Distributed Artificial Intelligence and Intelligent Agents Project

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2.1.1 Commonalities

General Commonality Requirements

- The curators and artifact manager should be fault tolerant
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Self-Optimization Commonality Requirements

- The curator should only bid on profitable auctions.
- The curator should minimize the processing on every profiler query.
- The artifact manager should adapt the price setting and price reductions to the demand and item quality.
- The profiler should optimize bidding strategy according to client interests.
- The artifact manager should post multiple auctions if demand is high.
- The artifact manager should post more low-quality items for a high price if multiple items go unsold.

Self-Healing Commonality Requirements

- If there is a database corruption, artist manager should renegotiate with curators.

Self-Protection Commonality Requirements

- The artist manager should detect collusions and increase the minimum price.
- Every transaction should be atomic and persistent.

Miscellaneous Commonality Requirements

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Role Schema	Profiler
Description	Short description
Protocols and Activities	
Permissions	
Responsibilities	
Liveness	
Safety	

Role Schema	Curator
Description	Short description
Protocols and Activities	
Permissions	
Responsibilities	
Liveness	
Safety	

Role Schema	Artifact Manager
Description	Short description
Protocols and Activities	
Permissions	
Responsibilities	
Liveness	
Safety	

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FIPA
Options(Choose 2)

Looks too corporate-y - http://www.agent-software.com.au/products/jack/
JIAC - IJava framework - http://repositories.dai-labor.de/sites/jiactng/5.1.5/
SPADE - Python framework - https://github.com/javipalanca/spade
JADEX - https://www.activecomponents.org/bin/view/About/Features

My choice would be the SPADE and JADEX.

We have to compare:

- Architecture of platform
- Services provided by it
- Comparison of implementaBon of a simple scenario same as Question 2 (i.e. Service Implementation, Service Registration and Service Discovery)
- Notable projects using it
- Personal opinion on practical issues compared to JADE, we could use point 3 as a starting point.

FIPA compliance:

- Agent Communication Channel(ACC): A mechanism which allows the platform and the agents in it to communicate with each other.
- Agent Management System(AMS): A way for the agents to be registered in the platform and be reachable for contact.
- Directory Facilitator(DF): Agents have the ability to publish services they offer, essentially yellow pages.
- Agent Communication Language(ACL): Common agent language, two possible syntaxes XML or Lisp based.

6.1 SPADE

Agent platform based on XMPP and Jabber. User(agent) and Server(platform). Agents can be in any programming language if they conform to XMPP protocol.

XMPP: XML inspired protocol for instant messaging and presence information. Jabber protocol at its core follows XMPP. It is an open standard and extensible. Noteable uses: Pidgin, Google Talk, iChat.
Features:

- Open, public, free

- Asynchronous: If user online guarantee of delivery, if offline store and forward message until the client reconnects. Ease of talking with non-human systems.
- Decentralized: Anyone can have a server, in fact its a server network, choice of whether to trust a server.
- Secure
- Extensible
- Flexible: XML messaging based tech has a myriad of uses, IM is just one of them. Jabber applications beyond IM include network management, content syndication, collaboration tools, file sharing, gaming, remote systems monitoring and, now, agent communication.

SPADE Agent Library

Module to build SPADE agents that work with the SPADE Agent Platform.

SPADE Agent Model

Composed of a connection mechanism to the platform, a message dispatcher and a set of agent behaviors. Each agent is recognized by a JID(Jabber ID) that looks like (name@host, password) and by an address(xmpp://acc.myprovider.com). Each agent registers to the server as a jabber user(mandatory, not like DF in JADE) which opens a longlived communication stream.
A message dispatcher is responsible for receiving, delivering to a behavior queue(MessageTemplate) and sending messages.
Simultaneous behaviors: Cyclic, OneShot, Periodic, TimeOut, FSM and Event.
Message sending: like JADE
A SPADE agent cannot send nor receive messages until its behaviours are active. That is, do NOT place calls to the send or _receive methods inside the _setup and takeDown methods.
Search agent service, Modify Service(update your info in the AMS)
DF: same as Jade
FSM: same as Jade
Event Beh. : The main difference between an Event Behaviour and, say, a One-Shot Behaviour is that the Event Behaviour is not instanced nor is it running until the trigger event happens.
The SPADE BDI Agent Model: Belief-Desire-Intention:

- Belief: knowledge
- Desire: goals
- Intention: the way the agent has decided to achieve his goals, Plans.

SPADE deviates from this by using Service Oriented Computing(SOC) together with dynamic compilation of services in SPADE, which we have called Distributed Goal Oriented Computing.
SPADEs BDI model:

- Belief: Agent knowledge base, insert, delete, make queries.
- Goals and Desires: When an agent expresses a Goal, it means that the agents wishes to accomplish the expression contained in such Goal. When a goal is selected for accomplishment, it becomes active.
- Services: Method offered by the agent to the rest. Services can be composed into a sequence forming the Plans. Services have in their description both a pre-condition (P) and a post-condition (Q). The pre-condition P represents a state of knowledge that must be present in order to execute the Service. The post-condition Q represents the state of knowledge that the agent will achieve once the Service has been invoked.(Like MMSE ocl)
- Plans: Sequence of services to achieve the goals. Agents use plans to achieve their goals. Also they have their own Pre and Post conditions. Services composing a Plan's actions do not necessarily belong to the same agent.

```
Name = "agent@myhost.myprovider.com" . Addresses = ["xmpp://agent@myhost.myprovider
```

Knowledge base: Prolog based

```
$ agent.saveFact("MyList",[5,6,7,8])
$ agent.getFact("MyList")
> [5,6,7,8]
```

Plans and Services: An agent exposes a method unlike JADE

```
#This is the method executed when the service is invoked
def s1_method(Value):
return {"Myoutput1":1} #the return value is a dict containing Facts in the form name

#Create the service profile
s = DF.Service(name="s1", owner=agent.getAID(), inputs=["Value"],outputs=["O1"],P=["

#Finally register the service
agent.registerService(s, s1_method)

        agent.addPlan(inputs=["Value"],outputs=["O2"],P=["Var(Value,0,Int)"],Q=["Va
```

GOALS:

```
g = Goal("Var(O1,1,Int)")
$ def goalCompletedCB( goal ):
print "Goal completed!"

$ agent.saveFact("Value",0)

$ agent.setGoalCompletedCB( goalCompletedCB )

$ agent.addGoal( Goal("Var(Value,0,Int)") )
> "Goal completed!"
```

BDI: During the agent execution, classic SPADE behaviours can coexist with the BDI model. Every time that a new Goal is introduced into the agent, it will try to achieve it looking for a Plan that fits the task. All this work happens in a completely transparent way for the user.
Easier to work with knowledge base than JADE and its done in a declarative way.

Agent platform
Like JADE we start a server that acts as the main point/base of the agents.

6.2 JADEX

https://www.activecomponents.org/bin/view/Documentation/Overview
https://www.activecomponents.org/bin/view/About/Features

7 Evaluation

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