Improvements to OCL Implementation within the Monti-Core workbench

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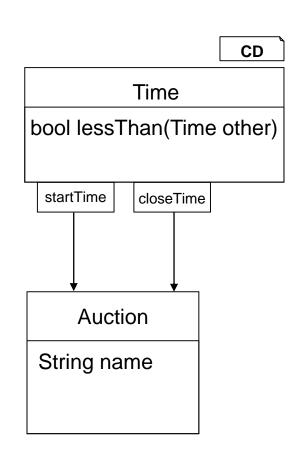
Introduction to OCL

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- Object Constraint Language (OCL)
- Part of UML
- Define invariants on runtime objects
- Uses information of classdiagrams

context Auction a inv:
a.startTime.lessThan(a.closeTime)

 Formulated on class-level, semantics applied on object-level



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Outline

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1. Improvements: Grammar

2. Improvements: Types in OCL

3. Online Tool

Improvements: Grammar

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 - MontiCore language workbench
 - For Domain Specific Languages (DSLs)
 - Generate from Grammar (Parser, AST, Symboltable, Tools)

```
grammar

grammar OCL {
    CompilationUnit =
        ("package" package:(Name || ".")+ ";")?
        (ImportStatement)*
        OCLFile;
        // ...
}
```

```
package example.ocl;
import example.cd.Auction;

ocl myOCLDefs{
// ...
}
```

- Minor Improvements:
 - Don't parse empty strings
 - Fix disparities to specification

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Improvements: Grammar

- Expressions
 - Rules that can be nested
 - E.g. expr + expr , !expr
- MontiCore 3.x
 - No left recursion
 - Nodes dependent on each other
 - Changes break tools
 - Strict heirarchy
 - Specific Nodes for different expressions

grammar

```
grammar OCL {

PlusMinusExpr implements Expression =
   left:PlusMinusExpr operator:["+" | "-"] right:PlusMinusExpr
   |
   ("(" paren: PlusMinusExpr ")" | nextHigherPrec: MultDivModExpr)
   ;

MultDivModExpr implements Expression =
   left:MultDivModExpr operator:["*" | "/" | "%"] right:MultDivModExpr
   |
   ("(" paren: MultDivModExpr ")" | nextHigherPrec:LogicalORExpr)
   ;
}
```

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Improvements: Grammar

- MontiCore 4.x
 - Direct left recursion
 - Cleaner grammar
 - All expressions in one rule
 - Not extensible
 - No visitor pattern on different expressions for tools

grammar OCL {

Expression =

Expression operator:["*" | "/" | "%"] Expression

Expression operator:["+" | "-"] Expression;

grammar

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Improvements: Grammar

- MontiCore 4.5.3+
 - Indirect left recursion
 - Easy to read
 - Priorities for expressions
 - Visitor pattern on each node for tools
 - Extensible

grammar

```
grammar OCL {
  interface Expression;

PlusExpression implements Expression<20> =
    Expression "+" Expression;

MinusExpression implements Expression<20> =
    Expression "-" Expression;

MultExpression implements Expression<30> =
    Expression "*" Expression;

DivExpression implements Expression<30> =
    Expression "/" Expression;
}
```

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Improvements: Types in OCL

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Types in OCL

- OCL a type-less language
- Uses CD information to navigate
- Concept: Automatically check correct navigation

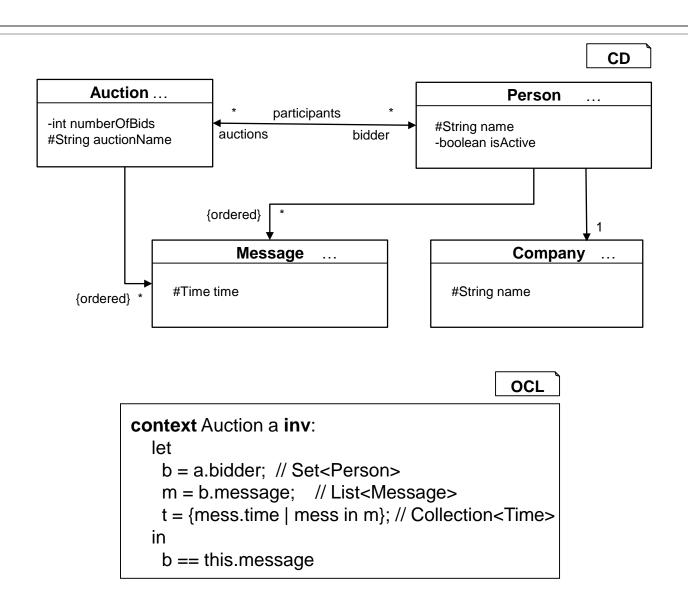
OCL

context Auction a inv: let b = a.bidder; // Set<Person> m = b.message; // List<Message> t = {mess.time | mess in m}; // Collection<Time> in b == this.message

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Types in OCL



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Types in OCL

- Navigation with the point operator using:
 - Association names, role names, class names, class fields
 - Specification mode (arrow direction is ignored)
 - Implicit variables (this, super)

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a.bidder.name != Set{}

a.person.name != Set{}

Implicit flattening

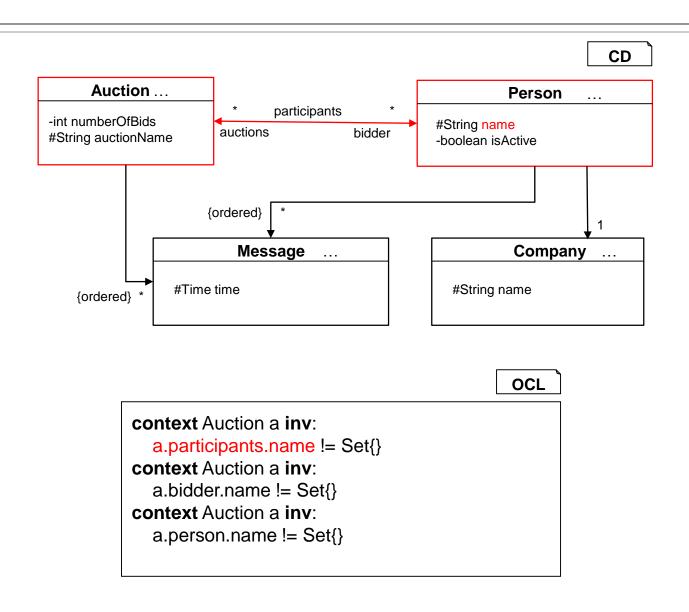
a.participants.name != Set{}

OCL

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Types in OCL



Types in OCL

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- Build OCL symboltable and infer types
- Symbol OCLVariable for variable name and type
- Symbol CDType for type
- Automatically resolve types from CD symboltable
 - Check for illegal navigation

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- Inferring type of m2:
 - Infer type of m
 - Infer type of a.bidder.message
- M2 is of type List<Message>

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Online Tool

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Online Tool

```
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$ java -jar ocl-0.0.9-SNAPSHOT-jar-with-dependencies-noemf.jar -help
 Unrecognized option: -help
usage: java -jar OCLCDTool
 -cd,--classdiagram <arg>
-ocl,--ocl-file <arg>
                                        input classdiagram as string
                                        input ocl as qualified name or string
  -path,--project-path <arg>
                                        absolute path to project, required when ocl
                                        given as qualified name
Example with qualified names:
java -jar OCLCDTool -path C.\path\to\project -ocl de.monticore.myConstraint
or with data as string:
java -jar OCLCDTool -ocl "package xyz;\nocl {\nconstraint ...\n}" -cd "package xyz;\nclassdiagram ABC {\n...\n}"
kt@kt-Desktop MINGW64 /d/6.Docs/Git/OCL-www/OCL (gh-pages)
$ java -jar ocl-0.0.9-SNAPSHOT-jar-with-dependencies-noemf.jar -ocl "ocl o{context Auction a inv: a.bool;}" -cd "o
lassdiagram c{ class Auction{Boolean bool;} class Boolean{}}
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```

- CLI Tool to load and verify correct OCL
- Idea: Integrate tool into online interface
- CheerpJ by learningTech: Java -> JS transpiller
- Online IDE by Jean-Marc Ronck

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Online Tool

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   package example.CDs;
                                                                                 package example.typeInferringModels;
                                                                                 ocl CDToolFile {
   classdiagram AuctionCD {
       public class Auction {}
                                                                                     context Auction a inv test:
       public class Person {}
                                                                                         a.participants.szie > 0;
       public class Collection {
           int size();
       public class Set extends Collection {}
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       public class Boolean {}
       public class Integer {}
       association participants [*] Auction (auctions) <-> (bidder) Person [*];
                                                  cheerp
```

https://embeddedmontiarc.github.io/OCL/index.html

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