SCXML
State Chart XML

A superset of different dialects

State Chart XML (SCXML): State Machine Notation for Control Abstraction

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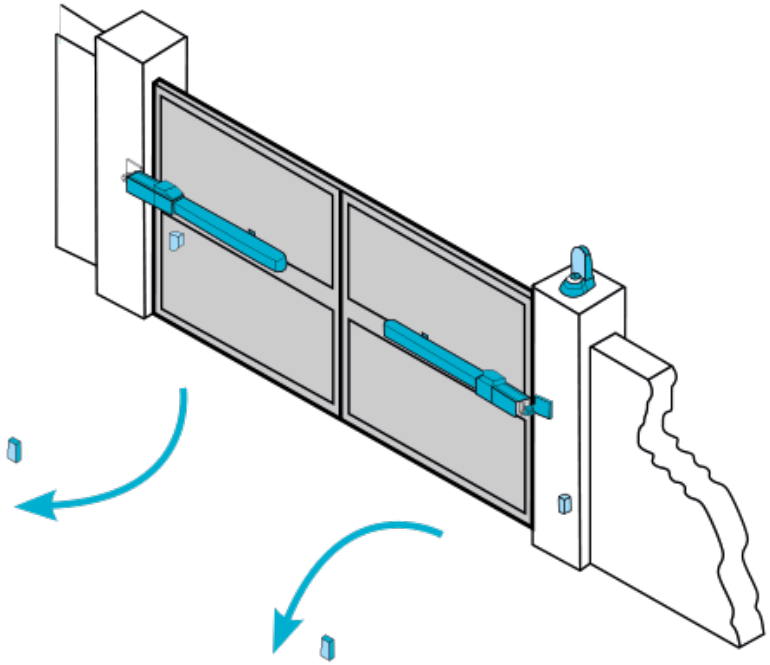

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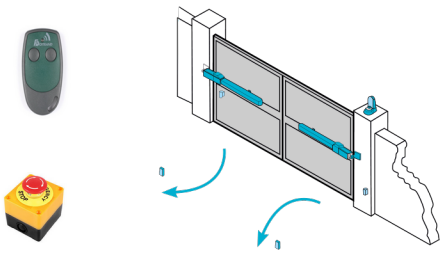

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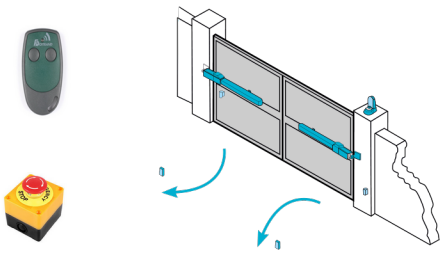

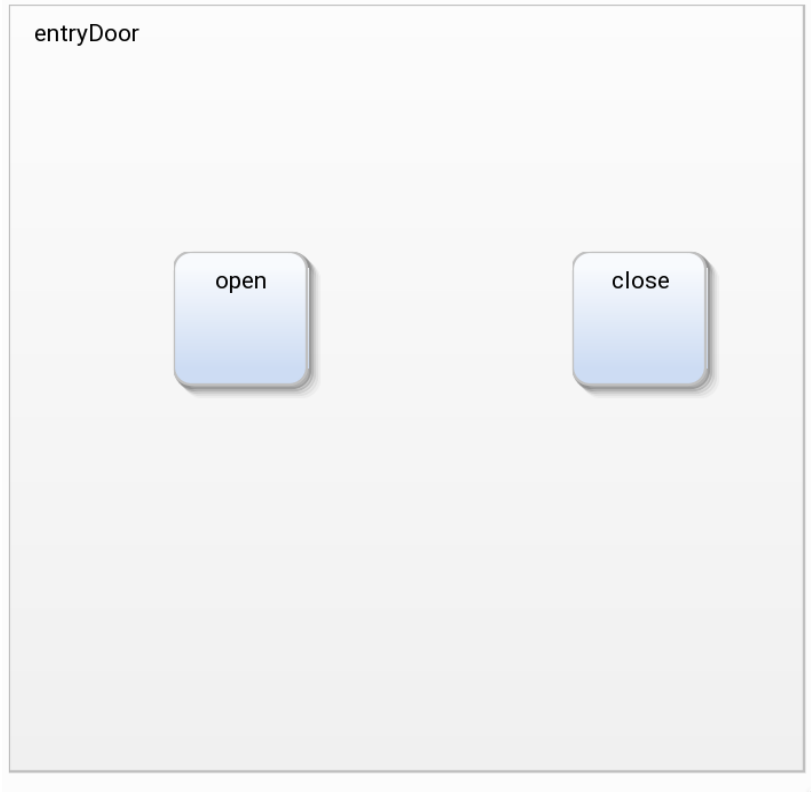

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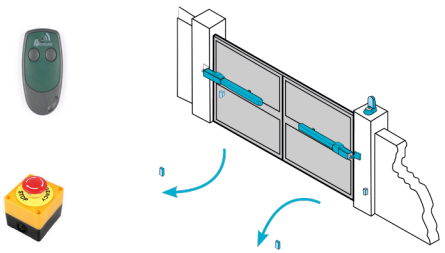

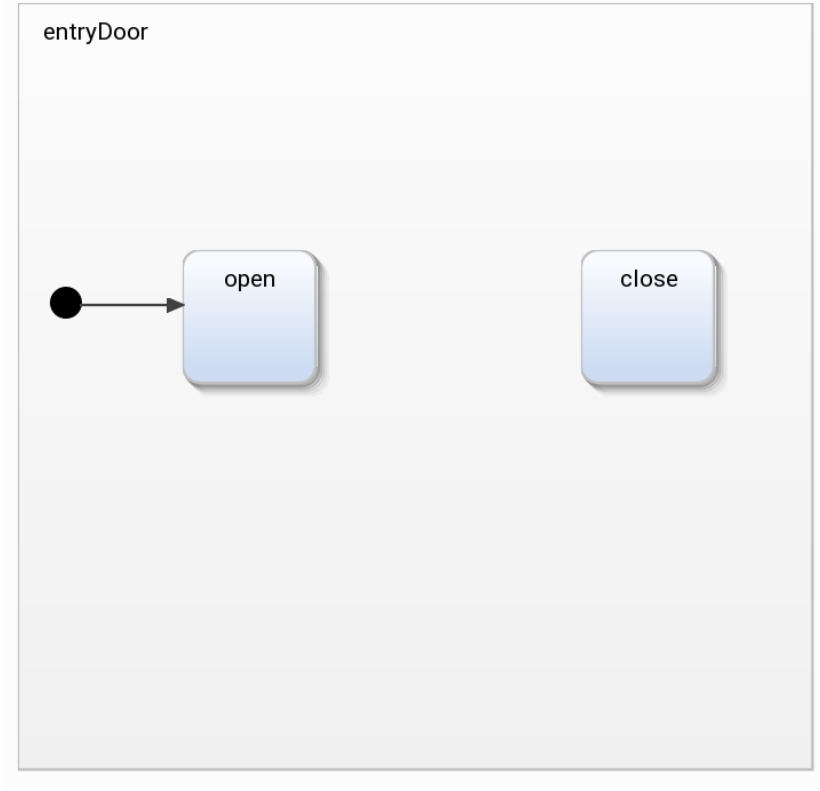

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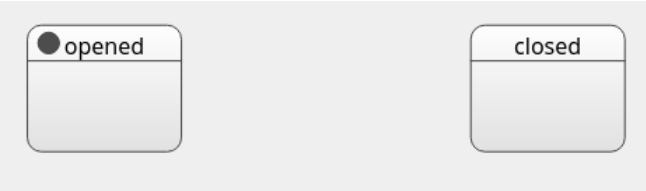

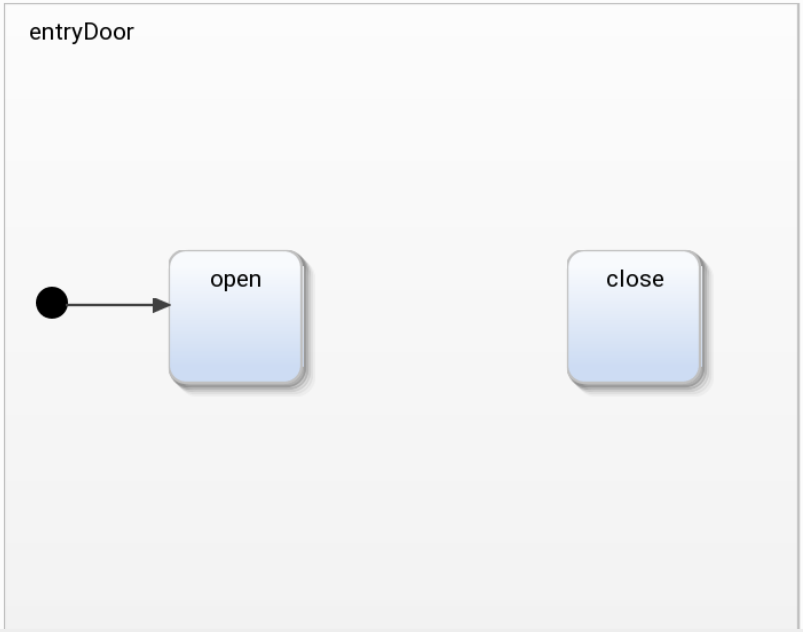

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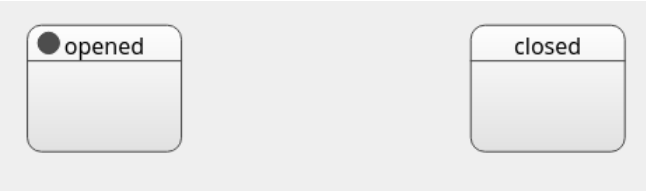

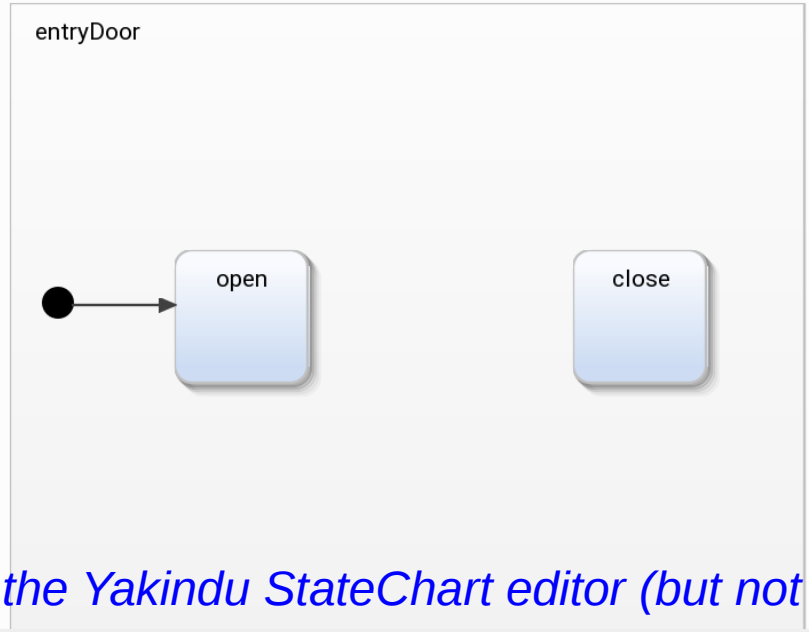

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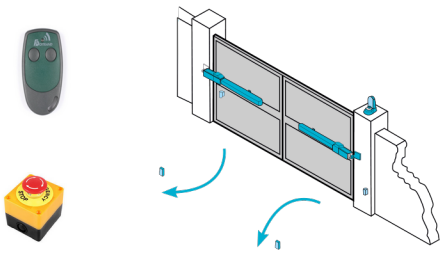

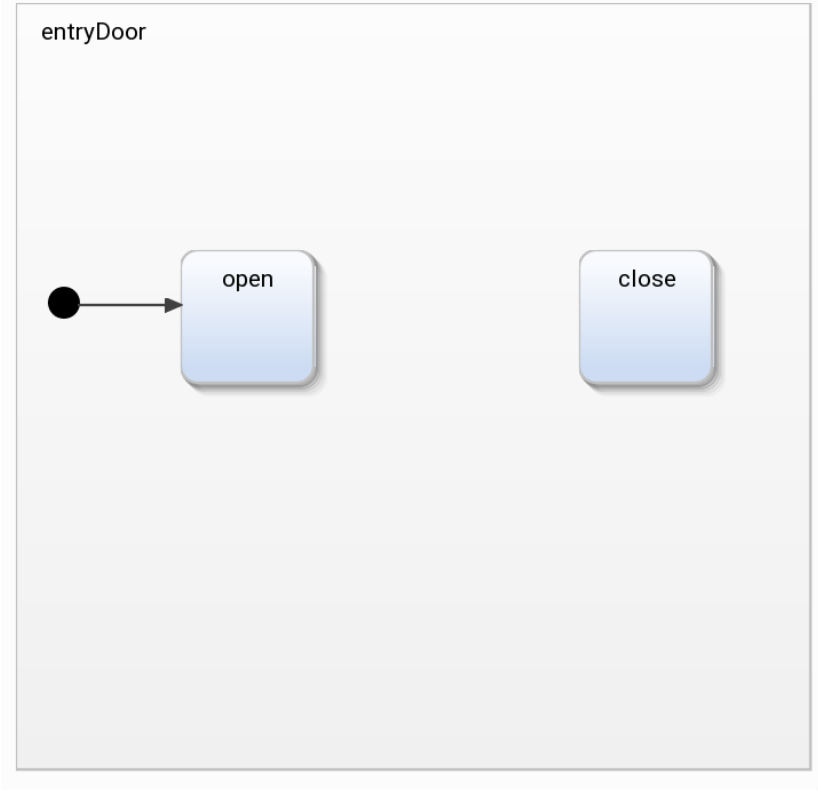

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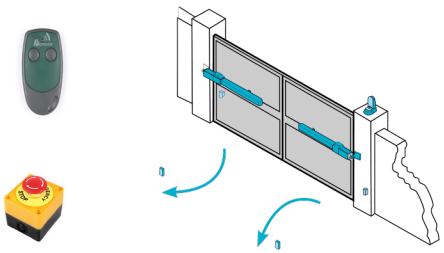

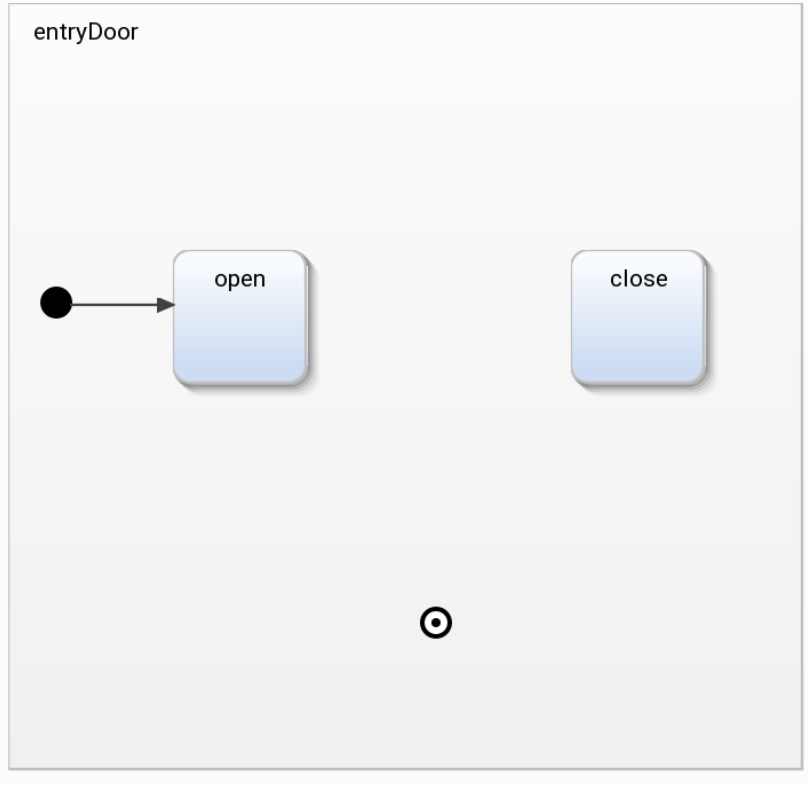

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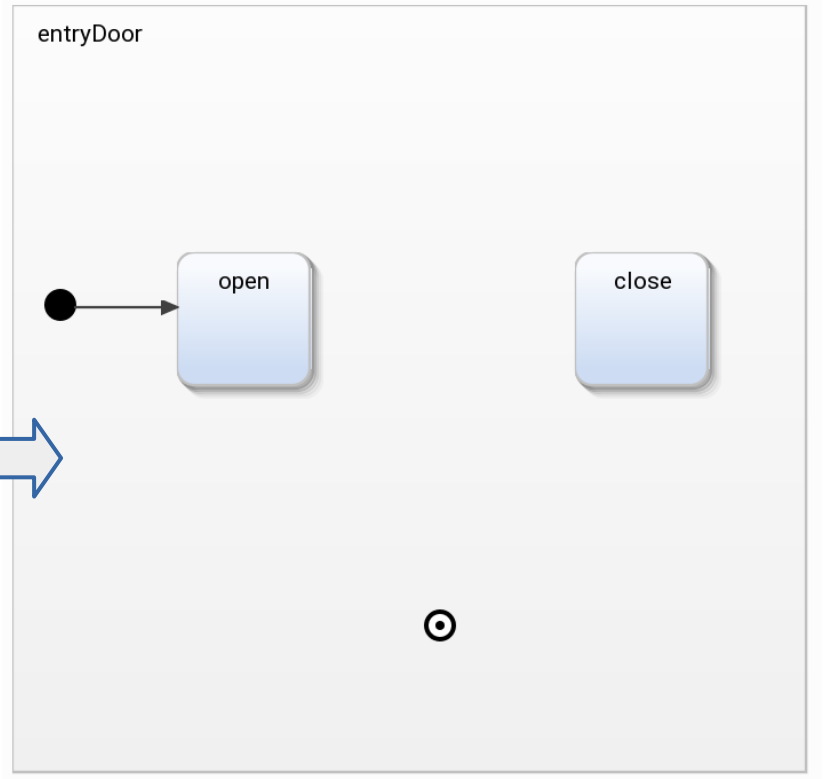

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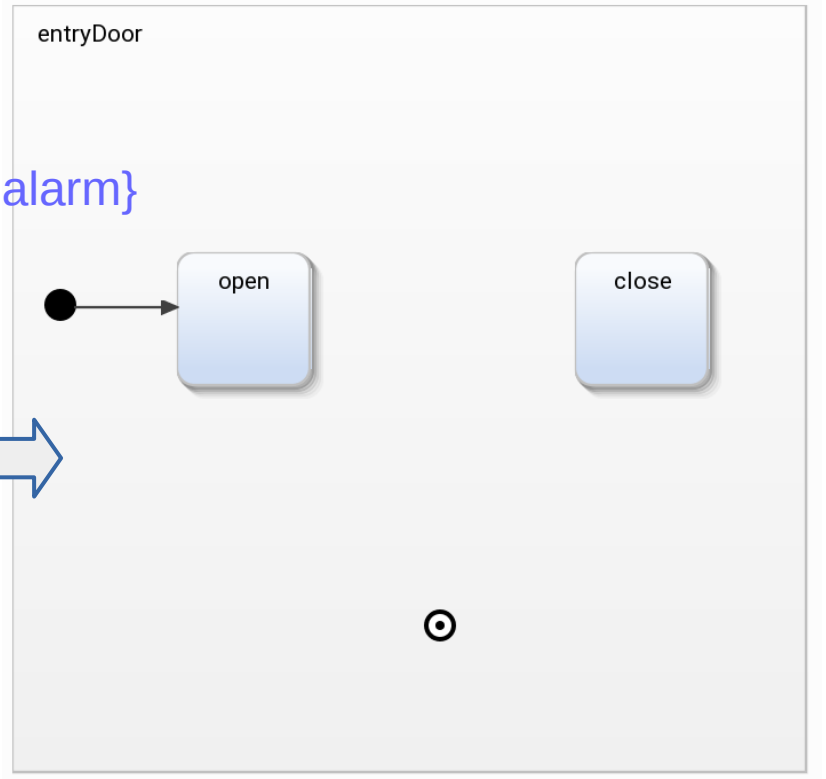

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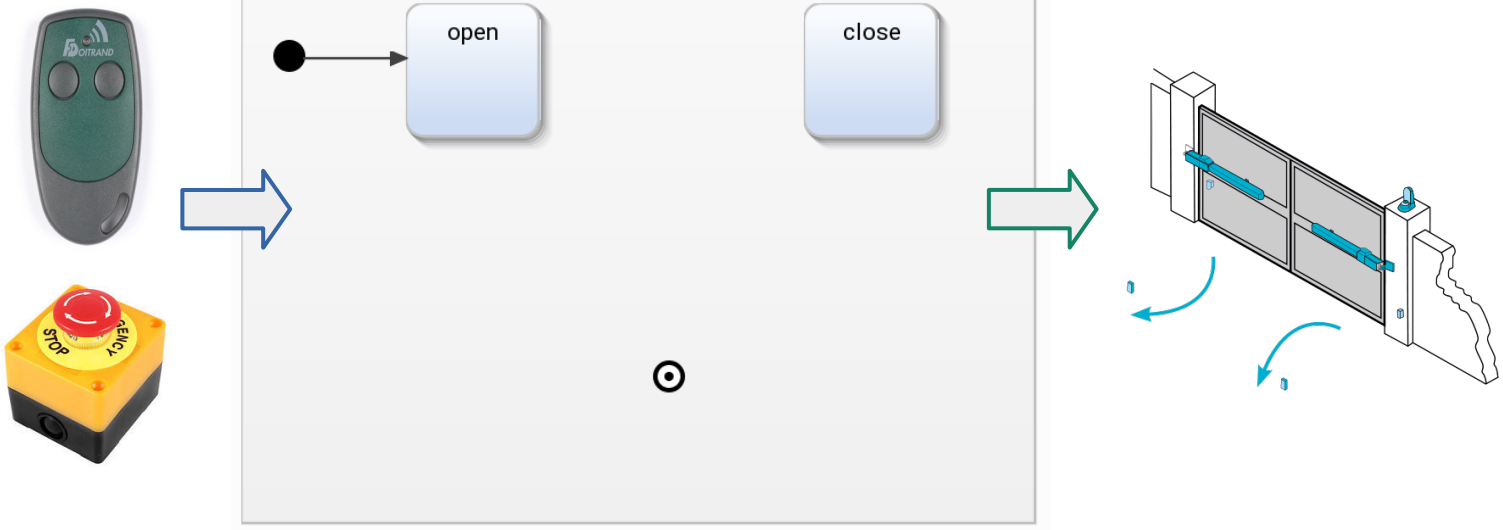

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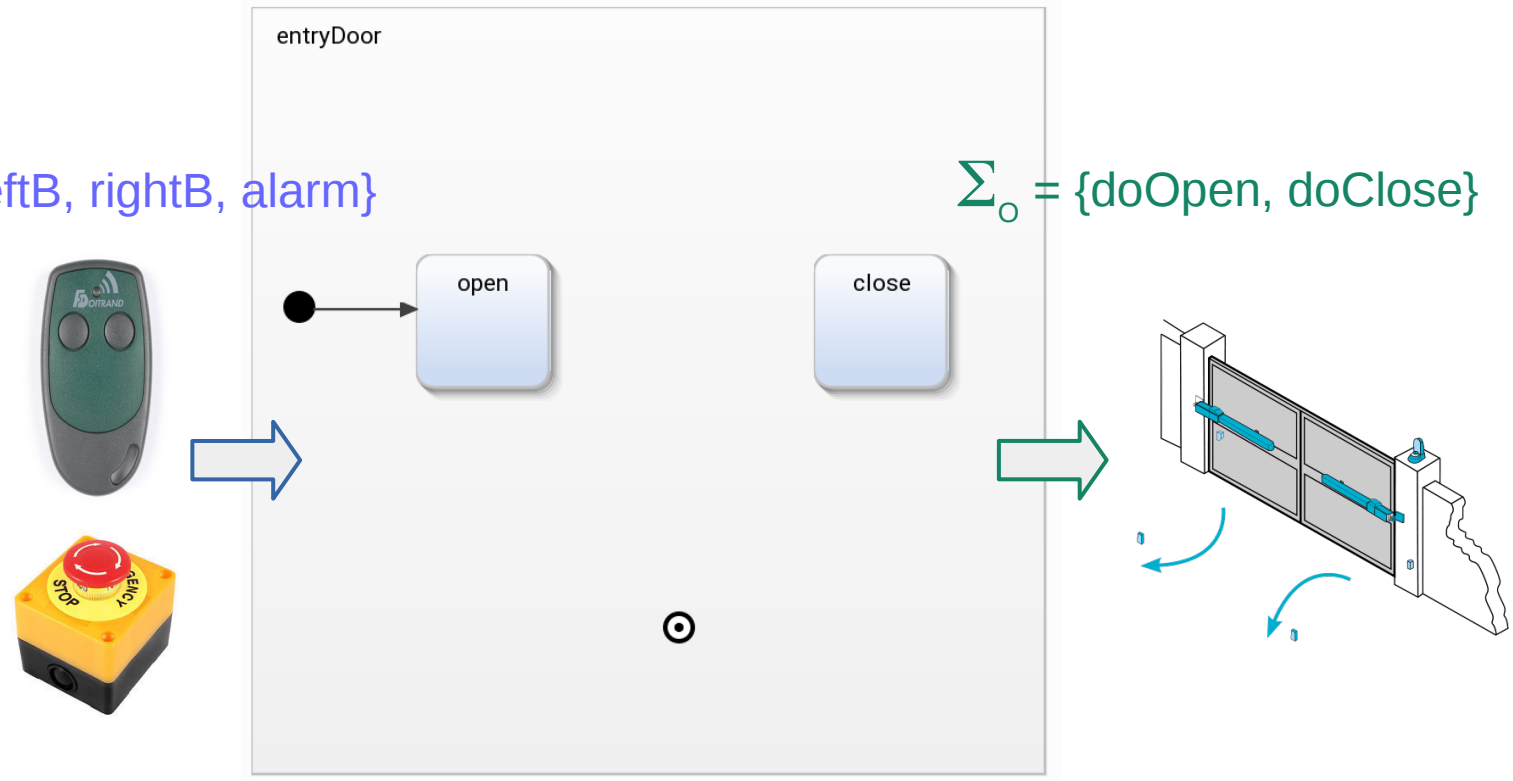

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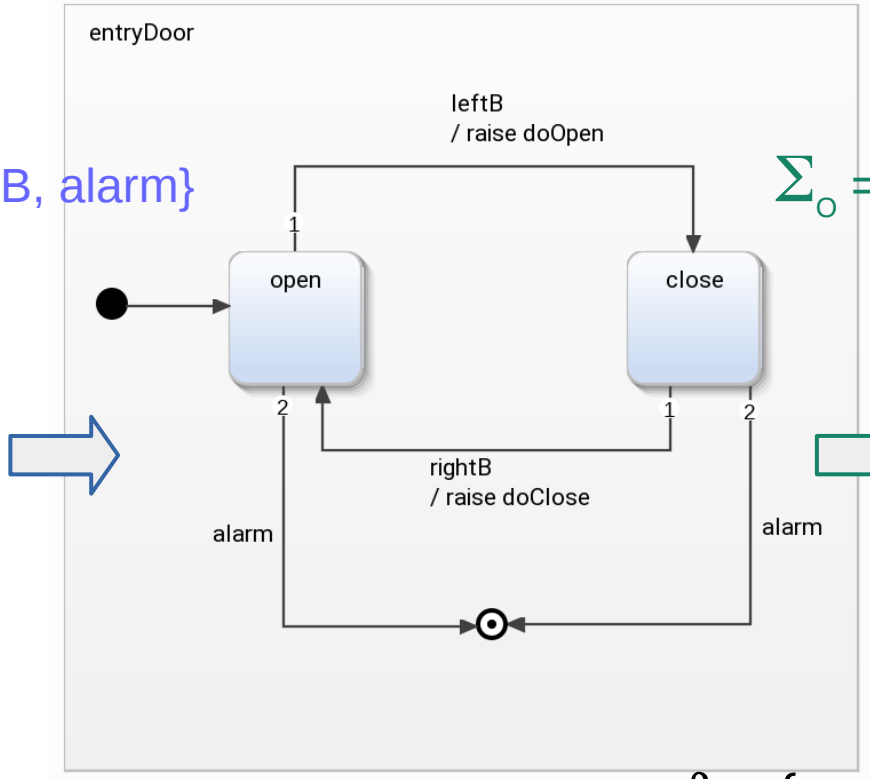

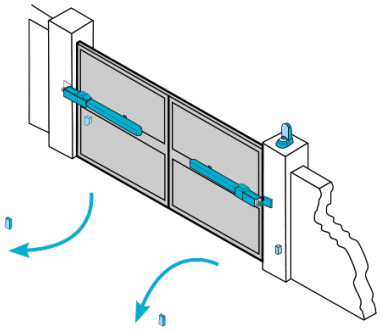

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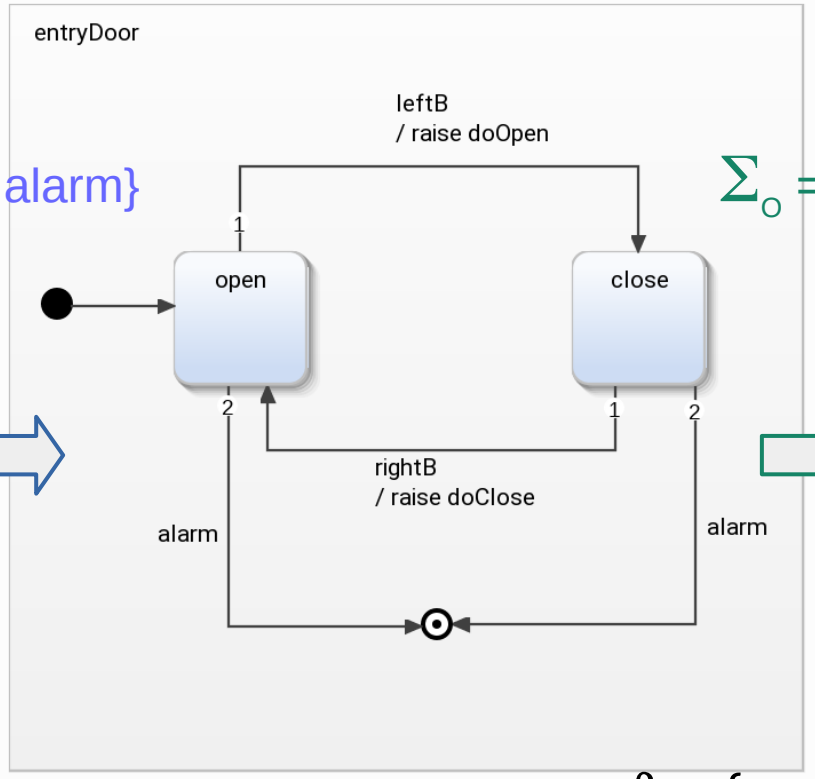

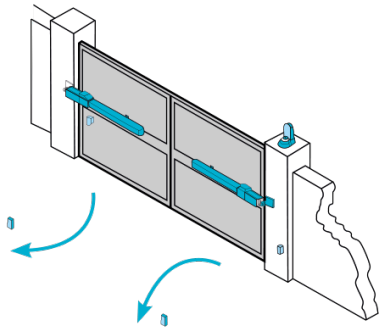

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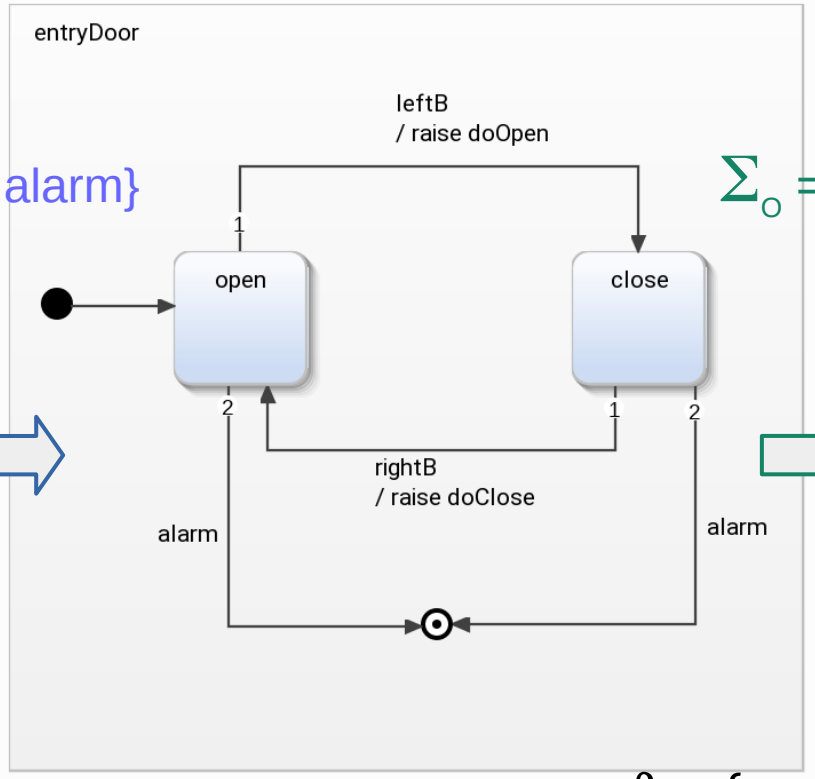

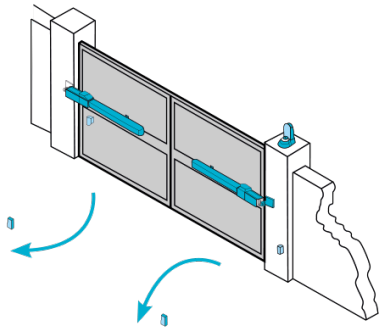

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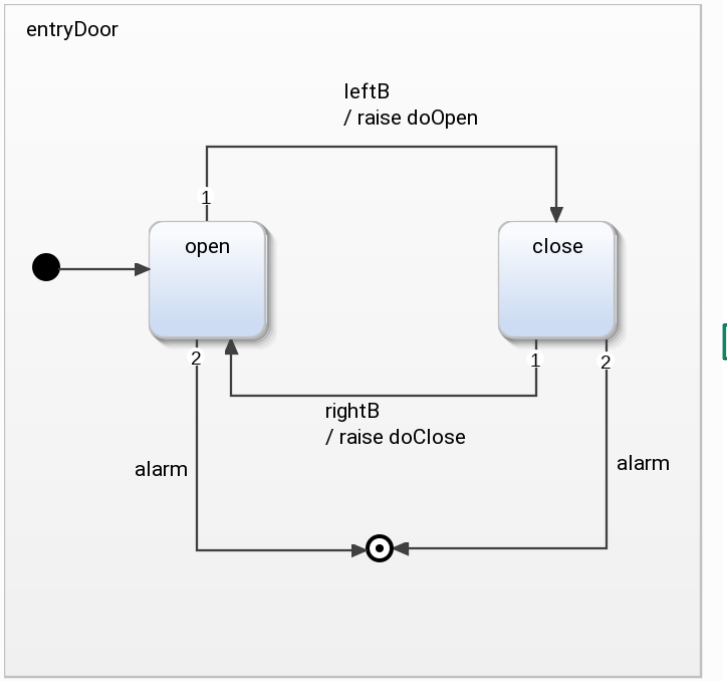

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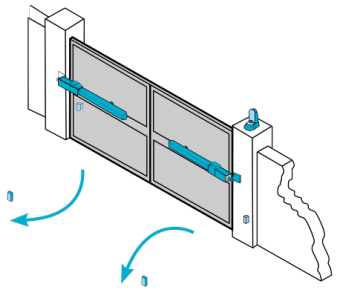

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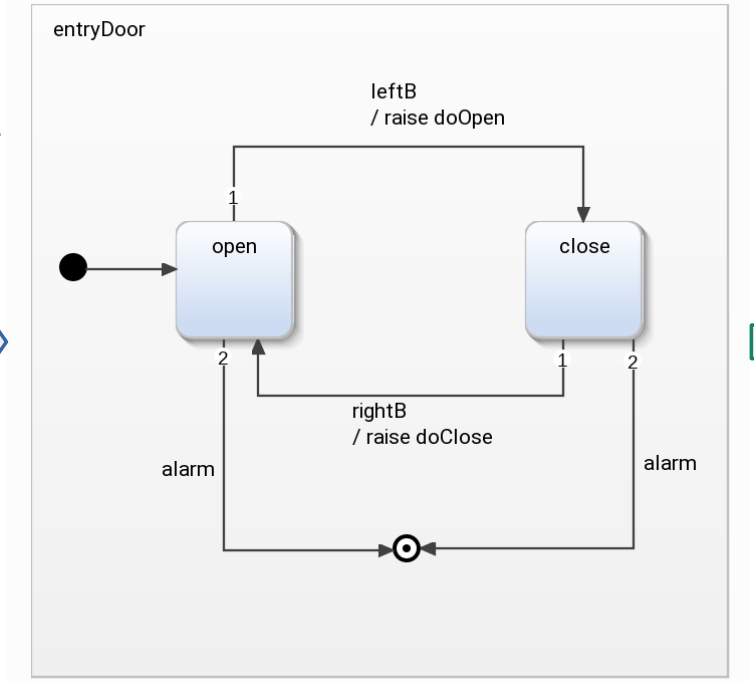

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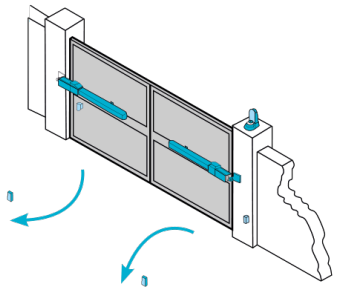

Similarities with the automata studied in *LFA*:

- It is a mean to represents the, possibly infinite, set of “meaningful” words in input of the system
- It is possible to compose automaton together (we’ll see it later)

Differences with the automata studied in *LFA*:

- We distinguish the input and the output alphabets
- It is seldom used to reason on languages but rather to structure and reason on control code.

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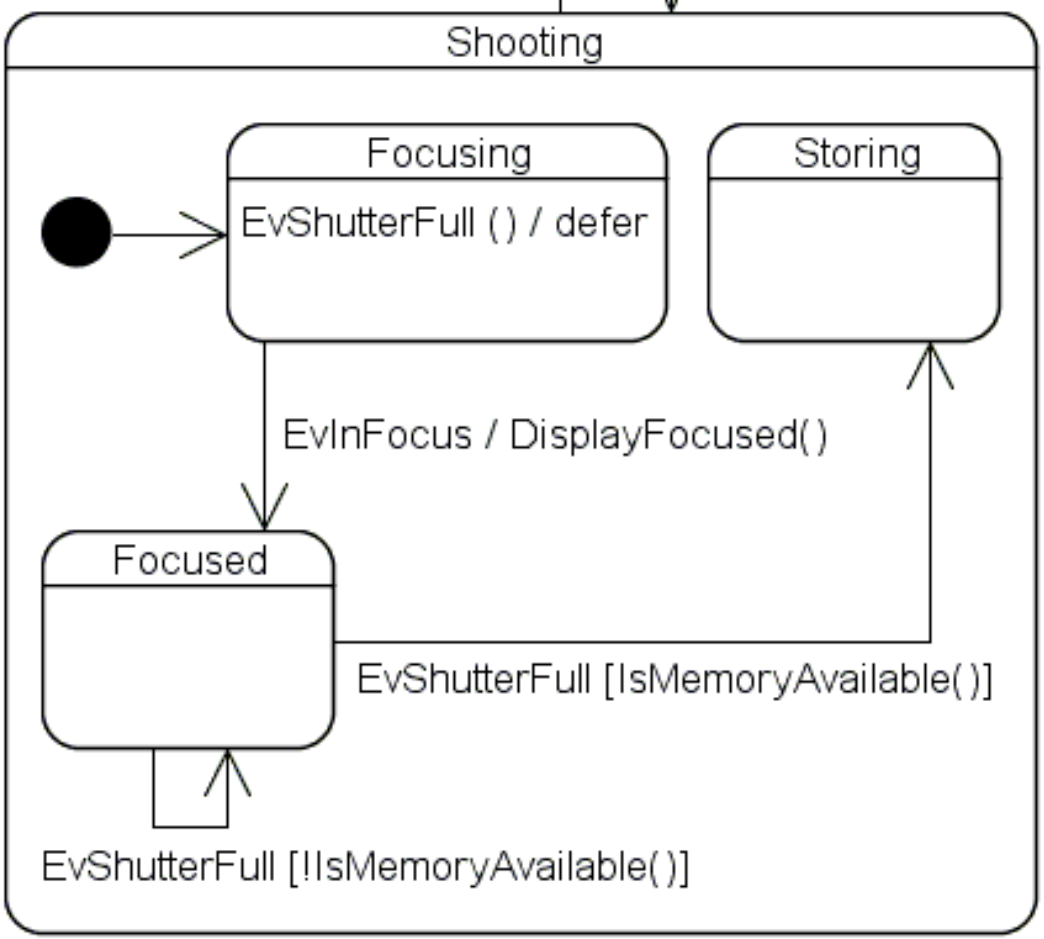

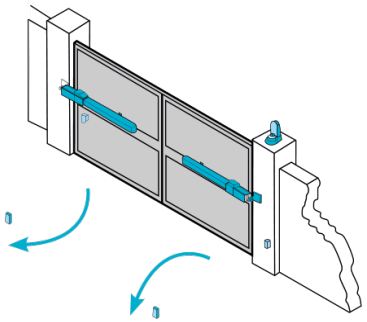

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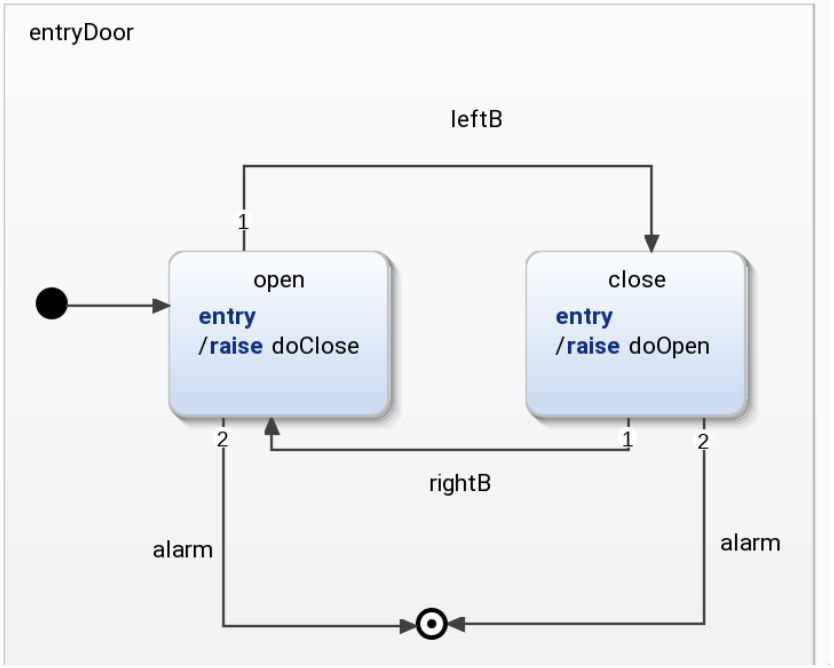

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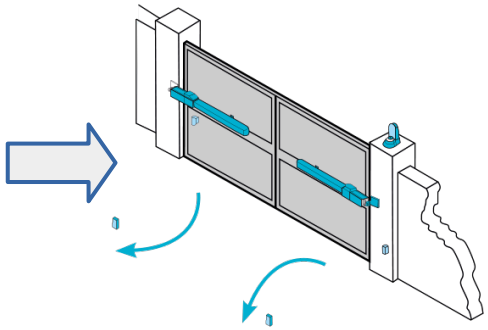

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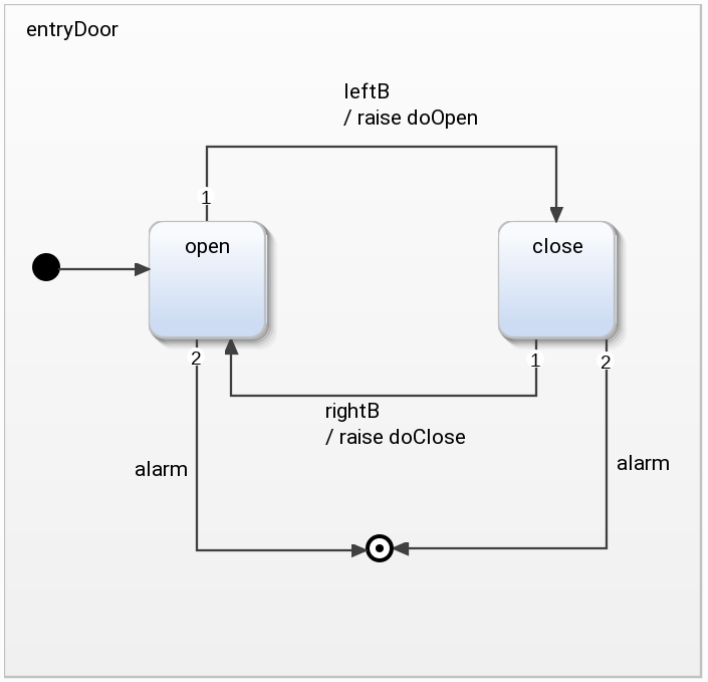

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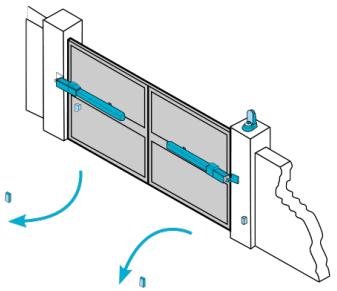

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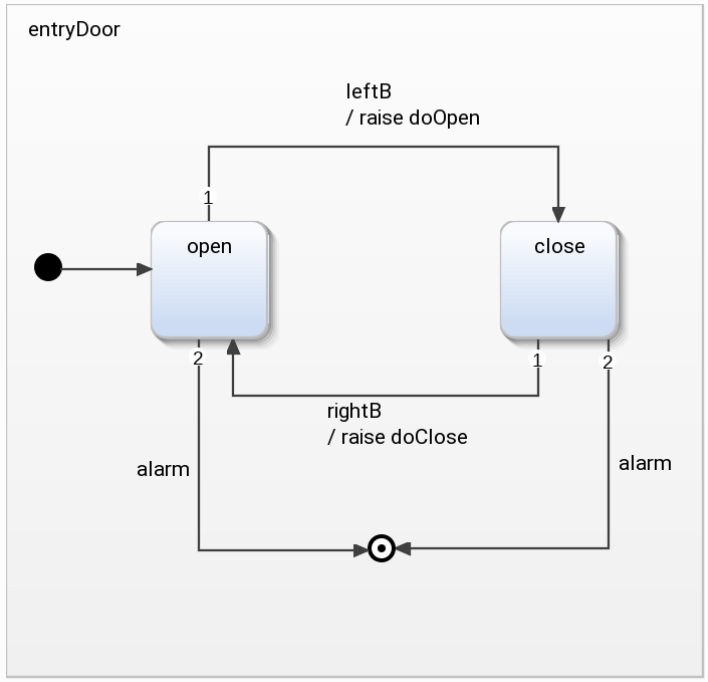

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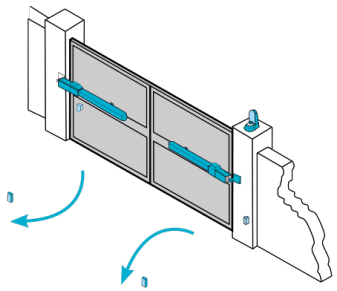

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- For example, a transition with an 'event' attribute of "error foo" will match event names "error", "error.send", "error.send.failed", etc. (or "foo", "foo.bar" etc.) but would not match events named "errors.my.custom", "errorhandler.mistake", "errorsend" or "foobar".
- [...] an event descriptor MAY also end with the wildcard '.*', which matches zero or more tokens at the end of the processed event's name. Note that a transition with 'event' of "error", one with "error.", and one with "error.*" are functionally equivalent since they are token prefixes of exactly the same set of event names.
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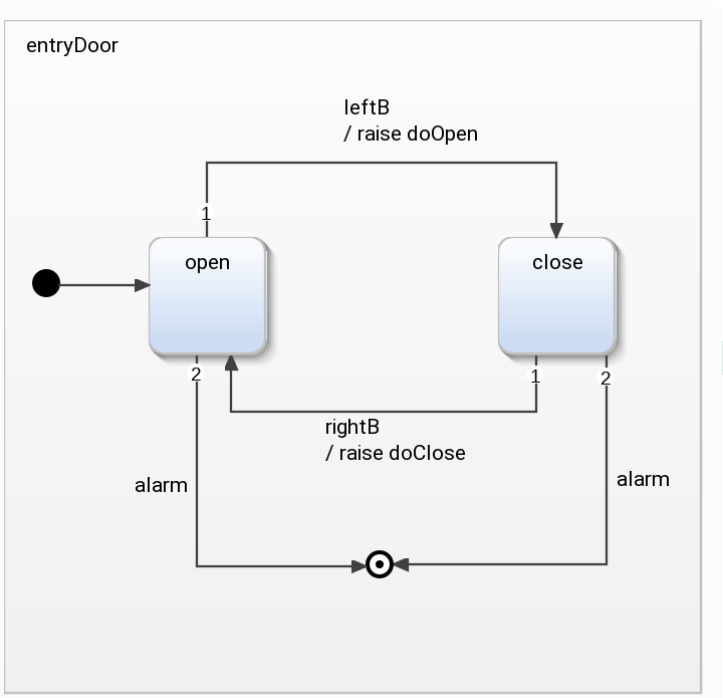

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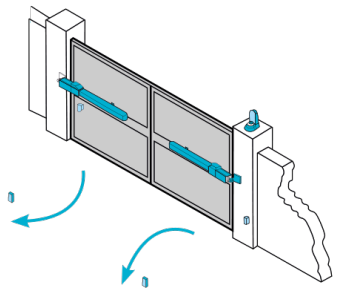

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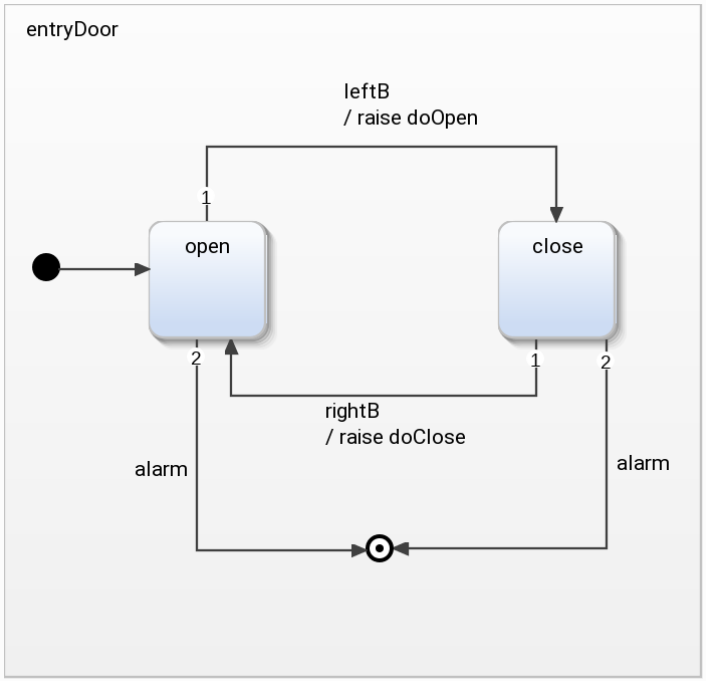

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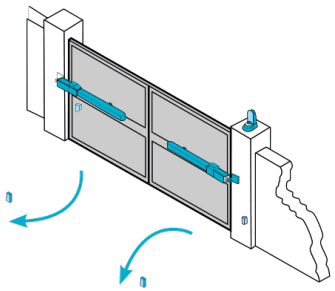

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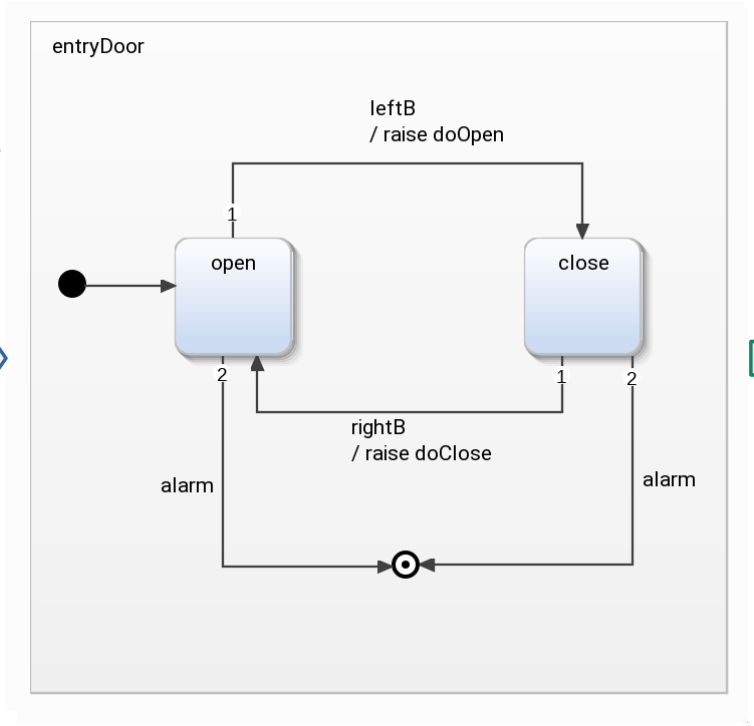

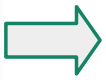

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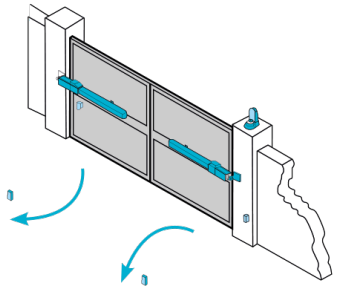

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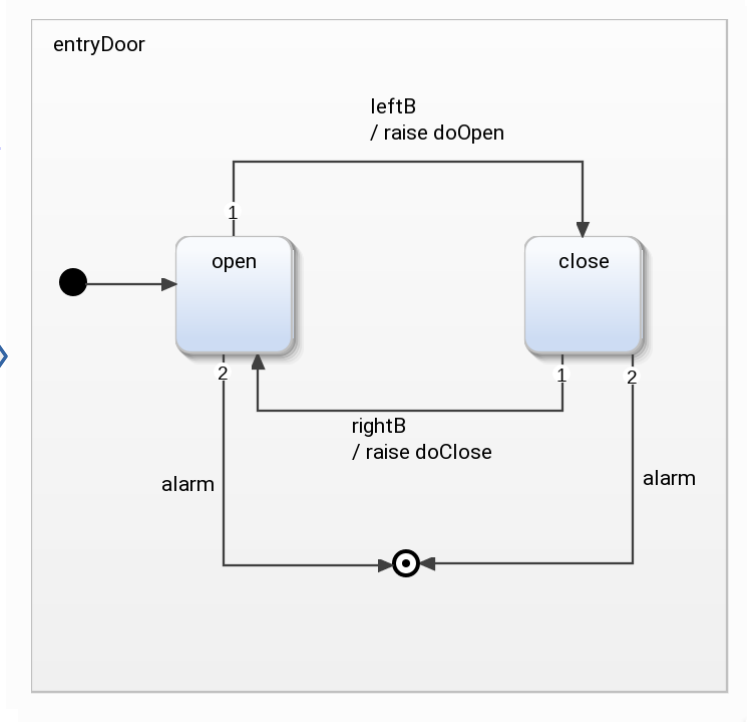

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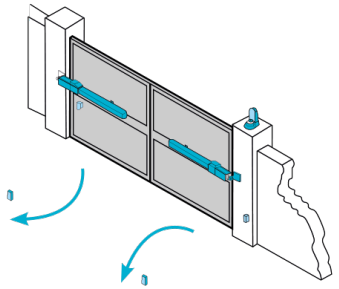

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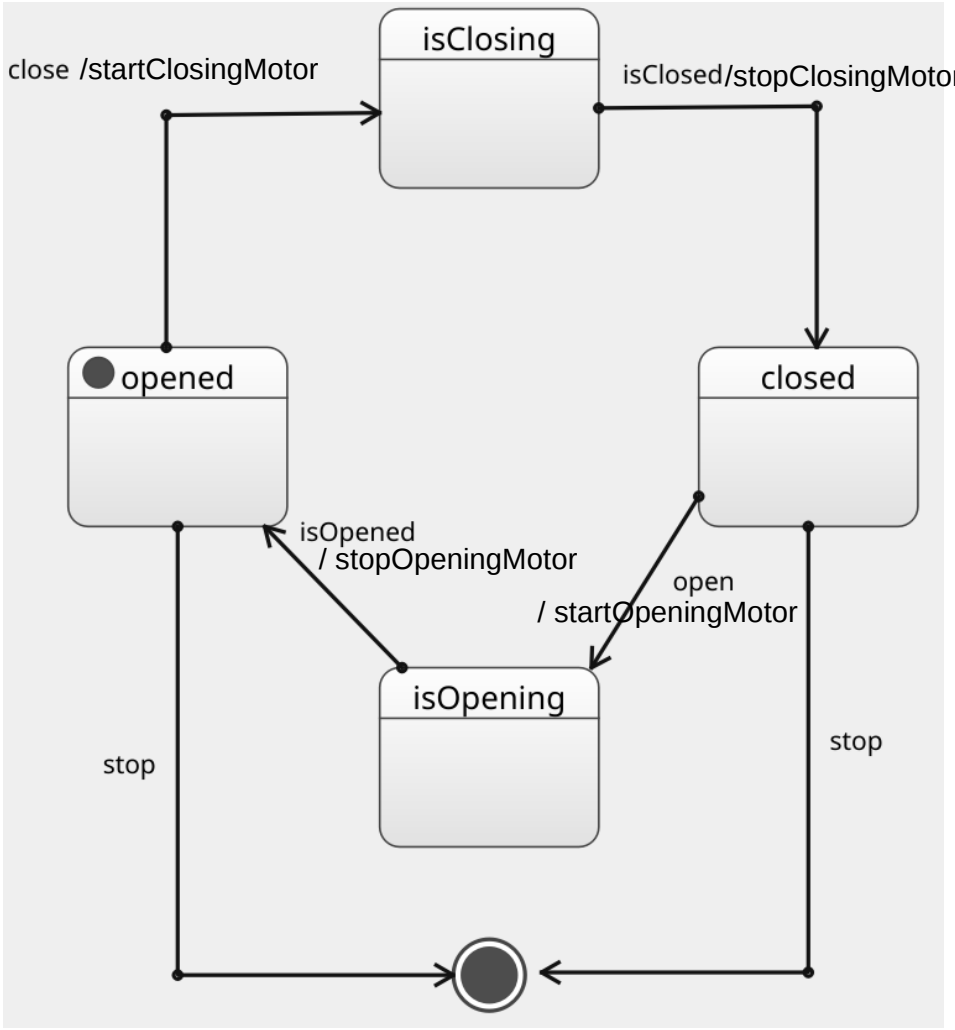

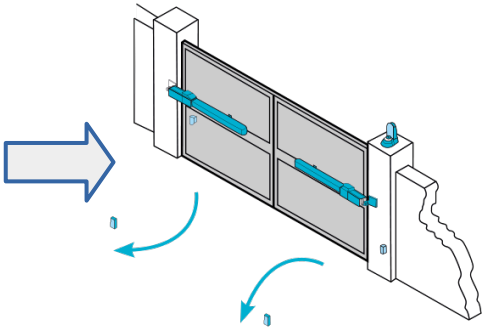

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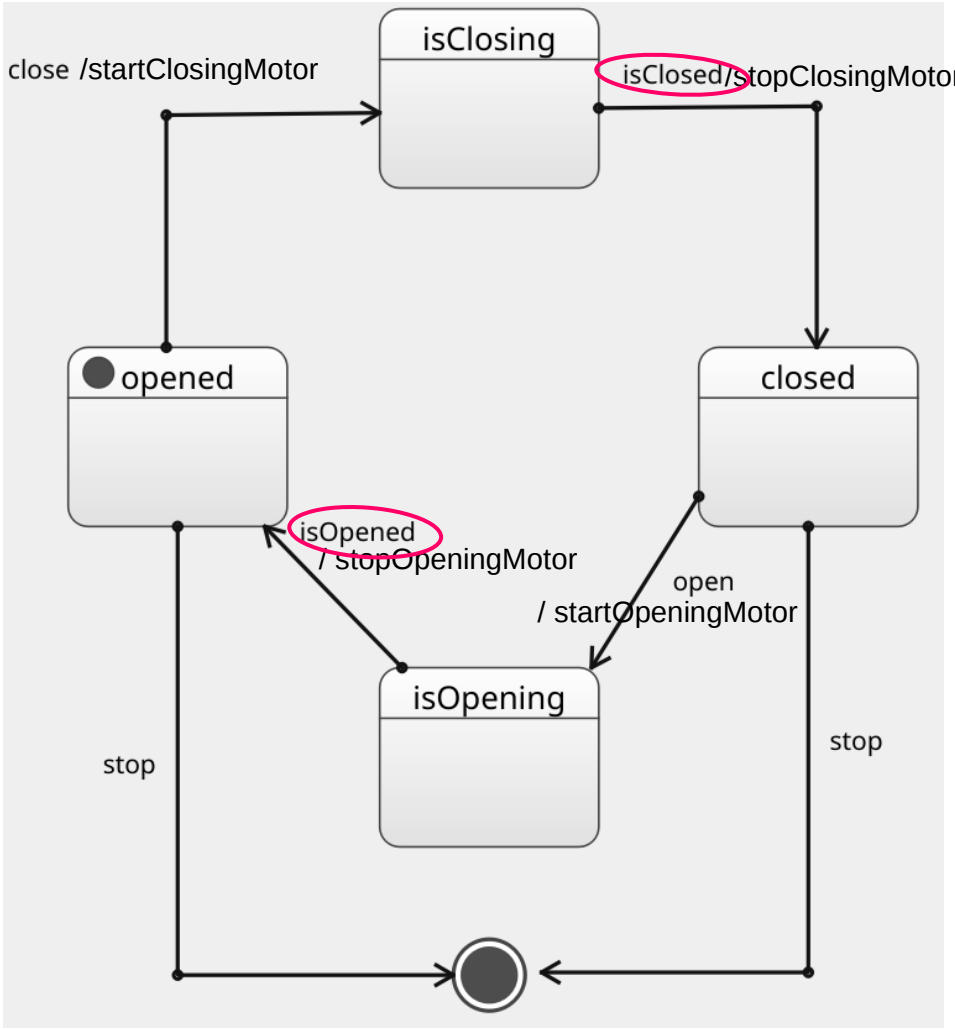

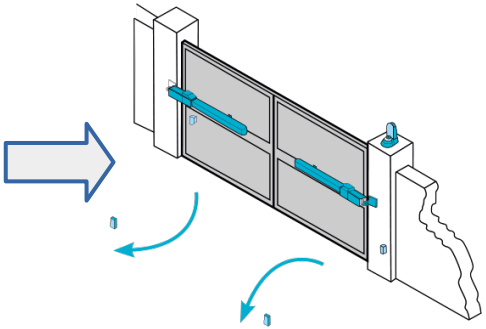

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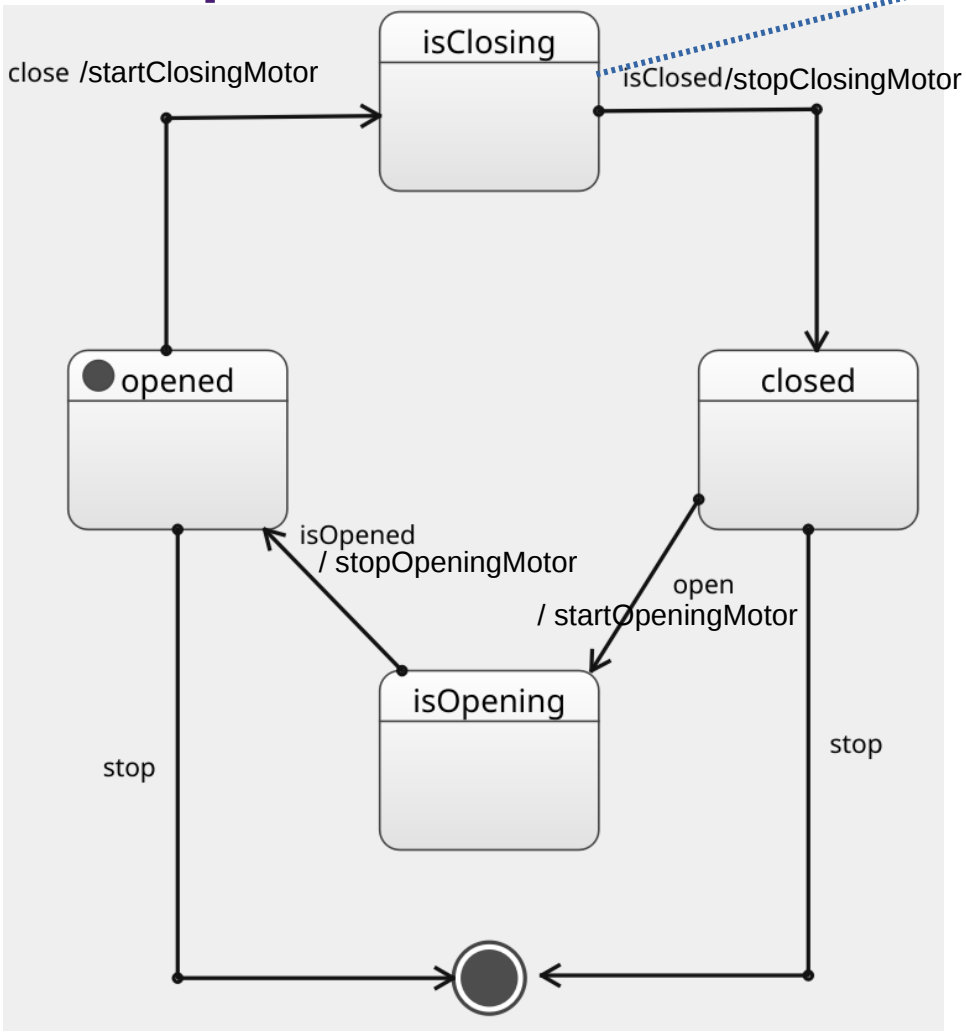


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onEntry:
send isClosed
after 25s
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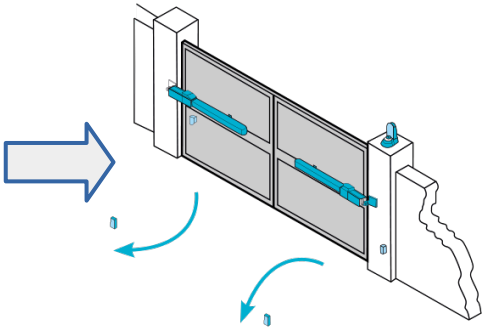
Or a self loop !



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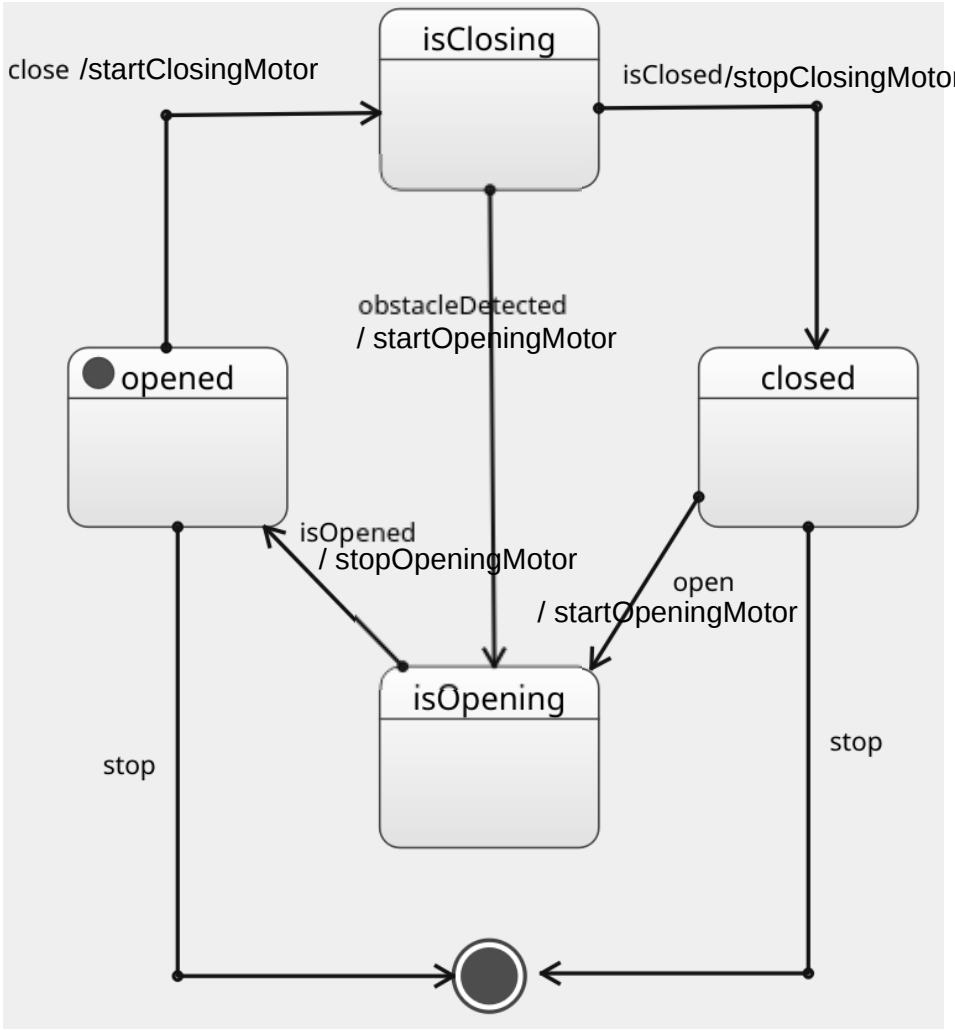

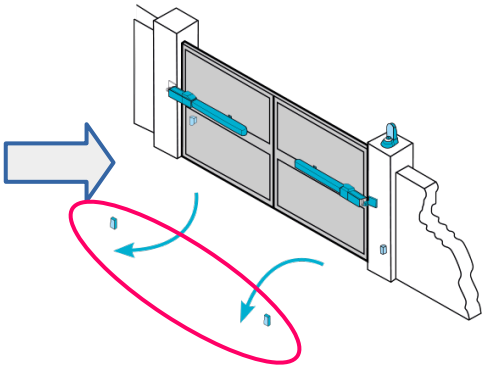

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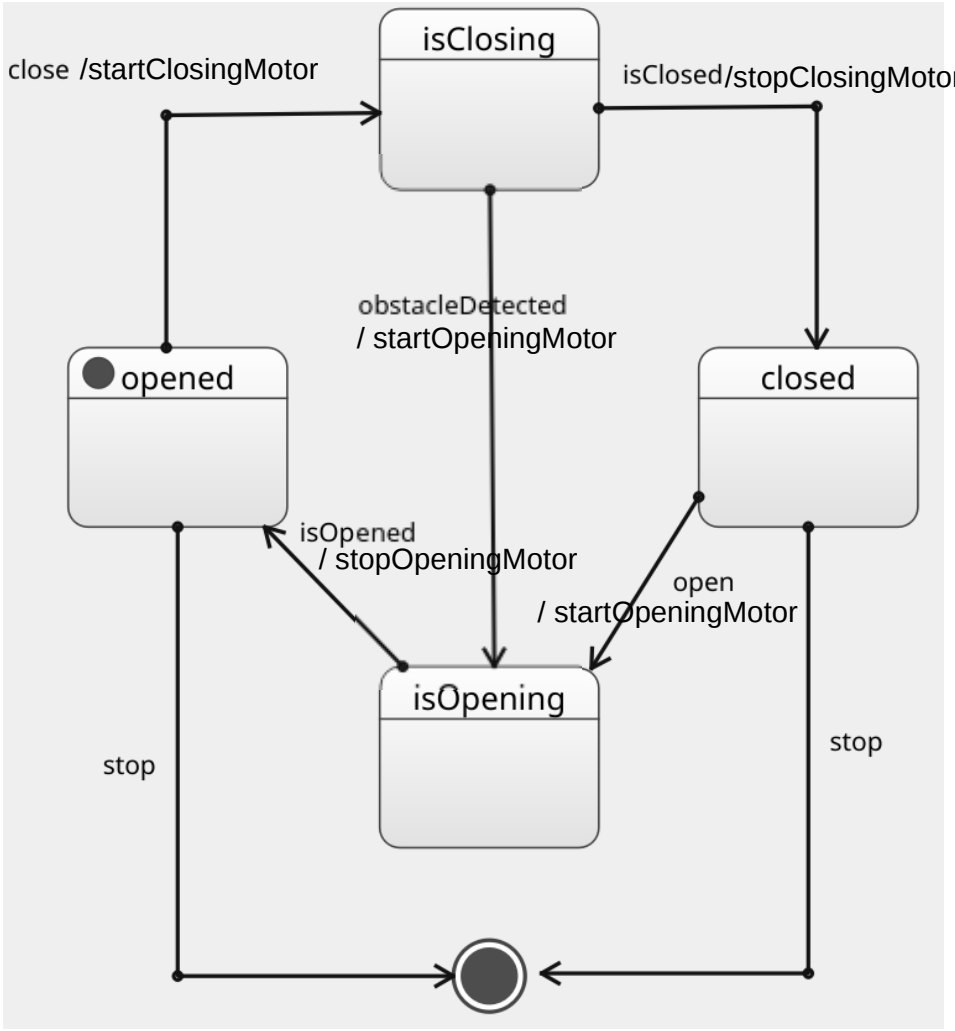

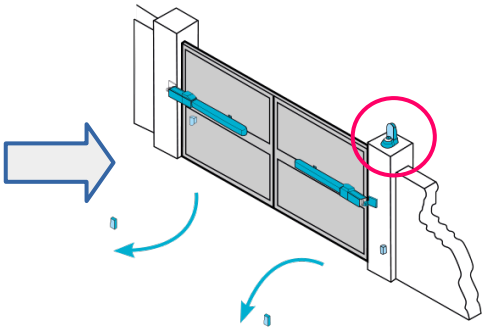

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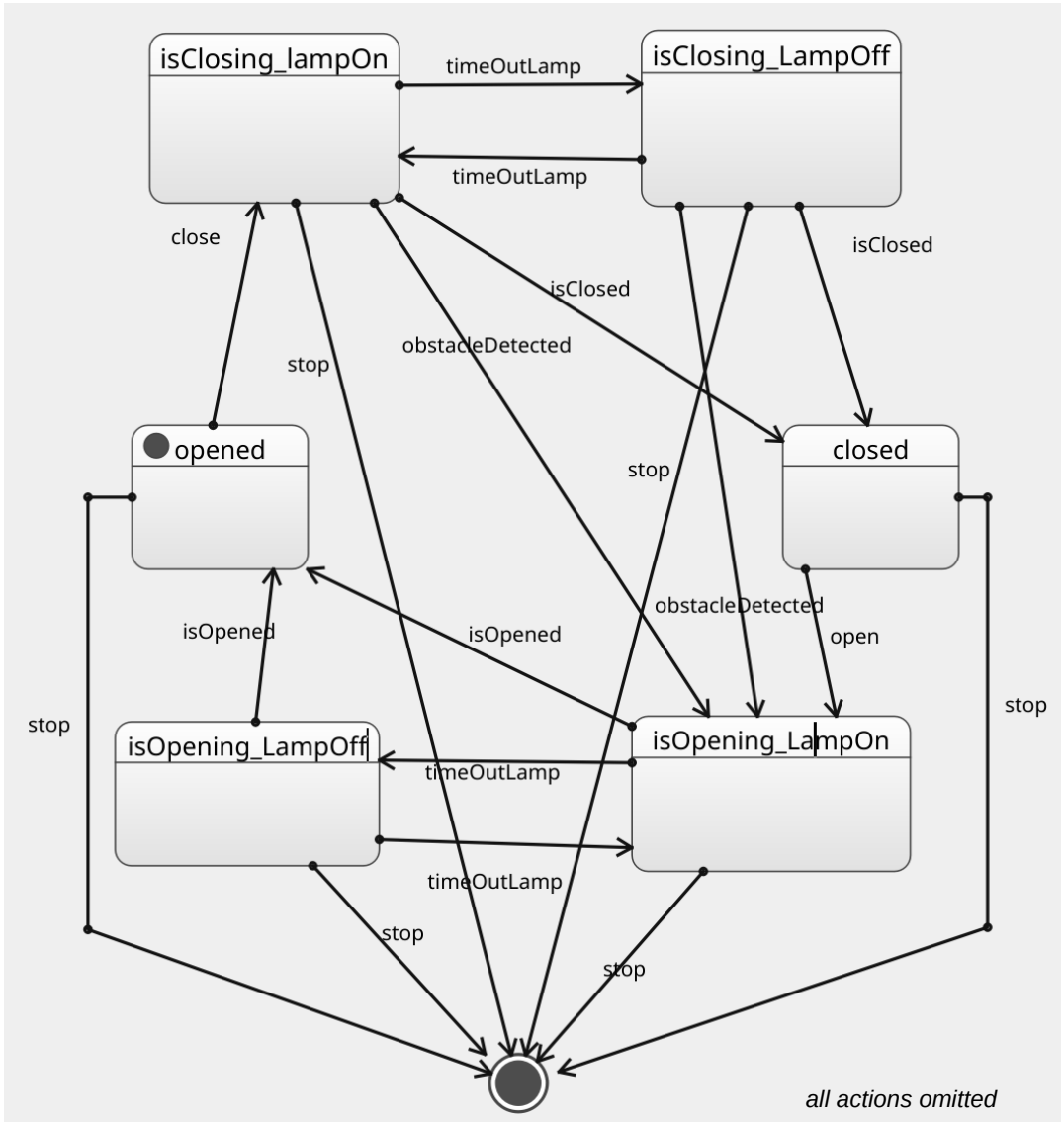

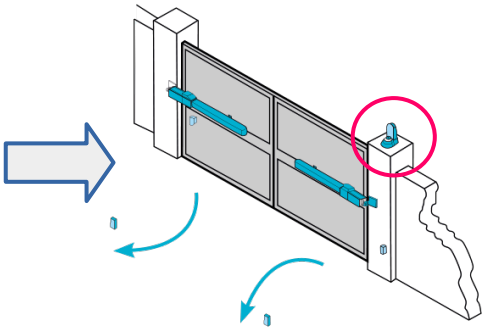

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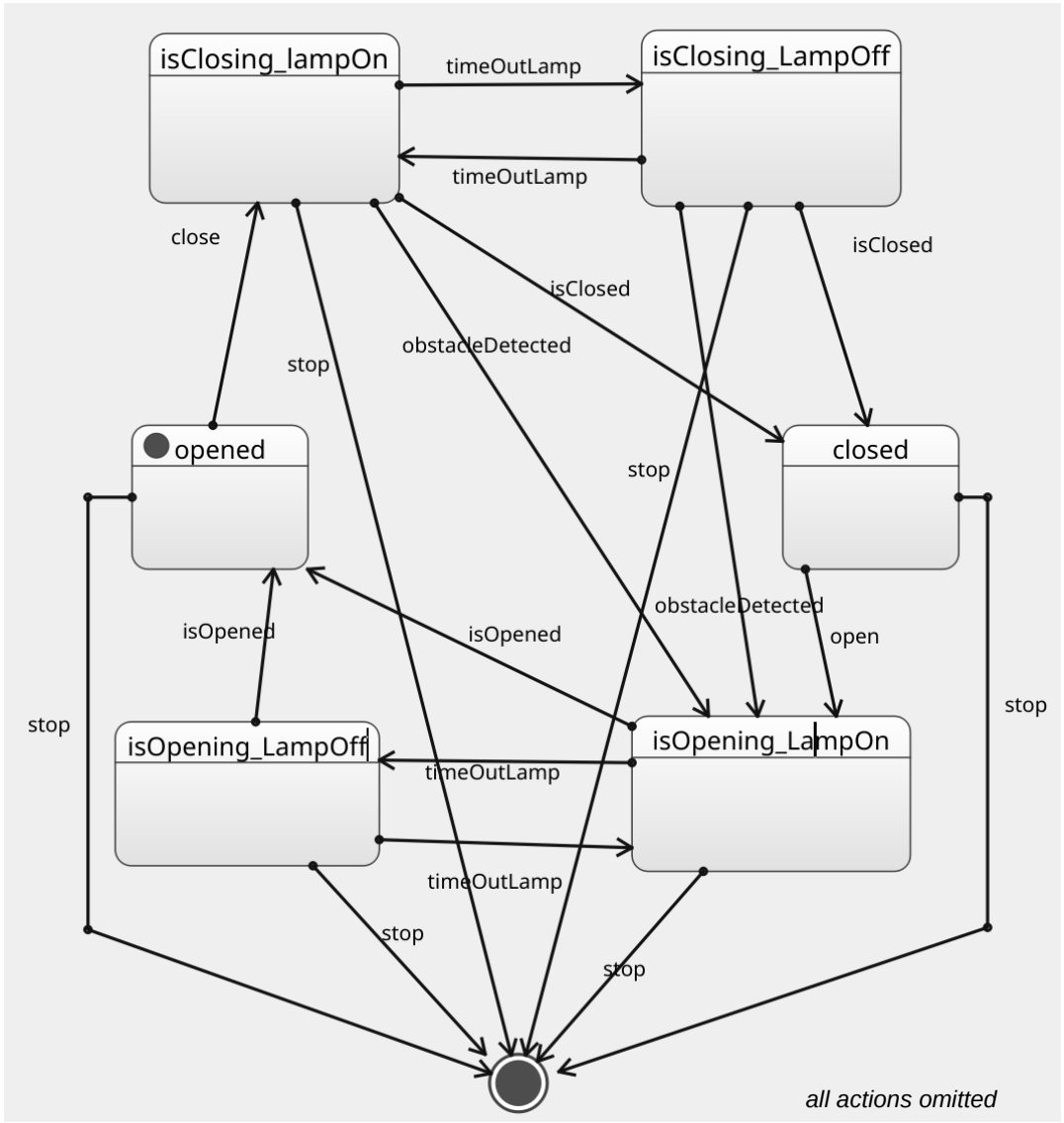

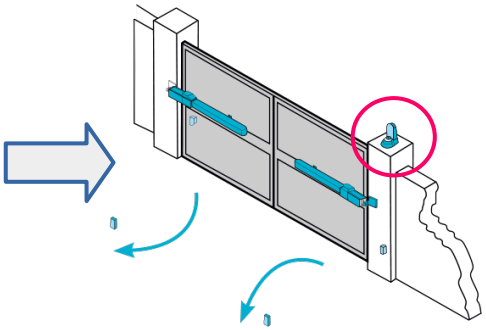

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