

# ITSE301 Logic Programming

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البداية مع لغة برولوج

# Prolog

Programming in Logic

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# Characteristics

- Prolog is based on first-order logic.  
➤ لغة برولوج مبنية على المنطق البسيط
- Every program is a set of **Facts** and **Rules**.  
➤ البرنامج عبارة عن مجموعة من الحقائق والقواعد
- Inference is by resolution.
- Search is by backtracking with unification.
- Basic data structure is term or tree.

# SWI-Prolog

➤ To load a file:

?- consult( ‘D:\\prolog\\test’). Or :-[‘filename’].

➤ For help:

?-help(predicate-name).

➤ “ ; “ will give you next solution.

?- listing(predicate-name) % will give definition.

# Language Elements

## عناصر لغة البرولوج

- Term: is a constant or a variable
  - المفردة هي عبارة عن ثابت او متغير
- Facts and Rules: use terms as data structures
  - الحقائق والقواعد تستخدم المفردات كهيكل بيانات
- Predicates: made up of facts and rules
  - المسندات: تتكون من الحقائق والقواعد
- The (Logic) Program: made up of predicates
  - البرنامج المنطقي يتكون من مجموعة من المسندات

# المفردات البسيطة Terms

Terms are:

- Constants : begin with small letter او تكون رقم او قائمة خالية او اي شئ بين علامة تنصيص فردية
  - ❖ ali libya 5 3.14 [] 'Ali'
- Variables: begin with uppercase or underscore 

المتغيرات تبدأ بحرف كبير او شارحة تحتية ➤

  - ❖ X Y List \_12 \_A \_
- Compound terms
  - ❖ plus(2,3)
  - ❖ course(java, time(monday, 8, 10), ali, g02).
  - ❖ 2+3 // infix notation

# Facts

- A fact has the form  $p(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ .
    - ❖  $p$  is the name of the fact
    - ❖  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  are term arguments of the fact
  - Examples:
    - teaches(a, b):
    - parent('Ali', salamá).
- note the '.'s

# Example

## ➤ Facts:

- ❖ likes(hend,school).
- ❖ likes(hend,bananas).
- ❖ likes(hend,hend).

Defines a *predicate* **likes** of  
arity 2

- ❖ likes/2 for short

## ➤ Queries

- ❖ ?- likes(X,Y).
- ❖ X=hend, y=bananas % hit “;” for more
- ❖ ?- likes(X,X).
- ❖ X=hend.

# Example

➤ Facts:

likes(awatif,school).  
female(awatif).  
female(mariam).

➤ Rules

❖ likes(hend,X) :- likes(X,school). % :- = if  
❖ likes(hend,X):- female(X), likes(X, bananas).

➤ Query:

? - likes(hend,Y).

Y = ?? ;

no.

# Family Example

father(ali,salama).

father(salem, fatima).

mother(hend,salama).

mother(salama,fatima).

parent(X,Y) :- father(X,Y).

parent(X,Y) :- mother(X,Y).

grandmother(X,Y):-

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.

% Add your own facts for practice.

# Unification of terms

## مطابقة الفقرات

- Two terms UNIFY if there is a common substitution which makes them identical.
- يمكن مطابقة اي فقرتين اذا امكن استبدال اي منهم بالآخر
- ?-  $f(X, Y) = f(\text{ali}, \text{salem}).$ 
  - $X = \text{ali},$
  - $Y = \text{salem}$ 
    - ❖ A variable matches anything
    - ❖ المتغير يمكن مطابقته مع اي شئ اخر
    - ❖ predicate symbols only match identical predicate symbols.
    - ❖ المسند يمكن مطابقته مع مسند بنفس الاسم فقط

# Summary

- Program is facts + rules.
- Query = conjunct of predicates.
- First set of bindings for variables that solve query are reported. If none, then Prolog returns no.
- Use “;” to get other solutions.
- Can be viewed as constraint satisfaction program.

# Download Prolog

[www.swi-prolog.org](http://www.swi-prolog.org)