# RSL\* extensions for RSL

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#### **LEXICAL MATTERS:**

**Additional keywords:** (must not be used as identifiers)

array, of, transition\_system, init\_constraint, transition\_relation, transition\_rules, where, ltl\_assertion **Additional symbols:** 

```
\{., .\}, ==>, |-, [=], [>], G, F
```

To be decided: should G, F be treated as symbols or pre-defined identifiers.

We could choose [>] to have lower/higher/same precedence than [=] and same (right) associativity.

### **SYNTAX EXTENSIONS:**

**Syntax conventions:** are as in the document on the RSL subset, except that ascii equivalents are used for symbols.

# 1. Extensions allowing declarations of generic values and variables

NOTE1 - pre condition for unfolder: any type\_expr in single\_typing-list of a generic\_value\_def or a generic\_variable\_def must be statically evaluable to a finite subset of Int or of a variant type.

NOTE2 – grammar rule integration: generic\_value\_def can be integrated with value\_signature by changing the latter to:

```
value_signature ::= id opt-formal_index : type_expr
formal_index ::= [ typing-list ]
```

Similarly generic\_variable\_def can be integrated with variable\_def by changing the latter to: variable\_def ::= id opt-formal\_index : type\_expr opt-initialisation

I would prefer not to integrate.

# 2. Extensions allowing access to elements of generic values and variables

```
value_expr ::= ... | gen_access_expr
gen_access_expr ::= id [ value_expr-list ]
```

NOTE1 - context conditions: the id in a gen\_access\_expr must have been declared as a generic value or generic variable and the length and types of the value\_expr-list must match the single\_typing-list in the declaration of id. Each value expr in the value\_expt-list must be pure (i.e. not refer to variables) to be able to unfold.

NOTE2 - pre condition for unfolder: Each value expr in the value\_expt-list must be statically evaluable to an Int value or a variant value.

NOTE3 – grammar rule integration: If extension 3 (below) is also made, gen\_access\_expr and array\_acces\_expr must be integrated to access\_expr, see Section 4.

## 3. Extensions allowing array types and values and accesses

```
type_expr ::= ... | array_type_expr
array_type_expr ::= array type_expr of type_expr
value_expr ::= ... | enumerated_array_expr | array_access_expr
enumerated_array_expr ::= {. value_expr-list .}
array_access_expr ::= array-value_expr [ value_expr ]
```

NOTE1 - context conditions for an array\_type\_expr: In the extension for that made by Jacob, the index type (i.e. the first type\_expr (after key word array) is allowed to be anything (needs not to be a finite integer interval starting in 0 or at all to be an integer type), and the element type (i.e. the second type\_expr) can be anything, e.g. an array\_type, so one can have arrays of arrays. In Signe's examples, index types are Integer intervals starting in 0. For our language or as a pre condition for the unfolder, we might restrict the allowed types. e.g. index types to be subsets of Int..

NOTE2 - context conditions for enumerated\_array\_expr.: Invented by Signe. No documentation for exists. Probably the element value\_exps must be pure, and definitely they must have a common type.

PROBLEM with index type of enumerated\_array\_expr: It is not possible to infer the index type of an enumerated\_array\_expr alone (unle/ss index types were limited to be integer intervals starting in 0), and it is unknown what semantics of an expression like  $\{.8, 9, 10.\}$  [2] should be and whether it would be defined. In contrast to that, if we have a declaration A: array  $\{|i:Int:-iisin\{2..4\}|\}=\{.8, 9, 10.\}$ , then we could assume that the index type for the enumeration should be the index type of A and then A[2] would be defined and evaluate to 8. So an enumerated\_array\_expr needs a context from which its index type can be decided, and that index type must have an ordering (otherwise we do not know which element belongs to a certain index.)

**Solution 1:** One possibility could be to treat an enumerated\_array\_expr {. e1, ..., en .} as having index type **array** {| i Int :- i isin {0 .. n} |} **of** T, where T is the common type of the elements (value\_exprs). **Solution 2:** For {. e1, ..., en .} infer instead the type **array** any **of** T, where T is the common type of the elements (value\_exprs) and allow only this, if its index type can be inferred from its context. With the current grammar and context rules, an array can only appear as the *array*-value\_expr in an array\_access\_expr, or as the lhs or rhs of an equation or as argument to a function taking an array as a parameter. The first should be disallowed, the last allowed, and the middle allowed when the index type in known on one of the sides. E.g. expressions like {0.8, 0.10.} [0.8, 0.10.} [0.8, 0.10.} = {0.8, 0.10.} should be disallowed. (This can easily be checked by requiring certain array types not to contain any). The use of any complicates the whole type inference system (as then we need rules for how to match types containing type any). In this case any should only be matched with types having an ordering.

Solution 1 is the simplest, but also the less general one.

NOTE3 - context conditions for an array\_access\_expr (a[v]), the first value\_expr (a) must have an array type (array ty1 of t) and the second value\_expr (v) must have index type (ty1) as type.

NOTE4: This grammar for array\_access\_expr allows for indexing arrays of arrays, like in a[i][j].

NOTE5 – alternative, more restricted syntax for array\_access\_expr: The grammar for array\_access\_expr allows the *array*-value\_expr to be an enumerated\_array\_expr. This possibility might not be needed and it has the problems described above. A possibility is to prevent such array\_access\_expr using the following restricted grammar:

```
array_access_expr ::= id [ value_expr ] | array_access_expr [ value_expr ]
```

NOTE6 - grammar rule integration: If extension 2 (above) is also made, gen\_acces\_expr and array\_access\_expr must be integrated to access\_expr, see Section 4.

## 4. Syntax integration of gen\_access\_expr and array\_access\_expr to access\_expr

Syntax integration alternative 1 (based on the restricted array\_access\_expr as defined in NOTE 5):

```
access_expr ::= id index | access_expr index
index ::= [ value_expr-list ]
```

NOTE1: The above grammar allows only for access expressions of the form id[v1, .]...[vm].

NOTE2 - context conditions for access\_expr:

For case id[vlist1]: Either (1) the id has been declared as a generic value or generic variable id[tlist1]: T and vlist1 and tlist1 match each other (have same length and elementwise matching types), or (2) the id has been declared as a non-generic array value/variable id: array T1 of T and vlist1 has length 1 and type T1. The whole access\_expr will then get type T.

For case  $access\_expr$  index: The access\\_expr must have an array type T = array T2 of T3 and the index must only contain one value\_expr and that must have type T2. The whole access\_expr will then get type T3.

NOTE3 - alternative grammar rule without left-recursion for access\_expr allowing for the same, (makes the static semantics cumbersom to write):

```
access_expr ::= id index-string
index-string ::= index | index index-string
```

NOTE4 - alternative syntax integration 2, now also integrating with the name (i.e. id) alternative of a value\_expr: So access\_expr now integrates name (which is id), gen\_access\_expr and array\_access\_expr access\_expr ::= id | access\_expr index

This extension allows for some more syntactically correct strings, that must then be ruled out by the type checker: a value\_expr can now be an access-expr, which is the id of a generic value/variable (before it had to be the id of a non-generic value/variable).

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NOTE5 - alternative syntax integration 3 (based on array_access_expr as defined in start of section 3) access_expr ::= value_expr index or access_expr ::= generic_value_or_variable-id index | array-value_expr index | array-access_expr index
```

These two are the most general solutions. The latter is ambigous as *array*-value\_expr can be an id. For the former access\_expr rule to work, value\_expr which is a name (i.e. an id) should be allowed to be the id of a generic value/variable (before it had to be the id of a non-generic value/variable).

### 5. Extensions allowing declarations of transistion systems and ltl properties

**5.1 variable\_decl** was defined for RSL (subset) and extended in Section 1.

5.2 initialisation constraints

```
init_constraint_decl ::= init_constraint logical-value_expr
```

NOTE For the unfolder a more restrictive syntax may be required only allowing certain forms of value\_expr. The same holds for axiom\_def.

#### 5.3 transition relation

```
transition_relation ::= transition_rules | transition_expr
transition rules ::=
                    transition_rules transition_rule opt-named_rules_decl
transition_rule ::=
             guarded_command |
             quantified rule |
             rule_choice |
             bracketed_rule |
             rule name
                   guarded_command
effect
            ::= primed_name = value_expr
               primed_access_expr = value_expr
               (all single typing-list:- effect)
primed name ::= variable-id '
primed_access_expr ::= primed_name index | primed_access_expr index
```

NOTE: Recommended to forbid in RSL\* the declaration of variables having a prime inside their ids (although allowed in RSL) - to a void confusion with primed variable names, *id*', used to denote the post version of a variable having name, *id*.

QUESTION – what should be required for an index in a primed\_access\_expr: are they allowed to contain variables and primed variables? It seems as rsltc allows both, but they have not been used in any examples.

```
quantified_rule := ( [=] single_typing-list :- transition_rule )

rule_choice := transition_rule choice_op transition_rule

choice_op ::= [=] | [>]

bracketed_rule ::= ( transition_rule )

rule_name ::= id

named_rules_decl ::= where named_rule-list

named_rule ::= [ id ] = transition_rule

transition_expr ::= transition_relation_logical-value_expr --- NEW like a post_expr, can wait
```

NOTE: For the latter rule to be useful, value\_expr must be extended and the type checker should only allow these extensions inside a transition\_expr or maybe inside an index in an effect, cf QUESTION above:

```
value_expr ::= ... | primed_name | primed_access_expr -- only needed, if transition_expr is included
```

## 5.4 ltl assertions

```
ltl_decl::= ltl_assertion ltl_assertion-list endltl_assertion::= [ id ] id |- ltl_formulaltl_formula::= logical-value_expr
```

NOTE: This extension was implemented in rsltc as follows: ltl\_formula is evaluated in a value env extended (by overwriting) to contain G and F of type Bool -> Bool. So G and F were treated as special predefined functions.

NOTE alternative: One might instead introduce G and F as keywords and specialize the syntax for ltl\_formulas.