

Examples of Important Historical Developments in the field of AI Planning

PDDL: The Planning Domain Definition Language (PDDL) was first developed by Drew McDermott and his colleagues in 1998. PDDL is an action-centred language, inspired by the well-known STRIPS formulations of planning problems.

PDDL help standardized syntax for representing AI planning problems formalizing actions and has been used as the standard language for the International Planning Competition since 1998.

Graphplan: Graphplan is an algorithm for automated planning developed by Avrim Blum and Merrick Furst in 1995. Graphplan takes as input a planning problem expressed in STRIPS and produces, if one is possible, a sequence of operations for reaching a goal state. Planning graph can be used to give better heuristic estimates. Using GRAPHPLAN algorithm helps search for a solution over the space formed by the planning graph.

First-order logic: First-order logic is complete (Gödel, 1929), compact and sound, and all its particular formalizations as deductive systems are equivalent (Lindström, 1969). First-order logic uses quantified variables over non-logical objects and allows the use of sentences that contain variables, First-order logic replacing the notion of linear time with a notion of branching *situations*, using a representation called situation calculus.

References

[PDDL Background:

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