Discrete Event ("Network") Modeling in AnyLogic

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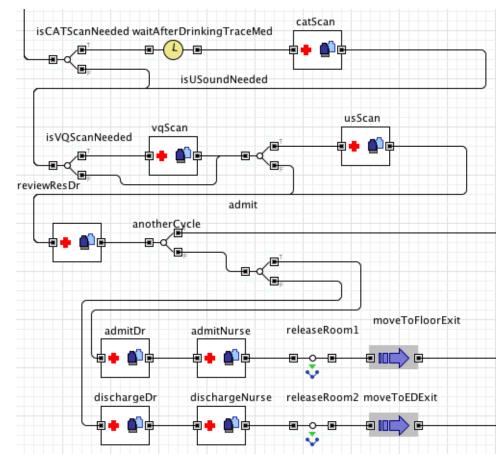
Load model: Emergency Department Tulsa.alp

Recall: "Network Modeling" Irregular Spatial Embedding



Discrete Event Modeling

- Resource-based modeling
 - Queues
 - Processes
 - Flow charts
 - Capacitated resource pools
 - Send to
 - Attachment/detachment



Central Concepts in Discrete Event Modeling

- Entities flowing through processes & being processed at successive stages
- Flow charts guide entity progress
- Resources required for processing

 Queues for waiting entities
- Capacitated resource pools from which resources are drawn
- Entity interaction with resources
 - Attachment/detachment
 - Seizing
- Physical "homes" for resources
- Movement paths (via polygons)

Entities

Entities are the central parties on which the processes take place

- Cf patients in a hospital or clinic

- Primarily passive things happen "to them"
- "Flow through" (are routed around) the flow charts associated with the system
 - Only exist for the duration of time that are in the system
 - Are "injected" into the system
- Multiple entities can be in the system at one time
- If wish to maintain extra information on an entity, can "subclass" the Entity class
- Entities are often associated with a physical representation, which can travel around



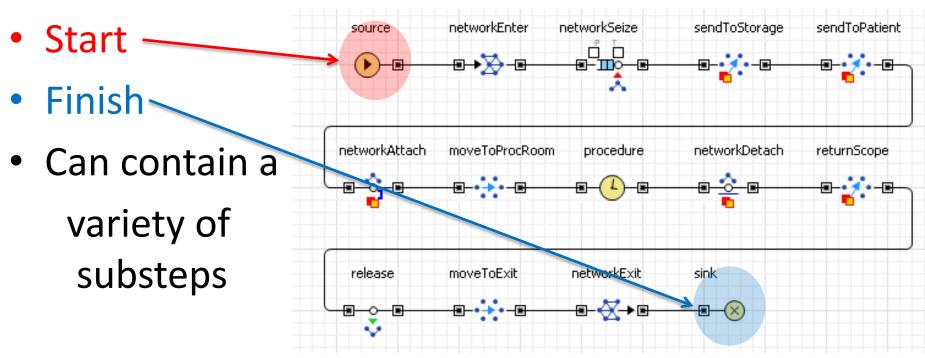
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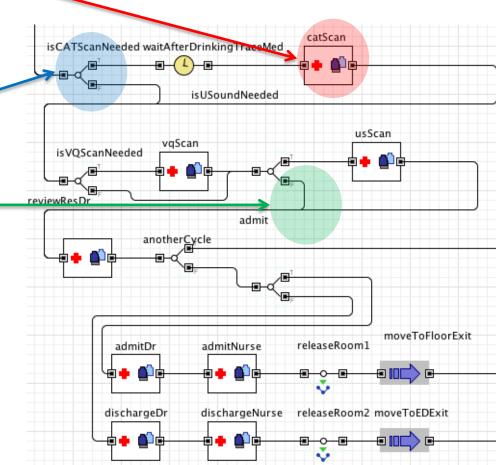
Flow Charts

• Entities flow in a single direction on flow charts



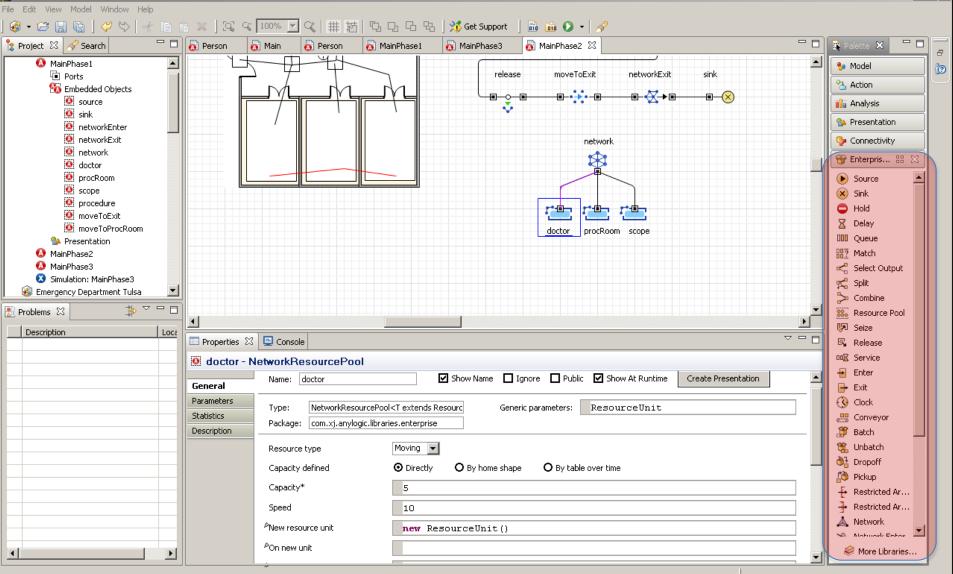
Flow Charts

- Flow charts can be hierarchical
- Frequently not linear e.g.
 - Branches
 - Joins



Elements to Build/Edit Flow Charts

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Major Operators of Interest

- Source
- Sink
- Network enter/exit (enter into a particular network)
- Select output (based on predicate)
- Split
- Delay

- Network move to
 - Move to a physical node or resource (see below)
- Resource-related (see following slides)
 - Network seize/release
 - Network attach/detach
 - Network send to

Determining factor can either be deterministic (e.g. based on condition) or stochastic (based on probability) Select Output

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Network Delay

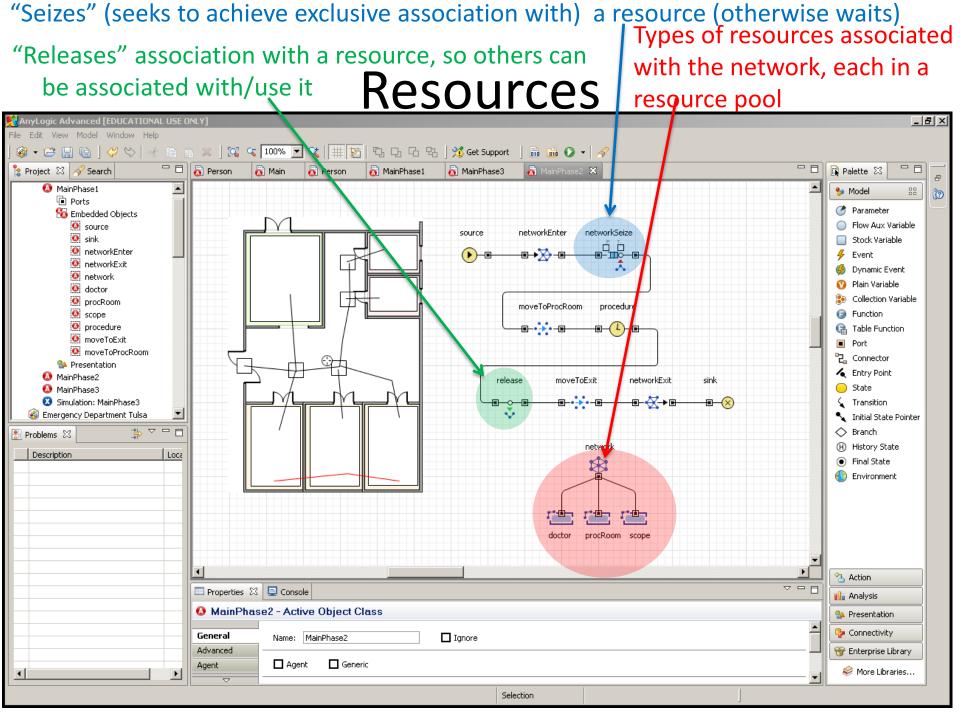
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Resources

- Frequently resources are required to initiate a particular phase of processing
 - A doctor (resource) to administer surgery to a patient (entity)
 - A piece of diagnostic equipment (resource) to image a patient (entity)
 - An EKG to (resource) to record from a patient (entity)
 - A gurney or bed (resource) for a patient (entity)
- Distinctions amongst these resources
 - Portable vs. fixed
 - Mobile (with agency)

Resources 2

- A network is often associated with multiple types of resources
- When an agent cannot obtain ("seize") a resource, they "enqueue" and wait for that resource to be released by another entity
 - These resources live in "pools" of interchangeable "resource units"
 - A "seized" resource comes from the pool
 - A "released" resource returns to the pool
 - If wish to be able to choose particular resources from a pool, create in *different pools*, and select desired pool



Main Flow Operators Associated with Resources

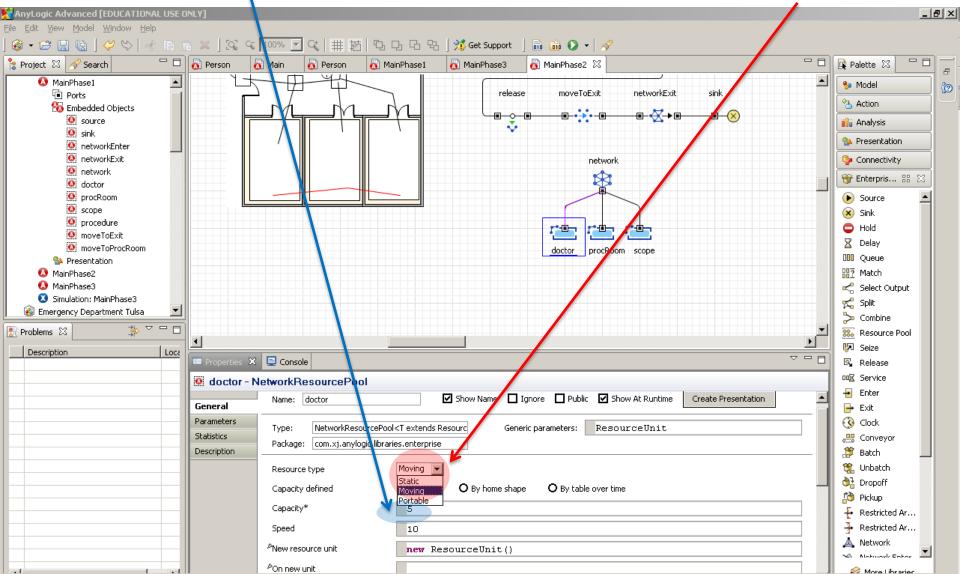
- All resources
 - Network Seize
 - Network Release
- Portable resources
 - Network Attach (NetworkAttach)/Detach (NetworkAttach)
- Mobile resources
 - Network SendTo (NetworkSendTo)

Defining Resource Pools

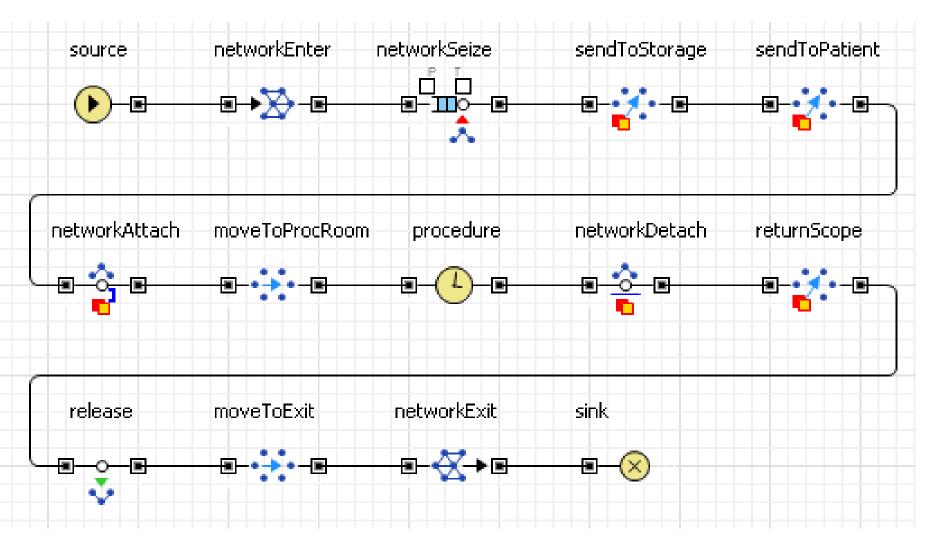
Resource pool type

Capacity of Pool (number of units of resource present)

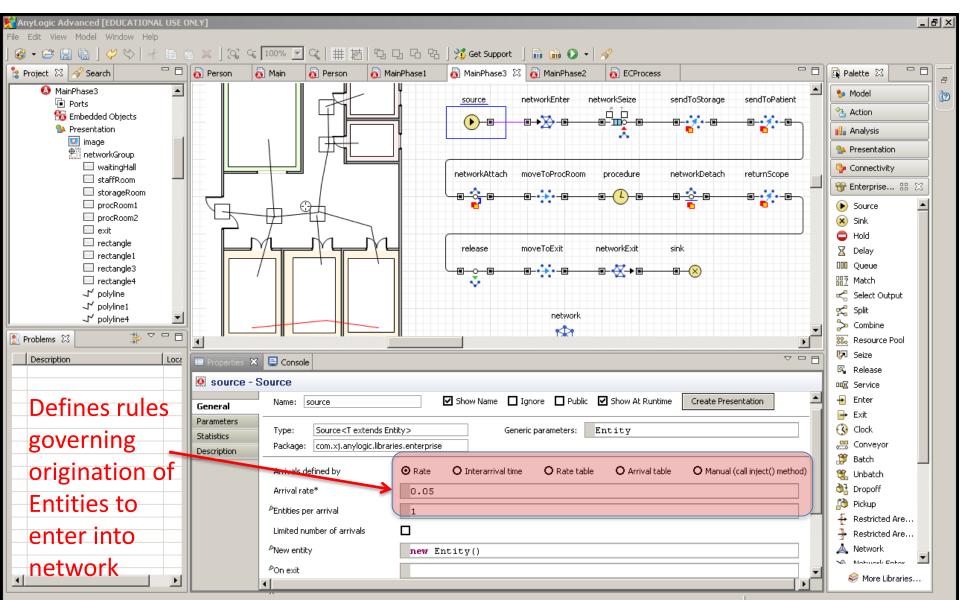
(Static [Fixed], Moving [Mobile], Portable [Can be carried])



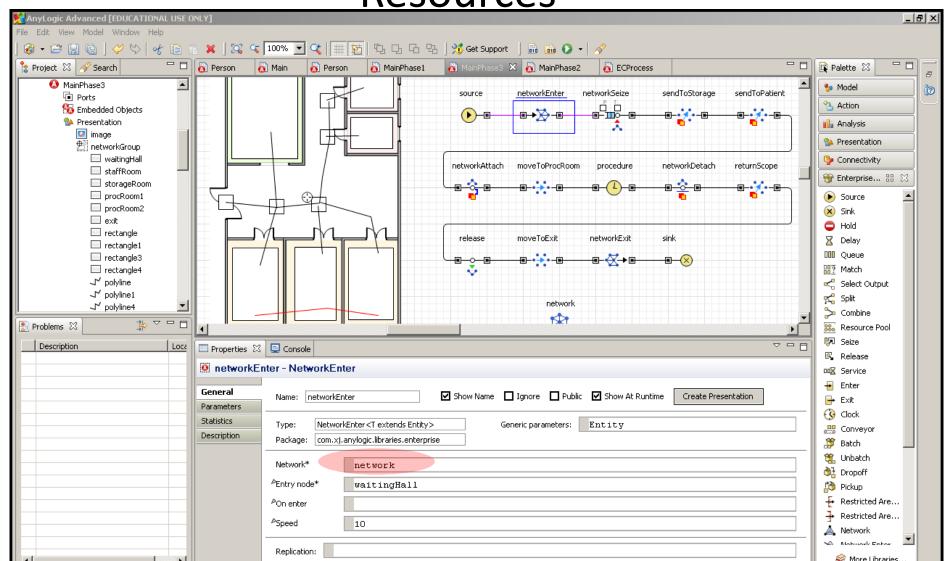
Another Flow Chart



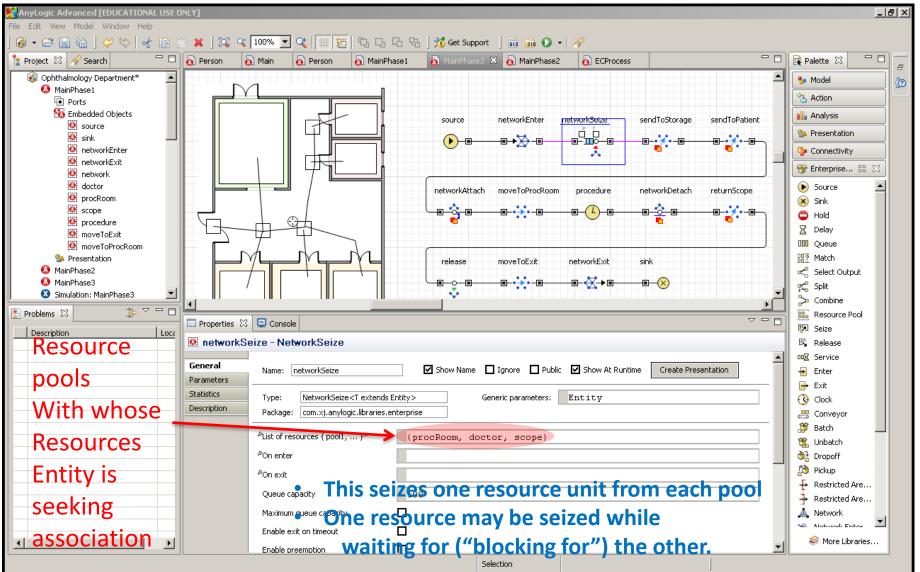
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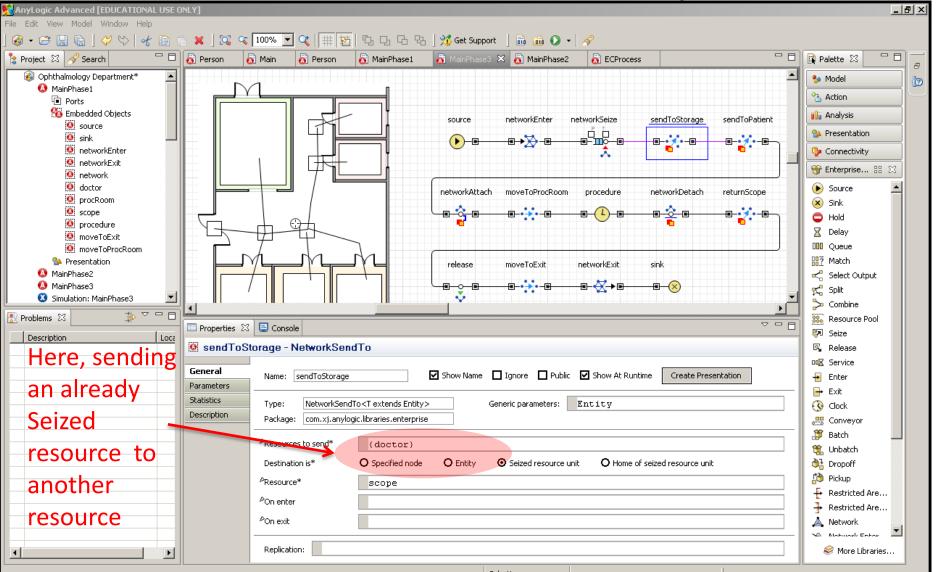
Network Enter: Informing Newly Created Entities of the Available Resources



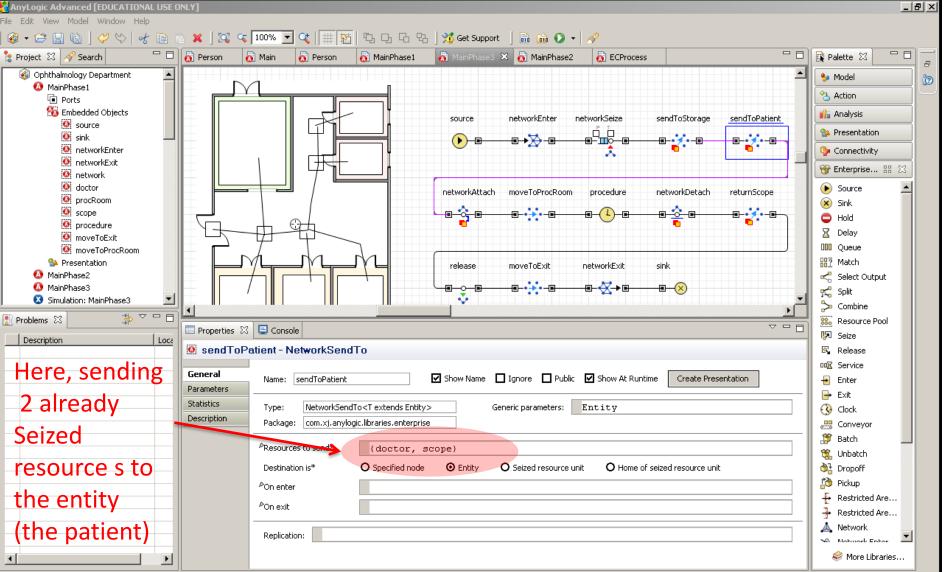
Securing Association with 1 or More Resources: Network Seize



Network Send To: Moving a (Seized) Resource to a Resource, Entity, or Place



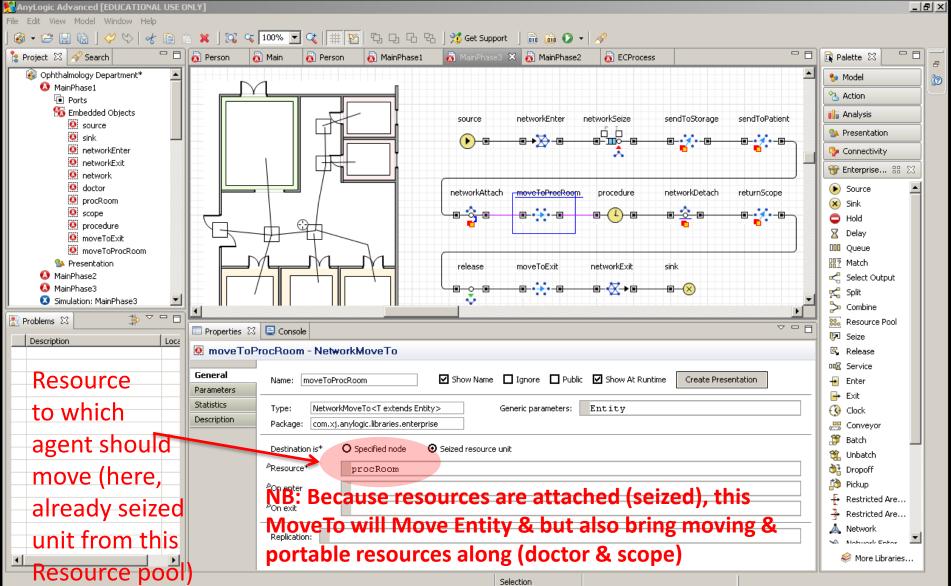
Example of Simultaneously Moving Multiple Resources Together via SendTo



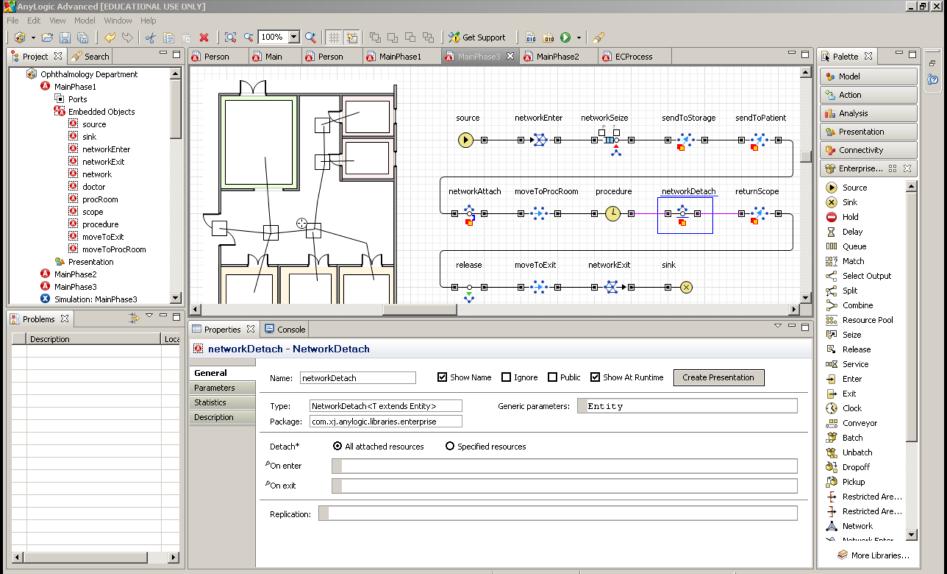
Network Attach: Associating Entity with Specified Seized Resources, or those Nearby (So move together henceforth)

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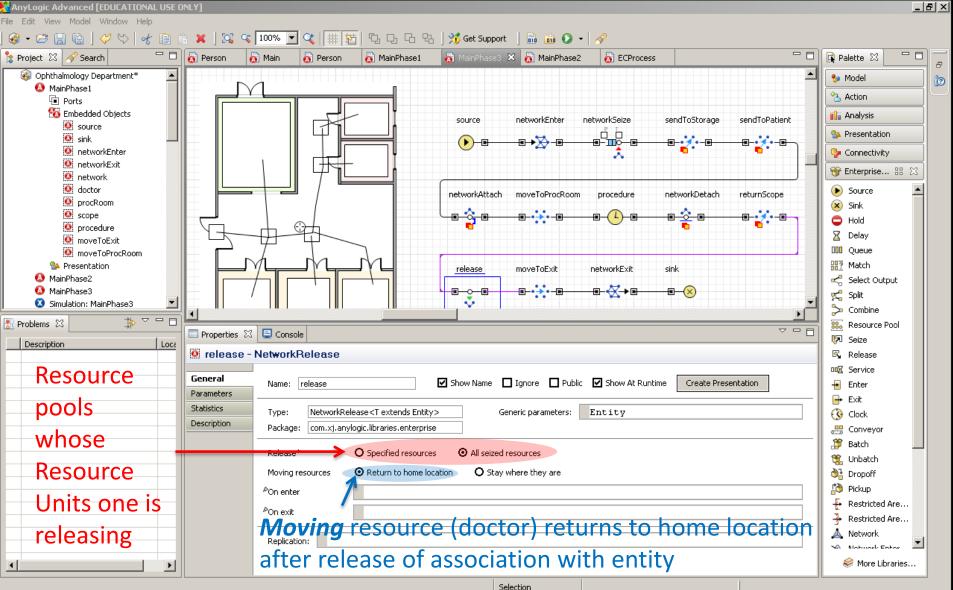
Network Move To: Moving an *Entity* to a Resource (or Node)



Network Detach So entity can be physically Separated from <u>resources</u> (while remaining associated w/them)



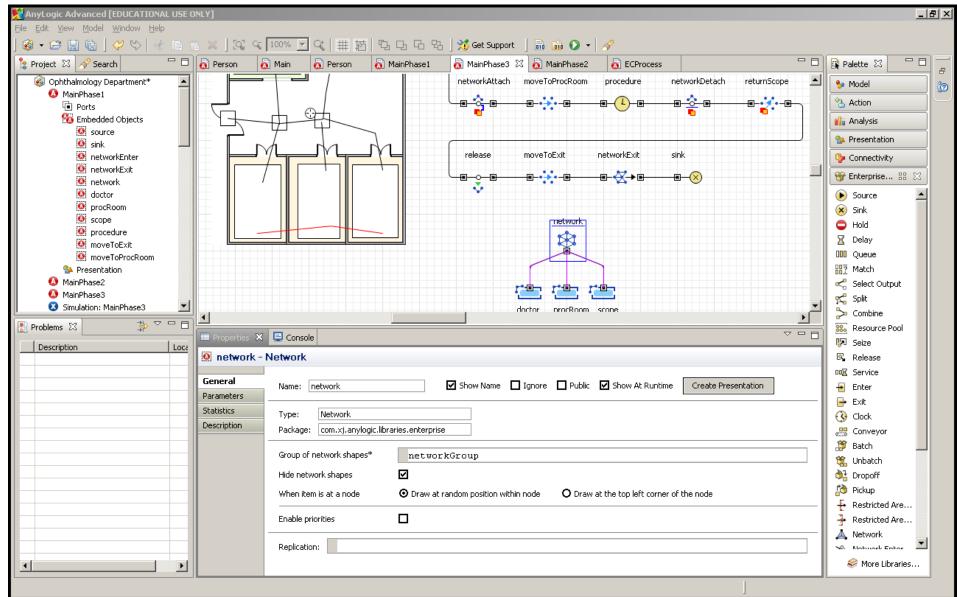
Releasing Associated Resources



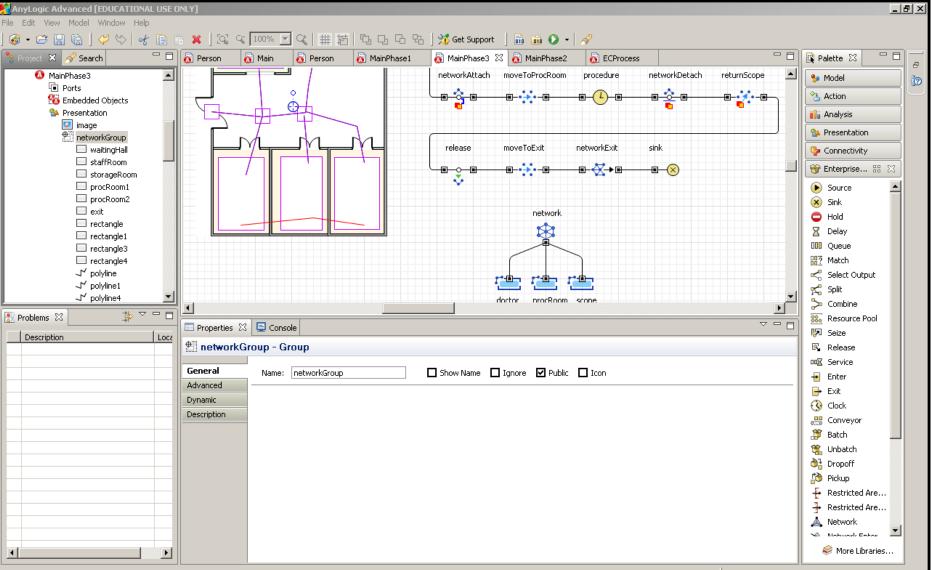
Visual Depiction

- Entities are associated with icons
- Resources are associated with
 - Locations
 - Icons
- Networks are associated with routing paths
 - Often want to move resources or icons among different visual locations
 - Specific points (e.g. a storage closet for mobile resources)
 - Points associated with fixed resources (e.g. a MRI scanner)

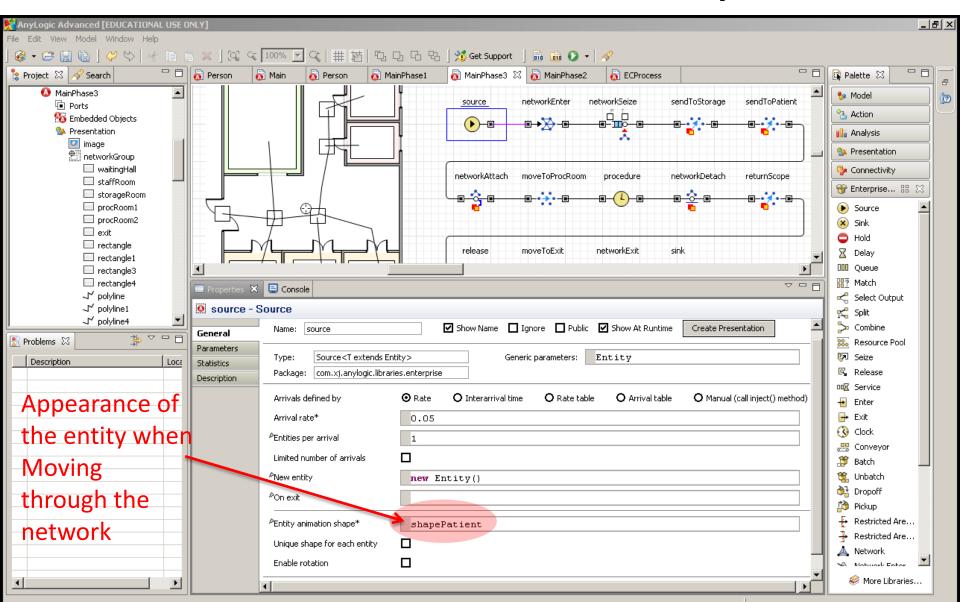
Association of Network with Paths



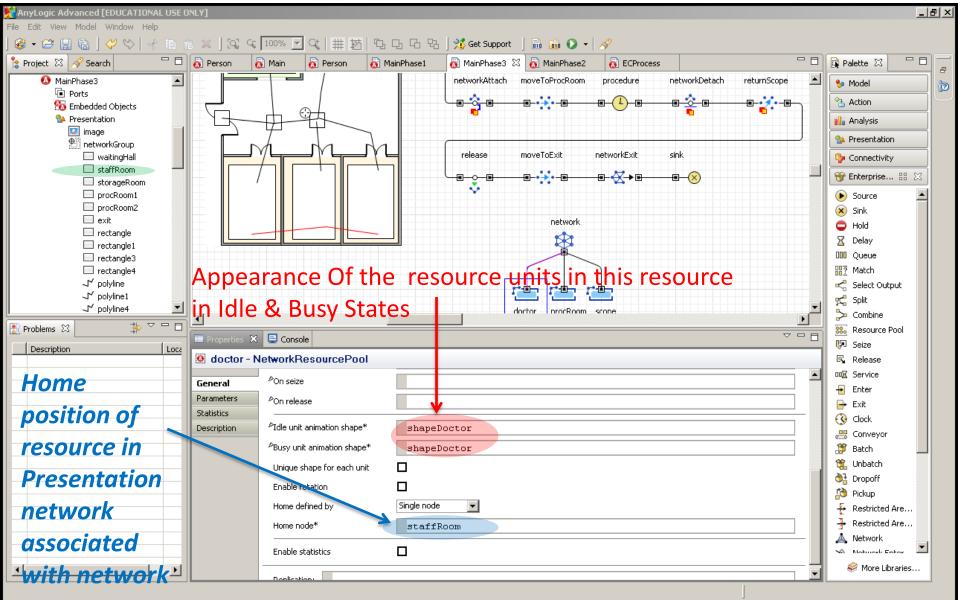
Associated "Group" of Presentation The network will "know" about these (e.g. forrouting)



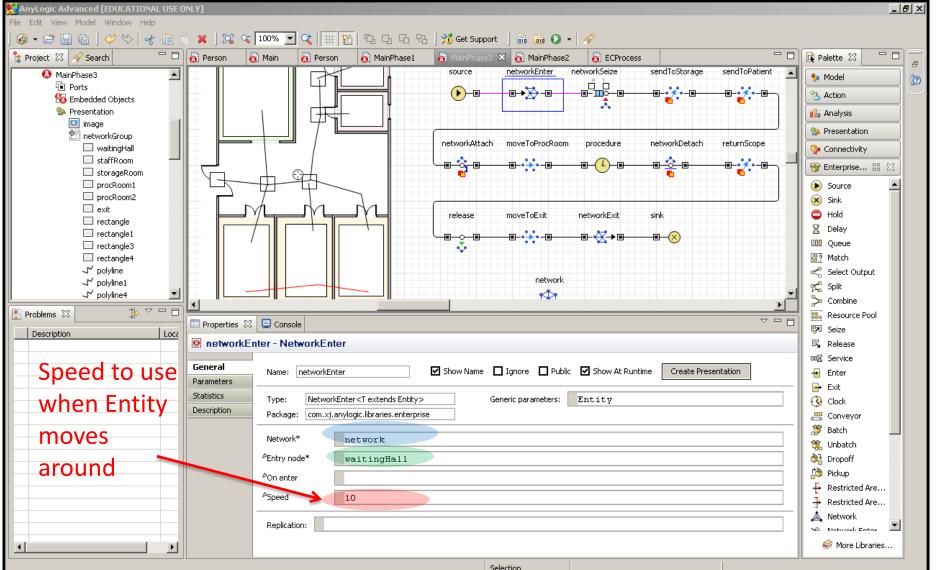
Presentation of Entity



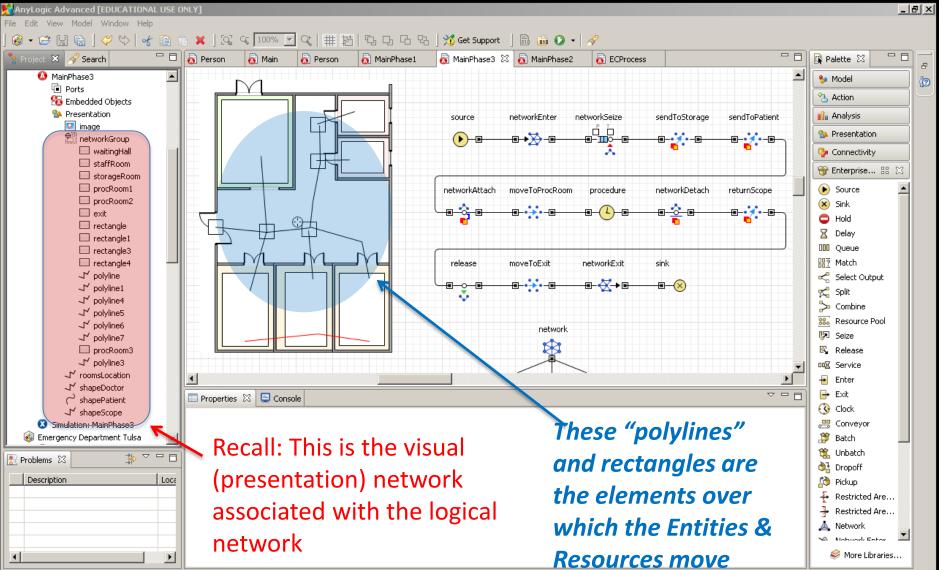
Presentation Properties of a Resource



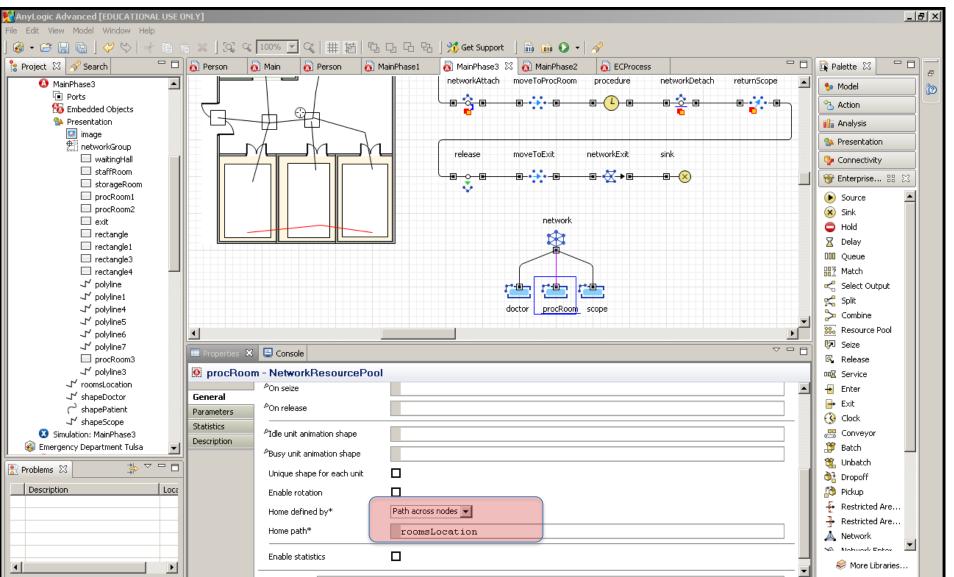
Entering the Network: Where & with What (Logical & Presentation) Network



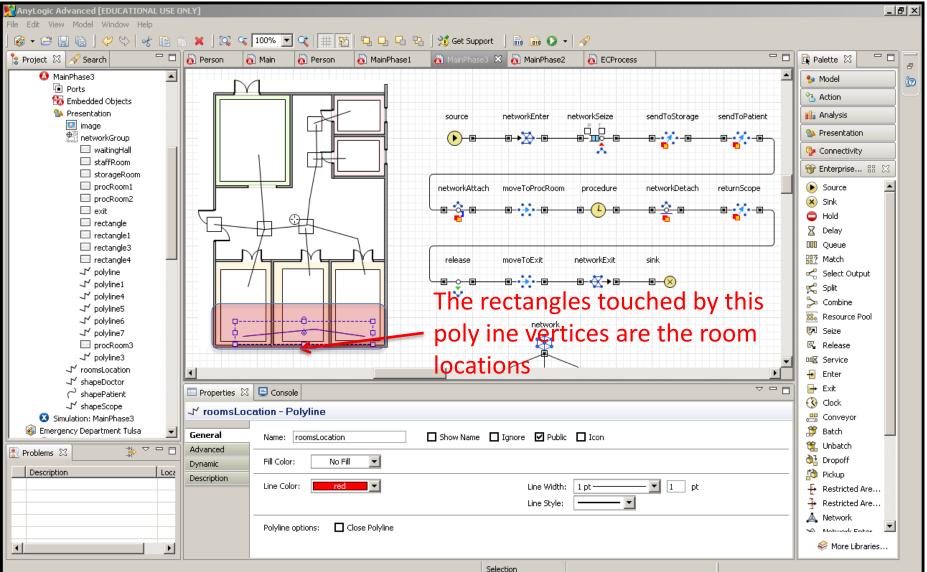
Movement Network: Defined by Polygons & Rectangles



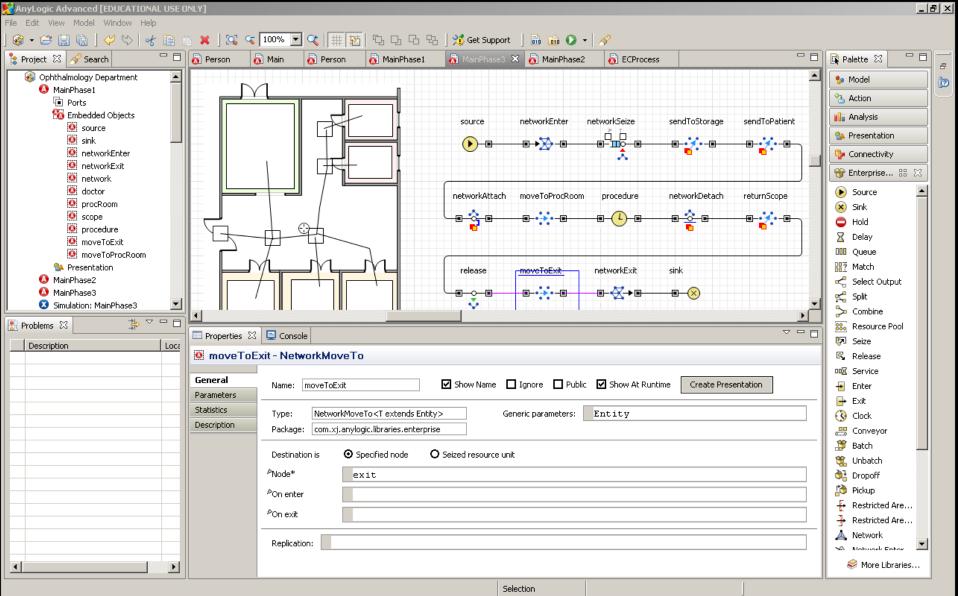
Recall: The Location of the Rooms is Given as Being the "Path across nodes" defined by the Polyline



Polyline Describes the Location of the Procedure Rooms



Moving Entity to a Node



Subclassing: A Valuable Tool

- So as to customized the desired system behavior, it can be useful to customize entities & resources (resource units)
 - To e.g. carry around additional information (e.g. associated external agent in agent-based model, history information, etc.)

Particular specialized network types

- Because the original entities & resource units are classes, this can be accomplished via subclassing (subclass Entity & ResourceUnit)
- If do this, parameterize generics by subclass type S (e.g. NetworkResourcePool<S>)