

# LOGICAL MODELS OF SYSTEMS

## Theory and Software



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# Logical Models

What is the purpose of logical modeling?

- Precisely describe the problem to be solved.
  - Clarification of mind, resolution of ambiguities.
  - Specification of program to be developed.
- Software-supported analysis of the problem and its solution.
  - Validation of specification.
  - Validation/verification of solution.
  - Interactive/automatic provers and model checkers.
- Automatic computation of solution respectively simulation of execution.
  - Logical solvers (SMT: Satisfiability Modulo Theories).
  - Perhaps: rapid prototyping of a later manually written program.

To profit from software, we need computer-understandable models.

## 1. Modeling Systems

## 2. The Temporal Logic of Actions (TLA)

# Computational Systems

Programs are just special cases of “(computational) systems”.

## ■ Computational System

- One or more active components.
- Deterministic or nondeterministic behavior.
- May or may not terminate.

## ■ Safety

- “Nothing bad will ever happen.”
- Partial correctness of programs: for every admissible input, if the program terminates, its output does not violate the output condition.

## ■ Liveness

- “Something good will eventually happen.”
- Termination of programs: for every input, the program eventually terminates.

General goal is to establish the safety and liveness of computational systems.

# Transition Systems

Any computational system can be modeled as a **transition system**  $T = (S, I, R)$ .

- **State space**  $S = S_1 \times \dots \times S_n$ : the set of all possible system states.
  - Determined by the possible values of system variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  with values from (finite or infinite) domains  $S_1, \dots, S_n$ .
- **Initial states**  $I \subseteq S$ : the possible starts of the execution of the system.
  - Typically defined by an a predicate  $I_x$  on the system variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ .
- **Transition relation**  $R \subseteq S \times S$ : the possible execution steps.
  - Typically defined by a predicate  $R_{x,x'}$  between the **prestate** values  $x$  and the **poststate** values  $x'$  of the program variables.

**Nondeterminism**: for some prestate  $x$  there may be multiple poststates  $x'$ .

## Example

System  $C = (S, I, R)$  with counters  $x$  and  $y$  which may be independently incremented.

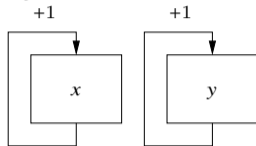
$$S := \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$$

$$I(x, y) :\Leftrightarrow x = y \wedge y \geq 0$$

$$R(\langle x, y \rangle, \langle x', y' \rangle) :\Leftrightarrow$$

$$(x' = x + 1 \wedge y' = y) \vee$$

$$(x' = x \wedge y' = y + 1)$$



- Infinitely many starting states.

$$[x = 0, y = 0], [x = 1, y = 1], [x = 2, y = 2], \dots$$

- In each state two possibilities.

$$[x = 2, y = 3] \rightarrow [x = 3, y = 3]$$

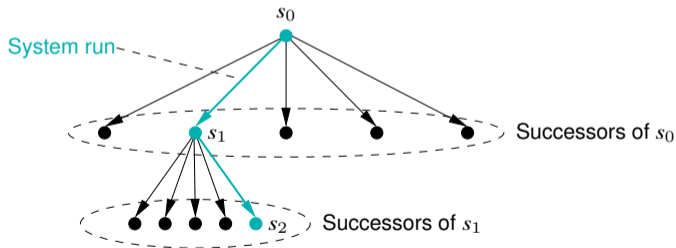
$$\rightarrow [x = 2, y = 4]$$

A nondeterministic system.

# System Runs

Transition system  $T = (S, I, R)$ .

- **System run:** (finite or infinite) sequence  $s_0 \rightarrow s_1 \rightarrow s_2 \rightarrow \dots$  of states in  $S$ .
  - $s_0$  is initial:  $I(s_0)$ .
  - $s_i \rightarrow s_{i+1}$  ist a transition:  $R(s_i, s_{i+1})$ .
  - If run stops in  $s_n$ , then  $s_n$  has no successor:  $\neg R(s_n, s')$ , for all  $s' \in S$ .



System runs can be understood as paths in a directed graph.

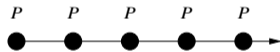
# System Properties

Properties of a transition system can be specified in linear temporal logic (LTL).

- System  $S$  satisfies LTL formula  $P$ , if each possible run of  $S$  satisfies  $P$ .
- **Action:  $A$** 
  - Classical logic formulas with variables  $x, y, \dots$  and  $x', y', \dots$ .
  - First state pair  $(s_0, s_1)$  of run satisfies  $A$  with  $x, y, \dots$  interpreted in  $s_0$  and  $x', y', \dots$  interpreted in  $s_1$ .

- **Always:  $\Box P$**

- Run satisfies property  $P$  from every position  $i$  on.



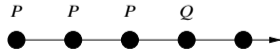
- **Eventually:  $\Diamond P$**

- Run satisfies  $P$  from at least one position  $i$  on.



- **Until:  $P \cup Q$**

- Run satisfies property  $Q$  from at least one position  $i$  on; from all previous positions  $j < i$  it satisfies property  $P$ .





## Example

System  $C = (S, I, R)$ .

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$$R(\langle x, y \rangle, \langle x', y' \rangle) :\Leftrightarrow \\ (x' = x + 1 \wedge y' = y) \vee \\ (x' = x \wedge y' = y + 1)$$

- **Safety:**  $\square(x \geq 0 \wedge y \geq 0)$ 
  - Both  $x$  and  $y$  never become negative.
  - System satisfies specification, because every run has this property.
- **Liveness:**  $\diamond x \geq 1$ .
  - Variable  $x$  will eventually have a value greater equal 1.
  - System violates specification, because one run does not have this property:

$$[x = 0, y = 0] \rightarrow [x = 0, y = 1] \rightarrow [x = 0, y = 2] \rightarrow [x = 0, y = 3] \rightarrow \dots$$

Liveness properties may be violated by *unfair* runs; we want to ignore such runs.

# Verifying Safety

We only consider the verification of a safety property.

- $M \models \Box F$ .
  - Verify that formula  $F$  is an **invariant** of system  $M$ .
- $M = (S, I, R)$ .
  - $I(s) :\Leftrightarrow \dots$
  - $R(s, s') :\Leftrightarrow R_0(s, s') \vee R_1(s, s') \vee \dots \vee R_{n-1}(s, s')$ .
- **Proof by induction.**
  - $\forall s. I(s) \Rightarrow F(s)$ .
    - $F$  holds in every initial state.
  - $\forall s, s'. F(s) \wedge R(s, s') \Rightarrow F(s')$ .
    - Each transition preserves  $F$ .
    - Reduces to a number of subproofs:
      - $$F(s) \wedge R_0(s, s') \Rightarrow F(s')$$
      - $$\dots$$
      - $$F(s) \wedge R_{n-1}(s, s') \Rightarrow F(s')$$

# Fairness

- **Infinity:** Infinite  $P : \Leftrightarrow \Box \Diamond P$ 
  - For every position  $i$  there is a position  $j \geq i$  at which property  $P$  holds.
  - Property  $P$  is satisfied infinitely often.
- **Stability:** Stable  $P : \Leftrightarrow \Diamond \Box P$ 
  - There is a position  $i$  such that at all positions  $j \geq i$  property  $P$  holds.
  - Property  $P$  eventually permanently holds.
- **Executability:** Enabled  $A$ 
  - Action  $A$  describes a transition that is executable in the current state  $s$ : there is a state  $s'$  with  $R(s, s')$  such that  $A(s, s')$ .
- **Weak Fairness:**  $WF A : \Leftrightarrow \text{Stable (Enabled } A) \Rightarrow \text{Infinite } A$ 
  - If  $A$  is eventually permanently enabled, then  $A$  will (infinitely often) be executed.
- **Strong Fairness:**  $SF A : \Leftrightarrow \text{Infinite (Enabled } A) \Rightarrow \text{Infinite } A$ 
  - If  $A$  is infinitely often enabled, then  $A$  will (infinitely often) be executed.

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### ■ Liveness under the Assumption of Weak Fairness:

$$(\text{WF } x' = x + 1 \wedge y' = y) \Rightarrow \diamond x \geq 1$$

- If first action is eventually permanently enabled, it is infinitely often executed.
- The action is always enabled ( $\text{Enabled } x' = x + 1 \wedge y' = y \equiv \text{true}$ ).
- Thus it is infinitely often executed such that eventually  $x \geq 1$  holds ( $\diamond x \geq 1$ ).

The process scheduler must implement the required fairness properties.

## 1. Modeling Systems

## 2. The Temporal Logic of Actions (TLA)

# The Temporal Logic of Actions (TLA)

- **Leslie Lamport** (Microsoft Research since 2001).
  - ACM Turing Award 2013.
- **TLA model of a system:**

$$I_x \wedge \square[R]_x \wedge \mathbf{WF}_x(A) \wedge \dots$$

- Initial condition  $I_x$ .
- Transition relation  $[R]_x$ :
  - $[R]_x \equiv (R \vee x = x')$
  - $x = x'$ : stutter step (nothing changes).
- Fairness conditions:
  - Conjunction of formulas  $\mathbf{WF}_x(A)$  and/or  $\mathbf{SF}_x(A)$  for actions  $A$ .

<http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/um/people/lamport/tla/tla.html>

## Example

$$X \equiv \wedge x' = x + 1$$

$$\wedge y' = y$$

$$Y \equiv \wedge y' = y + 1$$

$$\wedge x' = x$$

$$S \equiv \wedge (x = 0) \wedge (y = 0)$$

$$\wedge \square [X \vee Y]_{\langle x, y \rangle}$$

$$\wedge \mathbf{WF}_{\langle x, y \rangle}(X) \wedge \mathbf{WF}_{\langle x, y \rangle}(Y)$$

$$[x = 0, x = 0] \rightarrow [x = 1, y = 0] \rightarrow [x = 1, y = 0] \rightarrow [x = 1, y = 1] \rightarrow \dots$$

System is described in a structured way by the logical composition of actions.

# TLA+

TLA is not just a logic.

- **TLA+**: A formal specification language based on TLA.

- Values from the theory of sets (no static type system).

Chris Newcombe et al. *How Amazon Web Services Uses Formal Methods*.  
Communications of the ACM, vol. 58 no. 4, pages 66-73, April 2015.  
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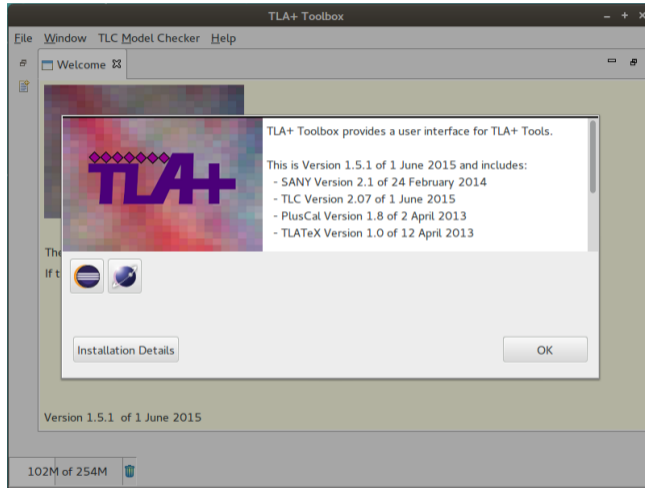
- **TLA+ Toolbox**: an IDE for various TLA tools.

- Writing and syntax checking of TLA+ specifications.
- Pretty printer for generation of  $\text{\LaTeX}$  documents.
- Translator from the algorithmic language PlusCal to TLA+.
- Simulation and model checking of TLA+-specifications.
- Derivation and checking of TLA+ proofs.

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# TLA+ Toolbox



## Example (Plain Text)

```
----- MODULE Counter -----
EXTENDS Naturals
VARIABLE x,y

I == x = 0 /\ y = 0 (* the initial state condition *)

X == /\ x' = x+1      (* increment x *)
     /\ y' = y

Y == /\ x' = x        (* increment y *)
     /\ y' = y+1

R == \/ X             (* increment x or y *)
     \/ Y

var == <x,y>          (* the system variables *)

C == I /\ [] [R]_var /\ WF_var(X) /\ WF_var(Y) (* the whole specification *)

NotNegative == [] (x >= 0 /\ y >= 0)           (* some properties *)
BecomeOne   == <>(x = 1 /\ y = 1)

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```

# Example (L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X)

MODULE *Counter*

EXTENDS *Naturals*

VARIABLE  $x, y$

the initial state condition

$$I \triangleq x = 0 \wedge y = 0$$

$$X \triangleq \wedge x' = x + 1 \quad \text{increment } x$$

$$\wedge y' = y$$

$$Y \triangleq \wedge x' = x \quad \text{increment } y$$

$$\wedge y' = y + 1$$

$$R \triangleq \vee X \quad \text{increment } x \text{ or } y$$

$$\vee Y$$

$var \triangleq \langle x, y \rangle$  the system variables

the whole specification

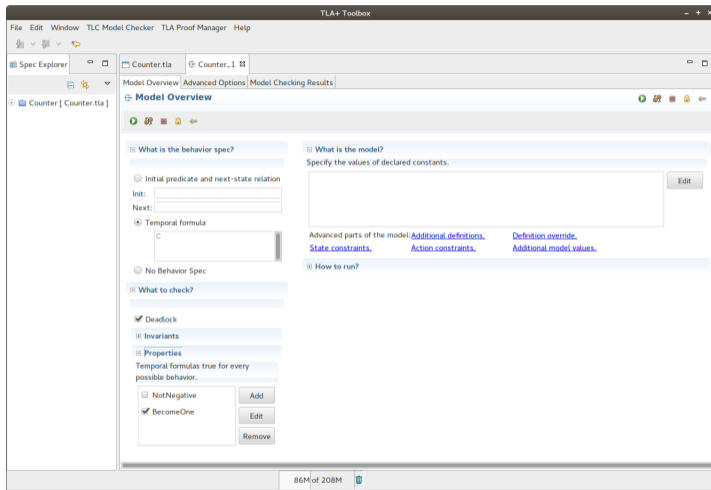
$$C \triangleq I \wedge \square[R]_{var} \wedge WF_{var}(X) \wedge WF_{var}(Y)$$

some properties

$$NotNegative \triangleq \square(x \geq 0 \wedge y \geq 0)$$

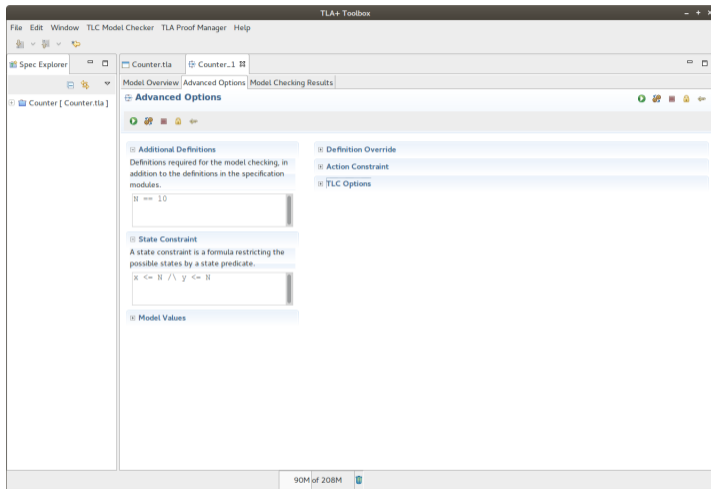
$$BecomeOne \triangleq \diamond(x = 1 \wedge y = 1)$$

# The TLC Model Checker



Select specification and properties to be checked.

# The TLC Model Checker



If necessary, restrict state space to finite subset.

# The TLC Model Checker

The screenshot shows the TLC Model Checker interface. The main window is titled "TLC+ Toolbox" and contains a menu bar (File, Edit, Window, TLC Model Checker, TLA Proof Manager, Help) and a toolbar. Below the toolbar is a "Spec Explorer" pane showing a tree view with "Counter [ Counter.tla ]" selected. The main area is titled "Model Checking Results" and contains several sections:

- General**:
  - Start time: Tue Jul 14 16:56:33 CEST 2015
  - End time: Tue Jul 14 16:56:33 CEST 2015
  - Last checkpoint time:
  - Current status: Not running
  - Errors detected: **No errors**
  - Fingerprint collision probability: calculated: 8.0E-16, observed: 7.5E-17
- Statistics**:
  - State space progress (click column header for graph)
  - Coverage at 2015-07-14 16:56:33
- Evaluate Constant Expression**
- User Output**
- Progress Output**

At the bottom of the window, the status bar shows "103M of 247M" and "Spec Status : **passed**".

Time	Diamet	States Fou	Distinct Stats	Queue Size
2015-07-14 16:	21	243	121	0

Module	Location	Count
Counter	line 10, col 9 to line 10, col 1	121
Counter	line 11, col 9 to line 11, col 1	121
Counter	line 8, col 9 to line 8, col 16	121

Check the selected properties.

# The TLC Model Checker

The screenshot shows the TLC Model Checker interface. The main window is titled "Counter.tla" and "Counter\_1". The "Model Overview" tab is active, showing a warning icon and the text "1\_warning.detected". The interface is divided into several sections:

- What is the behavior spec?**: Includes options for "Initial predicate and next-state relation" (with "Init:" and "Next:" fields), "Temporal formula" (with a text area containing "C"), and "No Behavior Spec".
- What is the model?**: Includes a text area for "Specify the values of declared constants." and a section for "Advanced parts of the model" with links for "Additional definitions", "Definition over State constraints", "Action constraints", and "Additional mod".
- How to run?**: A section for configuring the model checker.
- What to check?**: Includes checkboxes for "Deadlock", "Invariants", and "Properties". Under "Properties", there is a list of temporal formulas: "NotNegative", "BecomeOne", and "[[x+y<5]]". The "[[x+y<5]]" formula is selected.

The right-hand pane is titled "Counter\_1" and shows "Invariant BecomeOne is violated." Below this is the "Error-Trace Exploration" section, which displays an "Error-Trace" table:

Name	Value
y	0
<Action line 18 State (num = 4)	
x	3
y	0
<Action line 18 State (num = 5)	
x	4
y	0
<Action line 18 State (num = 6)	
x	5
y	0

Below the table, there is a text area with the instruction: "Select line in Error Trace to show its value here."

The status bar at the bottom indicates "152M of 251M" and "Spec Status: passed".

In the error case a violating system run is displayed.

## Example

```
----- MODULE Counter -----
```

```
EXTENDS Naturals, TLC
```

```
VARIABLE x,y
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...
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```
C == I /\ [] [R /\ PrintT(«x,y»)]_var /\ WF_var(X) /\ WF_var(Y)
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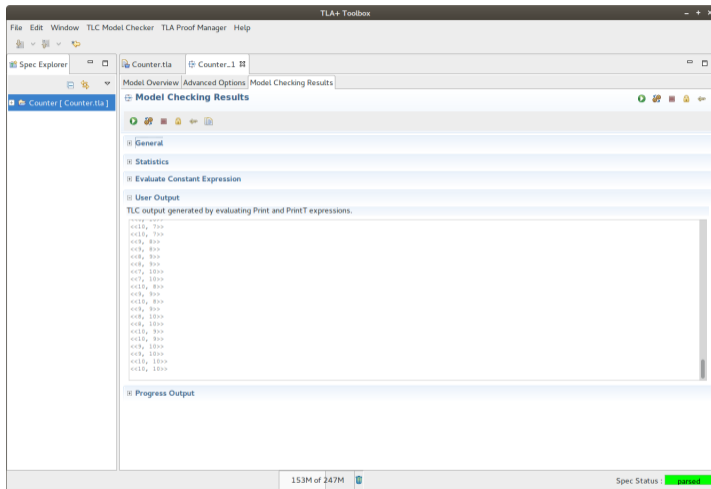
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User output may help to validate the model.



# The TLC Model Checker



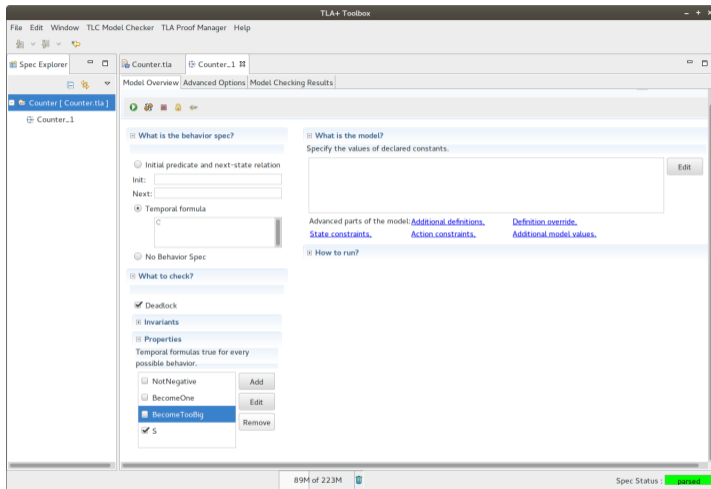
The visited states are printed.

# The TLC Model Checker

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EXTENDS Naturals  
VARIABLE x,y  
  
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X == /\ x' = x+1 (* increment x *)  
      /\ y' = y  
Y == /\ x' = x    (* increment y *)  
      /\ y' = y+1  
R == \/ X          (* increment x or y *)  
      \/ Y  
  
var == <x,y> (* the system variables *)  
  
C == I /\ [] [R]_var /\ WF_var(X) /\ WF_var(Y)    (* the whole specification *)  
S == (x = 0) /\ [] [x' = x+1]_x /\ WF_x(x' = x+1) (* another system *)  
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```

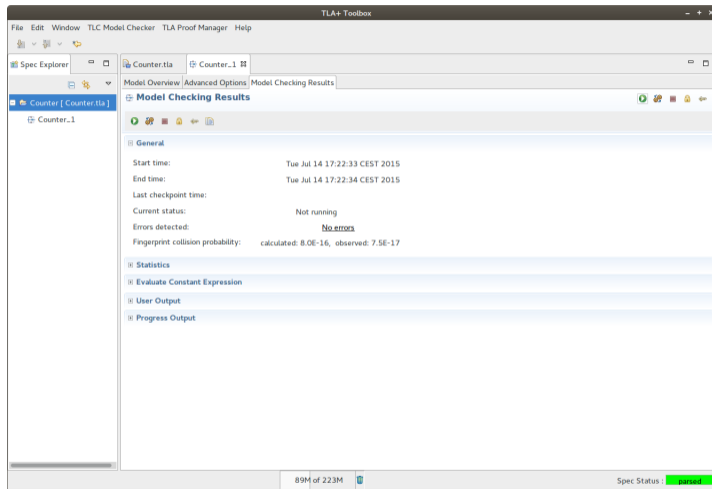
Specification of a more abstract system  $S$ .

# The TLC Model Checker



Check whether  $C$  refines  $S$  ( $C \Rightarrow S$ ).

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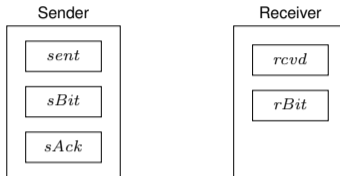
- Spec Explorer:** Shows the project structure with "Counter [Counter.tla]" and "Counter\_1".
- Model Overview:** Contains tabs for "Model Overview", "Advanced Options", and "Model Checking Results".
- Model Checking Results:** The active pane, showing the following information:
  - General:**
    - Start time: Tue Jul 14 17:22:33 CEST 2015
    - End time: Tue Jul 14 17:22:34 CEST 2015
    - Last checkpoint time:
    - Current status: Not running
    - Errors detected: No errors
    - Fingerprint collision probability: calculated: 8.0E-16, observed: 7.5E-17
  - Statistics:**
  - Evaluate Constant Expression:**
  - User Output:**
  - Progress Output:**

The status bar at the bottom indicates "89M of 223M" and "Spec Status: passed".

System  $C$  is a valid refinement of  $S$ .

# The Alternating Bit Protocol (Shared Memory)

Transmission of a sequence of bits between via shared registers.



**var**  $sBit \in \{0, 1\}, sAck \in \{0, 1\}, rBit \in \{0, 1\}, sent \in Data, rcvd \in Data$

**init**  $sBit = sAck = rBit$

**loop** // Sender

**wait**  $sAck = sBit$

$sent = \dots; sBit = 1 - sBit$

||

**loop** // Receiver

**wait**  $rBit \neq sBit$

$rcvd = sent; rBit = sBit$

$sAck = rBit$

■ **Liveness property:**  $\forall d \in Data. sent = d \wedge sBit \neq sAck \rightsquigarrow rcvd = d$

□ **Response:**  $P \rightsquigarrow Q \equiv \square(P \Rightarrow \diamond Q)$

□ Request  $P$  is always followed by response  $Q$ .

# The Alternating Bit Protocol (Shared Memory)

MODULE <i>ABCorrectness</i>
EXTENDS <i>Naturals</i>
CONSTANTS <i>Data</i>
VARIABLES <i>sBit, sAck, rBit, sent, rcvd</i>
$ABCIInit \triangleq sBit \in \{0, 1\} \wedge sAck = sBit \wedge rBit = sBit \wedge sent \in Data \wedge rcvd \in Data$
$CSndNewValue(d) \triangleq \wedge sAck = sBit \wedge sent' = d \wedge sBit' = 1 - sBit$ $\wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle sAck, rBit, rcvd \rangle$
$CRcvMsg \triangleq \wedge rBit \neq sBit \wedge rBit' = sBit \wedge rcvd' = sent$ $\wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle sBit, sAck, sent \rangle$
$CRcvAck \triangleq \wedge rBit \neq sAck \wedge sAck' = rBit$ $\wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle sBit, rBit, sent, rcvd \rangle$
$ABCNext \triangleq (\exists d \in Data : CSndNewValue(d)) \vee CRcvMsg \vee CRcvAck$
$cvars \triangleq \langle sBit, sAck, rBit, sent, rcvd \rangle$
$ABCSpec \triangleq ABCInit \wedge \square[ABCNext]_{cvars} \wedge WF_{cvars}(CRcvMsg) \wedge WF_{cvars}(CRcvAck)$
$TypeInv \triangleq sBit \in \{0, 1\} \wedge sAck \in \{0, 1\} \wedge rBit \in \{0, 1\} \wedge sent \in Data \wedge rcvd \in Data$
$SentLeadsToRcvd \triangleq \forall d \in Data : (sent = d) \wedge (sBit \neq sAck) \rightsquigarrow (rcvd = d)$

# Model Checking the Protocol (Shared Memory)

The screenshot shows the TLA+ Toolbox interface. The main window is titled "Model Overview" and displays the configuration for a model check. The left sidebar shows a project tree with files like "AlternatingBit", "Counter", "MCAB1", and "MCAlternatingBit". The main area is divided into several sections:

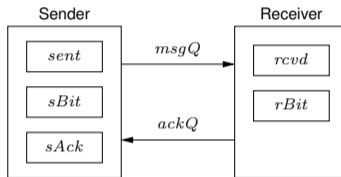
- What is the behavior spec?**: Includes radio buttons for "Initial predicate and next-state relation", "Temporal formula", and "No Behavior Spec". The "Temporal formula" option is selected, and the text "ABCSpec" is entered in the adjacent field.
- What is the model?**: Includes a text area for "Specify the values of declared constants." containing the code `Data <- [ model value ] (d1, d2)` and an "Edit" button.
- Advanced parts of the model:**: Contains links for "Additional definitions", "Definition override", "State constraints", "Action constraints", and "Additional model values".
- How to run?**: A section for configuring the model checker.
- What to check?**: Includes checkboxes for "Deadlock", "Invariants", and "Properties". Under "Properties", "TypeInlv" and "SentLeadsToRcvd" are checked. There are "Add", "Edit", and "Remove" buttons for these properties.

At the bottom of the window, the status bar shows "146M of 252M" and "Spec Status : passed".

No error: protocol satisfies specification.

# The Alternating Bit Protocol (Distributed Memory)

Transmission of a sequence of bits by *lossy* communication channels.



- *msgQ* : transmits messages  $\langle sBit, sent \rangle$ .
  - New values after update by sender.
- *ackQ* : transmits messages *rBit*.
  - New values after update by receiver.

This protocol shall satisfy the same correctness property as the original one.



# The Alternating Bit Protocol (Distributed Memory)

```
MODULE AlternatingBit
EXTENDS Naturals, Sequences
CONSTANTS Data
VARIABLES msgQ, ackQ, sBit, sAck, rBit, sent, rcvd

ABInit  $\triangleq$   $\wedge$  msgQ =  $\langle \rangle$   $\wedge$  ackQ =  $\langle \rangle$ 
 $\wedge$  sBit  $\in$  {0, 1}  $\wedge$  sAck = sBit  $\wedge$  rBit = sBit  $\wedge$  sent  $\in$  Data  $\wedge$  rcvd  $\in$  Data
...
ABNext  $\triangleq$   $\vee$  ( $\exists d \in$  Data : SndNewValue(d))
 $\vee$  ReSndMsg  $\vee$  RcvMsg  $\vee$  SndAck  $\vee$  RcvAck  $\vee$  LoseMsg  $\vee$  LoseAck

abvars  $\triangleq$   $\langle$  msgQ, ackQ, sBit, sAck, rBit, sent, rcvd  $\rangle$ 
ABSpec  $\triangleq$   $\wedge$  ABInit  $\wedge$   $\square$ [ABNext]abvars
 $\wedge$  WFabvars(ReSndMsg)  $\wedge$  WFabvars(SndAck)  $\wedge$  SFabvars(RcvMsg)  $\wedge$  SFabvars(RcvAck)

ABTypeInv  $\triangleq$   $\wedge$  msgQ  $\in$  Seq({0, 1}  $\times$  Data)  $\wedge$  ackQ  $\in$  Seq({0, 1})
 $\wedge$  sBit  $\in$  {0, 1}  $\wedge$  sAck  $\in$  {0, 1}  $\wedge$  rBit  $\in$  {0, 1}  $\wedge$  sent  $\in$  Data  $\wedge$  rcvd  $\in$  Data
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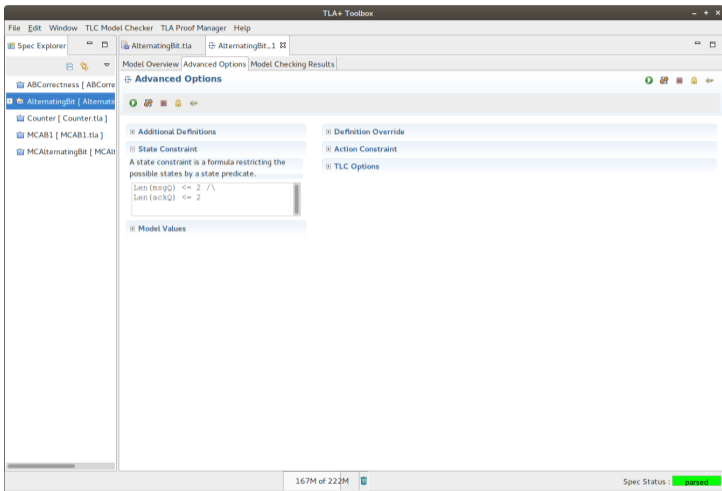
The core of the specification.

# The Alternating Bit Protocol (Distributed Memory)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{SndNewValue}(d) &\triangleq \wedge sAck = sBit \wedge sent' = d \wedge sBit' = 1 - sBit \\ &\quad \wedge msgQ' = Append(msgQ, \langle sBit', d \rangle) \\ &\quad \wedge \text{UNCHANGED} \langle ackQ, sAck, rBit, rcvd \rangle \\ \text{ReSndMsg} &\triangleq \wedge sAck \neq sBit \\ &\quad \wedge msgQ' = Append(msgQ, \langle sBit, sent \rangle) \\ &\quad \wedge \text{UNCHANGED} \langle ackQ, sBit, sAck, rBit, sent, rcvd \rangle \\ \text{RcvMsg} &\triangleq \wedge msgQ \neq \langle \rangle \wedge msgQ' = Tail(msgQ) \wedge rBit' = Head(msgQ)[1] \wedge rcvd' = Head(msgQ)[2] \\ &\quad \wedge \text{UNCHANGED} \langle ackQ, sBit, sAck, sent \rangle \\ \text{SndAck} &\triangleq \wedge ackQ' = Append(ackQ, rBit) \\ &\quad \wedge \text{UNCHANGED} \langle msgQ, sBit, sAck, rBit, sent, rcvd \rangle \\ \text{RcvAck} &\triangleq \wedge ackQ \neq \langle \rangle \wedge ackQ' = Tail(ackQ) \wedge sAck' = Head(ackQ) \\ &\quad \wedge \text{UNCHANGED} \langle msgQ, sBit, rBit, sent, rcvd \rangle \\ \text{Lose}(q) &\triangleq \wedge q \neq \langle \rangle \\ &\quad \wedge \exists i \in 1 \dots Len(q) : q' = [j \in 1 \dots (Len(q) - 1) \mapsto \text{IF } j < i \text{ THEN } q[j] \text{ ELSE } q[j + 1]] \\ &\quad \wedge \text{UNCHANGED} \langle sBit, sAck, rBit, sent, rcvd \rangle \\ \text{LoseMsg} &\triangleq \text{Lose}(msgQ) \wedge \text{UNCHANGED } ackQ \\ \text{LoseAck} &\triangleq \text{Lose}(ackQ) \wedge \text{UNCHANGED } msgQ \end{aligned}$$

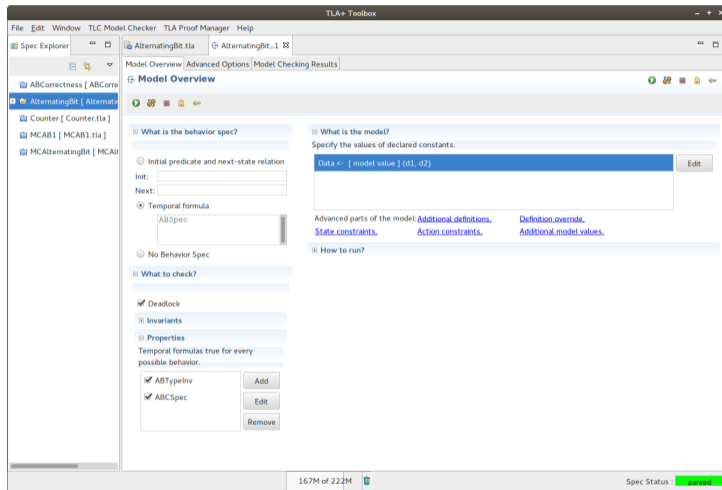
The actions of the specification.

# State Space of the Protocol (Distributed Memory)



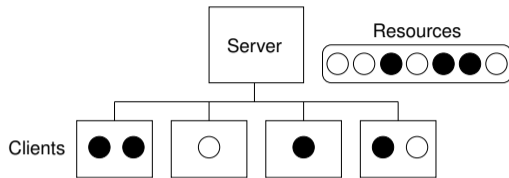
Restriction of the state space to a finite subset.

# Model Checking the Protocol (Distributed Memory)



No error: the protocol refines the original one and thus inherits its correctness.

# A Distributed Resource Allocator



- A server allocates various resources to a set of clients.
- A client with no resources and no pending requests may request some resources.
- The server may assign some or all of the requested resources.
  - Resource requests can be processed in multiple parts; the client may potentially continue already with some part.
- The client may return a subset of its resources; ultimately it must return all of them.
- **Safety**: no resource is simultaneously allocated to two clients.
- **Liveness**: each resource request is eventually satisfied.

# A Distributed Resource Allocator

The method operates with the following variables.

## ■ Server:

- *unsat*[*c*]: the resources requested by client *c* but not yet allocated by the server.
- *alloc*[*c*]: the resources requested by client *c* and allocated by the server.
- *sched*: the list of clients with pending requests.
  - Older requests appear further ahead in the list and are preferably handled.

## ■ Client *c*:

- *requests*[*c*]: the resources requested by client *c* that it has not yet received.
- *holding*[*c*]: the resources held by the client.

## ■ Netzwerk:

- *network* : the messages pending in the network.

Since messages may be still pending in the network, the server view may be different from the client view.

# A Distributed Resource Allocator

MODULE *DistributedAllocator*

EXTENDS *Naturals, Sequences*

CONSTANTS *Clients, Resources*

VARIABLES *unsat, alloc, sched, requests, holding, network*

$Messages \triangleq [type : \{ "request", "allocate", "return" \}, clt : Clients, rsrc : \text{SUBSET } Resources]$

$Drop(seq, i) \triangleq SubSeq(seq, 1, i - 1) \circ SubSeq(seq, i + 1, Len(seq))$

$available \triangleq Resources \setminus (\text{UNION } \{ alloc[c] : c \in Clients \})$

$Range(f) \triangleq \{ f[x] : x \in \text{DOMAIN } f \}$

$Init \triangleq$

$\wedge unsat = [c \in Clients \mapsto \{ \}] \wedge alloc = [c \in Clients \mapsto \{ \}]$

$\wedge requests = [c \in Clients \mapsto \{ \}] \wedge holding = [c \in Clients \mapsto \{ \}]$

$\wedge sched = \langle \rangle \wedge network = \{ \}$

$Next \triangleq$

$\vee \exists m \in network : RReq(m) \vee RAlloc(m) \vee RRet(m)$

$\vee \exists c \in Clients, S \in \text{SUBSET } Resources : Request(c, S) \vee Allocate(c, S) \vee Return(c, S)$

$vars \triangleq \langle unsat, alloc, sched, requests, holding, network \rangle$

$Liveness \triangleq$

$\wedge \forall c \in Clients : WF_{vars}(requests[c] = \{ \} \wedge Return(c, holding[c]))$

$\wedge \forall c \in Clients : WF_{vars}(\exists S \in \text{SUBSET } Resources : Allocate(c, S))$

$\wedge \forall m \in Messages : WF_{vars}(RReq(m)) \wedge WF_{vars}(RAlloc(m)) \wedge WF_{vars}(RRet(m))$

$Specification \triangleq Init \wedge \square [Next]_{vars} \wedge Liveness$

The core of the specification.

# A Distributed Resource Allocator

$RReq(m) \triangleq$

$\wedge m \in network \wedge m.type = \text{"request"}$

$\wedge alloc[m.clt] = \{\}$  \* don't handle request messages prematurely(!)

$\wedge unsat' = [unsat \text{ EXCEPT } ![m.clt] = m.rsrc]$

$\wedge network' = network \setminus \{m\}$

$\wedge sched' = \text{IF } m.clt \in Range(sched) \text{ THEN } sched \text{ ELSE } Append(sched, m.clt)$

$\wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle alloc, requests, holding \rangle$

$RAlloc(m) \triangleq$

$\wedge m \in network \wedge m.type = \text{"allocate"}$

$\wedge holding' = [holding \text{ EXCEPT } ![m.clt] = @ \cup m.rsrc]$

$\wedge requests' = [requests \text{ EXCEPT } ![m.clt] = @ \setminus m.rsrc]$

$\wedge network' = network \setminus \{m\}$

$\wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle unsat, alloc, sched \rangle$

$RRet(m) \triangleq$

$\wedge m \in network \wedge m.type = \text{"return"}$

$\wedge alloc' = [alloc \text{ EXCEPT } ![m.clt] = @ \setminus m.rsrc]$

$\wedge network' = network \setminus \{m\}$

$\wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle unsat, sched, requests, holding \rangle$

The receipt of messages.



# A Distributed Resource Allocator

$Request(c, S) \triangleq$

$\wedge requests[c] = \{\} \wedge holding[c] = \{\}$   
 $\wedge S \neq \{\} \wedge requests' = [requests \text{ EXCEPT } ![c] = S]$   
 $\wedge network' = network \cup \{[type \mapsto \text{"request"}, clt \mapsto c, rsrc \mapsto S]\}$   
 $\wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle unsat, alloc, sched, holding \rangle$

$Allocate(c, S) \triangleq$

$\wedge S \neq \{\} \wedge S \subseteq available \cap unsat[c]$   
 $\wedge \exists i \in \text{DOMAIN } sched :$   
     $\wedge sched[i] = c$   
     $\wedge \forall j \in 1 .. i - 1 : unsat[sched[j]] \cap S = \{\}$   
     $\wedge sched' = \text{IF } S = unsat[c] \text{ THEN } Drop(sched, i) \text{ ELSE } sched$   
 $\wedge alloc' = [alloc \text{ EXCEPT } ![c] = @ \cup S]$   
 $\wedge unsat' = [unsat \text{ EXCEPT } ![c] = @ \setminus S]$   
 $\wedge network' = network \cup \{[type \mapsto \text{"allocate"}, clt \mapsto c, rsrc \mapsto S]\}$   
 $\wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle requests, holding \rangle$

$Return(c, S) \triangleq$

$\wedge S \neq \{\} \wedge S \subseteq holding[c]$   
 $\wedge holding' = [holding \text{ EXCEPT } ![c] = @ \setminus S]$   
 $\wedge network' = network \cup \{[type \mapsto \text{"return"}, clt \mapsto c, rsrc \mapsto S]\}$   
 $\wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle unsat, alloc, sched, requests \rangle$

The sending of messages.

# A Distributed Resource Allocator

*TypeInvariant*  $\triangleq$

$\wedge \text{unsat} \in [\text{Clients} \rightarrow \text{SUBSET Resources}] \wedge \text{alloc} \in [\text{Clients} \rightarrow \text{SUBSET Resources}]$   
 $\wedge \text{requests} \in [\text{Clients} \rightarrow \text{SUBSET Resources}] \wedge \text{holding} \in [\text{Clients} \rightarrow \text{SUBSET Resources}]$   
 $\wedge \text{sched} \in \text{Seq}(\text{Clients}) \wedge \text{network} \in \text{SUBSET Messages}$

*ResourceMutex*  $\triangleq$

$\forall c1, c2 \in \text{Clients} : \text{holding}[c1] \cap \text{holding}[c2] \neq \{\} \Rightarrow c1 = c2$

*ClientsWillReturn*  $\triangleq$

$\forall c \in \text{Clients} : (\text{requests}[c] = \{\} \rightsquigarrow \text{holding}[c] = \{\})$

*ClientsWillObtain*  $\triangleq$

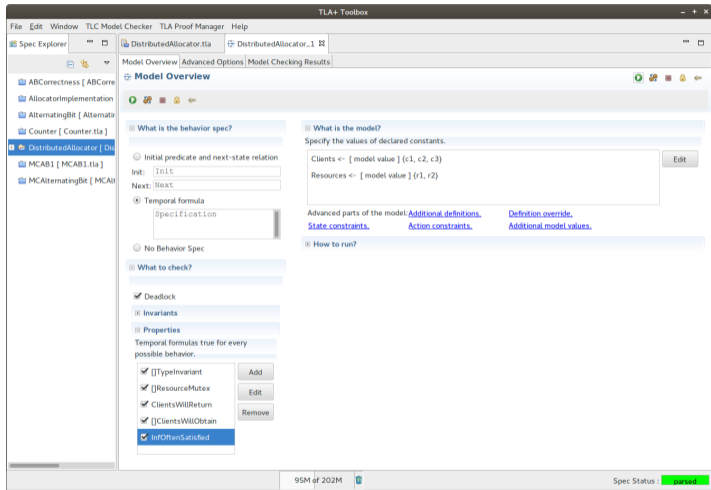
$\forall c \in \text{Clients}, r \in \text{Resources} : r \in \text{requests}[c] \rightsquigarrow r \in \text{holding}[c]$

*InfOftenSatisfied*  $\triangleq$

$\forall c \in \text{Clients} : \square \diamond (\text{requests}[c] = \{\})$

The correctness properties.

# Model Checking of the Distributed Resource Allocator



The allocator satisfies the correctness property (for 3 clients and 2 resources).