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Syntax	
Message level { KQML-performative :language <text> :ontology <text></text></text>	
Communication level $<$ :sender <text> :receiver <text></text></text>	
Content level < :content < expression>	
<pre>(tell :language prolog :ontology Genealogy :lnrcplyrto ql :sender Gen-1 :receiver Gen-DB :content ''father(John,Alice)'')</pre>	
Finin, T., Fritzson, R., McKay, D., & McEntire, R. (1994, November). KOML as an agent communication language. In Proceedings of the third international conference on Information and knowledge management (pp. 456-463). ACM. Institut Mnes-Télécom	MINES Saint-Étienne

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Semantic
Bel, as in bel(A,P) which has the meaning that P is true for A. P is an expression in the native language of A's application (P "exists" in the agent's knowledge base (or virtual knowledge base)).
Know, like the following two operators, refers to the cognitive state of the agents. Know(A,P) expresses a state of knowledge awareness on behalf of A, about P.
<ul> <li>Want, as in want(A,P), to mean that agent A desires the event (or state) described by P, to occur.</li> </ul>
Intend, as in intend(A,P), to mean that A has every intention of doing P.
Labrou, Y., & Finin, T. (1994, November). A semantics approach for KQML—a general purpose communication language for software agents. In Proceedings of the third international conference on Information and knowledge management (pp. 447-455). ACM.
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	Table 7.2: KQML performatives.		
Performative	Meaning		
achieve	S wants R to make something true of their environment		
advertise	S claims to be suited to processing a performative		
ask-about	S wants all relevant sentences in R's VKB		
ask-all	S wants all of R's answers to a question C		
ask-if	S wants to know whether the answer to C is in R's VKB		
ask-one	S wants one of R's answers to question C		
break	S wants R to break an established pipe		
broadcast	S wants R to send a performative over all connections		
broker-all	S wants R to collect all responses to a performative		
broker-one	S wants R to get help in responding to a performative		
deny	the embedded performative does not apply to S (any more)		
delete-all	S wants R to remove all sentences matching C from its VKB		
delete-one	S wants R to remove one sentence matching C from its VKB		
discard	S will not want R's remaining responses to a query		
eos	end of a stream response to an earlier query		
error	S considers R's earlier message to be malformed		
evaluate	S wants R to evaluate (simplify) C		
forward	S wants R to forward a message to another agent		
generator	same as a standby of a stream-all		
insert	S asks R to add content to its VKB		
monitor	S wants updates to R's response to a stream-all		
next	S wants R's next response to a previously streamed performative	00	
pipe	S wants R to route all further performatives to another agent	1.2	
ready	S is ready to respond to R's previously mentioned performative		
recommend-all	S wants all names of agents who can respond to C	200	
recommend-one	S wants the name of an agent who can respond to a C	1.000	
recruit-all	S wants R to get all suitable agents to respond to C	- 100	
recruit-one	S wants R to get one suitable agent to respond to C		
register	S can deliver performatives to some named agent		
reply	communicates an expected reply	. To be	
rest	S wants R's remaining responses to a previously named performative	100	
sorry.	S cannot provide a more informative reply		
standby	S wants R to be ready to respond to a performative	100	
stream-about	multiple response version of ask-about	1.000	
stream-all	multiple response version of ask-all		
subscribe	S wants updates to R's response to a performative		
tell	S claims to R that C is in S's VKB	199	
transport-address	S associates symbolic name with transport address	C	M/
unregister	the deny of a register		0
untell	S claims to R that C is not in S's VKB	MI	NES
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		Introductio	<b>n</b>
IP	A = Foundation for	Intelligent Physical Agents	
IP	A-ACL benefits of t	he research about KQML	
IP	A-ACL is superficia	IIV similar to KQML	
	Parameter	Category of Parameters	
k	performative	Type of communicative acts	
	sender	Participant in communication	
	receiver	Participant in communication	
	reply-to	Participant in communication	
	content	Content of message	
	language	Description of Content	
	language encoding	Description of Content Description of Content	
	language encoding ontology	Description of Content Description of Content Description of Content	
	language encoding ontology protocol	Description of Content Description of Content Description of Content Control of conversation	
	language encoding ontology protocol conversation-id	Description of Content Description of Content Description of Content Control of conversation Control of conversation	
	language encoding ontology protocol conversation-id reply-with	Description of Content Description of Content Description of Content Control of conversation Control of conversation Control of conversation	
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	Performative
	accept-proposal: the action of accepting a previously submitted proposal to perform an action
	agree: the action of agreeing to perform some action, possibly in the future
•	cancel: the action of cancelling some previously requested action which has temporal extent
	cfp: the action of calling for proposals to perform a given action
•	confirm: the sender informs the receiver that a given proposition is true, where the receiver is known to be uncertain about the proposition
•	disconfirm: the sender informs the receiver that a given poposition is false, where the receiver is known to believe, or believe it likely that, the proposition is true.
•	failure: the action of telling another agent that an action was attempted but the attempt failed.
•	propagate: the sender intends that the receiver treats the embedded message as sent directly to it, and wants the receiver to identify the agents denoted by the given descriptor and send the received propagate message to them
•	propose: the action of submitting a proposal to perform a certain action, given certain preconditions
· · ·	proxy: the sender wants the receiver to select target agents denoted by a given description and to send an embedded message to them
	query-if: the action of asking another agent whether or not a given proposition is true.
	query-ref: the action of asking another agent for the object referred to by a referential expression
	refuse; the action of refusing to perform a given action and explaining the reason for the refusal.
· · ·	reject-proposal: the action of rejecting a proposal to perform some action during a negotiation.
· · ·	request: the sender requests the receiver to perform some action.
•	request-when: the sender wants the receiver to perform some action when some given proposition becomes true.
•	request-whenever: the sender wants the receiver to perform some action as soon as some proposition is true and thereafter each time the proposition becomes true again.
•	subscribe: 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.
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Table 7.3: Perfor	rmatives prov Passing	Requesting	Nagotiation	Performing actions	Errot
Performative	information	information	Regonition		
accept-proposal			~	×	
agree		~		×	
cancel		^	×		
cfp	~				
confirm	×				~
disconfirm					^
failure	×				
inform-if	×				
inform-ref	×				×
not-understood				×	
propagate			×		
propose				×	
proxy		×			
query-if		×			
query-rer				×	
refuse			×	~	
reject proposar				÷	
request-when				Ŷ	
request-whenever	c				
subscribe		×			











		Formalisms for protocols
		Finite state machine
	Exar	nple Cool [Barbuceanu 95]
	•	The states of the FSM represent the <i>states</i> a conversation can be in. There is a distinguished <i>initial</i> state any conversation starts in, and several <i>terminating</i> states that when reached signal the termination of the conversation.
	•	The messages exchanged are represented as <i>performatives</i> (speech acts) of the agent communication language.
	•	A set of <i>conversation rules</i> specify how an agent in a given state receives a messages of specified type, does local actions (e.g. updating local data), sends out messages, and switches to another state.
	•	A set of <i>error recovery rules</i> specify how incompatibilities among the state of a conversation and the incoming messages are handled.
	•	A set of <i>continuation rules</i> specify how agents accept requests for new conversations or select a conversation to continue from among the existing ones.
	•	Conversation classes specify the states, conversation rules and error rules that are specific to a type of conversation. An agent has several conversation classes it can use when communicating with other agents.
	•	Actual conversations instantiate conversation classes and are created whenever agents engage in communication
Barbı In <i>ICI</i>	iceanu IAS (p	, M., & Fox, M. S. (1995, June). COOL: A Language for Describing Coordination in Multi Agent Systems. p. 17-24).
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