

Implementační dokumentace k 2. úloze do IPP 2023/2024

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Introduction

The implementation documentation for the 2nd task of the IPP will detail the development and functionality of an interpreter designed to load XML files and execute instructions specified within them, outputting the results to standard output.

Architecture

The interpreter was developed using static analysis phpstan, passing level 9 with no errors.

Interpret - acts as the entry point for the interpreter

Interpreter – serves as a core class responsible for loading xml file

ProgramFlow – class responsible for controlling flow of the program, loops through every instruction and calls InstructionFactory and executes it, in case of control flow instruction, it can jump to earlier instructions

InstructionFactory – Creates instances of Instruction class based on the opcode

Argument – Stores values and types and returns the value of the correct type

FrameManager – class responsible for managing all frames and stacks, instead of using stack, class works with array instructions

Extensions – classes used to throw exceptions based on

Instruction – abstract class

When class interpret is called, it loads the xml file, stores all instructions into an array and passes them to class ProgramFlow. ProgramFlow loads individual arguments and passes them to InstructionFactory class where correct Instruction is returned. After that, execute method is called on Instruction object. If necessary Instruction object works with FrameManager. During the runtime of program Exception is thrown in, case of an error happening.

Specific Solutions

The interpreter handles edge cases and other incorrect input in the project requirements by throwing exceptions. For example, if a variable does not exist in the frame, a MissingVariableException is thrown. If a variable name is not a string, a WrongTypeException is thrown. Thanks to the entire stack being printed out, debugging is much easier.

Execution

Interpreter can be executed in following way

```
php8.3 interpret.php --source=<source_file> --input=<input>
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php8.3 interpreter.php --help
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Design Patterns

The interpreter uses several design patterns for clean and efficient code. The Factory design pattern is used in the InstructionFactory to create the appropriate subclass of Instruction for each opcode. The Instruction class employs a form of the command pattern for better organization and modularity.

