

Optimized Translation of Clafer Models to Alloy



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Course Project

CS 744: Advanced Compiler Design

Data flow analysis, redundancy elimination, optimizations

Individual project

Duration: 2 months

Clafer Update

Analysis of variability models

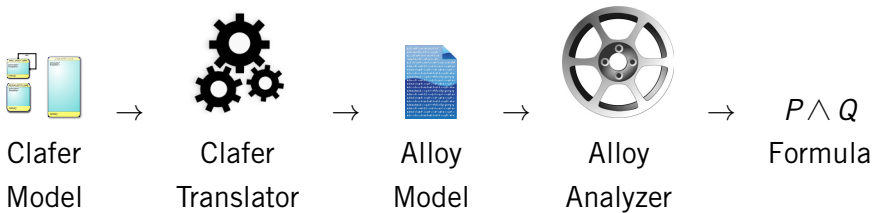
Translation to Alloy (uses SAT solvers)

clafer2alloy translator: a year ago

Some work on formal semantics

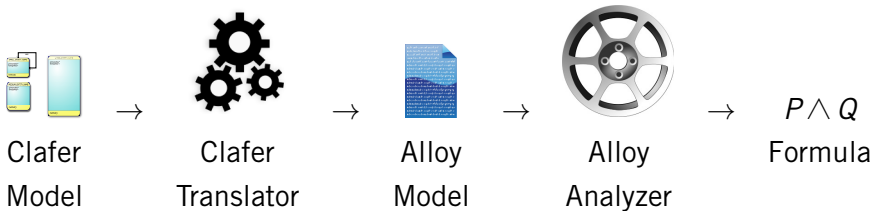
Examples of variability models

The Toolchain



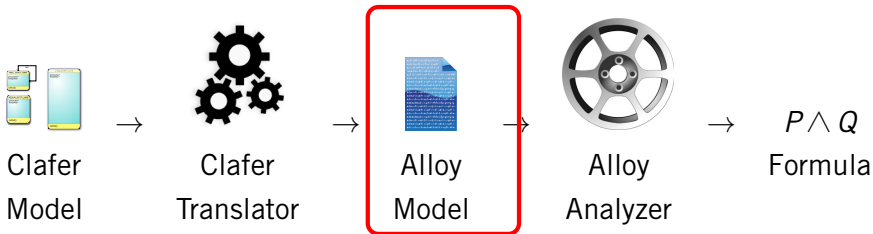
Demo

Problems



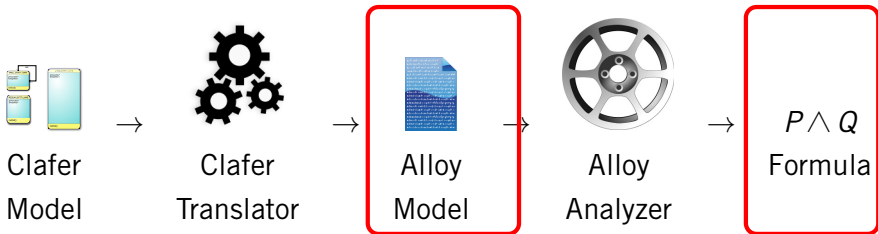
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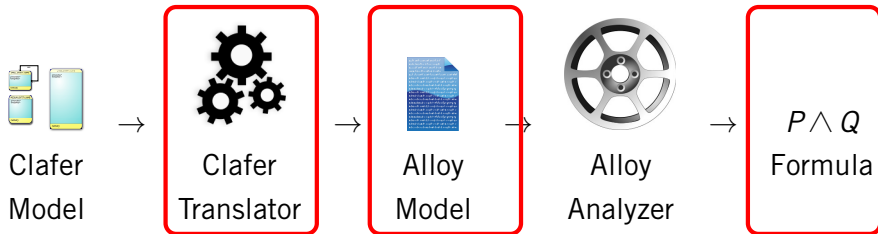


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Slow clafer2alloy translator

Solution

Refactored and modular code architecture

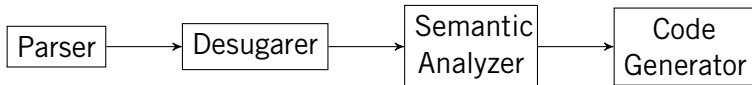
Intermediate language representation

Optimization of translation rules

User has control over the translation process

The Translator

(Old) clafer2alloy Translator



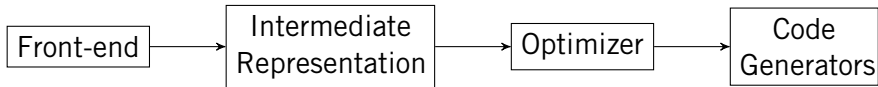
Monolithic

Haskell

Available online

Released source code

(New) clafer Translator



User can turn on/off modules (has extra knowledge)

Easy to add new code generators

Optimizations

No Unused Abstract Claifers

abstract display
server ?

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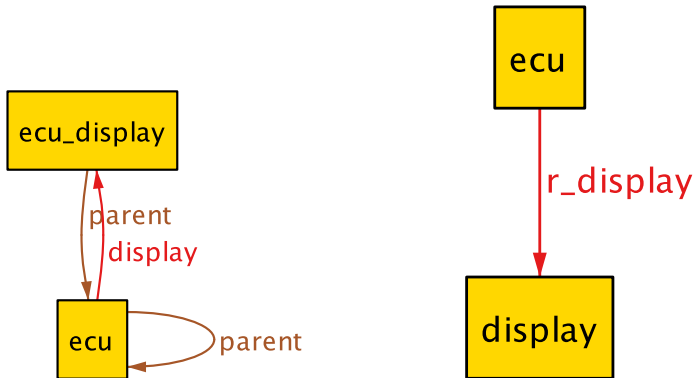
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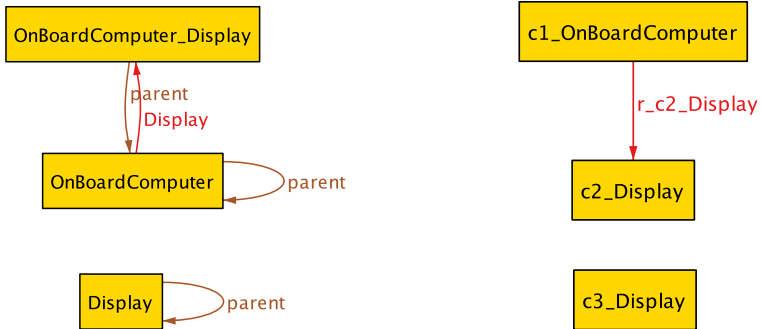
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No Redundant Hierarchical Constraints



Improved Name Resolution



Global Cardinality Constraints

OnBoardComputer 0..1
Display 1

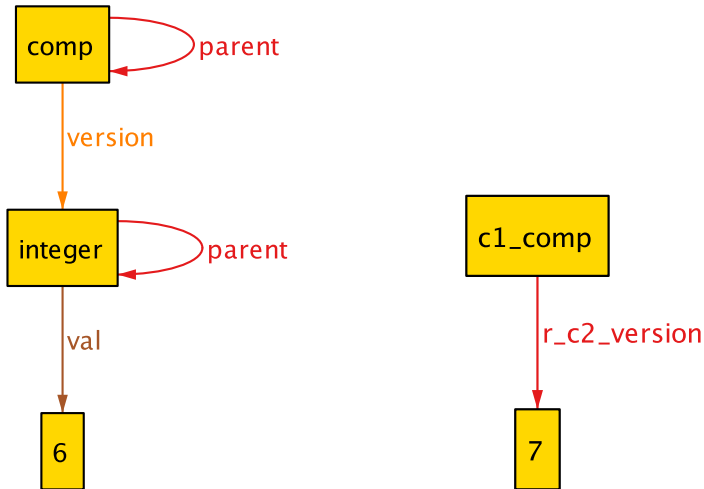
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Display 0..1

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Integers as Attributes



References are Relations

ecu

display

server -> ecu

sig display extends clafer

{ server : one clafer }

{ server in ecu }

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Unrolled Inheritance

```
abstract comp  
  version : integer
```

```
display  
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Model Statistics

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ecu 1..2  
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Parameters

Unrolling inheritance

Timeout for model translation

Layout resolver options

Checking duplicated names

Name resolver behavior

Keeping unused clafers

Evaluation

Input Models

Baseline: SLE'10 paper

Feature Models (instantiation)

Meta-Models (instantiation)

FBMTs (liveness, instantiation)

The Linux Kernel

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Results

Speed: 2-5 times faster

Possible to handle huge models

Conclusion

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Clafer models can be expressive and analyzable

Alloy Analyzer is slow for big models

Possible further optimizations

User knowledge is very useful

Thanks for listening!

Questions?

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