Human-Machine Interaction with professor Lecolinet: Lab Statecharts

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1 Overview

This document outlines the design choices made while implementing the state machine for a microwave oven's control panel in Qt. All questions from the assignment have been implemented

2 Design Choices

2.1 State Machine

The system follows a modular approach:

- Idle State: Displays the current time, updated every second.
- Clock Setting: Uses the dial to set hours and minutes, ensuring the updated time is reflected correctly.
- **Setup States:** Power, Mode, and Defrost each lead to a duration-setting step before cooking starts.
- Cooking: Defaults to 60 seconds if started from Idle. Clicking Start during cooking adds 60 seconds.

2.2 Dial Behavior

A single QDial is repurposed for different settings based on context, improving efficiency. The UI updates dynamically as the dial value changes.

2.3 Clock Updates

An idle clock timer ensures continuous time updates. When modified via the Clock button, changes persist correctly.

3 Conclusion

The implementation ensures an intuitive, well-structured control panel with a functional state machine and a responsive UI.