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*The **Symbolic** Route to Intelligence*

- ◆ Human Problem Solving
- ◆ Machine Problem Solving
- ◆ Knowledge Based Systems
- ◆ Terry Spencer


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Problem Solving Components

- ◆ Problem
- ◆ Problem Solver
- ◆ Problem Representation


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Problem

- ◆ An impeded or blocked goal


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Problem solving

- ◆ Attempting to overcome the obstacles
- ◆ Relies on recognition
- ◆ Relies on inference

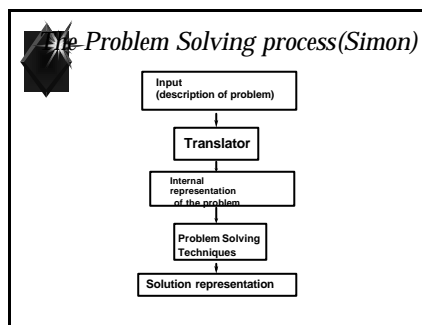
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Reasoning and Problem Solving

- ◆ Reasoning
- ◆ What follows on from this?
- ◆ Deriving new facts from those already known

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Simons Model

Interaction between the problem and the problem Solver

- ◆ **Problems exists in a *Task Environment* (Problem properties)**
- ◆ **Abstraction translates the 'external' problem to an internal one**
- ◆ **The internal model is based upon symbols**
- ◆ **Collectively these symbol structures are the problem space**
- ◆ *Only what's internal can be used to solve the problem*


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Recap Problem solving

- ◆ **State the Goal**
- ◆ **Attempt to reach that Goal**


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The Problem Space(Representation)

- ◆ **States**
 - ◆ Initial
 - ◆ Intermediate
 - ◆ Goal
- ◆ **Concepts describing the situation**


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Problem Solution

- ◆ **Solving means**
- ◆ **Searching the internal problem space**
- ◆ **I.e.** A systematic exploration of the range of possibilities

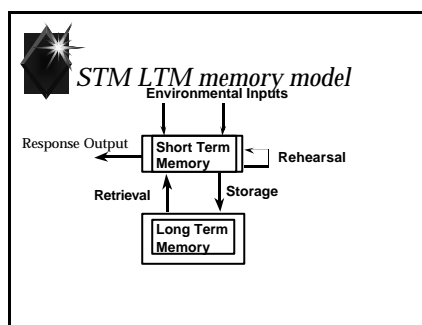
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A memory Model for Problem Solving

- ◆ **There exist constants in human problem solving**
- ◆ **Expressed as a Memory Model**
- ◆ **Long Term Memory(LTM)**
- ◆ **Short Term Memory(STM)**
- ◆ **These store Symbols**

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Intelligence: The physical symbol hypothesis

- ◆ **The necessary and sufficient condition for a physical system to exhibit general intelligent action is that it be a physical symbol system**

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The symbolic route to Achieving intelligent behaviour

- ◆ Necessary
- ◆ **An analysis of any system exhibiting general intelligence would show that the system is a physical symbol system**
- ◆ Sufficient
- ◆ **Any physical symbol system of sufficient complexity could be organised to exhibit general intelligence**


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General Intelligent action

- ◆ **The same order of intelligent and purposeful activity that we see in people - planning speaking reading books problem solving**


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A Physical Symbol System

- ◆ **Is a machine such as a computer that operates on symbol structures**
- ◆ **It can read recognise and write symbols**
- ◆ **A symbol system creates, modifies, copies and destroys symbol expressions**


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Consequences of the hypothesis

- ◆ **The use of symbols and collections of symbols(representations) to describe the world**
- ◆ **The design of search mechanisms**
- ◆ **Ignore medium of implementation**
- ◆ **Empirical view**
 - ◆ Understand intelligence by building working models of it
- ◆ **Symbols are central to knowledge systems**


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Intelligent Knowledge Based Systems IKBS


capture an enterprises intellectual capital its expertise and experience and distributes such a resource throughout the company

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**IKBS**


- ◆ **Data Processing**
 - ◆ Captures Magnifies and distributes access to **Arithmetic**
- ◆ **Decision Support Systems**
 - ◆ Captures Magnifies and distributes access to **Information**
- ◆ **Knowledge based Systems**
 - ◆ Captures Magnifies and distributes access to **Judgment**

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**Problem Solving Effectiveness**


- ◆ **Recognition and reasoning encoded as symbols**

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**Symbols**


- ◆ **A symbol is a name or sign which acts as a substitute for something else**
- ◆ **Concepts**
- ◆ **Objects**
- ◆ **Properties of objects**
- ◆ **Relationship between objects**
Fianchettoed short castle position!!

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*Symbol processing*


- ◆ **Manipulation by a machine of information and knowledge re presented as symbols yielding competent appropriate behaviour**

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*Knowledge*


- ◆ **Acquired**
- ◆ **Elicited**
- ◆ **Re presented**
- ◆ **Implemented**

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*What then is a KBS?*


- ◆ **An assembly of components connected in some principled fashion for the purpose of mimicking intelligent performance**

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Can we discover what these components are likely to be?


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A typical knowledge reliant performance

- ◆ **Doctor: Do you have a headache?**
- ◆ **Patient: HM. Yes**
- ◆ **Doctor: Would you say it was mild or severe?**
- ◆ **Patient: Mild**
- ◆ **Doctor: Have you been experiencing nausea?**

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Doctor Patient Dialogue

- ◆ **Patient: What do you mean by nausea?**
- ◆ **Doctor: Have you been feeling sick?**
- ◆ **Patient: Yes**
- ◆ **Doctor: Do you suffer from Anaemia?**
- ◆ **Patient: Don't know**

Why do you want to know anyway?


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What's going on: The Knowledge holders view

- ◆ **Fact Finding**
- ◆ **Good Guessing**


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What's going on: The patients view

- ◆ **Let's first concentrate on the responses**
- ◆ **Primarily qualitative not numeric**
- ◆ **Rephrasing for clarity**
- ◆ **Need to know the purpose of the question**


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The knowledge holder revisited

- ◆ **Possessing Knowledge**
 - ◆ Public
 - ◆ Private
- ◆ **Deploying that knowledge in a controlled fashion**


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*Knowledge representation*

◆ **The Rule**


- ◆ capturing a relationship between facts

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*An example diagnostic rule*


**IF TEMPERATURE = HIGH
AND SYMPTOM1 = COUGHING
AND SYMPTOM2 = ACHE-IN-
JOINTS
THEN DIAGNOSIS = FLU**

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*A more complex rule*

**IF A1 IS KNOWN AND
A2 IS DEFINITE AND
A3 IS THOUGHT NOT TO OCCUR AND
A4 MIGHT NOT BE THE CASE
THEN
CONCLUDE B1 WITH CONFIDENCE 0.7
AND B2 WITH CONFIDENCE 0.3**


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Heuristic

- ◆ A rule of thumb
- ◆ An aid to help guide on how to proceed
- ◆ Does not guarantee an correct answer


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What then is the system to capture these needs?

- ◆ Must be able to
- ◆ Handle vagueness and uncertainty
- ◆ Offer clarification **HELP**
- ◆ Explain the purpose of a question **WHY**
- ◆ Justify its conclusions **HOW**

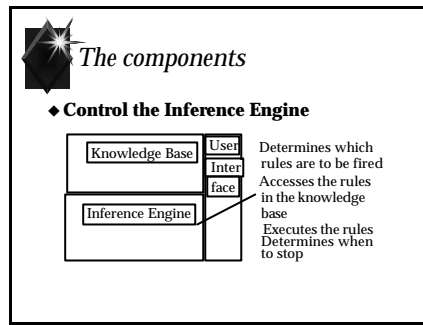
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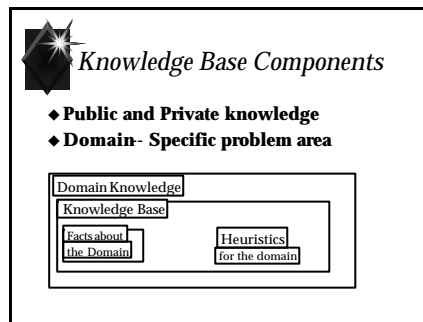
What then is the system to capture these needs?

It has to:
Reason with incomplete information
In a *controlled* fashion to give
Justifiable conclusions based upon an
extensive body of heuristic knowledge

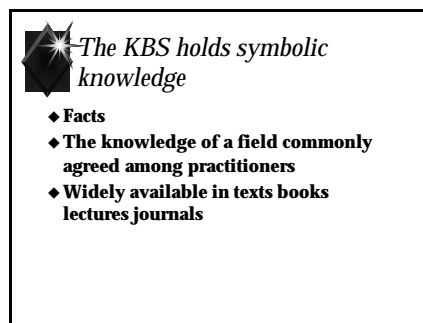
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Symbolic knowledge

Heuristics

- ◆ **Experiential judgmental knowledge**
- ◆ **The art of good guessing**
- ◆ **Usually held privately**
- ◆ **Must be found and refined by knowledge miners**

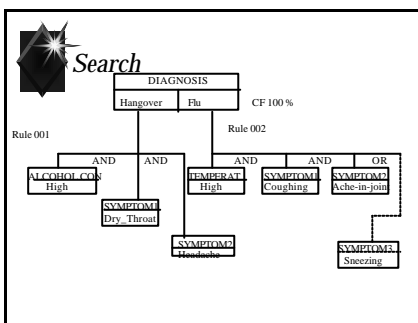
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The shell

- ◆ **Separating knowledge from the means to apply it**

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Using shells

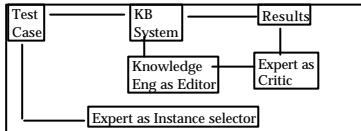
- ◆ Diffuse
- ◆ Narrow
- ◆ Modular
- ◆ Moderate
- ◆ Explicit
- ◆ Stable

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The KE Development Process

- ◆ Need Knowledge holder and KE
- ◆ Need test cases



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graph LR; TC[Test Case] --> KB[KB System]; KB --> R[Results]; KB --> KE[Knowledge Eng as Editor]; KE --> EC[Expert as Critic]; EC --> EIS[Expert as Instance selector]; EIS --> TC
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Knowledge Engineers

- ◆ Knowledge Elicitation describes interactive processes used to capture user needs


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Summary

- ◆ Expertise is often a matter of knowing a lot about a particular domain
- ◆ KBS are built around such knowledge
- ◆ Rules are one approach to encoding knowledge


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KBS are characterized by

- ◆ Separation of inference engine and knowledge base
- ◆ Reliance on large stores of task-specific knowledge
- ◆ Explicit representation of that knowledge
- ◆ The ability to make multiple use of that knowledge
- ◆ Familiar forms of reasoning
- ◆ The time spent selecting a problem is well worth it
- ◆ The important result is the Knowledge


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Bottlenecks

- ◆ Knowledge acquisition
- ◆ Knowledge Engineer acquisition

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Areas of use

- ◆ Prediction: What will happen next?
- ◆ Configuration: Designing objects under constraints
- ◆ Interpretation: What does this mean?
- ◆ Diagnosis: What is wrong?
- ◆ Instruction: This is wrong. This is what you should do
- ◆ Control: Combining some or all of the above


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Kbs's create value by

- ◆ Capturing refining packaging distributing expertise
- ◆ Solving problems whose complexity (reasoning) exceeds most human ability
- ◆ Solving problems where the required scope of knowledge exceeds any individuals
- ◆ Fusing several areas of expertise
- ◆ Competitive edge


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Benefits

- ◆ Availability
- ◆ Consistency
- ◆ Assistance
- ◆ Economics
- ◆ Archiving


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What about the knowledge holder?

- ◆ **Articulate**
- ◆ **Committed**
- ◆ **Co-operative**


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Certainty Factors

- ◆ **A mechanism to represent A suggests B**
- ◆ **OR C AND D tend to rule out E**


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Certainty Factor: Range

- ◆ **Range from -1 through 0 to + 1**
- ◆ **-1.0** **Definitely not**
- ◆ **-0.8** **Almost certainly not**
- ◆ **-0.6** **Probably not**
- ◆ **-0.2 to 0.2** **Ignored**
- ◆ **0.3** **Slight evidence**
- ◆ **0.6** **Probably**
- ◆ **0.8** **Almost certain**
- ◆ **1.0** **Definite**


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Certainty Factors: Conditions

- ◆ Suppose a patient is asked about an allergy to a medicine
- ◆ The patient *may not be entirely sure* but if the only options available are yes or no he will choose yes
- ◆ Using CF's the patient *could respond* with 90 % confidence


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Certainty Factors: Rules

- ◆ Suppose a rule concludes a treatment for a particular allergy
- ◆ Assigning a certainty factor in the rules THEN statement allows the treatment to be suggested with less than absolute certainty
- ◆ IF MUMPS THEN Test_Needed = Series_A cf 90
- ◆ IF SEASON = SUMMER THEN HOT cf 80
- ◆ IF SEASON = SUMMER THEN WEATHER = HOT cf 80 AND SCHOOL cf - 90


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Combining Certainty Factors (CFs):

- ◆ CF's can be adjusted as more information becomes available
- ◆ A new CF for a value in the THEN statement is calculated using
 - ◆ The CF of the IF statement
 - ◆ The CF of the THEN statement
 - ◆ Any previous CF for the value


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IF certainty factor:

- ◆ If the AND function combines IF statement clauses and the premise is true then
 - ◆ CF of the IF statement is the *minimum CF of the clauses*
- ◆ If the OR function combines IF statement clauses and the premise is true then
 - ◆ CF of the IF statement is the *maximum CF of the clauses*


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THEN certainty factors:

- ◆ The CF is assigned by adding the cf value to the parameter.
- ◆ Note that when the conditions of the IF statement are met the appropriate CF's are *combined including the CF assigned in the rules THEN statement*
- ◆ Consequently
 - ◆ If the cf of the IF statement is less than 100 the CF assigned in the THEN statement is proportionally reduced

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THEN certainty factors continued

- ◆ IF CLOUDS AND MUD (Passes with CF 80 instead of 100)
THEN BOOTS CF 60 AND UMBRELLA
- ◆ The assigned CF's would be

BOOTS CF 48 (80% of 60)
UMBRELLA CF 80 (80% of 100)


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Previous Certainty factors

- ◆ **If a value is concluded for a parameter that already has had the same value concluded**
 - ◆ The cf is adjusted to reflect the evidence provided by both conclusions
- ◆ **The cf is calculated using one of the following four equations**


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Non Monotonic reasoning

- ◆ **Fundamental to classical logic is the belief that deduction is an adequate model of human reasoning**


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Non Monotonicity

- ◆ **Monotonicity says that it is never necessary to withdraw any conclusions when further facts become known.**
- ◆ **If we had proved $P \rightarrow R$**
- ◆ **Then R will continue to be true given any additional fact C i.e., $P \& C \rightarrow R$**

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Non Monotonicity example

- ◆ IF Engine is overheating
- ◆ THEN Switch off engine

- ◆ IF Engine is overheating AND Driving in fast lane
- ◆ THEN Switch off engine


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Truth Maintenance

- ◆ If we retract some of our conclusions we also need a means of retracting any conclusions that have been drawn based on these conclusions: *the problem of truth maintenance*

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TMS approaches include

- ◆ Justification
- ◆ Logic based
- ◆ Assumption based (the most popular by Kleer)
- ◆ Truth Maintenance
