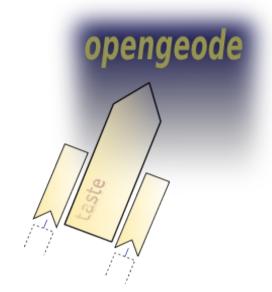


opengeode

A tiny free, open-source state-machine editor and code generator based on the SDL and ASN.1 languages

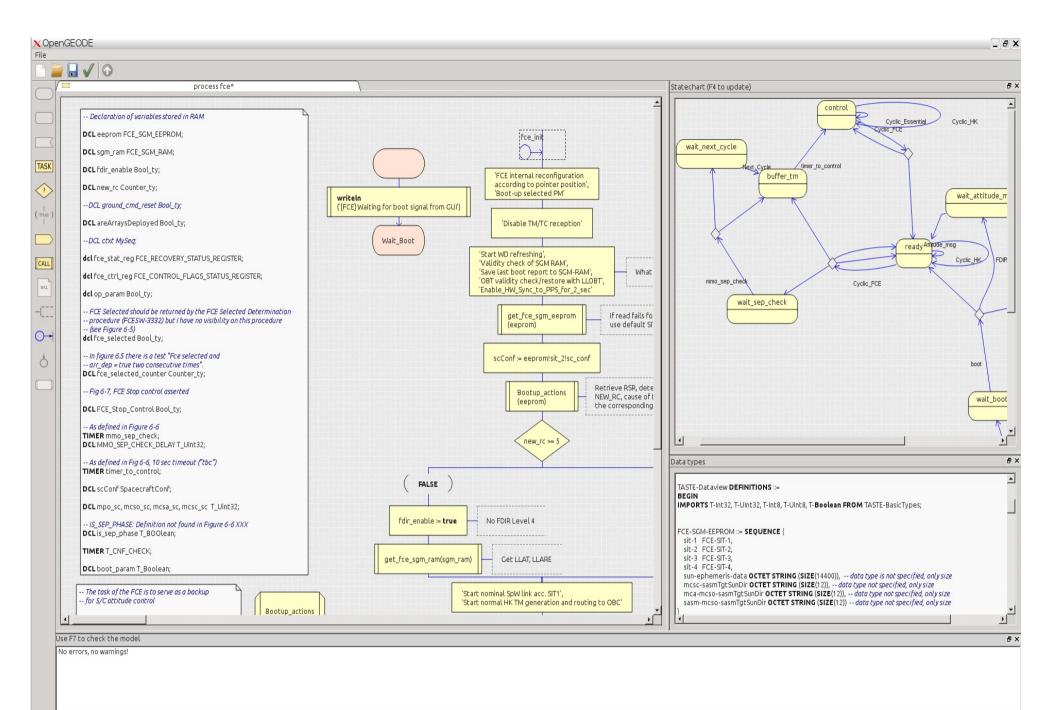
Maxime.Perrotin@esa.int Software Engineering Division - TEC-SWE Opengeode is an SDL editor that was created to support the design and quick prototyping of state machines in the scope of the TASTE project.



 TASTE is a modelling environment that targets embedded, real-time systems; it is based on formal languages.



Check it! http://taste.tuxfamily.org



Download and installation

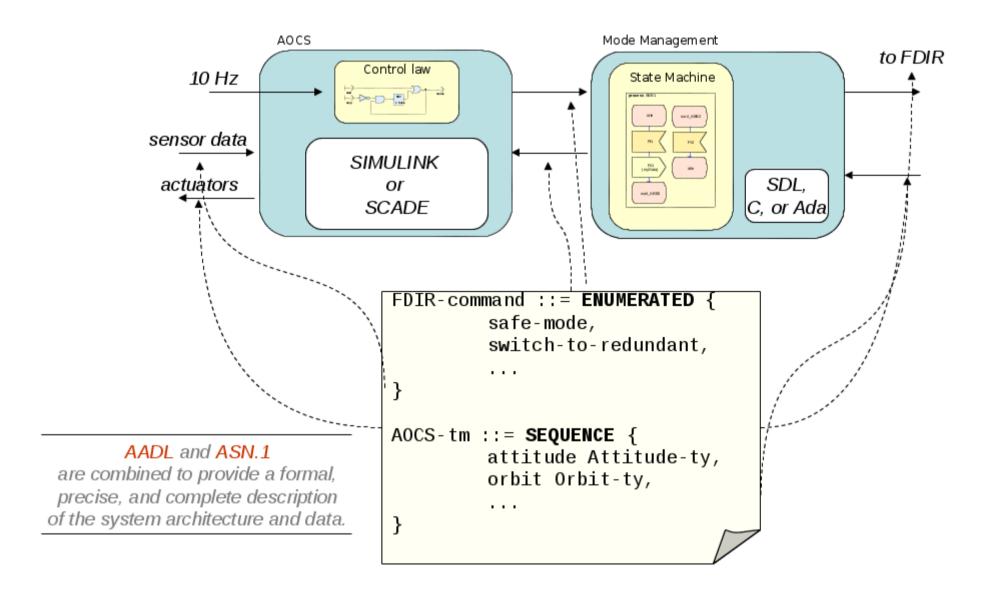
- Opengeode can run on many platforms (tested on Linux, Windows, FreeBSD and Mac)
- It is pre-installed in the TASTE virtual machine
- Manual download and installation instructions on www.opengeode.net or https://github.com/maxime-esa/opengeode or https://pypi.python.org/pypi/opengeode

What is SDL good for



- Specify or design the behaviour of communicating software, such as
 - Embedded software,
 - Communication protocols
 - State machines
- Reformulate and understand existing software specifications, design, or code
- Simulate, verify and generate low-level code (C, Ada) from a formal language that is simple, complete, unambiguous, easy to learn and clear to read.
- Check http://www.sdl-forum.org

Architecture and data → use TASTE



ASN.1

- International standard (ISO and ITU-T)
- Simple text notation for precise and complete data type description
- Real added values compared to other notations
 - Value notation: the syntax allows to specify types but also the value of an instance of a type – however complex it is;
 - the physical encoding rules (compact binary encoding, endianness-neutral, but also XML encoding, legacy encoding specifications).
 - Separate the encoding rules from the types specification
 - Not proprietary many implementations, massive use in existing applications (air trafic control, cryptography, bank transfers...)
 - ASN.1 is fully integrated in the SDL language and can be used natively
- Opengeode uses ESA ASN.1 compiler :
 - https://github.com/ttsiodras/asn1scc
 - Generates C and SPARK/Ada code with identical memory mappings

ASN.1 – basic types

```
INTEGER
  \rightarrow My-int ::= INTEGER (0..7)
    Value notation: value My-int::= 5
REAL
  → My-real ::= REAL (10.0 .. 42.0)
BOOLEAN
ENUMERATED
  → My-enum ::= ENUMERATED { hello, world }
    Value notation: value My-enum ::= hello
OCTET STRING
  → My-string ::= OCTET STRING (SIZE (0..255))
    Value notation: value My-string::= 'DEADBEEF'H
BIT STRING
  → My-bitstring ::= BIT STRING (SIZE (10..12))
    Value notation: value My-bitstring ::= '00111000110'B
```

ASN.1 – complex types

```
    SEQUENCE

    → My-seq ::= SEQUENCE {
         x My-int,
         y My-enum OPTIONAL
      Value notation : value My-seq::= { x 5 }

    CHOICE

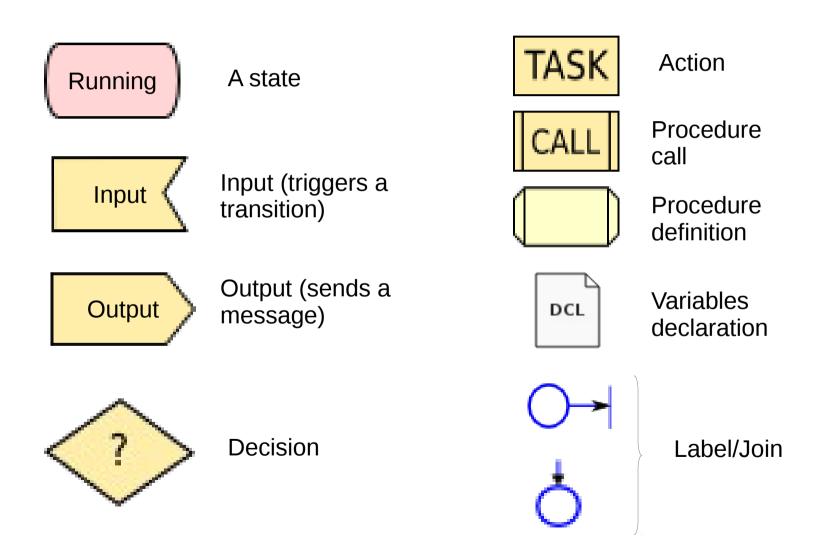
    → My-choice ::= CHOICE {
         choiceA My-real,
         choiceB My-bitstring
      Value notation: value My-choice ::= choiceA: 42.0

    SEOUENCE OF

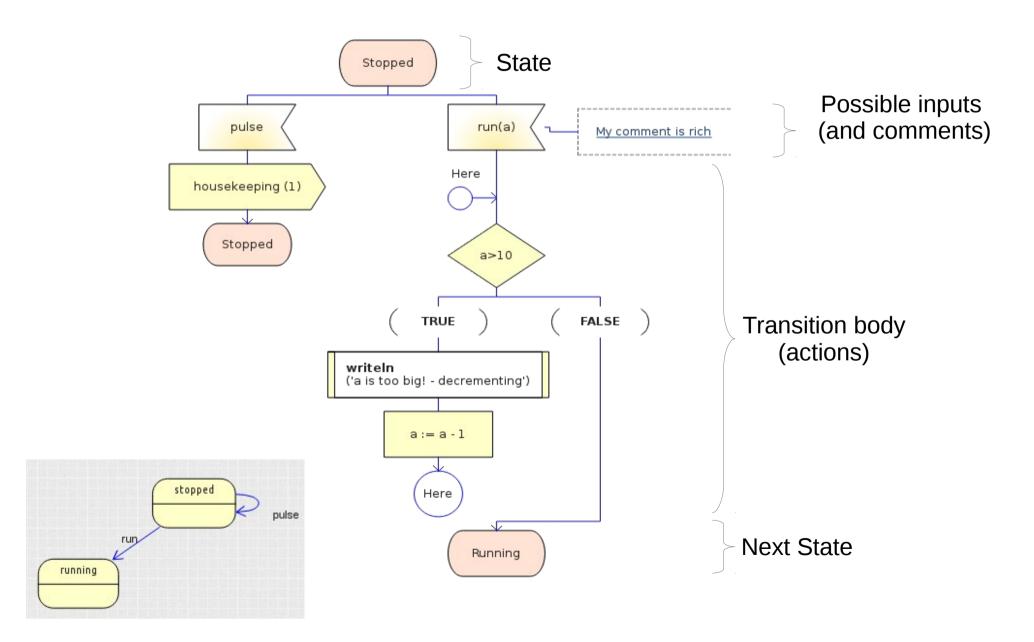
    → My-seq ::= SEQUENCE (SIZE (0..5)) OF BOOLEAN
      Value notation : value My-seq:= { 1, 2, 3 }

    SET / SET OF
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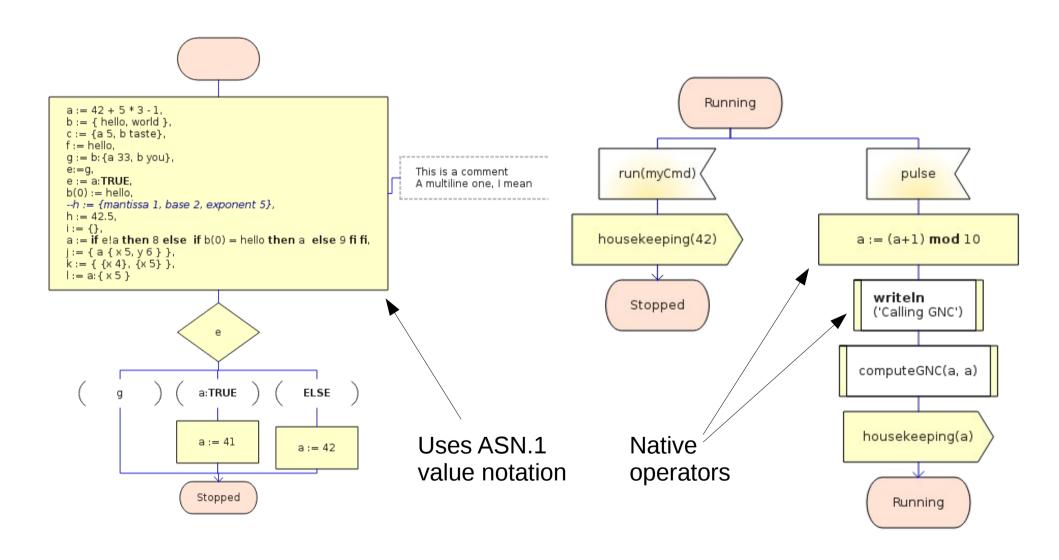
Major SDL elements for behavioural design



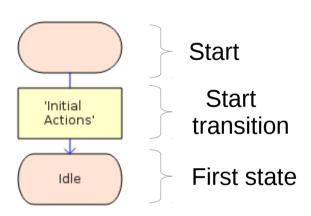
Typical transition diagram



Data manipulation (overview)



Start: initialization transition

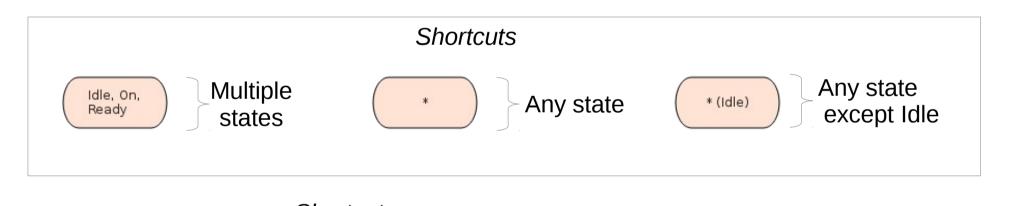


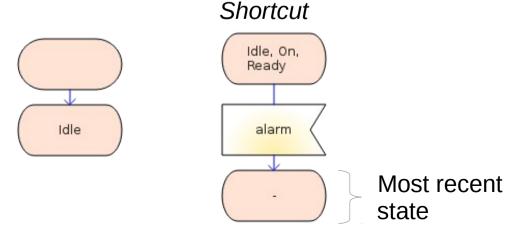
- A state machine has exactly one start transition
- The start transition is executed at process creation (do not call required interfaces there)
- The start transition
 - Sets the initial state
 - May execute initial actions (initialization of variables)

State / Nextstate



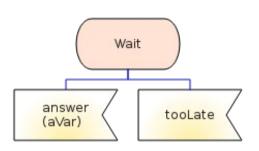
- Each state has a name
- In a given state, the process is expecting to receive messages
- A state can be composite





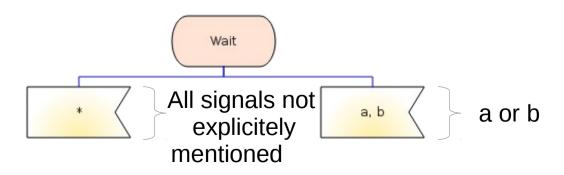
- Arrival state
- Unique
- Is the initial state of other transitions

Input



- Fires a transition: the transition is executed when the process consumes the signal
- In a given state, the process can expect several signals
- May have parameters (use variables to store their values)





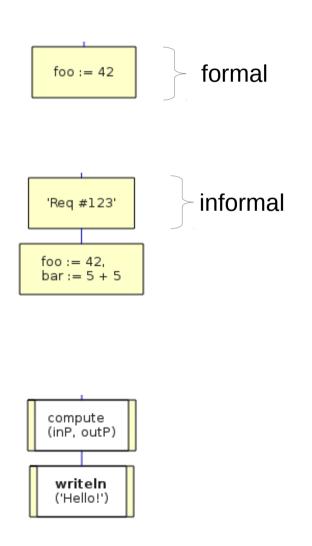
- Inputs at level N have priority over inputs at level N-1 (composite states)
- As a consequence, be careful with « asterisk » inputs : if the state is composite, all inner inputs are ignored.

Output



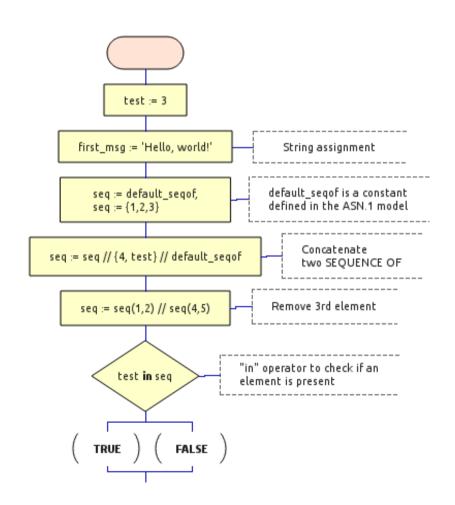
- Transmission of a signal in TASTE terms : invocation of a sporadic required interface
- May have a parameter

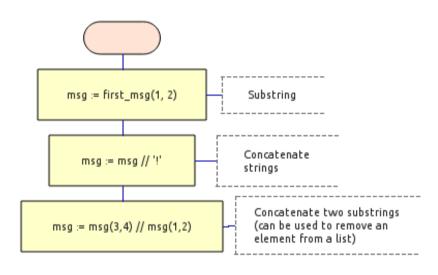
Task, Procedure call



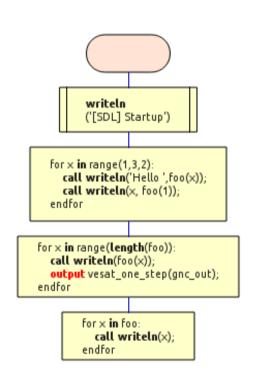
- Elementary action of process transition
- Informal task
- Task setting a variable to a given value
- For loops
- Call an external procedure In TASTE terms, call a synchronous required interface (protected or unprotected)
- Can have input and output parameters
- Writeln : built-in print function

Advanced data manipulation (1)



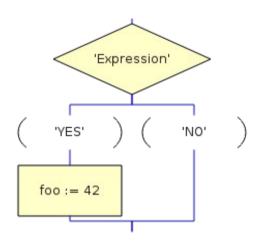


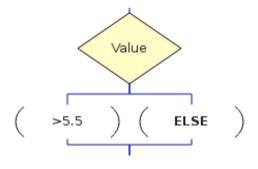
Advanced data manipulation (2)



- FOR loop
- Range([start], stop, [step]) or iterator (SEQUENCE OF)
- Transition can use any SDL construct

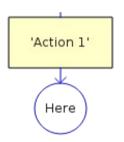
Decision

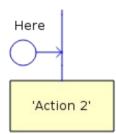




- Control structure
 To represent conditional action sequences
- A decision can have more than two answers
 - Multiple answers must be mutually exclusive
 - -The last answer can be ELSE
- Useful to build loops

Labels and branches

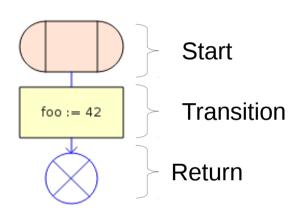




- Allow rerouting
- Loop description
- « Don't repeat yourself » (DRY)

But do not use to describe complex algorithms..

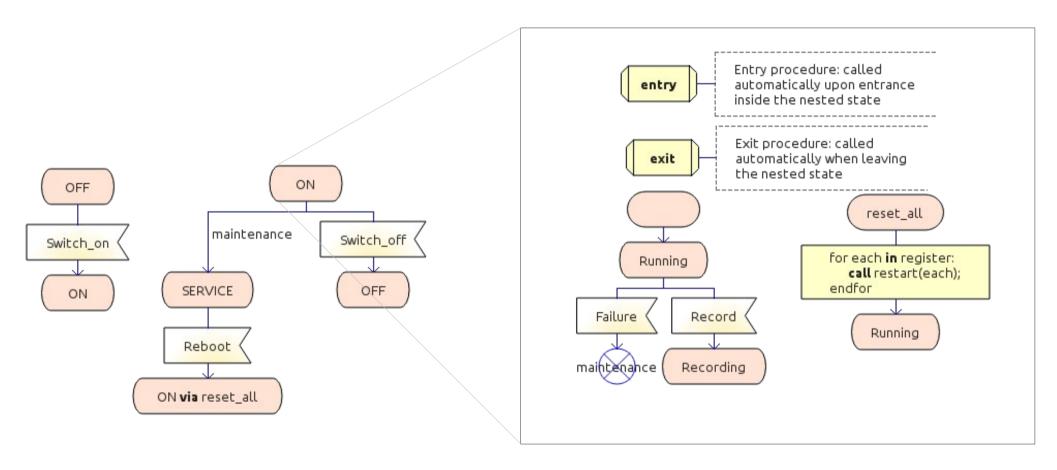
Procedures



- Sequential sub-functions
- Can have parameters (in and in/out)
- Have visibility on the parent variables
- Same constructs as a process
- Local variables
- But no internal states

-- A Local variable
DCL foo MyInteger;
-- Procedure interface
fpar
in toto MyInteger,
in/out tutu MyInteger;

Composite states



- Hierarchical state machines
- Entry and exit procedures
- Multiple entry and exit points

Quality criteria for state machines

- State oriented
 - Use variables for storing data, not object states
- Complexity
 - Number of states
 - Number of transitions per state
 - Avoid decisions in waterfall wat
 - Minimum of data
- Graphical justification comments
- Use hyperlinks for better traceability

Summary

- SDL includes a complete data model
 - Declare and use variables within transition symbols
- Design is complete
 - Designers without expertise in programming languages can build complete executable models
 - TASTE allows communication with external code
- Best approach: model behaviour with SDL, algorithms with Simulink, and drivers with Ada or C
- Opengeode can generate Ada code for a complete state machine
 - For full SDL support, C code and model simulation use Pragmadev RTDS tool :www.pragmadev.com