## **ES** explanation

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Explain this Prolog rule: find\_language(Language) :- language(Language), !.

This Prolog rule is defining a predicate named find\_language with a single argument Language. The meaning of this rule is as follows:

- The rule checks if there is a language Language using the predicate language (Language). Here, language is assumed to be a predicate defined elsewhere, and this rule is assuming that it returns true if the argument is a valid language.
- If there is such a language, the rule succeeds (returns true) and stops searching for more solutions due to the cut operator !.

• If there is no language Language that satisfies the condition in language (Language), the rule fails (returns false).

In essence, this rule can be interpreted as asking the question "Is Language a valid language?", and it will return true if there is a language with that name and false otherwise. The cut operator ! is used to optimize the search by eliminating redundant backtracking in cases where a valid language has already been found.



This is an expert system to suggest the user which language programming to learn. Knowledge base has the following structure, I give you this example: "language(python):- why(for\_my\_kids).". This is the 'question' rule: question(why):- write('Why do you want to learn programming?'), nl. This is one of the possible answers, expressed as a rule: 'answer(for\_my\_kids):- write('For my kids').' And finally there is a 'why' rule that assign the choices for every question: "why(Answer):- progress(why, Answer). why(Answer):- \+ progress(why, \_), ask(why, Answer, [for\_my\_kids, i\_dont\_know, make\_money, just\_for\_fun, im\_interested, improve\_myself]). ". Explain how the process of question-answer happens

The process of question-answer in this expert system to suggest a programming language to learn works as follows:

- 1. The system starts by asking a question to the user using the question/1 rule, which takes a single argument that represents the type of question to be asked. For example, question(why) will ask the user "Why do you want to learn programming?" using the write/1 and nl/0 built-in predicates.
- 2. The user provides an answer to the question asked by the system. This answer is then matched against the answer/1 rules defined in the knowledge base. Each answer/1 rule corresponds to a possible answer that the user can give, and it has a body that provides some feedback or suggestion to the user.
- 3. Once the system has found the <a href="mailto:answer/1">answer/1</a> rule that matches the user's answer, it executes its body using the <a href="write/1">write/1</a> and <a href="mailto:nl/0">nl/0</a> predicates to provide the user with the feedback or suggestion.
- 4. The system then uses the why/1 rules in the knowledge base to determine the next question to ask the user. The first rule why(Answer):- progress(why, Answer) checks if there is already progress (i.e., an answer has been given) for the question 'why', and if so, it assigns the value of the answer to the variable Answer. This ensures that the system will not repeat the same question if it has already been answered.
- 5. If there is no progress for the 'why' question, then the second rule why(Answer):- \+ progress(why, \_), ask(why, Answer, Choices) is used. This rule first checks if there is no progress (i.e., no answer has been given) for the 'why' question using the negation operator \+/1. If there is no progress, then the ask/3 predicate is called to ask the user for an answer to the 'why' question. The ask/3 predicate takes three arguments: the type of question to ask, a variable to store the user's answer, and a list of possible answer choices. In this case, the ask/3 predicate is called with the question 'why', the variable Answer to store the user's answer, and a list of possible answer choices that correspond to the why/1 rules in the knowledge base.
- 6. Once the user has answered the question, the <a href="mailto:progress/2">predicate is called to store the progress made in answering the questions. This predicate takes two arguments: the type of question for which progress is being made, and the user's answer.</a>
- 7. The process then repeats from step 1, with the next question being determined by the why/1 rules in the knowledge base, based on the progress made so far in answering the questions.
- 8. Once all the questions have been answered, the system suggests a programming language to the user based on the answers given using the language/1 rules in the knowledge base. Each language/1 rule corresponds to a programming language, and it has a body that specifies the conditions under which that language is recommended.



Rewrite your explanation taking into account that second question (after 'why') is this: "which\_platform(Answer):-progress(which\_platform, Answer). which\_platform(Answer):- \+ progress(which\_platform, \_), ask(which\_platform, Answer, [doesn\_t\_matter, gaming, mobile, facebook, google, microsoft, apple, web, enterprise]). "

Sure, here's the updated explanation of the question-answer process taking into account the second question:

- 1. The system starts by asking the first question to the user using the question/1 rule with the argument question(why). This question asks the user "Why do you want to learn programming?" using the write/1 and n1/0 built-in predicates.
- 2. The user provides an answer to the first question. The system matches the user's answer against the <a href="mailto:answer/1">answer/1</a> rules in the knowledge base to provide feedback or suggestion to the user.
- 3. The system then uses the why/1 rules to determine the next question to ask the user. If there is progress on the 'why' question, the system assigns the value of the answer to the variable Answer. Otherwise, the ask/3 predicate is called to ask the user for an answer to the 'why' question.
- 4. Once the user has answered the 'why' question, the system stores the progress made using the progress/2 predicate. It then proceeds to ask the second question using the question/1 rule with the argument question(which\_platform). This question asks the user "Which platform do you want to develop for?" using the write/1 and nl/0 built-in predicates.
- 5. The user provides an answer to the second question. The system matches the user's answer against the <a href="https://www.ncb.nlm.n
- 6. The system then uses the <a href="which\_platform/1">which\_platform/1</a> rules to determine the next question to ask the user. If there is progress on the 'which\_platform' question, the system assigns the value of the answer to the variable <a href="Answer">Answer</a>. Otherwise, the <a href="ask/3">ask/3</a> predicate is called to ask the user for an answer to the 'which\_platform' question.
- 7. Once the user has answered the 'which\_platform' question, the system stores the progress made using the progress/2 predicate.
- 8. The system then proceeds to ask any remaining questions using the same process as steps 4-7 until all questions have been answered.
- 9. Once all questions have been answered, the system suggests a programming language to the user based on the answers given using the language/1 rules in the knowledge base. Each language/1 rule corresponds to a programming language, and it has a body that specifies the conditions under which that language is recommended.



The 'ask' rule is as follows: "ask(Question, Answer, Choices) :- question(Question), answers(Choices, 0), read(Index), parse(Index, Choices, Response), asserta(progress(Question, Response)), Response = Answer." and the parse rule is: "parse(0, [First]\_], First). parse(Index, [First|Rest], Response) :- Index > 0, NextIndex is Index - 1, parse(NextIndex, Rest, Response)." Complete your explanation

Sure, here's the complete explanation:

The ask/3 rule is used to ask the user a question and get a response. It takes three arguments: Question, which is the identifier of the question being asked; Answer, which is the variable that will be bound to the user's response; and Choices, which is a list of possible responses that the user can choose from.

First, the ask/3 rule checks that Question is a valid question by calling the question/1 rule with Question as its argument. This ensures that the system knows how to ask the question and what kind of response to expect.

Next, the answers/2 rule is called with Choices and a starting index of 0. This generates a numbered list of choices that can be presented to the user.

Then, the system presents the choices to the user using the write/1 and nl/0 built-in predicates. The user is prompted to enter the number corresponding to their choice.

The system reads the user's response using the read/1 built-in predicate, and passes it to the parse/3 rule along with the Choices list and the index of the user's response.

The parse/3 rule recursively traverses the Choices list until it reaches the element at the specified index, which is returned as the Response.

The asserta/1 built-in predicate is used to store the Question and Response as a fact in the knowledge base. This updates the progress/2 predicate, which is used to keep track of the user's progress through the system.

Finally, the ask/3 rule checks that the user's response matches the Answer, and binds Answer to the Response. If the user's response does not match the Answer, the system will prompt the user to try again.



You omitted the explanation of the 'parse' rule

You're right, I apologize for the oversight. Here's the explanation of the parse/3 rule:

The parse/3 rule takes three arguments: Index, Choices, and Response. Index is the index of the user's response, Choices is the list of possible responses, and Response is the response that corresponds to the selected index.

The rule uses recursion to traverse the list of choices. The base case is when Index is 0, in which case the head of the list is returned as the Response.

In the recursive case, the Index is decremented by 1, and the tail of the list is passed as the Choices argument in a recursive call to parse/3. The resulting Response is returned as the final output of the rule.

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