The Art of Building Tools

A Language Engineering Perspective

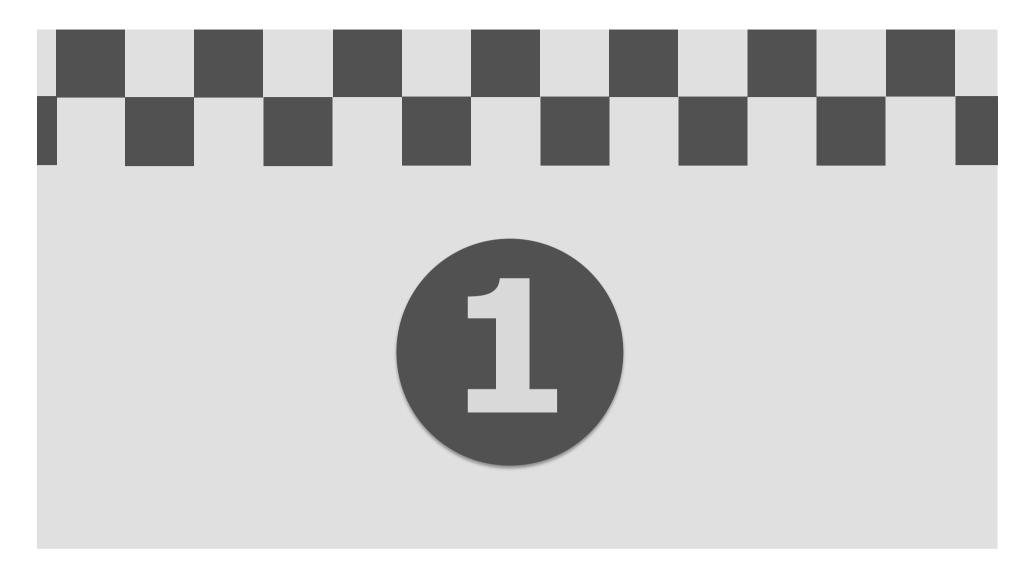
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Tool Extension

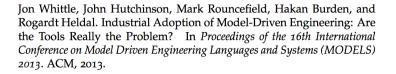
Study Findings I

The majority of our interviewees were very successful with MDE but all of them either built their own modeling tools, made heavy adaptations of off-the-shelf tools, or spent a lot of time finding ways to work around tools. The only accounts of easy-to-use, intuitive tools came from those who had developed tools themselves for bespoke purposes. Indeed, this suggests that current tools are a barrier to success rather than an enabler.

Jon Whittle, John Hutchinson, Mark Rouncefield, Hakan Burden, and Rogardt Heldal. Industrial Adoption of Model-Driven Engineering: Are the Tools Really the Problem? In *Proceedings of the 16th International Conference on Model Driven Engineering Languages and Systems (MODELS)* 2013. ACM, 2013.

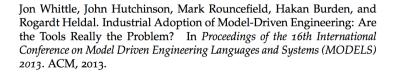
Study Findings II

Complexity problems are typically associated with off-the- shelf tools. Of particular note is accidental complexity — which can be introduced due to [..] [the] lack of flexibility to adapt the tools to a company's own context [..]

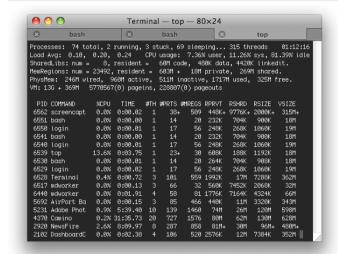


Study Findings III

Our interviews point to a **strong need for tailoring** of some sort: either tailor the tool to the process, tailor the process to the tool, or build your own tool that naturally fits your own process. Based on our data, it seems that, on balance, it is currently much easier to do the latter.



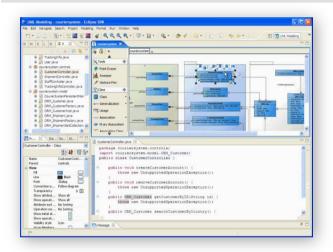
Command-Line Tools



New File Formats New Processors

Assemble Components (Pipes & Filters)

UI Tools



Buttons Views Menus Actions (New Languages) (New Editors)

Platform/Plugin Systems



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Specific Languages



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Specific Languages



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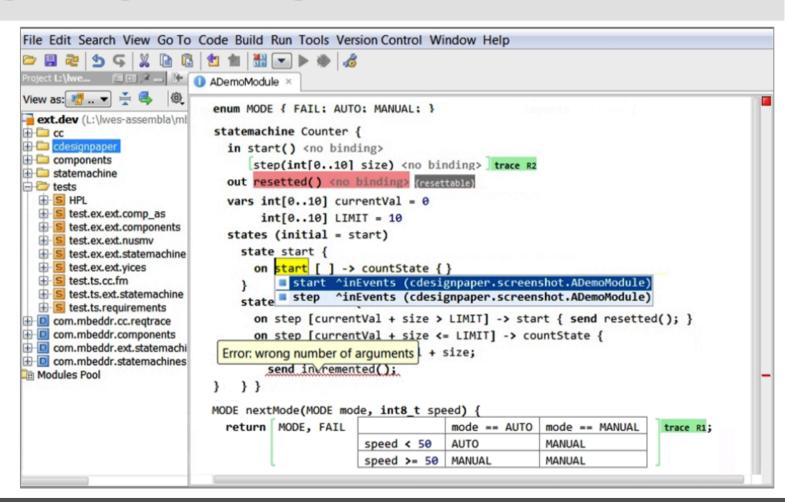
An extensible collection of integrated languages for embedded software engineering.

User Extensions	to be defined by users										
Default Extensions	Test Support	Decision Tables							Glossaries	Use Cases & Scenarios	
	Compo- nents	Physical Units	State Machines	State Machin Verification		Contracts					
Core	C core			Model Checking	SMT Solving	Dataflow Analysis	Visual- ization	PLE Variability	Documen- tation	Requirement Tracing	s &
Platform	JetBrains MPS										
Backend Tool	C Compiler, Debugger and Importer			NuSMV	Yices	СВМС	PlantUML				
-	Implementation Concern			Analysis Concern			Process Concern				

Specific Languages



Language Engineering Embedded Software





Language Engineering Embedded Software

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About mbeddr

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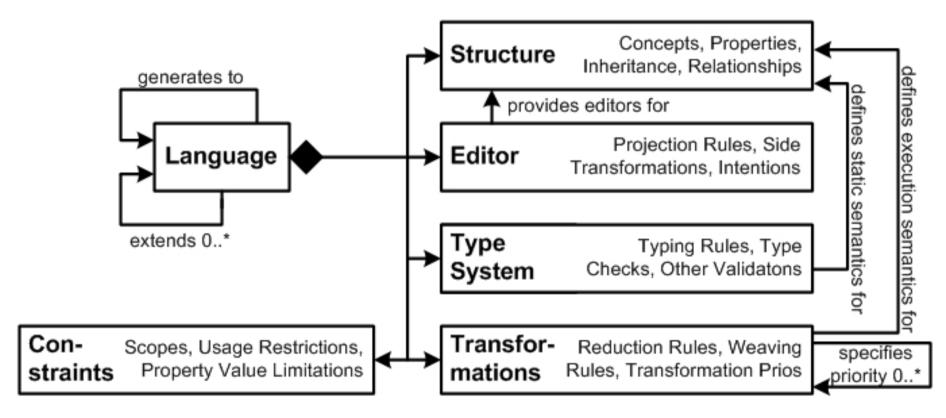




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Generic Tool

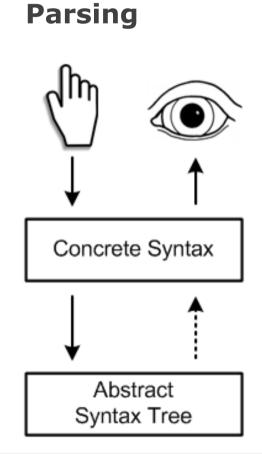
Rich Set of Language Aspects



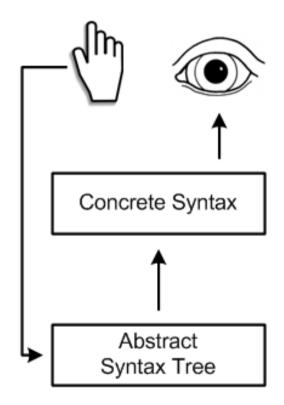
+ Refactorings, Find Usages, Syntax Coloring, Debugging, ...



Projectional Editing



Projection



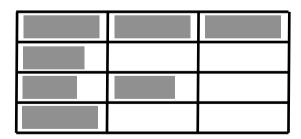
Generic Tool

Notational Flexibility





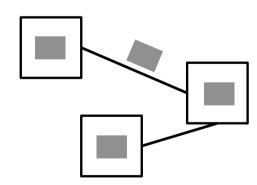
Tables



Mathematical

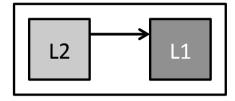


Graphical



Generic Tool

Language Composition



Separate Files

Type System
Transformation
Constraints



In One File

Type System
Transformation
Constraints
Syntax
Editor/IDE



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                          statemachine Counter {
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🛨 🧀 cdesignpaper
                           in start() <no binding>
in components
                               step(int[0..10] size) <no binding> trace R2
statemachine
                           out resetted() <no binding> (resettable)
ests
  H-S HPL
                            vars int[0..10] currentVal = 0
  int[0..10] LIMIT = 10
  states (initial = start)
  state start {
  on start [ ] -> countState { }
  +-S test.ts.cc.fm
                                  start ^inEvents (cdesignpaper.screenshot.ADemoModule)
  1 test.ts.ext.statemachine
                             state step ^inEvents (cdesignpaper.screenshot.ADemoModule)

    test.ts.requirements

                               on step [currentVal + size > LIMIT] -> start { send resetted(); }

    com.mbeddr.cc.regtrace

on step [currentVal + size <= LIMIT] -> countState {

    com.mbeddr.ext.statemachi

                           Error: wrong number of arguments | + size;

    com.mbeddr.statemachines

                                 send in remented();
Modules Pool
                          } } }
                         MODE nextMode(MODE mode, int8 t speed) {
                           return MODE, FAIL
                                                          mode == AUTO | mode == MANUAL
                                                                                       trace R1;
                                              speed < 50
                                                          AUTO
                                                                       MANUAL
                                              speed >= 50 MANUAL
                                                                       MANUAL
```





Hello, World

```
module HelloWorld {
   messagelist messages {
      INFO helloWorld() active: Hello, World
   }
   exported int32 main(int32 argc, string*[] argv) {
      report(0) messages.helloWorld();
      return 0;
   }
}
```



Function Types and Function Pointers

```
typedef (Trackpoint*)=>(Trackpoint*) as DataProcessorType;
DataProcessorType processor;
Trackpoint process_nullifyAlt(Trackpoint* tp) {
  tp->alt = 0;
  return e;
test case testProcessing {
  Trackpoint tp = \{x = 0, y = 0, alt = 100 \};
  processor = :process_nullifyAlt;
  Trackpoint* res = processor(&tp);
  assert(1) res->alt == 0;
```

Better notation for function types and function references.



Function Types and Lambdas

```
typedef (Trackpoint*)=>(Trackpoint*) as DataProcessorType;
DataProcessorType processor;
Trackpoint process_nullifyAlt(Trackpoint* tp) {
  tp->alt = 0;
  return e;
test case testLambdaProcessing {
  Trackpoint tp = \{x = 0, y = 0, alt = 50\};
  processor = [p| p->alt = 100; p; ];
  assert(0) processor(tp)->alt == 100;
```



Reporting



Test Cases

```
test case testProcessing {
   Trackpoint tp = {x = 0, y = 0, alt = 100 };
   processor = :process_nullifyAlt;
   Trackpoint* res = processor(&tp);
   assert(1) res->alt == 0;
}
exported int32 main(int32 argc, string[] argv) {
   return test testAddToQueue, testQueueFilling;
}
```

Special expression to run test cases and collect failure count.



Physical Units

Types can have units; additional units can be defined.



Physical Units II

Literals can have units; type system calculates w/ units.



Physical Units III

```
convertible unit degC for temperature
convertible unit degF for temperature
conversion degC -> degF = val * 9 / 5 + 32
conversion degF -> degC = (val - 32) * 5 / 9

void storeTemperature(int8/degC/ temp) {
   // store temp in some data store
}

int8/degF/ aTempInF = 100 degF;
storeTemperature(convert[aTempInF -> degC]);
```



Math

```
int32 sumUpIntArray(int32[] arr, int32 size) {
  return \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} arr[i];
sumUpIntArray (function)
int32 averageIntArray(int32[] arr, int32 size) {
  return \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{size} arr[i]}{size};
averageIntArray (function)
double midnight1(int32 a, int32 b, int32 c) {
  return \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4 * a * c}}{3 * a};
} midnight1 (function)
```



Interfaces and Components I

```
module Components imports DataStructures {
  exported cs interface TrackpointProcessor {
    Trackpoint* process(Trackpoint* p);
exported component Nuller extends nothing {
  provides TrackpointProcessor processor
  Trackpoint* process(Trackpoint* p) <- op processor.process {</pre>
    p->alt = 0 m;
    return p;
```

Interfaces define operations. Components provide interfaces.



Interfaces and Components II

```
instances nullerInstances {
   instance Nuller nuller
   adapt n -> nuller.processor
}

exported test case testNuller {
   initialize nullerInstances;
   Trackpoint tp = { id = 0 };
   n.process(&tp);
}
```



Interfaces and Components III

```
exported cs interface TrackpointStore1 {
  void store(Trackpoint* tp)
    pre(0) isEmpty()
   pre(1) tp != null
    post(2) !isEmpty()
    post(3) size() == old(size()) + 1
  Trackpoint* get()
    pre(0) !isEmpty()
  Trackpoint* take()
    pre(0) !isEmpty()
    post(1) result != null
    post(2) isEmpty()
    post(3) size() == old(size()) - 1
  query int8 size()
  query boolean isEmpty()
```

Interfaces can have pre- and postconditions.



Interfaces and Components IV

```
exported cs interface TrackpointStore2 {
  // store goes from the initial state to a new state nonEmpty
  void store(Trackpoint* tp)
   protocol init(0) -> new nonEmpty(1)
  // get expects the state to be nonEmpty, and remains there
  Trackpoint* get()
   protocol nonEmpty -> nonEmpty
  // take expects to be nonEmpty and then becomes empty
 // if there was one element in it, it remains in
  // nonEmpty otherwise
  Trackpoint* take()
   post(0) result != null
   protocol nonEmpty [size() == 1] -> init(0)
   protocol nonEmpty [size() > 1] -> nonEmpty
  // isEmpty and size have no effect on the protocol state
  query boolean isEmpty()
  query int8 size()
```

In addition, interfaces can have protocol state machines.



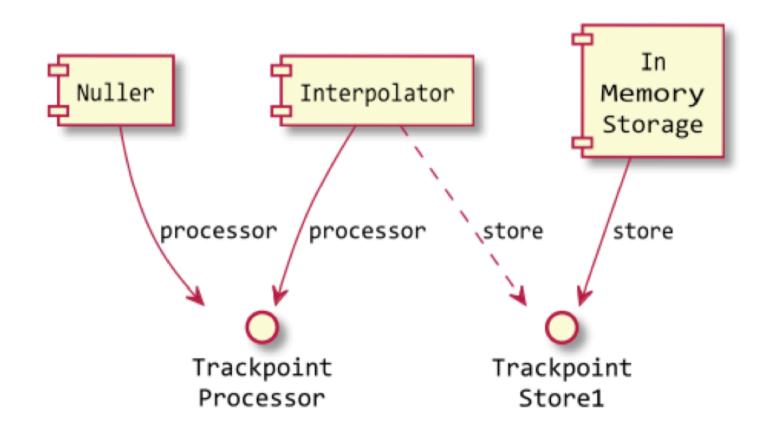
Interfaces and Components V

```
exported component Interpolator extends nothing {
  provides TrackpointProcessor processor
  requires TrackpointStore store
  init int8 divident;
  Trackpoint* process(Trackpoint* p) <- op processor.process {</pre>
    if (store.isEmpty()) {
      store.store(p);
      return p;
    } else {
      Trackpoint* old = store.take();
      p->speed = (p->speed + old->speed) / divident;
      store.store(p);
      return p;
```

Components can also require ports (dependency injection)



Interfaces and Components VI



Interfaces and components can be visualized.



Interfaces and Components VIII

```
mock component StorageMock report messages: true {
  provides TrackpointStore1 store
 Trackpoint* lastTP;
 total no. of calls is 5
  sequence {
    step 0: store.isEmpty return true;
    step 1: store.store {
        assert 0: parameter tp: tp != null
      do { lastTP = tp; }
    step 2: store.isEmpty return false;
    step 3: store.take return lastTP;
    step 4: store.store
```

Mock components specify expectations in context of a test.

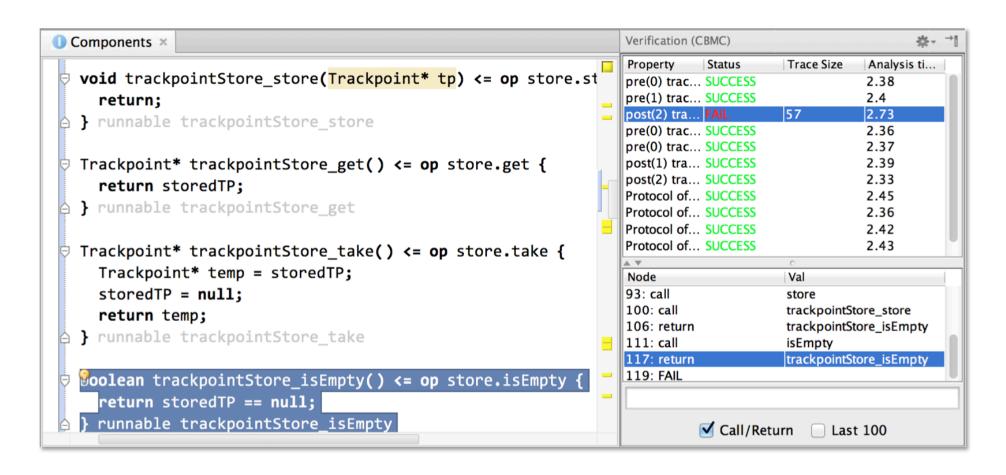


Interfaces and Components IX

```
exported test case testInterpolatorWithMock {
  initialize interpolatorInstancesWithMock;
  Trackpoint p1 = { id = 1, timestamp = 1 s, speed = 10 mps };
  Trackpoint p2 = { id = 2, timestamp = 2 s, speed = 20 mps };
  ipMock.process(&p1);
  ipMock.process(&p2);
  validatemock (0) interpolatorInstancesWithMock:storeMock;
}
```



Interfaces and Components X





Decision Tables

```
exported component Judge extends nothing {
  provides FlightJudger judger
  int16 points = 0;
  void judger_reset() <= op judger.reset {</pre>
    points = 0;
  } runnable judger reset
  void judger_addTrackpoint(Trackpoint* tp) <= op judger.addTrackpoint {</pre>
                                        tp->alt <= 2000 m | tp->alt >= 2000 m
    points += 0
                  tp->speed < 150 mps
                                                            10
                                                            20
                  tp->speed >= 150 mps
  } runnable judger addTrackpoint
  int16 judger getResult() <= op judger.getResult {</pre>
    return points;
  } runnable judger getResult
} component Judge
```

Decision tables nicely exploit the projectional editor.



Combinable Extensions!

```
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  provides FlightJudger judger
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    points = 0;
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    points += 0
                  tp->speed < 150 mps
                                                            10
                                                            20
                  tp->speed >= 150 mps
  } runnable judger addTrackpoint
  int16 judger_getResult() <= op judger.getResult {</pre>
    return points;
  } runnable judger getResult
} component Judge
```

C, components, units and decision tables combined!



Decision Tables II

```
SUCCESS: Table complete.
FAIL: cells (1, 1) and (2, 1) are inconsistent.
  tp.id: 0
  tp.timestamp : 0
  tp.x : 0
  tp.y : 0
 tp.speed : 0
  tp.alt : 2000
FAIL: cells (1, 2) and (2, 2) are inconsistent.
  tp.id : 0
  tp.timestamp : 0
  tp.x : 0
  tp.y: 0
  tp.speed: 150
  tp.alt : 2000
```

Decision Tables are analyzed f. consistency and completeness



State Machines I

```
statemachine FlightAnalyzer initial = beforeFlight {
   state beforeFlight {
    state airborne {
        state landing {
          }
          state crashed {
        }
}
```



State Machines II

```
state beforeFlight {
  entry { points = 0; }
  on next [tp->alt > 0 m] -> airborne
 exit { points += TAKEOFF; }
state airborne {
  on next [tp->alt == 0 m && tp->speed == 0 mps] -> crashed
  on next [tp->alt == 0 m && tp->speed > 0 mps] -> landing
  on next [tp->speed > 200 mps]
     -> airborne { points += VERY_HIGH_SPEED; }
  on next [tp->speed > 100 mps]
     -> airborne { points += HIGH_SPEED; }
  on reset [ ] -> beforeFlight
state landing {
  on next [tp->speed == 0 mps] -> landed
  on next [ ] -> landing { points--; }
 on reset [ ] -> beforeFlight
```

States contain transitions with zuards, and actions.



State Machines III

```
test case testFlightAnalyzer {
  FlightAnalyzer f;
  sminit(f);
test case testFlightAnalyzer {
  FlightAnalyzer f;
  sminit(f);
  assert(0) smIsInState(f, beforeFlight);
  smtrigger(f, next(makeTP(100, 100)));
  assert(3) smIsInState(f, airborne) && f.points == 100;
  . . .
```

State machines can be instantiated; code can interact.



State Machines IV

```
test case testFlightAnalyzer {
  FlightAnalyzer f;
  sminit(f);
test case testFlightAnalvzer {
  test statemachine f {
    next(makeTP(200, 100)) -> airborne
    next(makeTP(300, 150)) -> airborne
    next(makeTP(0, 90)) -> landing
    next(makeTP(0, 0)) -> landed
```

+ special support for testing state machines.



State Machines V

```
statemachine FlightAnalyzer initial = beforeFlight {
  state crashed {
    entry { raiseAlarm(); }
void raiseAlarm() {}
statemachine FlightAnalyzer initial = beforeFlight {
  out crashNotification() => raiseAlarm
  state crashed {
    entry { send crashNotification(); }
```

Outgoing interactions via function calls or out events.



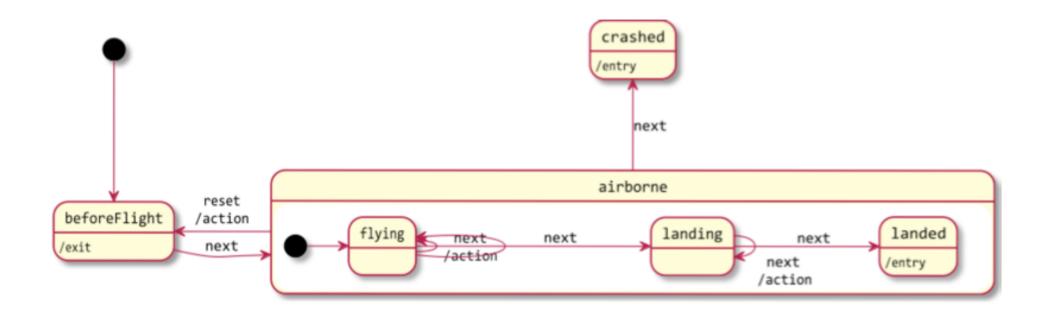
State Machines VI

```
composite state airborne initial = flying {
  on reset [ ] -> beforeFlight { points = 0; }
  on next [tp->alt == 0 \text{ m } \&\& tp->speed == 0 \text{ mps}] -> crashed
  state flving {
    on next [tp->alt == 0 m && tp->speed > 0 mps] -> landing
    on next [tp->speed > 200 mps]
       -> flying { points += VERY_HIGH_SPEED; }
    on next [tp->speed > 100 mps]
       -> flying { points += HIGH_SPEED; }
  state landing {
    on next [tp->speed == 0 mps] -> landed
   on next [ ] -> landing { points--; }
 state landed {
   entry { points += LANDING; }
```

Hierarchical state machines (composite states)



State Machines VII



State Machines can be visualized in various way.



State Machines VIII

```
StateMachines ×
                                                                       State Machine Verification (NuSMV)
                                                                       Property
                                                                                            Status Trace...
  [verifiable]
                                                                       State 'beforeFlight' is reac... SUCC...
  //[This state machine implements a way to grade flights.
                                                                       State 'airborne' is reachable SUCC...
                                                                       State 'landing' is reachable SUCC...
      It has separate states for the important flight phases
                                                                       State 'landed' is reachable SUCC...
     such as @child(beforeFlight) or @child(airborne).
                                                                       State 'crashed' is reachable SUCC...
  checked
                                                                       State 'beforeFlight' has det... SUCC.
                                                                       State 'airborne' contains n... FAIL
  exported statemachine FlightAnalyzer initial = beforeFlig
                                                                       State 'landing' has determi... SUCC...
    in next(Trackpoint* tp) <no binding>
                                                                       State 'landed' has determi... SUCC...
    in reset() <no binding>
                                                                       State 'crashed' has deter... SUCC...
                                                                       Transition 0 of state 'befo... SUCC...
    out crashNotification() => raiseAlarm
                                                                       Transition 0 of state 'airbo... SUCC...
    readable var int16 points = 0
                                                                       Transition 1 of state 'airbo... SUCC...
    state beforeFlight {
                                                                       Transition 2 of state lairho EAII
                                                                       Node
      //[Here is a comment on a transition.]
                                                                       State beforeFlight
       on next [tp->alt == 0 m] -> airborne
                                                                       in event: next
                                                                                        next({speed:-32768,...
                                                                       State airborne
       exit { points += TAKEOFF; }
                                                                       in event: next
                                                                                        next({speed:101})
    } state beforeFlight
                                                                       State landing
     //[This represents the state in which the airplane flie
                                            (BinaryVerificationPattern in c.m.a.nusmv.statemachine)
P is false After Q
P is false After O Until R
                                           (TernaryVerificationPattern in c.m.a.nusmy.statemachine)

    P is false Before R

                                            (BinaryVerificationPattern in c.m.a.nusmv.statemachine)
P is false Between O and R
                                           (TernaryVerificationPattern in c.m.a.nusmv.statemachine)

    P is false Globally
                                             (UnaryVerificationPattern in c.m.a.nusmv.statemachine)

    P is true After Q

                                            (BinaryVerificationPattern in c.m.a.nusmv.statemachine)
n P is true After O Until R
                                           (TernaryVerificationPattern in c.m.a.nusmv.statemachine)
P is true Before R
                                            (BinaryVerificationPattern in c.m.a.nusmv.statemachine)
P is true Between Q and R
                                           (TernaryVerificationPattern in c.m.a.nusmv.statemachine)
P is true Globally
                                             (UnaryVerificationPattern in c.m.a.nusmy.statemachine)
<u>ω S Resnonds to P After O Until R (OuaternaryVerificationPattern in c.m.a.nusmy.statemachine)</u>
```



Documentation

```
// This state machine implements a way to grade
   flights. It has separate states for the
   important flight phases, such as
   @child(beforeFlight) or @child(airborne).
statemachine FlightAnalyzer initial = beforeFlight {
  in next(Trackpoint* tp) <no binding>
  readable var int16 points = 0
  state beforeFlight {
    on next [tp->alt > 0 m] -> airborne
    exit { points += TAKEOFF; }
  } state beforeFlight
```

Rich, Structured Comments (note the embedded nodes)



Documentation II

```
section 1.2 existing.comps: Interfaces and Components {
```

Interfaces declare operations that can be provided or used by components. Each operation can also declare pre- and postconditions as well as protocols. These can be checked either at runtime or statically. The <code>@cm(Components)</code> module contains examples. Below is an interface:

embed as text Components.TrackpointStore1/

The interfaces, components and thei relationships in a given module can also be rendered graphically. An example is shown in <code>@fig(ci)</code>

```
visualize Components.store.TrackpointStore1/
   components + interfaces (grouped) as ci
```

location: vis:/
scaling: width100

The components and their provided (solid lines) and required (dotted lines) ports.

Of course the visualizations are also not just images. In the source to the document, we embed references to \code(IVisualizable) instances. In the doc, one can select the visualization category, and then, during generation, PlantUML automatically rerenders the image.

Documentation Language w/ Embeddable Code (LaTeX/HTML)



Documentation III

```
mbeddr supports physical units. For example,
\code(struct) members can have physical units
in addition to their types. An example is
the @cc(Trackpoint/) in the @cm(DataStructures)
module. Here is the \code(struct):

term: Vehicle
A vehicle is ->(a special kind of [Car|]).
A car typically has four [Wheel|Wheels].
```

Format Text, Reference Code, Define Glossary Terms



Documentation IV

```
The Drake equation calculates the number of civilizations $N$ in the galaxy. As input, it uses the average rate of star formation $SF$, the fraction of those stars that have planets $fp$ and the average number of plane Error: type int8 is not a subtype of boolean port life $ne$. The number of civilizations can be calculated with $N = SF * fp * ne$.
```



Product Line Variability

```
feature model FlightProcessor
  processing ? {
   nullify
    normalizeSpeed xor {
      maxCustom [int16/mps/ maxSpeed]
      max 100
configuration model cfgNullifyMaxAt200 configures FlightProcessor
  processing {
   nullify
    normalizeSpeed {
      maxCustom [maxSpeed = 200 mps]
```

Feature Models (and Checked Confiss) to Express Variability



Product Line Variability II

```
Trackpoint processTrackpoint(fmconfig<FlightProcessor> cfg,
                             Trackpoint tp) {
 Trackpoint result;
 variant<cfg> {
    case (nullify && maxCustom) {
      result = process_nullifyAlt(tp);
      if (tp.speed > maxCustom.maxSpeed) {
        result.speed = maxCustom.maxSpeed;
    case (nullify && max100) {
    case (nullify) { result = process_nullifyAlt(tp); }
    default { result = process_doNothing(tp); }
  return result:
```

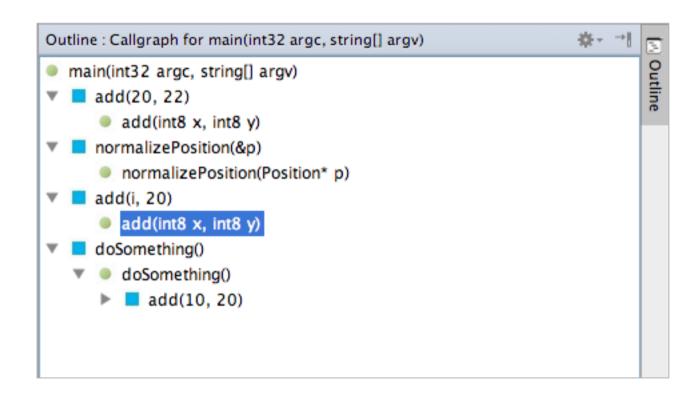
Runtime Variability based on Feature Models



Product Line Variability III

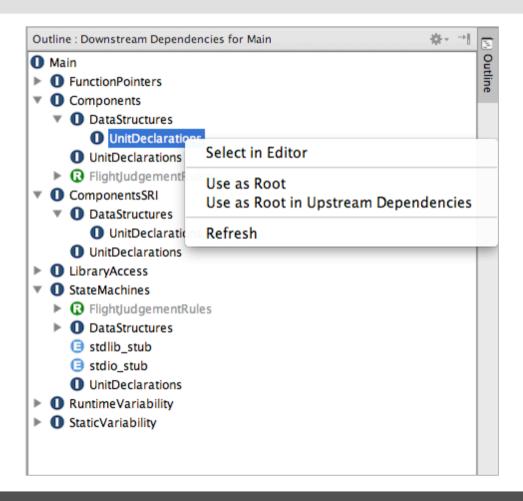
```
Variability from FM: FlightProcessor
Rendering Mode: product line
module StaticVariability imports DataStructures {
  Trackpoint* process trackpoint(Trackpoint* t) {
    {nullify}
    t-alt = 0 m;
    return t;
  } process trackpoint (function)
  exported test case testStaticVariability {
    Trackpoint tp = {
      id = 1
      alt = 2000 m
      speed = 150 mps
    };
    {!nullifv}
    assert(0) process trackpoint(&tp)->alt == 2000 m;
    {nullify}
    assert(1) process trackpoint(&tp)->alt == 0 m;
  } testStaticVariability(test case)
```

Tree Views I



Different Tree View Structures defined by language concepts.

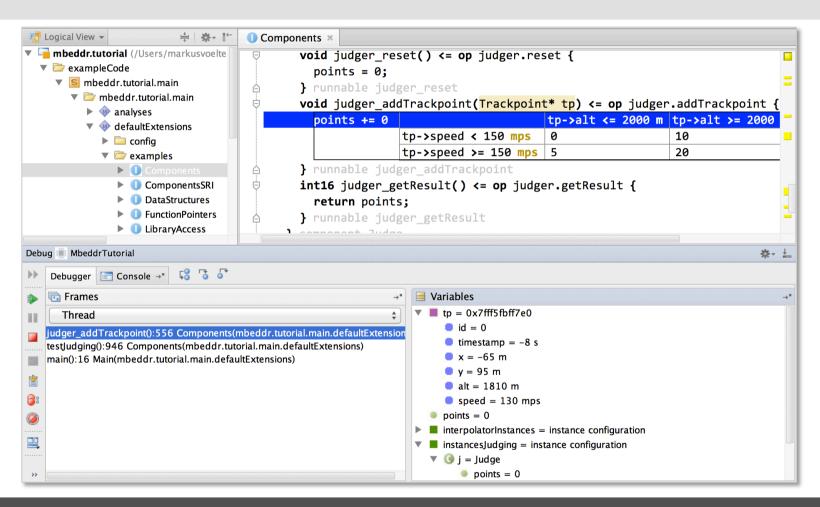
Tree Views II



Custom Commands are supported as well.



Debugging



Debugging on the DSL Level (Extensible!)

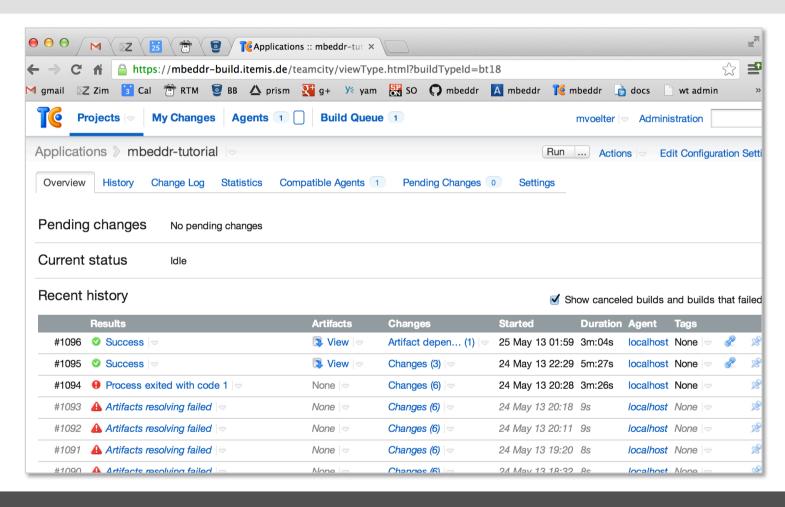


VCS Diff/Merge

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                                                                                        Your version exported component Juage extends nothing {
    provides FlightJudger judger
                                                                                             provides FlightJudger judger
    int16 points = 0;
                                                                                             int16 points = 0;
    void judger_reset() <= op judger.reset {</pre>
                                                                                             void judger_reset() <= op judger.reset {</pre>
       points = 0;
                                                                                                points = 0;
    runnable judger_reset
                                                                                             runnable judger_reset
    void judger addTrackpoint(Trackpoint* tp) <= op judger.addTrackpoint {</pre>
                                                                                              void judger addTrackpoint(Trackpoint* tp) <= op judger.addTrackpoint {</pre>
                                           tp->alt <= 2000 m tp->alt >= 2000 m
                                                                                               //[This computes the points for the flight, taking into account]
       points += 0
                                                                                                   the speed and altitude of each trackpoint.
                    tp->speed < 150 mps
                    tp->speed >= 150 mps 5
                                                                                                                                   tp->alt <= 4000 m tp->alt >= 2000 m
                                                                                                points += 0
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    runnable judger addTrackpoint
                                                                                                             tp->speed < 150 mps
     int16 judger_getResult() <= op judger.getResult {</pre>
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       return points;
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CI Server Integration



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Generic GTSL Specific Tools GTSL Languages

From Data Formats To Languages

Structure, Constraints, Semantics

Data Format + Syntax + 1DE

Language

Language Engineering

Languages

Language Reuse Language Modularization Language Composition

Language Engineering

Language Engineering

Languages

Language Engineering

Text Math Graphics Tables Symbols Forms

Syntactic Diversity

Language Workbenches

Languages

Language Engineering

Syntactic Diversity

But does this really work?

Language Workbenches

Generic Tools, Specific Languages

Ingredients

Languages

Specific Languages

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Generic Tools

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(we don't have to reimplement editors and synchronizers)

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Generic Tools

Language Workbenches

Language Workbenches

Typical Features

Goto Definition/Find Usages Error Markup/Quick Fixes Syntax Highlighting Code Completion Search/Replace Refactoring Debugging

Reporting Visualization Version Control

Language Workbenches

Typical Features



Language Workbenches

Typical Features

Language Workbenches act as the foundation for IDEs for any language.

Tool Extensibility

Study Findings I

The majority of our interviewees were very successful with MDE but all of them either built their own modeling tools, made heavy adaptations of off-the-shelf tools, or spent a lot of time finding ways to work around tools. The only accounts of easy-to-use, intuitive tools came from those who had developed tools themselves for bespoke purposes. Indeed, this suggests that current tools are a barrier to success rather than an enabler.

Jon Whittle, John Hutchinson, Mark Rouncefield, Hakan Burden, and Rogardt Heldal. Industrial Adoption of Model-Driven Engineering: Are the Tools Really the Problem? In *Proceedings of the 16th International Conference on Model Driven Engineering Languages and Systems (MODELS)* 2013. ACM, 2013.

Tool Extensibility

Study Findings II

Complexity problems are typically associated with off-the- shelf tools. Of particular note is **accidental complexity** – which can be introduced due to poor consideration of other categories, such as **lack of flexibility to adapt the tools** to a company's own context [..]

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Language Workbenches

Typical Features

Used by the tool vendor to build the initial tool (languages).

Used by the end user to adapt the tool (lang extensions)!

Extensions are first-class!

Generic Tools, Specific Languages

Adaptability is built-in!



Fundamentally different from Today's State-of-the-Art in Tools



Example II: Réquirements



Requirements

Requirements ArchitecturalComponents

1 nullifies the altitute

Nuller /participant: tags

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2 averages over the flights

Interpolator /participant: tags

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3 stores flights in memory

InMemoryStore /participant: tags

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Structured and Hierarchical Requirements.



Requirements Relationships

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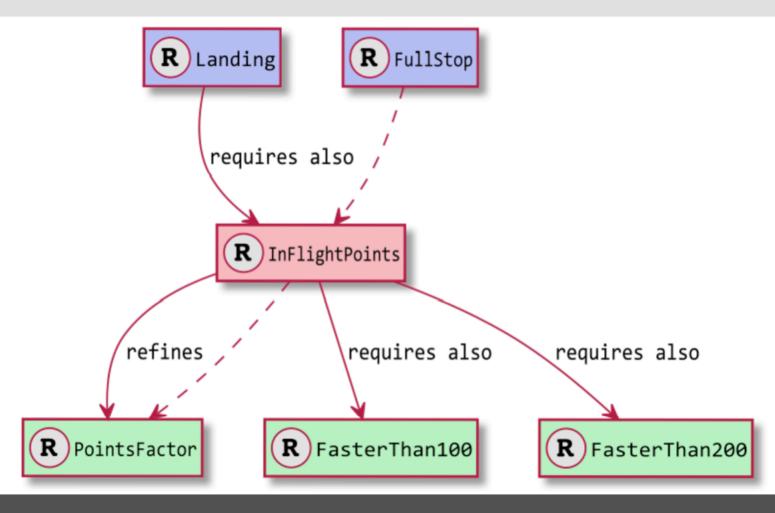
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Requirements Relationship Diagram



Relationships between Requirements (downstream, upstream)



Requirements ext'd with Business Rules

4 | Points you get for each trackpoint

InFlightPoints /functional: tags

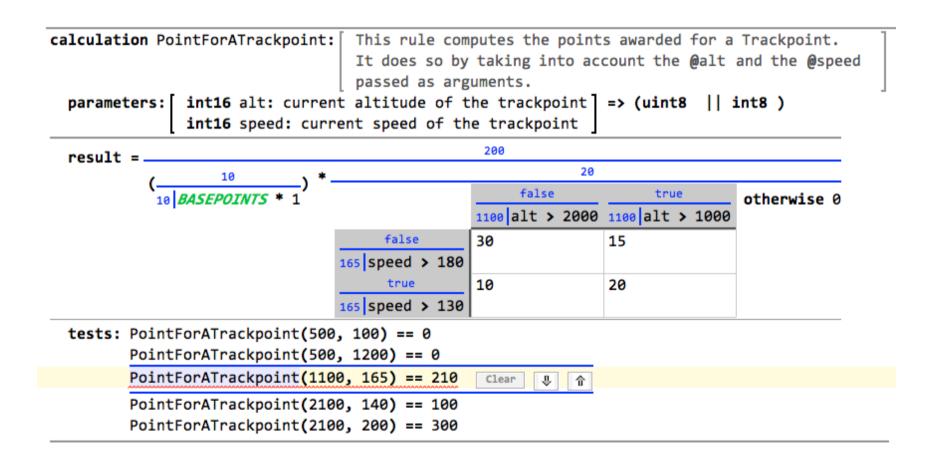
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```
calculation PointForATrackpoint: This rule computes the points awarded for a Trackpoint.
                                   It does so by taking into account the Malt and the Mspeed
                                   passed as arguments.
  parameters: | int16 alt: current altitude of the trackpoint | => (uint8 | | int8 )
               int16 speed: current speed of the trackpoint
  result = (BASEPOINTS * 1) *
                                           alt > 2000 alt > 1000 otherwise 0
                              speed > 180 | 30
                                                       15
                               speed > 130 10
                                                       20
  te Error: failed; expected 210, but was 200 000, 100) == 0
         POINTFOLATPACKPOINT(500, 1200) == 0
         PointForATrackpoint(1100, 165) == 210
         PointForATrackpoint(2100, 140) == 100
         PointForATrackpoint(2100, 200) == 300
```

Live (interpreted) Business Rules can be Embedded in Reg.



Debugging Business Rules ("Live Program'g")



All intermediate expression values shown inline.



Code Referencing Business Rules

```
exported component Judge2 extends nothing {
  provides FlightJudger judger
  int16 points = 0;
  void judger_reset() ← op judger.reset {
    points = 0;
  } runnable judger_reset
  void judger_addTrackpoint(Trackpoint* tp) ← op judger.addTrackpoint {
    points += PointForATrackpoint(stripunit[tp->alt], stripunit[tp->speed]);
  } runnable judger_addTrackpoint
  int16 judger_getResult() ← op judger.getResult {
    return points;
} runnable judger_getResult
```



Requirements with Scenarios

1.2.1 Describes the Interpolation

Interpolation /scenario: tags

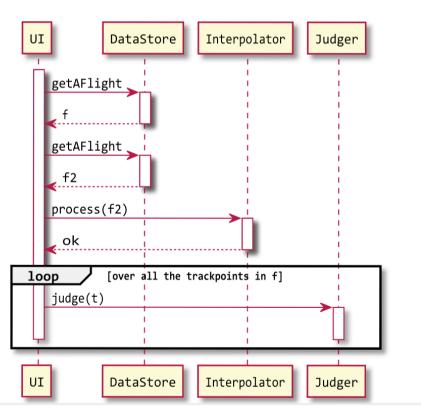
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```
Scenario Interpolation
UI {
    -> DataStore.getAFlight(): new Flight f
    -> DataStore.getAFlight() {
        return new Flight f2
    } DataStore.getAFlight
    -> Interpolator.process(received f2): ok
    loop over all the trackpoints in f {
        -> Judger.judge(new Trackpoint t)
    } loop
}
```



Graphical Scenarios

 $\frac{Requirement}{Scenario} \ Use Cases. Flight Judgement. Flight Is Interpolated. Interpolation \\ \underline{Scenario} \ Interpolation$





Workpackages

2 Once a flight lifts off, you get 100 points

PointsForTakeoff /functional: tags

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constant int8 POINTSFORTAKEOFF = 100

workpackage impl1 scope: 1 responsible: peter prio: 1 effort: 10 days

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workpackage impl2 scope: 2 responsible: peter prio: 1 effort: 5 days

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actual work: worked 10 hours -> 50 % finished

worked 19 hours -> 100 % finished

.

seen by customer: true
accepted by customer: true

total: 29.0 hours

An extension supports workpackages for requirements.



Workpackage Assessments

Assessment: EffortsOfWorkPackages

query: workpackages for scope <no scope> responsible <no company> status any prio >= <no prio>

sorted: true

must be ok: false hide ok ones: false

FlightJudgementRules

FasterThan100.impl (-)	24	0
FasterThan200.impl (-)	32	0
<pre>InFlightPoints.poc (-)</pre>	80	0
PointsFactor.prototype (1)	24	0
PointsForTakeoff.impl1 (1)	80	0
PointsForTakeoff.impl2 (1)	40	

total 6, new 2, ok 0

total effort: 1 / 35 days



Requirements Tracing

```
requirements modules: FlightJudgementRules
module StateMachines imports DataStructures, stdlib stub, stdio stub {
  #define TAKEOFF = 100; |-> implements PointsForTakeoff
  #define HIGH SPEED = 10; -> implements FasterThan100
  #define VERY_HIGH_SPEED = 20; -> implements FasterThan200
  statemachine FlightAnalyzer initial = beforeFlight {
    in next(Trackpoint* tp) <no binding>
    in reset() <no binding>
    state landed {
       [entry { points += LANDING; }] -> implements FullStop
      on reset [ ] -> beforeFlight
    } state landed
```



Example III: Insurance

More Form-Like Notation

Rule Set Type DemoRuleSetType

Business objects

person : Person
policy Policy :

Variables:

PRMI : int

FR : int

NN : int

TT : int

J : int
A3 : int

G3 : int

ANUI : int

X : int

Parent

<no parent>

Libraries

Standard

Extra

This workbench is to be used by insurance experts

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A3 : int

G3 : int
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X : int

Parent

<no parent>

Libraries

Standard

Extra

Variables:

Parent

Libraries

This workbench is to be used by insurance experts

More Form-Like Notation – with Expressions

rule set DemoRulseSet2 is of type DemoRuleSetType

Toggle Information

Non-Programmers like Forms and Buttons - and need lang's

Mathematical Notation

int other(a : int, b : int) ==>
$$a + b + \sum_{i=1}^{5} \begin{bmatrix} i \\ j \end{bmatrix} + \prod_{p=1}^{3} \begin{bmatrix} p \\ j \end{bmatrix}$$

local =
$$\begin{bmatrix} A1 \Rightarrow & NN \\ & \sum_{i=1}^{NN} & (D(X + ANUI + i - 1) - D(X + ANUI + i)) * (1 - \frac{TM18[i]}{TM17}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$O(X + ANUI)$$

int rate(age : int) ==> 1 +
$$\frac{1 + ANUI + \frac{age}{AOPS - 9}}{4 * 5 + \sum_{i = 8}^{12} \left[i * 8\right]} + in01$$

This workbench was used by insurance domain experts

Tables (taken from diff. Example)

sensorOmega	designOmega	curTime	torque
5 radps	10 radps	0 s	-23 Nm
5 radps	10 radps	0.1 s	-38.5 Nm
5 radps	10 radps	0.2 s	-47.5 Nm
5 radps	10 radps	0.3 s	-47.5 Nm
5 radps	10 radps	0.4 s	-36 ±0.001
5 radps	10 radps	0.5 s	9 ±0.001
5 radps	10 radps	0.6 s	236.25 ±0.001
5 radps	10 radps	0.7 s	2023 ±0.001
5 radps	10 radps	0.8 s	22093 ±0.001
5 radps	10 radps	0.9 s	379457.5 ±0.001

A bit like "Excel" with a real language behind it.

Tables (taken from diff. Example)

Name	Туре	Unit	Default	Description	Constraints
GLB_Time	double	S	0.1	[Time in seconds]	range 0.00 1.0E16
Temperature_K	double	K	300.0	[Temperature in Kelvin]	range 223.0 1773.0
Temperature_C	double	degC	25.0	[Temperature in Celsius]	range -50.0 1250.0
Torque	double	Nm	0.0	[Torque in Nm]	<no elements=""></no>
Inertia	double	kgm2	0.0	[Inertia in kg m square]	min 0.00
motor_speed	double	radps	<none></none>	[Motor speed in rad per sec]	range 0.00 100000.0
shaft_speed	double	radps	<none></none>	Output Shaft Speed	range -20000.0 20000.0
motor_power	double	W	<none></none>	[Motor power in Watts]	range -100000.0 100000.0
coolant_flowrate	double	m3ps	<none></none>	[Coolant volume flow rate]	range 0.0 3.0

A bit like "Excel" with a real language behind it.



Summing up

Key Points

To build meaningful tools, the data must be extended.

Extending the tool (buttons, views, ...) is not enough!

Key Points

Structured Data can be expressed with languages.

Languages are data formats plus syntax and IDE.

Key Points

Language Engineering supports extension and composition

This supports adapting tools for specific domains easily.

Key Points

IDE-style tools are very good for editing data/programs.

We've got a lot of experience from regular programming.

Key Points

Language Workbenches are the key enabling technology.

MPS is 1MHO the most powerful, but it's not the only one!

Key Points

Let's build new classes of tools!

... which make meaningful extensibility a reality!

The End.



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