Swarm Intelligence

Systems Analysis

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Emergent Behaviors

- Emergent behavior is the **appearance** of **complex patterns** and behaviors from a **multiplicity** of relatively simple interactions.
- The emergent behavior is the **result** of the **collective** behavior of the **individuals** of the system.
- The emergent behavior is not **planned** or **designed** by any individual, but **arises** from the **interactions** of the individuals.
- The emergent behavior is **not** the **sum** of the **individual** behaviors, but **something more**. In summary: **synergy**.
- Swarm intelligence makes reference to some interesting emergent behaviors.

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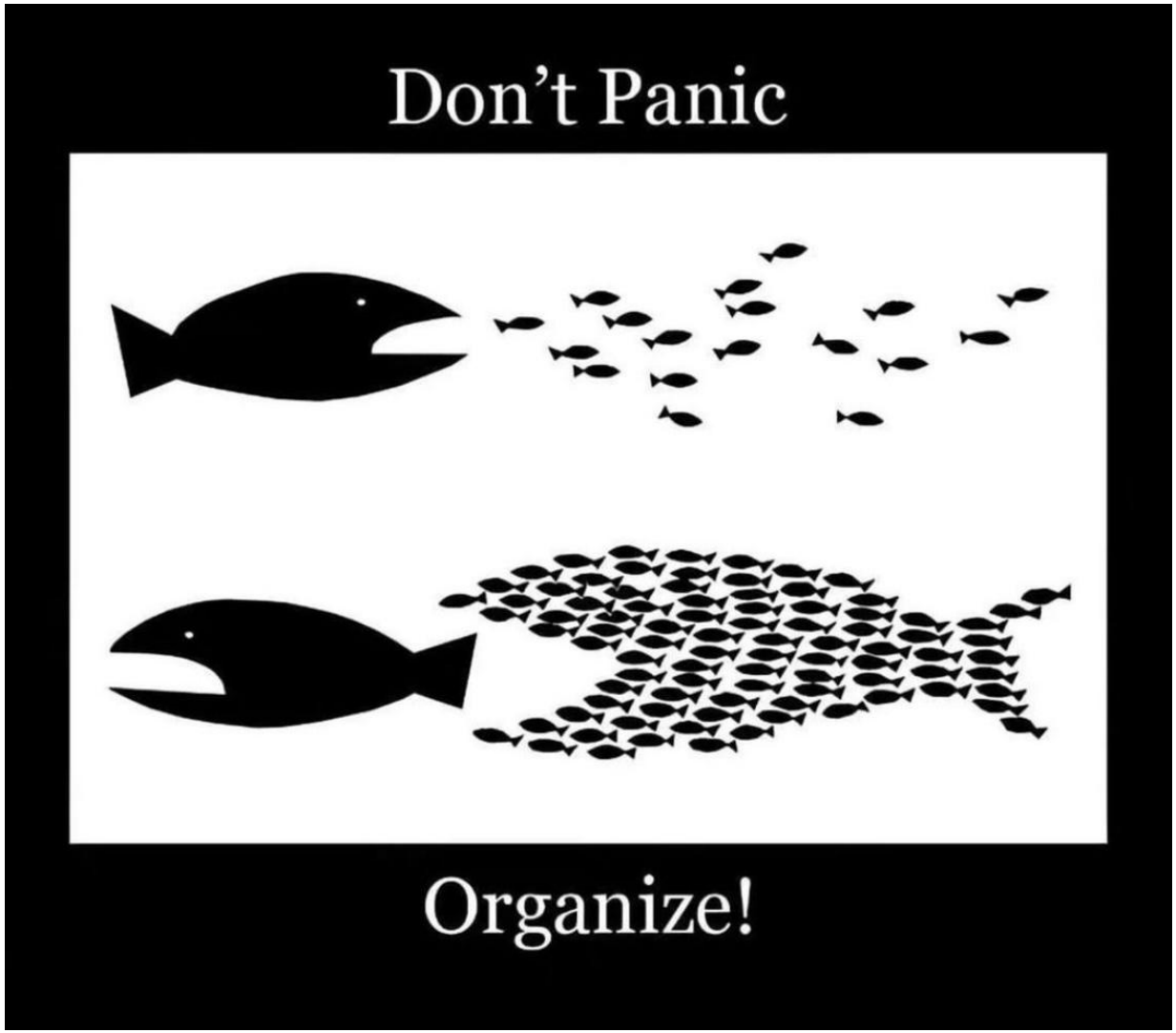

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- Bird flock is a **multi-agent system** that **simulates** the behavior of a **flock of birds**.
- Bird flock algorithm just emulates movements, following leaders, but in a **stochastic way**.

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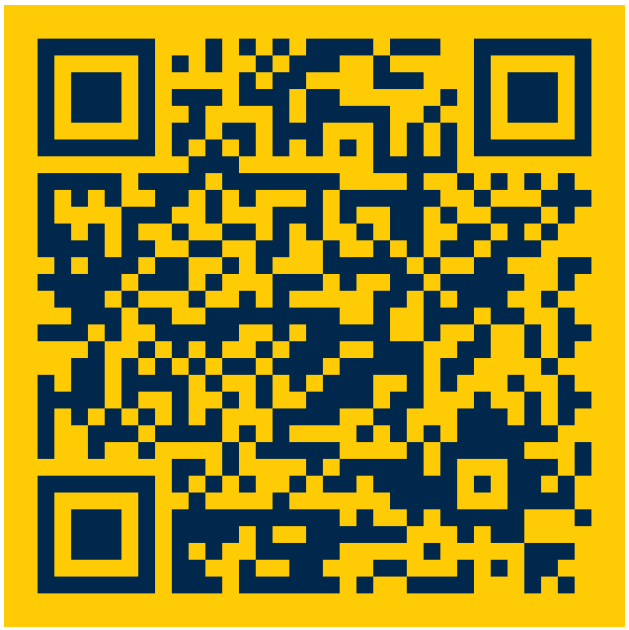

Repo: *https://github.com/EngAndres/ud-public/tree/main/courses/systems-analysis*

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