

Assignment of master's thesis

Title: Evacuation model with leading and following agents focused

on evacuation of (pre)schools

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Instructions

The thesis should combine the idea of using a hierarchical system of multi-agent coordination for evacuation simulations (developed in Janovská, 2021) with expert knowledge on pre-school children's behaviour during evacuation (captured by Najmanová, 2020). The work should result in an evacuation model/software prototype, where the dynamics of the following agents (children) are consistent with the expert knowledge, and the planning actions of leading agents (teachers) are inspired by real-world instructions and limitations.

- 1. Survey evacuation models enabling assisted evacuation with a focus on evacuation of (pre)-school activities. Focus on cellular models.
- 2. Survey studies dealing with applications of multiagent planning algorithms in evacuation simulations.
- 3. In cooperation with the fire engineering expert (H. Najmanová) identify basic principles of children's behaviour and teachers' activities during evacuation. Suggest a transformation of those principles to rules of agent interaction in the cellular model.
- 4. Design and implement the cellular model of evacuation with the above-mentioned features enabling the application of planning algorithms for the actions of leading agents.
- 5. Perform several simulation experiments and compare various leading agent strategies with respect to total evacuation time.



Literature:

Janovská K. Hierarchical Control of Swarms during Evacuation. Prague, 2021. Bachelor thesis. FIT-ČVUT.

Najmanová H. Evacuation of pre-school children aged from 3 to 6 years. Prague, 2020. Doctoral thesis. FSv-ČVUT.

