

Mobile Robotics Testbed for MBSE Research & Education

Controlling rovers with executable SysML activities

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IPRE Robot Kit - Bryn Mawr College, Spring 2009

This site was created by the Institute for Personal Robots in Education (IPRE) for discussion and resources including:

- Software
- Hardware
- Curriculum
- Assessment, Outreach, and Workshops
- Events
- Publications

Software

- Myro Installation Manual - install instructions for Windows, Linux, and Mac OS X
- Myro Reference Manual - functions of the Myro robot control system in Python
- Myro Development - details of the development of the Myro system

Hardware

- Myro Hardware - Robot hardware that currently runs with Myro (Plus gear)

Curriculum

- Learning Computing With Robots - a textbook for Myro, Scribbler and Fuzi
- Educator Resources - Lecture Notes, Powerpoint slides, Example Assignments
- Presentations - Presentations (PowerPoint and other formats) of talks at conferences
- Demo Programs - Simple programs that demonstrate sensors/output or other capabilities

Assessment, Outreach, and Workshops

- Assessment Tools - Surveys for robots and non-robots classes, consent forms
- HOWTO Videos - Student Videos demonstrating various aspects of Myro
- Myro Summer Development - SummerSchedule2007 SummerSchedule2008
- CREU - Collaborative Research Experience for Undergraduates Bryn Mawr College
- Python Excursions - Deepak's Python Excursions. Some neat little Python programs

Events, Past and Future

- Symposium - Presymposium at SIGCSE 2009 on the Future of Robotics in Education
- IPRE Faculty Enhancement Workshop UNLP September 2008
- IPRE Summer Faculty Enhancement Workshop at Georgia Tech, July 2008
- IPRE Summer Faculty Enhancement Workshop at Bryn Mawr College, August 2008
- ICRA Tutorial by IPRE, May 18-23, 2008 in San Diego, CA.



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Robots Available!

The robots we have developed for use in our curricula are now available for sale. The entire robot kit (robot + Fluke add on board) is available for \$199.98 at [Georgia Robotics](#).

[Check out](#) the list of schools who are testing the IPRE Robot.

Our Mission

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Our old site is [here](#) in case you need to find something that isn't on the new site yet.



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Background

- Leveraging Institute for Personal Robots in Education (IPRE) — <http://www.roboteducation.org/>
 - Multi-university/corporation educational environment
 - Ex. Used in intro comp sci course @ GIT (CS1301)
- Key elements
 - Mobile robot hardware: IPRE Scribbler, Roomba, SRV-1
 - Sensors, cameras, Bluetooth, firmware, PCB ECAD, ...
 - Mobile robotics s/w platform: Myro (Python-based libraries)
 - Primitive operations ... image processing, intro ~AI, ...
 - Domain context
 - Multi-unit systems, command & control, reusability, ...
- Low-cost and open (non-proprietary)

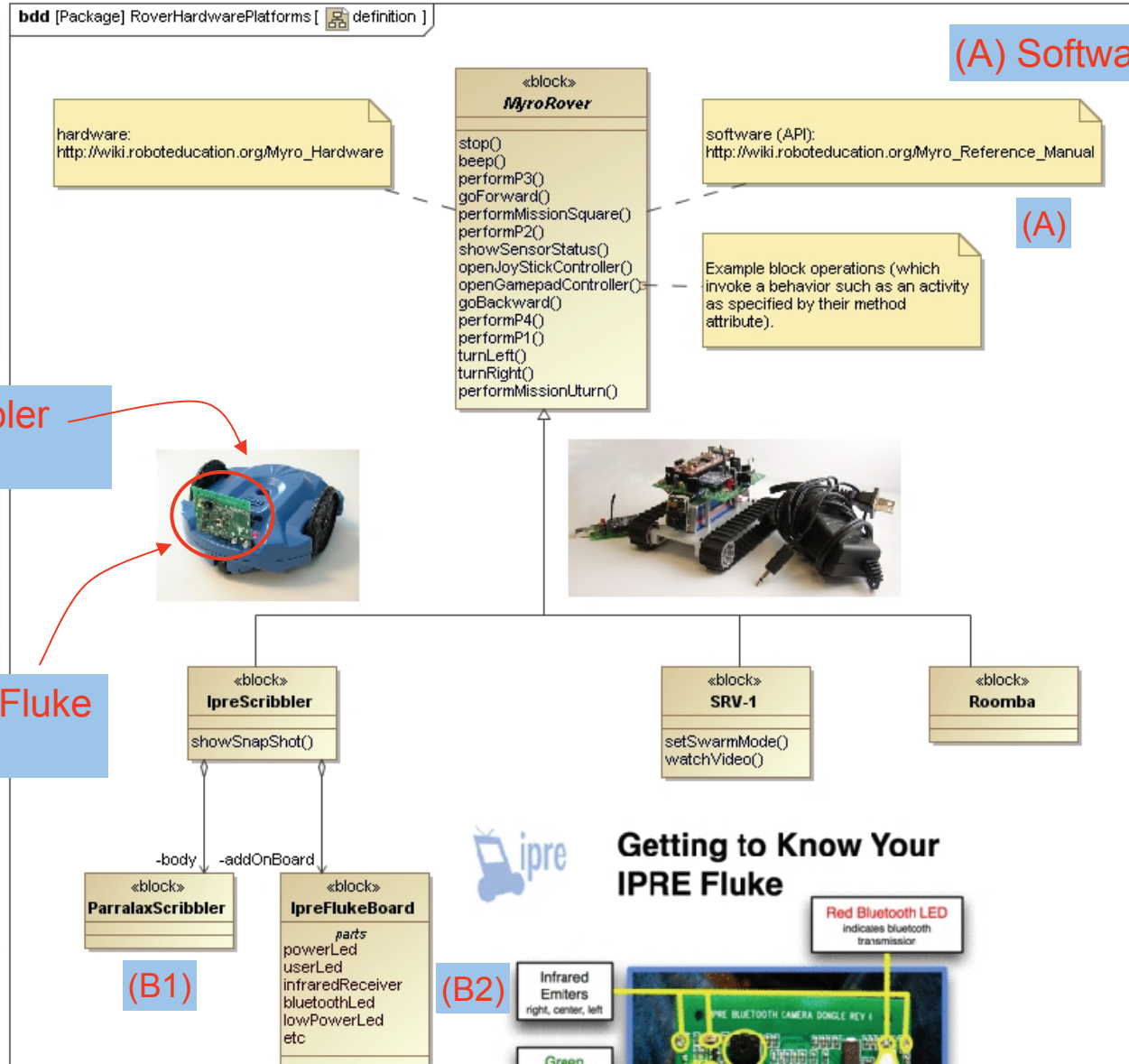


Objectives

- Education platform: Learning SysML activities
 - Used in hands-on courses (industry short courses, university courses, ...)
 - Model it and run it!—*“It’s not just for documentation anymore!”*
- System run-time operation demo aided by SysML
- Research & demonstration testbed
 - A mechatronics system — a type of cyber-physical system
 - INCOSE MBSE Modeling & Simulation Team and other projects
- Embedded software / firmware
 - Hardware-software relations, real-time factors, ...
- Executable SysML across multiple constructs
 - Activities, parametrics, state machines ...
- Misc: instance levels, versioning/config mgt.

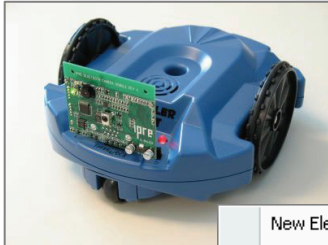
Resources for Myro Software & Rover Hardware

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Scribbler / MyroMagic Demo

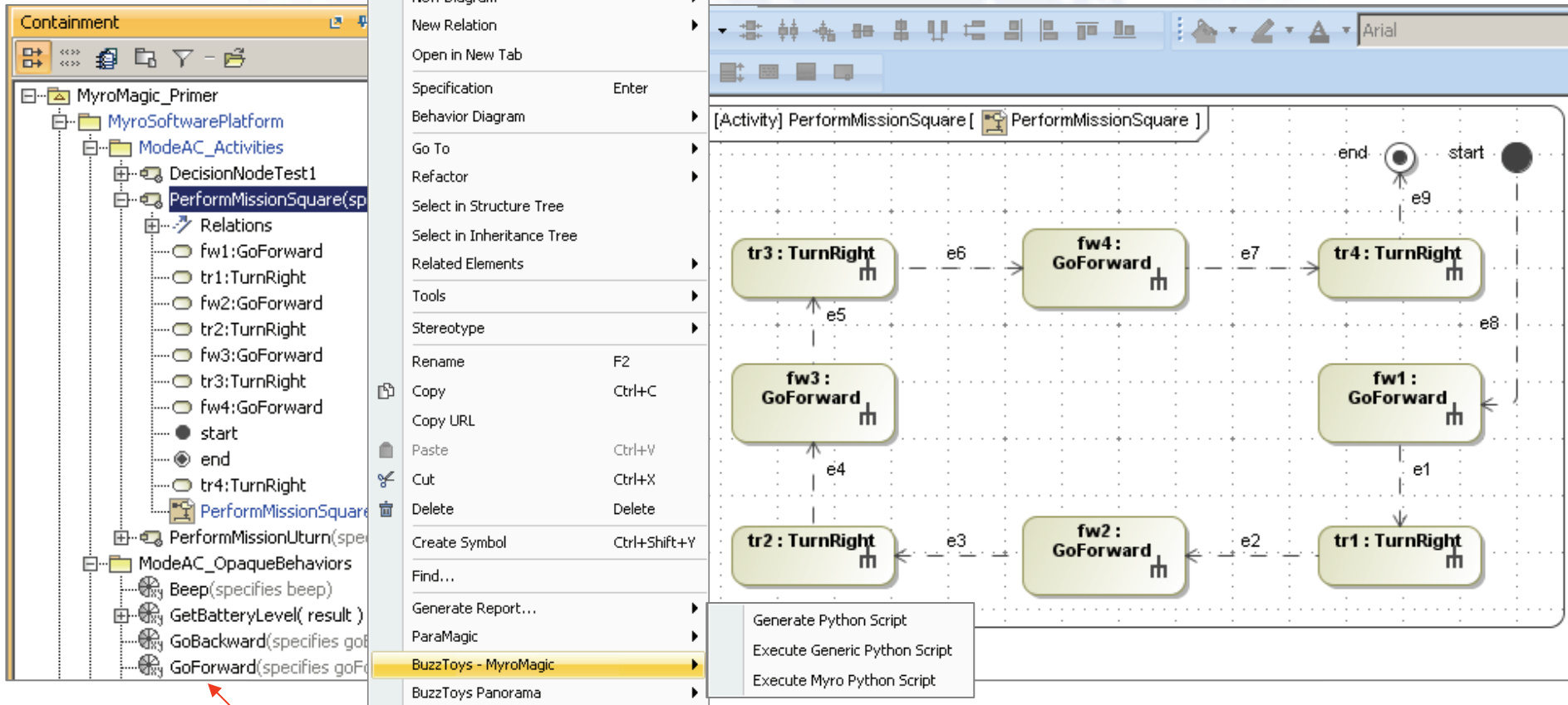
Executable SysML Activity Model [1 - original]



Resulting python script →
(simplified view; see actual in later slide)

```
from myro import *  
initialize("com29")
```

```
forward(1, 1)  
turnRight(1, .4)  
forward(1, 1)  
turnRight(1, .4)  
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```



opaque behaviors (native code segments)

Scribbler / MyroMagic Demo

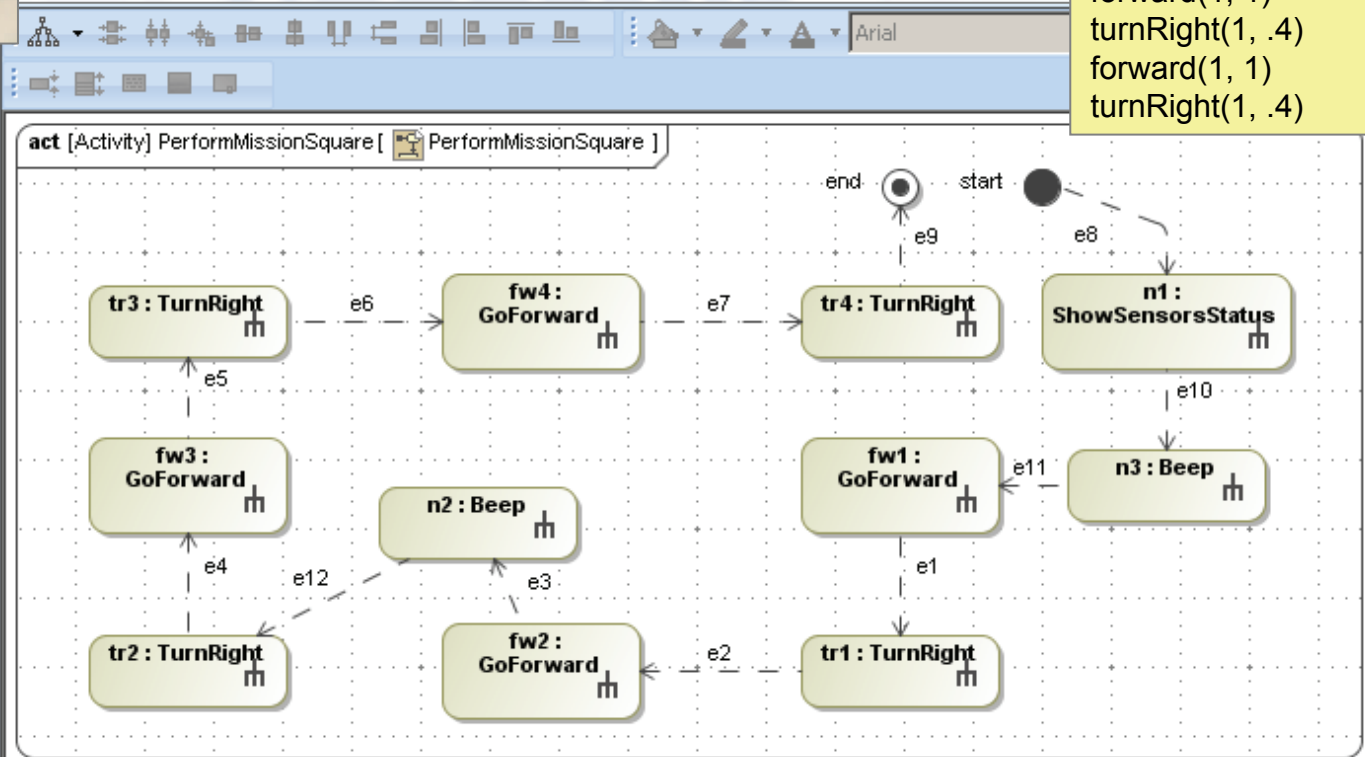
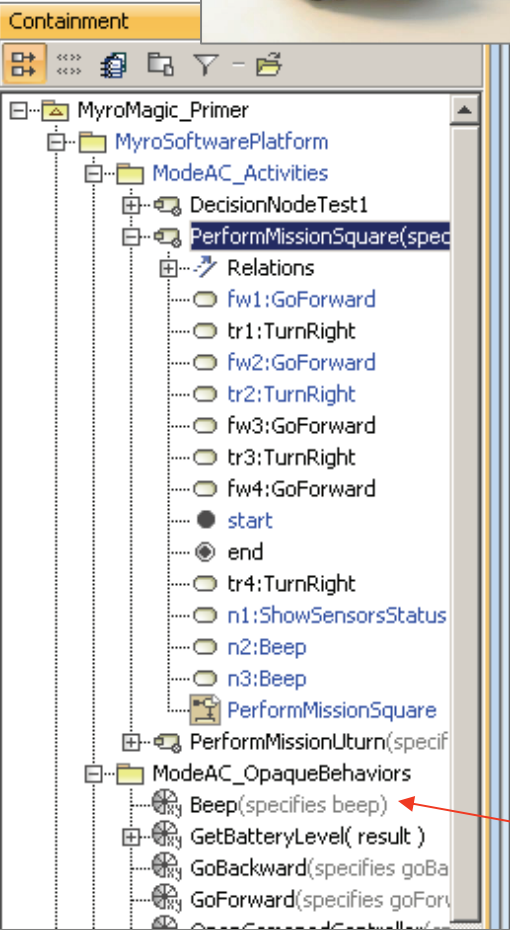
Executable SysML Activity Model [2 - after live update]

```
from myro import *  
initialize("com29")
```

```
senses()  
beep(1, 440)  
forward(1, 1)  
turnRight(1, .4)  
forward(1, 1)  
beep(1, 440)  
turnRight(1, .4)  
forward(1, 1)  
turnRight(1, .4)  
forward(1, 1)  
turnRight(1, .4)
```



Resulting python script →
(simplified view)



opaque behaviors (native code segments)

Scribbler / MyroMagic Demo

Executable SysML Activity Modeling [activity building blocks]

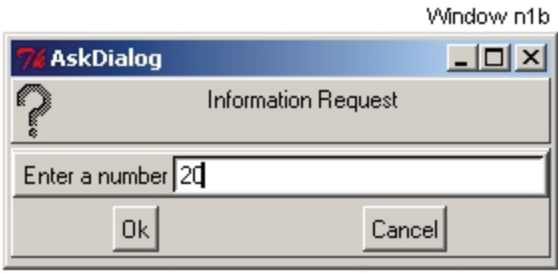
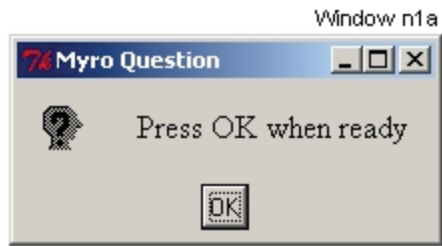
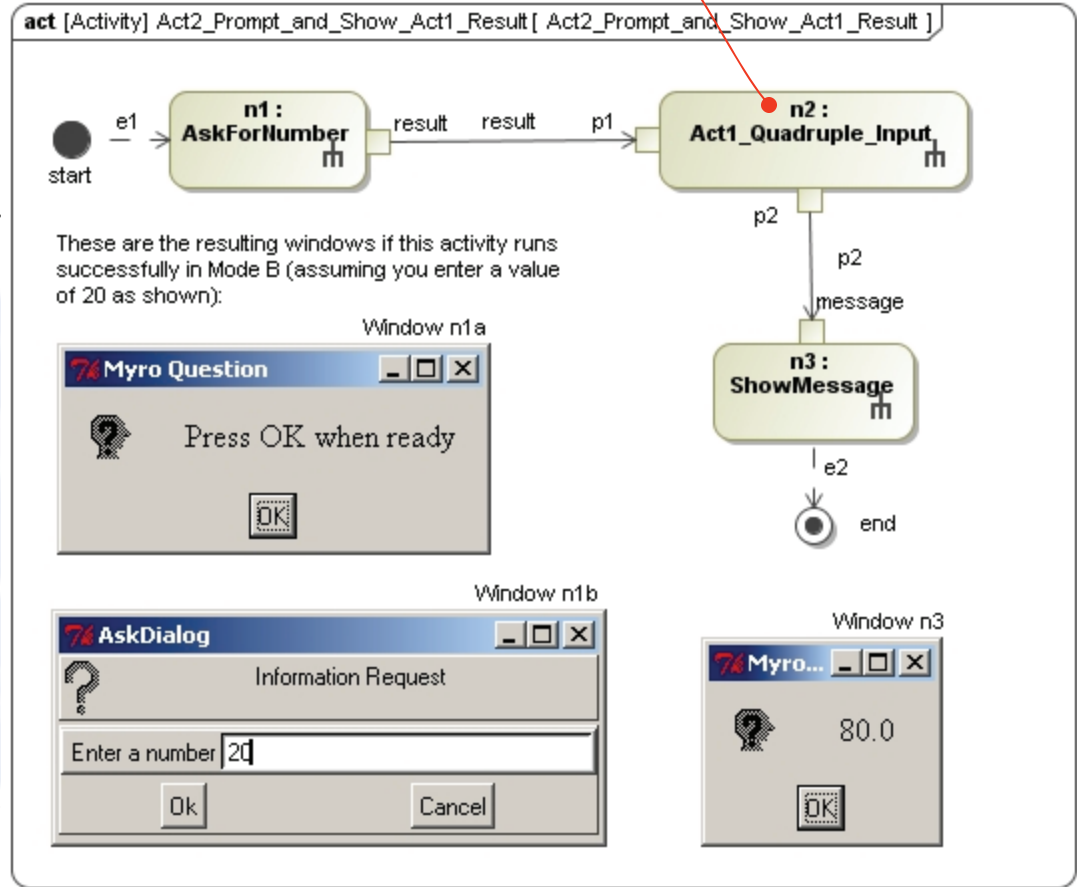
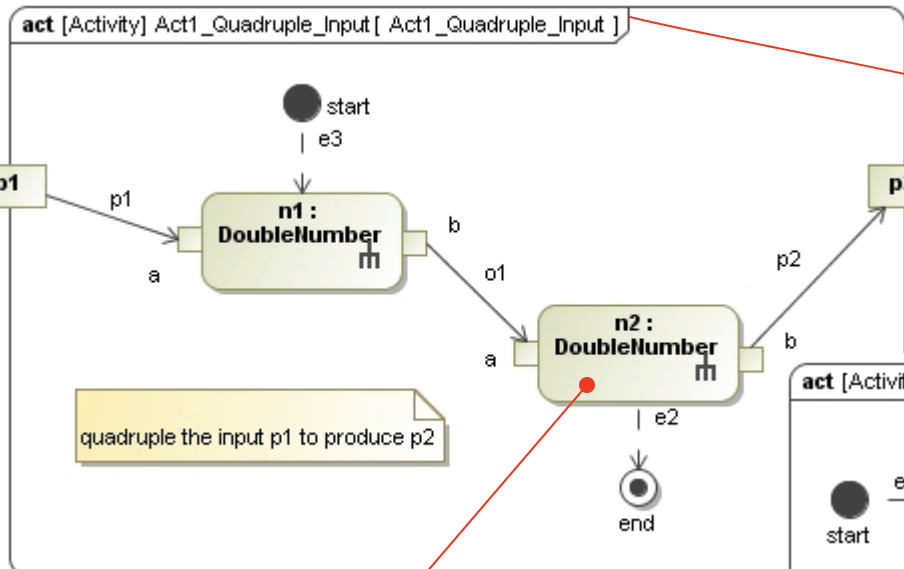
opaque behaviors
(native code segments)

The image shows two windows from a SysML modeling tool. The left window, titled "Opaque Behavior - GoForward", displays a table of properties for the "GoForward" activity. The right window, titled "Opaque Behavior - ShowSnapshot", displays a table of properties for the "ShowSnapshot" activity. Both windows have a "Body" property circled in red, indicating the native code segments.

Property	Value
Name	GoForward
Qualified Name	Scribbler::Scribbler::GoForward
Owner	Scribbler [Scribbler]
Applied Stereotype	
Body	forward(1, 1)
Language	python
Is Reentrant	<input type="checkbox"/> false
Specification	
Context	Scribbler [Scribbler]
Owned Parameter	
Redefined Behavior	
Precondition	
Postcondition	
To Do	
Event	

Property	Value
Name	ShowSnapshot
Qualified Name	MyroSoftwarePlatform::OpaqueBehaviors::ShowSnapshot
Owner	OpaqueBehaviors [MyroSoftwarePlatform]
Applied Stereotype	
Body	p = takePicture() show(p) wait(4)
Language	python
Is Reentrant	<input type="checkbox"/> false
Specification	showSnapshot() [RoverHardwarePlatform]
Context	
Owned Parameter	
Redefined Behavior	
Precondition	
Postcondition	
Realized Interface	
Base Classifier	
Active Hyperlink	

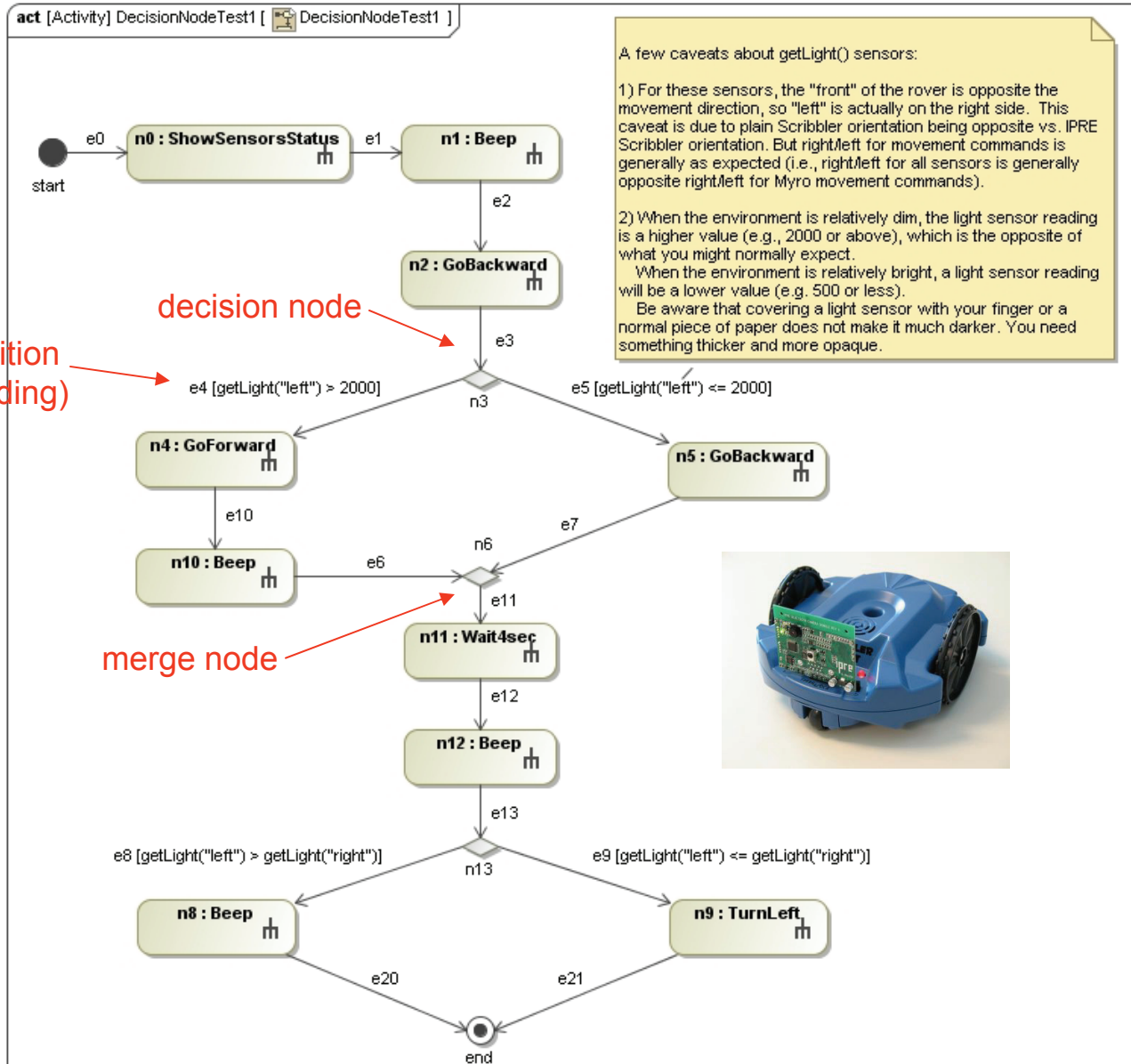
Support for Basic Object Flows (as of MM v0.3.4)



Opaque Behavior

Name	DoubleNumber
Owner	ModeABC_OpaqueBehaviors
Applied Stereotype	
Body	b = a * 2 return(b)
Language	python

Decision Nodes / Guard Conditions and Merge Nodes



Python IDLE Viewer/Editor

Resulting Script for DecisionNodeTest

```
74 *main.py - C:\temp\MyroMagic\main.py*
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# autogenerated 2011/02/01 09:02:21 by MyroMagic v0.3.4 build 05.01
from myro import *
initialize("com10")
|
DecisionNodeTest1()

def DecisionNodeTest1():

    # path e0 to action n0
    ShowSensorsStatus()

    # path e1 to action n1
    Beep()

    # path e2 to action n2
    GoBackward()

    # path e3 to decision node n3
    DecisionNodeTest1_DecisionNode_n3()

def DecisionNodeTest1_DecisionNode_n3():

    # path e4 branch
    if getLight("left") > 2000:

        # path e4 to action n4
        GoForward()

    # path e10 to action n10
    Beep()

    # path e6 to decision node n6
    DecisionNodeTest1_DecisionNode_n6()

    # path e5 branch
    if getLight("left") <= 2000:

        # path e5 to action n5
        GoBackward()

    # path e7 to decision node n6
    DecisionNodeTest1_DecisionNode_n6()

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```
74 *main.py - C:\temp\MyroMagic\main.py*
File Edit Format Run Options Windows Help
def DecisionNodeTest1_DecisionNode_n6():
    # path e11 to action n11
    Wait4sec()

    # path e12 to action n12
    Beep()

    # path e13 to decision node n13
    DecisionNodeTest1_DecisionNode_n13()

def DecisionNodeTest1_DecisionNode_n13():
    # path e8 branch
    if getLight("left") > getLight("right"):

        # path e8 to action n8
        Beep()

    # path e9 branch
    if getLight("left") <= getLight("right"):

        # path e9 to action n9
        TurnLeft()

# Opaque behavior library
def ShowSensorsStatus():
    senses()

def Beep():
    beep(1, 440)

def GoBackward():
    backward(0.6, 1.3)

def GoForward():
    forward(0.6, 1.3)

def Wait4sec():
    wait(4)

def TurnLeft():
    turnLeft(1, .27)

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```



SysML Activities Exercise @ JPL

Team Contest Using MyroMagic Plugin & Scribbler Rovers

