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A Normative Agent-based Model for Sharing Data in Secure Trustworthy Digital Market Places

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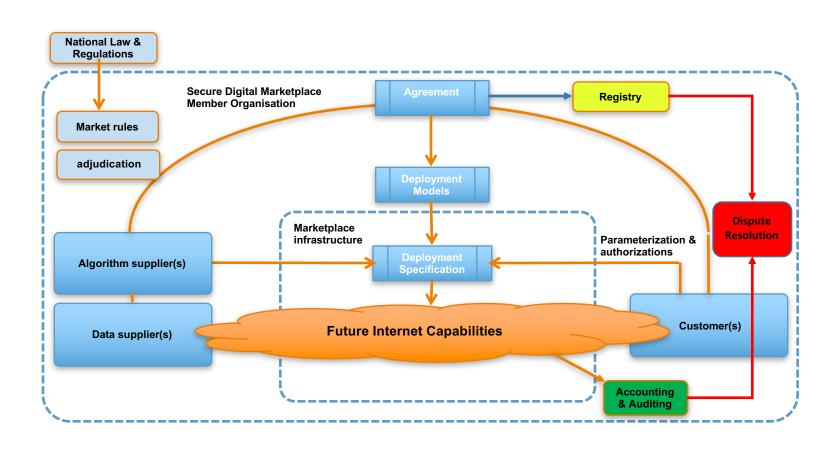
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Secure Digital Market Place architectural sketch



The needs for STDMPs...

- Bring competitors together to share data to achieve a common goal.
- Use shared data for different purposes.
- Create a trusted infrastructure to process data.

Motivation

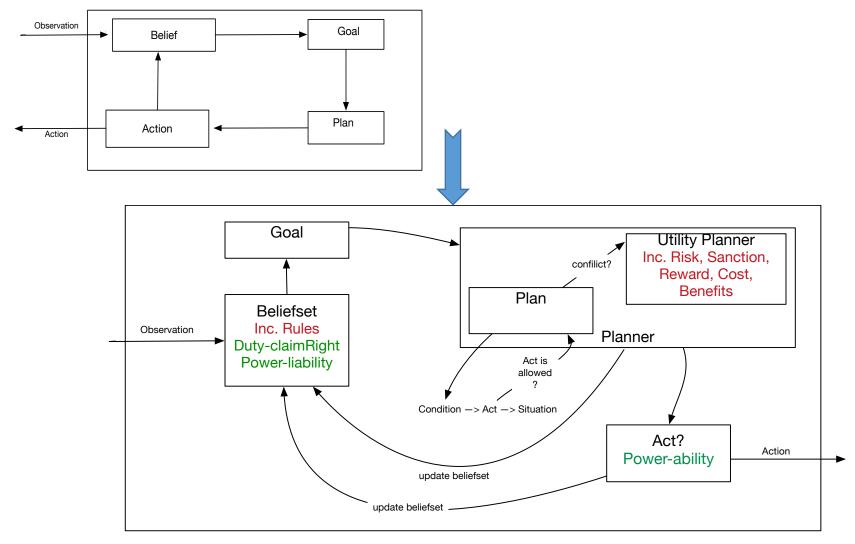
- 1. How do the rules that express the social system's policy impact the different members' behavior and what is the emergent behavior of the regulated systems?
- 2. How can agents identify non-compliant society members and respond to them by adapting their behavior?

Goal

- Development of an extended version of the BDI agent model (N-BDI*)
- Extension of the BDI control loop
- Enabling us to study how norms can be used to create STDMPs.

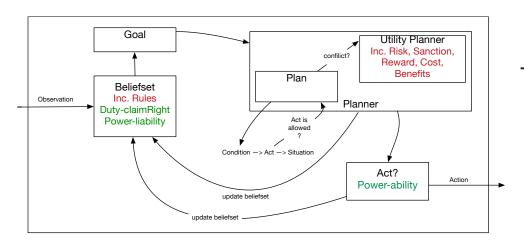
N-BDI*

N-BDI* architecture



Modified Control Loop

- Divided an agent planner component in two sub-components:
 - 1. Planner to generate plans based on the agent preferences
 - 2. Select the most appropriate plan based on the plan utility¹
- Include norms to the agent's belief-set



Algorithm 1: Modified control loop for the extended BDI agent (N-BDI*), where O= observation, B= Belief set, G= Goal set, P= Plan set, and A_p = Actions.

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Given an agent \{O, B, G, P, A_p, Norms\}

repeat

O := Observe(O + Norms);
B := Revise(B, O);
G := Generate\ G\ (B);
P := \forall g \in G \rightarrow generate\ P(B, G);
P := Calculte\ U_P\ \forall\ p \in P(B, G, P);
PrefP := U\ pdate\ P\ to\ PrefP(B, G, A_p, P);
B := revise(B, Pref);
A_p := (norms(Power), Allowed?);
take\ (A_p);
until forever;
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¹ Deljoo, A., Gommans, L., van Engers, T., and de Laat, C. (2017). What is going on: Utility based plan selection in bdi agents. In The AAAI-17 Workshop on Knowledge-Based Techniques for Problem Solving and Reasoning WS-17-12.

Norm

- A norm¹ is defined as a tuple n = (role, normtype, conditions, action)
- Role: indicates the organizational position;
- Norm: type is one of the four modal verbs "can" (power), "can not" (disability), "must" (duty) and "must not" (the obligation to not do something!);
- Condition²: describes when and where the norm holds;
- Action: action specifies the particular action to which the normative relation is assigned (norm adoption);

¹ Oren et al., 2009

² Pre-condition and Post-condition have been extracted from the GDPR.

From GDPR to Normative Expression(Example)

• NormCollectData that describes the permission to collect personal data from the data subject, where the collector is the LH agent consisting of two sub-agents (LH's controller, LH's processor).

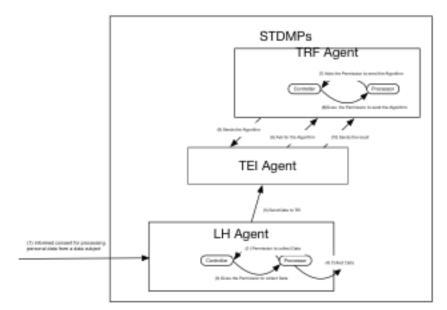
Agent	Role	Normative Relation	Condition	Action
LH Agent	LH's Controller	Power	"iff" legitimate purpose of collecting data is specified explicit "AND" the LH's controller has provided the data subject with the information on the collecting of his personal data'	Collecting Data
	LH's Processor	Power	"iff" processing of data is compatible with the purposes for which data was collected "AND" controller took appropriate measures to provide information relating to processing to the data subject "AND" the LH's controller has provided the data subject with the information on the processing of his personal data"	Processing Data

Assumption

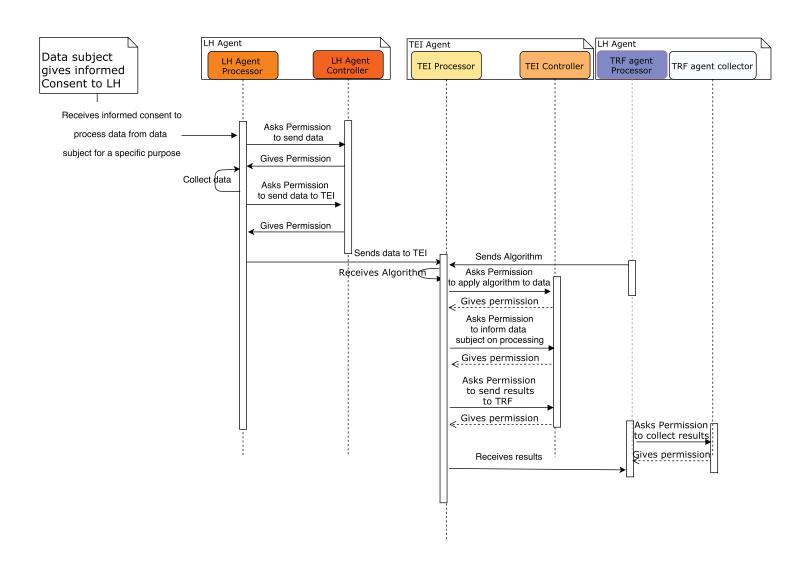
- Each agent consists of two subagents of Collector and Processor.
- Contract are a set of **Permissions**.
- LH's controller defined the set of **licenses**.
- Licenses have a defined a set of conditions on using data.

STDMPs

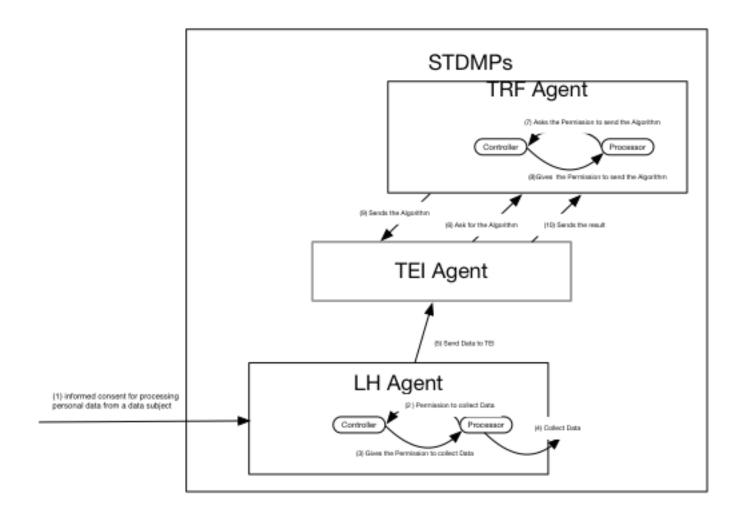
- LH: license holding agents who hold data and can provide data to the market (the STDMPs);
- TEI: agents who monitor the members' behavior;
- TRF: Transformation agents who hold the algorithms, have a need for the LH's data that can be provide through the STDMPs.



SDTMP



Scenario



Simulation



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Simulation

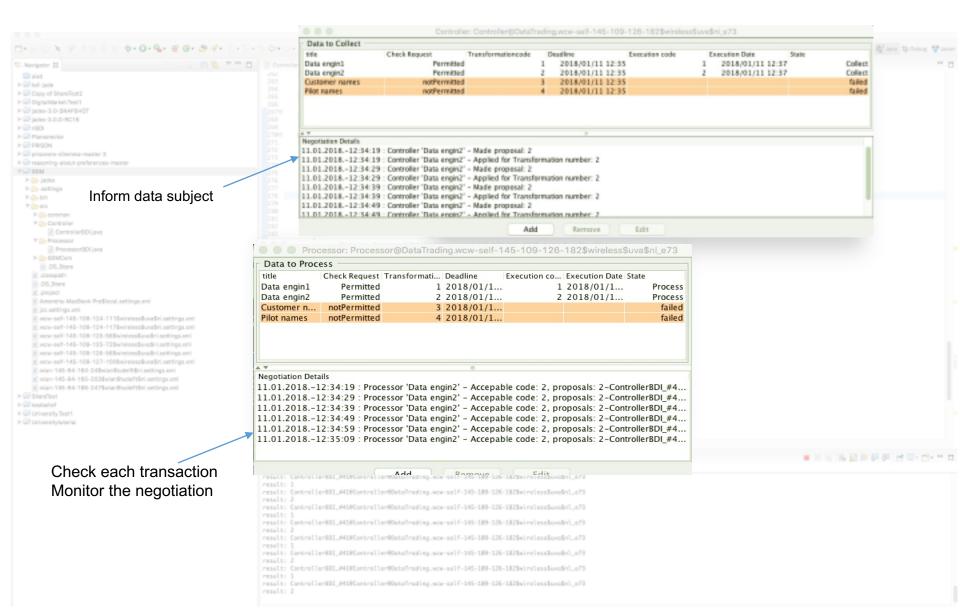
Setup

- Implement the STDMP's agent with BDI agent in Jadex.
- Two BDI agents as the Controller and Processor.
- Norm engine has been implemented as a part of the belief-set.
- STDMP formed by different airlines companies.

Aim

- Monitor the negotiation process between the agents.
- Check each requested transaction against the GDPR.

Simulation



Future work

- Design and implement the rule engine as an external component.
- Monitor activities to detect of (non-)compliance in networked societies
- Define enforcement activities would enhance compliance.
- Study the flipping point of the society.

Questions?

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