PoP 10g - Animals

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We have written a model of animals in $F\sharp$. Figure 1 shows the UML diagram we designed for this task. We have also written tests for our classes and documented their behavior.

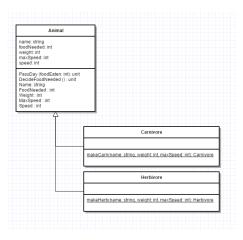


Figure 1: The UML diagram for the classes in this task.

1 Animal, Carnivore, Herbivore

We have a base class Animal which implements most of the behavior of animals. It has five attributes, Name, Weight, FoodNeeded, MaxSpeed and Speed. In addition, it has two methods, PassDay and DecideFoodNeeded. We have written XML-comments to describe the exact details of these methods and attributes, but they can roughly be described as follows:

- Name and Speed do not directly affect anything else.
- PassDay is given an amount of food eaten the current day and sets the Speed to a fraction of MaxSpeed based on how big a fraction of FoodNeeded is eaten.
- \bullet DecideFoodNeeded sets the food needed to a fraction of the animal's Weight.

A Carnivore is an Animal that needs less food, whereas a Herbivore is an animal that needs more food. Semantically, Carnivores represent carnivorous animals, whereas Herbivores represent herbivorous animals.

We made the constructor of Carnivore and Herbivore private so we could make sure DecideFoodNeeded was called on every animal as soon as it is constructed. To create an instance of these classes, one must use the static members makeCarn and makeHerb.

2 Race

We have written the code to do a race between cheetah, a Carnivore weighing 50 kg and having a max speed of 114 km/hour; antelope, a Herbivore weighing 50 kg and having a max speed of 95 km/hour; and wildebeest, a Herbivore weighing 200 kg and having a max speed of 80 km/hour.

The winner is declared to be the one who is the wins the most time in a test of three races on separate days, where each day the animals eat a random fraction of their FoodNeeded. If there is a draw, the race is retried.

3 Documentation

The code was documented according to the standard. In order to keep the documentation comments from cluttering up the code, we placed the documentation in the signature file 10g.fsi.

4 Tests

We have tested all the methods and have gotten positive test results.