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1. Introduction

The purpose of this mini-project is to model a smart office system. Office rooms are rented out to clients who have full control over each room (limited to their room only) - lighting, heat, ventilation, alarm system etc. Doing so, each of those clients can regulate their own work environment to fulfill their needs at best. Rooms may be scheduled and automated based on needs or the client can have full real-time manual control over everything.

2. Motivational layer

This section contains the following models from the motivation layer of conceptual space:

- Goal model
- Role model
- Organization model
- Domain model

2.1. Goal model

The goal model shows functional goals and gives an overview of correspondence between goals and roles responsible for achieving them.

The main goal is to create a office room rental service that is able to provide several required technical functionalities for rooms and also real-time much needed technical assistance in case something goes wrong or something new is needed. For technical functionalities to behave properly the customer should have full control over the room devices and is able to send constant reports whether there is something missing or wrong or simply broken. Therefore the customer can feel comfortable and satisfied.

If the customer chooses to automate some of the devices based on activities or schedule (for example: if a room needs to be heated to some specific temperature in order to start working), there is a controller who is able to automate room devices and also start actions based on activities done in the room.

The owner of the office building may also send in reports if he sees something going wrong. An administrator is the one who should monitor everything in real-time and provide assistance if needed. Assistance falls into two categories: first is to respond to problems reported by customers and owners and second if the customer has requested a new functionality or device, the administrator should look over whether it could be done and implement it if possible.



Figure 1. Goal model

2.2. Role model

The role model describes the roles in more detail. There are four different roles in the system: Owner, Administrator, Customer and Controller.

Role name	Owner
Description	Owner of the property
Responsibilities	Provide additional support Report problems
Constraints	Conditions for Customer must be proper Provide support constantly

Role name	Administrator
Description	Virtual assistant in the building
Responsibilities	Assist Customer Apply requested functionalities Request additional support
Constraints	Respond to Customer's requests in time

Role name	Customer
Description	Tenant in the room of the building
Responsibilities	Specify requirements for the environment of the room Inform Administrator about changes and problems Utilize requested functionalities
Constraints	Requirements must not cause conflict

Role name	Controller
Description	The role of a device monitoring activity in the room
Responsibilities	Monitor Customer's activity Register card presented to the reader when accessing room Perform functionalities based on Customer's orders and preferences Send status of the room to Owner and Customer
Constraints	Follow the parameters specified by Administrator Monitor activity constantly

2.3. Organization model

Organization model describes the relationships between the roles in the agent organization. The Administrator role and the Controller role is being controlled by the Customer role. Meaning that customer is the one who controls the behavior of the administrator and controller roles. The controller role is controlled by the administrator who benevolent to the owner.



Figure 2. Organization model

2.4. Domain model

The domain model explains which roles use what resources. The Customer uses the room and asks for services. He also sends orders, either access orders or alarm orders to the controller. Access orders are entry/exit orders. Alarm orders are arm/disarm orders. The Administrator gives service to the customer and applies list of functionalities which contain needed functionalities that are requested by the customer. If needed the administrator automated schedule and can request additional support from the owner. The owner has an overview of the rooms occupants. He can read the services that the customer uses and in addition provide additional support to the administrator. The Controller performs the list of functionalities that have been applied by the administrator. Follows the automated schedule if created and receives orders from the customer.



Figure 3. Domain model

3. System design layer

This section contains the following models of the system design layer:

- Agent and acquaintance model
- Interaction models
- Knowledge model
- Behavior models

3.1. Agent and acquaintance model

Agent and acquaintance model represents a mapping of roles to agent types and outlining the interactions between the agents.



Figure 4. Agent and acquaintance model

3.2. Interaction models

Different interactions between agents are shown on the following models below. The first one shows message flow between Administrator and Customer agents where Customer requests functionalities to execute based on Customer's orders. In case something unexpected happens (malfunction of device, something is broken) then Customer turns to Administrator the same way as previously described but which is handled over to Owner who provides support (in this case human must interfere in order to solve problems). The third one describes situation where functionalities are executed based on Customer's orders. The fourth model is similar to previous one except that executing it is failed because of not meeting a rule (move to section 3.4.2 for rules). Finally, the fifth model shows Customer making request in order to get the status of the room (armed/disarmed).

3.2.1. Customer service request interaction

Customer is requesting service from Administrator Agent.



Figure 5. Interaction model. Customer service request

3.2.2. Customer support request interaction

Customer is requesting support from Administrator Agent.



Figure 6. Interaction model. Customer support request

3.2.3. Customer order interaction

Customer is sending order to Controller which results in performing requested functionalities.



Figure 7. Interaction model. Customer gives order and Controller performs functionality

3.2.4. Customer order failed interaction

Customer is sending order to Controller which results in displaying 'Activity failed' message. Activity can be arm room, disarm room, enter room or exit room.



Figure 8. Interaction model. Customer gives order and Controller displays 'Activity failed' message.

3.2.5. Customer room status request interaction

Customer is requesting status of a room. Owner can also request status of a room.



Figure 9. Interaction model. Customer requests the status of a room

3.3. Knowledge model

Knowledge model gives an overview of what pieces of information are accessible for each type of agent. Only the most relevant attributes are included with the data objects.



Figure 10. Knowledge model

3.4. Behaviour models

Here we give the main activities and pre- and postconditions for them.

Figures 10 and 11 illustrate the behavior models of the more complex agents in our system. They are based on interaction models. Behavior models differ from interaction models in the way that they focus on explaining *how* does the agent work. Designing behaviour models is the last step before moving to software implementation.

Nr	Pre-condition(s)	Activity name	Post-condition(s)	
1	CustomerService request	Request service	Service requested	
2	Service requested	Receive request	Request received	

3	• Req	uest received	Request support	•	Support requested
4	• Sup	port requested	Receive support request	•	Support request received
5	 Sup receiption 	port request eived	Provide support	•	Support provided
6	• Req	uest received	Request functionality	•	Functionality requested
7	● Fun requ	ctionality uested	Apply functionality	•	Functionality applied
8	Cus	tomer	Send order	•	Order sent
9	Orde	er sent	Receive order	•	Order received
10	OrdeCoutRoot	er received inted im status	Check room status	•	Room status checked
11	 Roo chee 	om status cked	Exit room	•	Room exited Order executed
12	Roo	m exited	Decrease counted	•	Counted
13	● Roo che	m status cked	Disarm room	•	Counted Order executed
14	 Roo chee 	om status cked	Arm room	•	Counted Order executed
15	 Roo chee 	rm status cked	Enter room	•	Room entered Order executed Customers in the room
16	• Roo	m entered	Increase counted	•	Counted
17	 Roo chee 	om status cked	Display 'Exit without entry'	•	Exit failed Room status Counted
18	 Roo chee 	m status cked	Display 'Already armed or room occupied'	•	Arm failed Room status Counted
19	Roo chee	om status cked	Display 'Disarm first'	•	Entry failed Room status Counted
20	• Roo chee	om status cked	Display 'Already disarmed'	•	Disarm failed Room status Counted

21	Order executed	Switch lights on	Lights onLights switched
22	Order executed	Switch lights off	Lights offLights switched
23	Lights switched	Turn ventilation on	Ventilation onVentilation controlled
24	Lights switched	Turn ventilation off	Ventilation offVentilation controlled
25	Ventilation contro	lled Turn heating on	Heating onHeating controlled
26	Ventilation contro	lled Turn heating off	Heating offHeating controlled
27	Heating controlled	Prepare send status	 Room status Send status prepared
28	Send status prepared	Send room status	Room status sent
29	 Room status sent 	Receive room status	Room status received
30	Customer	Customer to request	Requester checked
31	Owner	Owner to request	Requester checked
32	Room statusRequester checket	Request status ed	Status requested
33	Status requested	Send status	Status sent
34	Status sent	Receive status	Status received

Return transitions are excluded from the table.

3.4.1. Administrator Agent behaviour model

This behaviour model encompasses interactions 1 and 2 (customer service and support request). It shows Administrator Agent behaviour in greater detail. If customer request can be satisfied by applying a functionality then it is done. If Administrator Agent cannot resolve request by applying some functionality (i.e. something is broken), then support request is sent to Owner.



Figure 11. Administrator Agent behaviour model

Rules:

• R1: Check request type (either support or functionality request)

3.4.2. Controller Agent behaviour model

This behaviour model encompasses interactions 3 and 4 (customer order). It shows Controller Agent behaviour in greater detail. Customer gives order. Controller detects order type (either access or arm order). Then it detects if order is applicable for given situation (status of the room and number of people in room). It responds with order filled or denied.

If order was filled and room has automation rules, then additional functionalities are applied. By default lighting is switched on, ventilation and heating turned up upon disarm. By default lighting is switched off, ventilation and heating turned down upon arm. Room status is then also sent to Customer Assistant Agent.



Figure 12. Controller Agent behaviour model

Rules:

- R2: Check order type (either access or arm order).
- R3: Check room status (if it is armed then restrict entry).
- R4: Count number of Customers in the room (if it is 0 then Customer can arm room).
- R5. Check if room lighting/heating/ventilation needs to be changed upon arm or disarm.

3.5. Scenarios

Scenarios are given to describe the interactions of our system in greater detail.

Scenario 1

Goal: Room is armed Initiator: Customer human agent Trigger: Room status checked Failure: Room stays unarmed Description:

Condition	Step	Activity	Agent types and roles	Resources	Quality goals
	1	Send arming order	/Customer agent //Controller agent	Alarm order, Order	Order is sent
	2	Receive arming order	Controller agent	Access order	Order is received
	3	Display arming message	/Controller agent //Customer agent	Status_display	Arming message is displayed
	4	Arm room	/Controller agent //Customer agent	Functionality, Room, Alarm_status	Room is armed
	5	Send arming status	/Controller agent //Owner agent	Alarm_status	Status is sent

Scenario 2

Goal: Lights are switched on Initiator: Customer human agent Trigger: Order executed Failure: Lights stay switched off

Description:

Condition	Step	Activity	Agent types and roles	Resources	Quality goals
	1	Send order to switch on lights	/Customer agent //Controller agent	Functionality, Order	Order is sent
	2	Receive order to switch on lights	/Controller agent	Access order	Order is received
	3	Display lights status message	/Controller agent //Customer agent	Status_display	Lighting message is displayed
	4	Switch on lights	/Controller agent //Customer agent	Functionality, Room, Light_status	Lights are switched on
	5	Send lights status	/Controller agent //Owner agent	Light_status	Lighting status is sent

Scenario 3

Goal: Ventilation is turned off Initiator: Customer human agent Trigger: Ventilation turned on Failure: Ventilation stays on Description:

Condition	Step	Activity	Agent types and roles	Resources	Quality goals
	1	Send order to turn off ventilation	/Customer agent //Controller agent	Functionality, Order	Order is sent
	2	Receive order to turn off ventilation	/Controller agent	Access order	Order is received

3	Display ventilation status message	/Controller agent //Customer agent	Status_display	Ventilation turn off message is displayed
4	Turn off ventilation	/Controller agent //Customer agent	Functionality, Room, Ventilation_sta tus	Ventilation is turned off
5	Send ventilation status	/Controller agent //Owner agent	Ventilation_sta tus	Ventilation status is sent

Scenario 4

Goal: Heating is turned on Initiator: Customer human agent Trigger: Ventilation controlled Failure: Heating stays turned off Description:

Condition	Step	Activity	Agent types and roles	Resources	Quality goals
	1	Send order to turn on heating	/Customer agent //Controller agent	Functionality, Order	Order is sent
	2	Receive order to turn on heating	/Controller agent	Access order	Order is received
	3	Display heating status message	/Controller agent //Customer agent	Status_display	Heating turn on message is displayed
	4	Turn on heating	/Controller agent //Customer agent	Functionality, Room, Heating_status	Heating is turned on
	5	Send heating status	/Controller agent	Heating_status	Heating status is sent

Scenario 5

Goal: Room status is checked Initiator: Customer human agent Trigger: Order received Failure: Room status is not received Description:

Condition	Step	Activity	Agent types and roles	Resources	Quality goals
	1	Request room status	/Customer agent //Controller agent	Room, Order	Request is sent
	2	Receive room status request	/Controller agent	Access order	Room status request is receiver
	3	Send room status	/Controller agent //Customer agent	Room_status	Room status is sent

4. Validation and verification

4.1. Validation

Ideas and thoughts modelled are implemented in CPN Tools. Data flows have been carried according to models given in this document. After modelling and CPN simulation, we adjusted interaction and behaviour models to achieve compliance.

4.1.1. Customer is arming room

Customer is sending order to Controller to arm room. Controller receives order (Order ID e.g. oid = 1), compares it to room status which is disarmed (armed status ID e.g. aid = 2) and arms room. After that functionalities are being switched/turned off due to rule (oid = arm) and room status is sent from Controller to Customer.



Figure 13. Scenario 1: Customer is arming room

4.1.2. Customer is disarming room

This scenario describes Customer sending order to Controller to disarm room. Controller checks that room is armed (armed status ID e.g. aid = 1) and disarms room. After that functionalities are being switched/turned on due to rule (oid = dis) and room status is sent from Controller to Customer.



Figure 14. Scenario 2: Customer is disarming room

4.1.3. Customer is requesting support

Third scenario shows Customer requesting support from Administrator who redirects it to Owner. Data flow results in Owner providing support.

Every scenario here shows also Owner requesting room status which can be concurrent action that can happen all the time.



Figure 15. Scenario 3: Customer is requesting support

4.1.4. Customer is trying to disarm room that is already disarmed

In this scenario Customer wants disarm room but it is already disarmed. After sending disarm order to Controller, it is checked that room is already disarmed (disarm order equals to room status) and Controller displays corresponding message.



Figure 16. Scenario 4: Customer is trying to disarm room that is already disarmed

4.2. Verification

Verification is done by state-space analysis (SSA) export from CPN Tools. Net model has currently 1481 dead markings which leads to 1481 routes that will stop net running. Since the model contains states like "Lights on", "Lights off", which are dead ends, we get to see that initial marking is not a home marking. Having no live transition instances announces that net will not run infinitely.

SSA report shows that net model is not live which means that it is not completed yet.

We created new page "Request support verification", trying to achieve SSA full status which we did. This branch does not have any dead markings which means the net is live.

There are some actions in CPN that are not implemented:

- Current CPN counts number of Customers in the room but does not locale concrete Customer (e.g. when one Customer enters then another can exit without entry which should not be allowed);
- Functionalities are working by default parameters. The idea is to send message (msg in string type) and then extract it and parse parts of it to integer to combine rule which is not working;
- Schedule is intended to function by using timestamps (e.g. to switch functionalities on and off in time specified by Customer). Since time is not fully implemented, it can not be made use of.

5. Conclusion

Considering SSA result and also pointing out missing actions, current net requires further development in case we want to compare it to real working system.

Still, taking into account the progress we have made, CPN has given us additional approach how to design systems like this.

Speaking of SSA in general, it is quite complex to achieve it's full status if constructed net is large enough. In our opinion, that would be the hardest part in verification.

Validation process indicated that CPN implementation may differ from modelling and that's why it would be necessary to modify models. We modified interaction and behaviour models.

To sum up, building systems in CPN gives new approach of how to design desired system. Since we do not have enough experience in CPN, it's design is not remarkable. Tallinn University of Technology Faculty of Information Technology Department of Informatics

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Introduction

The idea of this mini-project is to model a smart loan provider service. Banks are already using similar solutions but our purpose is to make the processes more automated by using different agents, which may be different systems or persons.

The purpose is to make client-friendly loan applying system with quick process so that client should give just his identification number and a sum he/she wants to loan (in some cases some extra info is asked if necessary). By getting client's personal identification number Profiler makes client's profile by getting most (if not all) of the necessary information (income, education etc.) about the client from different agents and so the Analyst can make the final decision about providing loan. The system is meant for smaller loans (without collateral).

This service could also be rather general so that not only banks but everyone (individuals, companies etc.) could use it for calculating lending capacity and providing loan, but the problem is that for getting this kind of personal data about the client some kind of rights and licenses are needed that only banks can get. Individuals could use this service but in this case agents should ask the information straight from the client.

Requirements analysis

Goal model

Goal model is a part of agent organization behaviour analysis. It contains functional goals and also quality goals for agent roles. The goals are described hierarchically. The goal model for current project is shown in Figure 1. In current project the main goal is to provide loan with agents to help with automated decisions and the whole process will be more fluent for the client. In order to achieve this goal providing loan is defined to sub- goal - Calculate lending capacity.

Sub-goals to calculate lending capacity is to get client profile and make decision upon profile. Analyst will make decision only with complex cases or where loan is no longer "small-loan". As risk for loan provider rises, the more personalized the process will get. To gather all necessary information about client's personal data, requests to several registers to get marriage info, age info, supported persons and education info.

Second and important information for profile is client's credit data. Information will be gathered with the same logic – requests to registers and loan provider own credit rating.



Figure 1 Goal model

Role model

There are 4 different roles in the system: Client, Loan manager, Analyst and Profiler. These roles are described in detail below.

		Edit	Delete
Role name	Client		
Description	Loan application provider		
Responsibilities	Give proper information as input for the system		
Constraints	Give loan application to the Loan Manager		

Table 1 Client role

	Edit	Delete
Role name	Loan manager	
Description	Giving final decision to the customer, receiving decisions from credit ana	lyst
Responsibilities	 Decision from credit analyst override all other decisions To give customer final decision 	
Constraints	Receive loan application from Client Request decision from Analyst	

Table 2 Loan manager role

	Edit Delete	
Role name	Analyst	
Description	Receiving lending capacity of customer, making final decisions	
Responsibilities	Making fair decision on giving loan. Calculating loan capacity	
Constraints	Request profile from Profiler to be used in decision Provide decision to the Loan manager	

Table 3 Analyst role

		Edit	Delete
Role name	Profiler		
Description	Manages client's profile		
Responsibilities	Generate client profile based on client's personal data. Generate client profile based on client's credit data		
Constraints	Generate profile for Client used by Analyst		

Table 4 Profiler role

Organisation model

Figure 2 shows the organisation model which captures types of interactions between different roles. The model is rather simple, but it describes the interactions very easily.

Loan Manager first receives the loan application from the Client, so the Loan Manager **has to be benevolent to** the Client, Loan Manager requests decision from Analyst, so he **is controlled by** Analyst. Analyst requests the full profile from Profiler, who then generates profile about the client so that Analyst could use the profile in making the decision, so the Profiler **is** also **controlled by** the Analyst, because after getting the profile Analyst makes the decision and provides the decision to the Loan manager who then gives the decision to the Client.



Figure 2 Organisation model

Domain model

Figure 3 shows the domain model. Its purpose is to describe which roles use which resources. There are four different domain entities in the current project: Loan offer, Profile, Lending capacity and Decision.

Client asks Loan offer by filling loan application. Loan manager generates initial Profile with the loan application information from client so that Profiler would have input to collect all the other needed data.

Profiler manages Profile, which is the basis of calculating Lending capacity. Analyst receives Lending capacity and makes decision, after that Loan manager receives the Decision and approves the Loan offer.



Figure 3 Domain model

System design layer

Agent and acquaintance model

The agent and acquaintance model is a part in agent organization interaction design. The agent and acquaintance model for the current project is shown in Figure 4 and describes relationships between agent roles and agent types.

The Client role is mapped to Applicant Agent type. The Loan manager role is mapped to Loan Manager Agent. Roles Analyst and Profiler are both mapped to Credit Analyst Agent. The model on Figure 4 also shows the interaction pathways between the agent types: Loan Manager Agent interacts with both Applicant and Credit Analyst Agent but Applicant Agent and Credit Analyst Agent doesn't interact with each other.



Figure 4 Agent and acquaintance model

Below is also shortly described the responsibilities of the Agents.

Agent name	Applicant Agent	
Description		
Roles	Client	Î
Responsibilities	Give proper information as input for the system	

Table 5 Applicant Agent

Agent name	Loan Manager Agent	
Description		
Roles	Loan manager	
Responsibilities	Decision from credit analyst override all other decisions To give customer final decision	

Table 6 Loan Manager Agent

Agent name	Credit Analyst Agent	
Description		
Roles	Analyst, Profiler	
Responsibilities	 Generate client profile based on client's credit data Generate client profile based on client's personal data. Making fair decision on giving loan. 	

Table 7 Credit Analyst Agent

Knowledge model

Knowledge model is a part in agent organization information design. It represents the knowledge that agent types have about their environments and about themselves. The knowledge model for current project is shown in Figure 5. The knowledge model is already a more elaborate model of information available for agent types, it has the same relationship framework as the domain model but here the information is represented in a more structured way to explain the basis of providing loan.



Figure 5 Knowledge model

Interaction models

The basic interactions required by the agents are shown in Figure 6.



Figure 6 Interaction models

Behaviour models

Behaviour model is shown in Figure 7.



Figure 7 Behaviour models

Analysis in CPN Tools

Analysis in CPN Tools, focused on validation and rules are under this chapter.

Validation

In this section we are using CPN tools to validate our models. This tool helps us to visualize and validate our proposed models and run rules against it.

In order to do this, we have described the following scenarios:

- 1. A positive result on loan request
 - a. The loan request is satisfied to the fullest
- 2. A negative result on loan request
 - a. The loan request is rejected fully

CPN model is in Figure 8. It is showing our flow in high-level. All kind of different rules (relations between applicant's profile and decision) are not in the place in our current model. It's mainly because we have many complicated rules in our system and it was hard to implement that logic in CPN Tools. So in Figure 8 and 9 we have basic working version of CPN model.



Figure 8 CPN model
▼ Standard declarations
▼MSC setup
▼val msc = MSC.createMSC("sequence diagram")
▼val applicant = "Applicant";
▼val manager = "Loan Manager Agent";
▼val analyst = "Credit Analyst agent";
▼val _ = MSC.addProcess(msc, applicant);
▼val _ = MSC.addProcess(msc, manager);
▼val _ = MSC.addProcess(msc, analyst);
▼ colset
▼colset UNIT = unit;
▶ colset BOOL
▶ colset INT
▶ colset INTINF
▶ colset TIME
▶ colset REAL
▶ colset STRING
▼colset STRINGXINT = product STRING*INT;
▼colset STRINGxSTRING = product STRING*STRING;
▼colset STRINGxBOOL = product STRING*BOOL;
▼ var
▼var amount: INT;
▼var regno: STRING;
▼var supp_pers, age: INT;
▼var education, marital: STRING;
▼var income, debts, obligations: INT;
▼var decision: BOOL;
▼fun
▼fun submit_info(regno,amount)
=MSC.addEvent(msc,applicant,manager, "SUBMIT APPL INFO: [" ^ regno ^ "," ^ INT.mkstr(amount)^"]");
<pre>wfun request_decision(regno,amount) =MSC.addEvent(msc,manager,analyst, "REQUEST DECISION: [" ^ regno ^ "," ^ INT.mkstr(amount)^"]");</pre>
▼fun make_decision(regno,decision) =MSC.addInternalEvent(msc,analyst, "MAKE DECISION: [" ^ regno ^ "," ^ BOOL.mkstr(decision) ^"]");
▼fun give_decision(regno,decision) =MSC.addEvent(msc,analyst,manager, "GIVE LOAN DECISION: [" ^ regno ^ "," ^ BOOL.mkstr(decision) ^"]");
▼fun give_loan_offer(decision) =MSC.addEvent(msc,manager,applicant, "GIVE LOAN OFFER: [" ^ BOOL.mkstr(decision) ^"]");
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Figure 9 CPN model - declared variables

Simulation were done based on Figure 8. We had two examples, one person who gets loan and other don't. So we have simulated two possible scenarios. They are visible in generated message sequence chart (Figure 10)

SUBMIT APPL INFO: [b]	
REQUEST DECISION: [b]	
MAKE DECISION: [b,false]	
SUBMIT & PPL INFO: [a]	
REQUEST DECISION: [a]	
MAKE DECISION: [a,false]	
GIVE LOAN DECISION: [a,true]	
GIVE LOAN OFFER: [true]	

Figure 10 Message sequence chart

Rules

In this section are described rules which are missing from CPN model, most of them should have under "MAKE DECISION".

We need to make decision (if we can give loan in requested amount or not) based on applicant's profile. Biggest relation with amount is applicant's income. So we are getting applicant's income as initial amount and we are changing it based on other info which belongs to applicant.

Here are described some examples of rules, they are showing how initial income is impacted:

- Supported persons
 - If applicant has more than 3 children, then we are decreasing income amount by some %
- Age
 - If applicant is too old (going soon to retirement), then we are decreasing income amount by some %
- Education
 - If applicant got higher education (probably can make career and get higher salary in future), then we are increasing income amount by some %
- Debts
 - If applicant has some debts (getting overall amount), then depends on amount we probably cannot give a loan at all
- Obligations
 - If applicant has some obligations (getting overall amount), then we are dividing amount by average loan period and can decrease initial income by that amount

Then we need to take into account that applicants cannot use all his income for loan payment, then we are taking some % of final income (average that how much usually people are spending their income on their household etc.). After that we got final income amount which can be used for loan payments in every month.

Finally, we calculate see how much loan (and for how long) we can give to applicant based on this monthly payment.

Verification

Verification results from Coloured Petri nets application is in Appendix 1.

Conclusion

It was interesting to investigate and deal with our smart loan providining system, but it seemed to be a little bit complicated for this mini-project. We understood that when we tried to create different scenarios and rules for them (especially when tried to visualize them).

It was hard to implement complicated system in CPN Tools. Is seemed to be more suitable for smaller systems - to visualize process, simulate, verify and validate them. Otherwise it seemed to be too time-consuming and hard to use for fancy things. Even MSC creation process was complicated (too much writing, copy-paste etc.). In positive side, the simulation part was really good and it can be very helpful to see bottlenecks in new systems.

In conclusion, visualizing process flow in CPN Tools can be very useful but it is too time-consuming if you are not CPN-expert.

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Appendix 1

CPN Tools state space report for: /cygdrive/D/Kool/IDY0303 - Agentorienteeritud/loan_draft (2).cpn Report generated: Mon May 23 00:03:57 2016

Statistics

State Space Nodes: 72 Arcs: 144 Secs: 2 Status: Full

Scc Graph Nodes: 72 Arcs: 144 Secs: 0

Boundedness Properties

New_Page'Income 1 1 1 New_Page'Income_received 1 1 0 New_Page'Info_received 1 2 0 New_Page'Loan_offer_received 1 1 0 New_Page'Marital_info 1 1 1 New_Page'Maritial_info_received 1 1 0 New_Page'Obligations 1 1 0 New_Page'Obligations_received 1 1 0 New_Page'Personal_data_accessed 1 1 0 New_Page'Profile_retrived 1 1 0 New_Page'Profile_storage 1 1 0 New_Page'Profile_updated 1 1 0 New_Page'Regno_received 1 2 0 New_Page'Supported_persons 1 1 1 New_Page'Supported_persons_received 1 1 0 Best Upper Multi-set Bounds New_Page'Age 1 1`("a",25) New_Page'Age_received 1 1`("a",1,25) New_Page'Applicant 1 1`"a"++ 1`"b" New_Page'Credit_score_received 1 1`("a",3100) New_Page'Debts 1 1`("a",400) New_Page'Debts_received 1 1`("a",5000,400) New_Page'Decision_calculated 1 1`("a",true) New_Page'Decision_given 1 1`("a",true) New_Page'Decison_equest_received 1 1`"a"++ 1`"b" New_Page'Education 1 1`("a",3) New_Page'Education_received 1 1`("a",1,25,3) New_Page'Income 1 1`("a",5000) New_Page'Income_received 1 1`("a",5000) New_Page'Info_received 1 1`"a"++ 1`"b" New_Page'Loan_offer_received 1 1`true New_Page'Marital_info 1 1`("a",0) New_Page'Maritial_info_received 1 1`("a",1,25,3,0) New Page'Obligations 1 1`("a",1500) New_Page'Obligations_received 1

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Home Properties

Home Markings [72]

Liveness Properties

Dead Markings [72]

Dead Transition Instances None

Live Transition Instances None

Fairness Properties

No infinite occurrence sequences.



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Introduction

Our purpose is to create a sociotechnical system that would allow unused and leftover food to be provided to those in need of nutritious food...

The end objective goal is to mitigate food waste, provide a helping service and overall improve the communities we live in.

We are taking on an issue within society's complex infrastructure in relation to human behavior.

The process of our system, mainly supply and demand is reliant upon software to organize, notify and also promote human interaction for the common good.

1. Motivation layer

This section contains the following models from the motivation layer of conceptual space:

1.1 Goal model

- 1.2 Role models
- 1.3 Organizational model
- 1.4 Domain model

1.1. Goal model

The goal model describes the goals and connects them to specific roles. The model also connects the goals with specific quality requirements that the system is trying to achieve. Goal model is a part of agent organization behavior analysis. It contains functional goals and also quality goals for agent roles. In current project the main goal is to make people in need happy by receiving food from the supermarkets. There are also sub-goals marked with heart symbols.



1.2. Role model

There are three different roles in current project: "Shop", "Shelter", "Distributor", "Order Manager", "Logistic Handler" and "Logistic Analyser".

The roles are described in detail below.

Role Name	Shop	Role
Description	The role of providing food for the service	Dese
Responsibilities	Packs leftover food	Res
	Creates pick up order	
Constraints	 Food appropriable for consuming 	
	 Pick up order is created when suitable 	
	amount of food is collected	
		Cons

Role Name	Shelter
Description	The role of people in need represented by Shelter
Responsibilit	iesCreates food orderReceives delivery
Constraints	Stores foodDistributes the food to people in need

Role Name	Order Manager
Description	The Role of receiving and managing orders
Responsibilities	 Receives food orders from Shelters
	 Receives pick up orders from Shops
	 Receives pick up orders from Ditributors
	 Sends notification to Logistic Handler
	 Sends notification to Shop
	 Sends notification to Shelter
Constraints	 Communicate with Logistic Analyser
	 Keep history of orders and data of Shops
Role Name	Logistic Handler
Description	The role of picking up and delivering food
Responsibilities	• Receives notification from Order Manager
	 Picks up leftover food from Shop
	Uses Pick up route
	 Delivers leftover food to Ditributor
	 Picks up packs from Distributor
	 Delivers packs to Shelters
Constraints	Ouality communication

Role Name	Distributor
Description	The role of Distributing the food packages
Responsibilities	 Receiving the delivery
	Sorts food
	Packs food
	 Orders pick up of ready packs
Constraints	 Follow quality standards
	 Sorts Food by type
	 Sorts Food by date of appropriability
	 Sorts Food by Order created by Shelter

- Quality communication
- Fast response
- Abide by business standards

Role Name	Logistic Analyser
Description	The role of selecting the most effective
	delivery method by stored datadelivery plans
Responsibilities	 Analyses pick up points
	 Creates pick up route
	 Analyses delivery points
	 Creates delivery route
Constraints	 Calculate the shortest route
	 Decides about the pick up way

1.3. Organization model

The Organization model describes the relationships between the roles in the agent organization. There are two standard types of relationships used: "control" and "benevolence". These are the roles that are represented within our system:



Handler



1.4. Domain model

Domain model represents the knowledge within the system that our sociotechnical system has to be equipped to handle. The model is mostly self-explanatory: the leftover food will be packed in the shop, picked up from there, sorted and then delivered to the shelters. The shelters will create food orders based on their actual needs. Shops after collecting some amount of leftover food will create pick up order.



2. System design layer

This section contains the following models of the system design layer:

- 2.1. Agent and acquaintance model
- 2.2 Interaction diagrams
- 2.3 Knowledge model
- 2.4 Behavior model

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2.1. Acquaintance model

Acquaintance Model Describes Roles and Agent Types and who interacts with who.



2.2. Agent model

Agent Models show who the agents are (4 human agents and 2 software agents in our case).

Agent Name	Shop Manager Human Agent
Description	Representative person from the shop
Roles	Shop
Responsibilities	 Packs leftover food
	 Creates pick up order

(Agent Name	Shelter Food Manager Human Agent
	Description	Representative person from a shelter who
		takes care of food resources
	Roles	Shop
	Responsibilities	Creates food order
		Receives delivery
		Stores food
		• Distributes the food to people in need

Agent Name	Order Manager Software Agent
Description	The Intelligent Digital System which handles orders
Roles	Order Manager
Responsibilities	 Receives pick up orders
	Receives food orders
	 Sends notifications

Agent Name	Logistic Handler Human Agent	
Description	Driver who can be our worker or volunteer	
Responsibilities	Receives routes and requests	
	Picks up ordersDelivers food	

Agent Name D

Description	Distributor who can be a volunteer or
	a worker of our organization
Roles	Distributor
Responsibilities	Receiving the delivery
	Sorts food
	Packs food
	 Orders pick up of ready packs

Agent Name	Logistic Analyser Software Agent	
Description	Analyses Data and creates pick up and	
	delivery plans	
Roles	Logistic Analyser	
Responsibilities	 Analyses pick up points 	
	 Creates pick up route 	
	 Analyses delivery points 	
	Creates delivery route	

2.3. Interaction models

The basic interactions required by the Human and Software agents are shown in the following 3 models grouped by functionality and sub goals. These diagrams illustrate common examples of communication between different agents. Main interaction pathways are pickup, distributing and delivery and the requests that are associated with them.

2.3.1. Interaction Model of Handling Shop Pick up Order

Shop Manager (Human Agent) packs the leftover food and creates pick up order. Order Manager (Software Agent) requests a Pick up Route from Logistic Analyser (Software Agent). When the Route is provided Order Manager will send it to Logistic Handler (Human Agent) that will pick up the Shop Package from Shop Manager (Human Agent).

In case of a failure or error, there will be no route calculated. SO the Logistic Handler (Human Agent) has to compile it by himself.





2.3.2. Interaction Model of Handling Distribution

Distributor (Human Agent) gets the Leftover Food from Logistic Handler (Human Agent) who got it from a Shop, then the food will be sorted and packed for the Shelter and when they are ready the Delivery Order will be sent to Order Manager (Software Agent).

In case of a Scrap Food the Distributor (Human Agent) will cancel the Food Order.



2.3.3. Interaction Model of Handling the Food Delivery

Shelter Manager (Human Agent) needs food and will create Food Order for Order Manager (Software Agent). When the Food will be ready and packed for Delivery to Shelters Order Manager (Software Agent) will request the Logistic Analyser (Software Agent) for Delivery Route and after getting the Delivery Route, Order Manager will sent the Delivery Route to the Logistic Handler (Human Agent) who will pick up Packaged Food from Distributor and deliver it to the Shelter Manager (Human Agent).

The shelter cannot receive the food and the food order should be cancelled by Distributor.



2.4. Behaviour models

Behaviour model represents more specifically what is happening at each step of the process and what duties of the agents are.

2.4.1. Behaviour Model of Handling Shop Pick up Order



Shop Manager

- R1- makes sure that the leftover food is packed and Pick up Order created
- R2- gives out leftover food

Order Manager

- R2- receives Pick up Order and requests Pick up Route
- R3- sends Pick up Route out
- R4- sends Pick up Route but will not receive any Route

Logistic Analyser

- R1- analyses Pick up points and provides Pick up Route
- R2- provides Pick up Route or in case of error will not

Logistic Handler

- R1- receives and accepts the Pick up Route and picks up packages from the Shop
- R2- receives Pick up Order, but no Route
- R3- compiles new Pick up Route

2.4.2. Behaviour Model of Handling Distribution



Distributor

- R1- receives Leftover Food
- R2- makes sure that the food will be sorted and packed for the shelter and the delivery will be ordered, but in case of Scrap Food, will cancel the Food Order

Logistic Handler

• R4- delivers Leftover Food

Order Manager

• R5- in case of Scrap Food, will cancel Food Order

2.4.3. Behaviour Model of Handling the Food Delivery



Shelter Manager

- · R1- creates Food order
- R2- receives notification that the Food Order is cancelled or if there are no failures, receive Packaged Food

Distributor

R3- gives out packaged Food

Logistic Handler

- R5- receives Delivery Route
- · R6- receives Delivery Order but no Route
- R7- Compiles own Delivery Route

Logistic Analyser

- R3- analyses Delivery points
- R4- provides Delivery Route or in case of an error doesn't

Order Manager

- R1- accepts Food Order (in case of an error, the Food Order is cancelled)
- R6- receives Delivery Order and requests Delivery Route

2.5. Knowledge model

This model shows what the knowledge of every agent is. Information about themselves and their environment. Only the most relevant attributes are included with the data objects.



3. Implementation

3.1 CPN Model Validation

3.1.1. Scenario 1

The perfect scenario when all the services are up and running and the food is OK to package and deal. Figure 1 shows perfect interaction flow in the Sequence Diagram.



3.1.2. Scenario 2

This scenario has a failure in Logistic Analyzer request when asking Pick up Route. Alternative scenario is to output error from Logistic Analyzer and send orders from Order Manager to Logistic Handler without route. If route is not provided, Logistic Handler will compile suitable route itself. Figure 2 shows interaction flow with alternate pick up route calculation in the Sequence Diagram.



3.1.3. Scenario 3

This scenario has a failure in Logistic Analyzer request when asking Delivery Route. Alternative scenario is to output an error from Logistic Analyzer and send orders from Order Manager to Logistic Handler without route. If route is not provided, Logistic Handler will compile suitable route itself. Figure 3 shows interaction flow with alternate delivery route calculation in the Sequence Diagram.



3.1.4. Scenario 4

This scenario has an alternate flow when food is scrapped, not packed in Distributor. This means that shelter cannot receive the food and the food order should be cancelled by Distributor. Order Manager then notifies Shelter Manager about order cancellation. Figure 3 shows interaction flow with alternate order cancellation flow in the Sequence Diagram.





3.2. Verification

It was possible to calculate State Space when CPN model had only three tokens (1 shop, 1 food, 1 shelter). State Space status was Full.

Home Properties

Home Markings Initial Marking is not a home marking

* There is no terminal strongly connected component.

Liveness Properties

Dead Markings [33,42]

* There are dead markings, probably because empty lists implementations.

Dead Transition Instances None

Live Transition Instances None

Fairness Properties

No infinite occurrence sequences.

4. Conclusion

CPN is very good tool to validate AOM methodology, more exactly interaction and behavior models. It enables validating different scenarios quite easily. In our CPN we used lists and timed tokens to simulate more real behavior. At the end it seemed overkill, because State Space was not able to fully calculate with so many tokens.

All different scenarios played out nicely, but still there are Dead Markings. Sadly State Space To Sim did not reveal anything.

If State Space verification is so important, it should be looked more closely in lectures.
State Space report result

CPN Tools state space report for: /cygdrive/C/Users/Silver/Desktop/#Leftover Food Distributing.cpn Report generated: Mon May 16 23:36:24 2016

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Best Upper Multi-set Bounds
     CPN_Diagram'DISTRIBUTOR_food_received 1
                         1`[]++
1`[("RIMI","10101")]
     CPN_Diagram'LOGISTIC_ANALYSER 1
                         1`"Autom. Route"
     CPN_Diagram'LOGISTIC_HANDLER 1 1
                         1`"Manual Route 1"
     CPN_Diagram'LOGISTIC_HANDLER 2 1
                         1`"Manual Route 2"
     CPN_Diagram'LOGISTIC_HANDLER_delivery_order_received 1
                         1`([("Kesklinn", "10101")], "Autom. Route")++
1`([("Kesklinn","10101")],"Manual Route 2")
     CPN_Diagram'LOGISTIC_HANDLER_pick_up_order_received 1
                         1`([("RIMI","10101")],"Autom. Route")++
1`([("RIMI","10101")],"Manual Route 1")
     CPN_Diagram'ORDER_MANAGER_delivery_order_created 1
                         1`[]++
1`[("Kesklinn","10101")]
     CPN_Diagram'ORDER_MANAGER_food_order_created 1
                         1`"Kesklinn"
     CPN_Diagram'ORDER_MANAGER_pick_up_order_created 1
                         1`[]++
1`[("RIMI","10101")]
     CPN_Diagram'SHELTER 1
                         1`"Kesklinn"
     CPN_Diagram'SHELTER_package_received 1
                         1`("Kesklinn","10101")
     CPN_Diagram'SHOP 1 1`"RIMI"
     CPN_Diagram'arrived_to_distributor 1
                         1`[]++
1`[("Kesklinn","10101")]
     CPN_Diagram'delivery_orders_sent 1
                         1`[("Kesklinn","10101")]
     CPN_Diagram'delivery_route_ready 1
                         1`([("Kesklinn","10101")],"Autom. Route")
     CPN_Diagram'delivery_route_requested 1
                         1`[("Kesklinn","10101")]
     CPN_Diagram'dumster 1
                         1`"10101"
     CPN_Diagram'error_sent_no_delivery_route 1
1`[("Kesklinn","10101")]
     CPN_Diagram'error_sent_no_pick_up_route 1
                         1`[("RIMI","10101")]
     CPN_Diagram'food_has_been_scrapped 1
                         1`"10101"
     CPN_Diagram'food_order_is_canceled 1
                         1`"Kesklinn"
     CPN_Diagram'food_ready_for_deliver 1
                         1`("Kesklinn","10101")
     CPN_Diagram'food_ready_to_pick_up 1
                         1`("RIMI", "10101")
     CPN_Diagram'food_sorted 1
                         1`"10101"
     CPN_Diagram'leftover_food 1
                         1`"10101
     CPN_Diagram'leftover_food_is_collected 1
                         1`[]++
1`[("RIMI","10101")]
     CPN Diagram'leftover food packed 1
                         <u>1</u>`("R<u>I</u>MI","10101")
     CPN Diagram'next delivery order selected 1
                         1`[]++
1`[("Kesklinn","10101")]
     CPN_Diagram'next_pick_up_order_selected 1
                         1 []++
1`[("RIMI","10101")]
     CPN Diagram'package_ready_for_shelter 1
                         1`("Kesklinn","10101")
     CPN_Diagram'pick_up_orders_sent 1
                         1`[("RIMI","10101")]
     CPN_Diagram'pick_up_route_ready 1
                         1`([("RIMI","10101")],"Autom. Route")
     CPN_Diagram'pick_up_route_requested 1
                         1`[("RIMI","10101")]
     CPN_Diagram'shelter_has_been_notified 1
                         1`"Kesklinn"
     CPN_Diagram'shelter_packages_collected 1
                         1`[]++
1`[("Kesklinn","10101")]
  Best Lower Multi-set Bounds
     CPN_Diagram'DISTRIBUTOR_food_received 1
                         empty
     CPN_Diagram'LOGISTIC_ANALYSER 1
                         1`"Autom. Route"
     CPN_Diagram'LOGISTIC_HANDLER_1 1
                         1`"Manual Route 1"
     CPN_Diagram'LOGISTIC_HANDLER_2 1
                         1`"Manual Route 2"
     CPN_Diagram'LOGISTIC_HANDLER_delivery_order_received 1
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empty CPN_Diagram'shelter_packages_collected 1 empty

Home Properties

Home Markings Initial Marking is not a home marking

Liveness Properties

Dead Markings [33,42]

Dead Transition Instances None

Live Transition Instances None

Fairness Properties

No infinite occurrence sequences.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

The idea behind our mini-project has come from the experience of all Erasmus students. Erasmus students are student who decided to go abroad, hosted by other universities, to take exams. This experience is ruled by some documents that must be filled in and validated by three entities that are: student, a employer of host university (usually named host university coordinator) and the coordinator for the home university.

The main document of the Erasmus Process is the "Learning Agreement", that is a document where the student must write down the exams that he intends to do abroad and the exams (chosen from his study plan) that he wants that home university validates after his come back.

Now this process is not so easy and the student often has to change this document during the first weeks of his mobility. In this way in the first weeks the Erasmus student is forced to spend more time to handle bureaucratic stuff than study for his exams.

Our idea is to get this process easier, to help student and other involved entities to get the agreement faster, adding on some features that can be handled by software agents. In this way the whole process becomes faster and the Erasmus Experience can be lived better by the student.

Model multi-agent system is the opportunity that let students to have the possibility to require a list of exams given by the host university that should be fit with his study plan. In addition the system can improve the communication between students, host and home Erasmus coordinator as well as teachers.

We have also decided to handle with an agent-oriented model the end of Erasmus period, getting automatic the submit of final grade to the home university, included the conversion in a different system grade.

In this report we are going to explain in the following two chapters our Agent-Oriented System for Learning Agreement Process on two different layers:

- Motivation Layer
- System Design Layer

The first one highlights the goals of the different roles involved in the system and shows the domain of the system. We use for this purpose the following models:

- Goal Model
- Role Models
- Organization Model
- Domain Model

The second one refers to the design of the system, showing the interaction and the behaviour of the different agents that operate in the system. The models that land in this layer are:

- Agent models
- Acquaintance model
- knowledge model
- Interaction Models
- Behaviour Models

The fourth chapter shows our CPN models we have used to simulate and validate our Multi-agent system.

Chapter 2

Motivation Layer

As written in the previous one, this chapter contains the following models:

- 1. Goal Model
- 2. Role Models
- 3. Organization Model
- 4. Domain Model

2.1 Goal Model



FIGURE 2.1: Goal Model

The goal model describes the goals and it connects them to specific roles. The model also connects the goals with specific quality requirements that the system is trying to achieve. The goals are described hierarchically and the goal model for current project is described on the figure 2.1

The main goal of the our system stated as "Management of Learning Agreements", with the emphasis on providing easy and fast service for all students. In order to achieve this goal, we have defined some sub-goals. The Sub goals are: Manage the courses, Validate the contracts, Send Final Certificate.

2.2 Role Models

The following topic includes a short overview of different roles. The purpose of the role model is to describe different roles in the system. The role models include: *role names*, *descriptions*, *responsibilities* and *constraints*.

There are four different roles in our project:

- Student;
- Lecturer;
- Home Erasmus Coordinator;
- Host Department Coordinator.

The role models show the different roles implemented in the Erasmus Learning Agreement system. These roles are played by humans as well as software agents.

The roles are described in detail below:

Role Name	Student
Decemintion	The Role of the students is to propose the Learning Agreement
Description	following the instruction by the home university
	- Propose a list of host university courses that he wants to do
	- Propose a list of home university courses that he wants
	that Home University validate
	- Following Contract Rules
	- Sending questions
	- Signing documents
	- Listening Advice
Responsibilities	- Following Coordinators' instructions
	- Agree with the Erasmus contract rules
	- Following the courses
	- Having appointment with the coordinator
	- Apply registration in the host university
	- Enter the start of the Erasmus Experience
	- Enter the end of the Erasmus Experience
	- Submit Erasmus Period
	- Unexpected changes in the Learning Agreement must be
Constraints	submitted quickly
	- Information submitted must be correct

 TABLE 2.2: Role Model - Lecturer

Role Name	Lecturer
Description	The role of the lecturer is to suggest available courses
Description	and grade the students
	- Enter the grades
	- Submit the grades
	- Evaluating students
	- Receiving questions
Responsibilities	- Entering answers
	- Sending the answer
	- Give course advice
	- Submit course advice
	- Submit syllabus
	- The list of available course must be available on time without
Constraints	error
Constraints	- Grades should be evaluated correctly
	- Information to student must be reliable

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Role Name	Host Department Coordinator
	The role of the host department coordinator is to validate
Description	the Learning Agreement submitted by the student and accepted
	by the sending university
	- Check the Learning Agreement
	- Set the courses
	- Connecting the lecturers about current course list
Dognongibilitiog	- Evaluating student suitability
Responsibilities	- Giving information about courses to Home University
	- Receive the grades
	- Enter the grades in the certificate
	- Sending the certificate
	- Information to student must be available and easy to get
Constraints	- Changes in timetables must be communicated quickly
	- Student Registration must be sent to home university immediately

TABLE 2.3:	Role Model -	Host Department	Coordinator
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TABLE 2.4: Home	e Erasmus	Coordinator
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Role Name	Home Erasmus Coordinator
Decemintion	The role of the home Erasmus coordinator is to manage and
Description	evaluate the Learning Agreement proposed by the student
	- Informing the students about Erasmus tasks
	- Validate the Learning Agreement
Degrangihilitiog	- Print the contract
Responsibilities	- Check the compatibility between the host and home courses
	-Inform students about the Erasmus Bureaucracy
	- Receiving certificate from host university
	- The Learning Agreement must be validate quickly
	- After the submit of the Learning Agreement the contract must
Constraints	be printed immediately
	- The information about Erasmus project and host
	university must be up to date

Organization Model

The organization model is a part of the interaction analysis of the agent organization. It shows the relationships between the roles in the agent organization system.

As written previously, our system is acted by 4 different roles. In this system we can find the relationship shown in figure 2.2.

2.3 Domain Model

The domain model explains the knowledge within the system and its relationship to the roles. The domain model for our project is shown on Figure 2.3. There are seven



FIGURE 2.2: Organization Model

different domain entities: Answers, Certificate, Learning Agreement, Courses available, Grades, Project/Exams, Question.

In the domain model Students ask questions to Home Eramus Coordinator, receive answers from Home Erasmus Coordinator and grades from Lecturers. Lecturer evaluates submitted Project/Exams by Students and they give grades to the students. Also Lecturer submits courses which is available to the Host Department Coordinator.

Learning Agreement is submitted by student, accepted by Home Erasmus Coordinator and validated by Host Department Coordinator.

Host Department Coordinator submits final certificate and Home Erasmus Coordinator receives it.



FIGURE 2.3: Domain Model

Chapter 3

System Design Layer

The System Design Layer includes the following models:

- Agent models
- Acquaintance model
- Knowledge model
- Interaction Models
- Behaviour Models

3.1 Agent Models

 TABLE 3.1: Student Agent

Agent Name	Student Agent
Description	The Role of the Student is to create
Description	L.A without problem
Role	Student
	- Propose a list of host university course that he wants to attend
	- Propose a list of home university courses that he wants to validate
	- Following contract rules
	- Formulate Questions
	- Signing documents
Deeneneihilitiee	- Listening advice
Responsibilities	- Following Coordinators' instruction
	- Following the courses
	- Having appointment with the coordinator
	- Enter the start date of the Erasmus
	- Enter the finish date of the Erasmus Experience for students
	- Apply registration in host university

Agent Name	Teacher Agent
Decomintion	The Role of the Teacher is to send availability
Description	for the courses and put the grade to the exams
Role	Lecturer
	- Enter the grades
D::1:1:1:4:	- Evaluating the Students
Responsibilities	- Read Questions
	- Entering Answers

TABLE 3.2: Teacher Agent

TABLE 3.3: Home coordinator Agent

Agent Name	Home Coordinator Agent	
Description	The Role of the Home Coordinator Agent is to help student to develop	
	The Learning Agreement Successfully	
Role	Home Erasmus Coordinator	
	- Informing the students about Erasmus tasks	
Responsibilities	- Inform the students about the Erasmus bureaucracy	
	- Check the compatibility between the host and home courses	

 TABLE 3.4: Host Erasmus Coordinator

Agent Name	Host Coordinator Agent		
Description	The Role of the Host Coordinator Agent is to help the students		
	to choose the right exams and send certificate to Home University		
Role	Host Department Coordinator		
	- Check the Learning Agreement		
Responsibilities	- Set the courses		
	- Giving information about courses to Home University		
	- Evaluating student about suitability		

Agent Name	Student Software Agent	
Description	The role of the Student Software Agent is to create	
	an interface in the peer-to-peer system for the Student	
Roles	Student	
	- Submit the Learning Agreement	
Perpendibilities	- Sending Questions	
Responsionnes	- Agree with the Erasmus contract rules	
	- Submit Erasmus Period	

Agent Name	Teacher Software Agent
Description	The role of the Teacher Software Agent is to create
Description	an interface in the peer-to-peer system for the Lecturer
Roles	Lecturer
	- Submit syllabus
Responsibilities	- Submit course advice
	- Sending the Answer
	- Receiving Questions
	- Submit the grades

TABLE 5.0: Teacher Sontware Agen	TABLE 3.6 :	Teacher	Software	Agent
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 TABLE 3.7: Host Coordinator Software Agent

Agent Name	Host Coordinator Software Agent	
Description	The role of the Host Coordinator Software Agent is to create an	
	interface in the peer-to-peer system for the Host Department Coordinator	
Roles	Host department coordinator	
	- Connecting the lecturers about current courses list	
Responsibilities	- Enter the grade in the certificate	
	- Receive the grades	

TABLE 3.8: Home Coordinator Software Agent

Agent Name	Home Coordinator Software Agent	
Description	The role of the Home Coordinator Software Agent is to create	
	an interface in the peer-to-peer system for the Home Erasmus coordinator	
Roles	Home Erasmus Coordinator	
	- Validate the Learning Agreement	
Responsibilities	- Print the contract	
	- Receiving the certificate from the host university	

3.2 Acquaintance Model

The aim of the acquaintance model is to describe the interactions between agents of our system. All agents have their software interface agents and they are interacted each other. The Acquaintance model for our project is displayed in the figure 3.1

As we can see in the model, the interactions between human agents are limited and most of the communications involve software agents.

3.3 Interaction Models

3.3.1 Require Availability for the Exams

This interaction involves the Host University and the Teachers. The purpose of this interaction is to create the list of exams that the Erasmus student can choose to take



FIGURE 3.1: Acquaintance Model

once arrived in the host University.



FIGURE 3.2: Interaction Model - Available Exam List

As shown in the figure 3.2, the interaction between the human agents "Host Coordinator Agent" and "Student Agent" is linked by other intermediary interaction between the human agents and their software agents as well as the two software agents.

3.3.2 Answer-Question Student-Teacher

This interaction involves the students and the teachers agents. The purpose of this interaction is to give to the student the opportunity to have a fast and reliable way to communicate to teacher to ask the main questions regarding the exams that he wants to take.



FIGURE 3.3: Interaction Model - Answer/Question Teacher-Student

Also in this case, the communication between the two human entities is mediated by software agents inside.(figure 3.3)

3.3.3 Learning Agreement Process

This interaction is the main important for the systems because it regards the main purpose of the project. Since this interaction involves many agents, we decide to split this interaction model in two models to let it to be more readable.

In the first one we show all the interactions that occur when a student has to require the Learning Agreement. The Process starts by the Student Software Agent when he received the confirm that the student is definitively an Erasmus Student. So when the period arrives, it asks to student to complete the Learning Agreement and he asks, through the software agent, to see the available courses that he can choose from the host university. The request is forwarded to the Host Coordinator Software Agent that show the request to the host coordinator agent that launch the process. At the end the list of the courses is shown to the Student. (figure 3.4)

In the second one there is the submitting of learning agreement. The student fill in the Learning Agreement adding on the exams that he wants to take. The exams are evaluated by the home university according to his policy and study plan and the outcome is sent back to student.

If the Learning Agreement is valid, the student forward the Learning Agreement to the Host University that sign and validate the contract.

Also in these interactions the communications are mediated by the software agents. (figure 3.5)



FIGURE 3.4: Interaction Model - Learning Agreement Request

3.3.4 Sending Certificate according the exams taken

The final interaction Model involves all agents at the end of mobility period for the student. Its purpose is to send to home universities the final certificate that show to home university the result taken by the student. In this interaction we have added the possibility to have the conversation between different *Grading Systems* automatically though the software agents. Obviously each university can kept its grading system and conversion rules. It is only necessary that Home university send to host university this rules to let it the possibility to send final grades already converted.

The Scenario described above is shown in the figure 3.6



FIGURE 3.5: Interaction Model - Learning Agreement Submit



FIGURE 3.6: Interaction Model - Final Certificate

3.4 Knowledge Model

This kind of model represents the knowledge requirements for the agents. The knowledge model is detailed version of our domain model. We can see more extended view of domain entities here.

In the Figure 3.7 we can see agents and goals interact with each other and the kind of "messages" that they exchange themselves.



FIGURE 3.7: knowledge Model

3.5 Behaviour Models

The Behaviour model illustrates loop inside the agent types and the activities and actions between the agent types in our system design. We can create rules and events in the agent type. There are several behaviour models in the system but we are just going to describe the primary ones following the scenarios described by the interaction models. So there are several behaviour models that describe our system and show the behaviour and the triggered communication between the different agents.

3.5.1 Behaviour Model - Available Course List

As written in the previous sections, the first requirement to have a fast and safe Learning Agreement Process is to give to the student the possibility to refers to a list of available courses. The first behaviour model (figure 3.8) shows this process.

3.5.2 Behaviour Model - Learning Agreement Process

As done for the interaction models, also for the behaviour one we decide to split the behaviour model regarding the main goal of the project, that is the Learning Agreement Management.

In the first one (figure 3.9) we show how the student software Agent behave in this phase and his interaction with the student (human) agent and the host coordinator Software Agent. In this phase there is the request to have an available courses list.

In the second one (figure 3.10) we focus on the behaviour of the Student Software Agent and Home Coordinator Software Agent. The first one submit the Learning Agreement filled in by the student and send it to home coordinator software Agent. This Agent check the exams following home university rules and decide if the exams are valid or



FIGURE 3.8: Behaviour Model - Available Courses

not. At the end he evaluated the whole learning agreement and send the outcome to the student software agent. If the learning agreement received is good, the student software agent send it to the host university. If the learning agreement is not valid, the student must start the initial process again and fill in another Learning Agreement.

3.5.3 Behaviour Model - Sending final Certificate

This behaviour Model is particularly interesting because we add on here the possibility to compute the grade according to home university grading systems. In addition we have shown the possibility for the student to take the exam again if he has failed the first one, according the rules that there are available dates to repeat it.

Since the complexity of the model, we decide again here to split the model in two ones.

The first one (3.11) shows the behaviour of the student software agent that register the exam sessions, receive the grades by the teacher software agent, and notify all events to the student (human) agent (included the possibility or not to do again the exam in the failure case).

The second one (3.12) focuses on the behaviour of the Host University Software Agent that receives grades from the teachers and convert these grades according the home university grading system. In this model we show above all the communication between the host and home university regarding the request of the grading system by the home university.



FIGURE 3.9: Behaviour Model - Learning Agreement Process - Request



FIGURE 3.10: Behaviour Model - Learning Agreement Process - Submit



FIGURE 3.11: Behaviour Model - Sending Final Certificate - Exam Sessions



FIGURE 3.12: Behaviour Model - Sending Final Certificate - Submit Phase

Chapter 4

CPN tools - Simulation and Verification

The Erasmus Experience involves two different phases: Before mobility and after mobility. For this reason we have decided to use two different CPN model to validate and take the verification of our AOM models.

The first one refers to the Learning Agreement Management, included the requirements that are the gathering of available courses by the host university and the request by the student to receive the courses that he can attended.

4.1 CPN tools - Before Mobility

4.1.1 CPN model - Learning Agreement Process

Since the model referring to the Learning Agreement Process is too big to show completely in one figure, we split this in three figures.

The first one (figure 4.1) shows the interactions between the host university, the teachers and the student. The Host University gathers the availability of the teachers to hold the courses that host university wants to offers for Erasmus students.

After that the student, in according his study plan, receive the courses that he can choose and select some of that.

The second one (figure 4.2) displays the process of the Home University regarding the acceptance of the courses proposed by the student. In the figure we can see a list of courses that University can accept (exams are identified here by a id code to simulate one possible policy). According to the code of the exams proposed, the Home University can accept or deny the exam. This information is used also to validate the Learning



FIGURE 4.1: CPN Model - Learning Agreement Management (exams availability and selecting process)



FIGURE 4.2: CPN Model - Learning Agreement Management (exams evaluating)

Agreement, because we have considered (just to have a simple example) that the Learning Agreement proposed is valid only if the student can take at least two exams in the Host University.

The third one (figure 4.3) shows the classification of the student proposals and the sending process by the student to host university of the the exams that he can do during Erasmus period. Only student that received a positive feedback for the Learning Agreement can send this information to the Host University, and he can only communicate the exams that he can effectively take, and not the ones that he proposed but are refused by the Home University.



FIGURE 4.3: CPN Model - Learning Agreement Management (communication to Host University)

4.1.2 Scenarios

About the Learning Agreement Management, we have decided to show here two different possible scenario that can occurs in this phase.

In the first one we will show a successful case where the student chooses at least two exams that are good for the home university. In this case the Learning Agreement is accepted and the the communication of the exams that the student can take during his Erasmus are sent to the Host University.

In the second one we will show a failure case where less than two exams are accepted by the Home university. In this case no Learning Agreement should be sent to the host University.

Notice that the first part of the two scenarios about the request of available course is important-less for the purpose of this project, so we will show only the result of one run of simulation for this phase.

4.1.3 Learning Agreement Management - Simulation and MSC results

The figure 4.4 displays the communication between the host university and the teachers to have the availability of them to take the course for Erasmus Project. As it is possible to see by the figure, not all the exams receive availability by the teachers.

The figure 4.5 displays the success case of a student that choose at least two exams that are accepted by the home university getting a valid Learning Agreement.



FIGURE 4.4: CPN Model Learning Agreement - Available courses list



FIGURE 4.5: CPN Model Learning Agreement - Learning Agreement Accepted

In particular this simulation shows a student that has chosen three exams. One of them is refused but the other two are accepted, so the Learning Agreement is Valid and the student apply for the Host University.

The figure 4.6 displays the failure case of a student that choose less than two exams that are accepted by the home university getting a invalid Learning Agreement. The simulation refers to a student that has chosen three exams and only one of them is accepted, so the Learning Agreement is Valid and it has not been sent to host university as expected.

4.2 CPN tools - During Mobility

4.2.1 CPN model - Sending Final Certificate

The model shown in figure 4.7 displays the interaction between students, teachers and Host University during the Erasmus mobility. In particular it refers to the exams session



FIGURE 4.6: CPN Model Learning Agreement - Learning Agreement Denied

process, included grading phase, and the final certificate sending for the exams that the students passed.



FIGURE 4.7: CPN Model- Sending Final Certificate

In this model we can notice the loop that let the student to take again one exam if he has failed in the first attempt. The loop ends if the student passes the exam or he does not have more attempt for that exam (in this case we have considered two attempts for each exam).

About the sending of final certificate, we have implemented the automatic conversion of grades. Before doing this, the Host University asks the Home University to receive its grading system.

Notice that only for passed exams the grade is converted, while the failed ones are certificated with grade "fail".

4.2.2 Scenarios

About the period spent by the student in the host university, ended with the exams sessions, we run three simulation to show these different scenarios. (In all three scenarios we consider a student that has taken two exams and for each of them he has only two attempts)

Scenario 1: The student takes two exams and the he passes both of them in the first attempt. So the exams are immediately handled by software agents and the certificate of them to home university.

Scenario 2: The student takes two exams and he passes one of them in the first attempt, and the other one in the second attempt. The simulations will show the interaction between the agents and the loop the let the student to repeat the exams.

Scenario 3: The student takes two exams and he fails one of them twice. The simulations will show that the loop that let the student to repeat the exams ends if the student doesn't have more attempts.

All scenario show the feature we have thought about an automated conversation of the grade. For simplification reason we have considered the conversation between 5-point grading systems to 10-point grading systems. The rules used (just to simplify the model since it is not important per the purpose of the project) is to multiply the grade obtained for two.

4.2.3 Sending Final Certificate - Simulation and MSC results

Figure 4.8 displays the interaction between the agents. In particular we can notice that the student take the exams only one time because he passes both of them in the first attempt.

In the figure 4.9 we can notice that the student take one of exams twice because he fails one of them in the first attempt.

Figure 4.10 shows the case where the student fails one exam twice (the student has only two attempts in our simplified policy). As expected for this exam the student send the grade failure (conversation is useless only for positive results).



FIGURE 4.8: CPN Model Sending Final Certificate - Two Exams passed in the firs attempt



FIGURE 4.9: CPN Model Sending Final Certificate - Two Exams passed in the firs attempt

4.3 Verification

In order to verify our models, we run the state-space analysis for both of them.



FIGURE 4.10: CPN Model Sending Final Certificate - Two Exams passed in the firs attempt

4.3.0.1 Verification - Learning Agreement Management model

Figure 4.11 shows the statistics of one run for the CPN model referring the Learning Agreement Management process. Since the status is full, the results shown in the state-space analysis are meaningful.

Statistics			
State Space			
Nodes: 53			
Arcs: 62			
Secs: 3			
Status: Full			
Scc Graph			
Nodes: 53			
Arcs: 62			
Secs: 0			
Boundedness Properties Best Integer Bounds	linner	lower	
Sending'exam 1	4	3	
Sending'final grades 1	1	Θ	
Sending'grades 1	6	6	
Sending home univesity	1		
• – ,	3	3	
Sending'sent grades 1	1	Θ	
Sending'session Exam 1	1	Θ	
Sending'session graded	1		
5 <u>-</u> 5	1	Θ	
Sending'students 1	1	Θ	
Sending'teacher 1	4	4	

FIGURE 4.11: CPN model 1 - Statistics

Figure 4.12 displays the results of the simulation run.

4.3.0.2 Verification - Sending Final Certificate model

Figure 4.13 shows the statistics of one run for the CPN model referring the Sending Final Certificate process. Also in this case we get the full status, so the results are significant.

Liveness Properties
Dead Markings 12 [53,52,49,48,41,]
Dead Transition Instances None
Live Transition Instances None
Fairness Properties
No infinite occurrence sequences.

FIGURE 4.12: CPN model 1 - Verification results

0.00		
	State Space	
	Nodes:	996
	Arcs:	3228
	Secs:	532
	Status:	Full
	Scc Graph	
	Nodes:	996
<u> </u>	Arcs:	3228
12	Secs:	Θ
1	asenbehnuog	Properties
1	Boundedness	Properties

FIGURE 4.13: CPN model 2 - Statistics

Figure 4.14 shows the result for the simulation run.



FIGURE 4.14: CPN model 3 - Verification results
Chapter 5

Conclusion

This project let us to learn how could be useful and efficient use AOM methodology to model systems that are meaningful in the society.

In particular the use of different agents that share the tasks of a single role could be a real improvement in the system since it is possible add a software agent that can do automated operation faster than human agent.

In addition the AOM methodology, such as the use of CPN tools to validate and verify the AOM models, has been very useful since it let us to know before a possible implementation problems that can occur in the test phase. In this way the CPN tools could get the AOM system development faster and safer, since he let people to save time to fix problems that without CPN tools can see only in the test phase.

The use of CPN tools, after a brief starter phase, has let us to validate and verify our models fast and easily.

For all these reasons we suggest to use CPN tools as support for the development of multi-agent systems.

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1. Introduction

For this project we are going to create a mobile application that enables people to borrow and use products and services directly from user to user.

Based on their location, the users would be able to search for products and services of their interest, that are nearest to them, and then contact their providers.

The application shows a list of all the products and allows the users to view detailed information and also the status of the product, for example if it is currently available or being borrowed by someone and for how long.

It will be possible to borrow products for free, to rent for money and to trade one product for another in return, according to the user's preferences.

2. Motivation layer

This section contains the following models: Goal model, Role model, Organizational model and Domain model.

2.1 Goal model

The goal model describes the hierarchy of functional goals, roles associated with functional goals, quality and emotional goals attached to functional goals.

The main goal of the system is to help connect lenders and borrowers (or service providers and consumers) to help out each other and to help decrease unnecessary spendings or to get affordable services more conveniently. The main goal is dependent on 5 subgoals. Most important of these are adding new services and searching for services. Adding a new service also includes managing service calendar to keep track of when the service is available. When searching for a service, the system tries to find best matching services and prioritizes those closest to the searcher.

Other subgoals are managing transactions between providers and consumers, managing user profiles, generating notifications about relevant services and rating the quality of products and services.



2.2 Role model

There are five roles in the system: Service Consumer, Service Provider, Service Locator, Notifier and Trade Object Manager. Below are more detailed descriptions of all roles.

Role name	Service Consumer
Description	The role of the user
Responsibilities	Register an account Allow location data

	Edit profile
	View products and services
	Search products and services
	Use products and services
	Rate products and services
Constraints	The application must be installed
	The user must be registered

Role name	Service Provider
Description	The role of the provider
Responsibilities	Register an account
	Allow location data
	Edit profile
	Offer new products and services
	View users
	Rate users
Constraints	The application must be installed
	The user must be registered

Role name	Service Locator
Description	The role of the GPS service
Responsibilities	Return coordinates of current location
Constraints	GPS services should be enabled on the device The application must be installed, where to return the coordinates

Role name	Notifier
Description	The role of the notification service
Responsibilities	Notify of incoming messages Notify if products or services become available Notify changes in transaction
Constraints	Connection to the database of the service

Role name	Trade Object Manager
Description	The role of the trade object manager
Responsibilities	Manage transactions Manage trade objects and states
Constraints	Connection to the database of the service

2.3 Organizational model

This figure shows the organizational model which describes different types of relationships between roles. We have five main roles: Service Locator, Notifier, Trade Object Manager, Service Consumer and Service Provider. Service Provider and Service Consumer are both Party-type roles. We have five different types of relationships: *Monitors, Updates, isControlledBy, Notifies, isPeerTo.*



At the center of our service are service providers and service consumers. A provider can also be a consumer and vice versa. Service providers and consumers are monitored by the service locator. That information is then passed on to the Notifier, who decides whether to notify a particular party or not. If the needs of a Service Consumer is met by some Service Provider, the Service Consumer will be notified. If the Service Consumer decides to use that particular service, the Trade Object Manager will be updated and those updates will then be sent forward to the Notifier service.

2.4 Domain model

The purpose of the domain model is to describe the relationships between the roles and the resources. There are 5 different domain entities:

- Transaction
- Trade object
- Notification
- Profile
- Schedule

At the center of this domain model is the Trade object. Service Providers can update their profile and add trade objects. Service Consumers can order trade objects and also update their profile. Both Service Providers and Consumers will receive relevant notifications about trade objects and transactions. The Trade object has a schedule and can be a part of a particular Transaction. Notifier monitors Trade objects and Transactions and notifies Service Providers and Service Consumers when necessary. The Service Locator updates the location in the user profiles and searches for Trade object's location.



3. System design layer

This section contains the following models of system design layer: Agent and acquaintance model, interaction models, knowledge model and behaviour models.

3.1 Agent and acquaintance model

The agent model is created by designing agent types to fulfil the roles. Each role may be mapped to one or more agent types. The service provider and the service consumer agents are both mapped as Party Agents. The notification agent can send notifications both to the trade agent and the party agent . The precise roles and responsibilities are described in the table below.



Party agent
Human type agent
Service provider, Service consumer
Register an account
Allow location data
Edit profile
View products/services
Offer products/services
Order products/services
Search products/services
Rate products/services

Agent name	Notification agent
Description	Notification software component
Roles	Notification service
Responsibilities	Notify of incoming messages Notify if products or services become available Notify changes in transaction

Agent name	Location agent
Description	Location data provider
Roles	Location service
Responsibilities	Update current location Search nearby matching services

Agent name	Trade agent
Description	Trade object management software component
Roles	Trade object manager
Responsibilities	Manage transactions Manage trade objects and states

3.2 Interaction models

The interaction links described in section 3.1 show which agents interact with other agents and which party can initiate an interaction. Interaction model represent interaction patterns between agents in more detail. Interaction-sequence diagram models prototypical interactions as action events. Action event is an event that is caused by the action of an agent, like sending a message or starting a machine.

Direct actions performed by human agents are shown as continuous lines, messages sent between and by software agents are shown as dotted lines.

3.2.1 Service providing



3.2.2 New service availability notification



3.2.3 Service request with no immediate match



3.2.4 Service request with immediate match



3.3 Knowledge model

Knowledge model represents private and shared knowledge that the agents need for functioning in the sociotechnical system. There are two most important data entities in our knowledge model: profile, which every party agent has, and trade object, which every party agent knows about.

Location agent updates the Party agents location and has information about all the trade objects. The profile contains basic knowledge like first name, last name and contact information.

The trade object contains the following information: a type enum, name, description, transaction type, status. Enum is a data type consisting of a set of named values called elements, members, enumeral, or enumerators of the type of trade object it is (service, physical object etc.). The trade object has several methods: *addNew*, *search*, *interestedInTrade*, *acceptTrade*, *rejectTrade*. A Trade object can have multiple date ranges when it is available (Availability). It can also have multiple notifications, which notification agent has generated about this object. The trade object can have multiple transactions.



3.4 Behaviour models

Behaviour models are based on interaction models. While interaction models describe what happens between the agents, behaviour models go into more detail about what happens inside agents as a result of interacting with another agent.



3.4.1 Service providing behavior model

Service providing behaviour model describes what happens inside agents when a new service is added to the system. Trade agent asks the provider to enable GPS if necessary, acquires providers coordinates and inserts the service. Then it signals Notification agent, who in turn asks Location agent for nearby consumers. If any suitable consumers are found, Notification agent sends them a notification about new service.

We are only interested in nearby consumers because it makes much more sense to suggest a new service to them, than to someone who is halfway around the world, too far to actually use the service. The only time distance doesn't matter, is when the service in question is virtual and doesn't require consumer/provider to be physically present. However, we in our model, all services do require physical presence.

R1 - A new service is inserted. Check if GPS is enabled. If yes, get coordinates and add new service to the system, else request provider to activate GPS.

R2 - If matching consumer is found and they happen to be nearby, location agent returns their GPS coordinates to notification service. If consumer isn't near, location agent ignores them.

R3 - If suitable consumer(s) are found, notify them about new available service.

3.4.2 New service availability behavior model



New service availability behaviour model describes what happens when consumer gets notification about new service. Effectively, this model is a continuation of Service providing behaviour model (section 3.4.1).

Notification agent sends consumer a notice about new service. If consumer is available, they receive the notice and if they are interested in the service, they alert the Trade agent. Consumer also gives Trade agent a timeframe when they would be interested in the service. If the service is not available at requested date, Trade agent let's consumer know about it. On the other hand, if the service is available, Trade agent asks service provider to either accept or reject the request. In case service provider accepts, Trade agent creates a new transaction. In either case, Trade agent also informs consumer about provider's decision.

R1 - If matching consumers are found, notify them about new service.

R2 - If consumer is near, they get notification about new service.

R3 - If consumer is interested in the service, they alert Trade agent about it.

R4 - If consumer is available and service is available at the time consumer wishes, trade agent finds service provider and asks them to accept or reject the consumer. If service is not available et requested date, trade agent informs consumer about it.



3.4.3 Service request behavior model

This model describes the behaviour of agents when a new service request is made. Consumer finds a service they want to consume (this is not described in the model) and requests it. Trade agent receives the request, asks consumer to activate their GPS if it's not enabled already, and creates a new request in the system. After that Trade agent searches for nearby providers who could respond to the request. If suitable providers are found, Trade agent returns found provider's service to the consumer.

R1 - Consumer requests a service. If they have GPS enabled, the coordinates are used to create a new request in the system. If consumer's GPS is not enabled, they are asked to enable it.

R2 - If matching provider is found, they are nearby and available, return info about provided service and the times when it is available.

R3 - Search for nearby matching providers is in progress. If the search times out, repeat it. If providers are found in reasonable time, return info about found matching service(s) to consumer.

4. Analysis in CPN Tools

4.1 Validation

For validation we chose a subsection of our system that deals with providing a new service. The behaviour is also described in section 3.4.1 (Service providing behaviour model). All scenarios selected for validation are based on rules from behaviour model. Below are all scenarios in detail along with screenshot of MSC and analysis whether simulation behaved as expected. Due to the asynchronous nature of agents, there are some unrelated function calls between the calls specific to one scenario. Calls that pertain to a specific scenario are underlined.

4.1.1 Scenario 1

Description: Provider submits a new service to Trade agent. Trade agent checks if provider has their GPS enabled. If the GPS is enabled, Trade agent gets provider's coordinates and inserts new service along with these coordinates into the system. If GPS is not enabled, Trade agent asks provider to enable it.



Analysis: The part of the simulation for first scenario worked exactly as expected. Service provider sp2 submits new service (first ADD SERVICE function call), Trade agent requests providers GPS coordinates. Provider gives the coordinates (this is unfortunately not displayed on the screenshot), and trade agent creates new service in the system along with these coordinates. The screenshot also illustrates another option where providers GPS was not enabled (second function call) and trade agent correctly requested that provider enable it.

4.1.2 Scenario 2

Description: Location agent gets request for consumers that are near the provider. Location agent searches for consumers based on their current GPS coordinates. If consumer is near provider, location agent return the consumer. If consumer is somewhere far away, location agent ignores it.

	LOCATION REQUEST RECEIVED: [(sp2,(50.1234,24.1234)]
	IGNORE LOCATION REQUEST: [sp2,(50.1234,24.1234), sc2,(10.0,10.0)
LOCATION R	EQUEST TIMEOUT (sp1,service_id_1,service2,(50.1234,24.1234)]
LOCATION R	EQUEST TIMEOUT (sp2,service_id_2,service1,(50.1234,24.1234)]
	REQUEST NEARBY SC: [(sp2,(50.1234,24.1234)]
	LOCATION REQUEST RECEIVED: [(sp2,(50.1234,24.1234)]
¢	SEND LOCATION RESPONSE: [sp2,(50.1234,24.1234),sc1,(50.1234,24.1234)]

Analysis: Simulation of second scenario also runs as expected. Notification agent requests consumer, who is near coordinates 50.1234, 24.1234. Location agent finds consumer sc2, whose coordinates are 10.0, 10.0. Based on these coordinates location agent decides that consumer is not anywhere near provider, and ignores the consumer.

On the lower part of the screenshot is also positive outcome for this scenario, where a consumer with matching GPS coordinates was found and returned to notification service. It should be noted that in a real system, consumer coordinates would need to fall into some +/-range of the provider, but to simplify our model, exact coordinates are good enough.

4.1.3 Scenario 3

Description: Notification agent waits for location service to return nearby consumers. If there are any found, notification agent receives information about them and sends them notifications about the service. If location agent takes too long to respond (effectively times out), notification agent requests consumers again.

	LOCATION REQUEST RECEIVED; [(sp2,(50.1234,24.1234)]
	IGNORE LOCATION REQUEST: [sp2,(50.1234,24.1234), sc2,(10.0,10.0)
LOCATIO	N REQUE\$T TIMEOUT (sp1,service_id_1,service2,(50,1234,24,1234)]
LOCATIO	N REQUE\$T TIMEOUT (sp2,service_id_2,service1,(50.1234,24.1234)]
_	REQUEST NEARBY SC: [(sp2,(50.1234,24.1234)]
	LOCATION REQUEST RECEIVED: [(sp2,(50.1234,24.1234)]
6	SEND LOCATION RESPONSE: [sp2,(50.1234,24.1234),sc1,(50.1234,24.1234)]
un exercite	

Analysis: Simulation of the third scenario also behaves as expected. When notification agent requests nearby consumer, and none is found (in the simulation, the one that is found is not near), the request times out as it was supposed to do. After timeout notification agent tries again to find a suitable consumer. This time location agent returns a nearby consumer. On getting information about the consumer, notification agent sends a notification to them, alerting them of a new service.

4.2 Verification

Despite our best efforts we didn't manage to get a full verification status. Below are 2 screenshots of first and third run of State Space analysis. From the screens it is visible that number of travelled nodes grew by ~200 and the number of arcs grew by ~300. It can also be seen that the number of dead markings grew, but the number of dead transition instances decreased by 3.





State-space analysis of third run

There were quite many dead markings, 162 on the first run, 246 on the third. Dead markings denote nodes without outgoing arcs[1], in our model, there are 5 such nodes.

Dead transition instances correspond to parts of the model that can never be activated. Therefore they could be removed from the model without changing its behaviour[1]. However, in our model all the transitions that are marked as dead were actually traversed when we ran the simulation manually. Therefore it is difficult to see why state space analysis would mark these transitions as dead.

Since we couldn't get a full verification status, it's impossible to say if our model was correct.

Conclusion

Our goal was to analyse, model, validate and verify a system for borrowing and renting services. The main idea was that providers could add a new service, consumers would be notified about it, and could also search for existing services.

Creating all the analysis and design models was a great way to get a bigger picture of our system and to really think through all the interactions and necessary relationships between our agents and to model the functional and nonfunctional goals.

For validation and verification we used CPN Tools. Validation part seems to be correct, messages corresponded to scenario descriptions. However, we were unable to completely verify our model because we couldn't get a complete state space analysis.

CPN Tools is an interesting tool to model and verify agent oriented systems. It's probably very useful to domain experts and people who have much experience using it.

However, it has quite steep learning curve. That is both because none of us had any prior experience with agent-oriented modelling, and because CPN Tools has a very unique user interface that works differently from any other GUI we had ever seen.

It also has same weird bugs, for example the program tends to crash if you leave it unattended long enough for screensaver to appear.

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Introduction

The goal of this Project is to learn the basics of agent-oriented modelling by building a multi-agent system, that helps people in improving their health by composing a gym training plan. The person willing to train defines a goal and the system creates a personalized training plan. The key feature of the system is adaptivity in terms of training plan difficulty and gym equipment availability.

The document consists of three main parts: Requirements analysis, Design and CPN simulation. The first two parts consist mainly of the corresponding diagrams together with descriptions. The third part contains verification and validation of a simplified system simulation using Coloured Petri nets (CPN). Lastly a Conclusion is presented with the overview of the work done.

Requirements analysis

Goal model

The main goal of the system is to advise an adaptive and personalized training for the person (Trainee) willing to improve his/her health. To reach this goal a number of subgoals is created.

Trainee requests a training plan, that must be healthy (sufficiently difficult to present a challenge and be beneficial, but not too difficult to adversely affect well-being).

Training plan consists of exercises, that the Trainer must provide. Trainee has to do the exercises using the Equipment which gives safe opportunity to exercise. The Recorder must correctly record the training session, and the Trainer must analyze the recorded data to make training plan improvements if needed.

The advised training plans are adaptive (an alternative exercise is provided if the Equipment is used by someone else or unavailable at specific gym, the difficulty is adjusted if it is too easy or too hard for the Trainee) and personal (based on the age, weight, height, gender and other personal data the Trainee provides).



Role model

There are 4 roles in the system: Trainee, Trainer, Recorder and Equipment. Below are the detailed characteristics of the roles.

Role name	Trainee
Description	The person who wants to improve his/her physical health

Responsibilities	 Defines goal Goes to training Does exercises provided by Trainer
Constraints	Has to do exercises provided by Trainer

Role name	Trainer
Description	Helps Trainee to achieve his physical goal, provides training plan and exercise information
Responsibilities	 Provides Trainee a training plan Provides information about exercise (how to do, etc.) Provides Trainee an alternative exercise Examine training results
Constraints	 Has to provide adaptive and personal training plan Has to provide efficient exercises (training plan) Has to examine training results correctly

Role name	Recorder
Description	Records result of the training (done exercises, order of exercises, etc.)
Responsibilities	 Records done exercises (and their order) Records Trainee's health/body data
Constraints	 Has to record data without loss Has to record data correctly

Role name	Equipment
Description	Gym equipment
Responsibilities	Gives an opportunity to do exercise
Constraints	Has to provide safe opportunity to do exercise

Organization model

Trainee being the single human role has the control over other non-human roles. Meaning its requests are always being complied with. Recorder is also controlled by the Trainer, as Trainer needs recorded data to improve Trainee's training plan.



Domain model

The Trainee receives a Training plan provided by the Trainer. Training plans consist of Exercises. The Trainee does the Exercises using some Equipment. During training the Recorder logs the completed Exercises, records Body/Health data and provides the Training result to the Trainer. The Trainer examines the Training result and makes a new Training plan.



Design

Agent model

There are four agents in the system - Trainee human agent, Trainee software agent, Trainer agent and Equipment agent. Below are the detailed characteristics of the agents.

Agent name	Trainee human agent
Description	Human Agent. The one who wants to improve his/her physical health
Roles	Trainee
Responsibilities	 Defines goal Goes to training Does exercises provided by Trainer

Agent name	Trainee software agent
Description	Software Assistant of Trainee Human Agent
Roles	Trainee
Responsibilities	-

Agent name	Trainer agent
Description	Agent that is responsible for providing exercises, recording training and examining training result
Roles	• Trainer • Recorder
Responsibilities	 Provides Trainee a training plan Provides information about exercise (how to do, etc.) Provides Trainee an alternative exercise Examine training results Records done exercises (and their order) Records Trainee's health/body data

Agent name	Equipment agent
Description	Gym equipment agent
Roles	Equipment
Responsibilities	Gives an opportunity to do exercise

Acquaintance model

The Trainee role is represented by two agents - a human agent representing a real person and a software agent, which forwards the actions of the human agent to other agents and displays information from them.

The Trainer agent has two roles - the Recorder and the Trainer and is typically comprised of a software application on a smartwatch or a smartphone.

The Equipment agent has a single role with the same name. Equipment is a single piece of gym equipment.



Knowledge model

The following model contains the knowledge requirements of the agents. Only the basic attributes are shown.



Interaction models

The basic interactions between human and software agents are shown below. Three interaction models were chosen, that capture the key functionality of the project - adaptive training.

Beginning of training



This interaction model shows beginning of the training. After Trainee reached the gym, he tells the Trainer (some wearable device or smartphone) that he wants to start training. All this is done through some UI (Trainee Software Agent). In response Trainer sends an overview of today's training to the Trainee, what is also displayed through some UI.



Exercise selection

Given model is a sequel of previous one (Beginning of training). After Trainee receives today's plan, he requests information about first exercise from Trainer. This information contains different types of media that describe how and using what gym equipment the exercise has to be done. Before Trainee can start exercising, he must to make sure that necessary gym equipment is available. If it is not available, then Trainee (Software Agent) asks for alternative exercise from the Trainer. Then the process is repeated until there is no more exercises left to do.
Exercise



After Trainee receives all needed information, he can finally start exercising. Trainee occupies the gym equipment, does the exercise and, finally, releases the equipment, so others could also use it.

Behaviour models

Following are the behavior models for the corresponding interaction models together with rule descriptions. Description of the models can be found in previous section (Interaction models).

Beginning of training



Given model shows beginning of the training. Equipment Agent does not participate in this phase.

Exercise selection



Given model show exercise selection logic.

Rules:

- R1 Check if there are exercises left in today's training plan.
- R2 If gym equipment is taken, ask for alternative exercise from Trainer.
- R3 If gym equipment for alternative exercise is also taken, switch to the next exercise.

Exercise



Given model shows training process. Trainer Agent does not participate in this phase.

CPN simulation



Validation

For the mini project 3 different scenarios were chosen that describe situations that can happen during the training. Scenarios are following:

- 1. Trainee wants to start exercise that is provided by Trainer using specified equipment. This Equipment is available at the gym and is not held by other trainees at the moment. Trainee successfully performs the exercise.
- 2. Trainee wants to start exercise that is provided by Trainer using specified equipment, but he can't because there is no available equipment. Trainee asks for alternative exercise. The Equipment is available and Trainee successfully performs alternative exercise.
- 3. Trainee wants to perform exercise, but Equipment used in this and alternative exercise are taken and Trainee has to switch to the next exercise.

Trainer/Trainer Trainee/Trainee Equipment/Equipm Trainer/Recorder
GET NEXT EXERCISE (Frodo)
GET NEXT EXERCISE (Gandalf)
GET EXERCISE DATA (101, Gandalf)
OCCUPY EQUIPMENT (1001, Gandalf)
DO EXERCISE (101, Gandalf)
LOG FINISHED EXERCISE (101, Gandalf)
GET EXERCISE DATA (102, Frodo)
GET ALTERNATIVE EXERCISE (102, Frodo)
RELEASE EQUIPMENT (1001, Gandalf)

Sequence diagram



Verification

Applying CPN Tools on our mini project we obtain the following result from Report:

Home Markings: [274], Dead Marking: [274], Dead Transition Instances: None Live Transition Instances: None Fairness Properties: No infinite occurrence sequences

The part of the state space report shown above says that there is one home and one dead marking. These markings have the same node number 274, which means that this node is both a home and a dead marking. One dead marking means that the CPN model is partially correct and if execution terminates then we have the correct result. Furthermore, because node 274 is also a home marking, it is always possible to terminate the protocol with the correct result. Also we can see that there are no infinite occurrence sequences. [4]

Report

```
CPN Tools state space report for:
/cygdrive/C/Users/Sergei/Desktop/cpn 07052016.cpn
Report generated: Sat May 7 22:25:53 2016
Statistics
_____
 State Space
   Nodes: 274
   Arcs: 400
   Secs: 13
   Status: Full
 Scc Graph
   Nodes: 274
   Arcs: 400
   Secs: 0
Boundedness Properties
_____
 Best Integer Bounds
                    Upper Lower
                           0
   New Page'Equipment 1 1
   New_Page'Equipment_is_available 1
                    1
                           0
   New Page'Equipment released 1
                   2
                           0
   New Page'Exercise 1
                            4
                   4
   New Page'Exercise Data 1
                            0
                    2
   New_Page'Exercise_Done 1
                             Ω
                    1
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New_Page'Exercise_History 1
                            2
                                       0
    New_Page'Got_Next_Exercise 1
                                      0
                           2
     New Page'Trainee 1
                           2
                                       0
     New Page'Training_Finished 1
                                      0
                           2
     New Page'Training_Plan 1
                                      0
                            4
 Best Upper Multi-set Bounds
    New Page'Equipment 1
                        1`1001
     New Page'Equipment is available 1
                        1`(10,"Frodo",101,"Ex2",1001)++
1`(11,"Gandalf",101,"Ex2",1001)
     New Page'Equipment released 1
                        1`(10,"Frodo")++
1`(11,"Gandalf")
    New Page'Exercise 1 1`(100,"Ex1",101,1000)++
1`(101,"Ex2",0,1001)++
1`(102,"Ex3",103,1002)++
1`(103,"Ex4",0,1003)
    New Page'Exercise Data 1
                       1`(10,"Frodo",100,"Ex1",101,1000)++
1`(10,"Frodo",101,"Ex2",0,1001)++
1`(10,"Frodo",102,"Ex3",103,1002)++
1`(10,"Frodo",103,"Ex4",0,1003)++
1`(11,"Gandalf",101,"Ex2",0,1001)++
1`(11,"Gandalf",102,"Ex3",103,1002)++
1`(11,"Gandalf",103,"Ex4",0,1003)
    New_Page'Exercise_Done 1
                       1`(10,"Frodo",1001)++
1`(11,"Gandalf",1001)
    New Page'Exercise History 1
                        1`(10,"Frodo",101,"Ex2")++
1`(11,"Gandalf",101,"Ex2")
    New Page'Got Next Exercise 1
                       1`(10,"Frodo",100)++
1`(10,"Frodo",101)++
1`(10,"Frodo",102)++
1`(10,"Frodo",103)++
1`(11,"Gandalf",101)++
1`(11,"Gandalf",102)++
1`(11,"Gandalf",103)
    New Page'Trainee 1 1`(10,"Frodo")++
1`(11,"Gandalf")
    New Page'Training Finished 1
                       1`(10,"Frodo")++
1`(11,"Gandalf")
    New_Page'Training_Plan 1
                       1`(10,100)++
1`(10,102)++
1`(11,101)++
1`(11,102)
  Best Lower Multi-set Bounds
    New_Page'Equipment 1
                        empty
    New Page'Equipment is available 1
                        empty
     New Page'Equipment released 1
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empty
   New_Page'Exercise 1 1`(100,"Ex1",101,1000)++
1`(101,"Ex2",0,1001)++
1`(102,"Ex3",103,1002)++
1`(103,"Ex4",0,1003)
   New_Page'Exercise_Data 1
                 empty
   New_Page'Exercise_Done 1
                 empty
   New Page'Exercise History 1
                 empty
   New_Page'Got_Next_Exercise 1
                 empty
   New Page'Trainee 1 empty
   New_Page'Training_Finished 1
                 empty
   New Page'Training Plan 1
                 empty
Home Properties
_____
 Home Markings
   [274]
Liveness Properties
_____
 Dead Markings
   [274]
 Dead Transition Instances
   None
 Live Transition Instances
   None
Fairness Properties
_____
```

No infinite occurrence sequences.

Conclusion

During the project, all of the project requirements were achieved. Different level analysis and design models were constructed, core functionality CPN simulation was created. During the implementation of the project team members were introduced to web-based agent-oriented modelling tool and CPN Tools software package.

CPN Tools has a nice idea of model validation and verification, but is severely lacking a modern user interface and a decent documentation. The software package is not widely used, thus it is impossible to compensate the lack of proper documentation with online research on resources such as stackoverflow.com.

Most of the time using CPN Tools was spent on trying to find out how to implement the simplest programming constructs (e.g. loops and branches) for the most basic business logic, and refactoring (simplifying) the AOM model when the CPN created was becoming too complex. CPN Tools software package aims to be cross-platform but is not working properly on anything other than Microsoft Windows. Out of three team members only one uses Windows as the main OS.

Overall the team members find the usage of CPN Tools package counter-productive and suggest finding at least an alternative editor for CPN files. Also more complex CPN examples should be provided on course home page.

Nevertheless the members are pleased with the project and the experience gained from making it.

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