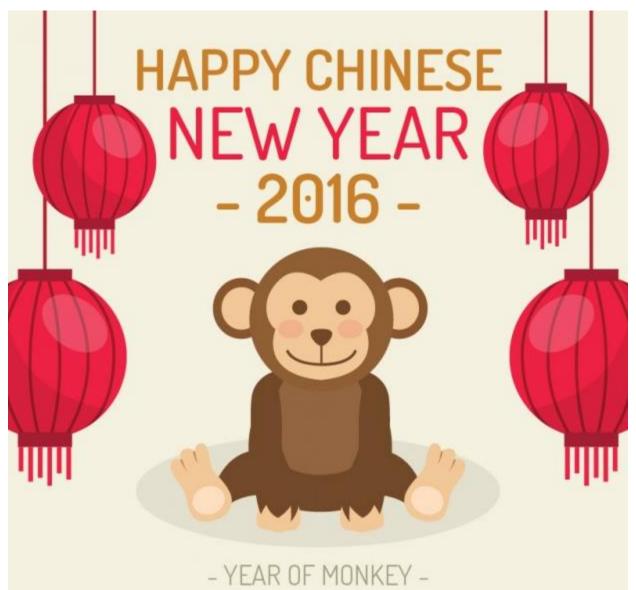
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Lab 02
Introduction to AnyLogic

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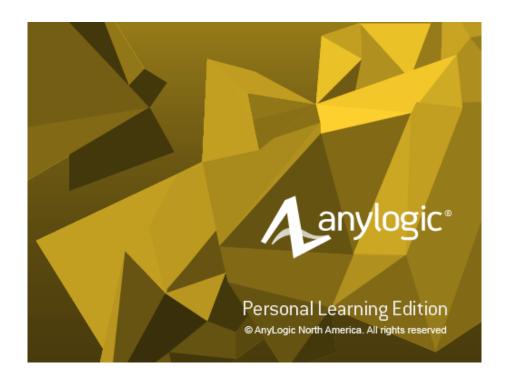
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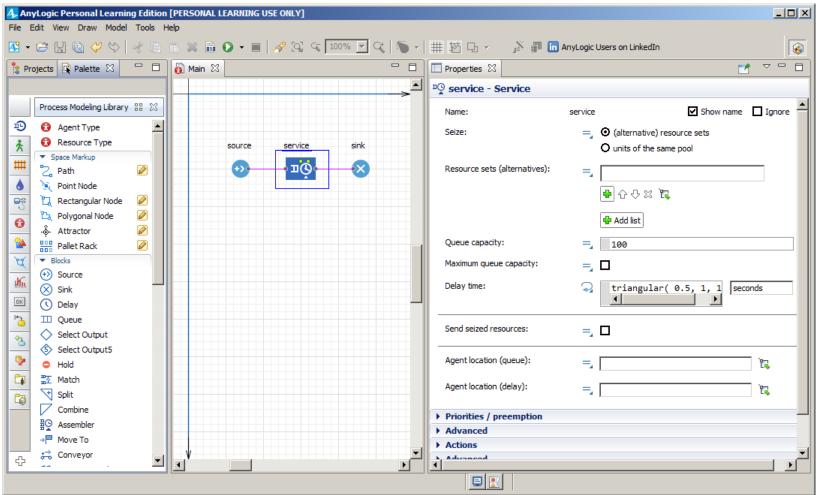


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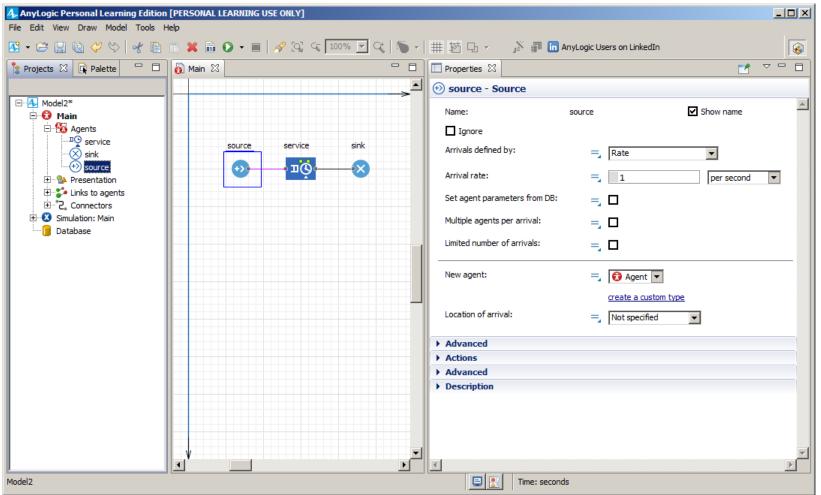
- We use AnyLogic 7.2.0 PLE
 - You will have to apply for a new license key whenever you change your desktop machine (not sure about the virtual desktop)







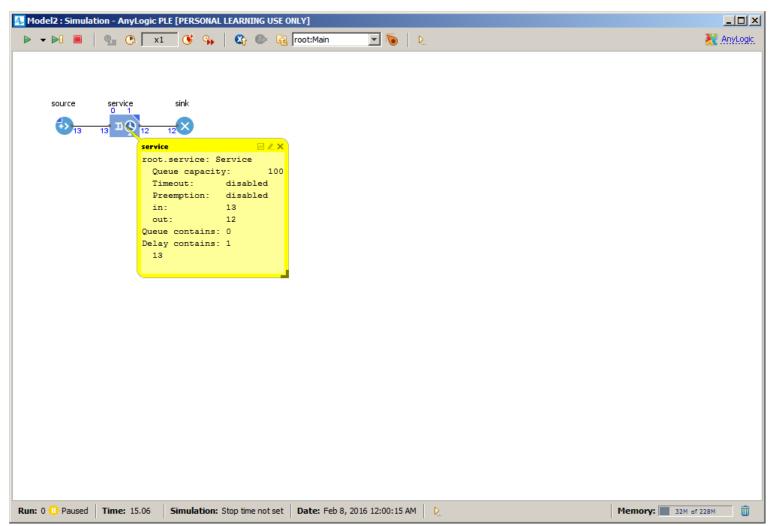




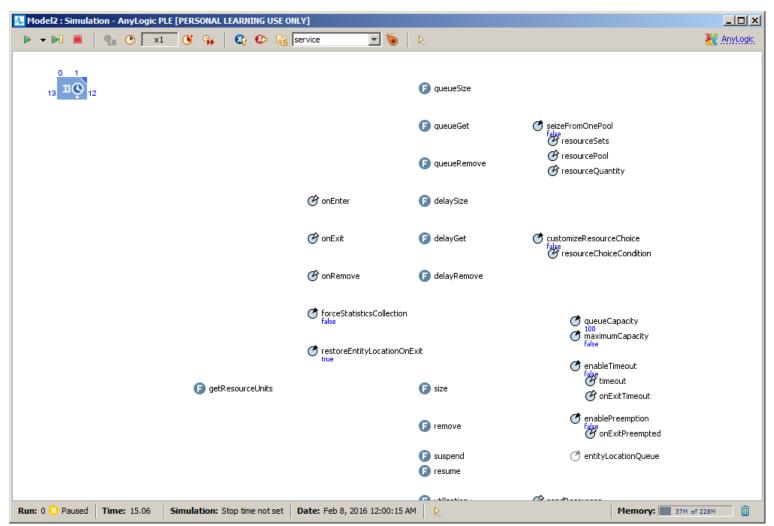


- Important things
 - F1: Help
 - Ctrl-Space: Code completion support
 - Ctrl-Enter: Perform refactoring (replace name occurrences)
 - Make sure you select the correct model when pressing "Run"
 - Make sure you set up model time units correctly in the "Model"
 - Use the "magic lightbulb" ...
- Since AnyLogic 7 ...
 - Everything is called "Agent" (entities, resources, agents, ...)
 - PLE version limits number of entities per simulation run to 50,000



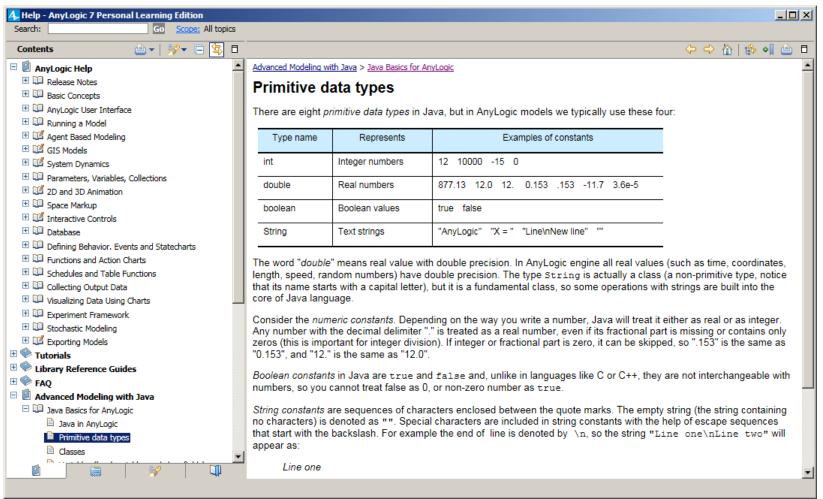








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- Book Chapter:
 - http://www.xjtek.com/files/book/Java for AnyLogic users.pdf

Simulation Modeling with AnyLogic: Agent Based, Discrete Event and System Dynamics Methods

Java for AnyLogic users

It would be nice if any simulation model could be put together graphically, in drag and drop manner. In practice, however, only very simple models are created by using a mouse and not touching the keyboard. As you try to better reflect the real world in the model, you inevitably realize the need to use probability distributions, evaluate expressions and test conditions containing properties of different objects, define custom data structures and design the corresponding algorithms. These actions are better done in text, not in graphics, and therefore any simulation modeling tool includes a textual scripting language.

From the very beginning we did not want to invent a proprietary scripting language for AnyLogic. Moreover, the creation of AnyLogic was significantly inspired by Java, which we think it the ideal language for modelers. On one hand, Java is a sufficiently high-level language in which you do not need to care about memory allocation, distinguish between objects and references, etc. On the other hand, Java is a fully powerful object oriented programming language with high performance. In Java, you can define and manipulate data structures of any desired complexity, develope efficient algorithms; and use numerous packages available from Sun." Oracle" and other vendors. Java is supported by industry leaders and as improvements are made to Java, AnyLogic modelers automatically benefit from it.

A model developed in AnyLogic is fully mapped into Java code and, having been linked with the AnyLogic simulation engine (also written in Java), and, optionally, with a Java optimizer, becomes a completely independent standatione Java application. This makes AnyLogic models cross-platform: they can run on any Java-enabled environment or even in a web browser as applets.

A frequently asked question is 'How much Java do I need to know to be successful with AnyLogic?' The good news is that you do not need to learn object-oriented programming. The 'backbone Java class structure' of the model is automatically generated by AnyLogic. In a typical model, Java code is present in small portions written in various properties of the graphically-rested model objects. This can be an expression, a function call, or a couple of statements. Therefore you need to get familiar with the fundamental data types, learn the basics of Java syntax, and understand that to do something with a model object you need to call its function.

This chapter is by no means a complete description of Java language, or even an introduction to Java suitable for programmers. This is a collection of information that will allow you to manipulate data and model objects in AnyLogic models. It is sufficient for a typical modeler. For those who plan to write sophisticated Java code,

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General remarks

- You do not have to learn full OO programming
 - You need to understand Java data types, expression, and statement syntax

– Please note:

- Java is case-sensitive: MyVar is different to myVar!
- Spaces are not allowed in names: "My Var" is an illegal name!
- Each statement has to be finished with ";": MyVar=150;
- Each function has to have parenthesis: time(), add(a)
- Mind integer division: 3/2=1, not 1.5
- Boolean values are only true and false, you cannot use 1 and 0
- Dot "." brings you "inside" the object: agent.event.restart()
- Array elements have indexes from 0 to n-1



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Primitive Types

- double: Represents real numbers: 1.43, 3.6E18, -14.0
- int: Represents integer numbers: 12, 16384, -5000
- boolean: Represents Boolean (true/false) values

Compound Types –Classes

- String: Represents textual strings, e.g. "MSFT", "Hi there!", etc.
- ArrayList; LinkedList: Represents collections of objects
- HyperArray: Represents multi-dimensional array
- ...many others. See AnyLogic and Java Class References



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Arithmetic operations

- Notation: +; -; *; /; % (remainder)
- In integer divisions, the fraction part is lost, e.g. 3/2=1, and 2/3=0
- Multiplication operators have priority over addition operators
- The "+" operator allows operands of type String

Comparison operations

- Notation: >; >=; <; <=; ==; !=</pre>

Boolean operations

– Notation: && (AND); || (OR); ! (NOT)



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- Conditional operator
 - Notation: condition? value-if-true: value-if-false
- Assignments and shortcuts
 - Notation: =; +=; -=; *=; /=; %=; ++; -- (a+=b is the same as a=a+b)
- Please note:
 - Within most of operators, left-to-right precedence holds
 - Parentheses may be used to alter the precedence of operations



Method call

- To call a method, type its name followed by parenthesis; if necessary, put parameters separated by commas within the parenthesis
 - Examples:
 - x=time(); moveTo(getX(),getY()+100); traceIn("Population is increasing");
- Accessing object fields and methods
 - To access a field or method of a model element (statechart, timer, animation), use the model element name followed by dot "." followed by the field/method name
 - Examples:
 - statechart.fireEvent("go"); sum=sum+agents.get(i).x;



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- Replicated objects are stored in a collection
 - Items are indexed from 0 to n-1
 - Getting the current size of the collection:
 - people.size()
 - Obtaining i-th item of the collection:
 - people.get(i)
 - Adding a new object to the collection:
 - add_people();
 - Removing an object from the collection:
 - remove_people(person);



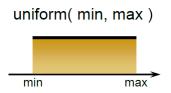
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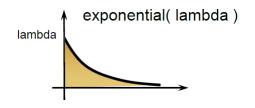
Built-in Functions

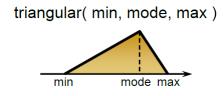
- System functions
 - time(); getOwner(); pause(); isStateActive(...); etc.
- Mathematical functions
 - Basic: sqrt; sin; cos; tan; exp; log; round; zidz; xidz; etc.
 - Array: add; sub; mul; sum; avg; min; max; get; etc.
- Special functions
 - Random numbers: uniform; exponential; bernoulli; beta; etc.
 - Time related: delay; etc.
- And more...
 - See AnyLogic Class Reference



- Probability Distributions
 - Uniform: Used to represent a random variable with constant likelihood of being in any small interval between min and max. Its density does not depend on the value of x.
 - Exponential: Used to represent the time between random occurrences. The unique property is history independence, i.e. it has the same set of probabilities when shifted in time.
 - Triangular: Used when no or little data is available to represent e.g. a process duration.









Tutorial: Object Oriented DES

Laptop model: Considering different power states





Questions



