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Multiparty asynchronous session types









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Scribble: Describing Multi Party Protocols

Scribble is a language to describe application-level protocols among communicating systems. A protocol represents an agreement on how participating systems interact with each other. Without a protocol, it is hard to do meaningful interaction: participants simply cannot communicate effectively, since they do not know when to expect the other parties to send data, or whether the other party is ready to receive data. However, having a description of a protocol has further benefits. It enables verification to ensure that the protocol can be implemented without resulting in unintended consequences, such as deadlocks.

Describe 🖋

Scribble is a language for describing multiparty protocols from a global, or endpoint neutral, perspective.

Verify 💼

Scribble has a theoretical foundation, based on the Pi Calculus and Session Types, to ensure that protocols described using the language are sound, and do not suffer from deadlocks or livelocks.

Project 🔀

Endpoint projection is the term used for identifying the responsibility of a particular role (or endpoint) within a protocol.

Implement 📰

Various options exist, including (a) using the endpoint projection for a role to generate a skeleton code, (b) using session type APIs to clearly describe the behaviour, and (c) statically verify the code against the projection.

Monitor **Q**

Use the endpoint projection for roles defined within a Scribble protocol, to monitor the activity of a particular endpoint, to ensure it correctly implements the expected behaviour.

$Online \ tool: {\rm http://scribble.doc.ic.ac.uk/}$

1	<pre>module examples;</pre>		
2			
3 -	global protocol HelloWorld(role M	e, role World) {	
4	hello() from Me to World;		
5 -	choice at World {		
6	goodMorning1() from World to	Me;	
7 -	} or {		
8	goodMorning1() from World to	Me;	
9	}		
10	}		
11			
oad a	sample ᅌ Check Protocol: examples.HelloWorld	Role: Me	Project Generate Graph

OOI Collaboration



- TCS'16: Monitoring Networks through Multiparty Session Types. Laura Bocchi , Tzu-Chun Chen , Romain Demangeon , Kohei Honda , Nobuko Yoshida
- LMCS'16: Multiparty Session Actors. Rumyana Neykova, Nobuko Yoshida
- **FMSD'15:** Practical interruptible conversations: Distributed dynamic verification with multiparty session types and Python. Romain Demangeon , Kohei Honda , Raymond Hu , Rumyana Neykova , Nobuko Yoshida
- **TGC'13:** The Scribble Protocol Language. Nobuko Yoshida , Raymond Hu , Rumyana Neykova , Nicholas Ng

End-to-End Switching Programme by DCC





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Interactions with Industries



Yoshida's great talk at **#pwiconf**. I want to learn more.

I didn't even know that session types existed an hour ago, but thanks to Nobuko



Nobuko Yoshida Imperial College, London

DoC researcher to speak at Golang UK conference

Adam Bowen @adamnbowen · Sep 15

by Vicky Kapogianni 20 July 2016



DoC researcher to speak at industry-focused Golang UK conference on results of concurrency research

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@nicholascwng rocking on @GolangUKconf about static deadlock detection in #golang #gouk16



Interactions with Industries

F#unctional Londoners Meetup CC'18

6 days ago · 6:30 PM Session Types with Fahd Abdeljallal



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Synopsis: Session types are a formalism to codify the structure of a communication, using types to specify the communication protocol used. This formalism provides the... LEARN MORE

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Compositionality

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Current State

- ECOOP'16 behaviors can be composed both sequentially and concurrently
- effects are not vet tracked
- Scribble generator for Scala not yet there
- theoretical work at Imperial College, London (Prof. Nobuko Yoshida & Alceste Scalas)

Selected Publications 2017/2018

- [LICS'18] Romain Demangeon, NY: Casual Computational Complexity of Distributed Processes.
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A paper by DoC researchers at POPL on Go concurrency verification was featured in a tech blog and generates a buzz outside of the research community.

A paper by researchers at the department was recently featured in the morning paper, a blog by venture capitalist Adrian Colye, which summarises an important, influential, topical or otherwise interesting paper in the field of computer science every weekday in an easily digestible way by non-researchers. On the 2 Feb 2017 issue of the morning paper, It was highlighted as "the true spirit of POPL (Principles of Programming Languages)".



the morning paper



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ICSE'18

A static verification framework for message passing in Go using behavioural types

JANUARY 25, 2018

tags: Concurrency, Programming Languages

A static verification framework for message passing in Go using behavioural types Lange et al., *ICSE 18*

With thanks to Alexis Richardson who first forwarded this paper to me.

We're jumping ahead to ICSE 18 now, and a paper that has been accepted for publication there later this year. It fits with the theme we've been exploring this week though, so I thought I'd cover it now. We've seen verification techniques applied in the context of **Rust** and **JavaScript**, looked at the integration of **linear types in Haskell**, and today it is the turn of Go!

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MOST READ IN THE LAST FEW DAYS



- Message Passing based multicore PL, successor of C
- Do not communicate by shared memory; instead, share memory by communicating
- Explicit channel-based concurrency
 - · Buffered I/O communication channels
 - Lightweight thread spawning -gorounines
 - · Selective send/receive

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Go Lang Proverb

SSP.

- ▶ GO has a runtime deadlock detector
- How can we detect partial deadlock and channel errors for realistic programs?
- Use behavioural types in process calculi
 e.g. [ACM Survey, 2016] 185 citations, 6 pages

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Overview Concurrency in Go Behavioural type inference Model checking behavioural types Termination checking Summary

Static verification framework for Go 🖭 Overview



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Concurrency in Go Concurrency primitives

```
1 func main() {
2     ch := make(chan int) // Create channel.
3     go send(ch) // Spawn as goroutine.
4     print(<-ch) // Recv from channel.
5 }
6
7 func send(ch chan int) { // Channel as parameter.
8     ch <- 1 // Send to channel.
9 }</pre>
```

Send/receive blocks goroutines if channel full/empty resp.

- Channel buffer size specified at creation: make(chan int, 1)
- Other primitives:
 - Close a channel close(ch)
 - Guarded choice select { case <-ch:; case <-ch2: }</pre>

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Run program:

\$ go run main.go
fatal error: all goroutines are asleep - deadlock!

Concurrency in Go 🖭 Deadlock detection

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- Deadlock if all goroutines are blocked
- Some packages (e.g. net for networking) disables it

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```

Deadlock **NOT** detected



Abstracting Go with Behavioural Types

Type syntax

$$\alpha := \overline{u} \mid u \mid \tau$$

$$T, S := \alpha; T \mid T \oplus S \mid \& \{\alpha_i; T_i\}_{i \in I} \mid (T \mid S) \mid \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mid (\text{new } a)T \mid \text{close } u; T \mid \mathbf{t} \langle \tilde{u} \rangle \mid \lfloor u \rfloor_k^n \mid u^*$$

$$T := \{\mathbf{t}(\tilde{y}_i) = T_i\}_{i \in I} \text{ in } S$$

- Types of a CCS-like process calculus
- Abstracts Go concurrency primitives
 - Send/Recv, new (channel), parallel composition (spawn)
 - Go-specific: Close channel, Select (guarded choice)

Infer Behavioural Types from Go program Input Go source code

```
1 func main() {
2     ch := make(chan int) // Create channel
3     go sendFn(ch) // Run as goroutine
4     x := recvVal(ch) // Function call
5     for i := 0; i < x; i++ {
6         print(i)
7     }
8     close(ch) // Close channel
9 }
10 func sendFn(c chan int) { c <- 3 } // Send to c
11 func recvVal(c chan int) int { return <-c } // Recv from c</pre>
```

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Infer Behavioural Types from Go program Program in Static Single Assignment (SSA) form

package main



- Context-sensitive analysis to distinguish channel variables
- Skip over non-communication code

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Infer Behavioural Types from Go program Types inferred from program

```
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    x := recvVal(ch) // Function call
    for i := 0; i < x; i++ {
        print(i)
    }
    close(ch) // Close channel
}
func sendFn(c chan int) { c <- 3 } // Send to c
func recvVal(c chan int) int { return <-c } // Recv from c</pre>
```

```
\begin{array}{lll} \mbox{main}() &=& (\mbox{new}\,t0)(\mbox{sendFn}\langle t0\rangle \mid \mbox{recvVal}\langle t0\rangle;\mbox{main}\_3\langle t0\rangle)\\ \mbox{main}\_1(t0) &=& \mbox{main}\_3\langle t0\rangle\\ \mbox{main}\_2(t0) &=& \mbox{close}\,t0;\,0\\ \mbox{main}\_3(t0) &=& \mbox{main}\_1\langle t0\rangle \oplus \mbox{main}\_2\langle t0\rangle\\ \mbox{sendFn}(c) &=& \ensuremath{\overline{c}};\,0\\ \mbox{recvVal}(c) &=& \ensuremath{c};;\,0 \end{array}
```

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Model checking behavioural types



Model checking behavioural types Behavioural types as LTS model

- 1. Generate LTS model from type semantics
- 2. Generate μ -calculus formulae for LTS describing properties
- 3. Check LTS \models formulae with model checker (e.g. mCRL2)

Properties of interest:

- Global deadlock freedom
- Channel safety (no send/close on closed channel)
- Liveness (partial deadlock freedom)
- Eventual reception

Constraints (on mCRL2 model checker):

Finite control (no parallel composition in recursion)

Mi Go Liveness / Safety

Pla Barb [Miher 8 Sangiorgi 92]

Channel Safety

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P is channel safe if $P \rightarrow (v \in)Q$ and $Q \downarrow dose(a)$ ¬(Q↓end(a))∧¬(Q↓ā a closed never closing . never send
Migo Liveness/Safety

Liveness

All reachable actions are eventually performed

P is live if $P \rightarrow (v)Q$ Q $\downarrow a \Rightarrow Q \downarrow z \neq a$ Q $\downarrow \overline{a} \Rightarrow Q \downarrow z \neq a$











Model checking behavioural types Generating *µ*-calculus formulae (channel safety)

- Given an LTS model, generate formulae for safety properties
- Note: formulae are *model-specific*

Property: Channel safety

$$\psi_{s} \stackrel{\mathsf{def}}{=} (\bigwedge_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \downarrow_{a^{\star}}) \implies \neg(\downarrow_{\overline{a}} \lor \downarrow_{\mathtt{clo}\,a})$$

 $\langle \alpha \rangle \phi$ is a modal operator, satisfied if: There is a T' where T $\xrightarrow{\alpha}$ T' such that formula ϕ holds



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```
1 func main() {
2     ch := make(chan int)
3     go func(ch chan int) {
4          ch <- 1
5     }(ch)
6     close(ch)
7     <-ch // Receive from closed channel is OK
8 }</pre>
```

Model checking behavioural types Generating µ-calculus formulae (liveness)

Property: Liveness

$$\psi_{I_a} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \big(\bigwedge_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \downarrow_a \lor \downarrow_{\overline{a}}\big) \implies \text{eventually}\big(\langle \tau_a \rangle \texttt{true}\big)$$

Property: Liveness (select)

$$\psi_{l_b} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \big(\bigwedge_{\tilde{a} \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{A})} \downarrow_{\tilde{a}}\big) \implies \text{eventually}\left(\langle \{\tau_a \, | \, a \in \tilde{a}\}\rangle \texttt{true}\right)$$

Liveness: sometimes known as *partial deadlock freedom* Program is live if (ψ_{la} ∧ ψ_{lb}) holds

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Model checking behavioural types Summary

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Properties:

- ✓ Global deadlock freedom
- ✓ Channel safety (no send/close on closed channel)
- ✓ Liveness (partial deadlock freedom)
- ✓ Eventual reception
 - Require additional guarantees

Model checking behavioural types

Termination checking with KITTeL

- Extracted types do not consider data in process
- Type liveness \neq program liveness
 - Especially when involving iteration
 - Check for loop termination
- Properties:
 - \checkmark Global deadlock freedom
 - ✓ Channel safety (no send/close on closed channel)
 - ✓ Liveness (partial deadlock freedom)
 - \checkmark Eventual reception

Type: LiveProgram: NOT live

Tool demo

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Conclusion

Verification framework based on **Behavioural Types**

- Behavioural types for Go concurrency
- Infer types from Go source code
- Model check types for safety/liveness
- \blacksquare + termination for iterative Go code





Future work

- Extend framework to support more properties
- Unlimited possibilities!
 - Different verification techniques
 - Godel-Checker model checking [ICSE'18] (this talk)
 - Gong type verifier [POPL'17]
 - Choreography synthesis [CC'15]
 - Different concurrency issues
 - Other synchronisation mechanisms
 - Race conditions



Semantics of MiGo types



Figure: Semantics of types.

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Barb predicates for MiGo types



Figure: Barb predicates for types.

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Model checking behavioural types

Generating μ -calculus formulae (global deadlock freedom)

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Property: Global deadlock freedom

$$\psi_g \stackrel{\mathsf{def}}{=} (\bigwedge_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \downarrow_a \lor \downarrow_{\overline{a}}) \implies \langle \mathbb{A} \rangle \mathtt{true}$$

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Model checking behavioural types

Generating μ -calculus formulae (eventual reception)

Property: Eventual reception

$$\psi_e \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left(\bigwedge_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \downarrow_{a^{\bullet}} \right) \implies \text{eventually}\left(\langle \tau_a \rangle \texttt{true} \right)$$

Applies only to buffered channels



Eventually

eventually
$$(\phi) \stackrel{\mathsf{def}}{=} \mu \mathbf{y}. \, (\phi \lor \langle \mathbb{A}
angle \mathbf{y})$$

• i.e. ϕ holds in some reachable state