

the science of deep specification

Verification of interacting systems in VST

a.k.a Towards a verified web server, part II

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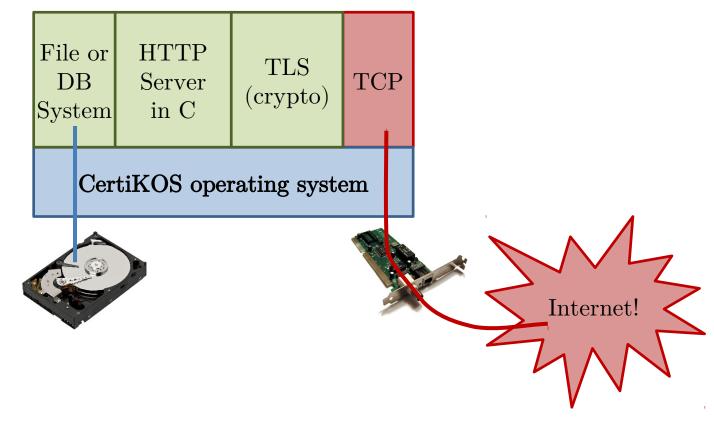
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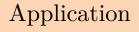
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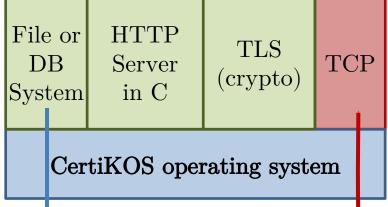




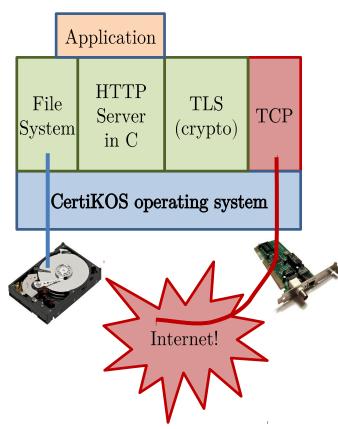
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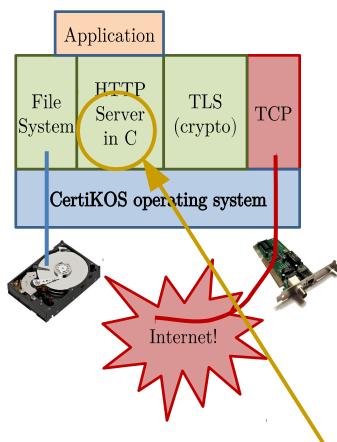




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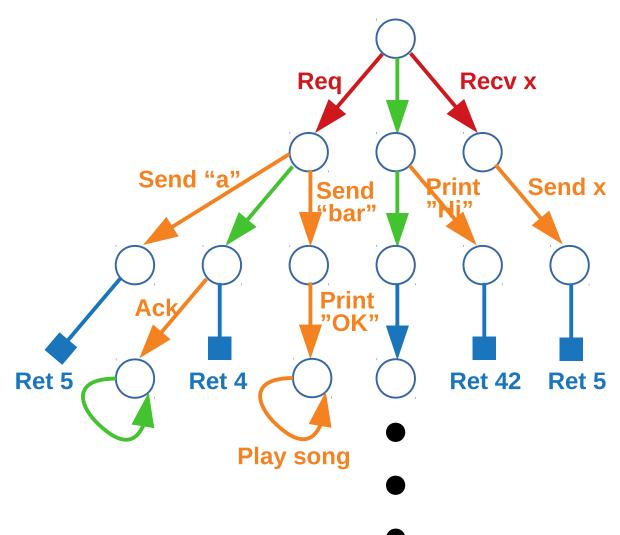
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Today: specification + verification of effectful code in VST

- OS primitives for sending and receiving network packets
- link model-level specification of interactions in Gallina / Quickchick to code-level specs in VST

Interaction trees



Input actions

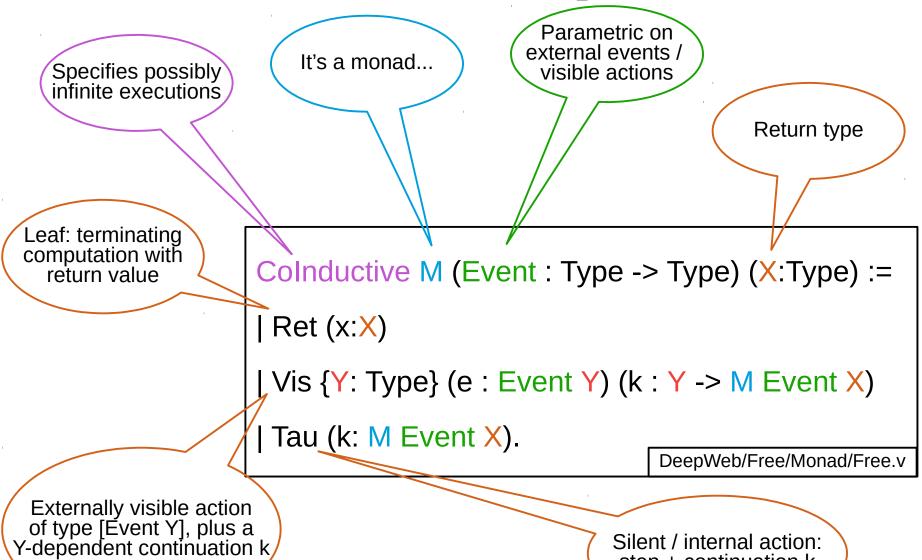
Output actions

Silent (tau) actions

Terminal action

(potentially infinite)

Interaction trees in Coq: Definition



(Y=unit: output)

step + continuation k

Interaction: Properties + Constructions

```
Colnductive M (Event : Type -> Type) (X:Type) := | Ret (x:X) | Vis {Y: Type} (e : Event Y) (k : Y -> M Event X) | Tau (k: M Event X).
```

```
Monad structure: Ret +

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(notation y \leftarrow s;; t y).
```

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- 1. Motivate ITREE separation logic predicates
- illent in 2. Two examples: character-IO, swap server

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Interaction trees in VST

(maintained in SEP clause)

embed tree t in a novel spatial predicate ITREE (t).

```
PRE ...
PROP(...) LOCAL (...) SEP(...; ITREE (r ← x;; k r))
...
POST ...
EX v,
PROP(v =...) LOCAL (...) SEP(...; ITREE (k v))
```

- Forward direction ("consuming" style)
 - cf. actions in process calculi
 - enables referring to input in continuation via binding
 - compatibility with partial-correctness (eg infinite loops)

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First idea: use has_ext directly:

```
Definition ITREE (t: M ... ):mpred := has_ext t.
```

- program and external world agree on current "protocol stage", and only OS can change this
- proof rules essentially embed external function call effects as Itree reductions the ghost state

Example: getchar/putchar

1. Definition of I-Trees for read / write interactions

```
(* The type of actions: reading yields an int, writing yields a unit *)

Inductive IO_event : Type -> Type :=

| ERead : IO_event int
| EWrite (c : int) : IO_event unit.
```

(* Define shorthands for each of the two operations*)

Definition read: M IO_event int:= embed ERead.

Definition write (c: int): MIO_event unit := embed (EWrite c).

(*Instantiate the I-Tree monad M – overall return type is unit*)

Definition IO_itree := M IO_event unit.

2. VST axioms for OS / library functions

```
Definition putchar_spec :=
DECLARE putchar
 WITH c: int, k: unit -> IO_itree
 PRE [ c OF tint ]
  PROP ()
  LOCAL (temp_c (Vint c))
SEP (ITREE (write c ;; k))
 POST [tint]
  PROP ()
  LOCAL (temp ret temp (Vint c))
  SEP (ITREE k).
```

```
Definition getchar_spec := DECLARE _getchar
 WITH k : int -> IO itree
 PRE[]
   PROP ()
   LOCAL ()
   SEP (ITŘEE (r <- read ;; k r))
 POST [tint]
  EX i : int,
   PROP (- 2^7 \le Int.signed i \le 2^7)
LOCAL (temp ret_temp (Vint i))
   SEP (ITREE (k i)).
```

Caution: these specs don't model error cases

3. Write some C program: charlO/IO/io.c

```
void print_intr(uint I)
{
  unsigned int q,r;
  if (i!=0) {
    q=i/10u;
    r=i%10u;
    print_intr(q);
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4. Write some informal spec

- reads a sequence of characters, each in the range '0'..'9';
- after each one (and before the next one) prints a decimal representation of their cumulative sum, followed by a newline;
- when the cumulative sum ≥ 1000 , or when EOF is reached, stops.

5. Translate the informal spec into Coq / ITrees

```
// Itree generating write ops for all elements of a list
Fixpoint write_list (I: list int) : IO itree :=
match I with
   nil => Ret tt
   c :: rest => write c ;; write list rest
end.
Program Fixpoint chars of nat n { measure n } : list int := ...
Definition chars of Z z := chars of nat (Z.to nat z).
// the function computed by print_intr
Program Fixpoint intr n { measure n } : list int :=
 match n with
  O => []
    => intr (n / 10) ++ [Int.repr (Z.of_nat (n mod 10) + char0)]
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Definition print intr spec :=
DECLARE _print_intr
 WITH i : Z, tr : IO itree
 PRE [_i OF tuint]
  PROP (0 <= i <= Int.max_unsigned)
LOCAL (temp _i (Vint (Int.repr i)))
  SEP (ITREE (write_list (intr (Z.to_nat i));; tr))
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if zlt d 10 then
write_list (chars_of_Z (n + d));;
write (Int.repr newline);;
c <- read;;
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Definition main_spec :=

```
DECLARE _main WITH gv : globals

PRE [] main_pre_ext prog main_itree nil gv

POST [ tint ] main post prog nil gv.
```

7. Add VST boilerplate and verify individual functions

```
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```

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Lemma body main: semax body Vprog Gprog f main main spec.

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```

```
iospecs.v
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Remove tau actions (yields equiv relation)

Sanity checks:

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8. Putting it all together

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Lemma body_main: semax_body Vprog Gprog f_main main_spec.

```
Instance Espec : OracleKind :=
     add_funspecs IO_Espec (ext_link_prog prog) Gprog.
```

Theorem prog_correct: semax_prog_ext prog main_itree Vprog Gprog.

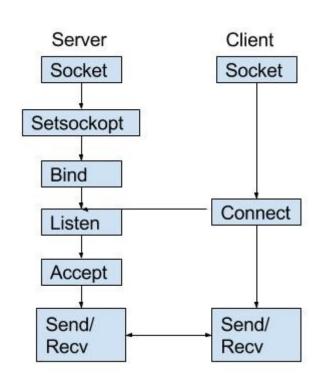
"main_itree is safe for the whole prog"

Connecting VST-Itrees to CertiKOS

Goal: show that CertiKOS indeed operates as specified, i.e. is a suitable "external word" for those ghost-state manipulating instructions that amount to OS calls.

Challenges:

- VST's ghost-supporting mathematical model not directly translatable into CertiKOS - concepts ("step-indexing", "predicates-in-the heap")
- But: erasing / compiling away step-indexing yields first-order specifications that amount to pre-post specifications over CompCert memories, these are understood by CertiKOS
- Current work: prove formal correspondence between step-erased specs and their ghost-enriched counterparts
- Approach restricted to OS calls without complex recursive structure (callbacks via function pointers), but sufficient for charaction-IO and network interactions: data sent/received is typically first-order



https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/socket-programming-cc/

Function prototypes (server)

```
IPv4 / IPv6... UDP / TCP
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// returns sockfd
int socket(domain, type, protocol);
//associates socket to address/port
int bind(int sockfd.
        const struct sockaddr *addr, socklen t addrlen);
                                   Max length of queue of pending conn's
// put socket into "awaiting requests" mode
int listen(int sockfd, int backlog);
// establish conn with first request; return if of fresh conn
int accept(int sockfd,
           struct sockaddr *addr, socklen t *addrlen);
```

Additional function prototype (client):

// try to establish new connection between sockfd and server at addr; retval indicates success int connect(int sockfd, const struct sockaddr *addr, socklen_t addrlen);

1. Definition of I-Trees for socket interactions

Network-visible events:

Definition connection_id : Type := nat.

Definition endpoint_id : Type := nat.

Inductive networkE : Type -> Type :=

| Listen : endpoint_id -> networkE unit

| Accept : endpoint_id -> networkE connection_id

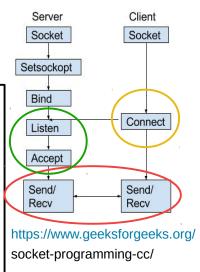
ConnectTo: endpoint_id -> networkE connection_id

| Shutdown : connection_id -> networkE unit

RecvByte: connection_id -> networkE (option string)

SendByte: connection_id -> string -> networkE unit.

Lib/NetworkInterface.v



1. Definition of I-Trees for socket interactions

Derived Forms (excerpt):

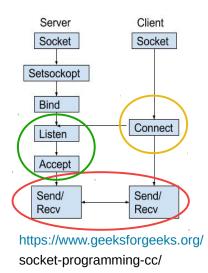
// Receive a string of length at most [len]. The return value [None] signals that // a connection was closed, when modelling the [recv()] POSIX syscall.

```
Definition recv `{networkE -< E} `{nondetE -< E}
(c : connection_id) (len : nat) : M E (option bytes) := ....</pre>
```

//Send all bytes in a bytestring.

```
Fixpoint send `{networkE -< E} (c : connection_id) (bs : bytes) : M E unit := for_bytes bs (send_byte c).
```

Lib/NetworkInterface.v:



Extend network events by failure + nondeterminism:

```
Definition SocketE: Type -> Type := (nondetE +' failureE +' networkE).
```

1. Definition of I-Trees for socket interactions

Protocol stages of socket: these actions are **not** network-visible (OS-interaction only)

```
Inductive socket_status :=

| ClosedSocket
| OpenedSocket
| BoundSocket (addr : endpoint_id)
| ListeningSocket (addr : endpoint_id)
| ConnectedSocket (conn : connection_id).

| Record SocketMap : Type := { lookup_socket: sockfd -> socket_status }.
```

We capture that status of all sockets in a seond mpred:

```
Parameter SOCKAPI: SocketMap -> mpred.
```

Will soon be replaced by another ghost variable...

2a. ITREE predicate

Again, don't use has_ext directly but

```
Definition SocketMonad := M SocketE.

Definition ITREE {T} (t : SocketMonad T) := EX t' : SocketMonad T, !!(trace_incl t t') && has_ext t'.

Spec/Vst/SocketSpecs.v
```

where

```
Definition trace_incl {R : Type} (m m' : M_R) : Prop := forall t r, is_trace_of t r m -> is_trace_of t r m'.
```

```
Inductive is_trace_of {R : Type}: trace -> option R -> M_ R -> Prop := ...

Lib/Socketinterface.v
```

generalizes equivUpToTau from previous example, yielding, e.g.

```
Lemma trace_bind_assoc: forall ..., 

ITREE ( b <- (a <- m ;; f a) ;; g b ) = ITREE ( <math>a <- m ;; b <- f a ;; g b ).
```

2b. VST axioms for send / receive

```
Definition recv spec (T : Type) :=
                                                                                          Spec/Vst/SocketSpecs.v
DECLARE recv
with t: SocketMonad T, k: option string -> SocketMonad T, st: SocketMap,
       client conn: connection id, fd: sockfd, buf ptr: val, alloc len: Z, sh: share
PRE [ 1%positive OF tint, 2%positive OF (tptr tvoid), 3%positive OF tunt, 4%positive OF tint ]
  PROP (consistent world st; lookup socket st fd = ConnectedSocket client conn; writable share sh;
          trace incl (r <- recy client conn (Z.to nat alloc len) ;; k r) t
 LOCAL (temp 1%positive (Vint (Int.repr (descriptor fd))); temp 2%positive buf ptr;
           temp 3%positive (Vint (Int.repr alloc len)); temp 4%positive (Vint (Int.repr 0)))
  SEP (SOCKAPI St; ITREE t;
         data at sh (Tarray tuchar alloc len noattr) buf ptr)
POST [tint] EX result: , St': SocketMap, r: , contents: ,
 PROP (0 \le r \le alloc len V r = NO;
       r > 0 \rightarrow st'=st \land exists msg, result = inr (Some msg) \land Zlength (val of string msg) = r \land
       sublist 0 r contents = (val_of_string msg) \Lambda
sublist r alloc_len contents = list_repeat (Z.to_nat (alloc_len - r)) Vundef;
(*case EOF*) r = 0 -> result = inr None \Lambda contents = list_repeat (Z.to_nat alloc_len) Vundef \Lambda
       st' = update _socket _state st fd OpenedSocket);
r < 0 -> st'=st Λ result = inl tt Λ contents = list_repeat (Z.to_nat alloc_len) Vundef;
        Zlength contents = alloc len; consistent world st')
 LOCAL (temp ret temp (Vint (Int.repr r)))
  SEP (data at sh (tarray tuchar alloc len) contents buf ptr; SOCKAPI st';
        ITREE (match result with
                      inl tt => t
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2b. VST axioms for send / receive

```
Definition recv_spec (T:Type):=

DECLARE_recv

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client_conn: connection_id, fd: sockfd, buf_ptr: val, alloc_len: Z, sh: share

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trace_incl (r <- recv client_conn (Z.to_nat alloc_len);; k r) t)
```

Yes, the spec for send is similar (and similarly lengthy)...

Specs for bind and socket don't involve ITREE terms, just SOCKAPI terms.

Again, these axioms need to be justified by CertiKOS.

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5. Translate the informal spec into Coq / Itrees

"ClikeSpec": counterparts of data structures

```
Inductive connection_state : Type := RECVING | SENDING | DONE | DELETED.

Record connection : Type := { conn_id : connection_id; conn_request : string; conn_response : string; conn_response_bytes_sent : Z; conn_state : connection_state }.
```

```
typedef enum state {
    RECVING,
    SENDING,
    DONE,
    DELETED,
} state;
```

```
typedef struct connection {
    socket_fd fd;
    uint32_t request_len;
    uint8_t request_buffer[BUFFER_SIZE];
    uint32_t response_len;
    uint8_t response_buffer[BUFFER_SIZE];
    uint32_t num_bytes_sent;
    enum state st;
    struct connection* next;
} connection;
```

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"ClikeSpec": counterparts of data structures

```
Inductive connection_state : Type := RECVING | SENDING | DONE | DELETED.

Record connection : Type := { conn_id : connection_id; conn_request : string; conn_response : string; conn_response_bytes_sent : Z; conn_state : connection_state }.
```

```
typedef enum state {
    RECVING,
    SENDING,
    DONE,
    DELETED,
} state;
```

```
typedef struct connection {
    socket_fd fd;
    uint32_t request_len;
    uint8_t request_buffer[BUFFER_SIZE];
    uint32_t response_len;
    uint8_t response_buffer[BUFFER_SIZE];
    uint32_t num_bytes_sent;
    enum state st;
    struct connection* next;
} connection;
```

and their operations

Definition upd_conn_request (conn : connection) (request : string) : connection := ...

Definition upd_conn_response (conn : connection) (response : string) : connection := ...

etc.

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28 lines ;-)

static int conn_read(connection* conn, store* last_msg_store) {
```

... similarly for the other data structures and functions of the C code ...

6. Embed Itrees in VST specs

```
Definition conn read spec (T : Type) (buffer size : Z) :=
 DECLARE conn read
WITH k: (connection * string) -> SocketM T, st: SocketMap, conn: connection,
          fd: sockfd, last msg: string, conn ptr: val, msg store ptr: val
 PRE [ conn OF (tptr (Tstruct connection noattr)), last msg store OF (tptr (Tstruct store noattr)]
 PROP (consistent world st; conn state conn = RECVING;
         consistent state buffer size st (conn, fd) )
  LOCAL ( temp conn conn_ptr ; temp _last_msg_store msg_store_ptr )
  SEP (SOCKAPI st; ITREE (r <- conn read buffer size conn last msg;; k r);
        list cell LS Tsh (rep connection conn fd) conn ptr;
        field at Tsh (Tstruct store noattr) [] (rep store last msg) msg store ptr)
 POST [tint] EX conn': , EX last msg': , EX st': , EX r:Z,
  PROP (r = YES; consistent world st';
          recv_step buffer_size (conn, fd, st, last_msg) (conn', fd, st', last_msg'))
  LOCAL (temp ret temp (Vint (Int.repr r)))
  SEP ( SOCKAPI st'; ITREE (k (conn', last_msg'));
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```

etc.

7. Add VST boilerplate and verify individual functions

. . . .

Lemma body_conn_read:

semax_body Vprog Gprog f_conn_read (conn_read_spec unit BUFFER_SIZE).

Proof. start_function. ... Qed.

430 lines

etc.

8. Putting it all together

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Lemma body_main: semax_body Vprog Gprog f_main (main_spec server).

Proof. ... Qed.

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Lemma all_funcs_correct: semax_func Vprog Gprog (prog_funct prog) Gprog.

Proof. ... Qed.

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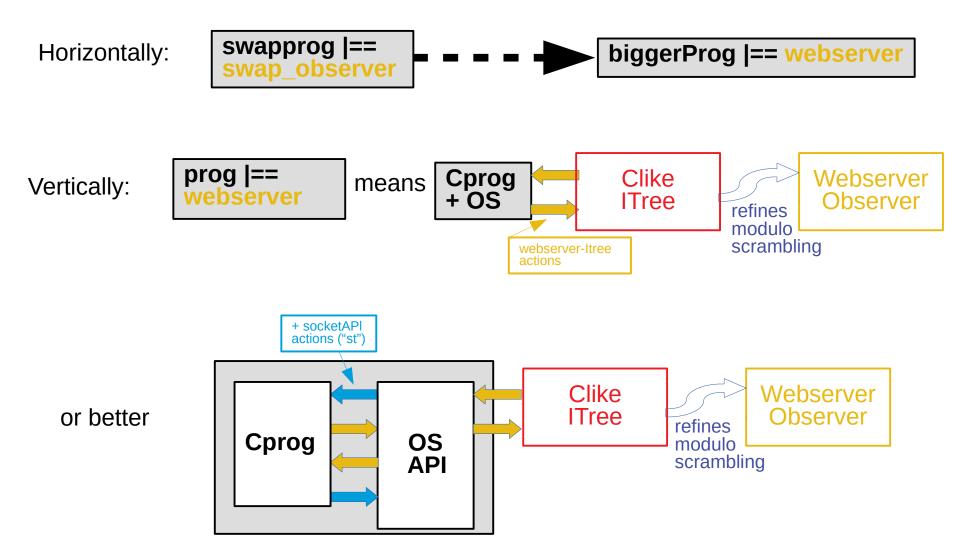
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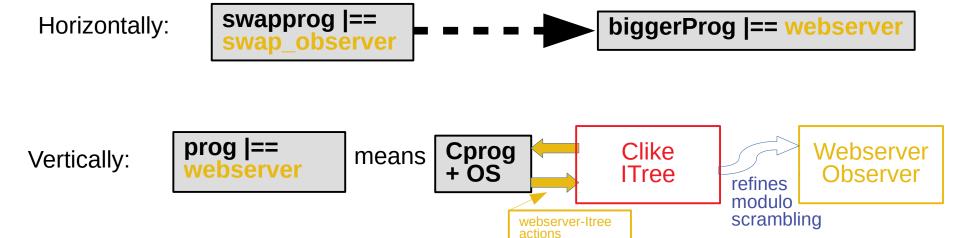
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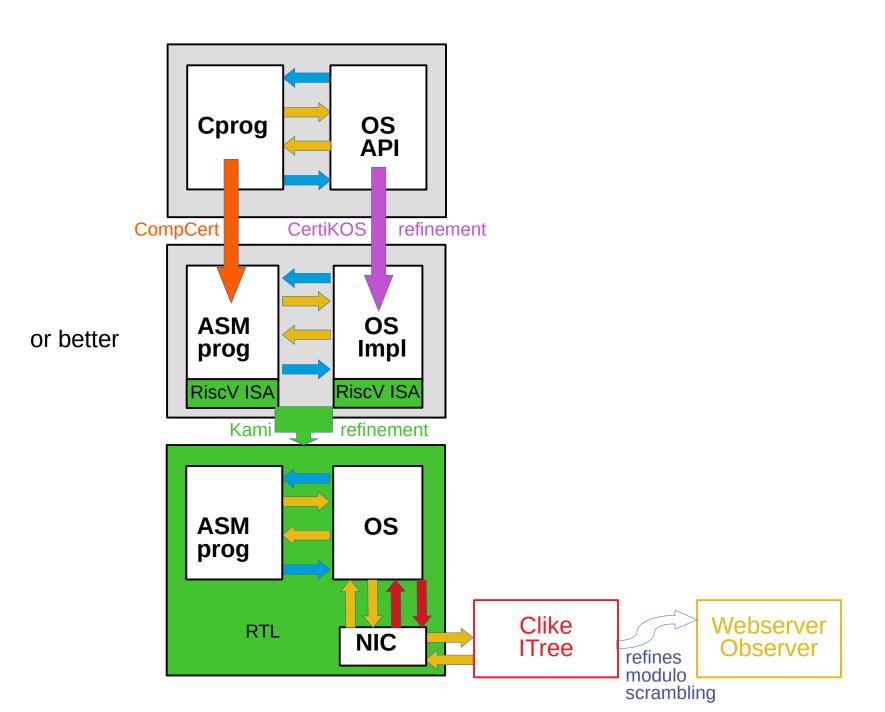
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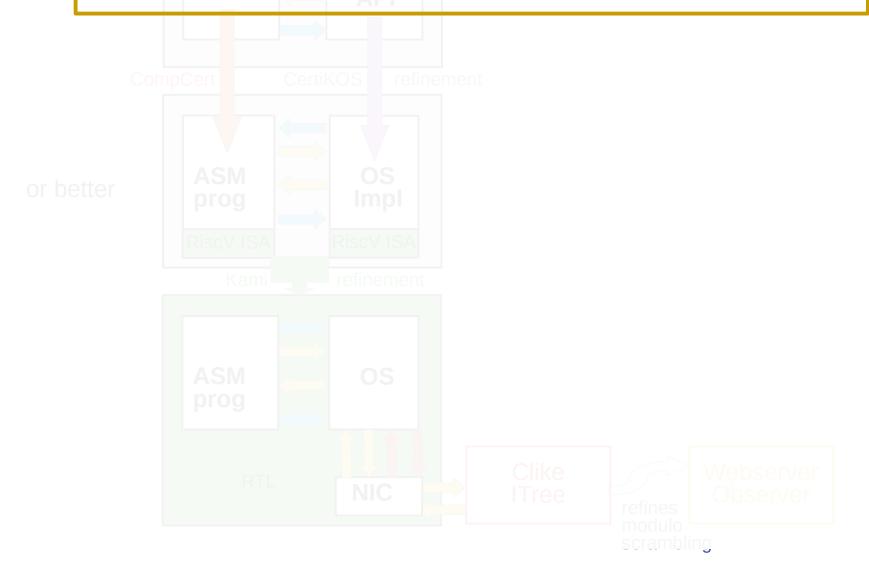


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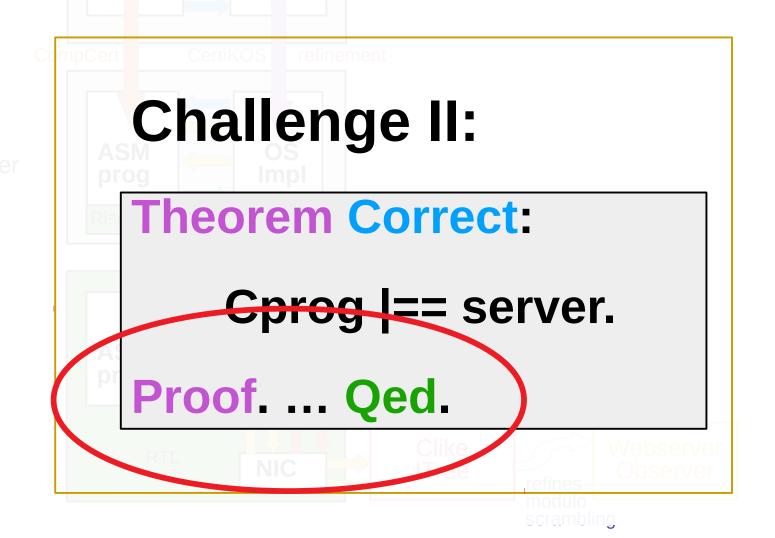




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