StarCraft-GOAL Connector Manual

Harm Griffioen, Danny Plenge, Vincent Koeman $15^{\rm th}~{\rm May},~2018$

Contents

1	Con	nector		5
	1.1	Chaosl	launcher	6
	1.2	Init Pa	arameters	6
		1.2.1	Own Race	7
		1.2.2	Enemy Race	7
		1.2.3	Map	7
		1.2.4	StarCraft Location	8
		1.2.5	Auto Menu	8
		1.2.6	Game Type	8
		1.2.7	Game Speed	8
		1.2.8	Debug	9
		1.2.9	Draw Map Info	9
		1.2.10	Draw Unit Info	9
		1.2.11	Invulnerable	9
		1.2.12	Managers	9
		1.2.13	Percepts	10
	1.3	Entity	Types	10
	1.4			11
		1.4.1	Game Speed	11
		1.4.2	•	11
		1.4.3	Draw Actions	11
2	Perc	cepts	1	13
	2.1	Global	Static Percepts	14
		2.1.1		14
		2.1.2	,	15
		2.1.3		16
		2.1.4		16
		2.1.5	1,	17

Contents 2

		2.1.6	$region/5 \dots 1$	7
	2.2	Global	Dynamic Percepts	8
		2.2.1	attacking/2	8
		2.2.2	constructionSite/3-4	9
		2.2.3	enemy/11	0
		2.2.4	friendly/2	1
		2.2.5	gameframe/1	1
		2.2.6	mineralField/5	2
		2.2.7	nuke/3	3
		2.2.8	researched/1 $\dots \dots \dots$	3
		2.2.9	resources/4	4
		2.2.10	underConstruction/6	5
		2.2.11	vespeneGeyser/5	6
		2.2.12	winner/1 $\dots \dots \dots$	6
	2.3	Generi	c Unit Percepts	7
		2.3.1	$self/2 \dots \dots 2$	7
		2.3.2	status/8	8
		2.3.3	$\operatorname{order}/5$	9
	2.4	Unit-S	pecific Percepts	0
		2.4.1	$defensive Matrix/1 \dots \dots$	0
		2.4.2	queueSize/1	0
		2.4.3	researching/1 $\dots \dots 3$	1
		2.4.4	$unitLoaded/1 \dots 3$	1
	2.5	Condit	35	2
		2.5.1	Workers	2
		2.5.2	Generic	2
		2.5.3	Zerg	3
		2.5.4	Terran	3
		2.5.5	Protoss	4
	A		a)	_
3	Acti		3:-	
	3.1	All Un		
		3.1.1	cancel/1	
			debugdraw/1	
		3.1.3	debugdraw/2	
		3.1.4	debugdraw/3	
		3.1.5	forfeit/0	
		3.1.6	morph/1 (Zerg units only)	
	2.0	3.1.7 Buildir	startNewManager/0	
	3.2	Rilligir	108	ч

Contents 3

		3.2.1	buildAddon/1 (Terran only)
		3.2.2	cancel/0
		3.2.3	land/2 (Terran only)
		3.2.4	lift/0 (Terran only)
		3.2.5	$load/2 \dots \dots$
		3.2.6	$\operatorname{research}/1 \dots \dots$
		3.2.7	train/1
		3.2.8	$unload/1 \dots \dots$
		3.2.9	unloadAll/0
	3.3	Movin	g Units
		3.3.1	ability/1
		3.3.2	ability/2
		3.3.3	ability/3
		3.3.4	$attack/1 \dots \dots$
		3.3.5	$attack/2 \dots \dots$
		3.3.6	follow/1
		3.3.7	$hold/0 \dots \dots$
		3.3.8	$move/2 \dots \dots$
		3.3.9	patrol/2
		3.3.10	$stop/0 \dots \dots$
	3.4	Worke	ers
		3.4.1	build/3
		3.4.2	$gather/1 \dots 46$
		3.4.3	repair/1 (Terran only) 47
4	Kno	wledg	$_{ m e}$
	4.1	_	ates
		4.1.1	unit/2
		4.1.2	upgrade/2
		4.1.3	costs/6
		4.1.4	$\operatorname{stats}/6$
		4.1.5	metrics/5
		4.1.6	combat/6
	4.2	Unit 7	Types 54
		4.2.1	Terran
		4.2.2	Protoss
		4.2.3	Zerg
	4.3	Upgra	de Types
		4.3.1	Terran
		$4\ 3\ 2$	Protoss 59

Contents	4
----------	---

	4.3.3	$Zerg \dots$													60
4.4	Abiliti	es													62
	4.4.1	Terran													62
	4.4.2	Protoss .													63
	4.4.3	Zerg													63
4.5	Known	Limitation	s.												64

Chapter 1

Connector

This connector is the first Environment Interface Standard (EIS) compatible connector that provides cognitive agents full access to StarCraft (Brood War). It brings the challenges of Real-Time Strategy (RTS) games to the field of multi-agent programming whilst also facilitating the development of AI solutions for such games, allowing the development of problem-solving techniques before being applied to similar but more complex real-world problems.

The design of this connector was guided by two conflicting objectives:

- 1. The connector should facilitate multi-agent systems that operate at a level of *abstraction* that is as high as possible.
- 2. The connector should facilitate multi-agent system implementations with as many different *strategies* as possible.

In other words, it does not aim for a multi-agent system that operates at the same level of detail as bots written in C or Java, but such a system should in contrast also not consist of a single action 'win' that will delegate the control to some other subsystem instead. To make optimal use of the reasoning typically employed by cognitive agents, low-level details are handled in the environment whilst still allowing agents sufficiently fine grained control.

RTS games like StarCraft involve very large amounts of units that can come and go during the game and that have to deal with major challenges such as uncertainty and long-term (collaborative) goals, requiring multiple levels of abstraction and reasoning in the vast space of actions and game states that such games have. Therefore, a major factor that was also considered is the performance of the connector; a substantial performance impact caused by for example an enormous amount of percepts will limit the amount

of viable implementations (and thus possible strategies).

The remainder of this chapter will demonstrate how to set-up and start a bot with the StarCraft connector using a multi-agent system in the GOAL language. For the latest installation instructions, we refer to: https://github.com/eishub/StarCraft/wiki/Install-Guide

1.1 Chaoslauncher

The Chaoslauncher facilitates plug-ins for StarCraft Brood War, like the BWAPI Injector which is necessary for using the BWAPI library that facilitates connecting to the internals of the game. It is also possible to make use of the APMAlert plugin, which shows the current actions per minute of all your units together. It is recommended to make use of the W-Mode plugin. This plugin automatically starts your StarCraft game in windowed mode which is easier for debugging. You can also make use of the ChaosPlugin to take advantage of its autoreplay function which automatically saves a replay at the end of each game. You can play these replays by turning off the BWAPI Injector, starting StarCraft (with the Chaoslauncher), selecting Single Player with gametype Expansion, pressing 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 were saved by the autoreplay function. Alternatively, view replays in your browser at http://www.openbw.com/replay-viewer

1.2 Init Parameters

The StarCraft connector offers multiple configurable items through the init parameters of a mas2g file. When updating any parameters, do not forget to fully close the Chaoslauncher (i.e., closing it in the system tray) before launching a new game, as otherwise your changes will not be applied. The example below demonstrates all parameters and their defaults.

```
use "connector.jar" as environment with
  own_race="",
  enemy_race="random",
  map="",
  starcraft_location="C:\StarCraft",
  auto_menu="SINGLE_PLAYER",
  game_type="MELEE",
```

```
game_speed=50.
debug="false",
draw_mapinfo="false",
draw_unitinfo="false",
invulnernable="false",
managers=0,
percepts=[].
```

1.2.1 Own Race

You have to specify the race of your bot. This will make sure that the Chaoslauncher will automatically launch a game 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.

1.2.2 Enemy Race

The enemy race parameter can be used for specifying which race of the game's built-in AI you want to play against. To this end, you can insert $en-emy_race=<RaceName>$, where <RaceName> can either be zerg, protoss, terran, random, randomtp, randomtp, randomtp, or randompp. The option random will choose a race with a 1/3 chance for each race, whilst the other options will choose one of the two indicated races with a 1/2 chance for each race.

1.2.3 Map

You have 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 that are located in the directory StarCraft/maps, and that subdirectories (like sscait) should be indicated. Also note that the first time the environment runs on a certain map, it will take some time (around 2 minutes) to generate a datafile for the given map (if it is not already present in the StarCraft/AI/BWTA directory).

1.2.4 StarCraft Location

You have to specify the location of the StarCraft game if it is not installed in C:/Starcraft. Using this location, the Chaoslauncher will automatically start when launching a MAS. When the Chaoslauncher is already running, it will not start again until you close it (in the system tray), but this is fine as long as you use the same init parameters (although you have to start the next game manually in the existing Chaoslauncher instance then). You can specify the location of StarCraft by inserting $StarCraft_location = \langle FilePath \rangle$, where $\langle FilePath \rangle$ is the absolute path to the StarCraft installation folder.

1.2.5 Auto Menu

The auto menu parameter is used to automatically go through the menus of the game when starting a MAS. 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 <MenuChoice> can take the following values: $SINGLE_PLAYER$: for a single player game (against built-in AI), LAN: for a local multiplayer game, and OFF: no auto menu.

1.2.6 Game Type

The game type is used to indicate what kind of game the Chaoslauncher should start. Generally, you want this to be the default (MELEE), but other game types can be used by inserting $game_type=<GameType>$.

1.2.7 Game Speed

The game speed parameter can be used to set the initial speed of the game when the StarCraft game is launched (the speed can be changed during the game by using the development tool; see the next item). 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. 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>. If a number lower than 1 is given, there will be no limit on the amount of FPS used, and the game will run as fast as it possibly can on your CPU.

1.2.8 Debug

The environment offers a development tool for debugging purposes. With this development tool, you can increase or decrease the game speed, enable cheats and toggle the drawing of map and/or unit details in the game. More information about the development tool can be found in Section 1.4. In order to enable or disable launching the development tool, you can insert debug = <Boolean>.

1.2.9 Draw Map Info

This parameter can be used to draw info about the map (bases, regions, chokepoints) without having to enable it the development tool (or without starting the development tool at all) by inserting $draw_mapinfo = <Boolean>$.

1.2.10 Draw Unit Info

This parameter can be used to draw info about units (counts, IDs, health, targets) without having to enable it the development tool (or without starting the development tool at all) by inserting draw unitinfo=<Boolean>.

1.2.11 Invulnerable

The invulnerable parameter can be used to automatically make your units invulnerable from the start of the game (which can also be done manually in the development tool). This can come in handy for testing purposes when you do not want to fight your opponent. To use the invulnerable function you can insert *invulnerable=*<*Boolean>*.

1.2.12 Managers

If higher than 0, the connector will generate the specified number of entities (N) with type 'manager' and name 'managerN' at the start of the game. Such manager entities will not receive any percepts by default, but can subscribe to global percepts (see the following subsection). Manager entities can even take a few actions: cancel/1, debugdraw/1, debugdraw/3, forfeit/0, startManager/0. To use managers you can thus insert managers = <Integer>.

1.2.13 Percepts

By default, the entity for any unit will only receive those percepts that are specific to it, i.e. generic unit and and unit-specific percepts (see the next chapter). Through this init parameter, however, it is possible to specify that units of a certain type (including managers) should receive certain global percepts (static or dynamic). This is possible through a list of lists, where the first element of each sublist is the entity type (see Section 4.2 and use the exact name for managers), and the following the names of the global percepts that should be received by corresponding units. For example, percepts: [[manager1,base,chokepoint], [zergZergling,friendly,enemy]] will ensure that the first manager will receive base and chokepoint percepts, whilst any zergling will receive friendly and enemy percepts.

1.3 Entity Types

When defining a launch rule it is important that a correct entity type is used (see Section 4.2). 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, and please be aware that the environment will wait in the first game frame until at least four actions have been requested, e.g., until all initial workers have called gather/1. This will allow all initial agents (including managers) to fully start-up (and possible execute a few cycles already) before the game starts.

```
define myAgent as agent {
    ...
}
launchpolicy {
    when type = terranSCV launch myAgent.
}
```

With mind control (an advanced Protoss ability), units from other races can be taken over. These units will also get an entity. A possible way to accommodate such entities is by making sure any other unit type is connected to a generic agent through a wildcard launch rule at the end of your mas2g:

```
when type=* launch ...
```

1.4 The Development Tool

The development tool can be automatically launched by using the *debug* init parameter. It provides several actions that are useful for debugging purposes.

1.4.1 Game Speed

The Game Speed slider can be found at the top of the development tool window. When the slider is used, the speed of the game will be changed immediately. The slider always starts on a value of 50 fps (it will **not** reflect the *game_speed* init parameter if that was used). The slowest speed is 20 fps, and from there you can set it as fast as you want. Note that when the speed is set to more than 100 fps, your agents might act differently than they would on the tournament speed, as they have much less time to process each frame. Setting the game speed to more than 100 fps should thus only be used for quick testing purposes.

1.4.2 Cheat Actions

The development tool offers 6 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: Show map, which makes the whole map visible for the player. Note that all your agents will then also perceive everything on the map. The third cheat is called: Enemy attacks deal 0 damage, which makes the units of the player immune for damage (note: this can be automatically enabled with the init parameter invulnerable as well). The fourth cheat is called: Reduce build times, which significantly reduces the times needed to construct a building or train a unit and even removes any time needed for performing upgrades. The fifth cheat is called: No tech restrictions, which removes any requirements on advancing in the tech tree, i.e., any unit or upgrade can always be constructed/trained/performed (if the required resources are there). The sixth and final cheat is called: No supply cap, which allows the player to exceed the maximum supply.

1.4.3 Draw Actions

The development tool can also be used to show map or unit details in StarCraft itself. There are 2 buttons to this end, reflecting the matching $draw_mapinfo$ and $draw_unitinfo$ init parameters. Please see the information above on these parameters for more information.

Chapter 2

Percepts

This chapter lists all the percepts that are generated by the StarCraft connector, which vary per unit and on the *percepts* init parameter (see the previous chapter). For the implementation of these percepts in your agent programs, we refer to the GOAL programming guide. Note that both buildings and moving soldiers are called 'units' in StarCraft.

In order to reduce the number of percepts, one generic guideline used in this connector is to only create percepts for information that changes in a single match or between matches. Even though there is a lot of static information in a game like StarCraft, like the type of a unit (i.e., biological or mechanic), what a certain unit costs to produce, or the units a certain building can produce, this information remains the same for any execution of any agent system, and is thus much better suited to be encoded in the agent system itself. To this end, a Prolog file is supplied in the connector's installer that contains a large list of predicates representing static information about the game. The predicates available in this file are listed at the end of this section. Note that it is not expected that agents 'hardcode' information about specific maps on which matches can be played, and thus agents will be informed about changes between matches (i.e., map-specific information).

Another guideline used in this connector is that no data is sent through percepts that can either be calculated based on other data, (e.g., the number of friendly units by adding the amount of percepts about their status) or retrieved from other agents (e.g., the position of a friendly unit). Relaying such information through messaging (channels) is usually much more efficient, as one can then selectively choose at which times and to which units to send information, as opposed to percepts always being sent to certain units even when they do not require them (at that time) for their decision making.

2.1 Global Static Percepts

These percepts represent global information (i.e., not specific to a certain unit) that will not change during a match. Note that all coordinates (X,Y) reflect tile positions; one such tile is actually 16 by 16 pixels.

$2.1.1 \quad base/6$

Description Information about all base locations on the map. These are

possible construction sites for resource centers (or spawning

sites for the initial centers).

Type Send once

Syntax base(<IsPossibleStart>,<Minerals>,<Gas>,<X>,<Y>,<Region>)

Example base(true, 13500, 5000, 28, 32, 8)

\mathbf{S}	<ispossiblestart></ispossiblestart>	Indicates whether the location is a potential
		starting location or not (i.e., there are 2 on a
		2-player map and 4 on a 4-player map).
	\mathbf{Type}	Boolean
	Range	[true,false]
	<minerals></minerals>	The total amount of minerals available at/near
		the base location (at the start of the game).
	\mathbf{Type}	Integer
	Range	$[0-\infty]$
	<gas></gas>	The total amount of vespense gas available at/n-
		ear the base location (at the start of the game).
	\mathbf{Type}	Integer
	Range	$[0-\infty]$
	<x></x>	The x-coordinate of the base location.
	\mathbf{Type}	Integer
	Range	$[0-\infty]$
	<y></y>	The y-coordinate of the base location.
	\mathbf{Type}	Integer
	Range	$[0-\infty]$
	<region></region>	The region the base is located in, which can for
		example be used to find matching resources.
	\mathbf{Type}	Integer
	Range	$[1-\infty]$

2.1.2 chokepoint/6

Description I

Information about all 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 (depending on the specific chokepoint's width). All regions on the map are connected through chokepoints.

Type Syntax Example Send once

chokepoint(<X1>,<Y1>,<X2>,<Y2>,<Region1>,<Region2>)
chokepoint(12, 15, 14, 17, 1, 2)

CHOROPOLITO (12, 10, 11, 17, 1, 2)				
<x1></x1>	The x-coordinate of the first side.			
Type	Integer			
Range	$[0-\infty]$			
<y1></y1>	The y-coordinate of the first side.			
Type	Integer			
Range	$[0-\infty]$			
<x2></x2>	The x-coordinate of the second side.			
Type	Integer			
Range	$[0-\infty]$			
<y2></y2>	The y-coordinate of the second side.			
Type	Integer			
Range	$[0-\infty]$			
<region1></region1>	The ID of the first region.			
Type	Integer			
Range	$[1-\infty]$			
<region2></region2>	The ID of the second region.			
Type	Integer			
Range	$[1-\infty]$			

2.1.3 enemyPlayer/2

```
Description
            The name and race of the opponent (it is assumed there is
            only one opponent in this connector).
            Send once
Type
Syntax
            enemyPlayer(<Name>, <Race>)
Example
            enemyPlayer('ForceBot', zerg)
Note
            When playing against a random race (\langle Race \rangle = unknown),
            you can use something like:
if bel(enemyPlayer(Name, unknown), enemy(_,Type,_,_,_,_,_,_,_,_,),
sub_string(Type, 0, 1, _, Race)) then {
  if bel(Race = "z") then delete(enemyPlayer(Name, unknown))
  + insert (enemyPlayer (Name, zerg)).
  if bel(Race = "p") then delete(enemyPlayer(Name, unknown))
  + insert (enemyPlayer (Name, protoss)).
  if bel(Race = "t") then delete(enemyPlayer(Name, unknown))
  + insert (enemyPlayer (Name, terran)).
 }
Parameters
            <Name>
                    The name of the enemy player.
            Type
                    String
                    The enemy race.
Parameters
            <Race>
            Type
                    String
            Range
                    [terran, protoss, zerg, unknown]
```

2.1.4 map/3

Description The name, width, and the height of the map (in tiles).

Type Send once

Syntax map(<Name>,<Width>,<Height>)
Example map('Destination 1.1', 96, 128)

Р	ar	ลา	m	et.	ers
	aн	a_{1}	111		cio

<name></name>	The name of the map (ASCII characters only).
Type	String
<width></width>	The width of the map (no. of horizontal tiles).
Type	Integer
Range	$[1-\infty]$
<height></height>	The height of the map (no. of vertical tiles).
Type	Integer
Range	$[1-\infty]$

2.1.5 ownRace/1

Description The race of yourself (useful when playing as random).

Type Send once

Syntax ownRace(<Race>)
Example ownRace(protoss)

Parameters **<Race>** The player's race.

Type String

Range | /terran, protoss, zerg/

2.1.6 region/5

Description Information about all regions on the map. Regions are con-

nected by chokepoints and can be on high or low ground.

Type Send once

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

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

	- • -:
<id></id>	The ID of the region.
\mathbf{Type}	Integer
Range	$[1-\infty]$
<centerx></centerx>	The x-coordinate of the center of the region.
\mathbf{Type}	Integer
Range	$[0-\infty]$
<centery></centery>	The y-coordinate of the center of the region.
\mathbf{Type}	Integer
Range	$[0-\infty]$
<height></height>	The (relative) height of the region.
\mathbf{Type}	Integer
Range	$[0-\infty]$
<pre><connectedregionslist></connectedregionslist></pre>	A list of regions (by ID) that are connected to
	this region (i.e., through chokepoints).
Type	List

2.2 Global Dynamic Percepts

These percepts represent information that changes during a match, but is still global to the match (i.e., not specific to a certain unit). Note that units will keep the same ID after a morph or merge.

2.2.1 attacking/2

Description All enemy units that are attacking / going to attack and

the corresponding friendly units that they have targeted.

Type Send always

Syntax attacking(<Id>,<TargetId>)

Example attacking(123, 177)

Ехапріе	attacking(1	23, 177)
Parameters	<id></id>	The ID of the enemy unit that is attacking /
		going to attack.
	\mathbf{Type}	Integer
	Range	$[1-\infty]$
	<targetid></targetid>	The ID of the friendly unit that is being tar-
		geted.
	\mathbf{Type}	Integer
	Range	$[1-\infty]$

2.2.2 construction Site/3-4

Description All visible and non-obstructed locations at which buildings

can potentially be constructed. Such construction sites are squares containing 4 tiles, as the minimum size of any building is 2 by 2 tiles. This information is updated every 50 game frames only. Note that resource centers require a minimum distance to mineral patches and geysers (which the locations

as indicated by base/4 conform to for example).

Type Send always

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

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

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

Example constructionSite(66, 98, 4, false)

constructionSite(66, 98, 4)

s <x></x>	The x-coordinate of the construction site.
\mathbf{Type}	Integer
Range	$[0-\infty]$
<y></y>	The y-coordinate of the construction site.
\mathbf{Type}	Integer
Range	$[0-\infty]$
<region></region>	The region the construction site is in.
\mathbf{Type}	Integer
Range	$[1-\infty]$
<inpylonrange></inpylonrange>	Indicates whether the construction site is in
	range of a pylon (for Protoss only).
\mathbf{Type}	Boolean
Range	[true,false]
<oncreep></oncreep>	Indicates whether the construction site is on
	creep (for Zerg only).
\mathbf{Type}	Boolean
Range	[true,false]

2.2.3 enemy/11

Description

Information about all enemy units. Note that this also includes unfinished units (like buildings under construction) or cloaked units that cannot be attacked until they are detected (see *<Conditions>*). Moreover, this percept will be sent for any enemy unit that has ever been visible (see *<LastUpdated>*); percepts will no longer be sent for only those enemy units that were destroyed in our view.

Type Syntax Send always

enemy(<Id>,<Type>,<Health>,<Shield>,<Energy>,<Conditions>

<Orientation>,<X>,<Y>,<Region>,<LastUpdated>)

Example Parameters

enemy(12, 'Zerg Overlord', 100, 0, 0, [flying], 0, 12, 96, 3, 50)

<id></id>	The ID of the unit.
Type	Integer
Range	$[1-\infty]$
<type></type>	The type of the unit. This consists of a string
\1ype>	with the race of the unit and the name of the
Trum	unit parted by a space.
Type	String
Range	See 4.2
<health></health>	The current amount of health of the unit.
$\operatorname*{Type}_{-}$	Integer
Range	[1- <maxhealth>]</maxhealth>
<shield></shield>	The current amount of shields of the unit.
\mathbf{Type}	Integer
Range	[0- <maxshield>]</maxshield>
<energy></energy>	The current amount of energy of the unit.
\mathbf{Type}	Integer
Range	[0- <maxenergy>]</maxenergy>
<conditions></conditions>	A list representing the current conditions of the
	unit. Each unit can have multiple or no condi-
	tions depending on the unit and situation. Note
	that not all conditions are available for enemies.
Type	List of Strings
Range	See 2.5
<orientation></orientation>	The orientation of the unit, rounded to the near-
	est multiple of 45 degrees.
Type	Integer
Range	[0-360]
<x></x>	The x-coordinate of the unit.
Type	Integer
Range	$[0-\infty]$
<y></y>	The y-coordinate of the unit.
Type	Integer
Range	$[0-\infty]$

Continued	<region></region>	The region the unit is in. Can be 0 if the unit is
		on a chokepoint (and thus 'in-between' regions).
	\mathbf{Type}	Integer
	\mathbf{Range}	$[0-\infty]$
	<lastupdated></lastupdated>	The game frame in which information about this
		unit was last updated. If this is equal to the
		current game frame, the enemy unit is within
		our view; otherwise it is within the fog-of-war.
		Only enemy units that are destroyed within our
		view are removed from the percepted enemies.
	\mathbf{Type}	Integer
	Range	$[0-\infty]$

2.2.4 friendly/2

Description Information about all (living) units of the player. Note that

this also includes unfinished units that do not have an entity and thus agent yet (like buildings under construction), see

also the underConstruction/6 percept.

Type Send always

Syntax friendly(<Id>,<Type>)

Example friendly(26, 'Protoss Gateway')

Parameters <Id> The ID of the unit.

Type Integer

Range $[1-\infty]$

Type> The type of the unit. This consists of a string with the race of the unit and the name of the

unit parted by a space.

Type String

Range | See 4.2

2.2.5 gameframe/1

Description The current game frame. For more information see 1.2.7.

Type Send on change

Syntax gameframe(<Number>)

Example gameframe(150)

Parameters	<number></number>	The game frame count.
	\mathbf{Type}	Integer
	Range	$[0-\infty]$

$2.2.6 \quad mineral Field/5$

Description Information about visible (non-empty) mineral fields.

Type Send always

Syntax mineralField(<Id>,<Resources>,<X>,<Y>,<Region>)

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

	minerali leta(01, 0000, 0, 22, 02)	
$^{\circ}$ S	<id></id>	The ID of the mineral field.
	\mathbf{Type}	Integer
	Range	$[1-\infty]$
	<resources></resources>	The amount of minerals left in the field, rounded
		to the nearest (upper) multiple of 100. Can be 0
		for mineral fields that obstruct e.g. chokepoints
		(mined out fields disappear).
	\mathbf{Type}	Integer
	Range	[0-5000]
	<x></x>	The x-coordinate of the mineral field.
	${f Type}$	Integer
	Range	$[0-\infty]$
	<y></y>	The y-coordinate of the mineral field.
	${f Type}$	Integer
	Range	$[0-\infty]$
	<region></region>	The region the mineral field is in.
	\mathbf{Type}	Integer
	Range	$[1-\infty]$

2.2.7 nuke/3

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

tion.

Type Send always

Syntax nuke(<X>,<Y>,<Region>)

Example nuke(22, 37, 1)

Parameters

<x></x>	The x-coordinate of the incoming nuclear strike.
Type	Integer
Range	$[0-\infty]$
<y></y>	The y-coordinate of the incoming nuclear strike.
Type	Integer
Range	$[0-\infty]$
<region></region>	The corresponding region for the incoming nu-
	clear strike.
Type	Integer
Range	$[1-\infty]$

2.2.8 researched/1

Description A list of all upgrade types that have been completed.

Type Send on change

Syntax researched(<CompletedList>)

Example researched(['Grooved Spines', 'Lurker Aspect'])

Parameters CompletedList> All finished upgrades.

Type List
Range See Section 4.3

resources/4 2.2.9

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

> player (i.e. shared by all units). Note that in order to avoid halves, 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 resources(<Minerals>,<Gas>,<UsedSupply>,<TotalSupply>)

Example resources(350, 100, 25, 41)

<pre><minerals></minerals></pre>	The current amount of minerals available.
Type	Integer
Range	$[0-\infty]$
<gas></gas>	The current amount of gas available.
Type	Integer
Range	$[0-\infty]$
<usedsupply></usedsupply>	The amount of supply that is in use
Type	Integer
Range	[0-400]
<totalsupply></totalsupply>	The total amount of supply that is available.
	Note that usually TS> is always greater or equal
	to <cs>, but this can change when supply pro-</cs>
	viding units are killed.
Type	Integer
Range	[0-400]

2.2.10 underConstruction/6

Description Indicates a new friendly unit (i.e. either a building or a mov-

ing unit) that is under construction (i.e. by another unit, or morphing, or warping in). This percept allows getting information about unfinished units that do not have an entity

(and thus agent) yet.

Type Send always

Syntax underConstruction(<Id>,<BuilderId>,<Vitality>,<X>,<Y>,<Region>)

Example underConstruction(44, 3, 74, 22, 37, 2)

<id></id>	The ID of the (unfinished) unit.
Type	Integer
Range	$[1-\infty]$
<id></id>	The ID of the unit that is responsible for the
	construction or training of this unit (if any ap-
	plicable; -1 otherwise).
Type	Integer
Range	$[-1-\infty]$
<vitality></vitality>	The combined amount of health and shield of
	the unit. This generally increases whilst the unit
	is nearing completion, though it can simultane-
	ously be brought down as well by enemy attacks.
Type	Integer
Range	$[0-\infty]$
<x></x>	The x-coordinate of the unit (cannot change).
Type	Integer
Range	$[0-\infty]$
<y></y>	The y-coordinate of the unit (cannot change).
Type	Integer
Range	$[0-\infty]$
<region></region>	The region the unit is in. Can be 0 if for example
	a morphing unit is on a chokepoint (and thus
	'in-between' regions).
Type	Integer
Range	$[0-\infty]$

2.2.11vespeneGeyser/5

Information about visible (though possibly empty) vespene Description

geysers. Empty geysers can still be mined from, though at

a reduced rate.

Type Send always

Syntax vespeneGeyser(<Id>, <Resources>, <X>, <Y>, <Region>)

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

Parameters

· cap care a c j a c	1 (01, 0000, 12, 02, 0)
<id></id>	The ID of the vespene geyser.
\mathbf{Type}	Integer
Range	$[1-\infty]$
<resources></resources>	The amount of gas left in the vespene geyser,
	rounded to the nearest (upper) multiple of 100.
	Can be 0, after which mining workers will obtain
	much less gas per trip.
\mathbf{Type}	Integer
Range	$[0-\infty]$
<x></x>	The x-coordinate of the vespene geyser.
\mathbf{Type}	Integer
Range	$[0-\infty]$
<y></y>	The y-coordinate of the vespene geyser.
\mathbf{Type}	Integer
Range	$[0-\infty]$
<region></region>	The region the vespene geyser is in.
\mathbf{Type}	Integer
Range	$[1-\infty]$
	Type Range <resources> Type Range <x> Type Range <y> Type Range <y> Type Range <y> Type Range <ypo <region="" range="" type=""> Type</ypo></y></y></y></x></resources>

winner/1 2.2.12

Indicates if the player has won or lost at the end of the Description

game. Used mainly for automated testing purposes.

Type Send once

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

Parameters <HasWon> Whether the player has won or not.

Boolean Type Range [true,false]

2.3 Generic Unit Percepts

These percepts are generated for all individual units in the game (thus excluding managers). Although the *self* percept represents static information that does not change during the match, the *status* and the *order* percepts are updated frequently.

2.3.1 self/2

Description Indicates the ID and type of the unit itself.

Type Send once

Syntax self(<Id>,<Type>)
Example self(21, 'Terran SCV')

<id></id>	The ID of the unit.
\mathbf{Type}	Integer
Range	$[1-\infty]$
<type></type>	The type of the unit. This consists of a string
	with the race of the unit and the name of the
	unit parted by a space.
\mathbf{Type}	String
Range	See Section 4.2

2.3.2 status/8

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 orientation and position.

Type Send on change

 $Syntax \hspace*{1.5cm} \textbf{status(\ensuremath{$^{\prime}$,\ensuremath{$^{\prime}$}}}, \textbf{Shield>,\ensuremath{$^{\prime}$}, \textbf{Shield>,\ensuremath{$^{\prime}$}}}, \textbf{Sonditions>,}$

<Orientation>,<X>,<Y>,<Region>)

Example status(250, 0, 0, [moving, carrying], 180, 24, 36, 1)

	boasab(200, 0,	o, [moving, ourrying], 100, 21, 00, 1/
3	<health></health>	The current amount of health of the unit.
	\mathbf{Type}	Integer
	Range	[0- <maxhealth>] where <maxhealth> is the</maxhealth></maxhealth>
		maximum health of the given unit.
	<shield></shield>	The current amount of shields of the unit.
	\mathbf{Type}	Integer
	Range	[0- <maxshield>] where <maxshield> is the</maxshield></maxshield>
		maximum shield of the given unit.
	<energy></energy>	The current amount of energy of the unit.
	\mathbf{Type}	Integer
	Range	[0- <maxenergy>] where <maxenergy> is the</maxenergy></maxenergy>
		maximum energy of the given unit.
	<conditions></conditions>	A list representing the current conditions of the
		unit. Each unit can have multiple or no condi-
		tions depending on the unit and situation.
	\mathbf{Type}	List of Strings
	Range	See Section 2.5
	<orientation></orientation>	The orientation of the unit, rounded to the near-
		est multiple of 45 degrees.
	\mathbf{Type}	Integer
	Range	[0-360]
	<x></x>	The x-coordinate of the unit.
	\mathbf{Type}	Integer
	Range	$[0-\infty]$
	<y></y>	The y-coordinate of the unit.
	\mathbf{Type}	Integer
	Range	$[0-\infty]$
	<region></region>	The region the unit is in. Can be 0 if the unit is
		on a chokepoint (and thus 'in-between' regions).
	\mathbf{Type}	Integer
	Range	$[0-\infty]$

2.3.3 order/5

Description Indicates what order(s) a unit is executing. A unit always

has an order (e.g., even 'Nothing' is an order).

Type Send on change

 $Syntax \\ \hspace*{0.5cm} \textbf{order(\Primary>,\TargetUnit>,\TargetX>,\TargetY>,\Secondary>)} \\$

Example order('AttackMove', -1, 34, 8, 'None')

	<u> </u>
<primary></primary>	The primary order of the unit. Some actions are
	converted into race or unit specific orders.
Type	String
Range	See https://bwapi.github.io/namespace_b_w_
	a_p_i_1_1_orders.html
<targetunit></targetunit>	The ID of the unit the order is targeted at if
	any; -1 otherwise.
Type	Integer
Range	$[-1-\infty]$
<targetx></targetx>	The X coordinate of the position the order is
	targeted at if any; -1 otherwise.
Type	Integer
Range	$[-1-\infty]$
<targety></targety>	The Y coordinate of the position the order is
	targeted at if any; -1 otherwise.
Type	Integer
Range	$[-1-\infty]$
<secondary></secondary>	The secondary order of the unit. This is usually
	'None', but is used when for example a Protoss
	Carrier is both moving and producing units.
Type	String
Range	See https://bwapi.github.io/namespace_b_w_
	a_p_i_1_1_orders.html

2.4 Unit-Specific Percepts

These percepts are generated only for specific units in the game. All of these (dynamic) percepts represent information that can change during the match.

2.4.1 defensiveMatrix/1

Description Information about how much health the defensive matrix

has left on the unit. This only applies to friendly Terran units having received such a matrix from a Science Vessel.

Type Send always

Syntax defensiveMatrix(<Health>)

Example defensiveMatrix(200)

 $\begin{array}{c|c} \mathbf{Type} & \text{trix.} \\ \mathbf{Type} & \text{Integer} \\ \mathbf{Range} & [0-250] \end{array}$

2.4.2 queueSize/1

Description The number of units that are in the queue of any production

unit, thus including e.g. Protoss Carriers.

(Zerg Hatchery/Lair/Hive) the number of of available larva. (Terran Nuclear Silo) 1 if a nuke is ready (after a corresponding train/1 action); 0 otherwise.

(Terran Vulture) the number of spider mines left (which are automatically granted upon production of the vulture).

(Protoss Carrier) the number of interceptors (ready and in production).

(Protoss Reaver) the number of scarabs (ready and in production).

Send on change

Syntax queueSize(<Size>)

Example queueSize(2)

Type

Parameters **<Size>** See description.

Type Integer Range [0-5]

2.4.3 researching/1

Description Indicates which upgrade is being researched by the unit

(i.e., a building).

Type Send always

Syntax researching(<Type>)

Example researching('Stim Packs')

Parameters **<Type>** The upgrade that is being researched.

Type String

Range | See Section 4.3

Note | The level of the upgrade (if applicable) is not

included.

2.4.4 unitLoaded/1

Description Indicates which unit(s) are loaded inside the loadable unit

(e.g. a Terran Bunker or a Protoss Shuttle).

Type Send always

Syntax unitLoaded(<Id>)
Example unitLoaded(154)

Parameters <Id> The ID of the loaded unit.

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

2.5 Conditions

This section lists the conditions a unit can potentially have. The race-specific conditions are either only applicable to or caused by units from that race.

2.5.1 Workers

carrying Indicates when a worker unit is carrying minerals or

vespene gas.

constructing Shows that a worker unit is busy constructing a building.

Show that a worker unit is busy gathering minerals or

vespene gas.

repairing Shows that a (Terran) worker unit is busy repairing a

building.

2.5.2 Generic

attacking Indicates when a unit is attacking an other unit

(includes medic heal).

beingConstructed Indicates that a unit is incomplete (includes mor-

phing).

cloaked Indicates that a unit is cloaked.

coolingDown Indicates that a unit cannot attack due to cooldown.

detected Indicates that an enemy cloaked/burrowed unit has

been detected (and thus can be attacked).

flying Indicates that a unit is flying.

following Indicates that a unit is following an other unit.
holding Indicates that a unit is holding a position.

idle Indicates that the unit is idle (not doing anything).
loaded Indicates that a unit is loaded (i.e. has one or more

units in it).

moving Indicates that a unit is moving.

patrolling Indicates that a unit is patrolling between 2 posi-

tions.

underAttack Indicates that a unit is under attack.

2.5.3 Zerg

acidSpored Indicates that a unit is under Acid Spores from a Defiler.

burrowed Indicates that a unit is burrowed.

filer.

ensnared Indicates that a unit is ensnared by a Queen.

morphing Indicates that a unit is morphing.

parasited Indicates that a unit is parasited by a Queen.
plagued Indicates that a unit is plagued by a Defiler.

2.5.4 Terran

<addonName> Indicates that an addon of a building is present.
beingHealed Indicates that a unit is being healed by a Medic or</br>

repaired by a SCV.

blinded Indicates that a unit is blinded by a Medic.

defenseMatrixed Indicates that a unit has a defensive matrix on it

(from a Science Vessel).

hasMines Indicates that a Vulture has at least one Spider Mine.
irradiated Indicates that a unit is irradiated by a Science Vessel.
lifted Indicates that a building is lifted (and thus can

move).

lockDowned Indicates that a unit is under lockdown by Ghost.

nukeReady Indicates that a Nuclear Silo is ready to launch a

Nuclear Missile.

sieged Indicates that a Siegetank is in siegemode.

stimmed Indicates that a Firebat or Marine is stimmed.

2.5.5 Protoss

disruptionWebbed Indicates that a unit is in a disruption web from a

Corsair.

hallucination Indicates that a friendly unit is a hallucination

(from a High Templar)

hasScarabs Indicates that a Reaver has at least one Scarab.

maelstrommed Indicates that a unit is maelstrommed by a Dark

Archon.

stasised Indicates that a unit is stuck in stasis from an Ar-

biter.

underStorm Indicates that a unit is under a storm from a High

Templar.

unpowered Indicates that a building is no longer powered by a

pylon (e.g. a Photon Cannon then no longer func-

tions).

Chapter 3

Actions

This chapter lists all the actions that are usable in the StarCraft environment, which vary per unit.

3.1 All Units

The following actions can be executed by any agent (i.e., including managers).

3.1.1 cancel/1

Description Cancel the construction or morphing of a unit.

Syntax cancel(<TargetId>)

Example cancel(3)

Parameters <TargetId>: The ID of the unit of which the construction

or morphing should be cancelled.

Pre The targeted unit is incomplete (not fully constructed or

morphed).

Post The targeted unit's construction or morphing will be can-

celled; 75% of the invested resources will be refunded (and

for Zerg the original unit will be restored).

3. Actions 35

3.1.2 debugdraw/1

Description Draw text above the unit in the game window.

Syntax debugdraw(<Text>)

Example debugdraw("Power Overwhelming")

Parameters <Text>: The text(string) that should be drawn; this can

include characters like tabs and newlines.

Pre -

Post The given text will be drawn above the unit (i.e., it will

stay with the unit in the game window). If the given text is

empty, any existing drawing will be cancelled.

Note For managers, the text will be drawn on a fixed position on

the left top of the game window.

3.1.3 debugdraw/2

Description Draw text above any unit in the game window.

Syntax debugdraw(<TargetId>,<Text>)

Example debugdraw(5, "Power Overwhelming")

Parameters <TargetId>: The ID of the (possibly enemy or even neutral)

unit above which the text should be drawn.

<Text>: The text(string) that should be drawn; this can

include characters like tabs and newlines.

Pre -

Post The given text will be drawn above the unit (i.e., it will stay

with the unit in the game window), as long as it is visible (or becomes visible again). If the given text is empty, any

existing drawing will be cancelled.

3.1.4 debugdraw/3

Description Draw text on a specific location on the map (in the game

window).

Syntax debugdraw(<X>,<Y>,<Text>)

Example debugdraw(1, 23, "Important Location")

Parameters <X>: The X coordinate of the location to draw on.

<Y>: The Y coordinate of the location to draw on.

<Text>: The text(string) that should be drawn; this can

include characters like tabs and newlines.

Pre -

Post The given text will be drawn on the given location (i.e., it

will stay on the location in the game window). If the given text is empty, any existing drawing will be cancelled.

3.1.5 forfeit/0

Description Forfeit the game.

Syntax forfeit

Pre The game is in progress.

Post The game ends with a loss for the player.

3.1.6 morph/1 (Zerg units only)

Description Morph a unit into another unit(type).

Syntax morph(<Type>)

Example morph('Zerg Lurker')

Parameters <Type>: The type to morph into. See Section 4.2.

Pre The unit is capable of morphing into the given unit type.

Post The unit's corresponding agent terminates and a new agent

is created for the new unit when it is completed (with the

same ID).

3.1.7 startNewManager/0

Description Starts a new manager entity.

Syntax startNewManager

Pre -

Post A new manager entity is launched (with a number that fol-

lows the existing sequence of mangers). To stop a manager entity, the corresponding agent's main module should be terminated (which can be done with either an exit condi-

tion or an exit-module action).

3.2 Buildings

The actions in this section can only be executed by buildings (or by some special units that can be loaded or that can produce units of their own).

3.2.1 buildAddon/1 (Terran only)

Description Build an addon.
Syntax buildAddon(<Name>)

Example buildAddon('Terran Comsat Station')

Parameters <Name>: The name of the addon that is to be constructed.

See Section 4.2.

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

already have an addon.

Post The building starts constructing the addon.

3.2.2 cancel/0

Description Cancel the last train or research action.

Syntax cancel

Pre The unit is training, researching, or constructing an add-on

(Terran-only).

Post The last train, research, or add-on build is cancelled; the

resources are refunded.

3.2.3 land/2 (Terran only)

Description Land a lifted building on a given location.

Syntax land(<X>,<Y>) Example land(22, 33)

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

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

Pre The unit is currently lifted and the landing location is vis-

ible, not obstructed, and fitting for the building.

Post The unit moves to (if needed) and lands on the chosen lo-

cation. It reconnects with any addon if applicable.

3.2.4 lift/0 (Terran only)

Description Lift a building into the air.

Syntax lift

Pre The unit is capable of lifting and is not currently performing

any other action.

Post The building lifts into the air.

$3.2.5 \quad load/2$

Description Load a given unit into the unit.

Syntax load(<Id>) Example load(2)

Parameters <Id>: The ID of the unit to load into this unit.

Pre The unit is capable of loading the targeted unit and has

enough space provided for the targeted unit.

Post The targeted unit moves towards to the loadable unit and

loads into it.

3.2.6 research/1

Description Research an upgrade.
Syntax research(<Type>)

Example research ('Cloaking Field')

Parameters <Type>: The type of upgrade to research. See Section 4.3.

Pre The unit is capable of researching the given upgrade.

Post The unit starts researching the given upgrade.

Note The level of an upgrade (if applicable) is optional; this

stacks automatically.

$3.2.7 \quad \text{train}/1$

Description Train a unit.
Syntax train(<Type>)

Example train('Protoss Zealot')

Parameters <Type>: The type of unit to train. See Section 4.2.

Pre The unit is capable of producing the given unit.

Post The unit starts producing the given unit.

3.2.8 unload/1

Description Unload a loaded unit from the unit.

Syntax unload(<Id>)
Example unload(3)

Parameters <Id>: The ID of the unit to unload from this unit.

Pre The given unit is currently loaded into the unit.

Post The targeted unit is unloaded from the unit.

3.2.9 unload All/0

Description Unload all loaded units from the unit.

Syntax unloadAll

Pre There are units currently loaded into the unit.

Post All loaded units are unloaded from the unit.

3.3 Moving Units

The action in this section can only be executed by moving units (i.e. non-buildings or lifted Terran buildings).

3.3.1 ability/1

Description Use an ability.
Syntax ability(<Type>)
Example ability('Burrowing')

Parameters <Type>: The type of ability to use. See Section 4.4.

Pre The unit is capable of performing the ability (on itself, i.e.,

without a target unit or location).

Post The unit performs the ability.

Note Behaviour that can be toggled on and off (e.g. Burrow/-

Cloak/Siege) is also executed by using this action (i.e. once

for enabling and then again for disabling).

3.3.2 ability/2

Description Use an ability on a target unit.

Syntax ability(<Type>,<Target>)

Example ability('Archon Warp', 3)

Parameters <Type>: The type of ability to use. See Section 4.4.

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

Pre The unit is capable of performing the ability (with some

target unit), and the target unit is visible.

Post The unit performs the ability on the target unit.

3.3.3 ability/3

Description Use an ability on a location.

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

Example ability('Dark Swarm', 11, 8)

Parameters <Type>: The type of ability to use. See Section 4.4.

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

Pre The unit is capable of performing the ability (with some

target location).

Post The unit performs the ability (on the given location), first

moving closer to the location if required.

3.3.4 attack/1

Description Attack a given unit.

Syntax attack(<TargetId>)

Example attack(12)

and reachable.

Post The targeted unit is being attacked by your unit. The unit

will keep moving towards the enemy unit in order to attack

it as long as it is visible and alive.

Note Terran Medics can use this action to heal friendly units;

they cannot attack enemies.

3.3.5 attack/2

Description Move to a given location and attack everything on the way.

Syntax attack(<X>,<Y>)
Example attack(9, 21)

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

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

Pre The unit is attack capable.

Post The unit moves to the chosen location (or as close as it

can get) whilst attacking any enemy unit that it encounters along the way; all such enemy units will be chased until

they are no longer visible or alive.

Note Terran Medics will heal any friendly units they encounter.

3.3.6 follow/1

Description Follow a given unit. Syntax follow(<given>)

Example follow(5)

Parameters <given>: The ID of the unit that should be followed.

Pre The targeted unit is visible.

Post The unit follows the selected unit; any enemy will be ignored

(i.e. the unit will not automatically attack anything).

3.3.7 hold/0

Description Hold a position.

Syntax hold Pre -

Post The unit will hold its current position; any enemy will be ig-

nored (i.e. the unit will not automatically attack anything).

$3.3.8 \quad \text{move}/2$

Description Move to a given location.

Syntax move(<X>,<Y>)
Example move(19, 1)

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

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

Pre -

Post The unit moves to the chosen location (or as close as it can

get) whilst ignoring any enemy unit along the way (i.e. the

unit will not automatically attack anything).

$3.3.9 \quad \text{patrol}/2$

Description Patrol between a unit's current position and the given lo-

cation.

Syntax patrol(<X>,<Y>)
Example patrol(7,8)

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

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

Pre -

Post The unit patrols between its current position and the chosen

location (or as close as it can get); any enemy unit that it encounters will be chased until it is no longer visible or alive,

after which the unit will return to its patrol route.

Note Terran Medics will heal any friendly units they encounter.

3.3.10 stop/0

Description Stop performing an action.

Syntax stop

Pre The unit is performing some kind of action.

Post The unit stops performing its current action.

3.4 Workers

The actions in this section can only be executed by worker units.

3.4.1 build/3

Description Build a building on the given location.

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

Example build('Terran Supply Depot', 24, 6)

Parameters <Type>: The type of building that should be built. See 4.2.

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

Pre The unit is capable of constructing the chosen building.

Post The unit goes moves the build location (if needed) and

starts constructing the building there if this is possible considering the location and the requested building. Zerg Drones will morph (i.e., the drone will be lost), Terran SCVs will be busy constructing for a while, and Protoss Probes will instantiate a warp (i.e., the probe does not have to remain at the build location). See also *cancel/1* and *repair/1*.

Note The eventual location of the building may not match the

location given in the action, as constructions are started at the left top of a grid, but building locations are given by

their center (and thus depend on their size).

3.4.2 gather/1

Description Gather a specific resource (i.e., from a mineral cluster or a

vespene gas building).

Syntax gather(<Id>) Example gather(32)

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

Pre -

Post The unit starts gathering the chosen resource (if it can reach

it). It automatically moves back and forth between the re-

source and the closest resource center.

3.4.3 repair/1 (Terran only)

Description Repair a unit or complete an unfinished building.

Syntax repair(<Id>)
Example repair(17)

Parameters <Id>: The ID of the unit to repair or of the building to

complete construction of.

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

the target unit is visible (and reachable).

Post The SCV moves towards the selected unit (if needed) and

repairs it or resumes its construction.

Chapter 4

Knowledge

This chapter lists the knowledge predicates that are supplied in a Prolog file with all the example agents in the connector's installer. These represent static knowledge about StarCraft that does not change in between matches. For easy reference, this section also includes a list of all unit and upgrade types per race (and where they can be trained/researched). Moreover, the upgrade types that have a corresponding ability are listed at the end (including by which unit they can be used and at what target). We end with listing some of the known limitations of the connector.

4.1 **Predicates**

unit/2 4.1.1

Description Indicates all possible unit types. If a matching combat/6

predicate exists, units of this type are attack capable.

Syntax unit(<Name>, <Race>)

Example unit('Protoss Reaver', protoss)

<name></name>	The full name of the unit type (i.e. as used in	
	actions and percepts).	
\mathbf{Type}	String	
Range	See Section 4.2	
<race></race>	The race the unit type belongs to.	
\mathbf{Type}	String	
Range	[terran,zerg,protoss]	

4.1.2 upgrade/2

Description $\,$ Indicates all possible upgrade types. If a matching $\,$ com-

bat/6 predicate exists, the upgrade represents an ability. Not all abilities actually need their matching upgrade to be researched at a building first (costs in costs/6 will be zero

for such abilities/upgrades).

Syntax upgrade(<Name>,<Race>)

Example upgrade('Tank Siege Mode',terran)

<name></name>	The full name of the upgrade type (i.e. as used		
	in the research actions and percepts).		
\mathbf{Type}	String		
Range	e See Section 4.3		
<race></race>	The race the upgrade type belongs to.		
\mathbf{Type}	pe String		
Range	[terran,zerg,protoss]		

$4.1.3 \quad \cos ts/6$

Description Information about the costs in resources, time and existing

units or upgrades of a unit or upgrade type.

Syntax costs(<Name>,<Minerals>,<Gas>,<SupplyOrEnergy>,

<BuildFrames>, <RequiredUnitsOrUpgrades>)

Example costs('Zerg Lurker', 50, 100, 4, 600,

['Lurker Aspect', 'Zerg Hydralisk']).

	3
<name></name>	The name of the unit or upgrade type.
Type	String
Range	See Sections 4.2 and 4.3
<minerals></minerals>	The required amount of minerals to train/re-
	search the type.
\mathbf{Type}	Integer
Range	$[0-\infty]$
<gas></gas>	The required amount of gas to train/research
	the type.
\mathbf{Type}	Integer
Range	$[0-\infty]$
<supplyorenergy></supplyorenergy>	For units: the required (or supplied, represented
	with a negative number) amount of supply (x2
	compared to what is visible in the game). For
	upgrades (if applicable): the required amount of
	energy to use (as an ability).
Type	Integer
Range	$[0-\infty]$
<buildframes></buildframes>	The number of game frames that are required to
	complete training/researching the type.
Type	Integer
Range	$[0-\infty]$
<pre><requiredunitsorupgrades></requiredunitsorupgrades></pre>	A (possibly empty) list of unit and/or upgrade
	types that are required to be present when
	starting to train/research the type. For upgrade
	types this is list is always either empty (for abil-
	ities that do not need to be research first) or of
	size one (indicating at which building type the
	upgrade needs to be researched).
Type	List of Strings
Range	See Sections 4.2 and 4.3

4.1.4 stats/6

Description Information about the static properties of unit types.

Syntax stats(<Name>,<MaxHealth>,<MaxShield>,<MaxEnergy>,

<TopSpeed>, <Conditions>)

Example stats('Protoss High Templar', 40, 40, 200, 32,

[canMove,organic]).

> The name of the unit type.
> The name of the unit type.
e String
e See Section 4.2
The maximum amount of health for units of the
type. Invincible units (like spells) have 0 here.
e Integer
$\mathbf{e} \qquad [0-\infty]$
The maximum amount of shield for units of the
type.
e Integer
$\mathbf{e} [0-\infty]$
The maximum amount of energy for units of the
type. 0 for units that do not use energy at all.
e Integer
$\mathbf{e} \qquad [0-\infty]$
ed> The top movement speed for units of the type
(without upgrades).
e Integer
$\mathbf{e} \qquad [0-\infty]$
ons> A (possibly empty) list static conditions for
units of the type.
List of Strings
e [addon, building, canBurrow, canDetect, can-
Lift, canMove, canTrain, flies, mechanical, or-
ganic, requiresCreep, requiresPsi, robotic, spell]

$4.1.5 \quad \text{metrics}/5$

Description Information about the metrics (i.e. on the map) of unit

types

Syntax Example metrics(<Name>,<Width>,<Height>,<SightRange>,<SpaceRequired>)

metrics('Terran Bunker', 3, 2, 10, -4).

The name of the unit type.
String
See Section 4.2
The number of build tiles the unit is wide.
Integer
$[0-\infty]$
The number of build tile the unit is high.
Integer
$[0-\infty]$
The number of build tiles the unit's visibility
reaches (without upgrades).
Integer
$[0-\infty]$
The space required to load the unit into a load-
able unit if positive; a negative number indicates
the space a loadable unit provides for other units
(although e.g. Overlords require an upgrade to
actually use this space).
Integer
[-8-8]

$4.1.6 \quad combat/6$

Description Information about the offensive capabilities of unit types or

upgrade types (i.e abilities used on units or locations). All damages take attack speed into account, but not specific trade-offs (e.g. damage against organic vs. mechanic units).

None of the properties take possible upgrades into account.

Syntax combat(<Name>,<GroundDamage>,<AirDamage>,

Example combat('Psionic Storm', 14, 14, 45, 9, 1).

3	<name></name>	The name of the unit or upgrade type (that can
		be used as an ability)
	Name	String
	Range	See Sections 4.2 and 4.3
	<grounddamage></grounddamage>	The amount of damage the type does to ground
		units. 0 means it cannot attack ground.
	\mathbf{Type}	Integer
	Range	$[0-\infty]$
	<airdamage></airdamage>	The amount of damage the type does to air
		units. 0 means it cannot attack air.
	\mathbf{Type}	Integer
	Range	$[0-\infty]$
	<cooldownframes></cooldownframes>	The number number of game frames the type
		needs to cool down after an attack (i.e. wait be-
		fore launching another attack).
	\mathbf{Type}	Integer
	Range	$[0-\infty]$
	<range></range>	The number of build tiles the type's attack can
		span.
	\mathbf{Type}	Integer
	Range	$[0-\infty]$
	<splashradius></splashradius>	The number of build tiles the type's attack can
		do splash damage (0 means no splash).
	\mathbf{Type}	Integer
	Range	$[0-\infty]$

4.2 Unit Types

StarCraft's unit types (per race and category).

4.2.1 Terran

Ground

Terran Firebat

Terran Ghost

Terran Goliath

Terran Marine

Terran Medic

Terran SCV

Terran Siege Tank

Terran Vulture

Terran Vulture Spider Mine

Air

Terran Battlecruiser

Terran Dropship

Terran Nuclear Missile

Terran Science Vessel

Terran Valkyrie

Terran Wraith

Buildings

Terran Academy

Terran Armory

Terran Barracks

Terran Bunker

Terran Command Center

Terran Engineering Bay

Terran Factory

Terran Missile Turret

Terran Refinery

Terran Science Facility

Terran Starport

Terran Supply Depot

Addons

Terran Comsat Station
Terran Control Tower
Terran Covert Ops
Terran Machine Shop
Terran Nuclear Silo
Terran Physics Lab

Spells

Spell Scanner Sweep

4.2.2 Protoss

Ground

Protoss Archon
Protoss Dark Archon
Protoss Dark Templar
Protoss Dragoon
Protoss High Templar
Protoss Probe
Protoss Reaver
Protoss Scarab

Protoss Zealot

Air

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

Buildings

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

Spells

Spell Disruption Web

Protoss Templar Archives

Protoss Stargate

4.2.3 Zerg

Ground

Zerg Broodling
Zerg Defiler
Zerg Drone
Zerg Egg
Zerg Hydralisk
Zerg Larva
Zerg Lurker
Zerg Lurker Egg
Zerg Ultralisk
Zerg Zergling

Air

Zerg Cocoon
Zerg Devourer
Zerg Guardian
Zerg Mutalisk
Zerg Overlord
Zerg Queen
Zerg Scourge

Buildings

Zerg Creep Colony Zerg Defiler Mound

Zerg Evolution Chamber

Zerg Extractor

Zerg Greater Spire

Zerg Hatchery

Zerg Hive

Zerg Hydralisk Den

Zerg Lair

Zerg Nydus Canal

Zerg Queens Nest

Zerg Spawning Pool

Zerg Spire

Zerg Spore Colony

Zerg Sunken Colony

Zerg Ultralisk Cavern

Spells

Spell Dark Swarm

4.3 Upgrade Types

All upgrade types that can be researched for each race at the indicated building. Brackets with numbers indicate that the upgrade is available at multiple levels (i.e. $Zerg\ Carapace\ 1 > Zerg\ Carapace\ 2 > Zerg\ Carapace\ 3$). Upgrades that can be used as abilities are indicated in the next section.

4.3.1 Terran

Academy

Caduceus Reactor Optical Flare Restoration Stim Packs U-238 Shells

Armory

Terran Vehicle Plating (1,2,3) Terran Vehicle Weapons (1,2,3) Terran Ship Plating (1,2,3) Terran Ship Weapons (1,2,3)

Control Tower

Cloaking Field

Covert Ops

Lockdown Moebius Reactor Ocular Implants Personnel Cloaking

Engineering Bay

Terran Infantry Armor (1,2,3)
Terran Infantry Weapons (1,2,3)

Machine Shop

Charon Boosters Ion Thrusters Spider Mines Tank Siege Mode

Physics Lab

Colossus Reactor Yamato Gun

Science Facility

EMP Shockwave Irradiate Titan Reactor

Control Tower

Apollo Reactor

4.3.2 Protoss

Arbiter Tribunal

Khaydarin Core Recall Statis Field

Citadel of Adun

Leg Enhancements

Cybernetics Core

Protoss Air Armor (1,2,3) Protoss Air Weapons (1,2,3) Singularity Charge

Fleet Beacon

Apial Sensors
Argus Jewel
Carrier Capacity
Disruption Web
Gravitic Thrusters

Forge

Protoss Ground Armor (1,2,3) Protoss Ground Weapons (1,2,3) Protoss Plasma Shields (1,2,3)

Observatory

Gravitic Boosters Sensor Array

Robotics Support Bay

Gravitic Drive Reaver Capacity Scarab Damage

Templar Archives

Argus Talisman
Hallucination
Khaydarin Amulet
Maelstrom
Mind Control
Psionic Storm

4.3.3 Zerg

Defiler Mound

Consume Metasynaptic Node Plague

Evolution Chamber

Zerg Carapace (1,2,3)
Zerg Melee Attacks (1,2,3)
Zerg Missile Attacks (1,2,3)

Hatchery

 ${\tt Burrowing}$

Hydralisk Den

Grooved Spines Lurker Aspect Muscular Augments

Lair / Hive

Antennae Pneumatized Carapace Ventral Sacs

Queens Nest

Ensnare Gamete Meiosis Spawn Broodlings

Spawning Pool

Adrenal Glands Metabolic Boost

(Greater) Spire

Zerg Flyer Attacks (1,2,3)
Zerg Flyer Carapace (1,2,3)

Ultralisk Cavern

Anabolic Synthesis Chitinous Plating

4.4 Abilities

All abilities that can be used by the indicated units of each race, usually after having the researched the corresponding upgrade (exceptions to this are noted). The potential target(s) is/are indicated in brackets.

4.4.1 Terran

Battle Cruiser

Yamato Gun (unit)

Comsat Station

Scanner Sweep (position or unit)

Ghost

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} Lockdown $(unit)$\\ Personnel Cloaking $(self)$\\ Nuclear Strike $(position \ or \ unit)$\\ \end{tabular}$

Marine / Firebat

Stim Packs (self)

Medic

Healing $(position \ or \ unit)$ Restoration (unit)Optical Flare (unit)

Science Vessel

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} {\tt Defensive Matrix} & (unit) \\ {\tt EMP Shockwave} & (position \ or \ unit) \\ {\tt Irradiate} & (unit) \\ \end{tabular}$

Siege Tank

Tank Siege Mode (self)

Vulture

Spider Mines (position)

Wraith

Cloaking Field (self)

4.4.2 Protoss

Arbiter

Recall (position or unit)
Stasis Field (position or unit)

Corsair

Disruption Web (position or unit)

Dark Archon

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} Feedback $(unit)$ \\ Maelstrom $(position \ or \ unit)$ \\ \\ Mind Control $(unit)$ \\ \end{tabular}$

Dark Templar

Dark Archon Meld (unit)

High Templar

 $\begin{array}{ll} {\tt Archon~Warp}~(unit) \\ {\tt Psionic~Storm}~(position~or~unit) \\ {\tt Hallucination}~(unit) \end{array}$

4.4.3 Zerg

Generic

Burrowing (self)

Lurkers can use this ability without having it researched; for Zerglings, Defilers, Hydralisks and Drones the upgrade needs to be researched.

Defiler

Dark Swarm (position or unit)
Plague (position or unit)
Consume (unit)

Queen

Infestation (unit) Parasite (unit)

Ensnare (position or unit)
Spawn Broodlings (unit)

4.5 Known Limitations

Here we list functionalities that the connector does not support at this time:

- Getting more detailed information about the map like the exact shapes of regions and non-walkable locations.
- Detecting 'bullets' like Psionic Storms and Subterranean Spikes.
- Detecting upgrades performed by the enemy player.
- Specifying the random seed used for a match.
- Automatically pausing the game when a whole MAS is paused.