IMPLEMENTING A MULTIAGENT SYSTEM

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ASSIGNMENT

Find, collect and carry all gold stones from their location to a depot!

- Miners do not know positions of gold stones and depots they must find them
- They may carry at most one gold stone at a time
- They have limited range of sight (8-neighbourhood)



MINING WORLD — PERCEPTS



Visible: (gold,2,2),
(depot,1,0)

No objects visible!

- left(), right(), up(), down() movement in the grid
- pick(), drop() manipulating gold stones
- sense() use it to update your percepts (nearly no delay)

Gold stones are **heavy**.

 \rightarrow there must be another miner in 4-neighbourhood for pick()



pick() succeeds

pick() fails

Gold stones are added in runtime \rightarrow Your miners must be able to find them at any time

2 points



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You can get 1 more point for implementing a fast mining team.

- A competition between your submissions will be held
- \rightarrow Performance of your miners will be evaluated based on **Scenarios 2-8** (Multiple runs will be performed, you get *i* points for being *i*th within the run, top 25% submissions with lowest number of total points get **1 point**)

You are asked to submit a short report:

- What approach have you used for discovering gold stones and depots?
- How have you solved synchronization problems?
- What issues have you encountered and how have you overcome them?

• ...

Reward: 1 point

Deadline: 6.11.2017 04:00

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- Support for other languages is experimental and mostly untested
 - You may encounter some issues and bugs (we will try to solve them quickly)
 - You lose some features (e.g. debugging) and you do not have Java codebase available
 - You are expected to be competent in the language of your choice
 - C, C++, Python (and maybe others will get supported)

OUTLINE

<u>Java</u>

- Familiarization with the framework
- Basic tasks
- Basic communication

Other languages

- Follow with us
- Familiarize yourself with the framework
- Understand the protocol (see website)
- Try to implement a very simple agent