An assistive handwashing system with emotional intelligence

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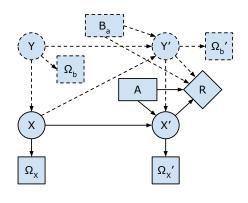
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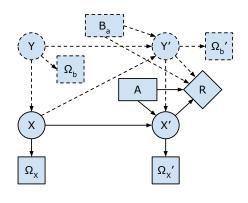
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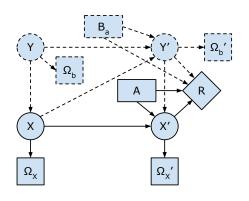
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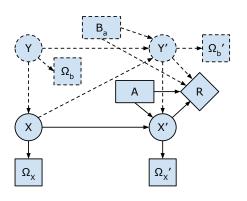
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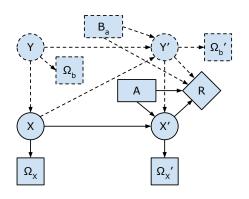
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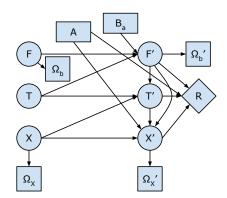
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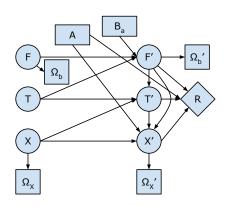
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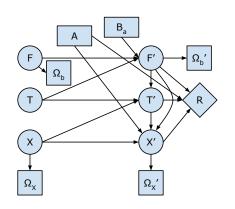


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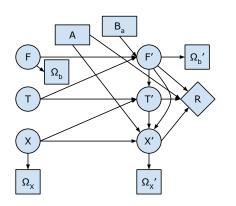
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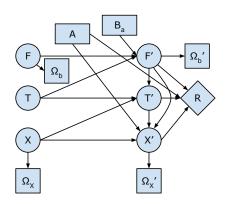
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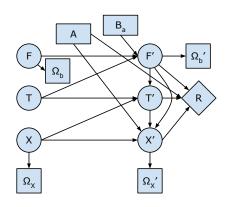
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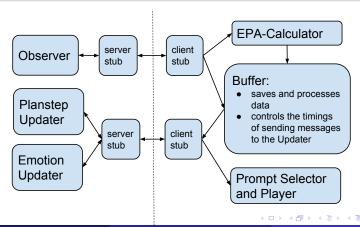
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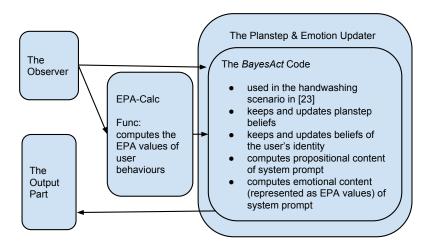
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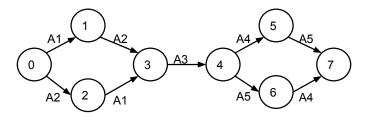
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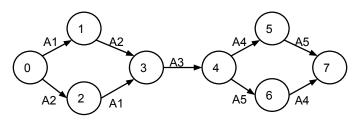
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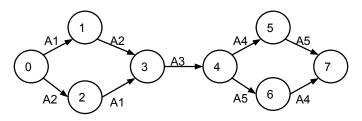


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where alpha > 0, X = P or X = A.

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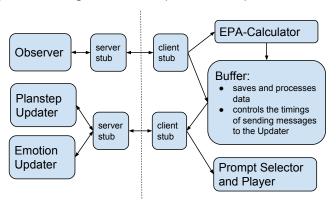




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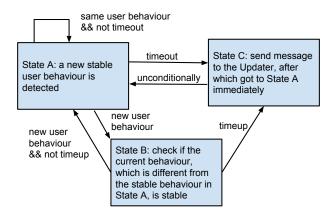
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- How to coordinate between the components?
 - timings of sending request and response messages?

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- Between the Observer, the EPA-Calc, and the Reasoning Engine
- Controls timings of sending messages



Smoothes EPA values calucated by the Calculator

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The end

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1: if Deflection(F, T) is high then
                                                 19:
                                                               aw = low and not moving forward
       threshold = high
                                                  20:
                                                            else
 3. else
                                                 21.
                                                               aw stays high and moving forward
                                                  22:
 4:
       threshold = low
                                                            end if
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                                                 23:
                                                         end if
6: if aw high then
                                                 24 else
                                                  25:
 7:
       if prompted then
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8.
          if random_prob() < threshold then
                                                 26.
                                                            if random_prob() > threshold and
9:
             aw = low and not moving forward
                                                            prompt correct then
10:
          else if prompt wrong then
                                                 27:
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                                                            else
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