
6SENG001W Reasoning about Programs

Tutorial 2. Using Atelier B & ProB to Evaluate Set Expressions

Introduction

This tutorial is based on the *sets, types & constants* introduced in Lecture 2.

It is intended to introduce you to using AMN sets notation & evaluating sets in an Abstract Machine using the B tools.

ProB is the main tool we shall use to evaluate set, constant & type expressions.

For more information about how to set up & use the B tools see the manuals & Tutorial 1.

Exercise 2.1

- Using **Atelier B**, creating a new B project.
- Do this from the **Atelier B** "*Atelier B > New > Project*" menu.

Enter a *Project Name*, e.g.

```
tutorial2
```

Select "Project Type" as "*Software Development*".

- Add a component to your `tutorial2` project. Do this from the "*Atelier B > New > Component*" menu.

Enter a new component name:

```
Sets.mch
```

add it to the project.

You will then use it to explore set & constant expressions.

- If everything has gone properly you should see an **orange box** with "Sets" in it.
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Exercise 2.2

Using the **Atelier B** built in editor, type in the following `Sets` machine, that provides the definitions of various set & constant definitions:

```
MACHINE Sets
```

```
SETS
```

```
  EU = { BEL, NL, LUX, FR, DK, POR, GBR, ITA, IRL, DUT, ESP, GRE } ;
```

```
  LETTER = { aa, bb, cc, dd, ee, ff, gg, hh, ii, jj, kk, ll, mm,
             nn, oo, pp, qq, rr, ss, tt, uu, vv, ww, xx, yy, zz }
```

```
CONSTANTS
```

```
  Benelux,
  AA, BB, CC, DD,
  Even, Odd, Fives
```

```
PROPERTIES
```

```
  Benelux <: EU & Benelux = { BEL, LUX, NL }
```

```

&
AA <: LETTER & AA = { aa, bb, cc, dd, ee, ff , gg, hh } &
BB <: LETTER & BB = { aa, ee, ii, oo, uu } &
CC <: LETTER & CC = { xx, yy, zz } &
DD <: LETTER & DD = { ff, oo, rr, mm, aa, ll, ee, tt, hh, dd, ss }
&
Even <: NAT & Even = { ev | ev : NAT & ev mod 2 = 0 & ev <= 20 }
&
Odd <: NAT & Odd = { od | od : NAT & od mod 2 = 1 & od <= 20 }
&
Fives <: NAT & Fives = { fi | fi : NAT & fi mod 5 = 0 & fi <= 20 }

VARIABLES
  homeland, EE, FF, GG

INVARIANT
  homeland : EU
  &
  EE <: LETTER & FF <: LETTER & GG <: LETTER

INITIALISATION
  homeland, EE, FF, GG := GBR, { ee }, { ff }, { gg }

END

```

Exercise 2.3

Syntax & Type Checking the specification , using **Atelier B**.

You can either syntax & type check the `Sets` specification as you type it in or after you have finished typing it in.

The **Atelier B** tool will type check it automatically immediately after you have saved any changes.

Error messages will be displayed in the "Outline" sub-window & underlined in red in the specification.

Alternatively, you can "force" type checking by either:

- pressing the *blue circular "Tc" button* at the top of the tool's main screen.
 - pressing Control-T, i.e. hold down the "Ctrl" (Control) key & at the same time press the "T" key.
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Exercise 2.4

Once the `Sets` machine has been syntax & type checked & there are **no errors**, you can *animate* it using the ProB animator.

To do this start the ProB animator from the Ubuntu "*Applications > Programming*" menu.

Then *open* the `Sets.mch` file from the "*File > Open*" menu, by using the "*Browse*" option.

If there are **no errors** then you should see:

1. The specification in the top window.
2. In the bottom "*Enabled operations*" window, you should see - "**INITIALISATION({})**".

To begin the animation "*double-click*" on **INITIALISATION({})**.

Note that there are **NO enabled operations listed** as this machine has none, you are simply going to use the definitions to evaluate set expressions.

Exercise 2.5

After loading the `Sets.mch` machine into ProB you can now use it to evaluate set expressions.

For details on how to do this & the list of expressions that you are to evaluate see these notes: [Evaluating Set expressions](#).

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