



## Developers documentation

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Agent-based Travel Support System  
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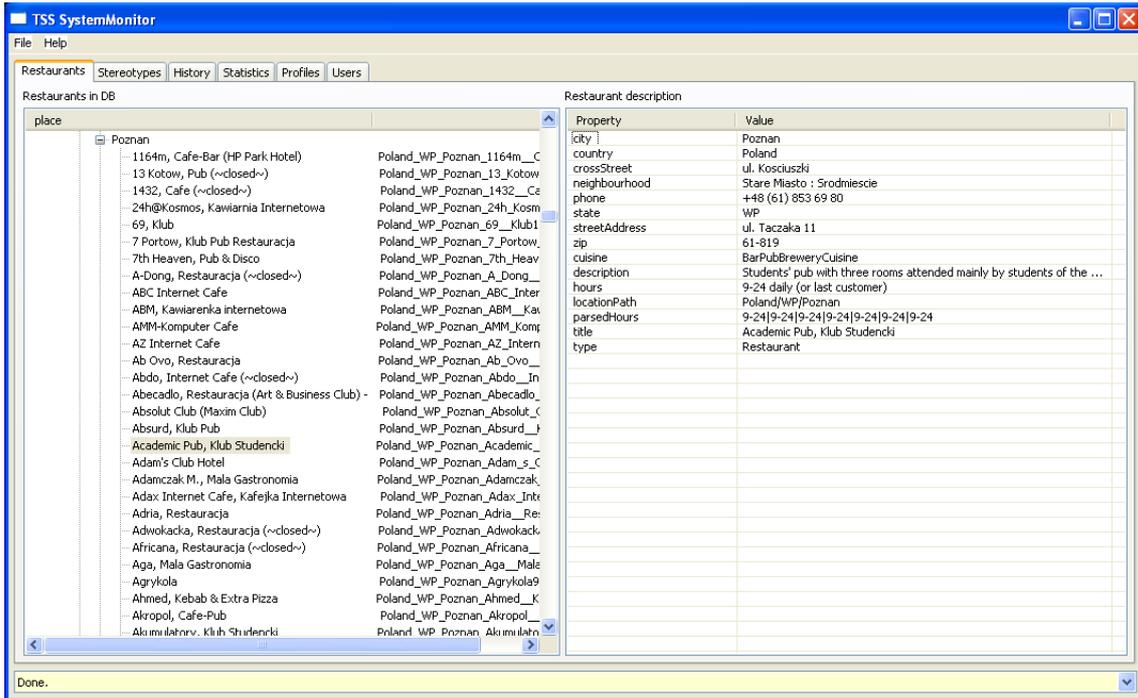
## Developer platform (suggested)

<b>GUI Tool Kit (for System Monitor tool):</b>	SWT: The Standard Widget Toolkit 3.2 <a href="http://www.eclipse.org/swt/">http://www.eclipse.org/swt/</a>
<b>Diagrams design:</b>	yEd Graph Editor 2.3.1_02 <a href="http://www.yworks.com/en/products_yed_about.htm">http://www.yworks.com/en/products_yed_about.htm</a>
	JUDE Community 3.0.1 <a href="http://jude.change-vision.com/jude-web/product/community.html">http://jude.change-vision.com/jude-web/product/community.html</a>
<b>Ontology design:</b>	Protege 3.2 beta <a href="http://protege.stanford.edu/">http://protege.stanford.edu/</a>
	with OntologyBeanGenerator plugin <a href="http://protege.cim3.net/cgi-bin/wiki.pl?OntologyBeanGenerator">http://protege.cim3.net/cgi-bin/wiki.pl?OntologyBeanGenerator</a>
<b>Programming IDE:</b>	Eclipse 3.2 <a href="http://www.eclipse.org/">http://www.eclipse.org/</a>
	with Visual Editor <a href="http://www.eclipse.org/vep/WebContent/main.php">http://www.eclipse.org/vep/WebContent/main.php</a>
<b>XML editor:</b>	Altova XML Spy 2006 Home Edition <a href="http://www.altova.com/products/xmlspy/xml_editor.html">http://www.altova.com/products/xmlspy/xml_editor.html</a>
<b>Text editor:</b>	EditPlus v2.12 <a href="http://www.editplus.com/">http://www.editplus.com/</a>

## Additional Tools

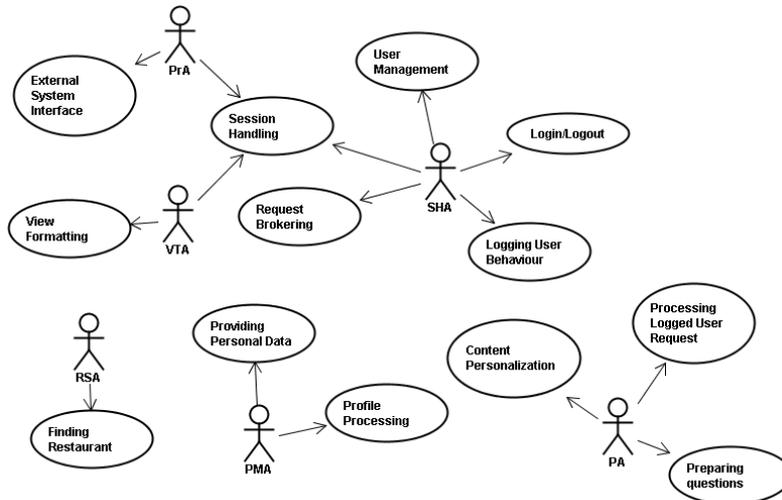
### System Monitoring

Helps to track what is going on with:



Can be launched by calling `bin\monitor-tss.bat` script.

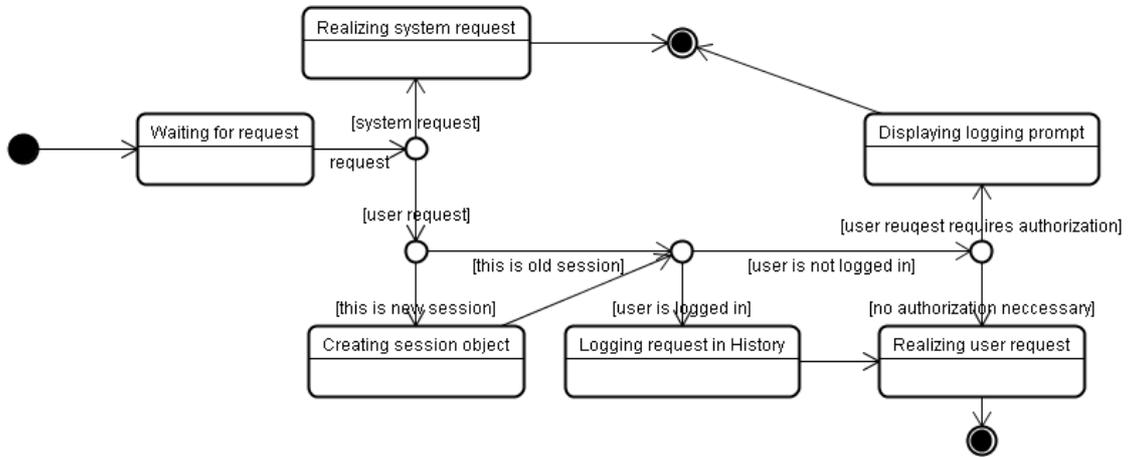
## Use Cases



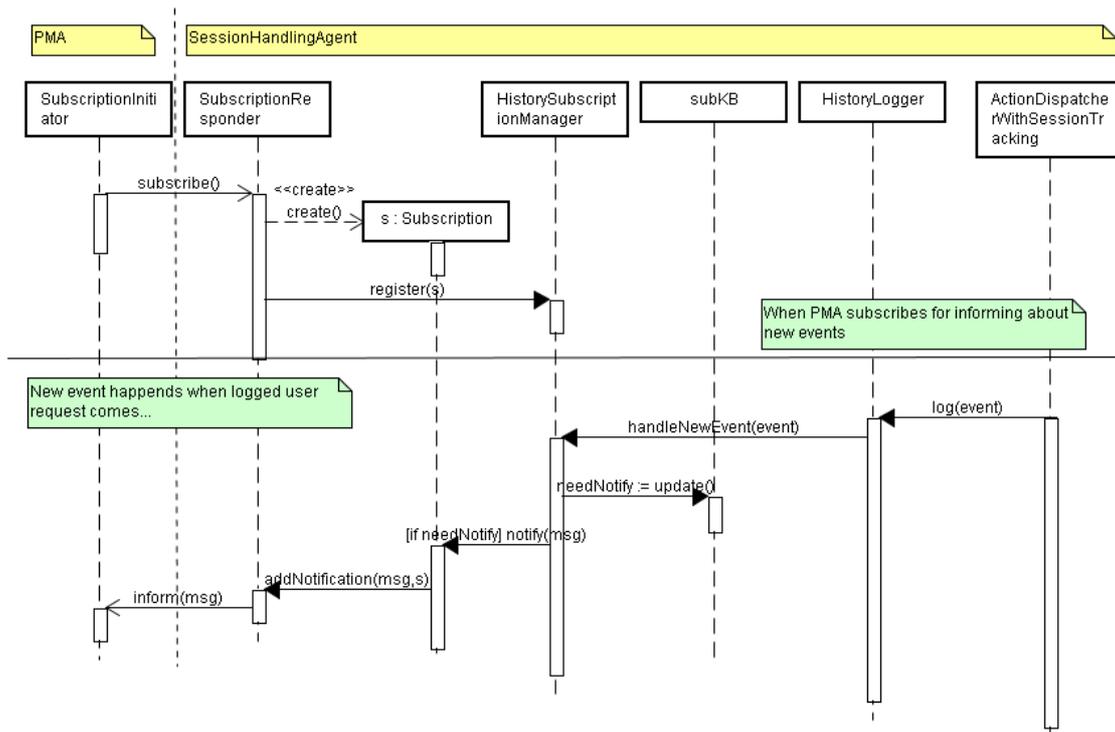
## Issues

### Session Tracking

This functionality is mainly realized by ActionDispatcherWithSessionTracking class.



## Subscribing-for and informing-about new events



## Exception handling and logging

We have variety of entities interested in results of requested operations:

- a user is willing to know whether system realized her request or not
- agent A need to know whether requested agent B realized the reqest or failed
- agent and its behaviours should now about errors thrown by used components
- a developer is willing to know why and when and in what context the exception was thrown

Therefore we use the following strategy at handling with exceptions and logging them

1. Exceptions are caught at the components level and, usually, wrapped into exception of higher abstraction.
2. No logging is made inside of components, with an exception of static classes inilized statically.
3. Exceptions thrown by components has names as specific as possible, describing error in their well-known functionality or error referenced to input data. They should not describe details of internal implementation.
4. Exceptions are finally caught at the level of behaviours and agents main code and they are not further re-thrown. Behaviours and agents have to handle with them in one or more of the following way:
  - (a) log this exception (due to a developer)
  - (b) if this exception occured during realization of other agent request, respond with FAILURE ACL message, containing as a Result InternalSystemError with the reason message.
  - (c) If above handling fails, log this handling failure
  - (d) if it is ProxyAgent, which met the exception or received FAILURE message, then inform the user about the problem.

## Dependencies

### Data-roles assignment

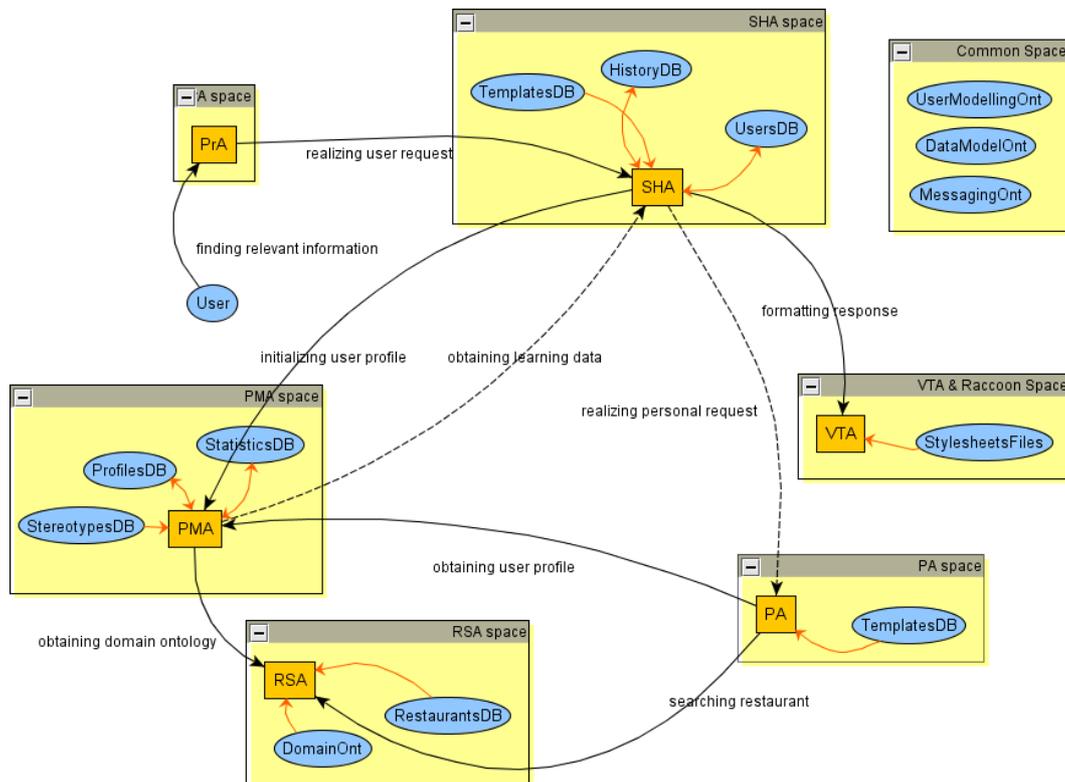


### Functional and datastore dependencies

Black lines tells the Agent A at beginning of arrows requires functionality of the

Agent B standing at the end. When the line is continuous, existing of Agent A registered in DF is obligatory for registration and start of work of Agent A. Dotted lines stands for optional existence, which allows Agent A to enhance its functionality. This allowed to dismiss problem for circular dependency between agents.

Orange lines tells about read/write access of Agent from/to data models.



## Semantic processing

### Scheme ontologies (T-Box)

These ontologies are stored in memory-base models.

#### Domain ontology

<file:ontology/restaurant.owl>

<file:ontology/location.owl>

<file:ontology/money.owl>

Based on *Chefmoz dining guide* [<http://chefmoz.com>] ontology models domain of a restaurant and referenced concepts (location and money)

#### User modelling ontology

<file:ontology/user-modelling.owl>

Define classes for profiles, stereotypes, events and user behaviours.

### **Data model ontology**

<file:ontologies/data-model.owl>

Define structures (see *LayoutStructure* class) and links (see *Link* class) between them for models constructed by *SessionHandlingAgent* and *PersonalAgent*. Structures is used later as source for transformation by the *ViewTransformingAgent* and links are used to control data flow of user scenario.

### **Messaging ontology**

<file:ontology/messageging.owl>

FIPA SLO compatible ontology used by system agents to communicate. It is used as a source for JADE ontology classes, generated with use of *OntologyBeanGenerator*.

## **Database ontologies (A-Box)**

These ontologies introduce individuals and, due to their vast capacity, most of are stored in database. For the first run of the system they are loaded from initial files into database.

### **Polish Restaurants database**

<file:db/restaurants.owl>

Describes 8700 Polish restaurants, translated into OWL from RDF file provided by *Chefmoz dining guide* [<http://chefmoz.com>].

### **Stereotypes**

<file:db/stereotypes.owl>

List of predefined stereotypes used for initialization of user profile.

### **Statistics**

<file:db/statistics.owl>

Empty file for statistics

### **Users**

<file:db/users.owl>

Empty file for accounts of registered users.

### **Profiles**

<file:db/profiles.owl>

Empty file for user profiles.

### **History**

<file:db/history.owl>

Empty file for logged events (actions performed by the logged user).

### **Templates**

<file:db/templates.owl>

Templates describing layout of displayed screens.

## **Converting data between different ontological representation**

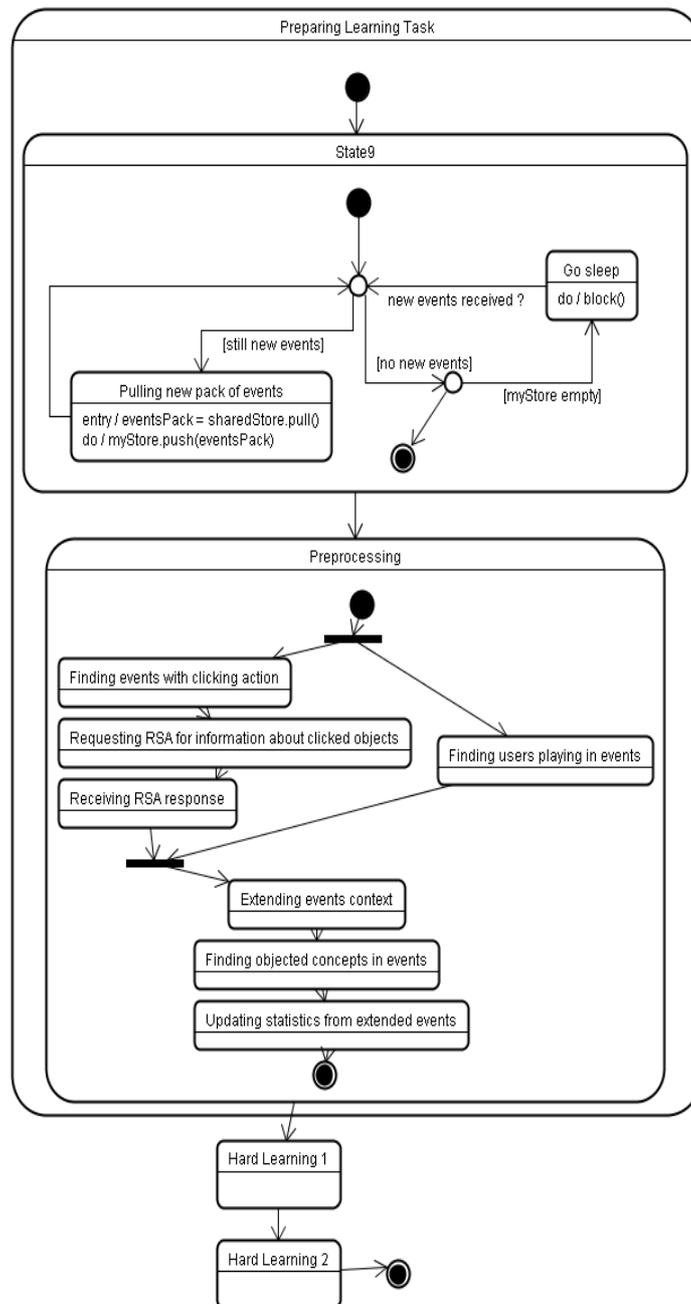
Jastor -> Thing -> Resource -> OntModel -> Jena

OWLData (messaging ontology) -> hasDataModel -> OntModel RDF/XML serialization

ibspan.tss.core.semantic.Memory

```
public void add(OntModel m);  
public void add(Thing t);  
public void add(Resource r);  
public void add(OWLData o);  
public OntModel getModel();  
public OWLData buildOWLData();
```

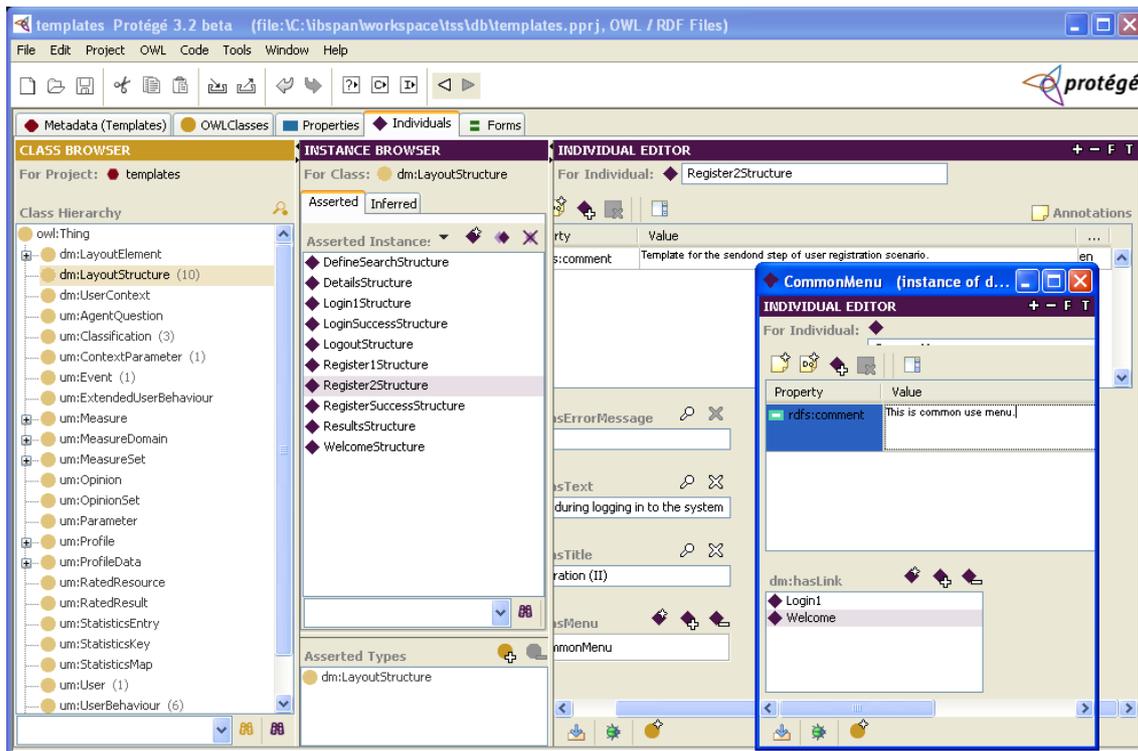
## Learning profiles



# Implementing single step for user scenario

## Preparing view and structure

1. **Write template of a web page** by defining instance of *LayoutStructure* class in *db/templatedates.owl* file. The example below shows screen of constructing *Register1Structure* in Protege ontology editor.



2. **Refresh JavaBeans for new template**, by calling standard "onto" ant target from command line:

```
ant onto
```

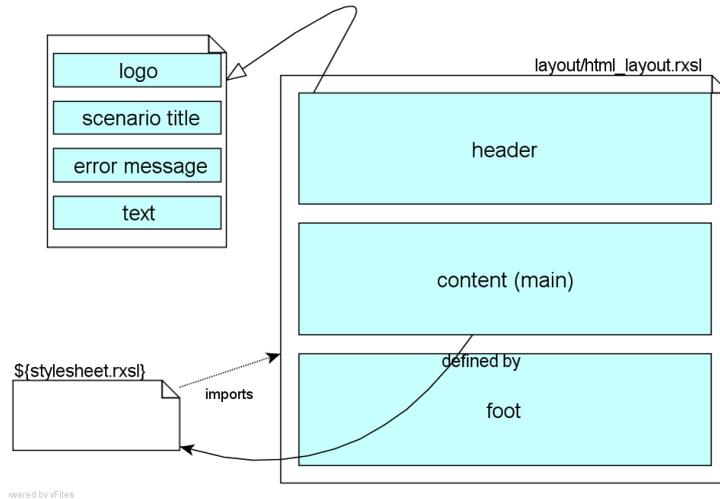
3. **Register template** inside of constructor for *SHAResponder* class.

```
r = LayoutStructure.Register1Structure;  
templates.register( ViewParams.GET_REGISTER_1_SCREEN_ACTION,  
    DataModelFactory.getLayoutStructure(r, mTemplatesDB) );
```

*ViewParams* is interface for storing common used constant names for fields and variables used in user GUI.

4. **Write RxSLT stylesheet**, which will be used by Raccoon server to transform prepared template into media-specific document, e.g. HTML. Each stylesheet must:
  - import *layout/\*\_layout.rxml* stylesheet, where \* stands for media type, e.g. HTML. This stylesheet is responsible for providing standard processing of fields described in the template, you created. It also provides a few useful functions and variables.
  - Implement „main” *xsl:template*, to define additional content as e.g. forms.

This is described on the following figure.



Below we present except from *templates/templates/html\_register\_1.rxml* file.

```
<xsl:include href="../../../layout/html_layout.rxml"/>

<xsl:template name="main">

<form action="{interface-host}:{interface-port}"
  method="get">

<xsl:call-template name="form">
  <xsl:with-param name="action-name"
    select="'check-register-1-screen'"/>
</xsl:call-template>

<table align="center">
<tr>
  <td align="right">your name: </td>
  <td><input type="text" name="user-name" /></td>
</tr>

...
```

Function *form* is used to paste session-specific data into document. These data must be preserved during interaction between user and the system.

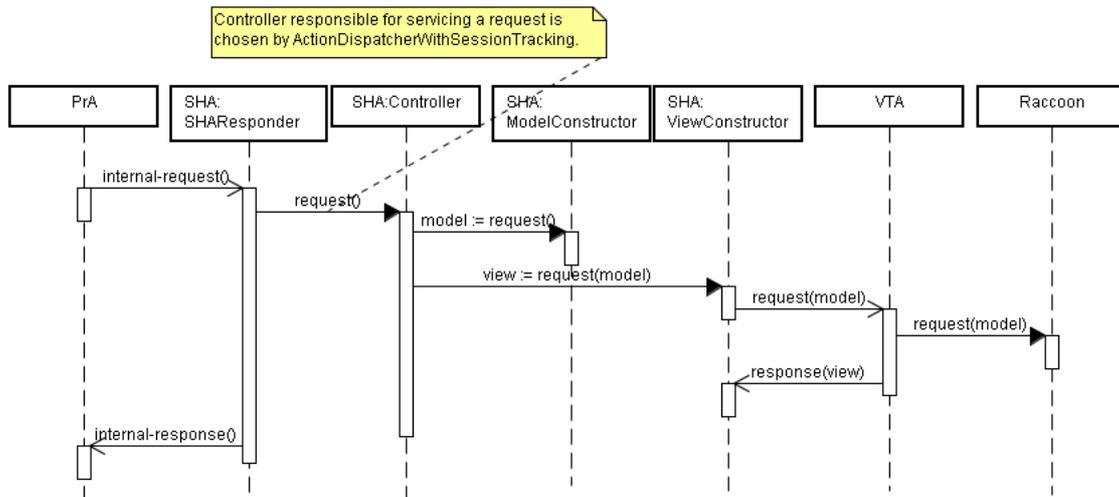
5. Add the stylesheet entry to Raccoon configuration file: *etc/raccoon-config.py*.

```
STYLESHEET = { ( 'html-media', 'get-welcome-screen' ) :
  'templates/html_standard_screen.rxml',
  ( 'html-media', 'get-register-1-screen' ) :
  'templates/html_register_1_screen.rxml'
}
```

## Preparing control over data flow

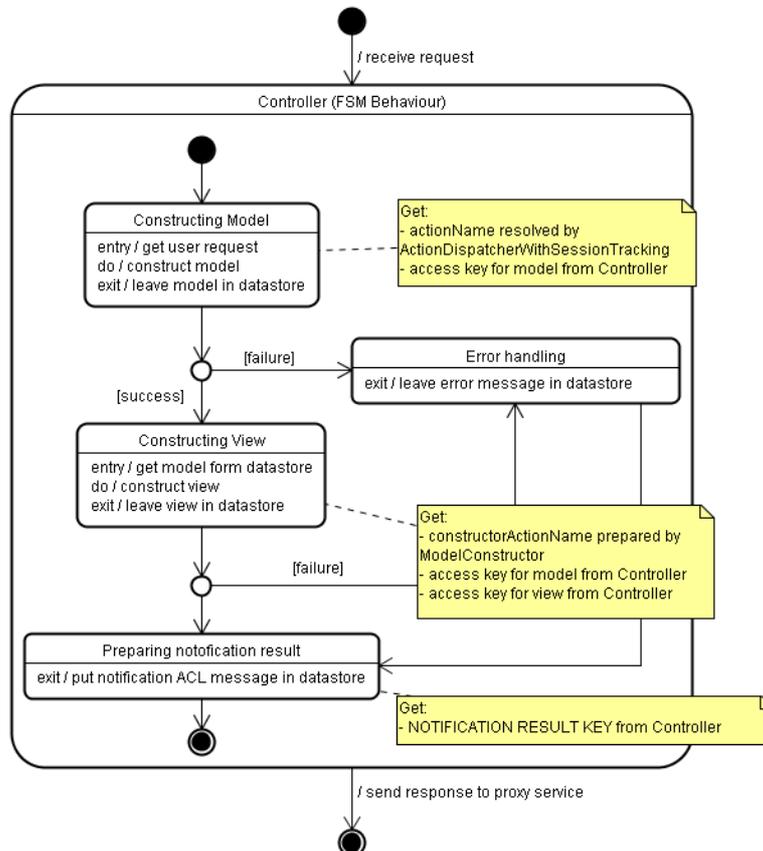
Data flow was described in much detail in referenced documentation. Here we describe things that were mainly changed, with giving the focus on Model-View-Controller (MVC) architecture. The sequence diagram below shows typical realization of user request in the system, when

ProxyAgent (PrA) receives the request.

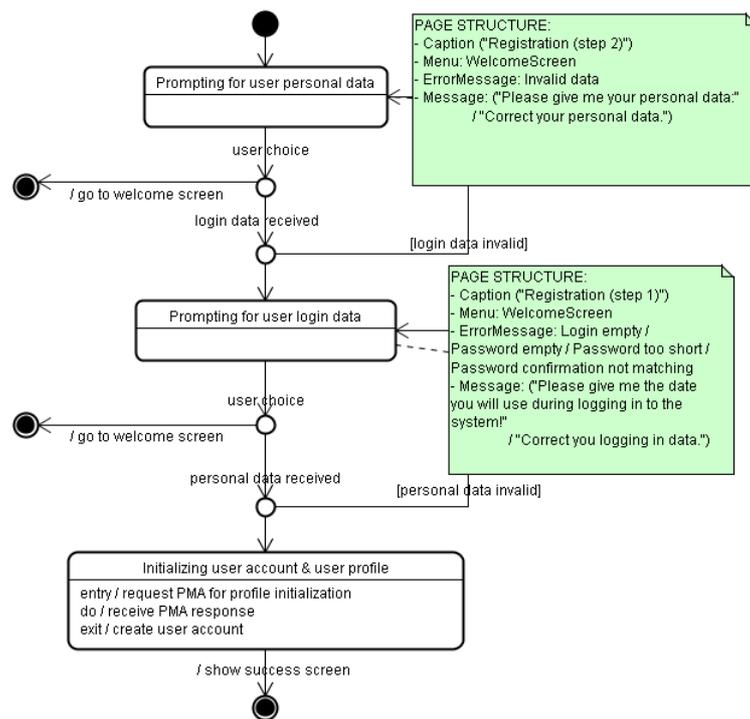


Our main interest will be realization of MVC inside of *SessionHandlingAgent* (SHA), because the rest of process is usually the same for all case and do not need intervention of a developer.

MVC architecture is realized by three classes (or classes extending them): *Controller*, *ModelConstructor* and *ViewConstructor*, which will be described below in a form of an example. The statechart diagram below presents how these classes behaves during realization of a request.



We will remind how whole registration scenario looks, mainly from the user perspective:



We have prepared template for describing registration window, now we would like to prepare implementation for checking registration data entered and choosing appropriate response for her (choices made after „*Prompting for user login data*” state). These is how we proceed:

1. **Create instance of Controller** inside of constructor `SHAResponder` class.

```
Controller c = new Controller( myAgent, getDataStore(),
    ACTION_KEY, ACTION_NAME_KEY, REQUEST_KEY,
    RESULT_NOTIFICATION_KEY );
```

2. **Write class extending ModelConstructor.** This class is responsible for preparing instance of `DataModel` class, containing copy of registered template and, optionally, some additional ontological data, e.g. results of restaurants' search. `DataModel` should also contain `constructionActionName` set up, which is used as suggestion for `ViewConstructor` (and further for `ViewTransformingAgent`), for choosing appropriate transformation. A developer is provided with set a useful functions to access user request data, update state of the session or access its data.

```
protected SHA_process_user_request getAction()
protected UserRequest getUserRequest()
protected String getActionName()
protected Session getSession(String sessionID)
protected LayoutStructure getTemplateCopy(String actionName)
```

Of course whole request does not have to be completely realized by SHA and can be forwarded to other agent, e.g. to *PersonalAgent* (PA).

The result of operation should be returned with one of the provided functions:

```
protected void putModel(DataModel model)
protected void putError(InternalError error)
```

Full implementation of our example can be found in *CheckRegistration1ModelConstructor.java* source file.

3. **Re-use extension of ViewConstructor.** Usually *SimpleViewConstructor* (utilizing VTA and Raccoon service) will be enough for your purposes. However you may write your own extension, but please remember, that model constructed by *ModelConstructor* can be accessed by the following method

```
protected DataModel getModel()
```

and the result of view constructing process should be put in local *DataStore* with one of functions:

```
protected void putView(DataView view)
protected void putError(InternalError error)
```

4. **Register ModelConstructor and ViewConstructor in Controller:**

```
c.registerModelConstructor(mc);
c.registerViewConstructor(vc);
```

Please remember, that *ModelConstructor* and *ViewConstructor* use its own space in *DataStore* to exchange operation results, and therefore they cannot be shared among different instances of *Controller* class.

5. **Bind Controller with the specific action request** inside of constructor of *SHAResponder* class.

```
selector.registerHandler( false,
    ViewParams.CHECK_REGISTER_1_ACTION, c );
```

The following screen shows the result of providing invalid data by the user.

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