PAR Quickstart Guide

This quick start guide will explain how to compile PAR in visual studio release mode for either 32-bit or 64-bit use. The architecture must stay consistent throughout (so if you plan on using 32bit, please consider that when downloading all pre-requisite software). If you wish to use PAR in visual studio debug mode, please refer to the much more in-depth Readme included with this software.

1 Install

PAR uses the Python programming language as a scripting language, and maintains persistence over several simulations through a MySQL database. Therefore, these are needed in order to properly compile PAR.

- 1. Download and install the MySQL server. Create a default connection on localhost with the username root and password root. Create and Environmental Variable called MYSQL_ROOT which points to the root directory of this server.
- 2. Run the script *actionary.sql* included with PAR. This sets up basic tables and provides a default action and object hierarchy. More information about the object hierarchy can be found in Object Hierarchy.
- 3. Download and install MySQL Connector C++. Create an Environmental Variable called CONNECTOR_ROOT which points to the root directory of this library. There is also a dll that is installed with the connector (mysqlcppconn.dll). Add the directory this dll is located in to the path.
- 4. Download and install the Python Programming language. Make sure to choose to add Python to the path. Also create an environmental variable called PYTHON_ROOT which points to the root directory of your python installation (default installation is C: Python27.
- 5. Run the script Compile64QuickStart.bat for 64bit or CompileQuickStart.bat for 32bit, included with PAR. If everything is correct, three libraries should be made (lwnet.lib, database.lib, and agentProc.lib in the libs directory).

You are now ready to use PAR in your own projects. Please refer to the tutorials for instruction on how to use PAR.