ACME BNF and Examples

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Caveat: These examples are intended solely to explicate and explore some of the proposed features and aspects of the ACME architectural interchange language. The examples may be buggy and the architectures they describe tend to be overly simplified.
NOTE The following BNF describes a grammar for specifying architectural descriptions.

NOTE ARCHITECTURAL-DESCRIPTION is the initial non-terminal for describing a valid system.

ARCHITECTURAL-DESCRIPTION :=
   { META-DECLARATION ^ ';' '; ' } SYSTEM ^ ';' { ';' } ;
META-DECLARATION := TEMPLATE | STYLE || ;

NOTE                        S T Y L E S                       ;
STYLE :=  'Style NAME ' ( { FORMAL-PARAMETER ^ ', ' } )
           = '{ STYLE-ELEMENT ^ ';' { ';' } }
           { 'Harness AGGREGATE-DESCRIPTION } ;
FORMAL-PARAMETER := NAME ^ ', ' : SYNTACTIC-CLASS ;
STYLE-ELEMENT := TEMPLATE | CONSTRAINT || ;

NOTE                        T E M P L A T E S                       ;
TEMPLATE :=  'Template NAME ' ( { FORMAL-PARAMETER ^ ', ' } )
           { 'defining ( ( FORMAL-PARAMETER#def ^ ', ' ) }
           DEFINITION ;
DEFINITION := EXPLICIT-DEFINITION | EXPANSION || ;
EXPLICIT-DEFINITION := '=' D-CONSTITUENT || ;
D-CONSTITUENT := D-COMPONENT | D-CONNECTOR | D-PORT | D-ROLE | AGGREGATE-DESCRIPTION || ;
AGGREGATE-DESCRIPTION := '{ DECLARATION ^ '; ' } ' ;
EXPANSION := ': SYNTACTIC-CLASS '=' SPECIALIZATION ;
SYNTACTIC-CLASS := ELEMENT-LITERAL-NAME | ELEMENT-LITERAL | ELEMENT-LITERAL-NAME ;
ELEMENT-LITERAL-NAME := ELEMENT-LITERAL NAME ;
ELEMENT-LITERAL := 'Component
   | 'Connector
   | 'Port
   | 'Role
   | 'Aggregation ;
ELEMENT-LITERALS := 'Ports
   | 'Roles
   | 'Representations
   | 'Properties
   | 'Assertions
   | 'Aggregations;
SPECIALIZATION := SPECIALIZATIONS | TEMPLATE-INVOCATION | NAME || ;
SPECIALIZATIONS := SPECIALIZED SPECIFIC-SPECIALIZATION + ;
SPECIALIZED := TEMPLATE-INVOCATION | NAME || ;
TEMPLATE-INVOCATION := NAME '( { ACTUAL-PARAMETER ^ ', } )' ;
ACTUAL-PARAMETER := CONSTITUENT-OR-NAME | ACTUAL-LIST | ;
CONSTITUENT-OR-NAME := CONSTITUENT | TEMPLATE-EXPANSION | NAME | ;
CONSTITUENT := COMPONENT | CONNECTOR |
                  PORT | ROLE | ;
ACTUAL-LIST := CONSTRAINT-LIST | CONSTITUENT-LIST | ;
CONSTRAINT-LIST := MIXED-LIST | REPRESENTATION-LIST |
                  PROPERTY-LIST | ASSERTION-LIST | ;
MIXED-LIST := '{ SINGLE-CONSTRAINT#L ^ '; '} ;
PROPERTY-LIST := 'Properties ': '{ SINGLE-PREDICATE#P ^ '; '} |
ASSERTION-LIST := 'Assertions ': '{ SINGLE-PREDICATE#A ^ '; '} |
CONSTITUENT-LIST := '{ CONSTITUENT-OR-NAME ^ '; '} ;

SPECIFIC-SPECIALIZATION := CONFIG-OP { NAME } 'with DESCRIPTION ;
CONFIG-OP := 'augment | 'override ;
NOTE Descriptions allow components without ports to be declared, and
connectors without roles, in order that components be specialized
without repeating the roles, I think (Wile--12/95);

DESCRIPTION := COMPONENT-DESCRIPTION |
              CONNECTOR-DESCRIPTION |
              PORT-DESCRIPTION |
              ROLE-DESCRIPTION |

NOTE SY S T E M |

SYSTEM := 'System NAME { ': NAME#STYLE }
      ' = '{ DECLARATION ^ '; { '; } } ;
DECLARATION := CONSTRAINTS |
              COMPONENT | CONNECTOR | ROLE | PORT | ATTACHMENTS |
              TEMPLATE-EXPANSION | TEMPLATE-INVOCATION |

NOTE COMPONENTS |

COMPONENT := NAME ' = D-COMPONENT ;
D-COMPONENT := 'Component ': COMPONENT-DESCRIPTION -> HasPorts |
COMPONENT-DESCRIPTION := '{ |
              { 'Ports ': '{ EXPLICIT-PORT ^ '; { '; } } { '; } |
              { CONSTRAINTS { '; } } |
              ' |

NOTE CONNECTORS |

CONNECTOR := NAME ' = D-CONNECTOR ;
D-CONNECTOR := 'Connector ': CONNECTOR-DESCRIPTION -> HasRoles |
CONNECTOR-DESCRIPTION := '{ |
              { 'Roles ': '{ EXPLICIT-ROLE ^ '; { '; } } { '; } |
              { CONSTRAINTS { '; } } |
              ' |

NOTE PORTS |

EXPLICIT-PORT := TEMPLATE-EXPANSION | IMPLICIT-PORT | |
IMPLICIT-PORT := NAME { ' = D-PORT } | | ;
PORT := NAME ' = D-PORT ;
 D-PORT := 'Port ' : PORT-DESCRIPTION ;
 PORT-DESCRIPTION := '{ { CONSTRAINTS { ' } } ' } ;

NOTE

ROLES

EXPLICIT-ROLE := TEMPLATE-EXPANSION | IMPLICIT-ROLE || ;
IMPLICIT-ROLE := NAME { ' = D-ROLE } || ;

ROLE := NAME ' = D-ROLE ;
 D-ROLE := 'Role ' : ROLE-DESCRIPTION ;
 ROLE-DESCRIPTION := '{ { CONSTRAINTS { ' } } ' } ;

CONSTRAINTS := { NAME ' = } ( SINGLE-CONSTRAINT | CONSTRAINT-LIST ) ;
SINGLE-CONSTRAINT := PROPERTY | ASSERTION | REPRESENTATION || ;
PROPERTY := 'Property ' : SINGLE-PREDICATE ;
ASSERTION := 'Assertion ' : SINGLE-PREDICATE ;
REPRESENTATION := 'Representation ' : SINGLE-REPRESENTATION ;
SINGLE-PREDICATE := EXTENSION-DESCRIPTION | RAW-PROPERTY || ;
EXTENSION-DESCRIPTION := LANGUAGE ' : EXTERNALLY-PARSED ;
LANGUAGE := NAME | NamesLanguage ;
EXTERNALLY-PARSED := GRAMMAR Language [ Nonterminals ]
<| StartLanguage |> FinishLanguage ;

NOTE

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTIONS

SINGLE-REPRESENTATION := { NAME ' = }
 '{ ( EXTERNAL-REP | NAME#SYSTEM | SYSTEM )
 { 'map ' : ABSTRACTION-MAP ' } ' } ;
EXTERNAL-REP := 'External { ': TYPE ' = '{ ATT-VALUE ' } ' ;
 |> VALID-REPRESENTATION ;
ABSTRACTION-MAP := BINDINGS-MAP-DEF | OTHER-MAP-DEF || ;
BINDINGS-MAP-DEF := 'Bindings ' : '{ BINDING ^ ' ; ' } ;
BINDING := ROLE-BINDING | PORT-BINDING || ;
ROLE-BINDING := ROLE-NAME#N 'to ROLE-NAME#V ;
PORT-BINDING := PORT-NAME#N 'to PORT-NAME#V ;
ROLE-NAME := NAME#CONNECTOR ' . NAME#ROLE ;
PORT-NAME := NAME#COMPONENT ' . NAME#PORT ;
OTHER-MAP-DEF := LANGUAGE#ABSTRACTION-MAP-TYPE ' : EXTERNALLY-PARSED ;

RAW-PROPERTY := ATTRIBUTE { ': TYPE ' } ' = ATT-VALUE ;
NOTE

TYPE will perhaps become an ODL/IDL type;

TYPE := NAME || ;
ATTRIBUTE := NAME || ;
ATT-VALUE := STRING | NUMBER | NAME || ;

ATTACHMENTS := { NAME ' = } D-ATTACHMENTS ;
D-ATTACHMENTS := 'Attachments ' : ATTACHMENTS-DESCRIPTION ;
ATTACHMENTS-DESCRIPTION := '{ { ATTACHMENT ^ ' ; ' } } ;
ATTACHMENT := PORT-NAME 'to ROLE-NAME ;

TEMPLATE-EXPANSION := NAME-LIST ' = SPECIALIZATION ;
NAME-LIST := NAME | LIST-OF-NAMES | |
LIST-OF-NAMES := '{ OPTIONAL-NAME ^ ', ', ' |

NOTE Normally, the following is bad form, but in this context it's OK:
OPTIONAL-NAME := { NAME |

BINDING := ROLE-BINDING | PORT-BINDING |
ROLE-BINDING := ROLE-NAME#N 'to ROLE-NAME#V |
PORT-BINDING := PORT-NAME#N 'to PORT-NAME#V |

ROLE-NAME := NAME#CONNECTOR '. NAME#ROLE |
PORT-NAME := NAME#COMPONENT '. NAME#PORT |

NAME := LEXEME <| architectural-entity |
STRING := LEXEME <| is-string |
NUMBER := LEXEME <| is-number |
Example: pf_style_def.acme
Date: 4/4/96

Purpose: Specify an (overly) simple pf style strictly for showing off acme features in a slideshow.

// Describe a simple pf style that prevents cycles. This style definition demonstrates ACME 2.0's ability to specify a family of architectures as well as individual architectural instances.

Style pipe-filter() = {

    // Declare component templates.
    Template filter() =
        Component: {
            Ports: { stdin, stdout }
            Properties: { type : string = "filter" }; }

    // Declare pipe templates. Note that the pipe templates hook the filters up as well as declaring a pipe connector. The expressive power of templates has been greatly expanded from that of earlier versions.
    Template pipe(source_port, sink_port : Port)
        defining(conn:Connector) =
            { conn = Connector: {
                Roles: {source, sink};
                Properties : {type : string = pipe}; }
                Attachments: { source_port to conn.source;
                               sink_port to conn.sink; } }

    // Declare properties and constraints specified in the style.
    // Constrain the vocabulary used in this style so that all components are filters and all connectors are pipes
    Assertion : FOPL = {forall comp:components(System) |
                         (comp.property(type) = "filter") };

    Assertion : FOPL = {forall conn:connectors(System) |
                         (conn.property(type) = "pipe") };

    // Specify a 'no-cycles' assertion using a transitive closure expression
    Assertion : FOPL = {forall comp:components(System) |
                         (comp,comp) !elt of connected+ };

} // end Style pipe-filter definition
Example: pf_examples.acme
Date: 4/4/96

Purpose: Use a simple style to show the following features of ACME 2.0:
- more expressive template invocation
- external language integration via visualization language
- refinement maps.

// Describe a simple pf style that prevents cycles. This style
// definition demonstrates ACME 2.0's ability to specify a family of
// architectures as well as individual architectural instances.

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      Properties: { type : string = "filter" }; }

  // Declare pipe templates. Note that the pipe templates
  // hook the filters up as well as declaring a pipe connector. The
  // expressive power of templates has been greatly expanded from
  // that of earlier versions.
  Template pipe(source_port, sink_port : Port)
    defining(conn:Connector) =
      { conn = Connector: {
          Roles: {source, sink};
          Properties : {type : string = pipe};
          Attachments: { source_port to conn.source;
                         sink_port to conn.sink; } }

  // Declare properties and constraints specified in the style.
  // Constrain the vocabulary used in this style so that all
  // components are filters and all connectors are pipes
  Assertion : FOPL = {forall comp:components(System) |
                     (comp.property(type) = "filter") };;

  Assertion : FOPL = {forall conn:connectors(System) |
                     (conn.property(type) = "pipe") };;

  // Specify a "no-cycles" assertion using a transitive closure
  // expression
  Assertion : FOPL = {forall comp:components(System) |
                     (comp,comp) !elt of connected+ };

} // end Style pipe-filter definition

// Describe an instance of a system constructed using the pipe-filter
// style.
System simple_pf : pipe-filter = {

// Declare the components to be used in this design with the filter
// template given in the pipe-filter style definition.
smooth = filter();
detect_errors = filter();
show_tracks = filter();

// Declare the connectors used in the system. These more powerful
// template invocations now make use of the gensym facility and do
// not need to be named. The templates also make all of the
// appropriate attachments.
() = pipe(smooth.stdout, detect_errors.stdin);
() = pipe(detect_errors.stdout, show_tracks.stdin);

// Here I use an external language for visualizations. In this
// case the external rep is a first class object
augment smooth with {
    visualization : {
        vis-x = 50; vis-y = 50;
        vis-height = 100; vis-width = 100;
        vis-shape = rectangle;
        vis-color = black;
    }
}

// alternatively, we can embed a visual description as a property:
augment detect_errors with {
    Property : visualization = {
        vis-x = 50; vis-y = 50;
        vis-height = 100; vis-width = 100;
        vis-shape = rectangle;
        vis-color = black;
    }
}

// Here we add an acme representation to the show_tracks filter:
augment show_tracks with {
    Representation: {
        show_tracks_subsystem; //identifier, defined elsewhere
        Map : Bindings = {
            stdout to show_tracks_subsystem.stdout;
            stdin  to show_tracks_subsystem.stdin;
        }
    }
}

// Here we add an external representation with an abstraction map
// that attaches with an external (non-acme) language mapping
// description. This description is a non-acme language that needs
// to be interpreted by an ADL specific tool.
augment detect_errors with {
    Representation: {
        External : source-code = { "/FILTER_LIB/kalman_filter.c" };
        Map : fd_mapping = {
            map stdout to code_fd 1
            map stdin to code_fd 0
        }
    }
}

} // end simple_pf description.
Example: Instance description of simple LAS system
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Purpose: Describe a simple proposed architecture for the IWSSD case study of the London Ambulance Service dispatch system. This version uses only basic instance-level (kernel) features of ACME v2.0.

// Instance based example - simple LAS architecture:
System LAS_CAD = {

  // system components
  call_entry = component {
    ports : { send_call_msg }
  }
  incident_mgr = component {
    ports : { map_request, incident_info_requests, send_incident_info, receive_call_msg }
  }
  resource_mgr = component {
    ports : { map_request, incident_info_request, receive_incident_info, send_dispatch_request }
  }
  dispatcher = component {
    ports : { receive_dispatch_request }
  }
  map_server = component {
    ports : { request_port1, request_port2 }
  }

  // system connectors

  // message passing connectors
  call_info_channel = connector {
    roles : { from, to }
    properties : { conn_type : string = message_pass_channel; msg_flow : flow_direction = from -> to; }
  }
  incident_update_channel = connector {
    roles : { from, to }
    properties : { conn_type : string = message_pass_channel; msg_flow : flow_direction = from -> to; }
  }
  dispatch_request_channel = connector {
    roles : { from, to }
    properties : { conn_type : string = message_pass_channel; msg_flow : flow_direction = from -> to; }
  }

  // RPC connectors
  incident_info_request_rpc = connector {
    roles : { client_end, server_end }
    property : { conn_type : string = RPC; }
  }
}
map_request_rpc1 = connector {
    roles : { client_end, server_end }
    property : { conn_type : string = RPC; }
}
map_request_rpc2 = connector {
    roles : { client_end, server_end }
    property : { conn_type : string = RPC; }
}

// connect up the attachments
incident_info_path = attachments : {
    // calls to incident_manager
    call_entry.send_call_msg to call_info_channel.from;
    incident_mgr.receive_call_msg to call_info_channel.to;

    // incident updates to resource manager
    incident_mgr.send_incident_info to
    incident_update_channel.from;
    resource_mgr.receive_incident_info to
    incident_update_channel.to;

    // dispatch requests to dispatcher
    respource_mgr.send_dispatch_request to
    dispatch_request_channel.from;
    dispatcher.receive_dispatch_request to
    dispatch_request_channel.to;
}

rpc_requests = attachments : {
    // calls to map server
    incident_mgr.map_request to map_request_rpc1.client_end;
    map_server.request_port1 to map_request_rpc1.server_end;
    resource_mgr.map_request to map_request_rpc2.client_end;
    map_server.request_port2 to map_request_rpc2.server_end;

    // incident info from incident_mgr
    resource_mgr.incident_info_request to
    incident_info_request_rpc.client_end;
    incident_mgr.incident_info_requests to
    incident_info_request_rpc.server_end;
}

// system assertions and properties:
assertion : real-time-constraint :
    {latency (send_call_msg to dispatch_request_msg) < 3 min };
Example: LAS example extended with a style definition and templates
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Purpose: Describe a simple proposed architecture for the IWSSD case study of the London Ambulance Service dispatch system. This version extends the instance based description by using templates.

// template based example - simple LAS architecture:
// Describe the style that we are using for the LAS system.
Style envt_control() = {
    // declare component templates. It's not clear that component
    // templates buy us much here.
    Template server(p:ports) defining comp =
    { comp = Component: {
        Ports: p;
        Properties: { defines_interfaces = server };}
    }
    Template manager(p:ports) defining comp =
    { comp = Component: {
        Ports: p;
        Properties: { defines_interfaces = manager };}
    }
    Template envt_interface(p:ports) defining comp =
    { comp = Component {
        Ports: p;
        Properties: { defines_interfaces = envt_interface };}
    }

    // declare connector templates. Note that the connector templates
    // hook the connectors up as well.
    Template rpc(client_port, server_port : Port)
    defining(conn:Connector) =
    { conn = Connector: {
        Roles: {server_role, client_role};
        Properties: { type : string = rpc_connector};
    }Attachments: { client_port to conn.client_role;
        server_port to conn.server_role; }
    }

    Template msg_channel(sender_port, receiver_port : Port)
    defining(conn:Connector) =
    { conn = Connector: {
        Roles: {source_role, sink_role};
        Properties: {
            type : string = message_pass_channel;
            msg_flow : flow_direction = source_role->sink_role; } }
} } 
Attachments: { sender_port to conn.source_role;  
receiver_port to conn.sink_role; } 
}

// declare properties and constraints specified in the style.

// constrain the vocabulary used in this style.
Assertion : FOPL = {forall comp:components(System) |  
(comp.property(defines_interface) contains "server" or 
comp.property(defines_interface) contains "manager" or 
comp.property(defines_interface) contains "envt_interface") }; 

Assertion : FOPL = {forall conn:connectors(System) |  
(conn.property(type) = "rpc_connector" or 
conn.property(type) = "message_pass_channel") }; 

// specify topological type attachments constraints  
Assertion : FOPL = {forall s,m:server(s) and manager(m) |  
atached(m,s,conn) => (conn.property(type) = "rpc_connector") 
}; 

Assertion : FOPL = {forall e,m:envt_interface(e) and manager(m) |  
atached(e,m,conn) => 
(conn.property(type) = "message_pass_channel") }; 
}

// end Style envt_control definition

System LAS_CAD : envt_control = { 

// system properties:

// system components
   call_entry = envt_interface( {send_call_msg} );  
dispatcher = envt_interface( {receive_dispatch_request} );

map_server = server(request_port1, request_port2);

resource_mgr = manager( {map_request, incident_info_request,  
receive_incident_info, send_dispatch_request} );
incident_mgr = manager( {map_request, incident_info_requests,  
send_incident_info, receive_call_msg} );

// adapt the incident_mgr to support both server and manager  
// interfaces.
   override incident_mgr.property(defines_interfaces) with "manager, server"

// define system connectors. with the new form of template  
// definitions this includes the ability to do attachments in the  
// templates.

// message passing connectors
   call_info_channel = msg_channel(call_entry.send_call_msg,  
incident_mgr.receive_call_msg);

incident_update_channel = 
   msg_channel(incident_mgr.send_incident_info,  
resource_mgr.receive_incident_info);
dispatch_request_channel =
    msg_channel(resource_mgr.send_dispatch_request,
                dispatcher.receive_dispatch_request);

// RPC connectors
incident_info_request_rpc = rpc(resource_mgr.incident_info_request,
                                 incident_mgr.incident_info_requests);

map_request_rpc1 = rpc(incident_mgr.map_request,
                        map_server.request_port1)
map_request_rpc2 = rpc(resource_mgr.map_request,
                        map_server.request_port2);

} // end LAS system description.
Example: Further extend LAS example with representations
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Purpose: Describe a simple proposed architecture for the IWSSD case study of the London Ambulance Service dispatch system. This version template based description by including two representations and their associated abstraction mappings.

// template based example with refinements - simple LAS architecture:

// Describe the style that we are using for the LAS system.
Style envt_control() = {

// declare component templates. It's not clear that component
// templates buy us much here.
Template server(p:ports) defining comp =
  { comp = Component: {
    Ports: p;
    Properties: { defines_interfaces = server };}
  }

Template manager(p:ports) defining comp =
  { comp = Component: {
    Ports: p;
    Properties: { defines_interfaces = manager };}
  }

Template envt_interface(p:ports) defining comp =
  { comp = Component {
    Ports: p;
    Properties: { defines_interfaces = envt_interface };}
  }

// declare connector templates. Note that the connector templates
// hook the connectors up as well.
Template rpc(client_port, server_port : Port)
  defining(conn:Connector) =
  { conn = Connector: {
    Roles: {server_role, client_role};
    Properties : {type : string = rpc_connector};
  }
   Attachments: { client_port to conn.client_role;
                 server_port to conn.server_role; } }

Template msg_channel(sender_port, receiver_port : Port)
  defining(conn:Connector) =
  { conn = Connector: {
    Roles: {source_role, sink_role};
    Properties: {
      type : string = message_pass_channel; } }

msg_flow : flow_direction = source_role->sink_role;

Attachments: { sender_port to conn.source_role;
receiver_port to conn.sink_role; }

// declare properties and constraints specified in the style.

// constrain the vocabulary used in this style.
Assertion : FOPL = {forall comp:components(System) |
(comp.property(defines_interface) contains "server" or
comp.property(defines_interface) contains "manager" or
comp.property(defines_interface) contains "envt_interface") }

Assertion : FOPL = {forall conn:connectors(System) |
(conn.property(type) = "rpc_connector" or
conn.property(type) = "message_pass_channel") }

// specify topological type attachments constraints
Assertion : FOPL = {forall s,m:server(s) and manager(m) |
attached(m,s,conn) => (conn.property(type) = "rpc_connector")
}

Assertion : FOPL = {forall e,m:envt_interface(e) and manager(m) |
attached(e,m,conn) =>
(conn.property(type) = "message_pass_channel")
}

} // end Style envt_control definition

System LAS_CAD : envt_control = {

// system properties:

// system components
call_entry = envt_interface( {send_call_msg} );
dispatcher = envt_interface( {receive_dispatch_request} );

incident_mgr = manager( {map_request, incident_info_requests,
send_incident_info, receive_call_msg} );

// adapt the incident_mgr to support both server and manager
// interfaces.
override incident_mgr.property(defines_interfaces) with "manager,
server"

resource_mgr = manager( {map_request, incident_info_request,
receive_incident_info, send_dispatch_request} );

// add the resource_mgr_refinement system as a representation of
// the resource manager component.
augment resource_mgr with {
Representation: {
resource_mgr_refinement
map : Bindings = {
map_request to planning_engine.map_request;
incident_info_request to
planning_engine.incident_info_requests;
receive_incident_info to
planning_engine.receive_incident_info;
send_dispatch_request to
planning_engine.send_dispatch_request;

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// the map server has an external representation with a non-ACME,  
// user-specified abstraction mapping.
map_server = server(request_port1, request_port2);
augment map_server with {
  Representation: {
    External: source-code = {"/SERVER_LIB/map_server.c"};
    // note: socket_mapping is a non-acme mapping.
    map: socket_mapping =
      { route request_port1 to <serverhost>.socket 1001;
        route request_port2 to <serverhost>.socket 1002; }
  }
};

// define system connectors. with the new form of template  
// definitions this includes the ability to do attachments in the  
// templates.

// message passing connectors
call_info_channel = msg_channel(call_entry.send_call_msg,  
  incident_mgr.receive_call_msg);

incident_update_channel =
  msg_channel(incident_mgr.send_incident_info,  
  resource_mgr.receive_incident_info);

dispatch_request_channel =
  msg_channel(resource_mgr.send_dispatch_request,  
  dispatcher.receive_dispatch_request);

// RPC connectors
incident_info_request_rpc = rpc(resource_mgr.incident_info_request,  
  incident_mgr.incident_info_requests);

map_request_rpc1 = rpc(incident_mgr.map_request,  
  map_server.request_port1)

map_request_rpc2 = rpc(resource_mgr.map_request,  
  map_server.request_port2);

} // end LAS system description.

// define the refinement of the resource manager's architecture
System resource_mgr_refinement : envt_control = {

  // define the components
  hospital_resource_db = server( {server_request_port} );
  ambulance_resource_db = server( {server_request_port} );

  planning_engine = manager( {hospital_info, ambulance_info,  
      map_request, incident_info_requests,  
      receive_incident_info,  
      send_dispatch_request} );

  // define the connectors and attach. note that the planning engine  
  // has four unbound and unattached ports that will be bound when  
  // the system is specified as a representation.
hospital_info_request_rpc = rpc(planning_engine.hospital_info,
hospital_resource_db.server_request_port);

ambulance_info_request_rpc = rpc(planning_engine.ambulance_info,
ambulance_resource_db.server_request_port);

// add any properties or assertions about the subsystem below:

} // end System resource_mgr_refinement definition