

Processes and Channels

Occam

Occam

- Occam based on Communicating Sequential Processes (CSP) formalism developed by Tony Hoare, Oxford, UK, and an experimental language by David May, Bristol, UK
- Designed to have a formal semantics suitable for automatic program transformations
- Many groups investigated direct translation of Occam into hardware

Cosmetics

- Keywords are in CAPITAL letters
- Variables may include '.'s
 - This.is.a.variable.name
- Scope is marked with indent spaces
 - No { } is uses
- Occam is line oriented
- Comments are anything following --

Occam Processes

- Not processes as we know them from operating systems
- More like procedures
- Or atomic blocks
- Think of them as structured actions
- EVERY LINE IS A PROCESS!!!

Structure

The structure of a program is a process with declarations preceding it.

<declares>

<process>

INT j :

SEQ

j := 1

j := j + 1

Precedents

- Nasty surprise – there is no mathematical precedents rules!!! 😞
- All “complex” formulas must be parameterized to make the expression non-ambivalent

`- x := 2 * y + 1 -- IS ILLEGAL`

`- x := (2 * y) + 1 -- Is legal`

Conditionals - IF

- IF <<condition> <expression>>+
- ONE condition must be true!!!
 - Otherwise the process stops

```
IF
  n < 0
    sign := -1
  n = 0
    sign := 0
  n > 0
    sign := 1
```

```
IF
  n < 0
    sign := -1
  TRUE
    sign := 1
```


Interval IF

- IF
 $i=0$
 $j:=2$
 $i=1$
 $j:=1$
 $i=2$
 $j:=0$
- IF $k = 0$ FOR 2
 $k=i$
 $j:=2-k$

Channels

- Channels connects processes and are the basis for the Communication part of the CSP implementation
- Channels are all rendez-vous

Channels

- Channels are of a given type
 - `CHAN OF INT q:`
 - `CHAN OF ANY link:`
 - `[n+1] CHAN OF ANY links:`

Send !

- Send the value of a variable down a channel
- `<channel> ! <value>`
- `ch ! y + 1`
- A set of values can also be sent
 - `ch ! x; y; x + y`

Receive ?

- Receive from channel into a variable
- ? <variable>
- Ch ? X
- A set of values can also be received
 - ch ? x; y; z

SEQ

- A sequential block of code can be defined by a SEQ statement

- IF

 c < 2

 SEQ

 a := 1

 b := 2

 TRUE

 c := 3

PAR

- Parallel blocks of code can be defined using PAR
- After a PAR each line of code is an individual process
- IF

```
    c<2
```

```
        PAR
```

```
            a ! 1
```

```
            b ! 2
```

```
    TRUE
```

```
        PAR
```

```
            a ? x
```

```
            b ? y
```

PAR

PAR

a ? x

a ! 2

What does this mean???

x := 2

Procedures

- We can structure our programs further by using procedures
- **Call by reference!**
- PROC <name> {(params)}<body>:
- PROC add.one (INT param)
 param:=param+1
 :

Call by value

- Call by value can be forced by adding the VAL keyword before a parameter
- ```
PROC add.one(VAL INT param)
 new.param:=param+1
: -- this is now pointless:)
```

# A Procedure Example

```
PROC Average ([]REAL32 Data, REAL32 Res)
 SEQ
 Res:=0.0
 SEQ i = 0 FOR SIZE Data
 Res := Res + Data[i]
 Res := Res/(REAL32 ROUND (SIZE Data))
 :
```

# Hello World

```
PROC hello.world (CHAN OF BYTE keyboard, screen, error)
 --{{{
 SEQ
 screen ! 'H'
 screen ! 'e'
 screen ! 'l'
 screen ! 'l'
 screen ! 'o'
 screen ! ' '
 screen ! 'W'
 screen ! 'o'
 screen ! 'r'
 screen ! 'l'
 screen ! 'd'
 screen ! '*c'
 screen ! '*n'
 --}}}}
:
```

# Hello World (2)

```
PROC hello.world (CHAN OF BYTE keyboard, screen, error)
 --{{{
 VAL []BYTE greeting IS "Hello World*c*n":
 SEQ i = 0 FOR SIZE greeting
 screen ! greeting[i]
 --}}}}
:
```

# Hello World (3)

```
#USE "course.lib"
```

```
PROC hello.world (CHAN OF BYTE keyboard, screen, error)
```

```
--{{{
```

```
out.string ("Hello World*c*n", 0, screen)
```

```
--}}}
```

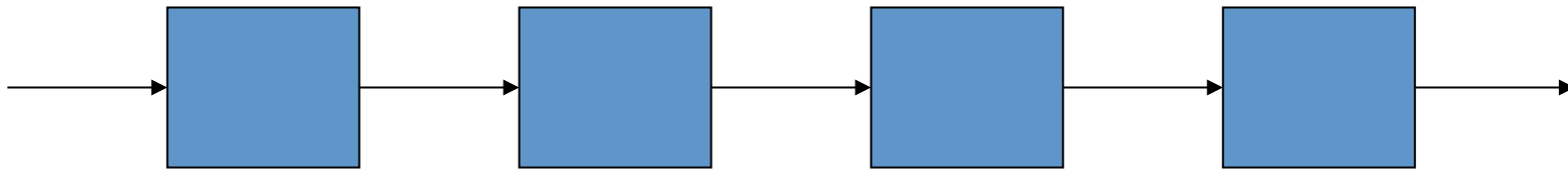
```
:
```

# Echo

```
#INCLUDE "consts.inc"

PROC echoing (CHAN OF BYTE keyboard, screen, error)
 --{{{
 BYTE ch:
 SEQ
 ch := ' '
 WHILE ch <> 'Z'
 SEQ
 keyboard ? ch
 screen ! ch
 screen ! FLUSH
 screen ! '*c'
 screen ! '*n'
 --}}}
 :
```

# A simple FIFO buffer





# A simple FIFO buffer

```
VAL INT N IS 4:
[N + 1] CHAN OF INT C:
PAR P = 0 FOR N
 INT Value:
 WHILE TRUE
 SEQ
 C[P] ? Value
 C[P + 1] ! Value
```

# Compile time limitations

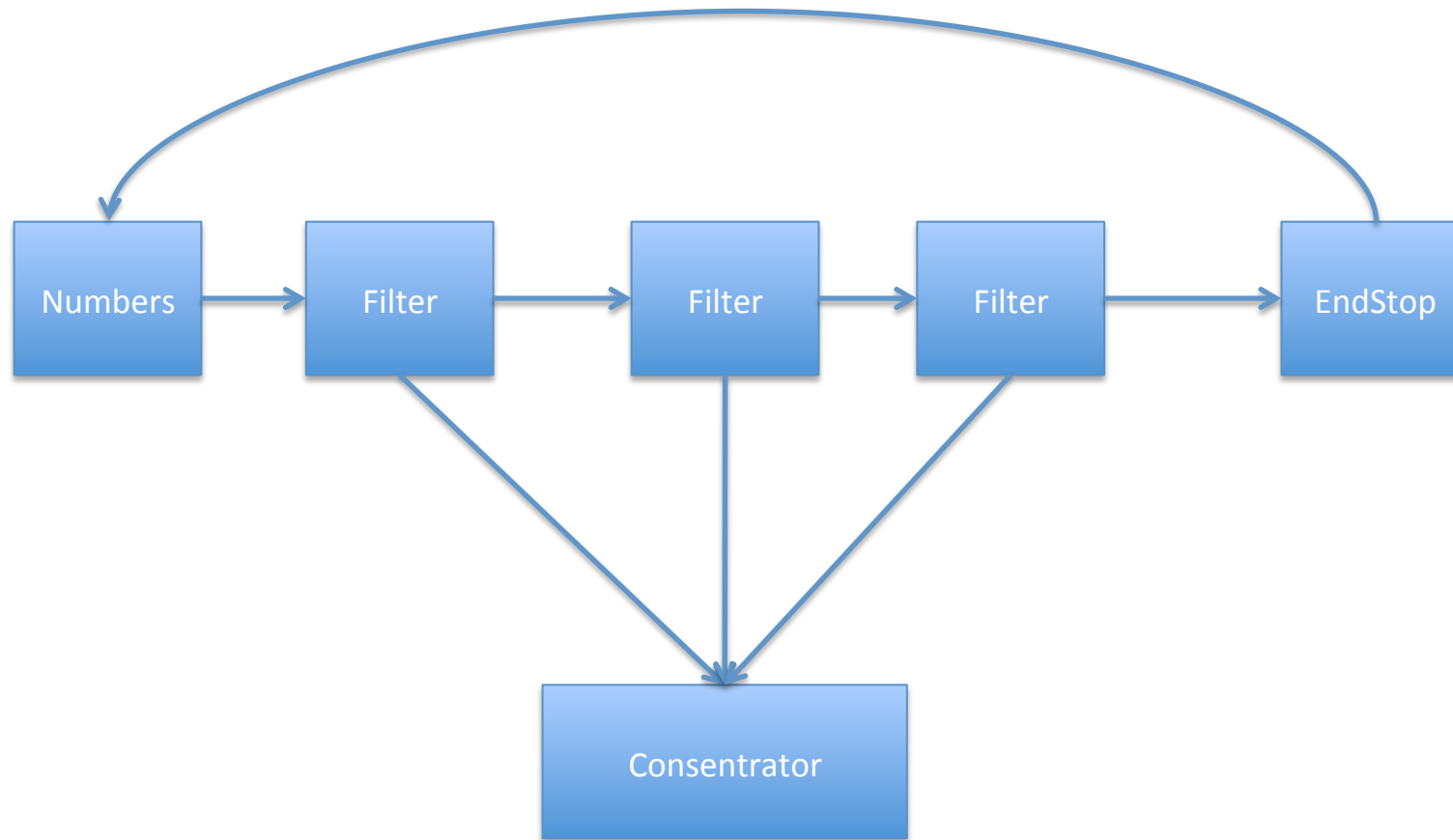
```
INT N.PROC:
SEQ
 Ch ? N.PROC
 PAR P = 0 FOR N.PROC
 par.process
```

```
INT N.PROC:
VAL INT MAX IS 100:
SEQ
 Ch ? N.PROC
 IF N.PROC > MAX
 STOP
 PAR P = 0 FOR N.PROC
 par.process
```

# Sieve in Occam

- Generate Prime numbers
  - With a lot of processes 😊

# Sieve in Occam



# Numbers

```
PROC Numbers(CHAN OF INT in, out)
 INT i:
 SEQ
 i:=2
 WHILE i <> EndToken
 PRI ALT
 in ? i
 SKIP
 TRUE & SKIP
 SEQ
 out ! i
 i := i+1
 :
```

# EndStop

```
PROC EndSTOP(CHAN OF INT in, out)
 INT temp:
 SEQ
 in ? temp
 PAR
 out ! EndToken
 WHILE temp <> EndToken
 in ? temp
 :
```

# Filter

```
PROC Filter(CHAN OF INT left, right, down)
 INT p,q:
 SEQ
 left ? p
 q:=1
 PAR
 down ! p
 WHILE q <> EndToken
 SEQ
 left ? q
 IF
 q = EndToken
 SKIP
 (q\p)<>0
 right ! q
 TRUE
 SKIP
 right ! EndToken
 :
```

# Concentrator

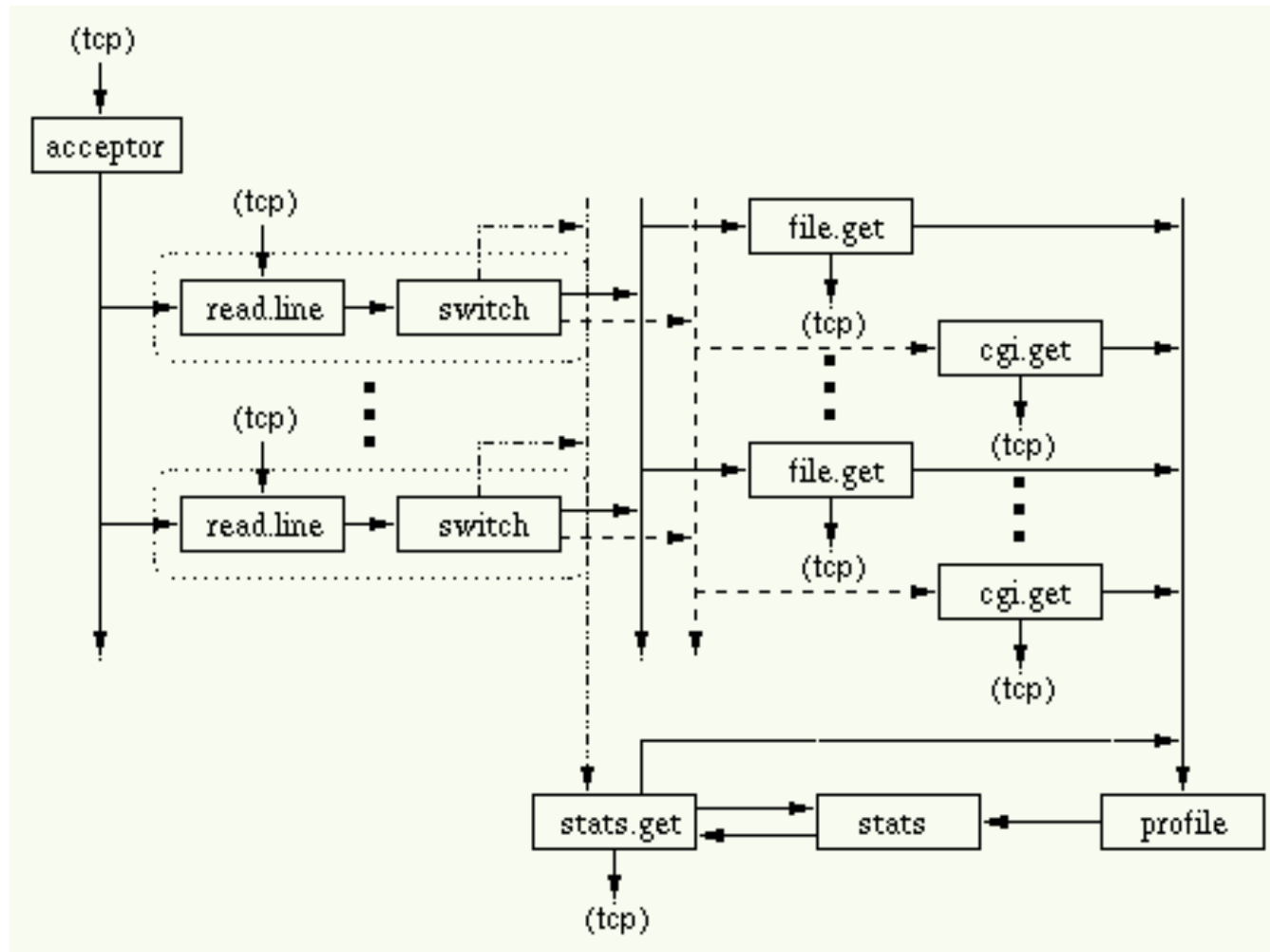
```
PROC Concentrator([]CHAN OF INT in,
 CHAN OF INT out)
 INT p:
 SEQ i = 0 FOR SIZE in
 SEQ
 in [i] ? p
 out ! p
 :
```



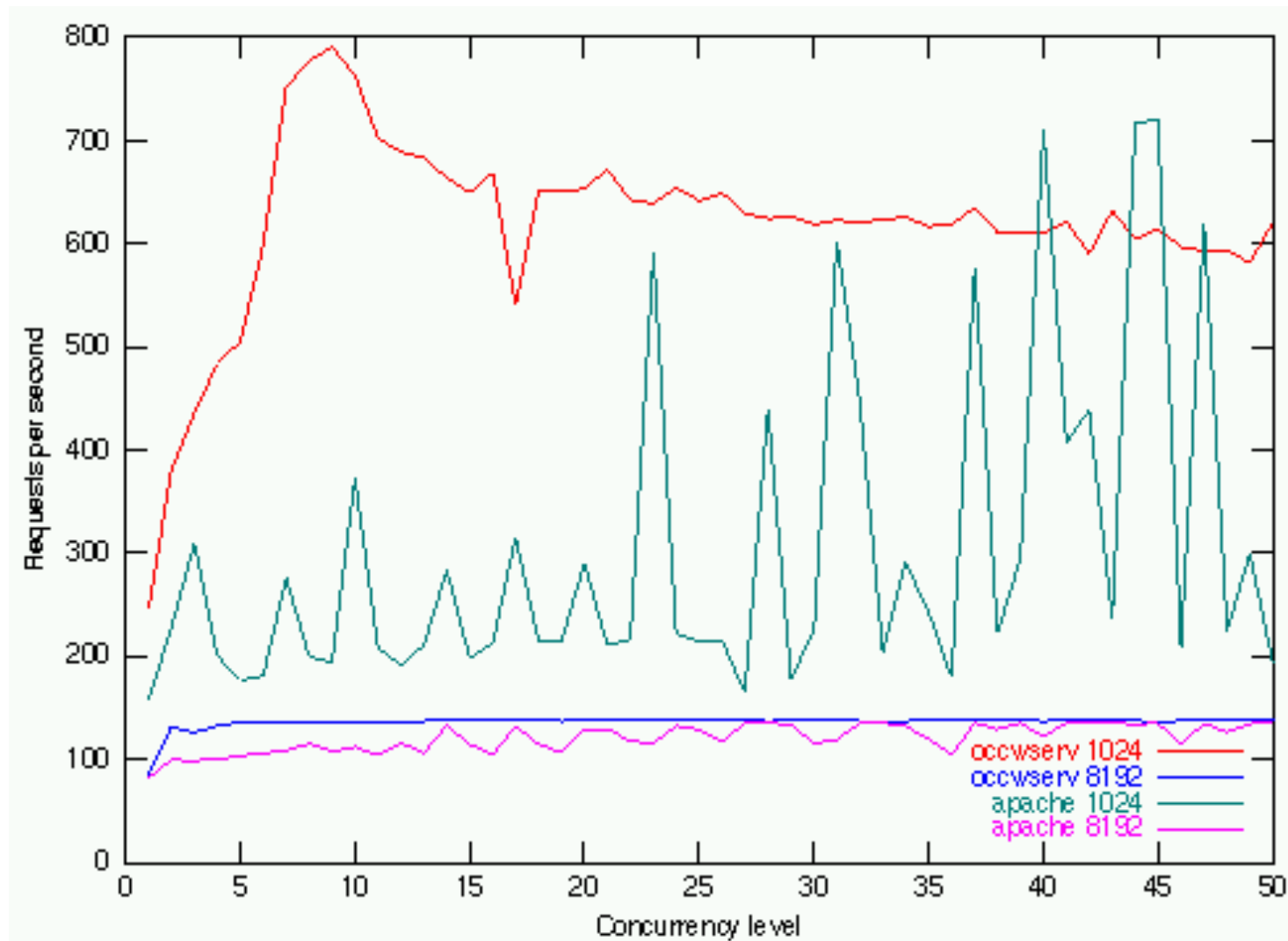
# Sieve

```
VAL INT N is 30:
PROC Generate(CHAN OF INT Primes)
 VAL INT EndToken IS 0:
 PROC Numbers(CHAN OF INT in, out)
 PROC EndSTOP(CHAN OF INT in, out)
 PROC Filter(CHAN OF INT, left, right, down)
 PROC Concentrator([]CHAN OF INT in,
 CHAN OF INT out)
 [N+1]CHAN OF INT InterFilter:
 [N]CHAN OF INT PC:
 CHAN INT OK.STOP:
 PAR
 Numbers(OK.STOP, InterFilter[0])
 PAR i = 0 FOR N
 Filter(InterFilter[i], InterFilter[i+1], PC[i])
 EndStop(InterFilter[N], OK.STOP)
 Concentrator(PC, Primes)
 :
```

<http://wotug.ukc.ac.uk/ocweb/>



# ocweb Performance



# Occam for Linux

- KRoC
  - <http://www.cs.ukc.ac.uk/projects/ofa/kroc/>
- Easy to use

# Occam OS

- KRoC runtime library ported to be an operating system in its own right RMoX

Java

# CSP for Java (JCSP)

- A ***process*** is an object of a class implementing the ***CSPProcess*** interface:

```
interface CSPProcess {
 public void run();
}
```

- The *behaviour* of the process is determined by the body given to the ***run()*** method in the implementing class.

# JCSP Process Structure

```
class Example implements CSPProcess {

 ... private shared synchronisation objects
 (channels etc.)
 ... private state information

 ... public constructors
 ... public accessors (gets) / mutators (sets)
 (only to be used when not running)

 ... private support methods (part of a run)
 ... public void run() (process starts here)

}
```



# Two Sets of Channel Classes (and Interfaces)

**Object** channels

- carrying (references to)  
arbitrary Java objects

**int** channels

- carrying Java **ints**

# Channel Interfaces and Classes

- Channel interfaces are what the processes see. Processes only need to care what kind of data they carry (**ints** or **Objects**) and whether the channels are for output, input or ***ALing*** (i.e. *choice*) input.
- It will be the network builder's concern to choose the actual channel **classes** to use when connecting processes together.

# `int` Channels

- The `int` channels are convenient and secure.
- For completeness, **JCSP** should provide channels for carrying all of the Java primitive data-types. These would be trivial to add. So far, there has been no pressing need.

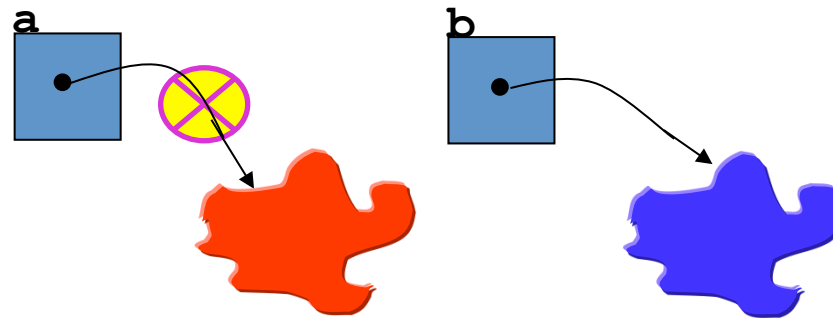
# Object Aliasing - Danger !!

Java objects are referenced through variable names.

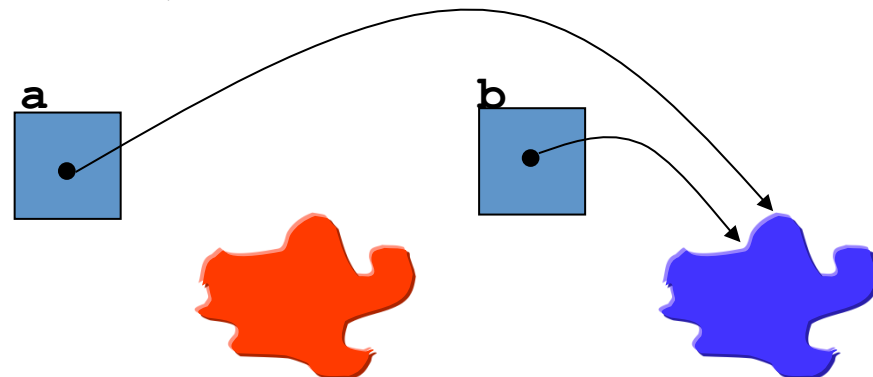
**a** and **b** are now *aliases* for the same object!



Thing **a** = ..., **b** = ...;



**a** = **b**;



# Object Channels - Danger !!

- **Object** channels expose a danger
- Channel communication only communicates the **Object** reference.

```
Thing t = ...
c.write (t); // c!t
... use t
```



```
Thing t;
t = (Thing) c.read(); // c?t
... use t
```

# Object Channels - Danger !!

- After the communication, each process has a reference (in its variable **t**) to the **same** object.
- If **one** of these processes modifies that object (in its ... use **t**), the **other** one had better forget about it!

```
Thing t = ...
c.write (t); // c!t
... use t
```



```
Thing t;
t = (Thing) c.read(); // c?t
... use t
```

# Object Channels - Danger !!

- Otherwise, the parallel usage rule is violated and we will be at the mercy of *when* the processes get scheduled for execution - a **RACE HAZARD!**



- We have design patterns to prevent this.

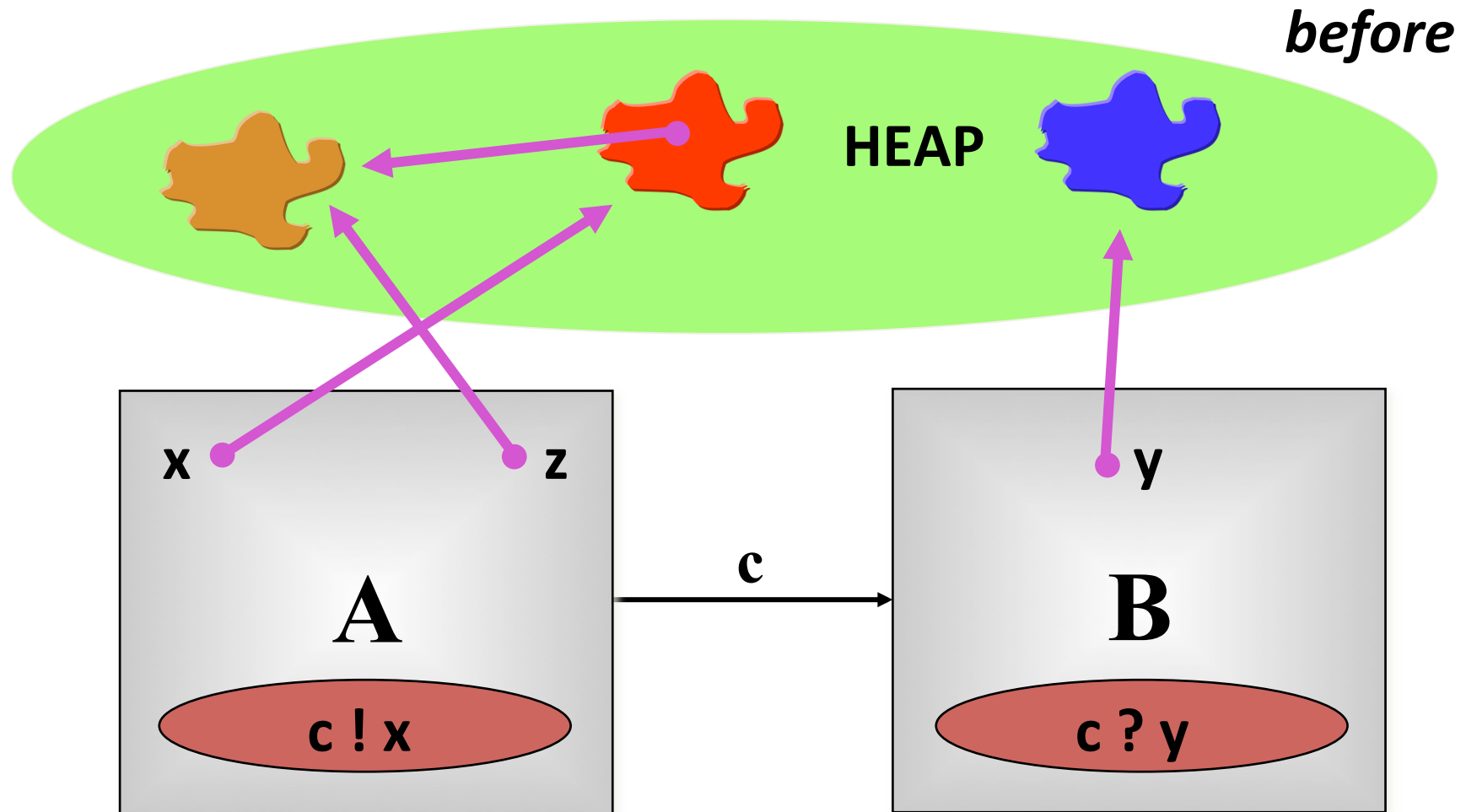


```
Thing t = ...
c.write (t); // c!t
... use t
```



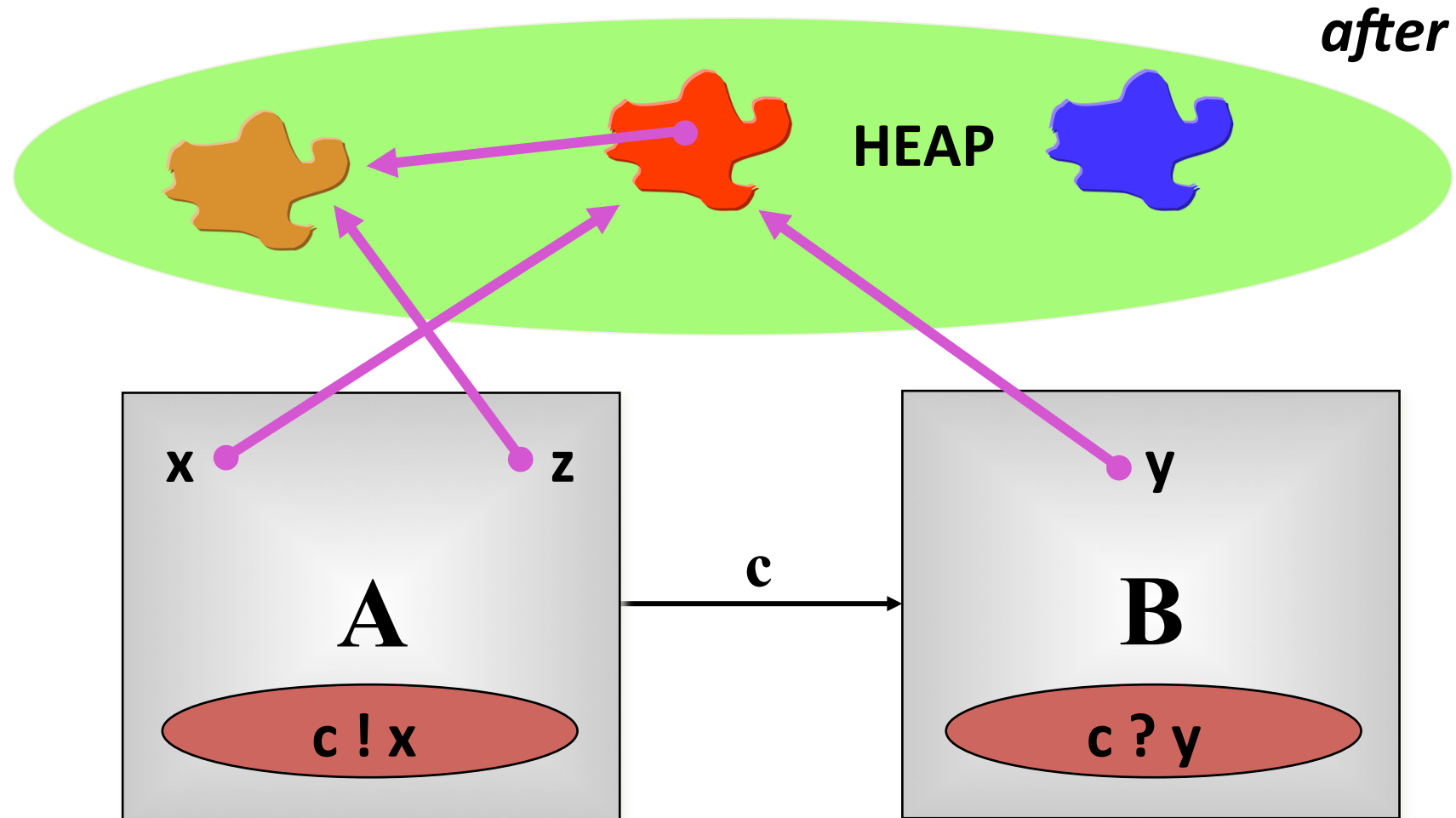
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Thing t;
t = (Thing) c.read(); // c?t
... use t
```

# Reference Semantics



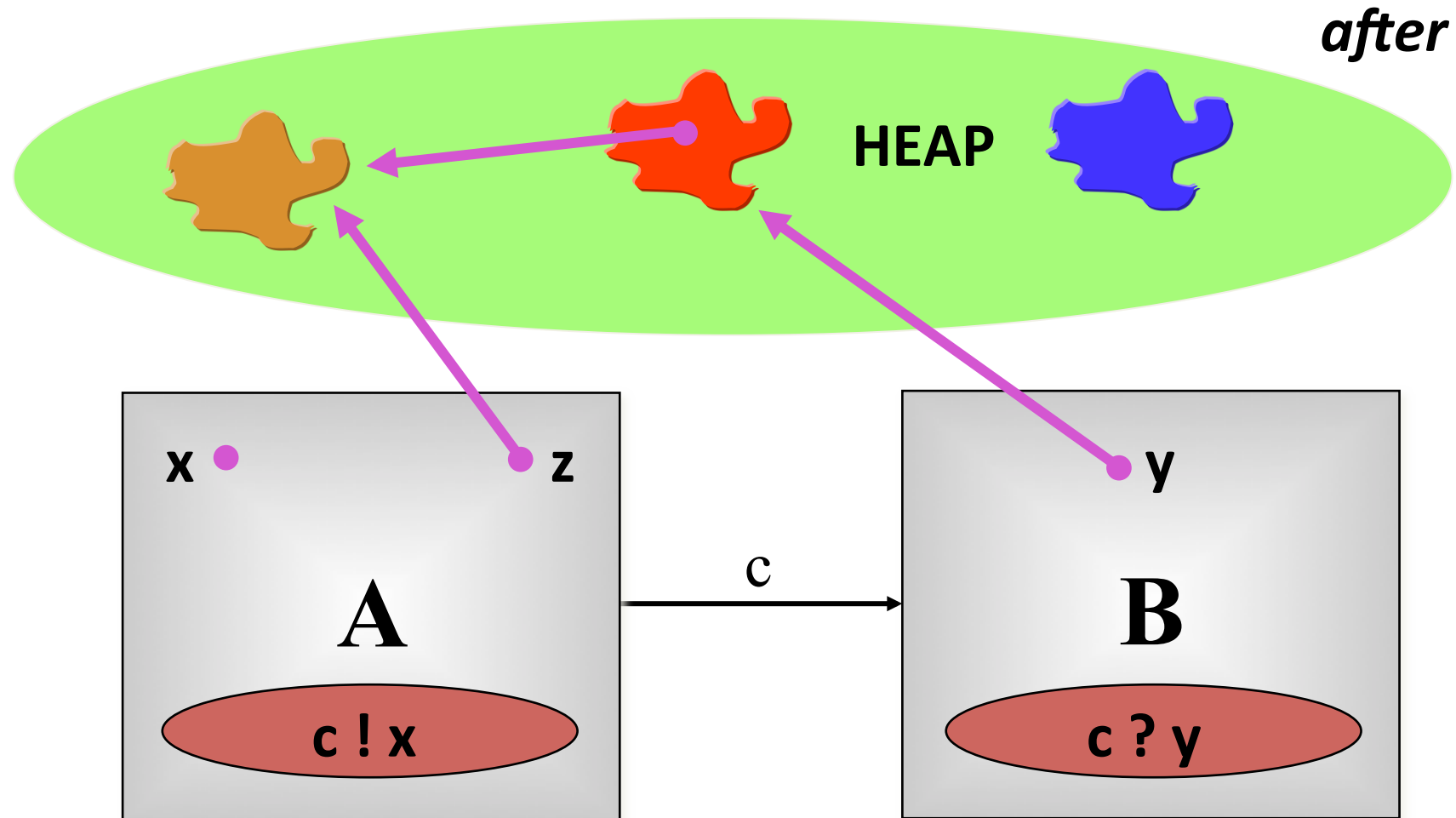


# Reference Semantics



Red and brown objects are parallel compromised!

# Reference Semantics



Even if the source variable is nulled, brown is done for!!

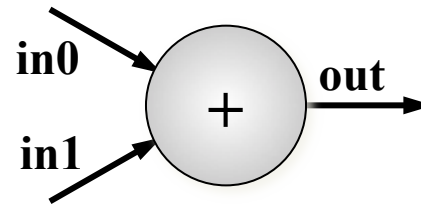


```
class SuccInt implements CProcess {

 private final ChannelInputInt in;
 private final ChannelOutputInt out;

 public SuccInt (ChannelInputInt in,
 ChannelOutputInt out) {
 this.in = in;
 this.out = out;
 }

 public void run () {
 while (true) {
 int n = in.read ();
 out.write (n + 1);
 }
 }
}
```



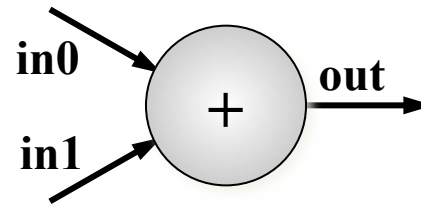
```
class PlusInt implements CProcess {

 private final ChannelInputInt in0;
 private final ChannelInputInt in1;
 private final ChannelOutputInt out;

 public PlusInt (ChannelInputInt in0,
 ChannelInputInt in1,
 ChannelOutputInt out) {
 this.in0 = in0;
 this.in1 = in1;
 this.out = out;
 }

 ... public void run ()

}
```

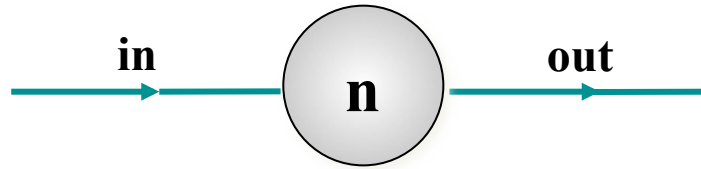


```
class PlusInt implements CSPProcess {
 ... private final channels (in0, in1, out)
 ... public PlusInt (ChannelInputInt in0, ...)

 public void run () {
 while (true) {
 int n0 = in0.read ();
 int n1 = in1.read ();
 out.write (n0 + n1);
 }
 }
}
```

**serial ordering**

**Note: the inputs really need to be done in parallel - later!**



```
class PrefixInt implements CSProcess {

 private final int n;
 private final ChannelInputInt in;
 private final ChannelOutputInt out;

 public PrefixInt (int n, ChannelInputInt in,
 ChannelOutputInt out) {
 this.n = n;
 this.in = in;
 this.out = out;
 }

 public void run () {
 out.write (n);
 new IdInt (in, out).run ();
 }
}
```

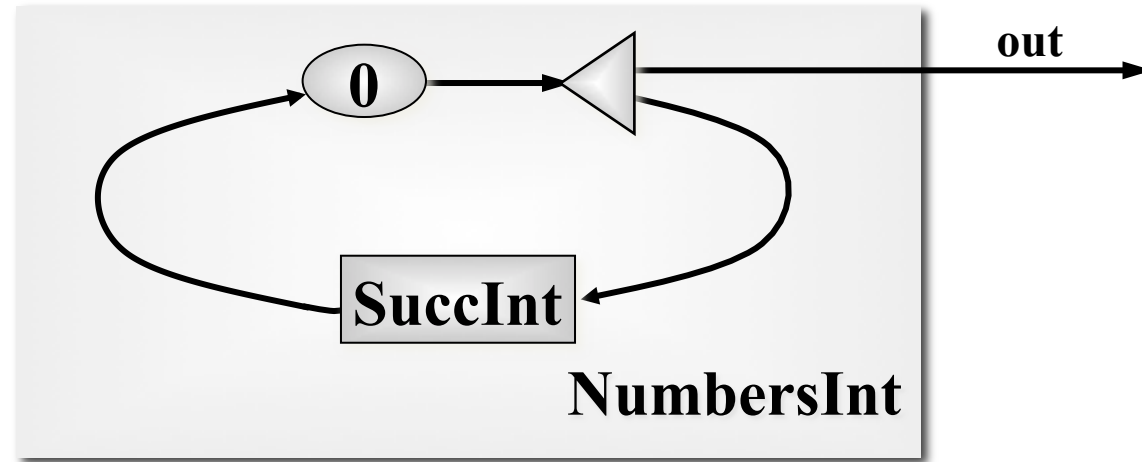
# Process Networks

- We now want to be able to take instances of these ***processes*** (or components) and connect them together to form a network.
- The resulting network will itself be a ***process***.
- To do this, we need to construct some real wires - these are instances of the ***channel*** classes.
- We also need a way to compose everything together - the **Parallel** constructor.

# Parallel

- *Parallel* is a **CSPprocess** whose constructor takes an array of **CSPprocesses**.
- Its *run()* method is the parallel composition of its given **CSPprocesses**.
- The semantics is the same as for the CSP **||**.
- The *run()* terminates when and only when all of its component processes have terminated.



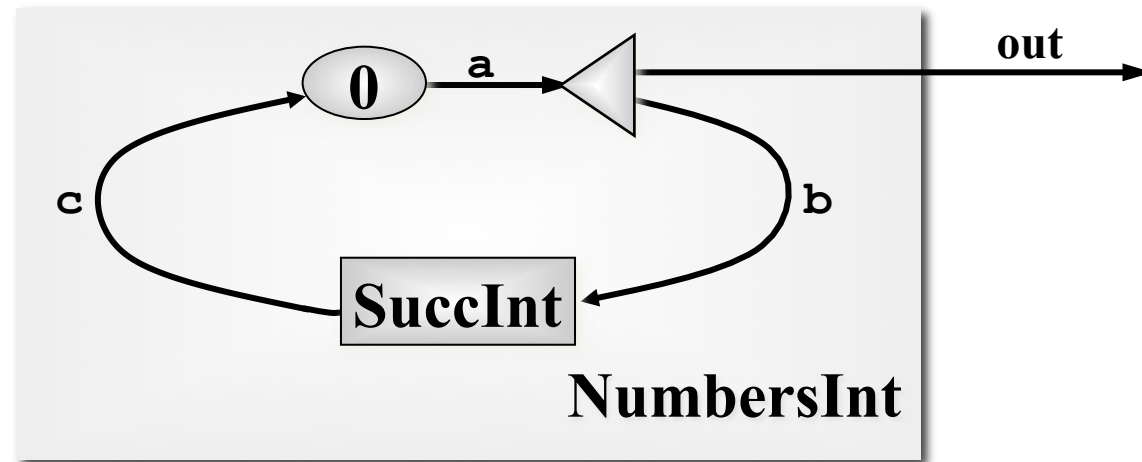


```
class NumbersInt implements CProcess {
 private final ChannelOutputInt out;

 public NumbersInt (ChannelOutputInt out) {
 this.out = out;
 }

 ... public void run ()

}
```



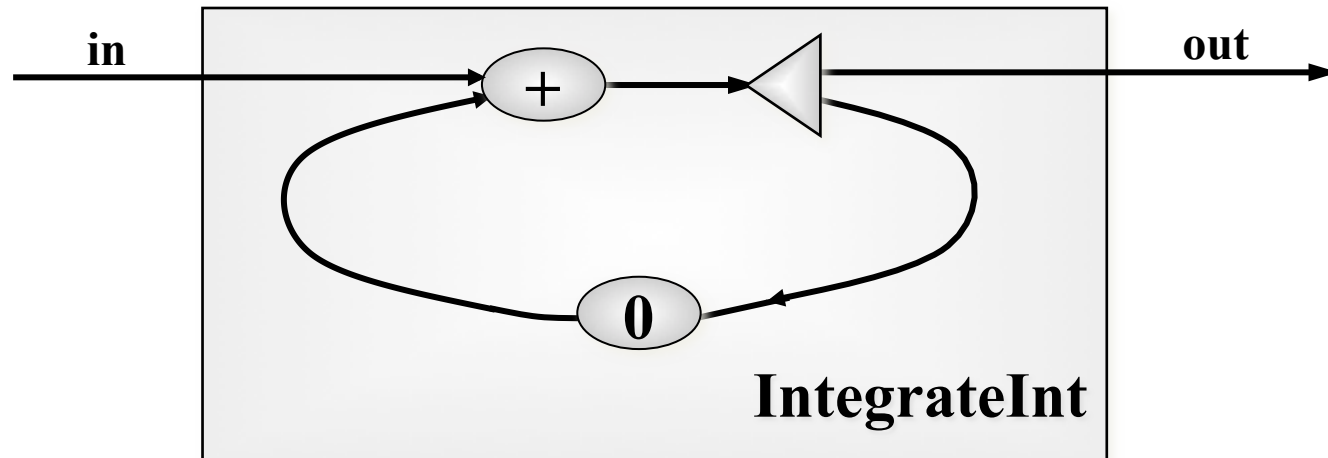
```

public void run () {

 One2OneChannelInt a = new One2OneChannelInt ();
 One2OneChannelInt b = new One2OneChannelInt ();
 One2OneChannelInt c = new One2OneChannelInt ();

 new Parallel (
 new CSPProcess[] {
 new PrefixInt (0, c, a),
 new Delta2Int (a, out, b),
 new SuccInt (b, c)
 }
).run ();
}

```

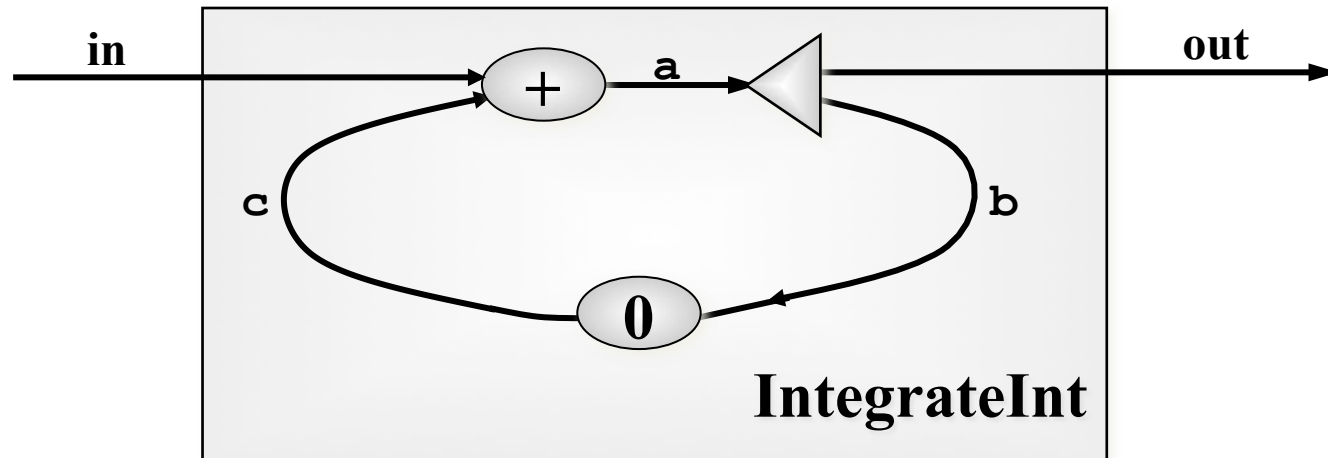


```
class IntegrateInt implements CSPProcess {

 private final ChannelInputInt in;
 private final ChannelOutputInt out;

 public IntegrateInt (ChannelInputInt in,
 ChannelOutputInt out) {
 this.in = in;
 this.out = out;
 }

 ... public void run ()
}
```

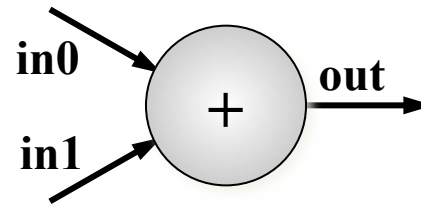


```
public void run () {

 One2OneChannelInt a = new One2OneChannelInt ();
 One2OneChannelInt b = new One2OneChannelInt ();
 One2OneChannelInt c = new One2OneChannelInt ();

 new Parallel (
 new CSProcess[] {
 new PlusInt (in, c, a),
 new Delta2Int (a, out, b),
 new PrefixInt (0, b, c)
 }
).run ();

}
```

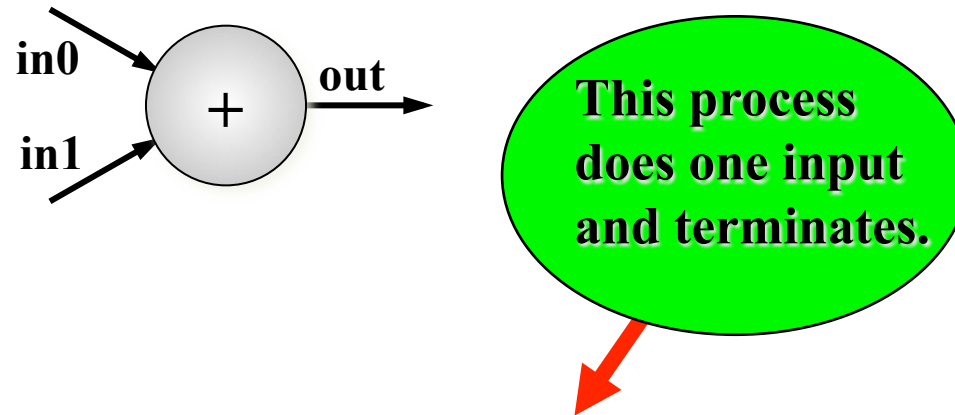


```
class PlusInt implements CSPProcess {
 ... private final channels (in0, in1, out)
 ... public PlusInt (ChannelInputInt in0, ...)

 public void run () {
 while (true) {
 int n0 = in0.read ();
 int n1 = in1.read ();
 out.write (n0 + n1);
 }
 }
}
```

**Change this!**

**Note: the inputs really need to be done in parallel - now!**



```
public void run () {

 ProcessReadInt readIn0 = new ProcessReadInt (in0);
 ProcessReadInt readIn1 = new ProcessReadInt (in1);

 CSProcess parRead =
 new Parallel (new CSProcess[] {readIn0, readIn1});

 while (true) {
 parRead.run ();
 out.write (readIn0.value + readIn1.value);
 }

}
```

**Note: the inputs are now done in parallel.**

# Implementation Note

- A **JCSP Parallel** object runs its first (n-1) components in *separate* Java threads and its last component in *its own* thread of control.
- When a **Parallel.run()** terminates, the **Parallel** object parks all its threads for reuse in case the **Parallel** is run again.
- So processes like **PlusInt** incur the overhead of Java thread creation *only during its first cycle*.
- That's why we named the **parRead** process before loop entry, rather than constructing it anonymously each time within the loop.

# Termination

- Termination in JCSP is done exactly as in C++CSP which will be covered next
  - Since C++CSP introduced the mechanism it will be covered there



# Assignment 1

FIG. 7.

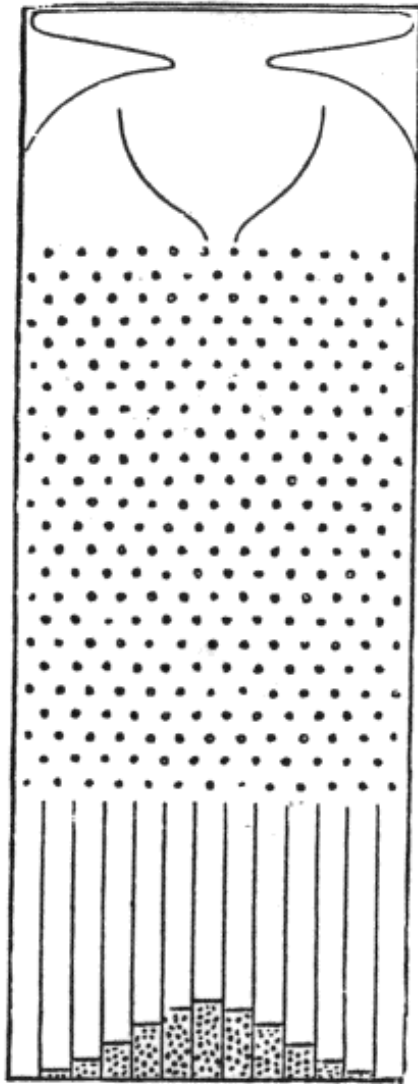


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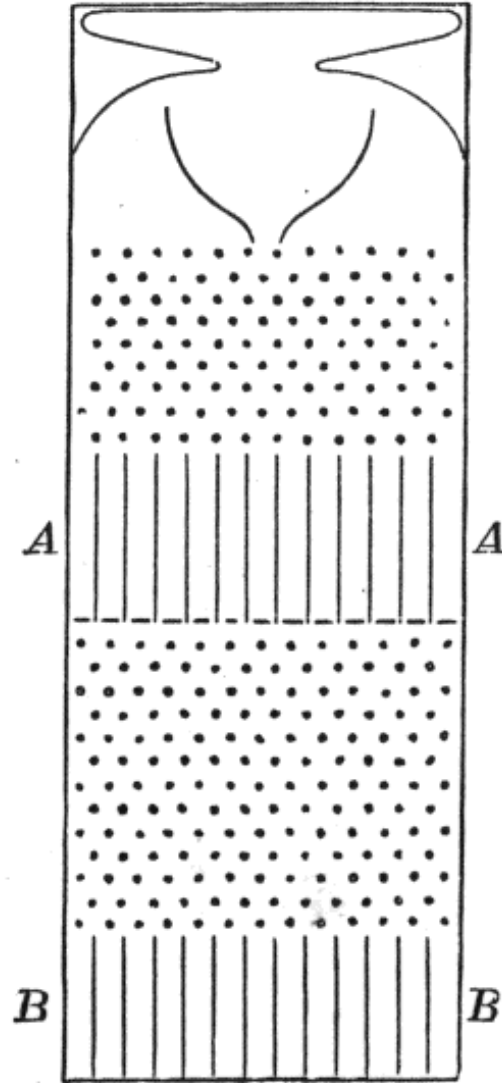
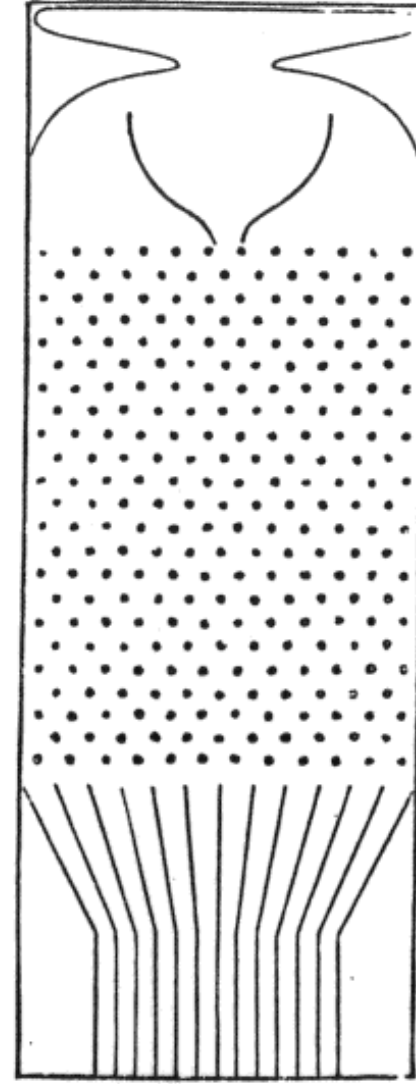


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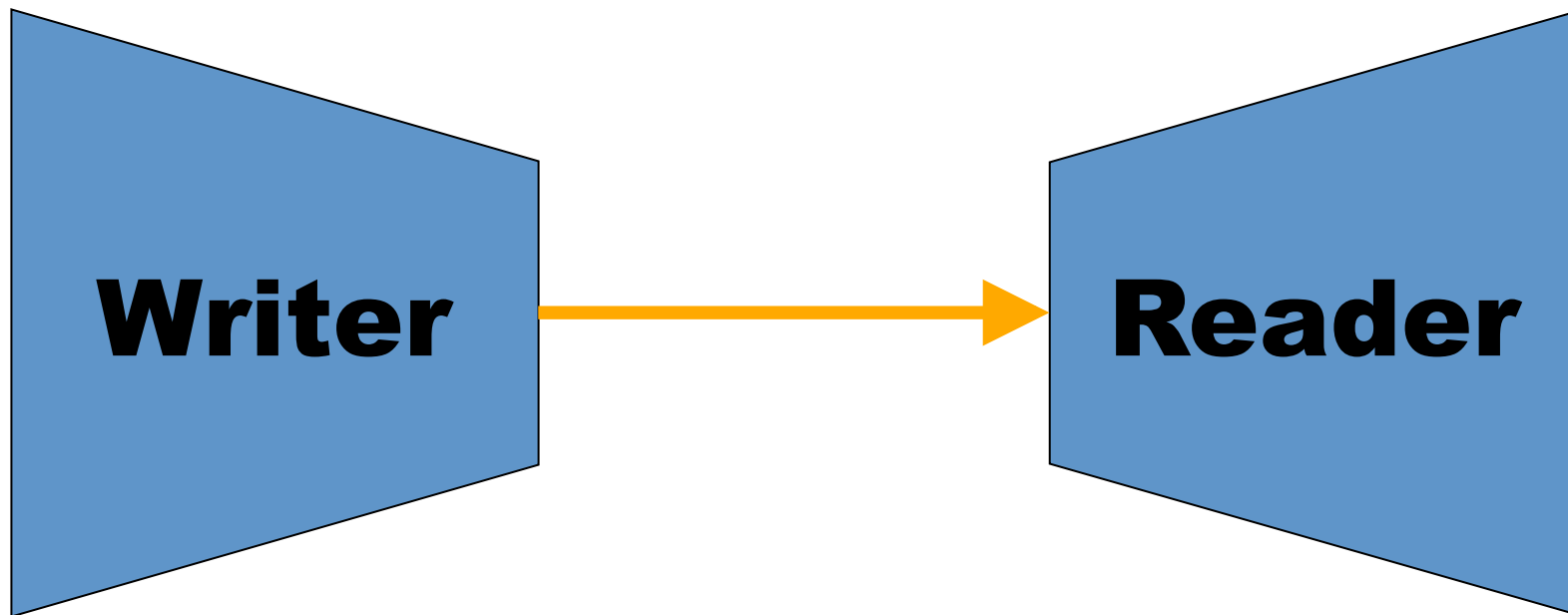


C++

# **C++ Library Overview**

- **A process is a subclass of `CSPProcess`, implementing the `run` method**
- **Channels are templated, so they can communicate any type**
- **Communication is done using channel end objects, not the channel itself**

# Our First Processes



# Our First Processes

```
class Writer
 : public CProcess
{
private:
 Chanout<int> out;
protected:
 void run();
public:
 Writer(
 const Chanout<int>& o
);
};
```



Chanout<int> is the writing  
end of a channel of integers

# Our First Processes

```
class Reader
 : public CProcess
{
private:
 Chanin<int> in;
protected:
 void run();
public:
 Reader(
 const Chanin<int>& i
);
};
```

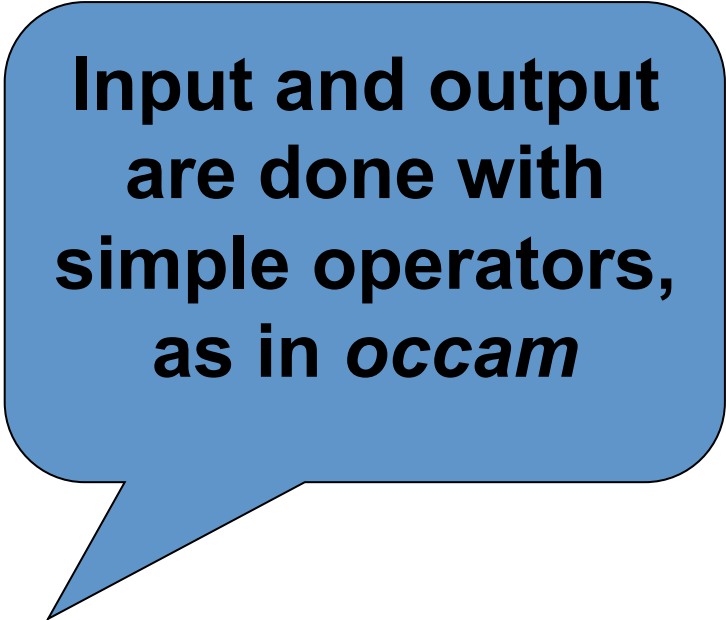


Chanin<int> is the  
reading end of a channel of  
integers

# Our First Processes

```
void Writer::run() {
 int i;
 for (i = 0; i < 100; i++) {
 out << i;
 }
}
```

```
void Reader::run() {
 int i, n;
 for (i = 0; i < 100; i++) {
 in >> n;
 }
}
```



**Input and output  
are done with  
simple operators,  
as in *occam***

# Our First Processes

```
void function()
{
 One2OneChannel<int> channel;

 Parallel(
 new Writer(channel.writer()),
 new Reader(channel.reader()),
 NULL);
}

void main() {
 Start_CSP();
 function();
 End_CSP();
}
```

Where appropriate,  
JCSP's API is copied

Use writer/reader  
calls to get channel  
ends

Parallel takes a NULL-terminated  
list of process pointers

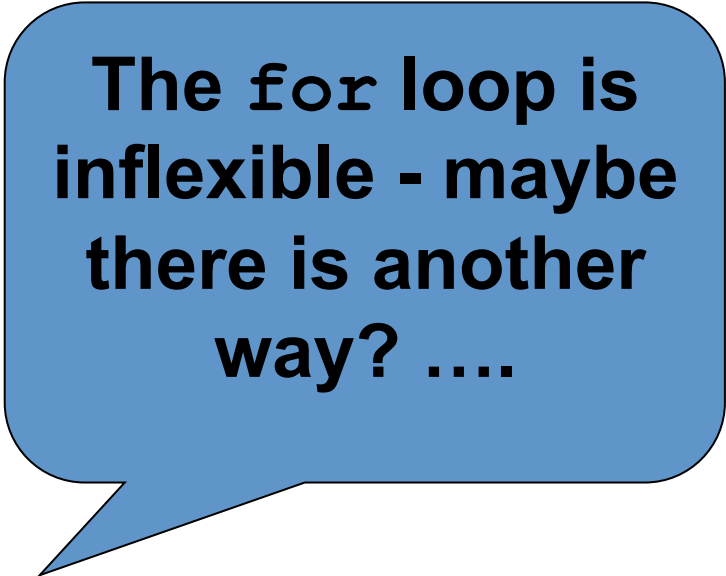
The Start\_CSP/End\_CSP functions must be  
called before/after the library is used



# Our First Processes

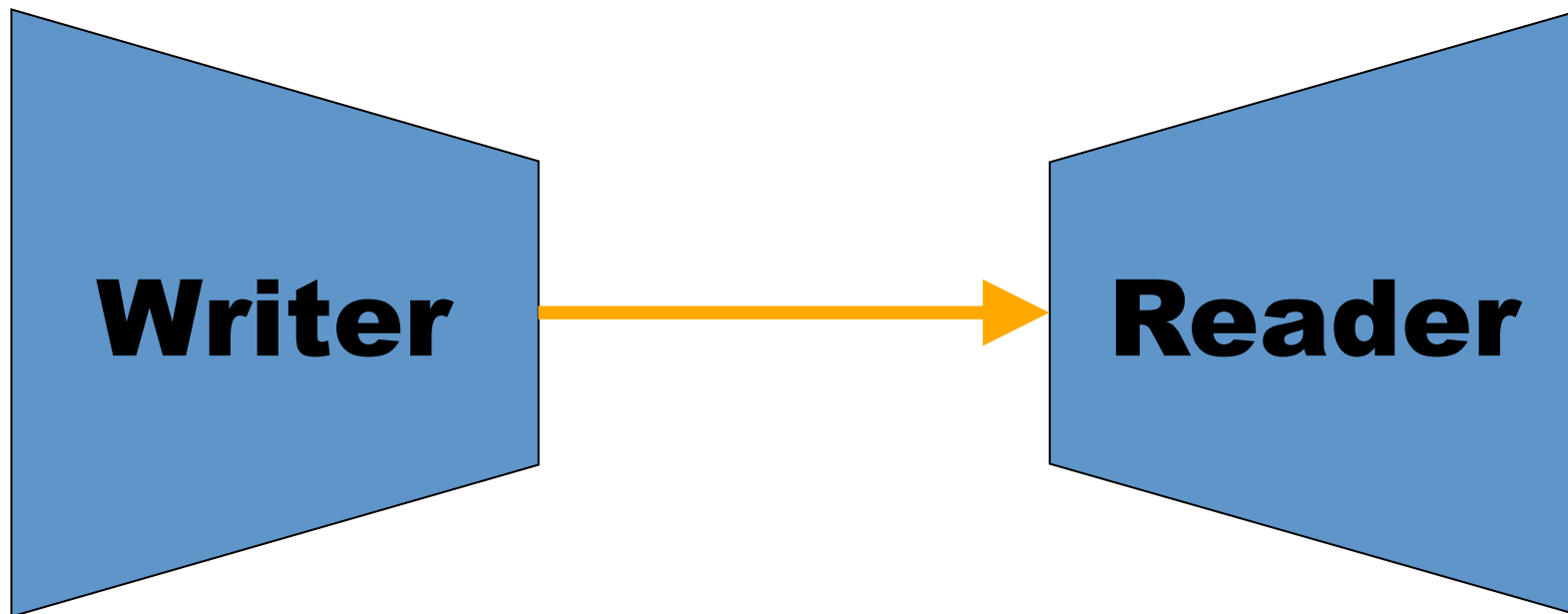
```
void Writer::run() {
 int i;
 for (i = 0; i < 100; i++) {
 out << i;
 }
}
```

```
void Reader::run() {
 int i, n;
 for (i = 0; i < 100; i++) {
 in >> n;
 }
}
```

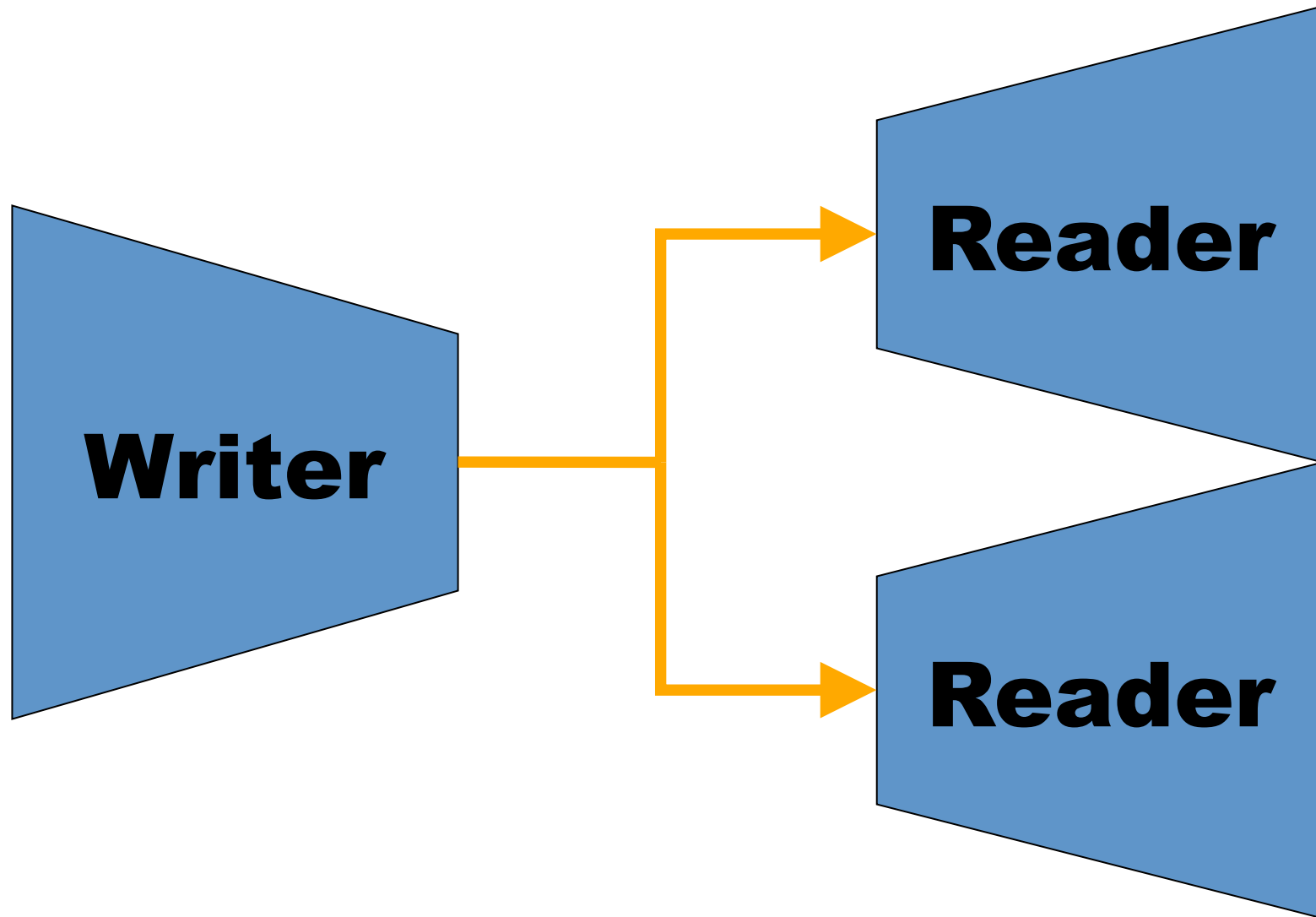


**The for loop is  
inflexible - maybe  
there is another  
way? ....**

# Shared Channels



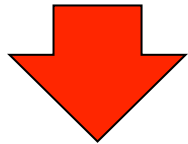
# Shared Channels



# Shared Channels

```
One2OneChannel<int> channel;
```

```
Parallel(
 new Writer(channel.writer()),
 new Reader(channel.reader()),
 NULL);
```



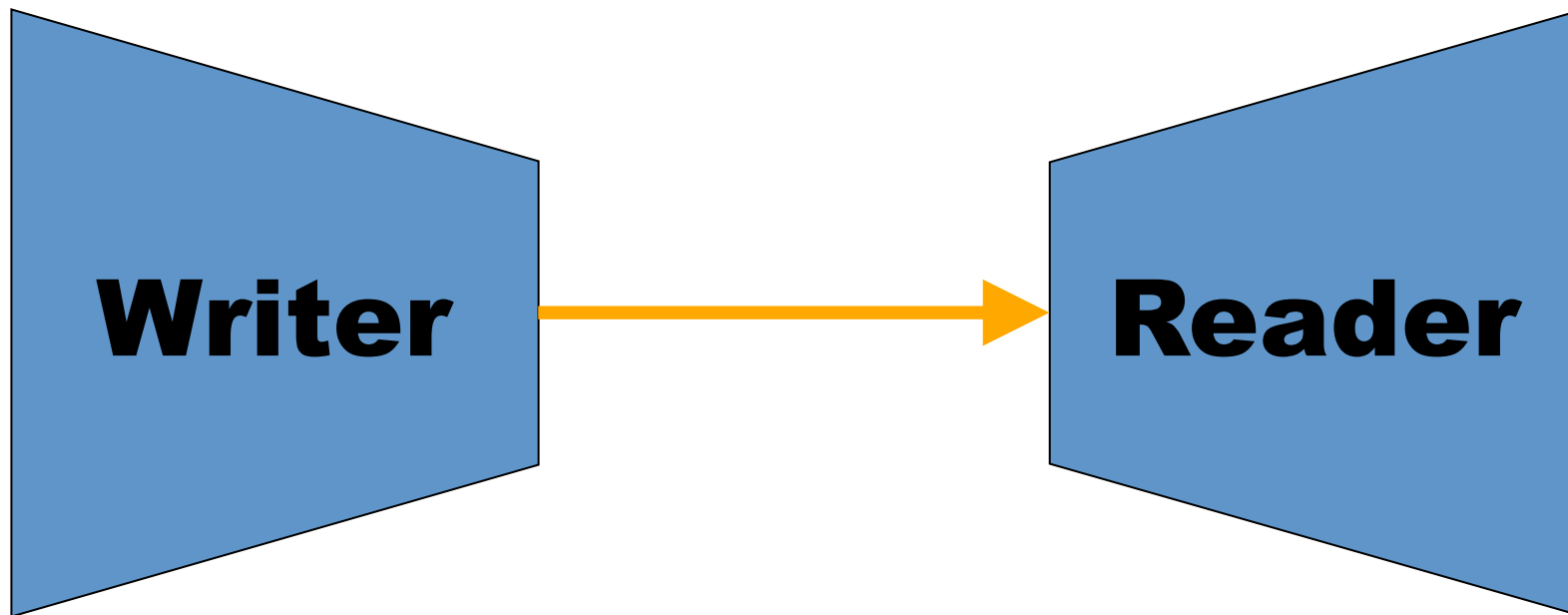
```
One2AnyChannel<int> channel;
```

```
Parallel(
 new Writer(channel.writer()),
 new Reader(channel.reader()),
 new Reader(channel.reader()),
 NULL);
```

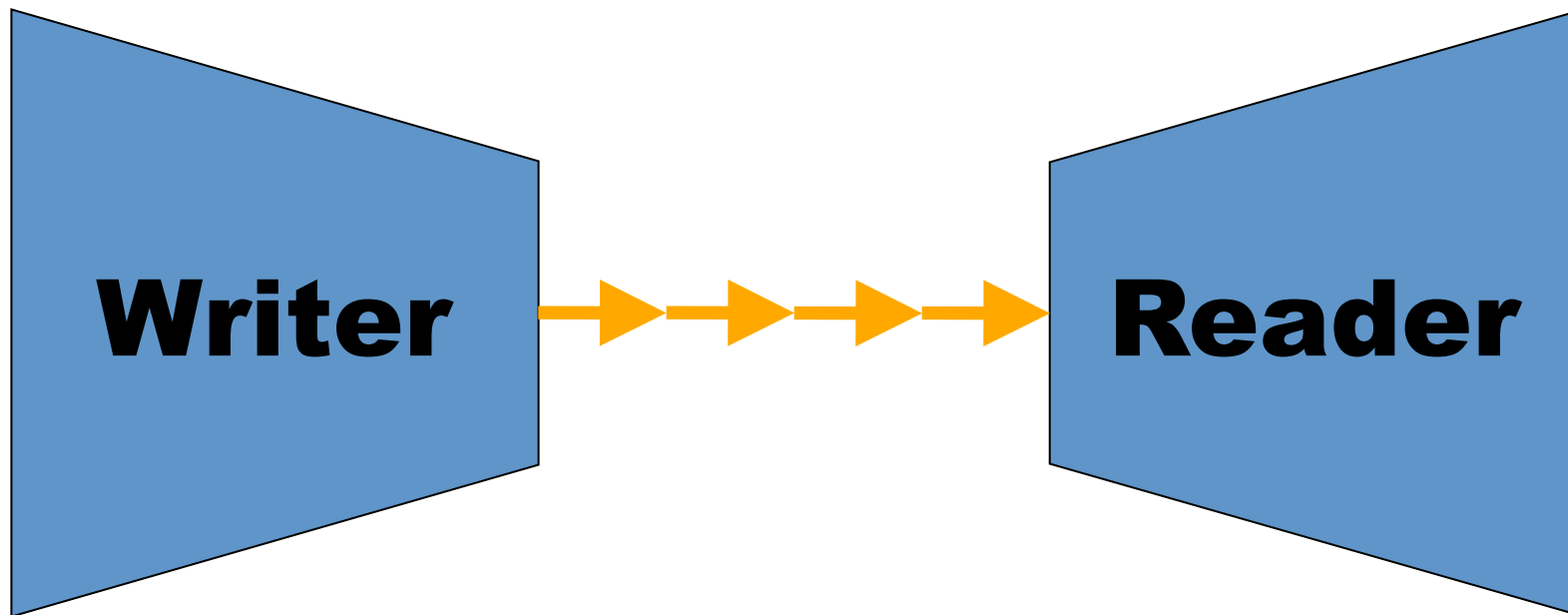
**Change the channel  
type and add an extra  
reader - simple as that!**

# **Buffered Channels**

# Buffered Channels



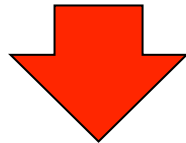
# Buffered Channels



# Buffered Channels

```
One2OneChannel<int> channel;
```

```
Parallel(
 new Writer(channel.writer()),
 new Reader(channel.reader()),
 NULL);
```



Note the  
added X!

```
One2OneChannelX<int>
 channel(Buffer<int>(4));
```

```
Parallel(
 new Writer(channel.writer()),
 new Reader(channel.reader()),
 NULL);
```

Pass in the buffer  
object you want to  
use for buffering -  
like JCSP, C++CSP  
takes a copy of it  
rather than use the  
original



# Parallel Communications

```
void Delta::run() {
 int n;
 ParallelComm pc(
 outA.parOut(&n),
 outB.parOut(&n),
 NULL);

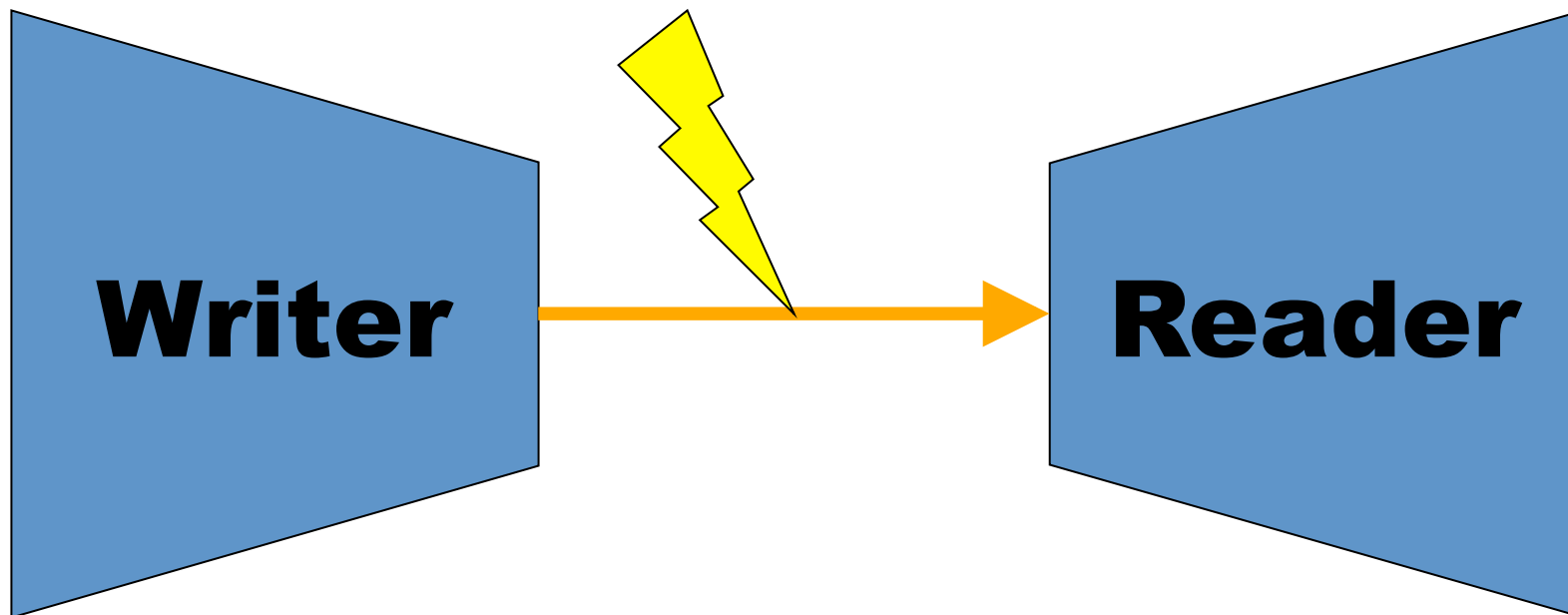
 while (true) {
 in >> n;
 pc.communicate();
 }
}
```

Like other library calls, the `ParallelComm` constructor takes a NULL-terminated list of `ParCommItems`

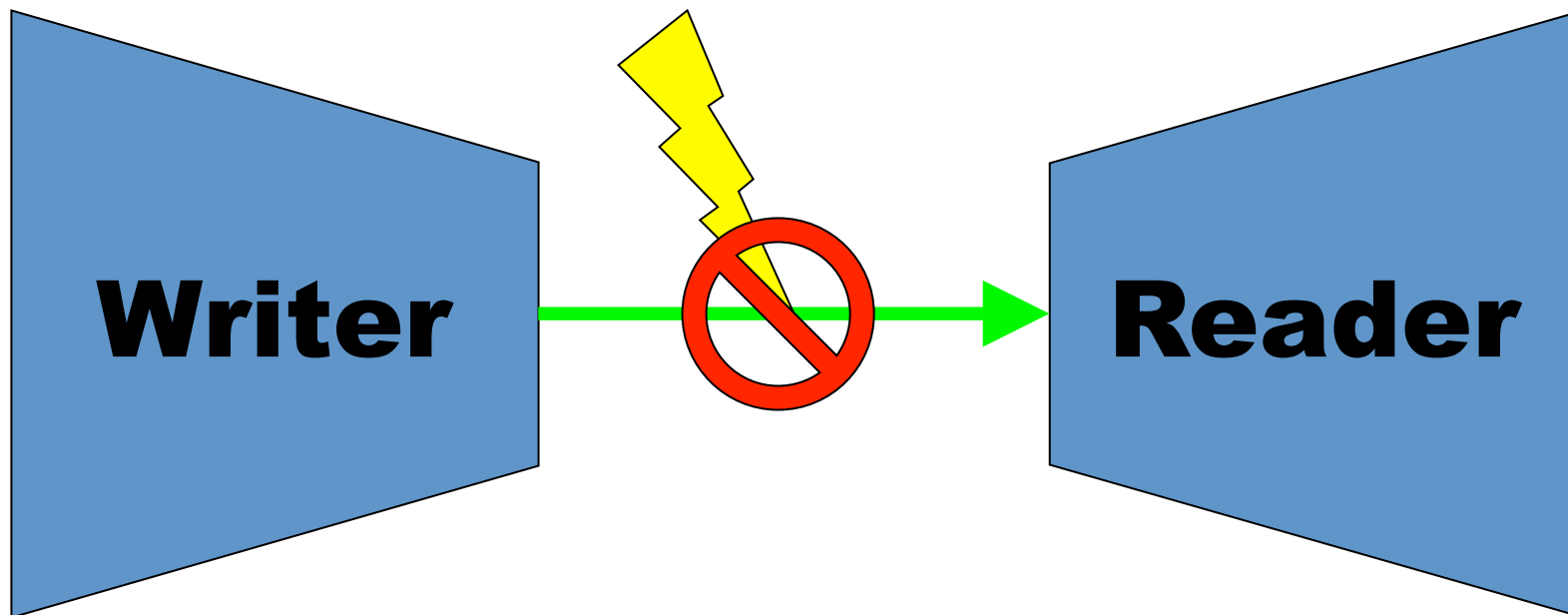
`Chanin` and `Chanout` have `parIn` and `parOut` calls respectively to get `ParCommItem` objects. They take the destination/source of the communication respectively as an argument

This `communicate` call performs all the communications associated with the `ParCommItems` passed to the constructor of the `ParallelComm`

# Poisoning

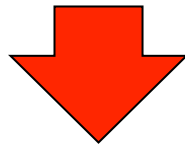


# Poisoning



# Poisoning

```
void Writer::run() {
 int i;
 for (i = 0; i < 100; i++) {
 out << i;
 }
}
```



```
void Writer::run() {
 int i;
 for (i = 0; i < 100; i++) {
 out << i;
 }
 out.poison();
}
```

**This channel will now be poisoned (forever - no antidote available!).**

**Any attempts to use the channel will cause a `PoisonException` to be thrown.**

**Except: poisoning an already-poisoned channel has no effect (no exception is thrown).**

# Poisoning

```
void Reader::run() {
 int i,n;
 for (i = 0;i < 100;i++) {
 in >> n;
 }
}
```

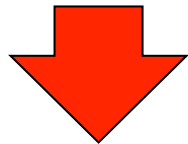


```
void Reader::run() {
 try {
 int n;
 while (true) {
 in >> n;
 }
 }
 catch (PoisonException e) {
 }
}
```

The for loop can now  
become a while (true)  
loop

# Poisoning

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 int i,n;
 for (i = 0;i < 100;i++) {
 in >> n;
 }
}
```

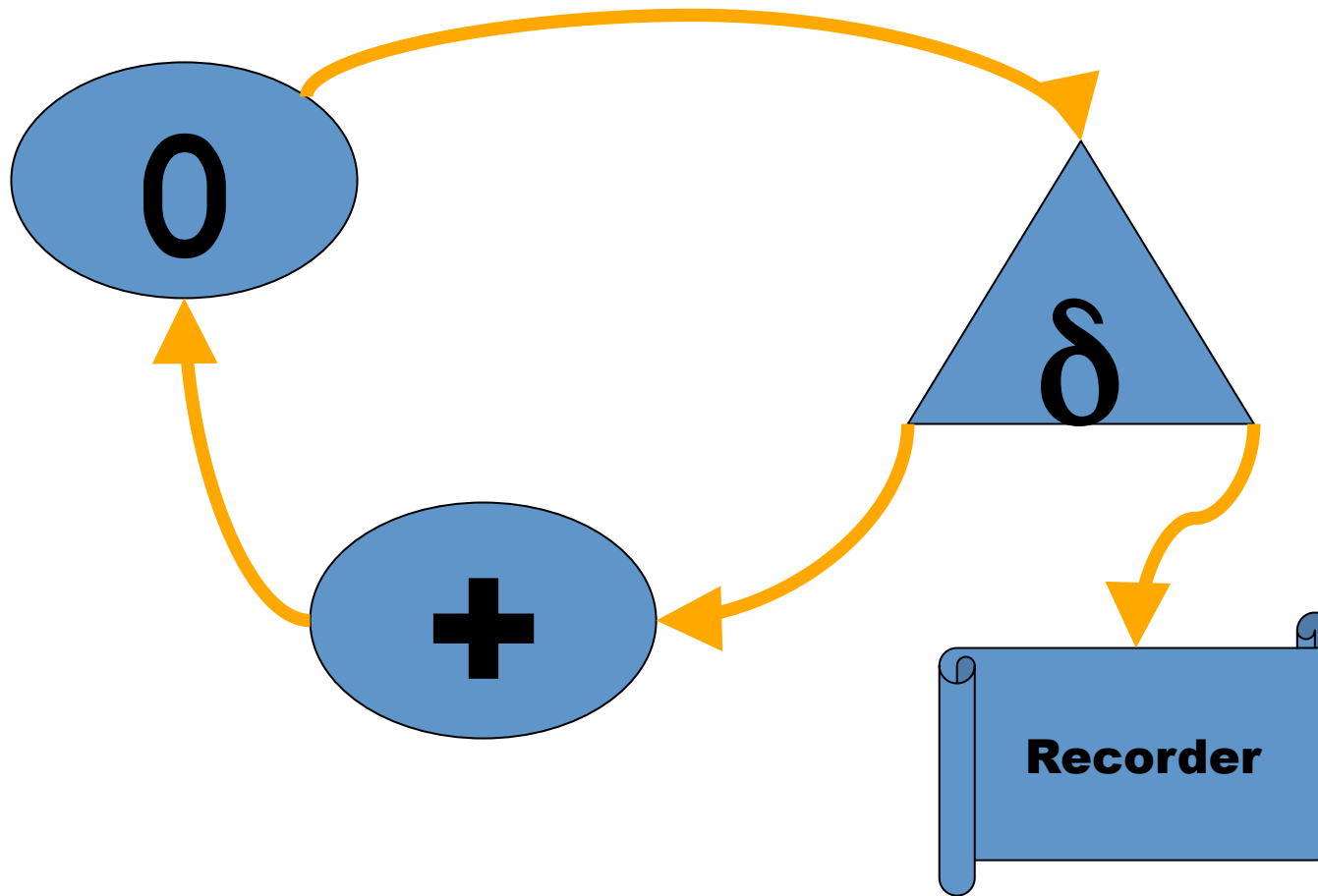


```
void Reader::run() {
 try {
 int n;
 while (true) {
 in >> n;
 }
 }
 catch (PoisonException e) {
 }
}
```

The for  
become :

When the channel has been  
poisoned, the next input  
will cause a  
PoisonException to be  
thrown, and it will be  
caught here

# CommsTime



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CSP Framework

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*occam* (KRoC 1.3.3)

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C++CSP

5 microseconds

# CommsTime

## CSP Framework

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*occam* (KRoC 1.3.3)

1.3 microseconds

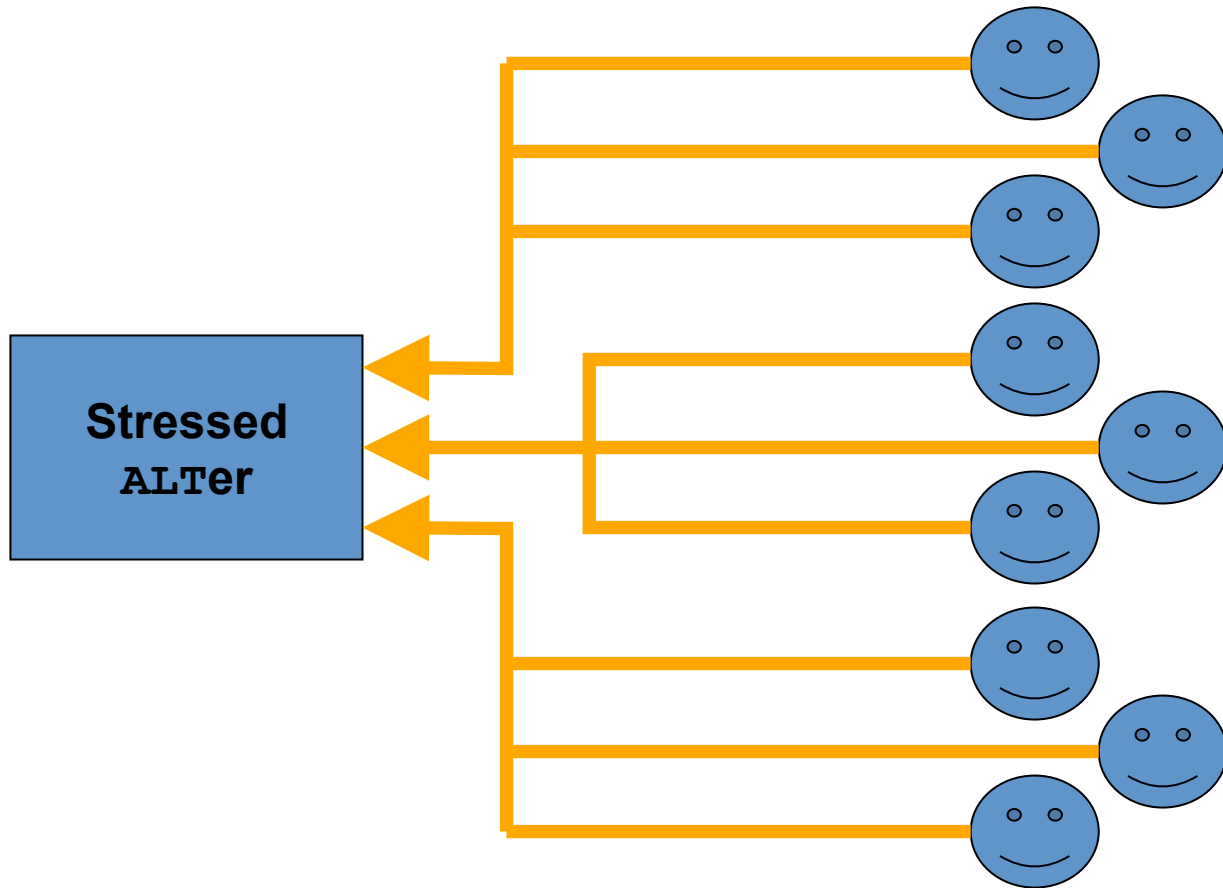
C++CSP

5 microseconds

JCSP (JDK 1.4)

230 microseconds

# Stressed ALT



# Stressed ALT

CSP  
Framework

10 writers \*  
10 channels

100 writers \*  
20 channels

200 writers \*  
100 channels

# Stressed ALT

| <u>CSP</u><br><u>Framework</u> | <u>10 writers *</u><br><u>10 channels</u> | <u>100 writers *</u><br><u>20 channels</u> | <u>200 writers *</u><br><u>100 channels</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| occam<br>(KRoC 1.3.3)          | 0.6                                       | 0.7                                        | 1                                           |

(All times are in microseconds)

# Stressed ALT

| <u>CSP</u><br><u>Framework</u> | <u>10 writers *</u><br><u>10 channels</u> | <u>100 writers *</u><br><u>20 channels</u> | <u>200 writers *</u><br><u>100 channels</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| occam<br>(KRoC 1.3.3)          | 0.6                                       | 0.7                                        | 1                                           |
| C++CSP                         | 3                                         | 7                                          | 10                                          |

(All times are in microseconds)

# Stressed ALT

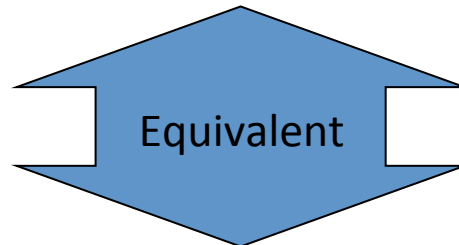
| <u>CSP</u><br><u>Framework</u> | <u>10 writers *</u><br><u>10 channels</u> | <u>100 writers *</u><br><u>20 channels</u> | <u>200 writers *</u><br><u>100 channels</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| occam<br>(KRoC 1.3.3)          | 0.6                                       | 0.7                                        | 1                                           |
| C++CSP                         | 3                                         | 7                                          | 10                                          |
| JCSP<br>(JDK 1.4)              | 130                                       | 200                                        | -                                           |

(All times are in microseconds)



# An Equivalence

```
One2OneChannel<int> channel;
Parallel(
 new Writer(channel.writer()),
 new Reader(channel.reader()),
 NULL);
```



```
One2OneChannel<int> channel;
Barrier barrier(1);

spawnProcess(new Writer(channel.writer()), &barrier);
spawnProcess(new Reader(channel.reader()), &barrier);

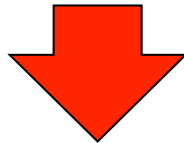
barrier.sync();
```

# Going Multi-Threaded

```
One2OneChannel<int> channel;
Barrier barrier(1);
```

```
spawnProcess(new Writer(channel.writer()), &barrier);
spawnProcess(new Reader(channel.reader()), &barrier);
```

```
barrier.sync();
```



```
InterThreadChannel<int> channel;
InterThreadBarrier barrier(1);
```

```
spawnAsNewThread(new Writer(channel.writer()), &barrier);
spawnAsNewThread(new Reader(channel.reader()), &barrier);
```

```
barrier.sync();
```

Python

# Why PyCSP

- Internal research projects
  - Simple prototyping, especially in projects that already use Python
  - Want to use CSP from Python
- eScience
  - Python
    - Script and integration language
    - Prototyping
    - Easy to learn, readable code
    - Plenty of tools and libraries

# Some goals

- Simple, short, and readable source code
  - Should be easy to walk students through the code
- Pure python code
  - Portable implementation that does not depend on compiling extra libraries
- Reasonable performance

# Processes

Processes are declared using a @process declarator

```
@process
def hello_world (msg):
 print " Hello world , this is my message " + msg

Parallel (
 source (),
 [worker () for i in range (10)] ,
 sink ()
)
```

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 [worker ...] 10*worker()
 sink ()
)
```

# Channels

- In programming and in engineering the use of different channels makes sense
  - In science they become a nuisance
- Any process that has a given channel in its context may ask for a channel-end from that channel
  - Input or output end



# Channels

- Channels are easily defined
  - `my_channel = Channel ()`
- Channel ends are obtained by requesting an input or output end
  - `my_reader = my_channel.reader()`
    - `my_reader = +my_channel`
  - `my_writer = my_channel.writer()`
    - `my_writer = -my_channel`

# Choice

- Choices are now selected and executed in one step
  - More like Occam less like select()
- The execution part is either a (small) direct statement or a function
  - Declared with @choice
- Both input and output guards are supported

# Choice

- Input guards are
  - `<channel> : <guard>`
- Output guards are
  - `(<channel>, <value>) : <guard>`

```
@choice
def print_result():
 print __channel_input

Alternation([
 {in : print_result()},
 {(out , value) : "value += 1"}
]).execute()
```

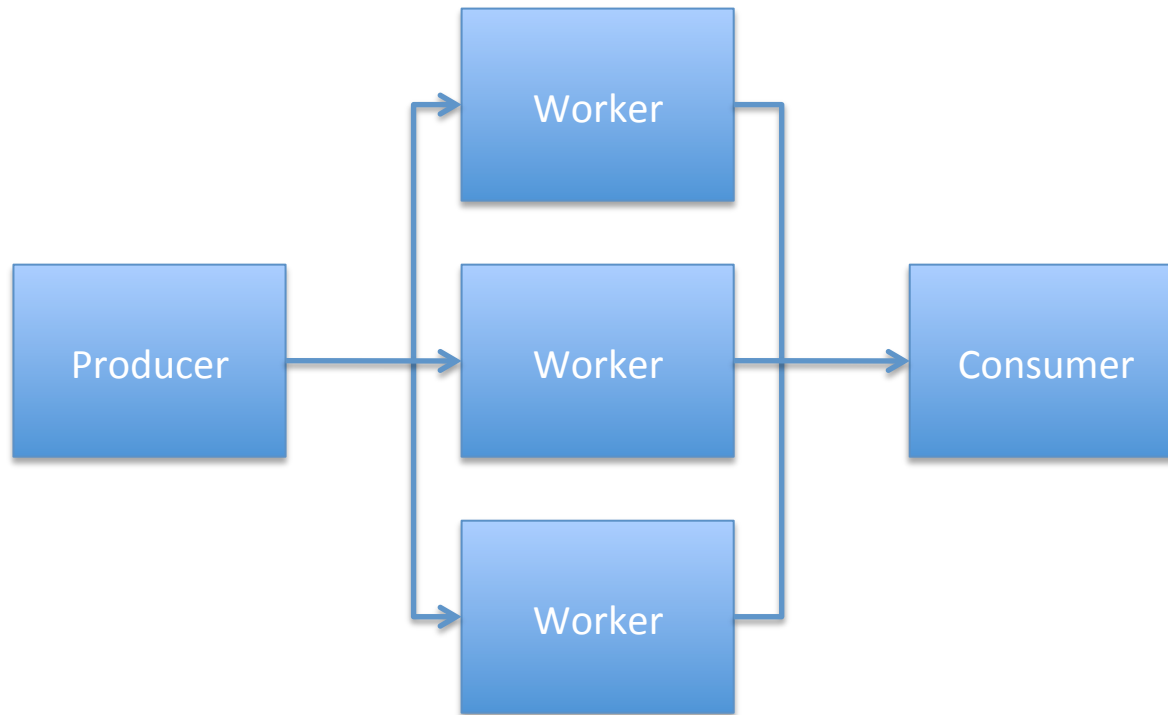
# Prioritization

- Alternation support mixing prioritized and unprioritized guards
- An alternation is a set of lists
  - List order define priority
  - Within a list the elements are peer

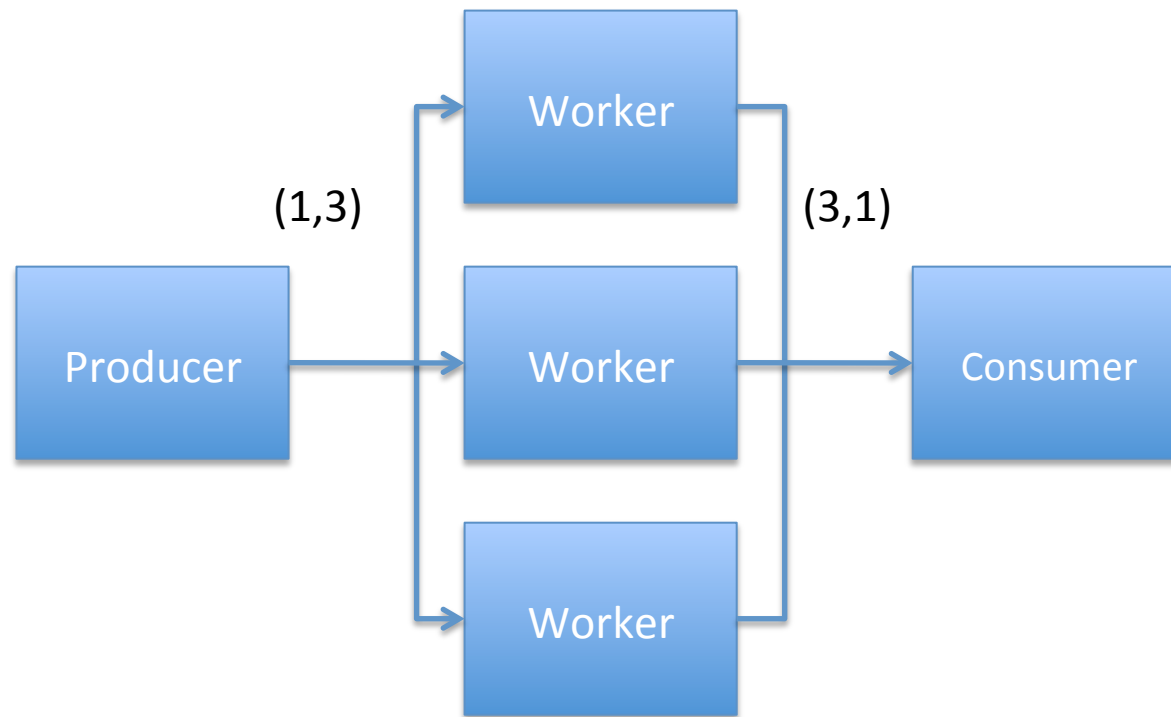
# Controlled shutdown

- Rather than poisoning channels PyCSP also support reference counting
- When a channel end is created the count on that direction is increased
- A process can, where it would otherwise do a poison issue a retire
- When the reference count on a channel end reaches zero the whole channel enters a retired state

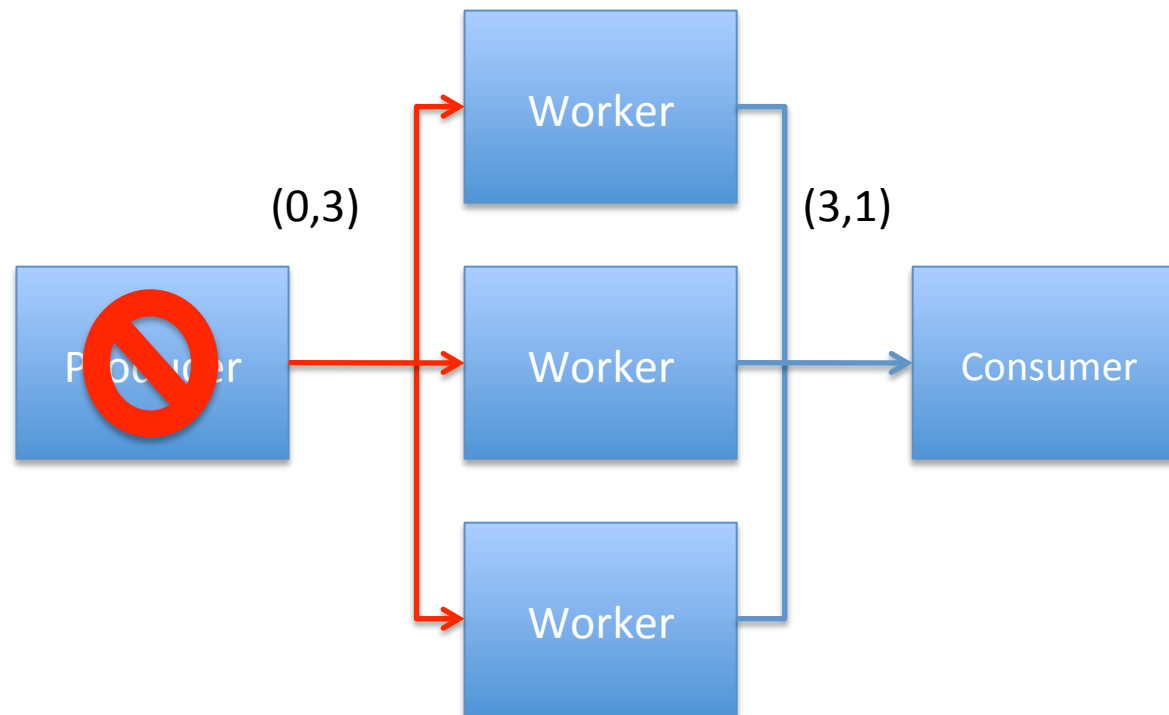
# Controlled shutdown



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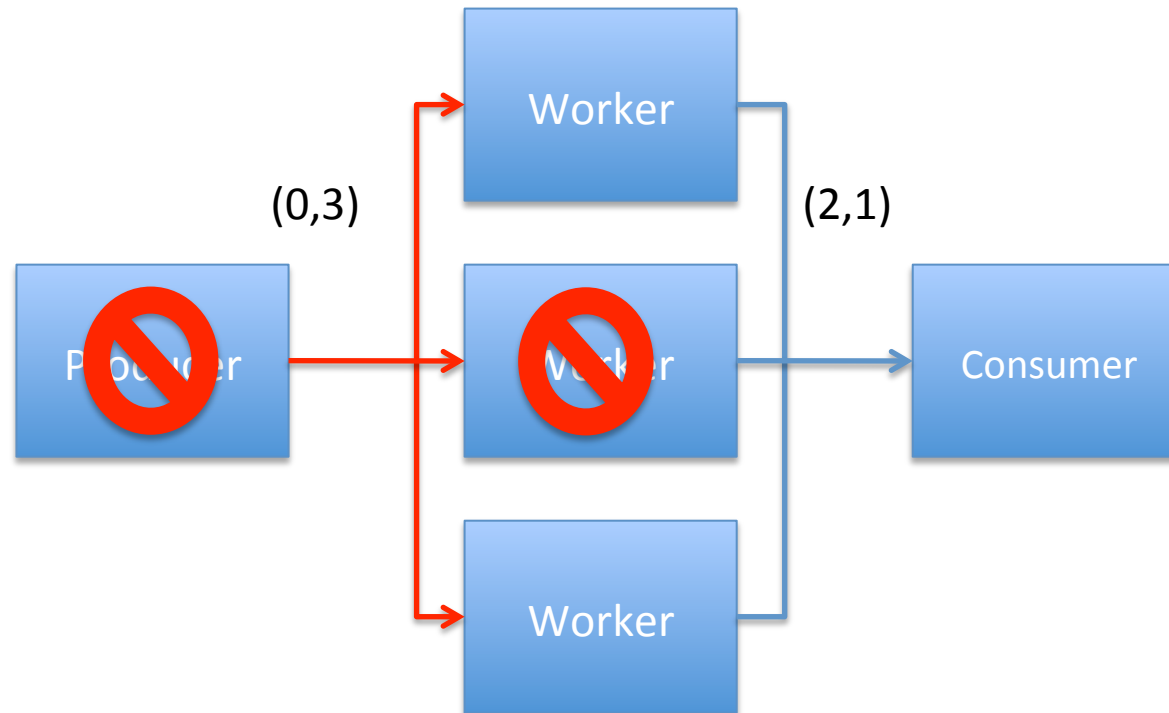


# Controlled shutdown

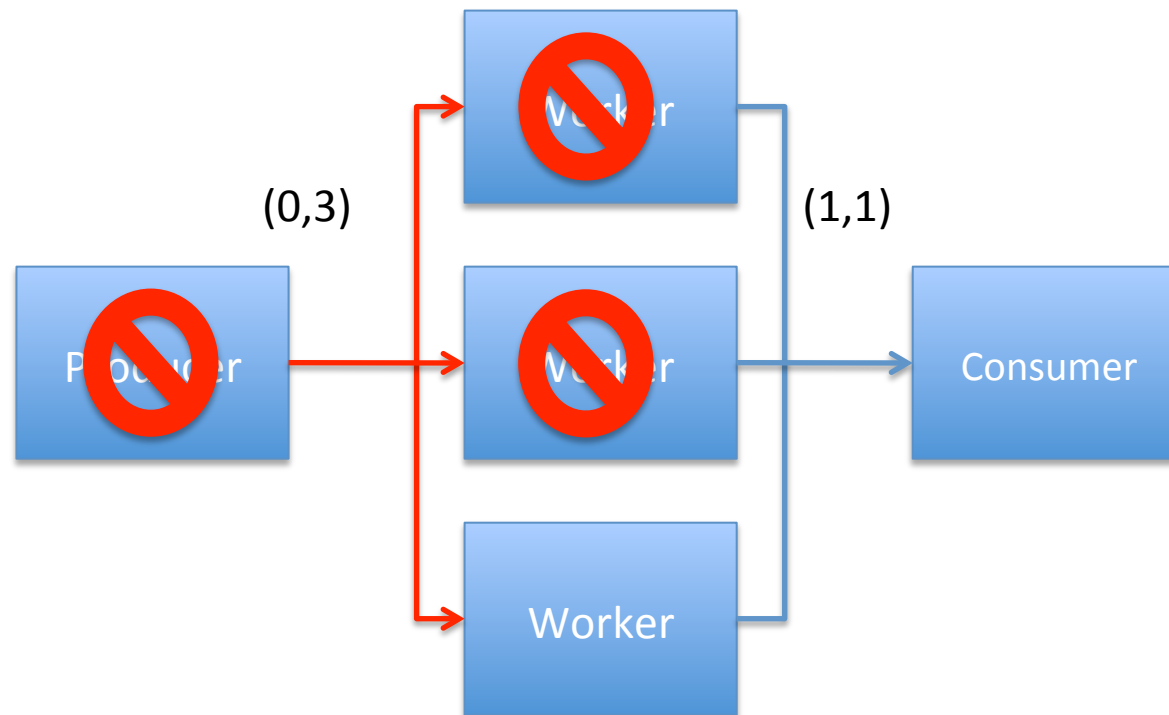




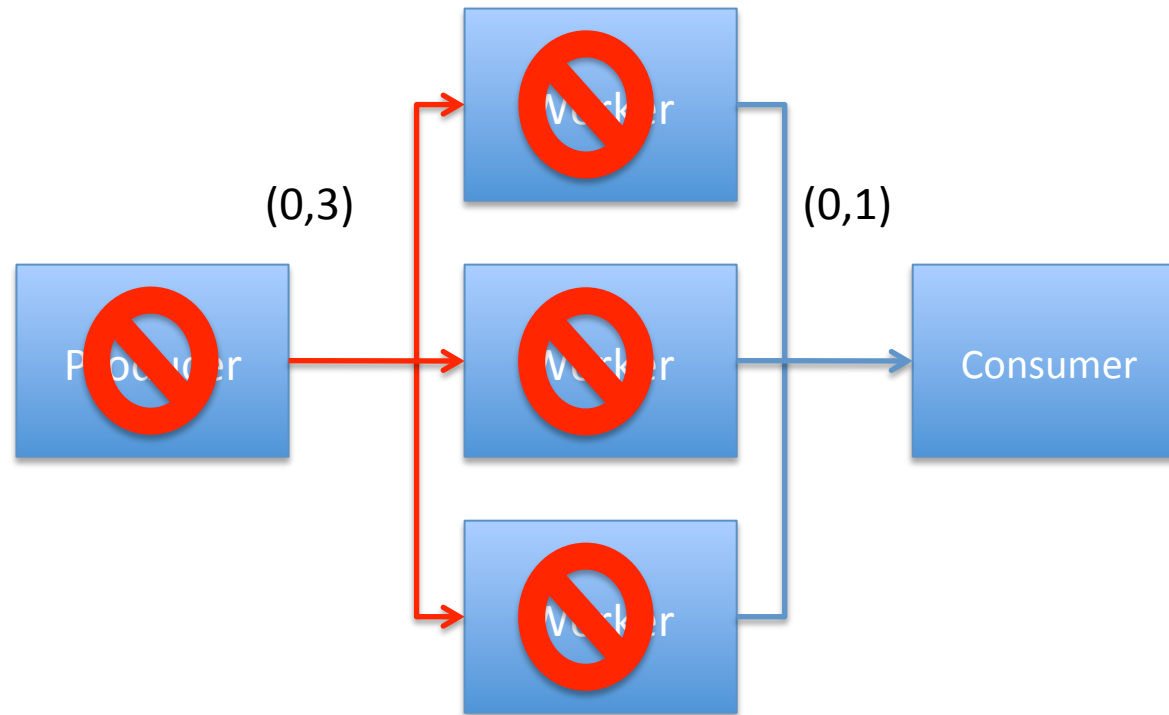
# Controlled shutdown



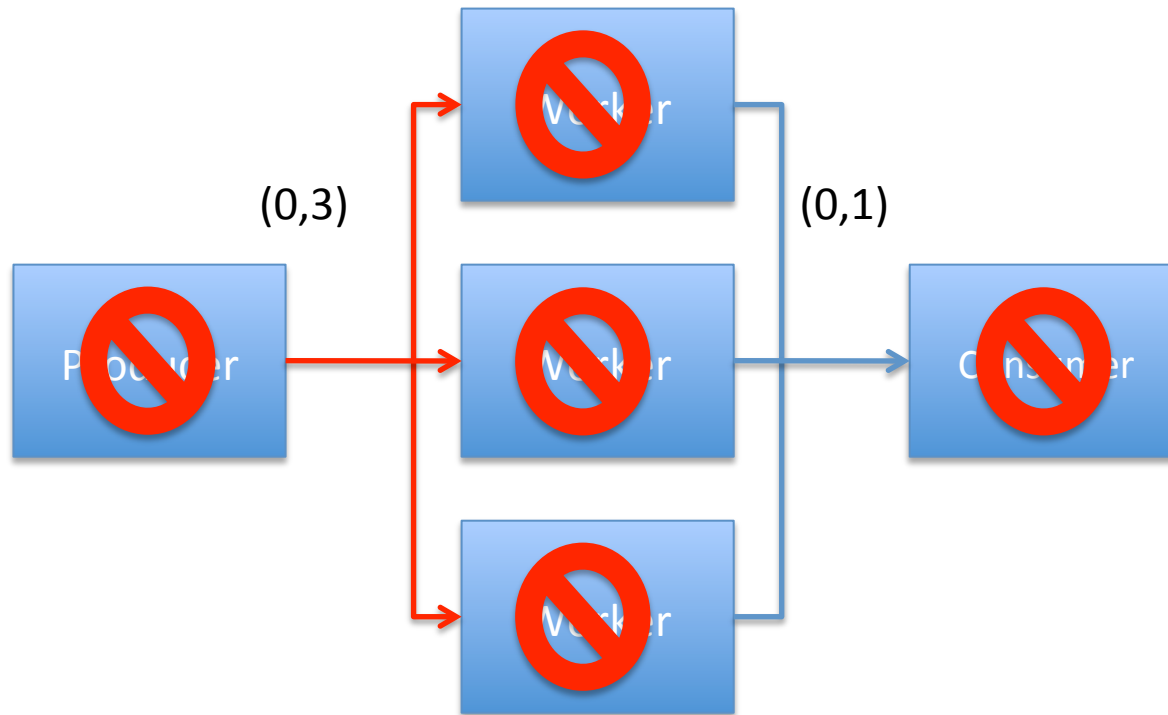
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# LEGOs in PyCSP

```
@process
def id(inc, outc):
 while True:
 x = inc()
 outc(x)
```

```
@process
def succ(inc, outc):
 while True:
 x = inc()
 outc(x + 1)
```

```
@process
def prefix(n, inc, outc):
 outc(n)
 Sequence(id(inc, outc))
```

```
@process
def plus(inc0, inc1, outc):
 while True:
 x0, x1 = ParallelRead((inc0, inc1))
 outc(x0+x1)
```

```
@process
def delta(cin, cout1, cout2):
 while True:
 msg = cin()
 Alternation([
 (cout1,msg):'cout2(msg)',
 (cout2,msg):'cout1(msg)'
]).execute()
```

# Two extra bricks

```
@process
def shoot_and_die(outc):
 outc(42)
 poison(outc)
```

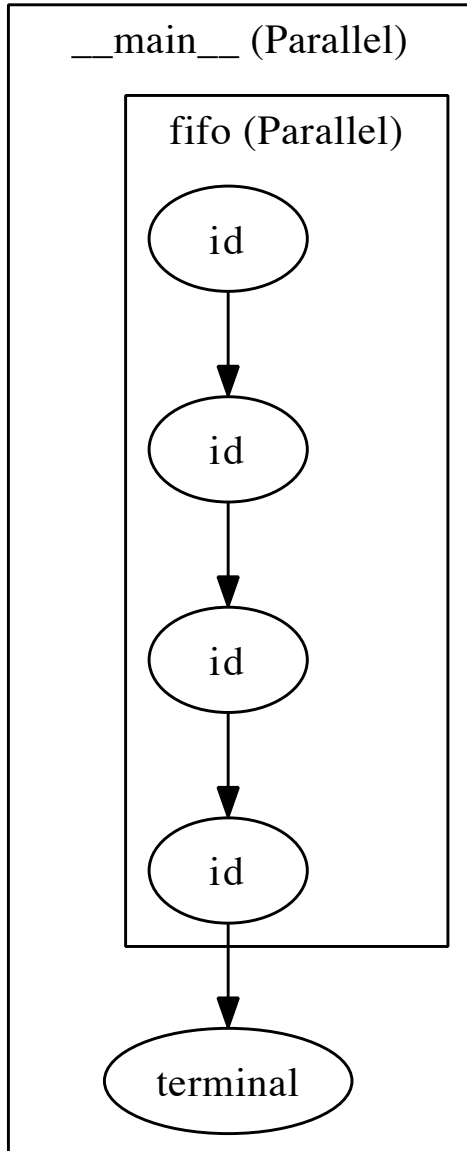
```
@process
def terminal(inc, terminal_signal=None):
 input = True
 while input != terminal_signal:
 input = inc()
 print input
 poison(inc)
```

# Numbers

```
@process
def numbers(outc):
 a = Channel()
 b = Channel()
 c = Channel()

 Parallel(prefix(0, c.reader(), a.writer()),
 delta(a.reader(), outc, b.writer()),
 succ(b.reader(), c.writer()))
```

# FIFO



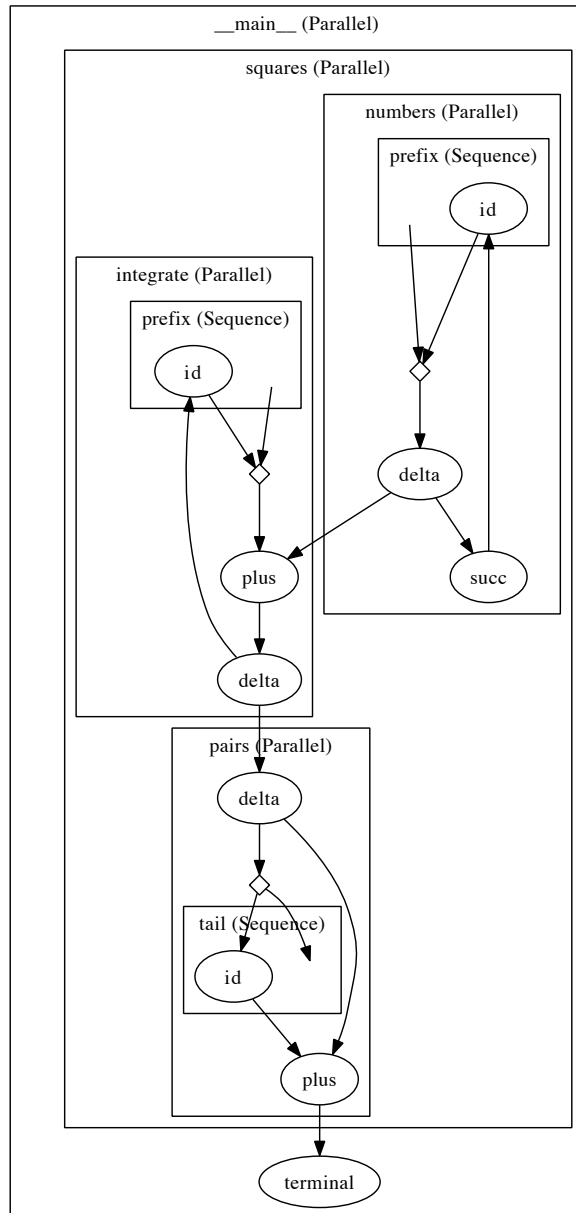
```
@process
def fifo(n, inc, outc):
 channels = [Channel() * (n-1)]
 inputs = [c.reader() for c in channels]
 inputs.insert(0, inc)

 outputs = [c.writer() for c in channels]
 outputs.append(outc)

 Parallel([id(inputs[i], outputs[i]) for i in xrange(n)])
```



# Squares



```
@process
def squares(outc):
 a = Channel()
 b = Channel()
```

```
Parallel(numbers(a.writer()),
 integrate(a.reader(), b.writer()),
 pairs(b.reader(), outc))
```

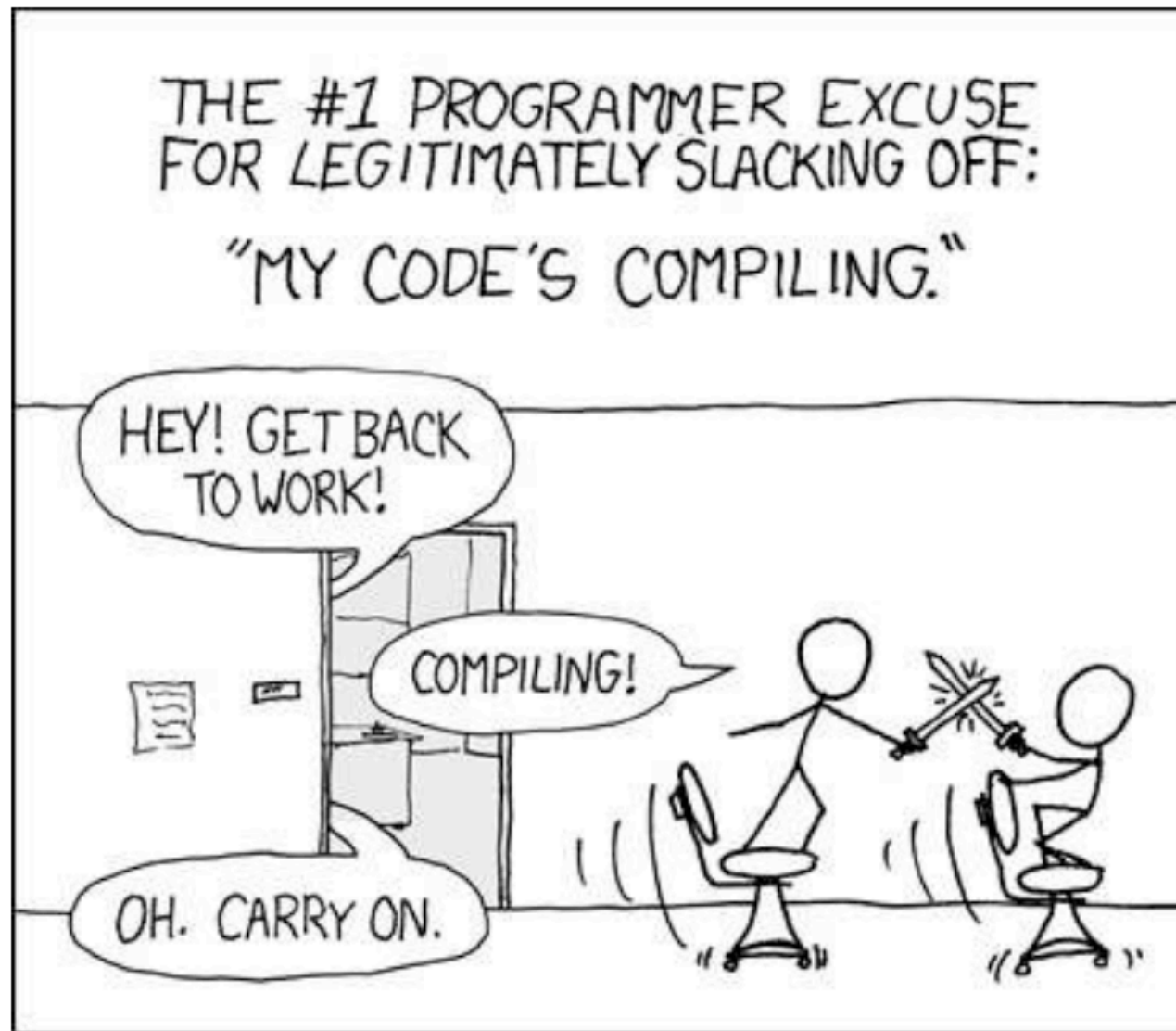
**Go**

Largely borrowed from Rob Pike

# Hello World

```
package main
import "fmt"
func main() {
 fmt.Printf("Hello, World\n");
}
```

# Compiles



# The big picture

- Fundamentals:
  - Clean, concise syntax.
  - Lightweight type system.
  - No implicit conversions: keep things explicit.
  - Untyped unsized constants: no more **0x80ULL**.
  - Strict separation of interface and implementation.
- Run-time:
  - Garbage collection.
  - Strings, maps, communication channels.
  - Concurrency.
- Package model:
  - Explicit dependencies to enable faster builds.

# Processes

- No parallel construct but asynchronous calls
  - GoStmt = "go" [Expression](#)
  - go Server()

# Channels

- Channels are created using types as in Occam
  - `c := make(chan int, 10)`
- Channels are uniformly accessed
  - `<-`

# Example

```
func generate(ch chan<- int) {
 for i := 2; ; i++ {
 ch <- i; // Send 'i' to channel 'ch'.
 }
}
```

```
func consume(ch chan<- int) {
 for i := 2; ; i++ {
 i <- ch; // Read 'i' from channel 'ch'.
 }
}
```



```
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// license that can be found in the LICENSE file.
```

```
package main
```

```
import "fmt"
```

```
// Send the sequence 2, 3, 4, ... to channel 'ch'.
```

```
func generate(ch chan int) {
 for i := 2; ; i++ {
 ch <- i // Send 'i' to channel 'ch'.
 }
}
```

```
// Copy the values from channel 'in' to channel 'out',
// removing those divisible by 'prime'.
```

```
func filter(in, out chan int, prime int) {
 for {
 i := <-in // Receive value of new variable 'i' from 'in'.
 if i%prime != 0 {
 out <- i // Send 'i' to channel 'out'.
 }
 }
}
```

```
// The prime sieve: Daisy-chain filter processes together
```

```
func main() {
 ch := make(chan int) // Create a new channel.
 go generate(ch) // Start generate() as a goroutine.
 for {
 prime := <-ch
 fmt.Println(prime)
 ch1 := make(chan int)
 go filter(ch, ch1, prime)
 ch = ch1
 }
}
```