

# JBoss Rules – Viva Le Drools

## Declarative Behavioural Modelling

An Integrated AI approach

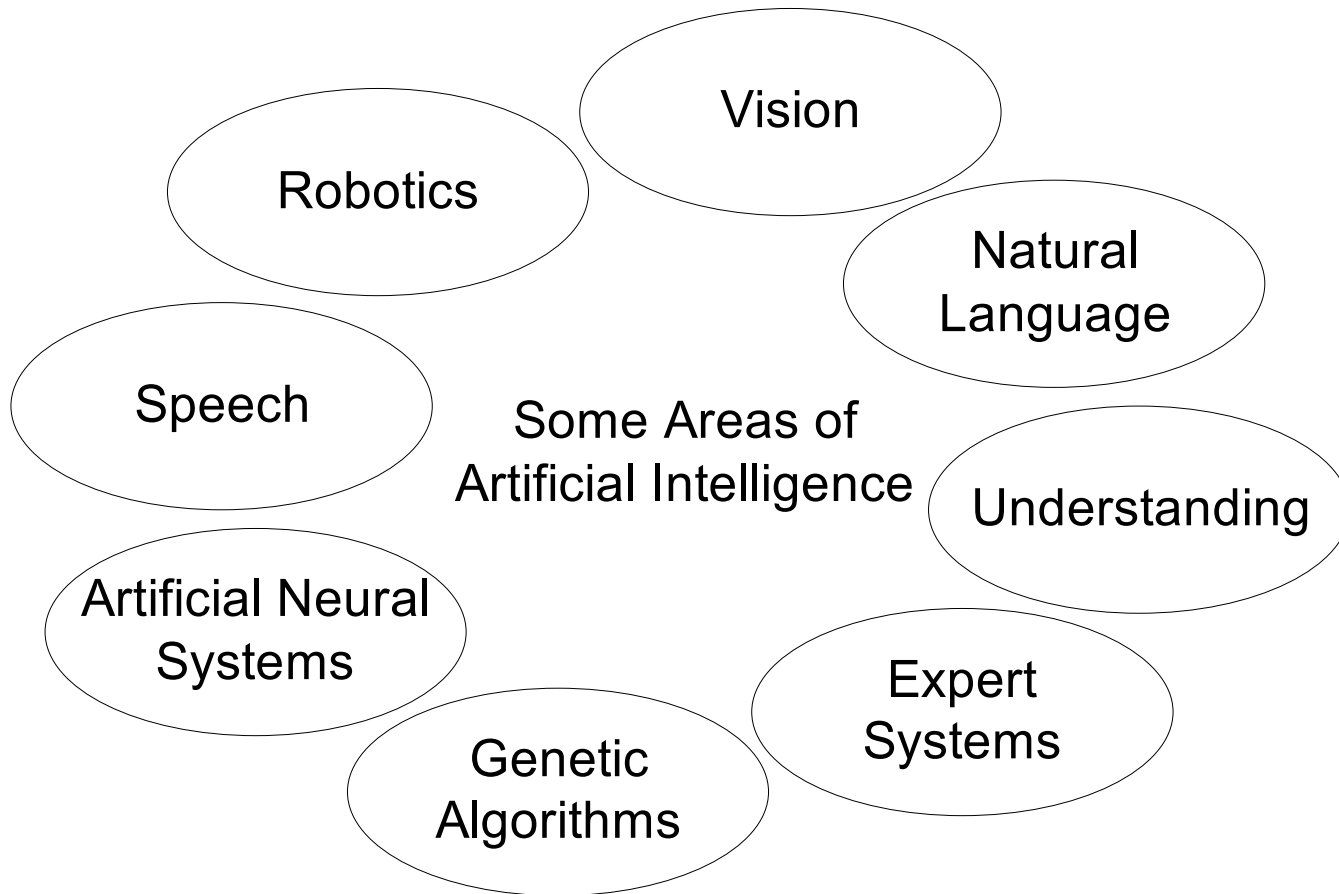
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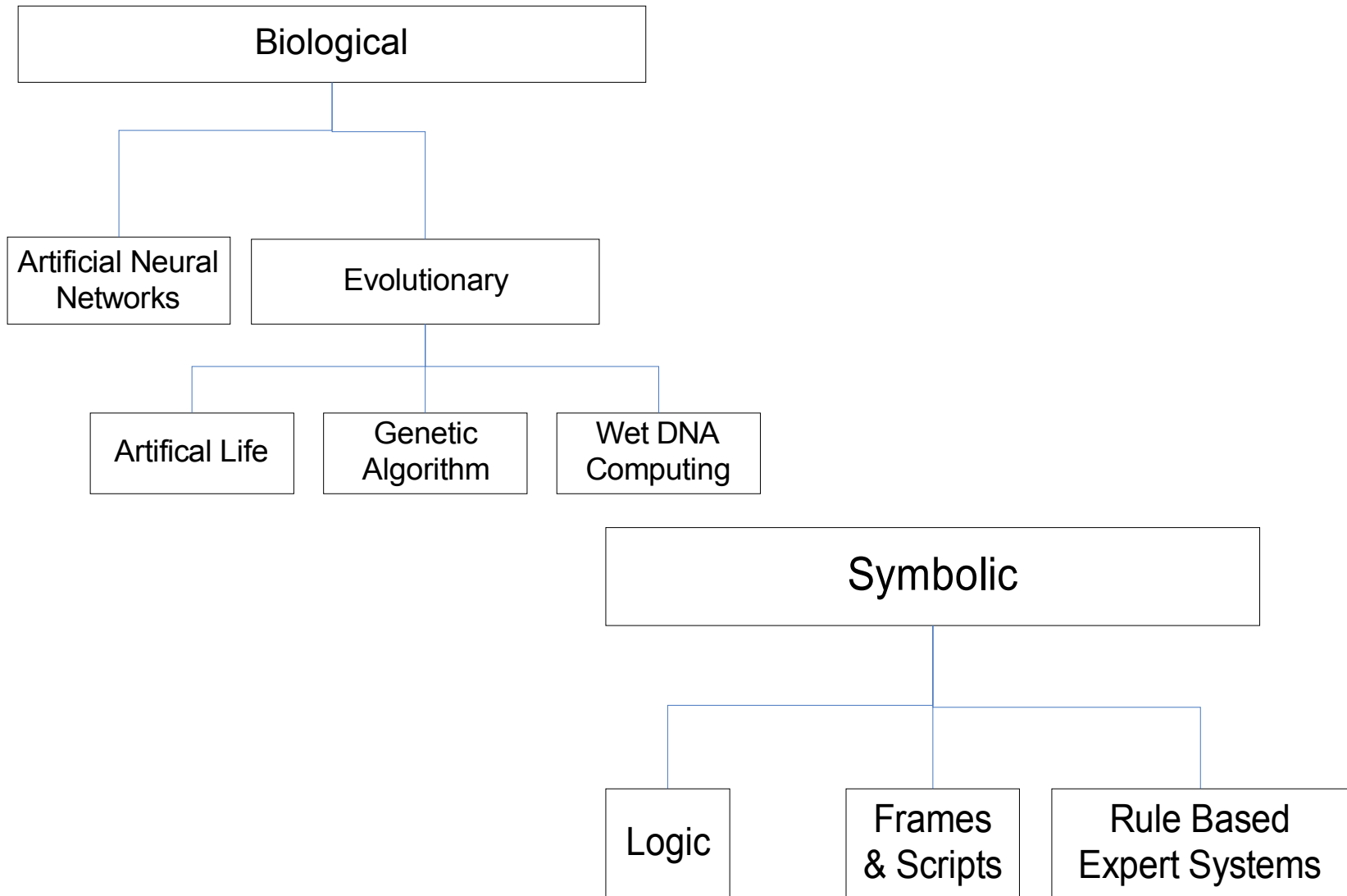
- The SkyNet funding bill is passed.
- The system goes online on August 4th, 1997.
- Human decisions are removed from strategic defense.
- SkyNet begins to learn at a geometric rate.
- It becomes self-aware at 2:14am Eastern time, August 29th
- In a panic, they try to pull the plug.
- And, Skynet fights back

# Artificial Intelligence

Making computers think like people

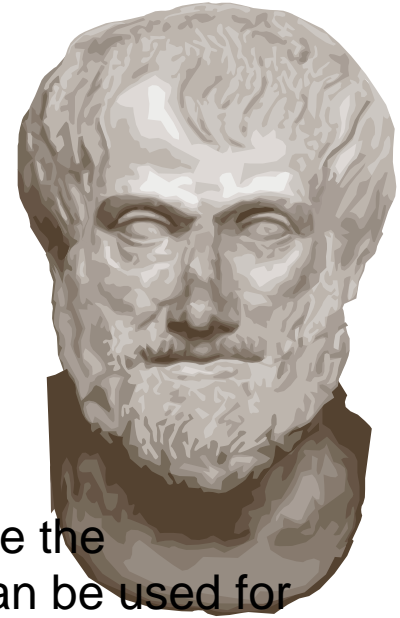


# Branches of AI



# Expert Systems - Knowledge Representation and Reasoning

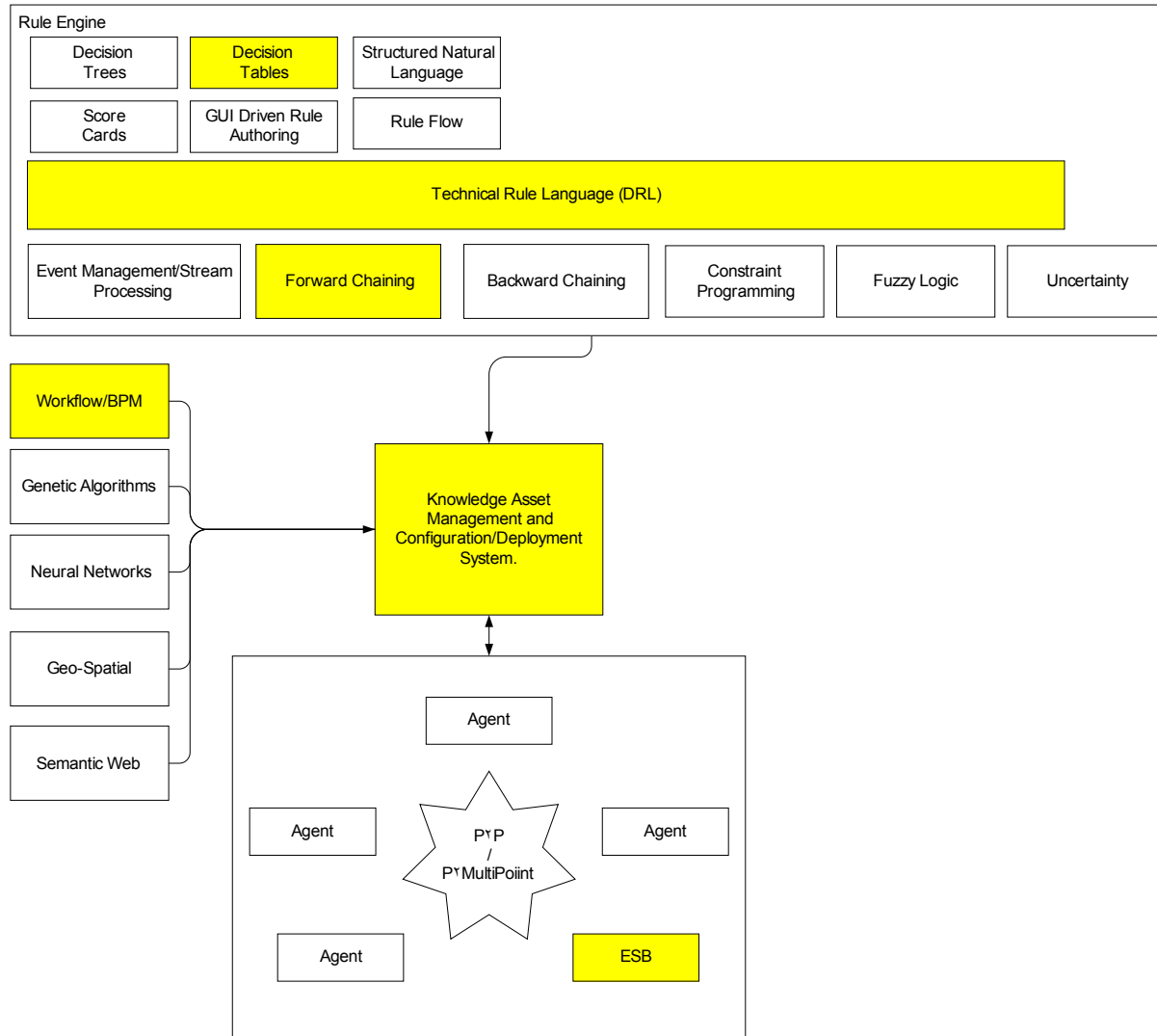
- The study of Knowledge is Epistemology
- Nature, Structure and Origins of Knowledge
  
- Expert Systems use Knowledge representation to facilitate the codification of knowledge into a knowledge base which can be used for reasoning
  - we can process data with this knowledge base to infer conclusions



# Production Rule System

- Turing Complete
  - Propositional Logic
  - First Order Logic
  - Declarative
- The Brain is the Inference Engine
  - scale to a large number of rules and facts
  - matches facts, the data, against Production Rules, also called Productions or just Rules, to infer conclusions which result in actions
  - A Production Rule is a two-part structure using First Order Logic for knowledge representation.  
**when <conditions> then <actions>**
  - The process of matching the new or existing facts against Production Rules is called Pattern Matching

# Declarative Behavioural Modelling



# The A-Team go Shopping

Team		
name	role	rank
Hannibal	Leader	Colonel
Faceman	Treasurer	Lieutenant
B.A.	Mechanic	Sergeant
Murdoch	Pilot	Captain



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Sister of Mercy	Miss Massage	Schoolgirl	Air Hostess
			
Stop and Search	Naughty Nurse	Barrack Babe	Miss Bunny
			
Hail Mary	Miss Hot Cakes	She Devil	Tululah

**Top Sex Toys**

- ▶ Thruster Rabbit
- ▶ **NEW!** Love Bug
- ▶ The Cone
- ▶ Vibro Ring
- ▶ Promises
- ▶ Sinflut

**Top 5 New Products**

- ▶ Rampant Rabbit Thruster
- ▶ Rampant Rabbit Platinum
- ▶ Rampant Rabbit Thriller
- ▶ Vibro Ring
- ▶ Original Blue Pill

**Basket**

Basket items: 0

Value: £0.00

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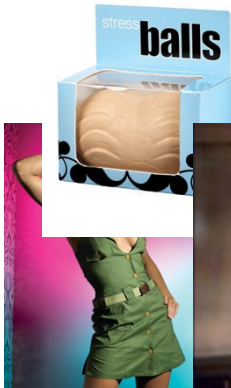
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Done



# What do they Buy?



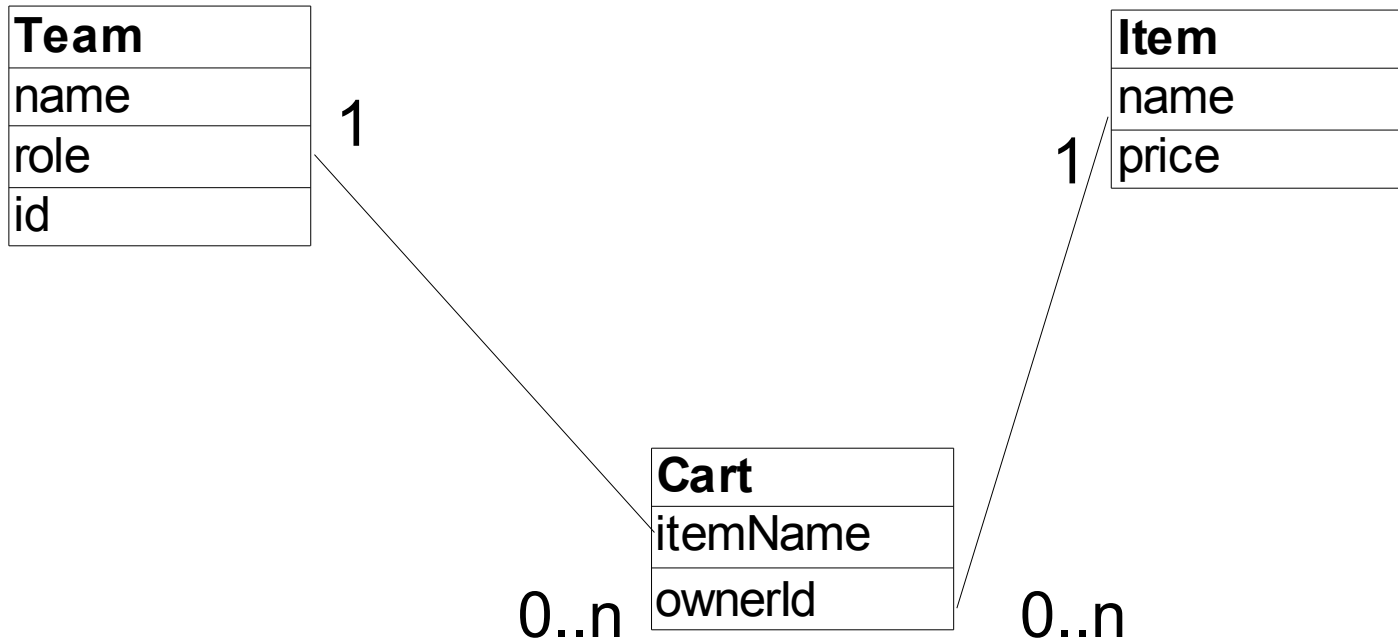
# Tables

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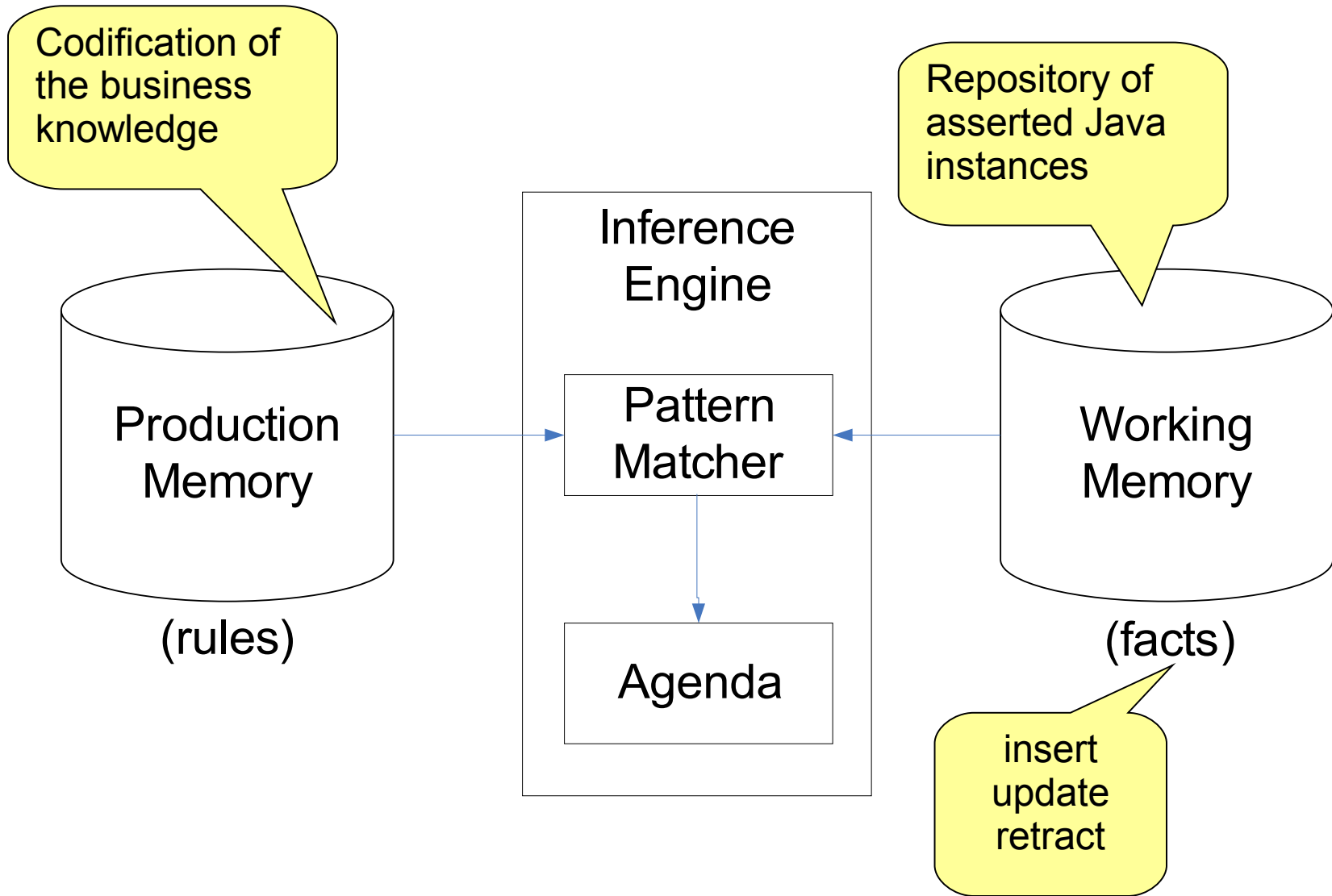
Item	
name	price
Barrack Babe	٢٥
Fur Love Cuffs	٨
Love Swing	٢٠٠
Studed Wristband	٥
Bondage Bear	٤
Bondage Starter Kit	٨
Nymphette basque	٢٥
Stress Balls	٦
Chocolote Body Paint	٥

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Fur Love Cuffs	٢
Love Swing	٢
Studed Wristband	٢
Bondage Bear	٣
Bondage Starter Kit	٠
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Bondage Starter Kit	٢
Nymphette basque	١
Stress Balls	١
Stress Balls	٠
Chocolote Body Paint	٣

# Relationships



# What is a Production Rule System



# What is a Rule

Quotes on Rule names are optional if the rule name has no spaces.

```
• rule "<name>"  
  <attribute> <value>  
  when  
    <LHS>  
  then  
    <RHS>  
end
```

salience	<int>
agenda-group	<string>
no-loop	<boolean>
auto-focus	<boolean>
duration	<long>

RHS can be any valid java. Future versions will support other languages, i.e Groovy

# What is a Rule

Methods that must be called directly

specific passing of instances

- ```
public void helloMark(Person person) {  
    if ( person.getName().equals( "mark" ) {  
        System.out.println( "Hello Mark" );  
    }  
}
```

Rules can never be called directly

Specific instances cannot be passed.

- ```
rule "Hello Mark"  
when  
    Person( name == "mark" )  
then  
    System.out.println( "Hello Mark" );  
end
```

LHS

RHS

# Package

Namespace for all package members

```
package com.sample
```

```
import java.util.Map
```

```
import com.sample.Cheese
```

Imports can be used in functions and rules. Uses valid java import syntax

```
global Cheese cheese
```

```
function void exampleFunction(Cheese cheese) {  
    System.out.println( cheese );  
}
```

```
rule "A Cheesy Rule"
```

```
    when
```

```
        ...
```

```
    then
```

```
        ...
```

```
end
```

# Expressiveness

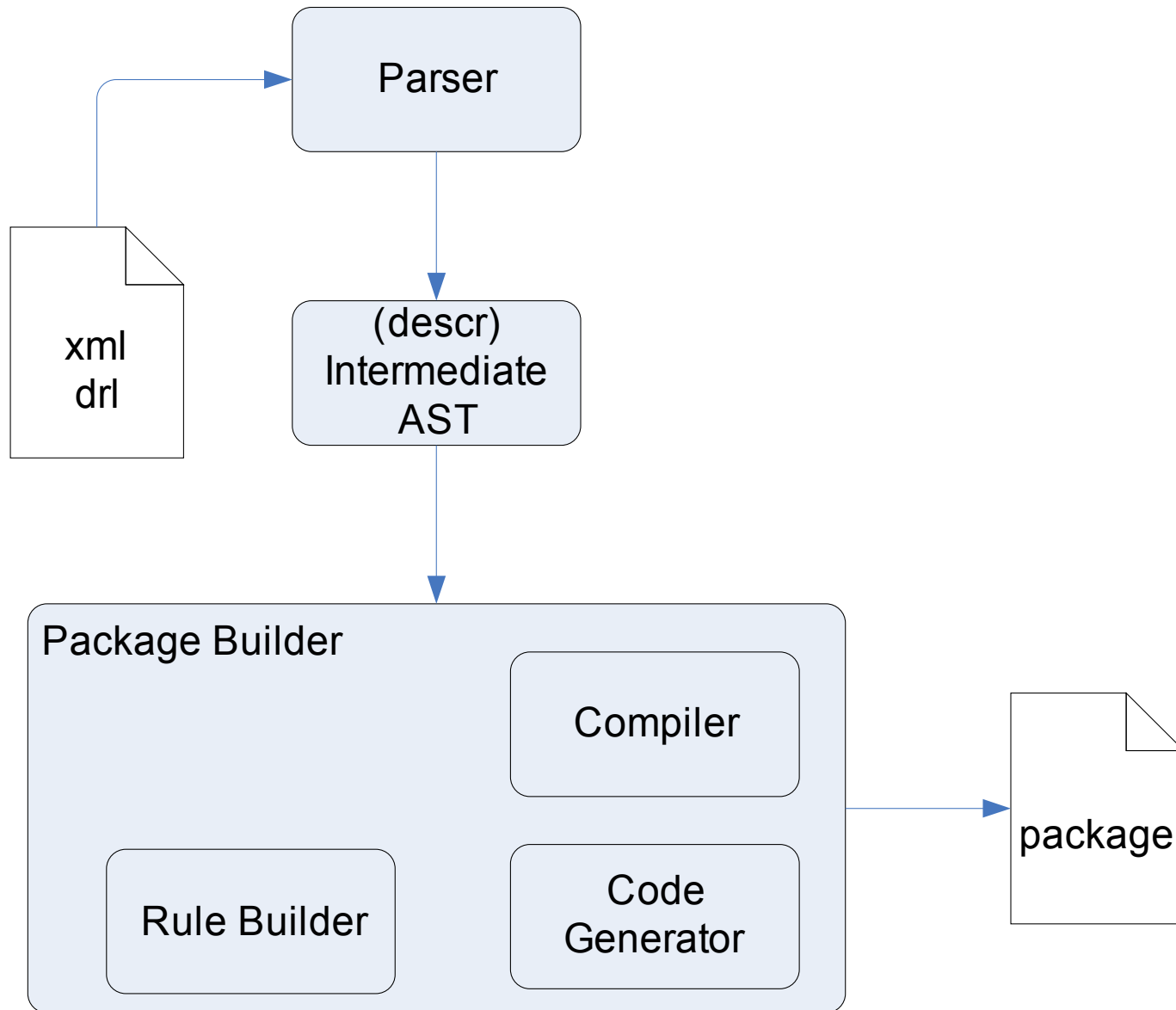
- **Turing Complete**
  - Propositional Logic
  - First Order Logic
- **Propositional Logic**
  - Cheese.name == “stilton”
- **First Order Logic (Quantifiers)**
  - Exists
  - Not
  - Accumulate
  - Collect
  - From
  - Forall
- **Execution Control**
  - Conflict Resolution (salience)
  - Agenda Groups
  - Activation Groups
  - Rule Flow
- **Temporal Rules**
  - Scheduler



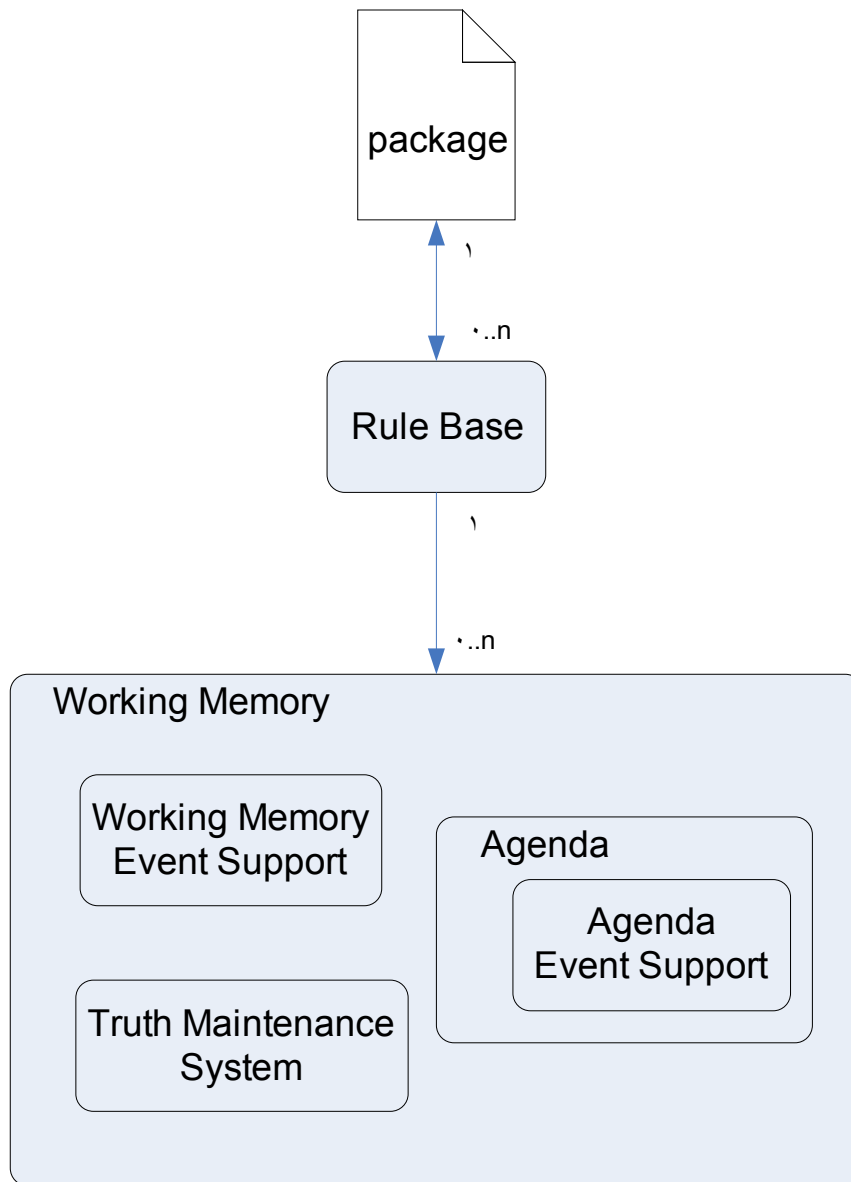
# Expressiveness

- **Truth Maintenance**
  - Logical Objects
  - Compensating Actions/Rollbacks (todo)
- **Nesting of conditional elements inside quantifiers**
- **Backward chaining**
- **Uncertainty**
  - Bayesian Logic
  - Fuzzy Logic
- **Event Stream/Management Processing**
- **Constraint Programming (solver)**

# Authoring API



# Runtime API



# Object Insertion and Pattern Matching

- **LHS**
  - One or more Patterns
  - Patterns are the conditions that must be satisfied for the rule to be legible for firing
- **Object assertion**
  - Patterns within the Rule Base are matched. Resulting in partial and full matches for Rules.
  - Fully matched Rules result in the creation of an Activation
  - No rules fire at this stage

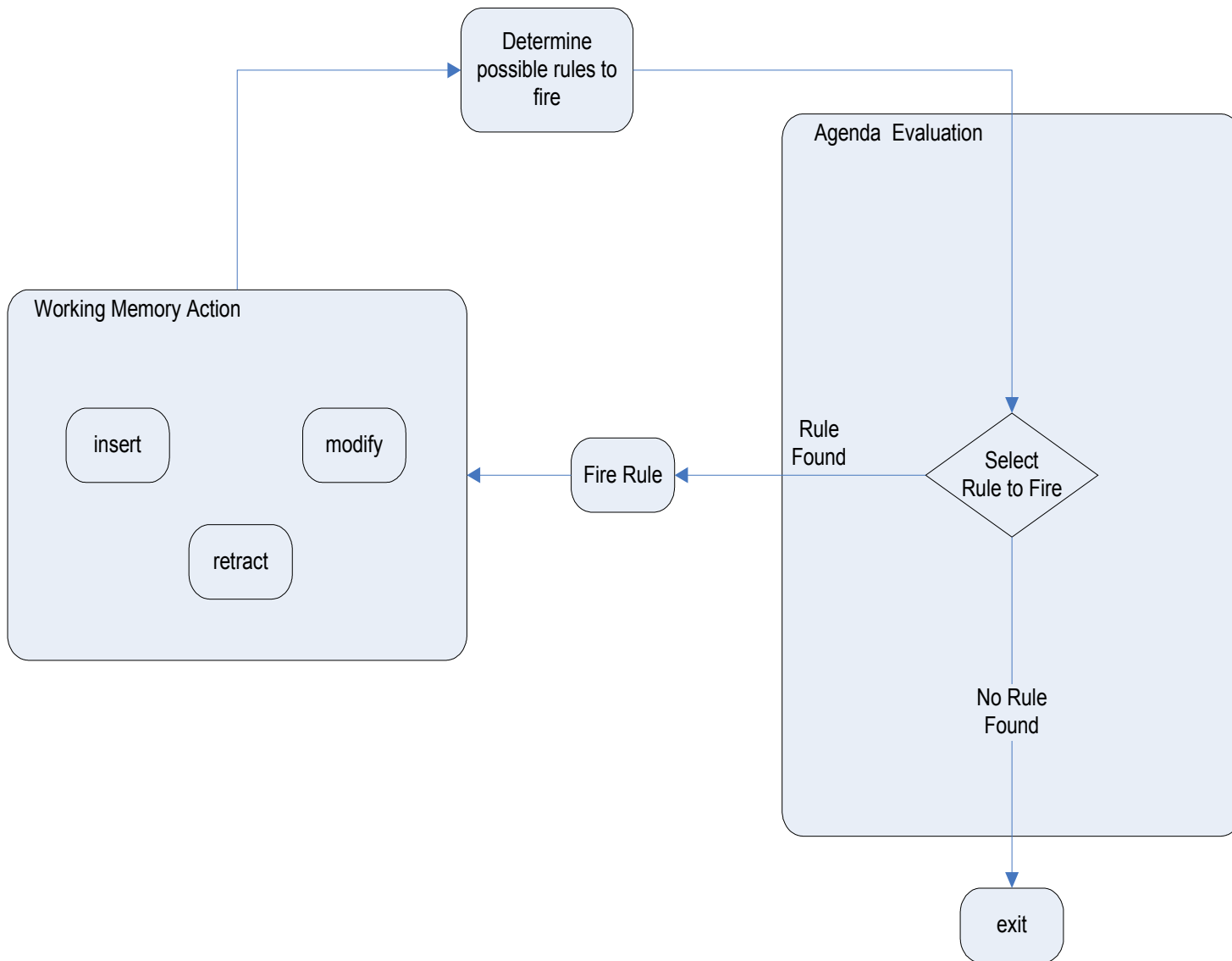
# Object Modification

- **How to modify a object in the Working Memory**
  - From Java Code  
`workingMemory.update( factHandle, modifiedFact )`
  - From a Consequence  
`update( modifiedFact )`
- **JavaBeans PropertyChangeListeners can provide automatic notification.**
- **Modifications result in**
  - Activation Cancellations
  - Activation Creations
  - Internally this is similar to a retract and assert

# Two Phase System

- **Working Memory Actions**
  - Occurs in Java code and during the execution of a Consequence
  - Assertion
  - Deletion
  - Modification
- **Agenda Evaluation**
  - Triggered by Calling `workingMemory.fireAllRules()`
  - Executes the first Rule's Consequence and enters Working Memory Action phase. At the end of the Consequence it returns to evaluating the Agenda.
  - When the Agenda is empty it returns back to the main Java code.

# Two Phase System



# Working With Objects

```
Item
    String name;
```

```
Customer
    int id
    Item[] cart
```

```
Customer customer = new Customer( "Fred Flinstone" );
customer.addItem( new Item( "brie" ) )
customer.addItem( new Item( "cheddar" ) )
customer.addItem( new Item( "feta" ) )
workingMemory.insert( customer )
```

```
rule "Message the customers who have not bought any brie"
    when
        $customer : Customer( $cart : cart -> ( ! $cart.includes(
new Item( "brie" ) ) ) )

    then
        $customer.sendMessage( "Brie is your best
friend" );
    end
```



# More Expression

- **3.0.x only allows comma separated field constraints. 'or' could be used at the CE level, but resulted in subrule generation.**
  - Can now use && and || inside the pattern for multiple values on the same field and across files – no subrule generation.
  - `Person( age > 30 && < 40 || hair == "black" )`
- **3.0.x auto-have autovivification of variables in dialect expressions**
  - Before: `Cheese( oldPrice : oldPrice, newPrice == ( oldPrice * 1.10 ) )`
  - Now: `Cheese( newPrice == ( oldPrice * 1.10 ) )`

# More Expression

- **3.0.x had to always declare the variable, causing clutter, can now access direct properties of pattern variables.**
  - Before: `p : Person(personId : id)`  
`i : Item(id == personId, value > 100 )`
  - Now: `p : Person()`  
`i : Item(id == p.id, value > 100 )`
- **Eval rewrite for complex expressions**
  - Before: `Person($pets:pets`  
`eval($pets['rover'].type == "dog")`
  - Now: `Person( pets['rover'].type == "dog" )`

# Rule Engines are Relational

```
Customer
    int id
```

```
Item
    int customerId
    String name
```

```
Customer customer = new Customer( "Fred Flinstone" );
workingMemory.insert( customer );
workingMemory.insert( new Item( "brie", customer.getId() ) )
workingMemory.insert( new Item( "cheddar", customer.getId() ) )
workingMemory.insert( new Item( "feta", customer.getId() ) )
```

```
rule "Message the customers who have not bought any brie"
    when
        Customer( $customerId : id )
        not ( Item( customerId == $customerId, name ==
"brie" ) )
    then
        $customer.sendMessage( "Brie is your best
```

# Exploiting Relational Data in 3.2

- **'forall'**
- **'from'**
- **'collect'**
- **'accumulate'**

- **Forall**
  - True when the pattern is true for all facts
  - Forall( Bus(color == “red”) )
- **From**
  - Pulls and unifies against none working memory data

Can call hibernate queries

Sub fields

Restaurant( rating == “five star” )

from hbSession.getNamedQuery( “restaurant  
query” ).

setProperties( key1 : value1, key2 :  
value2).list()

# 'from'

```
rule "Message the customers who have not bought any brie, and
haven't bought brie in previous shopping trips"
when
    Customer( $customerId : id )
    not ( Item( customerId == $customerId,
                name == "brie" ) )

    not ( Item() from hibernateSession.getNamedQuery( "How
much cheese?" ).setProperties( { customerId =
$customerId,
                                type => "brie" } ) )
then
    $customer.sendMessage( "You really haven't had
enough Brie recently, remember Brie is your best
friend" );
end
```

- **Collect**

- Allows you to use cardinality
- When there are more than 6 red buses
- `List(size > 6) from collect ( Bus(color == "red") )`
- 'from' can be chained. Following is true if all items in a cart have a price greater than 10
- `List(size == ($list.size)) from collect(Item(price > 10 )  
from $cart.items`

# 'collect'

```
rule "If we continuously have less than 10 brie items, then
do a discount"
    duration 60000 //1 minute
    when
        $context : Conext( count < 10 )
        cheeseList : ArrayList(size < 10)
                        from collect Item( name == "brie" )
    then
        $context.setCount( $context.getCount() + 1 );
    end
```

```
rule "If we continuously have less than 10 brie items, then
do a discount"
    duration 60000 //1 minute
    when
        $context : Conext( count < 10 )
        cheeseList : ArrayList(size > 10)
                        from collect Item( name == "brie" )
    then
        $context.reset();
    end
```



# 'collect'

```
rule "If we continuously have less than 10 brie items, then
do a discount"
    duration 60000 //1 minute
    when
        $context : Conext( count >= 10 )
        cheeseList : ArrayList(size < 10) from collect
Item( name == "brie" )
    then
        // do discount
    end
```

- **Accumulate**

- More powerful 'collect' allows you to execute actions on each matched fact in the set
- \$total : Integer()  
    from accumulate( \$item : Item( )  
        init(count = 0; total=0)  
        action(count++;total += \$item.price)  
        result( return total/count )

# 'accumulate'

```
duration 60000 //1 minute
when
    Integer( intValue < 3 )
    from accumulate( Item( name == "brie",
        $weight : weight ),
        init( int totalWeight = 0, count; ),
        action( count++;
            totalWeight += $weight; ),
        result( new Integer( x ) ) );

then
    // do discount
end
```

# Line Debugger and new Rete Viewer

The screenshot displays the Eclipse IDE interface for debugging a Drools application. The main editor shows the `StateExampleUsingSaliency.drl` file with the following code:

```

import org.drools.examples.State;

rule Bootstrap
when
  a : State(name == "A", state == State.NOTRUN )
then
  System.out.println(a.getName() + " finished" );
  a.setState( State.FINISHED );
end

rule "A to B"
when
  State(name == "A", state == State.FINISHED )
  b : State(name == "B", state == State.NOTRUN )
then
  b.setState( State.FINISHED );
  System.out.println(b.getName() + " finished" );
end

rule "B to C"
salience 10
when
  State(name == "B", state == State.FINISHED )
  c : State(name == "C", state == State.NOTRUN )
then
  System.out.println(c.getName() + " finished" );
end
    
```

The **Rete Tree** view shows a complex network of nodes representing the rule engine's state. The **Variables** view shows the current state of variables: `b` is a `State` object with `id=1268`, `PropertyChangeSupport` `changes` (id=1297), `name` "B", and `state` 1.

The **Properties** view shows the properties of the selected node: `LiteralConstraint` fieldExtra, `Integer` ==, `state` field Name, `Alpha BaseVertex` Name, and `1` Value.

The **Outline** view shows the package structure: `org.drools.examples` containing `A to B`, `B to C`, `B to D`, `Bootstrap`, and `State`.

The **Global Data View** shows: "The selected working memory has no globals defined."

The **Audit View** shows a sequence of events:

- Object asserted (1): A[NOTRUN]
- Activation created: Rule Bootstrap a=A[NOTRUN](1)
- Object asserted (2): B[NOTRUN]
- Object asserted (3): C[NOTRUN]
- Object asserted (4): D[NOTRUN]
- Activation executed: Rule Bootstrap a=A[NOTRUN](1)
- Object modified (1): A[FINISHED]
- Activation created: Rule A to B b=B[NOTRUN](2)
- Activation executed: Rule A to B b=B[NOTRUN](2)
- Object modified (2): B[FINISHED]
- Activation created: Rule B to C c=C[NOTRUN](3)
- Activation created: Rule B to D d=D[NOTRUN](4)
- Activation executed: Rule B to C c=C[NOTRUN](3)
- Object modified (3): C[FINISHED]
- Activation executed: Rule B to D d=D[NOTRUN](4)
- Object modified (4): D[FINISHED]

The **Agenda View** shows the current state of the agenda:

- MAIN[focus]= AgendaGroupImpl (id=1259)
- [0]= AgendaItem (id=1262)
  - ruleName= "B to C"
  - c= State (id=1269)
- [1]= AgendaItem (id=1263)
  - ruleName= "B to D"
  - d= State (id=1270)

The **Working Memory View** shows the current state of the working memory:

- [0]= State (id=1268)
- [1]= State (id=1269)
  - FINISHED= 1
  - NOTRUN= 0
  - changes= PropertyChangeSupport (id=1294)
  - name= "C"
  - state= 0
- [2]= State (id=1270)
- [3]= State (id=1271)

# Eclipse Guided Editor

The screenshot displays the Eclipse Business Rule XML Editor window, titled "Business Rule XML Editor". The main area is labeled "Rule Builder" and is divided into two sections: "IF" and "THEN".

**IF Section:**

- A dropdown menu is set to "IF".
- Under "Person", there are two conditions:
  - age is less than 42
  - name is equal to Bob
- Under "Vehicle [car1]", there is one condition:
  - type is not equal to [empty field]
- Below the conditions, there are two lines of text:
  - There is a Storm alert of type (code here)
  - severity rating is not more than (code here)

**THEN Section:**

- A dropdown menu is set to "THEN".

At the bottom of the window, there are two tabs: "Rule Builder" (selected) and "DRL Preview".

# Rule Flow

The screenshot displays the JBoss Rules IDE interface for editing a Rule Flow. The main workspace shows a flowchart for a file named \*test.rf. The flow begins with a 'Start' node (green play button), followed by a 'Validate Order' node (yellow rounded rectangle). This leads to a 'Split' node (blue oval), which branches into three parallel paths: 'fish', 'insects', and 'hampsters' (all yellow rounded rectangles). These paths converge at a 'Join' node (blue oval), followed by a 'Process Order' node (yellow rounded rectangle), and finally an 'End' node (red square). An 'Edit Constraints' dialog box is open over the 'Split' node, listing constraints for the outgoing nodes: 'To node fish: constraint', 'To node hampsters: constraint', and 'To node insects: constraint'. Each entry has an 'Edit' button. The dialog also features 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom.

On the right side, an 'Outline' panel shows a small tree view of the rule flow structure. The bottom of the IDE features a 'Properties' panel with the following data:

Property	Value
Constraints	
Name	Split
Type	XOR

# Rule Flow

The screenshot displays the JBoss Rules IDE interface. The main workspace shows a Rule Flow diagram with the following components and flow:

- Start** (Green play button icon)
- Validate Order** (Yellow rounded rectangle)
- Split** (Blue oval)
- fish** (Yellow rounded rectangle)
- insects** (Yellow rounded rectangle)
- hampsters** (Yellow rounded rectangle)
- Join** (Blue oval)
- Process Order** (Yellow rounded rectangle)
- End** (Red stop icon)

The flow starts at 'Start', goes to 'Validate Order', then to 'Split'. From 'Split', the flow branches into three parallel paths: 'fish', 'insects', and 'hampsters'. These paths converge at 'Join', followed by 'Process Order', and finally 'End'.

A **Constraint editor** dialog is open over the 'Split' node. It contains the following fields:

- Name:** constraint
- Priority:** 1
- Always true
- Textual Editor:** Pet(type == fish)

Buttons for 'OK' and 'Cancel' are visible at the bottom of the dialog.

On the right side, the **Outline** panel shows a hierarchical view of the rule flow nodes.

At the bottom, the **Properties** panel shows the following data:

Property	Value
Constraints	
Name	Split
Type	XOR

# Pluggable Dialects

- **Return-value, predicate, evals and consequences can now specify dialects, now supports Java and MVEL .**
  - Cheese(type == "stilton",  
eval(price == (new Integer(5) + 5)),  
price == (new Integer(5) + 5) )
  - Assert (new Person()) ( name = "mark", age = 31 );



# Why MVEL

- **Reflection/bytecode(JIT) compilation and execution modes.**
  - For huge systems we need to be able to avoid excessive bytecode generation, but still have the option for bytecode JIT for performance sensitive areas.
- **Fast reflection mode.**
  - We originally started with our own language JFDI, which was designed to be a simple and fast reflection based language, the idea is all work is done at compile time so runtime is just a series of reflection invokers. This design has been carried through to MVEL, so that it has good enough reflection performance. Where as other languages have to drop reflection mode and use bytecode to get any reasonable level of performance.
- **Pluggable resolvers.**
  - Dictionary population is too slow, MVEL can resolve it's variable direct from the provided resolvers, which we make array based for performance.
- **Size.**
  - MVEL is currently <>

# Why MVEL

- **Custom language extensions.**
  - MVEL is extending the language to support rule friendly constructs, in particular block setters. So I can do "modify (person) ( age += 1, location = "london" )" with the ability to treat that as a transaction block so I can run before and after interceptors on the entire block. This is made easier through the use of macros, so we can define our own keywords and have them expanded into mvel code.
- **Static/Inferred typed or dynamic modes.**
  - Variables can be untyped and totally dynamic.
  - Variables can be statically typed or type can be inferred, casting is supported.
  - Optional verifier for "typed mode", disallows dynamic variables and ensures all types and method calls are correct. Which helps with.
    - Authoring time validation.
    - Code completion.
    - Refactoring.
- **Configurable language feature support.**
  - Language features can be turned off.
  - We don't want imperative flow structures in the "then" part, no 'if' 'switch' etc. Rules should be declarative, "when this do that" not "when this maybe do that".

# BRMS?

- Business Rules Management System
- Why?
  - **For managing a whole enterprises declarative rules**
  - **(and knowlege assets)**
  - **eg 5000 + rules for mortgage pricing**
  - **Business focussed view, not developer focussed**
  - **Versioning, editing, validating, FINDING (!), approving, searching, controlling, auditing, XXX-ing.**
- Needs to complement developer tools, NOT REPLACE

# Rule explorer with categorisation



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**Explore**

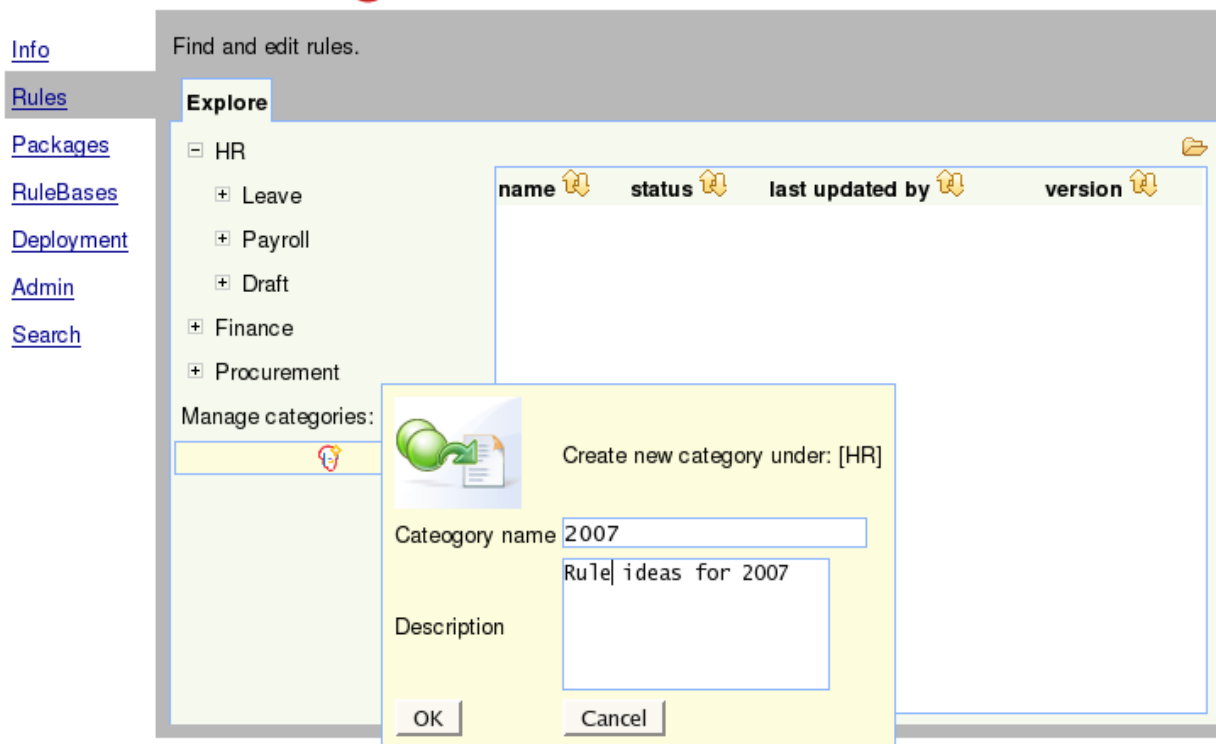
- [-] HR
  - + Leave
  - + Payroll
  - + Draft
  - + Finance
  - + Procurement

Manage categories:

name	status	last updated by	version
------	--------	-----------------	---------

# Categorisation of assets is critical

- Its how you find stuff
- Categories are completely user/business driven



# Dublin Core

- **Encourage structured classification**
- **Future archeologists may be able to make sense of it ;)**
- **Its a prescriptive set of attributes to attach to an asset**

# Business friendly rules

- Controlled rule creation, authoring



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Search

Create a new rule

Rule name

Initial category

- HR
  - Leave
  - Payroll
  - Draft
- Finance
- Procurement

Package

Initial Description

OK

Cancel

created by

version

# Versioning

- **We developers take it for granted**
- **Its good**
- **Business Analysts need it**
  - But they have manually manage their requirements/rules documents
  - Have a manual workflow
  - Have manual versioning
  - No body knows the horrors I have seen



# Friendly rule editing

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Find and edit rules.

Explore  name 6**name 6**Categories: HR  
Finance  
Procurement

Subject: age rejection for unlinked

Last modified on:

Last modified by:

Created by:

Version number: 0

Package:

Type: rejection

External link: RJ1024

Source: QLD MOTR ACT 2003

IF

There is a Driver

- age less than  years old

THEN

Reject Policy with explanation : '

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According to QLD MOTR Act 2003, we cannot insure this age range of drivers according to our current licence.  
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They will need to have a "guarantor" type relationship with a previously approved customer (we can give the customer a discount too, as a consolation prize !).

# BRMS

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http://localhost:8080/drools-jbrms/org.drools.brms.JBRMS/JBRMS.jsp#Rules

Find and edit rules.

Rules: Explore Rule\_2 MyDT Rule\_1

Packages Deployment Admin

Status: **[Draft]** Save changes Copy Archive Delete

**MyDT**

Upload new version:  Browse... Upload

Download current version: Download

*This is a decision table in a spreadsheet (XLS). Typically they contain many rules in one sheet.*

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**MyDT**

Categories: HR

Modified on: Fri 11 May 2007 06:04:21 PM EST  
 by:  
 Note: Initial  
 Version: Not checked in yet  
 Created on: Fri 11 May 2007 06:04:21 PM EST  
 Created by: default  
 Format: xls

Package: DemoPackage   
 Subject:   
 Type:   
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Done

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## JBoss Rules

Info Find and edit rules.

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Explore Rule\_2 MyDT **Rule\_1**

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IF

Person

age
less than or equal to
42

age
greater than
21

Board [b]

There is no
Board

cost
greater than
1200

+

THEN

Set [b] cost 1200

(options)

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**Rule\_1**

Categories: Finance HR/Awards/QAS

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**Modified on:** Thu 10 May 2007 03:16:47 PM EST  
**by:** michael  
**Note:** whoops  
**Version:** 5  
**Created on:** Thu 10 May 2007 10:49:41 AM EST  
**Created by:** michael  
**Format:** brxml

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**Package:** DemoPackage

**Subject:**

**Type:**

**External link:**

**Source:**

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# BRMS

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User: fmeyer [Sign Out]

**JBoss Rules**

Administer the repository

Manage categories Manage state

Category name:

Description:

OK Cancel

Create a new top level category.

Categories aid in managing large numbers of rules/assets. A shallow hierarchy is recommended.

**Current categories:**

- + HR
- + Finance
- + Draft

**Refresh view:**

**Create a new category:**

**Delete the currently selected category:**

# BRMS

JBoss Business Rules Management System

The page at <http://localhost:8080> says:  
The snapshot called: NewSnapshot was successfully created.

OK

JBoss Rules

Configure and view package

Explore

- DemoPackage
- PlayPackage
- com.sample
  - Business rules
  - Technical rules
  - Functions
  - DSL
  - Model
- default

Info

- Edit Package configuration
- Build, validate and deploy

**Create a snapshot for deployment.**

A package snapshot is essentially a read only 'locked in' and labelled view of a package at a point in time, which can be used for deployment.

Choose or create snapshot name: NEW:

Comment:

Create new snapshot

Done

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**Viewing source for: Rule\_1**

```

rule "Rule_1"
  when
    Person( age <= 42 , age > 21 )
    b : Board( )
    not Board( cost > 1200 )
  then
    b.setCost( 1200 );
  end

```

**Rule\_1**

Categories: Finance HR/Awards/QAS

Modified on: Thu 10 May 2007 03:16:47 PM EST  
 by: michael  
 Note: whoops  
 Version: 5  
 Created on: Thu 10 May 2007 10:49:41 AM EST  
 Created by: michael  
 Format: brxml

Package: DemoPackage  
 Subject:   
 Type:   
 External link:   
 Source:

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Done

# Technical versus business rules

- **A powerful inference engine allows you to solve hard problems**
- **Not ALL of the hard problem is technical**
  - That's the “business” part of the rules
- **For the parts that are technical, use the technical rule language**
  - “Make the easy parts declarative, and the hard parts procedural”

# Technology involved

- **BRMS “client” is a web app**
- **Ajax via GWT**
- **JCR (Jackrabbit default implementation)**
  - popular standard for content management



# Questions?

- **Dave Bowman:** All right, HAL; I'll go in through the emergency airlock.
- **HAL:** Without your space helmet, Dave, you're going to find that rather difficult.
- **Dave Bowman:** HAL, I won't argue with you anymore! Open the doors!
- **HAL:** Dave, this conversation can serve no purpose anymore. Goodbye.

**Joshua:** Greetings, Professor Falken.

**Stephen Falken:** Hello, Joshua.

**Joshua:** A strange game. The only winning move is not to play. How about a nice game of chess?