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Good Afternoon, Colleagues

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Class discussion

Mohamed Fakhreddine on the issues related to a particular multiagent system.

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  - Individual behaviors typically simple relative to interaction issues.

Multiagent Systems

- Study, behavior, construction of **possibly preexisting** autonomous agents that interact with each other.
  - incomplete information for agents
  - no global control
  - decentralized data
  - asynchronous computation

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- Some domains require it. (Hospital scheduling)
- Interoperation of legacy systems
- Parallelism.
- Robustness.
- Scalability
- Simpler programming.
- "Intelligence is deeply and inevitably coupled with interaction." – *Gerhard Weiss*

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Convoy example