Simulating the Festival

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Framework

what does it do?

The framework is able to simulate any kind of crowd simulations. We set it up to simulate the Caliente Festival in Zürich.

The simulation consists of different people types walking around. They have some needs to fulfill or otherwise they will die.



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Framework

what does it do?

Currently, the people in the simulation have four needs, eating, drinking, going to the toilet, and listening to music.

These are provided by different types of needproviders: bars, food stalls, toilets, and stages.

During the simulation, people go to these locations, thus walk around.



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Types in the Framework

everything is agents

All actors in the simulation are so called agents. The following main types are all subclasses of the type *Agent*:

Needs: All the stalls in the simulation. Food stalls, bars, toilets, and stages inherit from this class. **Person:** All the people in the simulation are a subtype of *Person*. They are the objects that move around. **Wall:** The walls of the simulated area consist of agents of the class *Wall*.





Type Hierarchy



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agent type

This is the super-type of all actors in the simulation. It provides the basic interface of the minimal functionalities an actor has to provide.

It defines that an agent must have a **color** for when it is displayed and a **radius** of interaction with other agents. It also defines that all agents must have a **force field** and that it must be possible to get **their position**. Additionally an agent must have a function called **step** which changes the state of the agent for the next iteration.





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needs type

This is the super-type of all the different locations people can satisfy their needs.

In the current case, we have four different *Needs* types, food stalls, bars, toilets and stages.

They all have a certain range of interaction. This means that if an agent is close enough, he can fill up with, e.g., drinks.







wall type

Their only job is to repel moving agents, thus keeping them in the area.



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person type

This is the super-type of all moving things, they have many additional state variables and also additional functions. For example they have to calculate the next location they want to go, as well the path to that location.

Objects of type *Person* are initialized with a certain value for the amount of thirst and hunger, and need for music and to go to the toilet. In every step they make, all the values decrease a little bit.



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force fields

To have quasi-realistic behavior of the crowd, it is important that they cannot walk through each other. In our framework we use force fields to accomplish that.

The force field is described by the distance of agents to each other, the closer they get, the more they are repelled from each other.

The opposite accounts for the location the agent decided to go to. He is attracted to that location.

Since we actually calculate the force field from potentials, the agent can be pictured as a ball rolling down a landscape.





potential landscape





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potential landscape





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walking along a graph

If a person would take the direct path to the desired location, he/she might get stuck in certain situations.





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So we introduced a "walking"-network along which the people walk.





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Interface

analysis helper

The interface has different helpers to analyse the current simulation. They are:

Density: draws a heatmap of the density per square meter, 5 and more people per m² is critical and fully red.

D-Map: draws a heatmap of the number of people who died inside that square.

Counter: shows the number of happy customers per needs-provider.

Paths: draws the last 50 locations of each visitor.

Panic: this button sets all people into panic mode and they try to exit at the closest exit as fast as possible.







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Interface

other information

The other two buttons in the bottom left corner are:

Rec: stores an image of the simulation every 25 iterations into the frames folder of your project. Net: shows the graph along which people walk to their desired location.

At the bottom of the canvas are some minimal statistics of why visitors died.

At the right hand side are the sub-types of *Person* listed that are active in the current simulation, together with the number of them





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import the project

Download the zip file "calienteCrowds.zip" from the website and extract it at your desired location.

In Eclipse, go to File \rightarrow Import...

Under General choose Existing Projects into Workspace.

Next to Select root directory: click Browse and select the CalienteFestival where you have extracted it. Click Finish. The project should be imported now.



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start the simulation

To start the simulation, run the following file

in project CalienteFestival \rightarrow src \rightarrow calientefestival \rightarrow CalienteFestival.java

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with a right click and the Run As \rightarrow 2 Java Application.
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basic setup and parameters

The basic parameters for the simulations are all within the first few lines of the *CalienteFestival.java* class.

The maximum number of agents can be set at line 43 with the private variable *maxAgents*.

The locations of the basic needs providers are defined right after this. They have to be defined as new objects of the specific type, having its coordinates as parameters.



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place your stalls

Set up the layout you made last week.

To do this, you have to change the coordinates of the objects in the *CalienteFestival.java* class to your values and add additional objects of each type.

You can find out the coordinates of the stalls by starting the simulation and pointing the mouse at the desired location.

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set up your own agent

The easiest way to start with your own agent is to copy and paste for example the *RandomPerson.java* file into the same package and then rename it.

Right click on *RandomPerson.java* \rightarrow click *Copy* Right click on the package *calientefestival* \rightarrow click *Paste* When the dialogue pops up, put in your name, without whitespaces.

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After clicking *OK* there should be a class with your name in the *calientefestival* package.

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set up vour own agent

To make your agent visually distinguishable from other agents, set up a unique protected void setColor() { color. This is done by opening your agent and set the RGB values for your agent in the setColor function.

To add the agent to the whole simulation, one last step has to be taken. You have to register the agent in the CalienteFestival.java class. Put the name of your class, e.g. "DaniZuend", to the classNames list.

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preview last exercise

In the next exercise, you will have to implement the location choice function of your agent.

We will then run all the different implementations together to see who programmed the most persistent behavior.

The winner will win a price!!

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