20) {
9     return 1;
10  } else {
11    return 2;
12  }
13
14  function ternary(uint _x) public pure returns (uint) {
15    // if (_x < 10) {
16    //   return 1;
17    // }
18    // return 2;
19
20    // shorthand way to write if / else statement
21    return _x < 10 ? 1 : 2;
22  }
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28 }
```
- Buttons:** Check Answer, Show answer, Next
- Status:** Well done! No errors.

Tutorial no. 11: Control Flow - loops

The screenshot shows the REMIX IDE interface with the following details:

- Title:** 7.2 Control Flow - Loops
- Description:** The `break` statement is used to exit a loop. In this contract, the `break` statement (line 14) will cause the for loop to be terminated after the sixth iteration.
- Assignment:**
 - Create a public `uint` state variable called `count` in the `Loop` contract.
 - At the end of the for loop, increment the `count` variable by 1.
 - Try to get the `count` variable to be equal to 9, but make sure you don't edit the `break` statement.
- Code:**

```

1 // SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
2 pragma solidity ^0.8.3;
3
4 contract Loop {
5   uint public count;
6   function loop() public{
7     // for loop
8     for (uint i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
9       if (i == 5) {
10         // Skip to next iteration with continue
11         continue;
12       }
13       if (i == 5) {
14         // Exit loop with break
15         break;
16       }
17       count++;
18     }
19
20    // while loop
21    uint j;
22    while (j < 10) {
23      j++;
24    }
25  }
26 }
```
- Buttons:** Check Answer, Show answer, Next
- Status:** Well done! No errors.

Tutorial no. 12 : Data Structures-Arrays

The screenshot shows the REMIX IDE interface with the following details:

- Title:** 8.1 Data Structures - Arrays
- Description:** important, then we can move the last element of the array to the place of the deleted element (line 46), or use a mapping. A mapping might be a better choice if we plan to remove elements in our data structure.
- Array length:**

Using the `length` member, we can read the number of elements that are stored in an array (line 35).
- Assignment:**
 - Initialize a public fixed-sized array called `arr3` with the values 0, 1, 2. Make the size as small as possible.
 - Change the `getArr()` function to return the value of `arr3`.
- Code:**

```

30   // Remove last element from array
31   // This will decrease the array length by 1
32   arr.pop();
33
34
35   function getLength() public view returns (uint) {
36     return arr.length;
37   }
38
39
40   function remove(uint index) public {
41     // Delete does not change the array length.
42     // It resets the value at index to it's default value,
43     // in this case 0
44     delete arr[index];
45   }
46
47   contract CompactArray {
48     uint[] public arr;
49
50     // Deleting an element creates a gap in the array.
51     // One trick to keep the array compact is to
52     // move the last element into the place to delete.
53     function remove(uint index) public {
54       // Move the last element into the place to delete
55       arr[index] = arr[arr.length - 1];
56       // Remove the last element
57     }
58 }
```
- Buttons:** Check Answer, Show answer, Next
- Status:** Well done! No errors.

Tutorial no. 13 : Data Structures- Mappings

```

contract NestedMapping {
    // Nested mapping (mapping from address to another mapping)
    mapping(address => mapping(uint => bool)) public nested;

    function get(address _addr1, uint _i) public view returns (bool) {
        // You can get values from a nested mapping
        // even when it is not initialized
        return nested[_addr1][_i];
    }

    function set(address _addr1,
                uint _i,
                bool _boo
            ) public {
        nested[_addr1][_i] = _boo;
    }

    function remove(address _addr1, uint _i) public {
        delete nested[_addr1][_i];
    }
}

```

Well done! No errors.

Tutorial no. 14 : Data Structures- Structs

```

function get(uint _index) public view returns (string memory text, bool completed) {
    Todo storage todo = todos[_index];
    return (todo.text, todo.completed);
}

// update text
function update(uint _index, string memory _text) public {
    Todo storage todo = todos[_index];
    todo.text = _text;
}

// update completed
function toggleCompleted(uint _index) public {
    Todo storage todo = todos[_index];
    todo.completed = !todo.completed;
}

function remove(uint _index) public {
    delete todos[_index];
}

```

Well done! No errors.

Tutorial no. 15 : Data Structures- Enums

```

// SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
pragma solidity ^0.8.3;

contract Enum {
    // Enum representing shipping status
    enum Status {
        Pending,
        Shipped,
        Accepted,
        Rejected,
        Canceled
    }

    enum Size {
        S,
        M,
        L
    }

    // Default value is the first element listed in
    // definition of the type, in this case "Pending"
    Status public status;
    Size public sizes;

    function get() public view returns (Status) {
        return status;
    }
}

```

Well done! No errors.

Tutorial no. 16: Data Locations

Assignment

- Change the value of the `myStruct` member `foo` inside the `function`, to 4.
- Create a new struct `myMemStruct2` with the data location `memory` inside the `function f` and assign it the value of `myStruct`. Change the value of the `myMemStruct2` member `foo` to 1.
- Create a new struct `myMemStruct3` with the data location `memory` inside the `function f` and assign it the value of `myStruct`. Change the value of the `myMemStruct3` member `foo` to 3.
- Let the function `f` return `myStruct`, `myMemStruct2`, and `myMemStruct3`.

Tip: Make sure to create the correct return types for the function `f`.

Code Snippet:

```

mapping(uint => MyStruct) public myStructs;
MyStruct storage myStruct = myStructs[1];
myStruct.foo = 4;
MyStruct memory myMemStruct = MyStruct(0);
MyStruct memory myMemStruct2 = myMemStruct;
myMemStruct2.foo = 1;

MyStruct memory myMemStruct3 = myStruct;
myMemStruct3.foo = 3;
return (myStruct, myMemStruct2, myMemStruct3);
}

function _f() internal {
    // do something with storage variables
}

```

Tutorial no. 17: Transactions- Ether and Wei

Assignment

- Create a `public uint` called `oneWei` and set it to 1 `gwei`.
- Create a `public bool` called `isOneWei` and set it to the result of a comparison operation between 1 `gwei` and 10^9 .

Tip: Look at how this is written for `wei` and `ether` in the contract.

Code Snippet:

```

// SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
pragma solidity ^0.8.3;

contract EtherUnits {
    uint public oneWei = 1 wei;
    // 1 wei is equal to 1
    bool public isOneWei = 1 wei == 1;

    uint public oneEther = 1 ether;
    // 1 ether is equal to  $10^{18}$  wei
    bool public isOneEther = 1 ether == 1e18;

    uint public oneGwei = 1 gwei;
    // 1 ether is equal to  $10^9$  wei
    bool public isOneGwei = 1 gwei == 1e9;
}

```

Tutorial no.18: Transactions-Gas and Gas Price

Assignment

Create a new `public` state variable in the `Gas` contract called `cost` of the type `uint`. Store the value of the gas cost for deploying the contract in the new variable, including the cost for the value you are storing.

Tip: You can check in the Remix terminal the details of a transaction, including the gas cost. You can also use the Remix plugin `Gas Profiler` to check for the gas cost of transactions.

Code Snippet:

```

// SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
pragma solidity ^0.8.3;

contract Gas {
    uint public i = 0;
    uint public cost = 170367;

    // Using up all of the gas that you send causes your transaction to fail.
    // State changes are undone.
    // Gas spent are not refunded.
    function forever() public {
        infinite gas
        // Here we run a loop until all of the gas are spent
        // and the transaction fails
        while (true) {
            i += 1;
        }
    }
}

```

Tutorial no. 19: Transactions- Sending Ether

The screenshot shows a web-based learning environment for Ethereum development. On the left, there's a sidebar with icons for navigation, search, and other course-related functions. The main content area has a title "10.3 Transactions - Sending Ether" and a sub-section titled "Assignment". Below the title, there's a brief description: "Build a charity contract that receives Ether that can be withdrawn by a beneficiary." It lists four steps for creating the contract:

1. Create a contract called `Charity`.
2. Add a public state variable called `owner` of the type address.
3. Create a donate function that is public and payable without any parameters or function code.
4. Create a withdraw function that is public and sends the total balance of the contract to the `owner` address.

A tip at the bottom says: "Tip: Test your contract by deploying it from one account and then sending Ether to it from another account. Then execute the withdraw function."

At the bottom of the assignment section, there are buttons for "Check Answer" (blue) and "Show answer" (orange). Below these buttons is a link to "Next". A green bar at the very bottom says "Well done! No errors."

The right side of the screen is a code editor showing the Solidity source code for the `Charity` contract. The code is as follows:

```

48  gasAndGasPrice_answer.sol | $ sendingEther.sol 4 × | $ sendingEther_answer.sol 4
49  (bool sent, bytes memory data) = to.call{value: msg.value}("");
50  require(sent, "Failed to send Ether");
51 }
52
53 contract Charity {
54     address public owner;
55
56     constructor() {
57         owner = msg.sender;
58     }
59
60     function donate() public payable {
61         require(msg.value > 0, "Value must be greater than zero");
62     }
63
64     function withdraw() public {
65         uint amount = address(this).balance;
66
67         (bool sent, bytes memory data) = owner.call{value: amount}("");
68         require(sent, "Failed to send Ether");
69     }
}

```

Conclusion

In this experiment, practical exposure to Solidity programming was achieved through multiple hands-on tutorials executed in the Remix IDE environment. Core blockchain concepts such as state management, function types, visibility control, modifiers, constructors, and structured data handling were implemented and tested.

The experiment provided a deeper understanding of how smart contracts operate on the Ethereum blockchain, including how transactions consume gas and how Ether transfers are handled securely. By compiling, deploying, and interacting with contracts, theoretical concepts were reinforced through real-time execution.

Additionally, the use of arrays, mappings, structs, and enums demonstrated how complex decentralized applications can be structured efficiently. Awareness of data locations and gas optimization strategies further strengthened contract design skills.

Overall, this experiment established a strong conceptual and practical foundation in Solidity, enabling the design, deployment, and management of secure and efficient smart contracts for decentralized applications.