CS405 Introduction to Empirical Modelling - 2009-10

Lab 2: Illustrating more features of DOSTE

Three principal objectives for this laboratory:

- Demonstrating the way in which a DOSTE model can be constructed on-the-fly in an experimental fashion
- Showing simple use of principles of prototyping and cloning that are characteristic of prototype-based object-oriented PLs
- Showing the potential for using DOSTE in animation

You can contrast the DOSTE version of the lift with the EDEN model demonstrated in the lecture.

- The script for the EDEN model makes use of the notations *scout and *donald which are associated with radio buttons on the tkeden-2.10 interface.
- The model can also be executed on older versions of tkeden, such as tkeden=1.67 that can be downloaded for other platforms.
- The basic use of the notations <code>%eden</code>, <code>%scout</code> and <code>%donald</code> is the subject of Labs 1 and 2 from CS405 in 2006-7, and the second of these labs features the EDEN lift model. (You will also find some general advice on the use of the <code>tkeden</code> interface there.)
- Contrasting the DOSTE model with the EDEN model highlights the advantages of DOSTE in respect of prototyping, cloning and animation.