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Traffic simulation with SUMO

Traffic Simulation

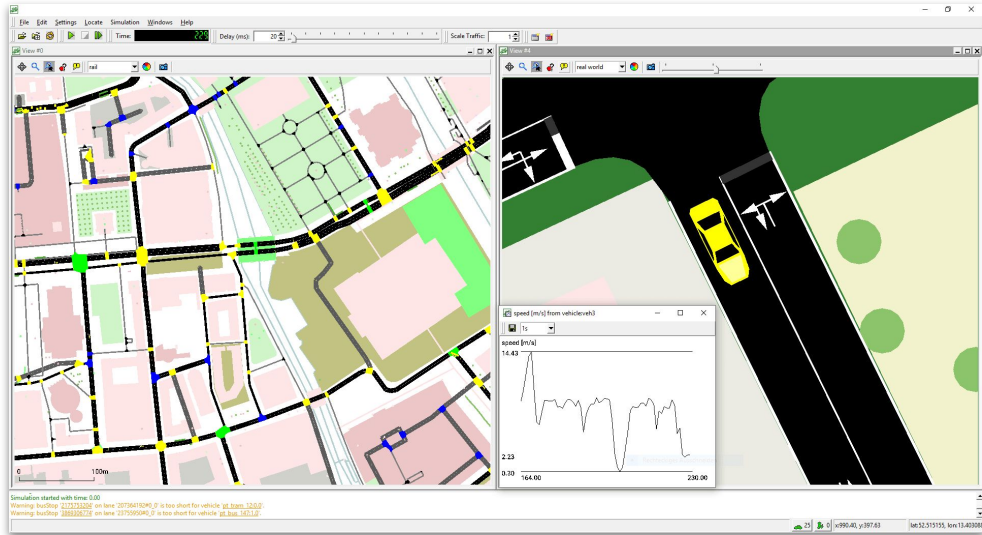
Traffic simulation is of fundamental in many areas:

- What-if analysis;
- Traffic and road optimization;
- Traffic forecasting;
- Data collection and augmentation;
- Traffic lights optimization.



SUMO (Simulation of Urban MObility)

SUMO (Simulation of Urban MObility) is an **open source**, highly portable, **microscopic** and continuous multi-modal **traffic simulation system** designed to handle large networks.



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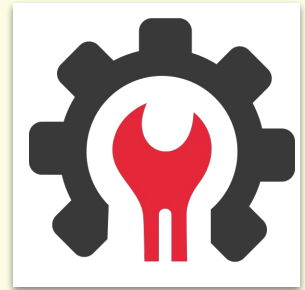
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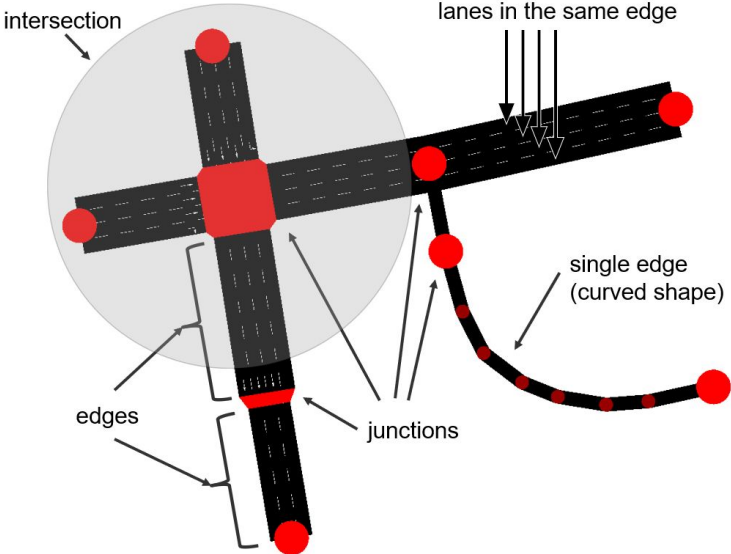
Configuration File



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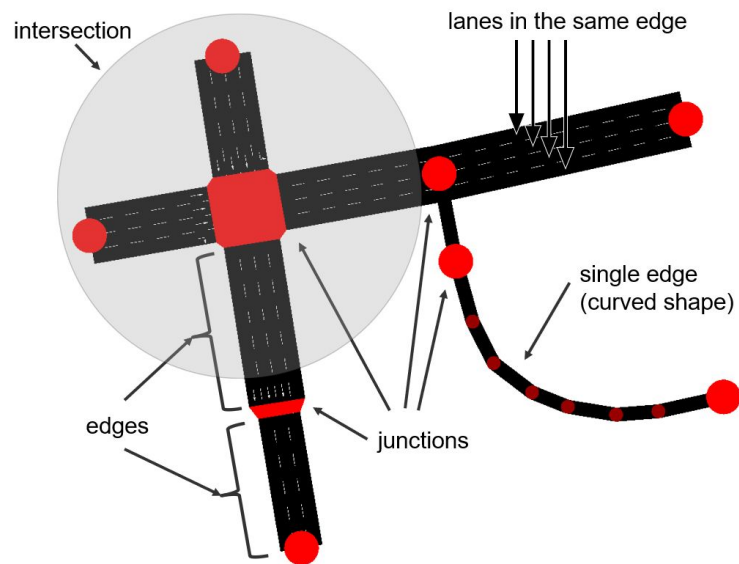


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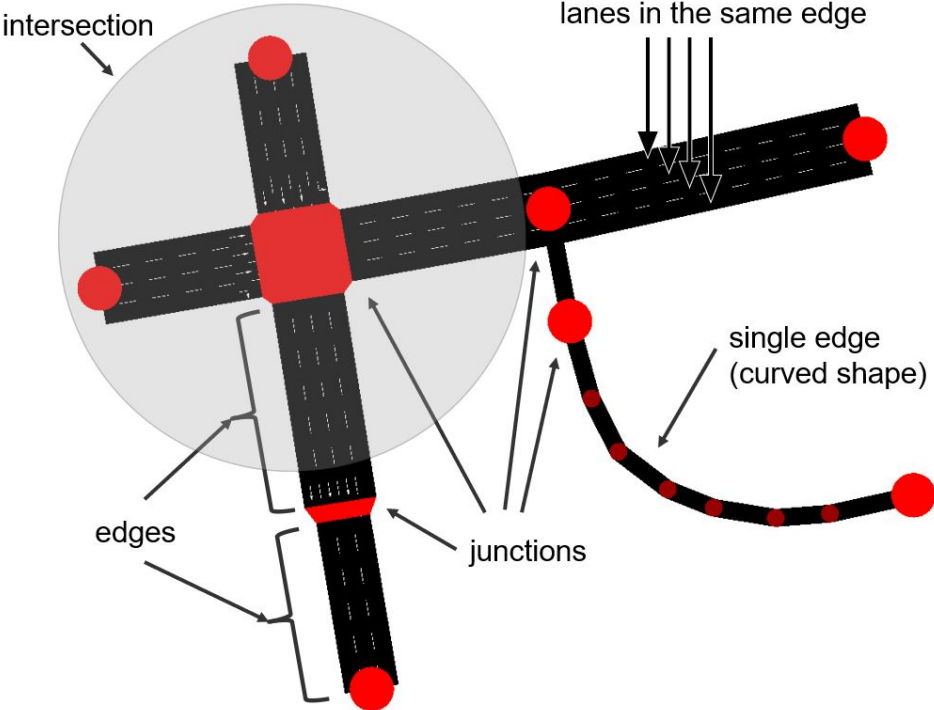
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In SUMO road networks are **directed** graphs in which

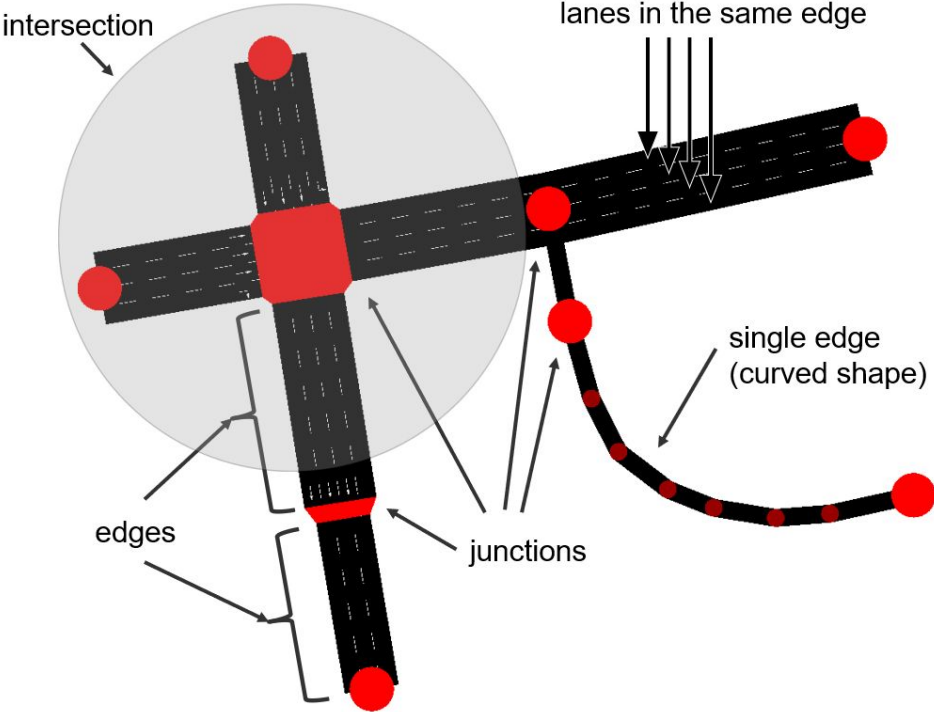
- **nodes** represent intersections/junctions;
- **edges** represent roads/streets.



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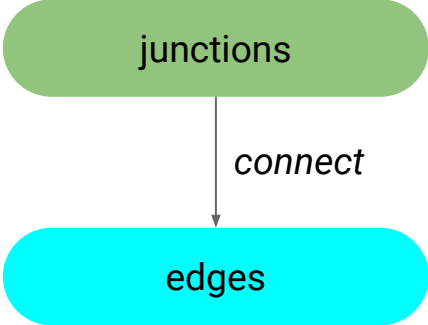
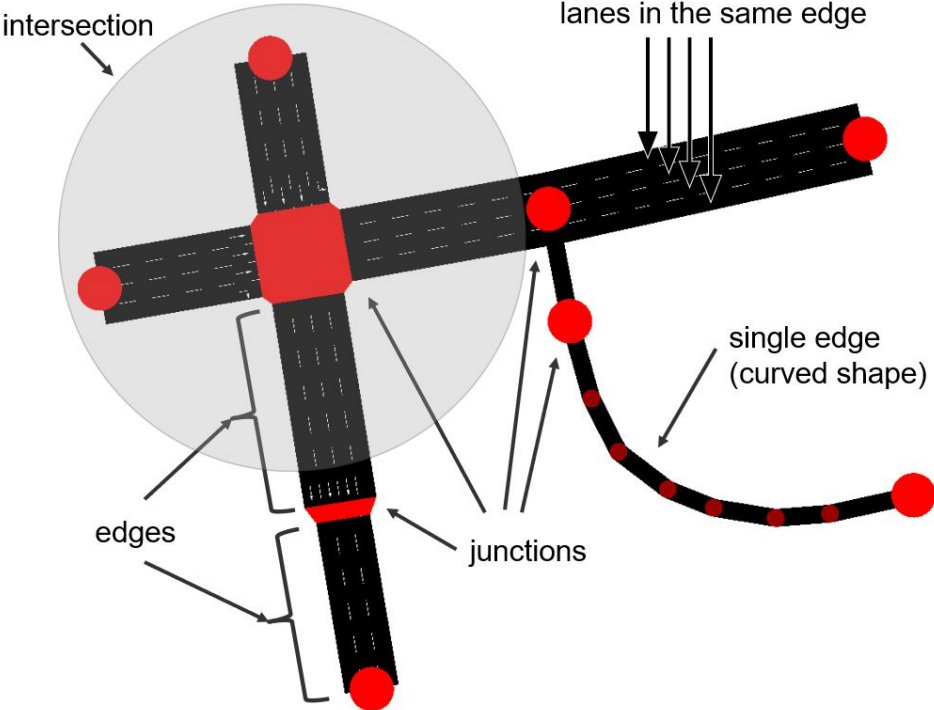


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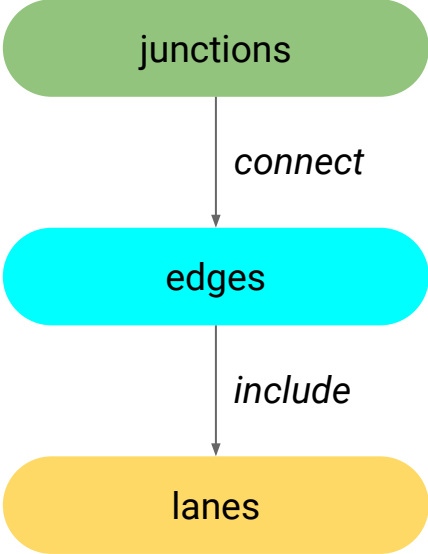
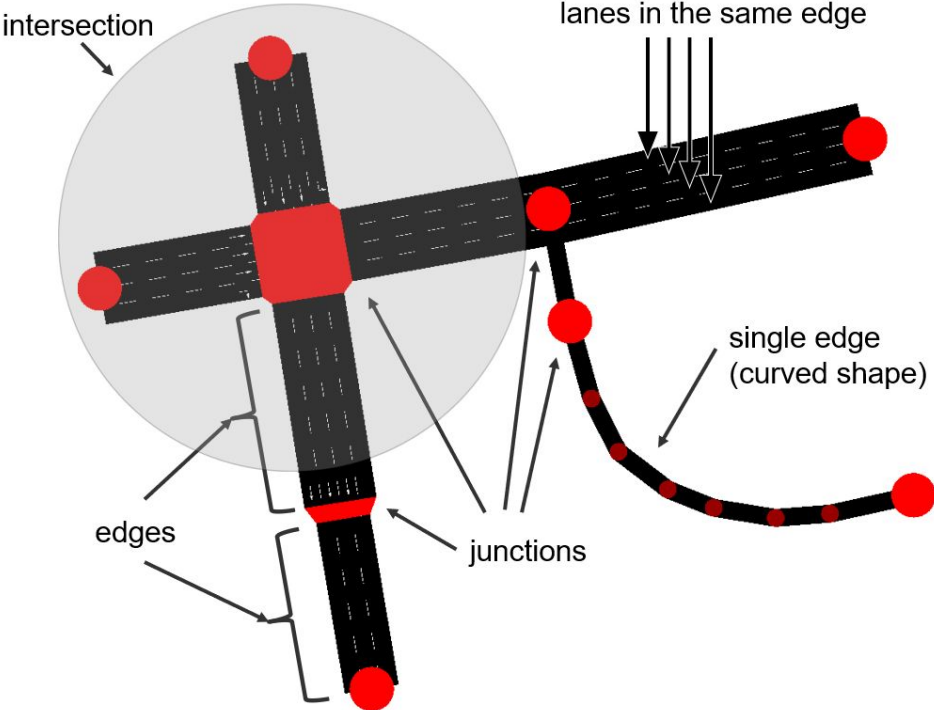


junctions

Road Network



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Road Network: Edges

- An **edge** is a connection between two nodes (junctions);



Road Network: Edges

- The **attributes** of an **edge** are:

Name	Type	Description
id	id (string)	The id of the edge
from	id (string)	The id of the node it starts at
to	id (string)	The id of the node it ends at
priority	integer	Indicates how important the road is (optional)
function	enum ("normal", "internal", "connector", "crossing", "walkingarea")	An abstract edge purpose (optional with default "normal")

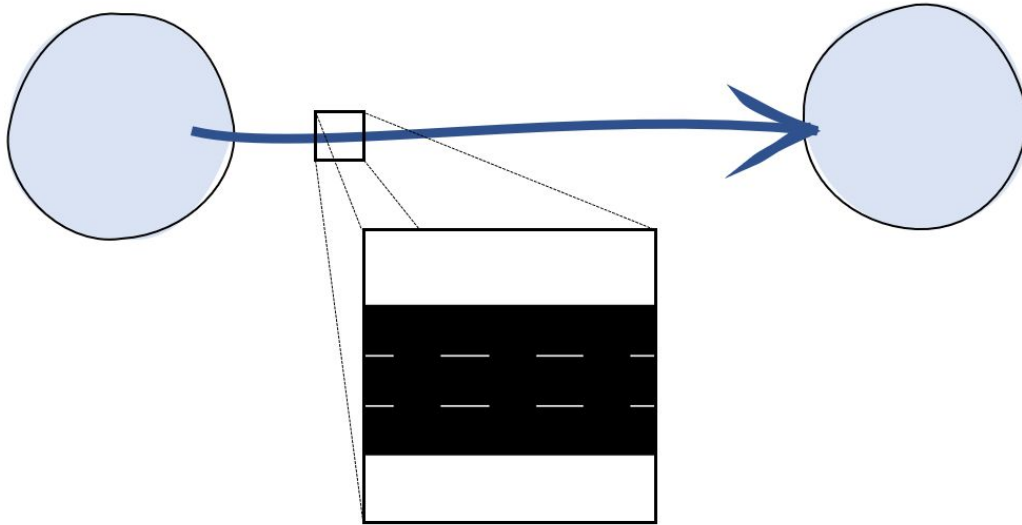
Road Network: Edges

- In the *xml* file, an **edge** is represented as:

```
<edge id="<ID>" from="<FROM_NODE_ID>" to="<TO_NODE_ID>"  
priority="<PRIORITY>"  
    ... one or more lanes ...  
</edge>
```


Road Network: Lanes

- Each edge includes the definitions of **lanes** it consists of. Generally, an edge consists of at least one lane.



Road Network: Lanes

- The **attributes** of a lane are:

Name	Type	Description
id	id (string)	The id of the lane
index	running number (unsigned int)	A running number, starting with zero at the right-most lane
speed	float	The maximum speed allowed on this lane [m/s]
length	float	The length of this lane [m]
shape	position vector	The geometry of the lane, given by a polyline that describes the lane's center line

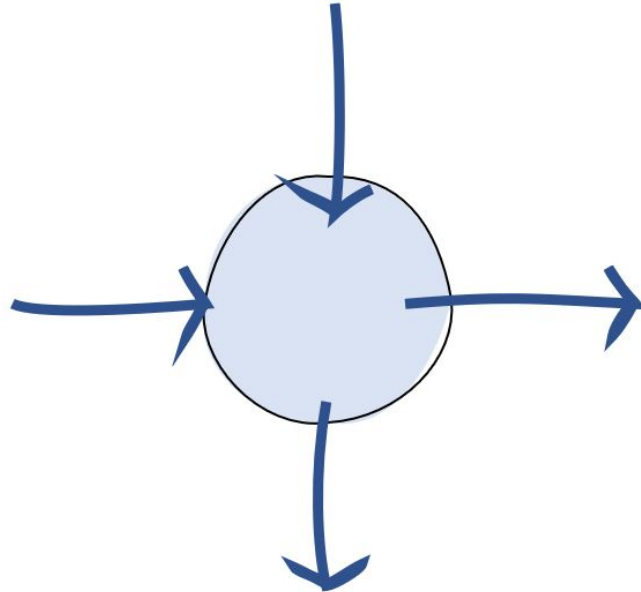
Road Network: Lanes

- In the xml file, a **lane** is represented as:

```
<lane id="<ID>" index="<INDEX>" speed="<SPEED>"  
length="<LENGTH>" shape="<SHAPE>"/>
```

Road Network: Junctions

- Junctions represent the area where different streams (edges) cross; they include the right-of-way rules vehicles have to follow when crossing the intersection.



Road Network: Junctions

- The **attributes** of a junction are:

Name	Type	Description
id	id (string)	The id of the junction
x	x-position (real)	The x-coordinate of the intersection
y	y-position (real)	The y-coordinate of the intersection
incLanes	id list	The ids of the lanes that end at the intersection.
intLanes	id list	The IDs of the lanes within the intersection
shape	position vector	The geometry of the lane, given by a polyline that describes the lane's center line.

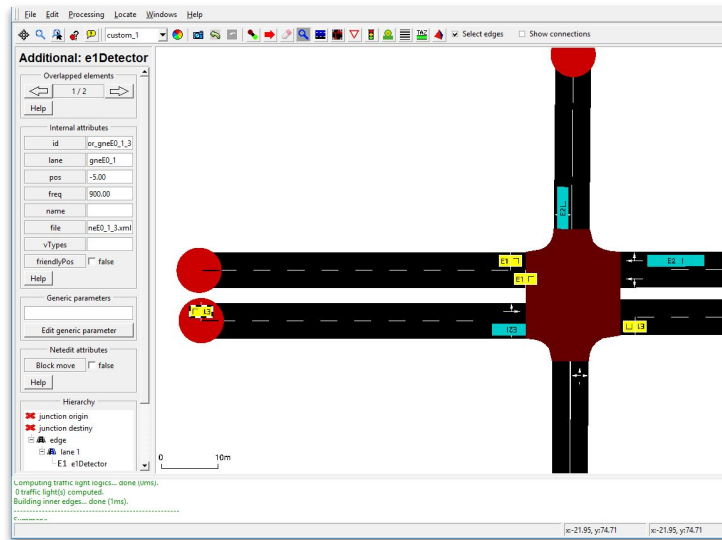
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- In the xml file, a **junction** is represented as:

```
<junction id="<ID>" type="<JUNCTION_TYPE>" x="<X-POSITION>"  
y="<Y-POSITION>" incLanes="<INCOMING_LANES>" intLanes="<INTERNAL_LANES>"  
shape="<SHAPE>">  
    ... requests ...  
</junction>
```

Netedit

- [Netedit](#) is a **graphical network editor** included in SUMO;
- Netedit can be used to **create** and **edit** SUMO networks.



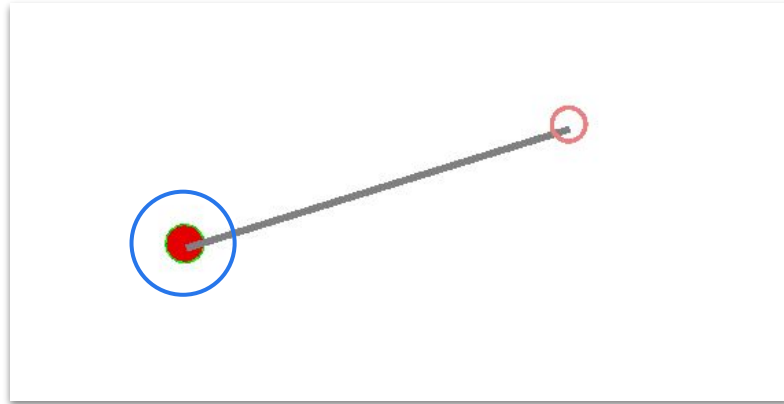
Netedit: create a simple network

Step 1: Open netedit and select the option “**Set create edge mode**” to create an edge.



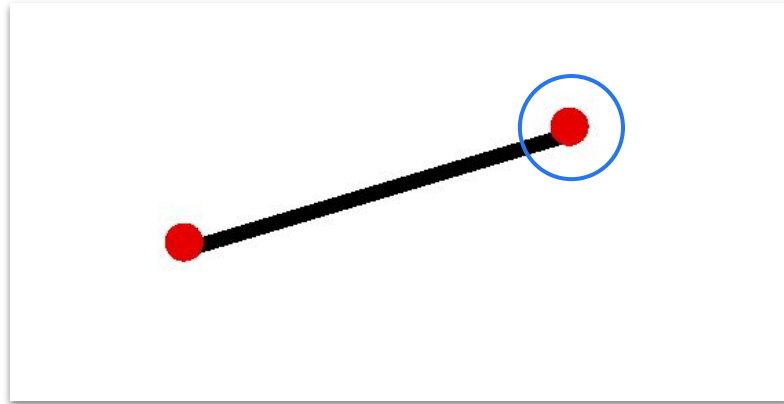
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Step 2: Left click to create the **from** node of the edge.



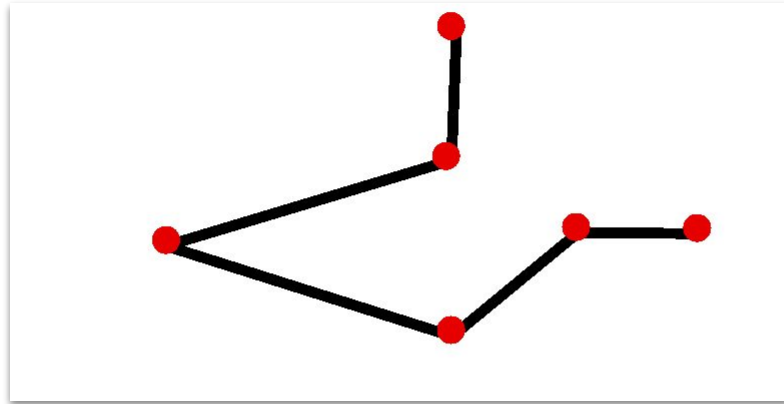
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Step 3: Left click to create the **end** node of the edge.



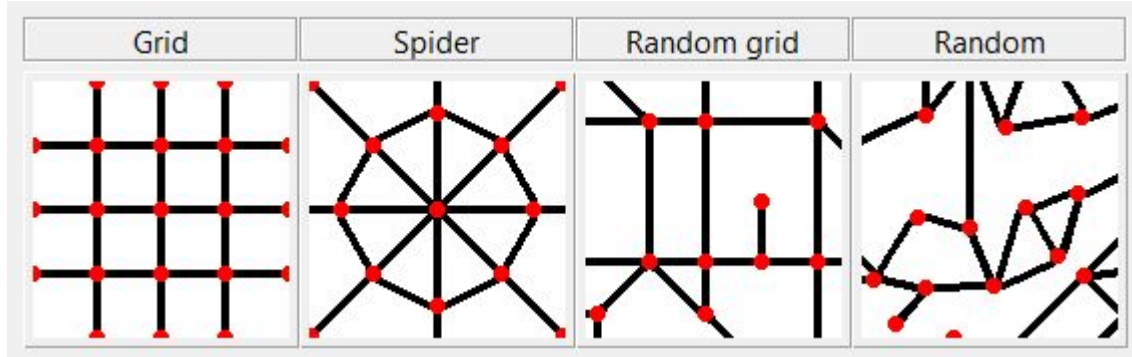
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Step 4: Re-iterate Steps 1-3 to create more edges in the road network and save it.



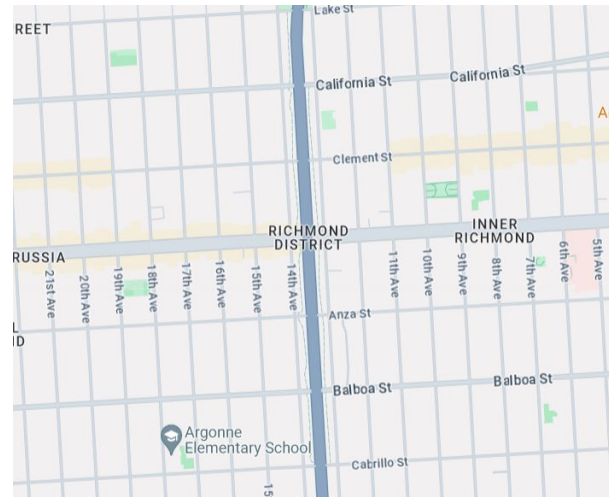
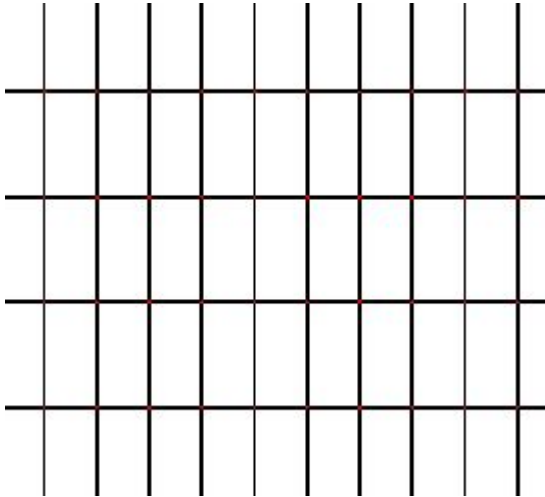
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- **Netedit** allows the creation of **synthetic** road networks;
- It is possible to specify the **type** of the synthetic road network;
- They are helpful to **validate hypotheses** before testing them on real networks.



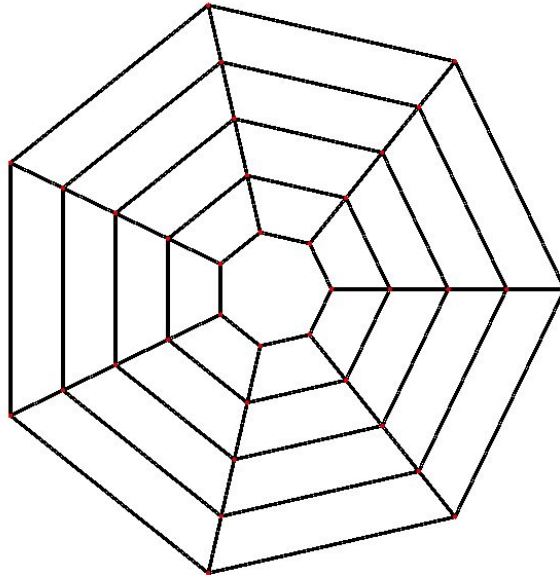
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- **Grid** networks resembles the **grid-like road** structure typical of many US cities.



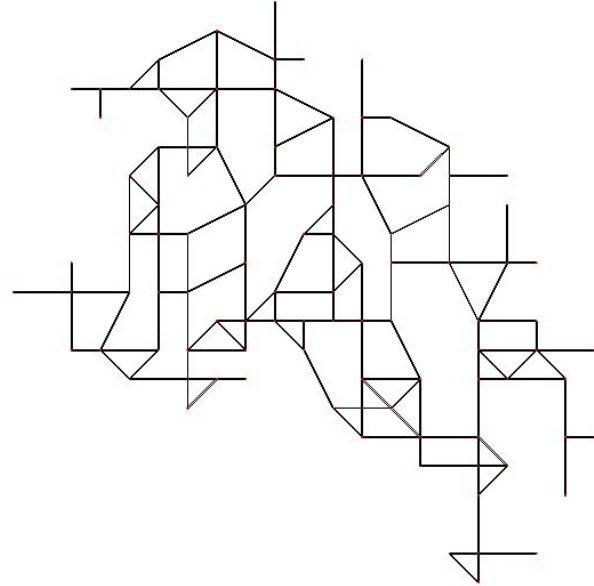
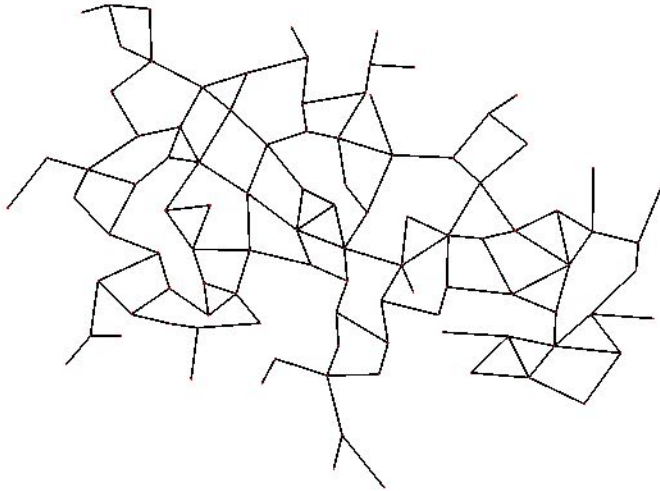
Netedit: generate a synthetic road network

- **Spider** networks resemble the road structure typical of **concentric ring roads**.



Netedit: generate a synthetic road network

- **Random grid** and **random** networks provide a less regular structure to resemble real-road characteristics.



OSMWebWizard

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You can download **real-world** road networks in a SUMO-friendly format by using [OSMWebWizard](#).



OSMWebWizard: download a real-world network

Step 1: Open OSMWebWizard and select your area of interest (e.g., Pisa). The area selection will be activated by clicking the checkbox **“Select Area”** at the blue area selection panel on the right side of the map.



OSMWebWizard: download a real-world network

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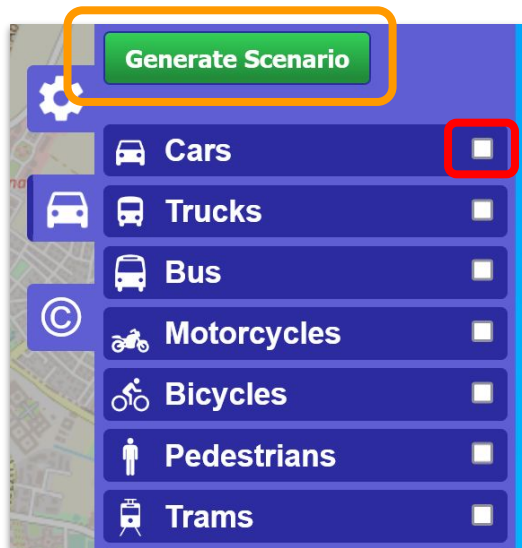
Left Hand Traffic

If enabled, only roads that permit passenger car traffic will be included.

If enabled, the network will be built with left hand traffic rules.

OSMWebWizard: download a real-world network

Step 3: uncheck “Cars” and click on “Generate Scenario”. The road network will be downloaded and ready to be used in SUMO.



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In SUMO there are two ways to define a vehicle movement:

- **Routes;**
- Incomplete Routes (**trips** and **flows**).



The traffic demand file **must** be sorted by departure time!

Vehicle Types

SUMO allows to define **vehicle types** to describe the vehicle's **physical features**.



MICRO



SEDAN



CUV



SUV



HATCHBACK



MINIVAN



CABRIOLET



COUPE



ROADSTER



SUPERCAR



PICKUP



VAN



LIMOUSINE



CAMPERVAN



TRUCK

See default SUMO
vehicle type
parameters [here](#)

Vehicle Types

The most important attributes of a **vehicle type** are:

Name	Type	Default	Description
id	id (string)	-	The name of the vehicle type
accel	float	2.6	The acceleration ability of vehicles of this type (in m/s ²)
decel	float	4.5	The deceleration ability of vehicles of this type (in m/s ²)
maxSpeed	float	55.55 (200 km/h)	The vehicle's (technical) maximum velocity (in m/s)
length	float	5.0	The vehicle's netto-length (length) (in m)
sigma	float	0.5	Driver imperfection

Vehicle Types

- In the xml file, a **vehicle type** is represented as:

```
<vType id="<ID>" accel="<ACCEL>" decel="<DECEL>" sigma="<SIGMA>"  
length="<LENGTH>" maxSpeed="<MAX-SPEED"/>
```

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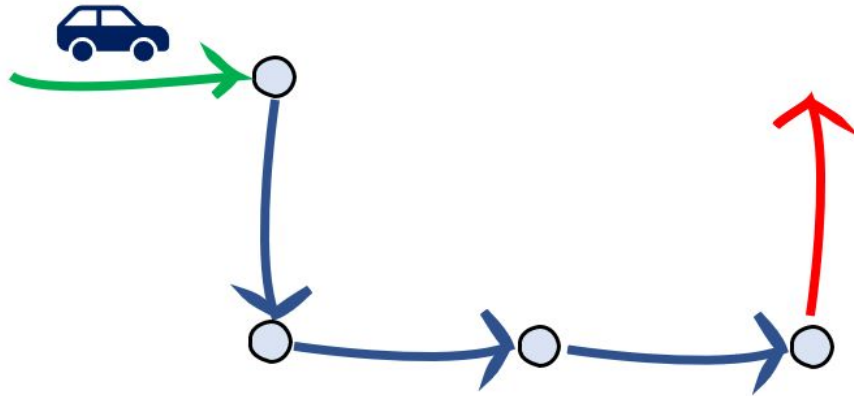
```
<vType id="<ID>" accel="<ACCEL>" decel="<DECEL>" sigma="<SIGMA>"  
length="<LENGTH>" maxSpeed="<MAX-SPEED"/>
```

- In the xml file, a **default vehicle type** is represented as:

```
<vType id="<ID>" vClass="<DEF_VEHICLE_CLASS"/>
```

Traffic Demand: Routes

- A **route** is a vehicle movement defined by all the **edges** the vehicle will pass and the **departure time**.
- The sequence of edges defined in a route has to be **connected!**



Traffic Demand: Routes

- In the xml file, a **vehicle** which follows a **route** is represented as:

```
<vehicle id="v0" type="type1" depart="0">  
  <route edges="START E1 E2 E3 END"/>  
</vehicle>
```

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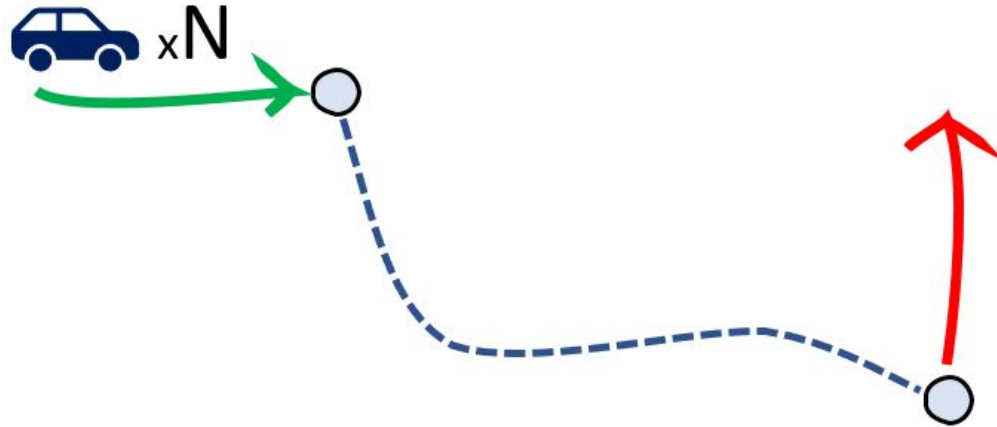
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- A vehicle of type **"type1"** with id **"v0"** departing at time **"0"** with the route **"START E1 E2 E3 END"** will be created;
- **"START E1 E2 E3 END"** must be a sequence of **connected edges** on the Road Network.

Traffic Demand: Flows

- A **flow** is a set of repeated vehicles defined by:
 - **number of vehicles, starting edge, destination edge, first vehicle departure time and the end of departure interval**



Traffic Demand: Flows

- In the xml file a **flow** represented as:

```
<flow id="f0" begin="0" end="100" number="50" type="type1"  
from="START" to="END" via="Ex Ey">  
</flow>
```


Traffic Demand: Flows

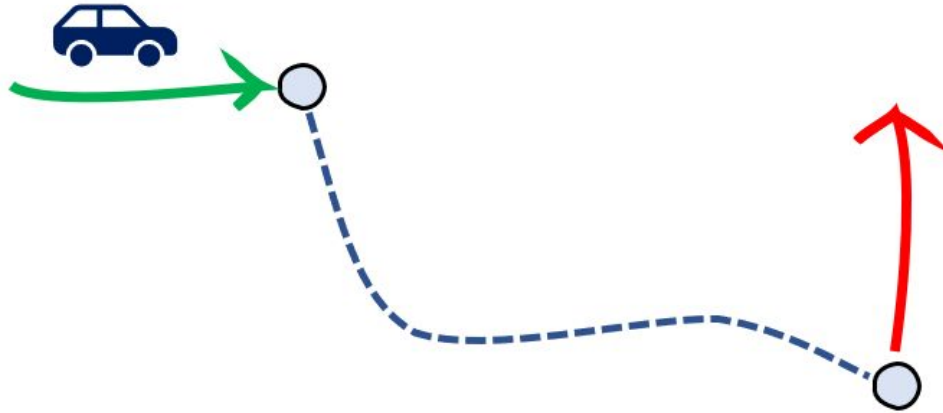
- In the xml file a **flow** represented as:

```
<flow id="f0" begin="0" end="100" number="50" type="type1"  
from="START" to="END" via="Ex Ey">  
</flow>
```

- **50** vehicles of type **"type1"** will be created departing between timesteps **"0"** and **"100"** (at regular intervals) starting from edge **"START"** and ending at edge **"END"**;
- The (optional) attribute **via** specifies a sequence of **intermediate** edges that will be traveled by vehicles to reach the destination.

Traffic Demand: Trips

- A **trip** is a vehicle movement defined by the **starting edge**, the **destination edge**, and the **departure time**.



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By using a "trick".
We can describe it using a **flow** for a **single vehicle!**
I.e., number="1"



Configuration File

- The configuration file specifies which **Road Network** and **Traffic Demand** to use in the SUMO **simulation** and the simulation **time interval**.

Configuration File

```
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<configuration xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="http://sumo.dlr.de/xsd/sumoConfiguration.xsd">
  <input>
    <net-file value="<ROAD-NETWORK_PATH>" />
    <route-files value="<TRAFFIC-DEMAND_PATH>" />
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  <time>
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XML schema info

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Paths of the road network
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Time interval of
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Tip

Use this configuration file template for your simulations!

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From the SUMO application _ □ X

1. Open sumo-gui;
2. File → Open Simulation;
3. Select the configuration file;
4. Run the simulation.

or

From Command Line _ □ X

```
>> sumo-gui -c <PATH_CONFIG>  
or  
>> sumo -c <PATH_CONFIG>
```

Resources

- Useful resources:
 - [How to install SUMO](#)
 - [SUMO documentation](#)
 - [SUMO FAQ](#)
 - [SUMO official tutorials](#)



- For any question contact me at giuliano.cornacchia@phd.unipi.it