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- Recalculations

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- Recalculations solved
- No longer message passing style

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 - Include two kind of processes: XML data \rightarrow database elements database elements \rightarrow XML data

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Implementation of the operations

writetuple: tuple \rightarrow Boolean taketuple: tuple \rightarrow tuple readtuple: tuple \rightarrow tuple-persistent taketuplep: tuple \rightarrow tuple \lor nil readtuplep: tuple \rightarrow tuple-persistent \lor nil

Implemented using the select, insert and delete-instance of AllegroCache

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- Subscriptions are stored in an AllegroCache database

```
(defclass subscription ()
((host :initarg :host :accessor host )
(port :initarg :port :accessor port )
(type-tuples :initarg :type :accessor type :index any))
(:metaclass persistent-class))
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Tuple space observer

- Consults the database of subscriptions
- Sends a notification to the subscribers

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A GUI and two web services

• A GUI

Two web services



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Future Work

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- Decide when a computation is easy enough to solve it locally or whether it must be sent to a central server
- Devise good heuristics to decide what is the meaning of the predicate "to be an easy computation"
- Integration with other systems

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