

Formal Verification (CS-550) : Background paper and project summary, October 22nd 2020

Formal verification and compression/encoding algorithms

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Main paper

Senjak, Christoph-Simon; Hofmann, Martin (2016): An Implementation of Deflate in Coq. In: Fitzgerald, John (Hrsg.): FM 2016. Cyprus

Work

We plan to first read, understand and present our paper which is about rigorously describing compression/encoding algorithms and formalizing them in Coq.

We will then start by implementing a basic algorithm like Lempel-Ziv or Huffman coding in Scala. Those seem relatively relevant considering our paper.

Finally, we want to use stainless, as we feel more comfortable with it than Coq, to verify some properties of our implementation. Those properties will certainly become clearer as we will study the reference paper. As mentioned by Prof. Kuncak during our meeting, the structure of this implementation may be similar to Lab 2, namely the tokenizer. That makes us think that Stainless will work for that.

Orgnaization

Workload As we are two students in our group, we will be splitting the work equally as we progress through this project.

Plan

- Week 7 : Read and understand the paper.
- Week 8 : Prepare and record the presentation.
- Week 9 : Implement the most relevant algorithm related to our paper.
- Week 10 : Select the properties we want to verify and start proving them.
- Week 11 : Continue proving the stated properties.
- Week 12 : Depending on our progressing we could either go further in the properties we want to prove or adapt our algorithm to deal with more sophisticated data types or even turn our verifier algorithm into a runnable program to run with files as inputs and outputs.
- Week 13 : Prepare and record the final presentation.
- Week 14 : Finalize our work and write the final report.