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Improve your tests with Makina

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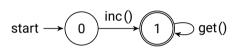
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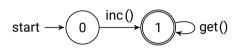
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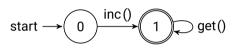
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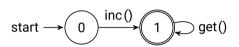
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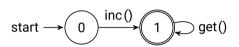
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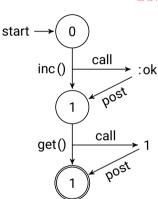
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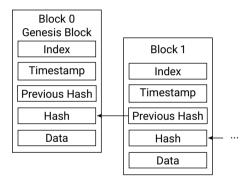


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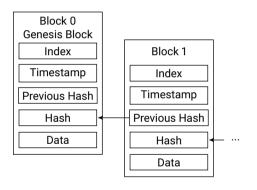
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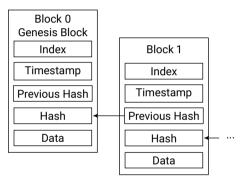
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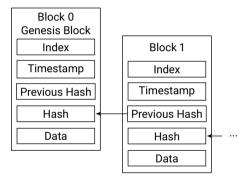


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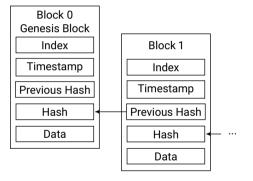


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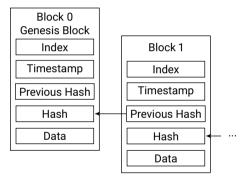
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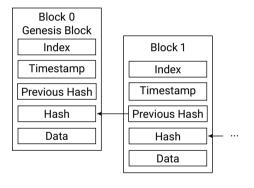


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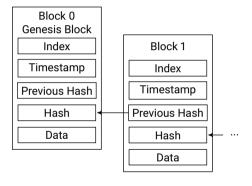
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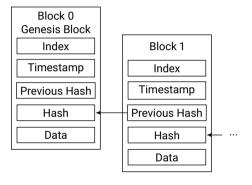
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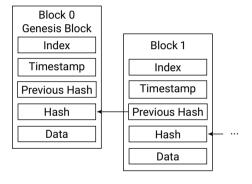
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Specifies the mining facilities of the blockchain.

Commands

- mine stored at Blocks.Command.Mine
- block_number stored at Blocks.Command.BlockNumber

Detailed information about each command can be accessed inside the interpreter:

iex> h Blocks.Command.NAME

State attributes

- height

. . .

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## Available variables
```

State

- state contains the complete dynamic state of the model.
- height attribute defined in the state declaration.

Arguments

- arguments contains all the generated arguments of the command.

Result

- result variable that contains the result of the command execution.





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```
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Failed! After 1 tests.
    Blocks.block_number/0,
    Blocks.mine/0.
Postcondition crashed:
** (Makina.Error) invariant "non_neg_height" check failed
Shrinking x.(1 \text{ times})
    Blocks.block_number/0
Last state: %{height: 0}
Finished in 0.1 seconds (0.00s async, 0.1s sync)
1 properties, 1 failure
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  state height: 0
  invariants non_neg_height: height > 0
  command block_number() do
    post {:ok, height} == result
 end
 command mine() do
    next height: height + 1
 end
end
```



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  command block_number() do
    post {:ok, height} == result
  end
  command mine() do
    next height: height + 1
 end
end
```





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.....

OK, passed 100 tests

51.5 Blocks.mine/0
48.5 Blocks.block_number/0

Finished in 8.6 seconds (0.00s async, 8.6s sync)

Adding documentation



Adding documentation

```
defmodule Blocks do
  use Makina, implemented_by: Etherex
```



```
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 invariants non_genesis_block: height >= 0
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   post {:ok, height} == result
 end
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   next height: height + 1
 end
end
```

Adding documentation

```
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```

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defmodule Blocks do
 use Makina, implemented_by: Etherex
 @moduledoc """
 Specifies the mining facilities of the blockchain.
 state height: Etherex.block_number!() :: non_neg_integer()
 invariants non_genesis_block: height >= 0
 command block_number() :: {:ok, non_neg_integer()} do
   @moduledoc "Retrieves the block number from the blockchain."
   post {:ok. height} == result
 end
 command mine() :: :ok do
   @moduledoc "Mines a new block."
   next height: height + 1
 end
end
```



```
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```

```
defmodule Blocks do
2
      use Makina, implemented_by: Etherex
      state height: 0
5
6
      invariants non_neg_height: height >= 0
8
      command block_number()
                                                   do
        post {:ok, height} == result
10
      end
11
12
      command mine()
13
        call Etherex.Time.mine()
14
        next height: height + 1
15
      end
16
    end
```

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15
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16
    end
    $ mix gradient
    The function call Etherex.block_number() on line 8
    is expected to have type {:ok, quantity()}
    but it has type {:ok, quantity()} | {:error, error()}
```



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alias Etherex. Type

```
state accounts: Etherex.accounts!() :: [Type.address()],
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```

- 1) property Accounts (ExamplesTest)
 ** (Makina.Error) argument 'account' missing in command get_balance
 stacktrace:
 (makina 0.1.0) lib/makina/error.ex:9: Makina.Error.throw_error/1
 (examples 0.1.0) lib/accounts.ex:13: Accounts.Command.GetBalance.check_args/1
 (examples 0.1.0) lib/accounts.ex:1: Accounts.Behaviour.next_state/3
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  command get_balance(account :: Type.address()) ::
      {:ok, Type.guantity()} | {:error, Type.error()} do
    pre accounts != []
    valid_args account in accounts
    post {:ok. balances[account]} == result
  end
end
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    args account: oneof(accounts)
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    post {:ok. balances[account]} == result
  end
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```





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```
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```

OK, passed 100 tests

'100.0 Accounts.get_balance/1

Finished in 4.6 seconds (0.00s async, 4.6s sync) 1 properties, 0 failures





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Transactions.Composed

Contains a Makina model called Transactions.Composed

```
## Commands
```

- mine stored
- get_balanceblock number
- ## State attributes
- heighthalances
- accounts
- accounted
- ## Invariants
 - non_neg_height



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```



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command transfer(
   from :: Type.address(),
   to :: Type.address(),
   value :: Type.quantity()
) :: {:ok, Type.hash()} do
```

end

```
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```

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 ) :: {:ok, Type.hash()} do
   pre accounts != []
    args from: oneof(accounts), to: oneof(accounts), value: pos_integer()
 end
```

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   valid_args from in accounts and to in accounts
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 end
```

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 end
 def update_balances(balances, from, to, value) do
   halances
    |> Map.update!(from, fn balance - value end)
    |> Map.update!(to, fn balance + value end)
 end
end
```



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```
$ mix test
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Failed! After 1 tests.
    Transactions.transfer("0xffcf8fdee72ac11b5c542428b35eef5769c409f0",
                           "0x90f8bf6a479f320ead074411a4b0e7944ea8c9c1".
                          423319221061516289).
    Transactions.get_balance("0x90f8bf6a479f320ead074411a4b0e7944ea8c9c1"),
    Transactions.mine().
    Transactions.mine().
    Transactions.block_number()
Postcondition failed.
. . .
```

Shrinking xxx.xx.x.x(4 times)



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                         "0x90f8bf6a479f320ead074411a4b0e7944ea8c9c1".
    Transactions.block_number()
Postcondition failed.
. . .
Transactions.block_number() -> {:ok. 1}
Last state: %{height: 0, ...}
Finished in 0.8 seconds (0.00s async, 0.8s sync)
1 properties, 1 failure
```





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   next balances: update balances(balances, from, to, value).
 end
 def update_balances(balances, from, to, value) do
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 end
end
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Shrinking xxxx.x.x.x.x.x(6 times)



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Postcondition failed.
Transactions.get_balance("0x90f8bf6a479f320ead074411a4b0e7944ea8c9c1")
Last state:
. . .
   }.
Finished in 1.1 seconds (0.00s async, 1.1s sync)
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```







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```
defmodule Transactions do
  state transactions: [] :: [symbolic(Type.hash())]
        balances: super()
          :: symbolic(%{Type.address() => integer()})
  command get_balance() do
    pre transactions == []
  end
  command transfer(...) do
    . . .
    next transactions: [symbolic(elem(result, 1))
                         | transactions],
         . . .
  end
```





gas_cost/1 consults the consumed command and computes the new balances.

```
command gas_cost(hash :: Type.hash()) :: {Type.address(), Type.quantity()} do
  pre transactions != []
  args hash: oneof(transactions)
  valid_args hash in transactions
  next do
    from = symbolic(elem(result, 0))
    gas = symbolic(elem(result, 1))
    [
        transactions: List.delete(transactions, hash),
        balances: discount_gas(balances, from, gas) |> symbolic()
    ]
  end
end
```





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```
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```

OK, passed 100 tests

```
'25.5 Transactions.mine/0
```

Finished in 15.8 seconds (0.00s async, 15.8s sync) 1 properties, 0 failures

^{&#}x27;24.9 Transactions.block_number/0

^{&#}x27;23.6 Transactions.transfer/3

^{&#}x27;14.3 Transactions.gas_cost/1

^{&#}x27;11.8 Transactions.get_balance/1

Results and conclussions



Before Makina:

files	blank	comment	code
4	760	383	4513

After Makina:

files	blank	comment	code
18	500	408	1692

Libraries:

- https://gitlab.com/babel-upm/makina/makina
- https: //gitlab.com/babel-upm/blockchain/etherex

Slides and code:

https://gitlab.com/babel-upm/makina/code_ beam_2022