

In this tutorial we assume the instantiation of a car agent by extension of `tacv.universe.entity.car.PahCarAgent`

## 1. Sensing and data access.

`PahCarAgent` (derived from `AbstractCarAgent`) has registered basic car sensor allowing to obtain actual car position, speed, and distance to actual waypoint (note the world dimension is 1500x1500).

```
Point carSensor.senseMyPosition();

float carSensor.senseSpeed();

Double carSensor.senseDistanceToWaypoint();
```

Recommended car speed is accessible as `AbstractCarAgent.TARGET_SPEED`.

There is also registered alarm sensor enabling time related operations available. It can be used by following code:

```
alarmSensor.registerAlarmCallback(long deltaTimeInMillis, new AlarmCallback() {
    @Override
    public void senseAlarm(long simulationTime) {
        // put your code here - it will be invoked after
        // deltaTimeInMillis of simulated time
    }
});
```

## 2. Driving the car.

The car can be driven using `GoToWaypointCarActuator`, which is able to regulate the steering and engine force to reach desired waypoint. To use the actuator, simply put following code to the car agent class constructor:

```
GoToWaypointCarActuator goToWaypointCarActuator =
this.handler.addAction(GoToWaypointCarActuator.class, this);
```

Then the control of the vehicle can be done using methods:

```
goToWaypointCarActuator.actGoToWaypoint(Point targetWaypoint, Float targetSpeed,
                                         boolean isForward);

goToWaypointCarActuator.actHalt();
```

Achieving the targetWaypoint can be tested using waypoint reached callback. Put following code to the car agent class constructor:

```
carSensor.registerWaypointReachedCallback(new WaypointReachedCallback() {
    @Override
    public void waypointReached(Point wayPoint) {
        // put your code here - it will be invoked when
        // the car reaches the waypoint
    }
});
```

Visualization of the path-plan in 3D can be done by:

```
goToWaypointCarActuator.setVisualPlan(VisualPlanLayer.VisualPlan visualPlan);
```

### 3. Handling the environment.

The environment handler (class `AgentScoutEnvironment.AgentScoutEnvironmentHandler`), accessible as `AbstractCarAgent.handler` allows the agent to access the environment. The most important methods are:

`Random handler.getRandom();` for accessing random generator to ensure simulation repeatability

`UrbanMap handler.getMap();` for accessing map structures

`Terrain handler.getTerrain();` for accessing terrain structures

`CollisionZone handler.getCollisionZone();` for accessing collision zones

`float handler.getAltitude(float x, float y);` to get an altitude of the terrain

The structures containing the street graph and buildings information are accessible by methods of `UrbanMap`.

`List<Building> handler.getMap().getBuildings();`

`StreetGraph handler.getMap().getStreetGraph();`

Collisions with the objects in the environment can be tested using (in case of problems with collision tests, set z-axis to small positive number for collision tests, i.e. 5 – it is because the collision zones are projected to  $z=0$  with height of 1000; **!beware of mutability of vecmath – clone the variable before setting anything into its internal variables if you don't mean to change the source!**):

`boolean handler.getCollisionZone().testLine(Point3d point1, Point3d point2);`

`boolean handler.getCollisionZone().testPoint(Point3d point);`