
ELDAMeth Design Process

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Abstract

In this paper the design process documentation template defined in the context of the IEEE FIPA DPDF Working Group (FIPA Design Process Documentation Template, <http://www.pa.icar.cnr.it/cossentino/fipa-dpdf-wg/docs.htm>, accessed June 2012) is exploited to describe the ELDAMeth agent-oriented methodology. ELDAMeth, which is based on the ELDA agent model and related frameworks and tools, fully supports the development of distributed agent systems and has been applied both stand-alone and in conjunction with other agent-oriented methodologies to different application domains: e-Commerce, information retrieval, conference management systems, content delivery networks, and wireless sensor networks.

1 Introduction

ELDAMeth [7] is an agent-oriented methodology specifically designed for the simulation-based prototyping of distributed agent systems (DAS). It is centered on the ELDA (Event-driven Lightweight Distilled StateCharts Agent) model [9, 12] and on an iterative development process covering DAS Modeling, simulation, and implementation for a target agent platform (currently JADE [2]) and exploits specifically defined frameworks and CASE tools. In particular, the ELDA model is based on three main concepts which are important for enabling dynamic and distributed computation [15, 16]: (1) lightweight agent architecture and agent behaviors driven by events that trigger reactive and proactive computation; (2) agent interaction and cooperation based on multiple coordination spaces that are exploited by

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the agents at run-time; (3) coarse-grained strong mobility through which agents can migrate across agent locations by transparently retaining their execution state [6].

Moreover, ELDAMeth can be used either stand-alone, according to the ELDAMeth process reported in Fig. 1, or in conjunction/integration with other agent-oriented methodologies which support the analysis and (high-level) design phases.

In particular, ELDAMeth has been integrated with Gaia [11], PASSI [4], and MCP [9] by using a process-driven method engineering approach [3]. Moreover, ELDAMeth (or previously defined models and frameworks that are now in ELDAMeth) was applied in different application domains: e-Commerce [4, 11], distributed information retrieval [7–9, 12, 14], content distribution networks [10], distributed data mining [5], and wireless sensor networks [1].

Useful references for ELDAMeth:

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Fortino, G., Garro, A., Mascillaro, S., Russo, W.: Using event-driven light-weight DSC-based agents for MAS modeling. *Int. J. Agent Orient. Softw. Eng.* **4**(2) (2010)

Fortino, G., Rango, F., Russo, W.: Engineering multi-agent systems through statecharts-based JADE agents and tools. *Trans. Comput. Collect. Intell. LNCS 7270 VII*, 61–81 (2012)

Fortino, G., Russo, W., Zimeo, E.: A statecharts-based software development process for mobile agents. *Inform. Softw. Technol.* **46**(13), 907–921 (2004)

Useful references for ELDAMeth integrations and extensions:

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1.1 The ELDAMeth Process Lifecycle

ELDAMeth is based on the three phases of the iterative process model shown in Fig. 2:

- The *Modeling* phase produces a specification of a Multi-Agent System (ELDA MAS) fully compliant with the ELDA MAS Meta-model [9] (see Sect. 1.2). Moreover, the platform-independent code of the ELDA MAS is generated in this phase.
- The *Simulation* phase produces MAS execution traces and computes performance indices that are evaluated with respect to the functional and non-functional requirements of the MAS under-development. On the basis of such evaluation,

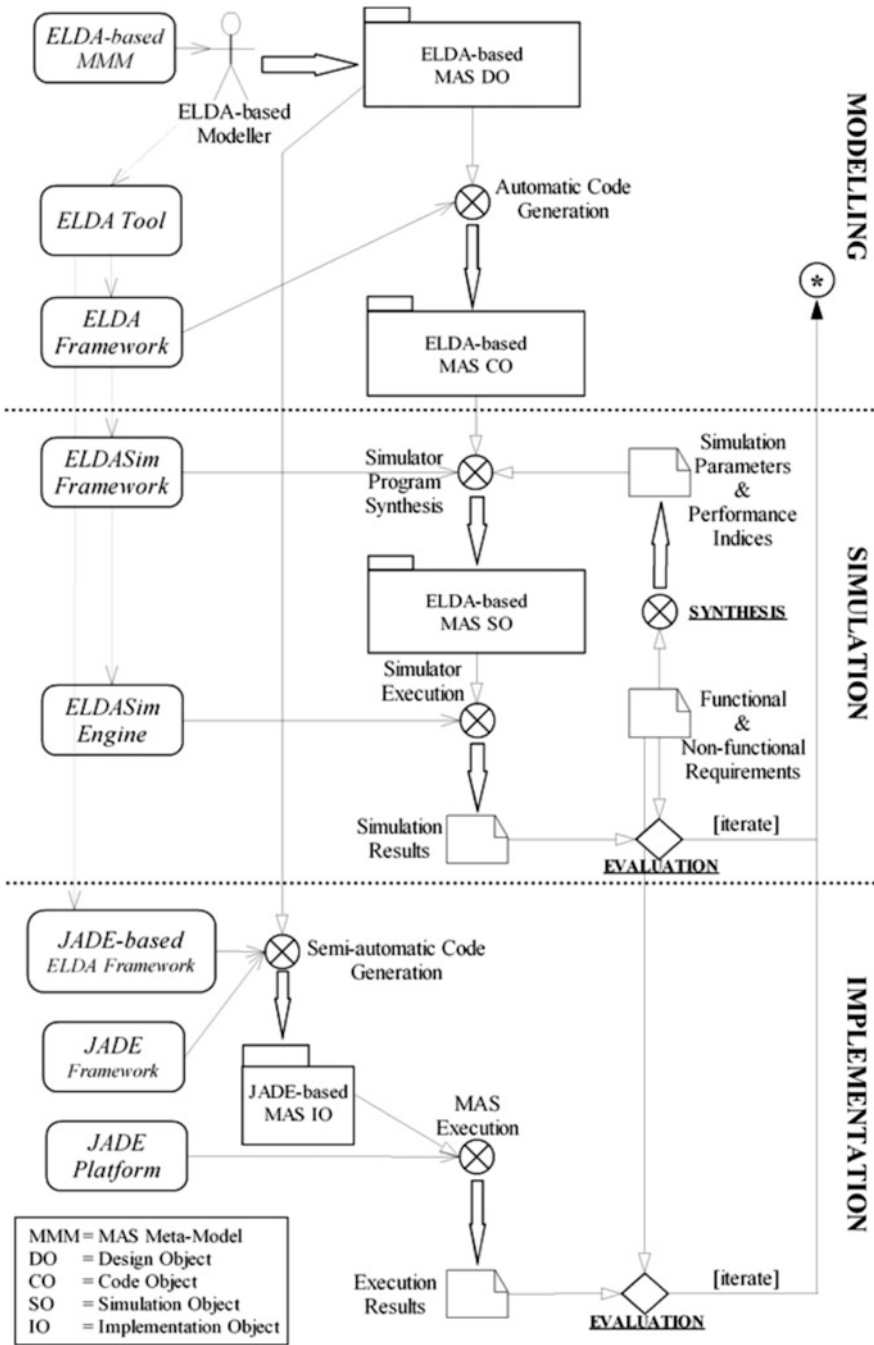


Fig. 1 The traditional ELDAMeth process

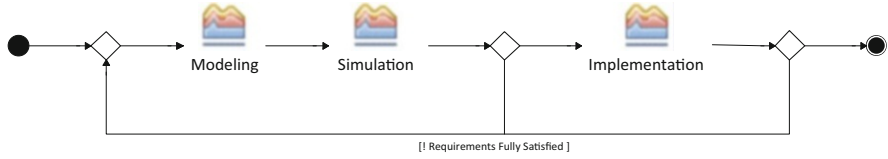


Fig. 2 The ELDAMeth process phases (and iterations)

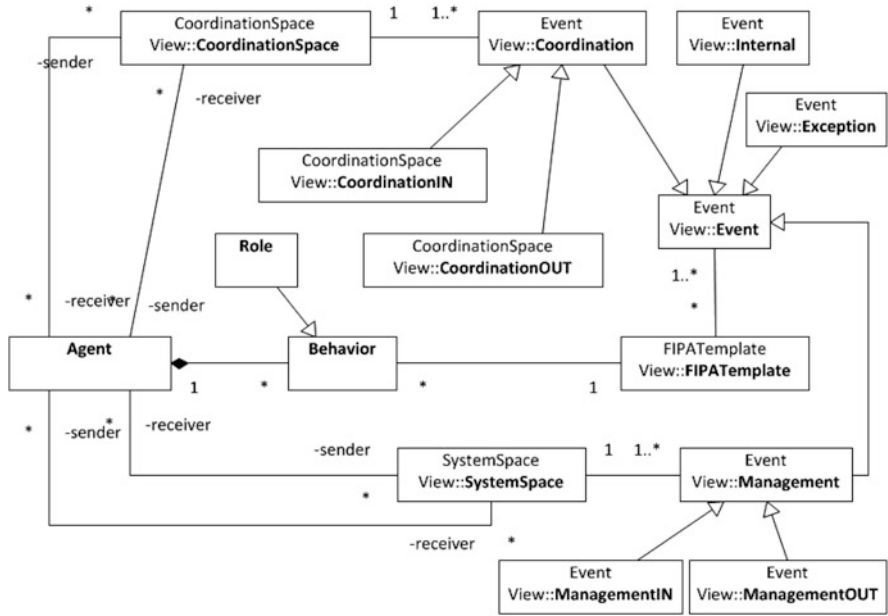


Fig. 3 The ELDA MAS Meta-model

if requirements are satisfied, the *Implementation* phase is carried out; otherwise, the *Modeling* phase is iterated.

- The *Implementation* phase produces the ELDA-based MAS code targeting a specific platform. Currently the JADE platform is exploited [13].

1.2 The ELDA MAS Meta-Model

The MAS Meta-model [9] adopted by ELDAMeth is represented in Fig. 3. The definitions of the MAS Meta-model Elements (MMMElements) are reported in Table 1.

Table 1 Definitions of ELDA MAS Meta-model elements

| Concept | Definition |
|-------------------|---|
| Agent | An ELDA agent with multiple behaviors |
| Role | A role represented by an agent |
| Behavior | An ELDA agent’s behavior is specified through a Distilled StateChart (DSC) [14], which is a hierarchical state machine obtained from Statecharts and based on ECA rules, OR-decomposition, history entrance mechanisms, and UML-like execution semantics based on the run-to-completion step |
| FIPATemplate | An ELDA behavior is compliant to an extended version of the FIPA agent lifecycle template that allows restoring the agent execution state after agent migration or agent suspension |
| Event | The interactions of ELDA agents are based on events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Internal (i.e., self-triggering events) – Management, coordination, and exception (i.e., requests to or notifications from the local agent server). Events can be either OUT-events (generated by the agent and always targeting the local agent server) or IN-events (generated by the local agent server and delivered to target agents) |
| SystemSpace | SystemSpace provides extensible system services through management (ManagementOUT and ManagementIN) events which allow for agent lifecycle management, timer setting, and resource access |
| CoordinationSpace | CoordinationSpace provides extensible coordination services through Coordination (CoordinationOUT and CoordinationIN) events which enable coordination acts between agents and between agents and non-agent components (e.g. remote objects, web services) according to specific coordination models. The currently defined inter-agent coordination models are: Direct (synchronous and asynchronous), Tuple-based, and publish/subscribe event-based. The interactions between agent/non-agent components can be based on a general RMI object model or on the Web Services model |

2 Phases of the ELDAMeth Process

2.1 The Modeling Phase

The goal of the *Modeling* phase is to provide a detailed design of the MAS under-development in terms of a set of interconnected DSCs [14] representing agent behaviors and/or roles. Figure 4 presents the flow of activities of the Modeling phase. In particular, the two main activities are ELDA Modeling and ELDA Coding. Figure 5 shows the *Modeling* described in terms of activities, roles, and work products. The *Modeling* involves a process role and five work products. The *Modeling* is fully supported by ELDATool, a CASE tool specifically developed to automate modeling, validation and implementation of ELDA-based MAS.



Fig. 4 The *Modeling* flow of activities

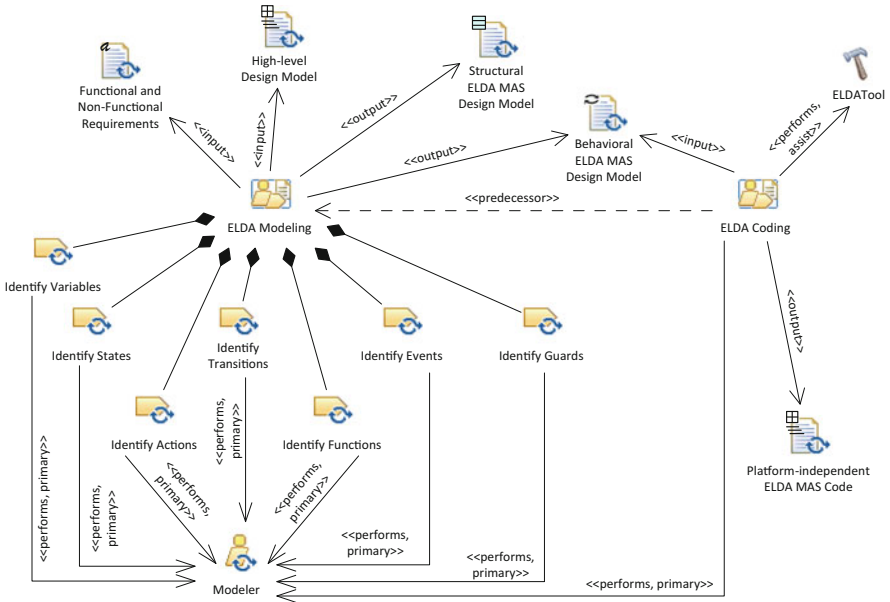


Fig. 5 The *Modeling* phase described in terms of activities, roles, and work products

2.1.1 Process Roles

One role is involved in the Modeling: the Modeler.

Modeler

The Modeler produces a detailed design of the MAS under-development and generates a platform-independent code through the following activities:

- ELDA Modeling: this activity allows the design of the MAS under-development, specifying agent behaviors and/or roles.
- ELDA Coding: the objective of this activity is to generate a platform-independent code for the MAS under-development through ELDATool.

2.1.2 Activity Details

The ELDA Coding activity is an atomic activity that has no tasks and is usually carried out by the Modeler with support of the ELDATool that is able to automatically translate the models produced in the ELDA Modeling activity into

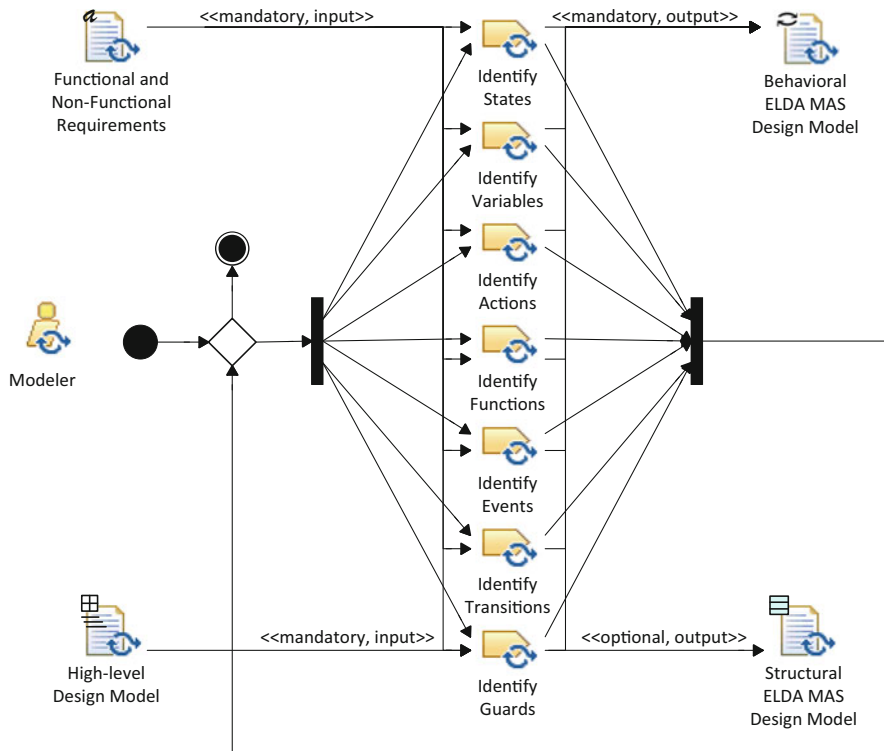


Fig. 6 The flow of tasks of the ELDA Modeling activity

platform-independent code according to the ELDA Framework [9]. Conversely, the ELDA Modeling activity has seven tasks described in the following.

ELDA Modeling Activity

The ELDA Modeling activity is a fundamental activity carried out by the Modeler that produces the behavioral and structural ELDA MAS design based on defined functional and non-functional requirements and on a high-level design model, both deriving from an external system analysis phase not included in ELDAMeth. This activity is composed of seven tasks as shown in Fig. 6; their description is reported in Table 2.

Tasks can be carried out in parallel and iteratively. The mandatory inputs to the *ELDA Modeling* are the *Functional and Non-Functional Requirements document* and the *High-Level Design Model*. The outputs are the (mandatory) *Behavioral ELDA MAS Design Model* and the (optional) *Structural ELDA MAS Design Model*. The former is a set of DSCs, representing agent behaviors and/or roles, whereas the latter is a class diagram representing the interaction relationships among agents and/or roles.

Table 2 Tasks of ELDA Modeling activity

| Activity | Task | Task description | Role involved |
|---------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| ELDA Modeling | Identify states | Identification of DSC states | Modeler (perform) |
| ELDA Modeling | Identify variables | Identification of DSC variables | Modeler (perform) |
| ELDA Modeling | Identify actions | Identification of DSC actions | Modeler (perform) |
| ELDA Modeling | Identify functions | Identification of DSC functions | Modeler (perform) |
| ELDA Modeling | Identify events | Identification of DSC events | Modeler (perform) |
| ELDA Modeling | Identify transitions | Identification of DSC transitions | Modeler (perform) |
| ELDA Modeling | Identify guards | Identification of DSC guards | Modeler (perform) |

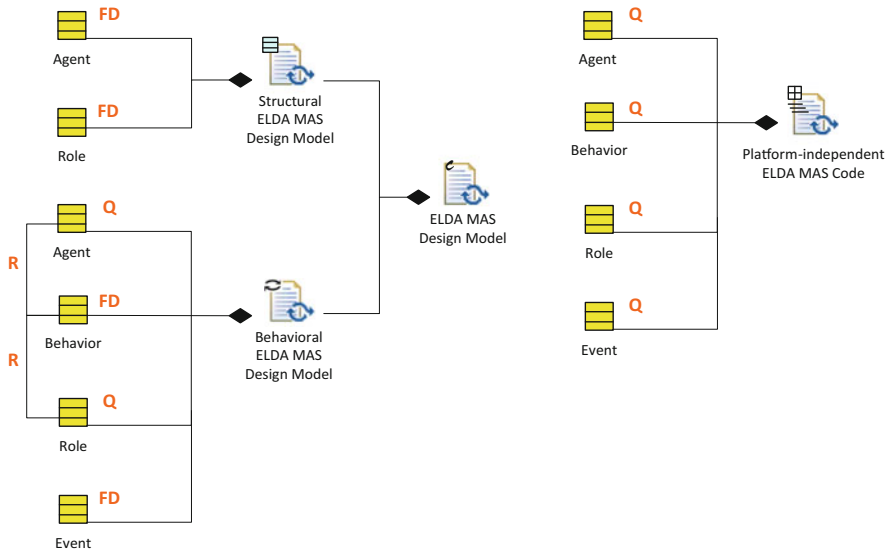


Fig. 7 The *Modeling* work products

2.1.3 Work Products

Figure 7 reports the relationships among the work products of this step (*Modeling* phase) and the ELDA MMMElements (see Sect. 1.2).

Work Product Kinds

Table 3 describes the work products of the *Modeling*.

In the following the *Structural ELDA MAS Design Model*, the *Behavioral ELDA MAS Design Model*, and the *Platform-independent ELDA MAS Code* (specifically the *Reviewer* role code) produced for the CMS case study will be described.

Table 3 Modeling work products kinds

| Name | Description | Work product kind |
|--|---|-------------------|
| Functional and non-functional requirements | A document defining functional and non-functional requirements of the MAS under-development | Free text |
| High-level design model | A high-level design model produced by an external method/methodology | Structured |
| ELDA MAS design model | The detailed design of the MAS under-development | Composite |
| Structural ELDA MAS design model | The class diagram of the MAS under-development | Structural |
| Behavioral ELDA MAS design model | The DSC design of the MAS under-development | Behavioral |
| Platform-independent ELDA MAS code | The platform-independent code generated for the MAS under-development | Structured |

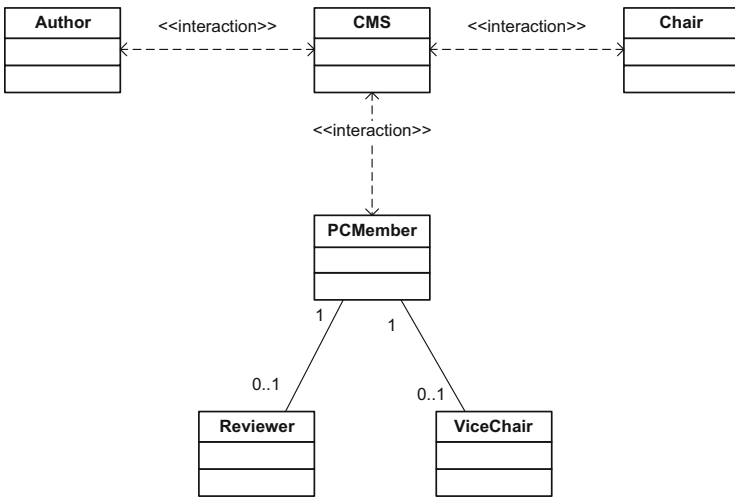


Fig. 8 Class diagram of agents and roles interactions in the CMS case study

Structural ELDA MAS Design Model

In Fig. 8 the *Structural ELDA MAS Design Model* of the CMS case study is portrayed. In particular, five roles are identified: Author, Chair, and PCMember, where a PCMember could be either a Reviewer, or a Vice-Chair, or both. Moreover, CMS is an agent representing the CMS system.

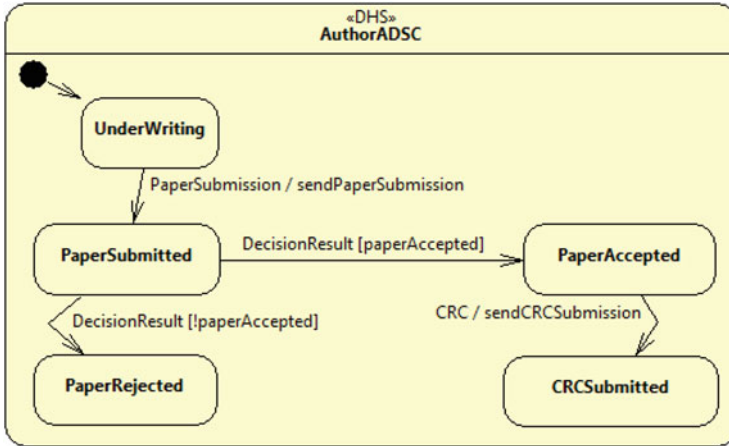


Fig. 9 Author DSC diagram

Table 4 Author actions

| Action | Description |
|---------------------|--|
| sendPaperSubmission | Author submits the paper to the CMS system |
| sendCRCSubmission | Author submits the CRC to the CMS system |

Table 5 Author guards

| Guard | Description |
|---------------|--|
| paperAccepted | Author checks if the submitted paper has been accepted |

Behavioral ELDA MAS Design Model

The *Behavioral ELDA MAS Design Model* of the CMS case study is composed of the DSCs of the five defined roles (Author, Chair, PCMember, Reviewer, and Vice-Chair) and the CMS agent. In the following they are detailed in terms of DSC diagram and event, action and guard tables. The PCMember specification is based on the specifications of Reviewer and Vice-Chair, so a further specification for the PCMember was not defined.

Author

See Fig. 9 and Tables 4, 5 and 6.

Reviewer

See Fig. 10 and Tables 7, 8 and 9.

Table 6 Author events

| Event | Sender | Description |
|-----------------|--------|--|
| PaperSubmission | Author | Internal event sent when Author decides to submit the paper |
| DecisionResult | CMS | Coordination event containing decision about submitted paper (if it has been accepted or rejected) |
| CRC | Author | Internal event sent when Author decides to submit the CRC |

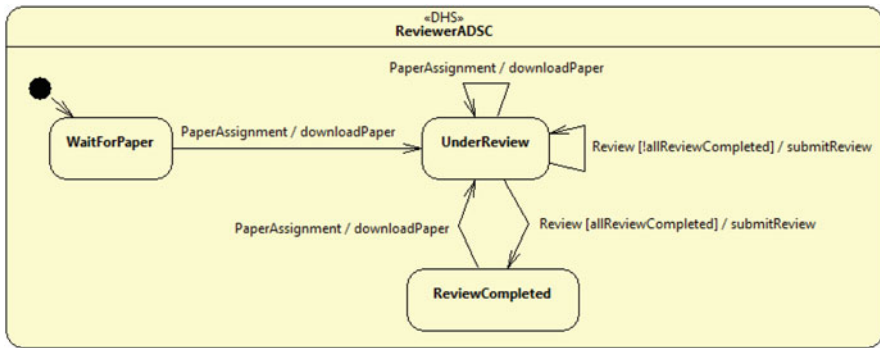


Fig. 10 Reviewer DSC diagram

Table 7 Reviewer actions

| Action | Description |
|---------------|---|
| downloadPaper | Reviewer downloads papers that have been assigned to it |
| submitReview | Reviewer sends to the CMS system a review |

Table 8 Reviewer guards

| Guard | Description |
|--------------------|--|
| allReviewCompleted | Reviewer checks if all the assigned papers were reviewed |

Table 9 Reviewer events

| Event | Sender | Description |
|-----------------|----------|---|
| PaperAssignment | CMS | Coordination event indicating the papers assigned to the Reviewer |
| Review | Reviewer | Internal event sent when Reviewer completes a review |

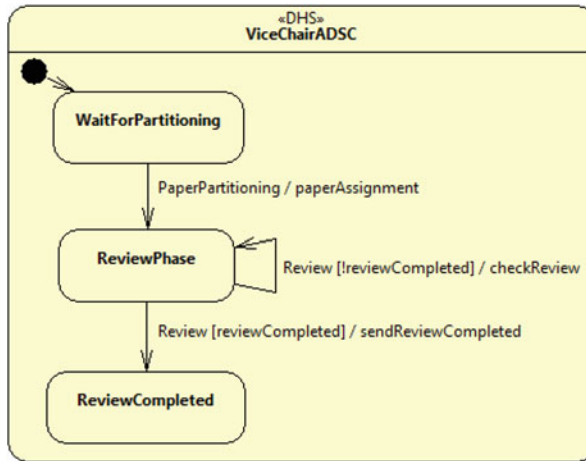


Fig. 11 Vice-Chair DSC diagram

Table 10 Vice-Chair actions

| Action | Description |
|---------------------|--|
| paperAssignment | Vice-Chair sends the event to CMS, indicating the assignment of papers to the reviewers that it manages |
| checkReview | Vice-Chair checks a review |
| sendReviewCompleted | Vice-Chair sends the event to CMS, indicating that all the expected reviews (sent from the reviewers managed by this Vice-Chair) were received |

Table 11 Vice-Chair guards

| Guard | Description |
|-----------------|--|
| reviewCompleted | Vice-Chair checks if all the expected reviews (sent from the reviewers managed by this Vice-Chair) were received |

Table 12 Vice-Chair events

| Event | Sender | Description |
|-------------------|--------|---|
| PaperPartitioning | CMS | Coordination event indicating which reviewers must be managed by Vice-Chair and how to distribute the papers to be reviewed |
| Review | CMS | Coordination event containing a review |

Vice-Chair

See Fig. 11 and Tables 10, 11 and 12.

Chair

See Fig. 12 and Tables 13, 14 and 15.

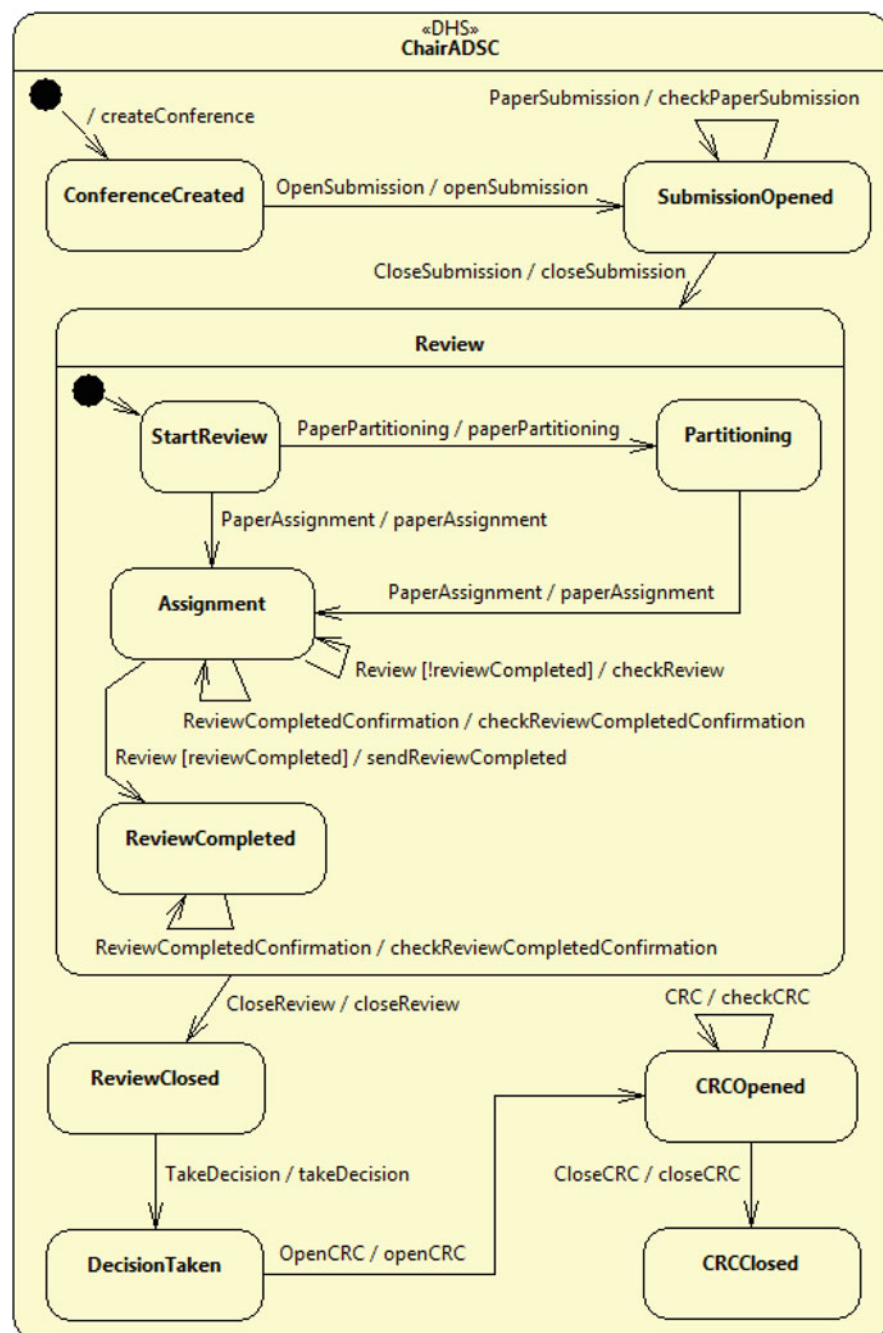


Fig. 12 Chair DSC diagram

Table 13 Chair actions

| Action | Description |
|----------------------------------|---|
| createConference | Chair creates and initializes the CMS conference system |
| openSubmission | Chair sends the event to CMS, indicating the opening of the paper submission phase |
| checkPaperSubmission | Chair checks a submitted paper |
| closeSubmission | Chair sends the event to CMS, indicating the closure of the paper submission phase |
| paperPartitioning | Chair sends the event to CMS, indicating how to distribute the papers to be reviewed among the reviewers and how to involve one or more Vice-Chairs in the management of a part of them |
| paperAssignment | Chair sends the event to CMS, indicating the assignment of some papers to be reviewed to the reviewers that it manages |
| checkReview | Chair checks a review |
| checkReviewCompletedConfirmation | Chair checks if all the reviews were successfully received |
| sendReviewCompleted | Chair sends the event to CMS, indicating that all the expected reviews (sent from the reviewers managed by this Chair) were received |
| closeReview | Chair sends the event to CMS, indicating the closure of the review phase |
| takeDecision | Chair sends the event to CMS, indicating the decisions taken on the submitted papers (if they have been accepted or rejected) |
| openCRC | Chair sends the event to CMS, indicating the opening of the CRC submission phase |
| checkCRC | Chair checks a submitted CRC |
| closeCRC | Chair sends the event to CMS, indicating the closure of the CRC submission phase |

Table 14 Chair guards

| Guard | Description |
|-----------------|---|
| reviewCompleted | Chair checks if all the expected reviews (sent from the reviewers managed by Chair) were received |

CMS

See Fig. 13 and Tables 16 and 17.

Platform-Independent ELDA MAS Code

In Fig. 14 part of the code (variables, actions, guards, and events) of the active behavior of the Reviewer role (see earlier section “[Reviewer](#)”) produced in the ELDA Coding activity is reported.

Table 15 Chair events

| Event | Sender | Description |
|-----------------------------|--------|--|
| OpenSubmission | Chair | Internal event sent when Chair decides to open the paper submission phase |
| PaperSubmission | CMS | Coordination event containing a submitted paper |
| CloseSubmission | Chair | Internal event sent when Chair decides to close the paper submission phase |
| PaperPartitioning | Chair | Internal event sent when Chair decides to involve Vice-Chair in the management of the papers to be reviewed |
| PaperAssignment | Chair | Internal event sent when Chair decides to assign some papers to be reviewed to the reviewers that it manages |
| Review | CMS | Coordination event containing a review |
| ReviewCompletedConfirmation | CMS | Coordination event indicating that all the reviews were received |
| CloseReview | Chair | Internal event sent when Chair decides to close the review phase |
| TakeDecision | Chair | Internal event sent when Chair wants to start the decision process about the submitted papers |
| OpenCRC | Chair | Internal event sent when Chair decides to open the CRC submission phase |
| CRC | CMS | Coordination event containing a submitted CRC |
| CloseCRC | Chair | Internal event sent when Chair decides to close the CRC submission phase |

2.2 The Simulation Phase

The goal of the *Simulation* phase is to support the functional validation and performance evaluation of the MAS model produced in the *Modeling* phase (see Sect. 2.1). Specifically, the ELDASim simulation framework is exploited to fully support such phase. The *Simulation* process is composed of three main activities: *Performance Indices Definition*, *Simulation Implementation*, and *Simulation Execution*, as shown in Fig. 15. *Simulation* specifically involves a process role and five work products, as described in Fig. 16.

2.2.1 Process Roles

One role is involved in the Simulation: the Simulation Designer.

Simulation Designer

The Simulation Designer is responsible for the functional validation and performance evaluation of the MAS under-development through the following activities:

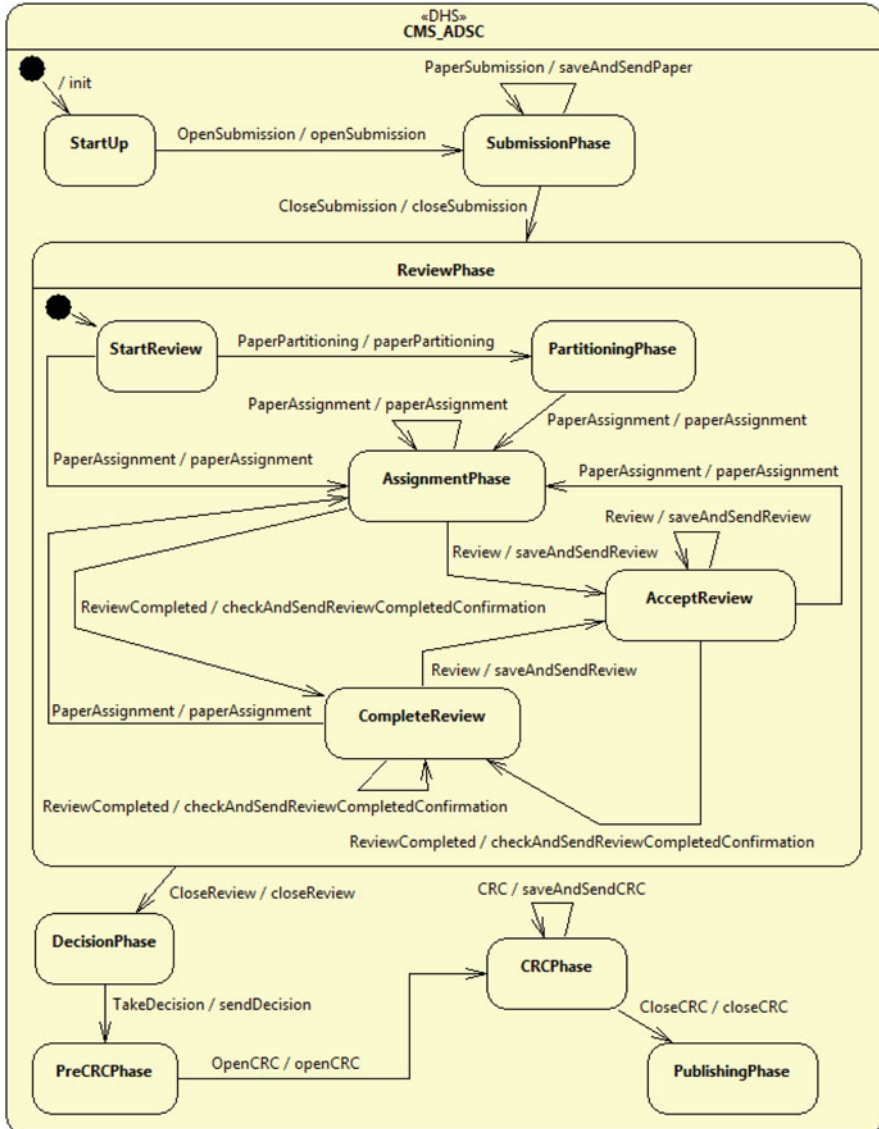


Fig. 13 CMS DSC diagram

- *Performance Indices Definition*: this activity allows the definition of the performance indices which will be evaluated during the simulation.
- *Simulation Implementation*: it produces a simulator program that allows executing the simulation.
- *Simulation Execution*: in this activity the simulation is executed and the simulation results are obtained.

Table 16 CMS actions

| Action | Description |
|--|---|
| init | CMS initializes the conference with parameters decided by Chair at the conference creation and sends the call for paper (CFP) to authors |
| openSubmission | CMS opens the paper submission phase |
| saveAndSendPaper | CMS saves a submitted paper and sends a paper submission notification to Chair |
| closeSubmission | CMS closes the paper submission phase |
| paperPartitioning | CMS sends the event to Vice-Chair, indicating which reviewers this Vice-Chair must manage and how to distribute the papers to be reviewed among the different reviewers |
| saveAndSendReview | CMS stores a review and sends it to the corresponding reviewer manager (Chair or Vice-Chair) |
| saveAndSendCRC | CMS saves and sends a CRC to Chair |
| closeReview | CMS closes the review phase |
| sendDecision | CMS sends the decisions, taken by Chair about submitted papers, to authors |
| closeCRC | CMS closes the CRC submission phase |
| paperAssignment | CMS assigns some papers to be reviewed to reviewers |
| openCRC | CMS opens the CRC submission phase |
| checkAndSendReview CompletedConfirmation | If all the reviewer managers (Chair or Vice-Chair) received all reviews from the reviewers that they manage, CMS sends the event to Chair, indicating that all the reviews have been received |

2.2.2 Activity Details

Performance Indices Definition and *Simulation Implementation* are atomic activities that have no tasks, whereas *Simulation Execution* activity has two tasks as described here.

Simulation Execution Activity

The *Simulation Execution* activity comprises the two tasks described in Table 18. The flow of tasks in the *Simulation Execution* activity is reported in Fig. 17.

2.2.3 Work Products

Figure 18 reports the relationships among the work products of this step and the ELDA MMMElements (see Sect. 1.2).

Work Product Kinds

Table 19 describes the work products of the *Simulation*.

Simulator Program

In Fig. 19 the *Simulator Program* template produced for the CMS case study is described.

Table 17 CMS events

| Event | Sender | Description |
|-------------------|------------------|--|
| OpenSubmission | Chair | Coordination event indicating the opening of the paper submission phase |
| PaperSubmission | Author | Coordination event containing a submitted paper |
| CloseSubmission | Chair | Coordination event indicating the closure of the paper submission phase |
| PaperPartitioning | Chair | Coordination event sent when Chair decides to involve the Vice-Chair in the management of the papers to be reviewed |
| PaperAssignment | Chair/Vice-Chair | Coordination event sent by a reviewer manager (Chair or Vice-Chair) to assign some papers to be reviewed to the reviewer that it manages |
| Review | Reviewer | Coordination event containing a review |
| ReviewCompleted | Chair/Vice-Chair | Coordination event sent by a reviewer manager (Chair or Vice-Chair) indicating that all the reviews have been received from the reviewers it manages |
| CloseReview | Chair | Coordination event indicating the closure of the review phase |
| TakeDecision | Chair | Coordination event sent when Chair wants to decide about submitted papers |
| OpenCRC | Chair | Coordination event indicating the opening of the CRC submission phase |
| CRC | Author | Coordination event containing a submitted CRC |
| CloseCRC | Chair | Coordination event indicating the closure of the CRC submission phase |

The methods of the CMS class are:

- `void resetSimulationParams()`: resets the simulation parameters
- `void loadParams(XMLTree configuration)`: loads and initializes the simulation parameters
- `void setupAS()`: performs the setup of the agent servers of the distributed simulated agent platform
- `void createSimPerformanceParamsTabs()`: creates database tables for storing the results obtained from the simulations
- `void setupAndStartCustomSimulation()`: starts the simulation up
- `void setupAgent()`: allows the setup of the agents involved in the simulation
- `void setAgentCodeDimension()`: sets the code dimension of the agents
- `void startAgent()`: starts the agents up
- `void traceSimPerformanceParams()`: traces the simulation performance parameter values obtained from the simulation
- `void clearAS()`: clears the agent servers up
- `void resetSimPerformanceParams()`: resets the tracing of the simulation results.

| STATE | VARIABLES | |
|--------------|-------------------------------|--|
| ReviewerADSC | int reviewCount ELDAId cms | |

| ACTION | CODE |
|---------------|---|
| downloadPaper | PaperAssignment evt = (PaperAssignment) e; String paperCode = (String) evt.getData(); download(paperCode); reviewCount++; |
| submitReview | Object review = ((Review) e).getData(); generate(new ELDAEventMSGRequest(self(), new Review(self(), cms, review))); reviewCount--; |

| GUARD | CODE |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| allReviewCompleted | return reviewCount == 0; |

| EVENT | SENDER | TYPE |
|-----------------|----------|-------------------|
| PaperAssignment | CMS | ELDAEventMSG |
| Review | Reviewer | ELDAEventInternal |

Fig. 14 ELDAFramework-based code of the Reviewer role

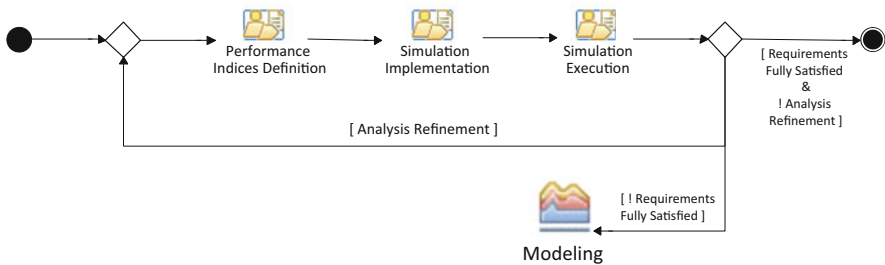


Fig. 15 The Simulation flow of activities

2.3 The Implementation Phase

The goal of the *Implementation* phase is to translate the MAS design model into code for a target platform. In particular, the translation is semi-automatic, supported by the ELDATool, and targeting the JADE platform. The *Implementation* process is composed of two main activities (*Platform-specific ELDA Implementation* and *Testing*), as shown in Fig. 20. In particular, *Implementation* involves two process roles and five work products (see Fig. 21).

2.3.1 Process Roles

Two roles are involved in the *Implementation*: Developer and Tester.

Developer

The Developer is responsible for:

- Platform-specific ELDA Implementation—this activity translates the MAS design model into code generated according to a real target platform (e.g., JADE) through ELDATool.

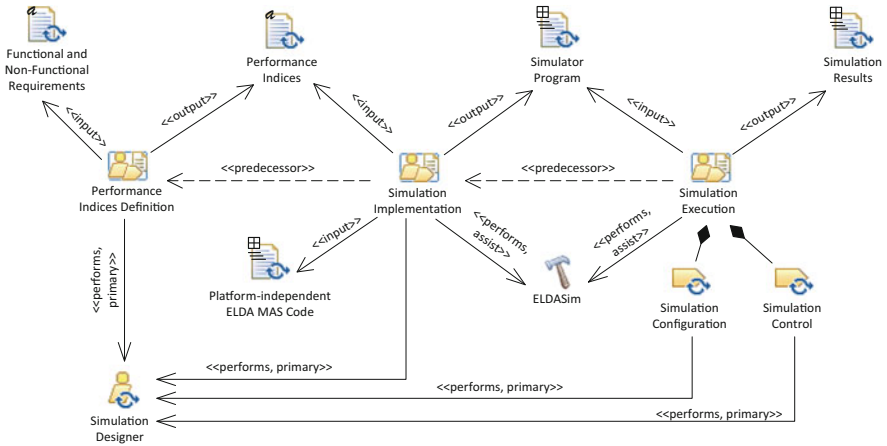


Fig. 16 The Simulation phase described in terms of activities, roles, and work products

Table 18 Tasks of Simulation Execution activity

| Activity | Task | Task description | Role involved |
|----------------------|--------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Simulation Execution | Simulation Configuration | Configuration of simulation parameters | Simulation Designer (perform) |
| Simulation Execution | Simulation Control | Control of Simulation Execution | Simulation Designer (perform) |

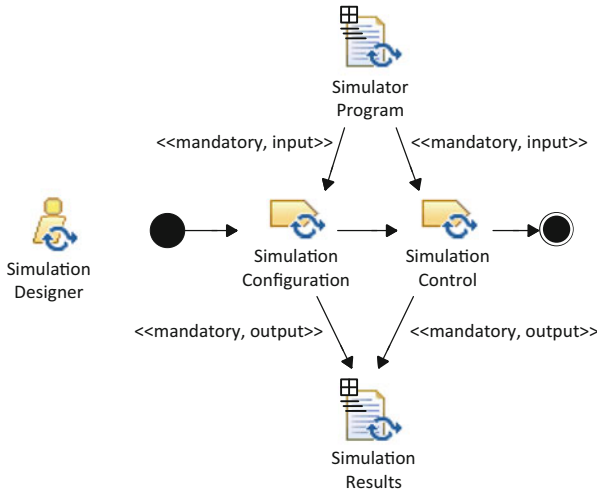


Fig. 17 The flow of tasks of the Simulation Execution activity

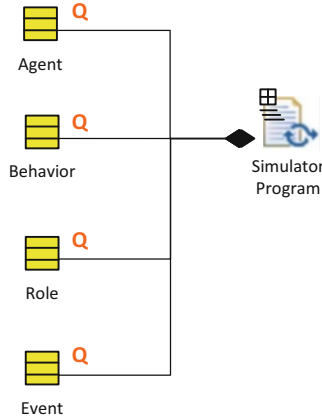


Fig. 18 The Simulation work products

Table 19 Simulation work products kinds

| Name | Description | Work product kind |
|--|---|-------------------|
| Functional and non-functional requirements | A document defining functional and non-functional requirements of the MAS under-development | Free text |
| Performance indices | The definition of the performance indices which will be evaluated during the simulation | Free text |
| Simulator Program | The resulting simulator program that allows executing the simulation | Structured |
| Platform-independent ELDA MAS code | Platform-independent code generated for the MAS under-development | Structured |
| Simulation results | Results of executed simulation | Structured |

Tester

The Tester is responsible for:

- Testing—this activity executes some tests on the MAS under-development considering the performance indices evaluated during the simulation and produces a document containing the test results.

2.3.2 Activity Details

Platform-specific ELDA implementation and testing activities are atomic and do not have any tasks.

2.3.3 Work Products

The work products produced in this phase are the platform-specific ELDA MAS Code, which is the code of the MAS under-development for the JADE platform, and Testing Results, which is a set of real execution traces and table/plots of computed performance indices.

```

public class CMS extends MASSimulation {

    private static int nReviewerAgent;
    private static int nAuthorAgent;
    private static int nChairAgent;
    private static int nViceChairAgent;

    private static Hashtable<String, SimConfig> simsConfiguration;

    protected void resetSimulationParams () {}
    protected void loadParams (XMLTree configuration) throws Exception {}
    private static void initializeSimsConfiguration (Vector<XMLNode>
        simsCfg) throws ClassNotFoundException
        InvalidNodeException, InvalidAttributeException {}
    protected void setupAS () {}
    protected void createSimPerformanceParamsTabs () throws Exception {}
    protected void setupAndStartCustomSimulation () throws Exception {}
    protected void setupAgent () throws Exception {}
    protected void setAgentCodeDimension () {}
    protected void startAgent () {}
    protected void traceSimPerformanceParams () throws Exception {}
    protected void clearAS () {}
    protected void resetSimPerformanceParams () {}
}

```

Fig. 19 Code template of the Simulator Program

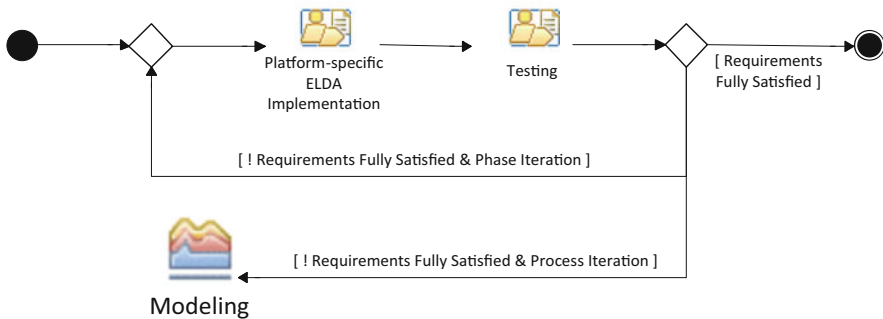


Fig. 20 The Implementation flow of activities

Work Product Kinds

Table 20 describes the work products of the Implementation:

Platform-Specific ELDA MAS Code

In Fig. 22 part of the JADE-based code (variables, actions, guards, and events) of the *Reviewer* role of the *Platform-specific ELDA MAS Code* produced for the CMS case study will be described.

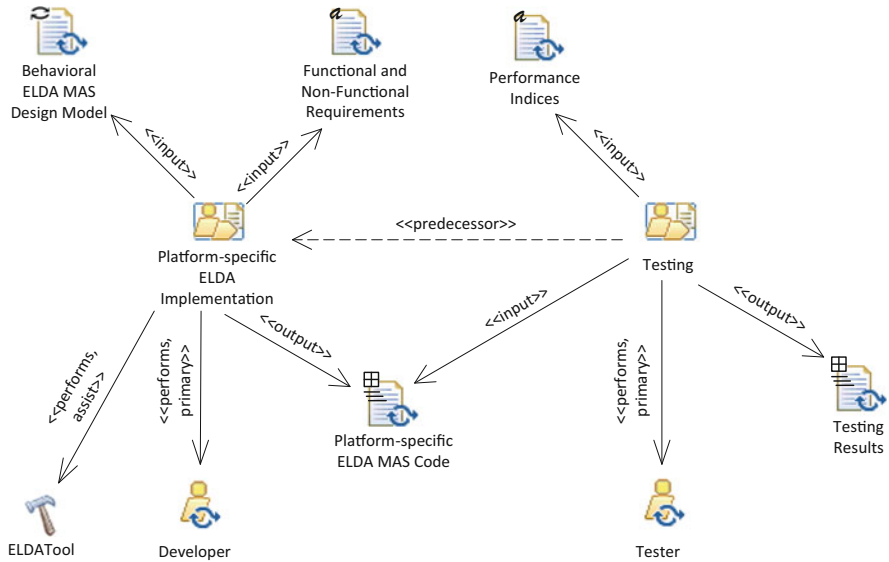


Fig. 21 The Implementation phase described in terms of activities, roles, and work products

Table 20 Implementation work products kinds

| Name | Description | Work product kind |
|--|---|-------------------|
| Functional and non-functional requirements | A document defining functional and non-functional requirements of the MAS under-development | Free text |
| Behavioral ELDA MAS design model | The DSC design of the MAS under-development | Behavioral |
| Platform-specific ELDA MAS code | The MAS code generated according to a real target platform (e.g. JADE) | Structured |
| Performance indices | The definition of the performance indices evaluated during the simulation | Free text |
| Testing results | A document containing the results of executed tests | Structured |

3 Work Products Dependencies

The diagram in Fig. 23 depicts the dependencies among the different work products.

| STATE | VARIABLES | |
|--------------|----------------------------|--|
| ReviewerADSC | int reviewCount AID cms | |

| ACTION | CODE |
|---------------|---|
| downloadPaper | <pre>PaperAssignment evt = (PaperAssignment) e; String paperCode = (String) evt.getData(); download(paperCode); reviewCount++;</pre> |
| submitReview | <pre>Serializable review = ((Review) e).getData(); ArrayList<AID> target = new ArrayList<AID>(); target.add(cms); generate(new ELDAEventMSGRequest(self(), new Review(self(), target, review))); reviewCount--;</pre> |

| GUARD | CODE |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| allReviewCompleted | return reviewCount == 0; |

| EVENT | SENDER | TYPE |
|-----------------|----------|-------------------|
| PaperAssignment | CMS | ELDAEventMSG |
| Review | Reviewer | ELDAEventInternal |

Fig. 22 The JADE-based code of the Reviewer role

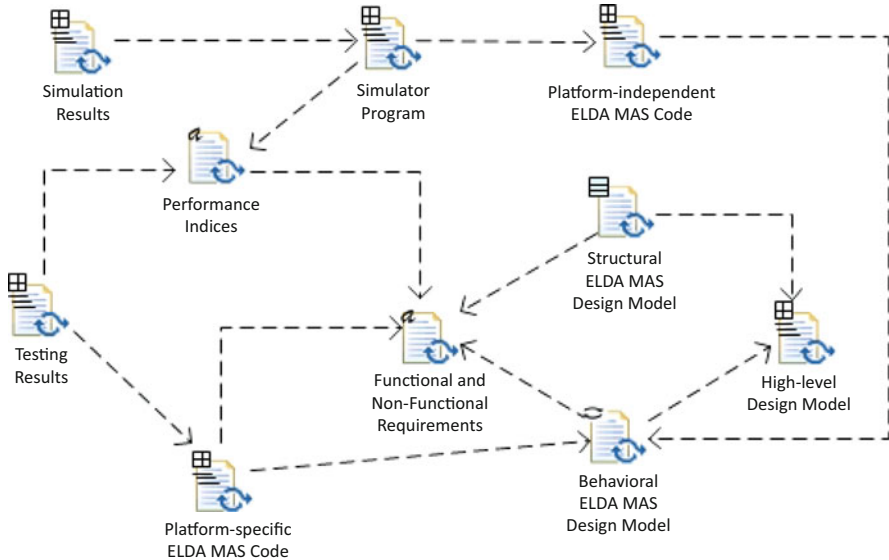


Fig. 23 Work products dependencies diagram

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