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# Abstract

Currently, networks of publicly available electric vehicle fast chargers communicate with servers using the Open Charge Point Protocol (OCPP). Ideally, the software running on these servers would be error free and never crash. Numerous software verification tools exist to prove desirable properties of the server software, such as functional correctness, the absence of race conditions, memory leaks, and certain runtime errors. I compare the different features of several verification tools, and use one of them to partially implement an OCPP server.

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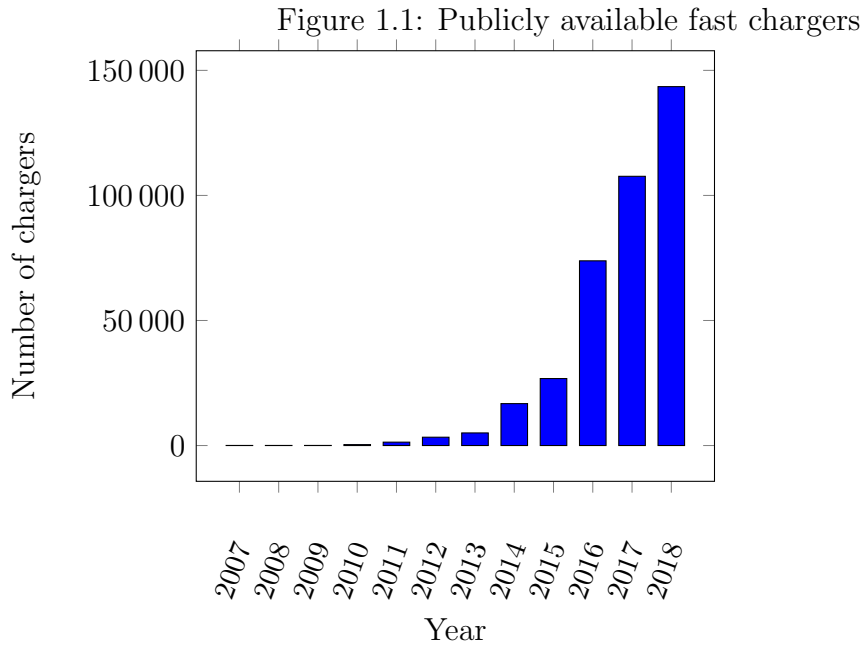
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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

The International Energy Agency [1] reports that the number of publicly available fast chargers ( $> 22\text{kW}$ ) increased from 107 650 in 2017 to 143 502 in 2018.



The Open Charge Alliance [69] reports that more than 10 000 charging stations<sup>1</sup> in over 50 countries are managed using the OCPP protocol.

In this paper I investigate and compare the features of several different software verification tools and choose one to partially implement an OCPP server. The tools include Dafny, KeY, OpenJML, SPARK 2014, Spec#, VCC, VeriFast, Viper, Whiley, and Why3.

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<sup>1</sup>Note that a “charging station” may consist of multiple fast chargers, thus the disparity between 143 502 “fast chargers” and “more than 10 000 charging stations”

The tools vary in what guarantees they provide. Desirable guarantees that I was interested in are:

- the absence of memory leaks
- the program should never access uninitialized memory (for example, should never read past the end of an array)
- the program should never crash or exit unexpectedly
- the tool should verify the absence of stack overflows, i.e. the program should be bounded in terms of memory (RAM) usage at runtime
- the program should verifiably meet its requirements. These requirements are typically in the form of preconditions and postconditions.
- the program should never exhibit undefined behaviour
- the program should constrain information flow, i.e. not leak sensitive information such as passwords
- The tool should be sound. Many of the tools claim to be sound “modulo bugs in the tool”, and have lengthy lists of known bugs. I wanted a tool that has no known unsound behaviour. ‘Soundness’ may be further broken down into the following levels.

Level 1: No false positives: The tool should not report that the software is correct when there are in fact errors. This is fundamental, there is not much point in using the tool if you can’t trust it.

Level 2: No false negatives: The tool should not report that the software is incorrect when it is in fact correct. This is desirable, but not as important as level 1, as the developer’s attention is drawn to the issue prior to the software being released.



# Chapter 2

## Literature review / prior art

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Background (20%): Background material for the thesis should likely include reviews, analyses and discussions of the literature in the area of the thesis and about methods applicable to achieving the thesis goals. This background should not only help the reader understand the rest of the document, but should illustrate to the reader a clear mastery of the material in the topic area and an ability to synthesize and abstract knowledge from other sources.

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Numerous software verification tools were considered for use in implementing the OCPP server. These tools include Dafny, KeY, OpenJML, SPARK 2014, Spec#, VCC, Verifast, Viper, Whiley, and Why3. SPARK 2014 was found to best fulfill the criteria [1](#).

### 2.1 Dafny

#### 2.1.1 Home Page

<https://rise4fun.com/Dafny>

#### 2.1.2 Features

Dafny is both a language and a verifier [\[62\]](#). Dafny supports feature verification via preconditions, postconditions, loop invariants and loop variants. It uses the ‘Boogie’

intermediate language and the Z3 theorem prover. The Dafny compiler produces executable files for the .NET platform [64].

### **2.1.3 Soundness**

Dafny is designed to be sound but incomplete, and is known to report errors on correct programs [65].

### **2.1.4 Supported Platforms**

Windows, Linux, OSX host, for a .NET target platform.

### **2.1.5 License Information**

MIT.

### **2.1.6 Evidence of successful use in commercial software development**

Internet searches failed to find any evidence of Dafny being used in commercial software development.

### **2.1.7 Existing Libraries**

There is a ‘mathematics’ library for Dafny.

### **2.1.8 Multithreaded Application Support**

Internet searches failed to find evidence of multithreaded application support.

### **2.1.9 Supported Languages**

Dafny.

## **2.2 KeY**

### **2.2.1 Home Page**

<https://www.key-project.org/>

### **2.2.2 Features**

KeY offers functional verification for Java programs. The specifications are written as comments in JML in the Java source code. KeY is built on a formal logic called ‘Java Card DL’, which is itself a first-order dynamic logic, and an extension of Hoare logic. It is targeted at JavaCard programs.

### **2.2.3 Soundness**

KeY is thought to be sound. Internet searches failed to find examples of unsoundness.

### **2.2.4 Supported Platforms**

Windows, Linux, and OSX hosts, for a JVM target.

### **2.2.5 License Information**

GPL.

### **2.2.6 Evidence of successful use in commercial software development**

Internet searches failed to find any evidence of KeY being used in commercial software development.

### **2.2.7 Existing Libraries**

There are extensive libraries available for Java programs.

### **2.2.8 Multithreaded Application Support**

No.

### **2.2.9 Supported Languages**

Java.

## **2.3 OpenJML**

### **2.3.1 Home Page**

<http://www.openjml.org/>

### **2.3.2 Features**

OpenJML is a suite of tools for verifying Java programs that are annotated with JML statements. It is based on OpenJDKv1.8. It detects illegal memory access at compile time. It verifies preconditions and postconditions. It arguably guarantees the absence of undefined behaviour for single threaded applications. It does not constrain information flow.

### **2.3.3 Soundness**

Yes

### **2.3.4 Supported Platforms**

Windows, Linux, OSX.

### **2.3.5 License Information**

GPLv2.

### **2.3.6 Evidence of successful use in commercial software development**

Internet searches failed to find any evidence of OpenJML being used in commercial software development.

### **2.3.7 Existing Libraries**

There are extensive libraries available for Java programs.

### **2.3.8 Multithreaded Application Support**

No.

### **2.3.9 Supported Languages**

Java (only OpenJDK v1.8, may become unsupported in December 2020)

## 2.4 SPARK 2014

SPARK 2014 is both a formally defined programming language and a set of verification tools. In typical use, a programmer writes SPARK code, which is compiled by the GNAT compiler, then analyzed by the GNATprove tool to produce numerous verification conditions.

GNATprove uses Alt-Ergo (OCamlPro, 2014), CVC4 (NYU, 2014), YICES (Dutertre, 2014) and Z3 (Bjorner, 2012) to prove the verification conditions.

### Features

Formally verifies:

- information flow
- freedom from runtime errors
- functional correctness

### Safety Standards

SPARK 2014 satisfies:

- DO-178B/C
- Formal Methods supplement DO-333
- CENELEC 51028
- IEC 61508
- DEFSTAN 00-56

### Soundness

SPARK is thought to be sound. Internet searches failed to find examples of unsoundness.

### Supported Platforms

Windows, Linux, OSX.

### License Information

Dual license:

SPARK GPL is available for free from <http://libre.adacore.com> under the GPL.

SPARK PRO is available under a commercial license from <http://www.adacore.com>.

## Evidence of successful use in commercial software development

There is abundant evidence of the successful use of SPARK in high integrity software development. See: [31], [28], [29], [2], [8], [23], [39], [5], [38], [17], [4], [10], [44], [25], [32], [37], [34], [22], [21], [19], [35], [36], [43], [24], [12], [33], [20], [14], [40], [26], [27], [42], [9], [46], [30], [7], [11], [47], [13], [6], [16], [15], [45], [18], [3].

Of particular relevance is the experience of the CubeSat Laboratory at Vermont Technical College[41]. Cubesats are small cubes launched into space with various sensors onboard, in this case without post-launch software update capabilities. This means the software must be fault free at the time of launch. The students (mostly third and fourth year undergraduates, with no prior knowledge of SPARK or Ada, and a high turnover rate) proved the software to be free of runtime errors. 14 Cubesats were launched in November 2013. Most were never heard from again, but the SPARK Cubesat worked for 2 years until it reentered Earth's atmosphere as planned in November 2015.

## Existing Libraries

SPARK has a minimal container library. SPARK interfaces easily with Ada, which has an extensive standard library.

## Multithreaded Application Support

Unsupported.

## Supported Languages

SPARK 2104 supports a subset of Ada 2012.

See [63, p.18]

“The following Ada 2012 features are not currently supported by Spark:

Aliasing of names; no object may be referenced by multiple names

Pointers (access types) and dynamic memory allocation

Goto statements

Expressions or functions with side effects

Exception handlers

Controlled types; types that provide fine control of object creation, assignment, and destruction

Tasking/multithreading (will be included in future releases)

## 2.5 Spec#

### 2.5.1 Home Page

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/project/spec/>

### 2.5.2 Features

Spec# consists of the Spec# programming language, the Spec# compiler, and the Spec# static program verifier. The programming language is an extension of C#, adding non-null types, checked exceptions, preconditions, postconditions, and object invariants [66]. It uses Boogie for verification.

### 2.5.3 Soundness

Spec# claims to be sound[50].

### 2.5.4 Supported Platforms

Windows host platform, .NET target platform.

### 2.5.5 License Information

Internet searches failed to find Spec# license information.

### 2.5.6 Evidence of successful use in commercial software development

Internet searches failed to find evidence of Spec# being used in commercial software development.

### 2.5.7 Existing Libraries

Internet searches failed to find Spec# libraries. However, Spec# offers interoperability with the .NET platform, which has an extensive standard library, although the soundness of this library is not guaranteed.

### 2.5.8 Multithreaded Application Support

Yes[66].

## 2.5.9 Supported Languages

Spec#.

## 2.6 VCC

### 2.6.1 Home Page

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/project/vcc-a-verifier-for-concurrent-c/>

### 2.6.2 Features

VCC verifies preconditions and postconditions written in the form of special comments in the source code. It detects data races in multithreaded applications and illegal memory access at compile time. It does not guarantee the absence of undefined behaviour.

### 2.6.3 Soundness

Yes

### 2.6.4 Supported Platforms

Windows

### 2.6.5 License Information

MIT [68]

### 2.6.6 Evidence of successful use in commercial software development

VCC has been used successfully in at least one major commercial project, the verification of the Microsoft Hypervisor, the virtualization kernel of Hyper-V [53].

### 2.6.7 Existing Libraries

Internet searches failed to find libraries verified with VCC. However, applications written with VCC can link against unverified libraries, effectively giving access to extensive library support.



## 2.6.8 Multithreaded Application Support

Yes

## 2.6.9 Supported Languages

C

# 2.7 Verifast

## 2.7.1 Home Page

<https://github.com/verifast/verifast>

## 2.7.2 Features

Verifast verifies preconditions, and postconditions in the form of special comments in the source code. It detects race conditions in multithreaded applications. It does not guarantee the absence of undefined behaviour, or verify the absence of stack overflows.

## 2.7.3 Soundness

No, see <https://github.com/verifast/verifast/blob/master/soundness.md>

## 2.7.4 Supported Platforms

Windows, Linux, OSX.

## 2.7.5 License Information

MIT [61].

## 2.7.6 Evidence of successful use in commercial software development

There is evidence of some use in industrial applications[77].

### 2.7.7 Existing Libraries

Internet searches failed to find libraries verified by / written with VeriFast annotations. However, applications written with VeriFast can link against unverified libraries, effectively gaining access to extensive library support.

### 2.7.8 Multithreaded Application Support

Yes.

### 2.7.9 Supported Languages

C, Java

## 2.8 Viper

### 2.8.1 Home Page

<https://www.pm.inf.ethz.ch/research/viper.html>

### 2.8.2 Features

Viper consists of the Viper intermediate verification language, automatic verifiers, and example front end tools [57]. It is more of a tool for creating other verification tools than a tool for verifying software. In practice, a developer would write code in Python and use the ‘Nagini’ front end (based on Viper) to verify the code [55]. A corresponding front end for Rust exists, ‘Prusti’ [49].

### 2.8.3 Soundness

Yes.

### 2.8.4 Supported Platforms

Windows, MacOS, Linux[60].

### 2.8.5 License Information

<https://bitbucket.org/viperproject/carbon/src/default/LICENSE.txt> Mozilla Public License Version 2.0[56]

### 2.8.6 Evidence of successful use in commercial software development

Internet searches failed to find evidence of Viper being used in commercial software development.

### 2.8.7 Existing Libraries

Internet searches failed to find libraries verified by Viper front ends. However, applications written with these front ends can link against unverified libraries, effectively gaining access to extensive library support.

### 2.8.8 Multithreaded Application Support

Yes.

### 2.8.9 Supported Languages

Python, Rust, Java, OpenCL, Chalice.

## 2.9 Whiley

### 2.9.1 Home Page

<http://whiley.org/>

### 2.9.2 Features

Whiley consists of the Whiley language, the Whiley Build System, the Whiley Compiler, the Whiley Intermediate Language, the Whiley-2-Java Compiler, the Whiley-2-C Compiler, and the Whiley Constraint Solver[76].

Whiley uses a variant of first-order logic called the Whiley Assertion Language for verification.

In typical use, a developer will write source code in Whiley, build with the Whiley Build system, and execute the resulting Java class file on the JVM.

### 2.9.3 Soundness

Internet searches did not find evidence to say that Whiley is unsound.

## 2.9.4 Supported Platforms

JVM.

## 2.9.5 License Information

BSD.

## 2.9.6 Evidence of successful use in commercial software development

Internet searches failed to find evidence of Whiley being used in commercial software development.

## 2.9.7 Existing Libraries

Internet searches failed to find libraries verified by Whiley. However, applications written with Whiley can link against unverified Java functions, effectively gaining access to extensive library support.

## 2.9.8 Multithreaded Application Support

No.

## 2.9.9 Supported Languages

Whiley. The Whiley-2-Java Compiler (WyJC) can convert verified Whiley programs into JVM class files. Whiley can import Java functions, and export Whiley functions for use in Java programs.

# 2.10 Why3

## 2.10.1 Home Page

<http://why3.lri.fr/>

## 2.10.2 Features

The Why3 deductive program verification platform includes the WhyML language, a standard library of logical theories, and basic programming data structures[83].

In typical use, a developer will write software in WhyML, and get correct-by-construction OCaml programs through an automated extraction mechanism. It verifies preconditions and postconditions.

WhyML is also used by numerous popular verification tools (FramaC, SPARK2014, Krakatoa) as an intermediate language for verification of C, Java and Ada programs.

### **2.10.3 Soundness**

Yes.

### **2.10.4 Supported Platforms**

Windows, Linux, OSX. Why3 is distributed as a Debian package and as an OPAM package.

### **2.10.5 License Information**

GNU LGPL 2.1.

### **2.10.6 Evidence of successful use in commercial software development**

Internet searches failed to find evidence of WhyML being used in commercial software development. However, there are countless cases of commercial software development using WhyML as an intermediate language, as it is used by FramaC, SPARK, and others.

### **2.10.7 Existing Libraries**

Why3 comes with a standard library of logical theories and basic programming data structures.

### **2.10.8 Multithreaded Application Support**

No.

### **2.10.9 Supported Languages**

WhyML.

## 2.11 Conclusion of Review of Background and Associated Work

Based on the properties of the verification tools available, it has been decided to use SPARK 2014 for the implementation and verification of the OCPP server. It has wide use in industry, which gives me confidence that it is a practical choice. It verifies all of the properties that are important to me, and has good library support.

You will need to review previous work in the field, which may include books and papers (“literature”), patents and commercial products (“prior art”), and earlier work in your Department. This information is usually (but not always) collected in a single chapter, whose title should preferably be more specific and interesting than the one above.

## 2.12 Summary of Verification Tool Features

Features								
Tool	No memory leaks	Never accesses uninitialized memory	Never crashes / exits unexpectedly	Bounded RAM	Never hang	Prove correct	No undefined	No data leak
Dafny	2.12	2.12	A.1		2.12		2.12	A.1
JML	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
KeY	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
SPARK	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Spec #	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Verifast	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
VCC	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Viper	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Whiley	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Why3	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?

Internet searches failed to find evidence that this is supported.

## Chapter 3

# OCPP Server Implementation

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This may be one chapter or several. Again, titles should be more informative than the above.

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### 3.1 OCPP Overview

An OCPP server acts as a websocket server. There may be many individual charging stations, which act as websocket clients. The clients establish a websocket connection with the server, and once this is complete, JSON formatted packets are exchanged between the client and the server.

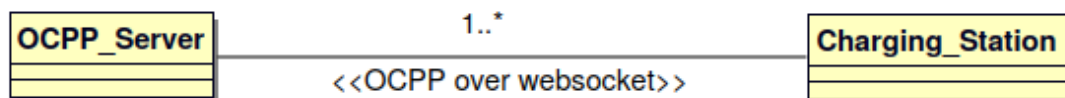


Figure 3.1: OCPP overview.

## 3.2 Minimal OCPP implementation

The OCPP protocol supports many use cases which are not required for a basic implementation. The following table [70] shows a minimal subset of OCPP messages required to support basic functionality.

Table 3.1: Use cases for a basic implementation

Functionality	Use Case	Messages	Complete
Booting a charge station	B01 - B04	BootNotification	
Configuring a charge station	B05-B07	SetVariables, GetVariables, GetReportBase	
Resetting a charge station	B11-B12	Reset	
Authorization Options	One of C01, C02, C04	Authorize	
Transaction Mechanism	E01 (one of S1-S6), E02-E03, E05, E06 (one of S1-S6), E07-E08, One of E09-E10, E11-E13	TransactionEvent	
Availability	G01, G03-G04	ChangeAvailability, StatusNotification	
Monitoring Events	G05, N07	NotifyEvent	
Meter Values	J02	TransactionEvent	
Data Transfer	P01-P02	DataTransfer	

### 3.2.1 Boot Notification

Whenever a charger is powered on in the field, it establishes a websocket connection with the server, and sends a ‘BootNotificationRequest’ packet to announce itself. A high level view of a typical boot notification sequence is given in Figure 3.2.1.



The ‘BootNotificationRequest’ packet contains information describing the charger. If the server recognises the charger, it returns a ‘BootNotificationResponse’ message with a status of ‘Accepted’. The contents of these packets is described in figure 3.2.1.

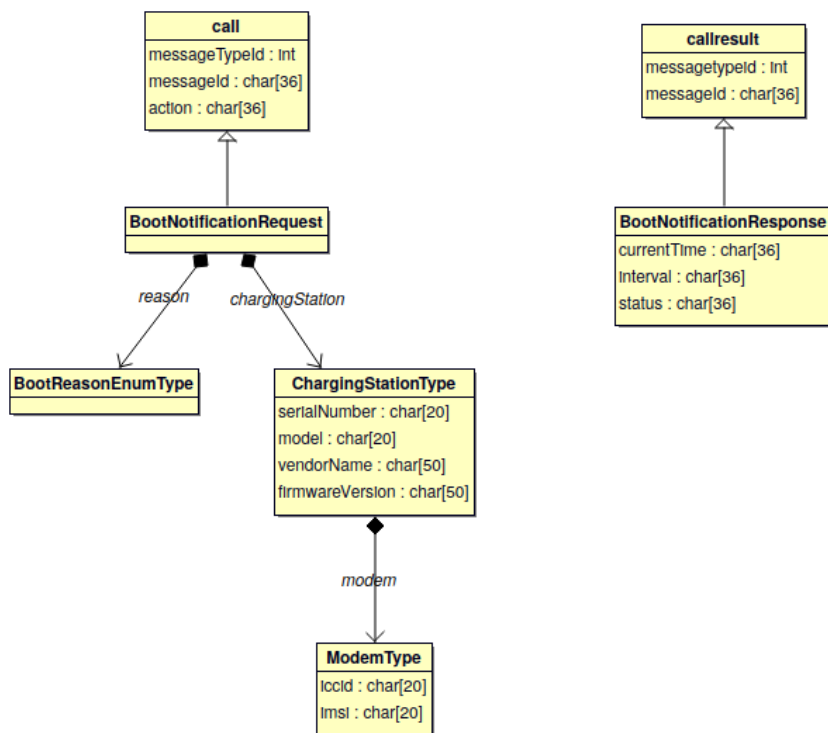


Figure 3.2: ‘Boot Notification’ class diagram.

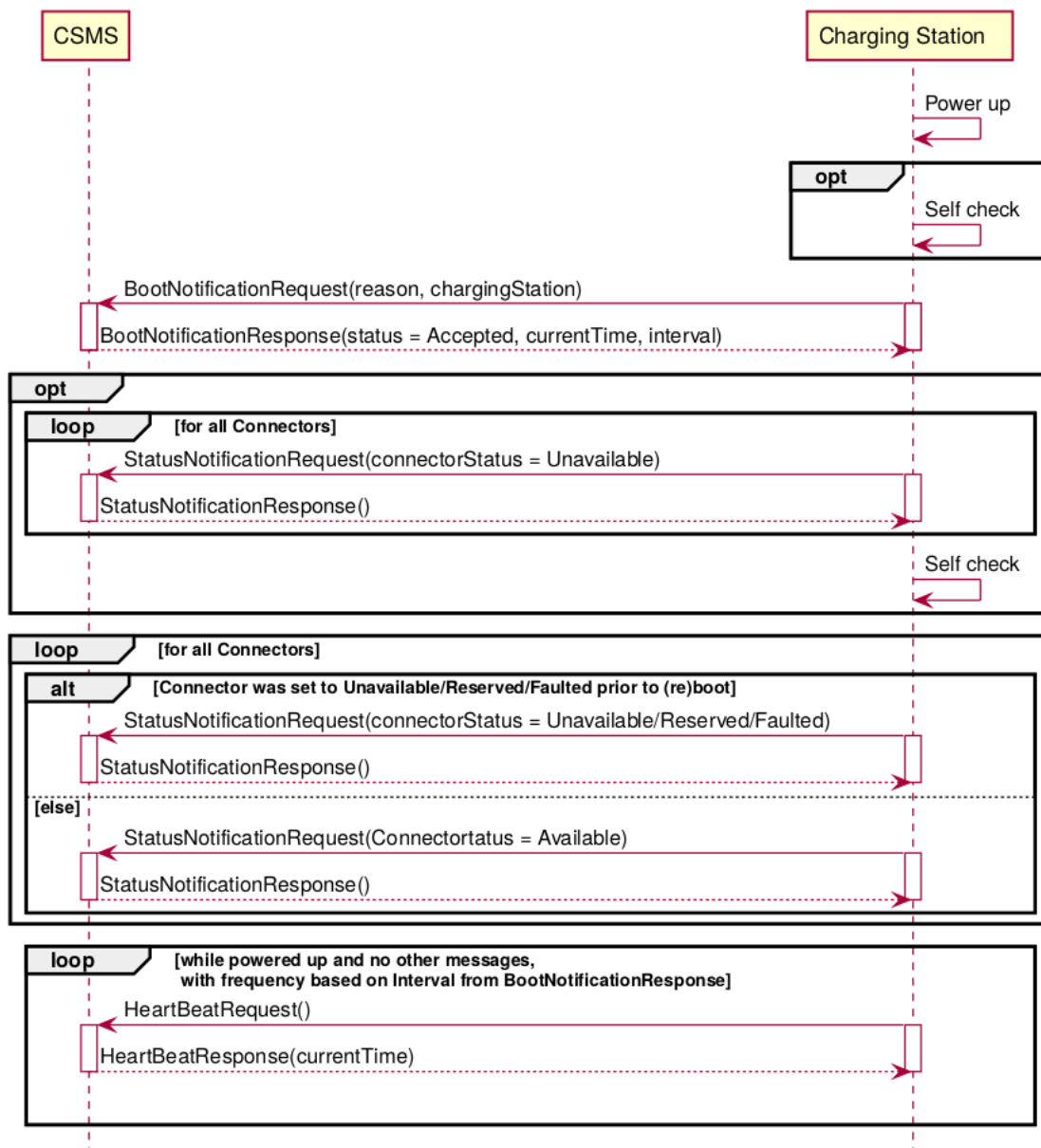


Figure 3.3: Cold Booting a Charging Station [73].

## Implementation

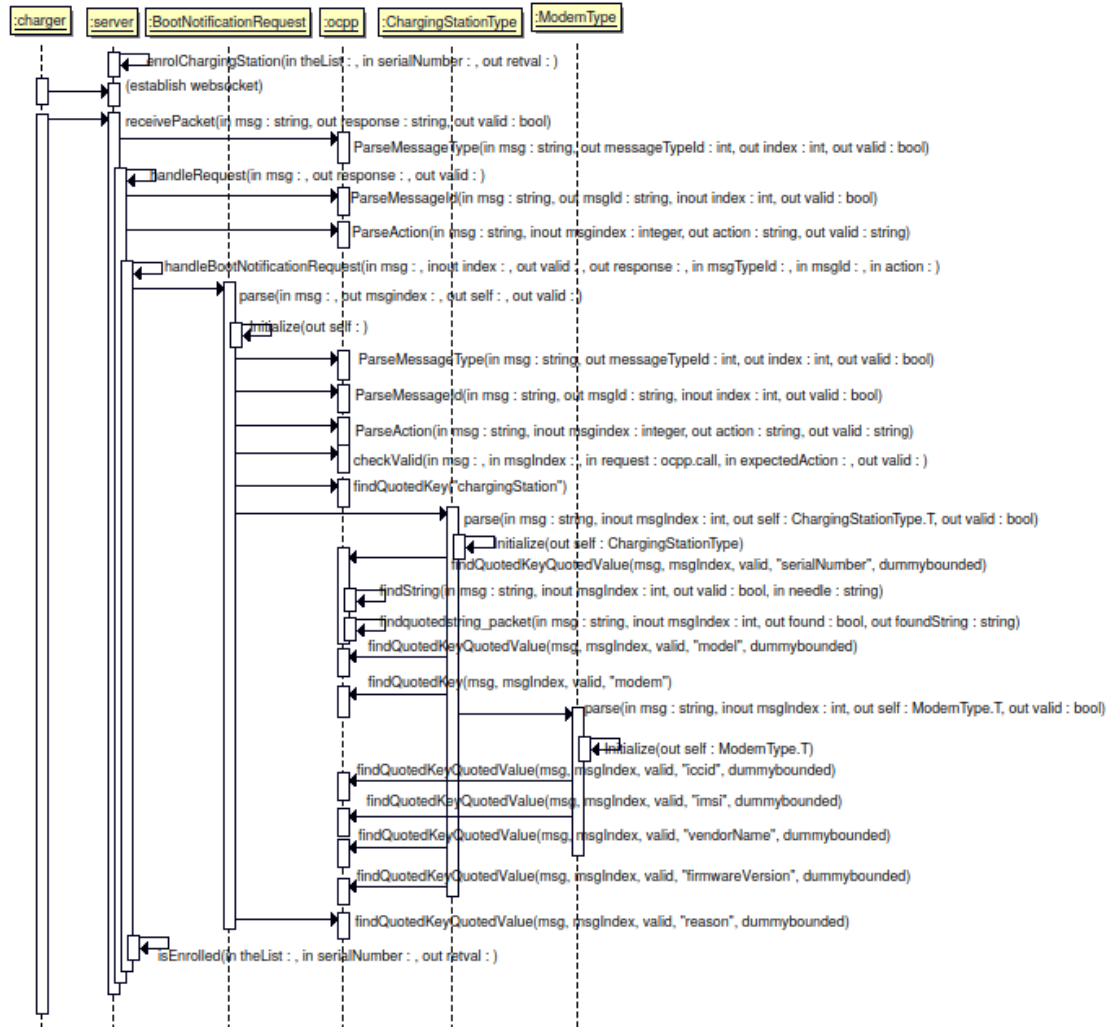


Figure 3.4: Cold Booting a Charging Station [73].

# Chapter 4

## Results and discussion . . .

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In any case, you will probably need to include tabulated results. Table ?? illustrates the use of various L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X environments to include a computer printout (plain text file) in a document. The `verbatim` environment, which encloses the formatted text, is also useful for program listings.

# Chapter 5

## Conclusions

### 5.1 Summary and conclusions

### 5.2 Possible future work

#### 5.2.1 Websocket Implmentation



# Appendix A

## Dummy appendix

### A.1 Dafny

<https://github.com/dafny-lang/dafny/issues/532>

Simulated type set crashes at run-time \#532

An attempt to do a dynamic type test causes a crash when the compiled program is

Repro: Here is the output on the program below:

```
\$ dafny /compile:3 test.dfy
```

```
Dafny 2.3.0.10506
```

```
test.dfy(17,19): Warning: /\ No terms found to trigger on.
```

```
Dafny program verifier finished with 2 verified, 0 errors
```

```
Running...
```

```
t.x=5 The given Tr is a C, and c.y=6
```

```
t.x=100 Error: Execution resulted in exception: Exception has been thrown by the
```

```
System.InvalidCastException: Specified cast is not valid.
```

```
% at _module.__default+<M>c__AnonStorey0.<>m__0 () [0x00023] in <73b9bd36ee6e47f
```

```
% at _module.__default.M (_module.Tr t) [0x0003b] in <73b9bd36ee6e47fba3617ec618
```

```
% at _module.__default.Main () [0x00058] in <73b9bd36ee6e47fba3617ec618048be5>:0
```

```
% at (wrapper managed-to-native) System.Reflection.MonoMethod.InternalInvoke(Sys
```

```
at System.Reflection.MonoMethod.Invoke (System.Object obj, System.Reflection.Bi
```

And here is the program:

```
trait Tr {
  var x: int
}

class C extends Tr {
  var y: int
}

class D extends Tr {
  var z: int
}

method M(t: Tr)
  modifies t
{
  print "t.x=", t.x, " ";
  var s: set<C> := set c: C | c == t; // this line crashes for the call M(d)
  if s == {} {
%    print "The given Tr is not a C\n";
  } else {
    var c :| c in s;
%    print "The given Tr is a C, and c.y=", c.y, "\n";
    c.y := c.y + 10;
  }
}

method Main() {
  var c := new C;
  var d := new D;
  c.x, c.y := 5, 6;
  d.x, d.z := 100, 102;

  M(c);
  M(d);
  M(c);
}
```



<https://gitter.im/dafny-lang/community?at=5d90c402086a72719e848f24>

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We use reference counting via `shared_ptr` Which means it is possible to create men

Appendices are useful for supplying necessary details or explanations which do not seem to fit into the main text, perhaps because they are too long and would distract the reader from the central argument. Appendices are also used for program listings.

Notice that appendices are “numbered” with capital letters, not numerals. When the `\appendix` command in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X [?, p. 175] is used with the `book` document class, it causes subsequent chapters to be treated as appendices.

# Appendix B

## Program listings

### B.1 First program

Some initial explanatory notes may precede the listing.

### B.2 Second program

### B.3 Etc.

# Appendix C

## Companion disk

See <https://github.com/DanielMcInnes/thesis.git> .



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als and papers. It was useful when evaluating the different verification tools available, particularly the list of known bugs in the tool.

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In this article Vogels *et al.* discuss VeriFast, a tool for modular verification of safety and correctness properties of single threaded and multithreaded C and Java programs. The authors present a formal definition and soundness proof of a core subset of the VeriFast program verification approach. The article provides a detailed description of what VeriFast does and how it works, then introduces a simplified version of Verifast, “Featherweight Verifast”, as well as another variant called “Mechanised Featherweight Verifast”. The article is useful mainly for its description of what guarantees VeriFast provides. Surprisingly, these features are not obvious from the VeriFast website <https://github.com/verifast/verifast> or from internet searches. The main limitation of the article is that it focuses on a subset of VeriFast. The authors list future work to be done to create formal definitions and proofs for those features of VeriFast that are not included in Featherweight Verifast. This article provides useful supplementary information for comparing different software verification tools.

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