2.2 P2 Data

A tuple (tuple.h) represents the data type that is passed between Elements in a Data ow. A tuple contains a list of value (value.h) types, which are de ned in the 'p2core' system directory and have a le name pre x='Val_'. The types de ned include all the base C++ types (e.g., int, oat, strings) as well as some non traditional types (e.g., identity, lists, ip address, etc.). A tuple is an imd utable object in the sense that once an Element creates, it cannot be changed by some other Element in the data ow [1].

2.3 Element

Each element de nes a set of input ports and output ports. Elements process the tuples that arrive on its input ports and send, possibly new, tuples on its output ports. The kind of processing that is performed on a tuple is speci c to the Element type and possibly the port on which a tuple is received. There are three types of ports that an Element can de ne on its interface, and dependingo

```
class Element {
    . . .
  virtual int push(int port, TuplePtr, b_cbv cb);

  virtual TuplePtr pull(int port, b_cbv cb);

  virtual TuplePtr simple_action(TuplePtr p);
    . . .
}
```

Every Element de nes three methods for receiving tuples, as shown above. The actual methods that are called on receipt of a tuple depend on the port type. For all port types, the simple_action method will be called. An Element that de nes

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2.5 Plumber

```
class Plumber {
        . . .
        int install(DataflowPtr d);
        . . .
 }
```

3.2 Importing P2 Data Structures

ited by this example. The rst comes from the fact that a P2 value does not de ne a constructor, which is indicated by the no_

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dynamic dispatch to the respective overridden methods in the Python class instance. That is, a Python class that inherits from the Element class will actually inherit from the ElementWrap class, which automatically invokes any methods that the Python class overrides. Since the C++ compiler is unaware of the Python class definition, it will call the overridden methods of the ElementWrap class, which in turn invoke the Python interpreter to call the respective overridden Python method. If the Python class doesn't override a particular method then the ElementWrap class will invoke the method defined in the parent Element class.

The only known limitation of Boost.Python is the ability to pass a function from Python to C++, and have that function be called from within C++. Given that

If your callback requires the use of arguments then you should use wrap it inside of a Python lambda function that will pass it the required arguments at call time.

3.3.2 Example P2 Element class in Python

```
class Terminal(Element):
  def __init__(self, name):
      Element.__init__(self, name, 1, 1)
      self.self(self) # Pass the ElementWrap class a reference to the self object.
  def class_name(self): return "Terminal"
  def processing(self): return "h/h"
  def flow_code(self):  return "-/-"
  def initialize(self):
      self.timer = self.set_delay(0, self.delay_callback)
      return 0
  def callback(self, port):
      self.timer = self.set_delay(0, self.delay_callback)
  def delay_callback(self):
      # Read string from terminal and send
      # it in a tuple to push output port 0.
      line = raw_input("P2 Terminal >> ")
      t = Tuple.mk()
      t.append(Val_Str.mk("terminal"))
      t.append(Val_Str.mk(text))
      t.freeze()
      if self.py_push(0, t, self.callback) > 0:
        self.timer = self.set_delay(1, self.delay_callback)
  def push(self, port, tp, cb):
      # Received some tuple on input port 0
      return 0
```

The above Terminal class is written entirely in Python 28 0 Td 2.2462 0 Td (can)Tj 20.9341 0

delay_callback method de ned by the Python Terminal instance. The delay

Table 1: P2DL Terms

comment	All characters on a single line following #
numeric	Both integer and oat syntax is supported.
string	

```
'dataflow' <DataflowType> {
     ( assignment; )*
     ( strand; )+
}
. # END OF PROGRAM
```

The declaration of a data o

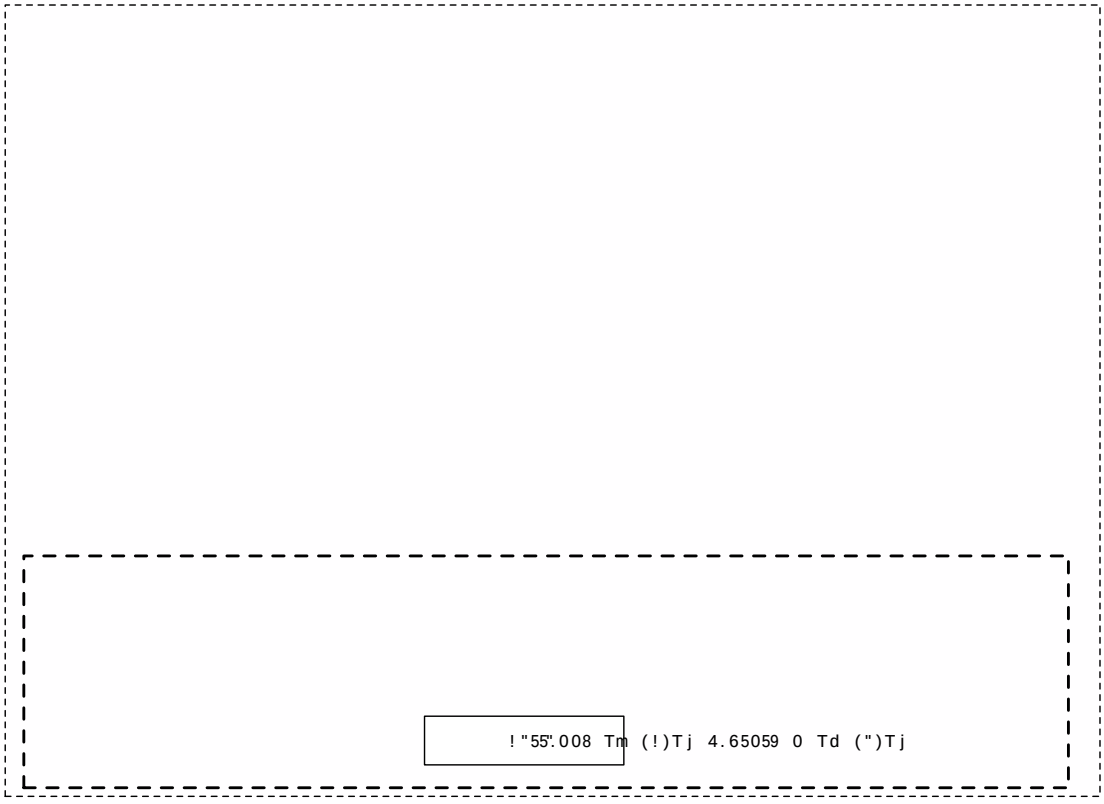
the array syntax for specifying the port of an element. For instance, in the 'Foobar' data flow example, '[0]' indicates port 0 on the output of 'TimedPushSource' and the input of 'Discard'. The array syntax is not part

elements but until then see elements such as a Demux or RoundRobin
for input and a Mux for the outpu

4.4 Edit

5 Incremental P2 Rule Installer

The primary contribution of this work is to provide an interface that allows for OverLog rules to be installed at runtime. The incremental planner relies on the P2 Python Library module and the P2 Data ow Language modules that were built in the course of this semester. Some modi cations were made to the native P2 runtime environment, most notably the support for data ow edits (as given by the Plumber::Data owEdit class) and a few new elements for transferring large les (Frag/Defrag), compiling OverLog (OverlogCompiler), compiling and installing a P2DL description (Data owInstaller), and establishing a dissemination tree over a set of P2


!"55".008 Tm (!)Tj 4.65059 0 Td (")Tj

to the Data owInstaller. The Data owInstaller accepts tuples containing P2DL edits, provided by the OverlogCompiler or from some outside source [5].

P2 stub process and the new P2 stub will exit.

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