

Redux Update: Building Rules from Examples

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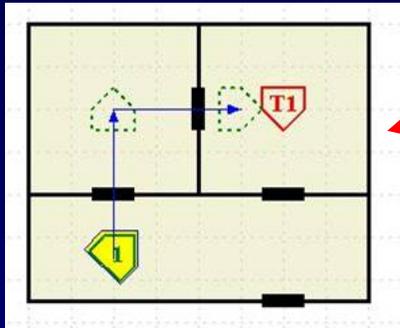


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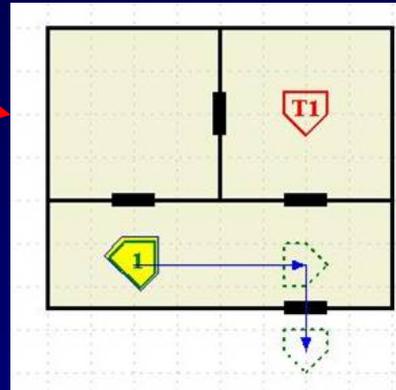
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Creating Human-like Behavior is Hard

Desired Behavior

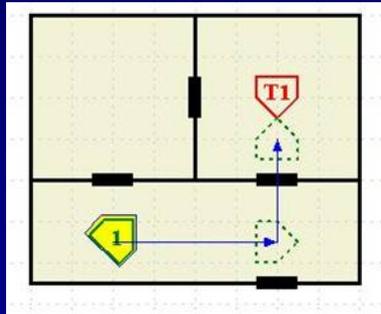


Actual Behavior



Errors and unvalidated behavior

Intended Behavior



Rules produce the behavior

A -> B
C -> D
E, J -> F
G, A, C -> H
E, G -> I
J, K -> L

Rules



Expert

Slow, Difficult, Error prone



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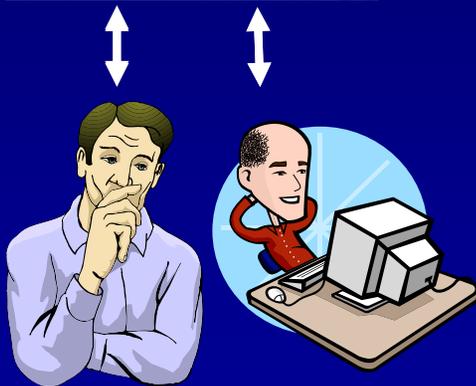
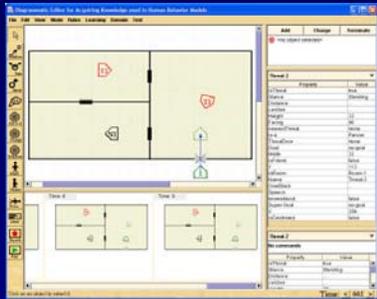


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Diagram-based Example-driven Development Tool

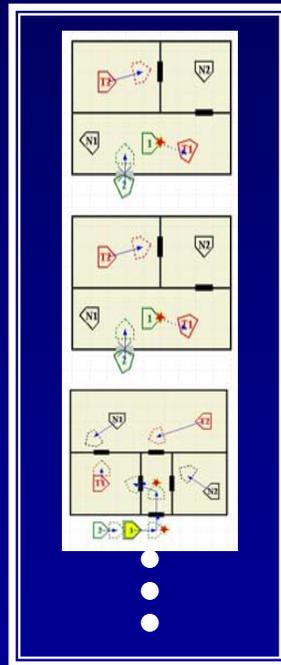
Define behavior with diagram-based examples



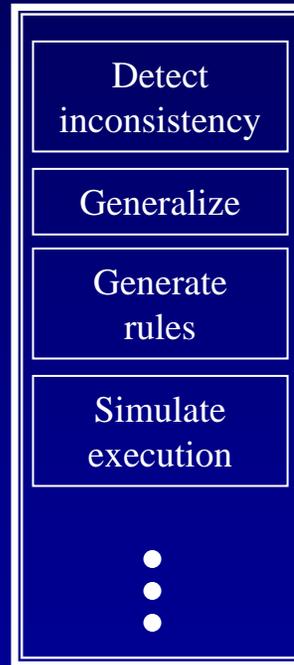
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Library of validated behavior examples



Analysis & generation tools



Executable Code

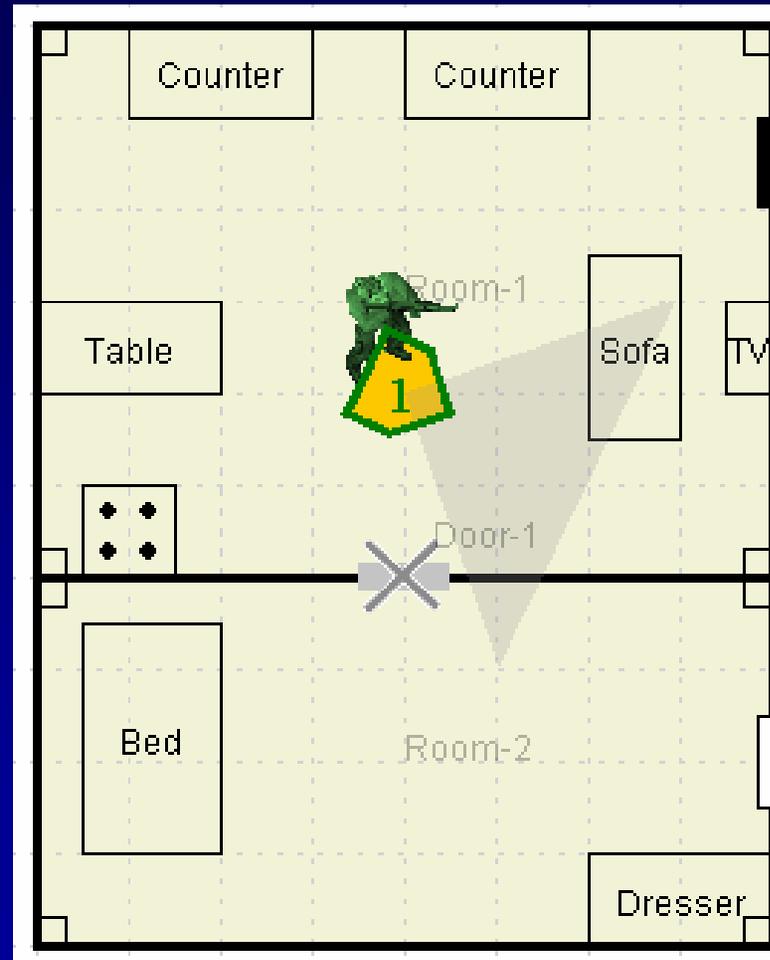
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Simulation Environment

Define behavior for Breach-Door

- Stage 1:
 - Define correct example of behavior
 - Quick and easy
 - Concrete



Building rules for Breach-Door

- Stage 2:
 - Create a rule to produce the target behavior
 - If we had a correct rule, all conditions would match objects in the current example.
 - So to create the rule we select features from those objects and generalize them
 - Can add more complex conditions too, but lots are as simple as a click

```
sp { redux*propose*move*proposalrule-5
  (state <s> ^redux-state true)
  (<s> ^sel <friendly-1>)
  (<friendly-1> ^isa person)
  (<friendly-1> ^isthreat false)
  (<friendly-1> ^isfriend true)
  (<friendly-1> ^goal <goal>)
  (<goal> ^door <door-1>)
  (<goal> ^name breach-the-door)
  (<friendly-1> ^inroom <room-2>)
  (<door-1> ^isa door)
  (<friendly-1> ^cansee <cansee>)
  (<cansee> ^name <door-1>)
  (<cansee> ^distance <arg*1>)
  (<arg*1> ^range0to32 false)
  (<door-1> ^destroyed false)
-->
  (<s> ^operator <o> +,=)
  (<o> ^name move)
  (<o> ^relative <door-1> ^coords ...)
}
```

Building rules for Breach-Door

Friendly-1	
Internal not visible	Detail not visible
Property	Value
canSee	Room-2 ...
canSee	corner-5 ...
canSee	corner-6 ...
canSee	corner-7 ...
canSee	corner-8 ...
canSee	Door-1 ...
changedroom	false
destroyed	false
inroom	Room-2
isa	Person
isArmed	true
isFriend	true
isThreat	false
nearestThreat	none
role	none
speech	
stance	Standing
team	team1
teamMember	team1_member1
weapon	rifle

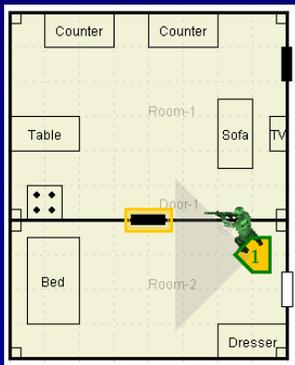
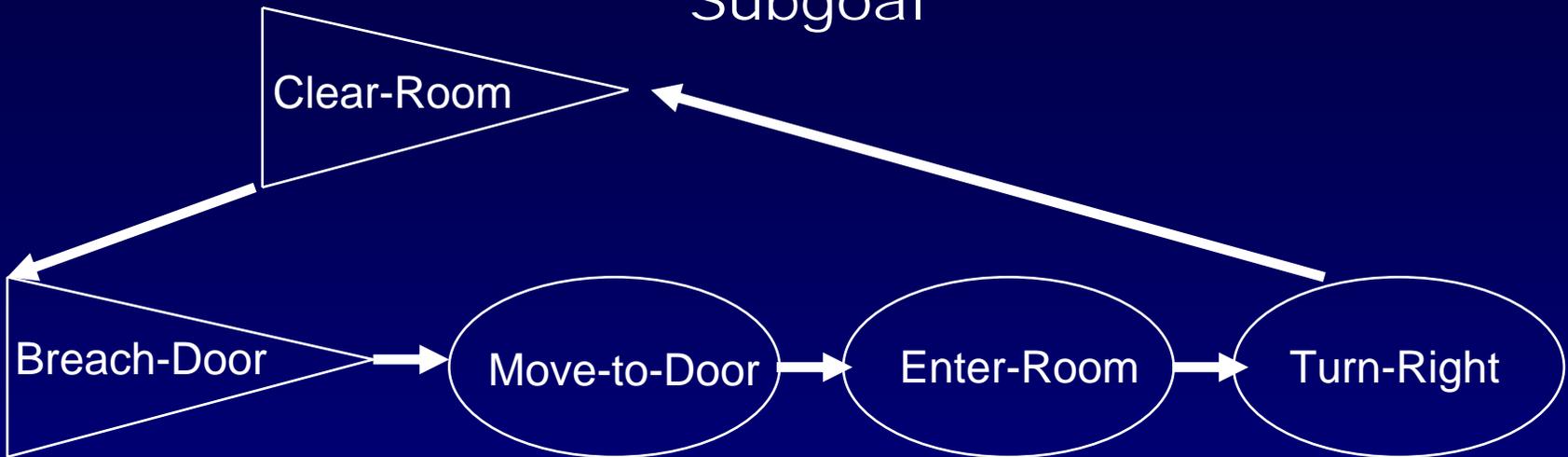
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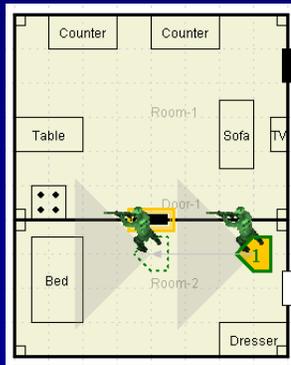
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“Human level chunking”

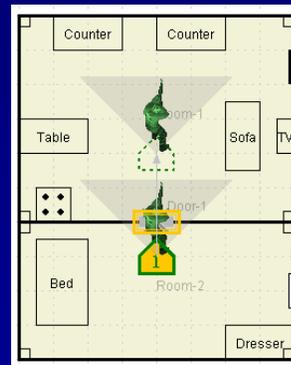
Incremental Approach: Use Breach-Door as a Subgoal



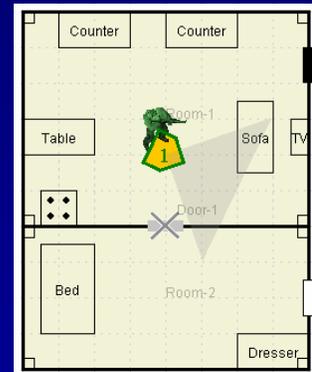
Clear-Room
Door[d, closed]
→
Breach-Door[d]



Breach-Door[d]
Door[d, closed]
→
Move-to-Door[d] &
Shoot[d]

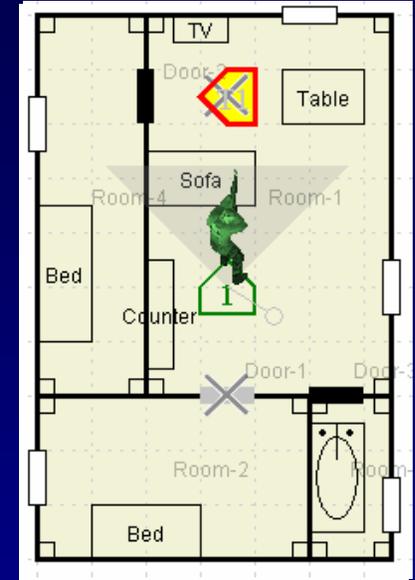
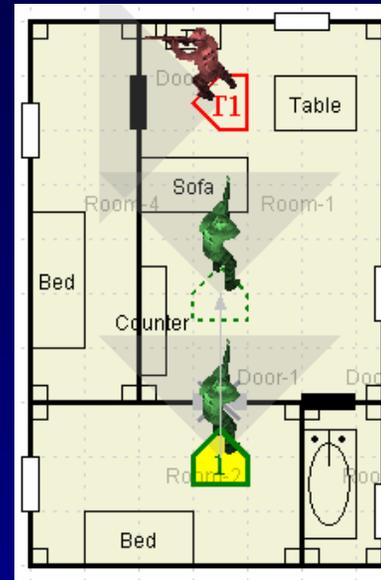
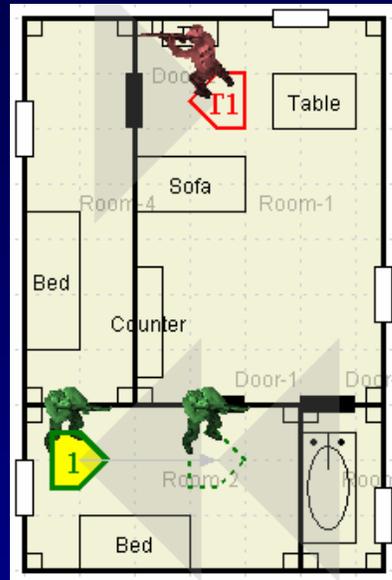
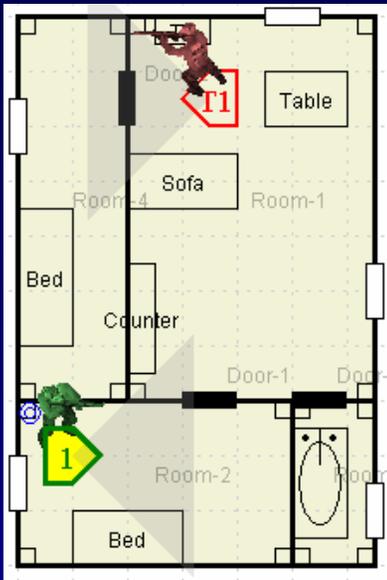


Clear-Room
Door[d, open]
→
Enter-Room



Clear-Room
In-Room
→
Turn-Right

Apply Rules to Implement Subgoal in a New Situation



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Clear-Room
Door[d, closed]
→
Breach-Door[d]
```

```
Breach-Door[d]
Door[d, closed]
→
Move-to-Door[d] &
Shoot[d]
```

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Clear-Room
Door[d, open]
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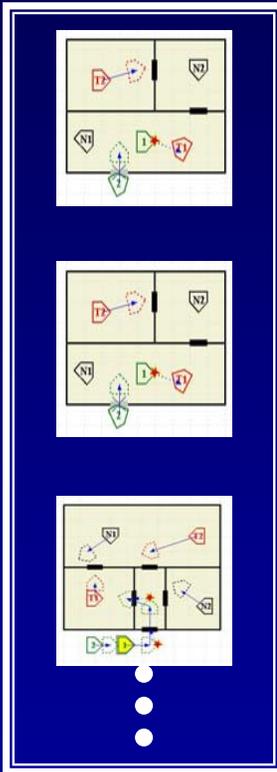
```
Clear-Room
Clear-Room
Threat[x]
In-Room
→
Shoot[x]
Turn-Right
```

```
Clear-Room
Threat[x]
→
NOT Turn-Right
```

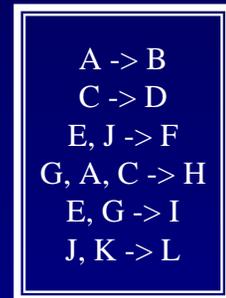
Then revise behavior if it's not correct in the new situation

Flexible Ways to Acquire Knowledge

Library of validated
behavior examples



Executable
Code



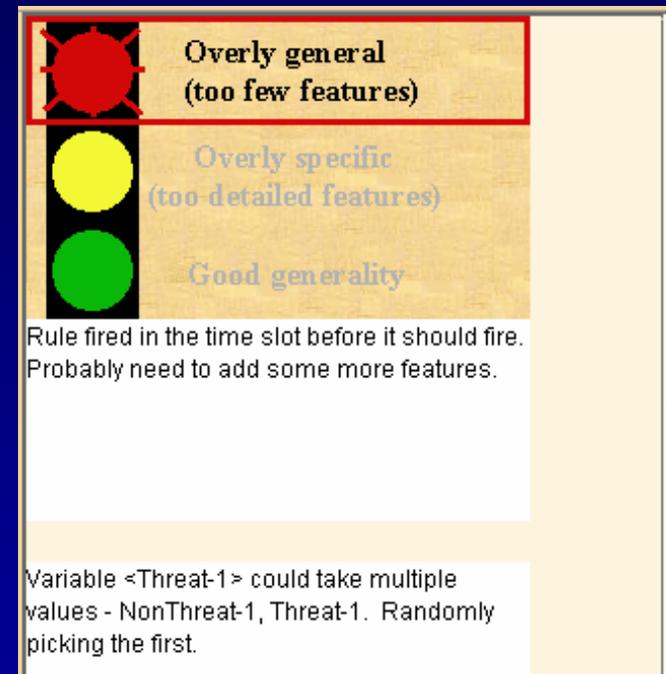
- Compose behavior from building blocks



Simulation
Environment

Behavior is Created Quickly and Accurately

- Expert's guidance directly available
 - Example walkthroughs
 - Puts the instructor “in the car”
- Differences detected immediately
 - Incorrect action taken
 - Action taken at wrong time
 - Unclear what action to take
- Example guides initial behavior creation
 - Redux can guess at approximate rule
- Result
 - Faster and more accurate rule creation
 - Less skill required by user



Overly general
(too few features)

Overly specific
(too detailed features)

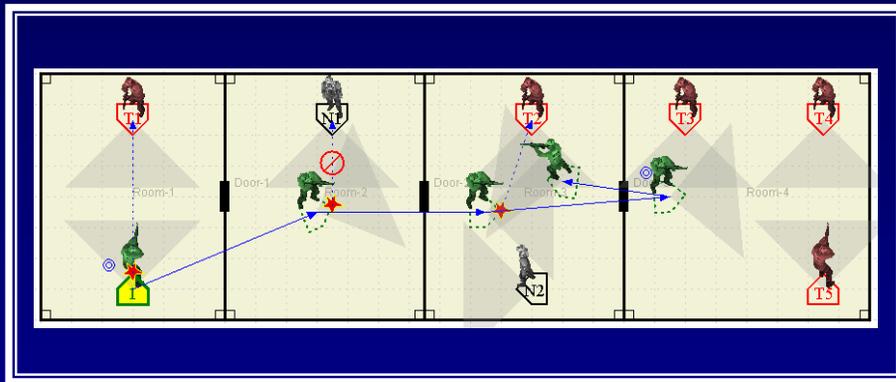
Good generality

Rule fired in the time slot before it should fire.
Probably need to add some more features.

Variable <Threat-1> could take multiple
values - NonThreat-1, Threat-1. Randomly
picking the first.

Automatically Generate Approximate Behavior Model

Library of validated behavior examples



Generalized Rule



- Each scenario provides many examples of “(goal, state) -> action”
- Automatically determines most important features
- Rules can be returned to Redux and refined by the user
- Reduces skill level required to build a behavior model
- Reduces total cost of building model

Nuggets and Coal

- Nuggets
 - Lots of power from examples; less from diagrams
 - Even one example is highly constraining
 - Incremental approach now support building blocks
 - Integration with Tolga's learning system
 - Ability to read in external rules and revise them
 - Fast at building rules
 - Standard: ~10 rules/day (equates to ~100 LOC/day)
 - TacAirSoar 8,000 rules => ~2.5 man years
 - Redux: ~10 rules/20 minutes (~25x faster).
 - Simpler
 - Less skill required of developer
 - Easier to capture desired (expert) behavior
- Coal
 - Coverage
 - Can't extend the representation dynamically yet
 - Can we create all rules that we need quickly?