CLOCKWORK LANGUAGE

A look at the code

LANGUAGE FEATURES

Rule based Automatic state selection No Loop statements Highly reusable code

DEFINING STATES

```
Light MACHINE {
    on STATE;
    off INITIAL;
}
```

Simple machine

No automation

Controlled externally

USING TRANSITIONS

```
ToggleSwitch MACHINE {
    on STATE;
    off INITIAL;

TRANSITION on TO off USING next;
    TRANSITION off TO on USING next;
}
```

Basic automation via transitions

Flips state when 'next' message is received

SITUATION NORMAL

MACHINEs can have STATES
TRANSITIONS can cause STATEs to change
Nothing special so far...

USING RULES

```
Blinker MACHINE {
    on WHEN SELF IS off;
    off DEFAULT;
}
```

Automatic state selection

Evaluates rules in sequence

Stops at the first rule that is true

CONTROLLING THINGS

```
LightSwitch MACHINE switch, light {
    on WHEN switch IS on;
    off DEFAULT;

ENTER on { SET light TO on; }
    ENTER off { SET light TO off; }
}
```

Controls 'light' based on the state of 'switch'

NO LOOPS OR IFS?

```
Counter MACHINE {
    OPTION count 0;
    up WHEN count < 10;
    idle DEFAULT;

ENTER up { count := count + 1; }
}
```

NO IF STATEMENTS?

```
Counter MACHINE {
    OPTION count 0;
    up WHEN count < 10;
    idle DEFAULT;

ENTER up {
        count := count + 1;
        If count < 10 { SET SELF TO idle; }
}
```

An ugly fix to the error in the rules

COUNTING UP

```
Counter MACHINE {
    OPTION count 0;
    up WHEN SELF IS idle AND count < 10;
    idle DEFAULT;

ENTER up { count := count + 1; }
}
```

REUSING COMPONENTS

```
LightSwitch MACHINE switch, light {
    on WHEN switch IS on;
    off DEFAULT;

ENTER on { SET light TO on; }
    ENTER off { SET light TO off; }
}
```

CONTROLLING MULTIPLE THINGS AT ONCE

LINUX.CONF.AU 21-25 January 2019 | Christchurch | NZ The Linux of Things #LCA2019@linuxconfa