



CASE STUDY COMPETITION

Automated Grid Mover System



Welcome to the WSC case study competition. The case study for this competition is based on the automated grid mover system and this set of materials aims to help participants get a better understanding of the system as well as what they are required to do.



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First, we will cover the preparation material offered to participants and how they can make full use of the materials; Second, we will provide a detailed illustration of the grid mover system and what is expected from participants. This will then be followed with a summary.



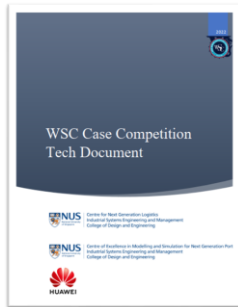
Let's start with the first part.

PREPARATION



Download Tech Document

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Download Source Code Package

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- Python



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Upon registration and sign-in, a tech document and a source code zip package will be made available to participants. Please refer to the document for further details regarding the descriptions on the case description, model structure, and instructions on file downloading and submission procedures.

After downloading and unzipping source code, you can view and run the whole system through Pycharm.



Next, we have a detailed illustration of the grid mover structure.

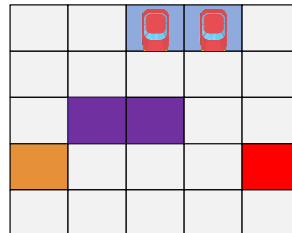
GRID MOVER SYSTEM - OVERVIEW







Real life Warehouse



Informal Description :
Transportation Network



-  Park Position
-  Obstacle
-  Square Unit with High Picking Rate
-  Square Unit with High Delivery Rate

First of all, this is an overview of the automated grid mover system case study.

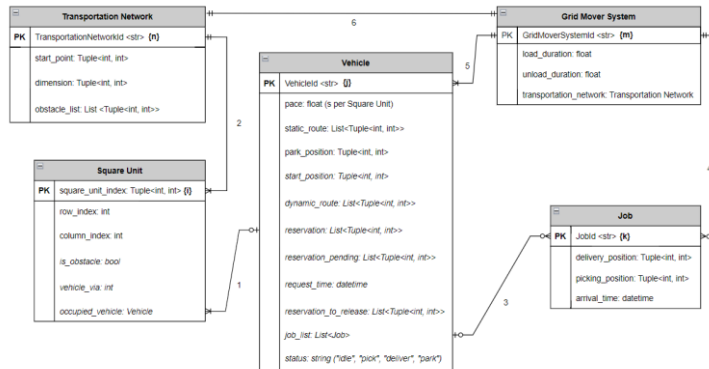
The picture on the left is a real-life warehouse. On the right, there is an informal description of this warehouse, which is called the transportation network. As you can see, the warehouse is divided into many square units, with different colours representing different functions. Blue represents vehicle parking positions, Purple represents obstacles, while square units with High Picking Rates are Orange and square units with High Delivery Rates are Red.

Next, let's explore entities in this grid mover system.

GRID MOVER SYSTEM – GRIDMOVER SYSTEM HANDLER



Entity Relationship Diagram



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This is a standard entity relationship diagram. We can see the transportation network which holds a one-to-one relationship with the grid mover system. This is because 1 grid mover system contains at most 1 transportation network and one transportation network can only appear in 1 grid mover system. While 1 transportation network is composed of at least 1 square unit and 1 square unit can only appear at 1 transportation network, the relationship between them is one-to-many.

As for vehicle and square unit, their relationship is one-to-many, because 1 vehicle can reserve more than 1 square units, whereas 1 square unit can only be occupied by 1 vehicle at one time. 1 vehicle can handle a lot of jobs and 1 job can only appear in 1 vehicle, so the relationship is one-to-many. Of course, in 1 system there can be many jobs and vehicles, so system to job and to vehicle are all one-to-many. For more details, please refer to chapter 3.1 "Entities" of the tech document.

The diagram illustrates the state transitions for a vehicle routing problem. It starts with a 'Job' event leading to 'Waiting for Vehicle'. A 'Vehicle arrives at the Job's picking position' event triggers 'Loading on Vehicle'. This leads to 'Relocate to Delivery Position', then 'Unloading from Vehicle', and finally back to 'Job'. A 'Vehicle' event leads to 'Parking' (Initially). From 'Parking', transitions lead to 'Mounting' (if picking a Job), 'Dismounting' (if delivering a Job), or 'Waiting for Partial Route' (if going to park). 'Mounting' leads to 'Dismounting', which leads to 'Waiting for Partial Route'. 'Waiting for Partial Route' leads to 'Travelling Partial Route'. 'Travelling Partial Route' leads to 'Full Route Complete' or 'Full Route Incomplete'. 'Full Route Incomplete' leads back to 'Waiting for Partial Route'. 'Full Route Complete' leads to 'release partial route', which leads back to 'Waiting for Partial Route'. A red dashed box labeled 'Traveling' encloses the 'Waiting for Partial Route' and 'Travelling Partial Route' states. Below the diagram, the text 'matched with a job' is present.

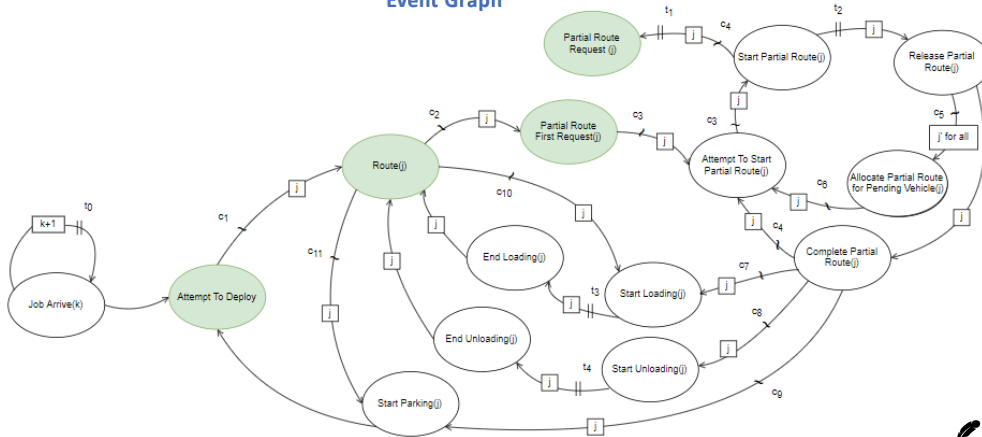
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GRID MOVER SYSTEM – GRIDMOVER SYSTEM HANDLER



Event Graph



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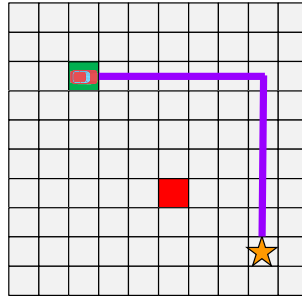
Our grid mover system is a discrete event-based system, and this is a standard event graph. It is drawn based on the events in our grid mover system. We can understand the operation logic of the entire system through the event graph, take note of the events marked in green.

First, when the job enters the system, the `job_arrive` event is triggered, and then this event triggers the `attempt_to_deploy` event, which assigns available jobs to suitable vehicles. After the vehicle and job are matched, the `route` event will be triggered. Next, we will show the process of the vehicle moving on the transportation network in order to provide a better understanding of the events.

EVENT GRAPH ILLUSTRATION



ROUTE



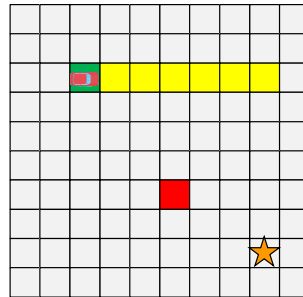
First, the route event will use an algorithm to calculate the entire path from one place to another. As shown in the picture, if a vehicle needs to go from its parking position to the picking position, it must pass a total of 12 square units, which make up for its travel route.

At this moment the vehicle is parked at the start position.

EVENT GRAPH ILLUSTRATION



PARTIAL ROUTE FIRST REQUEST



- Start Position
- Delivery Position
- Reserved Position
- ★ Picking Position

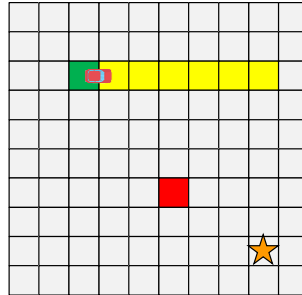
The `partial_route_first_request` event will be triggered once the vehicle gets its path and it will then try to reserve a partial route.

For example, for a total of 12 square units, the first 6 square units are reserved to avoid collision during travelling. When the vehicle reserves these 6 square units successfully, other vehicles cannot reserve these grids again, and can only wait for the requested square units to be released. The `attempt_to_start_partial_route` event is only triggered after the vehicle has successfully reserved its partial route.

EVENT GRAPH ILLUSTRATION



ATTEMPT TO START PARTIAL ROUTE → START PARTIAL ROUTE



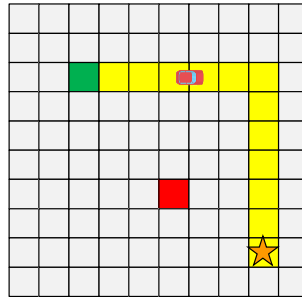
-  Start Position
-  Delivery Position
-  Reserved Position
-  Picking Position

The `attempt_to_start_partial_route` event will verify whether the reservation was successful. If successful, the `start_partial_route` event will be triggered, which allows the vehicle to start moving.

EVENT GRAPH ILLUSTRATION



PARTIAL ROUTE REQUEST: RESERVE NEXT PARTIAL ROUTE



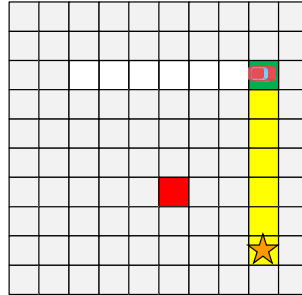
-  Start Position
-  Delivery Position
-  Reserved Position
-  Picking Position

During the movement of the vehicle, the `partial_route_request` event will be triggered to reserve the next 6 square units that the vehicle will need to pass through later.

EVENT GRAPH ILLUSTRATION



RELEASE PARTIAL ROUTE → ALLOCATE PARTIAL ROUTE FOR PENDING VEHICLE



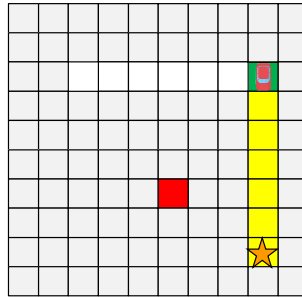
- Start Position
- Delivery Position
- Reserved Position
- ★ Picking Position

When the vehicle reaches the sixth square unit, the `release_partial_route` event will be triggered and it will release the previous start position as well as the 5 square units that have been passed. The current position of the vehicle at the sixth square unit will be updated as the new start position. After releasing these square units, if there are other vehicles waiting for a square unit, the `allocate_partial_route_for_pending_vehicle` event will be triggered. If the pending vehicle is able to reserve its partial route from these released square units, then the `attempt_to_start_partial_route` event will be triggered and the pending vehicle will start moving.

EVENT GRAPH ILLUSTRATION



COMPLETE PARTIAL ROUTE



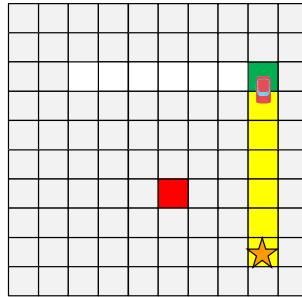
-  Start Position
-  Delivery Position
-  Reserved Position
-  Picking Position

The `release_partial_route` event will also trigger the `complete_partial_route` event, which means that the partial route has been successfully completed.

EVENT GRAPH ILLUSTRATION



ATTEMPT TO START PARTIAL ROUTE → START PARTIAL ROUTE



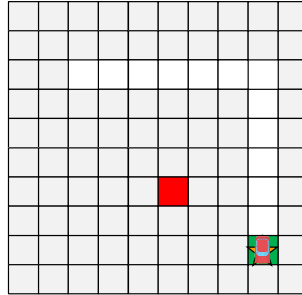
- Start Position
- Delivery Position
- Reserved Position
- ★ Picking Position

After the previous partial route is completed, the `attempt_to_start_partial_route` event will be triggered, which will further trigger the `start_partial_route` event, which means the vehicle will start to move again.

EVENT GRAPH ILLUSTRATION



RELEASE PARTIAL ROUTE → ALLOCATE PARTIAL ROUTE FOR PENDING VEHICLE



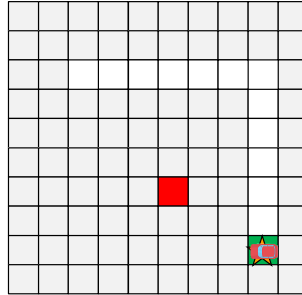
-  Start Position
-  Delivery Position
-  Reserved Position
-  Picking Position

Once again, when the vehicle moves to the last square unit of the partial route, it will release its partial route and the `allocate_partial_route_for_pending_vehicle` event will be triggered for any other pending vehicles in the system.

EVENT GRAPH ILLUSTRATION



COMPLETE PARTIAL ROUTE → START LOADING → END LOADING



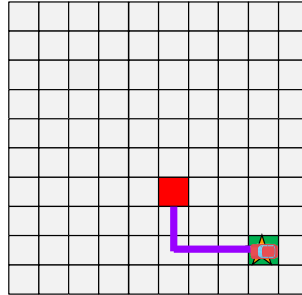
-  Start Position
-  Delivery Position
-  Reserved Position
-  Picking Position

After the partial route is completed, if the vehicle's start position is now the picking position, this means the vehicle has completed the full route. The start_loading event will then be triggered. After some time, the end_loading event will be scheduled, indicating the completion of loading the job item onto the vehicle.

EVENT GRAPH ILLUSTRATION



ROUTE



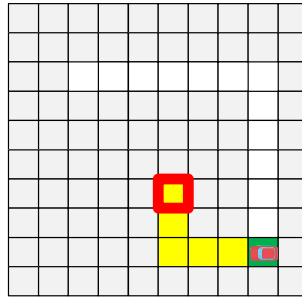
-  Start Position
-  Delivery Position
-  Reserved Position
-  Picking Position

After the job item is loaded onto the vehicle, it needs to transport the job item to the delivery position. Therefore, the route event will be triggered to get the next full route necessary for delivery.

EVENT GRAPH ILLUSTRATION



PARTIAL ROUTE FIRST REQUEST



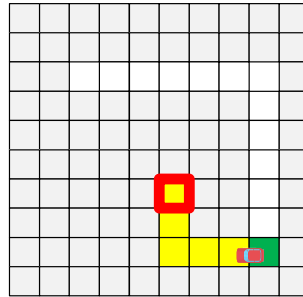
-  Start Position
-  Delivery Position
-  Reserved Position
-  Picking Position

After a full route is obtained, the `partial_route_first_request` event will be triggered to reserve square units accordingly.

EVENT GRAPH ILLUSTRATION



ATTEMPT TO START PARTIAL ROUTE → START PARTIAL ROUTE



-  Start Position
-  Delivery Position
-  Reserved Position
-  Picking Position

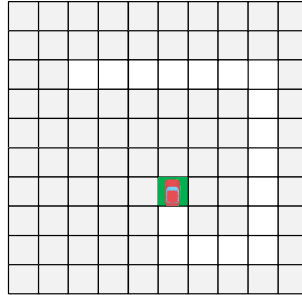
If the partial route is reserved successfully, the `attempt_to_start_partial_route` event will be triggered and `start_partial_route` event will be further triggered. After which, the vehicle starts to move.

Since the partial route length covers the full route length, there is no need to reserve the next partial route. The vehicle will move directly to the delivery position.

EVENT GRAPH ILLUSTRATION



RELEASE PARTIAL ROUTE → ALLOCATE PARTIAL ROUTE FOR PENDING VEHICLE



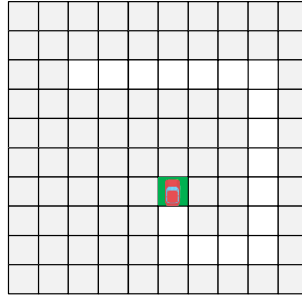
-  Start Position
-  Delivery Position
-  Reserved Position
-  Picking Position

When the vehicle has finished the partial route, and the current occupied square unit is the delivery position, the `release_partial_route` event will be triggered. And the `allocate_partial_route_for_pending_vehicle` event will be triggered if there are pending vehicles in system like before.

EVENT GRAPH ILLUSTRATION



COMPLETE PARTIAL ROUTE → START UNLOADING → END UNLOADING



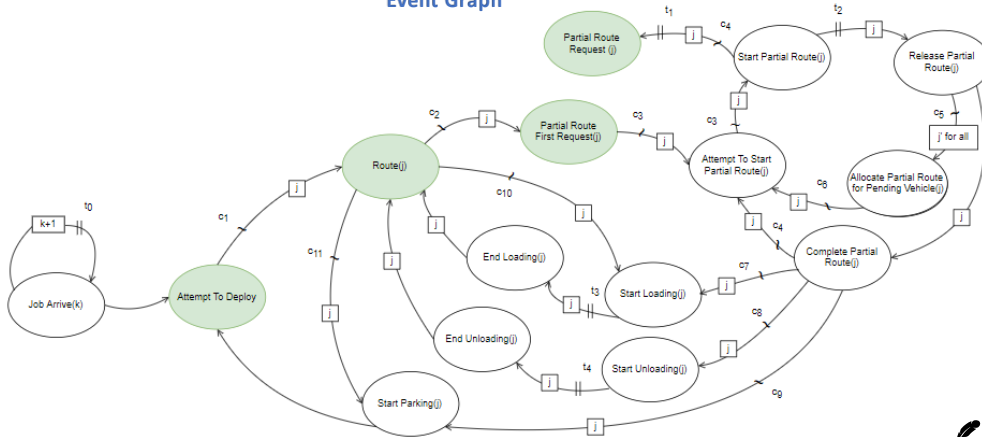
-  Start Position
-  Delivery Position
-  Reserved Position
-  Picking Position

After the partial route is released, the `complete_partial_route` event will be triggered. Because the full route is finished, the `complete_partial_route` event will trigger the `start_unloading` event. After the vehicle has finished unloading, the `end_unloading` event will be scheduled. The vehicle has now finished the job successfully.

GRID MOVER SYSTEM – GRIDMOVER SYSTEM HANDLER



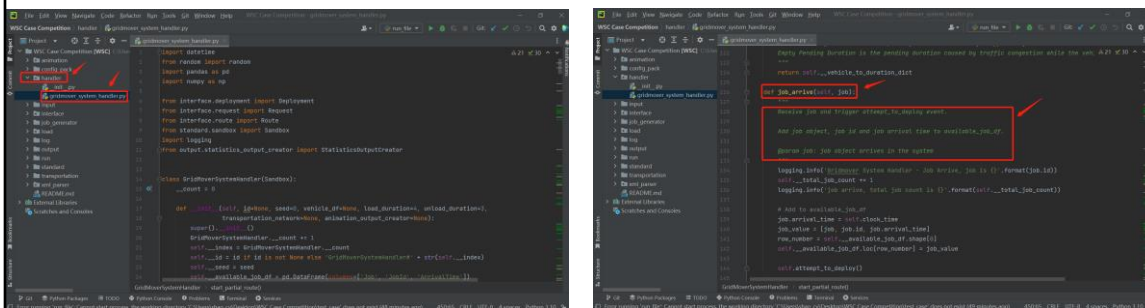
Event Graph



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The route event will be triggered again if the vehicle has other jobs to do. The route event will trigger the partial_route_first_request event again to move to the picking position of the new job. But if the current position of vehicle happens to be the picking position of the new job, the route event will directly trigger the start_loading event to load new job items onto the vehicle. However, if the vehicle has no other jobs to process, it will move to its parking position. If the current position is not its parking position, the route event must trigger partial_route _first_request event, and all other previously mentioned events will be triggered sequentially until the start_parking event is triggered. If the start position is exactly in its parking position, the route event can directly trigger the start_parking event. When the vehicle reaches its parking position, the start_parking event will trigger the attempt_to_deploy event to match new jobs coming into the system.

Detailed description of all events displayed on the event graph is provided in Chapter 3.4 of the tech document.



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GRID MOVER SYSTEM – XML INPUT



Transportation Network

		(2,0)	(3,0)	
(0,0)	(1,0)			
(0,1)				
(0,2)	(1,2)	(2,2)		
(0,3)				(4,3)

- Park Position
- Obstacle
- Square Unit with High Picking Rate
- Square Unit with High Delivery Rate

Now that we know how the system works, we should consider what input our system needs. As seen before, we will now give each square unit a unique index in the transportation network of our simulation system.

The square unit on the first row and first column is given (0,0), the square unit on the first row and second column is (1,0), and so on. We can also see that the parking positions are at (2,0) and (3,0) respectively, while the two obstacles are at (1,2) and (2,2) respectively. The square unit with the high picking rate is at (0,3), while the square unit with high delivery rate is at (4,3).

GRID MOVER SYSTEM – XML INPUT




```
<GridMoverSystem>

  <TransportationNetwork>
    <StartPoint>(0,0)</StartPoint>
    <Dimension>(5,5)</Dimension>
    <Obstacles>
      <Obstacle>(1,2)</Obstacle>
      <Obstacle>(2,2)</Obstacle>
    </Obstacles>
  </TransportationNetwork>

  <GridMoverResources>
    <Vehicle Id="Vehicle1">
      <ParkPosition>(2,0)</ParkPosition>
    </Vehicle>
    <Vehicle Id="Vehicle2">
      <ParkPosition>(3,0)</ParkPosition>
    </Vehicle>
  </GridMoverResources>

  <SimulatedJobs>
    <Lambda>40</Lambda>
    <PickingDefaultRate>1</PickingDefaultRate>
    <DeliveryDefaultRate>1</DeliveryDefaultRate>
    <SquareUnits>
      <SquareUnit>
        <SquareUnitIndex>(0,3)</SquareUnitIndex>
        <PickingRate>2.5</PickingRate>
        <DeliveryRate>0.5</DeliveryRate>
      </SquareUnit>
      <SquareUnit>
        <SquareUnitIndex>(4,3)</SquareUnitIndex>
        <DeliveryRate>2.5</DeliveryRate>
      </SquareUnit>
    </SquareUnits>
  </SimulatedJobs>

</GridMoverSystem>
```

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We will now enter all the information in XML, which is our XML input file.

We can see that the transportation start point is (0,0) and that the dimensions is a 5*5 grid. We can also see the square unit index for the obstacles as well as the two vehicles' parking positions. With all the inputs on transportation, Jobs are then automatically generated next. We use exponential distribution to generate jobs and this lambda means approximately how many jobs are generated within 1 hour. Since we know different square units have different picking and delivery rates, we assume all default rates are 1 and other square units with special picking or delivery rates are listed below. Since the picking rate of (0,3) is higher than 1, this means that this square unit has a High Picking Rate.

Further explanations on input is provided in Chapter 3.5 of the tech document.

GRID MOVER SYSTEM – ELEMENT CREATOR & JOB GENERATOR



Element Creator

- Initial entities from xml input: square unit, transportation network, vehicle
- Initial job generator handler and gridmover system handler

Job Generator

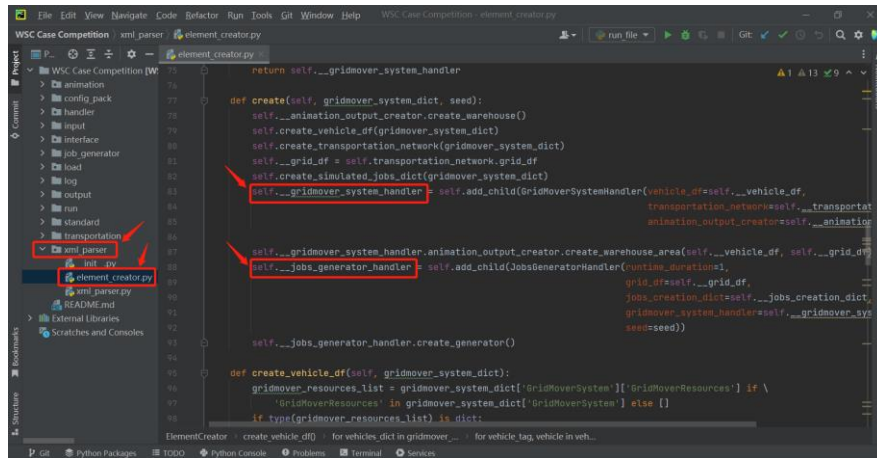
- Use exponential distribution lambda to calculate job arrival rate
- Use Alias to distribute picking and delivery position



In order to read XML input file in the system, we need an element creator file and a job generator file. The element creator file has two main tasks. One, it initializes entities from a XML input file (e.g. square unit, transportation network and vehicle). Second, it initializes handlers (e.g. job generator handler and grid mover system handler).

Now let's take a look at the job generator. Exponential distribution is applied to obtain the job arrival rate. The Lambda for this exponential distribution is included in the XML file. The job generator adopts Alias to randomize the job's picking and delivery position based on possibilities from the XML file.

GRID MOVER SYSTEM – ELEMENT CREATOR

A screenshot of a code editor window showing the 'element_creator.py' file. The file is located in the 'xml_parser' folder, which is highlighted in the left sidebar. The code defines a 'create' method that initializes various components of the grid mover system. Red boxes highlight the initialization of 'self.__gridmover_system_handler' and 'self.__jobs_generator_handler'. Red arrows point from the sidebar to the file and from the code to the highlighted sections.

```
18 return self.__gridmover_system_handler
19
20 def create(self, gridmover_system_dict, seed):
21     self.__animation_output_creator.create_warehouse()
22     self.create_vehicle_df(gridmover_system_dict)
23     self.create_transportation_network(gridmover_system_dict)
24     self.__grid_df = self.transportation_network.grid_df
25     self.create_simulated_jobs_dict(gridmover_system_dict)
26     self.__gridmover_system_handler = self.add_child(GridMoverSystemHandler(vehicle_df=self.__vehicle_df,
27                                                                                   transportation_network=self.__transportation_network,
28                                                                                   animation_output_creator=self.__animation_output_creator))
29
30     self.__gridmover_system_handler.animation_output_creator.create_warehouse_area(self.__vehicle_df, self.__grid_df)
31     self.__jobs_generator_handler = self.add_child(JobsGeneratorHandler(running_simulations=
32                                                                                   self.__grid_df,
33                                                                                   jobs_creation_dict=self.__jobs_creation_dict,
34                                                                                   gridmover_system_handler=self.__gridmover_system_handler,
35                                                                                   seed=seed))
36     self.__jobs_generator_handler.create_generator()
37
38 def create_vehicle_df(self, gridmover_system_dict):
39     gridmover_resources_list = gridmover_system_dict['GridMoverSystem']['GridMoverResources'] if \
40         'GridMoverResources' in gridmover_system_dict['GridMoverSystem'] else []
41     if type(gridmover_resources_list) is dict:
42         for vehicles_dict in gridmover_resources_list:
43             for vehicle_tag, vehicle in vehicles_dict.items():
```

Looking at these two files in source code, the element creator is in the xml_parser folder, and through the create function, we can see that the job generator handler and grid mover system handler are initialized.

GRID MOVER SYSTEM – JOB GENERATOR

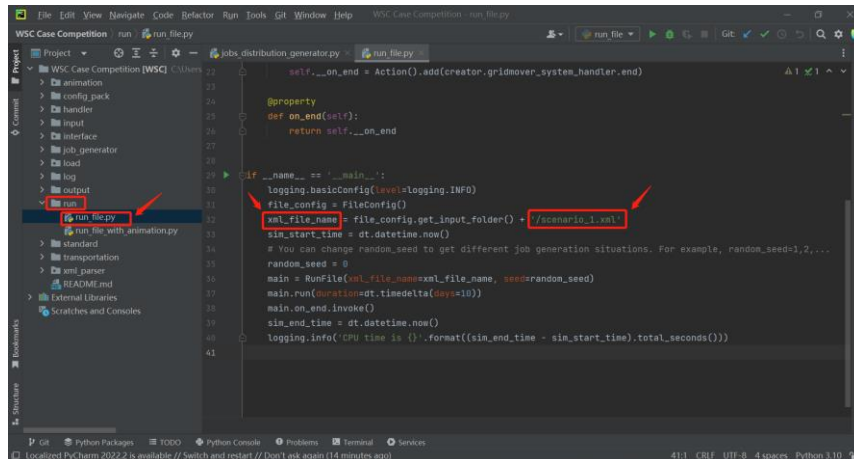


```
def get_accept_and_alias(self, rate_list):  
    """Get accept and alias for a given rate list.  
    :param rate_list: A list of rates.  
    :return: A tuple (accept, alias).  
    """  
    accept = 0  
    alias = 0  
    for rate in rate_list:  
        accept = rate  
        alias = 1 - rate  
    return accept, alias  
  
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The job generator handler is in the job generator folder, which manages the job generator file. We can see that the job generator generates jobs based on exponential distribution and Alias.

GRID MOVER SYSTEM – RUN: RUN_FILE.PY

A screenshot of a Python IDE (likely PyCharm) showing the 'run_file.py' script. The file explorer on the left shows the project structure with folders like 'animation', 'config', 'handler', 'input', 'interface', 'job_generator', 'load', 'log', 'output', 'run', 'standard', 'transportation', 'xml_parser', and 'External Libraries'. The 'run' folder is selected, and 'run_file.py' is highlighted. The main editor shows the code for 'run_file.py'. Red arrows point to the 'run' folder in the file explorer, the 'run_file.py' file, and the 'xml_file_name' variable in the code, which is set to 'scenario_1.xml'. The code includes a main function that runs the simulation for 10 days and logs the CPU time.

```
self.__on_end = Action().add(creator.gridmover_system_handler.end)

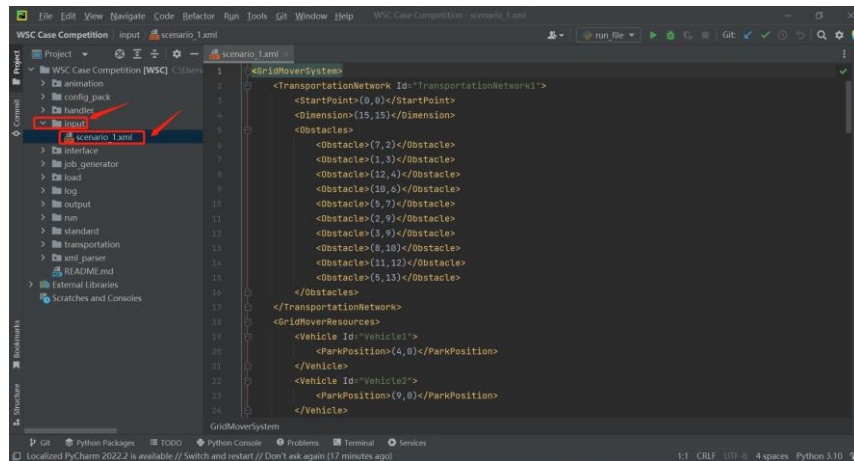
@property
def on_end(self):
    return self.__on_end

if __name__ == '__main__':
    logging.basicConfig(level=logging.INFO)
    file_config = FileConfig()
    xml_file_name = file_config.get_input_folder() + "/scenario_1.xml"
    sim_start_time = dt.datetime.now()
    # You can change random_seed to get different job generation situations. For example, random_seed=1,2,...
    random_seed = 0
    main = RunFile(xml_file_name+xml_file_name, seed=random_seed)
    main.run(duration=dt.timedelta(days=10))
    main.on_end.invoke()
    sim_end_time = dt.datetime.now()
    logging.info('CPU time is {}'.format((sim_end_time - sim_start_time).total_seconds()))
```

Now that we know more about the input and how to use it, the next step is to run the system. There are two running files in the run folder: run file and run file with animation.

Let's look at the run file first. Run file has the xml_file_name we wish to run.

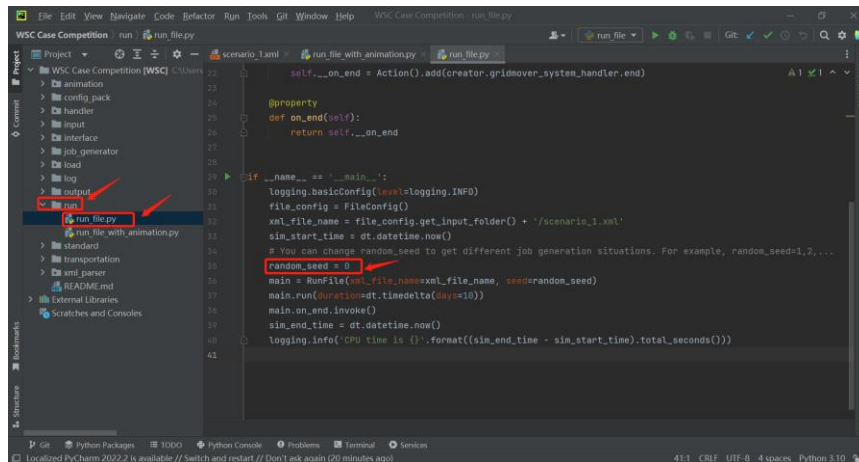
GRID MOVER SYSTEM – RUN: XML INPUT FILE



```
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='utf-8'>
<GridMoverSystem>
  <TransportationNetwork Id="TransportationNetwork1">
    <StartPoint(0,0)/StartPoint>
    <Dimension(15,15)/Dimension>
    <Obstacles>
      <Obstacle(7,2)/Obstacle>
      <Obstacle(1,3)/Obstacle>
      <Obstacle(12,4)/Obstacle>
      <Obstacle(10,6)/Obstacle>
      <Obstacle(5,7)/Obstacle>
      <Obstacle(2,9)/Obstacle>
      <Obstacle(5,9)/Obstacle>
      <Obstacle(8,10)/Obstacle>
      <Obstacle(11,12)/Obstacle>
      <Obstacle(5,13)/Obstacle>
    </Obstacles>
  </TransportationNetwork>
  <GridMoverResources>
    <Vehicle Id="Vehicle1">
      <ParkPosition(4,0)/ParkPosition>
    </Vehicle>
    <Vehicle Id="Vehicle2">
      <ParkPosition(9,0)/ParkPosition>
    </Vehicle>
  </GridMoverResources>
</GridMoverSystem>
```

For now, the input file is scenario_1. When the competition progresses to Round 2 and 3 where will provide scenario_2 and scenario_3 respectively, you can put all these scenario files in the input folder and change the name accordingly in run_file.py and run_file_with_animation.py which will be shown later. The system will run the file you need.

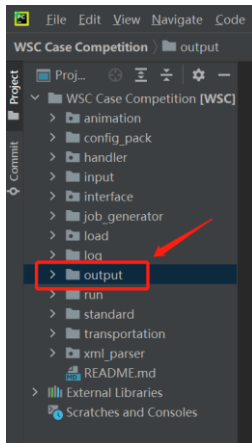
GRID MOVER SYSTEM – RUN: RUN_FILE.PY

A screenshot of the PyCharm IDE interface. The left sidebar shows the project structure with 'run_file.py' highlighted under the 'run' folder. The main editor window displays the code for 'run_file.py'. The code includes a class definition with a 'self.__on_end' property and a 'def on_end(self):' method. Below this, there is a 'if __name__ == '__main__':' block containing several lines of code: 'logging.basicConfig(level=logging.INFO)', 'file_config = fileConfig()', 'xml_file_name = file_config.get_input_folder() + "/scenario_1.xml"', 'sin_start_time = dt.datetime.now()', a comment about changing random seed, 'random_seed = 0', 'main = RunFile(xml_file_name=xml_file_name, seed=random_seed)', 'main.run(duration=dt.timedelta(days=10))', 'main.on_end.invoke()', 'sin_end_time = dt.datetime.now()', and a logging statement for CPU time. Red arrows point to the 'run' folder in the sidebar and the 'random_seed = 0' line in the code.

The random seed is at 0. When we test your code, we will use multiple random seeds to achieve the average performance.

When you click the run button, the project will run successfully.

GRID MOVER SYSTEM – RUN : STATISTICS RESULTS



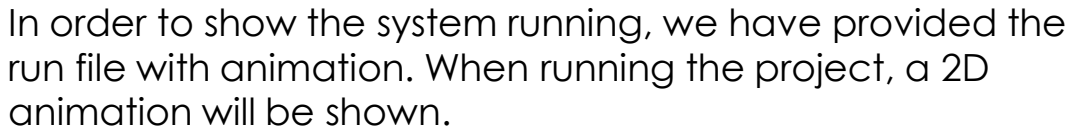
```
{
  "Total Number of Job Generated": 6,
  "Finished Job": {
    "Quantity": 6,
    "Effective Duration With Load [s]": 53,
    "Effective Ratio": 0.2641,
    "Average Job Cycle Time [s]": 33.4498
  },
  "Unfinished Job": {
    "Quantity": 0,
    "Penalty Time Per Job [s]": 900
  },
  "Delay Due To Waiting for Pick Up (Job) [s]": 105.7,
  "Delay Due To Traffic Congestion (Loaded Vehicle) [s]": 0,
  "Delay Due To Traffic Congestion (Empty Vehicle) [s]": 0,
  "Duration Without Load [s]": 89.0,
  "Adjusted Average Job Cycle Time [s]": 33.4498
}
```

Chapter 3.7

Now, after running successfully, we can see a JSON output file from the output folder. Each time you run the system, the JSON file will be updated. We will grade the system based on the output indexes.

Let's look at the output in detail. It lists the total number of generated, finished and unfinished jobs. Each unfinished job will be allocated a penalty time of 4 times the duration used for 1 vehicle to travel the whole transportation network. Our main criterion of judgment is the adjusted average job cycle time, which shows the average time used by one job from arriving to being delivered in the system. Other outputs such as delay due to waiting for pick up and duration without load are given to participants as a reference to improve and refine their system.

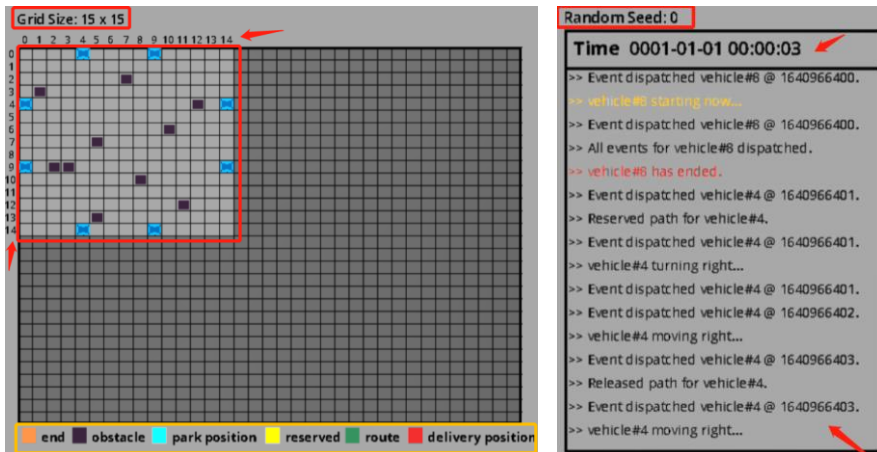
Participants can check each statistic result explanation in Chapter 3.7 of the tech document.



GRID MOVER SYSTEM – RUN: ANIMATION



2D Animation

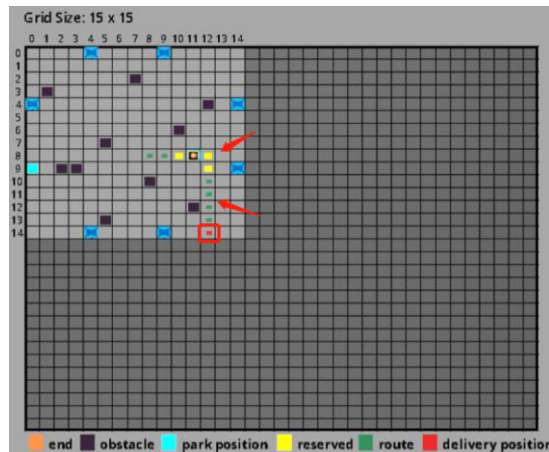


The light gray area is our transportation network area, now set at 15*15. The column number and row number are indicated on the sides. There is a legend provided below the grid indicating what each colour block represents. The right-hand side box indicates simulation seed applied, time and vehicle travel information.

GRID MOVER SYSTEM – RUN: ANIMATION



2D Animation

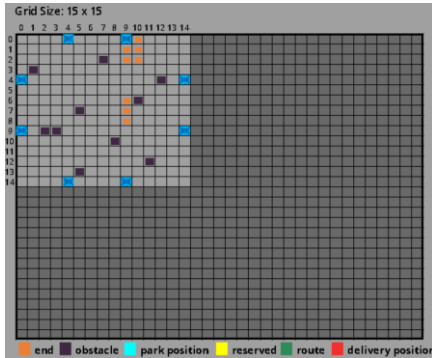


We can see the vehicle move out from its parking position. The green square units are its job route. The vehicle will move to the picking position to load the job item and then travel to the red delivery position to unload. Once the job is completed, if there are no new jobs, the vehicle will travel to its parking position. Otherwise, it will travel to its next location to pick up the next job.

GRID MOVER SYSTEM – RUN: ANIMATION



Animation with Deadlock



On the left image, the orange square units that represent the end positions will show up before vehicles start to move. This means that deadlock has happened, and vehicles cannot continue travelling. When the run is over, it will look like the image on the right, where some jobs are unfinished.

GRID MOVER SYSTEM – INTERFACES



Match available jobs and vehicles

Param: available job dataframe,
vehicle dataframe

Return: vehicle to jobs dictionary

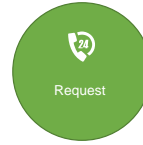


Route

Request partial route for the vehicle

Param: vehicle, vehicle dataframe, grid
dataframe

Return: partial route (list of square unit index)



Generate route for the vehicle

Param: transportation network, vehicle,
start and end position

Return: path (list of square unit index)

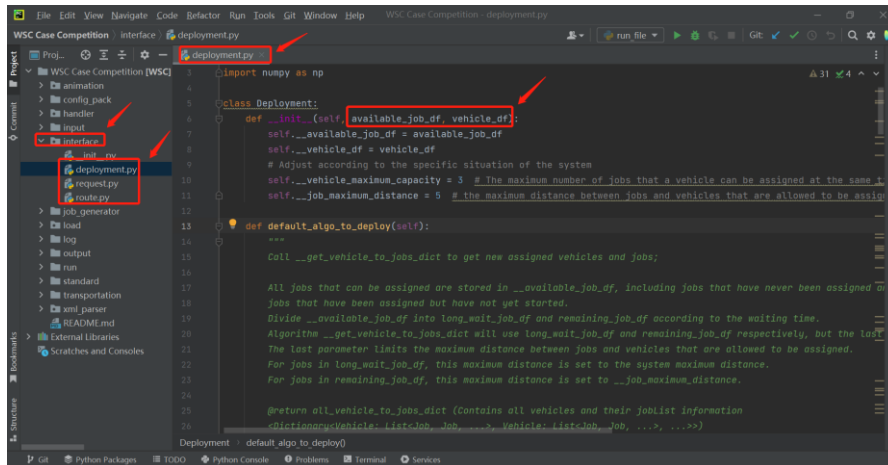
Chapter 3.6

Last but not least, what else can be modified in this system? The answer is, three interfaces can be modified: deployment, route, request. These three interfaces are connected to the events in green mentioned earlier.

The Deployment interface matches available jobs and vehicles. We will give this interface an available job dataframe which contains information on jobs as well as a vehicle dataframe with information on vehicles, and the Deployment interface needs to return a dictionary containing vehicles and jobs. The Route interface generates routes for vehicles. The parameters of this interface are the transportation network, the vehicle that requires the route as well as the start and end position of the route. The Route interface needs to return a full path for the vehicle, which is a list of square unit index. The Request interface requests partial routes for vehicles, and this interface provides the following: vehicle asking for partial route, vehicle dataframe, grid dataframe which contains info of transportation network. The Request interface needs to return a partial route, which is a list of square unit index. For more details, please refer to chapter 3.6 "Interface" of the tech document.

There are also three important dataframes here, `available_job_df`, `vehicle_df` and `grid_df`. Please see chapter 3.2 of the tech document for more details.

GRID MOVER SYSTEM – INTERFACES



```
1 import numpy as np
2
3 class Deployment:
4     def __init__(self, available_job_df, vehicle_df):
5         self.__available_job_df = available_job_df
6         self.__vehicle_df = vehicle_df
7         # Adjust according to the specific situation of the system
8         self.__vehicle_maximum_capacity = 3 # The maximum number of jobs that a vehicle can be assigned at the same time
9         self.__job_maximum_distance = 5 # the maximum distance between jobs and vehicles that are allowed to be assigned
10
11     def default_algo_to_deploy(self):
12         """
13         Call __get_vehicle_to_jobs_dict to get new assigned vehicles and jobs;
14
15         All jobs that can be assigned are stored in __available_job_df, including jobs that have never been assigned or
16         jobs that have been assigned but have not yet started.
17         Divide __available_job_df into long_wait_job_df and remaining_job_df according to the waiting time.
18         Algorithm __get_vehicle_to_jobs_dict will use long_wait_job_df and remaining_job_df respectively, but the last
19         The last parameter limits the maximum distance between jobs and vehicles that are allowed to be assigned.
20         For jobs in long_wait_job_df, this maximum distance is set to the system maximum distance.
21         For jobs in remaining_job_df, this maximum distance is set to __job_maximum_distance.
22
23         @return all_vehicle_to_jobs_dict (Contains all vehicles and their joblist information
24         dictionary: vehicle: list[job, job, ...], vehicle: list[job, job, ...])
25
26         Deployment : default_algo_to_deploy()
27 """
```

Now, let's see these three interfaces in source code. All interfaces are in the interface folder. Using Deployment as an example, all required parameters are given to deployment.

GRID MOVER SYSTEM – INTERFACES



```
def default_algo_to_deploy():  
    """  
    This method is used to get the default algorithm to deploy.  
    It returns the name of the algorithm as a string.  
    """  
    return "default_algo_to_deploy"
```

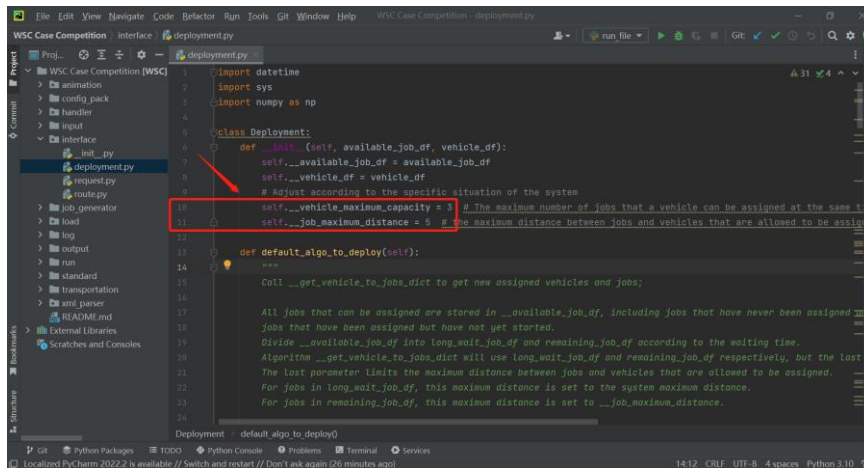
```
def user_algo():  
    """  
    This method is used to get the user algorithm to deploy.  
    It returns the name of the algorithm as a string.  
    """  
    return "user_algo"
```

There are two important methods, namely `default_algo_to_deploy` and `user_algo`.

`default_algo_to_deploy` is the algorithm the system uses currently, while `user_algo` is currently empty and only has comments of description of return.

Participants need to write their own algorithm under `user_algo`, and the system will run their algorithms automatically.

GRID MOVER SYSTEM – INTERFACES



```
1 import datetime
2 import sys
3 import numpy as np
4
5 class Deployment:
6     def __init__(self, available_job_df, vehicle_df):
7         self.__available_job_df = available_job_df
8         self.__vehicle_df = vehicle_df
9         # Adjust according to the specific situation of the system
10        self.__vehicle_maximum_capacity = 5 # The maximum number of jobs that a vehicle can be assigned at the same t
11        self.__job_maximum_distance = 5 # the maximum distance between jobs and vehicles that are allowed to be assign
12
13    def default_algo_to_deploy(self):
14        """
15        Call __get_vehicle_to_jobs_dict to get new assigned vehicles and jobs;
16
17        All jobs that can be assigned are stored in __available_job_df, including jobs that have never been assigned
18        jobs that have been assigned but have not yet started.
19        Divide __available_job_df into long_wait_job_df and remaining_job_df according to the waiting time.
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21        The last parameter limits the maximum distance between jobs and vehicles that are allowed to be assigned.
22        For jobs in long_wait_job_df, this maximum distance is set to the system maximum distance.
23        For jobs in remaining_job_df, this maximum distance is set to __job_maximum_distance.
24        """
```

This is very easy to do even if you don't have simulation knowledge. You can use the default algorithm but only change the vehicle_maximum_capacity value or job_maximum_distance value in line 10 and 11, this is also accepted since the system will have a different performance. But of course, more improvements will achieve higher scores.

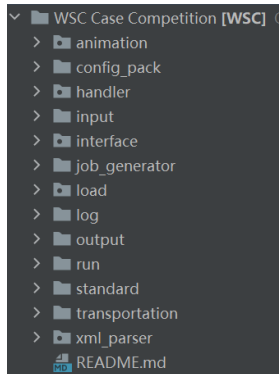


Finally, let's summarise the simulation system.

SUMMARY



Grid Mover System Structure



Folder Name	Files Contained
animation	files for animation
config_pack	file_config.py
handler	gridmover_system_handler.py
input	scenario_1.xml
interface	deployment.py; route.py; request.py
job_generator	jobs_generator_handler.py; jobs_distribution_generator; etc.
load	job.py
output	statistics_output_creator.py; statistics_output.json
run	run_file.py; run_file_with_animation.py
standard	files from O2DESpY
transportation	transportation_network.py; square_unit.py; vehicle.py
xml_parser	element_creator.py; xml_parser.py

The animation folder only contains files for animation, participants are not required to understand them. This also applies to the config_pack.

The handler folder contains the gridmover system handler which manages all grid mover events. The input folder contains XML input files. The interface folder has three interfaces that are the only components that participants can change in the system.

The job generator folder contains files for generating jobs. The load folder contains job class. You may ignore the log folder.

The output folder contains JSON output files, the run folder has two running files: run file and run file with animation, the standard folder contains files from O2DES.PY, the transportation folder has transportation, square unit and vehicle class files.

Last but not least, the final xml parser folder contains the element creator file.



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