
CSc 372

Comparative Programming Languages

31 : Icon — Data Structures

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Data Structures

- Icon has built-in support for records, lists, tables, and sets.
- These data structures can be freely combined, so that it is easy to construct a list of tables of sets,

Records

Records

- Records and procedures are the only declarations in Icon. They must be declared at the outermost (global) level:

```
record name(field1, field2, ...)
```

- You don't give the types of the fields, just their names.
- `type(X)`, where `X` is a record variable, will return the name (a string) of the record type.
- If `R` is a record variable, `R.field1` references the field whose name is `field1`.

Complex Arithmetic Module

```
record complex(re, im)
```

```
procedure add(a,b)
```

```
    return complex(a.re+b.re, a.im+b.im)
```

```
end
```

```
procedure main ()
```

```
    local x, r, i
```

```
    x := complex(5, 4)
```

```
    y := complex(1, 2)
```

```
    z := add(x,y)
```

```
    r := z.re      # or r := z[1]
```

```
    i := z.im      # or r := z[2]
```

```
    t := type(z) # t="complex"
```

```
end
```

Lists

Lists

- Lists are a built-in Icon datatype. Lists can be accessed from the beginning (the way you would in LISP, Prolog, etc), the end, or indexed (the way you would access an array in Pascal).
- Lists can be **heterogeneous**, they can contain elements of different type.

`x := ["hello" , 1 , 3.14 , "x" , "y"]` A list of a string, an integer, a float, and two strings.

`y := list(5, "hej")` A list of five strings:
`["hej" , . . . , "hej"]`.

`x[2:4]` The list consisting of the second, third, and fourth element of `x`.

Lists vs. Strings

- Lists are indexed in the same way as strings:

["h",	42]
↑	↑	↑	
1	2	3	

- Strings are **immutable**. This means that when you assign to an element of a string you actually get a **new** string as result.
- Lists are **mutable**. That is, when you assign to an element of a list, the list actually changes.

List Operations

`s := list()` Create an empty list.

`s := list(n)` Create a list of `n` `nulls`.

`s := list(n,v)` Create a list of `n` `vs`.

`s := *x` Number of elements of `x`.

`x ||| y` Concatenate `x` and `y`.

`!x` Generate all elements of the list, in order, as in `every`

`X := !L do write(X).`

Examples

```
] [ L := list(5,10);  
    r1 := L1:[10,10,10,10,10]    (list)  
] [ L[2] := 42;  
] [ L;  
    r3 := L1:[10,42,10,10,10]  
] [ L := [1,2,3,4,5];  
] [ L[1:3];  
    r5 := L1:[1,2]  
] [ L[0:-3];  
    r6 := L1:[3,4,5]  
] [ every i := !L do write(i);
```

1

2

3

4

5

List Operations...

`x ||| y` Concatenate `x` and `y`.

`put(x, 67)` Add 67 to the end of the list `x`.

`get(x)` Remove and return the last element of `x`.

`push(x, 1024)` Add a new element to the beginning of `x`.

`pop(x)` Remove and return the first element of `x`.

`!x` Generate all elements of the list, in order, as in `every`
`X := !L do write(X).`

`?x` Return a random element from list.

`x===y` Succeed if `x` and `y` are the same string.

`x~===y` Succeed if `x` and `y` are different strings.

Examples

```
[ [ L := [[1,2],[3,4],[5,6]];
  [ L[2,1] := 42;
  [ L;
    r3 := L1:[L2:[1,2],L3:[42,4],L4:[5,6]]
  [ x := pop(L);
  [ x;
    r5 := L1:[1,2] (list)
  [ L;
    r6 := L1:[L2:[42,4],L3:[5,6]]
  [ L := [1,2,3,4,5];
  [ every !L ::= ?L;
  [ L;
    r9 := L1:[2,1,5,3,4]
```

Fibonacci

```
procedure main()  
  n := 20  
  f := [1,1]  
  repeat {  
    i := get(f)  
    if i>n then break  
    write(i)  
    put(f,i+f[1])  
  }  
end
```

Prime Sieve

```
procedure main()  
  n := 100  
  p := list(n,1)  
  every i := 2 to sqrt(n) do  
    if p[i]=1 then  
      every j := i+i to n by i do  
        p[j] := 0  
  every i := 2 to n do  
    if p[i]=1 then  
      write(i)  
end
```

Tables

Tables

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Table Operations

Tables are **associative arrays**, they map keys to values. Both values and keys can be of arbitrary type.

`x := table(0)` Create a new table `x` whose **default value** is 0. This means that if you look up a key which has no corresponding value, 0 is returned.

`*x` Number of elements in the table.

`?x` An arbitrary element from the table.

`keys(x)` Generate all keys in `x`, one at a time.

`!x` Generate all values, one at a time.

```
every X := keys(T) do
    write(X, " ==> ", T[X])
```

Examples

`x["monkey"] := "banana"`

`x[3.14] := "pi"`

`x["pi"] := 3.14`

`x["pi"] += 1` Increment pi by 1

`r := x["coconut"]` r will be 0

`member(x, 3.14)` returns "pi"

`member(x, "banana")` fails

`insert(x, "banana", 5)` `x["banana"] := 5`

`delete(x, "monkey")` remove "monkey"

`every m := key(x) do write(m)` write keys

`every m := !x do write(m)` write values

Sets

Sets

- Sets are unordered collections of elements.
- `set()` creates an empty set.
- `set(L)` creates a set from a list of elements.
- All the standard set-operations (intersection, etc.) are built-in.

Set Operations

`x := set([5, 3, "monkey"])` Create a 3-element set from a list.

`member(x, 5)` returns 5

`member(x, "banana")` fails

`insert(x, "banana")` add "banana" to x

`delete(x, 5)` returns the set {3, "banana", "monkey"}

`*x` number of elements (3)

`?x` random element from x

`!x` generate the elements

Set Operations

$S := S1 \text{ } op \text{ } S2$ set union ($op=++$), intersection ($op=**$),
difference ($op=--$).

`while insert(S, read(f))` Read elements from file f
into set S

Prime Sieve

```
procedure main()  
  n := 100  
  p := set()  
  every i:=2 to n do insert(p,i)  
  every i := 2 to sqrt(n) &  
    member(p,i) &  
      j := i+i to n by i do  
        delete(p,j)  
  every i := 2 to n & member(p,i) do  
    write(i)  
end
```

Binary Trees

Binary Trees in Icon

```
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record node (item,left,right)
procedure Preorder (T)
    if \T then {
        write(T.item);
        Preorder(T.left); Preorder(T.right)}
end

procedure main()
    t := node(1, node(2, &null, &null),
              node(3, &null,
                  node(4, &null, &null)))
    Preorder(t); xdump(t)
end
```

Binary Trees in Icon...

```
> icont b
> b
1
2
3
4
R_node_4 := node()
  R_node_4.item := 1
  R_node_4.left := R_node_1 := node()
    R_node_1.item := 2
  R_node_4.right := R_node_3 := node()
    R_node_3.item := 3
    R_node_3.right := R_node_2 := node()
      R_node_2.item := 4
```

Readings and References

- Read Christopher, pp 29--34, 105--126.

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<http://www.tools-of-computing.com/tc/CS/iconprog.pdf>.