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Chapter 1 Definitions

AAPP: The Amsterdam Algorithm Programming Preliminaries, also referred as the contest, is a programming contest for VU students. The contest is organised by studyassociation STORM. It takes place mid/end september. AAPP are the preliminaries of BAPC.

BAPC: The Benelux Algorithm Programming Contest, organised by a studyassociation in the Benelux. It takes place in the end of october. Since 2016, BAPC are the preliminaries of NWERC instead of AAPP.

NWERC: The Northwestern Europe Regional Contest. It takes place in the end of november. NWERC are the preliminaries of ICPC World Finales.

ICPC World Finales The International Collegiate Programming Contest (ICPC) World Finales are held around march.

Organisation: The members of the organising committee of STORM, also called AAPPCie.

Website: Will be maintained by the organisation and contains information about problems from last year and the rules of AAPP. The website is available at <http://www.storm.vu/aapp>.

Jury: Members of the organisation, who are responsible to check the submission of the contestants.

Tech: Members of the organisation, who are responsible for the system.

Balloon girls: Runners who are responsible for handing out balloons after a submission is correct, for handing out prints and for answering your questions during the contest.

Crew: Organisation, members of the jury, tech and balloon girls.

Participants: Members of a team, who are joining the contest.

Submission: The submission of a team for a problem, which can be hand in via DomJudge and will be check by our own servers.

Chapter 2 How does a programming contest works?

2.1 Preliminaries

For students of the VU Amsterdam, the International Collegiate Programming Contest (ICPC) knows four rounds:

1. Amsterdam Algorithm Programming Preliminaries (AAPP): Open for all VU Amsterdam teams which satisfy the conditions, see also the Appendix 7.3. The top three teams are allowed to BAPC.
2. Benelux Algorithm Programming Contest (BAPC): The top three teams of each educational institution can compete to BAPC. The top two teams of each educational institution are allowed to NWERC, provided that the team consists three team members (see also Appendix 7.3).
3. Northwestern Europe Regional Contest (NWERC): The top two teams of each educational institution can compete to NWERC. The top three teams of each educational institution are allowed to the ICPC World Finales.
4. International Collegiate Programming Contest (ICPC) World Finales: The top three teams of the region Northwestern Europe are allowed to the ICPC World Finals.

Teams that do not satisfy the Eligibility Decision Tree (see appendix 7.3), are usually allowed as spectator if there is room for them.

2.2 General Concept of the Contest

Each team (with a maximum of three students) is trying to solve as many problems (most of the time between the 10 and the 13) as possible in five hours, by programming a program on the computer. The program reads the

input from the input file, search or computes the right answer and gives back the results as output.

Most of the time, the problems are based on known classic algorithms, like the shortest path algorithm of Dijkstra or backtracking. Often there are a number of mathematical problems.

Logically, may only discuss with their teammates. Furthermore, it is allowed to use a cheat sheet (Team Reference Document) and to bring their own keyboard. Teams that have a problem correctly within four hours, gets a balloon of a balloon babe in the color of the problem.

2.3 Sending in a Submissions

Via the jury interface DomJudge (a website), teams can hand in the submissions. Further access to the internet has been blocked during the contest. The jury interface also tells the teams, if the submissions was correct or not. The program will be rated on the following two criteria: accuracy and efficiency.

That means: the program has solve a set of test cases (not only the one given as input in the problem) in previously set time limit (most of the time a few seconds).

The following reactions of the jury are possible:

- Accepted;
- Wrong Answer;
- Timelimit Exceeded;
- Runtime Error.

For each correct solution (Accepted), you will get a balloon from a balloon babe (if the correct solution was hand in within the first four hours).

2.4 Program languages

The following program languages are accepted at the contest:

AAPP Java, C, C++, Python

BAPC Java, C, C++

NWERC Java, C, C++

ICPC World Finales Java, C, C++

2.5 Score

The team score depends on two parts:

- The number of correct solved problems within the five hours
- The total time (including the penalty time).

There are two parts per solved problem:

- The numbers of minutes since the start of the contest and the moment till solving the problem
- 20 minutes penalty time for each wrong solution

A wrong solution only gives penalty time if the problem is solved later the contest.

On the scoreboard, teams will be sorted by the numbers of solved problems. Teams who has same amount of solved problems, will be sorted on total time. In the last hour of the contest, the scoreboard will be freezed. You will see from your own team if a problem is correct or not, but it is not possible to see on the scoreboard if others teams have hand in a (correct) solution.

See for more information the rulebook, Appendix 7.5 (Judgement).

2.6 Time Schedule

Each program contest has the same set up when its come to time. Some organisations decided to spread this event over a weekend, to create some room for excursions and sponsoring activities. This is the case at NWERC, since teams are coming from foreign countries. However, teams likely do not like it that it takes that long before they can really start with the contest.

The time schedule for the contest is as follow:

2.6.1 Registration (total time: 30 - 40 minutes)

Registration of the incoming teams. Showing up as a full team is very practical instead of showing up as an individual team member. The organisation handout the following things to the teams (and there coach):

- Finale remark sheet (advice, hints and general information from the jury);

- Goodiebags (most of the time including pens, promotion flyers, a contest book and a mug/cup with the organisation logo on it);
- Sponsored T-shirt, which we are mandatory to wear during the day(s) or contest;
- Name badges (including teamname).

Tip: Most of the organisations provide some coffee and tea since the registrations are always early in the morning.

The teams need to hand in the following things to the organisation:

- Keyboard (one per team, wireless is not accepted)
- Cheatsheets (maximum of 3 per team)

Furthermore, the organisation can:

- Check if there are any teammembers who are allergic for some kind of food and forgot to mention this to the organisation;
- Control if there is any missing information in ICPC;
- Take a beautiful team picture (which can be show at the Award Ceremony).

2.6.2 Opening Ceremony (total time: 30 minutes)

Teams are being welcomed by the chairman or the contest director, and sometimes the main sponsor.

The following things can be mention at the introduction presentation:

- Statistics about numbers of
 - Student;
 - Teams;
 - Universities;
 - Countries

compared to last year;

- Time schedule of the day/weekend, and if there are any questions about that;

- That it's mandatory to wear the T-shirt during the contest;
- The rules of the contest;
- Introducing the:
 - Organisation;
 - Jury;
 - Balloon Babes;
 - Main sponsor

to the teams with names, pictures and there T-shirt color;

- Welcome speech by the main sponsor.

2.6.3 System Introduction (total time: 30 minutes)

Short presentation about the system, it is more convenient for a Tech member to give this presentation. The following things can be mention at the introduction presentation:

- What teams can bring on the contest floor;
- Overview of what teams can use for there submissions, such as
 - Accepted language;
 - Compiler;
 - Version;
 - Flags;
- How the test session will work (and that there in an envelope);
- Short questions about the system.

2.6.4 Test session (total time: 60 minutes)

Before the contest starts, there is a test session to get used to the system. The problems are in an envelope which can be opened when the organisation said so. This test session is used to see if the contest environment fulfills all the expectations of the organisation and the participants.

2.6.5 Coach meeting (total time: 60 minutes)

Meeting for the coaches, which can be held during the test session or the contest. See also section 3.10.2 for more inside information.

2.6.6 Lunch (total time: 60 minutes)

Lunch, most of the time catered by the main sponsor.

2.6.7 Last remarks (total time: 30 minutes)

The latest issues will be discussed and the last questions of teams will be answered. Takes maximum a quarter of an hour, but we take 30 minutes into account so that everybody has the time to take there seat at the contest floor before the contest starts.

2.6.8 Contest (total time: 300 minutes)

Contest starts (5 hours), only the participants and the organisation are allowed on the contest floor. Coaches need to wait in the coach room.

2.6.9 Freeze scoreboard (total time: 60 minutes)

Scoreboard is freezed. Teams can only see there own submission and if they are correct on the scoreboard. The judges can see the realtime scoreboard, while the coaches see the freezed version.

2.6.10 Drinks (total time: 60 minutes)

Drinks after the contest, to pass time untill the award ceremony starts.

2.6.11 Award ceremony (total time: 10 minutes)

Final score board will be present and the prizes will be handed out at the award ceremony.

2.6.12 Presentation problems (total time: 15 minutes)

Presentation with solutions, which will be presented by the judges.

2.6.13 Optional: Dinner

Depends if the organisation has the money to compensate the cost for the participants.

Chapter 3 Committee Tasks

3.1 Chairman

Leads the commission and ensures that everything runs smoothly. He delegates and motivates the members of the commission to do their tasks (see also section 3.1.1). He also leads the meetings (see also section 3.1.1). Carries responsibility for the committee. Read also the responsibility of a contest director: 3.1.

3.1.1 Leading the Meetings

Plan regular meetings, but only do so when it's necessary because nobody likes pointless meetings. Make sure everyone gets the chance to bring something up during the meeting.

Design for the agenda is as follows (Dutch/English):

1. Opening
2. Agenda
3. Notulen Vorige Vergadering (NVV) / Minutes of Previous Meeting
4. Post, Email en Mededelingen (PEM) / Post, Receive Email and Announcements
5. Oude Actiepunten / Old Action Points
6. *{kies een onderwerp}* / *{choose a subject}*
7. *{kies een onderwerp}* / *{choose a subject}*
8. Wat Verder Ter Tafel Komt (WVTTK) / Any Other Business (AOB)
9. Samenwerkingsrondje (censuur) / Informal Round (censorship)
10. Datum Volgende Vergadering (DVV) / Date Next Meeting

11. Sluitting / Closing

And here is a timeline for planning a meeting:

TIMELINE 1: *Plan a Meeting 101*

- Day 0 ● Think if you have time to have a meeting
- Day 1 ● Send scheduler + action points
- Day 5 ● Reminder: fill in the scheduler
- Day 6 ● Read the minutes
- Day 6 ● Set up the agenda
- Day 7 ● Mail: date of the meeting + minutes + agenda + action points
- Day 7 ● Reserveve: conference room
- Day 8 - 14 ● Print: minutes + agenda
- Day 8 - 14 ● Reminder: meeting
- Day 8 - 14 ● Meeting!
- Sometime ● Wait for the rough copy of the minutes
- Sometime ● Do your action points!

Motivated

Keeping members motivated can ensure that they would like to continue to help the committee. In order to ensure that they remain motivated, there must be a clear goal. Not only the main goal (to organise a beautiful contest for our participants), but also the action points should be as clear as possible otherwise these are not carried out.

Furthermore, its helps reminding members to do there action points and to ask (friendly) if they have finished there action points. It also helps to ask if they need any help from other members to carry out the task.

Solidarity with the committee also ensures that a member gets more sense to carry out their work. Eating together before/after the meeting, pie during the meeting and after the meeting working together at a task in the Stuka works.

3.1.2 Presentations and Speeches

Somebody needs to talk at

- the opening ceremony (see also 2.6.2);
- the last remarks (see also 2.6.7);
- the award ceremony (see also 2.6.11);

and that person is you! Prepare on time your presentations (save as PDF) and speeches.

3.1.3 Tips

- Start on time with organising the contest!
- Keep in touch with important people:
 - Board members;
 - Chairmen of other BAPC committee in the Benelux;
 - Coaches in the Benelux.
- Do every week something for your committee.

3.2 Secretary

3.2.1 Maintain the Mailbox

Label incoming mail and processing:

1. Forward to the right person(s)
2. Answering
3. Archive
4. Delete

3.3 Treasurer

3.3.1 Keep Track of Finances

3.3.2 Budget

3.3.3 Financial Report

3.3.4 Funding

3.4 Assessor

3.5 Contest Director

Charman of the contest, decides together with the judges (see also 3.8) and the tech (see also 3.7) if the contest can start and makes decisions about the contest. Carries responsibility for the contest. Read also the responsibility of a chairman: 3.1.

3.6 Sponsoring

3.7 Tech

3.8 Judge

3.9 Balloon babes

Als teams een opdracht goed hebben binnen vier uur, krijgen ze een ballon van een balloon babe. Deze schoonheid zal deze ballonnen netjes vastzetten aan het bureau of aan een bureaustoel. Naast deze zware taak, doen ze ook het volgende voor de wedstrijd:

- Helpen bij de registratiebalie
- Controleren dat niemand begint, voordat de contest is begonnen
- Controleren dat niemand de opgave opent, voordat de contest is begonnen
- Mobieltjes laten inleveren.

En tijdens de wedstrijd voeren ze de volgende taken uit:

- Ballonnen uitdelen
- Printjes aangeven
- Meelopen (roken, wc, eten)
- Controleren dat men niet vals speelt.

3.10 Coaches

Coach zijn van een team bij BAPC of NWERC, houdt in dat je het team ondersteunt daar waar nodig is en om de commissie te vertegenwoordigen bij eventuele coachmeetings

3.10.1 Voorbereiding

Ondersteuning geven aan een team houdt in dat je het onderstaande zal moeten regelen of voorbereiden:

- Vervoer naar de wedstrijd (auto, OV etcetera)
- De registratie, zodat men kan deelnemen aan de competitie. Sowieso invoeren in ICPC, maar soms zijn er ook aanvullende formulieren (the local registration form).
- Koffie vinden
- Aanmelden bij de registratie balie. Vergeet dan niet de onderstaande informatie bij de hand te hebben:
 - Teamnamen
 - Totaal aantal personen inclusief coach(es), voor het aantal goodiebags
 - Aantal mannen, aantal vrouwen inclusief coach(es), voor het geval dat er wel vrouwen T-shirts zijn.
 - T-shirtmaten (voor vrouwen geldt dat als het unisex/mannen T-shirts zijn, een maat kleiner nemen dan normaal gesproken wordt gekozen)
- Cheatsheets uitprinten/regelen
- Training regelen of zorgen dat ze zelf trainen

- Het team eraan herinneren dat je je eigen toetsenbord mee mag nemen

Tip: het kan handig zijn om een Whatsapp groep te starten met de teamleden en de coaches erin.

Nadat de wedstrijd is begonnen, mag de coach zich niet meer op de contest ground bevinden. **Tip: neem wat mee om de vijf uur door te komen.**

3.10.2 Coach meeting

General meeting:

- Current contest update
- Next year contest location (update of the bid 2016-2017, geen slaapplekken in Bath. Goedkoopste optie is YHA Bath. Maximaal 120 teams, zie ook <http://staff.bath.ac.uk/masjhd/NWERC/>.)
- Future location. Temp. bid. Prio voor landen waar NWERC nog niet is geweest.

Meestal wordt er tijdens de test sessie of tijdens de wedstrijd, een coach meeting gehouden om eventuele problemen over de wedstrijd zelf te kunnen bespreken. Omdat je de commissie/universiteit vertegenwoordigd, is het handig om met de commissie de onderstaande vragen te bespreken voor vertrek. De volgende vragen kunnen daarnaast nog besproken worden:

- Welke universiteit organiseert de volgende editie(s) van de wedstrijd?
- Hoe zijn de voorrondes gegaan?

Chapter 4 Things You Need to Do if You Want a Programming Contest

4.1 Algemeen

Hieronder vindt je alle taken die moeten worden uitgevoerd, die niet te maken hebben met sponsoring of het technische deel van de wedstrijd.

4.1.1 Registratie starten

4.1.2 Promotie

Maandelijks mailing

Posters

Onderwijscoördinatoren laten mailen naar studie maillijst

4.1.3 Contact teams

Deelnemers informeren

Week voor de contest begint

Deelnemers informatie verwerken

ICPC & Google Drive

Evaluatie

Data sturen

4.1.4 Kleding

Crew

Deelnemers

4.1.5 VU Diensten

IT

STORM en IT hebben goede banden met elkaar. Hierdoor is het mogelijk om spullen te lenen voor de contest, mits we deze netjes terugbrengen:

- Computers
Vraag rond juni aan IT S&E Werkplek Ondersteuning om 25 pc's vrij te houden voor de "rekenwedstrijd". Waarschijnlijk heeft Willem hier al eerder aan gedacht dan wij.
- Printer(s)
- Kooikar(ren)
- Monitorkabels
- Kluis
- Ricoh papier sleutel

FCO

VU busje

4.1.6 Bedankjes

IT

Willem houdt van slagroomtaart en Emilio houdt van alles waar chocolade in zit of wat met liefde is gemaakt.

Jury

Spelletjes

4.2 Sponsoring

4.2.1 Locatie (hoofdsponsor

4.2.2 Prijzen

4.2.3 Goodiebags

4.2.4 Bedrijventeams

4.2.5 Overige reclame

4.3 Tech

4.3.1 Cliënt

4.3.2 DOMJudge

4.3.3 DOMjura

4.3.4 Printen

4.3.5 Data opslaan

4.3.6 Puppet

4.4 Inpaklijst

Op één of andere manier vergeten we op de dag zelf altijd wat.. Hier moet dus een inpaklijst komen te staan. Of ergens in de Appendix zodat je alleen de losse pagina hoeft uit te printen.

Chapter 5 One week before the contest

5.1 Dag voor de contest

5.1.1 Printen

- ☐ De opgaven
- ☐ Het reglement
- ☐ Excelsheet met teamnamen, deelnemers, maten en bijzonderheden (toetsenbord, cheatsheet)

Chapter 6 Ideeën

- Volgende keer alle compilers testen op de server en clients!
- In de inschrijf form apart voor- en achternaam.
- Duidelijkheid over alcoholgebruik.
- Zelfde shirt als via?
- Proberen de opgaven/oplossingen/testdata eerder te krijgen van landelijke BAPC commissie.
- Bedankjes voor de jury op de dag van de contest.
- - DOMjudge in de vakantie maken
- Draaiboeken schrijven - technisch kant
- Image bewaren
- Eerstejaars programmeer wedstrijd
- ICPC - adres gegevens zijn nodig
- T-shirts zijn fijner dan polo's
- Duidelijker formulier - volledig namen graag
- Geen Python meer
- Ondersteunen qua talen alleen wat NWERC ondersteund
- Extra scherm inpakken
- Extra stekkerdozen inpakken
- Pas als de jury akkoord geeft, dan pas balloon geven. Balloon interface geeft eerder een balloon dan dat de jury correct geeft.

- DOMjura
- 2x printers
- Balloon babes inlichten over taken
- Cheatsheet controleren
- Prijzen: steam tegoed. Raspberry pi
- Training geven (Madelon, Renske)

Chapter 7 Appendix

7.1 Wall of Fame: Crew

7.1.1 Organisation 2014-2015

Committee

De commissie bestond uit de volgende mensen:

7.1.2 Organisation 2013-2014

Committee

Het samenwerkingsverband UvA-VU leverde de volgende samenstelling op:

- Renske Augustijn (Voorzitter, VU)
- Mylène Martodihardjo (Vice-voorzitter, VU)
- Bram van den Akker (Sponsoring, UvA)
- Daniel Maaskant (Sponsoring, VU)
- Michael Vasseur (System Director, VU)
- Tirza Jochemsen (VU)
- Ruben Helsloot (VU)
- Iris Meerman (UvA)
- Bas van den Heuvel (UvA)

Balloon babes

- Mylène Martodihardjo (Chief balloon babe)
- Sherida van den Bent (VU)
- Nicolette Stassen (VU)
- Saskia Kreuzen (VU)
- Ysbrand Galama (UvA)

Jury

- Frank Blom (Head judge)
- Alex ten Brink (Jurymember of BAPC 2014 finale)

7.1.3 Organisation 2012-2013

Committee

There was not really a committee that year, but the following members did help to set up the preliminaries:

- Mylène Martodihardjo (algemeen, fotograaf)
- Michael Vasseur (tech, fotograaf)
- Mark Laagland (tech)
- Jip de Beer (sponsoring)
- Kylie van de Moot (fotograaf)

Balloon babes

- Mylène Martodihardjo
- Kylie van de Moot

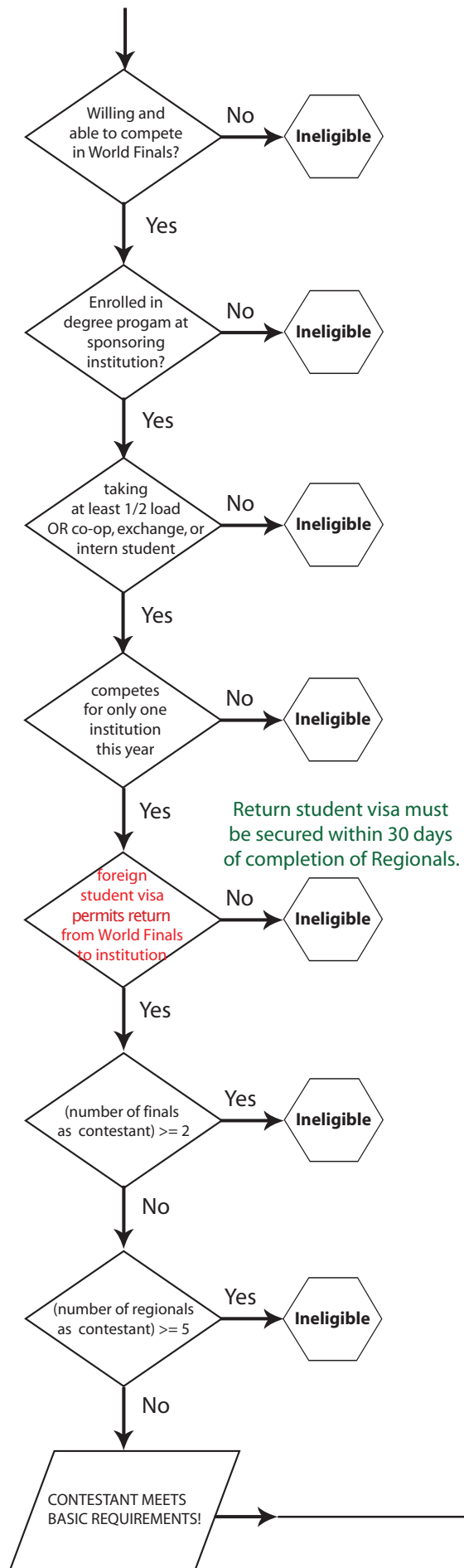
Jury

- Michael Vasseur
- Mark Laagland

7.2 Winnaars voorrondes

7.3 Eligibility Decision Tree

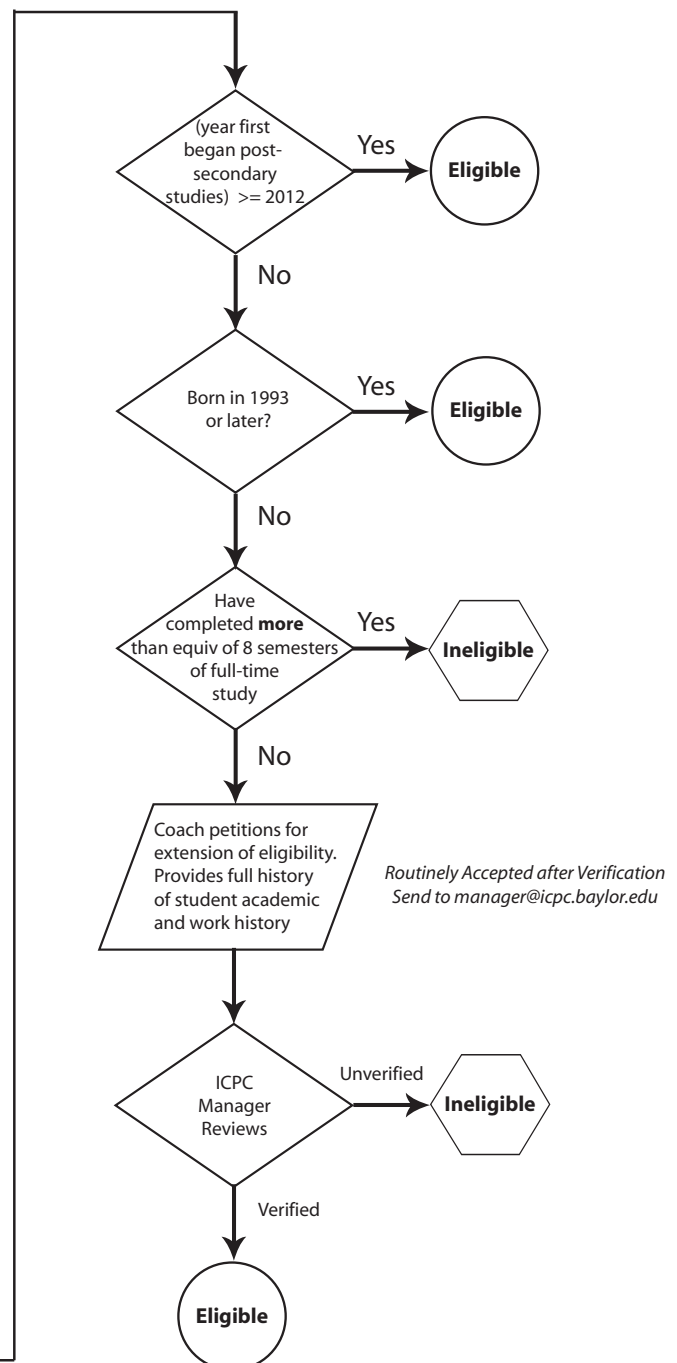
Start Basic Requirements Check



2016 ICPC Regionals Eligibility Decision Diagram

13 April 2016

Start Period of Eligibility Check



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7.4 DOMjudge team manual

DOMjudge team manual



Summary

Here follows a short summary of the system interface. This is meant as a quick introduction, to be able to start using the system. It is, however, strongly advised that at least one of your team's members reads all of this manual. There are specific details of this jury system that might become of importance when you run into problems. **BE WARNED!**

DOMjudge works through a web interface that can be found at <http://example.com/domjudge/team>. See figures 1 and 2 on the next page for an impression.

Reading and writing

Solutions have to read all input from 'standard in' and write all output to 'standard out' (also known as console). You will never have to open (other) files. See appendix A for some examples.

Submitting solutions

You can submit solutions with the command-line program `submit` or by the web interface:

Command-line

Use `submit <problem>.<extension>`, where `<problem>` is the label of the problem and `<extension>` is a standard extension for your language. For a complete reference of all options and examples, see `submit --help`.

Web interface

From your team page, <http://example.com/domjudge/team>, click **Select file...** in the left column and select the file you want to submit. By default, the problem is selected from the base of the filename and the language from the extension. Click **Add another file** to add more files to the submission.

Viewing scores, submissions, etc.

Viewing scores, submissions and sending and reading clarification requests is done through the web interface at <http://example.com/domjudge/team>.

End of summary

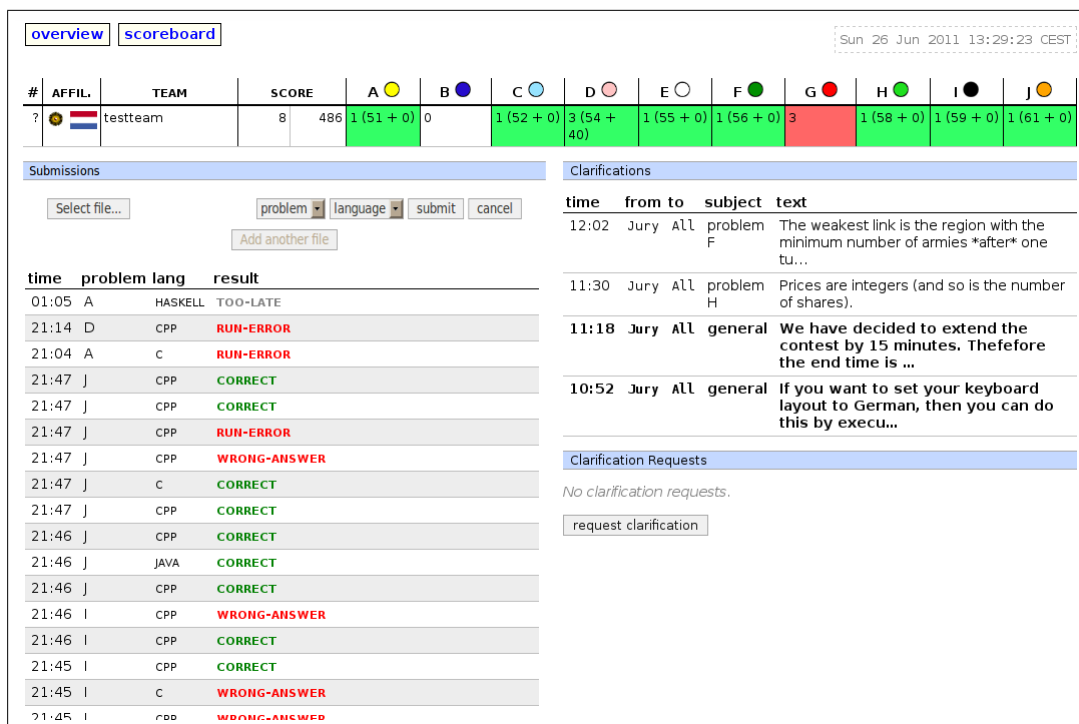


Figure 1: the team web interface overview page.

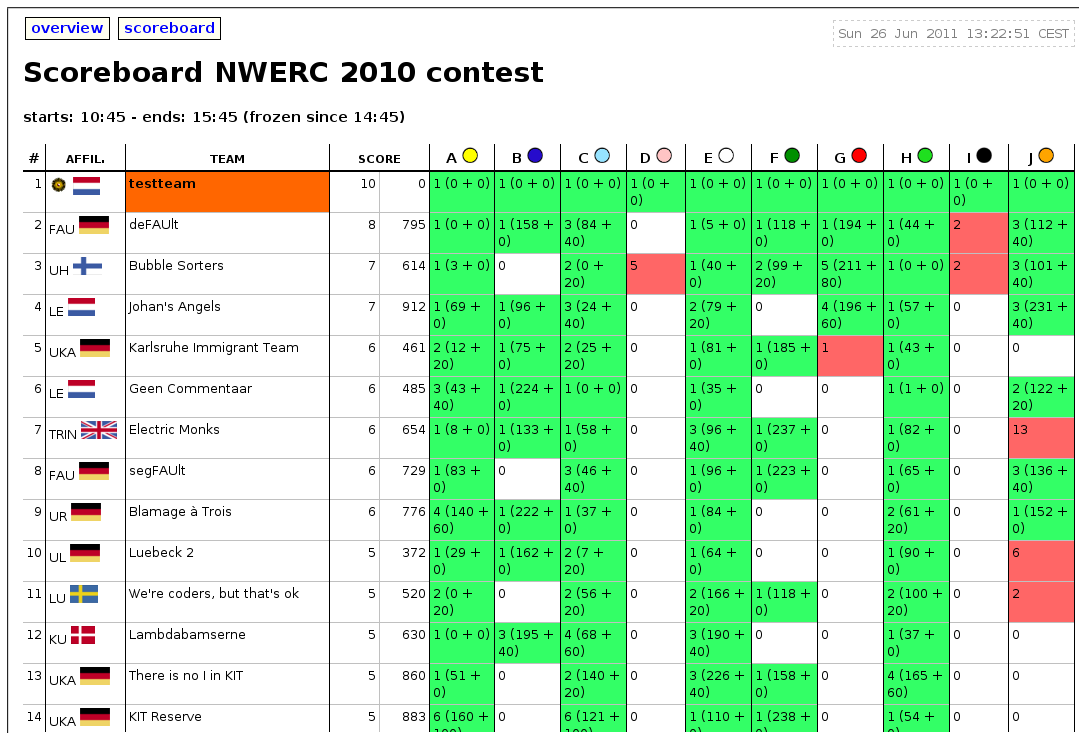


Figure 2: the scoreboard webpage.

1 Submitting solutions

Submitting solutions can be done in two ways: with the command-line program `submit` or using the web interface. One of the interfaces might not be available, depending on the system configuration by the jury. A description of both methods follows.

1.1 Command-line: `submit`

Syntax: `submit [options] filename.ext ...`

The `submit` program takes the name (label) of the problem from `filename` and the programming language from the extension `ext`. This can be overruled with the options `-p problemname` and `-l languageextension`. See `submit --help` for a complete list of all options, extensions and some examples. Use `submit --help | more` when the help text does not fit on one screen.

`submit` will check your file and warns you for some problems: for example when the file has not been modified for a long time or when it's larger than the maximum source code size. Filenames must start with an alphanumerical character and may contain only alphanumerical characters and `+. -`. You can specify multiple files to be part of this submission (see section 4 'How are submissions being judged?').

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Your program will be compiled on a jury computer running Linux. All submitted source files will be passed to the compiler which generates a single program to run out of them; for languages where that is relevant, the first specified file will be considered the ‘main’ source file.

Using a different compiler or operating system than the jury should not be a problem. Be careful however, not to use any special compiler and/or system specific things (you may be able to check compiler errors on the team page).

The jury system defines `ONLINE_JUDGE` and `DOMJUDGE`. These are defined as preprocessor symbols in gecompiled languages and as (environment) variables in scripted languages.

4.3 Testing

After your program has compiled successfully it will be executed and its output compared to the output of the jury. Before comparing the output, the exit status of your program is checked: if your program gives the correct answer, but exits with a non-zero exit code, the result will be a `RUN-ERROR!` There are some restrictions during execution. If your program violates these it will also be aborted with a `RUN-ERROR`, see section 4.4.

When comparing program output, it has to exactly match to output of the jury. So take care that you follow the output specifications. In case of problem statements which do not have

unique output (e.g. with floating point answers), the jury may use a modified comparison function.

4.4 Restrictions

To prevent abuse, keep the jury system stable and give everyone clear and equal environments, there are some restrictions to which all submissions are subjected:

compile time	Compilation of your program may take no longer than 30 seconds. After that compilation will be aborted and the result will be a compile error. In practice this should never give rise to problems. Should this happen to a normal program, please inform the jury right away.
source size	The total amount of source code in a single submission may not exceed 256 kilobytes, otherwise your submission will be rejected.
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4.5 Java class naming

Compilation of Java sources is somewhat complicated by the class naming conventions used: there is no fixed entry point; any class can contain a method `main`. Furthermore, a class declared `public` must be located in an indentially named file.

In the default configuration of DOMjudge this is worked around by autodetecting the main class. When this feature is not used, then the main class should be “`Main`”, with method “`public static void main(String args[])`”, see also the Java code example in [appendix A](#).

A Code examples

Below are a few examples on how to read input and write output for a problem.

The examples are solutions for the following problem: the first line of the input contains the number of testcases. Then each testcase consists of a line containing a name (a single word) of at most 99 characters. For each testcase output the string “Hello <name>!” on a separate line.

Sample input and output for this problem:

Input	Output
3 world Jan SantaClaus	Hello world! Hello Jan! Hello SantaClaus!

Note that the number 3 on the first line indicates that 3 testcases follow.

A solution for this problem in C:

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2
3  int main()
4  {
5      int i, ntests;
6      char name[100];
7
8      scanf("%d\n", &ntests);
9
10     for(i=0; i<ntests; i++) {
11         scanf("%s\n", name);
12         printf("Hello %s!\n", name);
13     }
14
15     return 0;
16 }
```

Notice the last `return 0;` to prevent a RUN-ERROR!

A solution in C++:

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  #include <string>
3
4  using namespace std;
5
6  int main()
7  {
8      int ntests;
9      string name;
10
11      cin >> ntests;
12      for(int i = 0; i < ntests; i++) {
13          cin >> name;
14          cout << "Hello " << name << "!" << endl;
15      }
16
17      return 0;
18 }
```

A solution in Java:

```
1  import java.io.*;
2
3  class Main
4  {
5      public static BufferedReader in;
6
7      public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException
8      {
9          in = new BufferedReader(new InputStreamReader(System.in));
10
11          int nTests = Integer.parseInt(in.readLine());
12
13          for (int i = 0; i < nTests; i++) {
14              String name = in.readLine();
15              System.out.println("Hello "+name+"!");
16          }
17      }
18 }
```

A solution in C#:

```
1  using System;
2
3  public class Hello
4  {
5      public static void Main(string[] args)
6      {
7          int nTests = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine());
8
9          for (int i = 0; i < nTests; i++) {
10             string name = Console.ReadLine();
11             Console.WriteLine("Hello "+name+"!");
12         }
13     }
14 }
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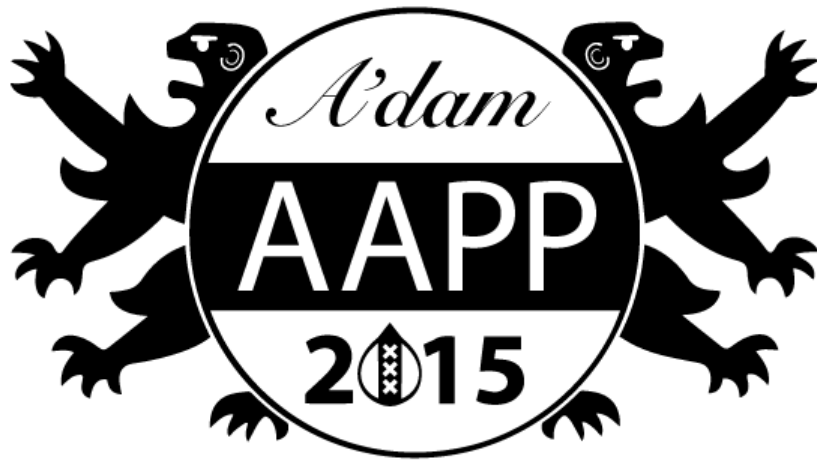
A solution in Pascal:

```
1  program example(input, output);
2
3  var
4      ntests, test : integer;
5      name          : string[100];
6
7  begin
8      readln(ntests);
9
10     for test := 1 to ntests do
11     begin
12         readln(name);
13         writeln('Hello ', name, '!');
14     end;
15 end.
```

And finally a solution in Haskell:

```
1  import Prelude
2
3  main :: IO ()
4  main = do input <- getContents
5          putStr.unlines.map (\x -> "Hello " ++ x ++ "!").tail.lines $ input
```


7.5 Amsterdam Algorithm Programming Preliminaries



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Rulebook 2015

STORM

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Chapter 1 Definitions

AAPP: The Amsterdam Algorithm Programming Preliminaries 2015, also referred to as the contest. The contest is organised by STORM. It will take place on September 19th, 2015.

BAPC: The Benelux Algorithm Programming Contest Finals 2015 in Leiden, organised by study association De Leidsche Flesch. It will take place on October 24th, 2015.

NWERC: The Northwestern Europe Regional Contest Finale 2015 at Linköping University, Sweden. It will take place in the weekend of November 28th, 2015.

STORM: Study association for Mathematics and Computer Sciences studies, at VU University in Amsterdam.

Organisation: The members of the organising committee of STORM, also called Barbabappa.

Website: Maintained by the organisation and among others provides information, problems from previous years and rules Amsterdam Algorithm Programming Preliminaries 2015. The website is available at <http://www.storm.vu/aapp>.

Jury: The group of people responsible for checking the solutions submitted by the participants.

Tech: The group of people responsible for the system.

Balloon girls: Runners who are responsible for delivering print-outs, answering questions and awarding balloons to teams when a submission is correct.

Crew: Organisation, members of the jury, tech and balloon girls.

Participant: Member of a participating team that competes in the contest.

Submission: The submission of a solution by a team, which can be handed in using DOMjudge and will be checked by our servers.

Chapter 2 Organisation

- 2.1** The organisation consists of members of STORM.
- 2.2** The organisation has the right to stop the contest, extend the contest time, temporarily block submissions for all teams or change the scores in exceptional conditions.
- 2.3** In situations to which no rule applies, the organisation decides.
- 2.4** The jury consists of two jurors to be appointed by the organisation.
- 2.5** The organisation has formed the Tech, consisting of students of the VU University in Amsterdam.
- 2.6** The organisation will appoint balloon girls who will watch over the contest areas during the contest, hand out the print-outs and balloons and will be available for practical questions during the contest.
- 2.7** It is possible for members of the organisation to participate the contest. In that case, the organisation will ensure that this participant will not break section **4.7.2** and section **4.7.3**. This means that by section **4.2.4**, the chairman of the organisation can not participate in the contest.
- 2.8** It is not possible for balloon girls, jury members and tech to participate in the contest, due to the fact that they are helping during the contest.
- 2.9** All crew members will be recognizable by their shirt.

Chapter 3 Participation

3.1 Introduction

- 3.1.1** Participation is only possible in student teams of up to 3 persons, see also section **2.7** if this person is a organisation member.
- 3.1.2** Changing the composition of a team is only possible with written permission of the organisation.
- 3.1.3** The organisation decides how many teams are allowed to compete.
- 3.1.4** The organisation has the right to deny the participation of teams before the start of the contest.

3.2 Student teams

A student team:

- 3.1.1** may participate for free.
- 3.1.2** consists of students from the VU University Amsterdam and who are not participating in any other team.
- 3.1.3** has a coach, which is the contact person of a team. This can be a team member or a student or staff member of the institution.
- 3.1.4** participates in the student teams pool for the title 'Winners of the Amsterdam Algorithm Programming Preliminaries 2015'.
- 3.1.5** consists of students who are eligible by the Eligibility Decision Tree (see also appendix), to participate in the student teams pool for a place at BAPC.
- 3.1.6** has exactly three students which satisfy section **3.1.5**, to participate in the student teams pool for a place at NWERC.

Chapter 4 The Contest

4.1 Introduction

- 4.1.1 The language used during the contest is English.
- 4.1.2 The contest lasts for 5 hours.
- 4.1.3 From the beginning until one hour before the end of the contest, the scores are displayed in DOMjudge.
- 4.1.4 In the last hour, no balloons will be handed out and participants can only see their own score in DOMjudge.
- 4.1.5 The final scoreboard will be shown at the presentation after the contest and will be placed on the website.
- 4.1.6 If a participant wants to leave the workplace during the contest, for example to use the bathroom or to smoke outside the building, a balloon girl has to accompany him or her.

4.2 Problems

- 4.2.1 The jury will provide at least 8 and at most 12 problems.
- 4.2.2 When a problem is unclear a 'clarification request' can be sent to the jury. The jury will respond to this request. If the response is relevant to all teams, the jury will send the response to all teams.
- 4.2.3 The jury has the right to change or withdraw problems during the contest. When this happens the jury will inform all teams.
- 4.2.4 Before the start of the contest, the content of the problem sets of the AAPP 2015 and their solutions are known only by the chairman of the organization, the jury and the tech.

4.3 Workplace

- 4.3.1 A workplace will be available for each team and all workplaces will be equal in equipment. The following equipment will be provided:

- One computer, with two screens, a mouse and a QWERTY keyboard.
- Input data on the computer itself, see also section 4.4.2.
- Paper & pens.
- Three times the problem set of the AAPP 2015 which can be opened when the contest has started, see also section 4.7.1.
- A copy of Rules Amsterdam Algorithm Programming Preliminaries 2015, including the DOMjudge Team Manual.

4.3.2 A team is allowed to bring up to 25 A4-sized pages, printed one-sided or up to 12 A4- sized pages, printed two-sided, of documentation. Each team member is allowed one identical copy.

4.3.3 A team is allowed to bring a dictionary; English to their native language.

4.3.4 You may bring mascots such as stuffed toy animals, as long as it does not violate section 4.5.2, section 4.5.4 and section 4.5.5. The mascot needs to be checked before the contest by a crew member.

4.4 System

4.4.1 A solution has to be written in

- C
- C++
- C#
- Haskell
- Java
- Python

unless the problem statement explicitly states otherwise. Note that C# and Haskell are not allowed during the NWERC, and that Python is not allowed on BAPC nor NWERC.

4.4.2 Input data is provided on your computer. This will be provided once and it will not be uploaded again during the contest.

4.4.3 The organisation expects that the teams have read the DOMjudge Team Manual before entering the contest and therefore have the knowledge to be able to hand in a submission, see also appendix for the manual.

4.4.4 The jury decides per programming language which libraries and function calls are allowed to be used in the solutions.

4.4.5 All prints made by the teams will be brought by a balloon babe. Participants are not allowed near the printers.

4.4.6 A team is not allowed to bring software.

4.5 House rules

- 4.5.1 The house rules apply to everybody inside the building.
- 4.5.2 The use of hardware, including all calculators, which are not approved by the organisation are strictly forbidden, with exception of simple watches and medical equipment.
- 4.5.3 The use of mobile phones, tablets, smart watches or any other electronic device during the contest is strictly forbidden. The organisation will provide safe storage for these devices during the contest.
- 4.5.4 Changing of hardware or operating software is strictly forbidden.
- 4.5.5 During the contest, communication within the team and crew is allowed. Communication with everyone else is forbidden during the contest.
- 4.5.6 Participants must follow any instructions given by the crew.
- 4.5.7 Participants will wear the shirt and badge provided by the organisation.

4.6 Judgement

- 4.6.1 Each submission is acknowledged.
- 4.6.2 For each problem, the jury has a correct solution and test data.
- 4.6.3 A submission is correct when it has a solution to the input in a time limit decided by the jury and the output is the same as the output of the jury (unless the problem statement explicitly states otherwise). This time limit is not announced to the teams.
- 4.6.4 The winner of a pool is decided by (in order):
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 - (b) The team with the least solving time. This is the sum of the time needed for each solved problem (defined as the time between the beginning of the contest and the submission of the first correct solution), plus a 20-minute penalty for each incorrect submission until the first correct submission. (Incorrect solutions for which a team has not submitted a correct solution or incorrect solutions submitted after a correct solution was accepted do not add to the solving time.)
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4.6.5 The jury is responsible for everything that has to do with the problem set and can be contacted for this through the 'clarification requests'.

4.7 Disqualification

The organisation has the right to disqualify teams for misbehavior/breaking the rules and can use section **2.3** for this. The organisation can disqualify a team among other reasons if the organisation thinks that a participant:

4.7.1 has opened the problem set before the contest started.

4.7.2 had access to the problem set before the contest started.

4.7.3 had access to the solutions before the contest started.

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4.7.5 did upload software on the computer, against section **4.4.6**.

4.7.6 did deliberately break section **4.1.6**.

Chapter 5 Prizes

The organisation and the main sponsor provided the following prize (it is possible to win more than one prize as a team) for the participants:

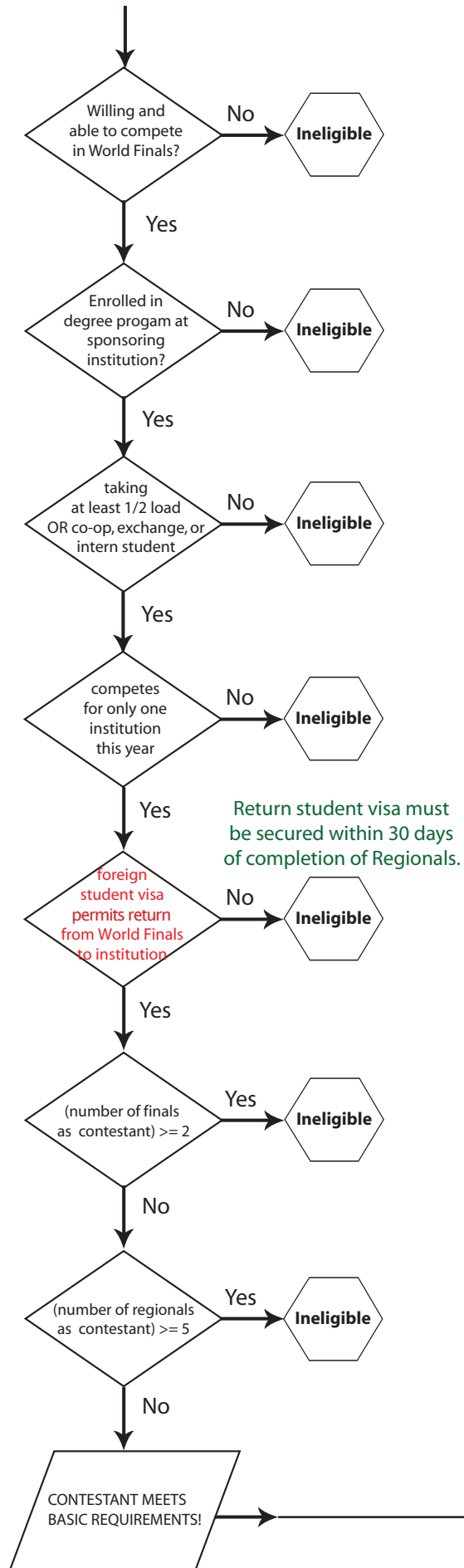
- 5.1** A trophy for the 'Winners of the Amsterdam Algorithm Programming Preliminaries 2015', for the participants in the student teams pool.
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- 5.3** At least two places for the NWERC depending on the number of places the organisation of NWERC provides, if the team satisfies section **3.1.6**. Transport and accommodation will be reasonably paid for by the organisation, up to a certain amount.

Chapter 6 Appendix

See next pages for the

- Eligibility Decision Tree
- Domjudge Team Manual including a NWERC scoreboard example

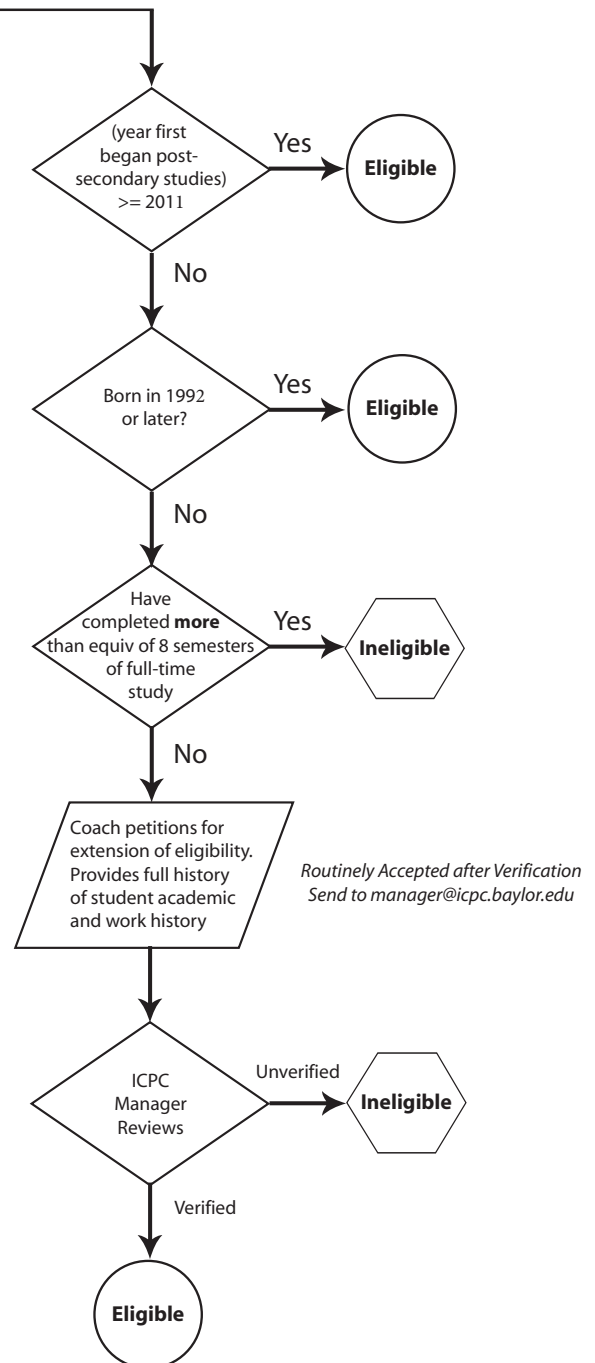
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2015 ICPC Regionals Eligibility Decision Diagram

30 April 2015

Start Period of Eligibility Check



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DOMjudge team manual



Summary

Here follows a short summary of the system interface. This is meant as a quick introduction, to be able to start using the system. It is, however, strongly advised that at least one of your team's members reads all of this manual. There are specific details of this jury system that might become of importance when you run into problems. **BE WARNED!**

DOMjudge works through a web interface that can be found at <http://example.com/domjudge/team>. See figures 1 and 2 on the next page for an impression.

Reading and writing

Solutions have to read all input from 'standard in' and write all output to 'standard out' (also known as console). You will never have to open (other) files. See appendix A for some examples.

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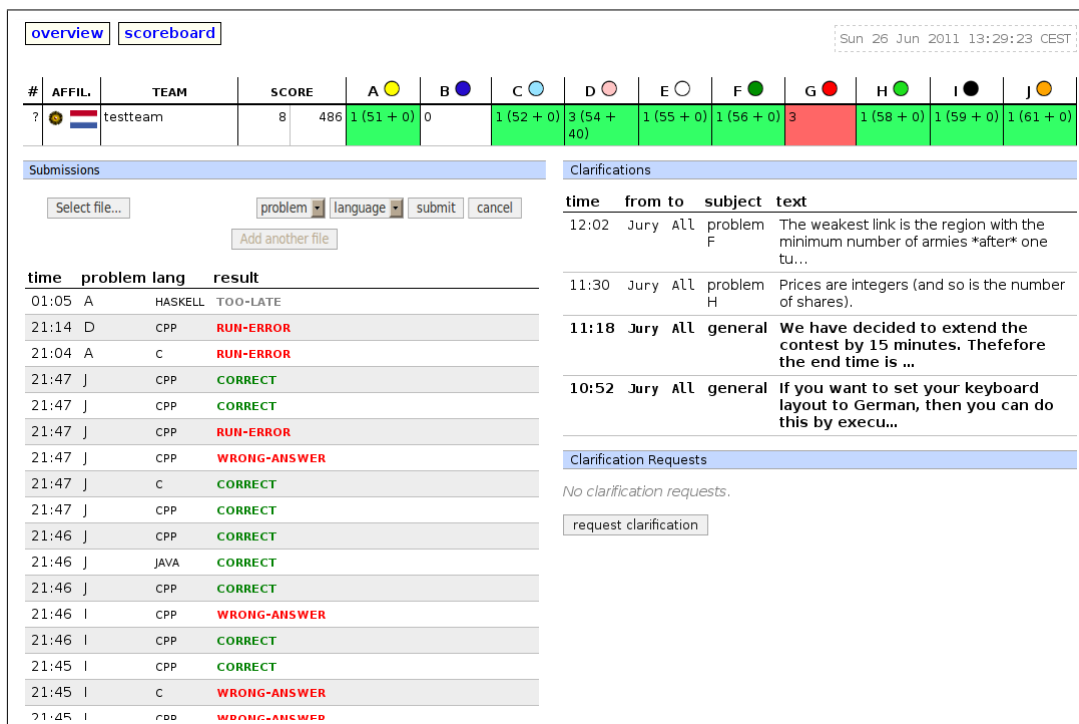


Figure 1: the team web interface overview page.

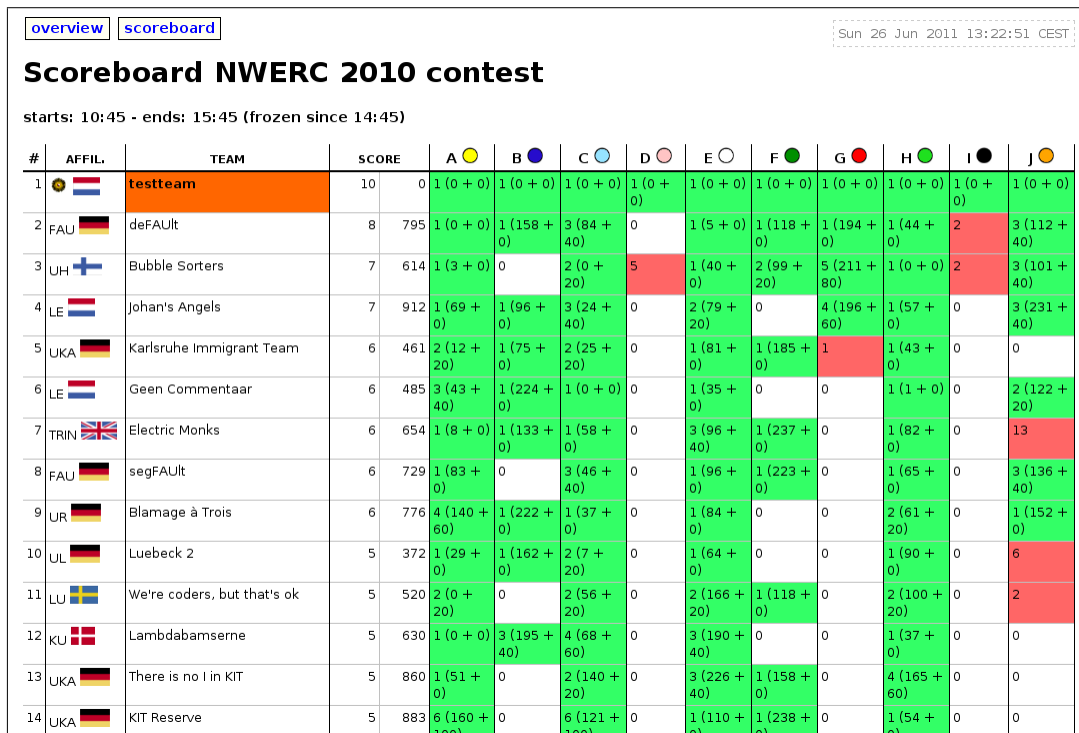


Figure 2: the scoreboard webpage.

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There your program enters a queue, awaiting compilation, execution and testing on one of the jury computers.

4.2 Compilation

Your program will be compiled on a jury computer running Linux. All submitted source files will be passed to the compiler which generates a single program to run out of them; for languages where that is relevant, the first specified file will be considered the ‘main’ source file.

Using a different compiler or operating system than the jury should not be a problem. Be careful however, not to use any special compiler and/or system specific things (you may be able to check compiler errors on the team page).

The jury system defines `ONLINE_JUDGE` and `DOMJUDGE`. These are defined as preprocessor symbols in gecompiled languages and as (environment) variables in scripted languages.

4.3 Testing

After your program has compiled successfully it will be executed and its output compared to the output of the jury. Before comparing the output, the exit status of your program is checked: if your program gives the correct answer, but exits with a non-zero exit code, the result will be a `RUN-ERROR!` There are some restrictions during execution. If your program violates these it will also be aborted with a `RUN-ERROR`, see section 4.4.

When comparing program output, it has to exactly match to output of the jury. So take care that you follow the output specifications. In case of problem statements which do not have

unique output (e.g. with floating point answers), the jury may use a modified comparison function.

4.4 Restrictions

To prevent abuse, keep the jury system stable and give everyone clear and equal environments, there are some restrictions to which all submissions are subjected:

compile time	Compilation of your program may take no longer than 30 seconds. After that compilation will be aborted and the result will be a compile error. In practice this should never give rise to problems. Should this happen to a normal program, please inform the jury right away.
source size	The total amount of source code in a single submission may not exceed 256 kilobytes, otherwise your submission will be rejected.
memory	During execution of your program, there are 524288 kilobytes of memory available. This is the total amount of memory (including program code, statically and dynamically defined variables, stack, Java VM, ...)! If your program tries to use more memory, it will abort, resulting in a run error.
number of processes	<p>You are not supposed to create multiple processes (threads). This is to no avail anyway, because your program has exactly 1 processor fully at its disposal. To increase stability of the jury system, there is a maximum of 15 processes that can be run simultaneously (including processes that started your program).</p> <p>People who have never programmed with multiple processes (or have never heard of “threads”) do not have to worry: a normal program runs in one process.</p>

4.5 Java class naming

Compilation of Java sources is somewhat complicated by the class naming conventions used: there is no fixed entry point; any class can contain a method `main`. Furthermore, a class declared `public` must be located in an indentially named file.

In the default configuration of DOMjudge this is worked around by autodetecting the main class. When this feature is not used, then the main class should be “`Main`”, with method “`public static void main(String args[])`”, see also the Java code example in [appendix A](#).

A Code examples

Below are a few examples on how to read input and write output for a problem.

The examples are solutions for the following problem: the first line of the input contains the number of testcases. Then each testcase consists of a line containing a name (a single word) of at most 99 characters. For each testcase output the string “Hello <name>!” on a separate line.

Sample input and output for this problem:

Input	Output
3 world Jan SantaClaus	Hello world! Hello Jan! Hello SantaClaus!

Note that the number 3 on the first line indicates that 3 testcases follow.

A solution for this problem in C:

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2
3  int main()
4  {
5      int i, ntests;
6      char name[100];
7
8      scanf("%d\n", &ntests);
9
10     for(i=0; i<ntests; i++) {
11         scanf("%s\n", name);
12         printf("Hello %s!\n", name);
13     }
14
15     return 0;
16 }
```

Notice the last `return 0;` to prevent a RUN-ERROR!

A solution in C++:

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  #include <string>
3
4  using namespace std;
5
6  int main()
7  {
8      int ntests;
9      string name;
10
11      cin >> ntests;
12      for(int i = 0; i < ntests; i++) {
13          cin >> name;
14          cout << "Hello " << name << "!" << endl;
15      }
16
17      return 0;
18 }
```

A solution in Java:

```
1  import java.io.*;
2
3  class Main
4  {
5      public static BufferedReader in;
6
7      public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException
8      {
9          in = new BufferedReader(new InputStreamReader(System.in));
10
11          int nTests = Integer.parseInt(in.readLine());
12
13          for (int i = 0; i < nTests; i++) {
14              String name = in.readLine();
15              System.out.println("Hello "+name+"!");
16          }
17      }
18 }
```

A solution in C#:

```
1  using System;
2
3  public class Hello
4  {
5      public static void Main(string[] args)
6      {
7          int nTests = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine());
8
9          for (int i = 0; i < nTests; i++) {
10             string name = Console.ReadLine();
11             Console.WriteLine("Hello "+name+"!");
12         }
13     }
14 }
```

A solution in Pascal:

```
1  program example(input, output);
2
3  var
4      ntests, test : integer;
5      name         : string[100];
6
7  begin
8      readln(ntests);
9
10     for test := 1 to ntests do
11     begin
12         readln(name);
13         writeln('Hello ', name, '!');
14     end;
15 end.
```

And finally a solution in Haskell:

```
1  import Prelude
2
3  main :: IO ()
4  main = do input <- getContents
5          putStr.unlines.map (\x -> "Hello " ++ x ++ "!").tail.lines $ input
```