KE tool documentation
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1 Introduction and Scope

The KE (Knowledge Extraction) tool is a set of objects built using different Python libraries but mainly RPy (http://rpy.sourceforge.net/legacy/). The current version of the KE tool is based on RPy2 (http://rpy.sourceforge.net/), which is a redesign and rewrite of RPy.

The scope of the tool is to provide simulation modellers with a collection of objects that can be connected like "black boxes" in order to facilitate both the input and output data process in a simulation model. This collection is desired to be expandable by giving means to developers for:

- customizing existing objects by overriding certain methods
- adding brand new objects to the list

The KE tool is product of a research project funded from the European Union Seventh Framework Programme (FP7-2012-NMP-ICT-FoF) under grant agreement n° 314364. The project name is DREAM and stands for "Simulation based application Decision support in Real-time for Efficient Agile Manufacturing". More information about the scope of DREAM can be found at http://dream-simulation.eu/.

DREAM is a project which kicked off in October of 2012 and finishes in September of 2015. The KE tool is an ongoing project and we do not claim that it is complete or bug-free. The platform will be expanded and validated through the industrial pilot cases of DREAM. Nevertheless, it is in a quite mature state to attract the interest of simulation modellers and software developers.

The dream repository contains the following 5 folders:

- **platform**: contains code for a GUI (Graphical User Interface) that is being built for KE tool and ManPy, which stands for "Manufacturing in Python" and it is a layer of Discrete Event Simulation (DES) objects built in SimPy (http://simpy.sourceforge.net/). This is a parallel work and it is not always synchronized to KE tool's or ManPy's latest version

- **simulation**: contains all the simulation ManPy code along with some input files and some files from a commercial simulation package that are used for verification

- **KnowledgeExtraction**: contains all the KE tool code along with some input and output files from KE tool's examples

- **plugins**: Contains Python scripts that pre- or post-process simulation data model as it is exchanged between different DREAM modules. Documentation of the JSON schema used in order to exchange simulation and instance data will be added soon.

- **test**: contains unit-tests for the project.

This document regards **ONLY** the KE tool part of the project. Note that the KE tool is independent from both the GUI and ManPy and can be used separately as a library of Python objects, which can be used to input data in a simulation model or to conduct output analysis on simulation results. Users can implement alternative methods to be able to customize the objects for their own needs.

The reader of this documentation needs to have basic, yet not deep knowledge of programming in Python (http://www.python.org/) and RPy2. Also the reader is expected to have a basic knowledge of statistical analysis and Discrete Event Simulation (DES).
2 How to get started

The KE tool uses the R project (http://www.r-project.org/) and the following Python libraries:

- RPy2 (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/rpy2)
- xlrd (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/xlrd/0.9.3)
- xlwt (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/xlwt/0.7.5)
- json (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/python-json/3.4)
- xml.etree (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/elementtree/)
- csv (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/csv/1.0)
- pyodbc (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/pyodbc/3.0.7)

To use the platform you need to:

- Have Python installed
- Clone our git repository (https://github.com/nexedi/dream) or download it into a folder in your computer.
- Run the setup script that is in the root folder (python setup.py install). This will install the KE tool along with its dependencies (e.g. RPy2)
- Then you can import the KE tool objects as it is written in the examples, e.g.:
  from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.StatisticalMeasures import BasicStatisticalMeasures
  from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.ConfidenceIntervals import Intervals
3 Architecture

The KE tool objects are written exclusively in Python and they use methods of RPy2 and other Python libraries. Figure 1 shows the current state of the generic architecture.

Figure 1: KE tool’s architecture

In Figure 1 the four different components of the KE tool are depicted:

- Data extraction
- Data processing
- Output preparation

Figure 1 illustrates at one hand the route of data to the Simulation Engine (either COTS (Commercial-off-the-self) simulation software or open-source simulation engines like ManPy) and at the other hand the analysis conducted to simulation results as an output.

The main role of the first component Data extraction relates to importing and extracting of data to the tool. After the initial extraction, some process may be needed to transform the data into useful forms. For instance, to obtain process time of a station in a production line, the stop time has to be subtracted from the start time. It is common for a system such as a manufacturing execution system (MES) to record entry and exit time-stamps. However, calculations would not be undertaken and therefore the task falls to the KE tool. Additionally, once the actual process time data points are obtained, the data should be analyzed using statistical methods in order to calculate descriptive statistical measures such as mean and spread, or fit a distribution. The above manipulations are mainly conducted by the second component of the tool named Data processing. The output of the Data processing component of the tool should be the data used by the simulation engine (which we will assume is ManPy for the remainder of this book). It needs
to be provided in a readable format to ManPy, this is the role of the third component called Output preparation. At the moment, the KE tool can export data in three different data formats:

- CMSD (Core Manufacturing Simulation Data): A standard defined using Extensible Markup Language (XML) files that follow the CMSD specification (see section 4.1),
- JSON (JavaScript Object Notation) API: A schema that is built according to the definition of the draft JSON schema (http://json-schema.org/), (see section 4.2),
- MS Excel files: Templates that are created in Excel (see section 4.3).

The tool is built in a way that the data input, the processing of this data and the output preparation are conducted by one script. We refer to this script as the “main script”. This main script is the only one to be changed in order to read data from different files. Therefore, this main script calls different objects so as to give as an output the actual selected data exchange file format, updated with the new available data. As it is stated in the Introduction, the main script consists of different tool’s objects connected like "black boxes" in order to facilitate both the input and output data process in a simulation model.

3.1 The KE tool objects

The set of these objects is the “heart” of the KE tool. These give the basic guidelines of how the tool is structured. Note that since this is an ongoing work, the names of the classes may change, since we currently think towards the best abstraction. Also new generic classes might be added in future versions, even though the number should be kept reasonably short. The objects include:

- **StatisticalMeasures**: calculates a variety of basic statistical measures in a given data sample.
- **DistributionFitting**: fits statistical distributions in a given data sample.
- **ReplaceMissingValues**: replaces missing values in a given data sample.
- **ImportExcelData**: retrieves data from a MS Excel file and imports this in the tool.
- **ImportCSVdata**: retrieves data from a CSV file and imports this in the tool.
- **ImportDatabase**: allows the user to connect with a database given that the user has provided the connection data in a .txt file.
- **CMSDOutput**: exports the outcomes of the statistical analysis in XML file that follows the CMSD standard specification.
- **JSONOutput**: exports the outcomes of the “Data processing” component into JSON (JavaScript Object Notation) file format that follows the JSON API specification.
- **ExcelOutput**: another export offered by the tool is in MS Excel files.
- **Plots**: represents the data points of a sample using graphs, plots and charts.
- **ConfidenceIntervals**: calculates the confidence intervals of a given data sample. It gives to user the ability to insert the probability that the confidence interval “covers” the true statistic.
- **Transformations**: calculates a variety of transformations in a given data sample.
- **DataManipulation**: a series of manipulations in the given data set is conducted applying this object.
- **DetectOutliers**: detects and deletes either just extreme outliers or both mild and extreme outliers in a given data sample.
- **Simul8XML**: the integration of the KE tool and Simul8 simulation software is conducted using the methods of this object.

We now expand on each of the objects describing details for their associated methods and the functionality provided by each.

### 3.1.1 ImportExceldata
The *ImportExceldata* object retrieves data from MS Excel files and imports this data into KE tool, adjusting this data in a way that can be later handled by the other objects of the tool. The extraction is achieved using the *xlrd* Python library (https://secure.simplistix.co.uk/svn/xlrd/trunk/xlrd/doc/xlrd.html?p=4966). Applying this object and particularly the *Input_data* method of this object the different data points are inserted in the tool in a form of a Python dictionary. The keys of this dictionary are the specified labels of these data points in the excel worksheet. This method as it is reasonable has as argument the name of the worksheet and the name of the input book. It is one of the “Data Extraction” objects of the KE tool.

### 3.1.2 ImportCSVdata
The *ImportCSVdata* object is another example of a Data Extraction object. As happens with the *ImportExceldata* object a Python library is used to develop this object, this library called *csv* (https://docs.python.org/2/library/csv.html#module-csv). The functionality of this object is similar to the *ImportExceldata* object.

### 3.1.3 ImportDatabase
One more object in the Data extraction component of the tool is the *ImportDatabase* object. Using the pyodbc (https://code.google.com/p/pyodbc/) Python library we developed a generic object that allows the users to connect with databases like MySQL, MS Access etc. A prerequisite to use this object is to download the ODBC driver for your Python and database platform, for example if want to access SQL Server connector for Python in MySQL database you should download the driver from http://dev.mysql.com/downloads/connector/python/.

In order to apply this object the user has to create a .txt file with the connection information such as the name of the installed driver, the name of the server (which hosts the database), the port, the name of the database, the username and the password (see below).

```
driver = {MySQL ODBC 3.51 Driver}
server = localhost
port = 3306
data_base = name of the database
user = username
pass_word = xxxxx####
```
Having created the .txt file with the above info, the user has to save this file in a directory that he will be able to use it afterwards. Calling the object the user has to specify the name of the .txt file, the file extension of this file (for example .txt) and the number of cursors need to use (one cursor for each database query). See below the way that the user should call this object:

cnxn = ImportDatabase.ConnectionData(seekName=’ServerData’, implicitExt=’txt’, number_of_cursors=3)
cursors = cnxn.getCursors()

When the user runs the model that contains the ImportDatabase object, the following message appears in his console “insert the path to the file containing the connection data:”. The user has to write the connection data file directory. For example in the figure below as you can see we put the file directory as required.

3.1.4 StatisticalMeasures

This is one of the most important objects of the Data processing component of the tool. Applying this object, one is able to calculate different useful statistical measures in a data set. An example of this object, with the calculation of the length of a data set is presented below:

```python
#The BasicStatisticalMeasures object
class BasicStatisticalMeasures:
    # A variety of statistical measures are calculated in this object
    def length(self, data):
        #Calculate the length of data sample
        data=robjects.FloatVector(data)  # The given list changes into float vector in order to be handled by RPy2
        rlength = robjects.r[’length’]  # Call length function-R function
        return rlength(data)[0]

Other available statistical measures like mean value, variance, standard deviation, length, summary, quantiles, frequency of each data point, range, interquartile range, min, max, mad and median can be calculated so as to extract useful information from a data sample.

The modeler can use these measures to describe a data set and provide with the results meaningful information to the simulation software. The above measures are named descriptive statistics and provide simple summaries about the sample and about the observations that have been made. The analysis that is conducted to calculate these measures is called Univariate analysis. Univariate analysis involves describing the distribution of a single variable, including its central tendency (including the mean, median, and mode) and dispersion (including the range and quantiles of the data set, and measures of spread such as the variance and standard deviation).```
3.1.5 DistributionFitting

*DistributionFitting* is the most useful and applied object in the Data processing component of the tool. By calling this object, one is able to choose between two options, which are essentially the two classes of this object and are both ways of quantitatively selecting a statistical distribution and parameters that best represent a data set. Using the first class Distributions, the modeller is able to conduct distribution fitting using the Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE) statistical method (see distribution fitting example 1 below). Applying the second class DistFittest, the modeller does the same but using the Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistical goodness-of-fit test (this test calculates the maximum distance between the empirical and the fitted Cumulative Distribution Functions (CDF), which is applied for automatically selecting the best-fitting distribution (see distribution fitting example 2 below).

Example of the Distributions class (Normal Distribution)

```python
#The Distributions class
class Distributions:
    def Normal_distrfit(self, data):
        data=robjects.FloatVector(data)  #The given data sample changes into float vector in order to be handled by RPy2
        rFitDistr=robjects.r['fitdistr']  #Call FitDistr function - R function
        try:
            self.Normal= rFitDistr(data, 'Normal')  #It fits the normal distribution to the given data sample
        except RRuntimeError:
            return None  #If it doesn't fit Return None
        myDict = {
            'distributionType': 'Normal',
            'mean': self.Normal[0][0],
            'stdev': self.Normal[0][1],
            'min': 0,
            'max': (self.Normal[0][0]+3*self.Normal[0][1])
        }  #Create a dictionary with keys distribution's and distribution's parameters' names and the parameters' values
        return myDict  #If there is no Error return the dictionary with the Normal distribution parameters for the given data sample
```

Example of DistFittest class (Exponential distribution)

```python
#The Distribution Fitting test class
class DistFittest:
    def Exp_kstest(self, data):
        data=robjects.FloatVector(data)  #The given data sample changes into float vector in order to be handled by RPy2
        rkstest=robjects.r['ks.test']  #Call ks.test function - R function
        rFitDistr=robjects.r['fitdistr']  #Call FitDistr function - R function
        try:
            self.Normal= rFitDistr(data, 'Exponential')  #It fits the exponential distribution to the given data sample
        except RRuntimeError:
            return None  #If it doesn't fit Return None
        exp=self.Normal
```
self.Exptest= rkstest(data,"exp",exp[0][0])  #It conducts the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test for Exponential distribution to the given data sample
return self.Exptest  #If there is no error returns the outcome of the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test (p-value,D)

At the time of writing this documentation the tool using the functions from RPy2 library can identify and fit data using the following distribution functions:

- Normal
- Exponential
- Poisson
- Gamma
- Logistic
- Geometric
- Cauchy
- Log-Normal
- Negative Binomial
- Weibull
- Fixed

### 3.1.6 ReplaceMissingValues

Another useful functionality mostly for pre-processing is provided using the ReplaceMissingValue object of the tool. Applying the class HandleMissingValues the modeler is able to select the functionality (Python method) that suits him best. It is worth mentioning that this object inherits methods from the StatisticalMeasures object. Data preparation and pre-processing is a crucial step before the start of the statistical analysis. The main activity of the data pre-processing step is to handle the missing values in a data set. Using this object the modeler is able to replace the missing data with:

- zero,
- mean value
- median of the non-missing values,
- totally erase the missing data.

### 3.1.7 DetectOutliers

The DetectOutliers object is an additional feature provided by the tool for pre-processing analysis. Applying the class HandleOutliers the user is able to select one of the two provided approaches – Python methods. The first one deletes both the mild and extreme outliers while the second approach deletes only the extreme outliers in a given data set. Like in ReplaceMissingValues object, DetectOutliers inherits methods from the StatisticalMeasures object. The detection of outliers is done calculating the inner and outer fence of the data set, a point beyond an inner fence on either side (Lower Inner Fence – LIF and Upper Inner fence – UIF) is considered a mild outlier. A point beyond an outer fence (Lower Outer Fence – LOF and Upper Outer Fence – UOF) is considered an extreme outlier. These borders are calculated using the lower and upper quartiles (defined as the 25th and 75th percentiles). If the lower
quartile is Q1 and the upper quartile is Q3, then the difference (Q3 - Q1) is called the interquartile range or IQ, then:

- Lower Inner Fence - LIF: Q1 - 1.5*IQ
- Upper Inner Fence - UIF: Q3 + 1.5*IQ
- Lower Outer Fence - LOF: Q1 - 3*IQ
- Upper Outer Fence - UOF: Q3 + 3*IQ

3.1.8 Transformations
The Transformations object is predominantly used in relation to the Data Processing component. The modeller applying the methods of this object is able to calculate a variety of useful data transformations. The provided functionality includes the calculation of the sum, the cumulative sum, the cumulative product, the cumulative min value and the cumulative max value. Also, applying the scale method the modeller can centre the data points of a data set around the mean value and scales by the standard deviation (SD). Finally, using the reverse method the modeller can reverse the order of values in the data sample.

3.1.9 DataManipulation
The DataManipulation object of the Data Processing component offers the modeller further calculated measures by applying the methods of the object. These include rounded values of a data sample (round method), the smallest integers bigger than the values of the data sample (ceiling method), the largest integers smaller than the values of the data sample (floor method), a list with the absolute values of the data sample (abs method) and the square root of the values of the data sample (sqrt method).

3.1.10 ExcelOutput
The KE tool can export the results from the conducted analysis in the second component of the tool Data processing in MS Excel files. The outcomes of the StatisticalMeasures and DistributionFitting objects are exported in standard templates in Excel files. Applying the Output Python class and especially either the PrintStatisticalMeasures method (for the results of the StatisticalMeasures object) or the PrintDistributionFit (for the results from the DistributionFitting object) the model can examine the results of these objects opening an Excel file.

3.1.11 CMSDOutput
The KE tool is able to export the already processed data in CMSD using the CMSDOutput object. The tool exports the results from the Data processing objects in XML files that follow the CMSD specification. In the example section the reader can see how we manage to output the processed data to CMSD information model using the CMSDOutput object, which makes use of the xml.etree Python library [https://docs.python.org/2/library/xml.etree.elementtree.html#](https://docs.python.org/2/library/xml.etree.elementtree.html#).

3.1.12 JSONOutput
Similar to CMSDOutput the JSONOutput object is a separate object that uses the json Python library [https://docs.python.org/2/library/json.html](https://docs.python.org/2/library/json.html) in order to export the processed data from the Data processing component of the tool to JSON files. These files follow a specification that has been developed as a lightweight alternative to CMSD standard. Using an extended version of
this specification we have achieved the integration of the different modules of the DREAM platform. The JSON API (Application Programming Interface) is described in section 4.2.

3.1.13 Simul8XML
By using this object the KE tool integrates with the Simul8 simulation package. The integration is achieved accessing and modifying the Simul8XML file. The user is able to access the Simul8XML file of a model and modify several simulation information based on the available data. This modification is conducted applying the different features (methods) of this object. Meaningful simulation information like the processing times, the inter-arrival times, the results collection period, the warm-up time, the capacity of a queue, the MTBF (Mean Time Between Failure) and the MTTR (Mean Time To Repair) can be adjusted using this object. The user is able to initialize and run a simulation model in Simul8 simulation software using this KE tool object.

3.1.14 Plots
This object is mainly referring to Output analysis, which is the last component of the KE tool. But the modeler can also apply it during the Data processing component when he wants to present the data points in a data set in a graphical representation. So using this object the modeler can represent data using graphs, plots and charts. So far, we are able to display data in plots, scatterplots, histograms, barplots and pie charts. Each one of the above is separate method of the Graphs, which is the class of this object. It is also provided the functionality of the parallel representation of two data sets in a plot.

3.1.15 ConfidenceIntervals
ConfidenceIntervals is another object related to the Output Analysis component. Confidence interval estimation quantifies the confidence (probability) that an interval “covers” the true (but unknown) statistic. The boundaries of the confidence interval are estimated using appropriate point estimates therefore, those boundaries are random variables, and the confidence interval is a random interval which varies across experiments (replications). The modeler predetermines the desired probability that the confidence interval “covers” the true statistic, e.g. a 99% CI, (the larger the probability, the wider the interval). The data sets which the modeler wants to estimate the CI along with the desired probability for are taken as the arguments by the ConfidenceIntervals method.

4 Data interfaces

4.1 CMSD
Researchers at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in collaboration with industrial partners have developed the Core Manufacturing Simulation Data (CMSD) Product Development Group (PDG) under the guidelines and procedures of the Simulation Interoperability Standards Organization (SISO) (SISO 2010). The idea of the CMSD effort is to facilitate data exchange and sharing by using neutral, reusable data formats for managing actual operations and for simulating the performance of the manufacturing systems.
According to “Standard for: Core Manufacturing Simulation Data – UML Model” (SISO 2010) published in September 2010, the purposes of this standard include:

- enabling data exchange between simulation applications and other software applications,
- supporting the construction of manufacturing simulators,
- supporting the testing and evaluation of manufacturing software and
- enabling greater manufacturing software application interoperability.

The primary objective of the CMSD is to facilitate interoperability between simulation systems and other manufacturing applications. Towards this objective it provides a data specification that enables the efficient exchange of manufacturing life-cycle data in a simulation environment. The objective is to:

- foster the development and use of simulations in manufacturing operations,
- facilitate data exchange between simulation and other manufacturing software applications,
- enable and facilitate better testing and evaluation of manufacturing software and
- increase manufacturing application interoperability.

### 4.1.1 CMSD information model

The CMSD information model is a standard representation for core manufacturing simulation data. It describes the essential entities in the manufacturing domain and the relationship between those entities that are necessary to create manufacturing simulations. Although the information defined in this model may be associated with one or more different manufacturing domains such as process planning, scheduling, inventory management, production management, or supply chain management, the model is not intended to be an all-inclusive definition of the entire manufacturing or simulation domain.

One thing that must be clear to us is that there is no implied or explicit provision in the model for the direct specification of the execution behavior of a manufacturing entity in a simulation or other manufacturing application. This means that while a process can be defined that specifies a particular part resource in a particular state may be processed on a particular machine resource for a certain amount of time, the method that a simulation should use to implement this process is not specified.

No support is provided for the creation of programming language or simulation language executable constructs, or the association of such constructs with the manufacturing-related entities that can be defined in the CMSD Information Model.

The CMSD information model is presented in two different documents: (1) the information model defined using the Unified Modeling Language (UML) and (2) the information model defined using the eXtensible Modeling Language (XML) (SISO 2012). The exchange of data between simulations will be enabled through the exchange of XML instance documents that adhere to the CMSD XML Schemas. The UML diagram and XML schemas are intended to be identical representations of the same CMSD conceptual model.
The CMSD Information Model consists of the following major UML packages group related data:

- Layout
- Support package
- Resource Information package
- Production Planning package
- Production Operations package
- Part Information package

The major data categories of manufacturing information that are defined in this information model are organizational structure, calendar, resource, skill definition, setup definition, operation definition, maintenance definition, part, bill-of-materials, inventory, process plan, work, schedule, revision, distribution definition, reference, and unit defaults.

![Figure 2: The Packages of the CMSD model (SISO 2010)](image)

The CMSD model is designed as a suite of interrelated collections of information modeled as UML classes contained within UML packages, presented visually as a series of UML class and package diagrams. The primary function of the UML packages in the CMSD model is to partition and group, by major areas of manufacturing, the class definitions that realize related manufacturing concepts. The manufacturing concepts within each package are modeled as UML classes and the characteristics associated with each entity are modeled as UML class attributes. Operation specifications are not used in defining classes and the visibility of all class attributes is public (SISO 2010).

### 4.2 JSON API

The schema is built according to the definition of the draft JSON schema ([http://json-schema.org/](http://json-schema.org/)). The scope of the schema defined is to provide a meaningful data structure description to the SE. The schema has the general form depicted in Figure 3.
The schema developed is used to define the frame within which the transaction between an external to the SE module and the core of the SE. The JSON file sent from the external module containing the simulation model description consists of 3 echelons. "General" refers to attributes that a simulation experiment needs for each run. This may refer to the number of replications, the length of each replication etc.

The JSON file is used to describe the topology of the DES model in terms of a directed graph nomenclature. The “graph” echelon contains two types of elements, nodes and edges. Thus, in each data exchange file there is a collection of nodes and edges. Each node represents an object that is permanent for a DES model (e.g. a buffer, a server an assembly point etc.). These are described as JSON objects and keep all their attributes as encapsulated JSON objects. Every edge describes the connection between two nodes one of which is the starting and the other is the ending point of the connection.

Moving Entities (MEs) that move within the described system may have specific interconnections between them, for example comprise a specific order (components that have the same parent order). The “input” echelon contains BOM (“Bill Of Materials”), which is used to describe these data structures that cannot be uniquely identified within the system as physical parts.

4.2.1 Data definition specification

The simulation input file should contain all the needed information to initiate a simulation. Following the logic of the simulation core development, the general form of the JSON schema is given below:

```
"general":{
  "type": "object",
  "properties":{
    "_class":{"type":"string"},
    "confidenceLevel":{"type": ["number", "string"]},
    "maxSimTime":{"type": ["number", "string"]},
    "numberOfReplications":{"type": ["number", "string"]},…
```

Figure 3: Structure of the JSON API
One can notice that as in Figure 1, there are four different echelons, namely general, nodes, edges, and BOM. General echelon is straightforward to understand, while the other general attributes contain references which must be explained.

The edges and the nodes are collections of separate nodes and edges. Each one of them has a unique key and the corresponding value is described as a JSON object. Focusing on the schema for such a node, we have:

```
"_node": {
  "type": "object",
  "properties": {
    "_class": {"type": "string", "required": true },
    "name": {"type": "string"},
    "id": {"type": "string"},
    "element_id": {"type": "string"},
    "capacity": {"type": "number"},
    "wip": {"$ref": "#/definitions/_wip"},
    "schedulingRule": {"type": "string"},
    "failures": {
      "type": "object",
      "properties": {
        "failureDistribution": {"type": "string"},
        "availability": {"type": "string"},
        "MTTF": {"type": "number"},
        "MTTR": {"type": "number"},
        "repairman": {"type": "string"}
      }
    }
  }
}
```

"processingTime": {"$ref": "#/definitions/_procTime"},
"entity": {"type": "string"},
"interarrivalTime": {
  "type": "object",
  "properties": {
    "distributionType": {"type": "string"},
    "mean": {"type": "number"},
    "max": {"type": "number"},
    "min": {"type": "number"},
    "stdev": {"type": "number"}
  }
}

This (simplified for the presentation purposes) schema contains all the definitions needed to describe whichever station is currently developed within the SE. Nodes are described as JSON objects and keep all their attributes as encapsulated JSON objects. For example for the initiation of a source, one would need the “entity” attribute describing the type of the ME that the source creates, and an interarrivalTime describing how often the MEs are produced. A machine may have a processingTime attribute that is also a JSON object that describes the way the processing time of the machine is described. One example would be "processingTime": {"distributionType": "Normal", "mean": 1.5, "stdev": 0.3, "min": 0.1, "max": 10}. Different distributions may require different attributes (e.g. standard deviation) and more complex distributions, such as empirical ones, may be defined. The nodes may hold a wip attribute that defines the Work In Progress (WIP) that the object keeps at the start of the simulation.

Every node should necessarily have two attributes: first, an id that would be unique for this specific node and it is the key of the whole JSON object that describe the node. Second, a class attribute, that corresponds to the class of the simulation object that the node describes. For example the definition of a Queue simulation object from the DREAM repository with capacity of one can be as simple as: "Q1": {"_class": "Dream.Queue", "capacity": 1}.

On the other hand, for the edges we have a shorter schema. The definition of an edge is made also as a JSON object that has the id of the edge as key. “source” defines the object that the edge starts from and “destination” the object that it points to. An edge that connects nodes with ids “Q1” and “M1” is illustrated below. Of course, these objects should be fully defined under node.

```
"edge_1": {
  "source": "Q1",
  "destination": "M1",
  "data": {},
  "_class": "Dream.Edge"
},
```

As mentioned previously, every node may have a wip attribute to define the starting work in progress for the start of simulation. Nevertheless, jobs may have specific interconnections between them, for example constitute a specific order. For this reason, we added the “Bill Of Materials” (BOM) in the input echelon. The use of the keyword "$ref": "#/definitions/_entity" pointing to a definition of an ME object schema _entity. The ME should also have id and name keyword as well as a class attribute describing the corresponding logic of the simulator core. It may also contain enclosed schemas for routing description if the ME has to follow a specific route through the topology of the model.
4.3 MS Excel

Another format that KE tool can export data is MS Excel. Using the xlwt Python library (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/xlwt), we are able to export the outcome of the analysis in Data processing component (Statistical measures, Distribution fitting) on standard templates in Excel worksheets. The standard templates showing the results from the analysis on dataset’s statistical measures and distribution fitting are illustrated below.

![Figure 4: Template showing the exported results on different statistical measures](image-url)
5 Examples

We now introduce examples to support hands-on familiarity with the KE tool. The scripts are provided along with descriptions and graphical representations of the models within which the KE tool is applied. The following examples can be found in GitHub at the following link (https://github.com/nexedi/dream/tree/master/dream/KnowledgeExtraction/KEtool_examples).

5.1 Two servers model with failures and repairman

A simple model topology is illustrated in Figure 6. There are two machines and a queue between them. The machines are vulnerable to failures and when a failure occurs they need a repairman in order to be fixed. In this model there is only one repairman available. In this model there is only one repairman available. The repairman floats between them as needed. The model itself was created in the DREAM GUI.
For the needs of the example we assume that the processing times of the two machines are recorded in a simple Excel file. Having a sample of this data, we use the `ImportExcelData` object to retrieve these data samples with historical processing times of the two machines and import them to the tool. Then, we make use of the `ReplaceMissingValues` object and we delete the missing values in the data samples in order to continue our process without missing data in the samples. The `DistFittest` object of the DistributionFitting script is used to perform a Kolmogorov-Smirnov test to identify the best fitting statistical distributions for the two data samples. The above two objects (`ReplaceMissingValues`, `DistFittest`) complete the operations of the second component, Data processing for this example. Finally, four documents are exported with the updated values coming from the data process, to demonstrate the three available ways to output data from the tool. The four documents are the CMSD information model of the topology, the JSON file based again on the example’s topology and two Excel files with the outcomes of the statistical analysis (calculation of basic statistical measures and distribution fitting results for one data sample). The outputs of these four ManPy readable documents fulfil the operations of tool’s third component, Output preparation.

GitHub contains the main script related to this example. In addition the following are also available:

- The Excel files with the inputs to the tool (inputsTwoServers.xls).
- The CMSD information model of the topology (CMSD_TwoServers.xml).
- The JSON file of the topology (JSON_TwoServers.json).

Below is the KE tool main script.

```python
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.ImportExcelData import ImportExcelData
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.DistributionFitting import DistFittest
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.ExcelOutput import ExcelOutput
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.JSONOutput import JSONOutput
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.ReplaceMissingValues import ReplaceMissingValues
```
import dream.simulation.LineGenerationJSON as ManPyMain  #import ManPy main JSON
script
from xml.etree import ElementTree as et
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.CMSDOutput import CMSDOutput
import xlrd
import json
import os

#================================================ This script is a simple example of
#the Knowledge extraction tool
#The following is the Main script, that calls two Python objects in order to conduct
#the three main components of the Knowledge extraction tool
#In the following example the operation times of the topology's two machines are
given in an Excel document.
#Import_Excel object imports data from the Excel document to the tool and DistFittest
#object fits the data to a statistical distribution using Kolmogorov-Smirnov test

def main(test=0, ExcelFileName='inputsTwoServers.xls',
          JSONFileName='JSON_TwoServers.json',
          CMSDFileName='CMSD_TwoServers.xml',
          workbook=None,
          jsonFile=None, cmsdFile=None):
    if not workbook:
        workbook = xlrd.open_workbook(os.path.join(os.path.dirname(os.path.realpath(__file__)),
                                                   ExcelFileName))  #Using xlrd library opens the Excel document with the input data
        worksheets = workbook.sheet_names()  #It creates a variable that
        worksheet_OperationTime = worksheets[0]  #holds the first Excel worksheet

        X = ImportExceldata()  #Call the import_Excel object
        OperationTimes= X.Input_data(worksheet_OperationTime,workbook)  #It defines a
        Python dictionary, giving as name OpearationTimes and as value the returned
dictionary from the import Excel object
        Machine1_OpearationTimes = OperationTimes.get('Machine1',[])
        #Two lists
        Machine2_OpearationTimes = OperationTimes.get('Machine2',[])

        A = ReplaceMissingValues()  #Call the
        HandleMissingValues object
        Machine1_OpearationTimes = A.DeleteMissingValue(Machine1_OpearationTimes)
        #It deletes the missing values in the lists with the operation times data

        Dict={}
        B = DistFittest()  #It calls the DistFittest
        object
        Dict['M1']=B.ks_test(Machine1_OpearationTimes)  #It conducts the
        Kolmogorov-Smirnov test in the list with the operation times data
        Dict['M2']=B.ks_test(Machine2_OpearationTimes)
        M1=Dict.get('M1')
```python
M2=Dict.get('M2')

#==================================== Output preparation: output the updated values in the CMSD information model
===============================================#
if not cmsdFile:
    datafile=(os.path.join(os.path.dirname(os.path.realpath(__file__)), CMSDFileName))  #It defines the name or the directory of the XML file that is manually written the CMSD information model
tree = et.parse(datafile)  #This file will be parsed using the XML.ETREE Python library

exportCMSD=CMSDOutput()
stationId1='A020'
stationId2='A040'
procTime1=exportCMSD.ProcessingTimes(tree, stationId1, M1)
procTime2=exportCMSD.ProcessingTimes(procTime1, stationId2, M2)

procTime2.write('CMSD_TwoServers_Output.xml', encoding="utf8")  #It writes the element tree to a specified file, using the 'utf8' output encoding

#================================= Output preparation: output the updated values in the JSON file of Topology10
===============================================#
if not jsonFile:
    jsonFile = open(os.path.join(os.path.dirname(os.path.realpath(__file__)), JSONFileName), 'r')  #It opens the JSON file
    data = json.load(jsonFile)  #It loads the file
    jsonFile.close()
else:
    data = json.load(jsonFile)

exportJSON=JSONOutput()
stationId1='M1'
stationId2='M2'
data=exportJSON.ProcessingTimes(data, stationId1, M1)
data1=exportJSON.ProcessingTimes(data, stationId2, M2)

#================================ Call ManPy and run the simulation model
=============================================#
calls ManPy main script with the input
simulationOutput=ManPyMain.main(input_data=json.dumps(data1))

# if we run from test return the ManPy result
if test:
    return simulationOutput

#================================ Output the JSON file ========================================#
jsonFile = open('JSON_TwoServers_Output.json', "w")  #It opens the JSON file
jsonFile.write(json.dumps(data1, indent=True))  #It writes the updated data to the JSON file
jsonFile.close()
#It closes the file
```
# Calling the ExcelOutput object, outputs the outcomes of the statistical analysis in Excel files

```python
C=ExcelOutput()
C.PrintDistributionFit(Machine1_OpearationTimes, 'Machine1_DistFitResults.xls')
C.PrintStatisticalMeasures(Machine1_OpearationTimes, 'Machine1_StatResults.xls')
C.PrintDistributionFit(Machine2_OpearationTimes, 'Machine2_DistFitResults.xls')
C.PrintStatisticalMeasures(Machine2_OpearationTimes, 'Machine2_StatResults.xls')
```

# Call ManPy and run the simulation model

```python
# calls ManPy main script with the input
simulationOutput=ManPyMain.main(input_data=json.dumps(data))
# save the simulation output
jsonFile = open('ManPyOutput.json', 'w')  # It opens the JSON file
jsonFile.write(simulationOutput)  # It writes the updated data to the JSON file
jsonFile.close()  # It closes the file
```

```python
if __name__ == '__main__':
    main()
```

The above main script consists of six KE tool objects including both CMSDOutput and JSONOutput objects. The CMSD, JSON and Excel output files can easily obtained by downloading and running the example. The reader can see the above output files in Appendix 1 - Two servers model.

## 5.2 Production line

Another example of the KE tool is built developing a main script using the objects in a real production line. Figure 7 illustrates the graphical representation of the production line modeled in the DREAM platform GUI. In this model we have several Machines (P1 - P11) operating in parallel, Queues between them and other simulation objects between them. The Machines are vulnerable to failures so scrap parts produced. We’ve got information about the processing times and the scrap quantity in each of the machines in the production line.

In this example separate methods for this specific example developed for the output of CMSD and JSON files. The CMSD_Output object is developed using the xml.etree Python library and writing in a script the whole CMSD information model for this example, so resource, process plan and process definitions of CMSD specification has been developed based on production line’s logic. The same happens with JSON_Output object, which again is a separate method tailored to the specific example and the only difference with the CMSD_Output is that the JSON file is manually developed.

The above described objects along with the main script of this example and the .xls file with the processing times and scrap quantity data are available at GitHub repository in KETool_examples folder.
Below is the KE tool main script for the production line illustrated in Figure 7.

```python
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.StatisticalMeasures import BasicStatisticalMeasures
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.DataManipulation import DataManagement
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.DistributionFitting import DistFittest
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.CMSD_Output import CMSD_example
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.JSON_Output import JSON_example
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.ExcelOutput import Output
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.ReplaceMissingValues import HandleMissingValues
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.ImportExcelData import Import_Excel
import xlrd

# import ManPy main JSON script
import dream.simulation.LineGenerationJSON as ManPyMain

#-------------------------------- Main script of KE tool --------------------------#

# Read from the given directory the Excel document with the input data
workbook = xlrd.open_workbook("inputData.xls")
worksheets = workbook.sheet_names()
worksheet_ProcessingTimes = worksheets[1]  # Define the worksheet with the Processing times data
worksheet_ScrapQuantity = worksheets[0]   # Define the worksheet with the Scrap Quantity data

A = Import_Excel()  # Call the Python object Import_Excel
ProcessingTimes = A.Input_data(worksheet_ProcessingTimes, workbook)  # Create the Processing Times dictionary with keys the different stations in the line and values the processing times of different batches in these stations

Figure 7: Production line
ScrapQuantity=A.Input_data(worksheet_ScrapQuantity, workbook)        #Create the Scrap Quantity dictionary with keys the different stations in the line and values the scrap quantity data of different batches in these stations

##Get from the Scrap Quantity dictionary the different keys and define the following lists with the scrap quantity data of the different stations in the topology
P1_Scrap= ScrapQuantity.get('P1',[])
P2_Scrap= ScrapQuantity.get('P2',[])
P3_Scrap= ScrapQuantity.get('P3',[])
P4_Scrap= ScrapQuantity.get('P4',[])
P5_Scrap= ScrapQuantity.get('P5',[])
P6_Scrap= ScrapQuantity.get('P6',[])
P7_Scrap= ScrapQuantity.get('P7',[])
P8_Scrap= ScrapQuantity.get('P8',[])
P9_Scrap= ScrapQuantity.get('P9',[])
P10_Scrap= ScrapQuantity.get('P10',[])
P11_Scrap= ScrapQuantity.get('P11',[])

##Get from the Processing times dictionary the different keys and define the following lists with the processing times data of the different stations in the topology
P1_Proc= ProcessingTimes.get('P1',[])
P2_Proc= ProcessingTimes.get('P2',[])
P3_Proc= ProcessingTimes.get('P3',[])
P4_Proc= ProcessingTimes.get('P4',[])
P5_Proc= ProcessingTimes.get('P5',[])
P6_Proc= ProcessingTimes.get('P6',[])
P7_Proc= ProcessingTimes.get('P7',[])
P8_Proc= ProcessingTimes.get('P8',[])
P9_Proc= ProcessingTimes.get('P9',[])
P10_Proc= ProcessingTimes.get('P10',[])
P11_Proc= ProcessingTimes.get('P11',[])

#Call the HandleMissingValues object and replace with zero the missing values in the lists with the scrap quantity data
B= HandleMissingValues()
P1_Scrap= B.ReplaceWithZero(P1_Scrap)
P2_Scrap= B.ReplaceWithZero(P2_Scrap)
P3_Scrap= B.ReplaceWithZero(P3_Scrap)
P4_Scrap= B.ReplaceWithZero(P4_Scrap)
P5_Scrap= B.ReplaceWithZero(P5_Scrap)
P6_Scrap= B.ReplaceWithZero(P6_Scrap)
P7_Scrap= B.ReplaceWithZero(P7_Scrap)
P8_Scrap= B.ReplaceWithZero(P8_Scrap)
P9_Scrap= B.ReplaceWithZero(P9_Scrap)
P10_Scrap= B.ReplaceWithZero(P10_Scrap)
P11_Scrap= B.ReplaceWithZero(P11_Scrap)

#Call the BasicStatatisticalMeasures object
C= BasicStatatisticalMeasures()

#Create a list with values the calculated mean value of scrap quantity on the different stations in the line
listScrap=[C.mean(P1_Scrap),C.mean(P2_Scrap),C.mean(P3_Scrap),C.mean(P4_Scrap),C.mean(P5_Scrap),C.mean(P6_Scrap),C.mean(P7_Scrap),C.mean(P8_Scrap),C.mean(P9_Scrap),C.mean(P10_Scrap), C.mean(P11_Scrap)]

D= DataManagement()
listScrap=D.round(listScrap)  # Round the mean values of the list so as to get integers

dictScrap={}  
dictScrap['P1']= listScrap[0]  
dictScrap['P2']= listScrap[1]  
dictScrap['P3']= listScrap[2]  
dictScrap['P4']= listScrap[3]  
dictScrap['P5']= listScrap[4]  
dictScrap['P6']= listScrap[5]  
dictScrap['P7']= listScrap[6]  
dictScrap['P8']= listScrap[7]  
dictScrap['P9']= listScrap[8]  
dictScrap['P10']= listScrap[9]  
dictScrap['P11']= listScrap[10]  

E= DistFittest()  # Call the DistFittest object

dictProc={}  
dictProc['P1']= E.ks_test(P1_Proc)  
dictProc['P2']= E.ks_test(P2_Proc)  
dictProc['P3']= E.ks_test(P3_Proc)  
dictProc['P4']= E.ks_test(P4_Proc)  
dictProc['P5']= E.ks_test(P5_Proc)  
dictProc['P6']= E.ks_test(P6_Proc)  
dictProc['P7']= E.ks_test(P7_Proc)  
dictProc['P8']= E.ks_test(P8_Proc)  
dictProc['P9']= E.ks_test(P9_Proc)  
dictProc['P10']= E.ks_test(P10_Proc)  
dictProc['P11']= E.ks_test(P11_Proc)  

F= Output()  
F.PrintDistributionFit(P2_Proc, "DistributionFittingResults_P2Proc.xls")  
F.PrintStatisticalMeasures(P2_Proc, "StatisticalMeasuresResults_P2Proc.xls")

CMSD_example(dictProc, dictScrap)  # Print the CMSD document, calling the CMSD_example method with arguments the dictProc and dictScrap dictionaries  
JSON_example(dictProc, dictScrap)  # Print the JSON file, calling the JSON_example method

# calls ManPy main script with the input  
simulationOutput=ManPyMain.main(input_data=str((JSON_example(dictProc,dictScrap))))  
# save the simulation output  
jsonFile = open('ManPyOutput.json','w')  # It opens the JSON file  
jsonFile.write(simulationOutput)  # It writes the updated data to the JSON file  
jsonFile.close()  # It closes the file

The above main script consists of eight KE tool objects (see the comments in the script). The CMSD, JSON and Excel output files can easily obtained by downloading and running the example. One one can see the exported CMSD, JSON file and ManPy output JSON file with the simulation results in Appendix 2 - Production line.
In the tables below the simulation results after the 10 times run of the simulation model are presented. The first table shows the results of measures on the Exit station such us throughput etc., while the second table presents the results in one of model's stations, measures such as working ratio, blockage ratio and waiting ratio are illustrated with confidence intervals calculated by ManPy using the *ConfidenceIntervals* object of the KE tool.

### Simulation results

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### Simulation results

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5.3 Parallel stations and Queue model

Here, an example to demonstrate the use of the ImportDatabase object is presented. Figure 8 illustrates the model in the DREAM platform GUI. In this model there are two machines (Milling1 and Milling2) operating in parallel, one queue in advance of them, one source and one exit. The machines are subject to failures and a repairman is thus used. In this model there is only one repairman available.

Historical data on machine processing times along with the MTTF and MTTR is assumed to be available. For this particular example a simple database is developed to store this data. The database is developed in MySQL; the SQL script of this database is available in the example folder. In order to run the example the user needs to import this SQL script in their local SQL editor and create the database, using their own connection information (see ImportDatabase object).

![Figure 8: Parallel stations and queue model](image)

Below is the fully commented KE tool main script for the production line illustrated in Figure 8.

```python
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.Transformations import Transformations
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.DistributionFitting import DistFittest
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.DistributionFitting import Distributions
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.ExcelOutput import ExcelOutput
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.JSONOutput import JSONOutput
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.ImportDatabase import ConnectionData
from xml.etree import ElementTree as et
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.CMSDOutput import CMSDOutput
import json
import os

#================================= Extract data from the database
==========================================#
def main(test=0, JSONFileName='JSON_example.json', CMSDFileName='CMSD_ParallelStations.xml',
```
DBFilePath = 'C:\Users\Panos\Documents\KE tool_documentation',
    file_path=None,
    jsonFile=None, cmsdFile=None):
    if not file_path:
        cnxn=ConnectionData(seekName='ServerData', file_path=DBFilePath,
            implicitExt='txt', number_of_cursors=3)
    cursors=cnxn.getCursors()

    a = cursors[0].execute(""
        select prod_code, stat_code, emp_no, TIMEIN, TIMEOUT
        from production_status
        "")
    MILL1=[]
    MILL2=[]
    for j in range(a.rowcount):
        #get the next line
        ind1=a.fetchone()
        if ind1.stat_code == 'MILL1':
            procTime=[]
            procTime.insert(0,ind1.TIMEIN)
            procTime.insert(1,ind1.TIMEOUT)
            MILL1.append(procTime)
        elif ind1.stat_code == 'MILL2':
            procTime=[]
            procTime.insert(0,ind1.TIMEIN)
            procTime.insert(1,ind1.TIMEOUT)
            MILL2.append(procTime)
        else:
            continue

    transform = Transformations()
    procTime_MILL1=[]
    for elem in MILL1:
        t1=[]
        t2=[]
        t1.append(((elem[0].hour)*60)*60 + (elem[0].minute)*60 + elem[0].second)
        t2.append(((elem[1].hour)*60)*60 + (elem[1].minute)*60 + elem[1].second)
        dt=transform.subtraction(t2, t1)
        procTime_MILL1.append(dt[0])

    procTime_MILL2=[]
    for elem in MILL2:
        t1=[]
        t2=[]
        t1.append(((elem[0].hour)*60)*60 + (elem[0].minute)*60 + elem[0].second)
        t2.append(((elem[1].hour)*60)*60 + (elem[1].minute)*60 + elem[1].second)
        dt=transform.subtraction(t2, t1)
        procTime_MILL2.append(dt[0])

    b = cursors[1].execute(""
        select stat_code, MTTF_hour
        from failures
        "")
c = cursors[2].execute(""
    select stat_code, MTTR_hour
    from repairs
    "")

MTTF_MILL1=[]
MTTF_MILL2=[]
for j in range(b.rowcount):
    # get the next line
    ind2=b.fetchone()
    if ind2.stat_code == 'MILL1':
        MTTF_MILL1.append(ind2.MTTF_hour)
    elif ind2.stat_code == 'MILL2':
        MTTF_MILL2.append(ind2.MTTF_hour)
    else:
        continue

MTTR_MILL1=[]
MTTR_MILL2=[]
for j in range(c.rowcount):
    # get the next line
    ind3=c.fetchone()
    if ind3.stat_code == 'MILL1':
        MTTR_MILL1.append(ind3.MTTR_hour)
    elif ind3.stat_code == 'MILL2':
        MTTR_MILL2.append(ind3.MTTR_hour)
    else:
        continue

#----------------------------- Fit data to statistical distributions
#-----------------------------

dist_proctime = DistFittest()
distProcTime_MILL1 = dist_proctime.ks_test(procTime_MILL1)
distProcTime_MILL2 = dist_proctime.ks_test(procTime_MILL2)

dist_MTTF = Distributions()
dist_MTTR = Distributions()
distMTTF_MILL1 = dist_MTTF.Weibull_distrfit(MTTF_MILL1)
distMTTF_MILL2 = dist_MTTF.Weibull_distrfit(MTTF_MILL2)
distMTTR_MILL1 = dist_MTTR.Poisson_distrfit(MTTR_MILL1)
distMTTR_MILL2 = dist_MTTR.Poisson_distrfit(MTTR_MILL2)

#----------------------------- Output preparation: output the values prepared in the
# CMSD information model of this model
#-----------------------------

if not cmsdFile:
    datafile=(os.path.join(os.path.dirname(os.path.realpath(__file__)), CMSDFileName))
    # It defines the name or the directory of the XML file that is manually written the CMSD information model
    tree = et.parse(datafile)
    exportCMSD=CMSDOutput()
    stationId1='M1'
    stationId2='M2'
procTime1 = exportCMSD.ProcessingTimes(tree, stationId1, distProcTime_MILL1)
procTime2 = exportCMSD.ProcessingTimes(procTime1, stationId2, distProcTime_MILL2)

TTF1 = exportCMSD.TTF(procTime2, stationId1, distMTTF_MILL1)
TTR1 = exportCMSD.TTR(TTF1, stationId1, distMTTR_MILL1)

TTF2 = exportCMSD.TTF(TTR1, stationId2, distMTTF_MILL2)
TTR2 = exportCMSD.TTR(TTF2, stationId2, distMTTR_MILL2)

TTR2.write('CMSD_ParallelStations_Output.xml', encoding='utf8')
# It writes the element tree to a specified file, using the 'utf8' output encoding

# ======================== Output preparation: output the updated values in the JSON file of this example ================================#
if not jsonFile:
    jsonFile = open(os.path.join(os.path.dirname(os.path.realpath(__file__)), JSONFileName), 'r')  # It opens the JSON file
    data = json.load(jsonFile)  # It loads the file
    jsonFile.close()
else:
    data = json.load(jsonFile)

exportJSON = JSONOutput()
stationId1 = 'M1'
stationId2 = 'M2'
data1 = exportJSON.ProcessingTimes(data, stationId1, distProcTime_MILL1)
data2 = exportJSON.ProcessingTimes(data1, stationId2, distProcTime_MILL2)
data3 = exportJSON.TTF(data2, stationId1, distMTTF_MILL1)
data4 = exportJSON.TTR(data3, stationId1, distMTTR_MILL1)
data5 = exportJSON.TTF(data4, stationId2, distMTTF_MILL2)
data6 = exportJSON.TTR(data5, stationId2, distMTTR_MILL2)

# if we run from test return the data6
if test:
    return data6

jsonFile = open('JSON_ParallelStations_Output.json', 'w')  # It opens the JSON file
jsonFile.write(json.dumps(data6, indent=True))  # It writes the updated data to the JSON file
jsonFile.close()  # It closes the file

# ==================== Calling the ExcelOutput object, outputs the outcomes of the statistical analysis in xls files ==========================
export = ExcelOutput()
export.PrintStatisticalMeasures(procTime_MILL1, 'procTimeMILL1_StatResults.xls')
export.PrintStatisticalMeasures(procTime_MILL2, 'procTimeMILL2_StatResults.xls')
export.PrintStatisticalMeasures(MTTF_MILL1, 'MTTFMILL1_StatResults.xls')
export.PrintStatisticalMeasures(MTTF_MILL2, 'MTTFMILL2_StatResults.xls')
export.PrintStatisticalMeasures(MTTR_MILL1, 'MTTRMILL1_StatResults.xls')
export.PrintStatisticalMeasures(MTTR_MILL2, 'MTTRMILL2_StatResults.xls')
The above main script consists of seven KE tool objects (see the comments in the script). The JSON, CMSD and Excel output files can easily obtained by downloading and running the example. One can see the exported JSON and CMSD file in Appendix 3 - Parallel stations and Queue model.

### 5.4 Assembly and Dismantle model

This model contains two sources, one assembly station, one machine, one dismantling station and two exits. Figure 9 illustrates the graphical representation of the simulation model modeled in the DREAM platform GUI. The machine in this example is vulnerable to failures and we’ve got information about the time to failures (TTF) and time to repairs (TTR). Also, we have info about the processing times of the machine. The three categories data are recorded in an .xls file.

Five objects are used in this model. The steps conducted in the main script described are listed below:

1. Import the needed objects in order to run the main script.
2. Read from the given directory the document with the necessary data.
3. Call the *Import_Excel* object in order to input the data to the tool.
4. From the imported data (python dictionaries) select the required data and put them in separate lists.
5. Call the *ReplaceMissingValues* object and apply its method *ReplaceWithMean*, which replaces the missing values with the mean of the non-missing values in the list.
6. Call the *Distributions* (Maximum Likelihood Estimation) and *DistFittest* (Kolmogorov-Smirnov fitting test) methods and apply them to the data, it is selected to conduct Kolmogorov-Smirnov test in the processing times data and to fit in Exponential distribution the MTTF and MTTR data.
7. Export the processed data (statistical distributions of processing times, MTTF and MTTR) to the developed CMSD file of the model.
8. Export the processed data (statistical distributions of processing times, MTTF and MTTR) to the developed JSON file of the model.
9. Call ManPy and run the simulation model
10. Output the JSON file developed in step 8.
11. Call the *ExcelOutput* object and using its methods export the statistical analysis and distribution fitting results of the three data categories.
Below is the KE tool main script.

```python
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.ImportExceldata import ImportExceldata
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.ReplaceMissingValues import ReplaceMissingValues
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.DistributionFitting import Distributions
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.DistributionFitting import DistFittest
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.ExcelOutput import ExcelOutput
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.JSONOutput import JSONOutput
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.CMSDOutput import CMSDOutput
import dream.simulation.LineGenerationJSON as ManPyMain
import xlrd
import ElementTree as et
import json
import os

def main(test=0, ExcelFileName='InputData.xls',
          JSONFileName='JSON_AssembleDismantle.json',
          CMSDFileName='CMSD_AssemblyDismantle.xml',
          workbook=None,
          jsonFile=None, cmsdFile=None):
    if not workbook:
        workbook = xlrd.open_workbook(os.path.join(os.path.dirname(os.path.realpath(__file__)), ExcelFileName))
        # Read from the given directory the Excel document with the input data
        worksheets = workbook.sheet_names()
        worksheet_ProcessingTimes = worksheets[0] # Define the worksheet with the Processing times data
        worksheet_MTTF = worksheets[1] # Define the worksheet with Time-to-Failure data
        worksheet_MTTR = worksheets[2] # Define the worksheet with Time-to-Repair data
```

Figure 9: Assembly and dismantle model
A = Import_Excel()  # Call the Python object Import_Excel
ProcessingTimes = A.Input_data(worksheet_ProcessingTimes, workbook)  # Create Processing Times dictionary with key the Machine 1 and values the processing time data
MTTF = A.Input_data(worksheet_MTTF, workbook)  # Create the MTTF dictionary with key the Machine 1 and time-to-failure data
MTTR = A.Input_data(worksheet_MTTR, workbook)  # Create the MTTR Quantity dictionary with key the Machine 1 and time-to-repair data

##Get from the above dictionaries the M1 key and define the following lists with data
ProcTime = ProcessingTimes.get('M1', [])
MTTF = MTTF.get('M1', [])
MTTR = MTTR.get('M1', [])

# Call the HandleMissingValues object and replace the missing values in the lists with the mean of the non-missing values
B = HandleMissingValues()
ProcTime = B.ReplaceWithMean(ProcTime)
MTTF = B.ReplaceWithMean(MTTF)
MTTR = B.ReplaceWithMean(MTTR)

C = Distributions()  # Call the Distributions object
D = DistFittest()  # Call the DistFittest object

ProcTime_dist = D.ks_test(ProcTime)
MTTF_dist = C.Exponential_distrfit(MTTF)
MTTR_dist = C.Exponential_distrfit(MTTR)

== Output preparation: output the values prepared in the CMSD information model of this model ==#
if not cmsdFile:
    datafile = (os.path.join(os.path.dirname(os.path.realpath(__file__)), CMSDFileName))  # It defines the name or the directory of the XML file that is manually written the CMSD information model
tree = et.parse(datafile)  # This file will be parsed using the XML.EETREE Python library

exportCMSD = CMSDOutput()
stationId1 = 'M1'
procTime = exportCMSD.ProcessingTimes(tree, stationId1, ProcTime_dist)
TTF = exportCMSD.TTF(procTime, stationId1, MTTF_dist)
TTR = exportCMSD.TTR(TTF, stationId1, MTTR_dist)
TTR.write('CMSD_AssemblyDismantle_Output.xml', encoding='utf8')  # It writes the element tree to a specified file, using the 'utf8' output encoding
if not jsonFile:
    jsonFile = open(os.path.join(os.path.dirname(os.path.realpath(__file__)), JSONFileName), 'r')  # It opens the JSON file
    data = json.load(jsonFile)  # It loads the file
    jsonFile.close()
else:
    data = json.load(jsonFile)

exportJSON=JSONOutput()
stationId= 'M1'
data=exportJSON.ProcessingTimes(data, stationId, ProcTime_dist)
data1=exportJSON.TTF(data, stationId, MTTF_dist)
data2=exportJSON.TTR(data1, stationId, MTTR_dist)

#==================== Call ManPy and run the simulation model ====================#
# calls ManPy main script with the input
simulationOutput=ManPyMain.main(input_data=json.dumps(data2))
# if we run from test return the ManPy result
if test:
    return simulationOutput

#===================== Output the JSON file ==============================#
jsonFile = open('JSON_AssembleDismantle_Output.json', "w")  # It opens the JSON file
jsonFile.write(json.dumps(data2, indent=True))  # It writes the updated data to the JSON file
jsonFile.close()  # It closes the file

C=ExcelOutput()
C.PrintStatisticalMeasures(ProcTime, 'ProcTime_StatResults.xls')
C.PrintStatisticalMeasures(MTTR, 'MTTR_StatResults.xls')
C.PrintStatisticalMeasures(MTTF, 'MTTF_StatResults.xls')
C.PrintDistributionFit(ProcTime, 'ProcTime_DistFitResults.xls')
C.PrintDistributionFit(MTTR, 'MTTR_DistFitResults.xls')

Figures 10 and 11 illustrate the exported Excel spreadsheets showing the results from the univariate analysis and the distribution fitting analysis for the same data set. As we can see the exported results in both figures follow a specific template created for better visualization and ease of understanding. Figure 12 illustrates parts of the CMSD and JSON file showing the statistical distribution for the processing time of M1.
Figure 10: Exported Excel spreadsheet with the univariate statistical analysis of the processing times data of M1

Figure 11: Exported Excel spreadsheet with the distribution fitting analysis of the processing times data of M1
As happens with all the examples of the documentation the above main script is available in GitHub. Again the JSON, CMSD and Excel output files can easily obtained by downloading and running the example.

5.5 Parallel stations model

Here, an example to demonstrate the ImportExceldata object is presented. The parallel stations model previously introduced (see Figure 8) is used. Historical processing times are recorded in a spreadsheet named inputData.xls.

ManPy is called from the KE tool main script and the simulation model is run. Below is the KE tool main script.

```python
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.DistributionFitting import DistFittest
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.DistributionFitting import Distributions
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.ImportExceldata import ImportExceldata
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.ExcelOutput import ExcelOutput
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.ReplaceMissingValues import ReplaceMissingValues
from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.JSONOutput import JSONOutput
import xlrd
import json
import dream.simulation.LineGenerationJSON as ManPyMain
import os

def main(test=0, ExcelFileName='inputData.xls',
          JSONFileName='JSON_ParallelStations.json',
          workbook=None,
          jsonFile=None):
    #Read from the given directory the Excel document with the input data
    if not workbook:
        workbook = xlrd.open_workbook(os.path.join(os.path.dirname(os.path.realpath(__file__)), ExcelFileName))
```
worksheets = workbook.sheet_names()  
worksheet_ProcessingTimes = worksheets[0]  
# Define the worksheet with the Processing times data

inputData = ImportExceldata()  
# Call the Python object Import_Excel
ProcessingTimes = inputData.Input_data(worksheet_ProcessingTimes, workbook)  
# Create the Processing Times dictionary with key Machines 1,2 and values the processing time data

# Get from the above dictionaries the M1 key and define the following lists with data
M1_ProcTime = ProcessingTimes.get('M1', [])
M2_ProcTime = ProcessingTimes.get('M2', [])

# Call the HandleMissingValues object and replace the missing values in the lists with the mean of the non-missing values
misValues = ReplaceMissingValues()
M1_ProcTime = misValues.ReplaceWithMean(M1_ProcTime)
M2_ProcTime = misValues.ReplaceWithMean(M2_ProcTime)

MLE = Distributions()  
# Call the Distributions object (Maximum Likelihood Estimation - MLE)
KS = DistFittest()  
# Call the DistFittest object (Kolmogorov-Smirnov test)
M1ProcTime_dist = KS.ks_test(M1_ProcTime)
M2ProcTime_dist = MLE.Normal_distrfit(M2_ProcTime)

# Output preparation: output the updated values in the JSON file of this example

if not jsonFile:
    jsonFile = open(os.path.join(os.path.dirname(os.path.realpath(__file__)), JSONFileName), 'r')  
    # It opens the JSON file data = json.load(jsonFile)
else:
    data = json.load(jsonFile)

exportJSON = JSONOutput()
stationId1 = 'St1'
stationId2 = 'St2'
data1 = exportJSON.ProcessingTimes(data, stationId1, M1ProcTime_dist)
data2 = exportJSON.ProcessingTimes(data1, stationId2, M2ProcTime_dist)

# Call ManPy and run the simulation model

if test:
    return simulationOutput
The folder TwoParallelStations contains the files needed to run the simulation model and obtain the results applying the KE tool main script (TwoParallelStations_example.py). We now present the output trace from the simulation model. This illustrates how ManPy picked up the input data produced by the KE tool and used that in running the model. Therefore, it can now be seen that all modules of the platform have combined to build a model, import and manipulate data to a useful format and then pass this to the simulation engine for model execution.

Figure 13 depicts the different JSON files for the stations, St1 and St2. On the left are the default instances; when a station is created by dragging and dropping with the GUI. On the right are the JSON files for the same objects after the spreadsheet data (containing data on the processing times for St1 and St2) has been imported and analysed and suitable distributions and parameters have been chosen and applied for each station. It can be noted that a Gamma distribution was determined as the best fit for St1 and therefore the shape and rate (also known as scale) parameters were calculated. A normal distribution was determined for St2. Therefore, the associated min, max, mean and standard deviation parameters were subsequently calculated.
Figure 13: Stations simulation input data before run the KE tool (left), updated simulation input data (right)
5.6 Assembly line
The KE tool main script was created and tested in a real assembly line. Figure 14 illustrates the graphical representation of the assembly line modeled in the DREAM platform GUI. In this model we have several Machines operating in parallel, Queues between them and other simulation objects between them. The Machines are vulnerable to failures so scrap parts produced.

This case study uses different data sources to record operational information. Raw data from the assembly line are recorded in batch level on the local MES platform servers and transferred every 3-6 minutes to a local SAP server. Raw data are extracted in spreadsheet files coming from the local MES server. Figure 15 demonstrates the format of data in the MES database, the columns contain different information about the events, for example start time, stop time, station name, container name, quantity of the container etc.

![Figure 14: Assembly line modeled in DREAM.GUI](image)

![Figure 15: Example of the MES database structure in the assembly line](image)
In this example the KE tool interacts with the data file executing the three main components “Data extraction”, “Data processing” and “Output preparation”. The Python objects needed for the three components incorporated that form the KE tool are included in the main script for this example.

Company’s requirement was the extraction of the processing times, the scrap quantity and the WIP levels. For the fulfilment of the above requirements a method was developed (that is called by the main script) apart from the KE tool main script in order to identify the WIP levels in the line at the time that the engineer in the line desires to run the simulation model. Executing the KE tool main script a JSON file that follows the JSON schema (data exchange format for DES) is exported with info needed for the simulation model, for example the continuous statistical distributions for the processing times of each station, the discrete statistical distribution (Geometric distribution) for the scrap quantity appeared in each station and the WIP level either in queues (buffers) or stations (machines). In the latter case (WIP in machines) it is also estimated the approximate quantity of units left to be processed, the estimation was conducted calculating the average processing time in a particular machine, and the quantity of time between the start time in this machine and the stop time (time that the engineer wants to run the simulation model, so the KE tool main script gets executed).

A number of objects were used to form the main script and the outcomes are the exported JSON and CMSD files that contain the required information for the simulation model. The KE tool main script along with the spreadsheet data (see Figure 15) can be found at GitHub repository in KEtool_examples folder. In Appendix 5 - Assembly line, can be found the exported JSON and CMSD file of this example.

5.7 Example using the Plots object
KE tool offer methods for output analysis of the simulation results. One of the developed objects that mostly referring to Output analysis component of the tool (see Figure 1) is the Plots object. Applying Plots object in given data sets, we can get plots and charts with the representations of the data points in charts.

A simple example to demonstrate the use of this object is developed. This example as happens with the other examples is in GitHub repository. In this example data retrieved from a CSV file using the ImportCSVdata object and apply the data sets in Plots’ methods returning the different charts.

- In the beginning the Graphs and the Import_CSV modules are imported:

  ```python
  from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.Plots import Graphs
  from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.ImportCSVdata import Import_CSV
  ```

- Then we call the Import_CSV module and using its method Input_data import the data set from the CSV file to the tool

  ```python
  filename = ("DataSet.csv")
  ```
A=Import_CSV()
Data = A.Input_data(filename)

• After we get from the returned Python dictionary the two data sets:

   $M1 = Data.get('M1',[])$
   $M2 = Data.get('M2',[])$

• Then a Graph object is created and all its methods applied to the data sets (M1,M2)

   #create a graph object
   B=Graphs()
   B.Plots(M1, 'M1SimplePlot.jpg')
   B.ScatterPlot(M1, M2, 'Scatterplot.jpg')
   B.Barplot(M2, 'M2Barplot.jpg')
   B.Histogram(M1, 'M1Histogram.jpg')
   B.TwoSetPlot(M1, M2, 'M1M2Plot.jpg')
   B.Pie(M2, 'M2PieChar.jpg')

Below find an example of the obtained .jpg files with the above charts. All the files can be easily obtained running the example.

As another example we present the dream\simulation\Examples\TwoServersPlots.py, this example outputs a pie chart that presents graphically the percentage of time that the repairman is busy or idle.
The new entries on the already existing dream\simulation\Examples\TwoServers.py on the code are:

- In the beginning the Graphs module is imported:

  ```python
  from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.Plots import Graphs
  ```

- After the simulation run the values for the pie are calculated:

  ```python
  #calculate the percentages for the pie
  repairmanWorkingRatio=R.totalWorkingTime/G.maxSimTime*100
  repairmanWaitingRatio=R.totalWaitingTime/G.maxSimTime*100
  ```

- Then a Graph object is created and the `Pie` method is called in order to create the output file

  ```python
  #create a graph object
  graph=Graphs()
  
  #create the pie
  
  graph.Pie([repairmanWorkingRatio,repairmanWaitingRatio], "repairmanPie.jpg")
  ```

Running the script the user gets in addition to the console output repairmanPie.jpg that contains the following graph:

![Pie Chart](image)

### 5.8 Example using the Confidence Intervals object

A very simple example is developed in order to describe the use of the `ConfidenceIntervals` object of the tool. This object offers the functionality to calculate confidence intervals in given
data sets. The calculation of confidence intervals is really crucial in the output analysis of simulation.

This example as happens with the other examples is in GitHub repository in dream\KnowledgeExtraction\KEtool_examples\ConfidenceIntervals\ConfidenceIntervals_example.py. In this example data retrieved from a CSV file using the ImportCSVdata object and apply the data sets in ConfidenceInterval’s method returning the actual lower and upper bound (confidence intervals) of the data sets.

- In the beginning the ConfidenceInterval and the Import_CSV modules are imported:

  ```python
  from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.ConfidenceIntervals import Intervals
  from dream.KnowledgeExtraction.ImportCSVdata import Import_CSV
  ```

- Then we call the Import_CSV module and using its method Input_data import the data set from the CSV file to the tool

  ```python
  filename = "DataSet.csv"
  data=Import_CSV()
  Data = data.Input_data(filename)
  ```

- After we get from the returned Python dictionary the three data sets:

  ```python
  #get from the returned Python dictionary the following three data sets
  
  ProcTime = Data.get('ProcessingTimes',[])
  MTTF = Data.get('MTTF',[])
  MTTR = Data.get('MTTR',[])
  ```

- Then a Intervals object is created and all its method applied to the three data sets

  ```python
  #create a Intervals object
  CI=Intervals()
  
  #print the confidence intervals of the data sets applying either 90% or 95% probability
  print CI.ConfidIntervals(ProcTime, 0.95)
  print CI.ConfidIntervals(MTTF, 0.90)
  print CI.ConfidIntervals(MTTR, 0.95)
  ```

Below the returning lists with the calculated upper and lower bound (confidence intervals) of the three data sets.
5.9 Single Server in Simul8

A simple example is developed to demonstrate the integration of the KE tool and the Simul8 simulation package. In Figure 13 the graphical representation of the Single Server model in the Simul8 software is illustrated. The simple model is consisted of one queue (Queue for Activity 1), one server (Activity 1), one source (Source) and one exit (End).

The available information in this example is the processing times of the Server (Activity 1) and the inter-arrival times of the work items. This data is provided in two different Excel documents. The KE tool main script starts with the extraction of this data using the ImportExcelData object, the distribution fitting is the next task using both the Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE) and the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test. For the inter-arrivals times the Exponential distribution is used for the statistical representation of this data, while the Kolmogorov-Smirnov distribution fitting test is used for the processing times. Finally, using the different features of the Simul8XML object the simulation information come from the distribution fitting update the values in the XML file of this example.

![Figure 13: Single server model in Simul8](image)

As it happens with the other examples of the KE tool, more information of this example can be found in GitHub. The KE tool main script of this example along with the Excel documents and the simul8 XML file are available in the repository. By executing the KE tool main script the updated XML file is exported, opening this file the user is able to run the simulation model in the Simul8 simulation software.

5.10 Parallel Stations with failures in Simul8

An additional similar to the example 3.3 is created to demonstrate the integration of the KE tool and the Simul8 simulation package. Figure 14 illustrates the graphical representation of the model in Simul8 simulation software. In the model there are two Milling machines MILL1 and MILL2 operating in parallel, one Queue before them, one Source and one exit (End). The Milling
machines are prone to failures; a repairman is responsible to fix these failures when they happen.

A database is available for this specific example with information on the processing times, the MTTR and MTBF in the two Milling machines. In order to run the example the user needs to import this SQL script in his local SQL editor and create the database, using their own connection information (see ImportDatabase object). After the importing of this data, distribution fitting is conducted using the DistributionFitting object. Finally, using the different features of the Simul8XML object the simulation information come from the distribution fitting update the values in the XML file of this example.

![Figure 14: Parallel stations with failures in Simul8](image)

The KE tool main script of this example along with the developed database and the simul8 XML file can be found in GitHub at the examples of the KE tool. By running the ParallelStationsFailures.py (KE tool main script) one can obtain the updated based on the available data simul8 XML file, opening this file is able to run the simulation model in the Simul8 simulation software.

### 5.11 Topology1 in Simul8

Another example is created between the KE tool and the Simul8 simulation package. In Figure 15 the graphical representation of the Topology 1 model is illustrated in Simul8 package. The Topology1 model is consisted of three Activities (two of them operating in parallel), two queues, one Source and one End.

The inter-arrival times for this example along with the MTTF and MTTR data for the Activity 1 are recorded in Excel document, while the processing times of Activity2 and Activity3 are available in a CSV file. The KE tool main script starts with the extraction of the above data from the Excel and CSV file using the ImportCSVdata and ImportExceldata objects. As for the Data processing component of the tool, the DistributionFitting object is used, both the Kolmogorov-
Smirnov distribution fitting test and the fitting using the MLE method are applied. As for the third component of the tool (Output preparation), different features of the *Simul8XML* object are used.

The KE tool main script along with the Excel and CSV files with the data and the simul8 XML of this example are available in GitHub repository. By executing the KE tool main script the updated XML file is exported, opening this file the user is able to run the simulation model in the Simul8 simulation software.

![Topology1 in Simul8](image)

*Figure 15: Topology1 in Simul8*
Appendix 1 - Two servers model

Below the three different output data formats are presented. The highlighted parts reveal the inputs of the KE tool in the processing times of Machine 1 and 2.

CMSD information model of the example

```xml
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='utf8'?>
<CMSDDocument>
  <DataSection>
    <PartType>
      <Identifier>Part1</Identifier>
    </PartType>
    <PartType>
      <Identifier>UnfinishedPart1</Identifier>
    </PartType>
    <Resource>
      <Identifier>S1</Identifier>
      <Description>The source of the topology</Description>
      <ResourceType>Source</ResourceType>
      <Name>RawMaterial</Name>
    </Resource>
    <Resource>
      <Identifier>M1</Identifier>
      <Description>The lathe of the topology</Description>
      <ResourceType>Machine</ResourceType>
      <Name>Machine1</Name>
    </Resource>
    <Resource>
      <Identifier>M2</Identifier>
      <Description>The moulding machine of the topology</Description>
      <ResourceType>Machine</ResourceType>
      <Name>Machine2</Name>
    </Resource>
    <Resource>
      <Identifier>Queue</Identifier>
      <Description>The queue of the topology</Description>
      <ResourceType>Queue</ResourceType>
      <Name>Queue</Name>
    </Resource>
    <Resource>
      <Identifier>Exit</Identifier>
      <Description>The exit of the topology</Description>
      <ResourceType>Exit</ResourceType>
      <Name>Stock</Name>
    </Resource>
    <Resource>
      <Identifier>A</Identifier>
      <ResourceType>employee</ResourceType>
    </Resource>
    <Resource>
      <Identifier>B</Identifier>
      <ResourceType>employee</ResourceType>
  </DataSection>
</CMSDDocument>
```
<Resource>
  <Identifier>Repairman</Identifier>
  <Description>This element describes a class of employees</Description>
  <ResourceType>employee</ResourceType>
  <Name>W1</Name>
</Resource>

****************** Process Plan ******************

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  <Identifier>ProcessPlan:Part1</Identifier>
  <PartsProduced>
    <Description>The part produced the process</Description>
    <PartType>
      <PartTypeIdentifier>Part1</PartTypeIdentifier>
    </PartType>
    <PartQuantity>1</PartQuantity>
  </PartsProduced>
  <PartsConsumed>
    <Description>The part(s) consumed the process</Description>
    <PartType>
      <PartTypeIdentifier>UnfinishedPart1</PartTypeIdentifier>
    </PartType>
    <PartQuantity>1</PartQuantity>
  </PartsConsumed>
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    <ProcessIdentifier>MainProcessSequence</ProcessIdentifier>
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        <ProcessIdentifier>A040</ProcessIdentifier>
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        <ProcessIdentifier>A050</ProcessIdentifier>
      </Process>
    </SubProcessGroup>
  </Process>

****************** Process ******************
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<ResourcesRequired>
  <Description>Source</Description>
  <Resource>
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  </Resource>
</ResourcesRequired>

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  <Name>interarrivalTime</Name>
  <Unit>minutes</Unit>
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    <DistributionParameterA>
      <Value />
    </DistributionParameterA>
    <DistributionParameterB>
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    </DistributionParameterB>
  </Distribution>
</Property>

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**JSON file of the example**

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Excel file showing the distribution fitting test in the processing times of Machine 2

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Best distribution fitting: Normal, std dev 0.110404, mean 0.670259
Appendix 2 - Production line

Below the CMSD and JSON output data formats are presented. The highlighted parts reveal as example the inputs of the KE tool in the processing times and scrap quantity of stations P6 and P10.

CMSD information model of the example

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ManPy JSON file (simulation results)

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Appendix 3 - Parallel stations and Queue model

Exported JSON file

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Appendix 4 - Parallel stations model

Exported JSON file

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Appendix 5 - Assembly line

Below the JSON and CMSD output data format is presented. The highlighted parts reveal as example the inputs of the KE tool in the processing times and scrap quantity for M1A and MM and the WIP levels in PrB and QPr.

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