

GRACe tutorial

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In this tutorial we introduce the GRACe DSL and demonstrate how to define GRACe components and write programs using those components. The GRACe DSL is divided into two Haskell modules: `GCM` and `CP`. The `GCM` module allows the user to define GRACeFUL Concept Map components and connect them to each other. The `CP` module contains primitives for constructing constraint programs, which describe the behaviour of an individual component.

1 GCM components and ports

We model a `GCM` component by defining the ports it exposes. A `Port` represents a value that can be constrained. Two ports can be linked together to describe the connection between their respective components. Information contained in a component that we want to access in other parts of our model can be exposed through the component's ports. For instance, consider the following definition of a component that models a fixed amount of rain falling from the sky. It is parametrised on the amount of rain and has a port to expose that value to other components.

```
1  rain :: Float -> GCM (Port Float)
2  rain amount = do
3    p <- createPort
4    set p amount
5    return p
```

The GRACe language is monadic which here means that we can use the `do`¹ notation to define our component in a manner which resembles a sequential program. The `createPort` command creates a new port, and the `set` command constrains the value of the port `p` to be equal to `amount`.

2 CP

The `CP` module of GRACe supports reasoning about integer and floating-point arithmetic, Boolean expressions, and arrays. Computations in `CP` can be embedded in `GCM` using the `component` primitive. In this way we can embed constraints on a component's ports in the definition of the component.

Consider a `GCM` component representing a pump parametrised over the maximum flow through the pump:

¹https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Haskell/do_notation

```

1  pump :: Float -> GCM (Port Float, Port Float)
2  pump maxCap = do
3    inPort <- createPort
4    outPort <- createPort
5    component $ do           -- This is in CP
6      inflow <- value inPort
7      outflow <- value outPort
8      assert $ inflow === outflow           -- no leakage
9      assert $ inflow 'inRange' (0, lit maxCap) -- no back-flow, limited capacity
10   return (inPort, outPort)

```

We define ports for the inflow and outflow of the pump, assert that their values must be equal, and that their values cannot exceed the pump's maximum capacity. The `value` command reads the value from a port, and the `assert` command allows us to express constraints. Note that we need to use `lit` to lift `maxCap`, which is a value in the host language Haskell, into the embedded language GRACe.

Finally we show a more complicated component, a water runoff area with an inflow, an outlet to which we may connect e.g. a pump, and an overflow. Here we can see some different constraints that are supported by the CP module.

```

1  runoffArea :: Float -> GCM (Port Float, Port Float, Port Float)
2  runoffArea cap = do
3    inflow <- createPort
4    outlet <- createPort
5    overflow <- createPort
6    component $ do
7      currentStored <- createVariable
8      inf <- value inflow
9      out <- value outlet
10     ovf <- value overflow
11     sto <- value currentStored
12     assert $ sto === inf - out - ovf
13     assert $ sto 'inRange' (0, lit cap)
14     assert $ (ovf .> 0) ==> (sto === lit cap)
15     assert $ ovf .>= 0
16   return (inflow, outlet, overflow)

```

3 GRACe programs

In a GRACe program we define instances of available components and define their connections by linking their ports. As an example, we show a small GRACe program using the components defined earlier. We can think of it as modelling a rain runoff area, like a town square, which has been provided with a pump to alleviate possible flooding issues.

```

1  example :: GCM ()
2  example = do
3    (inflowP, outflowP) <- pump 3
4    (inflowS, outletS, overflowS) <- runoffArea 5

```

```

5   rainflow <- rain 10
6
7   link inflowP outletS
8   link inflowS rainflow
9
10  output overflowS "Overflow"

```

The `link` command links two ports together and asserts that their values are equal. The `output` command lets us inspect the resulting value at a `Port` after all constraints have been solved.

4 Component library

Although it is possible to define a GRACeFUL Concept Map directly using the GRACe DSL, most users will use the visual editor that is developed in work package 2. Using this visual editor users can draw concept maps using a palette of predefined components from a particular library. These components are as well defined using the GRACe DSL. To create a library of components, we need to *annotate* them with some information, which is used by the visual editor to present the components in a proper way. For example, the `rain`, `pump`, and `runoffArea` defined above, can be annotated as follows:

```

1  exampleLib :: Library
2  exampleLib = Library "crud"
3  [ item "rain" "Rain" "path_to_images/rain.png" $
4      rain ::: "amount" # tFloat .->
5          tGCM (tPort $ "rainfall" # tFloat)
6  , item "pump" "Pump" "path_to_images/pump.png" $
7      pump ::: "capacity" # tFloat .->
8          tGCM (tPair (tPort $ "inflow" # tFloat)
9              (tPort $ "outflow" # tFloat))
10 , item "runoff area" "Runoff" "path_to_images/runOffArea.png" $
11     runoffArea ::: "storage capacity" # tFloat .->
12         tGCM (tTuple3 (tPort $ "inflow" # tFloat)
13             (tPort $ "outlet" # tFloat)
14             (tPort $ "overflow" # tFloat))
15 ]

```

The example above creates a library called `exampleLib`. A library consists of an identifier, in this case `"crud"`, and a list of component items. Each `Item` has an unique identifier, some meta data describing the component, and the actual component paired with a type annotation. The meta data is used by the visual editor for textual and visual descriptions, such as hover text.

A type annotation of a component resembles a component's type signature, but has a slightly different syntax, namely `:::` instead of `::`, `.->` instead of `->`, and a `t` in front of the original type names (i.e. `tPort` to represent `Port`). Note that tuples need special handling: 2-tuples are annotated by `tPair` and 3-tuples by `tTuple3`. Type annotations can be tagged with a string, using the `#` character, to give that entity an identifier. For example, on line 7 of above

code snippet, the identifier "capacity" is tagged to the `tFloat` type annotation, meaning that the first parameter of the pump component is identified by `capacity`.

The annotations in a library definition are used to automate the communication with the visual editor. These annotations contain all the necessary information that our web service needs to offer a library to the visual editor.

5 Example: Vegetable Oil Production

The example in the previous section is rather small. We continue in this section with the explanation of a slightly larger example. The example we show is a simple optimization problem.

Let us assume we have an amount of farmland and three available crops, and would like to know how much of each crop to grow on the land to maximize our vegetable oil production. Each crop has parameters that state the yield of the crop, in tonnes, from one hectare of growing land, the amount of water required per hectare to grow the crop, and how much oil can be produced from one tonne of the crop. This example has been chosen because it is easy to imagine different stakeholders having different interests: one may strive to maximise production, another may aim to minimize water use, etc.

To model this problem in GRACe we define a component for each crop, using these parameters, with ports expressing the number of hectares, the oil yield, and the water consumption.

```

1  -- / GCM component for a single crop.
2  --
3  -- The component is parametrised on the crop's parameters and computes the
4  -- oil yield (in l) and water consumption (in Ml), given that we grow
5  -- so-and-so many ha of this crop.
6  crop :: CropParams -> GCM (Port Area, Port Water, Port Oil)
7  crop (y,w,o) = do
8    -- Area (in ha) used to grow crop.
9    areaPort <- createPort
10
11    -- Amount of water used by crop.
12    waterPort <- createPort
13    -- Amount of oil produced from crop.
14    oilPort <- createPort
15
16    -- Constrain the values at the ports.
17    component $ do
18      areaValue <- value areaPort
19      oilValue <- value oilPort
20      waterValue <- value waterPort
21
22      -- Calculate values from data.
23      assert $ oilValue == lit y * lit o * areaValue
24      assert $ waterValue == lit w * areaValue
25
26    return (areaPort, waterPort, oilPort)

```

We also define components for the available farmland and water supply, and the oil production, which all have ports to link to each crop. We parametrised them on the number of different crops for the sake of generality.

```

1  -- / GCM component for farmland.
2  --
3  -- The component is parametrised on the available amount of land (in ha)
4  -- and the number of different crops available to grow, and has ports
5  -- describing how the land is divided between the crops.
6  farm :: Area -> Int -> GCM [Port Area]
7  farm land numCrops = do
8    -- Create a port for each crop.
9    areaPorts <- mapM (\_ -> createPort) (take numCrops (repeat 0))
10   component $ do
11     areaVals <- sequence [value ap | ap <- areaPorts]
12     -- The total area of crops is non-negative and is bounded by the available
13     -- farmland. Each crop area is also non-negative.
14     assert $ sum areaVals 'inRange' (0, lit land)
15     mapM_ (\x -> assert $ 0 .<= x) areaVals
16   return areaPorts
17
18  -- / GCM component for water usage.
19  --
20  -- The component is parametrised on the available amount of water (in Ml)
21  -- and the number of different crops available to grow, and has ports
22  -- describing how the water is divided between the crops.
23  reservoir :: Water -> Int -> GCM [Port Water]
24  reservoir waterSource numCrops = do
25    -- Create a port for each crop.
26    waterPorts <- mapM (\_ -> createPort) (take numCrops (repeat 0))
27    component $ do
28      waterVals <- sequence [value wp | wp <- waterPorts]
29      -- The total amount of water used is non-negative and is bounded by the
30      -- available water reservoir. The amount for each crop is also non-negative.
31      assert $ sum waterVals 'inRange' (0, lit waterSource)
32      mapM_ (\x -> assert $ 0 .<= x) waterVals
33    return waterPorts
34
35  -- / GCM component for oil production.
36  --
37  -- The component is parametrised on the number of different crops available
38  -- to grow, and has a list of ports describing how much oil is produced by
39  -- each crop as well as a port containing the total amount of oil produced.
40  oilProduction :: Int -> GCM ([Port Oil], Port Oil)
41  oilProduction numCrops = do
42    -- Create a port for each crop.
43    oilCrops <- mapM (\_ -> createPort) (take numCrops (repeat 0))
44    oilOut <- createPort
45    component $ do
46      oilProduced <- value oilOut

```

```

47     oilSources <- mapM value oilCrops
48     -- The total amount of oil is the sum of the amounts from each crop.
49     assert $ oilProduced == sum oilSources
50     return (oilCrops, oilOut)

```

Our goal is to maximize the amount of oil produced, and we define the helper function `maximize` to help us express this:

```

maximize :: Port Int -> GCM ()
maximize p = do
    g <- createGoal
    link p g

```

The command `createGoal` instantiates a GCM goal, which the constraint solver attempts to maximize. Using this helper function we can simply write:

```

maximize p

```

to state that we would like to maximize the value at port `p`. Conversely, if our goal is to minimize a certain value we can define a similar helper function `minimize`:

```

minimize :: Port Int -> GCM ()
minimize p = do
    g <- createGoal
    linkBy (fun negate) p g

```

Where the `link` command asserts that two values must be equal, the `linkBy` command takes a function as a parameter to express a more complex constraint on the values.

The full code for the vegetable oil example can be seen in Appendix A.

A Vegetable Oil Production - Full code

```

1  module Main where
2
3  import Compile0 (runGCM)
4  import GCM      ( GCM, output, component, createGoal
5                  , Port, createPort, link, value
6                  )
7  import CP       ( assert, lit, (==), (<=), inRange )
8
9
10 -- * Vegetable oil manufacturing
11 -----
12 -- We define a system to describe growing and producing vegetable oil from
13 -- different types of crops.
14
15 -- / We use type synonyms to keep track of the different resources
16 --   we are working with.
17 --
18 -- Farmland area is measured in ha

```

```

19 type Area = Int
20 -- Crop yield is measure in t/ha
21 type Yield = Int
22 -- Water is measured in Ml
23 type Water = Int
24 -- Oil is measured in l
25 type Oil = Int
26
27 -- Each crop has parameters describing its yield in t/ha,
28 -- its water demand in Ml/ha, and its oil content in l/t.
29 type CropParams = (Yield, Water, Oil)
30
31 -- / GCM component for a single crop.
32 --
33 -- The component is parametrized on the crop's parameters and computes the
34 -- oil yield (in l) and water consumption (in Ml), given that we grow
35 -- so-and-so many ha of this crop.
36 crop :: CropParams -> GCM (Port Area, Port Water, Port Oil)
37 crop (y,w,o) = do
38   -- Area (in ha) used to grow crop.
39   areaPort <- createPort
40
41   -- Amount of water used by crop.
42   waterPort <- createPort
43   -- Amount of oil produced from crop.
44   oilPort <- createPort
45
46   -- Constrain the values at the ports.
47   component $ do
48     areaValue <- value areaPort
49     oilValue <- value oilPort
50     waterValue <- value waterPort
51
52   -- Calculate values from data.
53   assert $ oilValue == lit y * lit o * areaValue
54   assert $ waterValue == lit w * areaValue
55
56   return (areaPort, waterPort, oilPort)
57
58 -- / GCM component for farmland.
59 --
60 -- The component is parametrized on the available amount of land (in ha)
61 -- and the number of different crops available to grow, and has ports
62 -- describing how the land is divided between the crops.
63 farm :: Area -> Int -> GCM [Port Area]
64 farm land numCrops = do
65   -- Create a port for each crop.
66   areaPorts <- mapM (\_ -> createPort) (take numCrops (repeat 0))
67   component $ do
68     areaVals <- sequence [value ap | ap <- areaPorts]

```

```

69     -- The total area of crops is non-negative and is bounded by the available
70     -- farmland. Each crop area is also non-negative.
71     assert $ sum areaVals 'inRange' (0, lit land)
72     mapM_ (\x -> assert $ 0 <= x) areaVals
73     return areaPorts
74
75 -- / GCM component for water usage.
76 --
77 -- The component is parametrized on the available amount of water (in Ml)
78 -- and the number of different crops available to grow, and has ports
79 -- describing how the water is divided between the crops.
80 reservoir :: Water -> Int -> GCM [Port Water]
81 reservoir waterSource numCrops = do
82     -- Create a port for each crop.
83     waterPorts <- mapM (\_ -> createPort) (take numCrops (repeat 0))
84     component $ do
85         waterVals <- sequence [value wp | wp <- waterPorts]
86         -- The total amount of water used is non-negative and is bounded by the
87         -- available water reservoir. The amount for each crop is also non-negative.
88         assert $ sum waterVals 'inRange' (0, lit waterSource)
89         mapM_ (\x -> assert $ 0 <= x) waterVals
90     return waterPorts
91
92 -- / GCM component for oil production.
93 --
94 -- The component is parametrized on the number of different crops available
95 -- to grow, and has a list of ports describing how much oil is produced by
96 -- each crop as well as a port containing the total amount of oil produced.
97 oilProduction :: Int -> GCM ([Port Oil], Port Oil)
98 oilProduction numCrops = do
99     -- Create a port for each crop.
100     oilCrops <- mapM (\_ -> createPort) (take numCrops (repeat 0))
101     oilOut <- createPort
102     component $ do
103         oilProduced <- value oilOut
104         oilSources <- mapM value oilCrops
105         -- The total amount of oil is the sum of the amounts from each crop.
106         assert $ oilProduced == sum oilSources
107     return (oilCrops, oilOut)
108
109 -- / In our example problem we have 3 crops: Soybeans, sunflower seeds and
110 -- cotton seeds, parametrized by the following table:
111 --
112 -- Crop                Yield [t/ha]   Water demand [Ml/ha]   Oil content [l/t]
113 -- ~~~~~
114 -- Soybeans            3                5                178
115 -- Sunflower seeds    2                4                216
116 -- Cotton seeds        1                1                433
117 --
118 -- Note the units.

```



```

119
120 -- | We define a type for our crops and a function to keep track of
121 -- parameters
122 data Crop = Soy | Sunflower | Cotton
123 cropTable :: Crop -> (Yield, Water, Oil)
124 cropTable Soy = (3, 5, 178)
125 cropTable Sunflower = (2, 4, 216)
126 cropTable Cotton = (1, 1, 433)
127
128 -- | Help function for maximizing goal.
129 maximize :: Port Int -> GCM ()
130 maximize p = do
131   g <- createGoal
132   link p g
133
134 -- | GCM program for optimizing the area of land on which to grow each of the 3
135 -- available crops in order to maximize oil production.
136 --
137 -- In this example the following quantities are available:
138 -- Farmland: 1,600 ha
139 -- Water: 5,000 Ml
140 --
141 problem :: GCM ()
142 problem = do
143   -- Create system
144   (soyArea, soyWater, soyOil) <- crop $ cropTable Soy
145   (sunArea, sunWater, sunOil) <- crop $ cropTable Sunflower
146   (cotArea, cotWater, cotOil) <- crop $ cropTable Cotton
147
148   [soy_a, sun_a, cot_a] <- farm 1600 3
149   [soy_w, sun_w, cot_w] <- reservoir 5000 3
150   ([soy_o, sun_o, cot_o], oilProduced) <- oilProduction 3
151
152   -- Link the appropriate ports together.
153   link soyArea soy_a
154   link soyWater soy_w
155   link soyOil soy_o
156
157   link sunArea sun_a
158   link sunWater sun_w
159   link sunOil sun_o
160
161   link cotArea cot_a
162   link cotWater cot_w
163   link cotOil cot_o
164
165   -- Our goal is to maximize the amount of oil produced.
166   maximize oilProduced
167
168   -- We print the values we would like to see.

```

```
169     output oilProduced "Oil produced"
170     output soyArea "Soybean area"
171     output sunArea "Sunflower area"
172     output cotArea "Cotton area"
173
174 main :: IO ()
175 main = print =<< runGCM problem
```