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# **Executable StateMachines**

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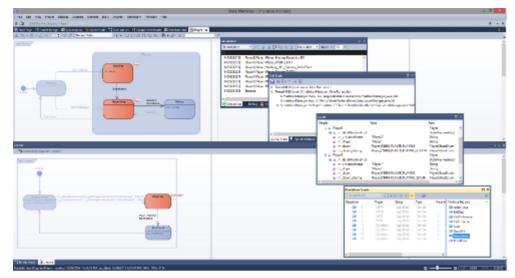
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## **Executable StateMachines**



Executable StateMachines provide a powerful means of rapidly generating, executing and simulating complex state models. In contrast to dynamic simulation of State Charts using Enterprise Architect's Simulation engine, Executable StateMachines provide a complete language-specific implementation that can form the behavioral 'engine' for multiple software products on multiple platforms. Visualization of the execution uses and integrates seamlessly with the Simulation capability. Evolution of the model now presents fewer coding challenges. The code generation, compilation and execution is taken care of by Enterprise Architect. For those having particular requirements, each language is provided with a set of code templates. Templates can be customized by you to tailor the generated code in any ways you see fit.

These topics introduce you to the basics of modeling Executable StateMachines and tell you how to generate and simulate them.

## **Overview of Building and Executing StateMachines**

Building and using Executable StateMachines is quite straight forward, but does require a little planning and some knowledge of how to link the different components up to build an effective executing model. Luckily you do not have to spend hours getting the model right and fixing compilation errors before you can begin visualizing your design.

Having sketched out the broad mechanics of your model, you can generate the code to drive it, compile, execute and visualize it in a matter minutes. These points summarize what is required to start executing and simulating StateMachines.

Facility	Description
Build Class and State models	The first task is to build the standard UML Class and State models that describe the entities and behavior to construct. Each Class of interest in your model should have its own StateMachine that describes the various states and transitions that govern its overall behavior.
Create an Executable StateMachine Artifact	Once you have modeled your Classes and State models, its time to design the Executable StateMachine Artifact. This will describe the Classes and objects involved, and their initial properties and relationships. It is the binding script that links multiple objects together and it determines how these will communicate at runtime. Note that it is possible to have two or more objects in an Executable StateMachine Artifact as instances of a single Class. These will have their own state and behavior at run-time and can interact if necessary.
Generate Code and	Whether it is Javascript, C++, Java or C# that you use, Enterprise Architect's

Compile	engineering capabilities provide you with a powerful tool, allowing you to regenerate the executable at any time, and without the loss of any customized code you might have made. This is a major advantage over a project's lifetime. It is probably also worth noting that the entire code base generated is independent and portable. In no way is the code coupled with any infrastructure used by the simulation engine.
Execute StateMachines	So how do we see how these StateMachines behave? One method is to build the code base for each platform, integrate it in one or more systems, examining the behaviors, 'in-situ', in perhaps several deployment scenarios. Or we can execute it with Enterprise Architect. Whether it is Java, Javascript, C, C++ or C#, Enterprise Architect will take care of creating the runtime, the hosting of your model, the execution of its behaviors and the rendition of all StateMachines.
Visualize StateMachines	Executable StateMachine visualization integrates with Enterprise Architect's Simulation tools. Watch state transitions as they occur on your diagram and for which object(s). Easily identify objects sharing the same state. Importantly, these behaviors remain consistent across multiple platforms. You can also control the speed at which the machines operate to better understand the timeline of events.
Debug StateMachines	When states should change but do not, when a transition should not be enabled but is, when the behavior is - in short - undesirable and not immediately apparent from the model, we can turn to debugging. Enterprise Architect's Visual Execution Analyzer comes with debuggers for all the languages supported by ExecutableStateMachine code generation. Debugging provides many benefits, one of which might be to verify / corroborate the code attached to behaviors in a StateMachine to ensure it is actually reflected in the executing process.

## **Executable StateMachine Artifact**

An Executable StateMachine Artifact is key to generating StateMachines that can interact with each other. It specifies the objects that will be involved in a simulation, their state and how they connect.

## Creating the Properties of an Executable StateMachine

Each Executable StateMachine scenario involves one or more StateMachines. The StateMachines included are specified by UML Property elements; each Property will have a UML Classifier (Class) that determines the StateMachine(s) included for that type. Multiple types included as multiple Properties can end up including many StateMachines, which are all created in code and initialized on execution.

Action	Description
Drop a Class from the Project Browser on to the <executable StateMachine&gt;&gt; Artifact</executable 	The easiest way to define properties on an Executable StateMachine is to drop the Class onto the Executable StateMachine from the Project Browser. On the dialog that is shown, select the option to create a Property. You can then specify a name describing how the Executable StateMachine will refer to this property.
	Note: Depending on your options, you might have to hold down the Ctrl key to choose to create a property. This behavior can be changed at any time using the 'Hold Ctrl to Show this dialog' checkbox.
Use and Connect Multiple UML Properties	An Executable StateMachine describes the interaction of multiple StateMachines. These can be different instances of the same StateMachine, different StateMachines for the same instance, or completely different StateMachines from different base types. To create multiple properties that will use the same StateMachine, drop the same Class onto the Artifact multiple times. To use different types, drop different Classes from the Project Browser as required.

## Defining the initial state for properties

The StateMachines run by an Executable StateMachine will all run in the context of their own Class instance. An Executable StateMachine allows you to define the initial state of each instance by assigning property values to various Class attributes. For example you might specify a Player's age, height, weight or similar if these properties have relevance to the scenario being run. By doing this it is possible to set up detailed initial conditions that will influence how the scenario plays out.

Action	Description
Set Property Values dialog	The dialog for assigning property values can be opened by right-clicking on a Property and selecting 'Features & Properties   Set Property Values', or by using the keyboard shortcut Ctrl+Shift+R.
Assign a value	The 'Set Property Values' dialog allows you to define values for any attribute defined in the original Class. To do this, select the variable, set the operator to '=' and enter the required value.

## Defining relationships between properties

In addition to describing the values to assign to variables owned by each property, an Executable StateMachine allows you to define how each property can reference others based on the Class model that they are instances of.

Action	Description
Create a connector	Connect multiple properties using the Connector relationship from the Composite toolbox.
	✓ Connector
	Alternatively, use the Quick Linker to create a relationship between two Properties and select 'Connector' as the relationship type.
Map to Class model	Once a connector exists between two properties, you can map it back to the Association it represents in the Class model. To do this, select the connector and use the keyboard shortcut Ctrl+L. The 'Choose an Association' dialog displays, which allows the generated StateMachine to send signals to the instance filling the role specified in the relationship during execution.

## **Modeling Executable StateMachines**

Most of the work required to model an Executable StateMachine is standard UML based modeling of Classes and State models. There are a couple of conventions that must be observed to ensure a well formed code base. The only novel construct is the use of a stereotyped Artifact element to form the configuration of an Executable StateMachine instance or scenario. The Artifact is used to specify details such as:

- The code language (Javascript, C#, Java, C++ including C)
- The Classes and StateMachines involved in the scenario
- The instance specifications including run-state; note that this could include multiple instances of the same StateMachine, for example where a 'Player' Class is used twice in a Tennis Match simulation

## **Basic Modeling Tools and Objects for Executable StateMachines**

These are the primary modeling elements used when building Executable StateMachines.

Object	Details
Classes and Class Diagrams	Classes define the object types that are relevant to the StateMachine(s) being modeled. For example, in a simple Tennis Match scenario you might define a Class for each of a Player, a Match, a Hit and an Umpire. Each will have its own StateMachine(s) and at runtime will be represented by object instances for each involved entity. See the <i>UML modeling guide</i> for more information on Classes and Class diagrams.
StateMachines	For each Class you define that will have dynamic behavior within a scenario, you will typically define one or more UML StateMachines. Each StateMachine will determine the legal state-based behavior appropriate for one aspect of the owning Class. For example, it is possible to have a StateMachine that represents a Player's emotional state, one that tracks his current fitness and energy levels, and one that represents his winning or losing state. All these StateMachines will be initialized and started when the StateMachine scenario begins execution.
Executable StateMachine Artifact	This stereotyped Artifact is the core element used to specify the participants, configuration and starting conditions for an Executable StateMachine. From the scenario point of view it is used to determine which Instances (of Classes) are involved, what events they might Trigger and send to each other, and what starting conditions they operate under.
	From the configuration aspect, the Artifact is used to set up the link to an analyzer script that will determine output directory, code language, compilation script and similar. Right-clicking on the Artifact will allow you to generate, build, compile and visualize the real time execution of your StateMachines.

## **StateMachine Constructs Supported**

This table details the StateMachine constructs supported and any limitations or general constraints relevant to each type.

Construct	Description
StateMachines	<ul> <li>Simple StateMachine: StateMachine has one region</li> <li>Orthogonal StateMachine: StateMachine contains multiple regions</li> </ul>

	Top level region (owned by StateMachine) activation semantics:
	<b>Default Activation:</b> When the StateMachine starts executing.
	<b>Entry Point Entry:</b> Transitions from Entry Point to vertices in the contained regions.
	Note 1: In each Region of the StateMachine owning the Entry Point, there is at most a single Transition from the entry point to a Vertex within that Region
	• Note 2: This StateMachine can be referenced by a Submachine State - connection point reference should be defined in the Submachine State as sources/targets of transitions; the Connection point reference represents a usage of an Entry/Exit Point defined in the StateMachine and referenced by the Submachine State
	Not Supported
	Protocol StateMachine
	StateMachine Redefinition
States	Simple State: has no internal Vertices or Transitions
	Composite State: contains exactly one Region
	Orthogonal State: contains multiple Regions
	Submachine State: refers to an entire StateMachine
Composite State Entry	Default Entry
	Explicit Entry
	Shallow History Entry
	Deep History Entry
	Entry Point Entry
Substates	Substates and Nested Substates
Sussianos	Entry and Exit semantics, where the transition includes multiple nested levels of states, will obey correct execution of nested behaviors (such as OnEntry and OnExit).
Transitions support	External Transition
	Local Transition
	<ul> <li>Internal Transition (draw a self Transition and change Transition kind to Internal)</li> </ul>
	Completion Transition and Completion Events
	Transition Guards
	Compound Transitions
	Firing priorities and selection algorithm
	For further details, refer to the <i>UML Specification</i> .
Trigger and Events	An Executable StateMachine supports event handling for Signals only.
	To use Call, Timing or Change Event types you must define an outside mechanism

Signal	Attributes can be defined in Signals; the value of the attributes can be used as event arguments in Transition Guards and Effects.
	For example, this is the code set in the effect of a transition in C++:
	if(signal->signalEnum == ENUM_SIGNAL2)
	int xVal = ((Signal2*)signal)->myVal;
	}
	Signal2 is generated as this code:
	class Signal2 : public Signal{
	public:
	Signal2(){};
	Signal2(std::vector <string>&amp; lstArguments);</string>
	int myVal;
	<b>}</b> ;
	Note: Further details can be found by generating an Executable StateMachine and referring to the generated 'EventProxy' file.
Initial	An Initial Pseudostate represents a starting point for a Region. It is the source for at most one Transition; there can be at most one Initial Vertex in a Region.
Regions	Default Activation & Explicit Activation:
	Transitions terminate on the containing State:
	• If an initial Pseudostate is defined in the Region: <b>Default activation</b>
	• If no initial Pseudostate is defined, the Region will remain inactive and the containing State is treated as a Simple State
	• Transition terminates on one of the Region's contained vertices: Explicit activation, resulting in the default activation of all of its orthogonal Regions, unless those Regions are also entered explicitly (multiple orthogonal Regions can be entered explicitly in parallel through Transitions originating from the same Fork Pseudostate)
	For example, if there are three Regions defined for a Orthogonal State, and <i>Regiona</i> and <i>RegionB</i> have an Initial Pseudostate, then <i>RegionC</i> is explicitly activated. Default Activation applies to <i>RegionA</i> and <i>RegionB</i> ; the containing State will have three active Regions.
Choice	Guard Constraints on all outgoing Transitions are evaluated dynamically, when the compound transition traversal reaches this Pseudostate.
Junction	Static conditional branch: guard constraints are evaluated before any compound transition is executed.
Fork / Join	Non-threaded, each active Region moves one step alternately, based on a completion event pool mechanism.
EntryPoint / ExitPoint Nodes	Non-threaded for orthogonal State or orthogonal StateMachine; each active Region moves one step alternately, based on a completion event pool mechanism.
History Nodes	DeepHistory: represents the most recent active State configuration of its owning State
	<ul> <li>ShallowHistory: represents the most recent active Substate of its containing State, but not the Substates of that Substate</li> </ul>

Deferred Events	Draw a self Transition, and change the Transition <i>kind</i> to Internal. Type 'defer();' in the 'Effect' field for the transition.
Connection Point References	A Connection Point Reference represents a usage (as part of a Submachine State) of an Entry/Exit Point defined in the StateMachine referenced by the Submachine State. Connection Point References of a Submachine State can be used as sources and targets of Transitions. They represent entries into or exits out of the StateMachine referenced by the Submachine State.
State behaviors	'State entry', 'doActivity' and 'exit' behavior can be defined as operations on a State. The code that will be used for each behavior is typed into the 'Initial Code' field by default. Note that this can be changed to the 'Behavior' field via customization of the generation template.
	The 'doActivity' behavior generated will be run to completion before proceeding. The code is not concurrent with other entry behavior; the 'doActivity' behavior is implemented as 'execute in sequence after entry' behavior.

## References to Behaviors within other Contexts/Classes

If the Submachine State references behavior elements outside the current context or Class, you must add an <<iimport>>> connector from the current context Class to the container context Class. For example:

Submachine State S1 in Class1 refers to StateMachine ST2 in Class2

Therefore, we add an <<iimport>>> connector from Class1 to Class2 in order for Executable StateMachine code generation to generate code correctly for Submachine State S1. (On Class 1, click on the Quick Linker arrow and drag to Class 2, then select 'Import' from the menu of connector types.)

## **Reusing Executable StateMachine Artifacts**

You can create multiple models or versions of a component using a single executable Artifact. An Artifact representing a resistor, for example, could be re-used to create both a foil resistor and a wire wound resistor. This is likely to be the case for similar objects that, although represented by the same classifier, typically exhibit different run states. A property named 'resistorType' taking the value 'wire' rather than 'foil' might be all that is required from a modeling point of view. The same StateMachines can then be re-used to test behavioral changes that might result due to variance in run-state. This is the procedure:

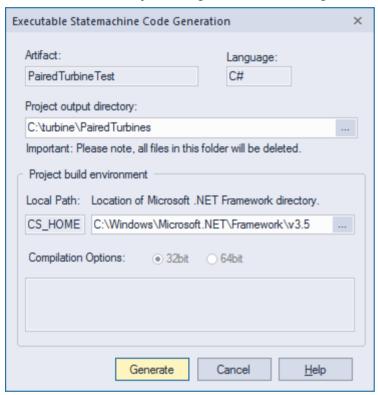
Step	Action
Create or open Component diagram	Open a Component diagram to work on. This might be the diagram that contains your original Artifact.
Select the Executable StateMachine to copy	Now find the original Executable StateMachine Artifact in the Project Browser.
Create the New Component	Whilst holding the Ctrl key, drag the original Artifact on to your diagram. You will be prompted with two questions.
	The answer to the first is <b>Object</b> and to the second <b>All.</b> Rename the Artifact to differentiate it from the original and then proceed to alter its property values.

## Code Generation for Executable StateMachines

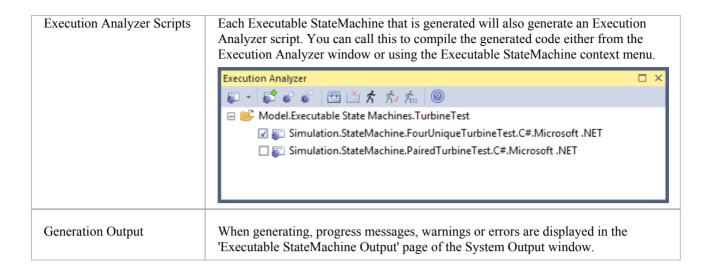
The code generated for an Executable StateMachine is based on its language property. This might be Java, C, C++, C# or Javascript. Whichever language it is, Enterprise Architect generates the appropriate code, which is immediately ready to compile and run. There are no manual interventions necessary before you run it. In fact after the initial generation, any Executable StateMachine can be generated, built and executed at the click of a button.

## **Generating Code**

The context menu of an Executable StateMachine provides special code generation commands for generating the StateMachine. The first option is to generate the code, using the 'Executable StateMachine Code Generation' dialog.



Feature	Description				
Set Generation Path	Type in the target directory to which all source files will be generated.				
Set Framework Path	Each supported language provides an option to define the path to the target frameworks that are required to compile and run the generated code. For more information, see the <i>Languages Supported</i> section of this topic.				
	The code generation of the Execution Analyzer will create the appropriate set of files for the selected language, as shown here for C#.				
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## **Compiling Code**

The code generated by an Executable StateMachine can be compiled by Enterprise Architect in one of three ways.

Method	Description
Execution Analyzer Script	The generated Execution Analyzer script includes a command to build the source code. This means that when it is active, you can compile directly using the Execution Analyzer script, including using the built-in shortcut Ctrl+Shift+F12.
Compile Context Menu Command	The 'Code Generation' context menu of an Executable StateMachine provides a 'Compile' command, which you can use to compile the code that already exists in the target directory. This can be used directly after calling 'Generate', or if you have modified the generated code in any way.
Generate, Build and Run Command	The 'Code Generation' context menu of an Executable StateMachine provides a shortcut to allow changes made to a StateMachine to be quickly tested. This command updates the code before compiling it, and then starts the simulation.
Compiler Output	When compiling, all output from the compiler is shown on the 'Build' page of the System Output window. You can double-click on any compiler errors to open a source editor at the appropriate line.

## Leveraging existing code

Executable StateMachines generated and executed by Enterprise Architect can leverage existing code for which no Class model exists. To do this you would create an abstract Class element naming only the operations to call in the external codebase. You would then create a generalization between this interface and the StateMachine Class, adding the required linkages manually in the Analyzer Script. For Java you might add .jar files to the Class path. For native code you might add a .dll to the linkage.

## **Languages Supported**

An Executable StateMachine supports code generation for these platform languages:

Language Platform	Example of Framework Path
Microsoft Native (C/C++)	C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual Studio 12.0
Microsoft .NET (C#)	C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework\v3.5
Scripting (JavaScript)	N/A
Oracle Java (Java)	C:\Program Files (x86)\Java\jdk1.7.0_17

## **Debugging Execution of Executable StateMachines**

Creation of Executable StateMachines provides benefits even after the generation of code. Using the Execution Analyzer, Enterprise Architect is able to connect to the generated code. As a result you are able to visually debug and verify the correct behavior of the code; the exact same code generated from your StateMachines, demonstrated by the simulation and ultimately incorporated in a real world system.

## **Debugging a StateMachine**

Being able to debug an Executable StateMachine gives additional benefits, such as being able to:

- Interrupt the execution of the simulation and all executing StateMachines
- View the raw state of each StateMachine instance involved in the simulation
- View the source code and Call Stack at any point in time
- Trace additional information about the execution state through the placement of tracepoints on lines of source code
- Control the execution through use of actionpoints and breakpoints (break on error, for example)
- Diagnose changes in behavior, due to either code or modeling changes

If you have generated, built and run an Executable StateMachine successfully, you can debug it! The Analyzer Script created during the generation process is already configured to provide debugging. To start debugging, simply start running the Executable StateMachine using the Simulation Control. Depending on the nature of the behavior being debugged, however, we would probably set some breakpoints first.

## Breaking execution at a state transition

Like any debugger we can use breakpoints to examine the executing StateMachine at a point in code. Locate a Class of interest in either the diagram or Project Browser and press F12 to view the source code. It is easy to locate the code for State transitions from the naming conventions used during generation. If you want to break at a particular transition, locate the transition function in the editor and place a breakpoint marker by clicking in the left margin at a line within the function. When you run the Executable StateMachine, the debugger will halt at this transition and you will be able to view the raw state of variables for any StateMachines involved.

#### Breaking execution conditionally

Each breakpoint can take a condition and a trace statement. When the breakpoint is encountered and the condition evaluates to True the execution will halt. Otherwise the execution will continue as normal. You compose the condition using the names of the raw variables and comparing them using the standard equality operands: <> =>= <=. For example:

```
(this.m nCount > 100) and (this.m_ntype == 1)
```

To add a condition to a breakpoint you have set, right-click on the breakpoint and select 'Properties'. By clicking on the breakpoint while pressing the Ctrl key, the properties can be quickly edited.

#### **Tracing auxillary information**

It is possible to trace information from within the StateMachine itself using the TRACE clause in, for example, an *effect*. Debugging also provides trace features known as Tracepoints. These are simply breakpoints that, instead of breaking, print trace statements when they are encountered. The output is displayed in the Simulation Control window. They can be used as a diagnostic aid to show and prove the sequence of events and the order in which instances change state.

## **Viewing the Call Stack**

Whenever a breakpoint is encountered, the Call Stack is available from the Analyzer menu. Use this to determine the sequence in which the execution is taking place.

## **Execution and Simulation of Executable StateMachines**

One of the many features of Enterprise Architect is its ability to perform simulations. An Executable StateMachine generated and built in Enterprise Architect can hook into the Simulation facilities to visually demonstrate the live execution of the StateMachine Artifact.

## Starting a simulation

The Simulation Control toolbar provides a Search button that you use to select the Executable StateMachine Artifact to run. The control maintains a drop-down list of the most recent Executable StateMachines for you to choose from. You can also use the context menu on an Executable StateMachine Artifact itself to initiate the simulation.

#### **Controlling speed**

The Simulation Control provides a speed setting. You can use this to adjust the rate at which the simulation executes. The speed is represented as a value between 0 and 100 (a higher value is faster). A value of zero will cause the simulation to halt after every step; this requires using the toolbar controls to manually step through the simulation.

#### Notation for active states

As the Executable StateMachine executes, the relevant StateMachine diagrams are displayed. The display is updated at the end of every step-to-completion cycle. You will notice that only the active State for the instance completing a step is highlighted. The other States remain dimmed.

It is easy to identify which instance is in which State, as the States are labeled with the name of any instance currently in that particular state. If two or more artifact properties of the same type share the same state, the State will have a separate label for each property name.

## **Example: Simulation Commands**

This example demonstrates how we can use the Simulation window to observe Trace messages or send commands to control a StateMachine. Through the example, you can examine:

- An attribute of a context the member variable defined in the Class, which is the context of the StateMachine; these attributes carry values in the scope of the context for all state behaviors and transition effects, to access and modify
- Each attribute of a Signal the member variable defined in the Signal, which is referenced by an Event and which can serve as an Event Parameter; each Signal Event occurrence might have different instances of a Signal
- The use of the 'Eval' command to query the runtime value of a context's attribute
- The use of the 'Dump' command to dump the current state's active count; it can also dump the current event deferred in the pool

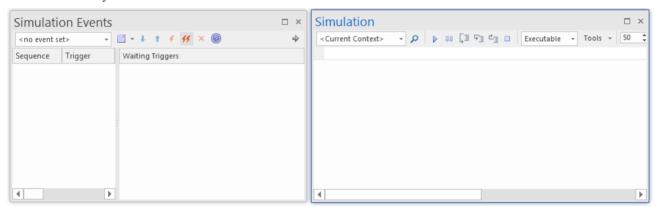
This example is taken from the EAExample model:

Example Model.Model Simulation.Executable StateMachine.Simulation Commands

#### **Access**

From the Ribbon:

- Simulate > Dynamic Simulation > Triggers (for the Simulation Events window)
- Simulate > Dynamic Simulation > Simulator



These two windows are frequently used together in the simulation of Executable StateMachines; you can also display them together using the Simulation Perspective, accessed from:

• Start > Workspace > Perspectives > Perspective Sets > Simulation

#### **Create Context and StateMachine**

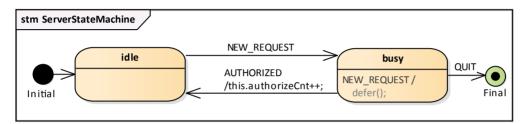
In this section, we will create a Class called TransactionServer, which defines a StateMachine as its behavior. We then create an Executable StateMachine Artifact as the simulation environment.

#### Create the Context of the StateMachine



- 1. Create a Class element called *Transaction Server*.
- 2. In this Class, create an attribute called *authorizeCnt* with initial value 0.
- 3. In the Project Browser, right-click on *TransactionServer* and select the 'Add | StateMachine' option.

#### Create the StateMachine



- 1. Create an Initial pseudostate called *Initial*.
- 2. Transition to a State called *idle*.
- 3. Transition to a State called busy, with the trigger NEW REQUEST.
- 4. Transition:
  - To a Final pseudostate called *Final*, with the trigger QUIT
  - Back to idle, with the trigger AUTHORIZED, with the effect "this.authorizeCnt++;"

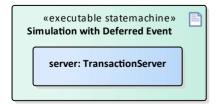
#### Create a Deferred Event for the State busy

- 1. Draw a self-transition for busy.
- 2. Change the 'kind' of the transition to 'internal'.
- 3. Specify the Trigger to be the event you want to defer.
- 4. In the 'Effect' field, type 'defer();'.

#### Create a Signal and attributes

- 1. Create a Signal element called RequestSignal.
- 2. Create an attribute called *requestType* with type 'int'.
- 3. Configure the Event NEW\_REQUEST to reference *RequestSignal*.

#### Create the Executable StateMachine Artifact



1. From the 'Artifacts' page of the Diagram Toolbox, drag an Executable StateMachine icon onto the diagram and call

the element Simulation with Deferred Event.

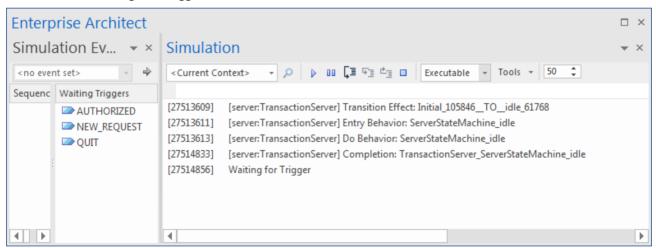
- 2. Ctrl+Drag the *TransactionServer* element from the Project Browser and drop it onto the Artifact as a property, with the name *server*.
- 3. Set the language of the Artifact to JavaScript, which does not require a compiler (for the example; in production you could also use C, C++, C#, or Java, which also support Executable StateMachines).
- 4. Right-click on the Artifact and select the 'Code Engineering | Executable StateMachine | Generate, Build and Run' option.

#### **Simulation window and Commands**

When the simulation starts, *idle* is the current state.

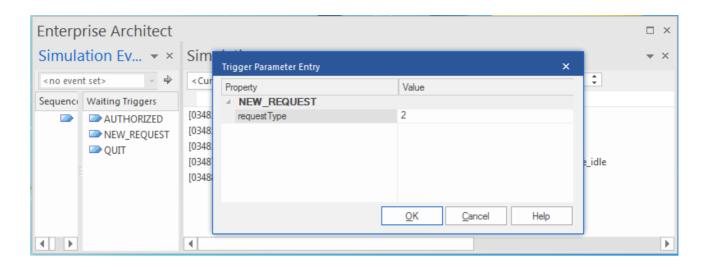


The Simulation window shows that the Transition Effect, Entry and Do behavior is finished for state *idle*, and the StateMachine is waiting for a trigger.



## **Event Data via Values for Signal attributes**

For the Trigger Signal Event NEW\_REQUEST, the 'Trigger Parameter Entry' dialog displays to prompt for values for the listed attributes defined in the Signal *RequestSignal*, referenced by NEW REQUEST.

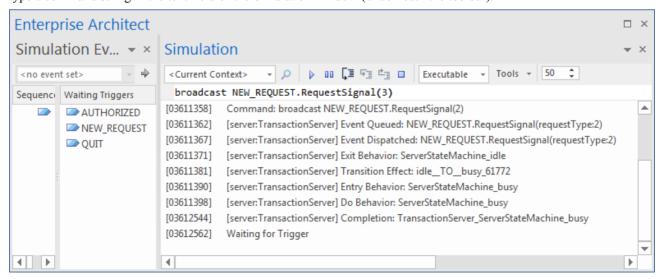


Type the value '2' and click on the OK button. The Signal attribute values are then passed to invoked methods such as the State's behaviors and the Transition's effects.

These messages are output to the Simulation window:

[03612562]	Waiting for Trigger
[03611358]	Command: broadcast NEW_REQUEST.RequestSignal(2)
[03611362]	[server:TransactionServer] Event Queued: NEW_REQUEST.RequestSignal(requestType:2)
[03611367]	$[server: Transaction Server] \ Event \ Dispatched: \ NEW\_REQUEST. Request Signal (request Type: 2)$
[03611371]	[server:TransactionServer] Exit Behavior: ServerStateMachine_idle
[03611381]	[server:TransactionServer] Transition Effect: idleTObusy_61772
[03611390]	[server:TransactionServer] Entry Behavior: ServerStateMachine_busy
[03611398]	[server:TransactionServer] Do Behavior: ServerStateMachine_busy
[03612544]	[server:TransactionServer] Completion: TransactionServer_ServerStateMachine_busy
[03612562]	Waiting for Trigger

We can broadcast events by double-clicking on the item listed in the Simulation Events window. Alternatively, we can type a command string in the text field of the Simulation window (underneath the toolbar).



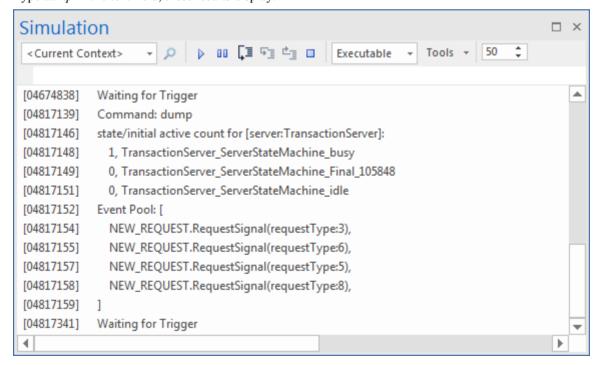
```
    [03612562] Waiting for Trigger
    [04460226] Command: broadcast NEW_REQUEST.RequestSignal(3)
    [04460233] [server:TransactionServer] Event Queued: NEW_REQUEST.RequestSignal(requestType:3)
    [04461081] Waiting for Trigger
```

The Simulation message indicates that the event occurrence is deferred (Event Queued, but not dispatched). We can run further commands using the text field:

```
[04655441] Waiting for Trigger
            Command: broadcast NEW REQUEST.RequestSignal(6)
[04664057]
[04664066]
            [server:TransactionServer] Event Queued: NEW_REQUEST.RequestSignal(requestType:6)
[04664803]
            Waiting for Trigger
            Command: broadcast NEW REQUEST.RequestSignal(5)
[04669659]
[04669667]
            [server:TransactionServer] Event Queued: NEW REQUEST.RequestSignal(requestType:5)
[04670312]
            Waiting for Trigger
[04674196]
            Command: broadcast NEW REQUEST.RequestSignal(8)
[04674204]
            [server:TransactionServer] Event Queued: NEW_REQUEST.RequestSignal(requestType:8)
            Waiting for Trigger
[04674838]
```

## dump: Query 'active count' for a State and Event pool

Type *dump* in the text field; these results display:



From the 'active count' section, we can see that *busy* is the active state (active count is 1).

Tips: For a Composite State, the active count is 1 (for itself) plus the number of active regions.

From the 'Event Pool' section, we can see that there are four event occurrences in the Event Queue. Each instance of the signal carries different data.

The order of the events in the pool is the order in which they are broadcasted.

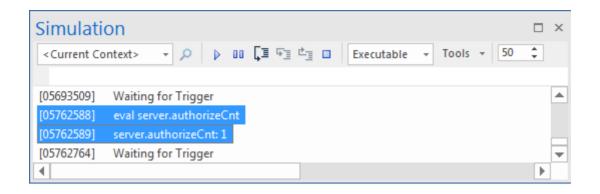
#### eval: Query Run Time Value of the Context

```
Trigger AUTHORIZED,
[04817341]
             Waiting for Trigger
[05494672]
             Command: broadcast AUTHORIZED
[05494678]
             [server:TransactionServer] Event Queued: AUTHORIZED
             [server:TransactionServer] Event Dispatched: AUTHORIZED
[05494680]
             [server:TransactionServer] Exit Behavior: ServerStateMachine busy
[05494686]
[05494686]
             [server:TransactionServer] Transition Effect: busy TO idle 61769
[05494687]
             [server:TransactionServer] Entry Behavior: ServerStateMachine idle
[05494688]
             [server:TransactionServer] Do Behavior: ServerStateMachine idle
             [server:TransactionServer] Completion: TransactionServer ServerStateMachine idle
[05495835]
             [server:TransactionServer] Event Dispatched: NEW REQUEST.RequestSignal(requestType:3)
[05495842]
[05495844]
             [server:TransactionServer] Exit Behavior: ServerStateMachine idle
             [server:TransactionServer] Transition Effect: idle TO busy 61772
[05495846]
             [server:TransactionServer] Entry Behavior: ServerStateMachine busy
[05495847]
[05495850]
             [server:TransactionServer] Do Behavior: ServerStateMachine busy
[05496349]
             [server:TransactionServer] Completion: TransactionServer ServerStateMachine busy
             Waiting for Trigger
[05496367]
```

- The transition from busy to idle is made, so we expect the effect to be executed
- One event is recalled from the pool and dispatched when *idle* is completed, causing busy to become the active state
- Type dump and notice that there are three events left in the pool; the first one is recalled and dispatched

```
[05693348] Event Pool: [
[05693349] NEW_REQUEST.RequestSignal(requestType:6),
[05693351] NEW_REQUEST.RequestSignal(requestType:5),
[05693352] NEW_REQUEST.RequestSignal(requestType:8),
[05693354] ]
```

Type eval server.authorizeCnt in the text field. This figure indicates that the run time value of 'server.authorizeCnt' is 1.



Trigger AUTHORIZED again. When the StateMachine is stable at *busy*, there will be two events left in the pool. Run *eval server.suthorizeCnt* again; the value will be 2.

#### Access Context's member variable from State behavior and Transition Effect

Enterprise Architect's Executable StateMachine supports simulation for C, C++, C#, Java and JavaScript.

For C and C++, the syntax differs from C#, Java and JavaScript in accessing the context's member variables. C and C++ use the pointer '->' while the others simply use '.'; however, you can always use *this.variableName* to access the variables. Enterprise Architect will translate it to this->variableName for C and C++.

So for all languages, simply use this format for the simulation:

this variable Name

#### **Examples:**

In the transition's effect:

this.authorizeCnt++;

In some state's entry, do or exit behavior:

this.foo += this.bar;

Note: by default Enterprise Architect is only replacing 'this->' with 'this' for C and C++; For example:

this.foo = this.bar + myObject.iCount + myPointer->iCount;

will be translated to:

this->foo = this->bar + myObject.iCount + myPointer->iCount;

### A complete list of commands supported

Since the Executable StateMachine Artifact can simulate multiple contexts together, some of the commands can specify an instance name.

#### run statemachine:

As each context can have multiple StateMachines, the 'run' command can specify a StateMachine to start with.

- run instance.statemachine
- run all.all
- run instance
- run all
- run

#### For example:

run

run all

run server

run server.myMainStatemachine

#### broadcast & send event:

- broadcast EventString
- send EventString to instance
- send EventString (equivalent to broadcast EventString)

#### For example:

broadcast Event1
send Event1 to client

#### dump command:

- dump
- dump instance

#### For example:

dump

dump server

dump client

#### eval command:

• eval instance.variableName

For example:

eval client.requestCnt

eval server.responseCnt

#### exit command:

exit

#### The EventString's format:

• EventName.SignalName(argument list)

Note: the argument list should match the attributes defined in the signal by order.

For example, if the Signal defines two attributes:

- foo
- bar

Then these EventStrings are valid:

- Event1.Signal1(10, 5) ----- foo = 10; bar = 5
- Event1.Signal1(10,) ------ foo = 10; bar is undefined
- Event1.Signal1(,5) ------ bar = 10; foo is undefined
- Event1.Signal1(,) ------ both foo and bar are not defined

If the Signal does not contain any attributes, we can simplify the EventString to:

• EventName

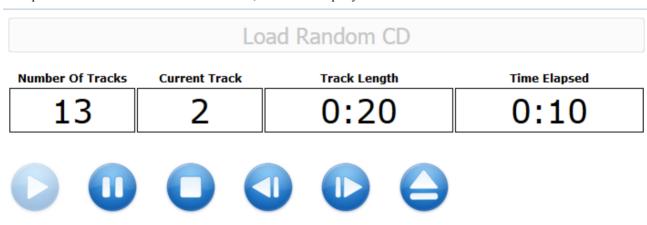
## **Example: Simulation in HTML with JavaScript**

We already know that users can model an Executable StateMachine and simulate it in Enterprise Architect with the generated code. In the *CD Player* and the *Regular Expression Parser* examples, we will further demonstrate how users can integrate the generated code in their real projects.

Enterprise Architect provides two different mechanisms for client code to use a StateMachine:

- Active State Based The client can query the current active state, then 'switch' the logic based on the query result
- Runtime Variable Based The client does not act on the current active state, but does act on the runtime value of the variables defined in the Class containing the StateMachine

In the *CD Player* example, there are very few states and many buttons on the GUI, so it is quite easy to implement the example based on the Active State Mechanism; we will also query the runtime value for the current track.



In the *Regular Expression Parser* example the StateMachine handles everything, and a member variable *bMatch* changes its runtime value when states change. The client does not register how many states are there or which state is currently active.

Regular Expression: (a|b)\*abb

Input string to see if it match: aaababb

In these topics, we will demonstrate how to model, simulate and integrate a CD Player and a Parser for a specified Regular Expression, step by step:

- CD Player
- Regular Expression Parser

## **CD Player**

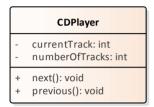
The behavior of a CD Player application might be intuitive; however, there are many rules related to when the buttons are enabled and disabled, what is displayed in the text fields of the window and what happens when the user supplies events to the application.

Suppose our example CD Player has these features:

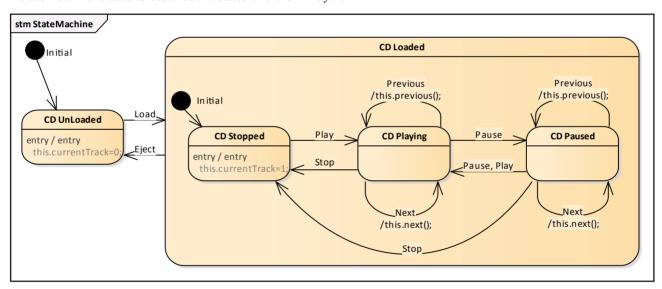
- Buttons Load Random CD, Play, Pause, Stop, Previous Track, Next Track and Eject
- Displays Number Of Tracks, Current Track, Track Length and Time Elapsed

## StateMachine for CD Player

A Class CDPlayer is defined with two attributes: currentTrack and numberOfTracks.



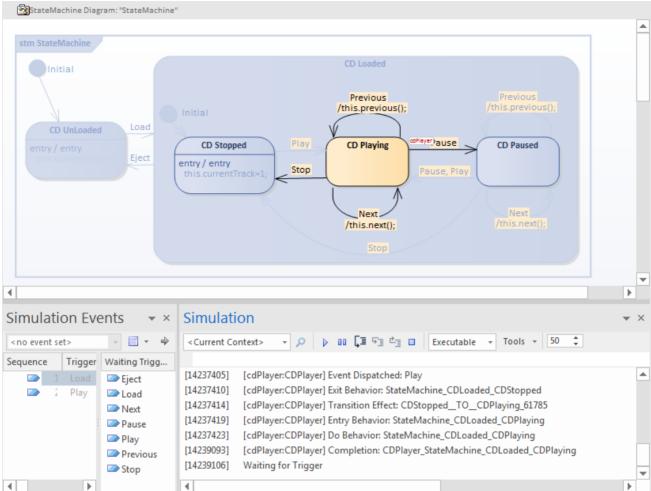
A StateMachine is used to describe the states of the CD Player:



- On the higher level, the StateMachine has two States: CD UnLoaded and CD Loaded
- CD Loaded can be composed of three simple States: CD Stopped, CD Playing, CD Paused
- Transitions are defined with triggers for the events Load, Eject, Play, Pause, Stop, Previous and Next
- State behaviors and transition effects are defined to change the value of attributes defined in *CDPlayer*; for example, the Previous event will trigger the self transition (if the current state is *CD Playing* or *CD Paused*) and the effect will be executed, which will decrement the value of *currentTrack* or wrap to the last track

We can create an Executable StateMachine Artifact and create a property typing to *CDPlayer*, then simulate the StateMachine in Enterprise Architect to make sure the model is correct.

StateMachine Diagram: "StateMachine"



#### Inspect the code generated

Enterprise Architect will generate these files in a folder that the user has specified:

- Back-end code: CDPlayer.js, ContextManager.js, EventProxy.js
- Client code: ManagerWorker
- Front-end code: statemachineGUI.js, index.html
- Other code: SimulationManager.js

File	Description
/CDPlayer.js	This file defines the Class CDPlayer and its attributes and operations. It also defines the Class's StateMachines with the State behaviors and the transition effects.
/ContextManager.js	This file is the abstract manager of contexts. The file defines the contents that are independent of the actual contexts, which are defined in the generalization of the <i>ContextManager</i> , such as <i>SimulationManager</i> and <i>ManagerWorker</i> .
	The simulation (Executable StateMachine Artifact) can involve multiple contexts; for example, in a tennis game simulation there will be one <i>umpire</i> typed to Class <i>Umpire</i> , and two players - <i>playerA</i> and <i>playerB</i> - typed to Class <i>Player</i> . Both Class <i>Umpire</i> and Class <i>Player</i> will define their own StateMachine(s).

/EventProxy.js	This file defines Events and Signals used in the simulation.  If we are raising an Event with arguments, we model the Event as a Signal Event, which specifies a Signal Class; we then define attributes for the Signal Class. Each Event occurrence has an instance of the Signal, carrying the runtime values specified for the attributes.	
/SimulationManager.js	This file is for simulation in Enterprise Architect.	
/html/ManagerWorker.js	<ul> <li>This file serves as a middle layer between the front-end and back-end.</li> <li>The front-end posts a message to request information from the ManagerWorker</li> <li>Since the ManagerWorker generalizes from ContextManager, it has full access to all the contexts such as querying the current active state and querying the runtime value of a variable</li> <li>The ManagerWorker will post a message to the front-end with the data it retrieved from the back-end</li> </ul>	
/html/statemachineGUI.js	<ul> <li>This file establishes the communication between the front-end and the ManagerWorker, by defining stateMachineWorker.</li> <li>Defines the functions startStateMachineWebWorker and stopStateMachineWebWorker</li> <li>Defines the functions onActiveStateResonse and onRuntimeValueResponse with place-holder code: //to do: write user's logic</li> <li>The user could simply replace this comment with their logic, as will be demonstrated later in this topic</li> </ul>	
/html/index.html	This defines the HTML User Interface, such as the buttons and the input to raise Events or display information. The user can define CSS and JavaScript in this file.	

## Customize index.html and statemachineGUI.js

Make these changes to the generated files:

- Create buttons and displays
- Create a CSS style to format the display and enable/disable the button images
- Create an ElapseTimeWorker.js to refresh the display every second
- Create a TimeElapsed function, set to Next Track when the time elapsed reaches the length of the track
- Create JavaScript as the button 'onclick' event handler
- Once an event is broadcast, request the active State and runtime value for cdPlayer.currentTrack
- On initialization, request the active State

In statemachineGUI.js find the function on Active State Resonse\_cdPlayer

- In CDPlayer\_StateMachine\_CDUnLoaded, disable all buttons and enable btnLoad
- In CDPlayer\_StateMachine\_CDLoaded\_CDStopped, disable all buttons and enable btnEject and btnPlay
- In CDPlayer\_StateMachine\_CDLoaded\_CDPlaying, enable all buttons and disable btnLoad and btnPlay
- In CDPlayer\_StateMachine\_CDLoaded\_CDPaused, enable all buttons and disable btnLoad

In statemachineGUI.js find function onRuntimeValueResponse

• In cdPlayer.currentTrack, we update the display for current track and track length

## **The Complete Example**

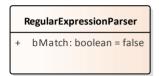
The example can be accessed from the 'Resources' page of the Sparx Systems website by clicking on this link: CD Player Simulation

Click on the Load Random CD button, and then on the Start Simulation button.

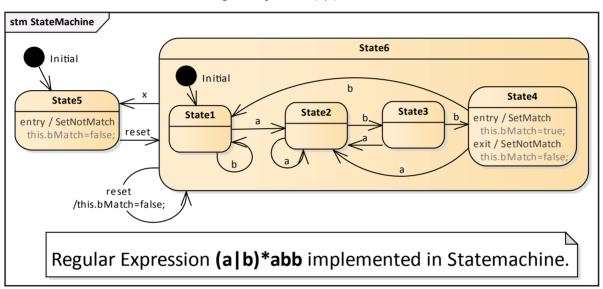
## **Regular Expression Parser**

## StateMachine for Regular Expression Parser

The Class RegularExpressionParser is defined with one attribute: bMatch.



A StateMachine is used to describe the regular expression (a|b)\*abb



- The transition triggers are specified as events a, b, x and reset
- On entry to State4, bMatch is set to True; on exit from State4, bMatch is set to False
- On entry to State5, bMatch is set to False
- On self transition of State6, bMatch is set to False

## Customize index.html and statemachineGUI.js

Make these changes to the generated files:

- Create an HTML input field and an image to indicate the result
- Create JavaScript as the field's *oninput* event handler
- Create the function SetResult to toggle the pass/fail image
- Create the function getEventStr, which will return 'a' on 'a' and 'b' on 'b', but will return 'x' on any other character
- On initialize, broadcast 'reset'
- On the broadcast event, request the runtime variable 'regxParser.bMatch'

In statemachineGUI.js, find the function on Runtime Value Response

• In 'regxParser.bMatch', we will receive 'True' or 'False' and pass it into SetResult to update the image

## **The Complete Example**

The example can be accessed from the 'Resources' page of the Sparx Systems website by clicking on this link: Regular Expression Parser Simulation

## **Entering a State**

The semantics of entering a State depend on the type of State and the manner in which it is entered.

In all cases, the entry Behavior of the State is executed (if defined) upon entry, but only after any effect Behavior associated with the incoming Transition is completed. Also, if a doActivity Behavior is defined for the State, this Behavior commences execution immediately after the entry Behavior is executed.

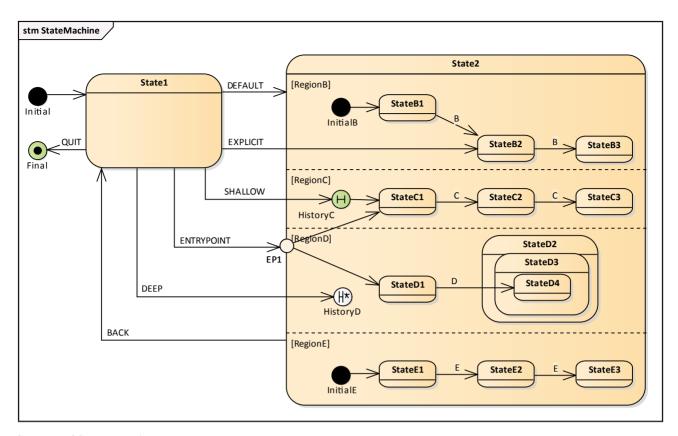
For a Composite State with one or more Regions defined, a number of alternatives exist for each Region:

- Default entry: This situation occurs when the owning Composite State is the direct target of a Transition; after executing the entry Behavior and forking a possible doActivity Behavior execution, State entry continues from an initial Pseudostate via its outgoing Transition (known as the default Transition of the State) if it is defined in the Region
  - If no initial Pseudostate is defined, this Region will not be active
- Explicit entry: If the incoming Transition or its continuations terminate on a directly contained substate of the owning composite State, then that substate becomes active and its entry Behavior is executed after the execution of the entry Behavior of the containing composite State
  - This rule applies recursively if the Transition terminates on an indirect (deeply nested) substate
- Shallow history entry: If the incoming Transition terminates on a shallowHistory Pseudostate of this Region, the active substate becomes the substate that was most recently active (except FinalState) prior to this entry, unless this is the first entry into this State; if it is the first entry into this State or the previous entry had reached a final, a default shallow history Transition will be taken if it is defined, otherwise the default State entry is applied
- Deep history entry: The rule for this case is the same as for shallow history except that the target Pseudostate is of type deepHistory and the rule is applied recursively to all levels in the active State configuration below this one
- Entry point entry: If a Transition enters the owning composite State through an entryPoint Pseudostate, then the outgoing Transition originating from the entry point and penetrating into the State in this region is taken; if there are more outgoing Transitions from the entry points, each Transition must target a different Region and all Regions are activated concurrently

For orthogonal States with multiple Regions, if the Transition explicitly enters one or more Regions (in the case of a Fork or entry point), these Regions are entered explicitly and the others by default.

In this example, we demonstrate a model with all these entry behaviors for an orthogonal State.

## Modeling a StateMachine



#### **Context of StateMachine**

- 1. Create a Class element named MyClass, which serves as the context of the StateMachine.
- 2. Right-click on MyClass in the Project Browser and select the 'Add | StateMachine' option.

#### StateMachine

- 1. Add to the diagram an *Initial* Node, a State named *State1*, a State named *State2*, and a Final element named *final*.
- 2. Enlarge *State2* on the diagram, right-click on it and select the 'Advanced | Define Concurrent Substates' option, and define *RegionB*, *RegionD* and *RegionE*.
- 3. Right-click on State2 and select the 'New Child Element | Entry Point' option to create the Entry Point EP1.
- 4. In *RegionB*, create the elements *InitialB*, transition to *StateB1*, transition to *StateB2*, transition to *StateB3*; all transitions triggered by Event *B*.
- 5. In *RegionC*, create the elements shallow *HistoryC* (right-click on History node | Advanced | Deep History | uncheck), transition to *StateC1*, transition to *StateC2*, transition to *StateC3*; all transitions triggered by Event *C*.
- 6. In *RegionD*, create the elements deep *HistoryD* (right-click on History node | Advanced | Deep History | check), transition to *StateD1*, create *StateD2* as parent of *StateD3*, which is parent of *StateD4*; transition from *StateD1* to *StateD4*; triggered by Event *D*.
- 7. In *RegionE*, create the elements *InitialE*, transition to *StateE1*, transition to *StateE2*, transition to *StateE3*; all transitions triggered by Event *E*.
- 8. Draw transitions from the Entry Point *EP1* to *StateC1* and *StateD1*.

#### **Draw transitions for different entry types:**

- 1. Default Entry: State1 to State2; triggered by Event DEFAULT.
- 2. Explicit Entry: *State1* to *StateB2*; triggered by Event EXPLICIT.
- 3. Shallow History Entry: *State1* to *HistoryC*; triggered by Event SHALLOW.
- 4. Deep History Entry: *State1* to *HistoryD*; triggered by Event DEEP.

5. Entry Point Entry: *State1* to *EP1*; triggered by Event ENTRYPOINT.

#### **Other Transitions:**

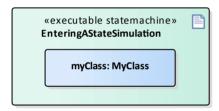
- 1. Composite State Exit: from *State2* to *State1*; triggered by Event BACK.
- 2. State 1 to Final, triggered by Event QUIT.

#### **Simulation**

#### Artifact

Enterprise Architect supports C, C++, C#, Java and JavaScript. We use JavaScript in this example because we don't need to install a compiler. (For other languages, either Visual Studio or JDK are required.)

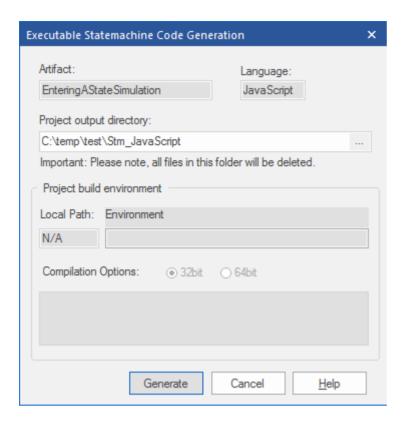
- 1. On the 'Artifacts' page of the Diagram Toolbox, drag the Executable StateMachine icon onto a diagram and create an Artifact named *EnteringAStateSimulation*. Set the language to JavaScript.
- 2. Ctrl+drag the *MyClass* element from the Project Browser onto the *EnteringAStateSimulation* Artifact, select the 'Paste as Property' option and give the Property the name *myClass*.



#### **Code Generation**

- 1. Right-click on *EnteringAStateSimulation* and select the 'Code Engineering | Executable StateMachine | Generate, build and run' option.
- 2. Specify a directory for the generated source code.

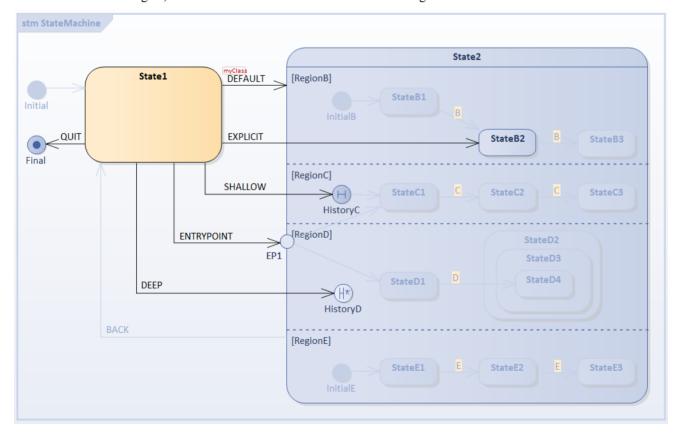
Note: The contents of this directory will be cleared before generation; make sure you specify a directory that is used only for StateMachine simulation purposes.



#### **Run Simulation**

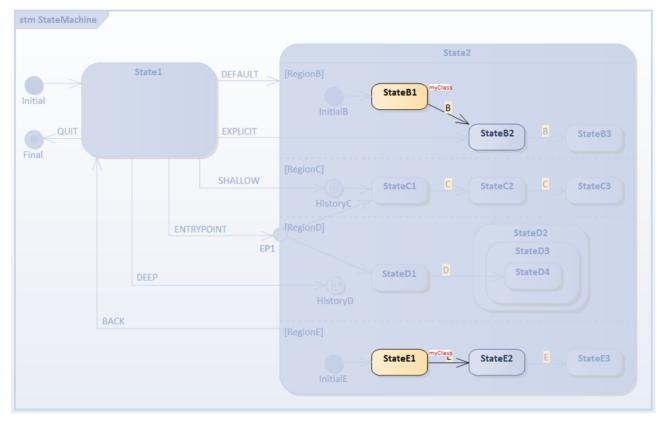
*Tips:* You can view the execution trace sequence from the Simulation window, which you open by selecting the 'Simulate > Simulator > Open Simulation Window' ribbon option

When the simulation begins, *State1* is active and the StateMachine is waiting for events.



Open the <u>Simulation Events</u> (Triggers) window using the 'Simulate > Dynamic Simulation > Triggers' ribbon option.

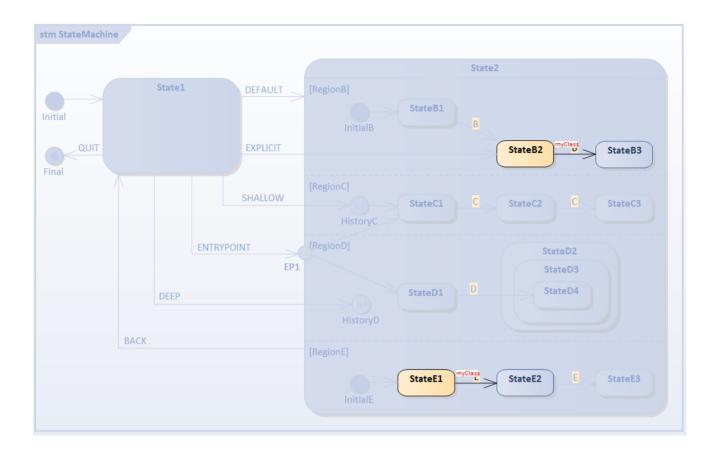
1) Select the Default Entry: Trigger Sequence [DEFAULT]



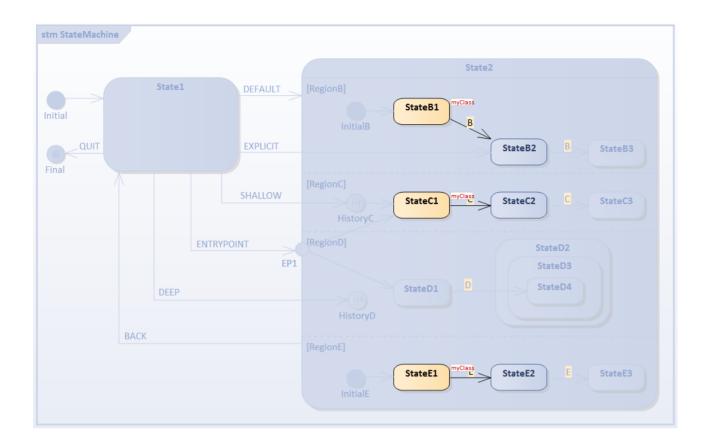
- RegionB is activated because it defines InitialB; the transition outgoing from it will be executed, StateB1 is the active state
- RegionE is activated because it defines InitialE; the transition outgoing from it will be executed, StateE1 is the active state
- RegionC and RegionD are inactive because no Initial Pseudostates were defined

Select the Trigger [BACK] to reset.

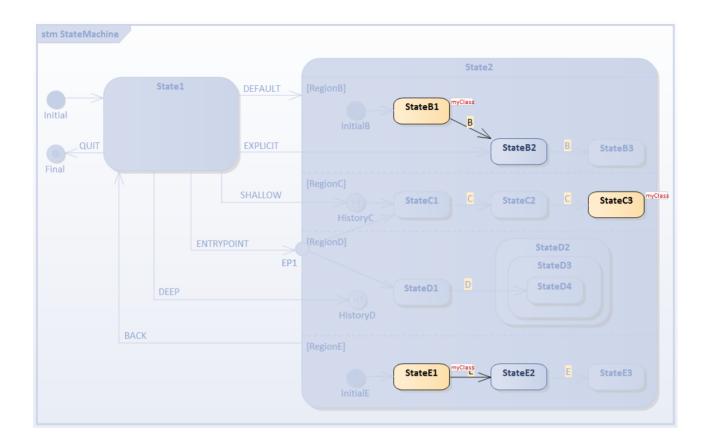
2) Select the Explicit Entry: Trigger Sequence [EXPLICIT]



- RegionB is activated because the transition targets the contained vertex StateB2
- RegionE is activated because it defines InitialE; the transition outgoing from it will be executed, StateE1 is the active state
- RegionC and RegionD are inactive because no Initial Pseudostates were defined Select the Trigger [BACK] to reset.
- 3) Select the Default History Transition: Trigger Sequence [SHALLOW]



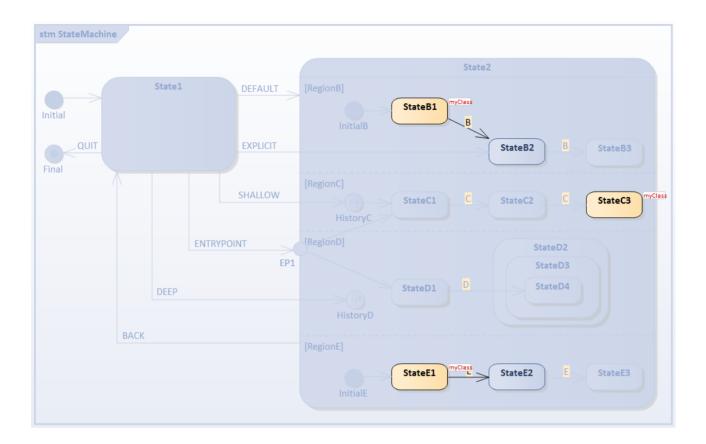
- RegionC is activated because the transition targets the contained vertex HistoryC; since this region is entered for the first time (and the History pseudostate has nothing to 'remember'), the transition outgoing from HistoryC to StateC1 is executed
- RegionB is activated because it defines InitialB; the transition outgoing from it will be executed, StateB1 is the active state
- RegionE is activated because it defines InitialE; the transition outgoing from it will be executed, StateE1 is the active state
- RegionD is inactive because no Initial Pseudostate was defined
- 4) Prepare for testing Shallow History Entry: Trigger Sequence [C, C]



• We assume shallow history pseudostate *HistoryC* can remember *StateC3* 

Select the Trigger [BACK] to reset.

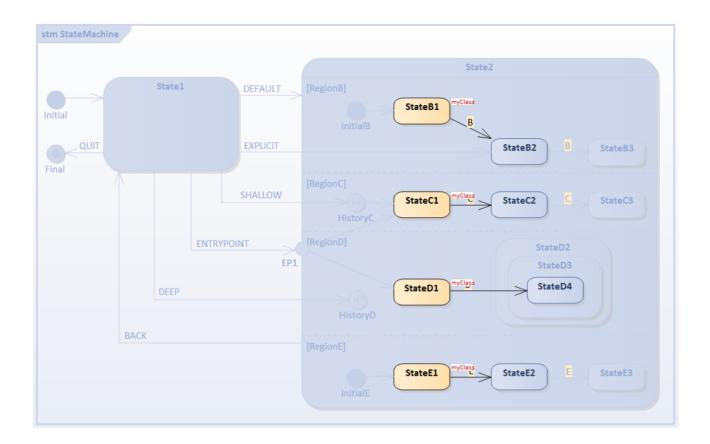
5) Select the Shallow History Entry: Trigger Sequence [SHALLOW]



• For RegionC, StateC3 is activated directly

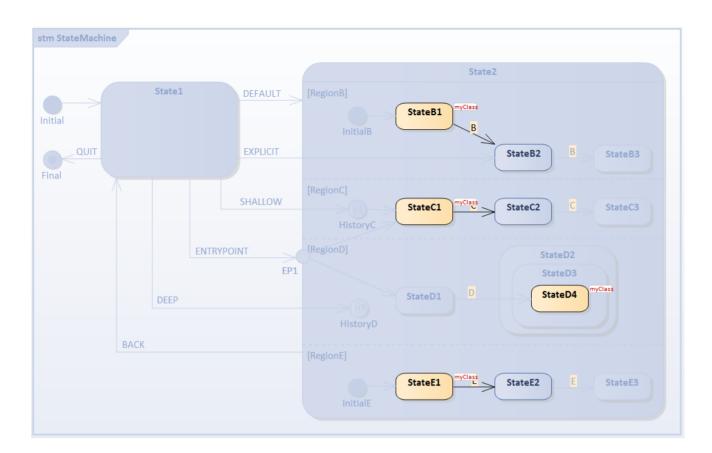
Select the Trigger [BACK] to reset.

6) Select the Entry Point Entry: Trigger Sequence [ENTRYPOINT]



- RegionC is activated because the transition from EP1 targets the contained StateC1
- RegionD is activated because the transition from EP1 targets the contained StateD1
- RegionB is activated because it defines InitialB; the transition outgoing from it will be executed, StateB1 is the active state
- RegionE is activated because it defines InitialE; the transition outgoing from it will be executed, StateE1 is the active state

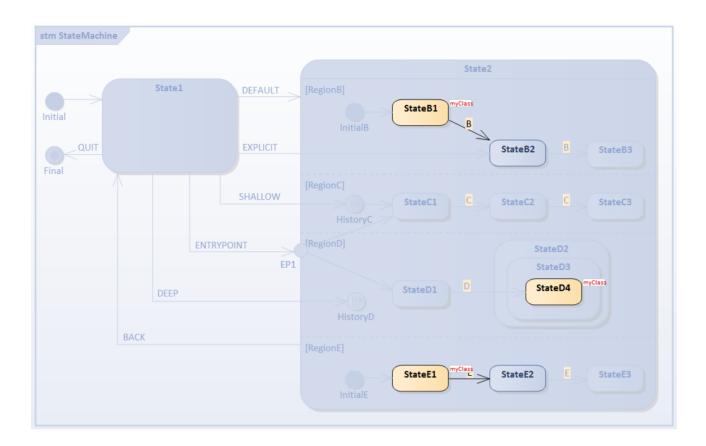
7) Prepare for testing Deep History: Trigger Sequence [D]



• We assume deep history pseudostate *HistoryD* can remember *StateD2*, *StateD3* and *StateD4* 

Select the Trigger [BACK] to reset.

8) Select the Deep History Entry: Trigger Sequence [DEEP]



- For RegionD, StateD2, StateD3 and StateD4 are entered; the traces are:
  - myClass[MyClass].StateMachine State1 EXIT
  - myClass[MyClass].State1\_\_TO\_\_HistoryD\_105793\_61752 Effect
  - myClass[MyClass].StateMachine State2 ENTRY
  - myClass[MyClass].StateMachine State2 DO
  - myClass[MyClass].InitialE 105787 TO StateE1 61746 Effect
  - myClass[MyClass].StateMachine\_State2\_StateE1 ENTRY
  - myClass[MyClass].StateMachine State2 StateE1 DO
  - myClass[MyClass].InitialB\_105785\_\_TO\_\_StateB1\_61753 Effect
  - $myClass[MyClass]. StateMachine\_State2\_StateB1\ ENTRY$
  - myClass[MyClass].StateMachine\_State2\_StateB1 DO
  - myClass[MyClass].StateMachine State2 StateD2 ENTRY
  - myClass[MyClass].StateMachine\_State2\_StateD2\_StateD3 ENTRY
  - myClass[MyClass].StateMachine\_State2\_StateD2\_StateD3\_StateD4 ENTRY

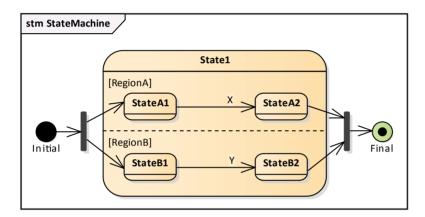
# **Example: Fork and Join**

Fork pseudostates split an incoming Transition into two or more Transitions terminating in Vertices in orthogonal Regions of a Composite State. The Transitions outgoing from a Fork pseudostate cannot have a guard or a trigger, and the effect behaviors of the individual outgoing Transitions are, at least conceptually, executed concurrently with each other.

Join pseudostates are a common target Vertex for two or more Transitions originating from Vertices in different orthogonal Regions. Join pseudostates perform a synchronization function, whereby all incoming Transitions have to complete before execution can continue through an outgoing Transition.

In this example, we demonstrate the behavior of a StateMachine with Fork and Join pseudostates.

## **Modeling StateMachine**



#### **Context of StateMachine**

- Create a Class element named MyClass, which serves as the context of a StateMachine
- Right-click on MyClass in the Project Browser and select the 'Add | StateMachine' option

#### StateMachine

- Add an Initial Node, a Fork, a State named State1, a Join, and a Final to the diagram
- Enlarge *State1*, right-click on it on the diagram and select the 'Advanced | Define Concurrent Substates | Define' option and define *RegionA* and *RegionB*
- In *RegionA*, define *StateA1*, transition to *StateA2*, triggered by event *X*
- In *RegionB*, define *StateB1*, transition to *StateB2*, triggered by event *Y*
- Draw other transitions: Initial to Fork; Fork to StateA1 and StateB1; StateA2 and StateB2 to Join; Join to Final

#### **Simulation**

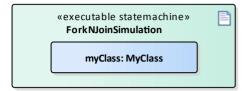
#### Artifact

Enterprise Architect supports C, C++, C#, Java and JavaScript; we will use JavaScript in this example because we don't need to install a compiler (for the other languages, either Visual Studio or JDK are required).

• From the Diagram Toolbox select the 'Artifacts' page and drag the Executable StateMachine icon onto the diagram

to create an Artifact; name it ForkNJoinSimulation and set its 'Language' field to 'JavaScript'

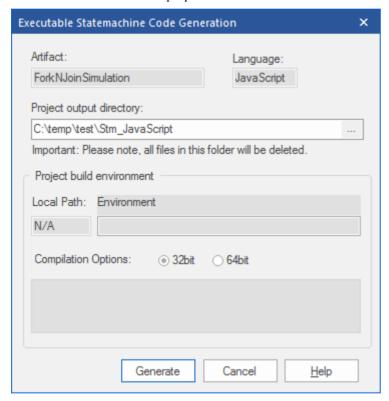
• Ctrl+Drag *MyClass* from the Project Browser and drop it on the *ForkNJoinSimulation* Artifact as a Property; give it the name *myClass* 



#### **Code Generation**

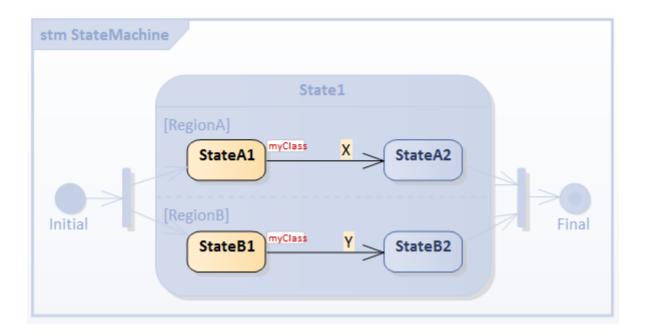
- Right-click on *ForkNJoinSimulation* and select the 'Code Engineering | Executable StateMachine | Generate, Build and Run' option
- Specify a directory for the generated source code

Note: The contents of this directory will be cleared before generation; make sure you point to a directory that exists only for StateMachine simulation purposes.



#### **Run Simulation**

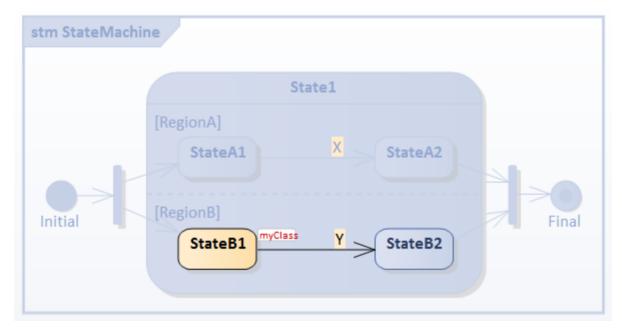
When simulation is started, State1, StateA1 and StateB1 are active and the StateMachine is waiting for events.



Select the 'Simulate > Dynamic Simulation > Triggers' ribbon option to display the Simulation Events window.

On Trigger event *X*, *StateA1* will exit and enter *StateA2*; after the entry and doActivity behavior has run, the completion events of *StateA2* are dispatched and recalled. Then the transition from *StateA2* to the *Join* pseudostate is enabled and traversed

Note: *Join* must wait for all incoming Transitions to complete before execution can continue through an outgoing Transition. Since the branch from *RegionB* is not complete (because *StateB1* is still active and waiting for triggers) the transition from *Join* to *Final* will not be executed at this moment.



On Trigger event *Y*, *StateB1* will exit and enter *StateB2*; after the entry and doActivity behavior has run, completion events of *StateB2* are dispatched and recalled. Then the transition from *StateB2* to the *Join* pseudostate is enabled and traversed. This satisfies the criteria of all the incoming transitions of *Join* having completed, so the transition from *Join* to *Final* is executed. Simulation has ended.

*Tips:* You can view the execution trace sequence from the Simulation window (Simulate > Dynamic Simulation > Simulator > Open Simulation Window).

```
myClass[MyClass].Initial 82285 TO fork 82286 82286 61745 Effect
myClass[MyClass].StateMachine State1 ENTRY
mvClass[MvClass].StateMachine State1 DO
myClass[MyClass].fork 82286 82286 TO StateA1 57125 Effect
myClass[MyClass].StateMachine State1 StateA1 ENTRY
myClass[MyClass].StateMachine State1 StateA1 DO
myClass[MyClass].fork 82286 82286 TO StateB1 57126 Effect
myClass[MyClass].StateMachine State1 StateB1 ENTRY
myClass[MyClass].StateMachine State1 StateB1 DO
Trigger X
myClass[MyClass].StateMachine State1 StateA1 EXIT
myClass[MyClass].StateA1 TO StateA2 57135 Effect
myClass[MyClass].StateMachine State1 StateA2 ENTRY
myClass[MyClass].StateMachine State1 StateA2 DO
myClass[MyClass].StateMachine State1 StateA2 EXIT
myClass[MyClass].StateA2 TO join 82287 82287 57134 Effect
Trigger Y
myClass[MyClass].StateMachine State1 StateB1 EXIT
myClass[MyClass].StateB1 TO StateB2 57133 Effect
myClass[MyClass].StateMachine State1 StateB2 ENTRY
myClass[MyClass].StateMachine State1 StateB2 DO
myClass[MyClass].StateMachine State1 StateB2 EXIT
myClass[MyClass].StateB2 TO join 82287 82287 57132 Effect
myClass[MyClass].StateMachine State1 EXIT
myClass[MyClass].join_82287_82287_TO_Final_105754_57130 Effect
```

## **Example: Deferred Event Pattern**

Enterprise Architect supports the Deferred Event Pattern.

#### To create a Deferred Event in a State:

- 1. Create a self transition for the State.
- 2. Change the 'kind' of the transition to 'internal'.
- 3. Specify the Trigger to be the event you want to defer.
- 4. In the 'Effect' field, type 'defer();'.

#### To Simulate:

- 1. Select 'Simulate > Dynamic Simulation > Simulator > Open Simulation Window'. Also select 'Simulate > Dynamic Simulation > Triggers' to open the Simulation Events window.
- 2. The Simulator Events window helps you to trigger events; double-click on a trigger in the 'Waiting Triggers' column.
- 3. The Simulation window shows the execution in text. You can type 'dump' in the Simulator command line to show how many events are deferred in the queue; the output might resemble this:

  24850060] Event Pool: [NEW,NEW,NEW,NEW,NEW,]

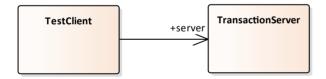
## **Deferred Event Example**

This example shows a model using Deferred Events, and the Simulation Events window showing all available Events.

We firstly set up the contexts (the Class elements containing the StateMachines), simulate them in a simple context and raise the event from outside it; then simulate in a client-server context with the Send event mechanism.

#### Create Context and StateMachine

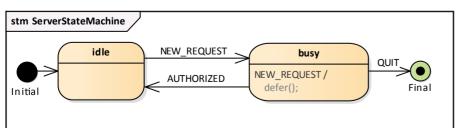
#### Create the server context



Create a Class diagram and:

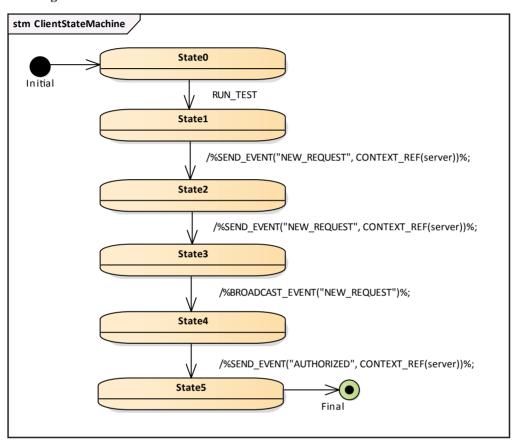
- 1. A Class element *TransactionServer*, to which you add a StateMachine *ServerStateMachine*.
- 2. A Class element *TestClient*, to which you add a StateMachine *ClientStateMachine*.
- 3. An Association from *TestClient* to *TransactionServer*, with the target role named *server*.

#### Modeling for ServerStateMachine



- 1. Add an Initial Node *Initial* to the StateMachine diagram, and transition to a State *idle*.
- 2. Transition (with event NEW\_REQUEST as Trigger) to a State busy.
- 3. Transition (with event QUIT as Trigger) to a Final State *Final*.
- 4. Transition (with event AUTHORIZED as Trigger) to idle.
- 5. Transition (with event NEW REQUEST as Trigger and defer(); as effect) to busy

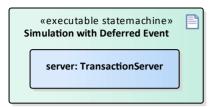
#### Modeling for ClientStateMachine



- 1. Add an Initial Node *Initial* to the StateMachine diagram, and transition to a State *State0*.
- 2. Transition (with event RUN\_TEST as trigger) to a State *State1*.
- 3. Transition (with effect: %SEND\_EVENT("NEW\_REQUEST", CONTEXT\_REF(server))%;) to a State State2.
- 4. Transition (with effect: %SEND\_EVENT("NEW\_REQUEST", CONTEXT\_REF(server))%;) to a State State3.
- 5. Transition (with effect: %BROADCAST EVENT("NEW REQUEST")%;) to a State State 4.
- 6. Transition (with effect: %SEND\_EVENT("AUTHORIZED", CONTEXT\_REF(server))%;) to a State State 5.
- 7. Transition to a Final State *Final*.

## Simulation in a simple context

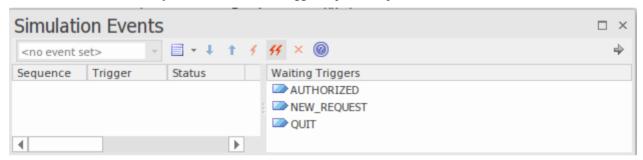
#### **Create the Simulation Artifact**



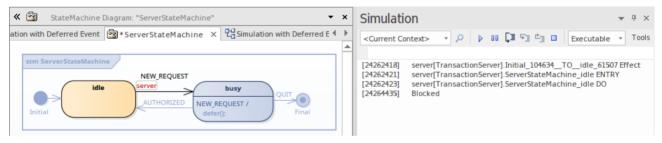
- Create an Executable StateMachine Artifact with the name Simulation with Deferred Event and the 'Language' field set to JavaScript.
- 2. Enlarge it, then Ctrl+drag the *TransactionServer* element onto the Artifact and paste it as a property with the name *server*.

#### Run the Simulation

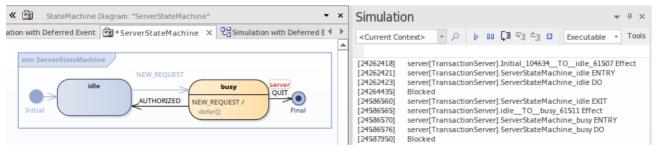
- 1. Select the Artifact, then select the 'Simulate > Compiled Simulation > Build & Run' option, and specify a directory for your code (Note: all the files in the directory will be deleted before simulation starts).
- Click on the Generate button.
- 3. Select the 'Simulate > Dynamic Simulation > Triggers' option to open the Simulation Event window.



When simulation starts, idle will be the active state.

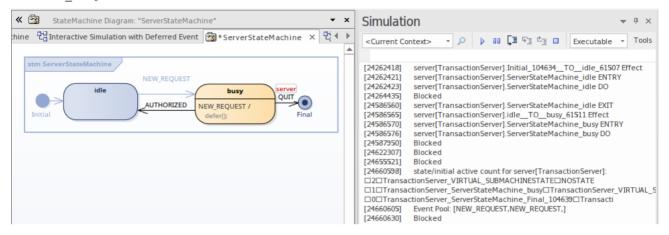


1. Double-click on NEW\_REQUEST in the Simulation Event window to execute it as the Trigger; *idle* is exited and *busy* is activated.

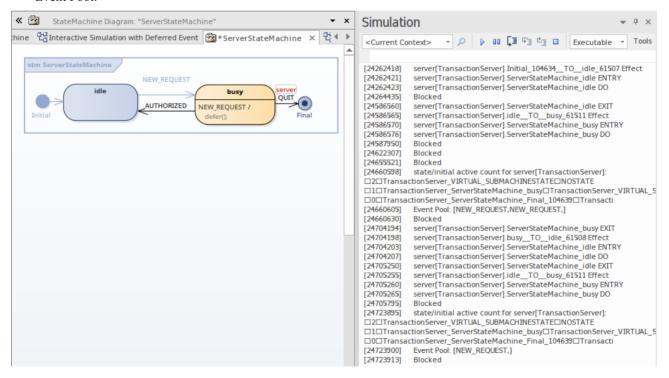


1. Double-click on NEW\_REQUEST in the Simulation Event window to execute it again as the Trigger; *busy* remains activated, and an instance of NEW\_REQUEST is appended in the Event Pool.

- 2. Double-click on NEW\_REQUEST in the Simulation Event window to execute it a third time as the Trigger; *busy* remains activated, and an instance of NEW REQUEST is appended in the Event Pool.
- 3. Type *dump* in the Simulation window command line; notice that the event pool has two instances of NEW REQUEST.

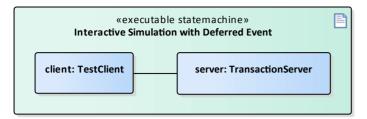


- 1. Double-click on AUTHORIZED in the Simulation Event window to execute it as the Trigger; these actions take place:
  - busy is exited and idle becomes active
  - a NEW REQUEST event is retrieved from the pool, idle is exited and busy becomes active
- 2. Type *dump* in the Simulation window command line; there is now only one instance of NEW\_REQUEST in the Event Pool.



## Interactive simulation via Send/Broadcast Event

#### **Create the Simulation Artifact**

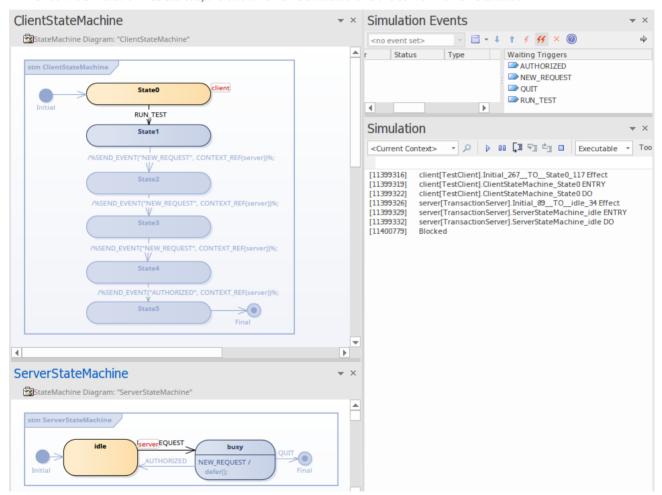


- 1. Create an Executable StateMachine Artifact with the name *Interactive Simulation with Deferred Event* and the 'Language' field set to *JavaScript*; enlarge the element.
- 2. Ctrl+Drag the *TransactionServer* element onto the Artifact, and paste it as a property with the name *server*.
- 3. Ctrl+Drag the *TestClient* element onto the Artifact, and paste it as a property with the name *client*.
- 4. Create a connector from *client* to *server*.

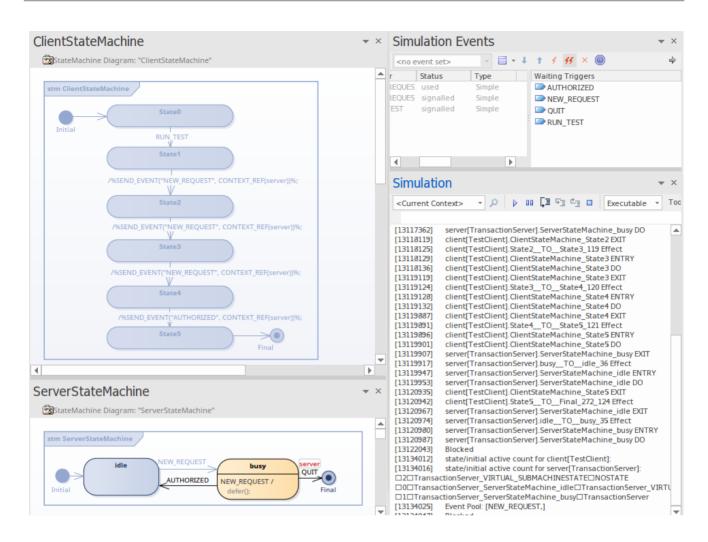
#### **Run Interactive Simulation**

1. Launch the simulation in the same way as for the simple context.

Once the simulation has started, the *client* remains at *State0* and the *server* iremains at *idle*.



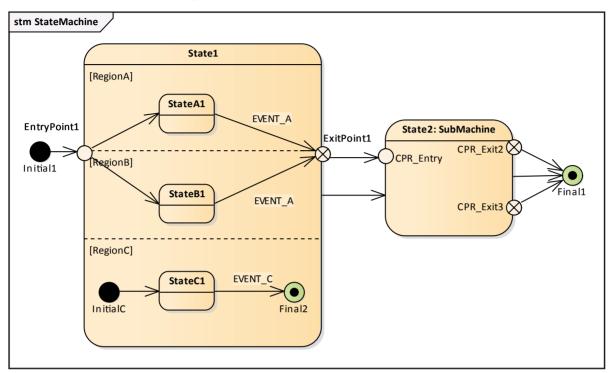
 Double-click on RUN\_TEST in the Simulation Event window to trigger it. The event NEW\_REQUEST will be triggered three times (by SEND\_EVENT and BROADCAST\_EVENT) and AUTHORIZED will be triggered once by SEND\_EVENT.

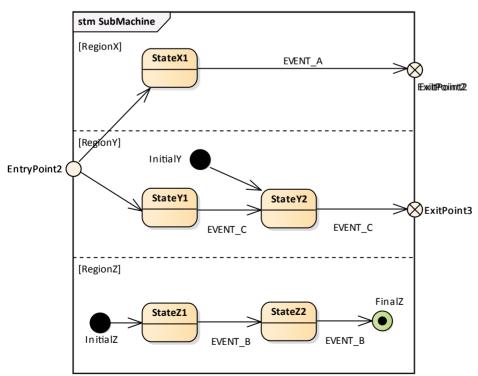


Type *dump* in the Simulation window command line, There is one instance of NEW\_REQUEST left in the Event Pool. The result matches our manual triggering test.

# **Example: Entry and Exit Points (Connection Point References)**

Enterprise Architect provides support for Entry and Exit points, and for Connection Point References. In this example, we define two StateMachines for *MyClass - StateMachine* and *SubMachine*.





• State 1 is a Composite State (also called an Orthogonal State because it has multiple Regions) with three Regions:

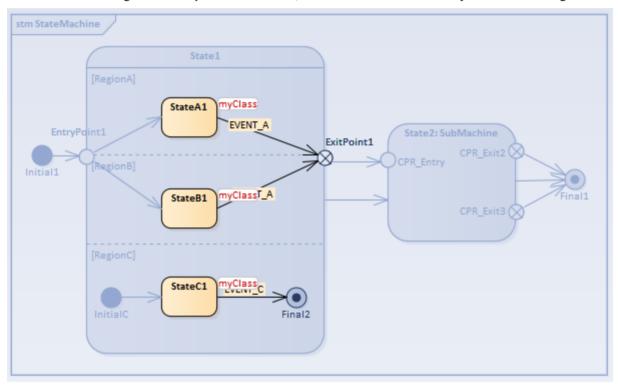
RegionA, RegionB and RegionC

- State2 is a SubMachine State calling SubMachine, which has three Regions: RegionX, RegionY, and RegionZ
- EntryPoint1 is defined on State1 to activate two of the three Regions; EntryPoint2 is defined on SubMachine to activate two of the three Regions
- ExitPoint1 is defined on State1; two exit points ExitPoint2 and ExitPoint3 are defined on SubMachine
- Connection Point References are defined on State2 and bind to the Entry/Exit Points of the typing SubMachine
- Initial nodes are defined to demonstrate default activation of the Regions

## **Entering a State: Entry Point Entry**

#### EntryPoint1 on State1

When a Transition targeted on *EntryPoint1* is enabled, *State1* is activated followed by the contained Regions.

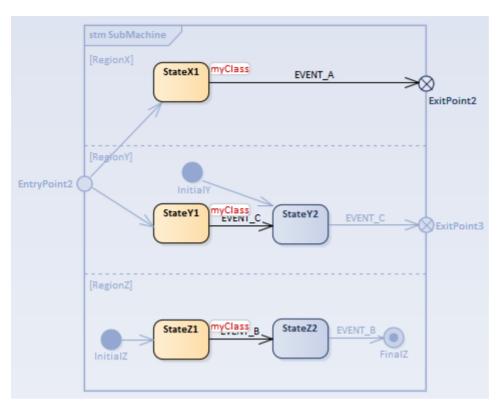


- Explicit activation occurs for *RegionA* and *RegionB*, because each of them is entered by a Transition terminating on one of the Region's contained Vertices
- Default activation occurs for *RegionC*, because it defines an Initial pseudostate *InitialC* and the Transition originating from the *InitialC* to *StateC1* starts execution

## EntryPoint2 on SubMachine

The Trigger Sequence to be simulated is: [EVENT\_C, EVENT\_A].

When a Transition targeted on Connection Point Reference *CPR\_Entry* on *State2* is enabled, *State2* is activated, followed by the SubMachine's activation through the binding entry points.



- Explicit activation occurs for *RegionX* and *RegionY*, because each of them is entered by a Transition terminating on one of the Region's contained Vertices *StateX1* in *RegionX*, *StateY1* in *RegionY*
- Default activation occurs for *RegionZ*, because it defines an Initial pseudostate *InitialZ* and the Transition originating from *InitialZ* to *StateZ1* starts execution

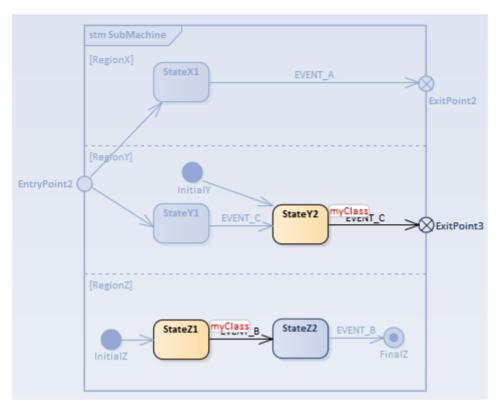
## **Entering a State: Default Entry**

This situation arises when the Composite State is the direct target of a Transition.

## Default Entry of State2

The Trigger Sequence to be simulated is: [EVENT A, EVENTC].

When a Transition targeted directly on *State2* is enabled, *State2* is activated, followed by default activation for all the Regions of the SubMachine.



- RegionX's State is inactive because it does not define an Initial node
- Region Y is activated through Initial Y and the Transition to State Y2 is executed
- RegionZ is activated through InitialZ and the Transition to StateZ1 is executed

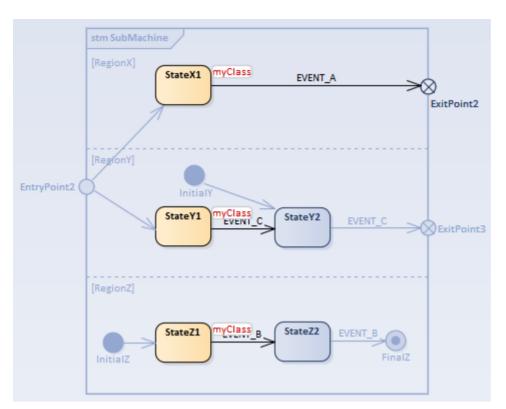
### **State Exit**

#### State1's Exit

- Trigger Sequence [EVENT\_C, EVENT\_A]: RegionC is inactivated first, then RegionA and RegionB; after the exit behavior of State1 is executed, the Transition outgoing from ExitPoint1 is enabled
- Trigger Sequence [EVENT\_A, EVENT\_C]: RegionA and RegionB are inactivated first, then RegionC; after the exit behavior of State1 is executed, the Transition outgoing directly from State1 is enabled

#### State2's Exit

Trigger Sequence [EVENT\_C, EVENT\_A], so the current state resembles this:



- Trigger Sequence [EVENT\_A, EVENT\_C, EVENT\_B, EVENT\_B]: RegionX is inactivated first, then RegionY, and RegionZ is the last; after the exit behavior of State2 is executed, the Transition outgoing directly from State2 is enabled
- Trigger Sequence [EVENT\_A, EVENT\_B, EVENT\_B, EVENT\_C, EVENT\_C]: RegionX is inactivated first, then RegionZ, and RegionY is the last; after the exit behavior of State2 is executed, the Transition outgoing from CPR\_Exit3 is enabled (ExitPoint3 on SubMachine is bound to CPR\_Exit3 of State2)
- Trigger Sequence [EVENT\_C, EVENT\_B, EVENT\_B, EVENT\_B]: RegionY is inactivated first, then RegionZ, and RegionX is the last; after the exit behavior of State2 is executed, the Transition outgoing from CPR\_Exit2 is enabled (ExitPoint2 on SubMachine is bound to CPR\_Exit2 of State2)

# **Example: History Pseudostate**

State History is a convenient concept associated with Regions of Composite States, whereby a Region keeps track of the configuration a State was in when it was last exited. This allows easy return to that State configuration, if necessary, the next time the Region becomes active (for example, after returning from handling an interrupt), or if there is a local Transition that returns to its history.

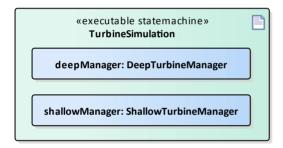
Enterprise Architect supports two types of History Pseudostate:

- Deep History representing the full State configuration of the most recent visit to the containing Region; the effect is the same as if the Transition terminating on the deepHistory Pseudostate had, instead, terminated on the innermost State of the preserved State configuration, including execution of all entry Behaviors encountered along the way
- Shallow History representing a return to only the top-most substate of the most recent State configuration, which is entered using the default entry rule

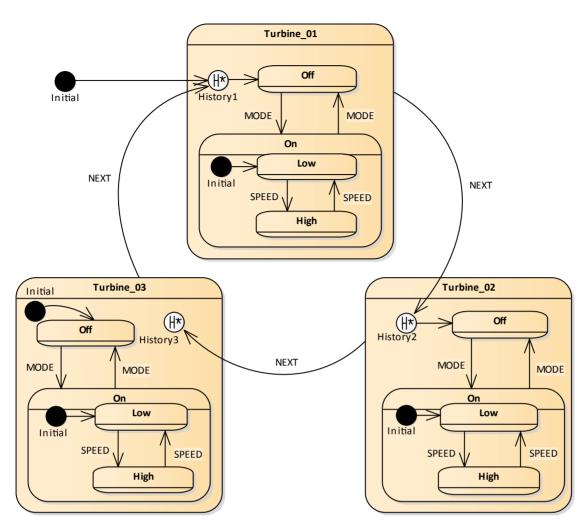
In this example, the Classes *DeepTurbineManager* and *ShallowTurbineManager* are exactly the same except that the contained StateMachine for the first has a deepHistory Pseudostate and for the second has a shallowHistory Pseudostate.

Both StateMachines have three Composite States: *Turbine\_01*, *Turbine\_02* and *Turbine\_03*, each of which has *Off* and *On* States and a History Pseudostate in its Region.

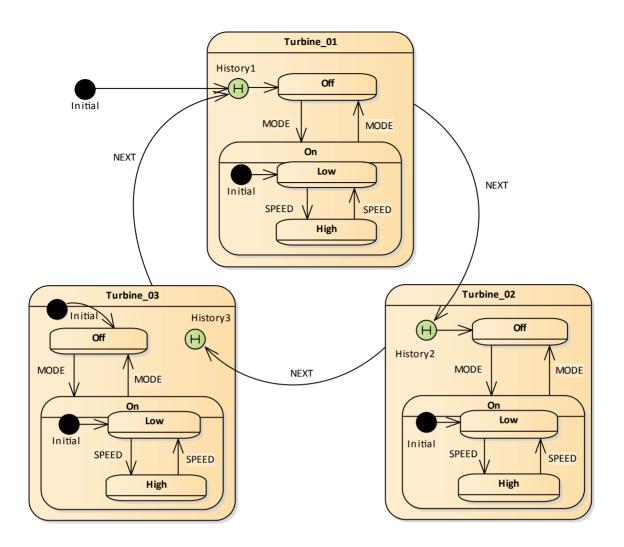
In order to better observe the difference between Deep History and Shallow History, we execute the two StateMachines in one simulation.



The StateMachine in *DeepTurbineManager* is illustrated in this diagram:



The StateMachine in *ShallowTurbineManager* is illustrated in this diagram:

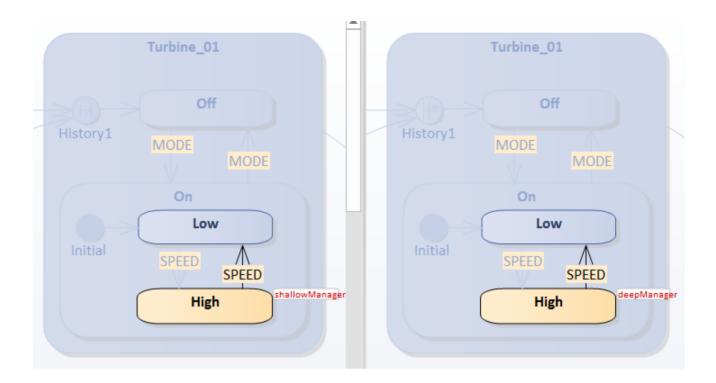


*Tip:* If you right-click on the History node on the diagram and select the 'Advanced | Deep History' option, you can toggle the type of History Pseudostate between shallow and deep.

## **First Time Activation of States**

After simulation starts, Turbine 01 and its substate Off are activated.

Trigger Sequence: [MODE, SPEED]

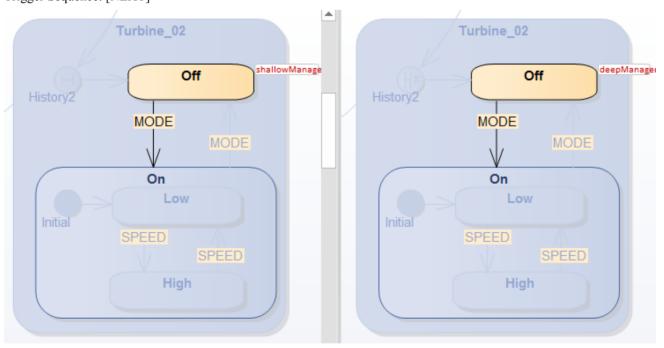


#### Then the active State configuration includes:

- Turbine 01
- Turbine\_01.On
- Turbine\_01.On.High

This applies to both deepManager and shallowManager.

Trigger Sequence: [NEXT]



This trace sequence can be observed from the Simulation window (Simulate > Dynamic Simulation > Simulator > Open Simulation Window):

- 01 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].StateMachine Turbine 01 On High EXIT
- 02 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].StateMachine Turbine 01 On EXIT
- 03 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].StateMachine Turbine 01 EXIT
- 04 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].Turbine\_01\_\_TO\_\_History2\_105720\_61730 Effect
- 05 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].StateMachine Turbine 02 ENTRY
- 06 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].StateMachine Turbine 02 DO
- 07 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].History2 105720 TO Off 61731 Effect
- 08 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].StateMachine Turbine 02 Off ENTRY
- 09 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].StateMachine Turbine 02 Off DO

Note: Since *deepManager* has exactly the same trace as *shallowManager*, the trace for *deepManager* is filtered out from this sequence.

#### We can learn that:

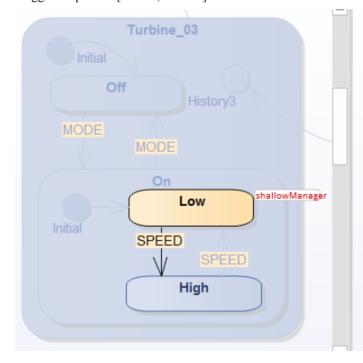
- Exiting a Composite State commences with the innermost State in the active State configuration (see lines 01 03 in the trace sequence)
- The Default History Transition is only taken if execution leads to the History node (see line 04) and the State has never been active before (see line 07)

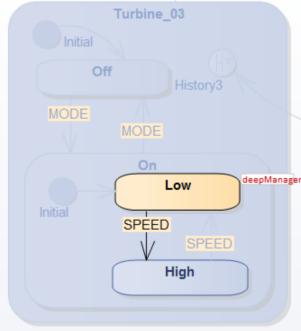
#### Then the active State configuration includes:

- Turbine 02
- Turbine\_02.Off

This applies to both *deepManager* and *shallowManager*.

Trigger Sequence: [NEXT, MODE]





This trace sequence can be observed from the Simulation window:

Trigger [NEXT]

- 01 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].StateMachine\_Turbine\_02\_Off EXIT
- 02 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].StateMachine\_Turbine\_02 EXIT
- 03 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].Turbine\_02\_\_TO\_\_History3\_105713\_61725 Effect
- 04 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].StateMachine Turbine 03 ENTRY
- 05 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].StateMachine Turbine 03 DO
- 06 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].Initial 105706 TO Off 61718 Effect
- $07\ shallow Manager [Shallow Turbine Manager]. State Machine\_Turbine\_03\_Off\ ENTRY$
- 08 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].StateMachine\_Turbine\_03\_Off DO

Trigger [MODE]

Message omitted...

Note: Since *deepManager* has exactly the same trace as *shallowManager*, the trace for *deepManager* is filtered out from this sequence.

#### We can learn that:

• Since there is no default History Transition defined for *History3*, the standard default entry of the State is performed; an Initial node is found in the Region contained by *Turbine\_03*, so the Transition originating from *Initial* is enabled (see line 06)

#### Then the active state configuration includes:

- Turbine 03
- Turbine\_03.On
- Turbine\_03.On.Low

This applies to both deepManager and shallowManager.

## **History Entry of States**

As a reference, we show the Deep History snapshot of each Turbine after its first activation:

#### Turbine 01

- Turbine\_01.On
- Turbine\_01.On.High

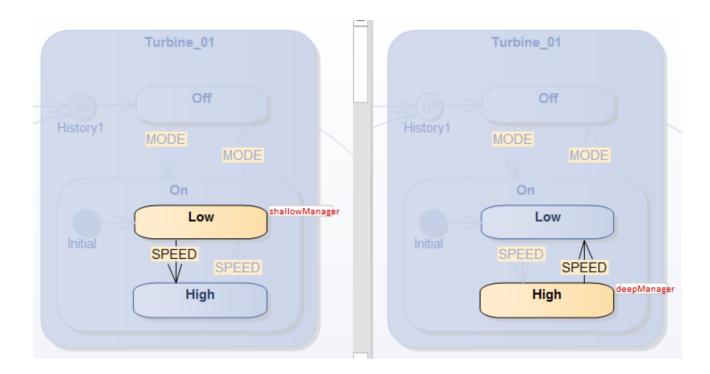
#### Turbine\_02

• Turbine\_02.Off

## Turbine\_03

- Turbine\_03.On
- Turbine\_03.On.Low

When we further Trigger NEXT, Turbine 01 will be activated again.



This trace sequence can be observed from the Simulation window:

#### For shallowManager:

Trigger [NEXT]

- 01 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].StateMachine Turbine 03 On Low EXIT
- 02 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].StateMachine Turbine 03 On EXIT
- 03 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].StateMachine Turbine 03 EXIT
- 04 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager]. Turbine 03 TO History1 105711 61732 Effect
- 05 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].StateMachine Turbine 01 ENTRY
- 06 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].StateMachine Turbine 01 DO
- 07 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].StateMachine\_Turbine\_01\_On ENTRY
- 08 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].StateMachine Turbine 01 On DO
- 09 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].Initial\_105721\_\_TO\_\_Low\_61729 Effect
- 10 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].StateMachine Turbine 01 On Low ENTRY
- 11 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].StateMachine Turbine 01 On Low DO

#### We can learn that:

- The shallowHistory node restores Turbine\_01 as far as Turbine\_01.On
- Then the Region contained by Composite State Turbine\_01.On will be activated by the *Initial* node, which activated at *Low*

#### For deepManager:

Trigger [NEXT]

- 01 deepManager[DeepTurbineManager].StateMachine Turbine 03 On Low EXIT
- 02 deepManager[DeepTurbineManager].StateMachine\_Turbine\_03\_On EXIT
- 03 deepManager[DeepTurbineManager].StateMachine Turbine 03 EXIT
- 04 deepManager[DeepTurbineManager].Turbine\_03\_\_TO\_\_History1\_105679\_61708 Effect

- 05 deepManager[DeepTurbineManager].StateMachine Turbine 01 ENTRY
- 06 deepManager[DeepTurbineManager].StateMachine Turbine 01 DO
- 07 deepManager[DeepTurbineManager].StateMachine Turbine 01 On ENTRY
- 08 deepManager[DeepTurbineManager].StateMachine Turbine 01 On High ENTRY

#### We can learn that:

• The deepHistory node restores Turbine 01 as far as Turbine 01.On.High

#### Trigger [NEXT] to exit Turbine\_01 and activate Turbine\_02

Both shallowManager and deepManager activate Turbine 02.Off, which is the History snapshot when they exited.

#### Trigger [NEXT] to exit Turbine\_02 and activate Turbine\_03

Both *shallowManager* and *deepManager* activate Turbine\_03.On.Low. However, the sequences of *shallowManager* and *deepManager* are different.

For *shallowManager*, the *shallowHistory* can only restore as far as Turbine\_03.On. Since an *Initial* node is defined in Turbine\_03.On, the Transition originating from *Initial* will be enabled and Turbine\_03.On.Low is reached.

- 01 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].StateMachine Turbine 02 Off EXIT
- 02 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].StateMachine Turbine 02 EXIT
- 03 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].Turbine 02 TO History3 105713 61725 Effect
- 04 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].StateMachine Turbine 03 ENTRY
- 05 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].StateMachine\_Turbine\_03 DO
- 06 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].StateMachine Turbine 03 On ENTRY
- 07 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].StateMachine\_Turbine\_03\_On DO
- 08 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].Initial 105727 TO Low 61728 Effect
- 09 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].StateMachine\_Turbine\_03\_On\_Low ENTRY
- 10 shallowManager[ShallowTurbineManager].StateMachine Turbine 03 On Low DO

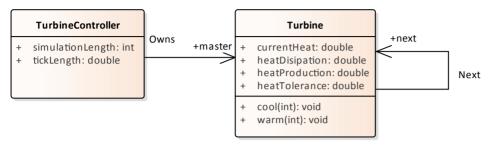
For deepManager, the deephistory can restore as far as Turbine 03.On.Low directly.

- 01 deepManager[DeepTurbineManager].StateMachine Turbine 02 Off EXIT
- 02 deepManager[DeepTurbineManager].StateMachine Turbine 02 EXIT
- 03 deepManager[DeepTurbineManager].Turbine\_02\_\_TO\_\_History3\_105680\_61701 Effect
- 04 deepManager[DeepTurbineManager].StateMachine Turbine 03 ENTRY
- 05 deepManager[DeepTurbineManager].StateMachine Turbine 03 DO
- 06 deepManager|DeepTurbineManager|.StateMachine Turbine 03 On ENTRY
- 07 deepManager[DeepTurbineManager].StateMachine Turbine 03 On Low ENTRY

# **Example Executable StateMachine**

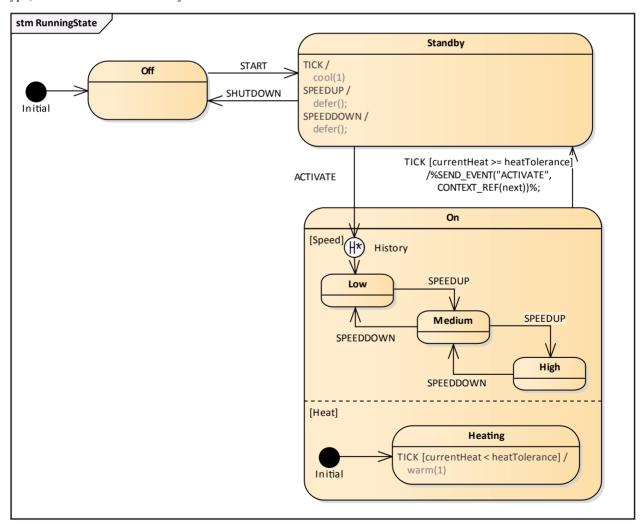
## **Example Class Model**

This image shows a sample Class model that is used by the StateMachines described in this topic.

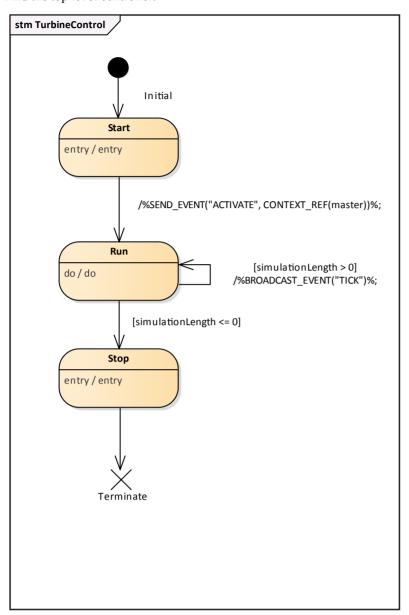


## **Example StateMachines**

These two diagrams show the definitions of two StateMachines. The first references another StateMachine of the same type, while the second drives any instances of the first that exist.

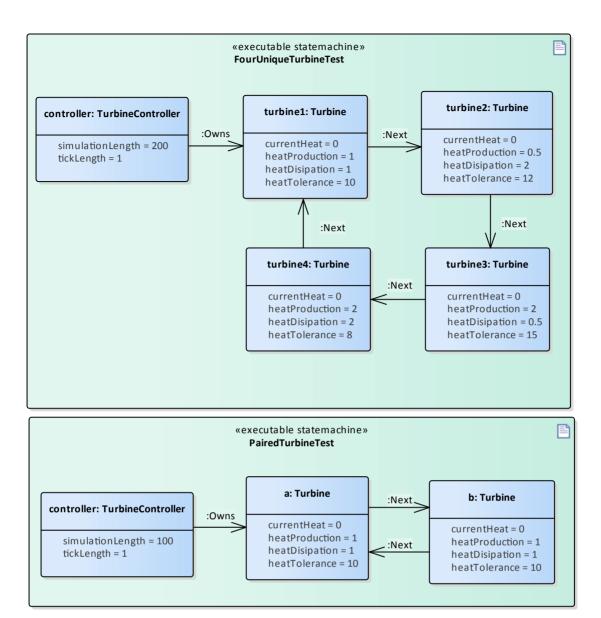


And the top level controller.



## **Example Artifacts**

From the example Class and StateMachine diagrams, we can create Executable StateMachines as shown here.



Note how property values have been set for each property, and the links between elements identify the relationships that exist in the Class model.

#### **Simulation Results**

When running a simulation, Enterprise Architect will highlight the currently active States in any StateMachines. Where multiple instances of a StateMachine exist, it will also show the names of each instance in that State.

