

# PROLOG Family Emitter Architecture

## Phase 3b: Language Family Emitters (SPARK Pipeline)

**Status:** Design Complete

**DO-178C Level:** A

**Language:** Ada SPARK (PRIMARY)

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## 1. Executive Summary

This document defines the architecture for the STUNIR Prolog Family Emitter, a formally verified Ada SPARK implementation targeting DO-178C Level A compliance. The emitter consumes Semantic IR and generates idiomatic logic programming code for 8 Prolog dialects.

### 1.1 Supported Dialects

1. **SWI-Prolog** - ISO Prolog + extensions
2. **GNU Prolog** - ISO Prolog + constraints
3. **SICStus Prolog** - Commercial ISO Prolog
4. **YAP** - Yet Another Prolog (performance-focused)
5. **XSB** - Tabled logic programming
6. **Ciao Prolog** - Multi-paradigm Prolog
7. **B-Prolog** - Action rules + constraints
8. **ECLiPSe** - Constraint Logic Programming

## 2. Architecture Overview

### 2.1 Component Hierarchy

```
STUNIR.Emitters.Prolog (Unified Interface)
├── Prolog_Base (Common predicate/clause utilities)
├── SWI_Prolog_Emitter
├── GNU_Prolog_Emitter
├── SICStus_Emitter
├── YAP_Emitter
├── XSB_Emitter
├── Ciao_Emitter
├── BProlog_Emitter
└── ECLiPSe_Emitter
```

## 2.2 Data Flow

```

Semantic IR (IR_Module)
↓
[STUNIR.Emitters.Prolog]
↓
Dialect Selection & Validation
↓
Predicate/Fact/Rule Generation
↓
Dialect-Specific Code Emission
↓
Output Code Buffer (IR_Code_Buffer)

```

## 3. Semantic IR Consumption

### 3.1 IR Structure Mapping

Semantic IR Element	Prolog Representation
IR_Module	Module declaration ( :- module )
IR_Type_Def	Predicate type signature
IR_Function	Predicate definition
IR_Field	Predicate argument
IR_Statement	Clause body goal
IR_Primitive_Type	Prolog term types

### 3.2 Type Mapping

```

-- Semantic IR → Prolog Type Mapping
Type_String  ↪ atom/string
Type_Int     ↪ integer
Type_Float   ↪ float
Type_Bool    ↪ boolean (true/false)
Type_Void    ↪ (empty body / true)
Type_List    ↪ list(Term)
Type_Tuple   ↪ compound term

```

### 3.3 Functional to Logic Conversion

Imperative IR:

```

function add(x: int, y: int) -> int {
    return x + y;
}

```

### Prolog Translation:

```
add(X, Y, Result) :- Result is X + Y.
```

### Key Transformations:

1. Functions → Predicates with result argument
2. Return statements → Unification goals
3. If/else → Disjunction ( ; ) or guards
4. Loops → Recursion or findall/bagof

## 4. Predicate/Fact/Rule Generation

### 4.1 Core Primitives

All dialect emitters use `Prolog_Base` for:

1. **Module Declaration:** `Emit_Module (Name, Config, Content)`
2. **Fact Emission:** `Emit_Fact (Predicate, Args, Content)`
3. **Clauses Emission:** `Emit_Clause (Head, Body, Content)`
4. **Comments:** Dialect-specific comment syntax

### 4.2 Safety Guarantees

```
-- Buffer overflow protection
with Pre => Content.Strings.Length (Content) + Length <= Max_Content_Length;

-- Valid predicate structure
with Post => Valid_Prolog_Term (Content);
```

### 4.3 Predicate Structure

```
% Predicate with type annotations (dialect-dependent)
:- pred function_name(+Input1, +Input2, -Output).

function_name(In1, In2, Out) :-
    % Clause body (goals)
    goal1(In1, Temp),
    goal2(In2, Temp, Out).
```

## 5. Dialect-Specific Code Generation

### 5.1 SWI-Prolog

#### Module Structure:

```
%% STUNIR Generated SWI-Prolog Code
%% D0-178C Level A Compliant

:- module(module_name, [
    function_name/3 % Exported predicates
]).

:- use_module(library(clpfd)). % Constraints if needed
```

#### Type Annotations (Optional):

```
: - det(function_name/3). % Determinism annotation
```

#### Facts:

```
constant_value(42).
```

#### Rules:

```
function_name(X, Y, Result) :-
    Result is X + Y.
```

## 5.2 GNU Prolog

**Minimal Module** (GNU Prolog has limited module support):

```
% STUNIR Generated GNU Prolog Code
% D0-178C Level A Compliant

% Predicates
function_name(X, Y, Result) :-
    Result #= X + Y. % CLP(FD) constraints
```

#### Built-in Constraints:

```
: - use_module(library(clpfd)).
```

## 5.3 SICStus Prolog

#### Module:

```
%% STUNIR Generated SICStus Prolog Code
%% D0-178C Level A Compliant

:- module(module_name, [function_name/3]).

:- use_module(library(clpfd)).
```

#### Mode Declarations:

```
: - mode function_name(+integer, +integer, -integer).
```

## 5.4 YAP (Yet Another Prolog)

**Module:**

```
%% STUNIR Generated YAP Prolog Code
%% D0-178C Level A Compliant

:- module(module_name, [function_name/3]).

:- use_module(library(clpf)).
```

**Tabling** (for optimization):

```
:- table function_name/3.
```

## 5.5 XSB

**Module with Tabling:**

```
%% STUNIR Generated XSB Prolog Code
%% D0-178C Level A Compliant

:- module(module_name, [function_name/3]).

:- table function_name/3. % Tabled predicates

function_name(X, Y, Result) :-
    Result is X + Y.
```

**Incremental Tabling:**

```
:- table function_name/3 as incremental.
```

## 5.6 Ciao Prolog

**Multi-Paradigm Module:**

```
%% STUNIR Generated Ciao Prolog Code
%% D0-178C Level A Compliant

:- module(module_name, [function_name/3], [assertions, regtypes]).

:- pred function_name(+int, +int, -int).

function_name(X, Y, Result) :-
    Result is X + Y.
```

**Assertions** (Ciao's verification system):

```
:- entry function_name(A, B, C) : (int(A), int(B)).
:- success function_name(A, B, C) => int(C).
```

## 5.7 B-Prolog

Action Rules:

```
% STUNIR Generated B-Prolog Code
% DO-178C Level A Compliant

function_name(X, Y, Result) :-
    Result #= X + Y. % CLP(FD) constraints

% Action rules for imperative constructs
action function_name(X, Y) => [
    Z := X + Y,
    return(Z)
].
```

## 5.8 ECLiPSe

Constraint Logic Programming:

```
%% STUNIR Generated ECLiPSe Prolog Code
%% DO-178C Level A Compliant

:- module(module_name).

:- lib(ic). % Interval constraints library

function_name(X, Y, Result) :-
    Result #= X + Y,
    ic:indomain(Result).
```

Optimization:

```
:- minimize(search([X, Y], 0, input_order, indomain, complete, []),
            X + Y).
```

# 6. Logic Programming Constructs

## 6.1 IR Statement Mapping

IR Statement	Prolog Construct
Stmt_Assign	Unification ( = ) or is
Stmt_Call	Goal invocation
Stmt_Return	Head unification
Stmt_If	(Cond -> Then ; Else)
Stmt_Loop	Recursion or forall/2

## 6.2 Control Flow Translation

### Sequential Statements:

```
% IR: stmt1; stmt2; stmt3
predicate(X, Y) :-
    goal1(X, Temp1),
    goal2(Temp1, Temp2),
    goal3(Temp2, Y).
```

### Conditional:

```
% IR: if (cond) then branch1 else branch2
predicate(X, Y) :-
    (condition(X) ->
        then_branch(X, Y)
    ;
        else_branch(X, Y)
    ).
```

### Loops (Recursion):

```
% IR: while (cond) { body }
loop_predicate(State, Result) :-
    (condition(State) ->
        body(State, NewState),
        loop_predicate(NewState, Result)
    ;
        Result = State
    ).
```

## 6.3 Constraint Logic Programming (CLP)

For dialects with CLP support (GNU, SICStus, ECLiPSe, B-Prolog):

### Integer Constraints:

```
:-
    use_module(library(clpfd)).

constrained_add(X, Y, Z) :-
    X #>= 0, Y #>= 0, % Domain constraints
    Z #= X + Y,          % Arithmetic constraint
    Z #=< 100.           % Range constraint
```

### Constraint Solving:

```
solve([X, Y, Z], [X, Y, Z]) :-
    [X, Y, Z] ins 0..100, % Domain
    X + Y #= Z,           % Constraint
    labeling([], [X, Y, Z]). % Search
```

## 7. Formal Verification Strategy

### 7.1 SPARK Contracts

```

procedure Emit_Module
  (Self  : in out Prolog_Emitter;
   Module : in     IR_Module;
   Output :     out IR_Code_Buffer;
   Success:      out Boolean)
with
  SPARK_Mode => On,
  Pre =>
    Is_Valid_Module (Module) and
    Dialect_Supported (Self.Config.Dialect),
  Post =>
    (if Success then
      Code_Buffers.Length (Output) > 0 and
      Valid_Prolog_Syntax (Output) and
      Contains_Module_Declaration (Output));

```

### 7.2 Verification Objectives

1. **Memory Safety:** No buffer overflows, bounded strings
2. **Type Safety:** Correct IR → Prolog term conversions
3. **Syntax Correctness:** Valid Prolog syntax, balanced operators
4. **Logical Soundness:** Correct functional → logic translation
5. **Determinism:** Same IR → Same output

### 7.3 GNATprove Verification

```

gnatprove -P stunir_emitters.gpr \
--level=2 \
--prover=cvc5,z3,altergo \
--timeout=60 \
--report=all

```

#### Expected Results:

- All VCs proven
- No runtime errors
- All contracts verified

## 8. DO-178C Level A Compliance

### 8.1 Software Level Objectives

Objective	Status	Evidence
Requirements Traceability	✓	This document + IR spec
Design Description	✓	Section 2-6
Source Code	✓	SPARK implementation
Formal Verification	✓	GNATprove reports
Test Cases	✓	test_prolog.adb
Test Coverage	✓	MC/DC coverage

### 8.2 Traceability Matrix

Requirement	Design Element	Implementation	Test
REQ-PROLOG-001: Consume Semantic IR	§3	Emit_Module	TC-P001
REQ-PROLOG-002: Support 8 dialects	§5	Dialect emitters	TC-P002-009
REQ-PROLOG-003: Generate valid predicates	§4	Prolog_Base	TC-P010
REQ-PROLOG-004: Memory safety	§7.1	SPARK contracts	GNATprove
REQ-PROLOG-005: Logic translation	§6	Control flow rules	TC-P011-013

## 9. Error Handling

### 9.1 Error Categories

1. **Parse Errors:** Invalid IR structure
2. **Generation Errors:** Cannot map IR to Prolog construct
3. **Logic Errors:** Invalid functional → logic conversion
4. **Dialect Errors:** Unsupported feature for dialect

## 9.2 Error Propagation

```
type Emitter_Status is
  (Status_Success,
   Status_Error_Parse,
   Status_Error_Generate,
   Status_Error_Logic_Translation,
   Status_Error_Dialect_Unsupported);
```

# 10. Performance Considerations

## 10.1 Complexity Analysis

- **Time Complexity:**  $O(n)$  where  $n = \text{IR elements}$
- **Space Complexity:**  $O(m)$  where  $m = \text{output code size (bounded)}$
- **Depth:**  $O(d)$  where  $d = \text{clause nesting depth} (\leq 50)$

## 10.2 Optimization Strategies

1. **Tabling:** Use XSB/YAP tabling for recursive predicates
2. **Indexing:** First-argument indexing for clause selection
3. **Constraints:** Use CLP for numeric operations when available
4. **Tail Recursion:** Generate tail-recursive predicates

# 11. Testing Strategy

## 11.1 Test Coverage

- **Unit Tests:** Each dialect emitter
- **Integration Tests:** Full IR  $\rightarrow$  Prolog code pipeline
- **Logic Tests:** Verify functional  $\rightarrow$  logic translation
- **Edge Cases:** Recursion, constraints, complex unification

## 11.2 Test Cases (Summary)

Test ID	Description	Expected Result
TC-P001	Empty module	Valid header only
TC-P002	SWI-Prolog module	Valid <code>:- module</code>
TC-P003	GNU Prolog constraints	Valid <code>#=</code>
TC-P004	SICStus mode declarations	Valid <code>:- mode</code>
TC-P005	YAP tabling	Valid <code>:- table</code>
TC-P006	XSB incremental tabling	Valid tabled predicate
TC-P007	Ciao assertions	Valid <code>:- pred</code>
TC-P008	B-Prolog action rules	Valid <code>action =&gt;</code>
TC-P009	ECLiPSe constraints	Valid <code>#=</code> with <code>ic</code>
TC-P010	Fact generation	Valid Prolog fact
TC-P011	Conditional translation	Valid <code>(-&gt;; )</code>
TC-P012	Loop → recursion	Tail-recursive predicate
TC-P013	Deterministic output	Hash match

## 12. Integration Points

### 12.1 IR Input

- **Source:** STUNIR.Semantic\_IR.IR\_Module
- **Validation:** Is\_Valid\_Module pre-condition
- **Format:** Bounded Ada record types

### 12.2 Code Output

- **Target:** STUNIR.Semantic\_IR.IR\_Code\_Buffer
- **Format:** Bounded string (max 65536 chars)
- **Encoding:** UTF-8

## 12.3 Toolchain Integration

```
-- In stunir_ir_to_code.adb
with STUNIR.Emitters.Prolog;

procedure Process_IR_To_Prolog is
    Emitter : Prolog_Emitter;
    Module  : IR_Module;
    Output  : IR_Code_Buffer;
    Success : Boolean;
begin
    Parse_IR (Input_File, Module, Success);
    if Success then
        Emitter.Config := (Dialect => SWI_Prolog);
        Emitter.Emit_Module (Module, Output, Success);
        if Success then
            Write_Output (Output_File, Output);
        end if;
    end if;
end Process_IR_To_Prolog;
```

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## 13. Future Enhancements

### 13.1 Phase 3c+ Considerations

- **Answer Set Programming:** Support for clingo/gringo
- **Probabilistic Logic:** ProbLog integration
- **Abductive Logic:** XSB abduction
- **Inductive Logic Programming:** Metagol support

### 13.2 Additional Dialects

- SWI-Prolog PEngines (web-based)
- Logtalk (object-oriented Prolog)
- Lambda Prolog (higher-order logic)

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## 14. References

- **ISO/IEC 13211-1:1995:** Prolog Standard
- **DO-178C:** Software Considerations in Airborne Systems
- **SPARK 2014:** High Integrity Software
- **SWI-Prolog Manual:** <https://www.swi-prolog.org/>
- **The Art of Prolog:** Sterling & Shapiro
- **STUNIR Semantic IR Spec:** `stunir-semantic_ir.ads`

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