# Announcement Finder User Guide

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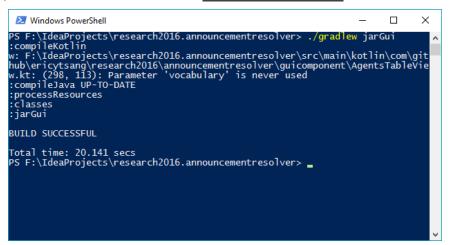
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#### 2 Procedures

This section contains a few tutorials for obtaining, running and familiarizing yourself with the announcement finder program.

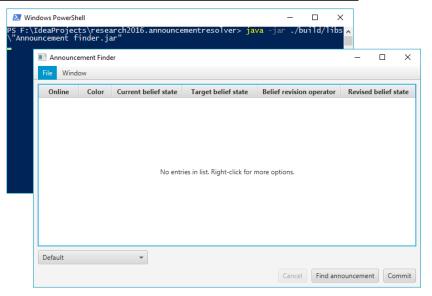
# 2.1 Obtain, Compile & Run the Project

- 1. Download a .zip of the project from the link below and extract it:
  - https://github.com/ericytsang/research2016.announcementresolver/archive/master.zip
- 2. Open a terminal in the root directory of the project.
- 3. Make sure that both the java and javac commands are version 1.8.0\_91 or greater. The latest versions of the JDK can be found at the following link:
  - <a href="http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/index.html">http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/index.html</a>
- 4. To compile an executable JAR file, enter ./gradlew jarGui into the terminal:



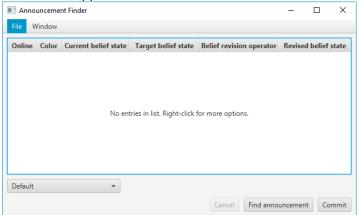
5. To execute the compiled JAR file, enter

java -jar ./build/libs/"Announcement finder.jar" into the terminal:

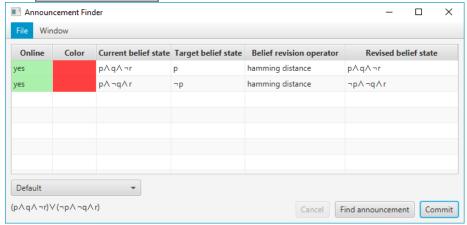


# 2.2 Example 1: Finding an Announcement

1. Execute the application. The <u>Announcement Finder Window (6.1)</u> should appear:



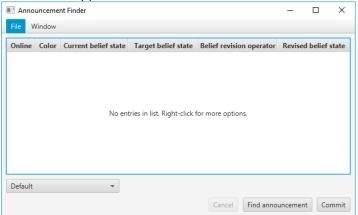
- 2. Right click the <u>Agents Table (6.1.3)</u> then press *Add*. An <u>Agents Table Input Dialog (6.1.3.1)</u> should appear:
- 3. In the Agents Table Input Dialog (6.1.3.1):
  - a. Enter p and q and -r into the Current Belief State field.
  - b. Enter p into the *Target Belief State* field.
  - c. Leave everything else as their default values.
  - d. Click OK.
- 4. Right click the <u>Agents Table (6.1.3)</u> then press Add again. An <u>Agents Table Input Dialog</u> (6.1.3.1) should appear:
- 5. In the Agents Table Input Dialog (6.1.3.1):
  - a. Enter p and -q and r into the Current Belief State field.
  - b. Enter -p into the Target Belief State field.
  - c. Leave everything else as their default values.
  - d. Click OK.
- 6. Click Find announcement in the Announcement Finder Window (6.1).



- a. An announcement should appear in the bottom left corner of the <u>Announcement</u> Finder Window (6.1)
- b. A preview of the revised belief states of each agent will appear in the *Revised belief* state column.
- 7. Click Commit to have each agent adopt its revised belief state as its current belief state.

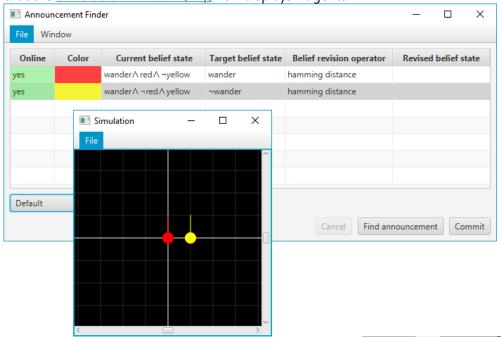
# 2.3 Example 2: Changing Agent Behaviors with Announcements

1. Execute the application. The <u>Announcement Finder Window (6.1)</u> should appear:



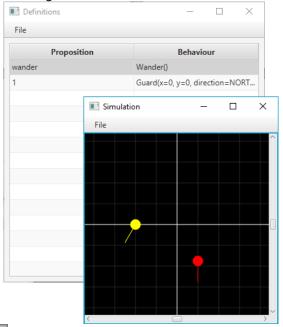
- 2. In the menu bar, click Window > Simulation to open the Simulation Window (6.4).
- 3. Go back to the <u>Announcement Finder Window (6.1)</u> and right click the <u>Agents Table (6.1.3)</u> then press *Add*. An <u>Agents Table Input Dialog (6.1.3.1)</u> should appear:
- 4. In the Agents Table Input Dialog (6.1.3.1):
  - a. Enter wander and red and -yellow into the Current Belief Stαte field.
  - b. Enter wander into the Target Belief State field.
  - c. Leave everything else as their default values.
  - d. Click OK.
- 5. Right click the <u>Agents Table (6.1.3)</u> then press *Add* again. An <u>Agents Table Input Dialog</u> (6.1.3.1) should appear:
- 6. In the Agents Table Input Dialog (6.1.3.1):
  - a. Enter wander and -red and yellow into the Current Belief Stαte field.
  - b. Enter -wander into the Target Belief State field.
  - c. Set the Agent color to yellow.
  - d. Set *X Position* to **1**.
  - e. Leave everything else as their default values.
  - f. Click OK.

7. Notice that the Simulation Window (6.4) now displays 2 agents:

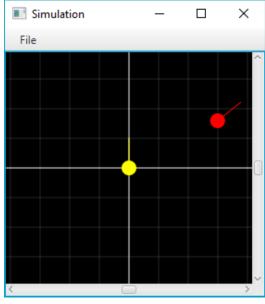


- 8. In the menu bar of the <u>Announcement Finder Window (6.1)</u>, click <u>Window > Definitions</u> to open the <u>Definitions Window (6.2)</u>.
- 9. Right click the <u>Definitions Table (6.2.2)</u> then click *Add*. A <u>Definitions Table Input Dialog (6.2.2.1)</u> should appear.
- 10. In the Definitions Table Input Dialog (6.2.2.1):
  - a. Enter wander in the Proposition field.
  - b. Set the Behavior drop-down menu to Wander.
  - c. Click OK.
- 11. Right click the first item in the <u>Definitions Table (6.2.2)</u> again then click *Add*. A <u>Definitions Table Input Dialog (6.2.2.1)</u> should appear.
- 12. In the <u>Definitions Table Input Dialog (6.2.2.1)</u>:
  - a. Enter 1 in the Proposition field.
  - b. Set the Behavior drop-down menu to Guard.
  - c. Set *X position* to 0.
  - d. Set Y position to 0.
  - e. Set Direction to NORTH.
  - f. Click OK.

13. Now, agents whose belief state satisfies the proposition wander will wander around in the simulation. The rest of the agents will stand guard in the center of the simulation. At this point, both agents should be wandering around.



- 14. Click Find announcement in the Announcement Finder Window (6.1).
  - a. An announcement should appear in the bottom left corner of the <u>Announcement Finder Window (6.1)</u>
  - b. A preview of the revised belief states of each agent will appear in the *Revised belief* state column.
- 15. Click Commit to have each agent adopt its revised belief state as its current belief state. Now the yellow agent should return to the center of the simulation.



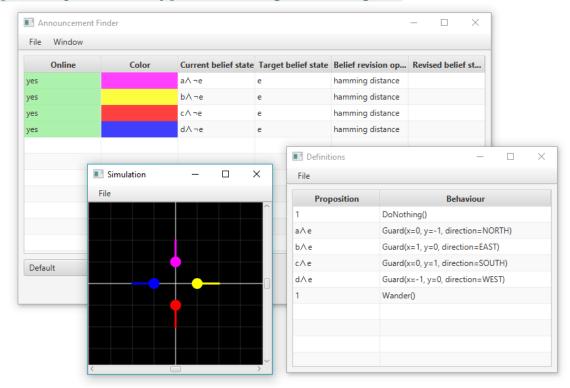
#### 3 Demonstrations

This section contains examples for demonstration purposes. All save files mentioned in the examples are located in [rootProjectDirectory]/demo.

# 3.1 Hamming Distance

This is a simple example that uses hamming distance as the belief revision operator for all agents. This example is best viewed with the <u>Display Mode Drop-Down Menu (6.1.4)</u> set to *Disjunctive Normal Form*.

- 1. Open the <u>Definitions Window (6.2)</u> and <u>Simulation Window (6.4)</u> via the <u>Window Menu (6.1.2)</u> in the <u>Announcement Finder Window (6.1)</u>.
- In the <u>Definitions Window (6.2)</u>, select <u>File</u> > <u>Load</u>. Then select the [rootProjectDirectory]/demo/hammingDistance.definitions save file to load.
- 3. In the <u>Announcement Finder Window (6.1)</u>, select File > Load. Then select the [rootProjectDirectory]/demo/hammingDistance.agents save file to load.

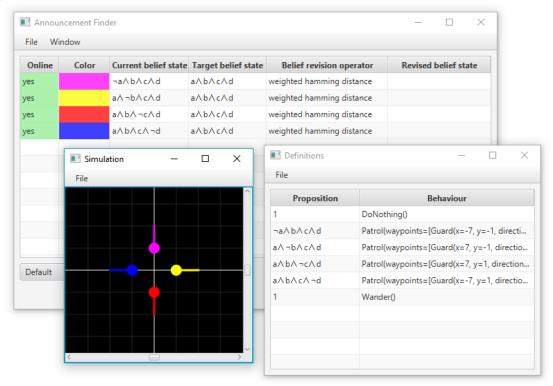


- 4. Select and delete the first item in the <u>Definitions Table (6.2.2)</u>. The agents in the simulator will begin wandering around.
- 5. In the <u>Announcement Finder Window (6.1)</u>, click Find announcement then <u>Commit</u>. The agents will return to the center of the map.
- 6. You can modify the target belief states of every agent to -e, then repeat step 5 to have the agents begin wandering about again.

# 3.2 Weighted Hamming Distance

This is a simple example that uses hamming distance as the belief revision operator for all agents.

- 1. Open the <u>Definitions Window (6.2)</u> and <u>Simulation Window (6.4)</u> via the <u>Window Menu (6.1.2)</u> in the <u>Announcement Finder Window (6.1)</u>.
- 2. In the <u>Definitions Window (6.2)</u>, select <u>File</u> > <u>Load</u>. Then select the [rootProjectDirectory]/demo/weightedHammingDistance.definitions save file to load.
- 3. In the <u>Announcement Finder Window (6.1)</u>, select File > Load. Then select the [rootProjectDirectory]/demo/weightedHammingDistance.agents save file to load.

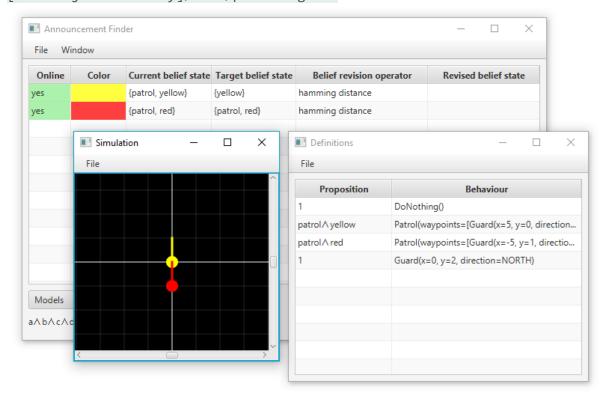


- 4. Select and delete the first item in the <u>Definitions Table (6.2.2)</u>. The agents in the simulator will begin patrolling.
- 5. In the <u>Announcement Finder Window (6.1)</u>, click <u>Find announcement</u> then <u>Commit</u>. The agents start wandering.
- 6. At this point, you can replace the target belief states of the agents with their original belief states prior to the announcement (-a and b and c and d, a and -b and c and d, a and b and -c and d, a and b and c and -d respectively) and repeat step 5 to have the agents start patrolling again.

## 3.3 Patrol

This is a simple example that uses hamming distance as the belief revision operator for all agents. This example is best viewed with the Display Mode Drop-Down Menu (6.1.4) set to *Models*.

- 1. Open the <u>Definitions Window (6.2)</u> and <u>Simulation Window (6.4)</u> via the <u>Window Menu (6.1.2)</u> in the <u>Announcement Finder Window (6.1)</u>.
- In the <u>Definitions Window (6.2)</u>, select <u>File</u> > <u>Load</u>. Then select the [rootProjectDirectory]/demo/patrol.definitions save file to load.
- 3. In the <u>Announcement Finder Window (6.1)</u>, select File > Load. Then select the [rootProjectDirectory]/demo/patrol.agents save file to load.

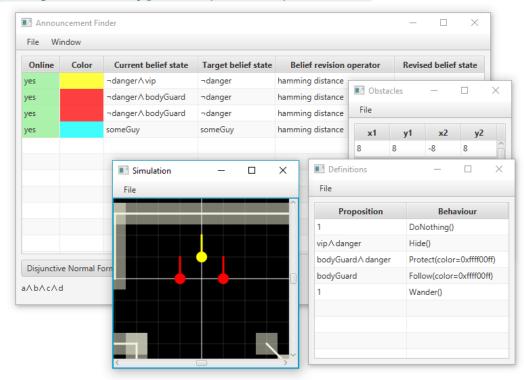


- 4. Select and delete the first item in the <u>Definitions Table (6.2.2)</u>. The agents in the simulator will begin patrolling.
- 5. In the <u>Announcement Finder Window (6.1)</u>, click Find announcement then <u>Commit</u>. The yellow agent will stop patrolling and stand guard at [0,2].
- 6. You can change the target belief state of both agents and set both to patrol to true or both to false or any combination of truth values. The announcement finder will be able to find an announcement in any of these cases.

#### 3.4 Protect the VIP

This is a simple example that uses hamming distance as the belief revision operator for all agents. This example is best viewed with the <u>Display Mode Drop-Down Menu (6.1.4)</u> set to *Disjunctive Normal Form*.

- 1. Open the <u>Definitions Window (6.2)</u>, <u>Obstacles Window (6.3)</u> and <u>Simulation Window (6.4)</u> via the <u>Window Menu (6.1.2)</u> in the <u>Announcement Finder Window (6.1)</u>.
- 2. In the <u>Definitions Window (6.2)</u>, select File > Load. Then select the [rootProjectDirectory]/demo/protectVip.definitions save file to load.
- 3. In the <u>Announcement Finder Window (6.1)</u>, select File > Load. Then select the [rootProjectDirectory]/demo/ protectVip.agents save file to load.
- 4. In the <u>Obstacles Window (6.3)</u>, select File > Load. Then select the [rootProjectDirectory]/demo/ protectVip.obstacles save file to load.



- 5. Select and delete the first item in the <u>Definitions Table (6.2.2)</u>. The yellow and cyan agents will begin wandering the map. The red agents will begin following the yellow agent around.
- 6. In the <u>Announcement Finder Window (6.1)</u>, click <u>Find announcement</u> then <u>Commit</u>. The yellow agent will flee to a corner, and the red agents will stick close by it.
- 7. You can change the target belief states of the yellow and red agents to be either danger or danger. The announcement finder will be able to find an announcement for these cases.

# 4 Objects

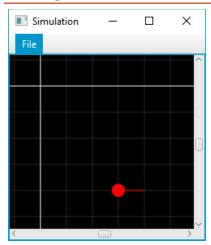
#### 4.1 Obstacle

An <u>Obstacle (4.1)</u> consists of two points that are connected by a line. <u>Agents (4.3)</u> cannot pass through <u>Obstacles (4.1)</u> (i.e. the lines). They must go around them instead.

## 4.2 Definition

A <u>Definition (4.2)</u> is an association of a propositional logic sentence with an agent behavior.

# 4.3 Agent

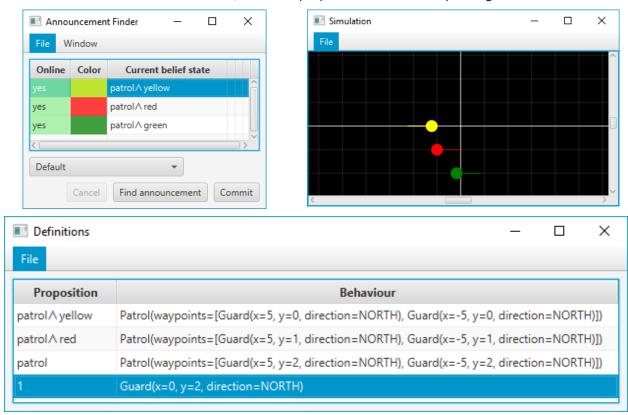


An <u>Agent (4.3)</u> has a position, direction, color, belief state and belief revision operator. The image to the left shows the <u>Simulation Window (6.4)</u> with a red agent at position 3, 4 facing east.

The <u>Agent (4.3)</u> will exhibit the behavior of the first <u>Definition (4.2)</u> in the <u>Definitions Table (6.2.2)</u> that its belief state satisfies. See <u>Agent Behavior Selection (4.3.1)</u> for more details.

# 4.3.1 Agent Behavior Selection

When an agent's belief state changes, it looks through the <u>Definitions (4.2)</u> of the <u>Definitions Table</u> (6.2.2) to determine what behavior to perform. The <u>Definition (4.2)</u> the <u>Agent (4.3)</u> chooses to perform is the behavior of the first <u>Definition (4.2)</u> whose proposition is satisfied by the agent's belief state.



The screenshots above show three agents with different belief states in a single simulation performing different behaviors:

- The yellow <u>Agent (4.3)</u> is patrolling at y=0 because its belief state satisfies the first <u>Definition (4.2)</u> in the <u>Definitions Table (6.2.2)</u> which maps patrol ^ yellow with patrolling along y=0.
- The red <u>Agent (4.3)</u> is patrolling at y=1 because its belief state failed to satisfy the first <u>Definition (4.2)</u> in the <u>Definitions Table (6.2.2)</u>, but it satisfies the second <u>Definition (4.2)</u> which maps patrol ^ red with patrolling along y=1.
- The green Agent (4.3) is patrolling at y=2 because its belief state fails to satisfy the first two Definitions (4.2) in the Definitions Table (6.2.2); however, it satisfies the third Definition (4.2) which maps patrol to patrolling along y=2.

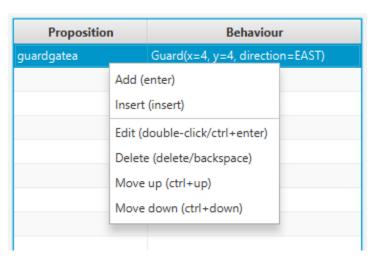
#### 5 Editable Table View



The <u>Editable Table View (5)</u> is used in many places throughout the application, so it is important to understand it.

Each column of the table describes an attribute of some object and each row of the table describes a single instance of the object.

Right clicking anywhere on the table while no list items are selected will produce the context menu shown on the left.



Right clicking on the table while a list item selected will show context menu with item-specific options enabled as shown to the left.

Hotkeys for each context menu item are shown in parentheses to the right of each item.

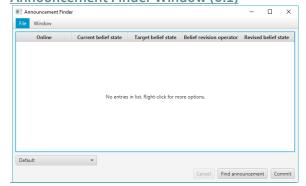
The items in the context menu each have different functions:

- Add Opens an input dialog for you to enter details about the new row
  - o If you fill out the dialog and press *OK*, a new row will be added to the table after the currently selected row.
  - o If you press *Cancel*, the list shall remain unchanged.
- Insert Like Add except this will create the new row before the selected row.
- Edit Opens an input dialog for you to modify the row data. The input dialog is prefilled with the row's current data.
  - o If you fill out the input dialog and press *OK*, your changes will be applied to the selected row.
  - o If you press *Cancel*, the list will remain unchanged.
- Delete removes the selected row from the table.
- Move up moves the selected row above the row above it.
- Move down moves the selected row below the row below it.

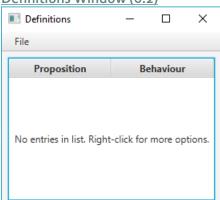
#### 6 Windows

This section describes the all windows and dialog boxes that exist in the application. There are 4 main windows:

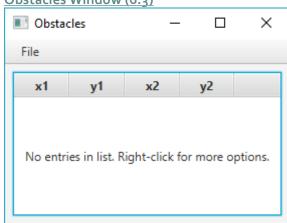
• Announcement Finder Window (6.1)



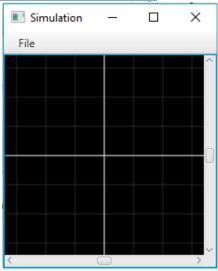
• Definitions Window (6.2)



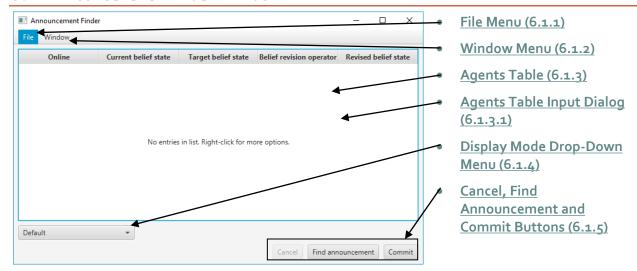
• Obstacles Window (6.3)



• Simulation Window (6.4)



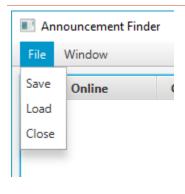
#### 6.1 Announcement Finder Window



The <u>Announcement Finder Window (6.1)</u> is shown above. It is the first window that appears when starting the application. The main activities for this window include:

- Viewing and modifying the list of agents
- Finding an announcement for the list of agents
- Opening and closing peripheral windows

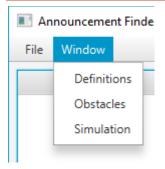
#### 6.1.1 File Menu



# The File Menu (6.1.1) lets you:

- Save the current list of Agents (4.3) to a text file.
- Load a list of Agents (4.3) from a save file into the program. This will overwrite all existing agents.
- Close the window. This will also close all peripheral windows and terminate the application.

#### 6.1.2 Window Menu



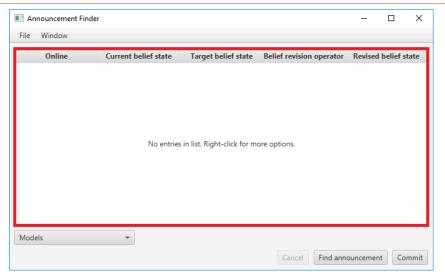
The Window Menu (6.1.2) can open and close peripheral windows:

- Definitions Window (6.2)
- Obstacles Window (6.3)
- Simulation Window (6.4)

When a peripheral window is open, a check mark will appear beside the corresponding menu item in the <u>Window Menu (6.1.2)</u>.

Multiple peripheral windows may be open at once.

#### 6.1.3 Agents Table

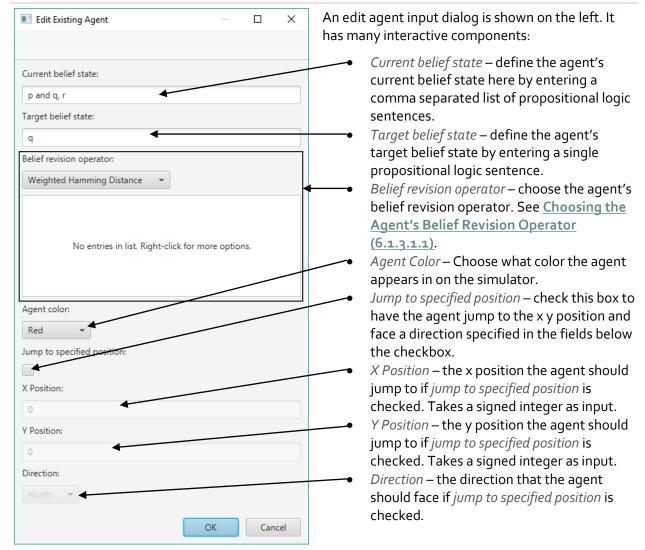


The <u>Agents Table (6.1.3)</u> is an <u>Editable Table View (5)</u> which allows you to view and modify the list of <u>Agents (4.3)</u>. The input dialog used by this table is the <u>Agents Table Input Dialog (6.1.3.1)</u>.

The columns in the agents table are:

- Online whether or not the agent instance is connected to the application. Virtual agents are
  always connected, but connections could be lost with physical robot agents (e.g. bad Bluetooth
  connection).
- Current belief state current belief state of the agent. This combined with the <u>Definitions Table</u>
   (6.2.2) determines what behavior the agent shall exhibit. See <u>Agent Behavior Selection</u>
   (4.3.1).
- Target belief state the belief state you want the agent's belief state to satisfy after it is revised by the announcement.
- Belief revision operator belief revision operator the agent uses when doing belief revision.
- Revised belief state the belief state the agent would adopt if it were to revise by the announcement.

# 6.1.3.1 Agents Table Input Dialog

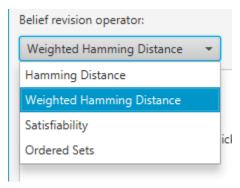


All propositional logic sentences must be entered using the <u>Propositional Logic Sentence Input</u> Syntax (7).

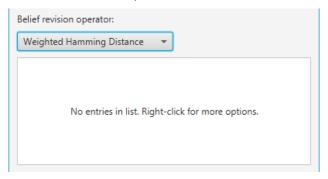
#### 6.1.3.1.1 Choosing the Agent's Belief Revision Operator

You can choose a belief revision operator for an <u>Agent (4.3)</u> when you are adding a new agent or editing an existing one through the <u>Agents Table Input Dialog (6.1.3.1)</u>.

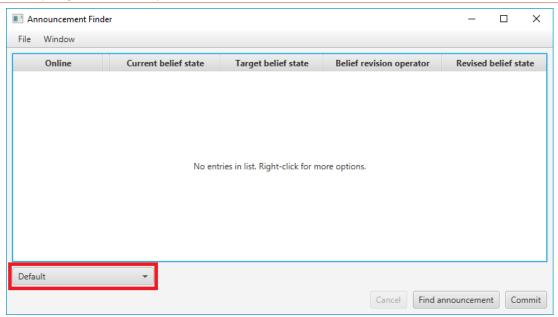
The interactive component used to specify the belief revision operator is a drop down menu as shown below. Using the drop down menu you can select which belief revision operator you would like to use for the Agent (4.3).



Some belief revision operators require additional input to work properly so when they are selected, some more input controls will appear below the drop down menu as shown below. Follow the on-screen instructions to configure these belief revision operators.



# 6.1.4 Display Mode Drop-Down Menu



The <u>Display Mode Drop-Down Menu (6.1.4)</u> is located near the bottom left of the <u>Announcement Finder Window (6.1)</u> as shown above.

Changing the value in this control changes the way belief states for all agents are displayed:

• *Default* – belief states are displayed the way they were inputted into the application:



• *Models* – belief states are displayed as a set of states where each state in the set is displayed on its own line:



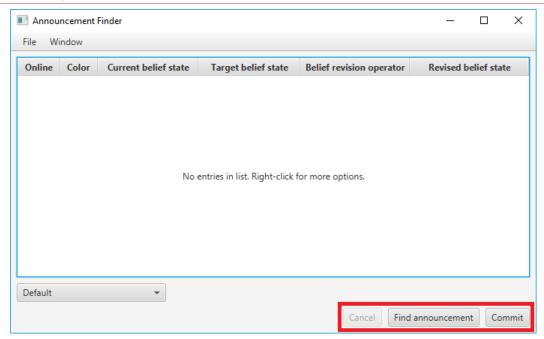
• *Disjunctive Normal Form* – The application attempts to express each belief state as a disjunction of conjunctions in their most simple form:



• Full Disjunctive Normal Form – The application appends to express each belief state as a disjunction of conjunctions where each conjunction involves every known variable:

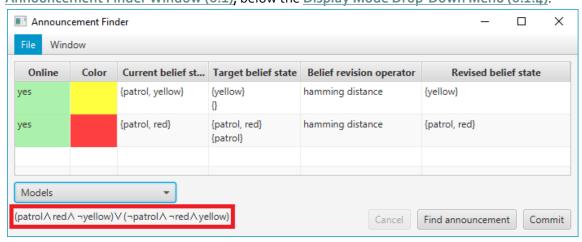
Online	Color	Current belief state	Target belief state	Belief revision operator	Revised belief state
yes		(p∧q)∨(p∧¬q)∨(¬p∧q)	p∧q	hamming distance	p∧q

# 6.1.5 Cancel, Find Announcement and Commit Buttons



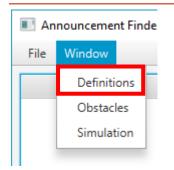
The Cancel, Find announcement and Commit buttons are located near the bottom right of the Announcement Finder Window (6.1):

 Find Announcement – begins computation of an announcement that when all agents revise their belief state by, their resulting belief state would satisfy their target belief state. Once an announcement has been computed, it will be displayed on the bottom left of the Announcement Finder Window (6.1), below the Display Mode Drop-Down Menu (6.1.4):

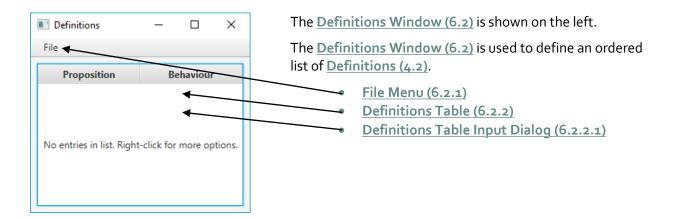


- Cancel stops the computing of an announcement. The button will be enabled while the application is computing an announcement. It is disabled otherwise.
- Commit when an announcement is found, a preview of the revised belief states of each agent is displayed in the *Revised belief state* column. Pressing *Commit* will make the agents adopt the revised belief state as their current belief state.

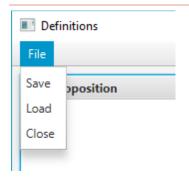
#### 6.2 Definitions Window



The <u>Definitions Window (6.2)</u> can be opened from the <u>Announcement Finder Window (6.1)</u> via <u>Window</u> > <u>Definitions</u> as shown on the left.



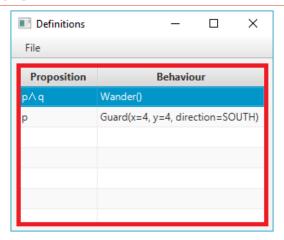
## 6.2.1 File Menu



## The File Menu (6.2.1) lets you:

- Save the current list of **Definitions (4.2)** to a text file.
- Load a list of <u>Definitions (4.2)</u> from a save file into the program. This will overwrite all existing definitions.
- *Close* the window.

#### 6.2.2 Definitions Table

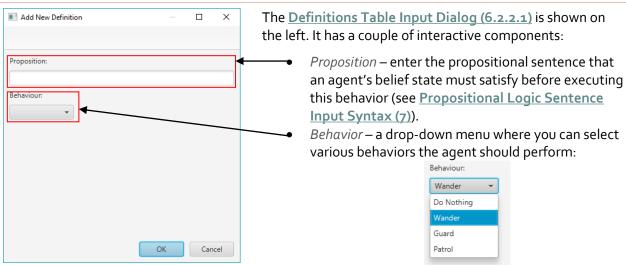


The <u>Definitions Table (6.2.2)</u> is an <u>Editable Table View (5)</u> which allows you to view and modify the ordered list of <u>Definition (4.2)</u>. The input dialog used by the <u>Definitions Table (6.2.2)</u> is the <u>Definitions Table Input Dialog (6.2.2.1)</u>.

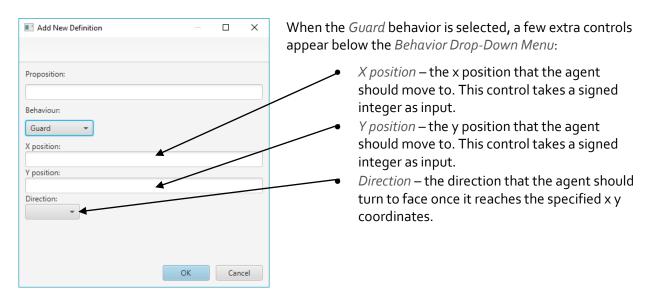
The columns of this table include:

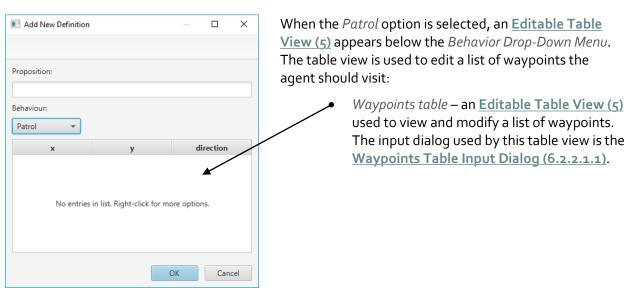
- *Proposition* the propositional logic sentence that an agent's belief state must satisfy before performing the definition's associated *behavior*.
- Behavior the agent behavior that an agent shall exhibit if its belief state satisfies the definition's proposition.

# 6.2.2.1 Definitions Table Input Dialog

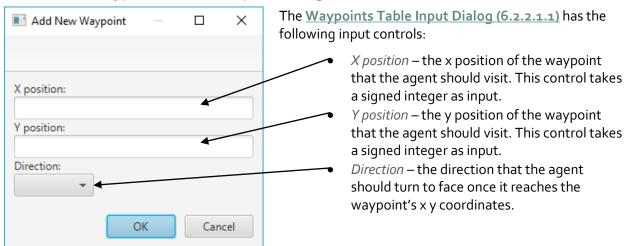


Some behavior options require additional inputs in order to work properly, so when they are selected, extra interactive components will appear below the *Behavior Drop-Down Menu*. Currently, only the *Guard* and *Patrol* behavior options require additional inputs.



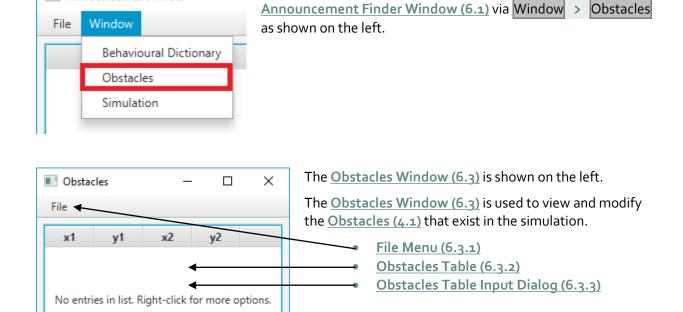


# 6.2.2.1.1 Waypoints Table Input Dialog



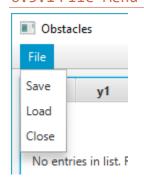
#### 6.3 Obstacles Window

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The Obstacles Window (6.3) can be opened from the

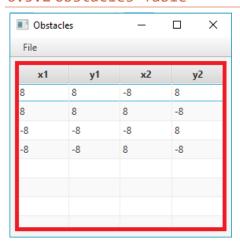
#### 6.3.1 File Menu



The File Menu (6.3.1) lets you:

- Save the current list of Obstacles (4.1) to a text file.
- Load a list of Obstacles (4.1) from a save file into the program. This will overwrite all existing obstacles.
- Close the window.

#### 6.3.2 Obstacles Table

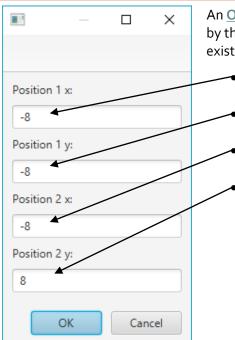


The Obstacles Table (6.3.2) is an Editable Table View (5) which allows you to view and modify the list of Obstacles (4.1). The input dialog used by the Obstacles Table (6.3.2) is the Obstacles Table Input Dialog (6.3.3).

The columns of this table include:

- x1 x position of first point in the Obstacle (4.1).
- y1 y position of first point in the Obstacle (4.1).
- $x_2 x$  position of second point in the Obstacle (4.1).
- y2 y position of second point in the Obstacle (4.1).

## 6.3.3 Obstacles Table Input Dialog



An <u>Obstacle Table Input Dialog (3.3.3)</u> is shown to the left. It is used by the <u>Obstacles Table (6.3.2)</u> when creating a new or editing an existing <u>Obstacle (4.1)</u> object. It has a few input fields:

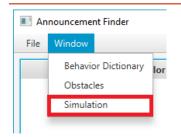
Position 1 x – Specifies the x position of the first point of the Obstacle (4.1). It takes a signed integer as input.

Position 1 y – Specifies the y position of the first point of the Obstacle (4.1). It takes a signed integer as input.

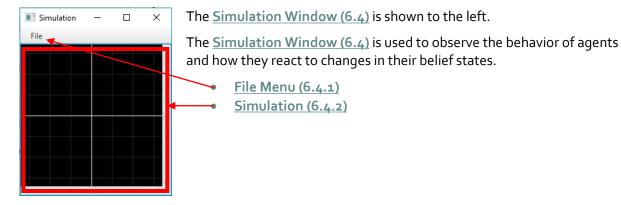
Position 2  $\times$  – Specifies the  $\times$  position of the second point of the Obstacle (4.1). It takes a signed integer as input.

Position 2 y – Specifies the y position of the second point of the Obstacle (4.1). It takes a signed integer as input.

# 6.4 Simulation Window



The <u>Simulation Window (6.4)</u> can be opened from the <u>Announcement Finder Window (6.1)</u> via <u>Window</u> > <u>Simulation</u> as shown on the left.



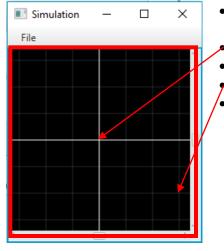
#### 6.4.1 File Menu



The File Menu (6.4.1) lets you:

• Close the window.

## 6.4.2 Simulation



- The <u>Simulation Window (6.4)</u> is used to observe the behavior of agents and how they react to changes in their belief states.
- This is the origin; coordinate x=0 and y=0.
- The length of every interval is exactly 1 unit.
  - This is coordinate x=3 and y=2.
  - You can move the viewport by clicking and dragging in the simulation area.

# 7 Propositional Logic Sentence Input Syntax

There are two kinds of symbols in the **Propositional Logic Sentence Input Syntax (7)**:

- Operands
- Operators

# 7.1 Operands

Name	Description	Input Symbol	
Variable	An atomic proposition that may evaluate to true or false depending on the given state.	<ul> <li>Any combination of letters and numbers</li> <li>Case insensitive</li> <li>Must start with a letter</li> <li>Examples: p, patrol, abc123, guardGateA,</li> </ul>	
Tautology	An atomic variable that evaluates to true in every state.	• 1	
Contradiction	An atomic proposition that evaluates to false in every state.	• 0	

# 7.2 Operators

Name	Description	Input Symbol	Example
Implication (→)	$p\rightarrow q$ is true in all cases except for the case that p is true and q is false.	• then	• p then q
Equivalence (↔)	p⇔q is true only when both p and q are true or both p and q are false.	• iff	• p iff q
Negation (¬)	¬p is true only when p is false.	• -	• -q
Conjunction (A)	p∧q is true only when both p and q are true.	• and	• p and q
Disjunction (V)	pvq is true only when p is true or q is true or both p and q are true.	• or	• p or q
Exclusive Disjunction (⊕)	$p \bigoplus q$ is true only when either p or q is true, but not both.	• xor	• p xor q

# 7.3 Examples

- variable
- negated
- p iff -q xor r
- -abc123 or p90x
- -(p and q) then r
- guardGateA xor patrol