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Systems Engineering Library (se-lib) Goals

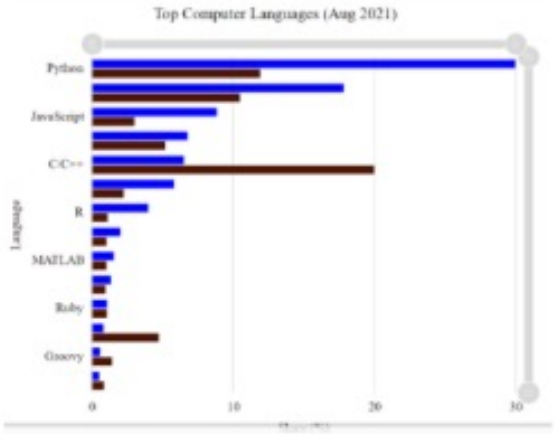
- Lower access barrier to system modeling with open-source tool environment
  - Harness power of extensive Python scientific computing and utility libraries (bootstrap don't reinvent)
- Provide integrated capabilities for systems modeling, analysis, documentation and code generation
  - SysML, other SE model types and analysis methods
- Be digital engineering compliant with single source of truth across model set
- Compatibility of everything on desktop OS's and in cloud

SE Wake-Up Call

Wake-Up Call: SEs should learn Python:
A Challenge for the next generation

Why Python?

- Easiest to learn
- Most popular (now)
- Best for data science and machine learning
- Free



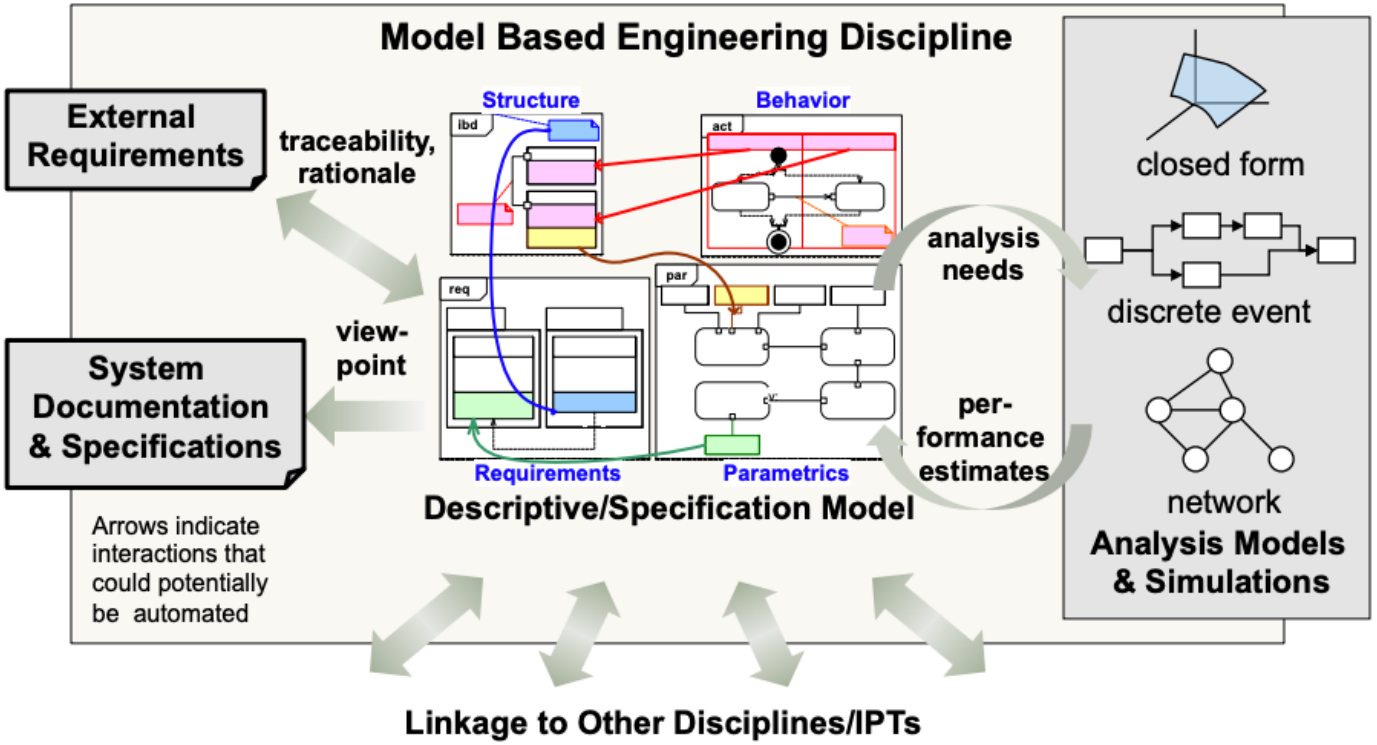
Why for SE?

- Data understanding
- Data Engineering
- Tool integration
- Automation
- Power
- Independence

- Source: Dr. Barclay Brown, INCOSE CIO, INCOSE International Workshop, Torrance, CA, 2023

Meeting the Automation Challenge

Descriptive Models & Analysis Models

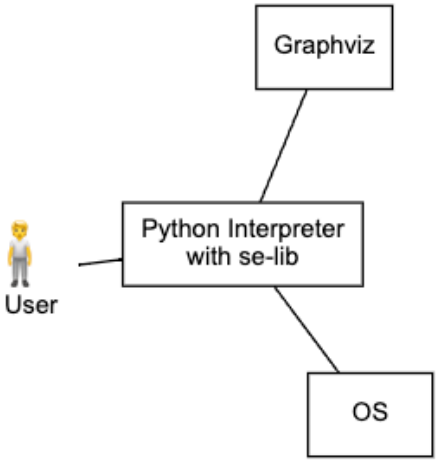


- Source: Rick Steiner, SysML Conceptual Stumbling Blocks, INCOSE San Diego Mini-Conference, January 11, 2013

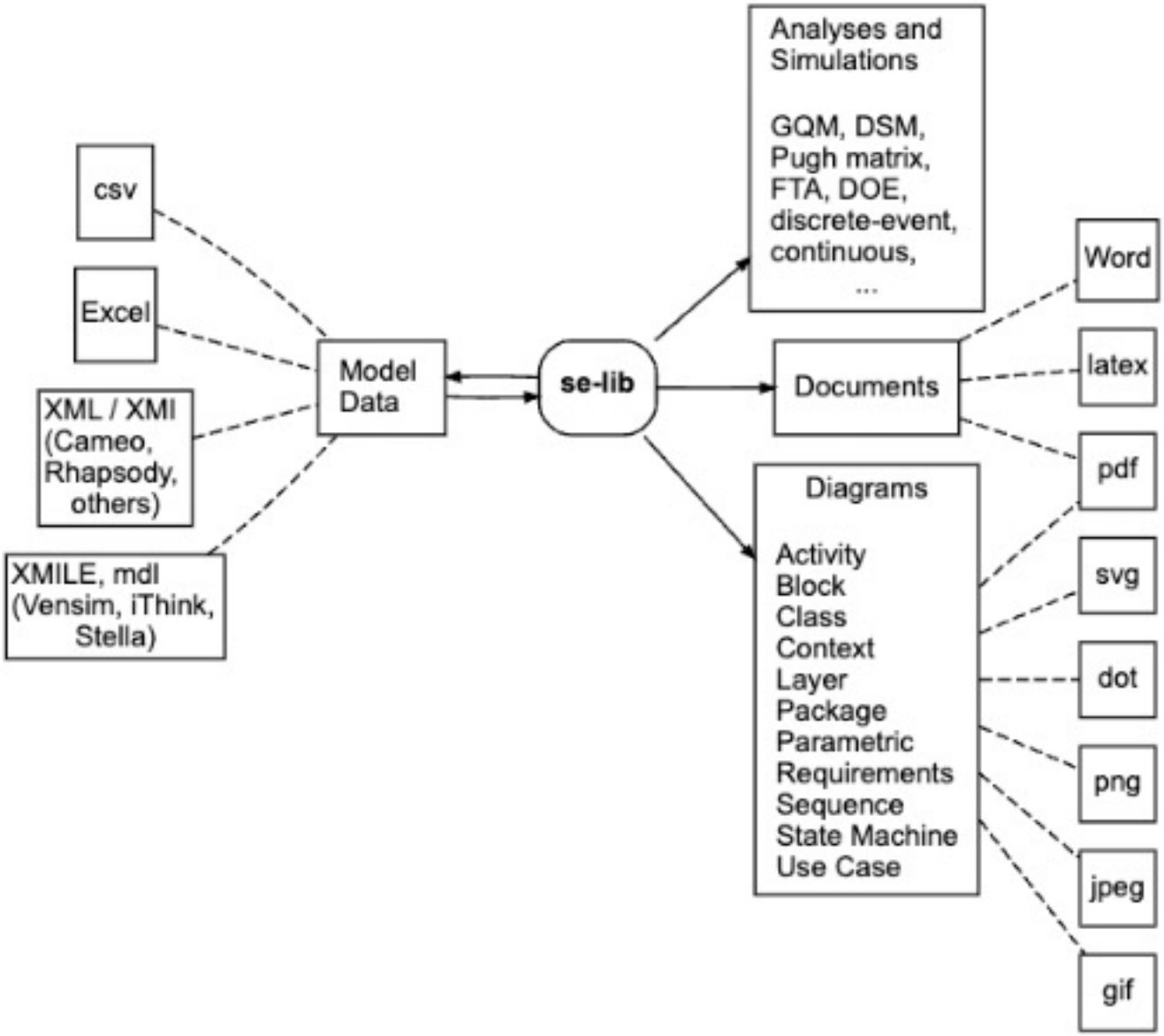
General Usage Features

- Use Python for modeling to intersperse model data, system analysis and documentation
- Model data can be inline code, read from or to external files
- Round-trip engineering to support rapid *iterative* development
  - Change a model element and all others affected are automatically updated to maintain consistency across model set
  - Automatic document re-generation with all changes
- Inherent configuration management automation
  - All artifacts for a project can be developed and controlled with standard version control system such as GitHub for small to large teams.
  - All models, diagrams, and simulations are specified in text files supporting standard tools for version differencing and reconciliation.

```
1 from selib import *
2
3
4 # system model
5 system = "Python Interpreter with se-lib"
6 actors = ["User", "OS", "Graphviz"]
7
8 context_diagram(system, actors)
```

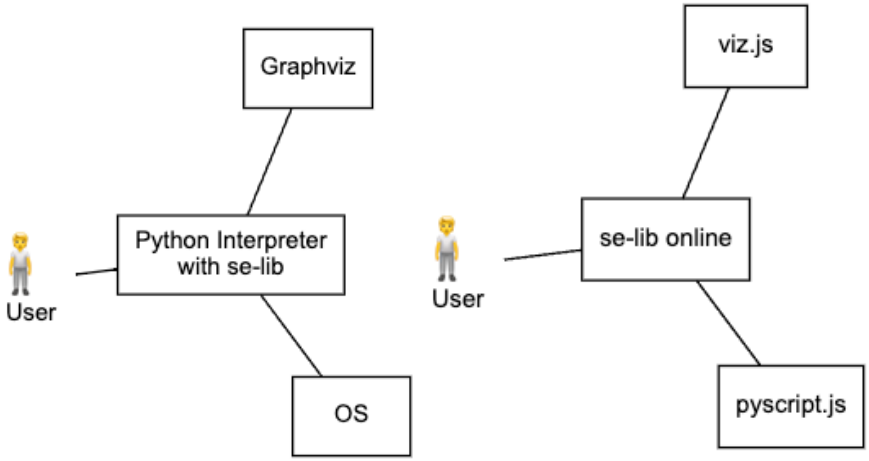


Inputs and Outputs

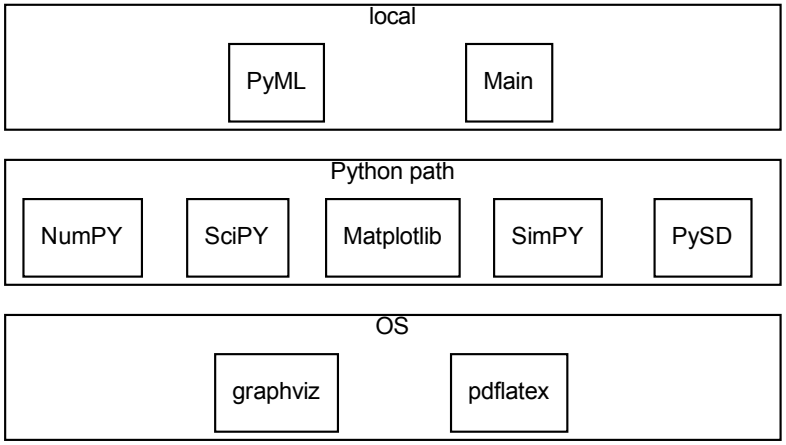


se-lib Context and Architecture

- Desktop usage requires Python version 3.8 or higher.
- Built on top of open-source:
  - *Graphviz* is required to generate diagrams.
  - The *Matplotlib* package is required for graphical plots.
  - *NumPy* numerical computing package is used for model analysis and some plotting features.
  - *SciPy* is a scientific computing library
  - *SimPy* is a discrete event simulation framework
  - *PySD* with *Pandas* for the system dynamics simulation engine
  - *pdflatex* optionally required to compile latex files and generate pdfs



Offline Online Playground



Desktop Layers

Feature Plans

- V 1.0 release plan is to cover all SysML

Feature	v. .2 Current	v. 1.0 Planned	v. 1.0+ Planned
SysML			✓
Activity diagram	✓ (partial)	✓	✓ simulatable
Package diagram		✓	✓
Use case diagram	✓	✓	✓
Requirements diagram	✓ (via Tree)	✓	✓
Sequence diagram	✓	✓	✓ simulatable
Block diagram		✓	✓
State machine diagram		✓	✓ simulatable
Parametric diagram		✓	✓
Other			
Context diagram	✓	✓	✓
Qualitative fault tree diagram	✓	✓	✓
Quantitative fault tree diagram	✓	✓	✓ simulatable
Fault tree cutsets	✓	✓	✓
Class diagram			✓
Layer diagram			✓
Orthogonal Variability Model (OVM) diagram			✓
Critical path analysis and diagram	✓	✓	✓
Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) diagram	✓	✓	✓
Design Structure Matrix (DSM) diagram	✓	✓	✓
N2 diagram			✓
System dynamics modeling and simulation	✓	✓	✓ diagrams
TBD		✓	✓

Introductory Python Syntax

Characters	Description and Examples

' '
" "
''' '''
""" """
	Character strings are surrounded by single, double or triple quotes. Any could be used, though a string containing a quote character must be delimited by another quote type.
	`"Hello Engineers"` `'battery'` `"Ohm's Law"`
	Triple quotes are sequences of three single quotes or three double quotes, and can be used for multiline strings with line endings.
	
	`html_code = """`
	`<py-repl auto-generate="true">`
	`print("Hello engineers around the world!")`
	`</py-repl>`
	`"""`

[]	Lists are sequences of items separated by commas surrounded by square brackets. Lists may contain numbers, strings, mixed data types, other lists, and other entire data structures.
	`['transmitter', 'battery', 'antennae']` `[2, 4, 5]`
	`[[62, 64, 61], [60, 61, 59], [61, 60, 64]]`

Importing se-lib

- The keyword import imports a module into the current namespace and makes available its contained functions and classes:

```
import selib
selib.use_case_diagram(system_name, actors, use_cases, interactions, use_case_relationships)
```

- Recommended convention is to rename selib to “se” namespace as typically done with popular Python packages:

```
import selib as se
import numpy as np

se.add_source('incoming targets',
              entity_name="target",
              num_entities = 10,
              connections={'shooter': 1},
              interarrival_time='np.random.exponential(3)')
```

- Similarly, from imports a specific module or object from a module
- For conciseness and simplicity, this tutorial also shows functions calls with no selib prefix when importing all functions this way:

```
from selib import *
context_diagram(system, external_actors)
```

Function Call Options

- Function call prefix options depend on import usage.
- Can provide function inputs with or without argument keywords.
  - Must be in correct order with no keywords

```
context_diagram(system_name, actors)
```

  - When using keywords the order doesn't matter

```
context_diagram(system = system_name, external_systems = actors)

context_diagram(external_systems = actors, system = system_name)
```

- Many functions have optional arguments.

API

```
Returns a context diagram.

Parameters
----------
system : string
    The name of the system to label the diagram
external_systems : list of strings
    Names of the external systems that interact
filename : string, optional
    A filename for the output not including a f
format : string, optional
    The file format of the graphic output. Note

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```

Function Call Syntax

- Some inputs are tuples which are similar to lists but enclosed in parentheses.
- Lists vs. Tuples in se-lib function calls
  - Lists are used for generalized data structures of variable length. E.g., indeterminate number of unordered use cases:

```
use_cases = ['Post Discussion', 'Take Quiz', 'Create Quiz']
```

  - Tuples used for inputs with fixed number of elements where the order matters.
    E.g., (actor, use case) for each use case interaction:

```
interactions = [('Student', 'Post Discussion'), ('Instructor', 'Post Discussion'),
```

    (element name, icon) for each actor:

```
external_actors = [("Detection System", "📡 "), ("Target", "🚀")]
```

- Can avoid above considerations by modifying provided examples.

Help

- See the API Function Reference for full documentation on the se-lib function calls.
- Can use the Python __doc__ method to get documentation for any function:

```
print(context_diagram.__doc__)
```

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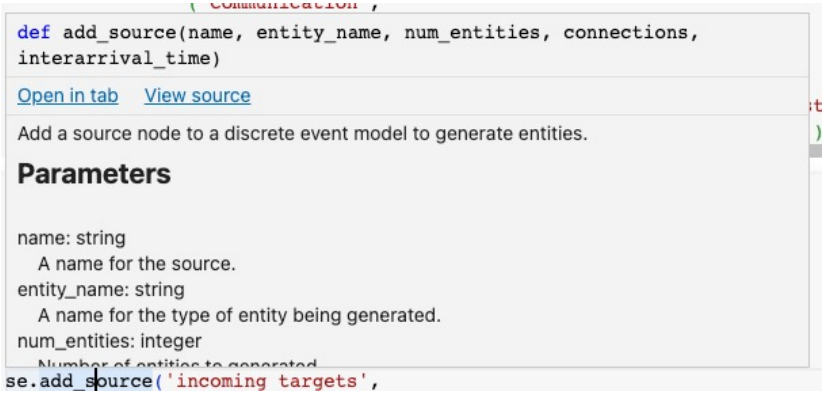
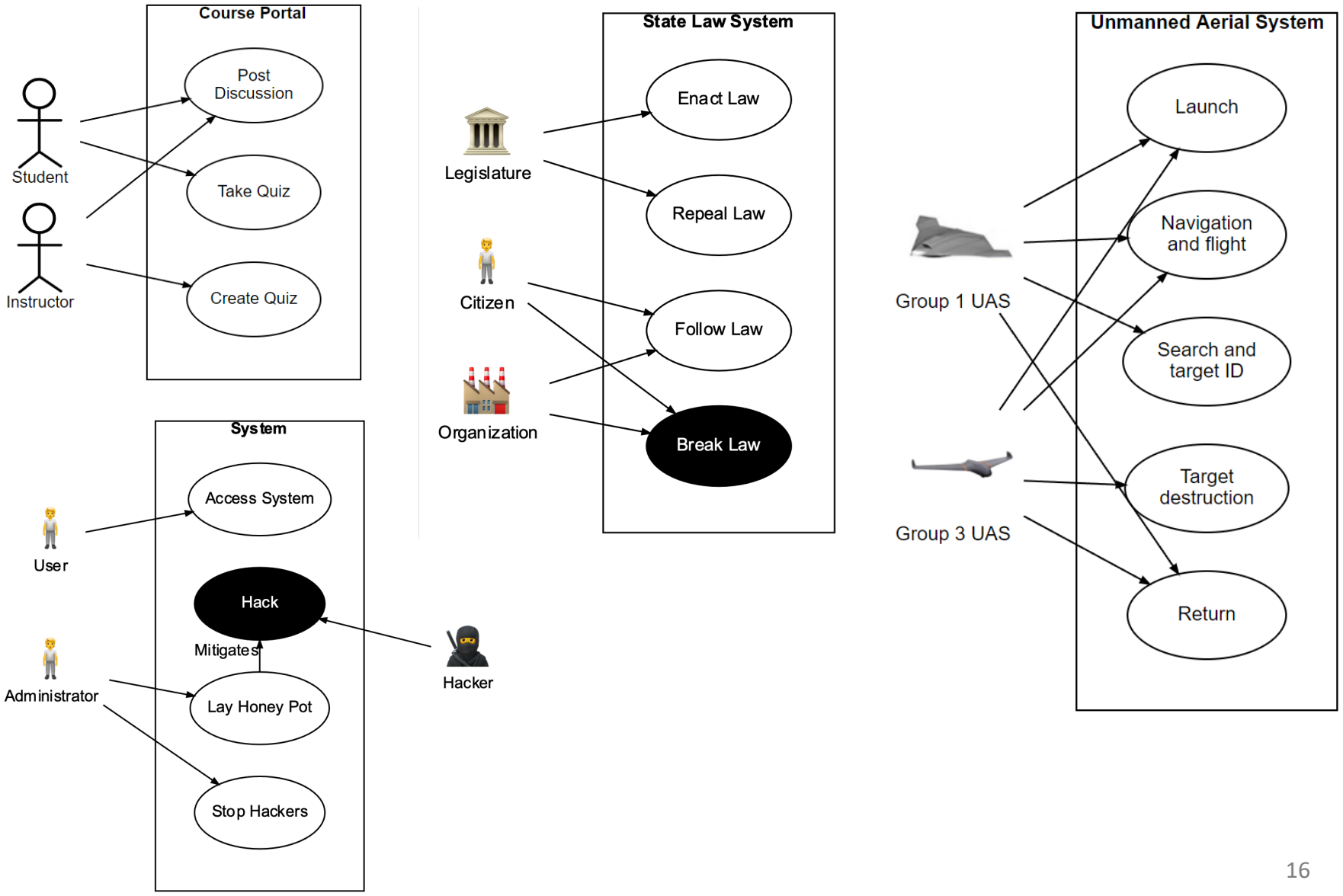
- Context sensitive help in tools when hovering over function statement:



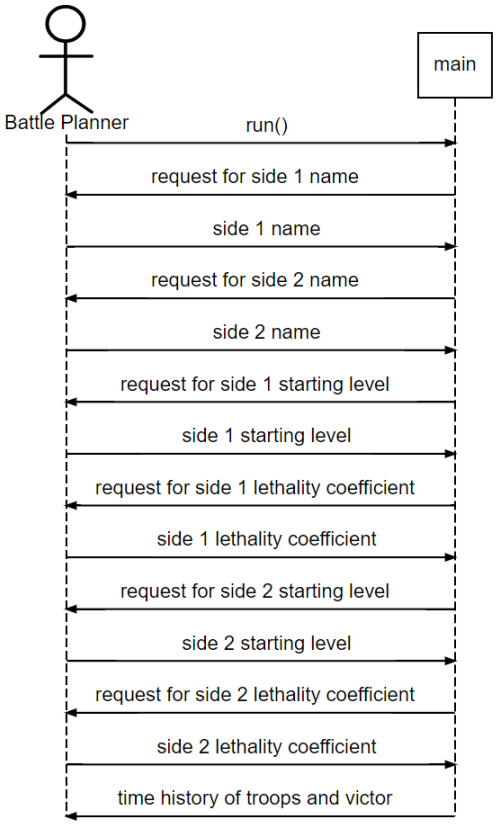
- Online playground pages and notebooks contain help:
  - http://se-lib.org/online/discrete_event_modeling_demo.html
  - se-lib system dynamics examples on Google Colab

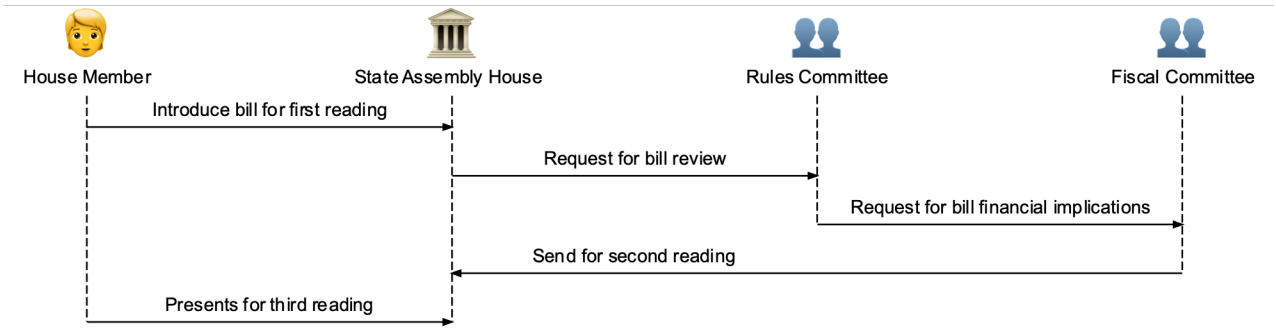
Examples

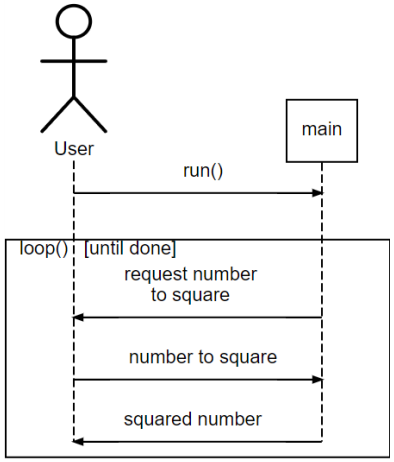
Use Case Diagram Examples



Sequence Modeling Examples





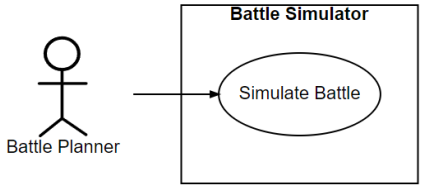


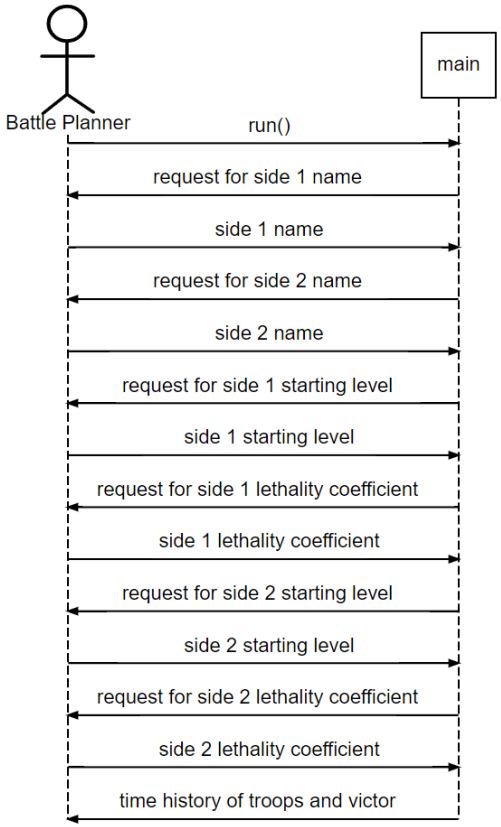
Battle Simulator Inline Model Example

Input

```
import pyml

# system model
system_name = "Battle Simulator"
actors = ['Battle Planner']
use_cases = ['Simulate Battle']
interactions = [('Battle Planner', 'Simulate Battle')]
use_case_relationships = []

actions = [
('Battle Planner', 'main', 'run()'),
('main', 'Battle Planner', 'request for side 1 name'),
('Battle Planner', 'main', 'side 1 name'),
('main', 'Battle Planner', 'request for side 2 name'),
('Battle Planner', 'main', 'side 2 name'),
('main', 'Battle Planner', 'request for side 1 starting level'),
('Battle Planner', 'main', 'side 1 starting level'),
('main', 'Battle Planner', 'request for side 1 lethality coefficient'),
('Battle Planner', 'main', 'side 1 lethality coefficient'),
('main', 'Battle Planner', 'request for side 2 starting level'),
('Battle Planner', 'main', 'side 2 starting level'),
('main', 'Battle Planner', 'request for side 2 lethality coefficient'),
('Battle Planner', 'main', 'side 2 lethality coefficient'),
('main', 'Battle Planner', 'time history of troops and victor'),
]

# create diagrams
pyml.use_case_diagram(system_name, actors, use_cases, interactions,
use_case_relationships, filename=system_name+'use_case_diagram.pdf')
pyml.sequence_diagram(system_name, actions, filename=system_name
+'sequence_diagram.pdf')
```

Output



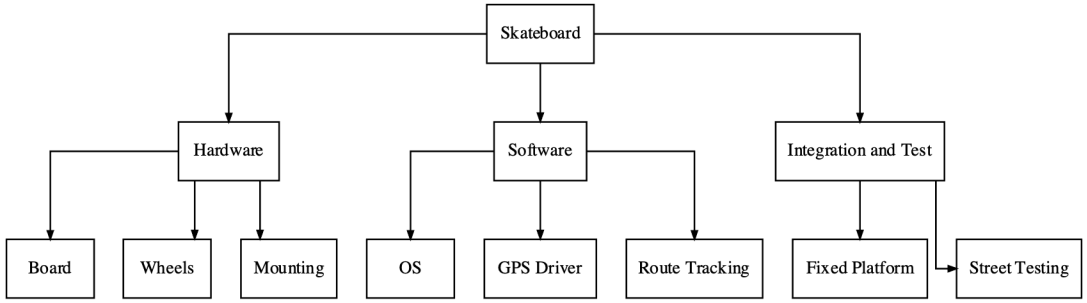


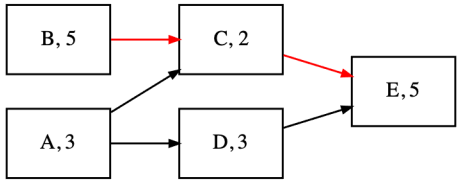
Project Management Modeling (1/2)

```
# project work breakdown structure
wbs_decompositions = [('Skateboard', 'Hardware'), ('Skateboard',
'Software'), ('Skateboard', 'Integration and Test'), ('Hardware',
'Board'), ('Hardware', 'Wheels'), ('Hardware', 'Mounting'),
('Software', 'OS'), ('Software', 'GPS Driver'), ('Software', 'Route
Tracking'), ('Integration and Test', 'Fixed Platform'), ('Integration
and Test', 'Street Testing')]

# create diagram
pyml.wbs_diagram(wbs_decompositions)
```

```
# project tasks
tasks = [('A', {'Duration': 3}),
         ('B', {'Duration': 5}),
         ('C', {'Duration': 2}),
         ('D', {'Duration': 3}),
         ('E', {'Duration': 5})]

task_dependencies = [('A', 'C'),
                     ('B', 'C'),
                     ('A', 'D'),
                     ('C', 'E'),
                     ('D', 'E')]

# create diagram
pyml.critical_path_diagram(tasks, task_dependencies)
```

```
The critical path is: ['B', 'C', 'E'] for a project duration of 12 days.
```



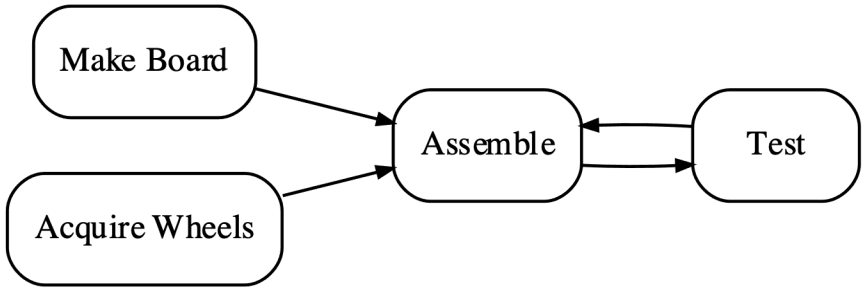


Project Management Modeling (2/2)

```
tasks = ['Make Board', 'Acquire Wheels', 'Assemble', 'Test']
task_dependencies = [('Make Board', 'Assemble'), ('Acquire Wheels',
'Assemble'), ('Assemble', 'Test'), ('Test', 'Assemble')]
pyml.design_structure_matrix(tasks, task_dependencies)
```

	Make Board	Acquire Wheels	Assemble	Test
Make Board				
Acquire Wheels				
Assemble	X	X		X
Test			X	

```
pyml.activity_diagram(task_dependencies)
```



AAV Disaster Fault Tree from Excel

	A	B	C	D
1	**Name**	**Type**	**Branch 1**	**Branch 2**
2	**AAV 523519 and Crew Loss**	**and**	**Personnel Deaths**	
3	Personnel Deaths	and	AAV Sinking	SOPs not followed
4	AAV Sinking	and	Water Intrusion	Failure to Remove Water
5	Water Intrusion	or	Intake Plenum	Exhaust Plenum
6	Failure to Remove Water	and	Failure of Pump 1	Failure of Pump 2
7	Intake Plenum	basic		
8	Exhaust Plenum	basic		
9	Headlight Connectors	basic		
10	Failure of Pump 1	basic		
11	Failure of Pump 2	basic		
12	Egress Door	basic		
13	Splash Check Failed	basic		
14	SOPs not followed	or	Communication Failure	Safety Boats Not Present
15	Communication Failure	and	Radio for Help	Pyrotechnic Signals
16	Safety Boats Not Present	and	Boat 1 missing	Boat 2 missing
17	Personnel Not Evacuated	or	Embarked Troops	Crew evacuation
18	Exits Non Functional	or	Lights missing on doors	handles difficult to operate
19	Training Insufficient	or	Swim Qual not Passed	Surface Egress Training not Cc
20	PPE Insufficient	or	Heavy Gear Donned	Life Vests lack Bouyancy
21	Embarked Troops	basic		
22	Crew evacuation	basic		
23	Lights missing on doors	basic		
24	handles difficult to operate	basic		

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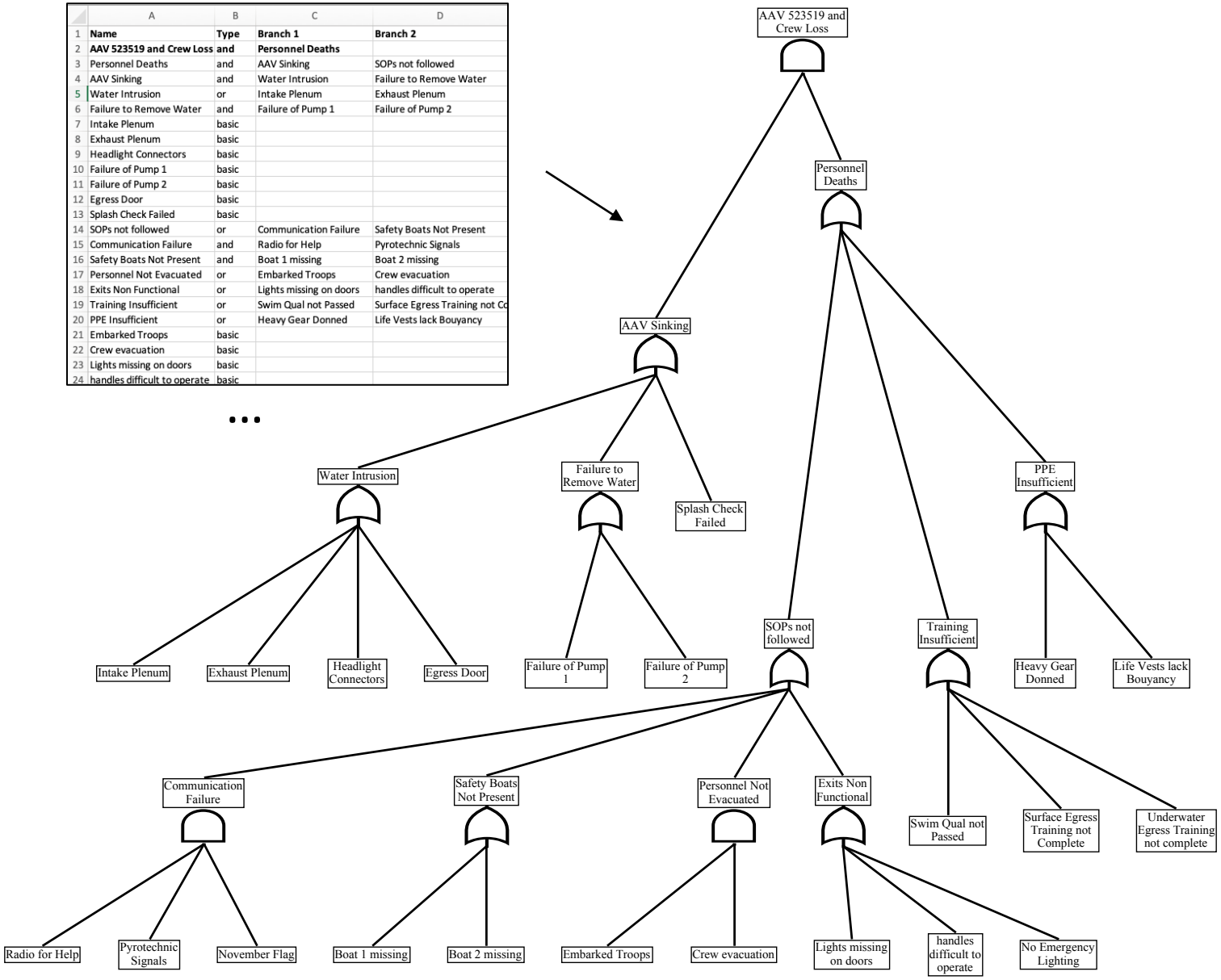
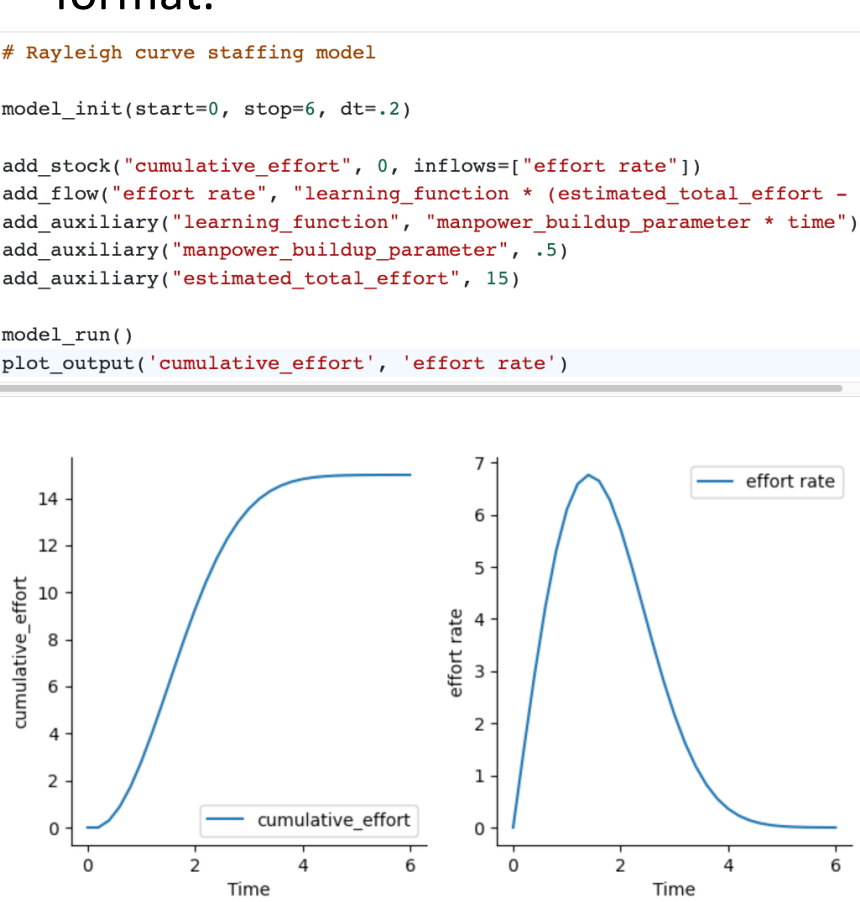
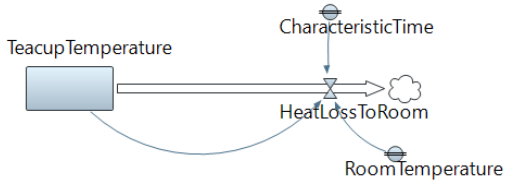


System Dynamics Modeling and Simulation

- Functions provide high level interface for model composition and execution with PySD model reader and simulation engine.
- Interoperable with Vensim, iThink/Stella and AnyLogic with xmile model format.

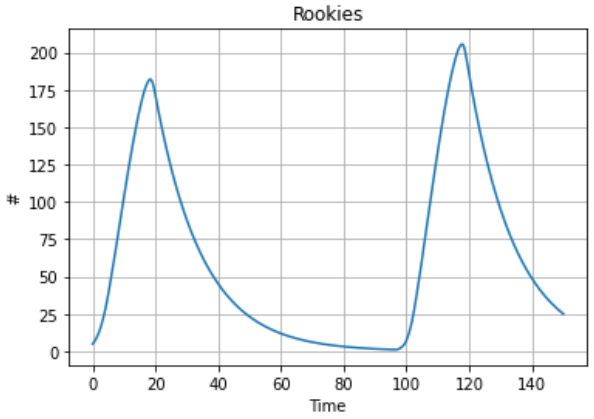
```
# Rayleigh curve staffing model

model_init(start=0, stop=6, dt=.2)

add_stock("cumulative_effort", 0, inflows=["effort rate"])
add_flow("effort rate", "learning_function * (estimated_total_effort - cumulativ
add_auxiliary("learning_function", "manpower_buildup_parameter * time")
add_auxiliary("manpower_buildup_parameter", .5)
add_auxiliary("estimated_total_effort", 15)

model_run()
plot_output('cumulative_effort', 'effort rate')
```






```
model = read_xmile('teacup.xmile')
model_run()
```

```
model = read_vensim('workforce.mdl')
model.run()
plot_output("Rookies")
```



Integrated Requirements and Effort Models

```
requirements = [("ISR", "Communication"),
                ("Communication", "R1.1.1 Mission parameters shall
                ("Communication", "R1.1.2 The UUV shall receive rem
                ("Communication", "R1.1.3 The UUV shall commence it
                ("Communication", "R1.1.4 The UUV shall be capable
                ("Communication", "R1.1.5 The UUV shall indicate th
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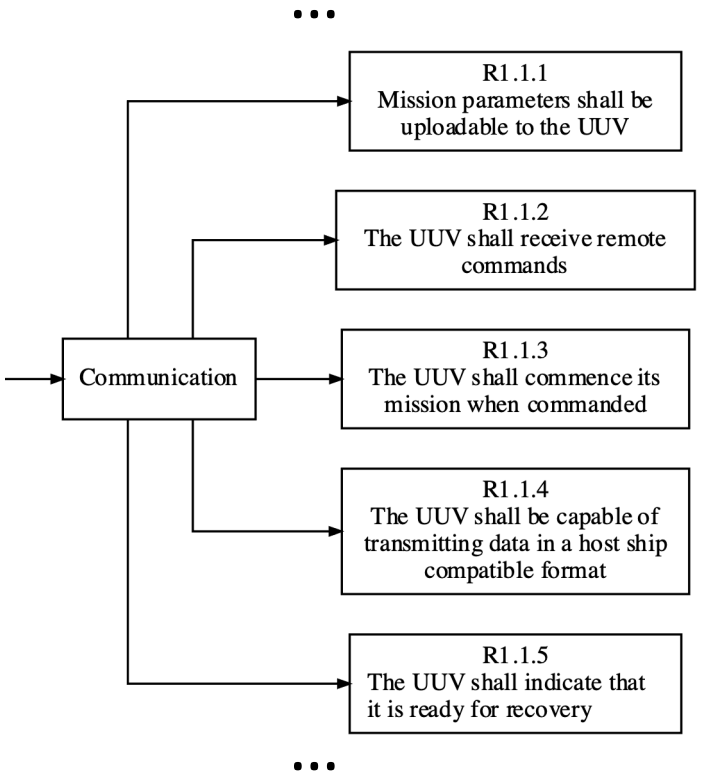



```
# effort model
def cosysmo(size, EAF=1):
    return .254*EAF*size**1.06, 1.5*(.254*EAF*size**1.06)**.33

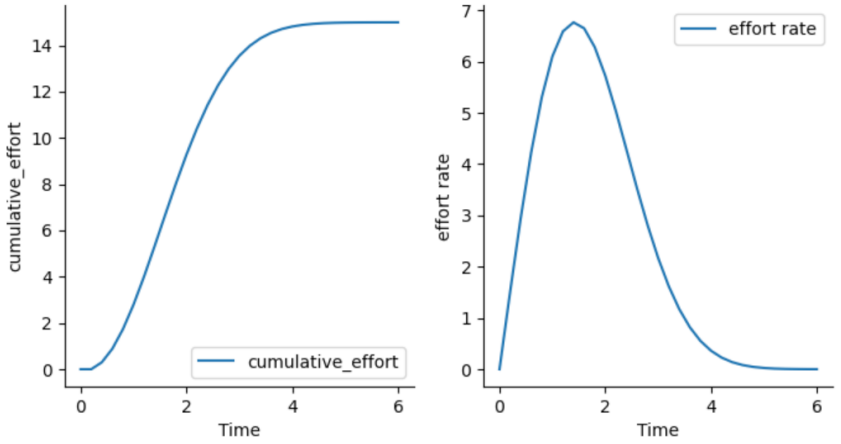
# effort estimate from requirements
requirements_count = len(requirements)
effort, schedule = cosysmo(requirements_count)

# Rayleigh curve staffing model

model_init(start=0, stop=6, dt=.2)

add_stock("cumulative_effort", 0, inflows=["effort rate"])
add_flow("effort rate", "learning_function * (estimated_total_effort - cumulativ
add_auxiliary("learning_function", "manpower_buildup_parameter * time")
add_auxiliary("manpower_buildup_parameter", .5)
add_auxiliary("estimated_total_effort", effort)

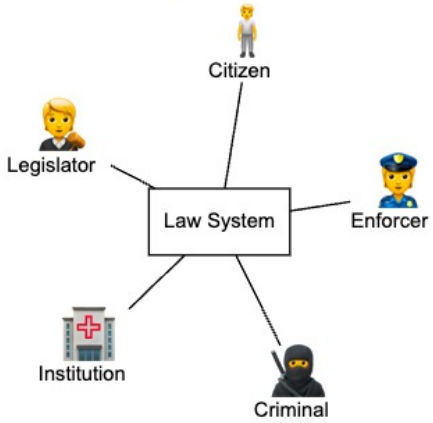
model_run()
plot_output('cumulative_effort', 'effort rate')
```



Customization and Shortcuts

- Styling
  - Custom icons with unicode
  - APIs support color options, formatting, word wrap size, and more.
- Shortcuts
  - Use tuples for node fan-in and fan-out connections to alleviate redundancy
- *Graphviz online* tool enables customization of dot markup at http://pyml.fun/graphviz_online

```
system = 'Law System'
actors_and_external_systems = [('Institution', '🏥'), ('Criminal', '🦹'),
('Citizen', '🧍'), ('Enforcer', '👮'), ('Legislator', '🤦')]
pyml.context_diagram(system, actors_and_external_systems)
```




```
# cyber security misuse case honey pot
digraph G {
    node [color=black fontname=arial fontsize=11 width
    edge [arrowsize=.5 fontname=arial fontsize=11]
    "System" [label=<<b>System</b>> height=4.5 labello
    "User" [label=<<font point-size="30">🧍</font><br/
    Hacker [label=<<font point-size="30">🦹</font><br/
    Administrator [label=<<font point-size="30">🧍</fo
    "Access System" [height=.7 pos="0, 4!" width=1.25]
    Hack [height=.7 pos="0, 3!" width=1.25 style=fille
    "Lay Honey Pot" [height=.7 pos="0, 2!" width=1.25]
    "Stop Hackers" [height=.7 pos="0, 1!" width=1.25]
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    Administrator -> "Lay Honey Pot"
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```

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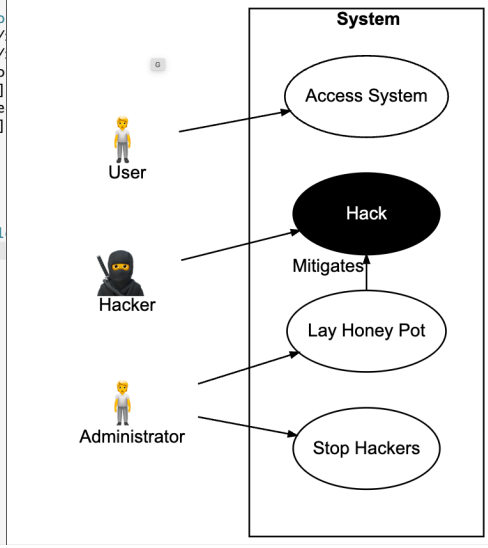

Example Document Generation Including Diagrams

Input

```
from pyml import *

# system model
system_name = "Battle Simulator"
actors = ['Battle Planner']
use_cases = ['Simulate Battle']
interactions = [('Battle Planner', 'Simulate Battle')]
use_case_relationships = []

actions = [
('Battle Planner', 'main', 'run()'),
('main', 'Battle Planner', 'request for side 1 name'),
('Battle Planner', 'main', 'side 1 name'),
('main', 'Battle Planner', 'request for side 2 name'),
('Battle Planner', 'main', 'side 2 name'),
('main', 'Battle Planner', 'request for x starting level'),
('Battle Planner', 'main', 'x starting level'),
('main', 'Battle Planner', 'request for x lethality coefficient'),
('Battle Planner', 'main', 'x lethality coefficient'),
('main', 'Battle Planner', 'request for y starting level'),
('Battle Planner', 'main', 'y starting level'),
('main', 'Battle Planner', 'request for y lethality coefficient'),
('Battle Planner', 'main', 'y lethality coefficient'),
('main', 'Battle Planner', 'time history of troops and victor'),]

# create diagrams
use_case_diagram(system_name, actors, use_cases, interactions,
use_case_relationships, filename=system_name+'_use_case_diagram.pdf')
sequence_diagram(system_name, actors, actions, filename=system_name
+'_sequence_diagram.pdf')

# generate document
latex_create(system_name + "Model Description")
section("Introduction")
latex_string(f"The {system_name} system is used by the {list_elements(actors)}
actor. Its use case diagram is in Figure \\ref{{Use Case Diagram}} and
sequence diagram in Figure \\ref{{Sequence Diagram}}.")
figure("Use Case Diagram", system_name+'_use_case_diagram.pdf')
figure("Sequence Diagram", system_name+'_sequence_diagram.pdf')
latex_write(system_name + "Model Description.pdf")
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Output

Battle Simulator Model Description

1 Introduction

The Battle Simulator system is used by the Battle Planner actor. Its use case diagram is in Figure 1 and sequence diagram in Figure 2.

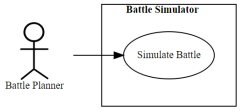

Figure 1: Use Case Diagram

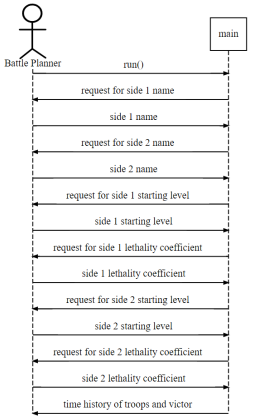

Figure 2: Sequence Diagram

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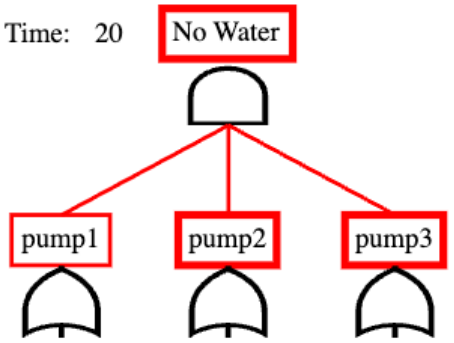
Prototyped Upcoming Features

- Activity model diagrams with more node types
- State model diagrams
- Orthogonal variability model diagrams
- Dynamic fault tree simulation



Future Work and Capabilities

- Additional object-oriented API
  - Foster reuse, adoption and increase sophistication
  - Can alleviate manual bookkeeping across models
- Graphical editor for diagrams in browser using open-source JavaScript
- Natural language extensions
  - E.g., write concise sentences for use case scenario and sequence model interactions using simple grammar rules and keywords
- Code generation from sequence and activity models
- See http://se-lib.org for more information.

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Backup

Example Modeler Scenario for Roundtrip Digital Engineering

- Joe is developing a system architecture and wants to make changes for integrated models in one place with no extra manual steps to recompute analyses, regenerate all model artifacts for other stakeholders, and communicate important change impacts. PyML library functions are used in the modeling and documentation. All model data and analysis programs must be configuration controlled to adhere to a common baseline.
- The distributions of some system parameters need to be revised that will affect requirements, performance and cost models. Simulations assess the system availability and reliability, perform a hazard analysis, estimate cost, and the Measures of Effectiveness (MOEs) are aggregated in a weighted criteria matrix.
- He accesses the shared project repository on GitHub and updates the parameters in a main configuration file. He commits the changes back into GitHub.
- He wants the changes to trigger a common script that reconciles the models, recomputes all simulations with the updated parameter values, and produces an updated set of documents online for other stakeholders. All affected visualizations need to be regenerated and inserted into iterative project documents. The scripts need to call the requisite programs for analysis and documentation using the library functions with updated model data.
- Errors and warning notices are to be provided for any broken or inconsistent models. E.g., a performance or cost threshold is not being met, or a previously working simulation model fails to execute properly with the new parameter values.
- He wants the stakeholders who specified thresholds for affected MOEs to automatically get notice. He expects this will occur if the requirements data contains the source of each requirement.

DoD Business Case

- Anecdotal evidence indicates the Pareto Law holds for costly MBSE vendor tools: about 90% of users use only 10% of their features.
- Open source software is fully permissible and encouraged in the DoD
- DoD Open Source Software FAQ:
  - https://dodcio.defense.gov/open-source-software-faq/