CO@Work 2015
Data Experiment

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1970

“Fast algorithms - fast computers”

Hardware/Software: What are we able to compute?
“Once the data has been input, you will get the result”

How to get the data into the computer?
2010

“Computer-assisted information processing is ubiquitous”

How to find answers to complex questions?
Data

• You will hear a lot about industrial projects in the next 2 weeks.
• And the bigger a project gets the more data it will need.
• Can we assume all data necessary is available?

We might ask
• a cell-phone company where the base stations are located.
• a phone network operator where its connections are.
• a gas transport system operator the position of its pipelines.
• ...

And it is more than you might think:
3638 Pipes
12 Compressor stations
26 Resistors
121 Control valves
308 Valves
9 Entries
860 Exits
Let us try

a little experiment
Aim and objective

• One goal of this WS is to foster collaboration. There is a famous (and very remotely located) WS location called „Oberwolfach“ in Germany and there people are placed in different combinations each time for lunch and dinner.

• We are too many for this, therefore we have to optimized our combinations such that participants who “fit” sit next to each other.

• Also we do not have a lunch room. But we are doing exercises in groups of three. So we will assigned these groups in order to maximize meeting new colleagues.

• The objective will be that everybody gets exposed to a maximum number of fitting people living as far away as possible.
Data needed

We need everybody of you to provide the following information:

• A list with the name of every participant, his/her country of origin, an indication how related their scientific topic of interest is to yours, and an indication who much you think it is desirable to work with them.

• Lastname; Firstname; CountryCode; ScienceIndicator; PreferenceIndicator

• CountryCode is given as the two letter internet country code

• Science indicator is 0 to 9, with 9 meaning you are working on the same subject, 1 meaning you are working on a completely different subject, 0 meaning you have no clue what the other person is doing.

• Preference indicator is 0 to 9, 9 meaning you would spend a beer to work with this person, 0 meaning you need a beer to work with that person.
Your data

First line for the data you send is **your**

Lastname;Firstname;Email-address;CountryCode; LaptopIndicator; Male/Female; SeatNo

- **LaptopIndicator** is 0 or 1. 1 if you have a Laptop here.
- **Male/Female** is M/F, M if ...
- **SeatNo** is your preferred place to sit in this lecture hall numbered 1...n. Seat numbers start down at the low entrance, left to right, row by row. Seat 1 is the seat nearest to the entrance in the most downstairs row that has completely tables. The highest numbered seat is at the window side at the top.
The data we are talking about is certainly available within this room
File Format

- ASCII text with only a LF (ASCII 10) as line separator.
- Fields are separated by a single semicolon (;) (ASCII 59)

- Line 1: `YourLastName;YourFirstName;Email-Address;CountryCode;LaptopIndicator;SeatNo`
  e.g. `Koch;Thorsten;koch@zib.de;DE;1;35`
  0 = has no Laptop, 1 = has a Laptop

- Lines 2-???: `Lastname; Firstname; CountryCode; ScienceIndicator; PreferenceIndicator`
  e.g. `Newton;Isaac;GB;5;7`
  `Euler;Leonhard;CH;8;9`
  `Krüger;Freddy;US;0;0`
  ...

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How to submit

► Submission of this file is required for the course
► The name of the file has to be *LastnameFirstname.txt*
► It should be **attached** to an email
► Send the email to [koch@zib.de](mailto:koch@zib.de)
► The subject of the email should be
  **CO@Work: Data for LastnameFirstname**
► *Please, as soon as possible.*