Starcraft Environment Manual

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Chapter 1

Percepts

This section will list all the percepts that are usable in the Starcraft environment. The percepts vary per unit, for example: an attacking unit will not percept the amount of resources available to the player as he does not need them. For the implementation of these percepts in your GOAL code, please refer to the GOAL manual.

1.1 Percepts for all units

These percepts are available to all the units and buildings.

1.1.1 Generic unit percepts

Idle percept

Description If this percept is perceived, this unit is currently idling.

Type Send on change

Syntax idle

Parameters This percept has no parameters.

ID percept

Description The ID of this unit, ID's are unique.

Type Send once Syntax $id(\langle ID \rangle)$

Parameters <ID>: The id of this unit, this is a numeral value.

Unit type percept

Description The Type of this unit, for example "Terran Marine".

Type Send once

Syntax unitType(<Type>)

Parameters <Type>: The type of this unit, this is a string value.

Is being constructed percept

Description If this percept is perceived, this unit is not yet ready.

Type Send on change Syntax isBeingConstructed

Parameters This percept has no parameters.

Position percept

Description The position of this unit in the world.

 $\begin{array}{ll} {\rm Type} & {\rm Send~on~change} \\ {\rm Syntax} & {\rm position}(<\!X\!>,<\!Y\!>) \end{array}$

Parameters <X>: The X value of the position in the world.

<Y>: The Y value of the position in the world.

Build tile position percept

Description The position of the build tile this unit is currently standing

on.

Type Send on change

Syntax buildTilePosition($\langle X \rangle, \langle Y \rangle$)

Parameters <X>: The X value of the build tile position in the world.

<Y>: The Y value of the build tile position in the world.

1.1.2 Map percepts

Map percept

Description Percepts the width and the height of the map.

Type Send once

Syntax map(<Width>,<Height>)

Parameters <Width>: The width of the map.

<Height>: The height of the map.

Base percept

Description Percepts the base locations present on the map.

Type Send once

Syntax base($\langle X \rangle, \langle Y \rangle, \langle IsStart \rangle, \langle RegionID \rangle$)

Parameters $\langle X \rangle, \langle Y \rangle$: The coordinates of the baselocation.

<IsStart>: 'true' when the location is a starting point, else

'false'.

<RegionID>: The ID of the region this location is in.

Chokepoint percept

Description Percepts the chokepoints present on the map.

Type Send once

Syntax $chokepoint(\langle X \rangle, \langle Y \rangle)$

Parameters $\langle X \rangle, \langle Y \rangle$: The coordinates of the chokepoint.

1.1.3 Enemy percepts

Enemy percept

Description Percepts the enemies that are currently visible to the player.

Type Send on change

Syntax enemy(<Name>,<ID>,<Health>,<Shields>,<WX>,<WY>,<BX>,<BY>)

Parameters <Name>: The name of the unit.

<ID>: The ID of the unit.

<Health>: The health of the unit.

<Shields>: The amount of shield of the unit.
<WX>,<WY>: The world coordinates of the unit.
<BX>,<BY>: The build tile coordinates of the unit.

1.1.4 Player unit percepts

Friendly percept

Description Percepts all the friendly units.

Type Send on change

Syntax friendly(<Name>,<Type>,<ID>,<Health>,<Shields>,<WX>,<WY>,<BX>,<BY>

Parameters <Name>: The agent name of the unit.

<Type>: The type of the unit. <ID>: The ID of the unit.

<Health>: The health of the unit.

<Shields>: The amount of shield of the unit. <WX>,<WY>: The world coordinates of the unit.

<BX>,<BY>: The build tile coordinates of the unit.

1.2 Building percepts

These percepts are available to buildings.

1.2.1 Available Resources

Minerals percept

Description Percepts the amount of minerals currently available to the

player.

Type Send on change

Syntax minerals(<Quantity>)

Parameters < Quantity>: The amount of minerals available.

Gas percept

Description Percepts the amount of gas currently available to the player.

Type Send on change Syntax gas(<Quantity>)

Parameters < Quantity>: The amount of gas available.

Supply percept

Description Percepts the amount of supply used and the maximum

amount of supply. NOTE: supply is multiplied by 2, so 10 supply in game corresponds with 20 supply in the environ-

ment.

Type Send on change

Syntax supply(<Current>,<Max>)

Parameters < Current>: The amount of supply currently in use.

<Max>: The maximum amount of supply that is available

at this moment.

1.2.2 Queue size

Queue size percept

Description The queue size of the building, this indicates how many

units are currently being build by this building.

Type Send on change

Syntax queueSize(<Quantity>)

Parameters < Quantity>: The amount of units currently being trained.

1.2.3

Build unit percept

Description The id of the unit that is currently being built by this build-

ing.

Type Send on change Syntax buildUnit(<ID>)

Parameters <ID>: The ID of the unit.

1.2.4 Research

Research percept

Description The name of the tech that is being researched.

Type Send on change Syntax research(<Name>)

Parameters <Name>: The name of the tech that is being researched.

1.2.5 Rally point

Rally point percept

Description The position of the rally point.

Type Send on change

Syntax $rallyPoint(\langle X \rangle, \langle Y \rangle)$

Parameters < X >, < Y >: The coordinates of the rally point.

Rally unit percept

Description The unit the rally point points to.

Type Send on change Syntax rallyUnit(<Unit>)

Parameters <Unit>: The unit the rally point points to.

1.2.6 Terran building percepts

Lifted percept

Description This is percepted when this building is lifted.

Type Send on change

Syntax lifted

Parameters This percept does not have any parameters.

1.3 Refinery percepts

These percepts are available to refineries.

1.3.1 Worker activity

Worker activity percept

Description Information on what workers are currently doing.

Type Send on change

Syntax workerActivity(<ID>,<Activity>)

Parameters <ID>: The ID of the worker.

<Activity>: The activity that the worker is currently doing, one of the following: gatheringGas, gatheringMinerals,

constructing or idling.

1.4 Attack unit percepts

These percepts are available to units that can attack.

1.4.1 Attacking units

Attacking percept

Description Indicates which units are the targets of friendly units.

Type Send on change

 $\begin{array}{ll} {\rm Syntax} & {\rm attacking}(<\!{\rm ID}\!>,<\!{\rm TargetID}\!>) \\ {\rm Parameters} & <\!{\rm ID}\!>: {\rm The\ ID\ of\ a\ friendly\ unit.} \end{array}$

<TargetID>: The ID of the enemy unit that the friendly

unit is attacking.

1.5 Worker percepts

These percepts are available to SCV's.

1.5.1 Available Resources

Minerals percept

Description Percepts the amount of minerals currently available to the

player.

Type Send on change

Syntax minerals(<Quantity>)

Parameters <Quantity>: The amount of minerals available.

Gas percept

Description Percepts the amount of gas currently available to the player.

Type Send on change Syntax gas(<Quantity>)

Parameters < Quantity>: The amount of gas available.

Supply percept

Description Percepts the amount of supply used and the maximum

amount of supply. NOTE: supply is multiplied by 2, so 10 supply in game corresponds with 20 supply in the environ-

ment.

Type Send on change

Syntax supply(<Current>,<Max>)

Parameters < Current>: The amount of supply currently in use.

<Max>: The maximum amount of supply that is available

at this moment.

1.5.2 Builder unit

Constructing percept

Description Percepts whether of not this unit is constructing.

Type Send on change Syntax constructing

Parameters This percept does not have any parameters

1.5.3 Gatherer unit

Carrying percept

Description Percepts whether of not this unit is carrying resources.

Type Send on change

Syntax carrying

Parameters This percept does not have any parameters

Gathering percept

Description Percepts if the unit is gathering and what the unit is gath-

ering.

Type Send on change

Syntax gathering(<Resource>)

Parameters < Resource >: The resource that is being gathered, either

'vespene' or 'mineral'.

Gathering percept (Other unit)

Description Percepts if another unit is gathering and what the other

unit is gathering.

Type Send on change

Syntax gathering(<ID>,<Resource>)
Parameters <ID>: The ID of the unit.

< Resource >: The resource that is being gathered, either

'vespene' or 'mineral'.

Vespene geyser percept

Description Percepts a vespene geyser on the map.

Type Send on change

Syntax vespeneGeyser(<ID>,<Resources>,<ResourceGroup>,<X>,<Y>)

Parameters <ID>: The ID of the geyser.

<Resources>: The amount of resources left in the geyser.

<ResourceGroup>: The resource group.

<X>,<Y>: The coordinates of the geyser, a refinery can

be built at this position.

1.6 Transporter percepts

These percepts are available to units with transport capabilities.

1.6.1 Transporter

Space provided percept

Description Information about the maximum transport capacity and

the current load.

Type Send on change

Syntax spaceProvided(<Used>,<Max>)

Parameters <Used>: The amount of units this vehicle is currently car-

rying.

<Max>: The maximum carrying amount of this vehicle.

Unit loaded percept

Description Information about the units that are currently inside this

vehicle.

Type Send on change

Syntax unitLoaded(<ID>,<Type>)
Parameters <ID>: The ID of the unit.

<Type>: The type of the unit.

1.7 Command center percepts

These percepts are available to command centers.

1.7.1 Idle workers

Idle worker percept

Description Lists the workers that are idle.

Type Send on change

Syntax idleWorker(<Name>)

Parameters <Name>: The name of the unit.

1.7.2 Worker activity

Worker activity percept

Description Information on what workers are currently doing.

Type Send on change

Syntax workerActivity(<ID>,<Activity>)

Parameters <ID>: The ID of the worker.

<Activity>: The activity that the worker is currently doing, one of the following: gatheringGas, gatheringMinerals,

constructing or idling.

Chapter 2

Actions

This section will list all the actions that are usable in the Starcraft environment.

2.1 Attack action

Description Attack a unit or building. Syntax attack(<TargetID>)

Parameters <TargetID>: The ID of the target that has to be attacked.

Effects If the unit is attack capable, attack the target.

2.2 Attack move action

Description Go to a location and attack everything you encounter.

Syntax $attack(\langle X \rangle, \langle Y \rangle)$

Parameters $\langle X \rangle, \langle Y \rangle$: The coordinates to move to.

Effects Go to a location and attack every enemy encountered if a

unit can move and is attack capable.

2.3 Upgrade action

Description Upgrade an upgrade.

Syntax upgrade(<UpgradeName>)

Parameters <u >UpgradeName>: The name of the upgrade you want to

upgrade.

Effects Buy an upgrade.

NOTE At the moment this is only possible with the terran engi-

neering bay and terran academy.

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2.4 Build action

Description Build a building.

Syntax build(<Type>,<X>,<Y>)

Parameters <Type>: The Type of the building that has to be built.

 $\langle X \rangle, \langle Y \rangle$: The coordinates to build on.

Effects Build a building at the location specified if this unit is ca-

pable to do so.

2.5 Gather action

Description Instruct a unit to gather a resource.

Syntax $gather(\langle ID \rangle)$

Parameters <ID>: The ID of the resource to gather.

Effects The unit starts gathering the resource if this unit is capable

to do so.

2.6 Move action

Description Instruct a unit to move to a location.

Syntax $move(\langle X \rangle, \langle Y \rangle)$

Parameters $\langle X \rangle, \langle Y \rangle$: The coordinates to move to. Effects Go to a location if a unit can move.

2.7 Train action

Description Train a unit from a building.

Syntax train(<Type>)

Parameters <Type>: The type of unit to train.

Effects If a unit can be built from this building, train the unit if

there are enough resources.

2.8 Stop action

Description Stop a unit.

Syntax stop

Effects Stops this unit from doing what he is doing.

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2.9 Use action

Description Use a technology. Syntax use(<Type>)

Parameters <Type>: The type of technology to use.

Effects If this unit can use the tech and it is researched, use the

technology.

2.10 Use on target action

Description Use a technology on a target. Syntax use(<Type>, <Target>)

Parameters <Type>: The type of technology to use.

<Target>: The target to use the technology on.

Effects If this unit can use the tech and it is researched, use the

technology on the target.

2.11 Use on location action

Description Use a technology on a location. Syntax use(<Type>, <X>, <Y>)

Parameters <Type>: The type of technology to use.

 $\langle X \rangle, \langle Y \rangle$: The coordinates to use the technology on.

Effects If this unit can use the tech and it is researched, use the

technology on the location.

2.12 Research action

Description Research a technology. Syntax research(<Type>)

Parameters <Type>: The type of technology to research.

Effects If this building can research this tech, research the technol-

ogy.

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2.13 Set rally point action

Description Set the rally point of a building. Syntax $setRallyPoint(\langle X \rangle, \langle Y \rangle)$

Parameters $\langle X \rangle, \langle Y \rangle$: The coordinates to set the rally point to. Effects If this unit can set a rally point, set it to the specified loca-

tion.

2.14 Set rally point to unit action

Description Set the rally point of a building.

Syntax setRallyPoint(<Unit>)

Parameters <Unit>: The unit to set the rally point to.

Effects If this unit can set a rally point, set it to the specified unit.

2.15 Lift action

Description Lift a building.

Syntax lift

Effects The building starts flying. Note Only for Terran buildings

2.16 Land action

Description Land the unit. Syntax $land(\langle X \rangle, \langle Y \rangle)$

Parameters $\langle X \rangle, \langle Y \rangle$: The coordinates to land on.

Effects If the unit is lifted, land the unit on the location.

Note The location has to be visible

Chapter 3

TechTypes

Here is a list of technology types that can be researched and used.

Stim Packs

Lockdown

EMP Shockwave

Spider Mines

Scanner Sweep

Tank Siege Mode

Defensive Matrix

Irradiate

Yamato Gun

Cloaking Field

Personnel Cloaking

Burrowing

Infestation

Spawn Broodlings

Dark Swarm

Plague

Consume

Ensnare

Parasite

Psionic Storm

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Recall

Stasis Field

Archon Warp

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Restoration
Disruption Web
Mind Control
Dark Archon Meld
Feedback
Optical Flare
Maelstrom
Lurker Aspect
Healing

Chapter 4

UpgradeTypes

Here is a list of upgrade types that can be researched.

Terran Infantry Armor

Terran Vehicle Plating

Terran Ship Plating

Zerg Carapace

Zerg Flyer Carapace

Protoss Ground Armor

Protoss Air Armor

Terran Infantry Weapons

Terran Vehicle Weapons

Terran Ship Weapons

Zerg Melee Attacks

Zerg Missile Attacks

Zerg Flyer Attacks

Protoss Ground Weapons

Protoss Air Weapons

Protoss Plasma Shields

U 238 Shells

Ion Thrusters

Titan Reactor

Ocular Implants

Moebius Reactor

Apollo Reactor

Colossus Reactor

Ventral Sacs

Antennae

Pneumatized Carapace

Metabolic Boost

Adrenal Glands

Muscular Augments

Grooved Spines

Gamete Meiosis

Metasynaptic Node

Singularity Charge

Leg Enhancements

Scarab Damage

Reaver Capacity

 ${\bf Gravitic\ Drive}$

Sensor Array

Gravitic Boosters

Khaydarin Amulet

Apial Sensors

Gravitic Thrusters

Carrier Capacity

Khaydarin Core

Argus Jewel

Argus Talisman

Caduceus Reactor

Chitinous Plating

Anabolic Synthesis

Charon Boosters