

ENGG4811: Thesis Project

Project Progress Seminar

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Thesis Topic

Designing and implementing a user-friendly web interface for interacting with a remote rule engine in regulatory technologies

Rule engine?

Regulatory technologies?

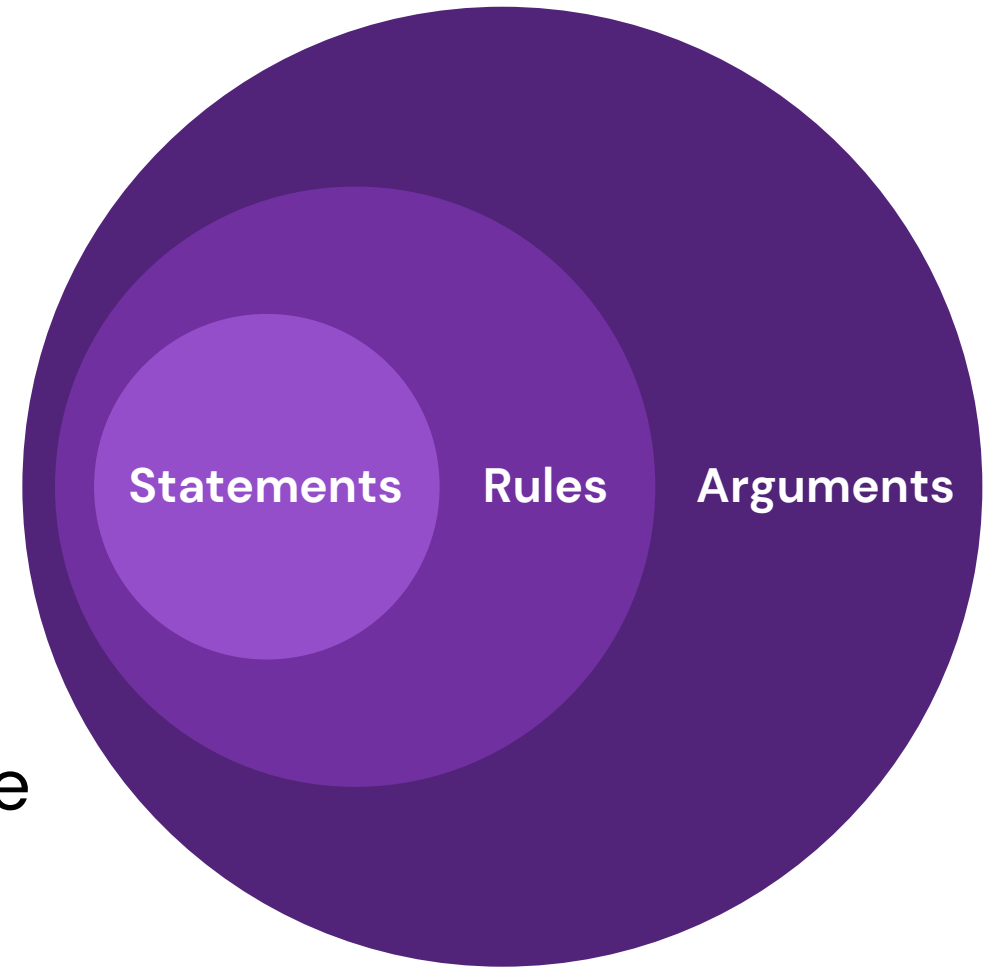
Background

Rule engine

- This project: Prolog rule-based argumentation engine
- Rules, relations and messages are used to draw a conclusion [2]
- Labels statements with acceptance status

Regulatory technologies (RegTech)

- Application of IT to manage regulation objectives [3]
- Example: law compliance



Project Relevance

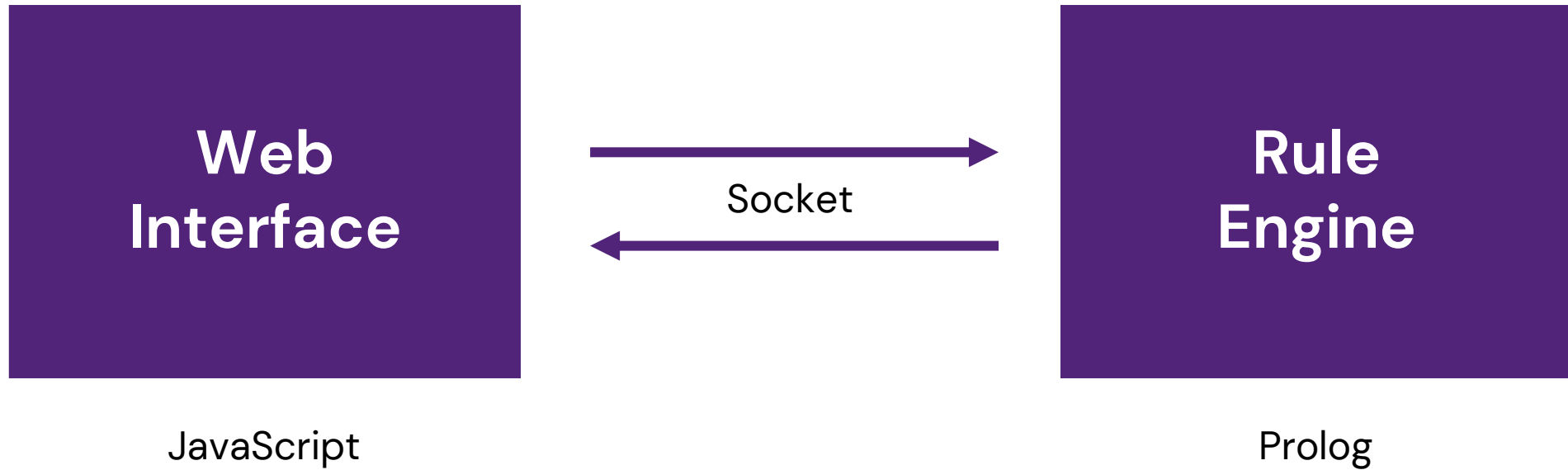
Current interaction with rule engine

- Edit Python file with rules and messages
- View HTML file with statement labellings

Problems

- Very primitive client (written in a few hours)
- Rules/messages written in JSON format within Python file

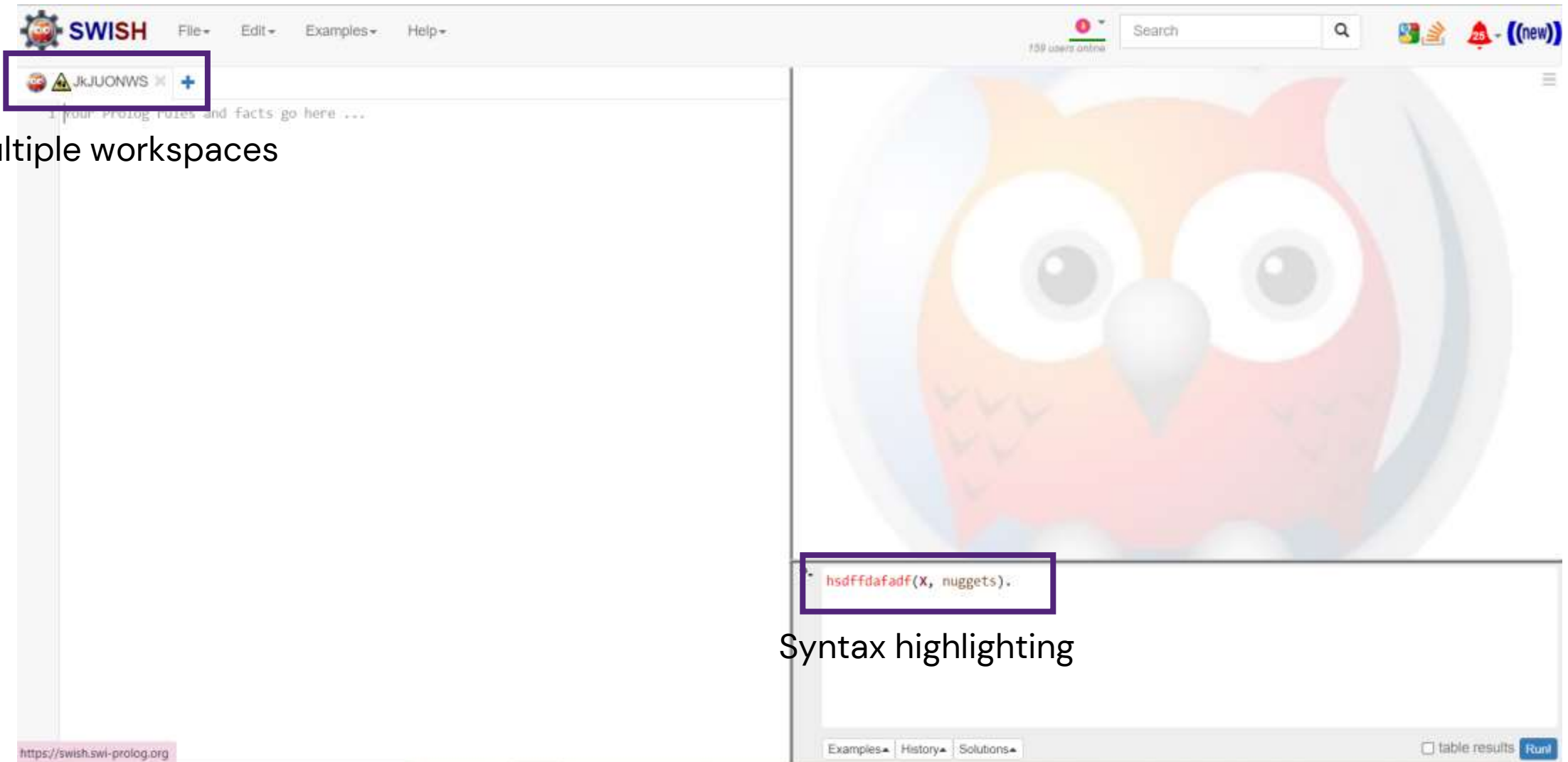
Initial Concept



Related Work

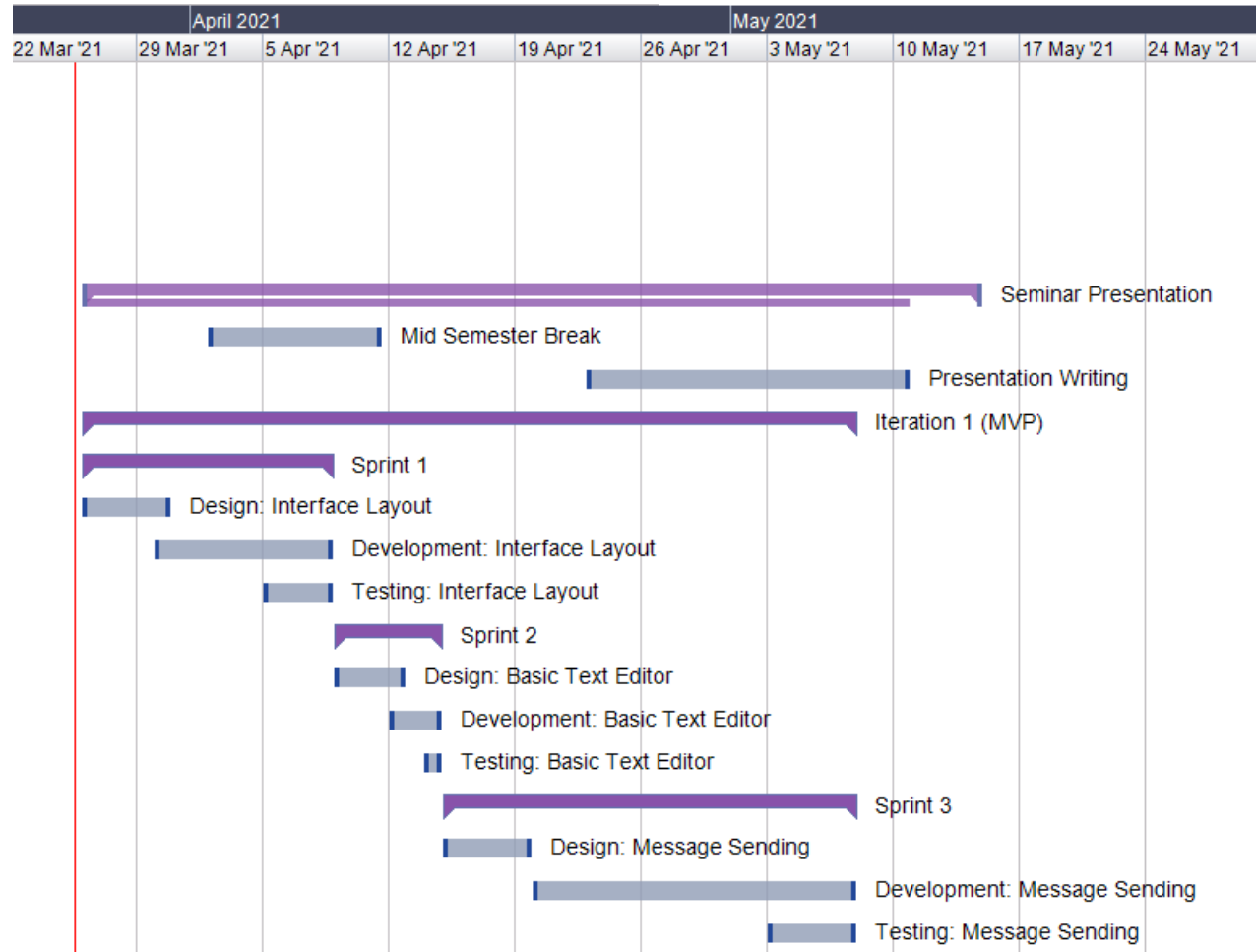
Multiple workspaces

Syntax highlighting



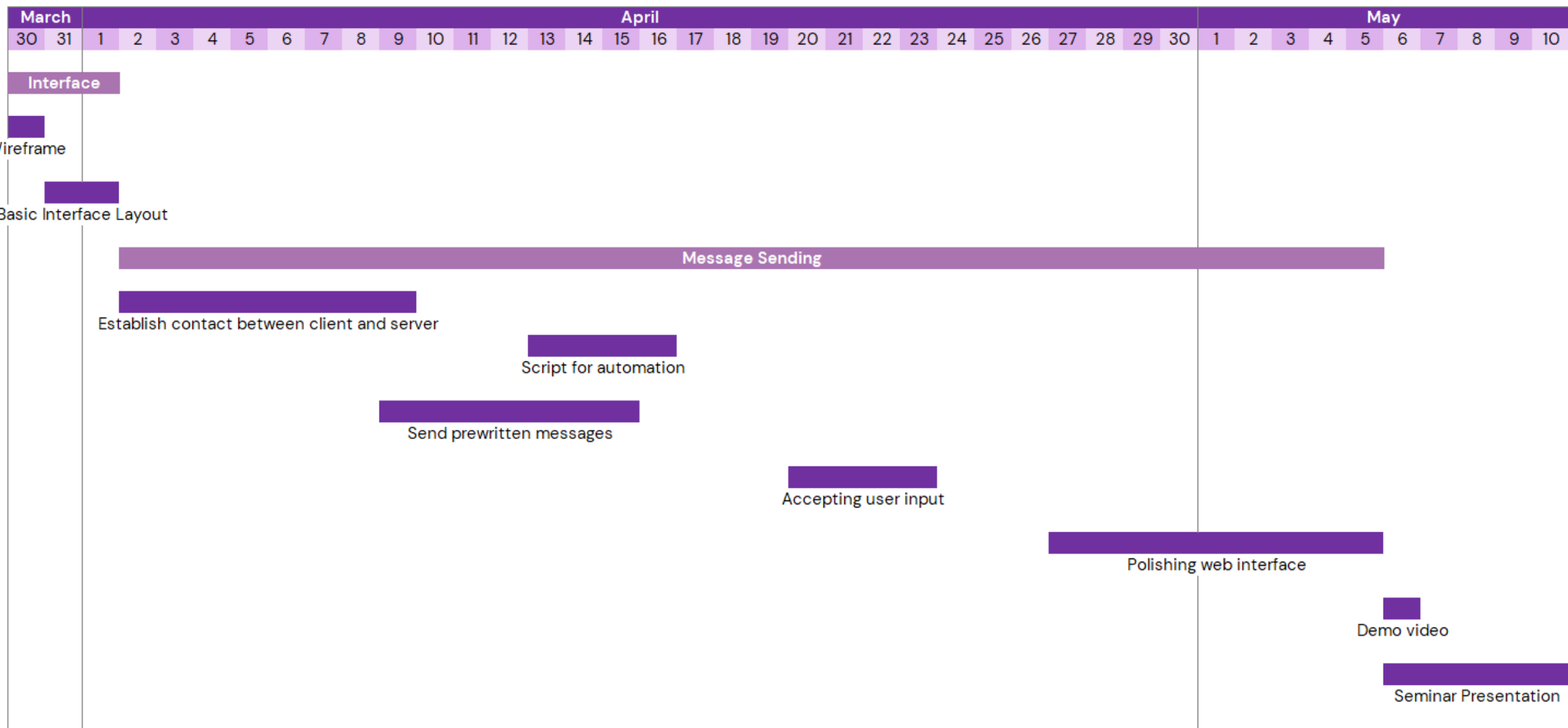
The screenshot displays the SWISH web interface. The top navigation bar includes the SWISH logo, a menu with 'File', 'Edit', 'Examples', and 'Help', a search bar, and a notification bell. Below the navigation bar, a tab labeled 'JkUONWS' is highlighted with a purple box. The main workspace is split into two panes. The left pane contains a text editor with the placeholder text '1 your Prolog rules and facts go here ...'. The right pane displays a large, colorful owl illustration. Below the owl, a code editor shows the Prolog predicate 'hsdffdafadf(X, nuggets).', which is highlighted with a purple box. At the bottom of the interface, there are buttons for 'Examples', 'History', 'Solutions', and 'Run!', along with a checkbox for 'table results'.

Initial Timeline



Key Tasks

- Interface Layout
- Text Editor
- Message Sending



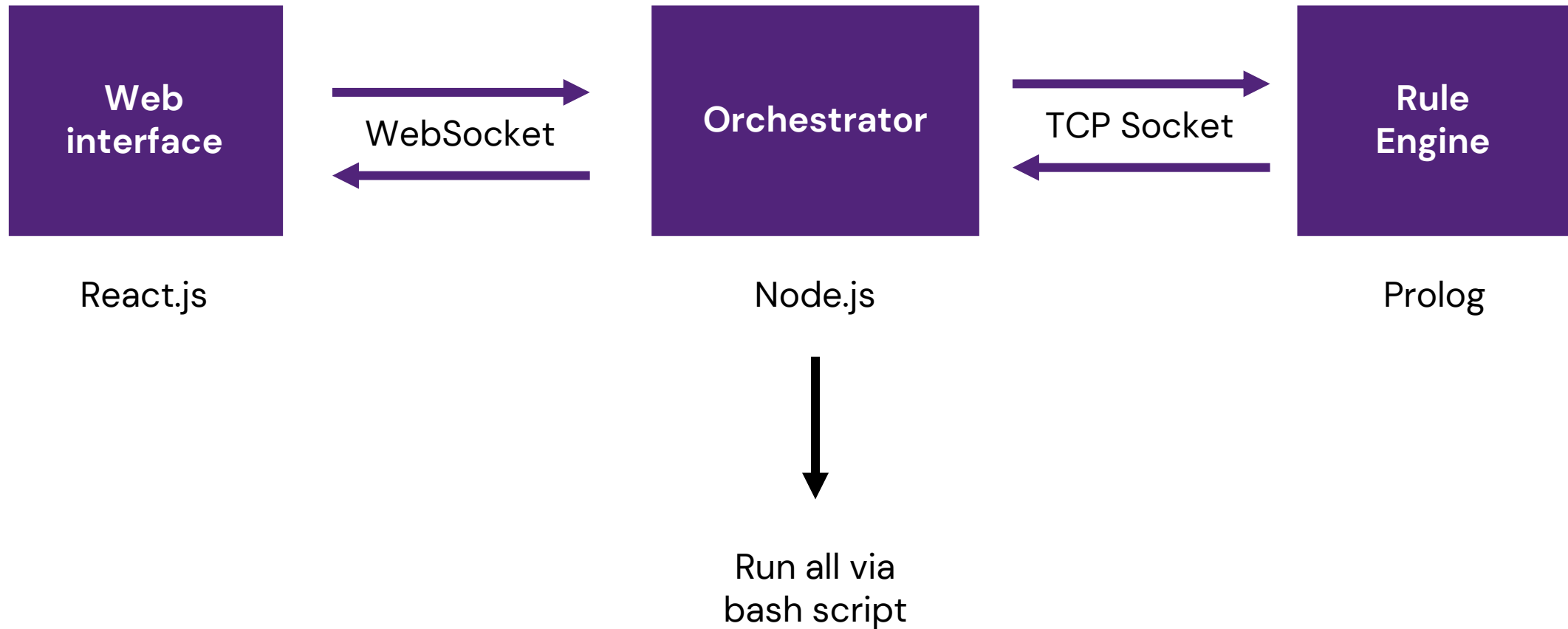
Basic Interface Layout

Enter your rules or messages here...

Run

Results

Establish contact between client and server



Send prewritten messages

Enter your rules or messages here...

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[[],ooo,[],ooo,[]] . [[[],ooo,[],ooo,[]] . [[[],ooo,[],ooo,[]] .  
[[],ooo,[],ooo,[]] . [[[],ooo,[],ooo,[]] . [[[],ooo,[],ooo,[]] .  
[[[window(node1)],[location(node1,  
[28.0166,153.0251,0])]],ooo,[],ooo,[]] .  
[[[no,distancing(node2,node1,10)],  
[obl,distancing(node2,node1,10)],[wall(node2)],  
[location(node2,[28.0166,153.0251,0])],  
[violation(node2,node1,10))],ooo,[],ooo,[]] .  
[[[goodWall(node2)]],ooo,  
[[obl,distancing(node2,node1,10)],  
[violation(node2,node1,10))],ooo,[]] .
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Run

Results

Accepting user input

Rules

id {name of rule} if {body} then {head}.

id {name of rule} then {head}.

Relations between rules

superior ({rule id 1}, {rule id 2}).

Information Messages

message ([{info}={information content},]).

Polishing web interface

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id obligation if wall(Node1) and window(Node2) then obl distancing(Node1, Node2, 10).

id distance if wall(Node1) and window(Node2) and location(Node1, [X1, Y1, Z1]) and location(Node2, [X2, Y2, Z2]) and distance_2D_Less([X1, Y1], [X2, Y2], 10) then no distancing(Node1, Node2, 10).

id violation if obl distancing(Node1, Node2, 10) and no distancing(Node1, Node2, 10) then violation(Node1, Node2, 10).

id noObligation if goodWall(Node1) and window(Node2) then no obl distancing(Node1, Node2, 10).
superior(noObligation, obligation).

message( ["nodeID"='node1', "messageID"='message1', "fact"='[window(node1)]',
"location"='[location(node1, [280166, 1530251, 0])]' ] ).

message( ["nodeID"='node2', "messageID"='message1', "fact"='[wall(node2)]', "location"='[location(node2,
[280166, 1530251, 0])]' ] ).

message( ["nodeID"='node2', "messageID"='message1', "fact"='[goodWall(node2)]',
"location"='[location(node2, [280166, 1530251, 0])]' ] ).
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Run

UNDECIDED STATEMENTS:

----- Next Message -----

ACCEPTED STATEMENTS:

[[window(node1)], [location(node1, [280166, 1530251, 0])]]

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[violation(node2, node1, 10)]]

UNACCEPTED STATEMENTS:

UNDECIDED STATEMENTS:

----- Next Message -----

ACCEPTED STATEMENTS:

[[goodWall(node2)]]

UNACCEPTED STATEMENTS:

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Polishing web interface

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REJECTED STATEMENTS:

UNDECIDED STATEMENTS:

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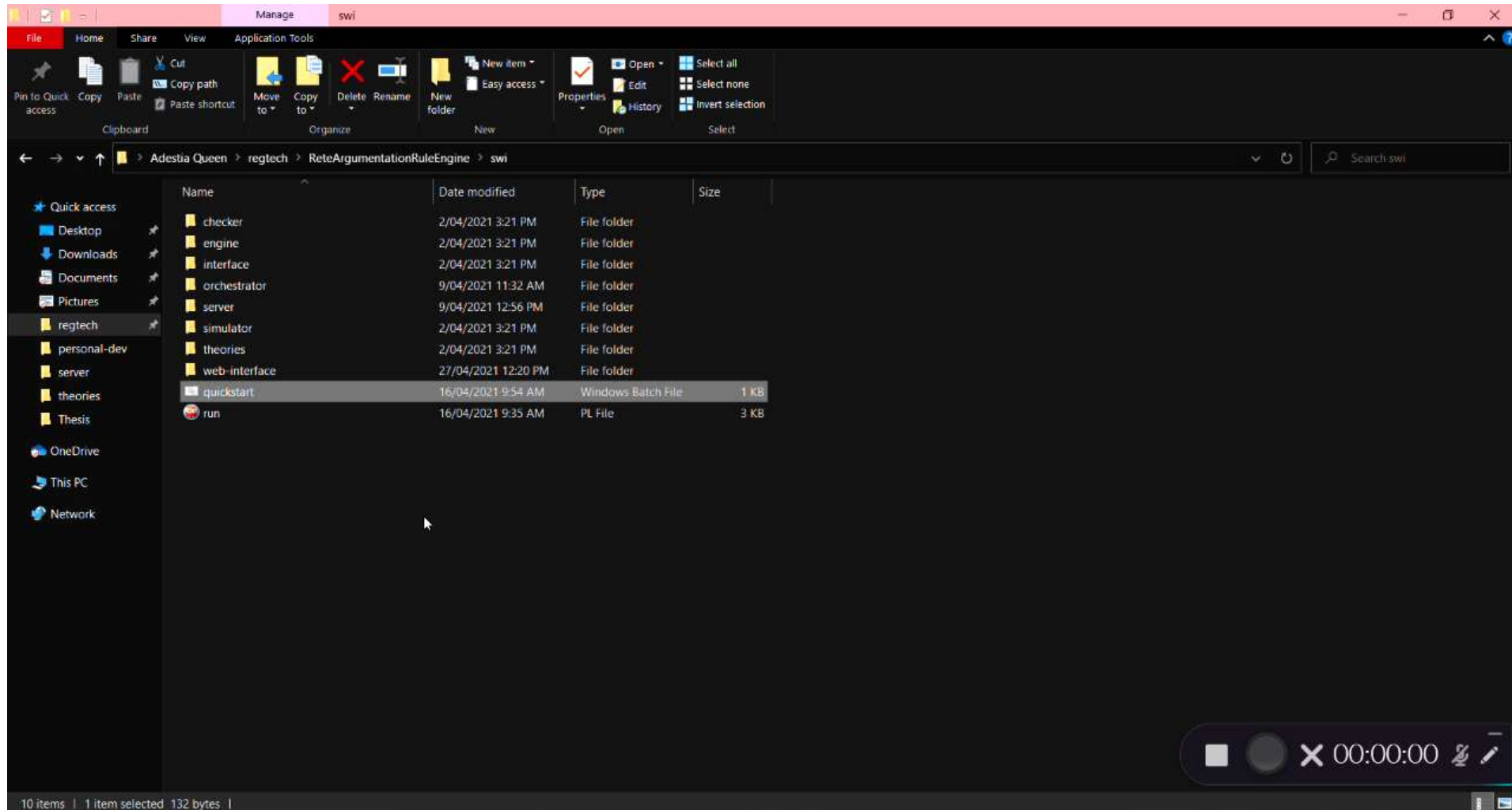
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[goodWall(node2)]
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UNDECIDED STATEMENTS:

Project Demonstration



Plan

Orchestrator

- Forward messages from sensors to rule engine
- Error handling

Web interface

- Text editor
 - Accepting different syntax for rules/messages
 - Syntax highlighting
 - Upload and save theories
- Results
 - Clear results with each run

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