Enumerations and structures

Enumerations

- The set type is created by defining the domain of values it contains, i.e., the list of constant values that variables of this type can take.
- Variables of this type take a value among a set. For example, for a traffic light, the color is: green, orange, or red.
- In Algorithmics, we declare a set as a type as indicated below.
- EX:

```
type color= set (blue, green, red);
var c1 : color;
C1 ← green;
```

Enumerations

- Enums are especially useful for enhancing code readability making the code more understandable and maintainable.
- The sets can be used to iterate in loops like

```
type Color= set (Blue, green, red, white);
  var c1:color;
  for c1 ← blue to white do
  write (c1);
```

Enumerations in C

- In the C language, we declare an enumeration using the 'enum' keyword.
- Syntax:
- enum new_type {list of symbols/choices/values};
- Example:
- enum color {white, blue, yellow, green, black};
- We declare a variable of type 'color' by specifying the name of the enum followed by the name of the variable to be declared (for example: enum color c1;).
- Additionally, we can assign numerical constants to each color as follows: enum color {white=10, blue=11, yellow=12, green=13, black=14};
- If numerical constants are not specified, these values start from 0 and increment by 1 for each subsequent enumerator.

Structures

- Unlike arrays, which are data structures where all elements are of the same type, records/structures are data structures where the elements can be of different types and relate to the same semantic entity.
- The elements that compose a record are called fields or attributes.
- A record is a user-defined data type that allows grouping a finite number of elements of different types.
- A record is a complex variable that allows designating, under a single name, a set of values that can be of different types (simple or complex).

Structures

- Before declaring a record variable, it's necessary to have previously defined the name and type of the fields that compose it.
- It's possible to create custom types and then declare variables or arrays of elements of that type.

Declaration of Records/Structures

• The declaration of structure types occurs within a specific section of algorithms called 'Type,' which precedes the section for variables and follows the section for constants.

Algorithm	C language
type <id_strucr> = structure</id_strucr>	typedef struct [id_structure] {
<id_attribute1>:<type1>;</type1></id_attribute1>	<type1> <id_attribute1>;</id_attribute1></type1>
<id_attribute2>:<type2>;</type2></id_attribute2>	<type2> <id_attribute2>;</id_attribute2></type2>
 <id_attributen>:<type n="">; end;</type></id_attributen>	<type n=""> <id_attribute n="">; } id_type;</id_attribute></type>

• Where <id_ch1>, <id_ch2>, ..., <id_chN> are the identifiers of the fields, and <type1>, <type2>, ..., <typeN> are their types respectively.

Declaration of Records/Structures

• Exemple :

type **car** = **structure**

brand: string; c: color; /* color is an enumeration type, as shown previously */ price: float; end; var v1 : car;

Accessing the fields of a structure

- The fields of a structure are accessed by their names using the '.' operator.
- To access a field of a structure, the variable ID of the structure type is used, followed by a dot and then the name of the field you want to access.
- Syntax: <Record_Variable>.<Field Name>
- For example, to access the 'price' field of the variable 'v1' of type 'car', we write: v1.price
- Assignment: v1.price \leftarrow 2000.00;

Or: floatVariable \leftarrow v1.price;

• Reading: read(v1.price);

Array of structures

- In order to manage multiple entities of a given type (e.g., cars), we use a one-dimensional array structure to store these elements.
- Another example, If there is a need to record information about 100 students and manipulate their data, we declare the 'student' structure and create a vector of size 100 containing elements of type 'student'. This is depicted in the example below:

type student = structure;

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first_name:string;
last_name:string;
...
end;
var student_list = array [0..n] of student;
```

Operations on structures

• Filling (read) data for a number of car structure :

```
Algorithm fill_array_car;
const n=10;
type car = structure
                brand: string;
                c: string;
                price: float;
           end;
var List car = array[0..n] of car;
i:integer;
begin
          for i \leftarrow 0 to (n -1) do
                      begin
                                read(List_car[i]. brand);
                                read (List_car[i].c);
                                read (List_car[i]. price);
                      end;
end.
```

Operations on structures

• Displaying (writing) data of a number of elements of structure type (car)

for i← 0 to (n -1) do
begin
write(List_car[i]. brand);
write (List_car[i].c);
write(List_car[i]. price);
end;

Operations on structures

• Sort the list of cars according to their price (bubble sort)

```
var tmp : car; i,j:integer;
           ...
           for i \leftarrow (n-2) to 0 do
           begin
                       for j← 0 to i do
                       if(List_car[j].price> List_car[j+1].price) then
                       begin
                                  tmp \leftarrow List_car[j];
                                   List_car[j] ← List_car[j+1];
                                   List car[j+1] ← tmp;
                       end;
            end;
```