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1 Scope

This document specifies the Subscribe communicative act which is compliant to [FIPA00037] requirements.

2 Subscribe

Summary	The act of requesting a persistent intention to notify the sender of the value of a reference, and to notify again whenever the object identified by the reference changes.
Content	A descriptor (a referential expression).
Description	The <i>subscribe</i> act is a persistent version of the <i>query-ref</i> act (see [FIPA00054]), such that the agent receiving the <i>subscribe</i> will <i>inform</i> (see [FIPA00046]) the sender of the value of the reference, and will continue to send further <i>informs</i> if the object denoted by the description changes.
Formal Model	$\langle i, \text{subscribe}(j, \text{Ref } x \delta(x)) \rangle \equiv$ $\langle i, \text{request-whensoever}(j, \langle j, \text{inform-ref}(i, \text{Ref } x \delta(x)) \rangle, (\exists y) B_j ((\text{Ref } x \delta(x) = y))) \rangle$ $\text{FP: } B_i \alpha \wedge \neg B_i (Bif_j \alpha \vee Uif_j \alpha)$ $\text{RE: } B_j \alpha$ <p>Where:</p> $\alpha = I_i \text{ Done}(\langle j, \text{inform-ref}(i, \text{Ref } x \delta(x)) \rangle, (\exists e) \text{ Enables}(e, (\exists y) B_j ((\text{Ref } x \delta(x) = y))))$ <p>Note: $\text{Ref } x \delta(x)$ is one of the referential expressions: $\iota x \delta(x)$, $\text{any } x \delta(x)$ or $\text{all } x \delta(x)$.</p>
Example	<p>Agent <i>i</i> wishes to be updated on the exchange rate of Francs to Dollars, and makes a subscription agreement with <i>j</i> (an exchange rate server).</p> <pre>(subscribe :sender i :receiver j :content (iota ?x (= ?x (xch-rate FFr USD))))</pre>

3 References

- [FIPA00037] FIPA Communicative Act Library Specification. Foundation for Intelligent Physical Agents, 2000.
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