

Mars Robot

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1 Requirements of Mars Robot

The Mars Robot shall adhere to the following requirements, which are set up using the FURPS model, and are prioritized using the MOSCOW method.

Functional requirements		
Identifier	Priority	Description
F1	Must	The robot must not fall of the table
F2	Must	The robot must be able to detect colors
F3	Must	The robot must be able to detect rocks
F4	Must	The robot must be able to “measure” rocks
F5	Must	The robot must be able to push light-weight rocks
F6	Should	The robot should be able to avoid lakes
F7	Could	The robot could be able to park in a corner
F8	Must	The robot must be able to “measure” lakes
F9	Must	The robot must be able to avoid rocks
F10	Could	The generated programs could work on both robots
F11	Must	The DSL must allow control of the three actuators
F12	Must	The DSL must provide readouts of the the sensors
F13	Must	The DSL must provide a method of controlling actuators based on the values of sensors
F14	Must	The DSL must provide a method of prioritizing different actions
F15	Should	The DSL should abstract over commonly used functionality
F16	Could	The DSL could provide a method to specify and execute user specified subroutines
F17	Must	The DSL must generate a valid Java program which can be run on the mars rover.
F18	Must	The DSL must provide readable and writable global variables
F19	Must	The DSL must provide a method to write global variables based on sensor values
F20	Would	The robot can communicate with an external entity through Bluetooth or WiFi.
F21	Should	The DSL should provide a method to sound beeps and buzzes
F22	Should	The DSL should provide a method to write string to the LCD
F23	Could	The DSL could provide a way to write strings with values of sensor readings to the LCD

Table 1: Functional requirements of Mars Rover

Usability requirements		
Identifier	Priority	Description
U1	Should	The mapping between a generated Java program and a specification in the DSL should be easy to understand
U2	Must	The DSL must be easy to read and understand
U3	Would	The robot prints a trace of behaviors and values on the LCD for easy debugging

Table 2: Usability requirements of Mars Rover

Reliability requirements		
Identifier	Priority	Description
R1	Must	The robot must not be able to enter a deadlock state, unless one is specified in the DSL specification
R2	Should	The robot should have reliable and consistent sensor readings
R3	Could	The robot could be able to recover from driving into a lake

Table 3: Reliability requirements of Mars Rover

Performance requirements		
Identifier	Priority	Description
P1	Must	The robot must be able to complete mission in finite time
P2	Must	The robot must complete missions as fast as safely possible
P3	Should	The robot should reach its targets with as little movement as possible

Table 4: Performance requirements of Mars Rover

Supportability requirements		
Identifier	Priority	Description
S1	Would	The robot can be reprogrammed and debugged without a physical connection to it
S2	Could	The robot could be expanded with additional sensors or actuators

Table 5: Supportability requirements of Mars Rover

2 Proposed layout of Mars Robot

The Mars rover uses two separate bricks to connect all peripherals. Because of this the two bricks need to communicate about the status of the different actuators and sensors.

This communication could introduce small delays, and as stated in Section 1 the most imported requirement for the rover is that it always keeps itself safe. Therefore we propose a layout where the most important sensors related to safety are connected to the same block as the two main motors. This ensures that the robot can always keep itself safe, even when the communication between the two bricks fails.

	Brick 1	Brick 2
Actuators	Left Motor Right motor Measurement Motor	
Sensors	Light left Light Right Ultrasonic Front Ultrasonic Rear	Color Sensor Gyro Sensor Touch Sensor Left Touch Sensor Right

Table 6: Connection of the sensors and actuators to the Mars Rover

In this layout Brick 1 is the main control brick, it handles the most important safety related sensors and all actuators. Brick 2 connects the other sensors and can then communicate their readings to Brick 1.

The touch sensor are not considered essential safety sensors as the mars rover is very sturdy and contact with blocks can already be mostly avoided by the ultrasonic sensor on the front.

If it turns out that two ultrasonic sensors on the same brick are problematic then the front ultrasonic sensor of brick 1 will be interchanged with the gyro sensor on brick 2.

2.1 Final Layout

After discussion with the other groups the final layout for the Mars Rover has been decided as shown in Table 7.

This layout has the benefit over our proposed layout that it does not have two Ultrasonic sensors attached to the same brick.

port	Brick 1	Brick 2
A	Left Motor	
B	Right motor	
C	Measurement Motor	
S1	Light left	Left touch
S2	Light Right	Right touch
S3	Ultrasonic Rear	Ultrasonic Front
S4	Gyro	Color Sensor

Table 7: Connection of the sensors and actuators to the Mars Rover

3 Development process of Mars Robot DSL and corresponding Missions

The Mars Robot DSL and corresponding missions will be developed in an agile way; the development is split into small sprints. Each sprint consists of designing, building, integrating and testing a particular function. At the end of each sprint a working product (DSL and code generation) is delivered.

These sprints ensure that the development process won't end in some form of integration hell of all the different sub-parts and shows possible errors in the design of the robot as early as possible. It also allows to check the product quick, and often, with the client, which ensures that the developed product matches the clients expectations.

The goal of the first sprint will be to write an proof-of-concept rover-program in Java to test all the different sensors and actuators and the communication between the two bricks. This has two main benefits, firstly it ensures that the design of the robot is correct and all the basic function of the robot work. Secondly, it provides an example for the implementation of the code generation.

Consecutive sprints will consist of implementing the different sensors and actuators, and writing the mission possible with the sensors and actuators implemented so far.

The selection of the goals for the next sprint is guided by the requirements of Section 1.

3.1 Planning

Table 8 shows the planning for development of the Mars Rover by listing which requirements from Section 1 will be implemented in which sprint.

Week	Goals
Week 1 (9th Dec)	In sprint 1 we will implement a proof of concept to test the various sensors and actuators of the mars Rover and to test the communication between the two bricks.
Week 2 (16th Dec)	<p>The goal of the second sprint is to have a robot which can wonder around and does not fall of the table.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • F1 • F11 (only the two driving actuators) • F12 (only the rear ultrasonic and light sensors) • F13 • F14 • F17 • U2 • R1
Week 3 (6th Jan)	<p>The goal of the third sprint is to implement the detection , measuring and pushing of rocks and lakes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • F2 • F3 • F4 • F5 • F8 • F9 • F11 (the measurement actuator) • F12
Week 4 (13th Jan)	<p>The goal of this sprint is to implement the actual missions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • F18 • P1 • P2

Table 8: Planning for development of the mars rover

If there is time left after implementing all the requirements with priority ‘must’ then the following requirements with priority ‘should’ shall be implemented first:

- F21
- F22
- U2

4 A DSL for Mars Rover missions

To program the Mars Rover in an efficient manner we have constructed a DSL which allows the programmer to write missions for the mars rover. This DSL abstracts over the various specifics which are needed for every program for the mars rover, such as managing the Bluetooth connection, setting up sensors, reading sensor values, etc.

The DSL is a very powerful one, which allows the programmer to write complicated programs using variables, constants, conditional statements and subroutines. This way the DSL does not restrict the programmer too much in the type of programs that can be expressed, but instead supports the programmer by abstracting over the commonly used functionality.

4.1 Syntax and semantics

In this subsection we will describe the syntax and the semantics of our mars rover DSL and why certain design decisions were made. Code ?? shows the syntactic rule for a program in the dsl. Below we will describe each of the referenced rules further:

Code 1: Main syntactic rule

```
1 Robot :  
2   'Behaviors:' behaviorOrder += BehaviorName+  
3   ('Variables:' globals += Global*)?  
4   ('Constants:' statics += Static*)?  
5   ('Stops when:') stopBehaviour = ValueExpression  
6   behaviors += Implementation+  
7   subRoutines += SubRoutine*  
8 ;  
9  
10 BehaviorName : name = ID;  
11 Global : name = ID;
```

Behaviours In the syntax choices we've made for our DSL we assume that the programmer writing programs for the mars rover wants to write missions using the subsumption pattern. Therefore the building blocks of a program the mars rover DSL are behaviours. A program starts with a list of behaviours which form the mission. The implementation of these behaviours must be later specified in the program. The list of behaviours is ordered by importance of the behaviour, with the most important behaviour being the last behaviour in the list.

Variables We also assume that the who programmers want to write programs using our mars rover DSL are experienced programmers who would like to have extended control over the rover and want to be able to write more complex control or data flow than that offered by basic subsumption pattern. Therefore our DSL has variables.

These variables are global to all behaviours. Variables are untyped and can be assigned Integer or Boolean values. Boolean values are interpreted as integer values, **True** as 1 and **False** 0. Likewise when a variable is used as a boolean expression then any value > 0 is interpreted as **True** and a value ≤ 0 is interpreted as **False**. Variables need to be declared in the list of variables.

Constants Often various constants are needed when programming a rover robot, for example a safe speed to drive at. These constants are depended on the kind of mission.

To help the programmer with this our DSL allows the definition of arbitrary constants. These constants are available throughout the mars rover program, and have the same semantics regarding type as variables. When defining a constant it has to be assigned a value, this can not be changed later in the program.

Code 2 shows the syntax for defining constants. The rule *ValueExpression* will be discussed below.

Code 2: Syntax for defining constants

```
1 Static : name = ID ' = ' value = ValueExpression ' ; ';
```

Goal A lot of mission have a goal and the robot can stop after completing this goal, eg. measuring all three lakes.

The programmer can define such a goal in our DSL as an expression in the '**Stops when**' rule of the mission. Whenever this expression evaluates to > 0 the robot will halt and no more behaviours will be executed.

Behaviour implementation Code 3 shows the syntax for implementing behaviours. The name of the behaviour to be implemented has to be specified, this has to be one of the behaviours in the list of behaviours specified at the start of the mission.

When the expression after **Takes control when:** evaluates to > 0 and this behaviour is the behaviour with the highest priority for which this expression evaluates to > 0 , then this behaviour will get control and the list of expression in the **Does:** block will be evaluated in the order in which they occur. When after any of these expressions another behaviour with a higher priority wants control, than this behaviour will stop, the remainder of the expressions to be evaluated will be discarded and the other behaviour will get control and start execution at the top of its **Does:** block.

Code 3: Syntax for implementing behaviours

```

1 Implementation :
2   'Implementation for ' for = [BehaviorName] ':'
3   'Takes control when:'
4     controlCheck = ValueExpression
5   'Does:'
6     expressions += Expression+
7 ;

```

Subroutines Often behaviours share similar subroutines, eg. drive backwards and then turn. To lessen the amount of code a programmer needs to write our DSL allows for the specification of arbitrary subroutines.

Code 4 shows the syntax for defining these subroutines. Subroutines should be uniquely defined using a name, which can be used to later call the subroutine. When a subroutine is called all its expressions are executed in the order in which they occur. Unlike behaviours, subroutines are atomic, which means always all their expressions are executed, even if this gets the robot in dangerous situations. Therefore a programmer needs to take care when using subroutines.

Code 4: Syntax for subroutine definition

```

1 SubRoutine :
2   'Routine ' name = ID ':'
3   expressions += Expression+
4 ;

```

Expressions Expressions are statements to be executed.¹ Code 5 shows the syntax for expressions. Expressions have the following semantics:

ValueExpression This is just a ValueExpression without any side effects.

Action An Action to be executed by the robot, see below.

AssignExpression Assigns the result of a ValueExpression to a variable.

IFExpression If the first ValueExpression evaluates to > 0 then execute the first list of Expressions, otherwise execute the second list of Expressions if it is provided, otherwise do nothing.

WHILEExpression If the ValueExpression evaluates to > 0 execute the Expressions and reevaluate the complete WHILEExpression, otherwise do nothing.

¹ For historic reasons they are called expressions, however, statements might be a more accurate name.

Code 5: Syntax for expressions

```

1 Expression :
2   ((
3       ValExpr
4       | Action
5       | AssignExpression
6   ) ';'')
7   | IFExpression
8   | WHILEExpression
9 ;
10
11 ValExpr : vExpr = ValueExpression;
12 IFExpression :
13   'IF' c=ValueExpression
14   '{' t+=Expression+ '}'
15   ('ELSE' '{' e+=Expression+ '}')?
16 ;
17 WHILEExpression: 'WHILE' c=ValueExpression '{' b+=Expression+ '}' ;
18 AssignExpression: global = [Global] '=' v = ValueExpression ;

```

Action Actions are things done by the Robot. Code 6 shows the syntax for actions. The actions have the following semantics -*unless otherwise specified motors only include the left and right driving motor*:-

ForwardAction Set the specified motor to moving forward, if no motor is specified both will start moving forward.

RotateAction Rotate the specified motor the specified value, interpreted as degrees. If **wait** is specified then execution of the next statement will hold until the rotation has completed, otherwise it will continue immediately.

StopAction Stop the specified motor, if no motor is specified both motors are stopped.

SAccelerationAction Set the acceleration for the specified motor to the specified value, if no motor is specified the acceleration is set for both motors.

SSpeedAction Like SAccelerationAction, but for the speed of the motor(s).

SubRoutineAction Execute the subroutine identified by its name.

MeasureAction Lowers the measurement arm and then rises it again.

ShowAction Print either a string, or the value of a sensor to the LCD.

SoundAction Sound either a Beep or a Buzz

FreeAction Set the specified motor to free rolling.

Code 6: Syntax for actions

```

1 Action :
2   ForwardAction
3   | RotateAction
4   | StopAction
5   | SAccelerationAction
6   | SSpeedAction

```

```

7 | SubRoutineAction
8 | MeasureAction
9 | ShowAction
10 | SoundAction
11 | FreeAction
12 ;
13 ForwardAction : {ForwardAction} 'Forward' (motor = Motor)? ;
14 RotateAction : 'Rotate' motor = Motor degrees = ValueExpression (
    blocking ?= 'wait')? ;
15 StopAction : {StopAction} 'Stop' (motor = Motor)? ;
16 SAccelerationAction : 'Set Acceleration' (motor = Motor)? v =
    ValueExpression ;
17 SSPEEDAction : 'Set Speed' (motor = Motor)? v = ValueExpression ;
18 SubRoutineAction : 'Do' routine = [SubRoutine] ;
19 MeasureAction : {MeasureAction} 'Measure';
20 ShowAction : 'Show' (string = STRING | sensor = Sensor);
21 SoundAction : 'Sound' sound = Sound;
22 FreeAction : 'Free' motor = Motor;
23
24 Motor : m = EMotor;
25 enum EMotor :
26     LEFTMOTOR = 'LeftMotor'
27     | RIGHTMOTOR = 'RightMotor'
28 ;
29
30 enum Sound :
31     BEEP = 'Beep'
32     | BUZZ = 'Buzz'
33 ;

```

ValueExpressions ValueExpressions allow for the access of sensor values, constants, variables, literals and allows for comparison of these values. Code 7 Shows the syntax for defining ValueExpressions. The syntax seems complex at first to allow infix with priority, however the semantics are rather straightforward and will therefore not explained in more detail.

Code 7: Syntax for ValueExpression

```

1 ValueExpression : Blevel1;
2
3 Blevel1 returns ValueExpression:
4     Blevel2
5     ( {ExpressionBinOp.left = current} bop = BBinaryOp right=Blevel2)*
6 ;
7
8 Blevel2 returns ValueExpression :
9     BNotExpr | Blevel3
10 ;
11
12 BNotExpr : "NOT" sub = Blevel3;
13
14 Blevel3 returns ValueExpression :
15     Blevel4
16     ( {ExpressionBinComp.left = current} bcomp = CompareOp right=
        Blevel4)*

```

```

17 ;
18
19 Blevel4 returns ValueExpression :
20     BVLiteral
21     | BBLiteral
22     | BVarLiteral
23     | BSensorLiteral
24     | BVBracket
25     | ColorLiteral
26 ;
27
28 BVLiteral : neg ?= ('neg')? aValue = INT;
29 BBLiteral : bValue = BOOLLITERAL;
30 BVarLiteral : var = ID ;
31 BSensorLiteral : sensor = Sensor;
32 BVBracket : '(' bsub = ValueExpression ')' ;
33 ColorLiteral : color = Color;
34
35
36 enum BBinaryOp :
37     AND = '&&' | OR = '||'
38 ;
39 enum CompareOp :
40     EQ = "equals" | NEQ = "!=" | GEQ = ">=" | GT = ">" | LEQ = "<=" |
41     LT = "<"
42 ;
43 enum Color :
44     BLACK = 'BLACK'
45     | BLUE = 'BLUE'
46     | BROWN = 'BROWN'
47     | CYAN = 'CYAN'
48     | DARK_GRAY = 'DARKGRAY'
49     | GRAY = 'GRAY'
50     | GREEN = 'GREEN'
51     | LIGHT_GRAY = 'LIGHTGRAY'
52     | MAGENTA = 'MAGENTA'
53     | ORANGE = 'ORANGE'
54     | PINK = 'PINK'
55     | RED = 'RED'
56     | WHITE = 'WHITE'
57     | YELLOW = 'YELLOW'
58 ;
59
60 //terminals
61 terminal ALPHA : ('A'..'Z');
62 terminal BOOLLITERAL returns ecore::EBoolean: 'True' | 'False' | '
    TRUE' | 'FALSE' ;

```

sensors Sensor values are accessed by the name of the respective sensor (Code 8). Sensor values are only updated at the start of a **Does** block and before evaluating a **Takes Control** expression. The sensor values used in the DSL are normalized.

LeftLight, **RightLight**, **FrontUS**, **RearUS** values are the raw sensor values multiplied by

100. `LeftTouch`, `RightTouch` are either > 0 when the respective sensor is touched or < 0 when it is not. `ColorID` is just the color ID seen by the color sensor, these can be compared to the `colorLiterals`. `Angle` just is the value of the angle of the gyro.

Code 8: Sensor names

```
1 enum Sensor :
2     COLORIDSENSOR = 'ColorID '
3     | LEFTLIGHTSENSOR = 'LeftLight '
4     | RIGHTLIGHTSENSOR = 'RightLight '
5     | FRONTULTRASONICSENSOR = 'FrontUS '
6     | REARULTRASONICSENSOR = 'RearUS '
7     | TOUCHSENSORL = 'LeftTouch '
8     | TOUCHSENSORR = 'RightTouch '
9     | ANGLESENSOR = 'Angle '
10 ;
```

4.2 Instances