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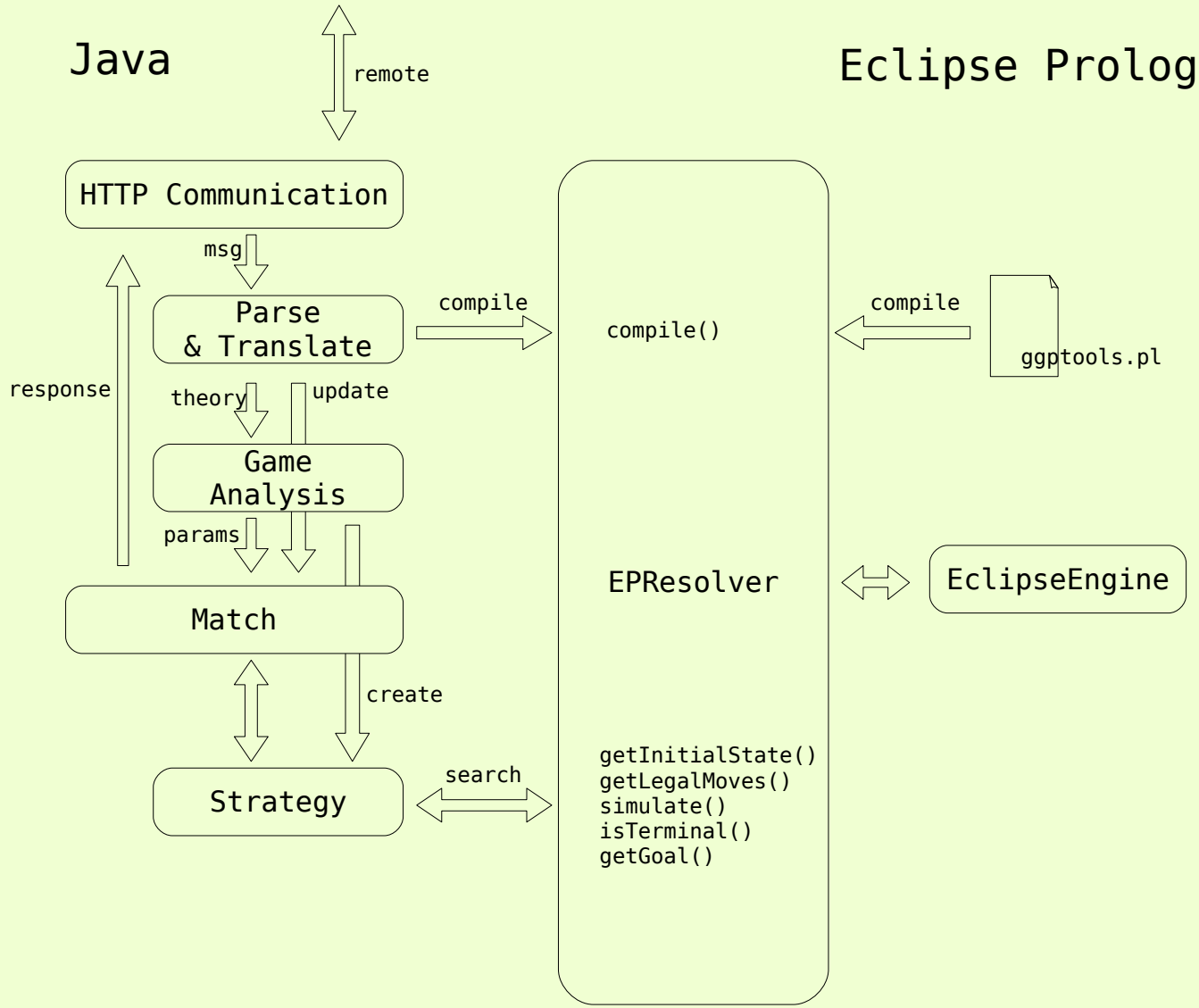


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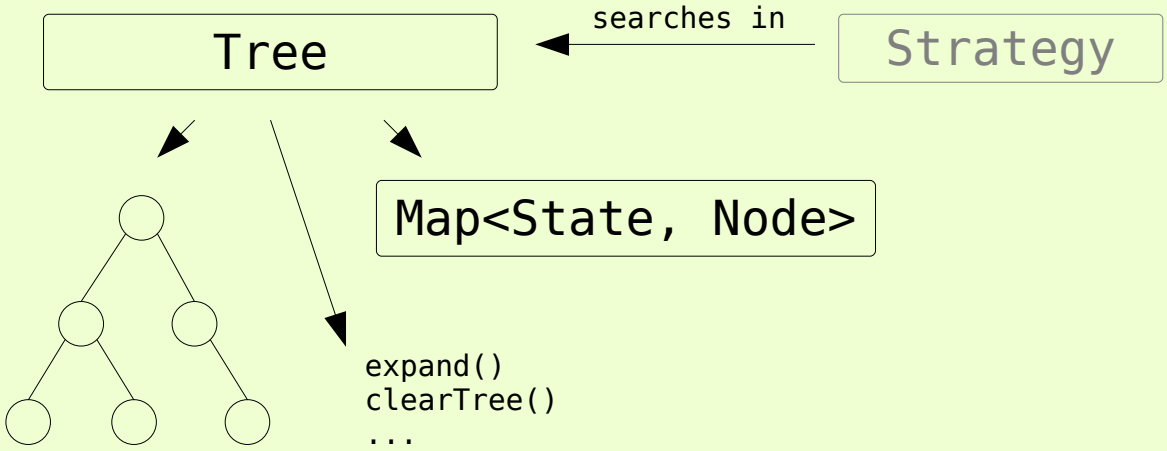
Using data structure for tree to get fast access to nodes




Complicated clearing routines needed due to growing heap. At the time only possible to clear whole tree.

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Able to determine the domain included minimum and maximum element

Finding successor relation

Finding step counter(s) at present but not implemented yet to deal with

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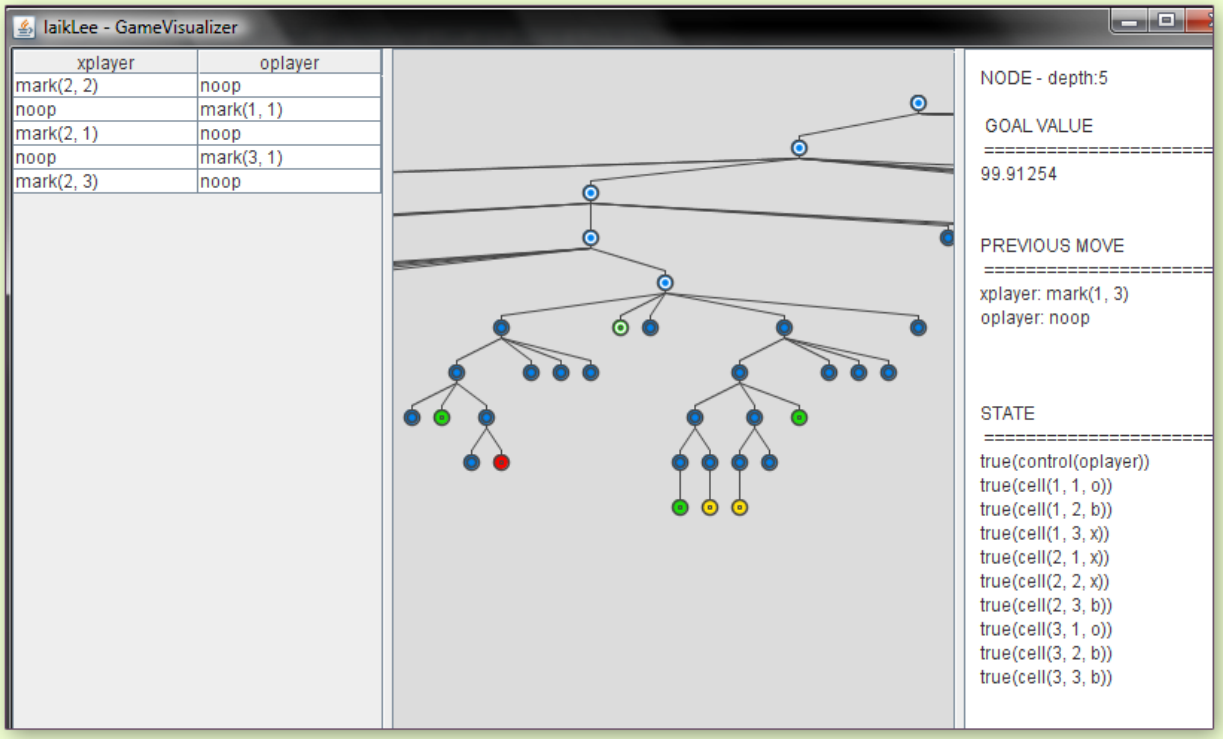


- can display the complete structure of the game tree
- also displays information stored in our search tree

- very useful for debugging the tree-structure

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Iterative deepening search

Saving information about best move and maximum evaluation of children per state

Very space consuming, but so far only solution, because of missing evaluation


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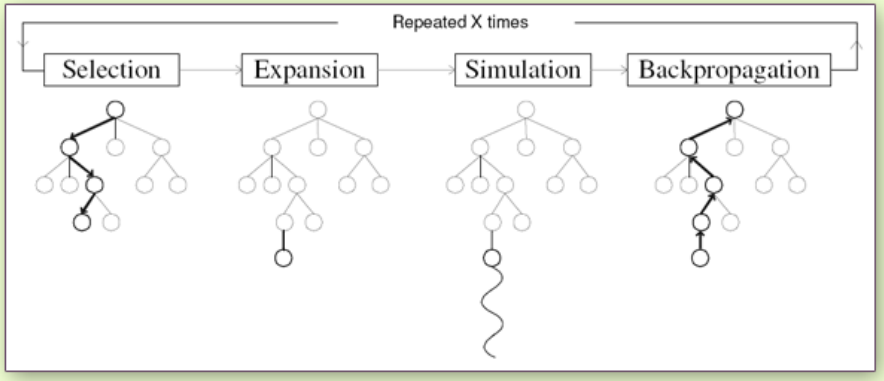
- UCB1 (Upper Confidence Bounds) for rollout-based Monte-Carlo planning
- builds its lookahead tree by repeatedly sampling games from the current state




- the selection function is applied until a leaf node is reached
- one node is created
- play one simulated game
- the result of this game is backpropagated in the tree

- selection function controlls balance between exploitation and exploration

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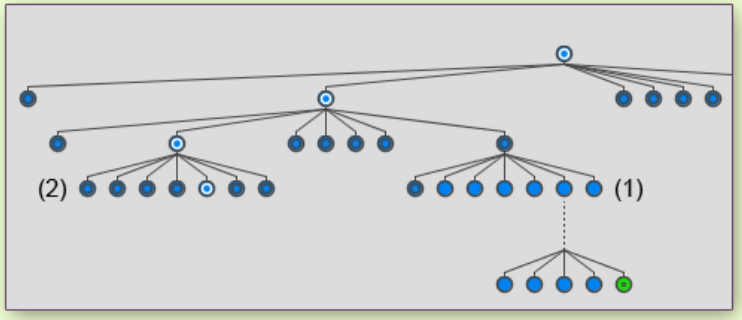
(1) selection function prefers unexplored nodes
(2) if all children nodes are explored select a node with the highest UCT value




$$\text{UctValue} = \text{node value} + \text{CONST} * \sqrt{\frac{\ln(2 * \text{parentAttendCount})}{\text{nodeAttendCount}}}$$

Example

$$100 + 50 * \sqrt{\frac{\ln(2 * 500)}{5000}} = 101{,}85846$$

$$0 + 50 * \sqrt{\frac{\ln(2 * 500)}{1}} = 131{,}41304$$

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