

Logic Programming

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 - SWI Prolog interpreter

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Learn Prolog Now!



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SWI Prolog

- Freely available Prolog interpreter
- Works with
 - Linux,
 - Windows, or
 - Mac OS
- There are many more Prolog interpreters
- Not all are ISO compliant

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Lecture 1

- Theory
 - Introduction to Prolog
 - Facts, Rules and Queries
 - Prolog Syntax
- Exercises
 - Exercises of LPN chapter 1
 - Practical work

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Aim of this lecture

- Give some simple examples of Prolog programs
- Discuss the three basic constructs in Prolog:
 - Facts
 - Rules
 - Queries
- Introduce other concepts, such as
 - the role of logic
 - unification with the help of variables
- Begin the systematic study of Prolog by defining terms, atoms, and variables

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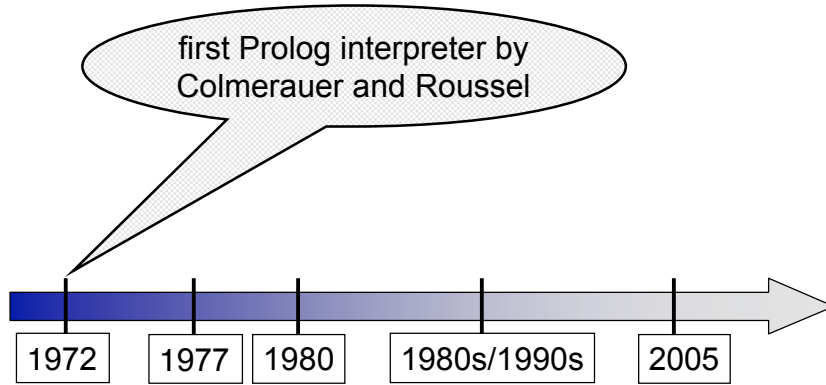
Prolog

- "Programming with Logic"
- Declarative
- Very different from other (procedural) programming languages
- Good for knowledge-rich tasks

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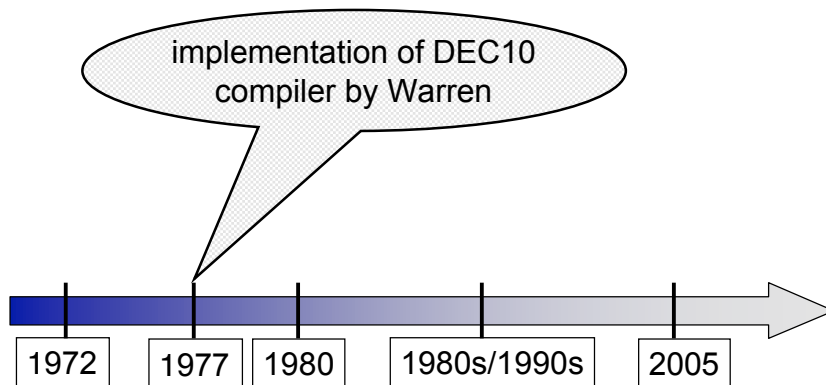
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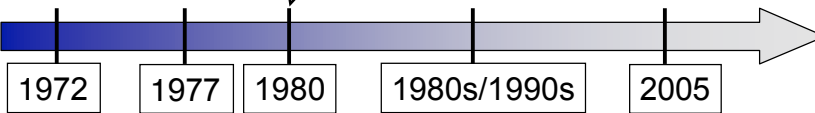
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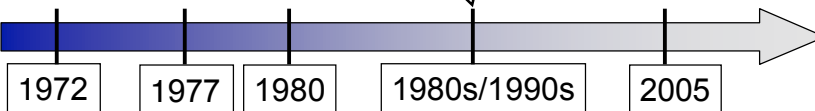
Definite Clause Grammars
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and Warren



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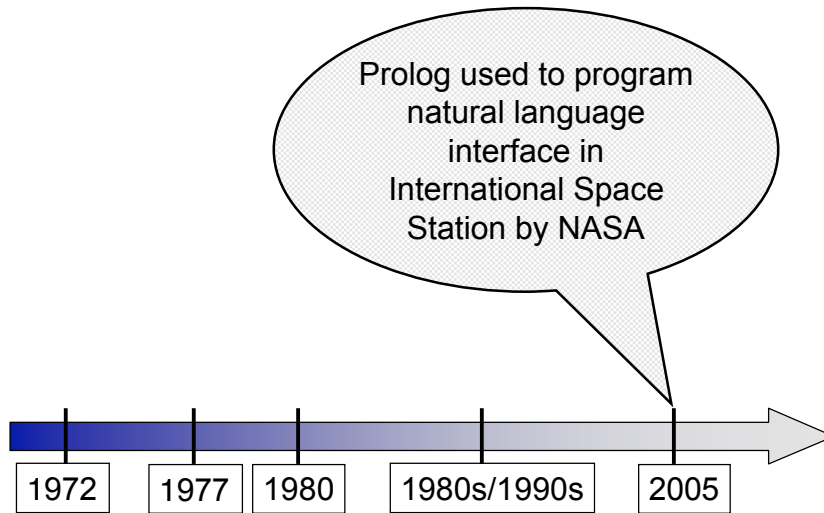
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Prolog grows in popularity
especially in Europe and Japan



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Basic idea of Prolog

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- Describe the situation of interest
- Ask a question
- Prolog logically deduces new facts about the situation we described
- Prolog gives us its deductions back as answers

Consequences

- Think declaratively, not procedurally
 - Challenging
 - Requires a different mindset
- High-level language
 - Not as efficient as, say, C
 - Good for rapid prototyping
 - Useful in many AI applications

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Knowledge Base 1

```
woman(mia).  
woman(jody).  
woman(yolanda).  
playsAirGuitar(jody).  
party.
```

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Knowledge Base 1

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?-

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?- woman(mia).

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?- woman(mia).
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?-

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party.

?- woman(mia).
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?- playsAirGuitar(jody).

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party.

?- woman(mia).
yes
?- playsAirGuitar(jody).
yes
?-

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Knowledge Base 1

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woman(jody).
woman(yolanda).
playsAirGuitar(jody).
party.

?- woman(mia).
yes
?- playsAirGuitar(jody).
yes
?- playsAirGuitar(mia).
no

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Knowledge Base 1

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woman(mia).
woman(jody).
woman(yolanda).
playsAirGuitar(jody).
party.

?- tattooed(jody).

Knowledge Base 1

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woman(mia).
woman(jody).
woman(yolanda).
playsAirGuitar(jody).
party.

?- tattooed(jody).

no
?-

Knowledge Base 1

woman(mia).
woman(jody).
woman(yolanda).
playsAirGuitar(jody).
party.

?- tattooed(jody).
ERROR: predicate tattooed/1 not defined.
?-

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Knowledge Base 1

woman(mia).
woman(jody).
woman(yolanda).
playsAirGuitar(jody).
party.

?- party.

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?- party.
yes
?-

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Knowledge Base 1

woman(mia).
woman(jody).
woman(yolanda).
playsAirGuitar(jody).
party.

?- rockConcert.

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Knowledge Base 1

woman(mia).
woman(jody).
woman(yolanda).
playsAirGuitar(jody).
party.

?- rockConcert.
no
?-

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Knowledge Base 2

happy(yolanda).
listens2music(mia).
listens2music(yolanda):- happy(yolanda).
playsAirGuitar(mia):- listens2music(mia).
playsAirGuitar(yolanda):- listens2music(yolanda).

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Knowledge Base 2

happy(yolanda)- **fact**
listens2music(mia).
listens2music(yolanda):- happy(yolanda).
playsAirGuitar(mia):- listens2music(mia).
playsAirGuitar(yolanda):- listens2music(yolanda).

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Knowledge Base 2

happy(yolanda)- **fact**
listens2music(mia)- **fact**
listens2music(yolanda):- happy(yolanda).
playsAirGuitar(mia):- listens2music(mia).
playsAirGuitar(yolanda):- listens2music(yolanda).

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Knowledge Base 2

happy(yolanda). fact
listens2music(mia). fact
listens2music(yolanda):- happy(yolanda). rule
playsAirGuitar(mia):- listens2music(mia).
playsAirGuitar(yolanda):- listens2music(yolanda).

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Knowledge Base 2

happy(yolanda). fact
listens2music(mia). fact
listens2music(yolanda):- happy(yolanda). rule
playsAirGuitar(mia):- listens2music(mia). rule
playsAirGuitar(yolanda):- listens2music(yolanda).

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Knowledge Base 2

happy(yolanda). fact
listens2music(mia). fact
listens2music(yolanda):- happy(yolanda). rule
playsAirGuitar(mia):- listens2music(mia). rule
playsAirGuitar(yolanda):- listens2music(yolanda). rule

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Knowledge Base 2

happy(yolanda).
listens2music(mia).
listens2music(yolanda):- happy(yolanda).
playsAirGuitar(mia):- listens2music(mia).
playsAirGuitar(yolanda):- listens2music(yolanda).

head body

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Knowledge Base 2

happy(yolanda).
listens2music(mia).
listens2music(yolanda):- happy(yolanda).
playsAirGuitar(mia):- listens2music(mia).
playsAirGuitar(yolanda):- listens2music(yolanda).

?-

Knowledge Base 2

happy(yolanda).
listens2music(mia).
listens2music(yolanda):- happy(yolanda).
playsAirGuitar(mia):- listens2music(mia).
playsAirGuitar(yolanda):- listens2music(yolanda).

?- playsAirGuitar(mia).
yes
?-

Knowledge Base 2

happy(yolanda).
listens2music(mia).
listens2music(yolanda):- happy(yolanda).
playsAirGuitar(mia):- listens2music(mia).
playsAirGuitar(yolanda):- listens2music(yolanda).

?- playsAirGuitar(mia).
yes
?- playsAirGuitar(yolanda).
yes

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Clauses

happy(yolanda).
listens2music(mia).
listens2music(yolanda):- happy(yolanda).
playsAirGuitar(mia):- listens2music(mia).
playsAirGuitar(yolanda):- listens2music(yolanda).

*There are five clauses in this knowledge base:
two facts, and three rules.*

The end of a clause is marked with a full stop.

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Predicates

```
happy(yolanda).
listens2music(mia).
listens2music(yolanda):- happy(yolanda).
playsAirGuitar(mia):- listens2music(mia).
playsAirGuitar(yolanda):- listens2music(yolanda).
```

*There are three **predicates**
in this knowledge base:
happy, listens2music, and playsAirGuitar*

Knowledge Base 3

```
happy(vincent).
listens2music(butch).
playsAirGuitar(vincent):- listens2music(vincent), happy(vincent).
playsAirGuitar(butch):- happy(butch).
playsAirGuitar(butch):- listens2music(butch).
```

Expressing Conjunction

```
happy(vincent).
listens2music(butch).
playsAirGuitar(vincent):- listens2music(vincent), happy(vincent).
playsAirGuitar(butch):- happy(butch).
playsAirGuitar(butch):- listens2music(butch).
```

The comma "," expresses conjunction in Prolog

Knowledge Base 3

```
happy(vincent).
listens2music(butch).
playsAirGuitar(vincent):- listens2music(vincent), happy(vincent).
playsAirGuitar(butch):- happy(butch).
playsAirGuitar(butch):- listens2music(butch).
```

```
?- playsAirGuitar(vincent).
no
?-
```

Knowledge Base 3

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happy(vincent).
listens2music(butch).
playsAirGuitar(vincent):- listens2music(vincent), happy(vincent).
playsAirGuitar(butch):- happy(butch).
playsAirGuitar(butch):- listens2music(butch).

?- playsAirGuitar(butch).
yes
?-

Expressing Disjunction

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happy(vincent).
listens2music(butch).
playsAirGuitar(vincent):- listens2music(vincent), happy(vincent).
playsAirGuitar(butch):- happy(butch).
playsAirGuitar(butch):- listens2music(butch).

happy(vincent).
listens2music(butch).
playsAirGuitar(vincent):- listens2music(vincent), happy(vincent).
playsAirGuitar(butch):- happy(butch); listens2music(butch).

Prolog and Logic

- Clearly Prolog has something to do with logic
- Operators
 - Implication :-
 - Conjunction ,
 - Disjunction ;
- Use of modus ponens
- Negation

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Knowledge Base 4

```
woman(mia).  
woman(jody).  
woman(yolanda).  
  
loves(vincent, mia).  
loves(marsellus, mia).  
loves(pumpkin, honey_bunny).  
loves(honey_bunny, pumpkin).
```

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Prolog Variables

```
woman(mia).  
woman(jody).  
woman(yolanda).
```

```
loves(vincent, mia).  
loves(marsellus, mia).  
loves(pumpkin, honey_bunny).  
loves(honey_bunny, pumpkin).
```

```
?- woman(X).
```

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Variable Instantiation

```
woman(mia).  
woman(jody).  
woman(yolanda).
```

```
loves(vincent, mia).  
loves(marsellus, mia).  
loves(pumpkin, honey_bunny).  
loves(honey_bunny, pumpkin).
```

```
?- woman(X).  
X=mia
```

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Asking Alternatives

woman(mia).
woman(jody).
woman(yolanda).

loves(vincent, mia).
loves(marsellus, mia).
loves(pumpkin, honey_bunny).
loves(honey_bunny, pumpkin).

?- woman(X).
X=mia;

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Asking Alternatives

woman(mia).
woman(jody).
woman(yolanda).

loves(vincent, mia).
loves(marsellus, mia).
loves(pumpkin, honey_bunny).
loves(honey_bunny, pumpkin).

?- woman(X).
X=mia;
X=jody

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Asking Alternatives

woman(mia).
woman(jody).
woman(yolanda).

loves(vincent, mia).
loves(marsellus, mia).
loves(pumpkin, honey_bunny).
loves(honey_bunny, pumpkin).

?- woman(X).
X=mia;
X=jody;
X=yolanda

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Asking Alternatives

woman(mia).
woman(jody).
woman(yolanda).

loves(vincent, mia).
loves(marsellus, mia).
loves(pumpkin, honey_bunny).
loves(honey_bunny, pumpkin).

?- woman(X).
X=mia;
X=jody;
X=yolanda;
no

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Knowledge Base 4

woman(mia).
woman(jody).
woman(yolanda).

loves(vincent, mia).
loves(marsellus, mia).
loves(pumpkin, honey_bunny).
loves(honey_bunny, pumpkin).

?- loves(marsellus,X), woman(X).

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Knowledge Base 4

woman(mia).
woman(jody).
woman(yolanda).

loves(vincent, mia).
loves(marsellus, mia).
loves(pumpkin, honey_bunny).
loves(honey_bunny, pumpkin).

?- loves(marsellus,X), woman(X).

X=mia

yes

?-

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Knowledge Base 4

woman(mia).
woman(jody).
woman(yolanda).

loves(vincent, mia).
loves(marsellus, mia).
loves(pumpkin, honey_bunny).
loves(honey_bunny, pumpkin).

?- loves(pumpkin,X), woman(X).

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Knowledge Base 4

woman(mia).
woman(jody).
woman(yolanda).

loves(vincent, mia).
loves(marsellus, mia).
loves(pumpkin, honey_bunny).
loves(honey_bunny, pumpkin).

?- loves(pumpkin,X), woman(X).

no
?-

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Knowledge Base 5

```
loves(vincent,mia).
loves(marsellus,mia).
loves(pumpkin, honey_bunny).
loves(honey_bunny, pumpkin).

jealous(X,Y):- loves(X,Z), loves(Y,Z).
```

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Knowledge Base 5

```
loves(vincent,mia).
loves(marsellus,mia).
loves(pumpkin, honey_bunny).
loves(honey_bunny, pumpkin).

jealous(X,Y):- loves(X,Z), loves(Y,Z).
```

```
?- jealous(marsellus,W).
```

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Knowledge Base 5

```
loves(vincent,mia).
loves(marsellus,mia).
loves(pumpkin, honey_bunny).
loves(honey_bunny, pumpkin).

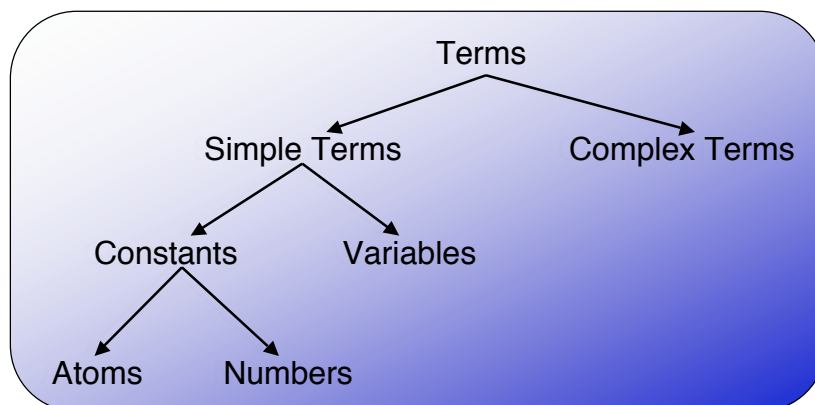
jealous(X,Y):- loves(X,Z), loves(Y,Z).
```

```
?- jealous(marsellus,W).
W=vincent
?-
```

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Prolog Syntax

- What exactly are facts, rules and queries built out of?



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Atoms

- A sequence of characters of upper-case letters, lower-case letters, digits, or underscore, starting with a lowercase letter
 - *Examples:* `butch`, `big_kahuna_burger`, `playGuitar`
- An arbitrary sequence of characters enclosed in single quotes
 - *Examples:* `'Vincent'`, `'Five dollar shake'`, `'@$%'`
- A sequence of special characters
 - *Examples:* `:`, `,`, `;`, `.`, `:-`

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Numbers

- Integers: `12`, `-34`, `22342`
- Floats: `34573.3234`

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Variables

- A sequence of characters of upper-case letters, lower-case letters, digits, or underscore, starting with either an uppercase letter or an underscore
- Examples:
X, Y, Variable, Vincent, _tag

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Complex Terms

- Atoms, numbers and variables are building blocks for complex terms
- Complex terms are built out of a functor directly followed by a sequence of arguments
- Arguments are put in round brackets, separated by commas
- The functor must be an atom

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Examples of complex terms

- Examples we have seen before:
 - playsAirGuitar(jody)
 - loves(vincent, mia)
 - jealous(marsellus, W)
- Complex terms inside complex terms:
 - hide(X,father(father(father(butch))))

Arity

- The number of arguments a complex term has is called its arity
- Examples:

woman(mia)	is a term with arity 1
loves(vincent,mia)	has arity 2
father(father(butch))	arity 1

Arity is important

- In Prolog you can define two predicates with the same functor but with different arity
- Prolog would treat this as two different predicates
- In Prolog documentation arity of a predicate is usually indicated with the suffix "/" followed by a number to indicate the arity

Example of Arity

```
happy(yolanda).  
listens2music(mia).  
listens2music(yolanda):- happy(yolanda).  
playsAirGuitar(mia):- listens2music(mia).  
playsAirGuitar(yolanda):- listens2music(yolanda).
```

- This knowledge base defines
 - happy/1
 - listens2music/1
 - playsAirGuitar/1

Exercises

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Summary of this lecture

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- Simple examples of Prolog programs
- Introduced three basic constructs in Prolog:
 - Facts
 - Rules
 - Queries
- Discussed other concepts, such as
 - the role of logic
 - unification with the help of variables
- Definition of Prolog constructs:
terms, atoms, and variables

Next lecture

- Discuss **unification** in Prolog
- Prolog's search strategy