Spike: Task 4

Title: Goal Oriented Behaviour

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Goals / deliverables:

 Working code to demonstrate goal-oriented behaviour (GOB) using simple goal insistence (SGI).

Demonstrations of where SGI does and does not work well.

Technologies, Tools, and Resources used:

Visual Studio 2017

Learning materials on Canvas

Tasks undertaken:

- (If Visual Studio is not already installed) download and install Visual Studio with python3 compatible packages.
- Create a python3 project in Visual Studio and copy the sample code into it.
- Read the sample code to get a gist of what's going on, noting comments denoting missing functionality (don't implement said functionality yet).
- Compile and run project to see what happens when running the unaltered sample code.
- If the code breaks, fix the errors, re-compile and re-run it.
- Look for comments denoting missing functionality. Pick one, and fill in the blanks.
- Re-compile the project and run it again. If it breaks or does not work as intended, edit and re-run the code until it works as intended.
- Find other missing functionality and repeat.

What we found out:

If the intention of the code provided to students was that we should modify it to address all the additional functionality listed in comments and have the program reach a "Done" state:

- When only one value needed to be evaluated (the effect on the goal being worked towards), the program worked perfectly fine and reached a "Done" state within a few loops.
- When evaluating the intended effect and side effects of an action, it was
 dependent on the magnitude of all the effects of the actions as to
 whether the program got stuck in a loop where reducing one goal to 0
 required the other goal to be addressed, and so on.