PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF SESSION TYPES

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OUTLINE

- Part I _ Fundamentals of session types, by Vasco
- Part II _ Specification and verification of distributed applications using multiparty session types, by Ray
- Grab these slides from <u>http://www.doc.ic.ac.uk/~rhu/popl14tutorial.pdf</u>

MOTIVATION _ ITERATOR

Met java.util.lterator?

interface Iterator {
 boolean hasNext ();
 Object next ();
 void remove ();

COMMON MISTAKES

void commaSeparatedList (Iterator it) {
 System.out.print(it.next());
 while (it.hasNext())
 System.out.print(", " + it.next()); }

void filter (Iterator it, Object o) {
 while (it.hasNext())
 if (it.next().equals(o))
 System.out.print(it.next()); }

void removeFirst (Iterator it) {
 if (it.hasNext())
 it.remove(); }

COMPILE AND RUN

- This code compiles...
- ... and sometimes even runs
- To "correctly" use the iterator one must read the documentation



- * words, returns <tt>true</tt> if <tt>next</tt> would return an element
- * rather than throwing an exception.)
- * @return <tt>true</tt> if the iterator has more elements.

boolean hasNext();

- * Returns the next element in the iteration. Calling the
- * repeatedly until the {@link #hasNext()} method N
- * return each element in the underlying collection
- * @return the next element in the iteration.
- * @exception NoSuchElementException iteration

E next();

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next() only if there are elements in the collection

- * Removes from the underlying collection the last element
- * iterator (optional operation). This method can be called only once per
- * call to <tt>next</tt>. The behavior of an iterator is unspecified if
- * the underlying collection is modified while the iteration is in
 - progress in any way other than by calling this method.
- * @exception IllegalStateException if the <tt>next</tt> m
 - yet been called, or the <tt>remove</tt> metho
 - been called after the last call to the <tt>n method.
- */

void remove();

remove() only after next()

SOCKET COMMUNICATION

```
ServerSocket serverSocket = new ServerSocket(2345);
Socket server = serverSocket.accept();
ObjectInputStream in = new
ObjectInputStream(server.getInputStream());
Integer i = (Integer) in.readObject();
```



WOULDN'T IT BE NICE ...

... to program in a language that makes
 NoSuchElementException,
 IllegalStateException,
 ClassCastException unnecessary?

• We need more expressive types...

WHAT WE REALLY NEED

- Abstractions that allow to talk about continuous interactions
- Languages and compilers that make sure code follows the abstractions

SESSION TYPES TO THE RESCUE

- Introduced by Kohei Honda et alia in 1994-98 (see further reading)
- Abstract series of continuous interactions; abstract communication protocols
- Originally associated to the pi-calculus; later transposed to functional and OO languages

RUNNING EXAMPLE _ AN ONLINE DONATION SERVICE

Three sorts of participants: server, clients, and benefactors

- Clients create donation campaigns and send the campaign link to benefactors
- Benefactors donate by providing a credit card number and an amount to be charged to the card
- The server provides for the creation of campaigns and forwards the donations to the bank

DEMO

- Based on SePi, Sessions on Pi, <u>http://gloss.di.fc.ul.pt/</u> sepi/
- A pi-calculus based language with (linearly refined) session types
- We introduce the various basic type and process constructors

VI _ CHANNEL CREATION, INPUT, OUTPUT, PARALLEL COMPOSITION

new c s: !integer.end
c!2013 |
s?x. printIntegerLn!x

V2_CHOICE

```
new c s: +{setDate: !integer.end, commit: end}
c select setDate. c!2013 |
case s of
   setDate -> s?x. printIntegerLn!x
   commit -> printStringLn!"done!"
```

V3_RECURSIVE TYPES AND PROCESS DEFINITIONS

type Donation = +{setDate: !integer.Donation, commit: end}

```
new c s: Donation
c select setDate. c!2013.
c select setDate. c!2014. c select commit |

def server s: dualof Donation =
    case s of
        setDate -> s?x. printIntegerLn!x. server!s
        commit -> printStringLn!"done!"
```

server!s

V4 LINEAR CHANNELSTHAT BECOME UNRESTRICTED (I/II)

```
type Donation = +{setDate: !integer.Donation, commit: Promotion}
type Promotion = un!(CreditCard, integer).Promotion
type CreditCard = string
new c s: Donation
c select setDate. c!2013.
c select setDate. c!2014.
c select commit. {
    c!("1234", 500) | c!("2434", 1000)
```

V4 LINEAR CHANNELSTHAT BECOME UNRESTRICTED (II/II)

```
def server s: dualof Donation =
    case s of
        setDate -> s?x. printIntegerLn!x. server!s
        commit -> acceptDonation!s

def acceptDonation s: dualof Promotion =
    s?(card, amount).
```

printStringLn!"Received " ++ amount ++ "euros on card " ++ card.
acceptDonation!s

server!s

V5_ MULTIPLE CLIENTS (I/II)

```
type Donation = +{setDate: !integer.Donation, commit: Promotion}
type Promotion = un!(CreditCard, integer).Promotion
type CreditCard = string
```

```
new client server: *?Donation
```

```
client?c.
c <mark>select</mark> setDate. c!2013. c <mark>select</mark> setDate. c!2014. c <mark>select</mark> commit. {
c!("1234", 500) | c!("2434", 1000)
} |
```

```
client?c.
c select setDate. c!2014. c select commit. {
    c!("9876", 5000) | c!("8796", 10)
} |
```

V5_ MULTIPLE CLIENTS (II/II)

```
def donationServer server: *!Donation =
    def setup s: dualof Donation =
    case s of
        setDate -> s?x. setup!s
        commit -> acceptDonation!s
```

```
def acceptDonation s: dualof Promotion =
s?(card, amount).
printStringLn!"Charging " ++ amount ++ " on card " ++ card.
acceptDonation!s
```

```
server!(new s: dualof Donation). // session initiation
setup!s.
donationServer!server
```

CONCLUSION _ FUNDAMENTALS OF SESSION TYPES

- Session types describe continuous interaction, provide for protocol description
- Work well with imperative, functional and OO languages
- When incorporated in programming languages session types prevent a series of runtime errors
- May also be used to monitor communication on applications built with untyped (or non session typed) languages



 Part II _ Specification and verification of distributed applications using multiparty session types

The Scribble Protocol Language

Specification and verification of distributed applications using multiparty session types

Raymond Hu (Imperial College London, Cognizant) and the Scribble team

http://www.doc.ic.ac.uk/~rhu/popl14tutorial.pdf

Outline

- ► Background:
 - Multiparty session types (MPST)
 - The Scribble protocol language
 - Active use case project: Ocean Observatories Initiative
- Scribble by examples
 - Global protocol specification
 - Multiparty protocol validation (well-formedness)
 - Dynamic MPST verification by runtime monitoring of conversation endpoints
- http://www.doc.ic.ac.uk/~rhu/popl14tutorial.pdf

Background: Multiparty Session Types (MPST) 1/2



- Global session type
 - $G = A \rightarrow B : m_1; B \rightarrow C : m_2; C \rightarrow A : m_3$
- Local session types
 - Slice of global protocol relevant to each role
 - Mechanically derived from global protocol
 - $T_A = B! m_1 . C? m_3$
- Process language
 - Execution model of I/O actions by session participants
 - $P_A = s(x). s! B(m1). s? C(x)$
- (Static) type checking for communication safety
 [POPL08] Multiparty asynchronous session types. Honda et al.
 [CONCUR08] Global progress in dynamically interleaved multiparty sessions. Bettini et al.

Background: Multiparty Session Types (MPST) 2/2

• Specifying protocols involving more than two parties! $G = A \rightarrow B : m_1; B \rightarrow C : m_2; C \rightarrow A : m_3$



Stronger safety than separate binary session types:

$$P_{A} = s_{AC}?x.s_{AB}!m_{1} \quad T_{AB} = B!m_{1}, T_{AC} = C?m_{3}$$

$$P_{B} = s_{BA}?y.s_{BC}!m_{2} \quad T_{BA} = A?m_{1}, T_{BC} = C!m_{2}$$

$$P_{C} = s_{CB}?z.s_{C}!m_{3} \quad T_{CB} = B?m_{2}, T_{CA} = C!m_{3}$$

× deadlock (due to lost causality between inter- (binary) session actions)

The Scribble protocol language

- Scribble: adapts and extends MPST as an engineering language for describing multiparty message passing protocols
 - Communication model: asynch., reliable, role-to-role ordering

```
global protocol MyProtocol(role A, role B, role C) {
  m1(int) from A to B;
  rec X {
    choice at B {
       m2(String) from B to C;
       continue X;
    } or {
       m3() from B to C;
    } }
```

- Global and local protocol definitions
 - Other features: parallel protocols, subprotocol composition, parameterised protocol declarations, interruptible conversations

[COB12] Structuring communication with session types. Honda et al.[ICDCIT11] Scribbling interactions with a formal foundation. Honda et al.

Industry collaborations

- JBoss Savara: Tool support for Testable Architecture frameworks (Red Hat, Cognizant)
 - Scribble: intermediate protocol language underneath BPMN2/WS-CDL user interface
 - Tooling: global-to-local projection, protocol/system simulations:
 - Requirements model (e.g. sequence diagram traces) against service specification
 - System outputs (e.g. log files) against requirements/service model
 - [JBOSS] http://www.jboss.org/savara http://www.jboss.org/scribble
 - [TA] http://www.cognizant.com/InsightsWhitepapers/SOA_ Manifesto_WP1.2010.pdf

Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI) 1/2

NSF project (\$400M, 5 years) to build a cyberinfrastruture for the remote acquisition and delivery of oceanography data



Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI) 2/2



Figure 3: Observatory comprised of ships, aircraft and autonomous vehicles linked to assimilation modeling capabilities on shore

 COI: Python-based endpoint platforms (Capability Containers), AMQP-based messaging network



Capability Container

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Scribble examples

- Basic scribble (OOI agent negotiation)
 - Applied MPST framework: Global well-formedness; local projection; FSM generation
- Parameterised protocols and subprotocols
 - OOI RPC service composition
 - Agent negotiation refactored
- Interruptible conversations: (OOI resource usage control)
- OOI endpoint code and runtime monitoring
- We demo the current status of Scribble
 - The work on Scribble and the OOI integration (and other applications of MPST) is ongoing

OOI agent negotiation 1/5



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OOI agent negotiation 2/5

type <yml> "SAPDoc1" from "SAPDoc1.yml" as SAP;

global protocol Negotiate(role Consumer as C, role Producer as P) {



OOI agent negotiation 3/5 (choice)

type <yml> "SAPDoc1" from "SAPDoc1.yml" as SAP;

```
global protocol Negotiate(role Consumer as C, role Producer as P) {
   propose(SAP) from C to P;
```

```
choice at P {
   accept() from P to C;
   confirm() from C to P;
} or {
   reject() from P to C;
} or {
   propose(SAP) from P to C;
```



OOI agent negotiation 4/5

type <yml> "SAPDoc1" from "SAPDoc1.yml" as SAP;

```
global protocol Negotiate(role Consumer as C, role Producer as P) {
   propose(SAP) from C to P;
```

```
choice at P {
 accept() from P to C;
 confirm() from C to P;
f or f
 reject() from P to C;
} or {
 propose(SAP) from P to C;
 choice at C {
   accept() from C to P;
   confirm() from P to C:
 f or f
   reject() from C to P;
 f or f
   propose(SAP) from C to P;
```



OOI agent negotiation 5/5 (recursion)

type <yml> "SAPDoc1" from "SAPDoc1.yml" as SAP;

```
global protocol Negotiate(role Consumer as C, role Producer as P) {
    propose(SAP) from C to P;
    rec X {
         choice at P {
             accept() from P to C;
                                                                                                             Consumer
                                                                                                                                                  Provider
             confirm() from C to P;
                                                                                                              Agent
                                                                                                                                                  Agent
                                                                                                                          negotiate: request(SAP_1)
                                                                                                                                                             Confirm is the
                                                                                               Negotiation starting by a
        f or f
                                                                                                                                                          complementary accept
                                                                                              Consumer making a proposal, then accepted by Provider and
                                                                                                                        negotiate: accept(SAP 1, details)
                                                                                                                                                          by the other party (both
                                                                                                 nfirmed by Consumer
                                                                                                                                                           must accept for an
                                                                                                                          negotiate: confirm(SAP 1)
                                                                                                                                                             agreement)
            reject() from P to C;
                                                                                                                                                          With a mutual accept, at
        } or {
                                                                                                                                                           least one commitment
                                                                                                                                                           on each side of the
                                                                                                            ALT
                                                                                                                           negotiate: invite(SAP 1)
                                                                                                                                                           conversation results
                                                                                               Negotiation starting by the
                                                                                                                                                          (may be multiple). The
            propose(SAP) from P to C;
                                                                                                                        negotiate: accept(SAP_1, details)
                                                                                               Provider inviting a Consumer
                                                                                                                                                          contract is as stated in
                                                                                               with a proposal, accepted by
                                                                                                                          negotiate: confirm(SAP 1)
                                                                                                                                                           the most recent SAP
                                                                                               Consumer and confirmed by
             choice at C {
                                                                                                            ALT
                                                                                                                          negotiate: request(SAP 1)
                 accept() from C to P;
                                                                                                                                                          A counter-propose is a
                                                                                                                                                          new SAP, but it typically
                                                                                               Negotiation starting by a
                                                                                                                        negotiate: counter-propose(SAP_2)
                                                                                                                                                           refines or partially
                                                                                              Consumer making a proposal
                 confirm() from P to C:
                                                                                                                                                          modifies the prior SAP.
                                                                                              The recipient (Provider) makes
                                                                                                                        negotiate: accept(SAP 2, details)
                                                                                             a counter-proposal, supplanting
                                                                                             SAP_1, which is then accepted
                                                                                                                          negotiate: confirm(SAP 2)
                                                                                             by Consumer and confirmed by
                                                                                                  the Provider.
             f or f
                 reject() from C to P;
                                                                                                             ALT
                                                                                                                          negotiate: request(SAP 1)
                                                                                                                                                           Any party can reject
                                                                                                                                                           instead of counter-
                                                                                               Negotiation starting by a
                                                                                                                           negotiate: reject(SAP 1)
                                                                                              Consumer making a proposal,
                                                                                                                                                           propose (or accept)
                                                                                              rejected by the Provider ending
             f or f
                                                                                                 the Negotiation.
                 propose(SAP) from C to P;
                 continue X;
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         }
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```

The Scribble Framework



Global protocol well-formedness 1/2

```
global protocol ChoiceAmbiguous(role A, role B, role C) {
   choice at A {
     m1() from A to B; // X
   m2() from B to C;
   m3() from C to A;
   } or {
     m1() from A to B; // X
     m5() from B to C;
   m6() from C to A;
}
```

```
global protocol ChoiceNotCommunicated(role A, role B, role C) {
   choice at A {
     m1() from A to B;
   m2() from B to C; // X
   } or {
     m4() from A to B;
   }
}
```

Global protocol well-formedness 2/2

```
global protocol ParallelNotLinear(role A, role B, role C) {
 par {
   m1() from A to B; // X
   m2() from B to C;
 \} and \{
   m1() from A to B; // X
   m4() from B to C;
} }
global protocol RecursionNoExit(role A, role B, role C, role D) {
 rec X {
   m1() from A to B;
   continue X;
 }
```

```
m2() from A to B; // Unreachable for A, B
m3() from C to D;
}
```

Local protocol projection (Negotiation Consumer)

```
// Global
propose(SAP) from C to P;
rec START {
  choice at P {
    accept() from P to C;
   confirm() from C to P;
 r f
   reject() from P to C;
 } or {
   propose(SAP) from P to C;
    choice at C {
     accept() from C to P;
     confirm() from P to C;
   f or f
     reject() from C to P;
   \mathbf{r}
     propose(SAP) from C to P;
     continue START;
\} \} \}
```

// Projection for Consumer propose(SAP) to P; rec START { choice at P { accept() from P; confirm() to P; f or freject() from P; } or { propose(SAP) from P; choice at C { accept() to P; confirm() from P; } or { reject() to P; } or { propose(SAP) to P; continue START;

FSM generation (Negotiation Consumer)



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RPC composition 1/4



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RPC composition 2/4



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RPC composition 3/4 (parameterised subprotocols)

```
global protocol RPC<sig M1, sig M2>(role Client as C, role Server as S)
 M1 from C to S;
 M2 from S to C;
}
global protocol Relay<sig M1, sig M2>(
   role First as F, role Middle as M, role Last as L) {
 M1 from F to M;
 M2 from M to L;
                                                                     Pro
}
                                                                    Refin
                                     RPC
                                               RPC
global protocol Comp3(role C
                     role Ser
                                                                     S4
                     role Ser
                                               RPC
 do Relay<m1(), m2()>(C as
                                                               RPC
 do Relay<m2a(), m3()>(S2 a)
                                                               RPC
 do RPC<m4(), m4a()>(S3 as
 do RPC<m5(), m5a()>(S3 as
 do Relay<m3a(), m1a()>(S2 as First, SI as MIDDLE, C as Last);
}
```

RPC composition 4/4



Agent negotiation (refactored)

```
type <yml> "SAPDoc1" from "SAPDoc1.yml" as SAP;
global protocol Negotiate(role Consumer, role Producer) {
    propose(SAP) from Consumer to Producer;
    do NegotiateAux(Consumer as Proposer, Producer as CounterParty);
}
```

```
global protocol NegotiateAux(
   role Proposer as A, role CounterParty as B) {
   choice at B {
      accept() from B to A;
      confirm() from A to B;
   } or {
      reject() from B to A;
   } or {
      propose(SAP) from B to A;
      do NegotiateAux(B as Proposer, A as CounterParty);
   }
}
```

Resource Usage Control (interruptible)

- **User**, Resource **C**ontroller, Instrument **A**gent
- U registers with C to use a resource (instrument) via A for a specified duration (or another metric)



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Extending MPST with interruptible conversations

- Well-formed global types traditionally rule out any ambiguities between roles in conversation instances
 - Sent messages are expected and vice versa
 - No messages lost or redundant

- Asynchronous interrupts: inherent "communication races"
 - Interruptible is a mixed choice, also completely optional
 - Concurrent and nested interrupts
 - Asynchronous entry/exit of interruptible blocks by roles



A valid trace

RUC Scribble 1/5 (streaming)

global protocol RUC(

}

role User as U, role Controller as C, role Agent as A) {



RUC Scribble 2/5 (interruptible stream)

}

```
global protocol RUC(
    role User as U, role Controller as C, role Agent as A) {
```



RUC Scribble 3/5

```
global protocol RUC(
   role User as U, role Controller as C, role Agent as A) {
```

```
interruptible {
    rec X {
      interruptible {
                                        U
                                               C
                                                      A
                                                              U
                                                                    C
        rec Y {
                                                           (2)-
                                         req(int)
          data() from A to U;
                                                 start
                                                                   pause
          continue Y;
                                                       -(1)
                                                                   resume
      } }
                                              data
      with {
        pause() by U;
                                                                stop
                                     (2)
                                              data
      }
      resume() from U to A;
      continue X;
                                                               timeout timeout
  } }
  with {
    stop() by U;
    timeout() by C;

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RUC Scribble 4/5

```
global protocol RUC(
    role User as U, role Controller as C, role Agent as A) {
 req(int) from U to C;
  start() from C to A;
  interruptible {
    rec X {
      interruptible {
                                      U
                                            C
                                                  A
                                                          U
                                                                C
                                                                       A
        rec Y {
                                                       (2)-
                                      req(int)
          data() from A to U;
                                              start
                                                               pause
          continue Y;
                                                   -(1)
      resume
                                                                        (1)
                                           data
      with {
       pause() by U;
                                                            stop
                                   (2)
                                           data
      }
      resume() from U to A;
      continue X;
                                                           timeout timeout
 with {
    stop() by U;
    timeout() by C;

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```

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RUC Scribble 5/5 (conversation scopes)



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MPST-based distributed protocol monitoring 1/3

```
req(int) to C;
interruptible _1 {
 rec X {
   interruptible _2 {
     rec Y {
       data() from A;
       continue Y;
   } } with {
     throws pause() to A;
   }
   resume() to A;
   continue X;
} } with {
 throws stop() to A, C;
 catches timeout() from C;
}
```



Projection and FSM for U

- Builds on formal MPST-FSM encoding
 - Interruptible scopes modelled by dynamically nested FSMs

[ESOP12] Multiparty Session Types Meet Communicating Automata. Deniélou and Yoshida.

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MPST-based distributed protocol monitoring 2/3



- MPST monitoring requirements: complete mediation, Scribble metadata (embedded in payload: msg. operator, source/dest.)
- Errors detected: non-conformance to protocol
 - ► Local actions: bad I/O, bad operator, bad source role, ...
 - Remote: firewall exepected messages (operator, role)

MPST-based distributed protocol monitoring 3/3



- Local monitoring of endpoint and environment conversation actions
 - Dynamic verification of MPST communication safety
 - [RV13] Practical Interruptible Conversations Distributed Dynamic Verification with Session Types and Python. Hu et al.
- [FMOODS13] Monitoring networks through multiparty session types. Bocchi et al.
 - [TGC11] Asynchronous distributed monitoring for multiparty session enforcement. Chun et al.

Dynamic verification of MPST (with interruptible)

- MPST motivations:
 - MPST type systems typically designed for languages with first-class communication and concurrency features
- Distributed systems motivations:
 - Heterogenous languages, runtime platforms, implementation techniques, ...
 - Unavailable source code
- OOI use case motivations:
 - Python (untyped languages)
 - OOI governance stack
- Interruptible:
 - Dynamic creation of nested FSMs for fresh scope generation



Static session type checking

- Session typing checks endpoint code against projections
 - Built for a target language (extension) or API
 - Mapping of protocol "constants" to program entities
 - Conformance of control flow to protocol structure

```
session *s;
role *B, *Seller;
session_init(&argc, &argv, &s, "TwoBuyers_A.scr");
send_string(str_title, B, TITLE);
recv_int(&quote, Seller, QUOTE);
while (true) {
    probe_label(&label, B);
    if (has_label(label, B);
        if (has_label(label, "accept")) {
            vsend_string(result_str, 2, B, Seller);
            break;
    } else if (has_label(&label, "retry")) { continue;
        } else if (has_label(&label, "quit")) { break;
    }
}
```

► C [TOOLS'12], OCaml [CSF'09], Java [COORD'10], others...

Conclusion

- Scribble adapts MPST to practical distributed application development
 - Global protocol specification and validation
 - Local projection and FSM generation
 - Conversation API and runtime endpoint monitoring
- Many future directions
 - Extending Scribble/MPST to capture additional forms of interaction
 - Integrating Scribble with other specification/programming techniques
 - Driven by use cases
- Reference list (from p18): http://mrg.doc.ic.ac.uk/presentations/tgc13/August13.pdf
- https://github.com/scribble (demo'd tools not fully available just yet but soon)

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