

CS 474: Object Oriented Programming Languages and Environments

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For your second project, you will code a Language System (LS) for the Weird Language (WL). The LS will first read a WL program from a file called “input.wl”. The file will contain 1 WL instruction in each line. Next, the LS will process each instruction sequentially, starting from the first line of text in the file. The syntax and semantics of WL instructions is given below.

WL programs use two kinds of data structures, namely numbers and singly-linked lists. List elements can be integers or nested lists. Objects of these types are bound to variables, which don't need to be declared. (WL uses dynamic typing.)

VARINT $x\ i$	This instruction assigns an integer i to a variable x . Variable x is implicitly declared the first time it is used.
VARLIST $y\ arg1, arg2, \dots$	This instruction assigns a list to a variable y . Variable y is implicitly declared the first time it is used. The list will contain a variable number of arguments provided in a comma-separated sequence. Each argument $arg1, arg2$, etc. can be either an integer constant or a variable denoting a list or an integer.
COMBINE $list1\ list2$	Argument list $list1$ is concatenated with $list2$. The resulting list is stored back into $list2$.
GET $x\ i\ list$	The i -th element of $list$ is assigned to variable x . Variable x is implicitly declared the first time it is used. Assume that index i is within bounds.
SET $x\ i\ list$	The i -th element of $list$ is set to x . x could be integer constant or a variable denoting either a list or an integer. Assume that index i is within bounds.
COPY $list1\ list2$	The content of $list2$ is deep copied into $list1$.
CHS x	This statement changes the sign of the integer value bound to x . Assume that x is either an int constant or int variable
ADD $x\ jy$	This statement adds the integers bound to the two arguments and stores the result in x .
IF $x\ i$	If x is an empty list or the number zero, jump to instruction at line i
HLT	Terminates program execution.

Table 1: Instructions of the Weird Language.

The LS will keep two storage areas, a program memory that stores a WL program loaded from the input file, and a data memory holding identifiers declared in the program and the values bound to each identifier. In addition, the WL maintains a program counter (PC) storing the line number of the instruction being currently executed. Executing a WL program consists of the following two steps:

1. Read a WL program from the input file. The program is stored in the memory starting at address (i.e., line) 0, the first line of code read from the input file.
2. Execute a command loop consisting of three commands:

- o – Execute a single line of code, starting from line 0. The PC and the data memory are updated according to the instruction. The resulting values of the data memory and the PC are printed on the console.
- a – Executes all the instructions until a halt instruction is encountered or there are no more instructions to be executed. The values of the PC and the data memory are printed.
- q – Quits the command loop.

You must implement lists as single linked lists and you must use inheritance in your implementation. One good place for inheritance is to define a superclass for WL instructions with concrete subclasses for each particular instruction. You must implement deep copying of lists yourself, without relying on Ruby constructs for marshalling and unmarshalling data structures. You may assume that WL code that you must execute is correct, that is, you need not check for syntax errors. Beware of infinite loops in WL programs.

Here is an example of a simple WL program:

0. VARINT x 10
1. VARLIST list1 10, 20, 30
2. VARLIST list2 40, 50, 60
3. COMBINE list1 list2
4. GET y 2 list1
5. ADD x y
6. VARLIST list3 70, 80, 90
7. SET list3 1 list2
8. COPY list4 list2
9. GET list5 1 list4
10. SET 100 2 list5
11. HLT

When the WL program is executed, the result should show values 40 and 30 in x and y . Also the lists should contain the following values

1. list1 = (10, 20, 30)
2. list2 = (10, (70, 80, 90), 30, 40, 50, 60)
3. list3 = (70, 80, 90)
4. list4 = (10, (70, 80, 100), 30, 40, 50, 60)
5. list5 = (70, 80, 100)

You must work alone on this project. You may ask questions on the spec and discuss the high-level design of your project with your classmates and on the Piazza blog. However, you must not discuss low-level design decision or share code with others. Do not post project code publicly on Piazza. (You may use private postings, however.) Your project code should be in a special archive called xxx.yyy.zip, where xxx and yyy denote your first and last names. Submit the file by clicking on the link provided with this assignment. No late submissions will be accepted.