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Introduction

- Describing embedded system's processing behavior
 - Complexity increasing with increasing IC capacity
 - Past: washing machines, small games, etc.
 - Hundreds of lines of code
 - Today: TV decoders, autonomous cars, etc.
 - Hundreds of thousand of lines of code
 - Desired behavior often not fully understood at start
 - Many implementation bugs due to description mistakes/omissions
 - Natural language is common starting point
 - Precise description difficult to impossible



Models vs. Languages



Common Computation Models

- Sequential program model
 - Statements, rules for composing statements, one sequential flow
- Concurrent process model
 - Multiple sequential programs running concurrently
- State machine model
 - For control dominated systems, monitors inputs, sets outputs
- Dataflow model
 - For data dominated systems, transforms input into output streams
- Object-oriented model
 - For breaking complex software into simpler, well-defined pieces



Models vs. Languages

- Computation models describe system behavior
- Concrete languages capture models
- Several languages can capture the same model
 - E.g., Assembler, C, C++ capture sequential program model
- One language can capture variety of models
 - E.g., C++ captures sequential program model, object-oriented model, state machine model

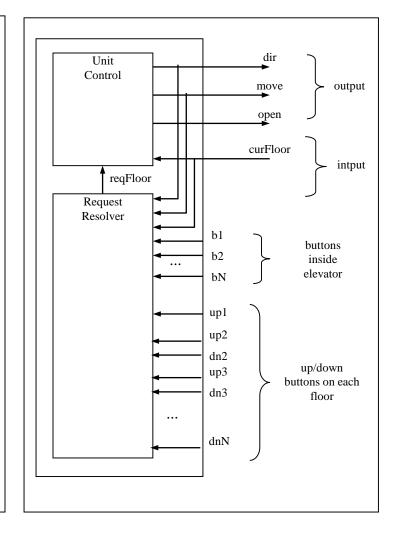
Introductory example: Elevator Control

- Simple elevator controller
- **Request Resolver** resolves various floor requests into single requested floor
- **Unit Control** moves elevator to this requested floor

Partial English description

- 1. Move elevator either up or down to reach requested floor.
- 2. Once at requested floor, open door for at least 10 seconds, and keep it open until requested floor changes.
- 3. Ensure door is never open while moving.
- 4. Don't change directions unless there are no higher requests when moving up or no lower requests when moving down.

System interface



Elevator Control: Conc. Process Model

```
int curFloor; bit b1..bN, up1..upN-1, dn2..dnN; /* Input */
                                                    /* Output */
bit dir, move, door;
int reqFloor;
                                                    /* Global variable */
void UnitControl() {
  move = NO;
  door = OPEN;
                                           void RequestResolver() {
  while (1) {
                                               while (1) {
      while (reqFloor == curFloor) {}
     open = CLOSE;
                                                  reqFloor = ...
      if (reqFloor > curFloor) {
         dir = UP;
      } else {
        dir = DOWN;
      move = YES;
                                            void main() {
      while (regFloor != curFloor) {}
                                              create task(UnitControl);
      move = NO;
                                              create task(RequestResolver);
      door = OPEN;
      delay(10);
```

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Finite-state machine (FSM) model



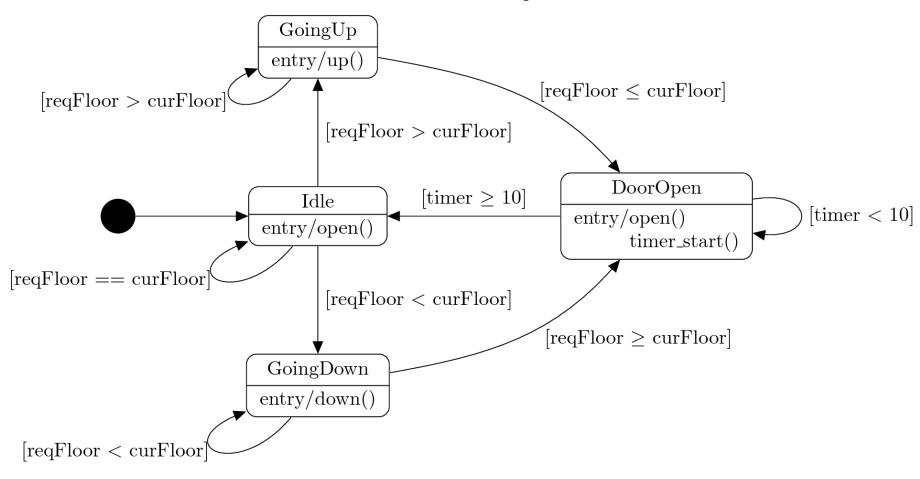
Finite State Machine Model

- Capturing elevator behavior as a sequential program is awkward
- Finite State Machine (FSM) model is better choice
 - Possible states
 - E.g., Idle, GoingUp, GoingDn, DoorOpen
 - Input data: reqFloor, curFloor, timer
 - Output data: dir, move, door, time
 - Possible transitions from one state to another based on input
 - E.g., reqFloor > curFloor
 - Entry actions set output, they occur when entering a state
 - E.g., In state *GoingUp:* dir=UP, door=CLOSE, move=YES



Finite State Machine (Moore-type)

UnitControl task using a FSM



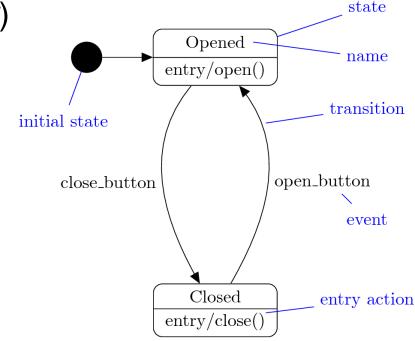
Example entry action: up() {dir=UP; door=CLOSE; move=YES;} (executed when state is entered)

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Formal Definition

- An FSM is a 6-tuple <S, I, O, F, A, s₀>
 - S: set of states $\{s_0, s_1, ..., s_l\}$
 - *I*: set of Boolean inputs $\{i_0, i_1, ..., i_m\}$ (used in guards)
 - O: set of Boolean outputs $\{o_0, o_1, ..., o_n\}$ (comp. by entry act.)
 - *F*: next-state (transition) function (F: $S \times I \rightarrow S$)
 - A: entry action function (A: $S \rightarrow O$)
 - s_0 : initial state
- Moore-type FSM
 - Action depends on state only
 action associated with state
- Mealy-type FSM
 - Action depends on state and input
 → action associated with transition





Execution of an FSM

- FSM is always in some state, called current state
 - At start: Initial state is current state and its entry action is executed
- Execution is triggered by events (i.e. reactive behavior)
 - Events carry input
- Upon each event
 - Current state's next-state function is executed, this selects a new current state and
 - entry actions of new current state are executed
 - Optional: Exit actions
- Events are assumed to occur at a rate that allows for processing (i.e. no event is missed)
- FSMs provide time-ordered behavior

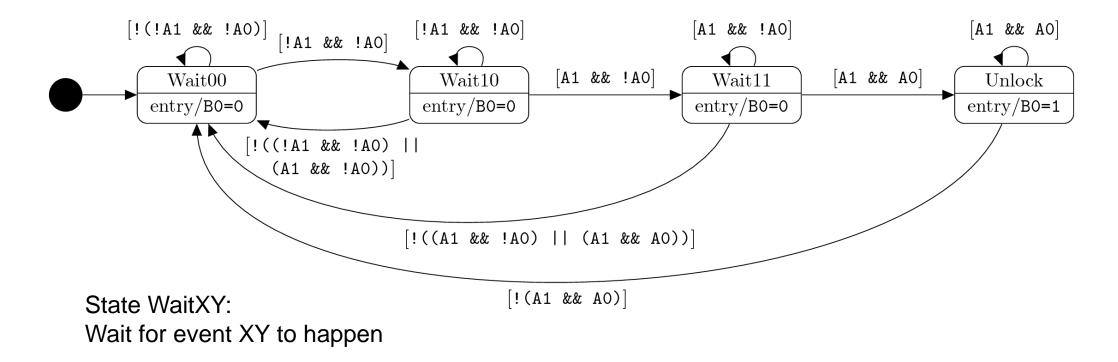


Example: Electronic Lock

- Input: A0 and A1 (from switches)
- Output: B0 (B0 = 0 locks and B0 = 1 unlocks lock)
- Behavior:
 - To unlock, user first set switches such that A1A0 are 00, then 10, and 11
 - Any other sequence leading to 11 (such as 00, 01, 11) does not unlock lock, except repeating valid input is allowed
 - Example: 00, 10, 10, 11 is valid
- Time-ordered behavior is needed!
- Four states: Wait00, Wait10, Wait11, Unlock



Example: Electronic Lock



Exercise: Extend FSM to sound alarm (output B1 = 1) if A1,A0=1 is reached by a sequence other than 00, 10, 11

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Shortcomings of FSMs

- FSMs use only Boolean data types and operations
- FSMs can have a large state set
- Extension: FSM with Datapath Model (FSMD)
 - FSMDs use data types and variables for storing data
 - FSMDs allow to represent many states of a FSM with a single state with a variable

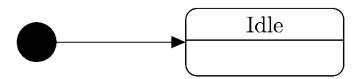
FSM with Datapath Model (FSMD)

- FSMD: 7-tuple $\langle S, I, O, \underline{V}, F, A, s_o \rangle$
 - S, I, O as before
 - V is a set of variables $\{v_0, v_1, ..., v_n\}$
 - F is a next-state function $(S \times I \times V \rightarrow S)$
 - A is an **entry action** function $(S \rightarrow O + V)$
 - s_0 is the initial state
- I,O,V may represent types (i.e., integers, floating point)
- F, A may include arithmetic operations
- A is an action function, not just an output function
 - Describes variable updates as well as outputs
- Complete system state now consists of current state s_i, and values of all variables in all states



- 1. List all possible states
- 2. Declare all variables
- 3. For each state, list possible transitions, with conditions, to other states
- 4. For each state and/or transition, list associated actions
- 5. For each state, ensure exclusive and complete exiting transition conditions:
 - No two exiting conditions can be true at same time
 - Otherwise nondeterministic state machine
 - One condition must be true at any given time
 - Convention: For all conditions not listed, remain in current state

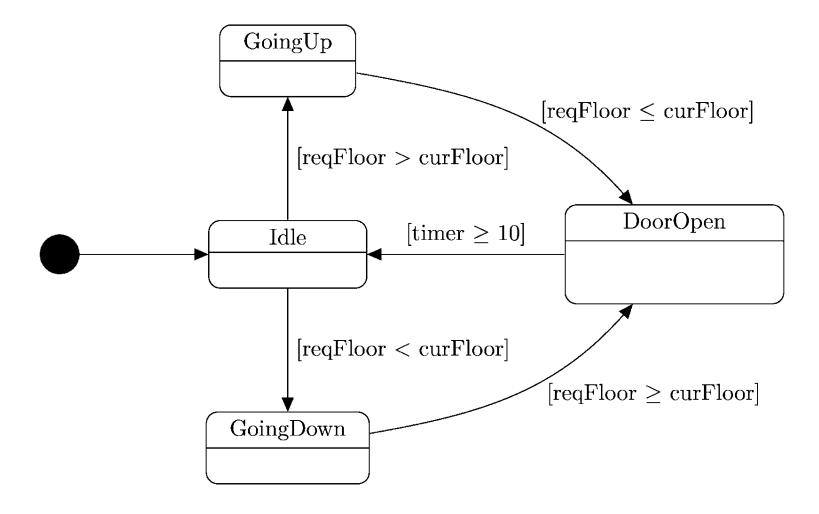
GoingUp

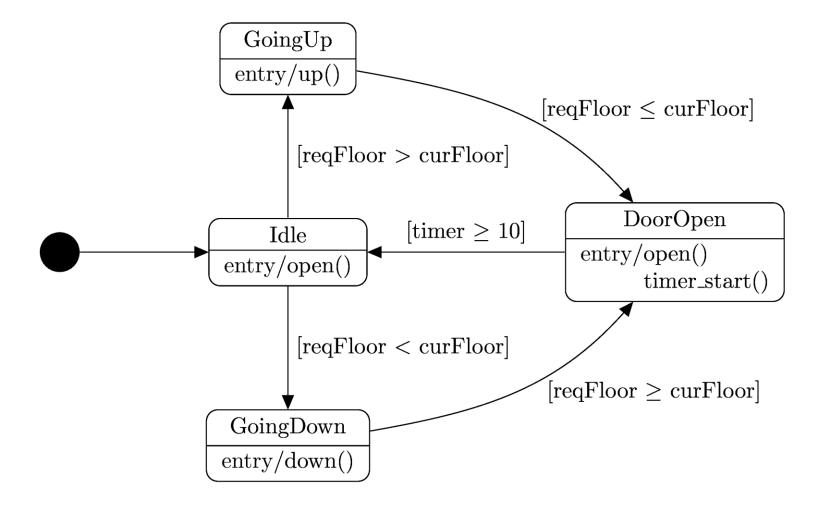


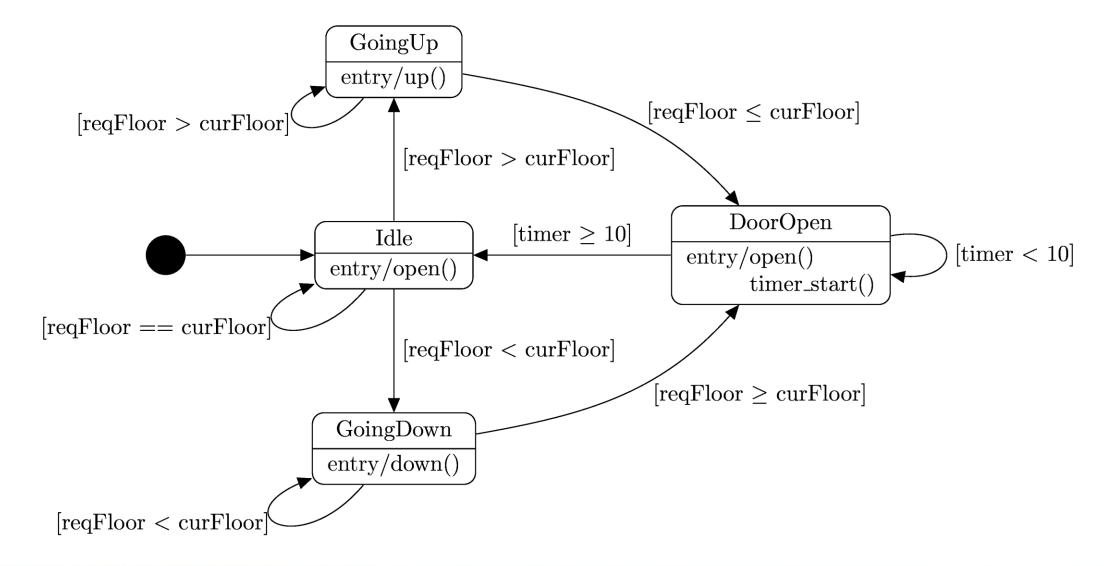
DoorOpen

GoingDown









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State Machine vs. Sequent. Program Model

- Different thought process used with each model
- State machine:
 - Encourages designer to think of all possible states and transitions among states based on all possible input conditions
- Sequential program model:
 - Designed to transform data through series of instructions that may be iterated and conditionally executed
- State machine description excels in many cases
 - More natural means of computing in many cases
 - **Not** only due to graphical representation (state diagram)
 - Would still have benefits if textual language used (i.e., state table)
 - Sequential program model could use graphical representation (i.e., flowchart)

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Moore- and Mealy-type FSMs

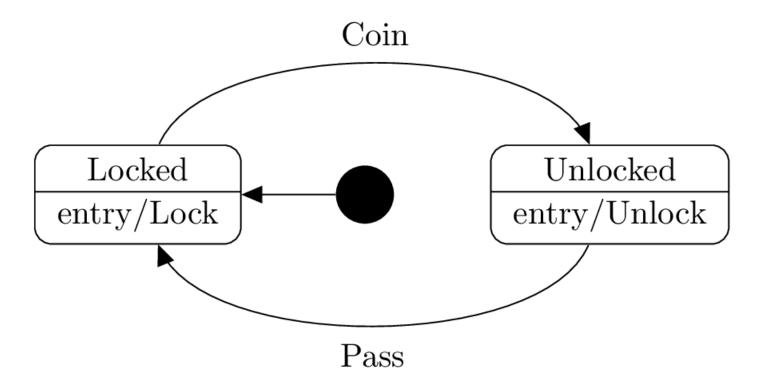


- Moore-type
 - Action performed when entering state
 - Associates actions with states only
 - A maps $S \rightarrow O$, (as given above)
- Mealy-type
 - Action performed depending on state and input
 - Associates actions with states and transitions
 - A maps $S \times I \rightarrow O$
 - A is no longer an entry action but a transition action



Subway Turnstile

Basic functionality as Moore-type

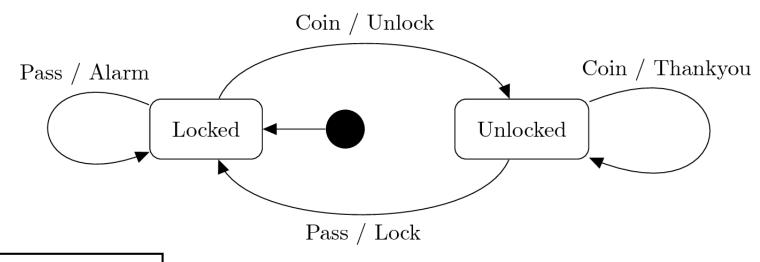


Example by R.C. Martin

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Subway Turnstile (Abnormal Conditions)

- Abnormal conditions: Turnstile is
 - in state Locked, but user passes through anyway
 - already unlocked and customer deposits another coin
- Mealy-type required



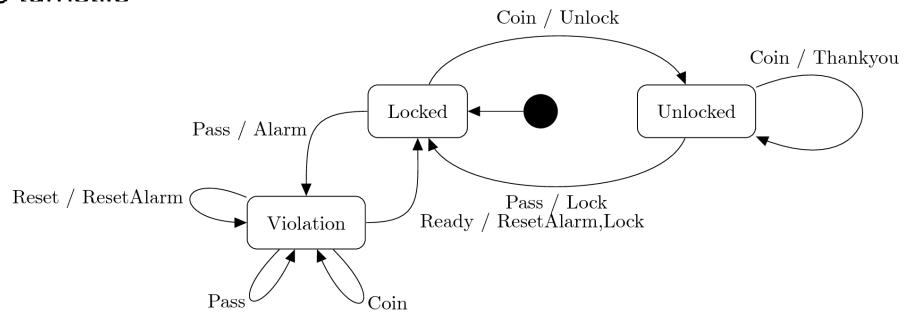
"Entry action" in state Locked depends on previous state and input! → Mealy type FSM

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Subway Turnstile (Violation State)

- Turnstile remains in state Violation until a repairman signals that turnstile is ready for service
- Only way out of Violation state is through Ready event
- Special event Reset that technician can use to turn alarm off while working on the turnstile



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Example: Edge-Detector

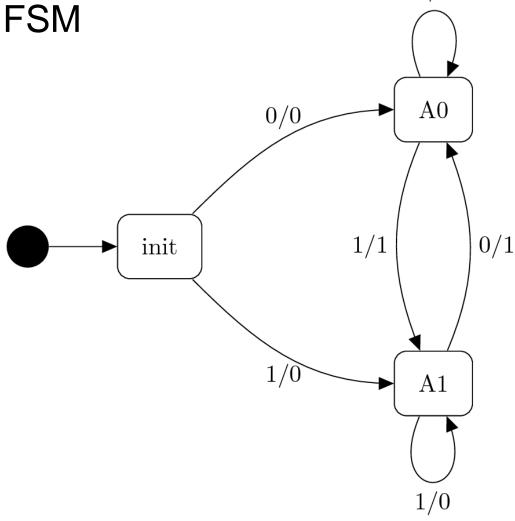
- Function of an edge detector is to detect transitions between two symbols 0 and 1 in an input sequence
- Output:
 - 0 as long as most recent input symbol equals previous one
 - However, when most recent one differs from previous one, output is 1
- Convention:
 - Edge detector always outputs 0 after reading very first symbol

0/0



Example: Edge-Detector

Solution: Mealy-type FSM

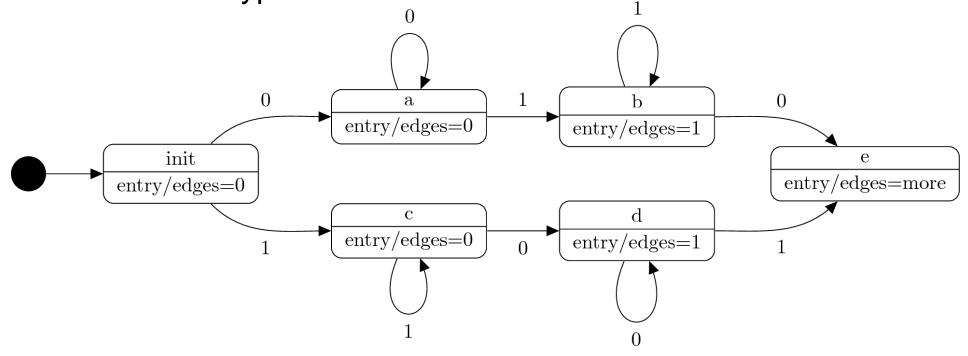




Example: Edge-Counter

- Extend Edge-Detector to a counter
 - Categorize input as to whether input so far contains 0, 1, or more than 1 edges (an edge is a 0-1, or a 1-0 transition)

Solution: Moore-type FSM



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Example: Real Edge-Counter

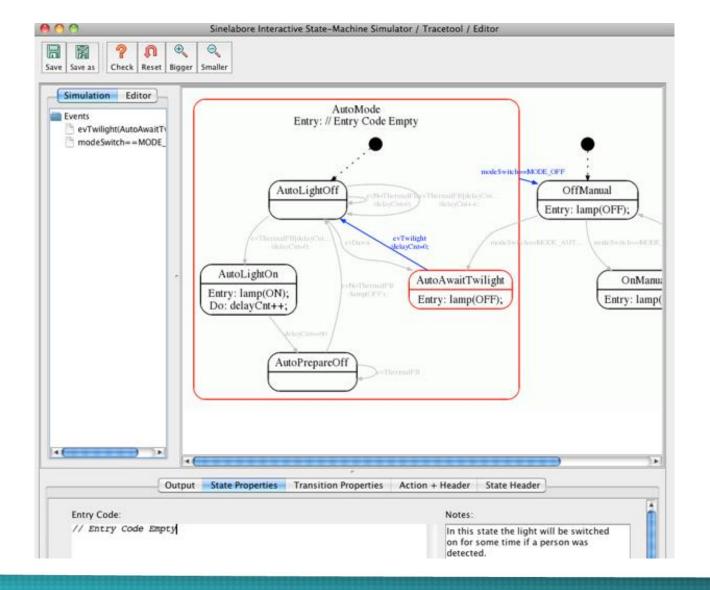


Implementing FSM

Implementing an FSM

- Despite benefits of FSMs, most popular development tools use sequential programming language
 - C, C++, Java, Ada, VHDL, Verilog, etc.
- Approaches to capture a FSM with sequential programming language
 - Front-end tool approach
 - Additional tool to support state machine language
 - Graphical and/or textual state machine languages
 - May support graphical simulation
 - Automatically generates code in sequential programming language
 - Direct implementation approach
 - Most common approach ...

Example: Graphical Tool



Source: http://www.sinelabore.com



FSM Switch Implementation

- Template to transform FSMs into equivalent sequential language programs
- Used with software (e.g.,C) and hardware languages (e.g.,VHDL)
- General procedure
 - Enumerate all states (enum)
 - Declare state variable initialized to initial state (e.g. IDLE)
 - Single switch statement branches to current state's case
 - Each case has actions
 - e.g. move, dir, open, timer_start
 - Each case checks transition conditions to determine next state using input variables
 - if (...) {state = ...;}

```
enum states {IDLE, GOINGUP, GOINGDN, DOOROPEN};
void UnitControl() {
   enum states state = IDLE;
   while (1) {
      switch (state) {
         case IDLE: move=NO; open=YES; timer start=0;
            if (reqFloor == curFloor) {state = IDLE;}
            if (regFloor > curFloor) {state = GOINGUP;}
            if (regFloor < curFloor) {state = GOINGDN;}</pre>
            break;
         case GOINGUP: dir=UP; open=NO; move=YES; timer start=0;
            if (regFloor > curFloor) { state = GOINGUP; }
            if (! (reqFloor > curFloor)) {state = DOOROPEN;}
            break;
         case GOINGDN: dir=DOWN; open=NO; move=YES; timer start=0;
            if (regFloor < curFloor)</pre>
                                          {state = GOINGDN;}
            if (! (reqFloor < curFloor)) {state = DOOROPEN;}</pre>
            break;
         case DOOROPEN: move=NO; open=YES; timer start=1;
            if (timer < 10) {state = DOOROPEN;}</pre>
            if (! (timer<10)) {state = IDLE;}
            break;
         default:
            assert (...);
```

UnitControl state machine in sequential programming language

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FSM Switch Implementation

```
enum states {S0, S1, ..., SN}
void StateMachine() {
  enum states state = S0; // or whatever is the initial state.
  while (1) {
    switch (state) {
    case S0:
      // Insert SO's entry actions here
      // Insert transitions T; leaving SO, can be implemented as switch statement
      // or encapsulated in function
      if(T_0's condition is true) {state = T_0's next state; /* transit. action */}
      if(T_1's condition is true) {state = T_1's next state; /* transit. action */}
      if(T_m's condition is true) {state = T_m's next state; /* transit. action */}
      break;
    case S1:
      // Insert S1's entry actions here
      // Insert transitions T; leaving S1
      break:
    case SN:
      // Insert SN's entry actions here
      // Insert transitions T; leaving SN
      break;
```

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FSM Switch Implementation

- Switch statement method
 - Simple
 - Requires enumerating states and events
 - Has a small (RAM) memory footprint
 - One scalar variable required
 - Does not promote code reuse
 - Event dispatching time is not constant
 - Increases with the number of cases (number of comparisons)
 - Implementation can be difficult to maintain against changes in the state machine

FSM Function Pointer Implementation

- Represents concept of "state" by a function pointer
- State is not enumerated it is a pointer to a state-handler function
- Event is basis to define more complex events
- Fsm stores current state in its attribute state
- Two "inlined" methods
 - fsm dispatch dispatches events to the state machine
 - fsm_init triggers the initial transition
- Each function takes pointer to structure (Fsm *) as first argument

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FSM Function Pointer Implementation

Code for Mealy-type FSM

```
/** fsm.h */
#ifndef FSM H
#define FSM H
typedef struct Event Event;
typedef struct Fsm Fsm;
/* a state is represented by a function pointer, called for
 * each transition emanating in this state */
typedef void (*State) (Fsm *, const Event *);
/* base type for state machine */
struct Fsm {
   State state; /* current state */
};
```

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FSM Function Pointer Implementation

```
/* base type for events*/
struct Event {
   int signal;
};
/* dispatches events to state machine, called in application*/
inline static void fsm dispatch(Fsm * fsm, const Event * event) {
   fsm->state(fsm, event);
/* sets and calls initial state of state machine */
inline static void fsm init(Fsm * fsm, State init) {
   fsm->state = init;
   fsm dispatch(fsm, NULL);
#endif /* FSM H */
```

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Example: Keyboard

- Console application
 - Driven from a keyboard with keys "^" and "6"
 - Emulate pressing and releasing shift, respectively
 - Pressing "." terminates test
- Essential elements
 - State machine initialization, and dispatching events
 - Explicit constructor call
- Note necessity of explicit casting (upcasting) to Fsm superstruct
 - C compiler doesn't know that Keyboard is related to (derived from) Fsm



Example: Keyboard

```
/** main.c */
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <ctype.h>
#include "fsm.h"
                                                        default
typedef struct {
                                       ANY_KEY / lower_case()
    Fsm super;
} KeyboardFsm;
typedef struct {
    Event super;
    char code;
} KeyboardEvent;
/* signals used by the keyboard FSM */
enum { SHIFT PRESSED SIG, SHIFT RELEASED SIG, ANY KEY SIG };
void keyboard init(Fsm * fsm, const Event * e);
void keyboard default(Fsm * fsm, const Event * e);
void keyboard shifted(Fsm * fsm, const Event * e);
```

SHIFT_PRESSED shifted SHIFT_RELEASED ANY_KEY / upper_case()

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```
void keyboard init(Fsm * fsm, const Event * e) {
  fsm->state = keyboard default;
  printf("init\n"); // debug info
void keyboard default(Fsm * fsm, const Event * e) {
  switch (e->signal) {
  case SHIFT PRESSED SIG:
   printf("default::SHIFT PRESSED\n"); // debug info
    fsm->state = keyboard shifted;
   break;
  case ANY KEY SIG:
   printf("default::ANY KEY (%c) \n", (char)
           tolower(((const KeyboardEvent *) e)->code));
   break;
```

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Example: Keyboard

```
void keyboard shifted(Fsm * fsm, const Event * e) {
  switch (e->signal) {
  case SHIFT RELEASED SIG:
    printf("shifted::SHIFT RELEASED\n"); // debug info
    fsm->state = keyboard default;
   break;
  case ANY KEY SIG:
    printf("shifted::ANY KEY (%c) \n", (char)
           toupper(((const KeyboardEvent *) e)->code));
   break;
```

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Example: Test Program

```
int main(void) {
 KeyboardFsm keyboard;
  fsm init((Fsm *) &keyboard, keyboard init);
 while (1) {
   KeyboardEvent e;
   e.code = getc(stdin);
    getc(stdin); // discard \n
    switch (e.code) {
    case '^': e.super.signal = SHIFT PRESSED SIG; break;
    case '6': e.super.signal = SHIFT RELEASED SIG; break;
   case '.': return 0;
   default: e.super.signal = ANY KEY SIG; break;
    fsm dispatch((Fsm *) & keyboard, (const Event *) &e);
  return 0;
```

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FSM State Table Implementation

- State tables containing arrays of transitions for each state
- Content of cells are transitions, represented as pairs
 - {action, next state}

Signals→

States→

	SIGNAL_1	SIGNAL_2	SIGNAL_3	SIGNAL_4
STATE_X				
STATE_Y				
STATE_Z	action1() STATE_X			
STATE_A				

Handling Bursts of Events

- Events are assumed to occur at a rate that allows for processing (i.e. no event is missed)
- Alternative
 - All events are stored in queue
 - State machine receives its events from queue
- Advantages
 - Events are not lost
 - Event order is preserved

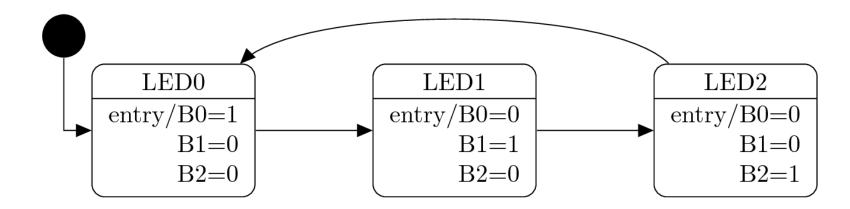


Synchronous FSM

Synchronous FSM

- Synchronous FSMs are time-triggered
- Transitions are performed at fixed period
- Example
 Light three LEDs connected to B0, B1, B2, one LED per second
 in sequence (LED appears to move)

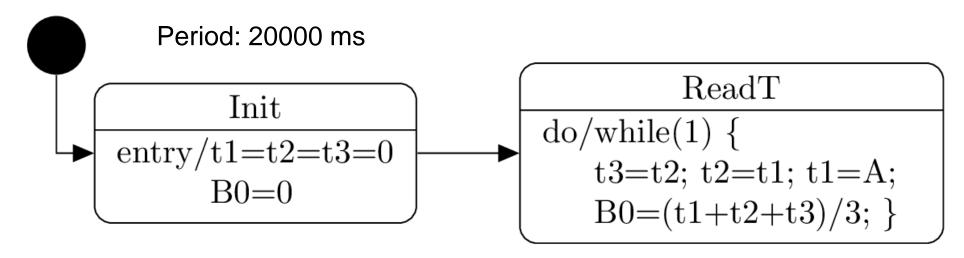
Period: 1000 ms





Example: Averaging Values

- Output average of last 3 temperature readings
- Read temperature every 20 s from input A
- Notation do/while(1): execute periodically as long as modeled element is in state

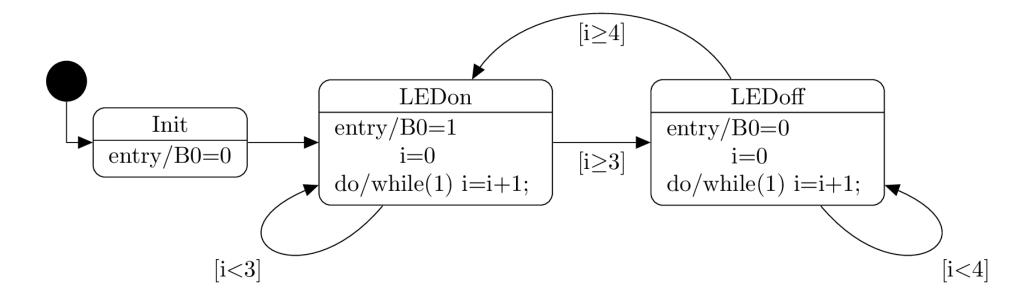


What to do if different periods are involved?

Example: Different Periods

A system should repeatedly blink an LED for 750 ms on and off for 1 second

Period: 250 ms



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Implementation of Synchronous FSM

- Use ISR in combination with timer component
- Example:

```
volatile uint8 t timerFlag;
void timerISR() {
   timerFlag = 1;
void main(void) {
   timerSet(250); // inits timer
   timerOn();  // starts timer
   while (1)
      ..... // switch statement goes here
      while (! timerFlag) { } // active waiting
      timerFlag = 0;
```

Alternative: Use scheduler!

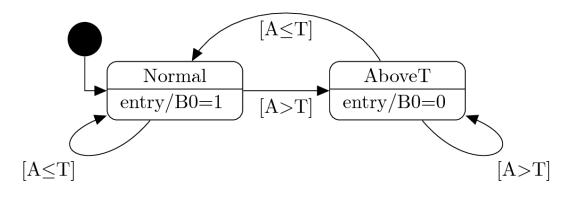
Exercise: A crosswalk system initially illuminates a don't walk symbol (B0=1). When a pedestrian presses button A0, the system illuminates a walk symbol (B1=1) for 6 s and then for 4 seconds the don't walk symbol blinks. Button presses of length 500 ms should be detected.



Example: Sampling

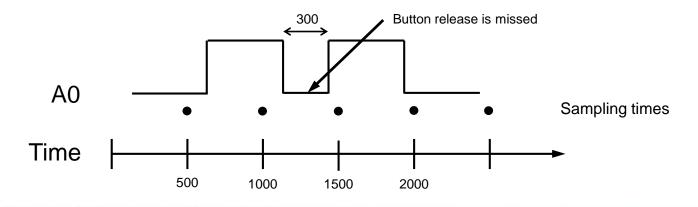
- Reading a sensor at specified period is called sampling
 - Period is called sampling rate
- Example: Audio System
 - System prevents an audio speaker from being damaged by disabling speaker (B0=0) if input level exceeds threshold T
 - Audio level is detected by an 8 Bit sensor connected to A
 - Speaker is damaged if A > T for more than 500 ms
 - Does this Synchronous FSM do the job?

Period: 500 ms



Sampling Rate

- Ideally, a system samples input as fast as possible
- If sampling rate is too high, instructions to carry out transitions may not finish, possibly resulting in erroneous execution
- Minimum event separation time (MEST):
 - smallest time between any two input events
- Period of FSM must be smaller then MEST



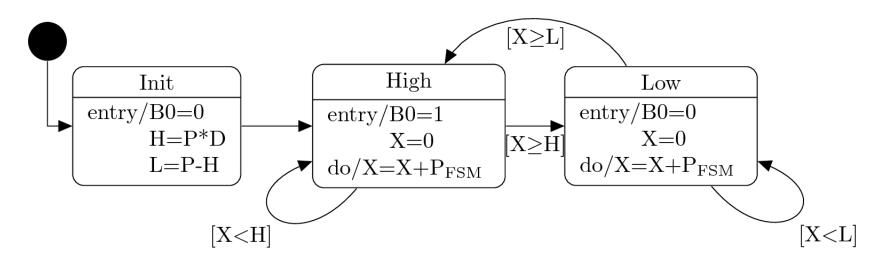
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Pulse Width Modulation

- Period P of PWM is multiple of 1 s
- Duty cycle D is multiple of 10 %
- Output: 1 or 0

Period P_{FSM} of FSM: 100 ms



Example: P = 2000 ms, $D = 0.2 \rightarrow H = 400 L = 1600$



HCFSM and Statecharts Language



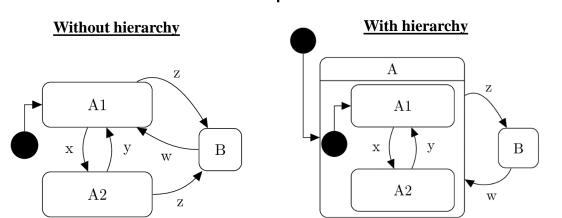
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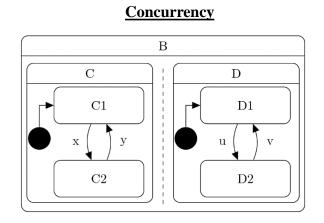
- Traditional FSMs are good for smaller problems
- But: Tendency to become unmanageable even for moderately involved systems
- Phenomenon "state explosion"
 - Complexity of a traditional FSM tends to grow much faster than complexity of reactive system it describes
 - Reason: FSM formalism inflicts repetitions
- Solution: HCFSM
 - Hierarchical/concurrent state machine model



HCFSM

- HCFSM: Extension to support hierarchy and concurrency
 - If a system is in a nested state (a substate), it also (implicitly) is in surrounding state (the superstate)
 - States can be decomposed into other state machines
 - With hierarchy has identical functionality as Without hierarchy, but has less transitions
 - Known as OR-decomposition
 - States can execute concurrently
 - Known as AND-decomposition



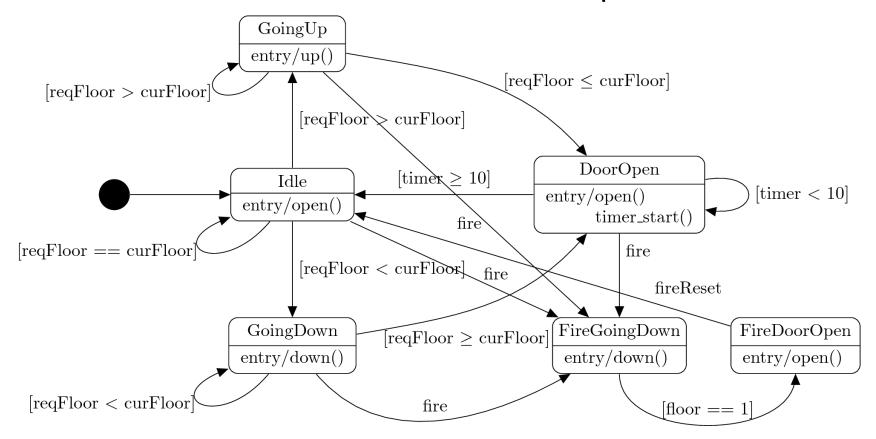




Example: UnitControl with FireMode

FireMode

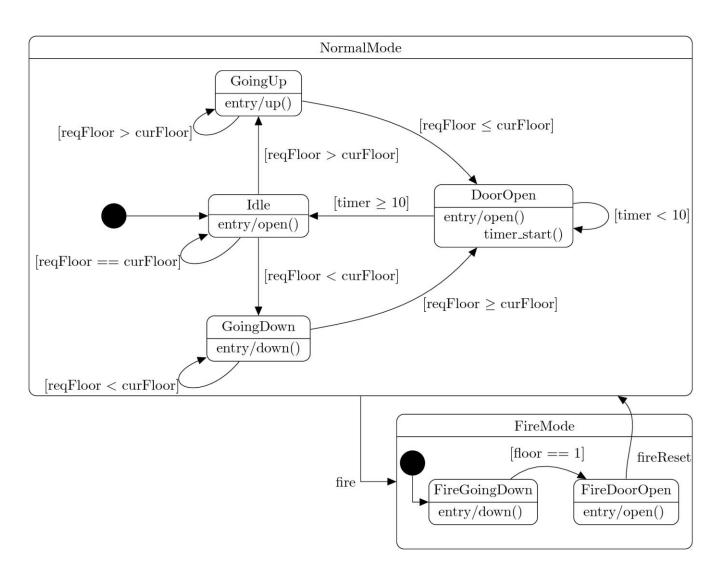
When *fire* is true, move elevator to 1st floor and open door



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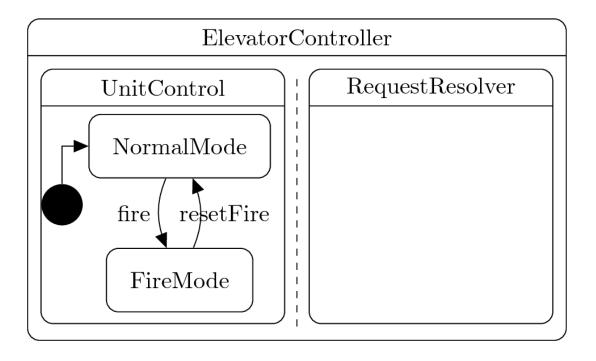
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FireMode with hierarchy



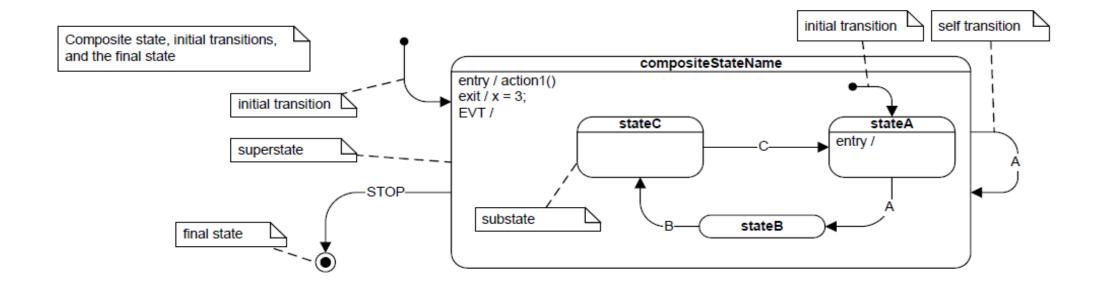
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FireMode with concurrent RequestResolver





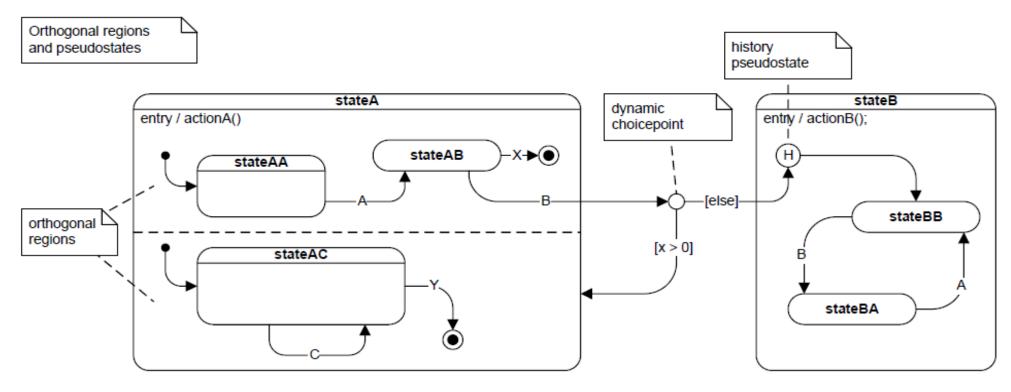
UML Notation for HCFSM



- Unified Modeling Language (UML)
 - Hierarchical states are called composite states
 - Self transitions
 - Notation for final state



UML Notation for HCFSM

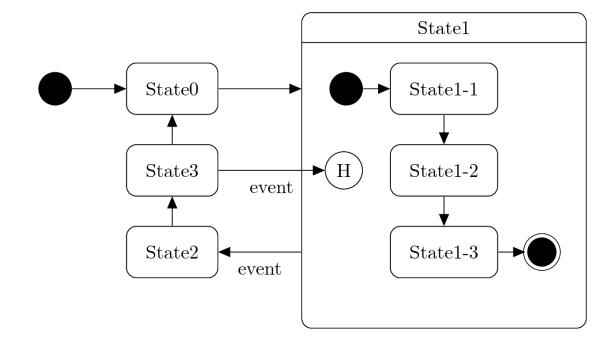


- Unified Modeling Language (UML)
 - Concurrent states are called orthogonal states
 - Dynamic choice points
 - History state
 - timeout: transition with time limit as condition.



History pseudo state (H)

- Last substate OR-decomposed state A was in before leaving A
- Return to saved substate of A when returning from other state instead of initial state



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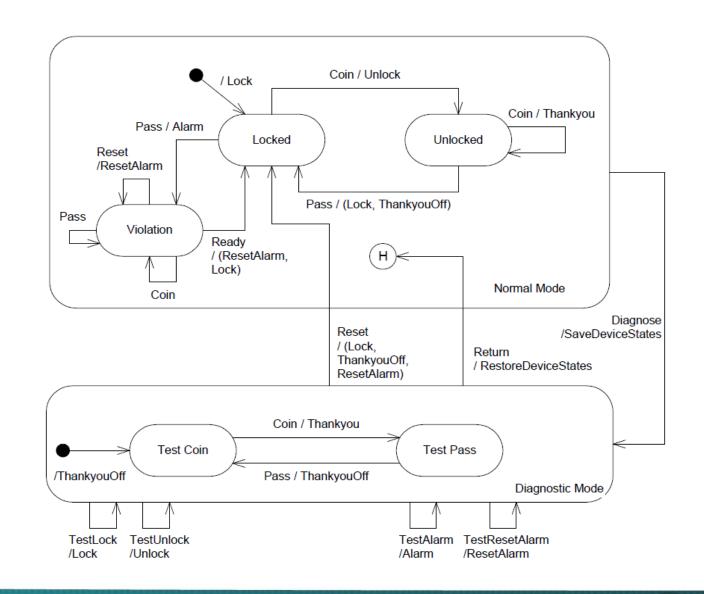


Subway Turnstile

Maintenance technicians want to put turnstile into a special maintenance mode so that they can check out its functions

History Pseudo State (H):

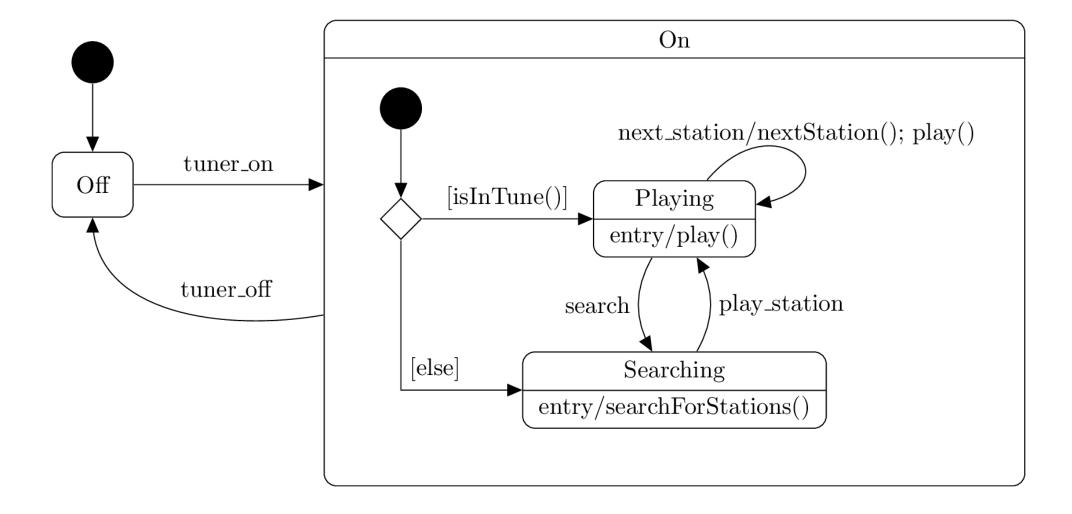
It indicates that the substate within Normal Mode to be entered is the substate within Normal Mode that was last exited



Example: Tuner

- Tuner can be in two states: Off or On
- If tuner is in state On, it is in one of the substates
 - Playing
 - Searching
- If tuner is in state *Playing*, it can be switched to
 - next station by sending event next_station, or to
 - state Searching
- If tuner is in state Searching it searches for stations and returns to state *Playing* when it receives event *play* station
- Upon entering state On operation isInTune() is called to decide if tuner must enter state *Playing* or *Searching*

Dynamic Choice Points

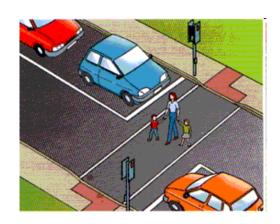


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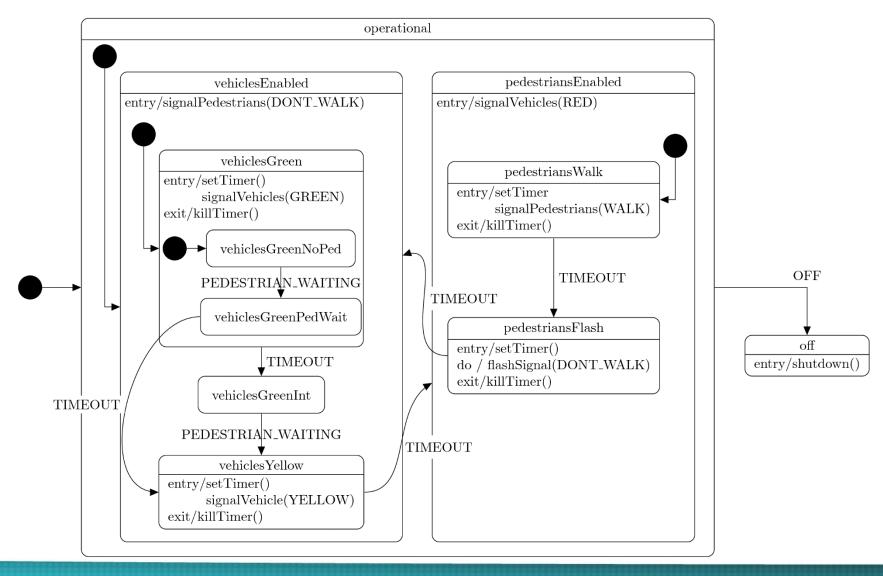
Example: Pelican Crossing

- Pelican crossing: Pedestrian crossing traffic lights with push buttons and two colored lamps for pedestrians
- PELICAN / PELICON: PEdestrian Light CONtrolled crossing
- Nominally, vehicles are enabled and pedestrians disabled
- To activate traffic light switch, a pedestrian must push a button (Event PEDESTRIAN_WAITING)
- In response, vehicles get yellow light
- After a few seconds, vehicles get a red light and pedestrians get a WALK signal, which after fixed time span changes to a flashing DON'T WALK signal
- When DON'T WALK signal stops flashing, vehicles get green light
- After this cycle, traffic lights don't respond to PEDESTRIAN_WAITING event immediately, although the button "remembers" that it has been pushed
 - Purpose: The traffic light controller always gives vehicles a specific duration of green light before repeating the cycle





Example: Pelican Crossing



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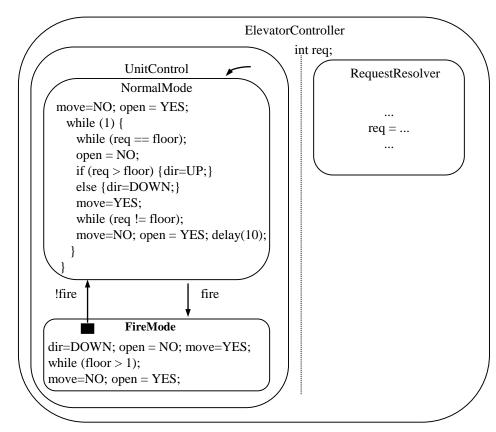


Program-State Machine (PSM) Model



Program-state Machine Model (PSM)

- Program-state's actions can be FSM or sequential program
- Stricter hierarchy than HCFSM
 - Transition between sibling states only, single entry
 - Program-state may "complete"
 - Reaches end of sequential program code, or
 - FSM transitions before end of code is reached
 - PSM has 2 types of transitions
 - Transition-immediately (TI): taken regardless of source program-state
 - Transition-on-completion (TOC): taken only if condition is true AND source program-state is complete
- SpecC: C-Extension to capture PSM model



- NormalMode and FireMode described as sequential programs
- Black square originating within *FireMode* indicates !fire is a TOC transition
 - Transition from FireMode to NormalMode only after FireMode completed



Advantages of FSMs

- Useful in all development phases
 - allow finding defects already in design phase
- Allow simulation of modeled behavior
 - Execution of a FSM in a simulator allows user to generate events and observe how FSM reacts
- Allow automatic code-generation
 - Reduces coding errors
- Robustness can be automatically checked on model level
 - State names must be unique
 - States must be connected by a sequence of transitions outgoing from an initial state
 - Initial states must be defined on every state hierarchy and must have exactly one outgoing transition
 - Final states must only have incoming transitions
- Test cases can be automatically derived



Summary



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- Computation models are distinct from languages
- Sequential program model is popular
 - Most common languages like C support it directly
- State machine models good for control
 - Extensions like HCFSM provide additional power
 - PSM combines state machines and sequential programs

Exercise I: Wrist Watch

- Design a FSM for a wrist-watch with the following behavior
 - The watch has a chronograph feature and is controlled by three buttons, A, B, and C
 - It has three display modes:
 - time of day
 - chronograph time (see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chronograph)
 - "split" time, a saved version of the chronograph time
 - Assume that in initial state, the watch displays time of day
 - If button C is pressed, it displays chronograph time
 - If C is pressed again, it returns to displaying time of day
 - When watch is displaying chronograph time or split time
 - Pressing *A* starts or stops the chronograph
 - Pressing B when chronograph is running causes chronograph time to be recorded as split time and displayed
 - Pressing B again switches to displaying chronograph
 - Pressing B when chronograph is stopped resets chronograph time to 0





Exercise II: Vending Machine

- A vending machine vends soft drinks that cost \$0.40
- Machine accepts coins in denominations of \$0.05, \$0.10, and \$0.25
- When sufficient coins have been deposited, the machine enables a drink to be selected and returns appropriate change
- Considering each coin deposit and the depression of the drink button to be inputs, construct a FSM
- The outputs will be signals to vend a drink and return coins in selected denominations
- Assume that once machine has received enough coins to vend a drink, but the vend button has still not been depressed, that any additional coins will just be returned

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