Starcraft Environment Manual

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Chapter 1

Environment

This section will explain how to set up and start a bot with the StarCraft environment using the GOAL programming language.

1.1 Installation

For full installation instructions, see: https://github.com/eishub/StarCraft/wiki/Install-Guide

1.2 Chaoslauncher

In order to make use of all the StarCraft Brood War plugins, you can make use of the Chaoslauncher application. With this application, several plugins can be used like the BWAPI Injector which is necessary for using the BWAPI library. It is also recommended to make use of the APMAlert plugin, which shows the current actions per minute of all your units together. When the APM of your bot is suddenly very high, your agents might be executing too many actions in a row. It is also recommended to make use of the W-Mode plugin. This plugin automatically starts your StarCraft game in windowed mode which is easier for debugging. Yu can also make use of the *ChaosPluqin* to make use of its autoreplay function which automatically saves a replay at the end of each game. You can play these replays by first turning off the BWAPI Injector. You can then start StarCraft (in the launcher) and select Single Player with gametype Expansion. Press the 'Ok' button and then the 'Load Replay' button. If you then open the Autoreplay directory in that screen you should be able to see all the replays which are saved by the autoreplay function.

1.3 The Mas2g

The StarCraft environment offers multiple parameters to be set up in the mas2g. Within the mas2g you can specify which map you want to play, specify your own race, set the location of your StarCraft game, turn the development tool on or off, enable the automenu script, and specify which race you want to play against. When any of these parameters are updated, do not forget to close the Chaoslauncher before launching the mas2g, or else your changes will not be applied.

```
use "../../StarCraft Connector.jar" as environment with
   map="(2)Destination.scx",
   own_race="terran",
   StarCraft_location="C:\\StarCraft",
   debug="true",
   auto_menu="Single_Player",
   enemy_race="zerg",
   game_speed=50.
```

1.3.1 Map

It is possible to specify which map the Chaoslauncher will automatically load when starting the game. This can be done by inserting the following line: $map = \langle filename \rangle$, where $\langle filename \rangle$ is the exact filename of the map (with extension). Please note that the environment only supports maps in the directory: StarCraft/maps/sscai. Please note that the first time running the environment on a certain map will take some time (around 2 minutes) to generate the API data of the given map.

1.3.2 Own Race

You may also specify the race of your bot in the mas2g. This will automatically launch the Chaoslauncher with the specified race. You can do this by inserting the following line: $own_race = \langle RaceName \rangle$, where $\langle RaceName \rangle$ can either be zerg, protoss, terran or random. The option random will choose one race with a 1/3 chance for each race.

1.3.3 StarCraft Location

It is also possible to specify the location of the StarCraft game. When using the StarCraft game provided by the environment installer, this feature will

automatically start the Chaoslauncher when launching the GOAL MAS. When the Chaoslauncher is already running, it will not start again until you close it, but this is fine as long as you use the same init parameters. When the Choaslauncher is automatically started by the environment, an automatic script will be written with all the necessary information to run the GOAL agents (so it is recommended to use this feature). You can use this feature by inserting the line: $StarCraft_location = \langle FilePath \rangle$, where $\langle FilePath \rangle$ is the absolute path to the StarCraft installation folder.

1.3.4 Debug

The environment also offers a development tool for debugging purposes. With this development tool, you can increase or decrease the game speed, enable cheats and draw unit and map details on the screen. More information about the development tool can be found at 1.4. In order to enable or disable launching the development tool, you can insert the following line: $debuq = \langle Boolean \rangle$.

1.3.5 Auto Menu

The auto menu parameter can be used to automatically go through the menus of the game when starting your agents. This can be used for single player games and multi player games. To use the auto menu function you can insert the following line: $auto_menu=<MenuChoice>$, where <Menu-Choice> can take the following values:

Single_Player: for a single player game.

Multi_Player: for a multiplayer game.

LAN: for a local multiplayer game.

1.3.6 Enemy Race

The enemy race parameter can be used for specifying which race you want to play against. When an actual enemy race is chosen like: zerg, protoss or terran, the enemyRace percept will indicate against which race you are playing. If you do not specify an enemy race, which is equal to the random option, the enemyRace percept will be unknown until the opponent is scouted for the first time. To use the enemy race parameter you can insert the following line: enemy_race=<RaceName>, where <RaceName> can either be zerg, protoss, terran or random. The option random will choose one race with a 1/3 chance for each race.

1.3.7 Game Speed

The game speed parameter can be used to set the initial speed of the game when the StarCraft game is launched. StarCraft makes use of a logical frame rate, which means that the game_speed depends on the amount of frames per second (fps) used to update the game. So the higher the fps, the faster the game will go. For using the game_speed parameter you can insert the following line: $game_speed=<FPS>$, where <FPS> is a positive integer. If the integer 0 is used, there will be no limit on the amount of FPS used and the game will thus run as fast as it possibly can. Please note that when integer 0 is used the gameSpeed/1 percept will not give accurate results. The default (tournament-speed) FPS is 50.

1.3.8 Invulnerable

The invulnerable parameter can be used to make your units invulnerable from the start of the game. This can come in handy for testing purposes when you don't want to fight your opponent. To use the invulnerable function you can insert the following line: *invulnerable*=<*Boolean*>.

1.3.9 Entity Types

When defining a launch rule it is important that a correct entity type is used. This value has to be the same type of the StarCraft unit without spaces and where the first letter is uncapitalised. So when you for example want to connect an agent to a terran SCV, this can be done by using the entity type terranSCV. Note that each unit type starts with the race of the unit, followed by the exact name of the unit type.

```
define myAgent as agent {
    use MyAgentInit as init module.
    use MyAgent as main module.
    use MyAgentEvent as event module.
}
launchpolicy {
    when type = terranSCV launch myAgent.
}
```

When using mind control while being protoss, some units from other races can be taken over. These units will also get an entity. An easy way to accommodate all these entities is:

while type=* launch ...

1.4 The Development Tool

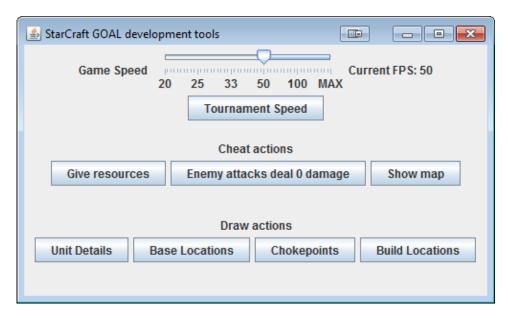


Figure 1.1: Example of the Development Tool

1.4.1 Game Speed

The Game Speed slider can be found at the top of the development tool window. This can be used to quickly change the speed of the game. The initial game speed is set to 50 fps (logical frames). The slowest speed is 20 fps and from there you can set it as fast as you want. Please note that the agent is supposed to play normally at 50 fps which is the default game speed for AI tournaments. When the speed is set to a 100 fps or higher, the agents can react slower than they would on the tournament gamespeed. Setting the game speed on 100 or higher should only be used for quick testing purposes.

1.4.2 Cheat Actions

The development tool offers 3 buttons which instantly enable StarCraft cheats. Note that these cheats should be used for testing purposes only. The first cheat is called: *Give resources* which gives the player 10000 minerals and 10000 gas. The second cheat is called: *Enemy attacks deal 0 damager*

which makes the units of the player immune for damage. The last cheat is called: *Show map* which makes the whole map visible for the player. Note that all your agents will then also perceive everything on the map.

1.4.3 Map Drawing

The development tool can also be used to show map or unit details. There are 4 buttons which can be used. First there is the *Unit Details* button which shows the health and *ID* of every unit. There is also the *Base Locations* button which shows all the starting locations of the map and also all the base locations on the map where players could be expanding to. There is also the *Chokepoints* button which shows all the chokepoints (which are the narrow points where not many units can go through at the same time) on the map. Finally there is the *Build Locations* button which shows all the non-obstructed and explored building locations of the map which the worker units perceive with the *constructionSite* percept.

Chapter 2

Percepts

This section will list all the percepts that are usable in the StarCraft environment. The percepts vary per unit, for example: an attacking unit will not perceive the amount of resources available to the player as he does not need them. For the implementation of these percepts in your GOAL code, please refer to the GOAL programming guide.

2.1 Percepts for All Units and Buildings

2.1.1 Available Resources

Resources percept

Description The amount of minerals, gas and supply available to the

player (i.e. shared by all units). NOTE: supply is multiplied by 2 throughout this interface, so 10 supply in game

corresponds with 20 supply in this environment.

Type

Send on change

Syntax Example resources(<M>, <G>, <CS>, <TS>)
resources(350, 100, 25, 41)

Parameters

ICDUALO	resources (350, 100, 25, 41)		
<m></m>	The current amount of minerals available to the		
	player.		
Type	Positive Integer		
Range	$[0-\infty]$		
<g></g>	The current amount of gas available to the		
	player.		
Type	Positive Integer		
Range	$[0-\infty]$		
<cs></cs>	The supply of the player which is currently in		
	use.		
Type	Positive Integer		
Range	[0-400]		
<ts></ts>	The total amount of supply the player can cur-		
	rently use. Note that <ts> is always greater or</ts>		
	equal to <cs></cs>		
Type	Positive Integer		
Range	[0-400]		

2.1.2 Unit Information

Self percept

Description The (unique) ID and type of the unit. Also gives informa-

tion about the maximum health, shield and energy of the

unit.

Type Send once

Syntax self(<ID>, <UnitType>, <MaxHealth>, <MaxShield>, <MaxEnergy>)

Example self(21, Terran SCV, 60, 0, 0)

Parameters

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<id></id>	The (unique) <i>ID</i> of the unit.	
Type	Positive Integer	
Range	$[0-\infty]$	
<unittype></unittype>	The type of the unit. The type of a unit consists	
	of a string with the race of the unit and the name	
	of the unit parted by a space. See Section 6 for	
	the list of all the unit types.	
Type	String	
<maxhealth></maxhealth>	The maximum amount of health of the unit.	
Type	Positive Integer	
Range	[0-2500]	
<maxshield></maxshield>	The maximum amount of shield of the unit.	
Type	Positive Integer	
Range	[0-2500]	
<maxenergy></maxenergy>	The maximum amount of energy of the unit.	
Type	Positive Integer	
Range	[0-2500]	

Defensive Matrix percept

Description Information about how much health the defensive matrix

has left on the unit. Note: this only applies to specific Terran

units.

Type Send on change

 $Syntax \\ \hspace*{0.5cm} \texttt{defensiveMatrix(<health>)} \\$

Example defensiveMatrix(200)

Parameters

	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
<health></health>	The amount of health left of the defensive ma-	
	trix.	
Type	Positive Integer	
Range	[0-250]	

Status percept

Description The current amount of health, shield and energy of the unit.

The status percept also shows the conditions of the unit

and its current position.

Type Send on change

Syntax status(<Health>, <Shield>, <Energy>, <Cond>, <X>, <Y>)

Example status(250, 0, 0, [moving, carrying], 24, 36)

Parameters

• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
The current amount of health of the unit.
Positive Integer
[0- <maxhealth>] where <maxhealth> is the</maxhealth></maxhealth>
maximum health of the given unit.
The current amount of shields of the unit.
Positive Integer
[0- <maxshield>] where <maxshield> is the</maxshield></maxshield>
maximum shield of the given unit.
The current amount of energy of the unit.
Positive Integer
[0- <maxenergy>] where <maxenergy> is the</maxenergy></maxenergy>
maximum energy of the given unit.
The current condition of the unit. Each unit can
have multiple or no conditions depending on the
unit and situation. See Section 2.4 for the list of
all the conditions.
List of Strings
The x-coordinate of the unit in the map.
Positive Integer
$[0-\infty]$
The y-coordinate of the unit in the map.
Positive Integer
$[0-\infty]$

New Unit percept

Description Indicates when a new unit is under construction.

Type Send on change

Syntax newUnit(<ID>,<X>,<Y>)
Example newUnit(44, 22, 37)

Parameters	<id></id>	The (unique) ID of the unit.
	Type	Positive Integer
	Range	$[0-\infty]$
	<x></x>	The x-coordinate of the unit in the map.
	Type	Positive Integer
	Range	$[0-\infty]$
	<y></y>	The y-coordinate of the unit in the map.
	Type	Positive Integer
	Range	$[0-\infty]$

2.1.3 Player Percepts

Enemy Race percept

```
Description
           The race of your opponent.
           Send once
Type
Syntax
           enemyRace(<Race>)
Example
           enemyRace(protoss)
Example
           When playing against a random race.
if bel(enemyRace(unknown), enemy(Type,__,_,_),
sub_string(Type, 0,1,_,Race)) then {
  if bel(Race = "Z") then delete(enemyRace(unknown))
  + insert (enemyRace(zerg)).
  if bel(Race = "P") then delete(enemyRace(unknown))
  + insert (enemyRace (protoss)).
  if bel(Race = "T") then delete(enemyRace(unknown))
  + insert (enemyRace(terran)).
Parameters
           <Race>
                   The enemy race which can take the value: pro-
                   toss, terran, zerg or unknown when the enemy
                   race is random.
            Type
                   String
```

Game Speed percept

Description The current game speed in frames per seconds. For more

information see Section 1.3.7.

Type Send on change Syntax gameSpeed(<FPS>) Example gameSpeed(50)

Parameters	<fps></fps>	The current amount of frames per second the
		game is updated by.
	\mathbf{Type}	Positive Integer
	Range	[0-∞]

Frame percept

Description The current game frame, sent per 50 frames (which is also

the interval at which construction sites are updated). For

more information see Section 1.3.7.

Type Send on change Syntax frame(<number>) Example frame(150)

Parameters \(\scrimtter \) The game frame in increments of 50.

Type | Positive Integer

Range $[0-\infty]$

Winner percept

Description At the end of the game all units will receive this depending

whether they have won or not.

Type Send always

Syntax winner(<hasWon>)
Example winner(true)

Type

Parameters | <hasWon> | Boolean which indicates whether you have won

or not.
Boolean

Nuke percept

Description Indicates that a nuclear strike will land on the given posi-

tion.

Type Send on change Syntax nuke(<X>,<Y>) Example nuke(22, 37)

Parameters <X>

	<x></x>	The x-coordinate of the nuclear strike.
	Type	
	Range	$[0-\infty]$
Ī	<y></y>	The y-coordinate of the nuclear strike.
	Type	Positive Integer
	Range	$[0-\infty]$

2.1.4 Map Percepts

Map percept

Description The width and the height of the map (no. of squares).

Type Send once

Syntax map(<Width>,<Height>)

Example map(96, 128)

Parameters

<width></width>	The width of the map.
Type	Positive Integer
Range	$[0-\infty]$
<height></height>	The height of the map.
Type	Positive Integer
Range	$[0-\infty]$

Base percept

Description All the base locations of the map. These are possible con-

struction sites for bases.

Type Send once

Syntax base(<X>,<Y>,<IsStart>,<ResourceGroupID>)

Example base(28, 32, true, 8)

Parameters

s	<x></x>	The x-coordinate of the base location.	
	\mathbf{Type}	Positive Integer	
	Range	$[0-\infty]$	
	<y></y>	The y-coordinate of the base location.	
	\mathbf{Type}	Positive Integer	
	Range	$[0-\infty]$	
	<isstart></isstart>	Indicates whether the location is a starting lo-	
		cation or not.	
	\mathbf{Type}	Boolean (true or false)	
	<resourcegroupid></resourcegroupid>	The Resource Group that is closest to this base	
		location. The vespene geyser and all mineral	
		fields will share this Resource group.	
	\mathbf{Type}	Positive Integer	
	Range	$[0-\infty]$	

Chokepoint/3 percept

Description All the chokepoints on the map. These are the narrow points

on the map where only a limited amount of units can go

through at the same time.

Type Send once

Syntax chokepoint(<X>,<Y>,<W>)
Example chokepoint(12, 15, 50)

Parameters

<	X>	The x-coordinate of the chokepoint.
Ty	ype	Positive Integer
Ra	\mathbf{nge}	$[0-\infty]$
<	Y>	The y-coordinate of the chokepoint.
Ту	ype	Positive Integer
Ra	\mathbf{nge}	$[0-\infty]$
<	W>	The size of the chokepoint (in pixels).
Ty	ype	Positive Integer
Ra	nge	$[0-\infty]$

Chokepoint/4 percept

Description All the chokepoints on the map. These are the narrow points

on the map where only a limited amount of units can go

through at the same time.

Type Send once

Syntax chokepoint(<X1>,<Y1>,<X2>,<Y2>)

Example chokepoint(12, 15, 14, 17)

Parameters	<x1></x1>	The x-coordinate of the first side of the choke-
		point.
	Type	Positive Integer
	Range	$[0-\infty]$
	<y1></y1>	The y-coordinate of the first side of the choke-
		point.
	Type	Positive Integer
	Range	$[0-\infty]$
	<x2></x2>	The x-coordinate of the second side of the choke-
		point.
	Type	Positive Integer
	Range	$[0-\infty]$
	<y2></y2>	The y-coordinate of the second side of the choke-
		point.
	Type	Positive Integer
	Range	$[0-\infty]$

Chokepoint/6 percept

Description All the chokepoints on the map. These are the narrow points

on the map where only a limited amount of units can go through at the same time. This percept also sends the regions that this chokepoint connects.

Type Send once

Syntax chokepoint(<X1>,<Y1>,<X2>,<Y2>,<RegionID1>,<RegionID2>)

Example chokepoint(12, 15, 14, 17, 1, 2)

Parameters	<x1></x1>	The x-coordinate of the first side of the choke-
		point.
	Type	Positive Integer
	Range	$[0-\infty]$
	<y1></y1>	The y-coordinate of the first side of the choke-
		point.
	Type	Positive Integer
	Range	$[0-\infty]$
	<x2></x2>	The x-coordinate of the second side of the choke-
		point.
	Type	Positive Integer
	Range	$[0-\infty]$
	<y2></y2>	The y-coordinate of the second side of the choke-
		point.
	Type	Positive Integer
	Range	$[0-\infty]$
	<regionid1></regionid1>	The ID of the first region.
	Type	Positive Integer
	Range	$[0-\infty]$
	<regionid2></regionid2>	The ID of the second region.
	Type	Positive Integer

Region/5 percept

Description All the regions on the map. Regions are connected by choke-

points and can be on high or low ground.

 $[0-\infty]$

Type Send once

Syntax region(<Id>,<CenterY>,<Height>,<ConnectedRegionsList>)

Example region(12, 15, 14, 17, [1,2])

Range

Parameters

<id><</id>	The ID of the region.
Type	Positive Integer
Range	$[0-\infty]$
<centerx></centerx>	The x-coordinate of the center of the region.
Type	Positive Integer
Range	$[0-\infty]$
<centery></centery>	The y-coordinate of the center of the region.
Type	Positive Integer
Range	$[0-\infty]$
<height></height>	The height of the region.
Type	Positive Integer
Range	$[0-\infty]$
<pre><connectedregionslist></connectedregionslist></pre>	A list of regions that are connected to this re-
	gion.
\mathbf{Type}	List

2.1.5 Unit Percepts

Friendly percept

Description Information about all (alive) units of the player.

Type Send always

Syntax friendly(<Type>,<ID>,<Condition>)

Example friendly(Protoss Gateway, 26, [beingConstructed])

Parameters

friendl	y(Protoss Gateway, 26, [beingConstructed])
<type></type>	The type of the unit. The type of a unit consists
	of a string with the race of the unit and the name
	of the unit parted by a space. See Section 6 for
	the list of all the unit types.
Type	String
<id></id>	The (unique) <i>ID</i> of the unit.
Type	Positive Integer
Range	$[0-\infty]$
<cond></cond>	The current condition of the unit. Each unit can
	have multiple or no conditions depending on the
	unit and situation. See Section 2.4 for the list of
	all actual conditions.
Type	List of Strings

Enemy percept

Description Information about all (alive) enemy units that are currently

visible to the player.

Type Send always

Syntax enemy(<Type>,<ID>,<Health>,<Shield>,<Condition>,<X>,<Y>)

Example enemy(Zerg Overlord, 12, 200, 0, [flying], 120, 96)

Note Enemy units that are cloaked are also percepted, but cannot be attacked.

Parameters

<type></type>	The type of the unit. The type of a unit consists	
	of a string with the race of the unit and the name	
	of the unit parted by a space.	
Type	String	
<id></id>	The (unique) <i>ID</i> of the unit.	
Type	Positive Integer	
Range	$[0-\infty]$	
Health>	The current amount of health of the unit.	
Type	Positive Integer	
Range	[1- <maxhealth>] where <maxhealth> is the</maxhealth></maxhealth>	
	maximum health of the given unit.	
Shield>	The current amount of shields of the unit.	
Type	Positive Integer	
Range	[0- <maxshield>] where <maxshield> is the</maxshield></maxshield>	
	maximum shield of the given unit.	
<cond></cond>	The current condition of the unit. Each unit can	
	have multiple or no conditions depending on the	
	unit and situation. Not all the conditions are	
	available for the enemy percept. See Section 2.4	
	for the list of all actual conditions.	
Type	List of Strings	
<x></x>	The x-coordinate of the unit.	
Type	Positive Integer	
Range	$[0-\infty]$	
<y></y>	The y-coordinate of the unit.	
Type	Positive Integer	
Range	$[0-\infty]$	
	Type <id> Type Range Health> Type Range Shield> Type Range <cond> Type <x> Type <x> Type Range Y> Type Type</x></x></cond></id>	

Attacking percept

Description Shows the enemy units which are attacking and which units

they have targeted.

Type Send always

Syntax attacking(<ID>,<TargetID>)

Example attacking(123, 177)

Parameters	<id></id>	The (unique) <i>ID</i> of the enemy unit which is at-
		tacking.

 $\begin{array}{c|c} \textbf{Type} & \textbf{Positive Integer} \\ \textbf{Range} & [0-\infty] \end{array}$

<TargetID> The (unique) ID of the targeted unit which is

Type being attacked.
Positive Integer

Range $[0-\infty]$

UnitRegion/2 percept

Description Gives information about which region on the map a unit is

in.

Type Send on change

Syntax unitRegion(<UnitID>,<RegionID>)

Example unitRegion(12, 15)

Parameters <unitID> The Id of a unit in a region. Sent for every visible

 \mid unit.

Type Positive Integer

Range $[0-\infty]$

Type | Positive Integer

Range $[0-\infty]$

2.2 Building Percepts

2.2.1 Research and Upgrade Percepts

Researching percept

Description Indicates which tech is currently being researched. The re-

search is done when this percept is no longer seen. See Sec-

tion 4 for the list of tech types.

Type Send always

Syntax researching(<TechType>)
Example researching(Stim Packs)

Parameters **TechType>** The *tech* which is currently researched.

Type String

Upgrading percept

Description Indicates which *upgrade* is currently being performed. The

upgrade is done when this percept is no longer seen. See

Section 5 for the list of all actual tech types.

Type Send always

Syntax upgrading(<UpgradeType>)
Example upgrading(Ocular Implants)

Parameters **<UpgradeType>** The *upgrade* which is currently upgraded.

Type | String

2.2.2 Production Buildings

Queue Size percept

Description Shows how many units are in queue of the production build-

ing.

Hatchery: Shows the amount of available larva units.

Type Send on change Syntax queueSize(<Size>)

Example queueSize(2)

Parameters **<Size>** The size of the current queue.

Type | Positive Integer

Range | [0-5]

Rally Point percept

Description The position of the building's rallypoint in map coordinates.

Type Send on change

Syntax rallyPoint(<X>,<Y>) Example rallyPoint(76, 45)

Parameters	<x></x>	The x-coordinate of the rallypoint.
	\mathbf{Type}	Positive Integer
	Range	$[0-\infty]$
	<y></y>	The y-coordinate of the rallypoint.
	\mathbf{Type}	Positive Integer
	Range	$[0-\infty]$

Rally Unit percept

Description Shows on which unit the building's rallypoint is set.

Type Send on change

Syntax rallyUnit(<UnitID>)

Example rallyUnit(145)

Parameters | **<UnitID>** | The (unique) *ID* the rallypoint points to.

Type Positive Integer

Range $[0-\infty]$

2.2.3 Loadable Buildings

Space Provided percept

Description Shows how many units are currently loaded in the building

and how the maximun amount of units that can be loaded

in the building.

Type Send on change

Syntax spaceProvided(<CSize>, <MSize>)

Example spaceProvided(2, 4)

Parameters **<CSize>** The amount of currently loaded units.

Range $| [0-\infty]$

Unit Loaded percept

Description Shows which unit is loaded inside the given loadable unit.

Type Send always

Syntax unitLoaded(<ID>, <Type>)

Example unitLoaded(154, Terran Marine)

Parameters <ID> The (unique) ID of the loaded unit.

 $\begin{array}{c|c} \mathbf{Type} & \mathsf{Positive\ Integer} \\ \mathbf{Range} & [0-\infty] \end{array}$

<Type> The type of the loaded unit.

Type | String

2.3 Worker percepts

2.3.1 Worker Management

Worker Activity Percept

Description Shows the current activity of the worker.

Type Send on change

Syntax workerActivity(<Activity>) Example workerActivity(gatheringGas)

Parameters <Activity> The current activity of the worker unit. Can take

values: gatheringGas, gatheringMinerals, con-

structing or idling.

Type String

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Vespene Geyser percept

Information about a visible (possibly empty) vespene geyser Description

on the map.

Type Send always

Syntax vespeneGeyser(<ID>,<Resources>,<ResourceGroup>,<X>,<Y>)

Example vespeneGeyser(57, 5000, 6, 22, 32)

Parameters

3	<id></id>	The (unique) <i>ID</i> of the vespene geyser.		
	\mathbf{Type}	Positive Integer		
	Range	$[0-\infty]$		
	<resources></resources>	The amount of resources left in the vespene		
		geyser.		
	\mathbf{Type}	Positive Integer		
	Range	[0-5000]		
	<resourcegroup></resourcegroup>	The resource group of the vespene geyser.		
	\mathbf{Type}	Positive Integer		
	Range	$[0-\infty]$		
	<x></x>	The x-coordinate of the vespene geyser.		
	\mathbf{Type}	Positive Integer		
	Range	$[0-\infty]$		
	<y></y>	The y-coordinate of the vespene geyser.		
	\mathbf{Type}	Positive Integer		
	Range	$[0-\infty]$		

Mineral Field percept

Description Information about a visible (non-empty) mineralfield on the

map.

Type Send always

Syntax mineralField(<ID>, <Resources>, <ResourceGroup>, <X>, <Y>)

Example mineralField(57, 5000, 6, 22, 32)

Parameters

minoral rola (or ,	0000, 0, 22, 02)
s <id></id>	The (unique) <i>ID</i> of the mineralfield.
\mathbf{Type}	Positive Integer
Range	$[0-\infty]$
<resources></resources>	The amount of resources left in the mineralfield.
\mathbf{Type}	Positive Integer
Range	[1–5000]
<resourcegroup></resourcegroup>	The resource group of the mineralfield.
\mathbf{Type}	Positive Integer
Range	$[0-\infty]$
<x></x>	The x-coordinate of the mineralfield.
\mathbf{Type}	Positive Integer
Range	$[0-\infty]$
<y></y>	The y-coordinate of the mineralfield.
Type	Positive Integer
Range	$[0-\infty]$

Construction Site percept

Description Shows all explored and non-obstructed construction sites

where at least a Protoss Nexus, Terran Command Center or Zerg Hatchery can be placed. Updated every 50 game

frames.

Type Send always

Syntax (If Protoss) constructionSite(<X>,<Y>,<InPylonRange>)

(If Zerg) constructionSite(<X>,<Y>,<OnCreep>)

(If Terran) constructionSite(<X>,<Y>)

Example constructionSite(66, 98, false)

constructionSite(66, 98)

Paramet	ers
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S	<x></x>	The x-coordinate of the construction site.
	\mathbf{Type}	Positive Integer
	Range	$[0-\infty]$
	<y></y>	The y-coordinate of the construction site.
	\mathbf{Type}	Positive Integer
	Range	$[0-\infty]$
	<inpylonrange></inpylonrange>	Indicates whether the construction site is in
		range of a pylon (this is only for Protoss)
	\mathbf{Type}	Boolean
	Range	[True-False]
	<oncreep></oncreep>	Indicates whether the construction site is on
		creep (this is only for Zerg)
	\mathbf{Type}	Boolean
	Range	[True-False]

2.4 Conditions

2.4.1 Worker Units

carrying Indicates when the worker unit is carrying minerals or

vespene gas.

constructing Shows that the worker unit is busy constructing a build-

ing.

2.4.2 Buildings

beingConstructed Indicates when a building is being constructed.

lifted Indicates when the building is lifted.

<addonName> Indicates when an addon of the building is present,

gives the exact addonname.

2.4.3 All

idle Indicates when the unit is idle (not doing anything).

cloaked Indicates when a unit is cloaked.

moving Shows that a unit is moving.

following Shows that a unit is following an other unit.

loaded Indicates when a unit is loaded.

defenseMatrixed Indicates when a unit has a defense matrix on it.

flying Shows that a unit is flying.

patrolling Shows that a unit is patrolling between 2 positions.

underAttack Indicates when the unit is under attack.

attacking Indicates when a unit is attacking an other unit.

coolingDown Indicates when a unit cannot attack due to cooldown.

detected Indicates when an enemy cloaked/burrowed unit has

been detected (and thus can be attacked).

2.4.4 Zerg

burrowed Indicates when a zerg unit is burrowed.

ensnared Shows that the unit is ensnared by a Queen unit.

Shows that the unit is parasited by a Queen unit.

Plagued Indicates that the unit is plagued by a Defiler unit.

darkSwarmed Indicates that the unit is under a Dark Swarm from a

Defiler unit.

acidSpored Indicates when a unit is under a Acid Spores from a Defiler

unit.

morphing Indicates that a unit is morphing.

2.4.5 Terran

stimmed Indicates when a firebat or marine is stimmed.
sieged Indicates when a siegetank is in siegemode.
blinded Shows when a unit is blinded by a medic.

lockDowned irradiated irradiated Shows when a unit is irradiated by a Science Vessel.
 lockDowned irradiated irradiated by a Science Vessel.
 lockdown by a Ghost unit.
 Shows when a unit is irradiated by a Science Vessel.
 lockdown by a Ghost unit.
 lockdown by a Ghost unit.

unit.

repairing Shows that a unit is repairing.

hasMines Indicates whether a vulture has mines.

2.4.6 Protoss

underStorm Shows when a unit is under a storm from a High

Templar unit.

stasised Indicates when a unit is stuck in stasis.

maelstrommed Indicates when a unit is maelstrommed by a Dark

Archon

disruptionWebbed Shows when a unit is in a disruption web from a

Corsair.

hasScarabs Indicates if a reaver has scarabs.

Chapter 3

Actions

This section will list all the actions that are usable in the Starcraft environment.

3.1 Attack action

Description Attack the given enemy unit.

Syntax attack(<TargetID>)

Parameters <TargetID>: The ID of the target that will be attacked.

Pre The targeted unit is attack capable.

Post The targeted unit is being attacked by your unit.

Note Medics that use this action on a friendly unit will heal them.

Medics cannot attack enemies.

3.2 Move action

Description Move to the chosen location.

Syntax move(<X>,<Y>)

Parameters <X>: The x-coordinate of the chosen location

<Y>: The y-coordinate of the chosen location

Pre The unit is capable of moving to the chosen location. Post

The unit moves to the chosen location (ignoring any other

unit it might pass by).

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3.3 Attack move action

Description Go to the given location and attack everything you en-

counter.

Syntax attack(<X>,<Y>)

Parameters <X>: The x-coordinate of the chosen location

<Y>: The y-coordinate of the chosen location

Pre The unit is capable of moving to the chosen location.

Post The unit moves to the chosen locations and attacks any

attack capable enemy unit it encounters.

3.4 Upgrade action

Description Starts working on the chosen upgrade.

Syntax upgrade(<UpgradeName>)

Parameters <UpgradeName>: The name of the upgrade you want to up-

grade.

Pre The unit is capable of upgrading and has sufficient resources

to do so.

Post The unit starts upgrading the chosen upgrade.

3.5 Build action

Description Build a building on the given location.

Syntax build(<Type>,<X>,<Y>)

Parameters <Type>: The Type of the building that has to be built.

<X>: The x-coordinate of the chosen build location
<Y>: The y-coordinate of the chosen build location

Pre The unit is capable of constructing the chosen building and

the chosen location is not obstructed.

Post The unit starts constructing the chosen building at the cho-

sen location.

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3.6 Gather action

Description Gather the chosen resource (minerals or vespene gas).

Syntax gather(<ID>)

Parameters <ID>: The *ID* of the chosen resource.

Pre The unit is capable of performing the gather action and a

valid resource unit is selected.

Post The unit starts gathering the chosen resource.

3.7 Train action

Description Train the chosen unit.

Syntax train(<Type>)

Parameters <Type>: The type of unit to train.

Pre The production facility is capable of producing the chosen

unit and has sufficient resources to do so.

Post The production facility starts producing the chosen unit.

3.8 Stop action

Description Stop performing the current action.

Syntax stop

Pre The unit is performing some kind of action.

Post The unit stops performing the action.

3.9 Ability action

Description Use an (researched) ability.

Syntax ability(<Type>)

Parameters <Type>: The type of technology to use.

Pre The chosen tech type is researched and the unit is capable

of performing the chosen tech type.

Post The unit performs the chosen tech ability.

Note In game behaviour that can be toggled on and off such as

Burrow/Cloak/Siege is also executed by using this action.

3.10 Ability on target action

Description Use an (researched) ability on a target.

Syntax ability(<Type>, <Target>)

Parameters <Type>: The type of technology to use.

<Target>: The target to use the technology on.

Pre The chosen tech type is researched, the unit is capable of

performing the chosen tech type and the chosen target is

attack capable.

Post The unit performs the chosen tech ability on the chosen

target.

3.11 Ability on location action

Description use an (researched) ability on a location.

Syntax ability(<Type>, <X>, <Y>)

Parameters <Type>: The type of technology to use.

<X>: The x-coordinate of the chosen location
<Y>: The y-coordinate of the chosen location.

Pre The chosen tech type is researched, the unit is capable of

performing the chosen tech type and the chosen location is

valid to perform an action on.

Post The unit performs the chosen tech ability on the chosen

location.

3.12 Research action

Description Research a chosen tech type.

Syntax research(<Type>)

Parameters <Type>: The type of tech to research.

Pre The building is capable of researching the chosen tech type

and has sufficient resources to do so.

Post The building starts researching the chosen tech type.

3.13 Set rally point action

Description Set the rally point on a specific location. When the rally

point is set, produced units of this production facility will

automatically move to this location.

Syntax setRallyPoint(<X>, <Y>)

Parameters <X>: The x-coordinate of the chosen rally location

<Y>: The y-coordinate of the chosen rally location.

Pre The building is capable of setting up a rally point and the

chosen location is a valid location where units can move to.

Post The building sets the rally point on the chosen location.

3.14 Set rally point to unit action

Description Set the rally point on a unit. When the rally point is set,

produced units of this production facility will automatically

move to this unit.

Syntax setRallyPoint(<Unit>)

Parameters <unit>: The unit to set the rally point on.

Pre The building is capable of setting up a rally point and the

chosen unit is on a valid location where units can move to.

Post The building sets the rally point on the chosen unit.

3.15 Lift action

Description Lift into the air.

Syntax lift

Pre The building is capable of flying and is not busy performing

any other action.

Post The building starts flying. Note Only for Terran buildings.

3.16 Land action

Description Land on the given location.

Syntax land(<X>, <Y>)

Parameters <X>: The x-coordinate of the chosen land location

<Y>: The y-coordinate of the chosen land location.

Pre The unit is currently flying and is capable of landing on the

chosen location.

Post The unit lands on the chosen location.

Note The location has to be visible.

3.17 Build addon action

Description Build the chosen addon.
Syntax buildAddon(<Name>)

Parameters <Name>: The name of the chosen addon.

Pre The building is capable of building the addon and does not

already have the addon.

Post The building starts constructing the addon.

Note Only for Terran buildings.

3.18 Load action

Description Load a unit. Syntax load(<ID>)

Parameters <ID>: The *ID* of the unit to load into this (loadable) unit.

Pre The unit is capable of loading other units inside it and still

has enough space prodivded for the targeted unit.

Post The targeted unit starts walking to the loadable unit and

loads into it.

3.19 Unload action

Description Unload an unit. Syntax unload(<ID>)

Parameters $\langle ID \rangle$: The ID of the unit to unload from this (loadable)

unit.

Pre The unit is capable of loading other units inside it.

Post The targeted unit is unloaded and stands next to the (load-

able) unit.

3.20 Unload all action

Description Unload all units. Syntax unloadAll

Pre The unit is capable of loading other units inside it.

Post All units are unloaded and stand next to the (loadable) unit.

3.21 Cancel action

Description Cancel the construction of the unit.

Syntax cancel(<Id>)

Parameters <ID>: The ID of the building/unit to cancel upgrading/mor-

phing etc. Passing no argument will cancel the unit itself.

Pre The unit is morphing, being Constructed, researching or up-

grading.

Post The morphing, construction, upgrading or researching is

cancelled.

3.22 Patrol action

Description Patrol an unit between the place it's standing and the given

location.

Syntax patrol(<X>, <Y>)

Parameters <X>: The x-coordinate of the chosen location

<Y>: The y-coordinate of the chosen location

Pre The unit is capable of moving to the chosen location.

Post The unit patrols between the chosen location (ignoring any

other unit it might pass by) and the location it was origi-

nally standing.

Note Medics that are patrolling will automatically heal allies in

range.

3.23 Morph action (Zerg only)

Desription Morphs a zerg unit into the another unit.

Syntax morph(<Type>)

Parameters <Type>: The type of unit to morph.

Pre The unit is capable of morphing into another unit and does

have to resources to do so.

Post The agent terminates and a new agent is created for the

new unit.

3.24 Follow action

Description Follows a unit. Syntax follow(<Id>)

Parameters <Id>: The Id of the unit to follow.

Pre The unit is capable of moving.

Post The unit follows the selected unit.

3.25 Repair action (Terran only)

Description Repairs a unit with less than the max amount of health.

Also works for unfinished buildings.

Syntax repair(<Id>)

Parameters <Id>: The Id of the unit to repair.

Pre The unit is a SCV, has the resources to repair and can reach

the unit to repair.

Post The SCV starts repairing the selected unit.

3.26 Forfeit action

Description Forfeits the game.

Syntax forfeit()

Pre The game is in progress.

Post The game ends with a loss.

Chapter 4

Tech Types

All the tech types that can be researched for each race.

4.1 Terran Units

4.1.1 Battle Cruisers

Yamato Gun

4.1.2 Command Centers

Scanner Sweep

4.1.3 Ghosts

Lockdown Personel Cloaking Nuclear Strike

4.1.4 Marines and Firebats

Stim Packs

4.1.5 Medics

Healing Restoration Optical Flare 4. Tech Types 43

4.1.6 Science Vessels

Defensive Matrix EMP Shockwave Irradiate

4.1.7 Siege Tanks

Tank Siege Mode

4.1.8 Vultures

Spider Mines

4.1.9 Wraith

Cloaking Field

4.2 Protoss Units

4.2.1 Arbiters

Cloaking Field Recall Stasis Field

4.2.2 Corsairs

Disruption Web

4.2.3 Dark Archons

Feedback Maelstrom Mind Control

4.2.4 Dark Templars

Dark Archon Meld

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4.2.5 High Templars

Archon Warp Psionic Storm Hallucination

4.3 Zerg Units

4.3.1 Generic

Burrowing

4.3.2 Defilers

Dark Swarm
Plague
Consume

4.3.3 Hydralisks

Lurker Aspect

4.3.4 Lurkers

Burrowing (Can be used without having it researched)

4.3.5 Queens

Infestation
Parasite
Ensnare
Spawn Broodlings

Chapter 5

Upgrade Types

All the upgrade types that can be used for each race.

5.1 Terran Units

5.1.1 Academy

U-238 Shells Caduceus Reactor

5.1.2 Armory

Terran Vehicle Weapons Terran Vehicle Plating Terran Ship Weapons Terran Ship Plating

5.1.3 Covert Ops

Ocular Implants Moebius Reactor

5.1.4 Engineering Bay

Terran Infantry Weapons Terran Infantry Armor

5.1.5 Machine Shop

Ion Thrusters Charon Boosters

5.1.6 Physics Lab

Colossus Reactor

5.1.7 Science Facility

Titan Reactor

5.1.8 Control Tower

Apollo Reactor

5.2 Protoss Units

5.2.1 Arbiter Tribunal

Khaydarin Core

5.2.2 Citadel of Adun

Protoss Plasma Shields Leg Enhancements

5.2.3 Cybernetics Core

Singularity Charge Protoss Air Weapons Protoss Air Armor

5.2.4 Fleet Beacon

Apial Sensors Gravitic Thrusters Argus Jewel Carrier Capacity

5.2.5 Forge

Protoss Plasma Shields Protoss Ground Armor Protoss Ground Weapons

5.2.6 Observatory

Gravitic Boosters Sensor Array

5.2.7 Robotics Support Bay

Reaver Capacity Scarab Damage Gravitic Drive

5.2.8 Templar Archives

Argus Talisman Khaydarin Amulet

5.3 Zerg Units

5.3.1 Defiler Mound

Metasynaptic Node

5.3.2 Evolution Chamber

Zerg Melee Attacks Zerg Missile Attacks Zerg Carapace

5.3.3 Hydralisk Den

Muscular Augments Grooved Spines

5.3.4 Lair and Hive

Ventral Sacs Antennae Pneumatized Carapace

5.3.5 Queen's Nest

Gamete Meiosis

5.3.6 Spawning Pool

Metabolic Boost Adrenal Glands

5.3.7 (Greater) Spire

These are the upgrade type(s) the (Greater) Spire offers. Zerg Flyer Carapace Zerg Flyer Attacks

5.3.8 Ultralisk Cavern

These are the upgrade $\operatorname{type}(s)$ the Ultralisk Cavern offers. Chitinous Plating Anabolic Synthesis

Chapter 6

Unit Types

StarCraft's unit types.

6.1 Terran Units

6.1.1 Terran Ground Units

Terran Firebat

Terran Ghost

Terran Goliath

Terran Marine

Terran Medic

Terran SCV

Terran Siege Tank

Terran Vulture

Terran Vulture Spider Mine

6.1.2 Terran Air Units

Terran Battlecruiser

Terran Dropship

Terran Science Vessel

Terran Valkyrie

Terran Wraith

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6.1.3 Terran Building Units

Terran Academy

Terran Armory

Terran Barracks

Terran Bunker

Terran Command Center

Terran Engineering Bay

Terran Factory

Terran Missle Turret

Terran Refinery

Terran Science Facility

Terran Starport

Terran Supply Depot

6.1.4 Terran Addons

Terran Comsat Station

Terran Control Tower

Terran Covert Ops

Terran Machine Shop

Terran Nuclear Silo

Terran Physics Lab

6.2 Protoss Units

6.2.1 Protoss Ground Units

Protoss Archon

Protoss Dark Archon

Protoss Dark Templar

Protoss Dragoon

Protoss High Templar

Protoss Probe

Protoss Reaver

Protoss Scarab

Protoss Zealot

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6.2.2 Protoss Air Units

Protoss Arbiter Protoss Carrier Protoss Corsair Protoss Interceptor Protoss Observer Protoss Scout Protoss Shuttle

6.2.3 Protoss Building Units

Protoss Arbiter Tribunal Protoss Assimilator Protoss Citadel of Adun Protoss Cybernetics Core Protoss Fleet Beacon Protoss Forge Protoss Gateway Protoss Nexus Protoss Observatory Protoss Photon Cannon Protoss Pylon Protoss Robotics Facility

Protoss Robotics Support Bay Protoss Shield Battery

Protoss Stargate

Protoss Templar Archives

6.3 **Zerg Units**

6.3.1 Zerg Ground Units

Zerg Broodling Zerg Defiler Zerg Drone Zerg Egg Zerg Hydralisk Zerg Infested Terran Zerg Larva

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Zerg Lurker Zerg Lurker Egg

Zerg Ultralisk

Zerg Zergling

6.3.2 Zerg Air Units

Zerg Cocoon

Zerg Devourer

Zerg Guardian

Zerg Mutalisk

Zerg Overlord

Zerg Queen

Zerg Scourge

6.3.3 Zerg Building Units

Zerg Creep Colony

Zerg Defiler Mound

Zerg Evolution Chamber

Zerg Extractor

Zerg Greater Spire

Zerg Hatchery

Zerg Hive

Zerg Hydralisk Den

Zerg Infested Command Center

Zerg Lair

Zerg Nydus Canal

Zerg Queens Nest

Zerg Spawning Pool

Zerg Spire

Zerg Spore Colony

Zerg Sunken Colony

Zerg Ultralisk Cavern