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Reading People Tracker Version 1.12 Reference Manual

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Abstract

The Reading People Tracker has been maintained at the Department's Computational Vision Group for the past 3 years. During this time, it has undergone major changes. The software has been completely restructured, adapted for multiple cameras and multiple trackers per camera, and integrated into the automated surveillance system `ADVISOR`. Part of this process has been the creation of extensive documentation from the source code, of which this manual is the most important part. The manual is mostly written for programmers and covers a range of issues, from architectural descriptions up to detailed documentation on the software process now to be followed for all maintenance work on the tracker.

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1 Introduction

This document gives an overview of the Reading People Tracker in the Computational Vision Group, Department of Computer Science, at the University of Reading. The aim of this documentation is to provide information in order to help future development of the People Tracker. Most of the material presented in this section and section 2 was taken from [1].

1.1 History

The original People Tracker was written by Adam Baumberg at the University of Leeds in 1993–1995 using `C++` running under `IRIX` on an `sgi`computer. It was a research and development system within the VIEWS project and a proof of concept for a PhD thesis [2]. The main focus during development was on functionality and experimental features which represented the state-of-the-art in people tracking at that time. Only a few software design techniques were deployed during the initial code development. The only documentation generated was a short manual on how to write a program using the People Tracking module.

In 1995–1998 the People Tracker was used in a collaboration between the Universities of Leeds and Reading in the IMV project. The software was changed at the University of Reading to inter-operate with a vehicle tracker which ran on a `Sun/Solaris` platform [3]. Only little functionality was changed and added during this time and no new documentation was created.

Starting in 2000, the People Tracker has been changed for its use within the `ADVISOR` system shown in Figure 8. This new application required a number of major changes on different levels.

1.2 The Need to Redesign the Code

The planned use of the People Tracker within the `ADVISOR` System carried many requirements that could not be met by the original implementation. Most of the new requirements arose from the fact that the People Tracker would now have to be part of an integrated system, while earlier it was standalone. The use of the People Tracker within the `ADVISOR` system also meant moving it "from the lab to the real world" which necessitated many changes. Figure 8 shows how the People Tracking module is connected to the other components of the `ADVISOR` system.

The **new requirements** for the People Tracker were:

- The People Tracker has to be fully integrated within the `ADVISOR` system.
- It has to run multiple trackers, for video input from multiple cameras (original software: one tracker, one camera input).
- The `ADVISOR` system requires the People Tracker to operate in realtime. Previously, the People Tracker read video images from hard disk which meant there were no realtime requirements.

- Within `ADVISOR`, the People Tracker has to run autonomously once it has been set up, without requiring input from an operator and without the possibility to write any message to screen or display any image.

- The software has to be ported from `sgi` to a standard PC running `GNU/Linux` to make economical system integration feasible.

The status of the existing People Tracker was evaluated in relation to the new requirements. It was observed that the system had significant deficiencies which hindered the implementation of the required new functionality:

- The heavy use of global variables and functions meant that multiple cameras could not be used.

- Except a few pages of operating manual, no other documentation was available. As a result, changing the software to add functionality, etc. required disproportionate amount of effort.

- There were very little comments in the source code which made it difficult to read and understand.

- The names of some of the classes and methods were misleading.

In the years 2000 and 2001, the People Tracker was reverse-engineered and re-engineered. The aim of the reverse engineering/re-engineering step was:

- to understand the program and the design,

- to find and correct design flaws and

- to recover all the software engineering artefacts like the requirements and the design documents.

From the source code, the class diagram was obtained by using the tool Rational Rose 2000e [4]. The analysis of the class diagram revealed that many class names did not reflect the inheritance hierarchy, a number of classes were found to be redundant, and many classes had duplicated functionality. The following correctional steps were performed:

- Redundant classes were removed.

- Global variables and functions were eliminated and their functionality distributed into both existing and new classes. Exceptions were global helper functions like `min()`, `max()` etc which were extracted and moved into one `C++` module.

- Many refactoring techniques [5] were applied, such as:

- Filtering out functionality duplicated in similar classes and moving it into newly created base classes.
- Re-distribution of functionality between classes and logical modules.
- Re-distribution of functionality between methods.

- Consistent renaming of file names to reflect classes defined in them.
- Meaningful names were given to classes and methods.
- The previous version of the code contained many class implementations in the header files; they were moved to the implementation (`.cc`) files.
- Assertions[6, chap. 6] were introduced at strategic points in the existing code and in all of the new code.
- From both *static analysis* and *dynamic analysis* [7], a requirement document and the UML artefacts like the Use Case, component, and package level sequence diagrams [8] were obtained. The UML diagrams have been shown in Figures 3 through 7 respectively.

In the final step, the remaining part of the required new functionality was incorporated into the re-engineered People Tracker. This includes the addition of separate processing threads for each video input, addressing the synchronisation and timing requirements etc. A newly created master scheduler manages all processing, in order to guarantee realtime performance with multiple video inputs. This version of the People Tracker incorporates most of the functionality needed for its use within `ADVISOR` and improvements to the people tracking algorithms which make it appropriate for the application [9]. The module has been validated against test data. Currently, the final stage of system integration is being undertaken, and this document, together with a User Manual to be written, completes the documentation.

1.3 Contributions

The following people have contributed to the Reading People Tracker up to the current version 1.12 of the software (dated Mar 11 2002).

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2 System Architecture: Overview

2.1 Static Organisation

The static organisation describes the organisation of the different parts of the code such as libraries and the links between them. This organisation is important to understand the code architecture and the use of each library in the program.

2.1.1 Domain Model

The domain model, shown in Figure 1, is the representation of the libraries used and developed for the Reading People Tracker program. The yellow blocks represent the parts which are libraries of our own source code. The other parts are standard libraries and include files. This diagram shows the relationship between each library, the arrows means that the library pointed is used by the the one which point: PCA library will use some function from the the matrix library.

- PCA: Principal Component Analysis and shape modelling, used by the Active Shape Tracker. PCA is used to generate the space of pedestrian outlines from training examples.
- matrix: library of tools for matrix calculations.
- data: set of standard data features (skeleton, profiles, human features, etc).
- utils: this library is the variable configuration manager.
- tracking: this library contains all the tracker, detector and camera classes.
- imgsrc: this library deals with images format and sources.
- xml: this library deals with XML files.

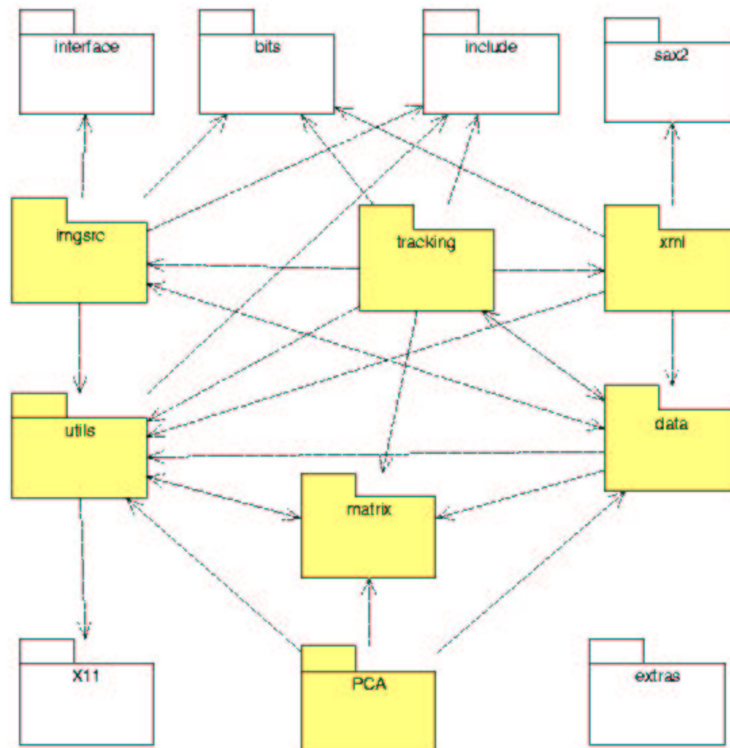

Figure 1: Software Packages of the People Tracker

2.1.2 Class Diagram

2.2 Dynamic Organisation

This section describes the dynamic organisation of the Reading People Tracker in 3 subsections:

- Use Case Model: deals with the actions performed by the system under the actors' interactions. Who are the users of the system (the actors), and what are they trying to do?
- Robustness Diagram: defines the types of object from the use case model. What object are needed for each use case?
- Sequence Diagram: represents the object flow. How do the objects collaborate within each use case?

2.2.1 Use Case Figure 2: Standalone

Use Case Diagram

This use case shows the action sequence that actors:

- Video Database and

- Developer,

perform with the system in Standalone mode to achieve a particular goal which is the result of the Track New People Position use case.

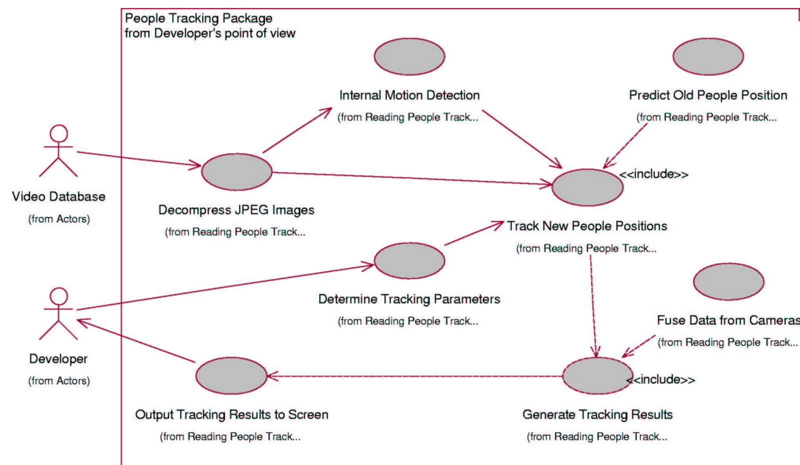

Figure 2: Use Cases for the People Tracker (in Standalone/Development Mode)

High Level Use Case

Use Case: Decompress JPEG Image.
Actor: Video Database, Internal Motion Detection, Track New People Position.
Description: JPEG images are decompressed form the database of images which will be used by the Motion Detection module and the Track New People Position module. This will be replicated per each video sequence from each cameras.

Use Case: Internal Motion Detector.
Actor: JPEG image decompressed, Track New People Position.
Description: The motion detection is done using the difference of the image with people moving and the background image, this will be used by the Track New People Position module to track the motion detected. This will be replicated per camera.

Use Case: Determine Tracking Parameters.
Actor: Developer, Track New People Position.
Description: The developer enters some variable configuration needed by the system to run, this will configure the variables for the Track New People Position module. This is replicated per cameras and per tracker used.

Use Case: Predict Old People Position.
Actor: Track New People Position.
Description: On each frame processing a prediction is done on the next position of a person tracked, this prediction is then checked and validate if correct. This will be replicate per camera.

Use Case: Track New People Position.
Actors: Decompress JPEG Image, Internal Motion Detector, Predict Old Object Position, Determine Tracking Parameters and Generate Tracking Result.
Description: This the Central task of the system, it generates the result of the tracking of a new person's position. Non replicated.

Use Case: Fuse Data from Cameras.
Actor: Generate Tracking Result.
Description: This use case shows that all the result of each cameras are fused and sent to the Generate Tracking Results module. Non replicated.

Use Case: Generate Tracking output.
Actors: Track New People Position, Output Tracking Results to Screen and Fuse Data from Cameras.
Description: Generates the Tracking result form all the cameras. Non replicated.

Use Case: Output Tracking Result to Screen.
Actor: Generate Tracking Result, Developer.
Description: This use case will use the result generated by the tacking to display the result on screen to the Developer. Non replicated.

2.2.2 Use Case Figure 3: ADVISOR

Use Case Diagram

this use case is a sequence of actions that the following actors perform with the People Tracking subsystem of `ADVISOR`:

- the Video Capture Module (from Thales),
- the External Motion Detection Module (from INRIA) and
- the Behaviour Analysis Module (to INRIA),

The goal is to Track New People Position with Video and Motion Detection as inputs and the result as output sent to the Behaviour Analysis.

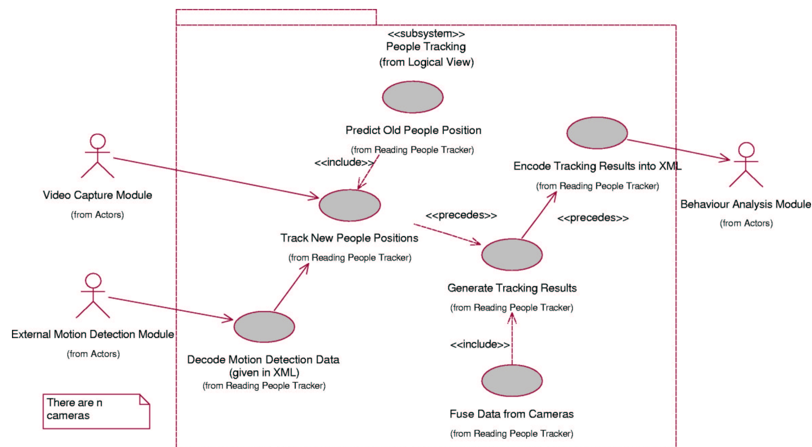

Figure 3: Use Cases for the People Tracker (as a Subsystem of ADVISOR)

High Level Use Case

Use Case: Decode Motion Detection Data
Actor: External Motion Detection Module, Track New People Position.
Description: Decode the XML data into data usable in the PeopleTracker program. Replicated per camera.

Use Case: Predict Old People Position.
Actor: Track New People Position.
Description: On each frame processing a prediction is done on the next position of a people tracked, this prediction is then checked and validate if correct. This will be replicate per camera.

Use Case: Track New People Position.
Actors: Video Capture Module, Predict Old People Position and Decode Motion Detection Data.
Description: This the Central task of the system, it generates the result of the tracking of a new people position. This will be replicated per camera.

Use Case: Fuse Data from Cameras.
Actor: Generate Tracking Results.
Description: This use case shows that all the result of each cameras are fused and sent to the Generate Tracking Result module. Non replicated.

Use Case: Generate Tracking output.
Actors: Track New People Position, Encode Tracking Results into XML and Fuse Data from Cameras outputs.
Description: This use case generate the Tracking result form all the cameras. Replicated per camera.

Use Case: Encode Tracking Result into XML

Actor: Behaviour Analysis Module, Generate Tracking Results
Description: Result generated are encode into XML format to be transported via Ethernet to an other module which will use these result to perform the behaviour analysis.

2.2.3 Robustness Diagram

The Robustness Analysis involves analysing each of the use cases and identifying a set of objects that will participate in the use case, then classifying those into three types of objects:

- Boundary object, which actors use in communicating with the system.
- Entity object, which represent a result and which will be used for external tasks.
- Control objects, which is the action performed by the system.

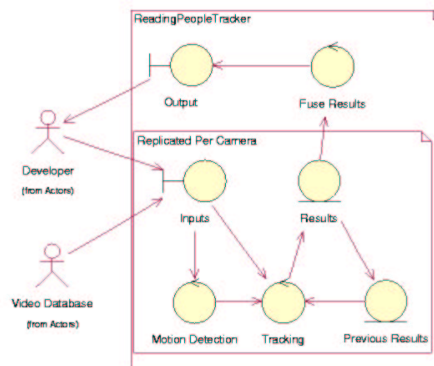

Figure 4: Standalone Robustness Diagram

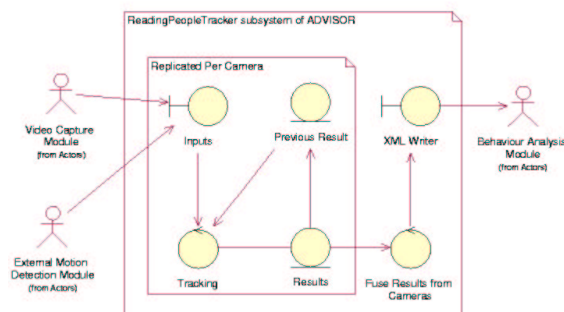

Figure 5: `ADVISOR` Robustness Diagram

2.2.4 Sequence Diagram

This diagram is also named interaction diagram. It shows the flow of requests between objects. Interaction modelling is the phase in which the threads that weave objects together are built. At this stage it is possible to see how the system performs useful behaviour. The sequence diagrams for the People Tracker have been shown in Figures 6 and 7.

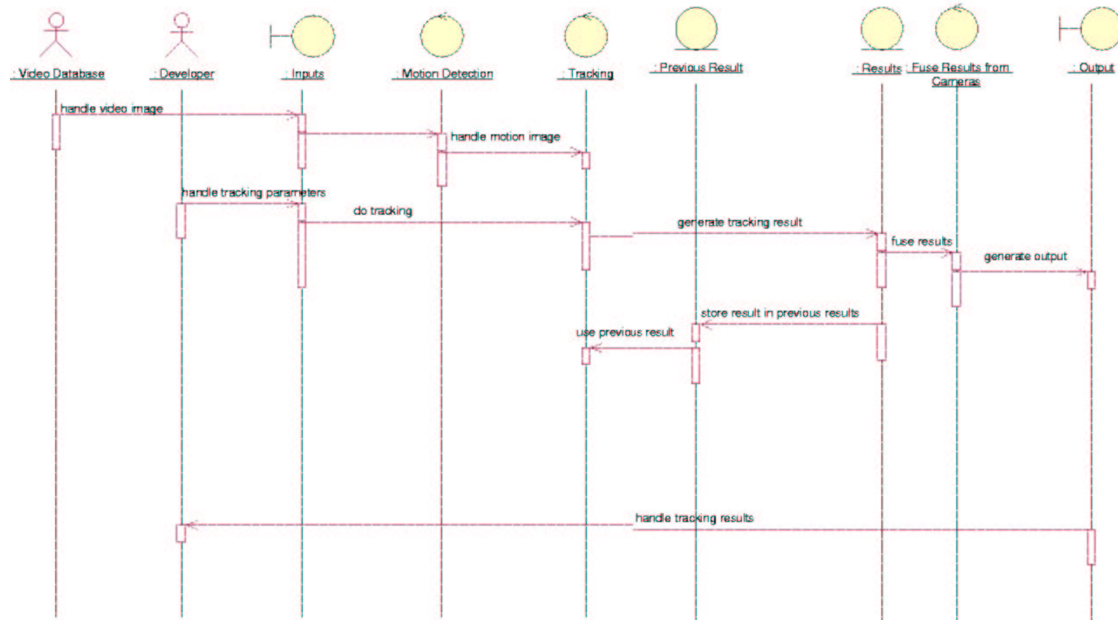

Figure 6: Standalone Sequence Diagram (at a Higher Level)

3 Design Patterns

Design patterns systematically describe names, motivate, and explain a general design that addresses a recurring design problem in all object-oriented systems. They describe the problem, the solution, when to apply the solution, and its consequences. They also give implementation hints and examples. The solution is a general arrangement of objects and classes that solve the problem in a particular context.

3.1 Requirements for the People Tracker

The People Tracker has to support two modes of operation:

- Standalone mode see figure 2 section 2.2.1,
- Subsystem of `ADVISOR` see figure 3 section 2.2.2.

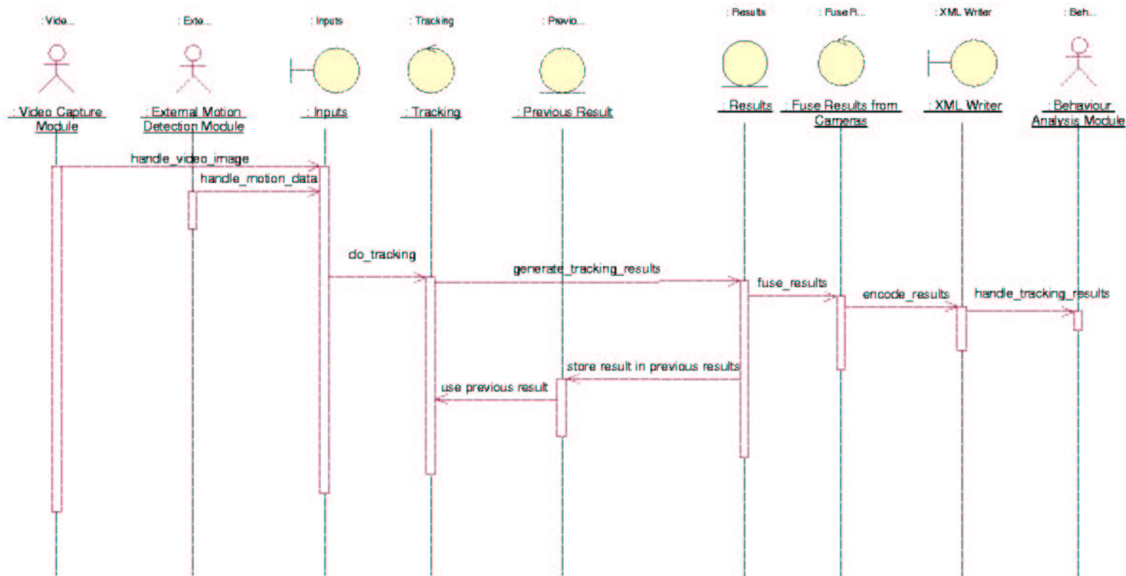

Figure 7: `ADVISOR` Sequence Diagram (at a Higher Level)

This two mode of operation are controlled at compile time using preprocessor `#defines`. The `ADVISOR` mode is enabled if and only if `THALES_WRAPPER` is defined. Image output is disabled if `NO_DISPLAY` is defined, and it has to be define in `ADVISOR` mode.

3.2 The way to use Classes

Design patterns are divided in 2 categories: Architectural pattern, Idioms and Rules.

3.2.1 Architectural Pattern

An *architectural pattern* expresses a fundamental structural organisation schema for software systems. It provides a set of predefined subsystems, specifies their responsibilities, and includes rules and guidelines for organising the relationships between them [10, p. 12].

Conceptual / Logical Architecture

People Tracking is one the six subsystem of `ADVISOR`. The Reading People Tracker module has to communicate with two others, receiving information and generate the result to be sent to an other module.

- Input: The video capture and motion detection subsystems are done by respectively Thales and INRIA. These subsystems send to the People Tracker XML files containing the images:

    1. Motion image (foreground with blob)

2. Video image
3. Background image

- Output: the result of the People Tracking is sent to the behaviour analysis subsystem done by INRIA. The result sent by People Tracker is an XML file containing the information on tracked people.

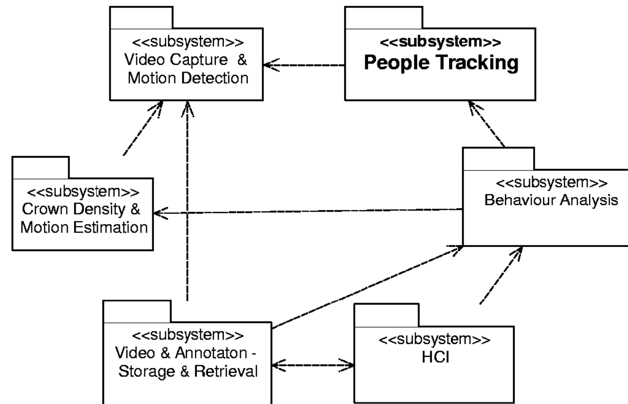

Figure 8: The `ADVISOR` System with its 6 Subsystems

Physical Architecture

Figure 8 shows the overall system layout, with individual subsystems for tracking, detection and analysis of events, storage and human-computer interface. Each of these subsystems is implemented to run in realtime on off-the-shelf PC hardware, with the ability to process input from a number of cameras simultaneously. The connections between the different subsystems are realised by Ethernet. As we have already seen, this subsystem has one input and one output.

3.2.2 Idioms and Rules

An *idiom* is a low-level pattern specific to a programming language. An idiom describes how to implement particular aspects of components or the relationships between them using the features of the given language [10, p 14].

Several idioms are used in our code. Some of which are very important. They are listed and they have to be followed for any change of the source code. Some of them are directly linked to the programming language rules [11].

Naming Conventions

- Class names and their associated files have to be written as uppercase for the first letter of each component, e.g. `ActiveShapeTracker`. Underscores ’_’ are not used in class names. Two different filename extensions are used for `C++` files header declaration (`.h`) and implementation definition (`.cc`). The following examples demonstrate the way to name things:

- ClassName
- associated files ClassName.h for the class declaration and ClassName.cc for its implementation.
- method_name() (within a class)
- a_local_variable (global variables are forbidden)
- get_a_variable(), "Accessor"
- set_a_variable(), "Modifier"

- All comments are to be written in plain British English.
- Use the C++-style // for comments, not the C-style /* */.
- Standard use of 8 character tabulation.
- All main() programs and test cases have to be situated in the progs/ subdirectory.

Include Files

- Use the directive #include "filename.h" for user-prepared include files (i.e. those which are part of our own code).
- Use the directive #include <filename.h> for include files from system libraries.
- Every include file must contain a mechanism that prevents *multiple inclusions* of the file. The defined "guard definition" has to be written in uppercase letters, it has to begin and finish with 2 underscores, and each term has to be separated by one underscore. For example, at beginning of the include file called |ActiveShapeTracker.h— you will see

```
#ifndef __ACTIVE_SHAPE_TRACKER_H__
#define __ACTIVE_SHAPE_TRACKER_H__
```

  This exact format has to be adopted.

Functions and Variables

- Global variables and functions must be avoided; they almost always violate the principle of encapsulation. Instead use static member functions of classes, e.g. there is a PeopleTracker::create_new_id() static member function to create a new, globally unique id from any thread.

- Minimal use of `#define` macros, use `inline` functions instead. The normal reason for declaring a function inline is to improve performance. Small functions, such as access functions, which return the value of a member of the class and so-called forwarding functions which invoke another function should normally be `inline`.

- The difference between `int &a` (or `int *a`) and `int& a` is that the first one seems to associate the `&` or (or `*`, for that matter) with the type, and the second one with the variable. From the compiler point of view there is no difference between them. Associating the `& or *` with the type name reflects the desire of some programmers for `C++` to contain a separate pointer type. However, neither the `&` nor the `*` is distributive over a list of variables. See for example `int *a,b;` Here `b` is declared as an integer (not a pointer to an integer), only `a` is a pointer to an integer.

  For these reasons, never write `int& a`, only `int &a`.

- Assertions, using the `assert(expression)` macro (defined by the ISO C include file `<assert.h>`), should be used in order to find programming errors at an early stage. Assertions are generally used to help verify that a program is operating correctly, with `expression` being devised in such a way that it evaluates to true only when there is no error in the program. For example, the constructor to the `Image` class has a parameter for the image width. `assert (the_width > 0);` is used to make sure that the given width is valid, because if it is not, something else has gone wrong in the past. Instead of trying to continue, the error should be found. This is done with the help of the mentioned assertion. See [6, chap. 6] for further reading.

- The `inline` function:

  - Access functions are to be `inline`,
  - Forwarding functions are to be `inline`,

  The normal reason for declaring a function `inline` is to improve the performance of your program. Correct use of `inline` functions may also lead to reduced size of code.

- A `virtual function` is a member function that is declared within a base class and redefined by a derived class. In essence, virtual function implement the "one interface, multiple methods" philosophy that underlies polymorphism. The virtual function within the base class defines the form of the interface to that function.

- The use of `unsigned` type: the unsigned type is used to avoid inconsistency an error generation. It is widely use in the matrix library (e.g., you cannot specify a negative number of columns for a matrix calculation). Always use `unsigned` for variables which cannot reasonably have negative values.

- The use of `const`: this identifier has to be used when you want to keep the value of a variable. It makes it impossible to overwrite its value. A member function that does not affect the state of the an object is to be declared `const`. All trackers or detectors have to be derived from `BaseTracker` using pure virtual methods.
- All types used by more than one class have to be defined in `tracker_defines_type_and_helpers`, for instance: the image source type.

Classes

- Definitions of classes that are only accessed via pointers `(*)` or references `(&)` shall not be included as include files. Instead, use forward declarations, for example, in `ActiveShapeTracker.h` one can find:

  ```
  class Image;
  class ActiveModel;
  ...
  ```

  in `ActiveShapeTracker.cc` these forward declared classes are defined by including the respective header files:

  ```
  #include "Image.h"
  #include "ActiveModel.h"
  ...
  ```

- Use *base classes* where useful and possible. A *base class* is a class from which no object is created; it is only used as a base class for the derivation of other classes. For example see `BaseTracker` class
- `public, protected, private` sections of a class are to be declared in that order. By placing the `public` section first, everything that is of interest to a user is gathered in the beginning of the class definition. The `protected` section may be of interest to designers when considering inheriting from the class. The `private` section contains details that should have the least general interest.
  - `public` members of a class are member data and functions which are everywhere accessible by specifying an instance of the class and the name.
  - `protected` members are variables or functions which are accessible by specifying the name within member functions of derived classes.
  - `private` members are variables or functions which are only accessible inside the class.
- A `friend` function has access to all `private` and `protected` members of the class for which it is a friend.

Use and Update the Source Code

The Reading People Tracker source code is shared between several developers. To access the source code it is necessary to use CVS (Concurrent Version System) which permits to a group of people to work at the same time on the same code. There is a Master Repository of the Source code you can use it in three ways:

- `CVS checkout source_name`: this command creates a `source/` directory in the current one containing a personal version of the source code.
- `CVS update source_name`: this command gives the updated source code .
- `CVS commit source_name`: this command applies the changes made in the code to the Master Repository of the Source code.

These command lines are entered in a shell.

When changes in the source code are committed an explanation of the changes must be put in the `CHANGES` file in the `source` directory.

Example Source Code

This example from the `PeopleTracker.cc` file shows how the code has to be formatted.

- The Comment first describes the method created and the return or parameter values.
- The indentation: after `if` expression with comment, carriage return, opening bracket, carriage return, the inside of the block, carriage return, closing bracket, carriage return, `else`...
- Do not use `i` or `j`; all variables have a meaning, like the variable `number_of_active_cameras`. We are not afraid of the variable name's length.
- Any implementation which is more than a very few lines of code has to be written in the `.cc` file, not in the `.h` file.

```
///////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
//                                                                           //
//  int PeopleTracker::get_state()  check whether there is an error          //
//                                                                           //
//  returns  the number of active cameras (>= 0) if no error can be detected //
//           < 0 (value of state variable, qv) if there is a known error     //
//                                                                           //
///////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
int PeopleTracker::get_state()
{
    if (state == 0)   // everything OK?
    {
```

```
        // count number of active cameras (ie. existing and enabled 'Camera's)
        unsigned int number_of_active_cameras = 0;
        unsigned int index;

        for (index = 0; index < number_of_cameras; index++)
            if ((cameras[index] != NULL) && (cameras[index]->camera_enabled))
                number_of_active_cameras++;

        return number_of_active_cameras;
    }
    else
    {
        assert (state < 0);  // (state != 0) means error and this should be < 0
        return state;        // this will hold an error value < 0
    }
}
```

3.3 Patterns Implementation

In this subsection we are dealing with the patterns and their implementation in the Reading People Tracker. The system patterns are extracted from the Dynamic Organisation 2.2 and the main classes described are those from the `tracking` library. The patterns extracted are:

- The way the Inputs are treated: the `Inputs` class,
- The Tracking task: the `ReadingPeopleTracker` main class and the `PeopleTracker, Camera, Tracking` classes,
- The Results produced: the `Results` class.

We can easily understand that the most important part here is the tracking pattern, for this reason we will not present details about the fused results and output; they are:

- in Standalone mode: User Interface,
- in `ADVISOR` mode: usage of XML standard Library.

3.3.1 Inputs

The `Inputs` class, shown in Figure 9, sets up video input, external motion input and camera calibration. This class collect all input to given frame and returns actual and new frame id.

1. CONSTRUCTOR:
   `Inputs::Inputs(ConfigurationManager *configuration_manager)` Creates new configuration manger, Input configuration.

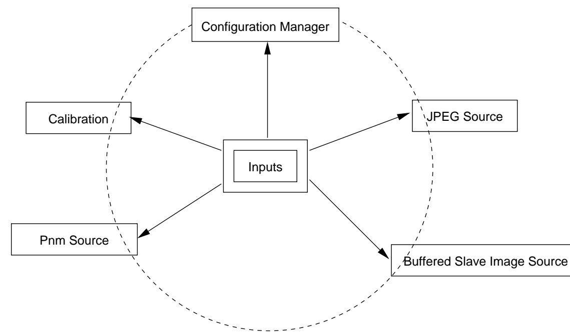

Figure 9: Inputs diagram

2. DESTRUCTOR:
`Inputs::~Inputs()` delete old sources.

3. Setup Inputs:
`void Inputs::setup_inputs()`

   - Setup video input,
   - Setup input for external motion detector:
     - Motion image,
     - XML regions,
     - Background images.
   - Setup camera Calibration.

4. Setup Buffered Slave:
`bool Inputs::setup_image_source_input(...)` returns whether some valid input has been set up for the specified filename.

   - Check for special filename "slave". Use buffered slave input but fed from a file source. In order to do that, we determine and create file source first, to get the image dimensions. Then we open the slave source.
   - Open `input_source` which reads images from hard disk. The following image formats are recognised: JPEG, PPM, PGM (PNM formats may be 'compress'ed or 'gzip'ed).
   - Create slave source if we need it. Open slave source to be fed from `\input_source`. This feed contains the image dimensions necessary to instantiate the `BufferedSlaveImageSource` class.

5. Setup Buffer and XML Files:
`bool Inputs::setup_xml_region_source_input(...)` Set up buffered slave and file input XML region source as specified by the filename returns whether some valid input has been set up.

- Check for special filename “slave”. Use buffered slave input which is fed with input by Thales’ Wrapper. Get the image dimensions.
- Create a `NumberedFileSource` which reads XML data from hard disk. Set up file source for the slave. This is a `NumberedFileSource`.

6. Proceed Inputs:
   `frame_id_t Inputs::proceed_to_frame(...)` First proceed the `video_image_source` to the next frame id with an id >= the given one. Proceed all inputs to frame given `frame_id_t next_frame_id`, if possible and return actual new frame id. Then we use `video_image_source` as the definitive source for the frame id, proceeding other inputs to it. The rationale here is that if there is no video image for a given frame, no other source needs to provide data for that frame.

   - Get next video image, check for frame number wraparound, wrap around input sources, e.g.. `frame_id` 999999 → 000000 within `ADVISOR`.
   - Choose latest background image: if input from slave, until buffer is empty.

3.3.2 ReadingPeopleTracker

The main() program for the Reading People Tracker. The diagram below shows the flow of actions performed in the tracking task. When the ReadingPeopleTracker is launched, it instantiates a PeopleTracker object which will starts the camera treatment threads.

1. The program starts PeopleTracker class:
   `PeopleTracker *people_tracker = new PeopleTracker(config_filename)` setup new PeopleTracker class,

2. Then The PeopleTracker adds cameras:
   `people_tracker->add_cameras(number_of_cameras, camera_names)` add cameras to the PeopleTracker,

3. Finally the PeopleTracker starts a processing thread:
   `pthread_t people_tracker_thread = people_tracker->start_thread()` starts a processing thread in PeopleTracker.

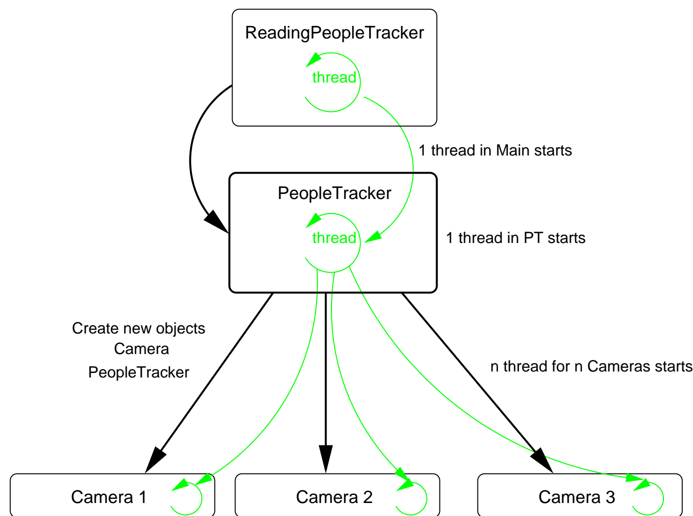

Figure 10: Objects creation and Threads sequence diagram

3.3.3 PeopleTracker

The `PeopleTracker` class handles and schedules trackers and outputs tracking results. It instantiates Camera objects which in turn hold everything associated with the respective camera: Inputs, Calibration, the actual Tracking class which generates and stores results, a Configuration class etc. The PeopleTracker lets each Camera class start a thread. These wait for the PeopleTracker to supply the input (images, XML motion data). After tracking, they signal us that they have new results. The PeopleTracker then extracts the results from the Camera and fuses data from all cameras in order to write the person/object tracks out in XML format.

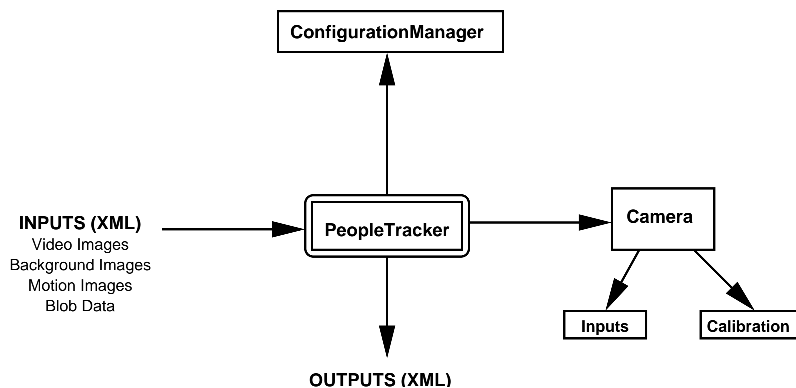

Figure 11: PeopleTracker diagram

- CONSTRUCTOR:
  `PeopleTracker::PeopleTracker(char *toplevel_config_filename)`
  `toplevel_config_filename` is the base for all configuration file names. Other configuration files are generated by appending camera number (e.g., `LUL-conf1 -> LUL-conf1-01` for the first camera) and initials of tracking

modules (e.g., `LUL-conf1-01-RT` for the RegionTracker of the first camera). The constructor sets a state variable to the number of active cameras if there is no error during set-up. Otherwise the state is set to a value < 0. Use `get_state()` to query this state.

- Setup configuration manager:
  `configuration_manager = new ConfigurationManager`

- Add new cameras:
  `int PeopleTracker::add_cameras(unsigned int num_cameras, char *camera_names[])` Add a set of `num_cameras` cameras to the set of cameras known to the tracker. This will create a thread within each Camera, waiting for the arrival of data to be processed. The method returns < 0 on error, otherwise number of new cameras added Within the `ADVISOR` system, this will only be called once. However, the method handles the possibility to add cameras at any time by calling it again.

- Start a thread for processing data:
  `pthread_t PeopleTracker::start_thread()` start a thread which does all processing as data arrives and returns thread id. `void *PeopleTracker::do_processing(void *unused)` for each frame, wait until all cameras have new tracking data available then merge it and write it out in XML.

- Get the actual state of each cameras:
  `int PeopleTracker::get_state()` check whether there is an error returns the number of active cameras ($>= 0$) if no error can be detected < 0 (value of state variable, q.v.) if there is a known error.

- Write the results in XML format:
  `unsigned char *PeopleTracker::write_results_in_XML_to_buffer(...)` write out tracking results in XML to a given buffer (memory region) up to maximum given length (give the buffer size) if no or NULL buffer is given it will be allocated. returns a pointer to the first char in the buffer with XML data. `void PeopleTracker::write_results_in_XML_to_stream(ostream &out)` write out tracking results in XML to a given ostream.

3.3.4 Camera

The Camera object holds everything associated with a camera: Inputs, Calibration, the actual Tracking class which generates and stores results, a ConfigurationManager class etc. The PeopleTracker class can start a thread for each Camera class instantiated and waits for input to be fed by the parent. Results from Tracking are generated by the thread and the availability of new Results is signalled.

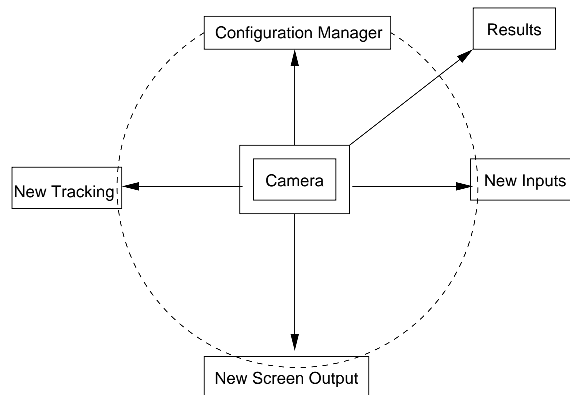

Figure 12: Camera diagram

1. CONSTRUCTOR:
   `Camera::Camera(char *camera_config_filename, bool quiet_mode)` set up all inputs, set up output movie, set up trackers.

2. Processing:
   `void *Camera::do_processing(void *unused)` This is the threaded method waiting for data and doing all the processing. The following steps are taken for each frame.

   - Calculate frame id,
   - Proceed inputs,
   - Mark results: not yet finished,
   - Get new data set from RegionSet,
   - Put background image into result,
   - Run trackers,
   - Update display,
   - Draw result into image.

3. Start thread:
   `pthread_t Camera::start_thread()` Start a thread which does all processing as data arrives. returns thread id.

4. Calculate next frame id:
   `void Camera::calculate_next_frame_id()`.

5. Get new data set:
   `inline void Camera::get_new_data_sets()` get next image / XML RegionSet from each of the 4 inputs as necessary the Inputs class will set the pointers to NULL if they are not available.

6. Register config parameter:
   `void Camera::register_configuration_parameters()`.

3.3.5 Tracking

The `Tracking` class is the nucleus of the tracking task. From this class are launched all the different trackers and detectors. The trackers enabled in the the tracking Configuration File are created: generation of a new configuration file for each tracker and start running them.

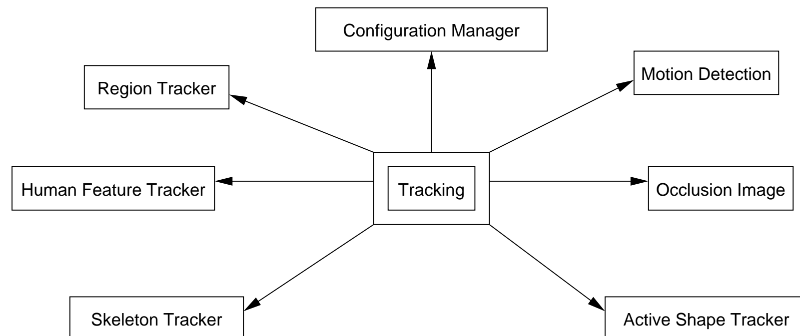

Figure 13: Tracking diagram

1. CONSTRUCTOR:
   `Tracking::Tracking(ConfigurationManager *configuration_manager)`
   - The class checks which tracker is going to be used,
   - Then it initialise all variables in the configuration manager.

2. DESTRUCTOR:
   `Tracking::~Tracking()` deletes old configurations.

3. Setup trackers:
   `void Tracking::setup_trackers(Inputs *inputs,`
   `unsigned char *camera_configuration_filename_base)` generates tracker configuration file names by using the camera configuration file name and appending a suffix, e.g. “-MD” for the Motion Detector module (generally, uppercase initials of modules)
   - Setup file configuration,
   - Setup new tracker object.

4. Run trackers:
   `void Tracking::run_trackers(Inputs *inputs, Results *results)`
   - Processing: Tracker → process frame,
   - Post processing: Tracker → process frame, this is a check against other measurements again and clean up.

3.3.6 Results

The `Results` class is used as Storage class for tracking results. The results from tracking will be added by the individual trackers This class is an Accessor and Modifier to all the tracking results:

```
inline TrackedObjectSet *get_tracked_objects()
        {
            return tracked_objects;
        }
inline void set_tracked_objects(TrackedObjectSet *new_tracked_objects)
        {
            tracked_objects = new_tracked_objects;
        }
inline Image *get_motion_image()
        {
            return motion_image;
        }
inline void set_motion_image(Image *new_image)
        {
            motion_image = new_image;
        }
inline Image *get_background_image()
        {
            return background_image;
        }
inline void set_background_image(Image *new_image)
        {
            background_image = new_image;
        }
inline Image *get_difference_image()
        {
            return difference_image;
        }
inline void set_difference_image(Image *new_image)
        {
            difference_image = new_image;
        }
inline Image *get_thresholded_difference_image()
        {
            return thresholded_difference_image;
        }
inline void set_thresholded_difference_image(Image *new_image)
        {
            thresholded_difference_image = new_image;
        }
inline Image *get_filtered_difference_image()
        {
            return filtered_difference_image;
```

```
        }
 inline void set_filtered_difference_image(Image *new_image)
        {
            filtered_difference_image = new_image;
        }
```

4 How to Create or Design and Implement...

A new module for the `PeopleTracker` should be carefully designed using Rational Rose to draw the diagrams needed. Then implement the new module using the Class Diagram and localise the changes required by the new module, following the rules given in section 3.2.2. This section deals with the design aspect of creating a new Image Source, a new Tracker and a new Detector modules.

4.1 A New Shape Model

To build a new linear shape model for people tracking. The model provided was optimised using a technique published in [12]. The basic components are segmented training images and the tracker classes. Basically the idea is to build the initial model and then use the tracker to fit the deformable model to the original segmented training images. A new linear model is generated with this new training data and the process repeated. The models obtained are more compact (i.e. fewer shape parameters are required).

It required a short sequence of steps for the implementation[1].

1. Generate training images - segmented binary images with a single training shape in each,
2. Extract training shapes as `B-splines`,
3. Align splines (using `process_sequence`),
4. Build PCA shape model (using `process_squence`) and output to current model file,
5. Add small amount of noise to shape model (use `PCAclass::add_noise`),
6. Run the tracker with current model on segmented training images. We consider each training image as a sub-sequence of “n” identical images. The tracker is run on each sub-sequence so that the final shape has had a chance to converge onto the precise training image shape.
7. Output all the “tracked” training shapes (as `B-splines`).
8. goto 3.

[1]The given algorithm was kindly provided by Adam Baumberg in a personal communication on Wed Jun 5 2002

Step 5 is needed to ensure the fit to the training shapes does not degrade over time. However for a large training set and a couple of iterations it is not critical. There used to be a short program called `add_noise.cc` that did this, however, this program is not a part of the current distribution.

4.2 A New ImageSource

This section provides the standard approach for creating a new image source. The rules given in section 3.2.2 have to be followed.

All image input should be through an `ImageSource` class. The basic structure of an Image Source class is as follow:

- The `Constructor` initialises or opens the input and makes sure that images can be read. The variable concerning the source type are also set up. Calling the Constructor has to return valid values concerning the image settings: e.g. the image dimensions (xdim, ydim), and if it is a grey scale image, frame time (in ms) and frame id.
- The `Image *current` points to the current image if there is one.
- The `get_current` method defined in `ImageSource` class, gets the current image or frame.
- The `get_next` method gets the next image or frame. If it is the first image the method returns the first image and `get_current` may not be called. The `get_next` method will modify the value of the `current` pointer.
- The `get_xdim()` and `get_ydim()` have to be implemented as `const` and have to return `unsigned int` representing the image dimensions.

For Example for the actual state of the code: `JPEGSource` and `PNMSource` derived from `ImageSource` class.

4.3 A New Tracker or Detector Module

This section provides the standard approach for creating a new tracker or detector. First of all, it is important to understand the Inputs and Outputs or Results expected and used or generated by these modules. Then we will look more precisely at the basic methods which have to be used for the frame processing.

4.3.1 Inputs and Results

Inputs

The Inputs to `ReadingPeopleTracker` are:

- external for the `ADVISOR` subsystem see section 3.2.1
- internal for Standalone: they are files stored in the hard drive (video images),

- Calibration inputs if there are some.

Results

All data are exchanged via a central class `Results`. The results are the outputs of the `ReadingPeopleTracker`. This results contain:

- Images: motion image, background image, difference image and threshold image.
- TrackedObjectSet:
  - Can contain invisible (not detected) hypotheses or predictions
  - Tracking result/output:
    - only Profile,
    - only older result,
    - only visible.
  - `Observation` class: for each region or profile detected is associated an new Observation object which will date the frames of the region or profile.

  For Example:
  class `Profile` → class `ProfileSet : Observation`,
  class `Region` → class `RegionSet : Observation`,
  class `NewX` → class `NewXSet : Observation`.

4.3.2 Frame Processing

Each tracker or detector use two methods to do the frame processing.

- `process_frame(Inputs *inputs, Results *results, unsigned int max_objects)`: use inputs and current/previous results to obtain and store new results. This method call three other ones:
  - `predict_old_objects(Results *previous_results)`,
  - `track_old_objects(Inputs *inputs, Results *results)`,
  - `detect_new_objects(Inputs *inputs, Results *results)`.
- `post_process_frame(Inputs *inputs, Results *results)`: clean up tracks etc in results.

4.3.3 Detection

- Measurements: each picture is compared to the original or updated background.
- No "memory": blob is simply detected (just detected) at the instant t.

For these reasons there is no need for a `post_process_frame()`, as there is nothing to clean.

4.3.4 Tracking

The tracking module includes the detection module.

- Over the time: the aim is to follow one or many blobs, used of `track_old_objects()`
- Measurements: the measurements are done in a loop which predicts the position of an object for the next frame. The previous results are stored in `current`. It is checked if the prediction was right.
  - yourself (AST):,
  - other modules (RT).

4.3.5 Base Tracker

The `BaseTracker` class is the base class for the detection and tracking modules. The methods used in the tracker or detector are declared in `BaseTracker.h` as `public` and as `virtual`.

4.4 Actual Configuration And Algorithm Of The Tracking Task

The actual tracking is done via 4 modules:

- MotionDetector,
- RegionTracker,
- ActiveShapeTracker,
- HeadDetector.

Figure 14 shows the organisation of the tracking and detection modules and how these modules interact with each other from the input to the output. The video input is taken by the `MotionDetector` module. This module applies some filtering to the image and obtains detected regions:

- Median Filtering on the background image,
- Background Subtraction with the image with moving people.
- After filtering and thresholding the Motion Image is obtained,
- The moving blobs are extracted.

The detected regions are used as input for the `RegionTracker` module:

- The first task here is the splitting and merging regions,

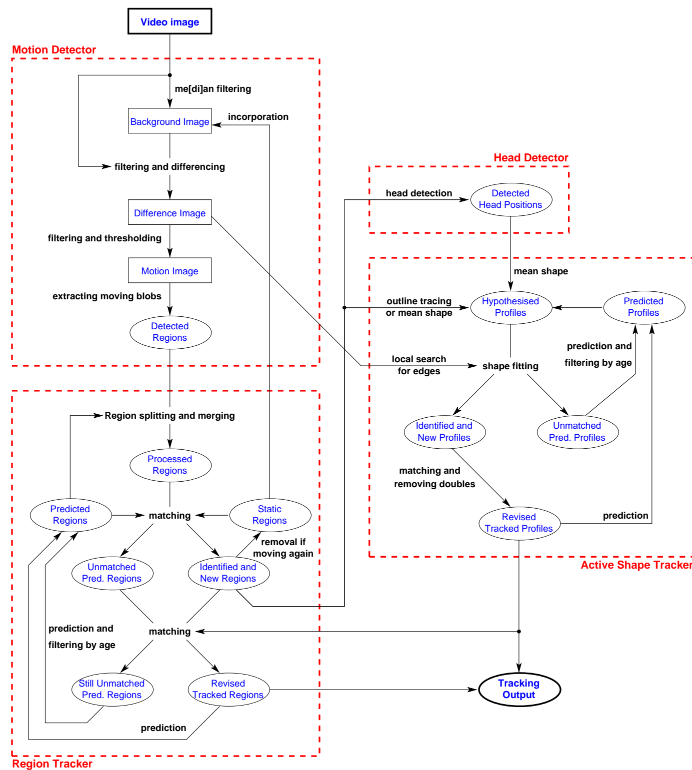

Figure 14: Tracking Algorithm (taken from [13])

- Then the program tries to match these region with the human features data.
- When a static region is detected, the program adds the region to the background image.

The `HeadDetector` module takes its input from the identified region from `RegionTracker` module. The Image difference obtained in the MotionDetector is use as input in `ActiveShapeTracker` module. The region identified result from `RegionTracker` module is used by `HeadDetector` and `ActiveShapeTracker` modules. Then the `HeadDetector` module provides information about the mean profile to `ActiveShapeTracker` module:

- First the module make some hypothesis on the profile of the region detected using data from RT and HD,
- Then the module try to fit a shape onto this region,
- When the new profile is identify the output confirm the others on the Tracking output.

5 Configuration Files Organisation

The diagram below shows the architecture organisation of the Configuration files. The Top Level Configuration file contains informations about the cameras enabled

and their configuration file names. For example the name of the top level configuration file is `TLC-00` and this file contains the name of the camera(s) configuration file(s) `TLC-00.PTLF0n.C0n` (n is the camera number 1 to 4). Each camera configuration file contains information on the trackers used and their configuration file names for example the Region tracker file name will be `TLC-00.PTLF0n.C0n-RT`.

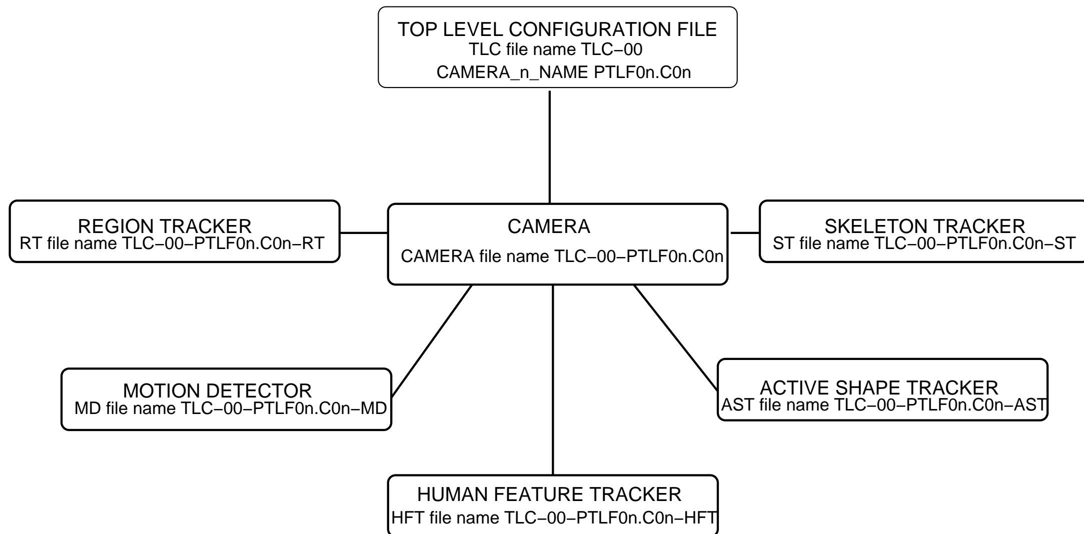

Figure 15: Configuration File Organisation diagram

6 Libraries Description

This subsection deals with the 7 libraries and the most prominent classes of the Reading People Tracker. It contains information about class definitions and description of their behaviour.

- **The PCA library**:
  - `PCAclass.cc`: defines the `PCAclass` which is a class for carrying out Principal Component Analysis on arbitrary data.
  - `MeanProfile.cc`: defines the `MeanProfile` which is a class for calculating an updated mean profile.
  - `HMetric.cc`: define the `HMetric` class.
  - `ProfileSequence.cc`: define the `ProfileSequence` which is a class which allows a number of manipulations to `ProfileSet` stored in file. Only used by the process sequence program to generate and manipulate PCA models.
- **The matrix library**:
  - `KalmanFilter.cc`: defines the `DynamicKalmanOneD`, `DynamicKalmanTwoD`, `StaticKalmanOneD` and `StaticKalmanTwoD` and the `VibrationFilter` classes.

- `NagMatrix.cc`: defines the `NagMatrix` which is a class for manipulating (2D) matrices (uses either NAG or BLAS/LAPACK library).
- `NagVector.cc`: defines the `NagVector` which is a class for manipulating realno n-vectors.

- **The utils library**:
  - `ConfigurationManager.cc` (formerly GlobalsManager.cc): defines `ConfigurationManager` plus `help` classes for String and handy variables configuration (derived from a base class `ConfigurationVariable`).
  - `NumberedFiles.cc`: defines `NumbreredFiles` which is a helper (base) class to read or write numbered files. Derive a class from this one. Give first filename (e.g., video017.jpg) as parameter to this base class's constructor.
  - `Profiling.cc`: defines `Profiling` class which do some very basic routines for timing events.

- **The data library**:
  - `BoundaryPoints.cc`: defines `BoundaryPoints` class which ordered set of points on the boundary of an object.
  - `HumanFeatureSet.cc`: defines `HumanFeatureSet` class which provides a list of tracked objects with detected human features such as head positions etc.
  - `HumanFeatures.cc`: defines `HumanFeatures` class which provides some definitions and structures for human features such as head positions etc.
  - `Observation.cc`: defines `Observation` class which is a base storage class for an observation: a Region, Profile etc.
  - `PointVector.cc`: defines `PointVector` which is a class for manipulating a N point vector.
  - `Profile.cc`: defines `Profile` which is a record class for storing the Profile data of an object.
  - `ProfileSet.cc`: defines `ProfileSet` which is a class consisting of a list of Profiles.
  - `Region.cc`: defines `Region` class which is a Region is a rectangular sub image and will in general contain one connected blob.
  - `RegionSet.cc`: defines `RegionSet` class which contains functions for `RegionSet` class (declared in Region.h).
  - `Skeleton.cc`: defines `Skeleton` class which provides some definitions and structures for a human "skeleton".
  - `SkeletonSet.cc`: defines `SkeletonSet` class which provides a list of tracked objects with detected Skeleton.

- SplineMatrix.cc: defines SplineMatrix class with methods to convert a Region Boundary to spline form.
- SplineWeights.cc: defines SplineWeights class.

- **The imgsrc library**:
  - BufferedSlaveImageSource.cc: defines BufferedSlaveImageSource class, an ImageSource which waits for external images using pthread_cond_wait.
  - Grey8Image.cc: defines Grey8Image.cc image class for 8-bit grey level images.
  - GreyMap.cc: defines GammaCorrectMap class.
  - HSV32Image.cc (most of this was copied from RGB32Image.cc): defines HSV32Image class, HSV image class derived from RGB32Image class.
  - Image.cc: defines Image class.
  - ImagePyramid.cc: defines ImagePyramid class.
  - ImageSource.cc: defines ImageSource class.
  - JPEGSource.cc (structure copied from MpegStream.cc by Adam Baumberg) (based on our new (JPEG) MovieStore and IJG's example.c): defines JPEGSource class which reads individual, numbered JPEG files as an ImageSource. This code is written with full colour images in mind (24/32-bit).
  - Kernel.cc: defines Kernel class for image processing.
  - MedianFilterSource.cc: defines MedianFilterSource class for a median-filtered background image median filter (over time) to extract background defined as a PipeSource.
  - MovieStore.cc (structure copied from moviestore.cc.amb by Adam Baumberg): defines MovieStore class which stores a sequence of images in a number of formats (future). Currently, only individual JPEG images can be written. This code is written with full colour images in mind (24/32-bit).
  - MultiBackgroundSource.h: defines MultiBackgroundSource class which is a background generation class which lets you incorporate static objects into the background and remove them when they start moving again. Written with cars (ie unidentified, large 'Region's) in mind. This file is not directly included. We are included by PipeSource.h.
  - PipeSource.h: defines PipeSource class.
  - PipeSourceFilters.h: defines BlendSource, BlurSource, ColourFilterSource, ConcatSource, ConvolveSource, ConstantSource, DifferenceSource, FMedSource, GammaCorrectSource, HSV32Source, HalfBlurSource, MaximumSource,

MinimumSource, MiddleSource, NoisySource, NeighbourSource, RepeatSource, RotateSource, ResampleSource, VFlipSource, ThresholdSource, ThresholdedDifferenceSource, SobelEdgeSource, SobelSource, SubImageSource, SimpleDiffSource, SkipSource classes. This file is not directly included. We are included by PipeSource.h.

  - PnmSource.cc: defines PnmSource class which is an utility function to read a PNM file header; returns 5 for P5 etc, 0 for error. NOTE: does not open or close file. Leaves file pointer at first data byte.
  - PnmStream.h: defines PnmStream which passes a Unix command that will generate a stream of PNM images to stdout OR simply an input stream containing PNM images. This class connects to the stream to generate images accessed using the get_next() function note the get_next() method is implemented in PgmSource.cc.
  - RGB32Image.cc: defines RGB32Image class which 24-bit (plus alpha) colour image class derived from generic. Image class in Image.h/Image.cc.
  - XanimStream.h: defines XanimStream class.

- **The tracking library**:
  - ActiveModel.cc: defines ActiveModel class.
  - ActiveShapeTracker.cc: defines ActiveShapeTracker class which is a high level people tracker without ground plane info.
  - BaseTracker.cc: defines BaseTracker class.
  - Calibration.cc: defines Calibration class which reads a calibration (4x3 projection) matrix from file and provides methods to use this calibration data for image measurements. The matrix file must be in NAG format, image addressing mode is expected to be IA_TOP_TO_BOTTOM, and using the unit [cm] for world coordinates.
  - Camera.cc: defines Camera class which holds everything connected with a camera. A Camera object holds everything associated with a camera: Inputs, Calibration, the actual Tracking class which generates and stores results, a CameraConfiguration class etc. The Camera class starts a thread for each Camera class and waits for input to be fed by the parent. Results from Tracking, are generated and the availability of new Results is signalled.
  - CameraConfiguration.h: defines CameraConfiguration class.
  - EdgeDetector.cc: defines NormForeColourDetect class which uses a combination of *normalised *colour subtraction and inside normalised colour (from previous frames), ColouredForegroundEdgeDetector class which use a combination of colour image subtraction and inside colour (from previous frames), ColouredEdgeDetector class,

ForegroundEdgeDetector class, MovingEdgeDetector class which is looking at spatial and temporal derivative but do not assume background image is available, SimpleEdgeDetector class, SobelDetector class, GenericEdgeDetector class.

  - HumanFeatureTracker.cc (structure copied from ActiveShapeTracker.cc): defines HumanFeatureTracker class which is a tracker class which tracks human features such as head etc.
  - Inputs.cc: defines Inputs class.
  - MotionDetector.cc: defines MotionDetector class which support for external motion image source. Concept for creation of motion image, colour filtering techniques, pre-calculated difference image, dilation for motion image.
  - OcclusionHandler.h: defines OcclusionHandler base class to handle occlusion.
  - OcclusionImage.cc: defines OcclusionImage class.
  - PeopleTracker.cc: defines PeopleTracker class handles and schedules trackers and outputs tracking results.
  - RegionTracker.cc: defines RegionTracker class which tracks regions from frame to frame.
  - ScreenOutput.cc
  - SkeletonTracker.cc (structure copied from HumanFeatureTracker.h): defines SkeletonTracker class which tracks a humans "skeleton".
  - TrackedObject.cc: storage class for tracked objects (person, group, car, other) holding all data from all trackers.
  - TrackedObjectSet.cc: defines TrackedObjectSet class which lists to hold 'TrackedObject's.
  - Tracking.cc

- **The XML library**:
  - BufferedSlaveXMLRegionSource.cc: in this file we define the BufferedSlaveXMLRegionSource class which defines an interface to XML Region data as defined by the XML Schema namespace http://www.cvg.cs.reading.ac.uk/ADVISOR (the current name). An instance of this class will read and buffer XML data given through handle_new_blob_data(...) until it is queried by get_next(). get_next() will parse the XML data, return a RegionSet and delete the XML buffer.
  - XMLRegionHandler.cc: defines XMLRegionHandler class which defines an interface to XML Region data as defined by the XML Schema namespace http://www.cvg.cs.reading.ac.uk/ADVISOR (the current name). Similar in design to our ImageSource classes, some methods are pure virtual

and the class should therefore not be instantiated directly. The XMLRegionHandler class is derived from the XML SAX2 DefaultHandler class which is designed to ignore all requests. We only redefine the methods that we need such that there is little overhead.

- XMLRegionSource.cc (abstract): this class defines an interface to XML Region data as defined by the XML Schema namespace "http://www.cvg.cs.reading.ac.uk/ADVISOR" (the current name). Similar in design to our ImageSource classes, some methods are pure virtual and the class should therefore not be instantiated directly. The XMLRegionSource class uses the XMLRegionHandler class to extract data from the XML structures.

7 Reverse engineering of the RPT code using Rational Rose's C++ Analyser Module

This section explains how to do the analyse of the RPT code in order to obtain the class diagram structure. The first stage of the analysis is to use Rational Rose C++Analyser and launch the analysis tool. When this analysis is successful the project is exported under the Rational Rose Professional C++ Edition which will generate class diagrams of the code.

7.1 Rational Rose C++ Analyser

Open a new project, then add all the source files (*.cc) and the libraries files (*.h, *.hpp). Include all the libraries, not only the one created for the software (ie: #include<standard_library.h> and #include ''personal_library''). Finally define some variables used by the libraries. If tick have been added to the (R) in front of the libraries path the files will be analysed (the analyser will generate lots of mistakes if the standard libraries are analysed).

Environment Configuration: By default the C++ Analyser is configured as File Name Case Sensitivity set to "insensitive". So, in order to be able to make the analysis correctly the parameter must be changed to "sensitive".

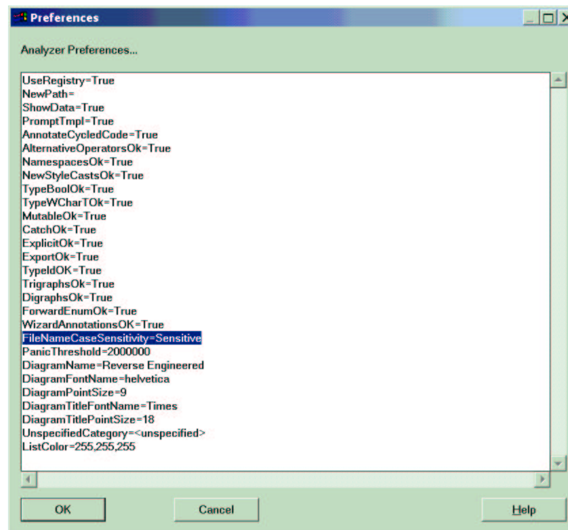

Figure 16: File Name Case Sensitivity configuration Edit/Preferences...

The next step is to set the map path of the files locations in order to indicate to the `C++` Analyser where the files to be analysed are situated on the hard drive.

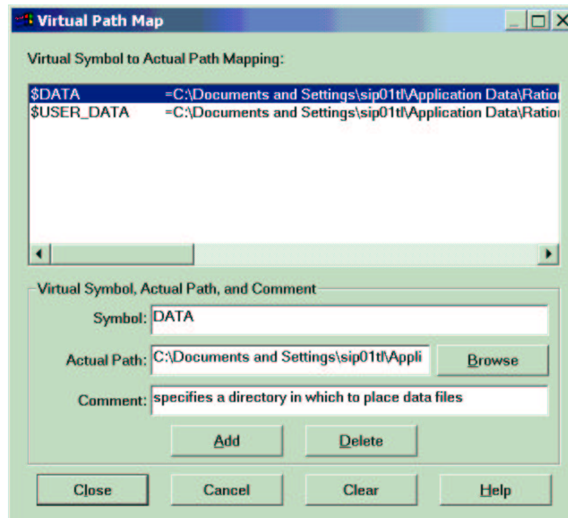

Figure 17: Map path data configuration Edit/Path Map...

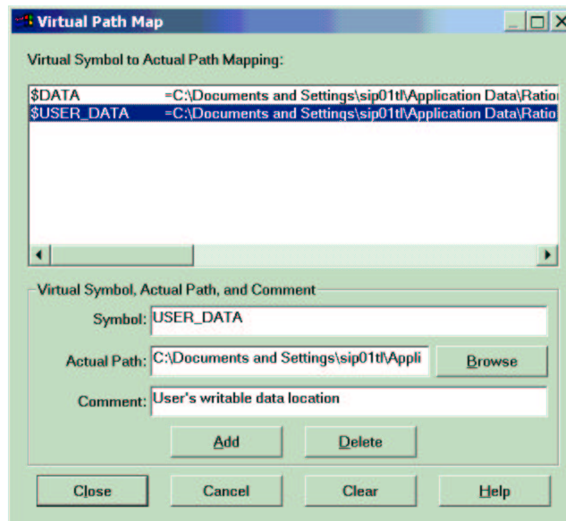

Figure 18: Map path user data configuration Edit/Path Map...

Create a new project: when the analyser is configured properly create a new project File/New. Add to this project all the files to analyse.

Include all files (source code and libraries): this step is an important one, add to the project all the files to be analysed, this includes all the libraries (`#include <...>` and `#include "..."`).

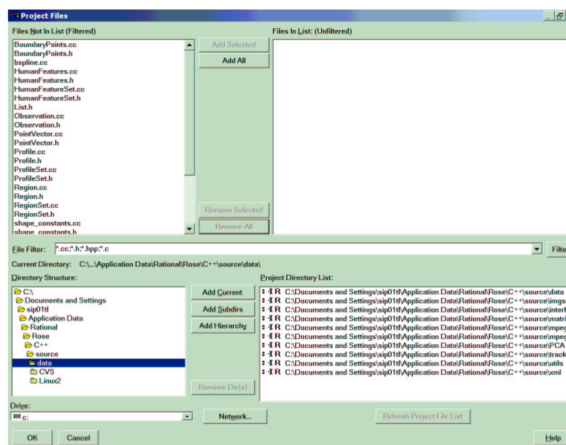

Figure 19: Open and include data sources Edit/File List...

Define variables: as the program uses some global variables, you have to define them in the analyser.

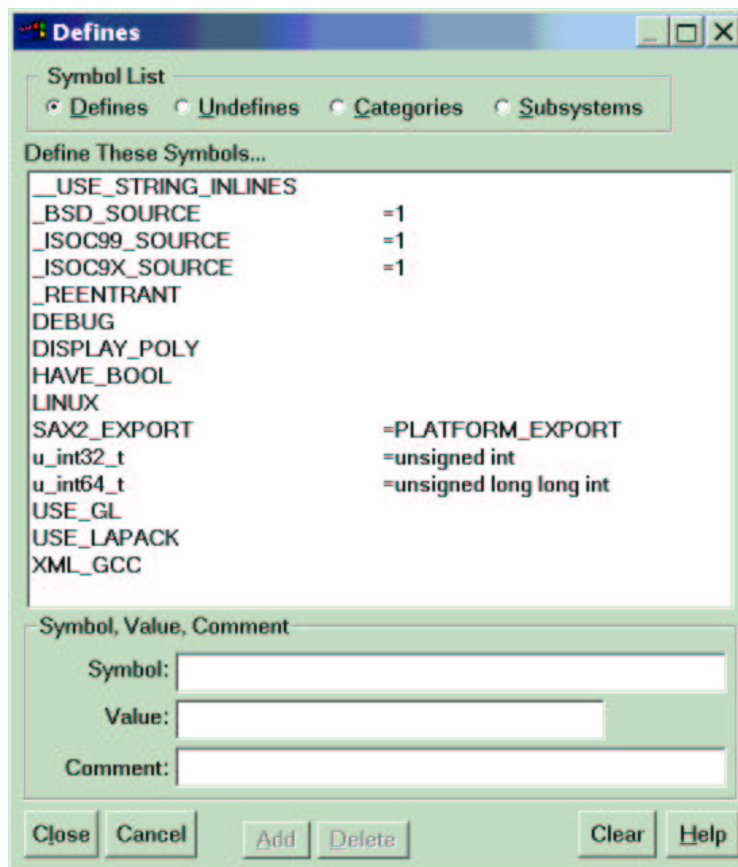

Figure 20: Global variables definition Edit/Defined Symbols...

launch the analysis process: when you have included all the files and defining all variables you can run the analyse: Action/Analyse

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7.2 Error Messages

If you obtain error messages like:

- Cannot include <library.h> or ''library.h'': you probably forget to include this file in the project file,
- Cannot find anything named: you probably haven't included all the libraries.
- The inclusion of this library introduces a circular dependency: declare the file as Type 2 and go to Edit then Type 2 Contexts and edit it including the file which generates the error.

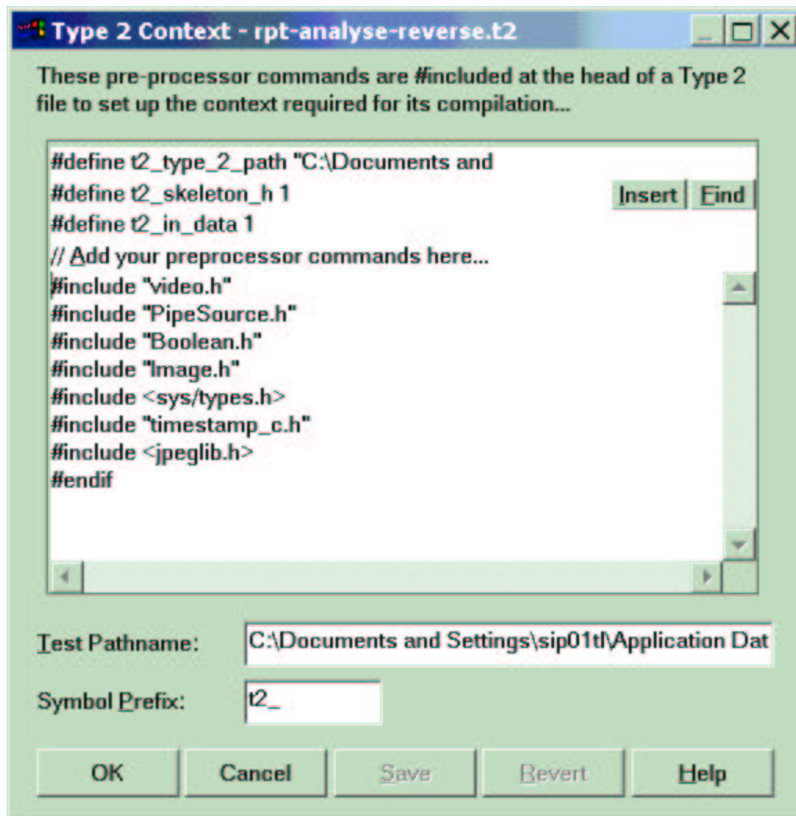

Figure 21: Edition of the type2 inclusions Edit/Type 2 Contexts...

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