

From Generic to Individual Greta

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Extended - APML

- APML: representation language at the level of communicative function
 - Each meaning is associated to a signal
- Extend APML to be a language representation for Generic Agent
 - Each meaning associated to a set of possible signals
- Creation of an Individual Agent: instantiate particular correspondence between meaning and signal



Individual Agent

- Individuality is composed of complex characteristics such as culture, age, personality, profession, sex...
- We do not aim at modeling these characteristics per se: this is just too complex
- Rather
- We aim at modeling the influences a certain characteristic has over the creation of an individual agent



Influences

- Influences may occur at various levels of the communication:
 - Instantiation of a given communicative act
 - Instantiation of this CA into signals
 - Expressivity of the signals



Expressivity

- Expressivity modeling: modal and intermodal
- Modal:
 - Every modality has its own parameters
 - Facial expression:
 - Quantitative parameter: how many signal constitute the expression (e.g. eyebrows, eyebrow+mouth, eyebrow+mouth+eyelid,...)
 - slight happiness: slight smile
 - *strong happiness: large smile + crow feet wrinkle + upper eyelid raise*
 - Qualitative parameter:
 - Muscular contraction
 - Onset, offset
 - Duration of an expression



Expressivity

- Gaze:
 - length of gaze
- Gesture:
 - Amplitude
 - Velocity
 - Repetitiveness
 - Tension



Expressivity

- Intermodal
- Choice of a modality to express a given CA (face, gaze, gesture, body)
- Resolution of conflict (if a modality is occupied to communicate a given meaning, look for a free one; as a modality may not be able to express more than one meaning at a time)
- Functions among modalities
 - Redundant
 - Complementary
 - Addition
 - Substitution
 - Masking

Future Work

- Enhance gesture specification to consider movement
- Represent and quantify expressivity of gesture
- Individualize the APML library of gestures:
 - Consider rules of influence to instantiate, for a particular agent or context, a given library of gestures made of lexicon pairs (meaning, signals).
- Create a representation language for hearer (primary and/or secondary)?