

Legi-Nr.: .....



Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich  
Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich

Chair of Software Engineering  
Bertrand Meyer

## Software Architecture

**4. July 2005**

Name, First name: .....

I confirm with my signature, that I was able to take this exam under regular conditions and that I have read and understood the instructions below.

Signature: .....

Instructions:

- Except for a dictionary you are not allowed to use any supplementary material.
- Use a pen (**not** a pencil)!
- Please write your legi number onto **each** sheet.
- Write your solutions directly onto the exam sheets. If you need more space for your solution ask your supervisor for more sheets. You are **not** allowed to use your own paper.
- Only one solution can be handed in per question. Invalid solutions need to be crossed out clearly.
- Please write legibly! We will only correct solutions that we can read.
- Manage your time carefully (take into account the number of points for each question).
- Please **immediately** tell the supervisors of the exam if you feel disturbed during the exam.

**Good Luck!**

Legi-Nr.: .....

<b>Question</b>	<b>Number of possible points</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	10	
2	18	
3	15	
4	7	
5	17	
6	20	
Total	87	

Grade: .....

Legi-Nr.: .....

## 1 Software Quality Principles (10 Points)

### 1.1 Correctness vs. Robustness (3 Points)

Define Software Correctness:

.....  
.....  
.....  
.....

Define Software Robustness:

.....  
.....  
.....  
.....

Give an example illustrating the difference between Software Robustness and Correctness:

.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....

Legi-Nr.: .....

**1.2 External quality factors (3 Points)**

Software Correctness and Software Robustness are two external quality factors. List four more external quality factors (no explanation of the factors required):

.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....

**1.3 Principles (4 Points)**

Typically a DVD-Player only has a few buttons on the case and does not allow modifying the internal parameters of the electronic device. What modularity principle does this reflect? Explain the advantage of applying this principle.

Name of principle: .....

Explanation of advantage: .....

.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....

## 2 Design by Contract (18 Points)

### 2.1 True or false (8 Points)

Consider the following statements. For each of the statements tell whether it is true or false by writing "T" for true or "F" for false.

<i>Answer</i>	<i>Statement</i>
	Contracts of software elements are explicit declarations of the element's goal that are stored separately from the software element.
	Preconditions are obligations for the client but benefits for the supplier.
	The class invariant must be satisfied before and after object creation and before and after qualified feature calls.
	Preconditions only have to hold for qualified feature calls.
	A descendant class may strengthen but not weaken a postcondition.
	A postcondition violation is a bug in the client.
	The invariant of a class automatically includes the invariant clauses from all its parents, "or"-ed (disjunction).
	The execution of a rescue clause must re-establish the class invariant unless it re-triggers the exception.

### 2.2 Class completion (10 Points)

Consider the class *COFFEE\_MACHINE* below. Complete the creation procedure *make* and provide all **preconditions**, **postconditions**, and **invariants**. Use the given lines, but note that the number of lines provided does not indicate the number of lines of code required. Make sure that your implementation achieves the following coffee machine operating modes:

- One can only refill coffee or water if the coffee container or water tank is not completely filled up.
- One can only brew a coffee or espresso if there is enough coffee and water.

```
class  
  COFFEE_MACHINE
```

```
create  
  make
```

```
feature -- Initialization
```

```
  make is  
    -- Create a new coffee machine.  
  do
```

```
    .....  
    .....  
    .....
```

```
  ensure
```

```
    .....  
    .....  
    .....
```

```
  end
```

```
feature -- Access
```

```
  container_capacity: INTEGER is 20  
    -- Maximal number of units the coffee container can contain
```

```
  tank_capacity: INTEGER is 20  
    -- Maximal number of units the water tank can contain
```

```
  coffee_units: INTEGER is 2  
    -- Amount of coffee units needed to brew a coffee
```

```
  espresso_units: INTEGER is 1  
    -- Amount of coffee units needed to brew an espresso
```

```
  coffee_water: INTEGER is 2  
    -- Amount of water units needed to brew a coffee
```

```
  espresso_water: INTEGER is 1  
    -- Amount of water units needed to brew an espresso
```

**feature** -- Measurement

*coffee\_in\_container*: *INTEGER*  
-- Number of coffee units in container

*water\_in\_tank*: *INTEGER*  
-- Number of water units in tank

**feature** -- Element change

*refill\_coffee* **is**  
-- Refill coffee container.

**require**

.....

.....

**do**

*coffee\_in\_container* := *container\_capacity*

**ensure**

.....

.....

**end**

*refill\_water* **is**  
-- Refill water tank.

**require**

.....

.....

**do**

*water\_in\_tank* := *tank\_capacity*

**ensure**

.....

.....

**end**

**feature** -- Basic operations

*brew\_coffee* **is**  
-- Brew coffee.

**require**

.....

.....

Legi-Nr.: .....

```
do
  coffee_in_container := coffee_in_container - coffee_units
  water_in_tank := water_in_tank - coffee_water
ensure
```

.....  
.....

**end**

```
brew_espresso is
  -- Brew espresso.
require
```

.....  
.....

```
do
  coffee_in_container := coffee_in_container - espresso_units
  water_in_tank := water_in_tank - espresso_water
ensure
```

.....  
.....

**end**

**invariant**

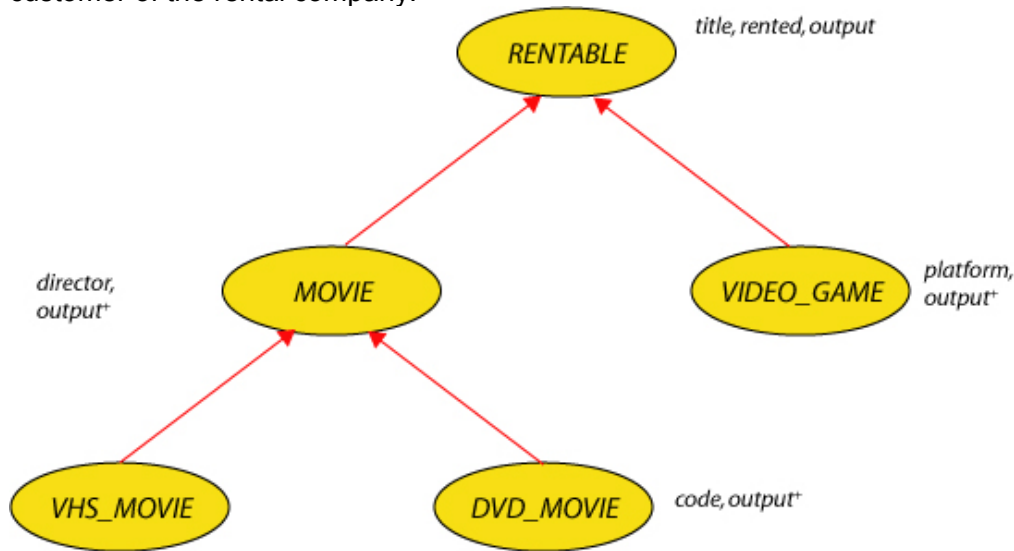
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....

**end**



### 3 Inheritance (15 Points)

Assume we have the following inheritance hierarchy that describes the classes used for a movie and video game rental place. A *RENTABLE* is an item that can be rented by a customer of the rental company.



#### 3.1 Polymorphic assignments (6 Points)

Furthermore assume that we have declared the following variables:

*video\_game*: *VIDEO\_GAME*  
*dvd*: *DVD\_MOVIE*  
*rentable*: *RENTABLE*  
*vhs*: *VHS\_MOVIE*  
*movie*: *MOVIE*

For each of the following assignment instructions write a "T" if and only if it is valid according to the rules of type conformance and general syntax requirements of Eiffel. If it is invalid write an "F".

Answer	Assignment instruction
	<i>video_game := rentable</i>
	<i>dvd := movie</i>
	<i>rentable := movie</i>
	<i>rentable := dvd</i>
	<i>movie := vhs</i>
	<i>movie := video_game</i>

### 3.2 Implementation (6 Points)

Below you see the class text of *RENTABLE*. Read through it carefully.

```

class RENTABLE

  create
    make

  feature -- Initialization

    make (an_id: like id; a_title: like title) is
      -- Instantiate object with `a_title' and `an_id'.
      require
        an_id_valid: an_id > 0
        a_title_valid: a_title /= Void and then not a_title.is_empty
      do
        id := an_id
        title := a_title
      ensure
        id_set: id = an_id
        title_set: title = a_title
      end

  feature -- Access

    id: INTEGER
      -- ID number

    title: STRING
      -- Title

    rented: BOOLEAN
      -- Is the item rented out?

  feature -- Basic operations

    output is
      -- Output information on this item.
      do
        io.put_string (id.out + "%N")
        io.put_string (title + "%N")
      end

  invariant

    id_valid: id > 0
    title_valid: title /= Void and then not title.is_empty

end

```

Fill in the text below that is needed to override the feature *output* in the classes *MOVIE* and *DVD\_MOVIE*. Read the comments of *output* to see what information should be written onto the console. Try to write the features as concisely as possible.

**class** *MOVIE* inherit

*RENTABLE* .....

**create**

*make\_with\_director*

**feature** -- All features

*make\_with\_director* (*an\_id*: **like** *id*; *a\_title*: **like** *title*; *a\_director*: **like** *director*) **is**  
 -- Instantiate object with `a\_title`, `an\_id` and `a\_director`.

**require**

*an\_id\_valid*: *an\_id* > 0

*a\_title\_valid*: *a\_title* /= **Void** and then not *a\_title.is\_empty*

*a\_director*: *a\_director* /= **Void** and then not *a\_director.is\_empty*

**do**

*make* (*an\_id*, *a\_title*)

*director* := *a\_director*

**ensure**

*id\_set*: *id* = *an\_id*

*title\_set*: *title* = *a\_title*

*director\_set*: *director* = *a\_director*

**end**

*director*: *STRING*

-- Director of this movie

*output* **is**

-- Output information on current movie.

-- (First output the id and a line break. Then write the title and on a

-- new line output the name of the director followed by a line

-- break.)

**do**

.....

.....

.....

**end**

**invariant**

*director\_valid*: *director* /= **Void** and then not *director.is\_empty*

**end**

**class DVD\_MOVIE inherit**

*MOVIE* .....

**create** *make\_with\_code*

**feature** -- All features

*make\_with\_code* (*an\_id*: **like** *id*; *a\_title*: **like** *title*;  
*a\_director*: **like** *director*; *a\_code*: **like** *code*) **is**  
 -- Instantiate object with `a\_title`, `an\_id`, `a\_director` and `a\_code`.

**require**

*an\_id\_valid*: *an\_id* > 0  
*a\_title\_valid*: *a\_title* /= **Void** and then not *a\_title.is\_empty*  
*a\_director*: *a\_director* /= **Void** and then not *a\_director.is\_empty*  
*code\_valid*: *code* >= 0 and *code* <= 6

**do**

*make\_with\_director* (*an\_id*, *a\_title*, *a\_director*)  
*code* := *a\_code*

**ensure**

*id\_set*: *id* = *an\_id*  
*title\_set*: *title* = *a\_title*  
*director\_set*: *director* = *a\_director*  
*code\_set*: *code* = *a\_code*

**end**

*code*: *INTEGER*

-- Region code of dvd

**output is**

-- Output information on current movie.  
 -- (First output the id and a line break. Then write the title and on a  
 -- new line output the code followed by a line break.)

**do**

.....  
 .....  
 .....

**end**

**invariant**

*code\_valid*: *code* >= 0 and *code* <= 6

**end**

### 3.3 Dynamic binding (3 Points)

Give the exact output (i.e. the lines that are displayed in the console window) as a result of executing the following feature *make*.

```
make is
-- Cration procedure.
local
  dvd: DVD_MOVIE
  vhs: VHS_MOVIE
  movie: MOVIE
do
  create dvd.make_with_code
    (1, "House of Flying Daggers", "Yimou Zhang", 1)
  create vhs.make_with_director
    (2, "Hero", "Yimou Zhang")
  create movie.make_with_director
    (3, "Spiderman 2", "Sam Raimi")
  movie.output
  movie := vhs
  movie.output
  dvd.output
end
```

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

## 4 Adding good contracts to an existing design pattern (7 points)

The *Chain of Responsibility* pattern addresses situations where several objects may possibly handle a client request but one does not know in advance which object will eventually treat the request.

**The Chain of Responsibility in detail:**  
 Here is the class diagram of a typical application using the *Chain of Responsibility*.

The *APPLICATION* sends a request to a *HANDLER*. A handler belongs to a chain of handlers (the “chain of responsibility”). For example:

If the handler receiving the request (*HANDLER1* in the previous diagram) does not know how to process this request, it simply forwards the request to its neighbor. The neighbor may be able to handle the request; if yes, it handles it, otherwise it passes the request again to the next handler on the chain. The request follows the “chain of responsibility” until one *HANDLER* is able to *handle* the request (the *HANDLER2* in the previous picture). Only one object handles the request.

A *HANDLER* only needs to know the *next* handler on the chain; it does not need to know which handler will process the request in the end. Hence less coupling between objects and more flexibility. It is also easy to change responsibilities or add or remove potential handlers from a chain because other objects do not know which handler will eventually take care of the request.

There is no guarantee that a request gets handled in the end. There may be no handler with the right qualification to handle a special request. The boolean query *handled* gives clients the ability to check whether their requests have been processed.

Contracts play an important role in implementing the *Chain of Responsibility* pattern:

- They express that some objects *can\_handle* requests and others cannot;
- They provide some information to clients through query *handled*.

The goal of this exercise is to equip the class *HANDLER* with the appropriate contracts.

**To do:**

Add contracts (preconditions, postconditions) to the following class *HANDLER*.

Note: There is exactly one assertion clause missing per dotted line.

**deferred class**

*HANDLER* [*G*]-- *G* represents a request.

**feature** {*NONE*} -- Initialization

```

    make (a_successor: like next) is
        -- Set `next' to `a_successor'.
    do
        next := a_successor
    ensure
        .....
    end

```

**feature** -- Access

```

    next: HANDLER [G]
        -- Successor in the chain of responsibility

```

**feature** -- Status report

```

    can_handle (a_request: G): BOOLEAN is
        -- Can current handle `a_request'?
    deferred
    end

```

```

    handled: BOOLEAN
        -- Has request been handled?

```

**feature** -- Element change

```

    set_next (a_successor: like next) is
        -- Set `next' to `a_successor'.
    do
        next := a_successor
    ensure
        .....
    end

```

**feature** -- Basic operation

```

handle (a_request: G) is
    -- Handle `a_request' if `can_handle' otherwise forward it to `next'.
    -- If `next' is void, set `handled' to False.
    do
        if can_handle (a_request) then
            do_handle (a_request)
            handled := True
        else
            -- Cannot handle request.
            if next /= Void then
                -- Forward it to next handler.
                next.handle (a_request)
                handled := next.handled
            else
                -- Request not handled.
                handled := False
            end
        end
    ensure

```

.....  
 .....  
 .....

**end**

**feature** {*NONE*} -- Implementation

```

do_handle (a_request: G) is
    -- Handle `a_request'.
    require

```

.....  
**deferred**  
**end**

**end**



## 5 Genericity (17 Points)

In this task you are asked about the differences between two list classes. Then you have to complete the interface of a class *HASH\_TABLE* and a class *LIST*. Finally, you have to decide if the given Eiffel statements compile or not.

### 5.1 Two lists (4 Points)

Consider the following two classes:

```
class LIST_1 [G]
...
feature {NONE} -- Implementation
    storage: ARRAY[G]
end
```

```
class LIST_2
...
feature {NONE} -- Implementation
    storage: ARRAY[ANY]
end
```

For each of the following statements write one of: "L1" if it is true for *LIST\_1*; "L2" if it is true for *LIST\_2*; "L1, L2" if it is true for both.

Answer	Statement
	Is a generic class.
	Is client of a generic class.
	Can be used as a container for objects of types conforming to <i>ANY</i> .
	Can be restricted to store a list of objects of types conforming to <i>STRING</i> only.

## 5.2 Fill in the types (8 Points)

Have a look at the following two partial class interfaces. Class *HASH\_TABLE* represents data structures where arbitrary objects (*G*) can be associated with hashable objects (*H*). Class *LIST* represents a list of which no specific representation is known. In both class interfaces type names have been replaced with ..... (a dotted line). Fill in the missing type information.

**class interface** *HASH\_TABLE* [*G*, *H* -> *HASHABLE*]

**feature**

*has\_item* (*v*: .....): .....  
 -- Does structure include value `v`?

*item* (*k*: .....): .....  
 -- Entry of key `k`

**require**  
*valid\_key*: *valid\_key* (*k*)

*valid\_key* (*k*: .....): .....  
 -- Is `k` a valid key?

*put* (*v*: .....; *k*: .....)  
 -- Associate value `v` with key `k`.

**require**  
*valid\_key*: *valid\_key* (*k*)

**ensure**  
*associated*: *item* (*k*) = *v*

...

**end**

**class interface** *LIST* [*G*]

**feature**

*has* (*v*: .....): .....  
 -- Does structure include `v`?

*item*: .....  
 -- Item at current cursor position

**require**  
*not\_off*: **not off**

*count*: .....  
 -- Number of items in structure

*is\_empty*: .....

Legi-Nr.: .....

-- Is structure empty?

*off.* .....

-- Is there no current item?

*force* (*v.* .....

-- Add `v` to end.

**ensure**

*new\_count*: *count* = **old** *count* + 1

*item\_inserted*: *has* (*v*)

*append* (*s:* .....

-- Append a copy of list `s`.

**require**

*argument\_not\_void*: *s* /= **Void**

**ensure**

*new\_count*: *count* >= **old** *count*

...

**end**

### 5.3 Type checking (5 Points)

Given are the two classes from question 5.2 and the following local variables:

*table*: *HASH\_TABLE* [*INTEGER*, *STRING*]  
*list*: *LIST* [*STRING*]

(Note that class *STRING* inherits from class *HASHABLE*.)

For each of the following statements specify if it will compile or not. If it will not compile explain why not:

---

*table.put* (3, "foo") .....

.....

*table.put* (*list.item*, 3) .....

.....

*table.put* (3, *list.item*) .....

.....

*list.force* (*table.has* ("bar")) .....

.....

*list.force* (*table.item* ("bar")) .....

.....

---

## 6 Abstract Data Type (20 points)

### 6.1 Terminology (6 points):

For each of the following statements write a "T" if it is true or write an "F" if it is false.

Answer	Statement
	<i>An ADT may be defined by functions, axioms and preconditions. The axioms and preconditions express the syntax of a type.</i>
	<i>An ADT specification is a formal, mathematical description specifying a set of functions applicable to the instances of the type specified.</i>
	<i>An ADT is used to provide a basis for modularizing software with information hiding.</i>
	<i>Object-oriented software construction is the construction of software systems as structured collections of (possibly partial) abstract data type implementations.</i>
	<i>An ADT is a way of separating the specification and representation of data types. The actual implementation is not defined, and does not affect the use of the ADT.</i>
	<i>Total functions provide a convenient mathematical model to describe operations which are not always defined. Each operation has a precondition, stating the condition under which the operation will yield a result for any particular candidate argument.</i>

**6.2 Write an ADT (8 points)**

Given is the following partial interface of class *ARRAY* [*G*]. Note that contracts are omitted, but partially suggested by header comments.

**Creation procedures:**

*make* (*l*, *u*: *INTEGER*)

- Create a new array with the lower bound *l* and the upper bound *u*.
- *l* must be smaller or equal than *u*.

**Exported features:**

*lower*: *INTEGER*

- Lower bound

*upper*: *INTEGER*

- Upper bound

*item* (*i*: *INTEGER*): *G*

- Value at index *i*;
- *i* must be between *lower* and *upper* (inclusive).

*put* (*v*: *G*; *i*: *INTEGER*)

- Replace value at index *i* with *v*.
- *i* must be between *lower* and *upper* (inclusive).

We assume that a newly created array has all its items initialized to the constant *default\_value*. You may use *default\_value* in your ADT without specifying it.

Write an ADT specification for this concept of array. An ADT specification for the concept of queue, as seen in the exercise, appears below and serves as illustration of the ADT notation; use the same notation to express your answer.

<p><b>TYPES</b>  <math>QUEUE [G]</math></p> <p><b>FUNCTIONS</b>  <math>put: QUEUE [G] \times G \rightarrow QUEUE [G]</math>  <math>remove: QUEUE [G] \dashrightarrow QUEUE [G]</math>  <math>item: QUEUE [G] \dashrightarrow G</math>  <math>empty: QUEUE [G] \rightarrow BOOLEAN</math>  <math>new: QUEUE [G]</math></p> <p><b>AXIOMS</b>  For any <math>x: G, q: QUEUE [G]</math>  <math>item (put (q, x)) = \left. \begin{array}{l} item (q) \text{ if not } empty (q) \\ x \text{ if } empty (q) \end{array} \right\}</math>  <math>remove (put (q, x)) = \left. \begin{array}{l} put (remove (q), x) \text{ if not } empty (q) \\ q \text{ if } empty (q) \end{array} \right\}</math>  <math>empty (new)</math>  <math>not\ empty (put (q, x))</math></p> <p><b>PRECONDITIONS</b>  <math>remove (q: QUEUE [G])</math> <b>require not</b> <math>empty (q)</math>  <math>item (q: QUEUE [G])</math> <b>require not</b> <math>empty (q)</math></p>
--

Legi-Nr.: .....

TYPES:

.....  
.....

FUNCTIONS:

.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....

PRECONDITIONS:

.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....

AXIOMS:

.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....



Legi-Nr.: .....

### **6.3 Sufficient completeness (6 points)**

Assume that someone asks you to prove that your ADT specification, as obtained in task 6.2, is “sufficiently complete”. What properties would you have to prove? (You are **not** asked in this task to do the proof, only to state what properties you would have to prove.)

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....