

## Modul 6: Rule-based System

### 01 What & Why

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# Rule-based System

What &  
Why RBS

Forward  
Chaining

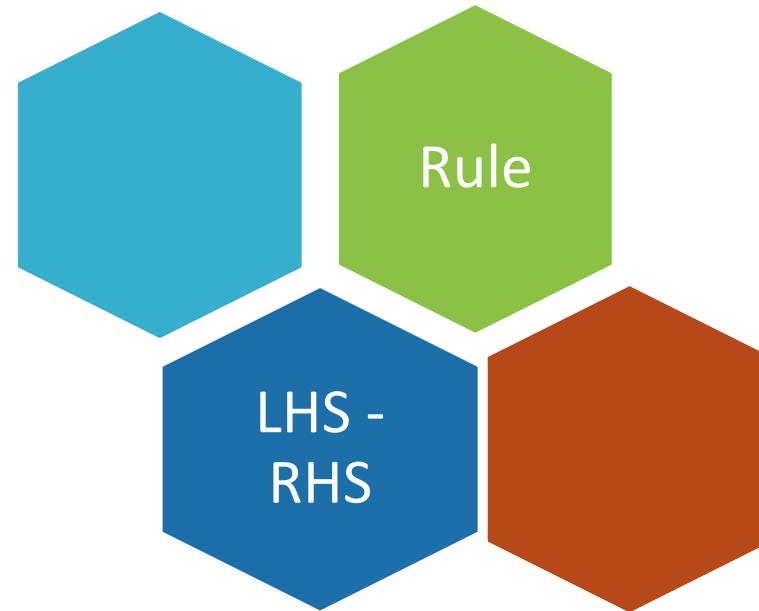
Backward  
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# Rule-based System (RBS): What

KBS with rule as knowledge representation

Rule =  
precondition - action

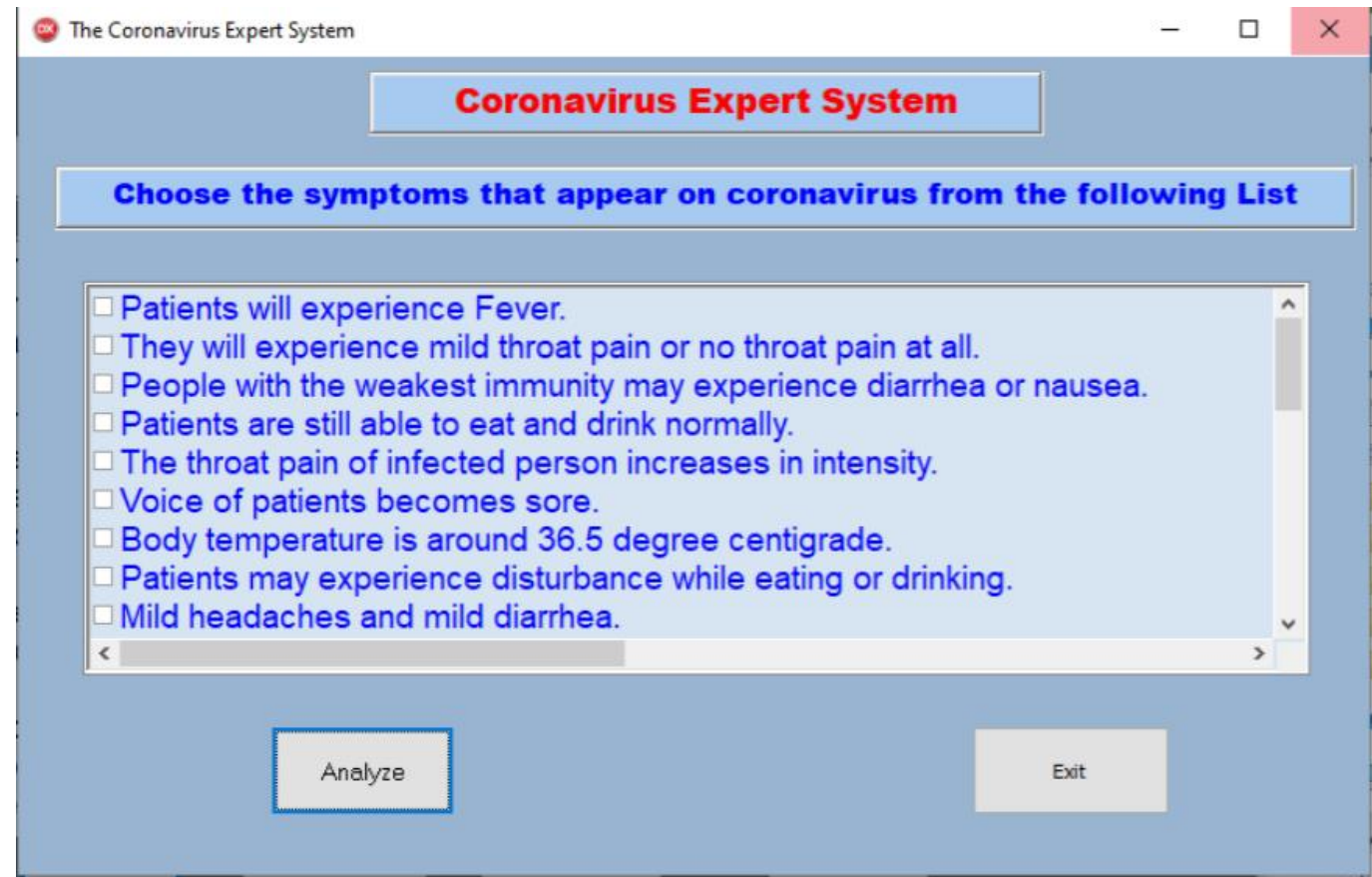


# Rule-based System: Why

Rule-based system: the simplest and most widespread solution in the real world

Rule: the simplest and most common knowledge representation

Rule-based ES shell: CLIPS

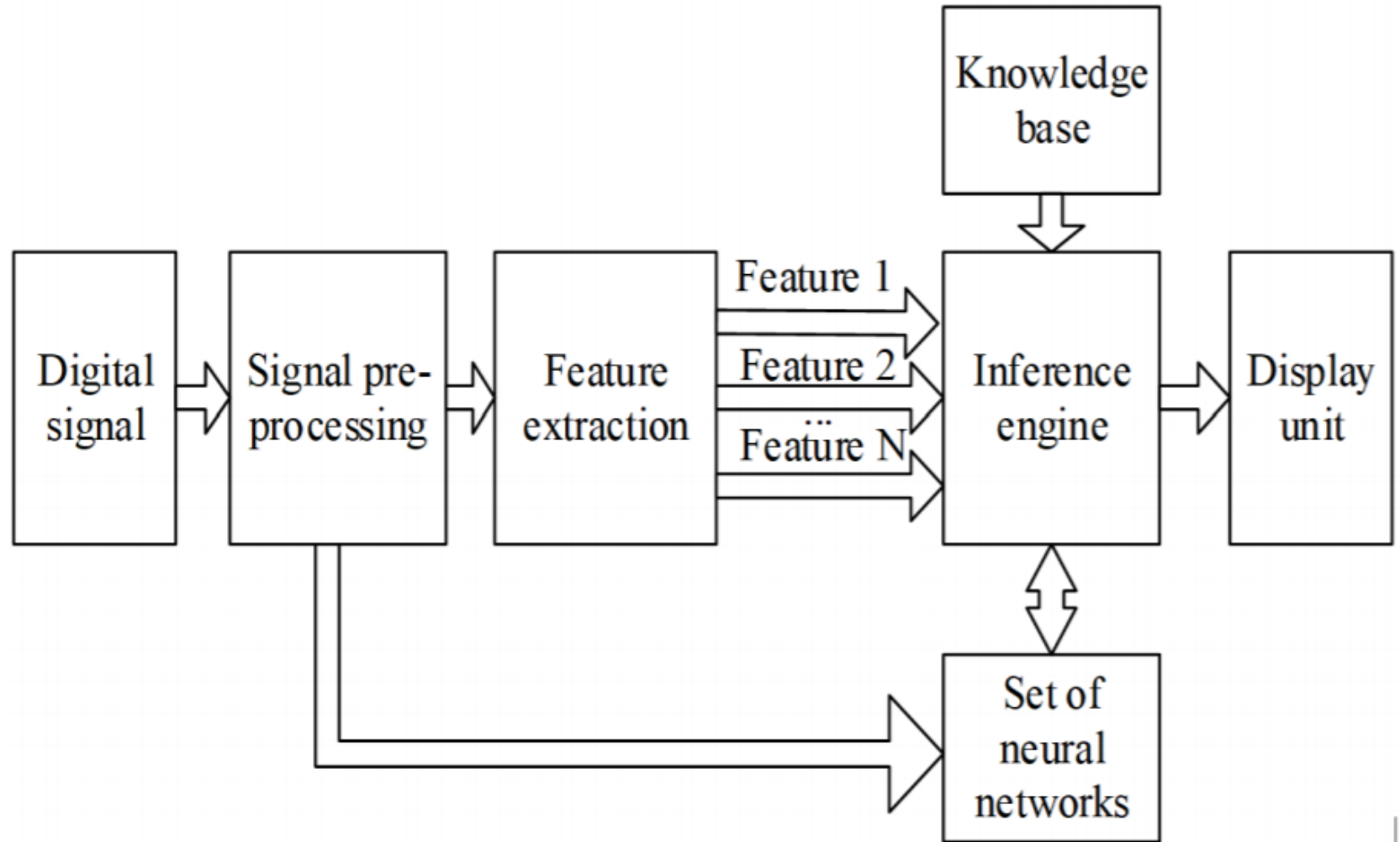


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# RBS: Why

## Hybrid Approach: RBS+ML



**Figure 1.** Structure diagram of the software for signal classification.



# Rule: Logical Implication

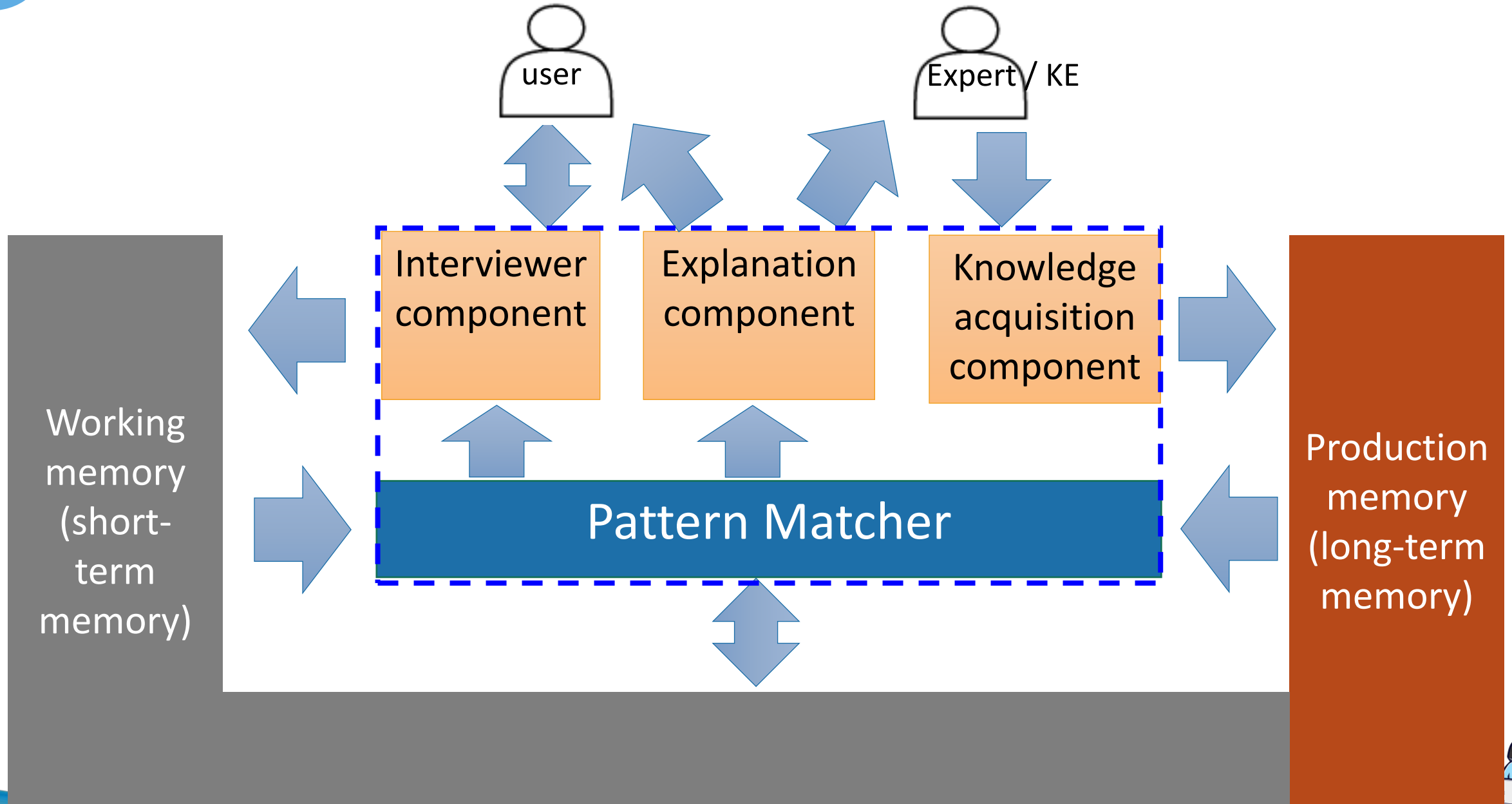
**IF** *certain conditions are true* — Preconditions, premises, LHS,  
**THEN** *execute the following actions* — Actions, conclusion, RHS

## CLIPS: C Language Integrated Production System

```
(defrule R
  (is-a ?x horse)
  (is-parent-of ?x ?y)
  (is-fast ?y)
=>
  (assert (is-valuable ?x))
)
```



# General Architecture of RBS





# Pattern Matching: Example

**IF:** is-a (x, horse),  
is-parent-of(x, y),  
is-fast(y)

**THEN:** x is valuable

## Facts

Comet	is-a	horse
Prancer	is-a	horse
Comet	is-parent-of	Dasher
Comet	is-parent-of	Prancer
Prancer	is	fast
Dasher	is-parent-of	Thunder
Thunder	is	fast
Thunder	is-a	horse
Dasher	is-a	horse



# Example: Rule in CLIPS

```
(defrule R
  (is-a ?x horse)
  (is-parent-of ?x ?y)
  (is-fast ?y)
=>
  (assert (is-valuable ?x))
)
(defrule output
  (is-valuable ?x)
=>
  (printout t ?x " is valuable" crlf)
)
```

**IF:** is-a (x, horse),  
is-parent-of(x, y),  
is-fast(y)  
**THEN:** x is valuable



# Example: Facts in CLIPS

```
(defacts horse
  (is-a Comet horse)
  (is-a Prancer horse)
  (is-a Thunder horse)
  (is-a Dasher horse)
)

(defacts parent
  (is-parent-of Comet Dasher)
  (is-parent-of Comet Prancer)
  (is-parent-of Dasher Thunder)
)

(defacts fast
  (is-fast Prancer)
  (is-fast Thunder)
)
```

## Facts

Comet	is-a	horse
Prancer	is-a	horse
Comet	is-parent-of	Dasher
Comet	is-parent-of	Prancer
Prancer	is	fast
Dasher	is-parent-of	Thunder
Thunder	is	fast
Thunder	is-a	horse
Dasher	is-a	horse



# Example in CLIPS: Run

```
CLIPS> (load "horse.clp")
```

```
Defining deffacts: horse
```

```
Defining deffacts: parent
```

```
Defining deffacts: fast
```

```
Defining defrule: R +j+j+j+j
```

```
Defining defrule: output +j+j
```

```
TRUE
```

```
CLIPS> (reset)
```

```
CLIPS> (run)
```

```
Dasher is valuable
```

```
Comet is valuable
```

```
CLIPS>
```

```
CLIPS> (facts)
```

```
f-0      (initial-fact)
```

```
f-1      (is-a Comet horse)
```

```
f-2      (is-a Prancer horse)
```

```
f-3      (is-a Thunder horse)
```

```
f-4      (is-a Dasher horse)
```

```
f-5      (is-parent-of Comet Dasher)
```

```
f-6      (is-parent-of Comet Prancer)
```

```
f-7      (is-parent-of Dasher Thunder)
```

```
f-8      (is-fast Prancer)
```

```
f-9      (is-fast Thunder)
```

```
f-10     (is-valuable Dasher)
```

```
f-11     (is-valuable Comet)
```

```
For a total of 12 facts.
```



# CLIPS: Watch

```
FIRE      1 R: f-4,f-7,f-9
f-4       (is-a Dasher horse)
f-7       (is-parent-of Dasher Thunder)
f-9       (is-fast Thunder)
==> f-10   (is-valuable Dasher)
```

```
(defrule R
  (is-a ?x horse)
  (is-parent-of ?x ?y)
  (is-fast ?y)
=>
  (assert (is-valuable ?x))
)
```

```
FIRE      3 R: f-1,f-6,f-8
==> f-11   (is-valuable Comet)
```

```
CLIPS> (reset)
<== f-0      (initial-fact)
==> f-0      (initial-fact)
==> f-1      (is-a Comet horse)
==> f-2      (is-a Prancer horse)
==> f-3      (is-a Thunder horse)
==> f-4      (is-a Dasher horse)
==> f-5      (is-parent-of Comet Dasher)
==> f-6      (is-parent-of Comet Prancer)
==> f-7      (is-parent-of Dasher Thunder)
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==> f-9      (is-fast Thunder)
CLIPS> (run)
FIRE      1 R: f-4,f-7,f-9
==> f-10     (is-valuable Dasher)
FIRE      2 output: f-10
Dasher is valuable
FIRE      3 R: f-1,f-6,f-8
==> f-11     (is-valuable Comet)
FIRE      4 output: f-11
Comet is valuable
CLIPS>
```



# Rule Inference Methods

## Forward chaining

- Data driven
- Match LHS

## Backward chaining

- Goal driven
- Match RHS



# Summary

What & Why RBS

Rule syntax

RBS Architecture

Inference: Forward  
vs Backward  
Chaining

Forward Chaining



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### 02 Forward Chaining

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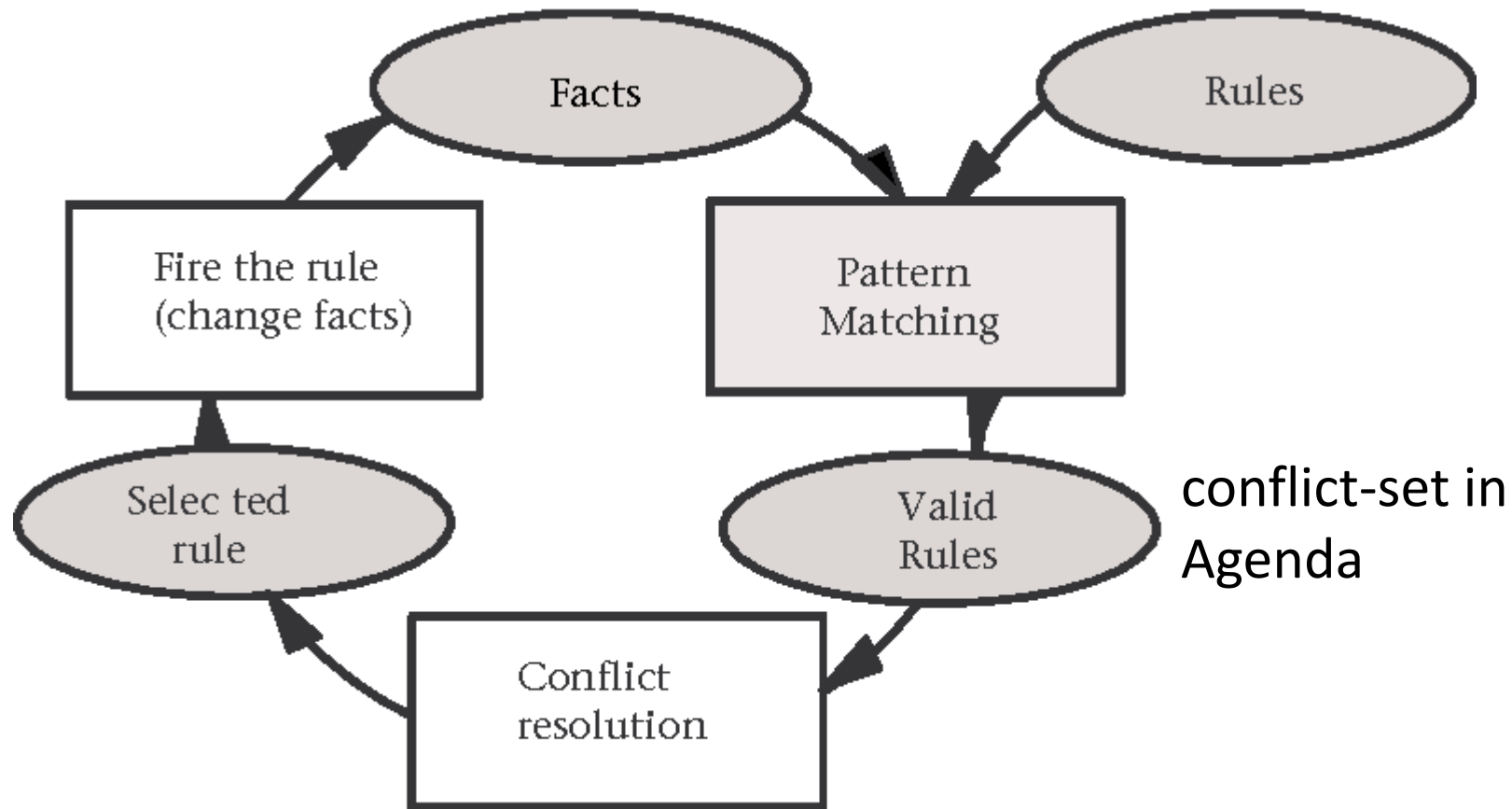
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# Forward Chaining: Recognize-Act Cycle



# Forward Chaining: Pseudo code

```
data ← initial facts
```

```
repeat
```

```
    conflictSet ← determine set of rules whose  
                    preconditions are satisfied by data  
                    //preselection
```

```
    R ← select a rule from conflictSet by conflict-  
        resolving strategy
```

```
    data ← result of applying action part of R to data
```

```
until data satisfied termination condition
```



# RBS Example

Rule-base:

R1: IF (lecturing X) AND (marking-practicals X) THEN ADD (overworked X)

R2: IF (month february) THEN ADD (lecturing alison)

R3: IF (month february) THEN ADD (marking-practicals alison)

R4: IF (overworked X) OR (slept-badly X) THEN ADD (bad-mood X)

R5: IF (bad-mood X) THEN DELETE (happy X)

R6: IF (lecturing X) THEN DELETE (researching X)

Facts:

(month february)

(happy alison)

(researching alison)

CS={R2, R3}

R=?



# Conflict-resolution Strategy

## Global control

Selection by order: rule order vs fact recency

Refractoriness: once only

Specificity: by syntactic structure of the rule

## Local control

Selection by priority

Selection by meta rules



# Refractoriness → gk boleh pakai rules itu lg utk data fakta yg sama (ga boleh ngulang pakai rulesnya)

Do not select a rule that has just been applied with the same values of its variables (Brachman, 2004).

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R4: IF (overworked X) OR (slept-badly X) THEN ADD (bad-mood X)

R5: IF (bad-mood X) THEN DELETE (happy X)

R6: IF (lecturing X) THEN DELETE (researching X)

## Facts:

(month february)

(happy alison)

(researching alison)



Iteration	CS	R
1	{R2, R3}	R2
2	{ <b>R2</b> , R3, R6}	R3
3	etc....	



# Selection by Order (with Refractoriness)

## Knowledge-base:

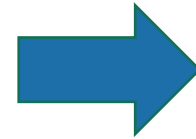
R1: **if** (priority second)  
**then** out("print second")

R2: **if** (priority first)  
**then** out("print first")

R3: **if** (priority third)  
**then** out("print third")

## Facts:

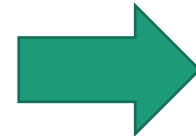
(priority first)  
(priority second)  
(priority third)



- Selection by rule order (FIFO):

print second  
print first  
print third

*iterasi selesai  
saat tidak ada  
rules yg bisa  
dipilih lagi*



- Selection by fact (recency) order (LIFO):

print third  
print second  
print first



# Selection by Syntactic Structure of the Rule

- Specificity: select **most specific rule** first
- Example:
  - Conflict set: {R1,R2}
  - R1: if A, B, C then <aksi R1>
  - R2: if A,C then <aksi R2>
  - A and B and C is more specific than A and C → select R1



# Selection by Supplementary Knowledge

## Select high priority rule

Example:

R1: If (burung ?X)  
    then (terbang ya)  
R2: If (burung penguin)  
    (declare salience 100)  
    then (terbang tidak)  
Fakta: (burung penguin)

## Meta rules

Pruning rules:

If the culture was not obtained from a sterile source,  
    there are rules which mention in their  
    premise a previous organism  
then each of them is not going to be useful





# Forward Chaining: Exercise

What action to take to get to a theatre by using conflict resolution strategy refractoriness, specificity ?

Facts: Distance is about 6 miles; Weather is “bad”; Location is downtown; Time is about 20 minutes

R	IF	THEN
1	Distance > 5 miles	Means is “drive”
2	Distance > 1 mile, time < 15 minutes	Means is “drive”
3	Distance > 1 mile, time > 15 minutes	Means is “walk”
4	Means is “drive”, location is “downtown”	Action is “take a cab”
5	Means is “drive”, location is not “downtown”	Action is “drive your car”
6	Means is “walk”, weather is “bad”	Action is “take a coat and walk”
7	Means is “walk”, weather is “good”	Action is “walk”



Facts: Distance is about 6 miles; Weather is "bad"; Location is downtown; Time is about 20 minutes

conflict resolution strategy refractoriness, specificity, fact recency

Iteration	CS	R	WM
1	{R1, R3}	R3	+ Means is "walk"
2	{R1, R3, R6}	R6	+ Action is "take a coat and walk"
3	{R1, R3, R6}	R1	+ Means is "drive"
4	{R1, R3, R6, R4}	R4	+ Action is "take a cab"
5	{R1, R3, R6, R4}	-	stop

#### Conclusion:

+ Action is "take a coat and walk"

+ Action is "take a cab"

conflict resolution strategy refractoriness, fact recency, specificity

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	{R1, R3, R6, R4}	-	stop

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# Summary

Forward Chaining

Conflict resolution  
strategy

Global control:  
refractoriness, rule  
order, recency,  
specificity

Local control:  
priority, meta rules

Backward Chaining



