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Not Intelligent Agents

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- Telephone
- Answering machine
- Pencil
- Java object

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- What is your policy?
- What does the world look like?

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- Can you do better?

Next week: More on Agents

- Textbook reading
 - An example of an agent
- RoboCup synthetic agents challenge
 - A bit dated
- Programming assignment