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To manage an AGV using Robox products, 3 components are needed: a map, motion control and plant specific logic.

Maps are drawn using RAT software then converted to an ASCII file with .map extension. This file is used by other two softwares: AGV manager and RDE.

AGV manger has two main parts: script and core. The specific logic of a plant is written in a script using XScript language, and given to the core that execute it. The core handle also the communication with the motion controller and eventually a plant PLC or database.

RDE is Robox IDE for motion control programming. The map is compiled by ICMap and read by the RTE. This part will be explained in other chapters.

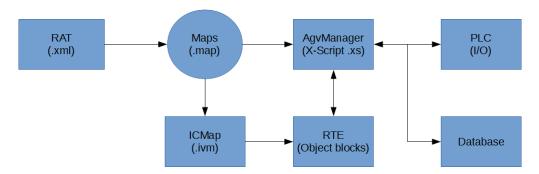


Figure 1.1: AGV block diagram. RAT give a .map file as output. The map is read by AGV manager. The map is comiled by ICMap then read by RTE. AGV manager may communicate with a PLC or a database as an interface to the plant IO, and with RTE for motion control.

In the following chapters we will explain Robox software in order to draw a map and assign missions to Agv. Three softwares are needed: RAT, AgvConfigurator and AgvManager. Note that maps can also be edited by a text editor. AgvConfigurator is a part of AgvManager and are installed togethers.



2.1 RAT

RAT is a CAD software, fig.2.1, aimed to design maps and convert them into a formatted ASCII file with .map extension. RAT save the created files as xml file. A map can also be created using a text editor following some rules.

RAT can load dxf files as background, that can be used as a guide to design the desired map. Mainly RAT have lines, points, vehicles. These component will be explained later.

In the properties of the project some settings have to be changed in order to change the behavior of the AGV motion, for example *Trasversal navigation* is set by default to *disabled*. When it is enabled the AGV can move trasversally to a line, and options will be added to points. If some point's options are not visible, check if this property is not set to *enabled*.

2.2 Map

A map is composed by lines, points, crosses and vehicles. During the design of a map some constraint and configuration can be set. For example speed, direction of movement. The main property of a vehicle is the dimension. The length and width can be set here.

2.2.1 Vehicle

We can define the number of vehicles present in a plant, their shapes and dimensions. In our dicussion we suppose a vehicle have an orientation, a coordinate systems attached to it. We can imagine the vectors (arrow) \overrightarrow{BF} and \overrightarrow{RL} as coordinate system axis, fig.2.2, i.e. $\overrightarrow{x} = \overrightarrow{OF}$ and $\overrightarrow{y} = \overrightarrow{OL}$.

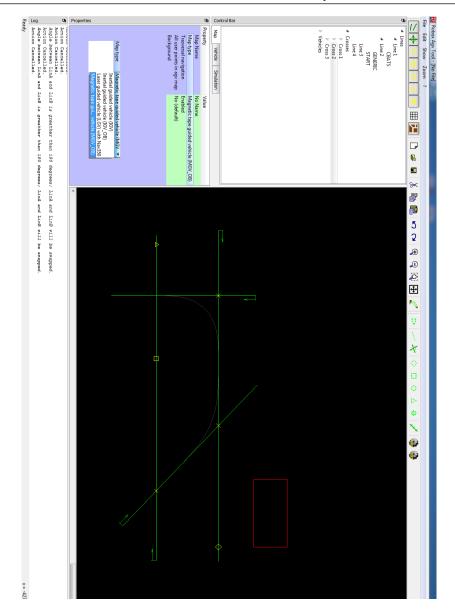


Figure 2.1: RAT main window

2.2.2 Lines

A line have mainly 2 properties, beside its location and origin fig.2.3b. Navigation direction and vehicle orientation. A line have to be seen as a vector, \overrightarrow{L} Two directions are allowed: Forward and backward. Forward direction is shown by the arrow on the line, that is the positive movement, i.e. vector orientation. The vehicle can move longitudinally fig.2.4 to the line, i.e. \overrightarrow{BF} parallel to the line, or transversally (side navigation), i.e. \overrightarrow{BF} perpendicular to the line fig.2.5.

Precisely this line is a vector. The first point drawn P_1 (first mouse click) define the origin of the vector, the second point P_2 determine the direction. So the line is defined as $\overrightarrow{P_1P_2}$. The origin can me moved changing the parameter origin, when it is different from zero we can see the arrow on the line move.

2.2.3 Generic point

There are 6 kinds of points as shown in fig.2.6. In term of object oriented approach we may say that all points derive from the base class Generic point, beside the cross. Those points share the

2.2 Map

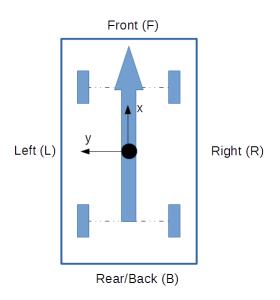
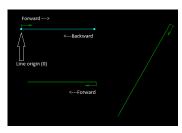
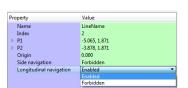


Figure 2.2: Vehicle orientation



(a) Line or vector. Direction of motion



(b) Line property. Navigation type can be set: side, longitudinal or both

Figure 2.3: Map line

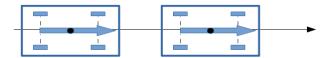


Figure 2.4: Longitudinal navigation. BF parallel to the line.

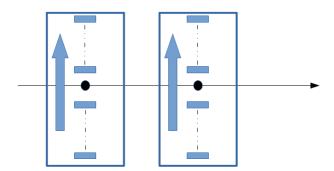


Figure 2.5: Side or traversal navigation. BF perpendicular to the line.

following basic properties: Quote (position on the line), speed of the vehicle while crossing the point, direction (as a reference the line where the point is placed) and orientation (refered to the vehicle). Genric points are used mainly to build the path of the vehicle. It is not necessary to assign a code to a generic point. AgvManager assign codes to Generic points that don't have one.

The following discussion can be applied to all kind of points excluded the cross.

Three allowed directions can be assigned to a point: Forward(F), Backward (R) and Anydirection (X). The allowed direction of point e.g. P_1 is meant as the direction of motion of the vehicle starting from this point toward another point. If we set the allowed direction to Forward, and we want to move from P_1 to point P_2 , the motion direction will be in positive direction (Forward). But if we want to go from P_2 to point P_1 , the vehicle will move in any direction, maybe taking the shortest way fig.2.8.

The allowed orientation is referred to the vehicle fig.2.2. A point have 7 allowed orientations. For example if the Font orientation is selected, the vehicle when is moving on the line, \overrightarrow{BF} have the same orientation of the line \overrightarrow{L}

Semaphores can be created using any points except magnet point. When *semaphore index* is 0, there is no semaphore defined. When the index is positive the point define the semaphore start, when it is negative the point define semaphore stop. The semaphore is rectangluar area, with width define by the parameter *sempahore width*, and length defined by the position of the start and stop points.

Can also be created array of points of a selected kind on a line.

2.2.4 User point

User point are like generic point, but they are associated to operations. For example, loading and unloading operations can be associated to user points. Information about the operations done on user points can be written on a database.

A user point should have the code property not empty, but a generic point code could could be empty.

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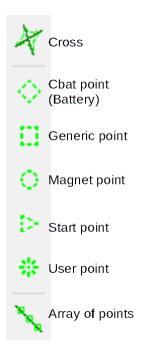


Figure 2.6: Kind of points

2.2.5 Battery point

CBats are battery points, i.e. charging station position. This point have the properties kind, index, side and the properties that derive from a generic point fig.2.9b.

2.2.6 Magnet point

A magnet point have the similar properties as a generic point, but is not used for path construction. A magnet point is used for position adjustment and reference. Every magnet point should have an Rfid code, this code must be unique.

A mangnet point must be installed at 0.5 m from a curve. For example if we have a cross of type curve, and 1 meter of takeoff distance, 2 magnet points have to be installed at least at 1.5m from the cross 2.10.

2.2.7 Start point

A start point is used as a home reference for a vehicle. A vehicle, once turn on, doesn't know his absolute position. Start point, associated with magnet point can be used to establish the position of a vehicle. In one map we may have more than one start point for one vehicle, pay attention to set the property Start index that should be unique number. If the index is not unique for start points RAT doesn't give any error (like for user points), but AgvManager will give an error when loading the map.

A reference position is composed from one start point and 2 magnet points. The position (quote) of the start point should be the same of one of the 2 magnet points.

2.2.8 Cross

A cross is the intersection of 2 lines. An intersection have 4 quadrants. You can establish permission for vehicle in one or more quadrants. Thre kind of permission are available: Forbidden, curve and

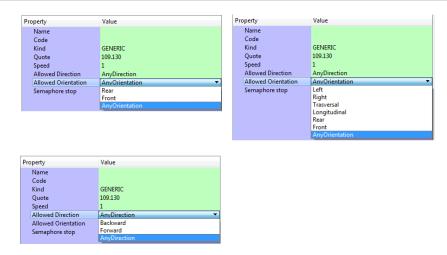


Figure 2.7: Generic point property

rotation fig.2.11.

2.3 Tips

- 1. A reference point is composed from a start point and 2 magnets.
- 2. A curve should have 2 magnets placed at least at 0.5 meter from the end of the curve fig.2.10.
- 3. User points and generic points should be placed after the magnet points that form the curve fig.2.12.

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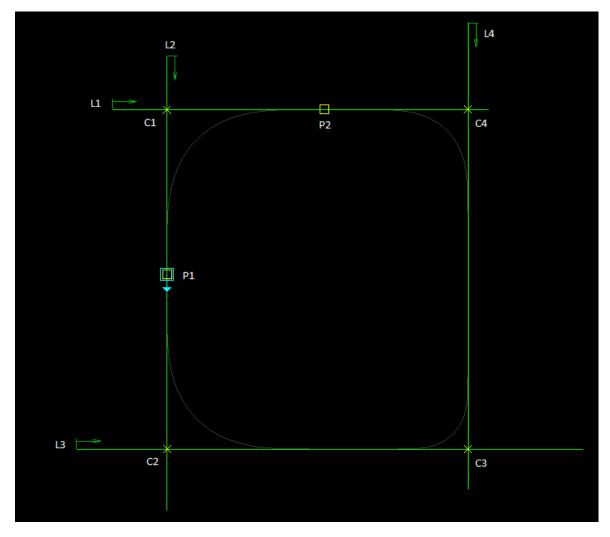


Figure 2.8: Point allowed direction. P_1 allowed direction is set to Forward. A vehicle moving from P_1 to P_2 will cross C_2 , C_3 , C_4 . Instead a motion from P_2 to P_1 will cross only C_1

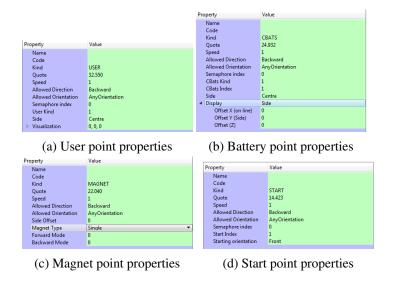


Figure 2.9: Map points

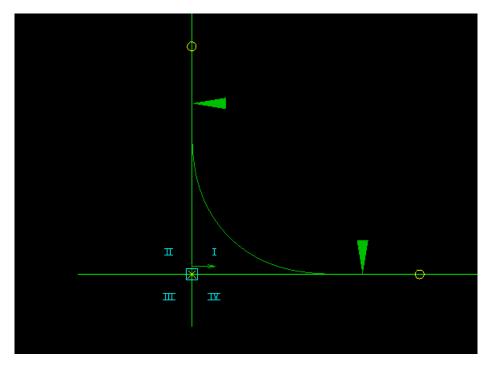


Figure 2.10: Two manget points should be place at least 0.5 meter from the end of a curve.

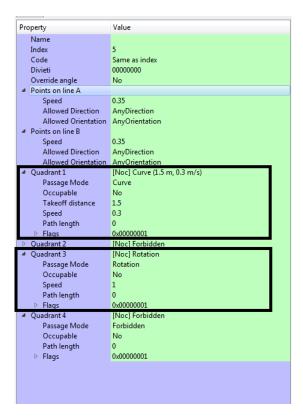


Figure 2.11: Two manget points should be place at least 0.5 meter from the end of a curve.

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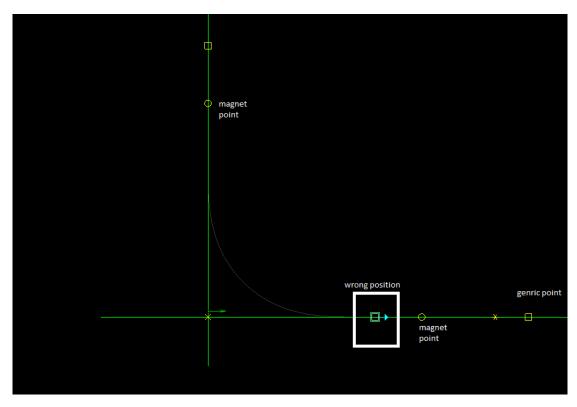


Figure 2.12: Generic points and user points should be placed outside a curve, i.e. after a magnet point.



3.1 Overview

AGV Manager have 2 software components: AGV manager it self and AGV configurator. In AGV configurator are set some parameters like the map file directory, script directory, communication with the AGVs controllers, PLC communication and IO definition, database communication, emulator enabling, etc.

AGV manager will load the parameters set by Agv configurator, and main execute the script written for the specified plant. In AGV manager can be shown the map and motion simulation and modify the script. The script is written in XScript language (Robox scripting language) and executed by AGV manager.

3.2 Installation

The installation of AgvManger is straightforward, like any program in Microsoft Windows. Agv-Configurator is installed automatically with AgvManager.

In order to get the report from AgvManager a database should be installed. You can install MySql community version.

3.3 AGV configurator

AGV configurator is a standalone program that create a configuration file .fdoc for AGV manager. From AgvConfigurator you can select the script to be executed by AgvManager fig.3.2, select the map fig.3.3 and agv 3.4 and plc communication. Project folder should be placed in the the Agv-Manager folder, otherwise it will not work. The script file should be in the first level of the project folder, it can't be placed in subdirectories, for example "AgvManager/Project01/scripts/main.xs" is not allowed.

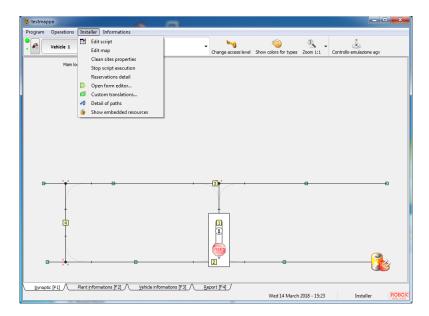


Figure 3.1: AGV Manager main window

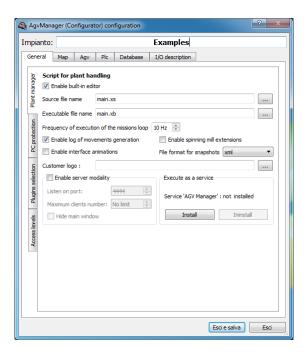


Figure 3.2: AGV configurator. General tab, where the .xs script file is selected. The script have to be created by an external editor. It is enough to write the name of the executable file with .xb extension, when AgvManager comple the xs file, the xb file will be created automatically.

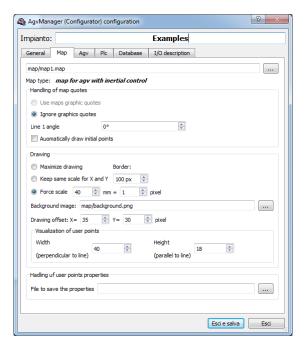


Figure 3.3: AGV configurator. Map tab, where the *.map* file is selected. In order to view the user point, you have to set the width and height of it, otherwise user points are not viewed.

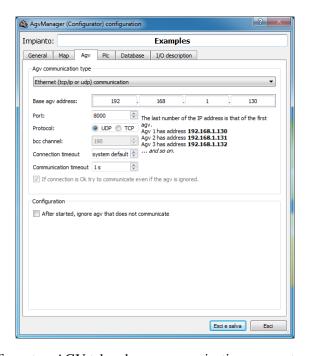


Figure 3.4: AGV configurator. AGV tab, where communication parameter with the AGV are set.

3.4 AGV script executing

AGV manager can be compared to a plc (hardware and firmaware) and the script to a plc program. The firmware is the same in all plant (beside updates and new functionality) and the script change from plant to another.

AGV scripts aer witten in Xscript languagee. Xscript have some OOP properties (creating classes and objects), some event handling (mouse move event) and callback functions.

3.4.1 Fundamental concepts

Callback functions are called automatically by AgvManager. A list of callback functions can be found in the documentation *x-script interface*, *Modules*, *Estensione x-script per AgvManager*, *Functions called by AgvManager* (callbacks).

For example the callback function *OnApplicationStart()*: bool is called once, at the first execution of the script, and the function *OnApplicationStop()*: bool is called when the script execution is stopped.

An example of mouse event handling is the function on AgvDropped ToPoint (uint uagv, uint upointid, uint orientation). When the agv is dragged and dropped to a point, agv manager call automatically the function on AgvDropped ToPoint() and the code implemented will be executed. As input parameters, the agv index (agv 1 have index 0), destination point and orientation are passed.

In the following section we will se when other callback function are called by AgvManager.

Some variable definitions (using #define keyword) can be found in the documentation *x-script interface, Modules, Estensione x-script per AgvManager, Funzioni per la gestione degli agv*. For example the AGV operative modes can be find with the prefix "MOD_ ", i.e. MOD_AUTOMATICO.

The following concepts have to be understood before proceeding: Mission, MACRO, MICRO and operations.

Let's say a vehicle have to go from P_1 to P_2 . This can be considered a mission. A Mission is started by calling $agvStartMission(agv\ id,\ missionCode,\ mission\ description)$ and terminated by calling $agvStopMission(agv\ id)$.

A mission can be composed from different MACROs. Let's say a MACRO is a macro operation that subdivide the mission. For example our mission can have 3 different MACROs. If the AGV is charging the battery, we have to stop charging (if the energy is enough to execute the whole mission), move to destination, communicate the end of the mission.

Using the 2 defined constants by AgvManager our mission is composed from: MAC_CHARGE_STOP, MAC_END and another macro that we can define using the \$define keyword MAC_MOVE_TO_P. It is better to define our constants from 100 to avoid errors in the program logic. For example if the already defined constant MAC_END have value 10, and our constant MAC_MOVE_TO_P have value 10, the compiler will not give errors and the agv will behave as is not expected.

AgvManager have in memory a list(array) of the MACROs to be executed. In the list are saved the agv number/id, MACRO code/id and other 4 parameters. When the function agvaddmacro ($uint\ uagv$, $uint\ ucode$, $int\ ipar1=0$, $int\ ipar2=0$, $int\ ipar3=0$, $int\ ipar4=0$) is called, the new MACRO is queued at the end of the list.

A MACRO is composed from MICROs. Let's say, low level micro instructions to be executed by the AGV. There are different types of MICRO, can be found in the constant defintions with prefix MIC_. For example MIC_MOVE is a MICRO that handle the motion instruction to the AGV.

A micro is registered (ask to be executed) by calling AgvRegisterSystemBloccante, agvRegisterSystemPassante or AgvRegisterOperation.

An operation is a type of MICRO, a typical kind of operations are loading and unloading, and can be performed on user points. More about MICRO and operations later and the commands sent

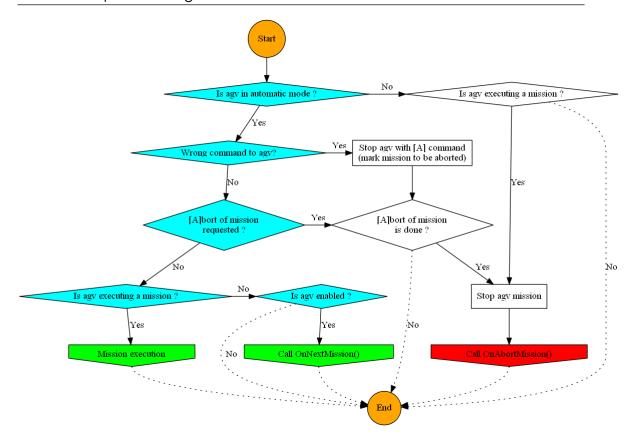


Figure 3.5: Main loop execution

to the agv in order to execute orders from AgvManager. Remember that not all MIC instruction send commands to the agv.

3.4.2 Main loop execution

The following is a simplified explanation of the main loop of and AGV script, which is in execution behind the scene. A more complex scenario is shown in fig.3.5. When the script is executed the first time, the function OnApplicationStart() is called. In this function you can initialize some variables and set some parameters. After that AgvManager wait for events e.g. mouse events, or operating mode change. And continue to execute some other functions.

Let's see a simple case. The AGV is in automatic mode (MOD_AUTOMATIC), and there is no mission in progress. If the AGV is enabled, AgvManager call automatically the callback function <code>onNextMission()</code>, where the programmer have implemented a logic to register the next mission to be executed. When a mission is in progress, AgvManager wait (wait doesn't mean stop script execution) till the end of the mission in order to call again onNextMission().

3.4.3 Mission execution

A mission is a set of MACROs. There is a list of MACROs, where the order of execution is assigned. A mission can be assigned by a call to *onNextMission()*, and started by calling *AgvStartMission()*. If the list of MACROs is not empty, the effective execution of the mission begin otherwise the old MICRO continue to execute until the end.

We take only one case, if the MACRO list is not empty, the function *onExpandMacro()* is called by AgvManager. Then *onExecuteMicro()* is called until the end of the MICRO execution. At the last call of *onExecuteMicro()* the paramater *bLastCall* is assigned to true.

Fig.3.6 show a flow chart about the mission execution. That is a single step of the mission. We have to imagine that AgvManager continue to call every function like a plc, cyclically.

3.5 Drag and drop example

Let's consider a simple example. We have to write a script that react to mouse events from user. The vehicle have to move from one point to another.

First let's make a simple map, fig.3.7, with one line L_1 and two generic points P_{10} and P_{20} , the script will work on any map. After the configuration with AgvConfigurator, we open AgvManager in order to write the script and simulate. Notice that, after any modification of the script, AgvManager must be closed then opened.

A simple program like this, should have at least the following callback functions:

- 1. OnApplicationStart(): bool
- 2. OnAgvDroppedToPoint(uint uAgv, uint uUser)
- 3. OnExpandMacro(uint uAgv, uint uMission, uint iMacroCode, int iPar1, int iPar2, int iPar3, int): bool
- 4. OnExecuteMicro(uint uAgv, bool bLastCall, int iMicroCode, int iPar0, int iPar1, int iPar2, int, int, int userId, int iMission, int): bool
- 5. OnAbortMission(uint uAgv)

For simplicity we don't implement our own functions. Attached to this document will be provided the example we discuss here, and an equivalent example where other functions and files were added in order to keep the projects modular. The modular example is organized as follow: 3 files, 5 callback functions, 2 user-defined functions and some variable and constant definitions. A file called main.xs contain the inclusion of the other 2 files. A file called agvEventFunctions.xs where callback functions are implemented. A file called common.xs where common functions and variables definitions are implemented. This structure is meant to be a template for future projects, as many functions can be reused. Of course other files and functions can be implemented. The structure of any project should be modular, portable and reusable.

The single file example have 5 callback functions and some constant definitions. By convention, constants are written using capital letters. We will discuss the functions in order of execution. The function *onAbortMission()* is called when a mission is aborted, it will be discussed at the end.

onApplicationStart()

The implementation of this function is shown in listing 3.1. As we say before, this is the first function called by agvManager. first we create a variable *mpar* of type *XMapParms*. This is a structure that will contain informations about the vehicle. By the function *agvGetMapParams(xmapparams&)* we read the existing data from AgvManager and we initialize the variable mpar with those data. We change some parameter using the dot operator of the structure, for example we set the dimension of the vehicle i.e. *mpar.setSymmetricalVehicleDimension(length, width)*. After we apply the changes to AgvManager using the function *AgvSetMapParams(@mpar)*.

When the execution of this function is done, AgvManager wait for some event. Let's suppose, the user drag the agv, in this case the event function *OnAgvDroppedToPoint* is called.

```
; Function called at program startup; Operations to initialize the plant.
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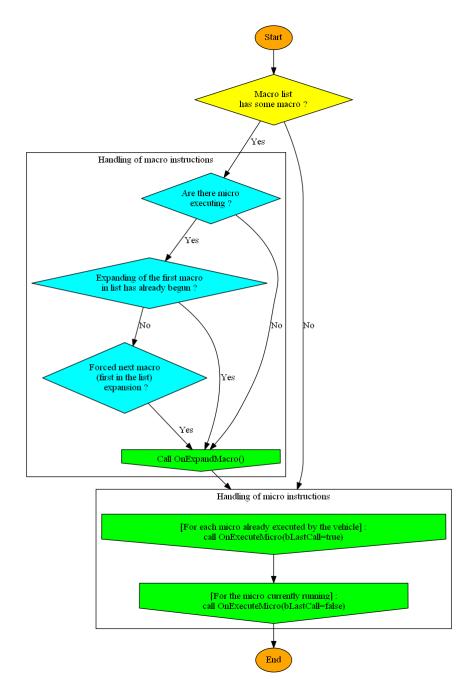


Figure 3.6: Main loop execution



Figure 3.7: Agv simple map, for drag and drop example. One line and two generic points.

```
code OnApplicationStart(): bool
    SetVersioneManager(nvmake(MAJOR VERSION, MINOR VERSION, BUILD VERSION))
    XMapParams mpar
    ; Very important: before changing some parameters, load defaults!!!
11
    AgvGetMapParams (@mpar)
    ; Set vehicle dimensions: length, width
13
    mpar.setSymmetricalVehicleDimension(2300, 900)
15
    ; Parameters to calculate length of paths
17
    mpar.dHandicapForRotation = 8000
                                         ; Distance added when using a cross for
      rotation
    mpar.dHandicapForCurve = 4000 ; Distance added when using a curve
19
    mpar.dDistanzaDaIncrocioOkFermata = 0 ; Minimum distance from cross to
     allow agy stop executing a movement
21
    ; Parameters to modify path assignment
23
    mpar.bOkInversioneSuIncrocio = false ; True to permit inversion on a cross
    mpar.bNoFermataSuIncrocio = true ; True does forbid to stop on a cross
     point
    mpar.bNoMovSuTrattiPrenotati = false
                                           ; True to forbid movement that ends
     on a point reserved for movement by another agv
    mpar.bPalletBloccaPercorso = true
                                          ; Load unit (trolley) on path blocks
     the agv
  ; mpar.bDontMoveOnDestMove = true
                                          ; Do not
    mpar.bNoPercorsoAgvDisab = false
                                          ; Exclude paths occupied by agy that
     are not enabled
    mpar.bNoPercorsoAgvNoMis = false
                                         ; Exclude paths occupied by agy that
     are not executing a mission
31
    ; Set parameters
33
    AgvSetMapParams (@mpar)
35
    AgvSetLunghezzaMove (12000)
37
    SetAccessLevelForOperation(DefQual_OpTrascinaAgvSuLinea, ACCESS_INST)
39
    return true
  end
```

Listing 3.1: on Application Start implementation

OnAgvDroppedToPoint(uint uAgv, uint uPointId)

The call of this function is a response of mouse event. There are other mouse events like onAgv-DroppedToLine(). In this function we set the behavior of the agv, what the agv have to do when it is dragged e.g. from P_{10} and dropped to point P_{20} . First let's put some requirements e.g. the agv should be in automatic mode, it should not be enabled, there is no mission in progress. If those conditions are meeted the agv can move from one point to another. The code to control such conditions is self-explainatory in listing 3.2.

This example will have only one mission, moving from one point to another. A mission should have at least one MACRO, every mission should have MAC_END. This MACRO inform the manager that it reach the end of the mission. There are some predefined constants for system used MACROs, they can be found in the documentation with the prefix MAC_. We can also define our own MACROs using the keyword Define. It is a good practice to use numbers from 100, every MACRO and mission should have a unique identifier.

Let's define our mission and a new MACRO:

```
; Mission null, ther is no mission
$define MIS_NULL 0

; Mission move to point
$define MIS_TO_POINT 14

; MACRO Movement to waypoint
$define MAC_MOVE_TO_WP 100
```

In this case the mission MIS_TO_POINT is composed from 2 MACROs. In order the *MACRO list* will have 2 elements:

- 1. MAC MOVE TO WP
- 2. MAC_END

Before starting a new mission we check if there is a mission in progress. We call the function $AgvActualMissionCode(uint\ uAgvId)$, this function return the id of the mission in progress. If it return zero, it means there is no mission in progress. We have already define a constant MIS_NULL as zero. In the code we can write "if(AgvActualMissionCode(uAgv)=0)", but it is always more readable when using names instead of numbers, so instead of 0 we use MIS_NULL.

If there is no mission in progress, we can start the mission MIS_TO_POINT by calling the function *bool AgvStartMission(uint uAgvId, uint CodeMissione, string sMissioneDescription)*, this function return true if the mission is in progress.

Now we have to fill the agv <u>MACRO list</u> with our 2 MACROs, by calling the funntion *bool* $agvAddMacro(uint\ uAgv,uint\ uCodeMACRO,\ int\ ipar1=0,int\ ipar2=0,\ int\ iapr3=0,\ int\ ipar4=0).$ The iparX have 0 as default value.

The first MACRO is MAC_MOVE_TO_WP, this is a motion MACRO. So we have to build the path of the agv by calling the function AgvAddWaypoint(), this function take as parameters the agv id, the point id and direction and return an id of the point.

Then the MAC_MOVE_TO_WP can be add to the list, by calling agvAddMacro(), giving it as ipar1 the return value of the function AgvAddWaypoint() and as ipar2 a flag to concatenate the execution of the next MACRO. Then the macro MAC_END that end our mission is add to the macro's list.

```
AgvStartMission(uAgv, MIS_TO_POINT, "Mission to point")
;
uint wpidx
uchar destOrientation = 'X'
bool concatenateNext = true
;
wpidx = AgvAddWaypoint(uAgv, uUser, destOrientation)
AgvAddMacro(uAgv, MAC_MOVE_TO_WP, wpidx, concatenateNext)
;
AgvAddMacro(uAgv, MAC_END, MIS_TO_POINT)
```

```
; Called when the user drags an agv (uAgv) to a point in map (uUser)
  code OnAgvDroppedToPoint(uint uAgv, uint uUser)
    if (uAgv >= MAX\_AGV)
      MessageBox("Invalid AGV number: " + (uAgv + 1))
      return
    end
    if (not AgvInAutomatico(uAgv))
      MessageBox("AGV" + (uAgv + 1) + " is not in automatic mode.")
10
      return
    end
12
    if (AgvAbilitato(uAgv))
      MessageBox("AGV" + (uAgv + 1) + " is enabled." + chr(10) + "Please disable
      it to give commands.")
      return
    if (AgvActualMissionCode(uAgv) != MIS_NULL)
      MessageBox("AGV" + (uAgv + 1) + " is already executing a mission")
18
      return
20
    end
    AgvStartMission(uAgv, MIS_TO_POINT, "mission to point")
    uint wpidx
24
    uchar destOrientation = 'X'
    bool concatenateNext = true
    wpidx = AgvAddWaypoint(uAgv, uUser, destOrientation)
28
    AgvAddMacro(uAgv, MAC_MOVE_TO_WP, wpidx, concatenateNext)
30
    AgvAddMacro(uAgv, MAC_END, MIS_TO_POINT)
32 end
```

Listing 3.2: OnAgvDroppedToPoint implementation. This function as input have the AGV id and the destination point id. This is an evznt function it is called when the user drag and drop the vehicle to the desired point

OnExpandMacro()

As we mentioned before, when a mission begin the function OnExpandMacro() is called automatically by AgvManager. We already started a mission in the function OnAgvDroppedToPoint() and filled the MACRO list with 2 MACROs. So now we have to implement the function OnExpandMacro().

AgvManager executes the MACROs starting from the first one in the list. When it call the function OnExpandMacro(), give it the Agv id, mision id, MARCO code/id and the four parameters stored in the list. We can imagine every elements of the list, is composed from those fields. So in the implementation of this function we check the MACRO code to be executed. We can use the case statement or the if in order to select our logic.

The first MACRO is MAC_MOVE_TO_WP. Under the case MAC_MOVE_TO_WP we implement the instructions to AgvManager:

```
case MAC_MOVE_TO_WP
      ; iPar1 = Waypoint id
      ; iPar2 = (bool) do concatenate next macro
        select (AgvMoveToWayPoint(uAgv, uMission, WpFl_RicalcolaPercorsi |
      WpFl_EliminaCompletato))
          case EsitoMov_MovimentoCompletato; Completed movement
          case EsitoMov_RaggiuntoWaypoint ; Waypoint reached
            if (iPar2)
              AgvComputeNextMacro(uAgv) \\
            endif
            return true
10
          default
            return false
        endselect
      return true
```

In this code the motion instruction is done by calling *AgvMoveToWayPoint()*, when this function return a value corresponding to *MoveResult_WaypointReached*, the next MACROs is expanded. The next MACRO in the list is the end MACRO.

As we say every MACRO consist of different MICROs. A MACRO that correspond to a motion have a MIC_MOVE. Here the MIC_MOVE is registered by the call of the movement function *AgvMoveToWayPoint()*.

The MAC_END register a MIC_SYSTEM micro type. When the MAC_END is expanded, it start or register a new micro. Simply this MACRO have only one MIC_SYSTEM micro type that is S END.

This MICRO inform AgvManager that the mission is ended. In the case MAC_END the micro S_END is registered by calling *AgvRegisterSystemBloccante(uAgv, uMission, S_END)*, where the fucntion *agvStopMission(uagv)* is called, as we will see in the function *onExecuteMicro()*.

As shown in fig.3.6, AgvManager continue to call onExpandMacro() and onExcecuteMicro(). When the onExpandMacro() terminate the function onExcecuteMicro() is called.

In the tab *vehicle informations*[F3], under Agv commands we can se a list of missions, macros expansion and micro instructions, as well as informations about them, fig.3.8, fig.3.9 and fig.3.10.

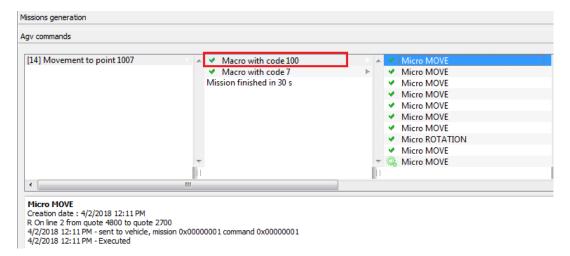


Figure 3.8: Movment to point 1007, Macro MAC_MOVE_TO_WP=100. As we can see, the macro consist of a list MICROs. Selecting a mission or a macro or a micro we can see informations about them.

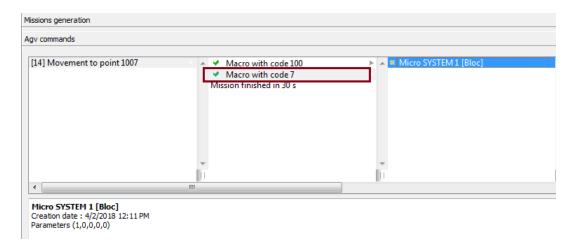


Figure 3.9: Movement to point 1007, Macro MAC_END=7. As we can see, the macro consist of on system micro that is S_END.

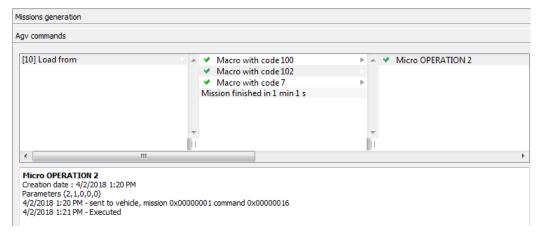


Figure 3.10: Mission load from a user point. The macro expansion shows 3 macros in the list. The MACRO 102, user defined, have only one micro of type operation that is O_LOAD, system defined. Later we will the commands sent to agv in order to execute operations.

```
select (iMacroCode)
14
      case MAC_MOVE_TO_WP
         ; iPar1 = Waypoint id
16
         ; iPar2 = (bool) do concatenate next macro
        select (AgvMoveToWayPoint(uAgv, uMission, WpFl_RicalcolaPercorsi |
      WpFl_EliminaCompletato))
          case EsitoMov_MovimentoCompletato; Completed movement
          case EsitoMov_RaggiuntoWaypoint
                                              ; Waypoint reached
20
             if (iPar2)
               AgvComputeNextMacro(uAgv)
22
            endif
            return true
           default
            return false
        endselect
        return true
28
      case MAC_CHARGE_STOP
30
        AgvRegisterSystemBloccante(uAgv, uMission, S_CHARGE_STOP)
        AgvRegisterOperation(uAgv, uMission, O_CHARGE, O_CHARGE_STOP)
32
        AgvComputeNextMacro(uAgv)
        break
34
36
      case MAC END
        SetAgvMessage(uAgv, "")
        AgvRegisterSystemBloccante(uAgv, uMission, S_END)
        break
40
      default
        qt_warning("Unknown macro: " + iMacroCode)
42
        break
      end
    return TRUE
46
 end
```

Listing 3.3: OnExpandMacro

OnExecuteMicro()

MICROs are instructions to the vehicle. MICROs are stored in a list, one MACRO can register more than one MICRO fig.3.8.

For example a MICRO can be registered by calling <code>agvRegisterSystemBloccante()</code> or <code>agvRegisterSystemPassante()</code> for MIC_SYSTEM type or <code>AgvRegisterOperation()</code> for MIC_OPERATION type. See documentation for a more complete list of micro registration functions. These function have uAgv, uMission, MICROcode as input parameters.

There are different types of MICROs, that can be found in the documentation with prefix MIC_. Let's see MIC_SYSTEM to which the S_END belong, this type of MICRO doesn't send any instruction to the agv itself. For example S_END is need to end a mission, and is managed by AgvManager.

A MIC_MOVE type is related to instruction of motion sent to the agv. A MIC_OPERATION is an operation like loading and unloading.

There are 2 kinds of micros: blocking and non-blocking MICROs. The difference is that the blocking MICRO lock the execution of other micros till the end of the execution of itself or till the verification of a condition.

When expanding macros, the micro list is composed by calling the relative registration function. For example, in the function OnExpandMacro() under the MAC_END, we register a blocking system micro, S_END. In the function onExecuteMicro() under the case MIC_SYSTEM and under the case S_END we call the function AgvStopMission(uAgv) in order to stop the mission. When the mission is stopped, the micro terminate, and eventually other micros can start. When a micro terminate the execution of the function onExecuteMicro() return true.

```
; Execution of the actions related to vehicle operations,
   and execution of the SYSTEM micro.
  code OnExecuteMicro(uint uAgv, bool bLastCall, int iMicroCode, int iParO, int
      iPar1\;,\;int\;\;iPar2\;,\;int\;,\;int\;\;userId\;,\;int\;\;iMission\;,\;int)\;:\;bool
    XVehicleInfo vInfo
    AgvGetVehicleInfo(uAgv, @vInfo)
    select (iMicroCode)
      case MIC_MOVE
      case MIC_CURVE
      case MIC_ROTATION
13
        return true
      case MIC_OPERATION
      case MIC_SYSTEM
        select (iPar0)
19
          case S_NULL
             ; Micro of that type are generated by AgvManager, I am not
      intereseted on it.
            break
23
          case S_END
             ; End of mission
             if (vInfo.uStatus & VST_EXEC_COMANDO)
               MultiMessageState(uAgv, "Agv " + (uAgv + 1) + ": wait for agv
      commands finished")
              return false
            endif
29
            MultiMessageState(uAgv, "Agv " + (uAgv + 1) + ": finished executing
            AgvStopMission(uAgv)
31
            SetAgvMessage(uAgv, "")
            break
33
             qt_warning("Unknown MIC_SYSTEM : " + iPar0 + " (mission = " +
35
      iMission + ", par1 = " + iPar1 + ")")
            break
        end
37
        break
39
      case MIC_PASSANTE
        select (iPar0)
41
          default
            qt_warning("Unknown MIC_PASSANTE: " + iPar0 + " (mission = " +
43
```

```
iMission + ", par1 = " + iPar1 + ")")
                                                                              end
45
                                                                              break
47
                                                            case MIC_WAIT
                                                                              if (bLastCall)
49
                                                                                                 MessageState("Agv " + (uAgv + 1) + ": passthrough operation executed")
                                                                                              return true
51
                                                                              end
                                                                              return false
53
55
                                                                              qt_warning("Unknown micro: " + iMicroCode + " (mission = " + iMission + "
                                                          \frac{1}{1} = \frac{1}
                                       end
59
                                       return true
61 end
```

Listing 3.4: OnExecuteMicro



In this chapter we will present some data structure of AgvManager and some examples on agv scripting. In this chapter we will show only piece of code necessary to explain the concepts. Complete examples are provided with this document. The expamples package is divided by folders, every folder contain the script files. Mainly every example at least have 3 files: main.xs, common.xs and agvEventFunctions.xs. We will indicate in which file and fucntion every piece of code can be found.

In AgvManager documentation we can find functions and data structures divided by argument, it means functions to manage vehilces, maps, databases, etc. Refer to the official documentation in order to get a complete list of functions and data structures.

4.1 Xscript Agy Data structures

In the documentaion under the voice *Estensione x-script per AgvManager » Funzioni per la gestione degli agv*, we can find some functions and data structures to manage AGVs. Here will present some data structures and functions that can operate on them.

Note that AgvManager have internal data structures where to save informations about vehicles, maps, points, etc. When we need, for example to get information about agv number 4, we create a structure similar to the one AgvManager have and by calling a dedicated function we can get information on Agv 4.

4.1.1 XMapParams

This structures contains some fields to define the dimensions of an AGV and movement behavior. There are two functions that operate on this structure to get information from AgvManger and set information to it. For example, if we define a variable *mPar* as: *XMapParams mPar*, we can read parameter from AgvManager and store them into this structure by calling the function AgvGetMapParams(@mpar). If we need to modify some parameter we can we use the dot operator of the structure. To apply modification onto AgvManager we have to call the function AgvSetMapParams(@mpar), that transfer the data from the structure mPar to AgvManager.

Note the use of @ when passing the variable mPar to these 2 functions. The variable is passed by reference not by value.

Meaning of the structure fields?????????

4.1.2 XVehicleInfo

This data structure contain information about the vehicle, for example alarm status, mission in progress, operating mode, capacity of battery, etc. To get information from AgvManager about the vehicle we can call the function $AgvGetVehicleInfo(uint\ agvId,\ xvehicleinfo\&\ info)$, we pass to the function the index of the agv and an XVehicleInfo variable.

For example if we need information about Agv number 4, we create the strucutre *XVehicleInfo vInfo*, then we call *AgvGetVehicleInfo(4, @vInfo)*. In this way, we can for example read the battery status *vInfo.uBatteryCapacity*. Note that after a while the Agv is working, this value will be different from the value AgvManager have, we have to call again the function *AgvGetVehicleInfo(,)* in order to update information.

The field *uStatus*, Vehicle Status Flag, is an unsigned integer number that return a number where informations are saved in a binary way. There are defined some constant in order to decode information:

- 1. VST_CARICA_INCORSO: charge in progress
- 2. VST_CARICO_PRESENTE: Load present
- 3. VST_EXEC_COMANDO: executing command
- 4. VST_POTENZA_ATTIVA: power active

For example we need to know if the vehicle have a load on board, we can write: *bLoadOnBoard* = *vInfo.uStatus & VST_CARICO_PRESENTE*.

4.1.3 XSiteInfo

A data structure where information about user points can be stored. By calling <code>agvGetSiteInfo(int userPointId, XSiteInfo& sInfo)</code> we can get the user point informations from AgvManager. The function have as parameter the id or code of the user point and a reference of a XSiteInfo variable. The function return true if the user point exist. With the function <code>agvSetSiteInfo(int userPointId, XSiteInfo& sInfo)</code> we can set the paramter of a user point in AgvManager.

For example the field *bPresenza* is a boolean variable that indicate if the user point contain a load or not.

When executing a loading operation into the vehicle (from station to vehicle), by calling the function AgvExecLoad(agv,userPoint) the value of bPresenza is set to false and the vehicle status flag, uStatus, corresponding to VST_CARICO_PRESENTE is set to true.

When executing an unload operation (from vehicle to the station), by calling *AgvExecUnload(agv, userPoint)* the value of *bPresenza* to true.

What are (ro) and (rw)???

bVasiPieni ???

4.2 Some useful functions

We already see some callback funtions like on Application Start(), on Next Mission(), on Expand-Macro(), on Execute Micro() and some utility functions like agv Add Macro(), agv Add Way Point(),

agvRegisterPassante(), agRegisterBloccante(), agvRegisterOperation(). There are a lot of functions provided by AgvManager. We will some of them in the examples. We will see also how we can create our own functions and objects.

4.2.1 Movement functions

In the documentation we can find some functions, e.g. agvAddWayPoint(), agvMoveToWayPoint(), to define the movement ways and methods as well as some constants. Constants related to this category of functions begin with " $MoveResult_$ " or " $EsitoMov_$ ", some of these constants are self-explanatory, e.g. $MoveResult_WaypointReached$, $MoveResult_CompletedMovement$.

4.2.2 MICRO registration functions

The following functions register a micro operation or instruction:

- 1. agvRegisterPassante(,,,,) [P] command, Pass-through operation.
- 2. agvRegisterSystemPassante(,,,,) MIC_SYSTEM, system micro instruction.
- 3. agvRegisterSystemBloccante(,,,,) MIC_SYSTEM, system micro instruction.
- 4. agvReigsterOperation(,,,,) MIC_OPERATION [O] Operation to send to the vehicle. The syntax of the command is: [Occccmmmm,type,p1,p2,p3,p4].
- 5. agvRegisterWait(,,,,) [W] Wait condition operation.
- 6. agvRegisterMovingOperation(,,,,) MIC_MOVE [Q] Operation with movement.

To get a list of all micro type search in the documentation the prefix "MIC_".

4.3 Ex 01: Drag and drop example with loading and loading operations

In this example we will see how we can perform a drag and drop to a user point. A user point represent a working station, that could be machine or simply a position in a store. For example in an automatic store, a user point may represent the position where materials can be stoked or picked. A user point have a property called *bPresenza* that indicate the presence of material in the position designated by the user point or its absence.

OnAgvDroppedToPoint()

In the function *OnAgvDroppedToPoint()*, after the verification of requirements, we will register 3 missions depending on the case if the point is a user point or generic point, if the agv have a load or the user point have a load. In listing 4.1 the code and explanations are shown.

The code that verify the conditions: vehicle exist, in automatic, not enabled, no mission in progress is not shown here. I can be find in the complete example.

Listing 4.1 can be found in the file agvEventFucntions.xs in the callback function OnAgv-DroppedToPoint().

```
// note comments in Xscript begin with ;

XSiteInfo sInfo // user point information strucutre
XVehicleInfo vInfo // vehicle strucutre information
```

```
// if user point and vehicle exist
    if (AgvGetSiteInfo(uUser, @sInfo) and AgvGetVehicleInfo(uAgv, @vInfo))
      bool loadOnAgv, loadOnUser
      // read the bit corresponding to lpad present on agv
      loadOnAgv = (vInfo.uStatus & VST_CARICO_PRESENTE)
      loadOnUser = sInfo.bPresenza
13
15
      //if both agy and user point have a load
      if (loadOnAgv && loadOnUser)
        MessageBox("Cannot move agv " + (uAgv + 1) + " to " + GetSiteName(uUser)
      + ": both have a trolley")
        return
      endif
19
      // if only agy have a load, the mission unload to user is registered
      if (loadOnAgv && not loadOnUser)
        // call to use defined function
23
        Register Mission (uAgv, MIS_UNLOAD_ONLY, uUser)
        return
25
      endif
27
      //if only user point have load, the mission load to agv is registerd.
      if (loadOnUser && not loadOnAgv)
        Register Mission (uAgv, MIS_LOAD_ONLY, uUser)
        return
31
      endif
33
    endif
35
    // register movement to point,
    //if there is no lad neither on agy neither on user point,
    //or if the point is a generic point
    RegisterMission(uAgv, MIS_TO_POINT, uUser)
```

Listing 4.1: Drag and drop to user point and generic point

When the user drag and drop the vehicle onto a point, the callback function *OnAgvDropped-ToPoint()* is called, then the function *RegisterMission()* is called inside it as we can in the listing 4.1.

RegisterMission()

The function *RegisterMission()* is a user defined function, with the goal to assign missions, can be found in *common.xs*.

The keyword *forward* is used to define a prototype function, it tell the program that somewhere the function is implemented. if *forward* is not used, and we implement for example a functionA before a functionB, and functionA call functionB, the program will give error, because he expect that functionB is implemented before functionA.

The function have 4 input parameters: uAgv (agv code), uCode (mission id), iPar1 and iPar2. Where in this case in iPar1 is passed the point id.

Constants to identify missions and macros are defined as follow:

```
// Mission defition. Missions can begin from 0,
// because there are no missions already defined in AgvManger
```

```
// No mission in progress
    $define MIS_NULL
                                   0
    $define MIS_LOAD_ONLY
                                     10
    $define MIS_UNLOAD_ONLY
                                       11
    $define MIS_TO_POINT
                                     14
10
    // MACRO definition, begin always from 100
    // Movement to waypoint
12
    $define MAC_MOVE_TO_WP
    // Load from the point defined by par1
14
    $define MAC_LOAD_TROLLEY
    // Unload on the point defined by parl
    $define MAC_UNLOAD_TROLLEY
                                        103
```

In *RegisterMission()* we will start a new mission and fill the *macro list* with MACROs. We will use respectively *agvStartMission()* and *agvAddMacro()*.

As you can notice, a mission is started by calling <code>agvStartMission(uint agvId, uint missionId, string missionDescription)</code>. This function return true if a mission is in progress. We can define a new function that return a string value, to get the description of missions. After that we write a select case statement in order to fill the macro list depending on the mission code and to give movement instructions by calling the user defined function <code>RegisterMovement()</code>.

For example, if our mission is *MIS_LOAD_ONLY* we register a movement to the user point by calling *RegisterMovement(agvId,userPointId)*, where we will add the macro *MAC_MOVE_TO_WP*, then we add the 2 macros: MAC_LOAD_TROLLEY and MAC_END. So the macro list have 3 macros, table 4.1. This should be clear, the vehicle first move to the user point, once arrived, load the agy then finish executing the mission.

uAgv	MAC code	iPar1	iPar2	iPar3	iPar4
1	MAC_MOVE_TO_WP	Waypoint id	concatenateNext		
1	MAC_LOAD_TROLLEY	User point code	bVasiPieni		
1	MAC_END	MIS_LOAD_ONLY			

Table 4.1: Macro list of the load mission, MIS_LOAD_ONLY. As you can see the paramters can assume different value types depending on the macro or micro

The same reasoning can be applied for other missions. Following the a part of the code:

```
// starting mission "uCode", with descrition "text"
    if (not AgvStartMission(uAgv, uCode, text))
      return MIS_NULL
    // user point info strutcture
    XSiteInfo sInfo
    // Fill the macro list with the macro for the selected mission
    // when we call registerMission(), we pass as iParl the user point index
    select (uCode)
      // Loading agv mission
11
      case MIS_LOAD_ONLY
        if (not AgvGetSiteInfo(iParl, @sInfo))
13
          // Strange error. Should not happen!!!
          AgvStopMission(uAgv)
15
          return MIS_NULL
17
        endif
```

```
// iPar1 = point in store where toilet must be taken
        RegisterMovement(uAgv, iPar1)
19
        // Take the trolley with the toilet
        // Trolley with toilet
        AgvAddMacro(uAgv, MAC_LOAD_TROLLEY, iPar1, sInfo.bVasiPieni)
        // END of this mission
        AgvAddMacro(uAgv, MAC_END, uCode)
        break
25
      // unloading agv mission
27
      case MIS UNLOAD ONLY
        if (not AgvGetSiteInfo(iParl, @sInfo))
20
          // Strange error. Should not happen!!!
          AgvStopMission(uAgv)
31
          return MIS_NULL
        endif
33
        // iPar1 = point in store where toilet must be taken
        RegisterMovement(uAgv, iPar1)
35
        // Leave the trolley with the toilet
37
        // Trolley with toilet
        AgvAddMacro(uAgv, MAC_UNLOAD_TROLLEY, iPar1, sInfo.bVasiPieni)
30
        // END of this mission
41
        AgvAddMacro(uAgv, MAC_END, uCode)
        break
      // movement to a point mission
      case MIS_TO_POINT
45
        //Move to selected point
        RegisterMovement (uAgv, iPar1)
47
        //END of this mission
        AgvAddMacro(uAgv, MAC_END, uCode)
49
        break
51
      // mission not defined
      default
        MessageBox ("Mission not implemented: " + uCode)
        return MIS_NULL
55
    end
```

Listing 4.2: RegisterMission() code fragment

The function *RegisterMovement()* is self-explanatory.

```
code RegisterMovement(uint uAgv, uint userId, uchar destOrientation = 'X',
bool concatenateNext = true
)
uint wpidx
//add waypoint, return an unique id of the added point.
wpidx = AgvAddWaypoint(uAgv, userId, destOrientation)
// add movement macro related to the point we get previously
AgvAddMacro(uAgv, MAC_MOVE_TO_WP, wpidx, concatenateNext)
end
```

Listing 4.3: RegisterMovement() function

In this case mission are registered by calling the user defined function RegisterMission(). This function was called by the function OnAgvDroppedToPoint(). If we want to assign missions in anotherway, we can call the function RegisterMission() inside the callback function onNextMission() that is called when the agv is enabled.

Independently on how a mission is registered, when a mission is started the callback function *onExpandMacro()* is called in order to begin the execution of macros and micors.

onExpandMacro()

on ExpandMacro() is called when there are MACROs in the macro list, check the flowchart in the official documentation and in the previous chapter, in the section mission execution.

To this callback function are passed the agv index, mission index, MACRO index, and 4 parameters. The agv index and mission index are passed from AgvManager to the function, that are related the the list to be expanded. Every mission have its own macro list. The parameters are read from the macro list.

```
code OnExpandMacro(uint uAgy, uint uMission, uint iMacroCode,
       int iPar1, int iPar2, int iPar3, int
       ) : bool
    select (iMacroCode)
      case MAC_MOVE_TO_WP
        // iPar1 = Waypoint id
        // iPar2 = (bool) do concatenate next macro
        select (AgvMoveToWayPoint(uAgv, uMission, WpFl_RicalcolaPercorsi |
      WpFl_EliminaCompletato))
          case MoveResult_CompletedMovement; Completed movement
          case MoveResult_WaypointReached
                                             ; Waypoint reached
            if (iPar2)
              AgvComputeNextMacro(uAgv)
13
            endif
            return true
          default
            return false
17
        endselect
        return true
19
      case MAC_LOAD_TROLLEY
        // parl is the point
23
        // par2 is true if there is a toilet on the trolley
        // par3 is true it the trolley is ready to be taken out of store
        AgvRegisterOperation(uAgv, uMission, O_LOAD, iPar2, iPar3, 0, 0, iPar1)
        break
      case MAC_UNLOAD_TROLLEY
        // parl is the point
29
        AgvRegisterOperation(uAgv, uMission, O_UNLOAD, 0, 0, 0, iParl)
        break
31
      case MAC END
        SetAgvMessage(uAgv, "")
        AgvRegisterSystemBloccante(uAgv, uMission, S_END)
35
        break
37
      default
        qt_warning("Unknown macro: " + iMacroCode)
39
        break
    end
41
    return TRUE
  end
43
```

Listing 4.4: onExpandMacro()

Simply the macro load register on operation of type O_LOAD, the unload macro register the

 O_UNLOAD operation and the end macro register the system macro S_END . These three micros are already defined by AgvManager. Search in the official documentation the prefixes $O_$ ad $S_$ to find a complete list Operations and System micro type.

The macro *MAC_MOVE_TO_WP* execute the movement command by calling <u>AgvMoveToWayPoint(,,)</u> and register a *MIC_MOVE* micro type. When the movement is completed or the waypoint is reached the function return true, that mean the expansion of the macro has finished.

After the expansion of macros, the micro are executed by calling the callback funntion *onExecuteMicro()*.

OnExecuteMicro()

We see how micros are registered when macros are expanded. Now we see how micros are executed. The *MAC_LOAD_TROLLEY* had registered an *O_LOAD* micro of type *MIC_OPERATION*. The *MAC_UNLOAD_TROLLEY* had registered an *O_UNLOAD* micro of type *MIC_OPERATION* and the macro *MAC_END* had registered an *S_END* of type *MIC_SYSTEM*.

```
case MIC_OPERATION
    select (iPar0)
      case O_LOAD
        if (bLastCall)
          MultiMessageState(uAgv, "Agv " + (uAgv + 1) + " : loaded from " +
      userId)
          SetAgvMessage(uAgv, "")
          // Agv has finished the load:
          // AgvExecLoad() puts the logical content of the user point identified
     by userId
          // on the agv, and removes from the user point.
          // NOTE: the operation was sent to the agv in OnExpandMacro()
          // expanding the macro MAC_LOAD_TROLLEY
          AgvExecLoad(uAgv, userId)
          return true
13
        else
          MultiMessageState(uAgv, "Agv " + (uAgv + 1) + " : loading from " +
15
          SetAgvMessage(uAgv, "Loading")
17
          return false
        endif
19
        break
      case O_UNLOAD
        if (bLastCall)
          MultiMessageState(uAgv, "Agv " + (uAgv + 1) + " : unloaded to " +
      userId)
          SetAgvMessage(uAgv, "")
          AgvExecUnload(uAgv, userId)
          return true
        else
          MultiMessageState(uAgv, "Agv " + (uAgv + 1) + " : unloading to " +
          SetAgvMessage(uAgv, "Unloading")
20
          return false
        endif
31
        break
      default
33
        qt_warning("Unknown MIC_OPERATION: " + iParO + " (mission = " + iMission
        ", par1 = " + iPar1 + ")"
        break
35
    end
```

```
case MIC_SYSTEM
37
    select (iPar0)
      case S_NULL
39
         // Micro of that type are generated by AgvManager, I am not intereseted
      on it.
41
         break
      case S_END
         // End of mission
43
         if (vInfo.uStatus & VST_EXEC_COMANDO)
           MultiMessageState(uAgv, "Agv " + (uAgv + 1) + ": wait for agv commands
45
      finished")
           return false
47
         endif
         MultiMessageState(uAgv, "Agv " + (uAgv + 1) + ": finished executing
      commands")
         AgvStopMission(uAgv)
         SetAgvMessage \,(\,uAgv\,,\quad "\,\,"\,\,)
51
  end
```

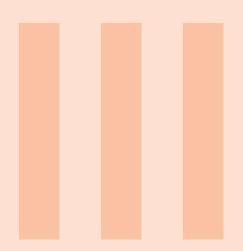
In the case of *O_LOAD* and *O_UNLOAD*, AgvManager send associated commands to the vehicle. When the vehicle terminate the execution of the command associated to the micro, AgvManger call the callback function *onExecuteMciro()* with the parameter *bLastCall* is set to true. During the last call, when *bLastCall=true* we can perform also a logical load or unload by calling respectively *AgvExecLoad()* or *AgvExecUnload()*.

The case of S_END , the function AgvStopMission(uAgv) is called in order to stop terminate the mission execution.

The MIC_MOVE are handled by AgvManager not by the script.

4.4 Ex 02: Assign missions from the plant

Motion control



Bibliography