Tekkotsu Behaviors & Events

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Quiz (1)

- Given these node definitions:
  
  hi: SpeechNode("Hello")
  bye: SpeechNode("Goodbye")
  ping: SoundNode("ping.wav")

- What's the difference between this:
  
  hi =C=> bye
  hi =C=> ping

- And this:
  
  hi =C=> {bye, ping}
Quiz (2)

• Given this node class definition:

```java
$nodeclass MyThing : StateNode : doStart {
    ...
}
```

• What's the difference between:

```
thing: MyThing =C=> OtherThing =C=> MyThing
```

• And this:

```
thing: MyThing =C=> OtherThing =C=> thing
```
Disclaimer

- This lecture will show you how Tekkotsu works at the basic level of behaviors and events.

- Some slides will contain...

  **ugly computer source code.**

- Tekkotsu programmers don't really code this way.

- They use the state machine shorthand instead.
Behaviors

- State machines are behaviors.
  - Both state nodes and transitions are behaviors.
- Behaviors are instances of classes.
  - Add them to the ControllerGUI “User Behaviors” menu using the REGISTER_BEHAVIOR macro.
  - Double click on the “User Behaviors” menu item to instantiate and run.
  - When you stop a behavior (double click on the menu item again), the instance is deleted.
Five Behavior Components

#include “Behaviors/BehaviorBase.h”

class PoodleBehavior : public BehaviorBase {

  • Constructor

    PoodleBehavior() : BehaviorBase(“PoodleBehavior”) {}

  • doStart() is called when the behavior is activated

    virtual void doStart() {
      cout << getName() << “ is starting up.” << endl;
    }
Five Behavior Components

• doStop() is called when the behavior is deactivated, but you rarely need to bother with this.

```cpp
virtual void doStop() {
    cout << getName() << " is shutting down." << endl;
}
```

• doEvent processes requested event types

```cpp
virtual void doEvent() {
    cout << getName() << " got event: "
        << event->getDescription() << endl;
}
```
Five Behavior Components

- getClassDescription() returns a string displayed by ControllerGUI pop-up help

```cpp
static std::string getClassDescription() {
    return "Demonstration of a simple behavior";
}
```

}; // end of PoodleBehavior class definition
Behaviors are Coroutines

- Behaviors are coroutines, not threads:
  - Many can be “active” at once, but...
  - Only one is actually running at a time.
  - No worries about mutual exclusion.
  - Must voluntarily relinquish control so that other active behaviors can run.

- BehaviorBase is a subclass of:
  - EventListener
  - ReferenceCounter

- Behaviors will be deleted if they are deactivated and the reference count goes to zero.
Browsing the Documentation

• Go to Tekkotsu.org and click on “Reference” in the gray nav bar.

• “Class List” in the left nav bar
  – Click on a class name (BehaviorBase) to see documentation
  – Then click on a method name (doEvent) to jump to detailed description
  – Click on line number to go to source code

• “Directories” in left nav bar shows major components
  – Look at the Behaviors and Events directories
Searching the Source

- The “search” box in the online documentation can be used to search for classes, methods, variables, enumerated types, etc.

- Use the “ss” shell script to search the source code using grep:

  ```
  cd /usr/local/Tekkotsu
  
  ss LBump
  
  ss IRDist
  ```
Events

- Events are subclasses of EventBase
- Three essential components:
  
  **Generator ID:** what kind of event is this?
  
  buttonEGID, visionEGID, timerEGID, ...

  **Source ID:** which sensor/actuator/behavior/thing generated this event?
  
  CreateInfo::PlayButOffset
  ERS7Info::HeadButOffset

  **Type ID,** which must be one of:

  activateETID
  statusETID
  deactivateETID
Where are These Defined?

- EventGeneratorID_t defined in Events/EventBase.h

- Event source ids are specific to the event type:
  - PlayButOffset defined in Shared/CommonCalliopeInfo.h
  - visPinkBallSID defined in Shared/ProjectInterface.h
  - For completion events, the source id is the address of the state node that is completing.

- EventTypeID_t defined in Events/EventBase.h

```cpp
enum EventTypeID_t {
    activateETID,
    statusETID,
    deactivateETID,
    numETIDs
};
```
Event Generator IDs

unknownEGID
aiEGID
audioEGID
**buttonEGID**
cameraResolutionEGID
erouterEGID
estopEGID
grasperEGID
lookoutEGID
mapbuilderEGID
micOSndEGID
micRawEGID
micFFTEGID
micPitchEGID
mocapEGID
**motmanEGID**
pilotEGID
powerEGID
remoteStateEGID
runtimeEGID

**sensorEGID**
servoEGID
**stateMachineEGID**
stateSignalEGID
stateTransitionEGID
textmsgEGID
**timerEGID**
userEGID
visInterleaveEGID
visJPEGEGID
visObjEGID
visOFbkEGID
visPNGEGID
visRawCameraEGID
visRawDepthEGID
visRegionEGID
visRLEEGID
visSegmentEGID
wmVarEGID
worldModelEGID
Types of Events

- Most events are described using EventBase.
- A few specialized events require additional fields to convey all their information, so they use a specialized subclass of EventBase.
The Event Router

- Runs in the Main process.
- Distributes events to the Behaviors listening for them.
The Event Logger

- Root Control
  > Status Reports
  > Event Logger

- Outputs to console

- Use shift-click to select a range of entries.
Subscribing to Events

`addListener(listener, generator, source, type)`

```cpp
#include "EventRouter.h"

virtual void doStart() {
    erouter->addListener(this,
        EventBase::buttonEGID,
        RobotInfo::GreenButOffset,
        EventBase::activateETID);
}
```

Transitions do this to listen for events, so you don't have to call `addListener()` yourself.
virtual void doEvent() {
    switch ( event->getGeneratorID() ) {

        case EventBase::buttonEGID:
            cout << "Button press: " << event->getDescription()
                << endl;
            break;

        default:
            cout << "Unexpected event: "
                << event->getDescription() << endl;
    }
}
Text Message Events

You can send text messages to the robot via the ControllerGUI's “Send Input” window:

!msg Hi there

This causes the behavior controller to post a TextMsgEvent.

You can also give the msg command to Tekkotsu's command line (with no exclamation point).
Subscribing to TextMsg Events

#include “Events/TextMsgEvent.h”

virtual void doStart() {
    erouter->addListener(this, EventBase::textmsgEGID);
}

The source ID is meaningless (it's -1).

The type ID is always statusETID.
void doEvent() {
    switch (event->getGeneratorID()) {
    case EventBase::textmsgEGID: {
        const TextMsgEvent *txtev = 
            dynamic_cast<const TextMsgEvent*>(event); 
        cout << "I heard: '" << txtev->getText() << "'" << endl; 
    }
    break;

    case EventBase::buttonEGID: 
        ...
    }
State Machine Shorthand for Text Message Events

waitForUser: StateNode
waitForUser =TM("cheeseburger")=> giveBurger
waitForUser =TM("fries")=> giveFries
waitForUser =TM=> askAgain

Competing transitions can fire in any order, and the first one “wins”. So how does the default =TM=> case work? Answer: a timer delays firing so the other transitions can fire first if they match the string.
Timers

Timers are good for two kinds of things:

• Repetitive actions: “Bark every 30 seconds.”
  – Whenever a timer expires and a timer expiration event is posted, the timer should be automatically restarted.

• Timeouts: “If you haven't seen the ball for 5 seconds, bark and turn around.”
  – One-shot timer. Will need to be cancelled if we see the ball before the time expires.
addTimer

- **addTimer(listener, source, duration, repeat)**
  - listener is normally **this**
  - source is an arbitrary integer
  - duration is in milliseconds
  - repeat should be “true” if a sequence of timer events is desired
- Starts timer and automatically listens for the event.
- Timers are specific to a behavior instance; can use the same source id in other behaviors without interference.
- Behaviors can receive another's timer events if they use addListener to explicitly listen for them.
- **removeTimer(listener, source)**
Timer Example

```cpp
#include "Behaviors/BehaviorBase.h"
#include "EventRouter.h"

virtual void doStart() {

    erouter->addListener(this,
                          EventBase::buttonEGID,
                          RobotInfo::PlayButOffset,
                          EventBase::activateETID);

    erouter->addListener(this,
                          EventBase::buttonEGID,
                          RobotInfo::AdvanceButOffset,
                          EventBase::activateETID);

}```
Timer Example

virtual void doEvent() {
    switch (event->getGeneratorID()) {
    case EventBase::buttonEGID:
        if (event->getSourceID() == RobotInfo::PlayOffset)
            erouter->addTimer(this, 1234, 5000, false);
        else if (event->getSourceID() == RobotInfo::AdvanceButOffset)
            erouter->removeTimer(this, 1234);
        break;
    case EventBase::timerEGID:
        cout << "On no!!!! Timer expired!" << endl;
    }
}

What does this behavior do?
ControllerGUI Can Post Events To Tekkotsu

Type this command in the “Send Input” box:

!post buttonEGID GreenBut A

- Monitor the result using the Event Logger

- You can also use the post command in the Tekkotsu command line (no exclamation point).
What Is A Completion Event?

• State nodes use completion events to indicate that their action has completed successfully.

• Event content:
  – Generator id: stateMachineEGID
  – Source id: address of the state node that is completing
  – Type id: statusETID

• CompletionTrans looks for completion events. Shorthand form: =C=>

• If you define your own node class as a subclass of StateNode, you can signal completion by calling postStateCompletion().
Tekkotsu Architecture

Main Process
- Vision Pipeline
  - System sends state information (via Motion, ~32ms)
  - System sends camera frames (~30fps)
  - Behaviors can play sounds anytime

WorldState
- Created by currently active Behaviors
- Can access state anytime for reactive/open loop control

MotionManager
- Requests joint positions
- Returns joint positions based on current MotionCommands
- Registered with Motion Manager
- Requests sound buffer
- Returns sound buffer by mixing current sounds

MotionCommands (dynamically created)
- Can play sounds anytime

SoundManager
- Can play sounds at any time

Motion Process
- Sends new joint positions to system
- Requests joint positions (~32ms)
- Requests sound buffer (~32ms)
- Returns 32 ms of sound to system

System requests sound buffer

Key
- Pre-emptive Process
- Shared Memory Region
- Unshared Global Variable

TinyFTPD
- Aibo-only, allows you to FTP files during run time. Other platforms use their own FTP server.
World State

- Shared memory structure between Main and Motion
- Updated every 32 msec
- sensorEGID events announce each update
- Contents:
  - joint positions, duty cycles, and PID settings
  - button states: `state->buttons[PlayButOffset]`
  - IR range readings: `state->sensors[CenterIRDistOffset]`
  - accelerometer readings (if installed)
  - battery state, thermal sensor
  - commanded walking velocity (x,y,a)
Sensor Observer Monitors the Sensor Portion of World State

- Root Control
  > Status Reports
  > Sensor Observer

- Try monitoring the IR wall sensor.

- Then move your hand in front of the robot.
Control of Effectors

• How do we make the robot move?

• Must send commands to each device (head, legs, arm, LED display, etc.) every 32 ms.

• This is real-time programming.

• Can't spend too long computing command values!

• Best to do all this in another process, independent of user-written behaviors, so motion can be smooth.
Tekkotsu Architecture: Motion

**Main Process**
- erouter

**Vision Pipeline**
- System sends state information (via Motion, ~32ms)
- System sends camera frames (~30fps)

**WorldState**
- Behaviors request lock on MotionCommands to make direct function calls on them
- State
- Can access state anytime for reactive/open loop control
- Created by currently active Behaviors

**MotionManager**
- Requests joint positions based on current MotionCommands
- Returns positions

**Motion Process**
- Requests joint positions (~32ms)
- Sends new joint positions to system

**Sound Process**
- Requests sound buffer (~32ms)
- Returns sound buffer by mixing current sounds
- Returns 32ms of sound to system

**MotionCommands** (dynamically created)
- Pre-emptive Process
- Shared Memory Region
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- Can play sounds at any time

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Motion Command State Nodes

- WalkNode, ArmNode, HeadPointerNode, LEDNode, etc...
- Creates the motion command in shared memory.
- User can “program” the motion command by calling one of its methods to tell it what to do.
- The node's start() method registers the motion command with the Motion Manager, making it active.
- The node listens for motion manager events to detect when the motion is complete.
- Removes the motion command when it completes.
- Posts a completion event to notify the outgoing \( =C= \) transition to fire.