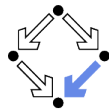


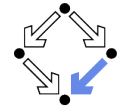
# The Java Modeling Language (Part 1)

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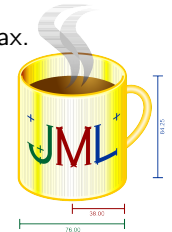


## Overview

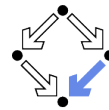


- Since 1999 by Gary T. Leavens et al. (Iowa State University).  
[www.jmlspecs.org](http://www.jmlspecs.org)
- A behavioral interface specification language.
  - Syntactic interface and visible behavior of a Java module (interface/class).
  - Tradition of VDM, Eiffel, Larch/C++.
- Fully embedded into the Java language.
  - Java declaration syntax and (extended) expression syntax.
  - Java types, name spaces, privacy levels.
- JML annotations disguised as Java comments.

```
//@ ...  
/*@ ...  
@ ... @*/
```



## Related Work



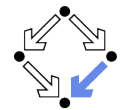
Related to/influenced by/derived from JML (selection).

- **C#**: Spec# (Spec Sharp).  
<http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/projects/specsharp>
  - Plugin for Microsoft Visual Studio 2010.
  - Static checking (non-null types), runtime assertion checking.
  - Verification condition generator (Boogie) for various prover backends.
- **C**: VCC and ACSL (ANSI C Specification Language).  
<http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/projects/vcc>  
<http://frama-c.com/acsl.html>
  - Microsoft VCC with SMT solver Z3 as backend.
  - Frama-C ACSL framework with various prover backends.
- **Ada**: SPARK.  
<http://www.adacore.com/sparkpro>  
<https://www.adacore.com/community>
  - VC generator and prover (GNATprove with CVC4, Z3, Alt-Ergo).

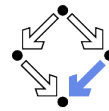
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## Basic JML

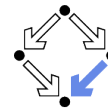


JML as required for the basic Hoare calculus.

- Assertions.  
assume, assert.
- Loop assertions.  
loop\_invariant, decreases.
- Method contracts.  
requires, ensures.
- The JML expression language.  
\forall, \exists, ...

Specifying simple procedural programs.

## Assertions

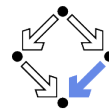


- Definition:  
An **assertion** is a command that specifies a property which should always hold when execution reaches the assertion.
- JML: two kinds of assertions.
  - assert  $P$ :  $P$  needs verification.
  - assume  $P$ :  $P$  can be assumed.
    - Makes a difference for reasoning tools.
    - A runtime checker must test both kinds of assertions.

```
//@ assume n != 0;  
int i = 2*(m/n);  
//@ assert i == 2*(m/n);
```

Low-level specifications.

## Loop Assertions

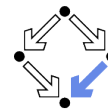


```
int i = n;  
int s = 0;  
//@ loop_invariant i+s == n;  
//@ decreases i+1;  
while (i >= 0)  
{  
  i = i-1;  
  s = s+1;  
}
```

- loop\_invariant specifies a **loop invariant**, i.e. a property that is true before and after each iteration of the loop.
- decreases specifies a **termination term**, i.e. an integer term that decreases in every iteration but does not become negative.

Useful for reasoning about loops.

## Assertions in Methods

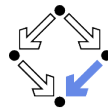


```
static int isqrt(int y)  
{  
  //@ assume y >= 0;  
  int r = (int) Math.sqrt(y);  
  //@ assert r >= 0 && r*r <= y && y < (r+1)*(r+1);  
  return r;  
}
```

- assume specifies a condition  $P$  on the pre-state.
  - **Pre-state**: the program state before the method call.
  - The method **requires**  $P$  as the method's **precondition**.
- assert specifies a condition  $Q$  on the post-state.
  - **Post-state**: the program state after the method call.
  - The method **ensures**  $Q$  as the method's **postcondition**.

Low-level specification of a method.

## Design by Contract

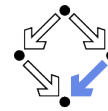


Pre- and post-condition define a **contract** between a method (i.e. its implementor) and its caller (i.e. the user).

- The method (the implementor) may **assume** the precondition and must **ensure** the postcondition.
- The caller (the user) must **ensure** the precondition and may **assume** the postcondition.
- Any method documentation must describe this contract (otherwise it is of little use).

The legal use of a method is determined by its contract (not by its implementation)!

## Method Contracts

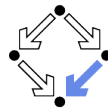


```
/*@ requires y >= 0;
   @ ensures \result >= 0
   @   && \result*\result <= y
   @   && y < (\result+1)*(\result+1); @*/
static int isqrt(int y)
{
    return (int) Math.sqrt(y);
}
```

- **requires** specifies the method **precondition**
  - May refer to method parameters.
- **ensures** specifies the method **postcondition**
  - May refer to method parameters and to result value (`\result`).

Higher-level specification of a method.

## Postcondition and Pre-State

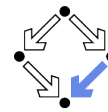


```
// swap a[i] and a[j], leave rest of array unchanged
/*@ requires
   @   a != null &&
   @   0 <= i && i < a.length && 0 <= j && j < a.length;
   @ ensures
   @   a[i] = \old(a[j]) && a[j] == \old(a[i]) &&
   @   (* all a[k] remain unchanged where k != i and k != j *) @*/
static void swap(int[] a, int i, int j)
{ int t = a[i]; a[i] = a[j]; a[j] = t; }
```

- Variable values in **postconditions**:
  - `x` ... value of `x` in post-state (after the call).
    - Except for parameters which are always evaluated in the pre-state.
  - `\old(x)` ... value of `x` in pre-state (before the call).
  - `\old(E)` ... expression `E` evaluated with the value of every variable `x` in `E` taken from the pre-state.

Variable values may change by the method call (more on this later).

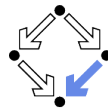
## The JML Expression Language



- **Atomic Formulas**
  - Any Java expression of type boolean: `a+b == c`
    - Primitive operators and pure program functions (later).
  - Informal property expression: `(* sum of a and b equals c *)`
    - Does not affect truth value of specification.
- **Connectives**: `!P, P && Q, P || Q, P ==> Q, P <== Q, P <==> Q, P <=> Q`
  - $\neg P, P \wedge Q, P \vee Q, P \Rightarrow Q, Q \Rightarrow P, P \Leftrightarrow Q, \neg(P \Leftrightarrow Q)$ .
- **Universal quantification**: `(\forall T x; P; Q)`
  - $\forall x \in T : P \Rightarrow Q$
- **Existential quantification**: `(\exists T x; P; Q)`
  - $\exists x \in T : P \wedge Q$

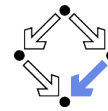
Strongly typed first-order predicate logic with equality.

## The JML Expression Language (Contd)



- **Sum:**  $(\sum T x; P; U)$ 
  - $\sum_{(x \in T) \wedge P} U$
- **Product:**  $(\prod T x; P; U)$ 
  - $\prod_{(x \in T) \wedge P} U$
- **Minimum:**  $(\min T x; P; U)$ 
  - $\min\{U : x \in T \wedge P\}$
- **Maximum:**  $(\max T x; P; U)$ 
  - $\max\{U : x \in T \wedge P\}$
- **Number:**  $(\text{num\_of } T x; P; Q)$ 
  - $|\{x \in T : P \wedge Q\}|$
- **Set:**  $\text{new JMLObjectSet } \{T x \mid P\}$ 
  - $\{x \in T : P\}$

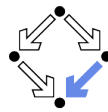
## Examples



```
// sort array a in ascending order
/*@ requires a != null;
    @ ensures (* a contains the same elements as before the call *)
    @   && (\forall int i; 0 <= i && i < a.length-1; a[i] <= a[i+1]);
    @*/
static void sort(int[] a) { ... }

// return index of first occurrence of x in a, -1 if x is not in a
/*@ requires a != null;
    @ ensures
    @   (\result == -1
    @   && (\forall int i; 0 <= i && i < a.length; a[i] != x)) ||
    @   (0 <= \result && \result < a.length && a[\result] == x
    @   && (\forall int i; 0 <= i && i < \result; a[i] != x));
    @*/
static int findFirst(int[] a, int x) { ... }
```

## Examples

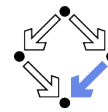


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    @   (\forall int k; 0 <= k && k < a.length;
    @   (k != i && k != j) ==> a[k] == \old(a[k]));
    @*/
static void swap(int[] a, int i, int j) { ... }
```

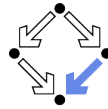
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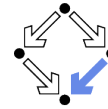
## Common JML Tools



- Type checker `jml`
  - Checks syntactic and type correctness.
- Runtime assertion checker compiler `jmlc`
  - Generates runtime assertions from (some) JML specifications.
- Executable specification compiler `jmlc`
  - Generates executable code from (some) JML specifications.
- JML skeleton specification generator `jmlspec`
  - Generates JML skeleton files from Java source files.
- Document generator `jmldoc`
  - Generates HTML documentation in the style of `javadoc`.
- Unit testing tool `junit`
  - Generates stubs for the *JUnit* testing environment using specifications as test conditions.

Simple GUI launched by `jml-launcher`.

## Example

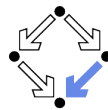


```
public class Account {
    private /*@ spec_public @*/ int bal;
    ...

    /*@ public invariant bal >= 0;
    /*@ requires amt > 0 && amt <= bal;
    @ assignable bal;
    @ ensures bal == \old(bal) - amt; @*/
    public void withdraw(int amt) {
        bal -= amt;
    }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Account acc = new Account(100);
        acc.withdraw(200);
        System.out.println("Balance after withdrawal: " + acc.balance());
    }
}
```

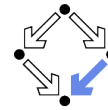
## Runtime Assertion Checking



```
> jml -Q Account.java
> jmlc -Q Account.java
> jmlrac Account
Exception in thread "main"
    org.jmlspecs.jmlrac.runtime.JMLInternalPreconditionError:
    by method Account.withdraw
    at Account.main(Account.java:1486)
```

A bit little information.

## OpenJML

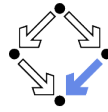


A replacement for the JML toolset (under development).

```
amir!27> openjmlrac Account.java
java -jar /software/openjml/openjml.jar -rac Account.java
Note: /software/openjml/openjml.jar(specs17/java/util/Arrays.jml)
    uses unchecked or unsafe operations.
Note: Recompile with -Xlint:unchecked for details.
amir!28> openjmlrun Account
java -cp /software/openjml/jmlruntime.jar:. Account
Account.java:48: JML precondition is false
    acc.withdraw(200);
    ~
Account.java:27: Associated declaration: Account.java:48:
    /*@ requires amt > 0 && amt <= bal;
    ~
...
Balance after withdrawal: -100
```

<http://openjml.org>.

## Other Third Party JML Tools

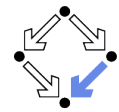


A large number of tools uses/supports JML.

- **Mobius Program Verification Environment**
  - Based on Eclipse, integrates common JML tools and ESC/Java2.
- **Sireum/Kiasan for Java**
  - Automatic verification and test case generation toolset.
- **Modern Jass**
  - Design by contract tool.
- **JMLUnitNG**
  - Test generation tool.
- **ESC/Java2**
  - Extends static checking (later).
- **KeY Verifier**
  - Computer-assisted verification (later).
- ...

Support different versions of JML/Java, for current state, see <http://www.jmlspecs.org/download.shtml>

## Practical Use



Recommended use with JML-annotated Java files.

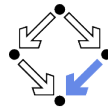
- First compile with `javac`.
  - Check syntactic and type correctness of Java source.
- Then compile with `jml` (or `openjml`).
  - Check syntactic and type correctness of JML annotations.
- Then compile with `escjava2` (or `openjml -esc`).
  - Check semantic consistency of JML annotations.
  - More on ESC/Java2 later.

Errors can be made at each level.

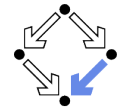
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## More Realistic JML

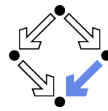


JML for procedural programs with side-effects and errors.

- Side-effects
  - assignable, pure
- Exceptions
  - signals

We also have to deal with the less pleasant aspects of programs.

## Side Effects

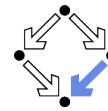


```
static int q, r, x;

/*@ requires b != 0;
    @ assignable q, r;
    @ ensures a == b*q + r && sign(r) == sign(a) &&
    @ (\forall int r0, int q0; a == b*q0+r0 && sign(r0) == sign(a);
    @ abs(r) <= abs(r0)) @*/
static void quotRem(int a, int b)
{ q = a/b; r = a%b; }
```

- assignable specifies the variables that method may change.
- Default: assignable \everything.
  - Method might change **any** visible variable.
- Possible: assignable \nothing.
  - No effect on any variable.

## Pure Program Functions



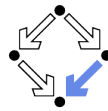
```
static /*@ pure @*/ int sign(int x)
{
    if (x == 0)
        return 0;
    else if (x > 0)
        return 1;
    else
        return -1;
}

static /*@ pure @*/ int abs(int x)
{ if (x >= 0) return x; else return -x; }
```

- Pure program functions may be used in specification expressions.
  - pure implies assignable \nothing.

JML considers pure program functions as mathematical functions.

## Arrays and Side Effects

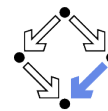


```
int[] a = new int[10];
```

- assignable a;
  - The pointer a may change.  
a = new int[20];
- assignable a[\*];
  - The content of a may change.  
a[1] = 1;

```
// swap a[i] and a[j], leave rest of array unchanged
/*@ requires
    @ a != null &&
    @ 0 <= i && i < a.length && 0 <= j && j < a.length;
    @ assignable a[*];
    @ ensures
    @ a[i] = \old(a[j]) && a[j] == \old(a[i]) &&
    @ (\forall int k; 0 <= k && k < a.length;
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    @*/
static void swap(int[] a, int i, int j) { ... }
```

## Exceptions

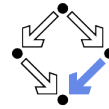


```
static int balance;

/*@ assignable balance;
    @ ensures \old(balance) >= amount
    @ && balance = \old(balance)-amount;
    @ signals(DepositException e) \old(balance) < amount
    @ && balance == \old(balance); @*/
static void withdraw(int amount) throws DepositException
{
    if (balance < amount) throw new DepositException();
    balance = balance-amount;
}
```

- This method has two ways to return.
  - **Normal return:** the postcondition specified by ensures holds.
  - **Exceptional return:** an exception is raised and the postcondition specified by signals holds.

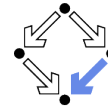
## Exceptions



- **Default:** `signals(Exception e) true;`
  - Instead of a normal return, method may also raise an exception without any guarantee for the post-state.
  - Even if no `throws` clause is present, runtime exceptions may be raised.
- Consider: `signals(Exception e) false;`
  - If method returns by an exception, `false` holds.
  - Thus the method must not raise an exception (also no runtime exception).

We also have to take care to specify the exceptional behavior of a method!

## Preconditions versus Exceptions



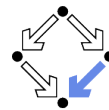
```
/*@ requires (\exists int x; ; a == x*b);
   @ ensures a == \result*b; @*/
static int exactDivide1(int a, int b) { ... }

/*@ ensures (\exists int x; ; a == x*b) && a == \result*b;
   @ signals(DivException e) !(\exists int x; ; a == x*b) @*/
static int exactDivide2(int a, int b) throws DivException { ... }
```

- `exactDivide1` has precondition  $P : \Leftrightarrow \exists x : a = x \cdot b$ .
  - Method must not be called, if  $P$  is false.
  - It is the responsibility of the **caller** to take care of  $P$ .
- `exactDivide2` has precondition `true`.
  - Method may be also called, if  $P$  is false.
  - Method must raise `DivException`, if  $P$  is false.
  - It is the responsibility of the **method** to take care of  $P$ .

Different contracts!

## Lightweight Specifications



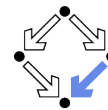
This is the contract format we used up to now.

```
/*@ requires ...;
   @ assignable ...;
   @ ensures ...;
   @ signals ...; @*/
```

- Convenient form for simple specifications.
- If some clauses are omitted, their value is *unspecified*.

So what does a (partially) unspecified contract mean?

## Method Underspecification



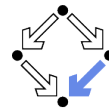
If not specified otherwise, **client** should assume **weakest** possible contract:

- `requires false;`
  - Method should not be called at all.
- `assignable \everything;`
  - In its execution, the method may change any visible variable.
- `ensures true;`
  - If the method returns normally, it does not provide any guarantees for the post-state.
- `signals(Exception e) true;`
  - Rather than returning, the method may also throw an arbitrary exception; in this case, there are no guarantees for the post-state.

Defensive programming: for safety, client should avoid implicit assumptions.



## Method Underspecification

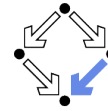


If not specified otherwise, **method** should implement **strongest** possible contract:

- `requires true;`
  - Method might be called in any pre-state.
- `assignable \nothing;`
  - In its execution, the method must not change any visible variable.
- `signals(Exception e) false;`
  - Method should not throw any exception.

**Defensive programming: for safety, method should satisfy implicit client assumptions (as far as possible).**

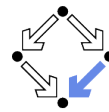
## Heavyweight Specifications



```
/*@ public normal_behavior
@ requires ...;
@ assignable ...;
@ ensures ...;
@ also public exceptional_behavior
@ requires ...;
@ assignable ...;
@ signals(...) ...; */
```

- A normal behavior and (one or multiple) exceptional behaviors.
  - Method must implement **all** behaviors.
- Each behavior has a separate precondition.
  - What must hold, such that method can exhibit this behavior.
  - If multiple hold, method may exhibit **any** corresponding behavior.
  - If none holds, method must not be called.
- For each behavior, we can specify
  - the visibility level (later), the assignable variables, the postcondition.

## Heavyweight Specification Defaults

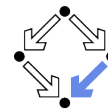


If not specified otherwise, we have the following defaults:

- `requires true;`
  - Method may be called in any state.
- `assignable \everything;`
  - In its execution, the method may change every visible variable.
- `ensures true;`
  - After normal return, no guarantees for the post-state.
- `signals(Exception e) true;`
  - Rather than returning, the method may also throw an arbitrary exception; then there are no guarantees for the post-state.

**Method must not make assumptions on the pre-state, caller must not make assumptions on the method behavior and on the post-state.**

## Example



```
static int balance;

/*@ public normal_behavior
@ requires balance >= amount;
@ assignable balance;
@ ensures balance = \old(balance)-amount;
@ also public exceptional_behavior
@ requires balance < amount;
@ assignable \nothing;
@ signals(DepositException e) true;
@*/
static void withdraw(int amount) throws DepositException
{
    if (balance < amount) throw new DepositException();
    balance = balance-amount;
}
```

**Clearer separation of normal behavior and exceptional behavior.**