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# Business Process Simulation

## Lecture 4

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# Overview of today's lecture

- a) Introduction to SimPN
- b) Advanced constructs of SimPN and Mapping from **conceptual model**
- c) Solution patterns in SimPN
- d) Simulation output and verification

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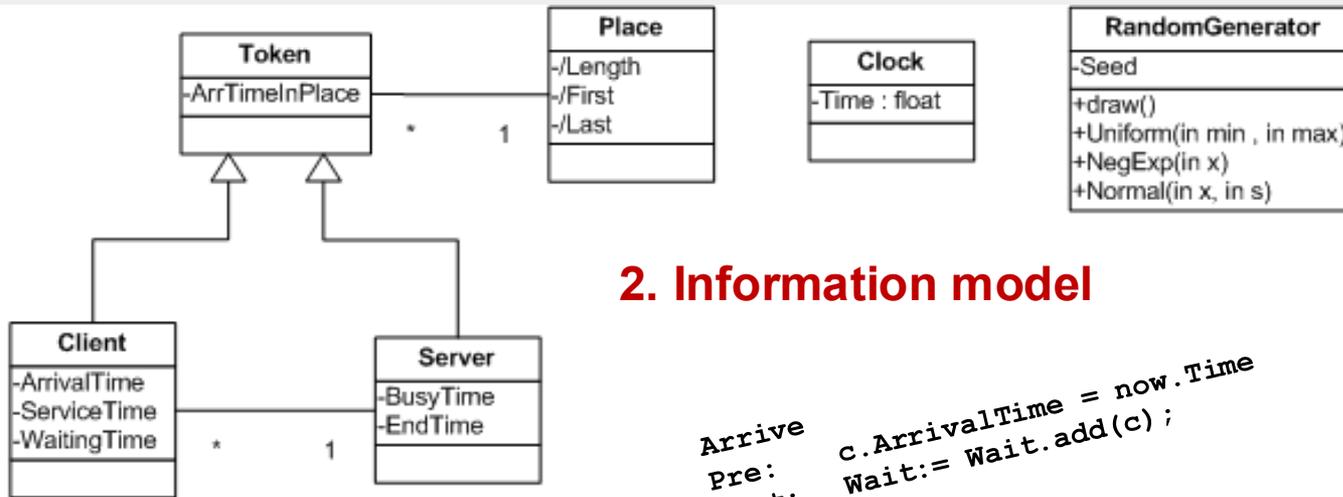
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Thinking phase

# Recap STEP 3: Conceptual model



## 2. Information model

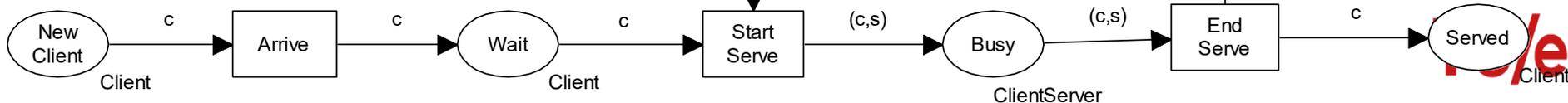
```

Arrive
Pre:
Post: c.ArrivalTime = now.Time
       Wait := Wait.add(c);
  
```

```

StartServe
Pre c in Wait.First
Post Busy := Busy.add(c,s)
      c.WaitingTime := now.Time - c.ArrivalTime
      s.EndTime := now.Time + c.ServiceTime
      s.BusyTime := s.BusyTime + c.ServiceTime;
  
```

## 1. Process model



## 3. Specifications

```

EndServe
Pre now.Time = s.EndTime
Post Served := Served.add(c)
      Free := Free.add(s);
  
```

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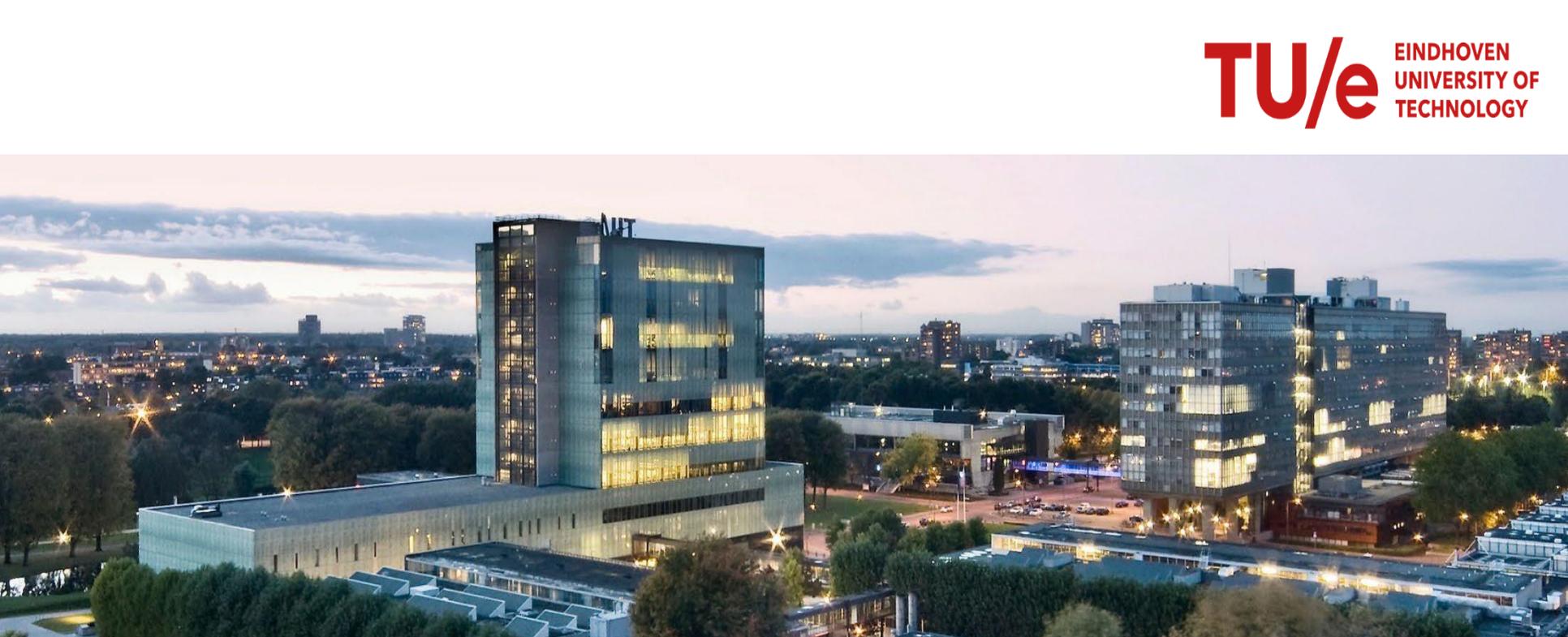
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- Dependent on simulation tool
- Does the system behave as intended/expected?



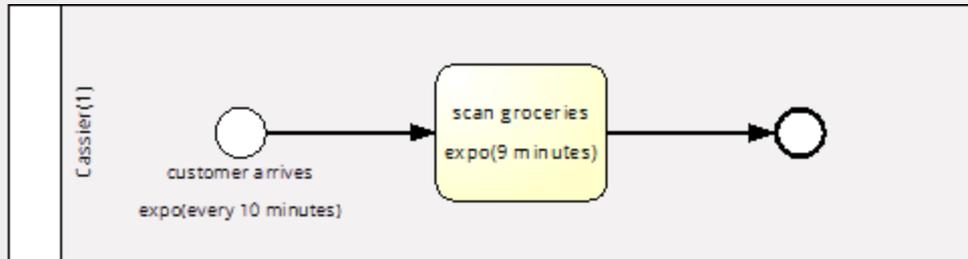
**Business Process Simulation**

**Lecture 4a – introduction to SimPN**

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# THE CONCEPT

# The concept



Installation instructions:

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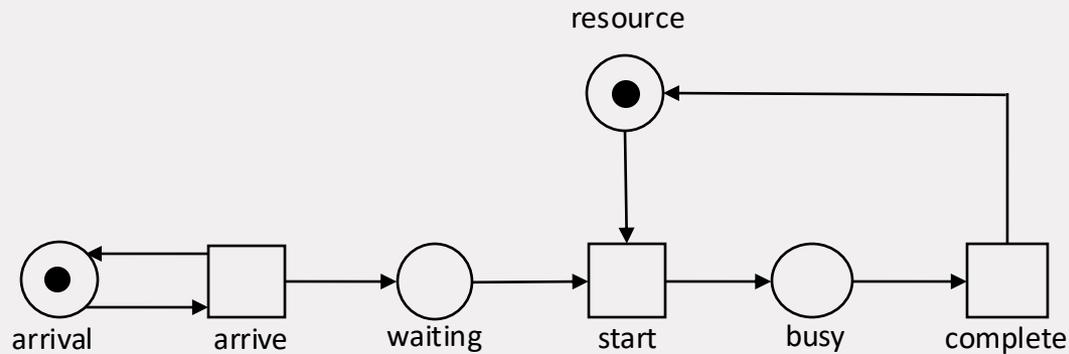
Model components:

- Variables
- Initial state
- events



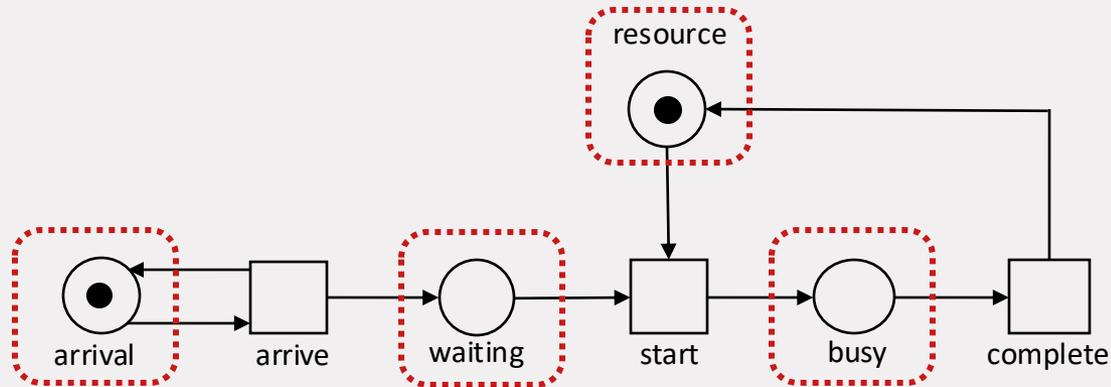
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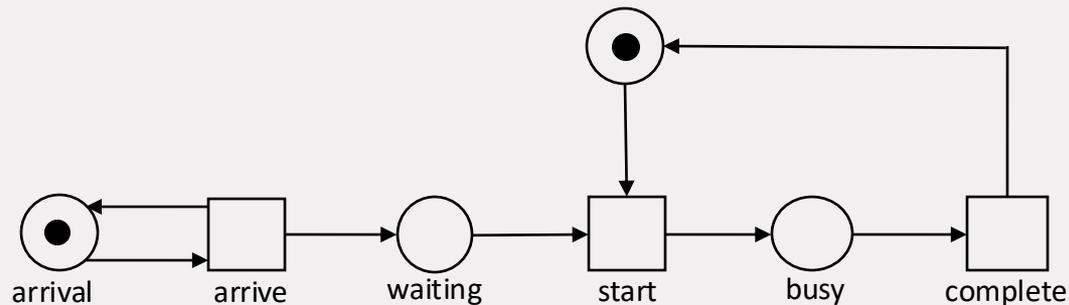
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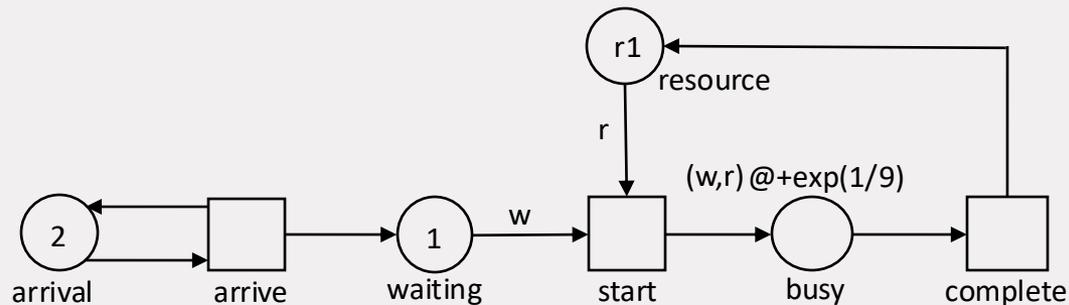
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An event can happen if it has a value on each of its incoming variables.  
When it happens, it:

- takes a value from each of its incoming variables
- produces a value in its outgoing variables

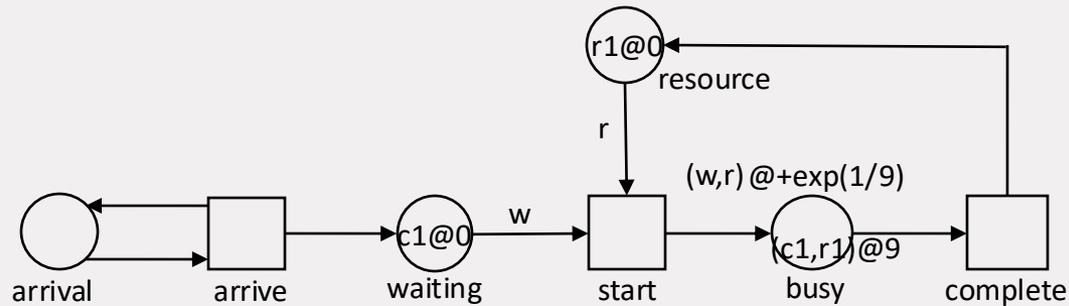
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```

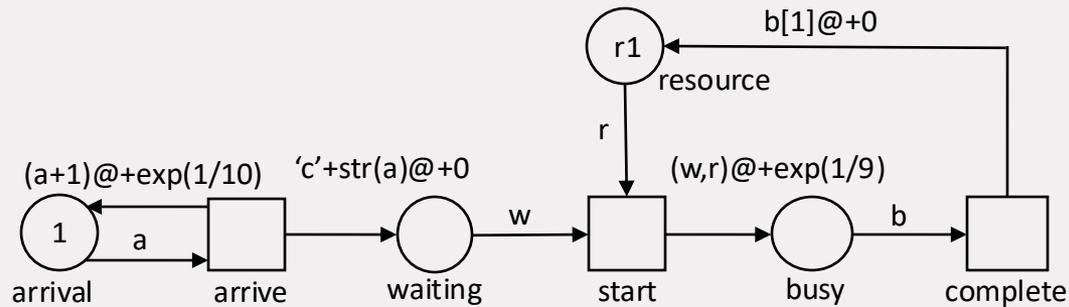
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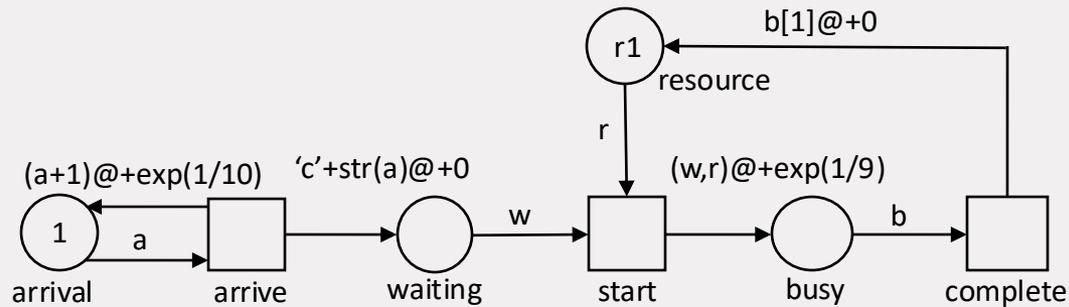
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# The Code



```
def complete(b):  
    return [SimToken( b[1] )]
```

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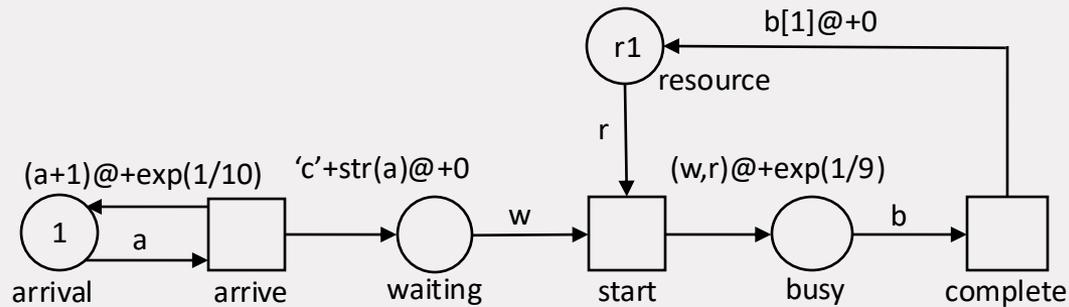


```
def arrive(a):  
    return [SimToken( 'c' + str(a) ),  
            SimToken( a+1, delay=exp(1/10) )]
```

How to change the ID  
value of the new tokens?

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# The Code

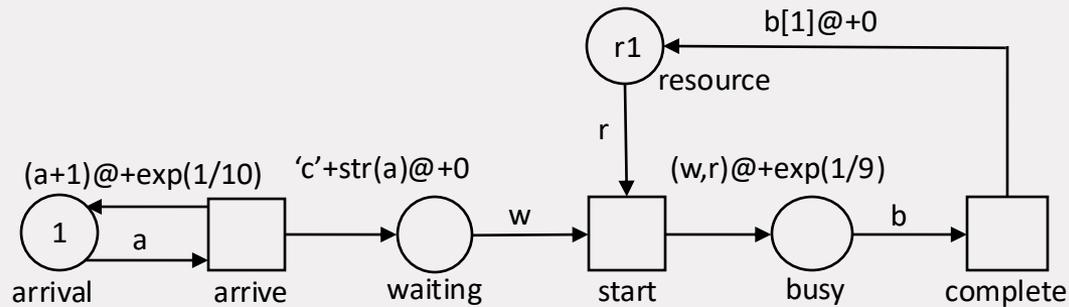


```
shop = SimProblem()
```

```
resources = shop.add_var("resources")
```

```
resources.put("r1")
```

# The Code



```
def start(w, r):  
    return [SimToken( (w,r), delay=exp(1/9) )]  
  
shop.add_event([waiting, resource], [busy], start)
```

# Warning on how to instantiate SimTokens

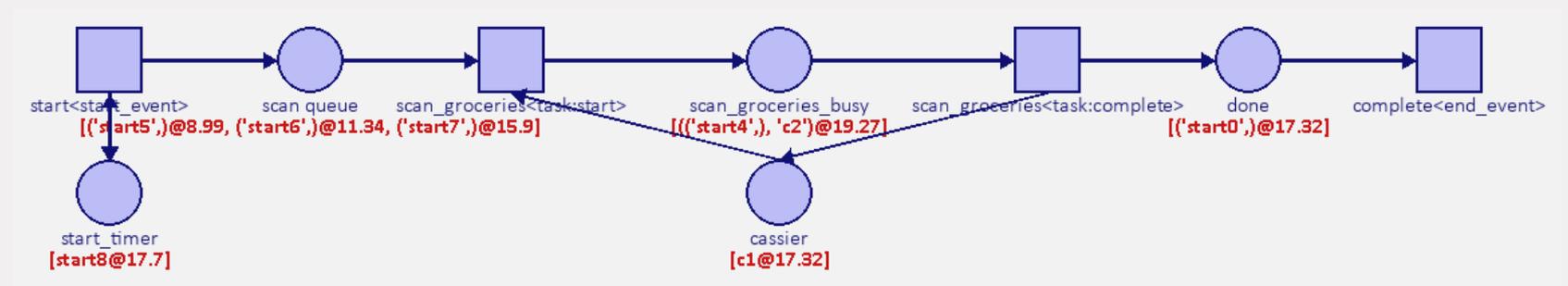
SimTokens can also be instantiated using *dictionaries*

```
# Define events.  
def new_call():  
    return [SimToken({'is_new': 1})] #tokens with value 1 are new customers, tokens with value 0 are
```

Easy management of multiple values carried by a token

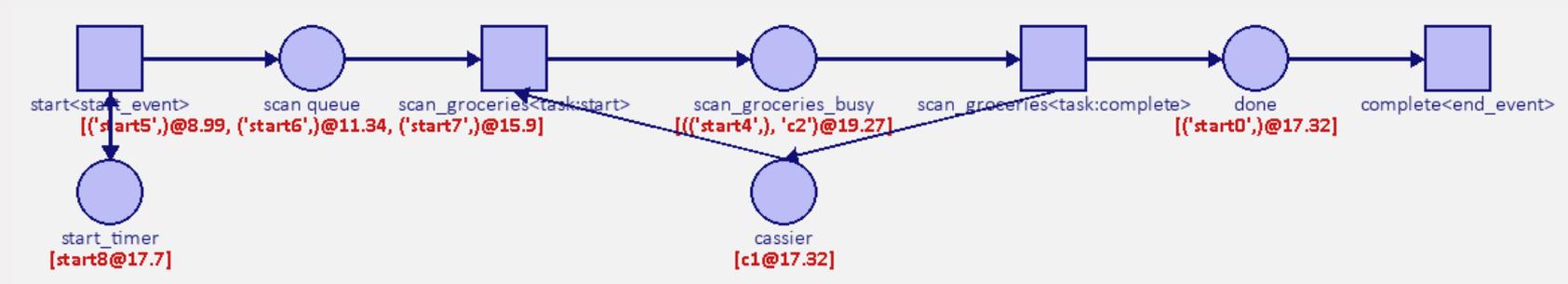
More on this at the tutorial session

# Visualization



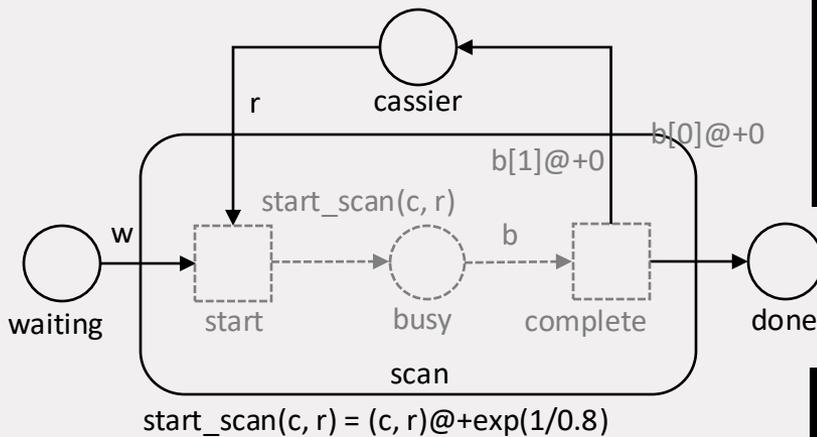
```
m = Visualisation(shop)
m.show()
```

# Visualization



```
m = Visualisation(shop, "layout.txt")  
m.show()  
m.save_layout("layout.txt")
```

# Shorthands



```
busy = shop.add_var("busy")

def start(c, r):
    return [SimToken((c, r), delay=exp(1/0.8))]

shop.add_event([waiting, resource], [busy], start)

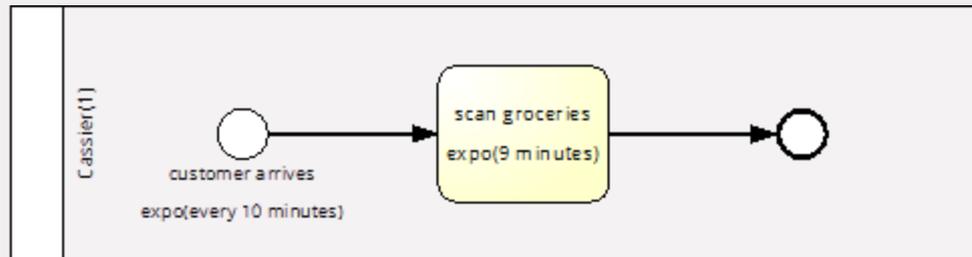
def complete(b):
    return [SimToken(b[1], delay=0)]

shop.add_event([busy], [resource], complete)
```

```
task(shop,
     [waiting, cassier],
     [done, cassier],
     "scan_groceries",
     lambda c, r: [SimToken((c, r), delay=exp(1/9))])
```

# Shorthands

- BPMN Task
- BPMN Start Event
- BPMN Intermediate Event
- BPMN End Event



An aerial photograph of the TU/e campus in Eindhoven, Netherlands, taken at dusk. The image shows several modern, multi-story buildings with glass facades that are illuminated from within, creating a warm glow against the twilight sky. The buildings are surrounded by greenery and parking areas. The overall scene is a mix of urban architecture and natural elements.

# Business Process Simulation

## Lecture 4b – Advanced constructs of SimPN and Mapping from conceptual model

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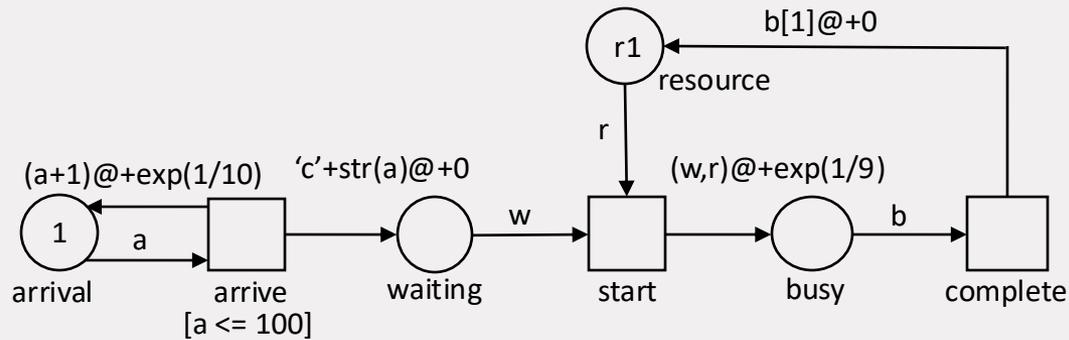
# Overview on lecture modules

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# The Extensions

- Guards
- Choice
- Parallel Processing
- Manipulating queues

# Guards

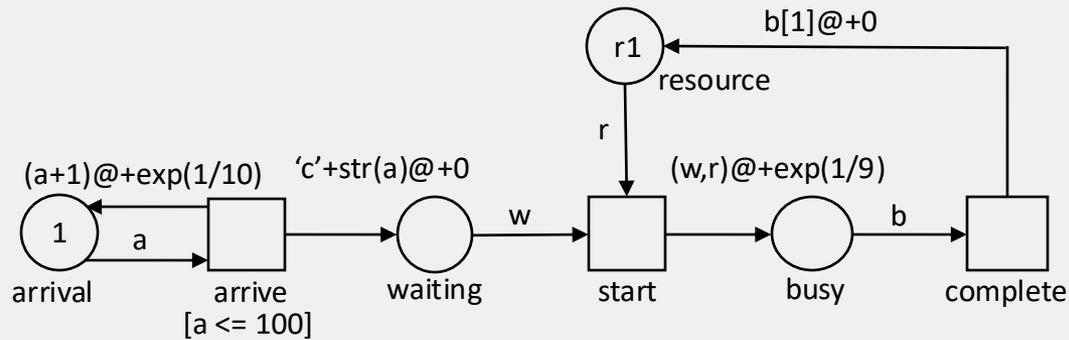


```
shop.add_event([arrival], [arrival, waiting], arrive  
               guard = max_100
```

```
)
```

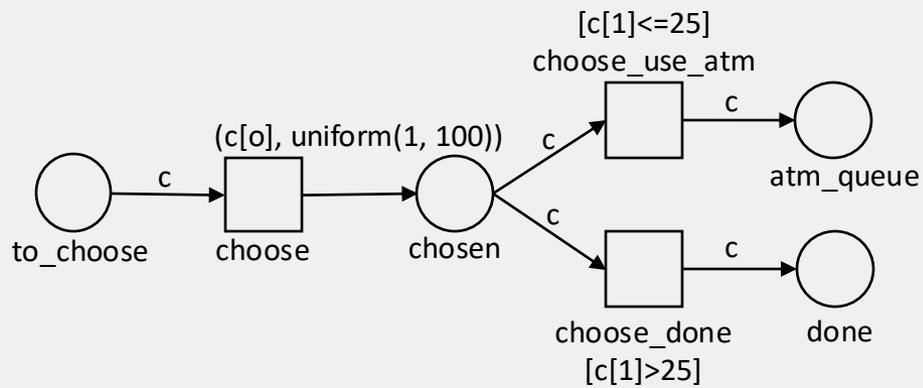
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def max_100(a):  
    return a <= 100
```

# Guards



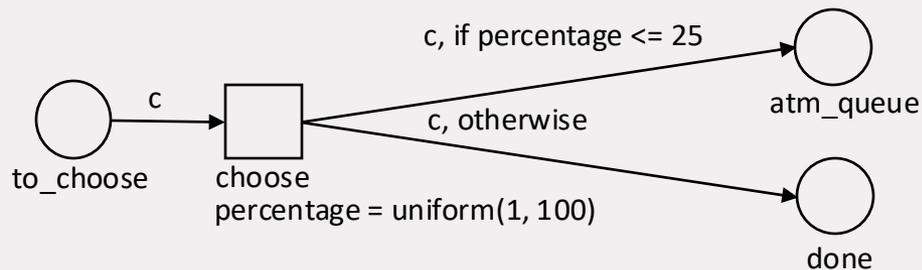
```
shop.add_event([arrival], [arrival, waiting], arrive  
               guard = lambda a: a <= 100  
               )
```

# Choice



# Choice

```
def choose(c):  
    percentage = uniform(1,100)  
    if percentage <= 25:  
        return [SimToken(c), None]  
    else:  
        return [None, SimToken(c)]  
  
shop.add_event([to_choose], [atm_queue, done], choose)
```

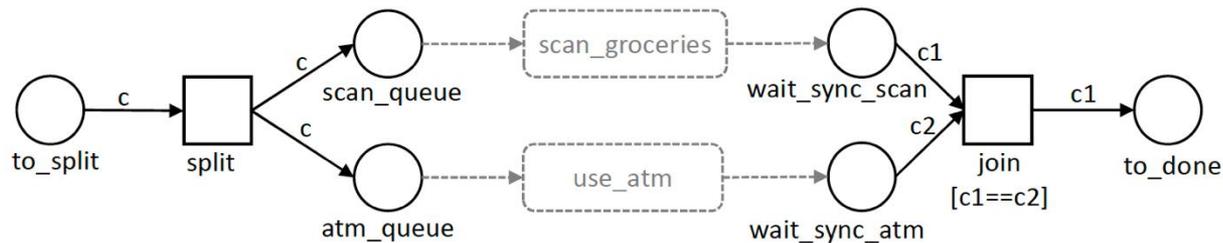


**What is the output size of the transition?**

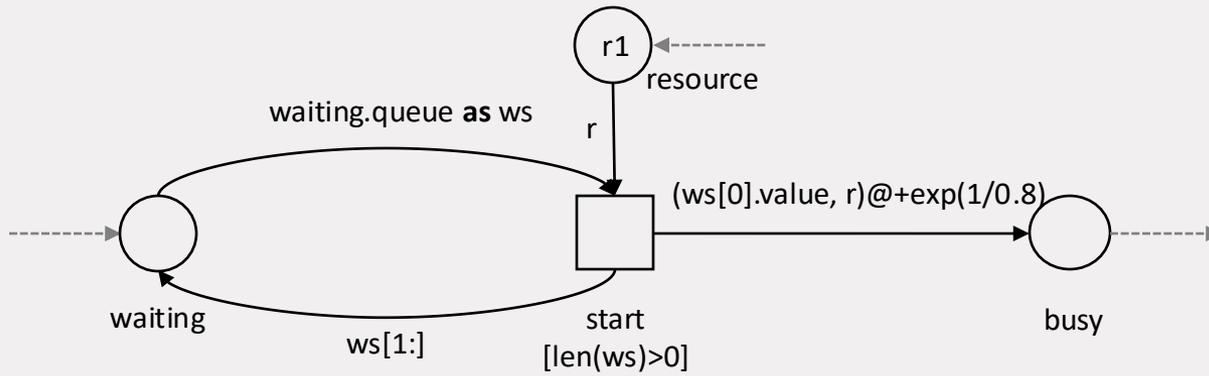
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# Parallel processing

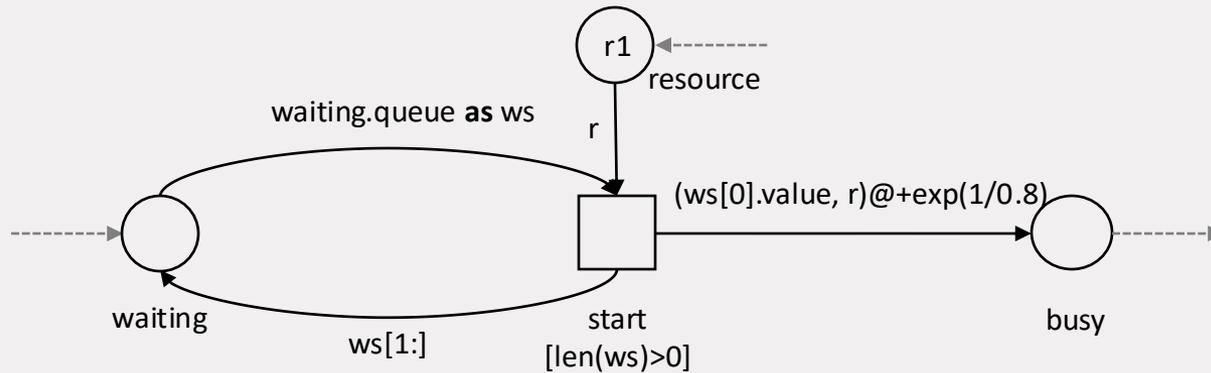
```
shop.add_event([to_split], [scan_queue, atm_queue],
               lambda c: [SimToken(c), SimToken(c)], name="split")
...
shop.add_event([wait_sync_atm, wait_sync_scan], [to_done],
               lambda c1, c2: [SimToken(c1)], name="join",
               guard=lambda c1, c2: c1 == c2)
```



# Queues as Places



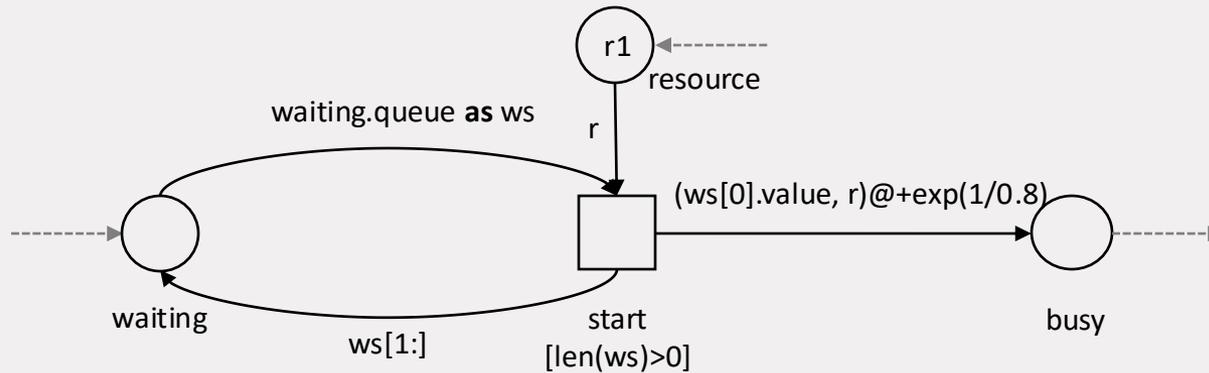
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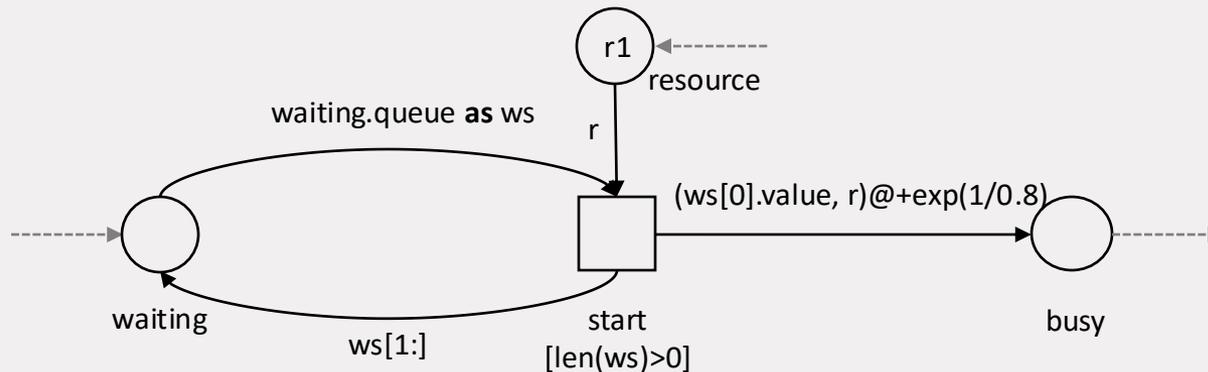


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- The queue will be removed from the variable and it has to be put back

# Queues as Places

```
def start(ws, r):  
    c = ws[0].value  
    return [ws[1:], SimToken((c, r), delay=exp(1/0.8))]  
  
def start_condition(ws, r):  
    return len(ws) > 0  
  
shop.add_event([waiting.queue, resource], [waiting.queue, busy],  
               start, guard=start_condition)
```



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# Time

```
time = shop.var("time")

def check_break(c, time):
    if time > c[1] + 2
        return [SimToken(c, delay=2)]
    else:
        return [SimToken(c)]

shop.add_event([cassier_break_check, time], [cassier], check_break)
```

# SMPN tutorial

Build simple SimPN models yourselves

- From M/M/1 to
- M/M/c to
- Different types of customers
- Customers leaving the queue
- etc.

# Use conceptual model to derive SimPN Model

Process model

For each place:

- Identify corresponding variables in SimPN

for each transition:

- identify corresponding events in SimPN
- check post conditions

for each multi input transition

- check proper resources

for each pre condition

- check corresponding priority rules or guards

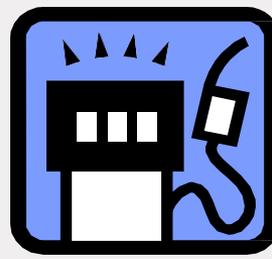
Information model

for all object classes or instances:

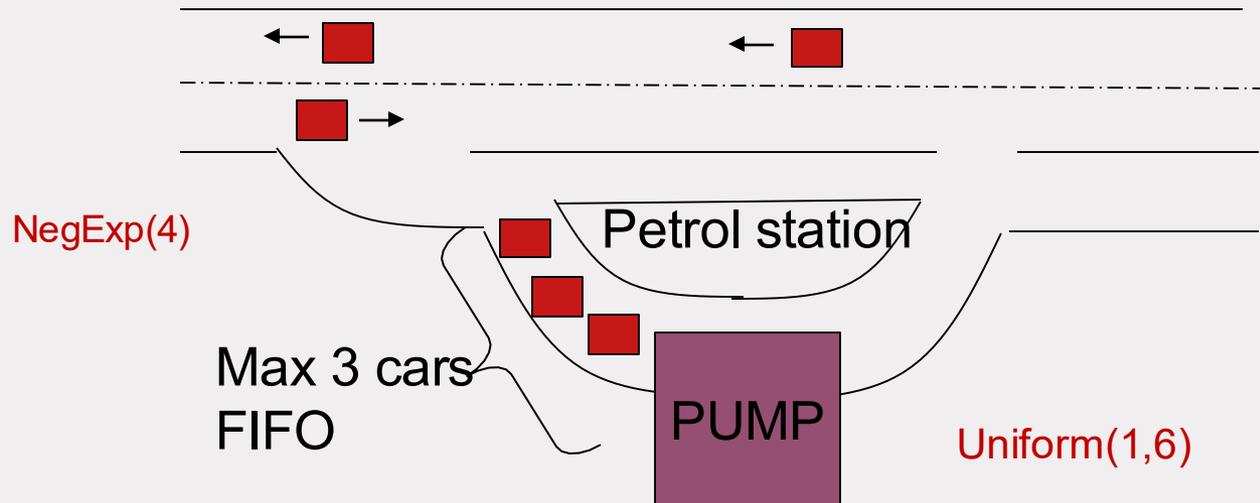
- identify representation in SimPN
- check representation of attributes

Assumptions

Describe how the assumptions are taken into account in the model

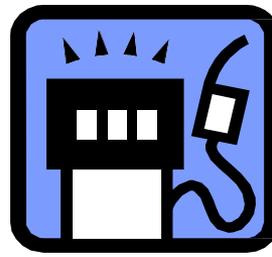


## EXAMPLE: The Petrol Station



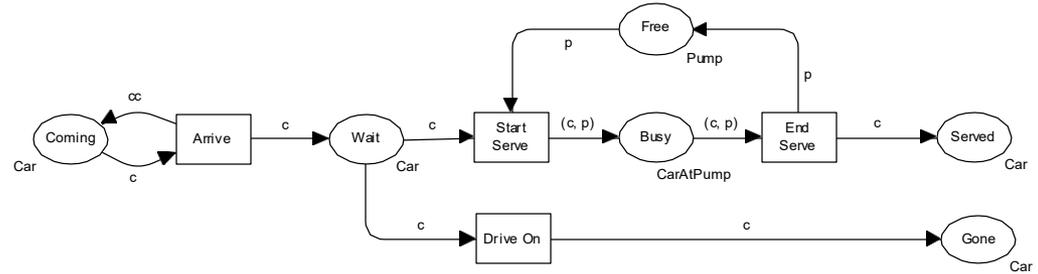
The owner of the petrol station has the feeling that some potential clients are leaving the station because there is **no place** to wait for service

# Petrol Station



**Arrive**  
**Pre:**  
**Post:**

$c.ArrivalTime = now.Time$   
 $Wait := Wait.add(c) \wedge$   
 $Coming := Coming.add(n) \wedge$   
 $n.ArrivalTime := c.ArrivalTime$   
 $+r.NegExpo(4) \wedge$   
 $n.ServiceTime := r.Uniform(1,6) \wedge$   
 $n.WaitingTime := 0$



**EndServe**

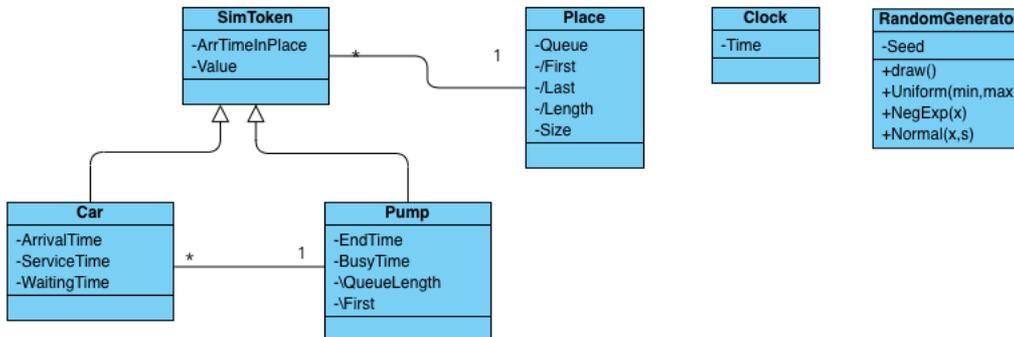
**Pre**  $now.Time = p.EndTime$   
**Post**  $Free.add(p) \wedge$   
 $Served.add(c);$

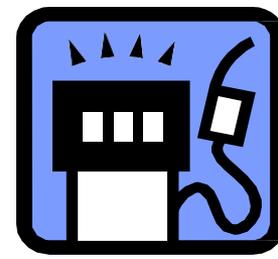
**StartServe**

**Pre:**  $c \text{ in } Wait.First \wedge Wait.Length \leq Wait.Size;$   
**Post:**  $Busy := Busy.add(c,p) \wedge p.endTime = now.Time + c.serviceTime \wedge$   
 $c.WaitTime = now.Time - c.ArrivalTime$

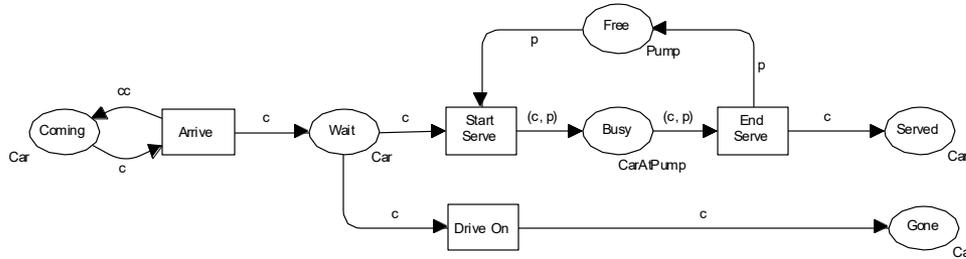
**DriveOn**

**Pre**  $Wait.Length > Wait.Size$   
**Post**  $Gone.add(c);$



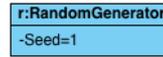
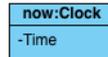
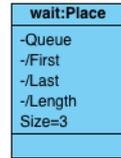
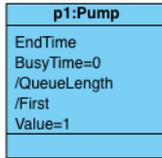
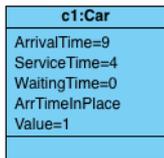
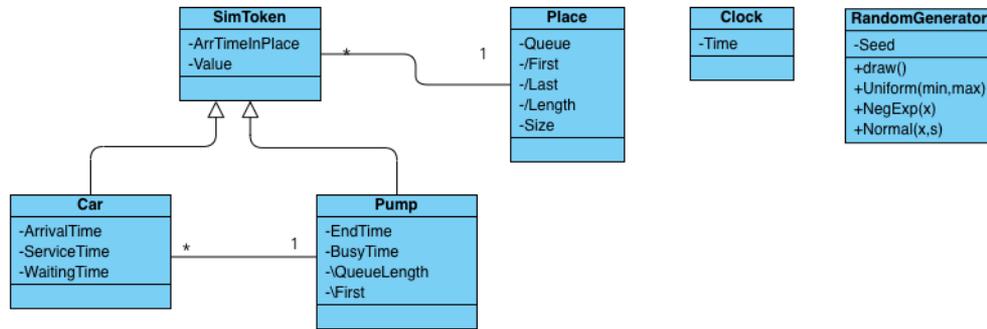


# Mapping process model to SimPn



Process model	SimPn	Function
(Coming) + Arrive	Start_event start	Create car instances
Wait	to_check_queue, waiting	Variables storing the tokens generated by the arrival event and the tokens admitted to the pupm queue
Wait+(Start Serve OR Drive On)	Check_queue_length	Checks whether the car is admitted to the station
Served, Gone	Done, to_leave, End_event leave, End_event complete	Variables storing served and not served tokens, together with the corresponding end events
Free	pump	Variable storing the resources
Start serve + Busy + End Serve +Free	Task refueling	Task serving the cars at the station

# Mapping information model



Information model	SimPn
p1, Class Pump	Resource "p1"
c1...c10, Class Car	Entity Type Car (in start_event start)
now	Var time
r	Random package

# Mapping of assumptions, conditions, and functions

Show, if possible, how these are translated to your model, e.g. :

A1. The business operates 24 / 7

=> Run setup

$\text{PercUnServed} = (\text{Gone.Length} / (\text{Gone.Length} + \text{Served.Length})) * 100;$   
 $\text{AvgWaitTime} = \text{Sum}(c.\text{WaitTime}: c \text{ iServed}) / \text{Served.Length};$

=> Simulation report

Explain how priority/guards in transitions preconditions are accounted for in the model

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## Lecture 4c – Solutions patterns in SimPN

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# Solution patterns in SimPN:

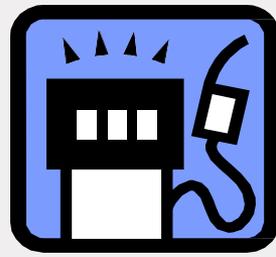
Pattern 1a - Balking: deciding to not join the queue  
Petrol Station example

Pattern 1b - Jockeying: switching queues

Pattern 1c – Reneging: leaving queue after a certain time

Pattern 2 - Sharing resources with other activities

Pattern 3 - Shifting task priorities



## Petrol Station: Pattern 1a - Balking

**Balking** is a situation in which an arriving customer does not join the queue but goes away or goes someplace else.

How to model this?

- Assign tolerance to an entity attribute or a variable
- When the tolerance is less than or equal to the current number in the queue we “balk” the arrival from the system

# Petrol Station: Pattern 1a - Balking

```
from simpn.simulator import SimProblem
from simpn.simulator import SimToken
from random import expovariate as exp, uniform
from simpn.reporters import SimpleReporter
from simpn.prototypes import start_event, task, end_event, intermediate_event
from simpn.visualisation import Visualisation
```

```
# Instantiate a simulation problem.
station=SimProblem()
```

```
# Define queues and other 'places' in the process.
to_check_queue = station.add_var("to check queue")
waiting = station.add_var("queue")
done = station.add_var("done")
to_leave = station.add_var("to leave")
```

```
# Define resources.
pump = station.add_var("pump")
pump.put("p1")
```

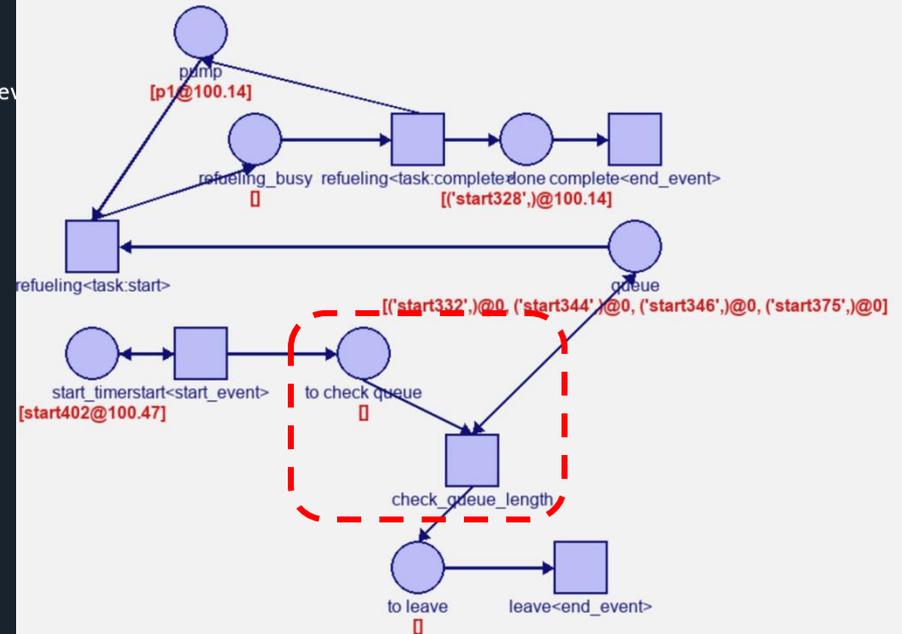
```
# Define events.
def interarrival_time():
    return exp(1/4)

start_event(station, [], [to_check_queue], "start", interarrival_time)
```

```
# Check the queue length
def check_queue_length(customer, complete_queue):
    if len(complete_queue) < 4: # If it is less than 4 customers in the queue, the customer goes into the queue
        # we add the customer to the queue by actually manipulating the queue variable
        complete_queue.append(SimToken(customer))
        return [complete_queue, None]
    else: # If it is more than 4 customers in the queue, the customer leaves
        # note that this means that the queue is not changed, but we need to put it back.
        return [complete_queue, SimToken(customer)]
```

```
station.add_event([to_check_queue, waiting.queue], [waiting.queue, to_leave], check_queue_length)
task(station, [waiting, pump], [done, pump], "refueling", lambda c, r: [SimToken((c, r), delay=uniform(1,6))])

end_event(station, [done], [], "complete")
end_event(station, [to_leave], [], "leave")
```



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Which components are used  
to model the pattern?

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# Pattern 1b: Jockeying

**Jockeying** is a situation in which customers switch queues when a certain condition is satisfied

How to model this?

- Use guards to implement switch conditions
- Move entity to other queues



## Example Pattern 1b: Jockeying

Customers arrive at a checkout according to an exponential distribution of 5 min.

There are two checkouts,

- checkout 1: a skilled employee serves at  $EXPO(5)$  minutes,
- checkout 2: an unskilled employee serves at  $EXPO(12)$  minutes.

Customers are split equally over the two checkouts

When customers are in the queue of checkout 2 and this queue is more than 2 persons longer than the queue at checkout 1, customers will switch to queue 1.

Customers at checkout 1 cannot switch queues



# Example Pattern 1b: Jockeying

```

from simpn.simulator import SimProblem
from simpn.simulator import SimToken
from random import expovariate as exp, uniform
from simpn.reporters import SimpleReporter
from simpn.prototypes import start_event, task, end_event, intermed
from simpn.visualisation import Visualisation

```

```

shop = SimProblem()

to_choose = shop.add_var("to choose")
waiting_1 = shop.add_var("cassier 1 queue")
waiting_2 = shop.add_var("cassier 2 queue")
cassier_1 = shop.add_var("cassier 1")
cassier_2 = shop.add_var("cassier 2")

cassier_1.put("c1")
cassier_2.put("c2")

done = shop.add_var("done")

start_event(shop, [], [to_choose], "arrive", lambda: exp(1/5))

```

```

def choose(c):
    percentage = uniform(1,100)
    if percentage <= 51:
        print("first queue")
        return [SimToken(c), None]
    else:
        print("second queue")
        return [None, SimToken(c)]
    return [None, SimToken(c)]

```

```

def switch_condition(c, c1_queue, c2_queue):
    return len(c1_queue) > len(c2_queue) + 1

def switch_queue(c, c1_queue, c2_queue):
    last_token = c1_queue.pop()
    c2_queue.append(last_token)
    return [c1_queue, c2_queue]

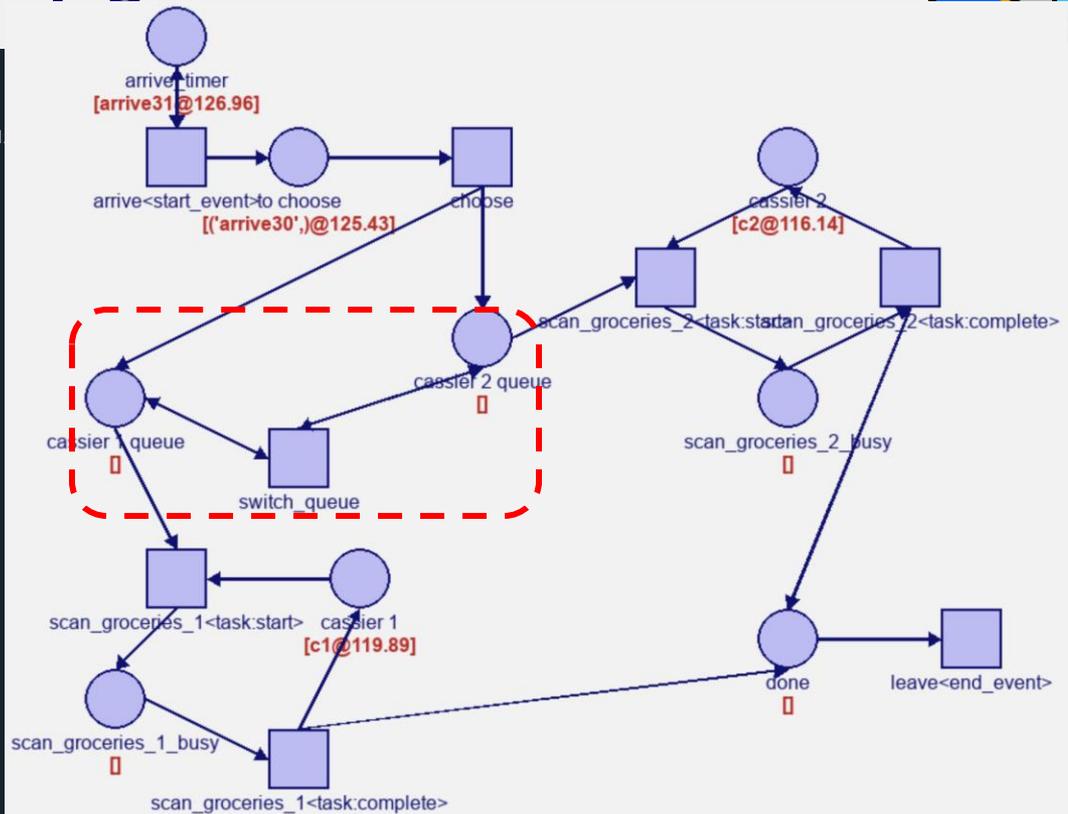
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```

shop.add_event([to_choose], [waiting_1, waiting_2], choose)
shop.add_event([waiting_1, waiting_1.queue, waiting_2.queue], [waiting_1.queue, waiting_2.queue], switch_queue, guard=switch_co

task(shop, [waiting_1, cassier_1], [done, cassier_1], "scan_groceries_1", lambda c, r: [SimToken((c, r), delay=exp(1/5))])
task(shop, [waiting_2, cassier_2], [done, cassier_2], "scan_groceries_2", lambda c, r: [SimToken((c, r), delay=exp(1/12))])
end_event(shop, [done], [], "leave")

```



Which components are used to model the pattern?

# Pattern 1c: Reneging

**Reneging** is a situation in which arriving customers are willing to wait for only a limited period of time before they renege from the queue.

How to model this?

- Allow the arrival to enter the queue
- When the renege time is reached we need to find the entity and remove it from the queue.

## Example Pattern 1c: Reneging



Cars arrive at a carwash according to an exponential distribution of 10 min.

Washing a car takes  $EXPO(7)$  minutes (1 server)

Cars that are waiting for more than 10 minutes leave the system with a probability of 80%

# Example Pattern 1c: Reneging



```
from random import expovariate as exp, uniform
from simpn.reporters import SimpleReporter
from simpn.prototypes import start_event, task, end_event, intermediate_event
from simpn.visualisation import Visualisation

carwash = SimProblem()

left=carwash.add_var("left")
waiting = carwash.add_var("waiting")
machine = carwash.add_var("machine")

machine.put("m1")

done = carwash.add_var("done")

time_var = carwash.var("time")

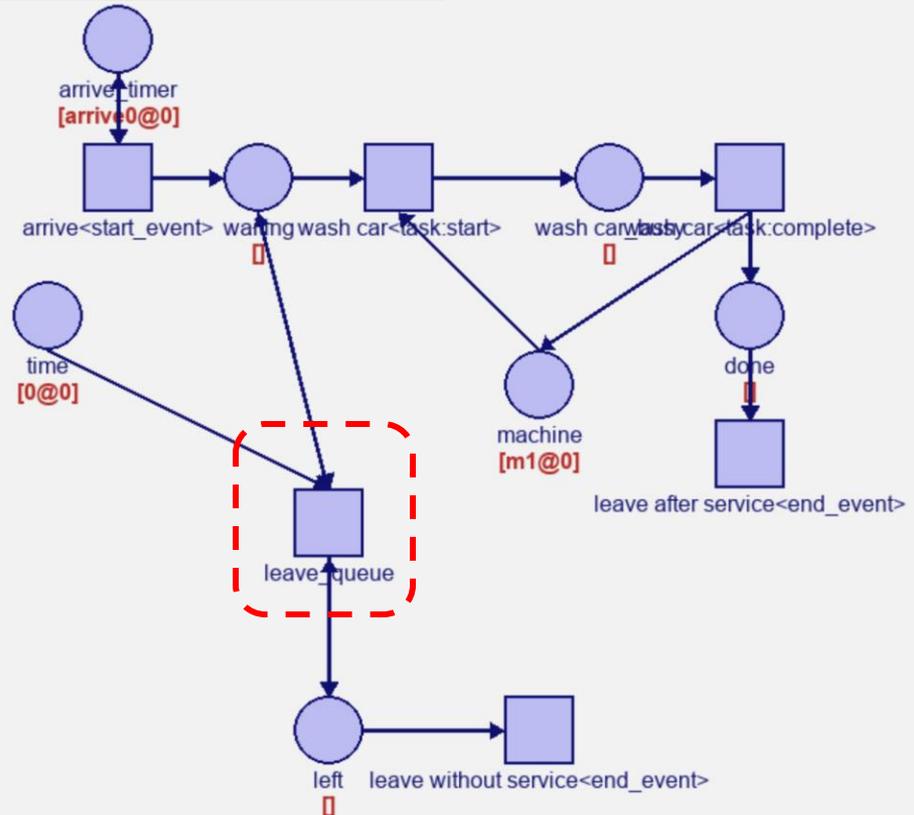
start_event(carwash, [], [waiting], "arrive", lambda: exp(1/10))

def leave_condition(t, c1_queue, left_queue):
    for c in c1_queue:
        if t - c.time > 10:
            return True
    return False

def leave_queue(t, c1_queue, left_queue):
    for c in c1_queue:
        if t - c.time > 10:
            percentage = uniform(1,100)
            if percentage >= 80:
                c1_queue.remove(c)
                left_queue.append(c)
    return [c1_queue, left_queue]

carwash.add_event([time_var, waiting.queue, left.queue],[waiting.queue, left.q

task(carwash, [waiting, machine], [done, machine], "wash car", lambda c, r: [Si
end_event(carwash, [done], [], "leave after service")
end_event(carwash, [left], [], "leave without service")
```



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Which components are used to model the pattern?

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## Pattern 2: Sharing resources

Resources have different activities and may therefore be unavailable to the process for some time

How to model this?

- Seize the resource for a different activity

## Pattern 2: Sharing resources



Cars arrive at a garage according to an exponential distribution of 20 min.

Checking a car takes Uniform(15,20) minutes (1 mechanic)

If the queue is empty the mechanic will take a coffee break of 10 minutes

He will stay in his break unless more than 2 cars are waiting in the queue

# Pattern 2: Sharing resources



```
# Define queues and other 'places' in the process.
check_queue = garage.add_var("check queue")
done = garage.add_var("done")

# Define resources and resource state variables.
mechanic = garage.add_var("mechanic") # the variable that contains available mechanics
mechanic.put("m1") # mechanic m1
mechanic_break = garage.add_var("mechanic_break") # the variable that contains mechanics who are on a break

# Define events.
start_event(garage, [], [check_queue], "start", lambda: 1/20)

# Note: after the task is done, we send mechanics for the 'break'
task(garage, [check_queue, mechanic], [done, mechanic], "check")

def start_break_condition(c, car_queue):
    if len(car_queue)==0:
        return True
    else:
        return False
# The break check is basically a choice
def start_break(c, car_queue):
    return [SimToken(c, delay=10), car_queue]

garage.add_event([mechanic, check_queue.queue], [mechanic_break])

#once the mechanic is on a break, it will be available again on
def stay_in_break_condition(c, car_queue):
    if len(car_queue)<2:
        return True
    else:
        return False

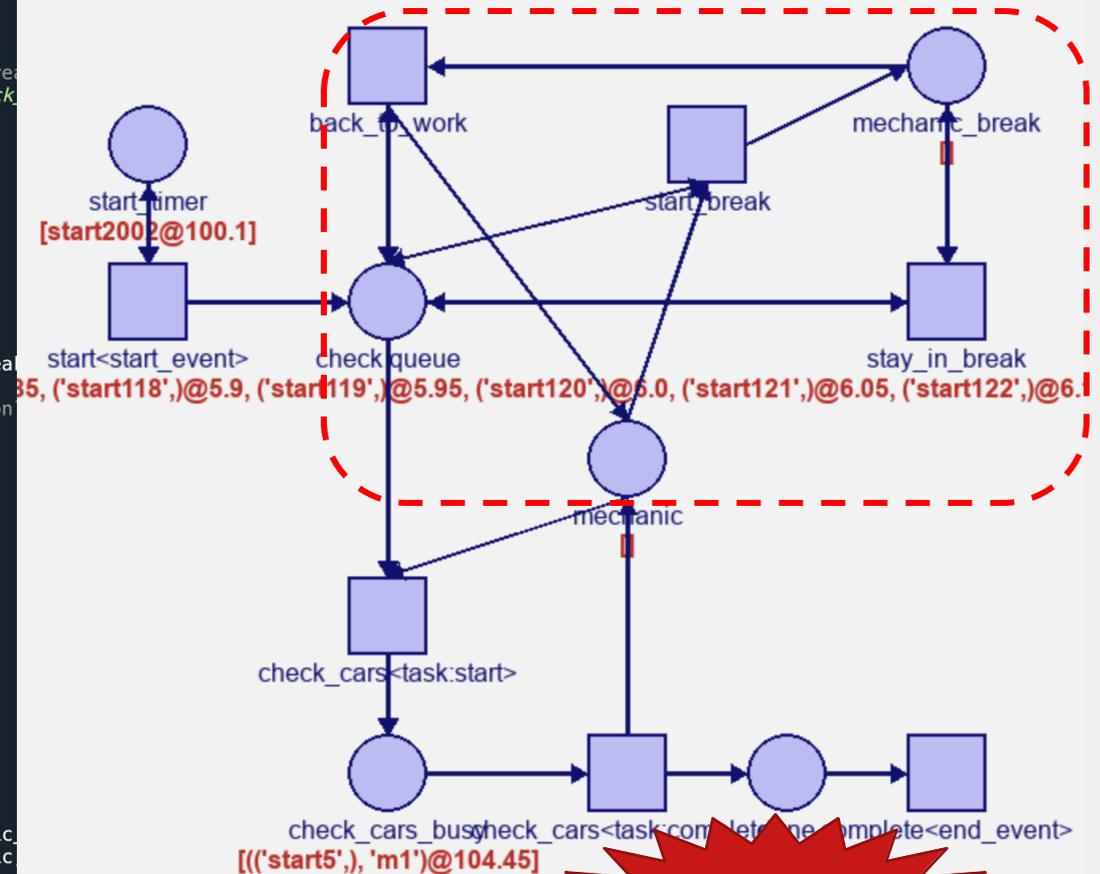
def back_to_work_condition(c, car_queue):
    if len(car_queue)>=2:
        return True
    else:
        return False

def stay_in_break(c, car_queue):
    return [SimToken(c, delay=10), car_queue]

def back_to_work(c, car_queue):
    return [SimToken(c), car_queue]

garage.add_event([mechanic_break, check_queue.queue], [mechanic])
garage.add_event([mechanic_break, check_queue.queue], [mechanic])

end_event(garage, [done], [], "complete")
```



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Which components are used to model the pattern?

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# Pattern 3: Changing task priorities



**Certain tasks have priority over others under certain conditions**

How to model this?

- Determine the conditions that give priority
- Check for conditions and set priority values

## Pattern 3: Changing task priorities



Defect products arrive at a repair shop according to an exponential distribution of 10 min.

One part of the product needs cleaning  $EXPO(5)$  while the other half needs repairing  $EXPO(10)$  minutes. Both activities can be done in parallel.

After repairing & cleaning the product parts are assembled and packed (packing takes 3 minutes) for distribution.

There are two workers in the repair shop which can be used to clean, repair or pack the products.

If more than 3 products are waiting for packing and less than 5 parts are waiting at the repair or clean queue, packing gets the highest priority. When packing is empty, its priority is set back to low.



# Pattern 3: Changing task priorities

```
to_split = shop.add_var
clean_queue=shop.add_var
busy_clean=shop.add_var
repair_queue=shop.add_v
busy_repair=shop.add_va
packing_queue=shop.add

wait_sync_w_rep = shop.
wait_sync_w_clean = sho
to_done = shop.add_var

worker=shop.add_var("wo
worker.put("w1")
worker.put("w2")
worker.put("w3")

#Customer arrives at th
#Every new token is ass
#Every new token is in
start_event(shop, [],

arrived<start_event>
mer_arrived0@0]

# Here I am using the t
# concurrently
shop.add_event([to_spli

#this guard verifies th
#have a higher/equal va
def priority_condition
return all(t.value

def complete_clean(b):
return [SimToken(b

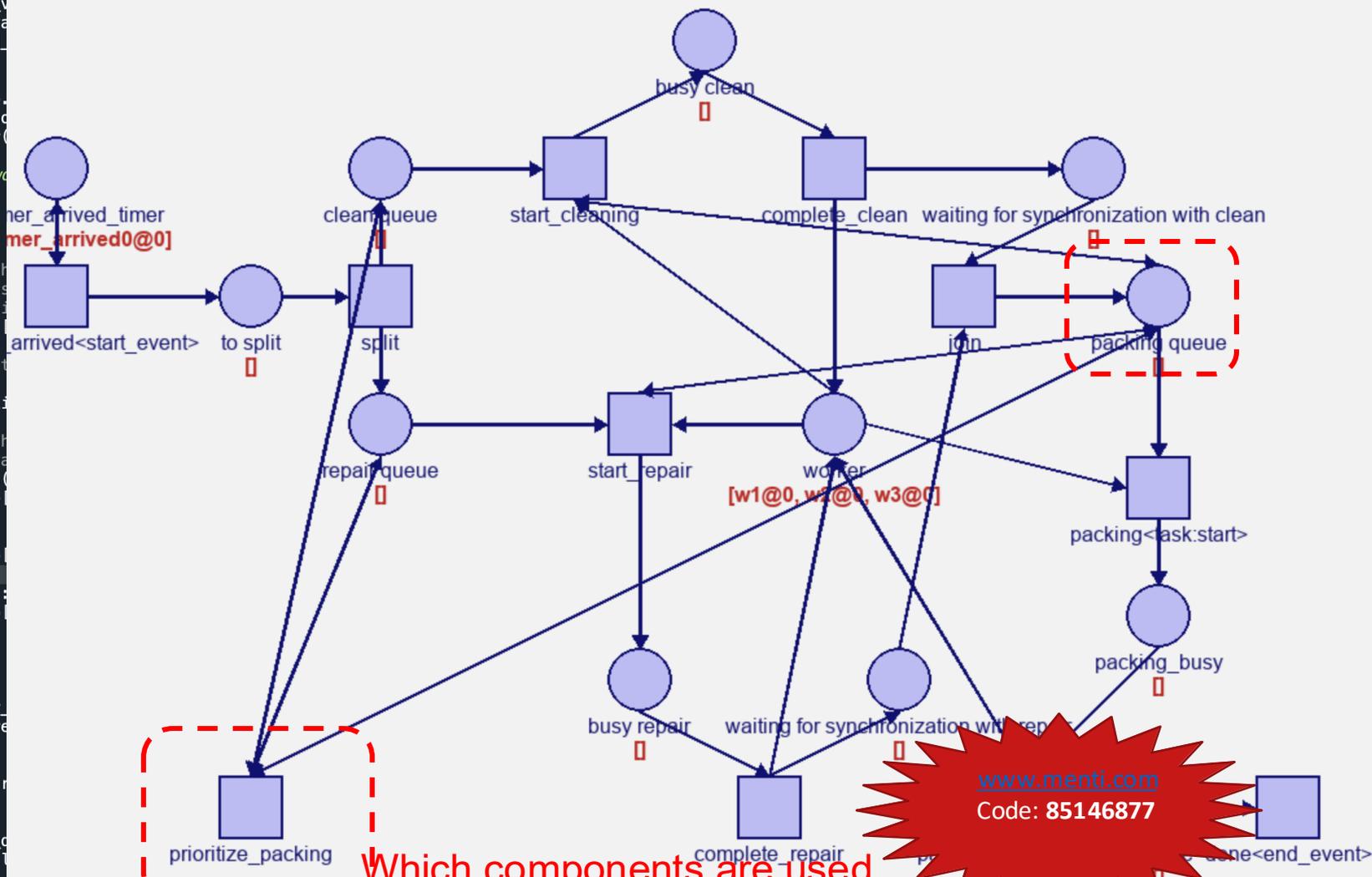
def complete_repair(b):
return [SimToken(b

def start_repair(c, r,
return [SimToken((c,

shop.add_event([repair
shop.add_event([busy_re

def start_cleaning(c, r
return [SimToken((c,

shop.add_event([clean_c
shop.add_event([busy_c
```



Which components are used to model the pattern?



# Solution patterns in SimPN:



Pattern 1a: Balking: deciding to not join the queue  
Petrol Station example



Pattern 1b: Jockeying: switching queues  
Checkout example, Harbour example



Pattern 1c: Reneging pattern: leaving queue after certain time  
Car Wash example



Pattern 2: Sharing resources with other activities  
Coffee Break example



Pattern 3: Shifting task priorities  
Order Processing example

An aerial photograph of the TU/e campus at dusk. The buildings are illuminated from within, and the sky is a mix of orange and blue. A semi-transparent red overlay covers the bottom half of the image, where the text is placed.

# Business Process Simulation

## Lecture 4d – Simulation output and verification

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# Overview on lecture modules

- a) Introduction to SimPN
- b) Advanced constructs of SimPN and Mapping from conceptual model
- c) Solutions patterns in SimPN
- d) **Simulation output and verification**

# Reporting Measurements

SimPN enables monitoring each event occurring during a simulation run

Different reporting functions are available within the library; however, you can also write your own

## Simple reporting

```
from simpn.reporters import Reporter

class MyReporter(Reporter):
    def callback(self, timed_binding):
        print(timed_binding)

shop.simulate(3.0, MyReporter())
```

```
([arrival, 1@0]), 0, arrive)
([waiting, c1@0), (resource, r1@0)], 0, start)
([busy, ('c1', 'r1')@0.8)], 0.8, complete)
([arrival, 2@1]), 1, arrive)
([waiting, c2@1), (resource, r1@0.8)], 1, start)
([arrival, 3@1.7]), 1.7, arrive)
([busy, ('c2', 'r1')@1.9)], 1.9, complete)
([waiting, c3@1.7), (resource, r1@1.9)], 1.9, start)
([busy, ('c3', 'r1')@2.6)], 2.6, complete)
```

# Simple reporting

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```

Timed variable  
values

Event time      Event name

```
([arrival, 1@0]), 0, arrive)
((waiting, c1@0), (resource, r1@0)), 0, start)
((busy, ('c1', 'r1')@0.8)], 0.8, complete)
([arrival, 2@1]), 1, arrive)
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((busy, ('c2', 'r1')@1.9)], 1.9, complete)
((waiting, c3@1.7), (resource, r1@1.9)], 1.9, start)
((busy, ('c3', 'r1')@2.6)], 2.6, complete)
```

## Process reporter

```
start_event(shop, [], [waiting], "arrive", lambda: exp(1/10))

task(shop, [waiting, cassier], [done, cassier], "scan_groceries",
     lambda c, r: [SimToken((c, r), delay=exp(1/9))])

end_event(shop, [done], [], "complete")

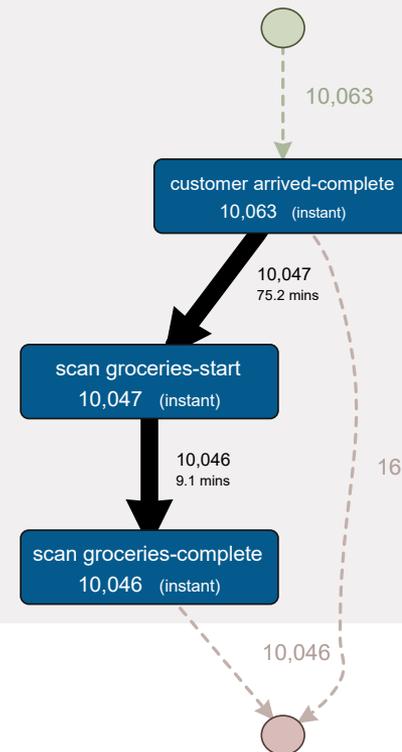
reporter = ProcessReporter()
shop.simulate(24*60, reporter)
reporter.print_result()
```

Output : average waiting time per case, average processing time per case, average cycle time per case, utilization rate for each resource

It relies on the use of the *event* and *task* prototypes

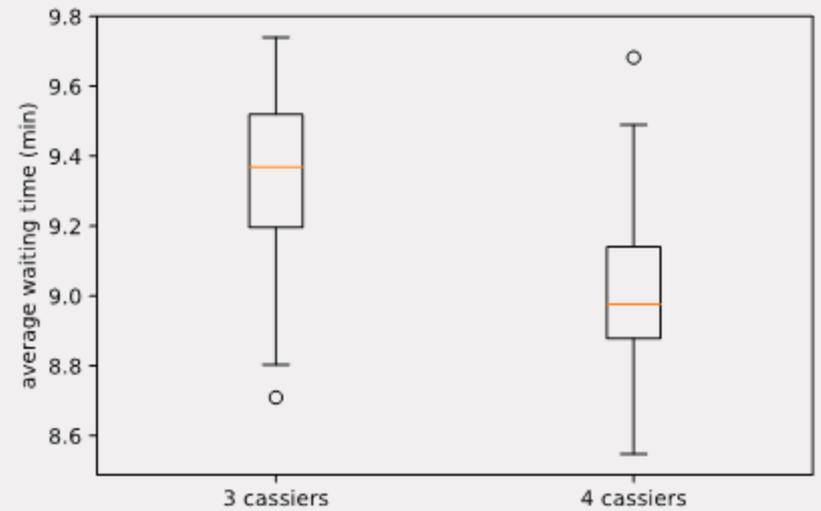
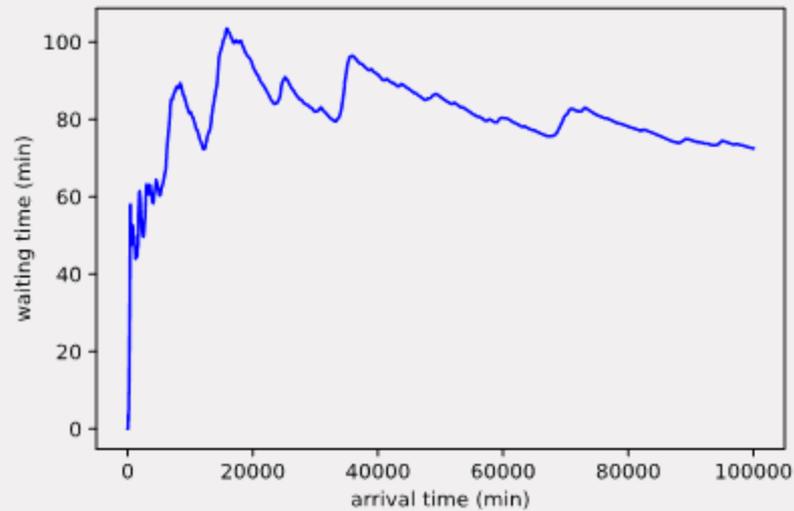
# Event log reporter

```
reporter = EventLogReporter("reporting.csv")
shop.simulate(24*60, reporter)
reporter.close()
```



**Note: only works for BPMN shorthands**

# Warmup Time and Replications



# Working with replications

A simulation study consist of several runs called replications

If the system is initialized between replications, time starts each replication from 0, with 0 entities in the system

- Warm-up period is neglected

If “system” is not initialized between replications, time continues and entities stay in the system

- Warm-up period once, at the beginning of rep. 1

```
shop.store_checkpoint("initial state")

average_cycle_times = []

NR_REPLICATIONS = 50
SIMULATION_DURATION = 40000
WARMUP_TIME = 20000
for _ in range(NR_REPLICATIONS):
    reporter = ProcessReporter(WARMUP_TIME)
    shop.restore_checkpoint("initial state")
    shop.simulate(SIMULATION_DURATION, reporter)

average_cycle_times.append(reporter.total_cycle_time /
                           reporter.nr_completed)
```

# Definition of Verification (Banks et al.)

Verification of a simulation model is the process of confirming that it is **correctly implemented** with respect to the **conceptual model** (it matches specifications and assumptions deemed acceptable for the given purpose of application).

During verification the model is tested to **find and fix errors** in the implementation of the model

# Definition of Verification

Determining whether the conceptual simulation model (and model assumptions) has been correctly translated into a “computer” or executable program, i.e. including debugging the simulation computer program.

In other words, for your project:

- Does the SimPN model behave exactly as the  
Process model + Information model + Transitions specifications?

# Verification activities

Observe animation of model

- Look if all 'special' behaviour is in the model
- Look if something goes wrong
- Assess the simulation output

Show model to expert

Ask reviewer

# Summary of today's lecture

## STEP 4: Executable model

- Introduction to SimPN
- Mapping of conceptual model to a SimPN model
- Solution patterns in SimPN
- Verification

# Homework

For SimPN tutorial;

- Install SimPN