

On Global Types and Multi-Party Sessions

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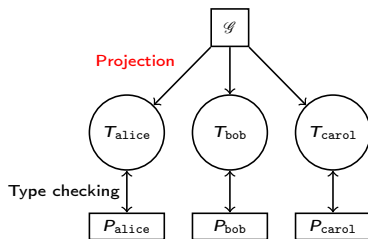
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`bob $\xrightarrow{\text{nat}}$ carol`

Session Types $T_{\text{bob}} =$ `alice? nat .`
`carol! nat .`
`end`

Processes $P_{\text{bob}} =$ `receive x from alice;`
`send $x+42$ to carol;`
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Abstract

Communication is becoming one of the central elements in software development. As a potential typed foundation for structured communication-control programming, session types have been studied over the last decade for a wide range of process calculi and programming languages, focusing on binary (two-party) sessions. This work extends the ongoing theory of binary session types to multiparty, asynchronous sessions, which often arise in practical communication-control applications. Presented as a typed calculus for mobile processes, the theory introduces a new notion of types in which interactions involving multiple parties are directly abstracted as a global scenario. Global types extend a friendly type syntax of binary session types while capturing complex causal chains of multiparty asynchronous interactions. A global type plays the role of a shared agreement among communication peers, and is used as a basis of efficient type checking through its projection onto individual peers. The fundamental properties of the session type discipline such as communication safety, progress and session fidelity are established for general a-priori asynchronous interactions.

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1. Introduction

Abstract. Communication is becoming one of the central elements in software development. Emerging from web services to business protocols to parallel scientific computing to multi-core programming, as a potential typed foundation for structured communication-control programming, session types have been studied in many contexts over the last decade, including calculus of mobile processes [Honda et al. 1994, Ceylan and Hilde 2003, Honda et al. 2001, Honda and Compagnoni 2000], lightweight processes [Honda et al. 2002, Arbab and Carbone 2004, Carbone et al. 2000], multi-threaded ML [Vocoroba et al. 2000, Honda, Okamoto and Thompson 2006], P4 Core [de Coo et al. 2007], operating systems [Fridrich et al. 2006], Java [Honda-Carbone et al. 2006, Coppo et al. 2007, He et al. 2007], and Web Ser-

vices [Carbone et al. 2006, 2007, WS-CDL, Spurio 2006, Honda et al. 2007]. A basic observation underlying session types is that a communication-control application often exhibits a highly structured sequence of interaction involving, for example, branching and recursion, which as a whole form a natural split of communication or session. The structure of a communication is abstracted as a type through an iterative system, which is then used as a basis of validating programs through an associated type discipline.

As an example, the following session type describes a simple business protocol between Buyer and Seller from Buyer's viewpoint: Buyer sends the title of a book to Seller; Seller sends a quote (an integer). If Buyer is satisfied by the quote, then sends his address to Seller; and Seller sends back the delivery date (a date); otherwise it quits the conversation.

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IntMsg IntMsg (IntMsg SellerMsg, IntMsg Sell) Sell
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Above $Sell$ denotes an output of a value of type $IntMsg$ (likely for to denote a choice of the option), and $Sell$ represents the termination of the conversation.

Such explicit representation of communication structures helps us deal with one of the most common bugs in programming with communication, the communication bugs. A programmer expects that communicating programs should together receive a consistent communication, but they easily fail to handle a specific incoming message or to send a message at the correct timing, with no way to detect such errors in their runtime. An explicit specification on (1) global principled programming of communication behaviour (mobile semantic protocol) valid for WS-CDL [Honda et al. 2007]. In addition, a clean separation between abstraction and implementation gives by type-based abstraction and associated primitives leads to amenable programs and feasible implementations [de Coo et al. 2007]. Underlying these merits are the following central properties guaranteed by session types.

1. Interactions within a session never linear a communication error (communication safety).
2. Channels for a session are used linearly (linearity) and are deadlock-free in a single session (progress).

The communication sequence in a session follows the scenario defined in the session type (session fidelity, predictability).

Multiparty Asynchronous Sessions. The ongoing studies on session types have focused on binary (two-party) sessions. While many communication patterns can be captured through a composition of binary sessions, there are cases where binary session types are not powerful enough for describing and validating interactions which involve more than two parties.

As an example, let us consider a simple refinement of the above Buyer-Seller protocol, consider two buyers, Buyer1 and Buyer2, which do by an expensive book from Seller by comparing their scores. Buyer1 sends the title of the book to Seller. Seller sends to both Buyer1 and Buyer2 its quote. Buyer1 tells Buyer2 her

Contract-Driven Implementation of Choreographies*

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Abstract. Choreographies and Contracts are important concepts in Service Oriented Computing. Choreographies are the description of the behaviour of a service system from a global point of view, while contracts are the description of the externally observable message-passing behaviour of a given service. Exploiting some of our previous results about choreography projection and contract refinement, we show how to solve the problem of implementing a choreography via the composition of already available services that are retrieved according to their contracts.

1 Introduction

SENSORIA (Software Engineering for Service-Oriented Overlay Computers) [6] is a European project funded under the 6th Framework Programme as part of the Global Computing Initiative. The aim of SENSORIA is to develop a novel comprehensive approach to the engineering of software systems for service oriented computing where foundational theories, techniques and methods are fully integrated in a pragmatic software engineering approach.

Service Oriented Computing (SOC) is a paradigm for distributed computing based on services intended as autonomous and heterogeneous components that can be published and discovered via standard interface languages and publish/discovery protocols. Web Services is the most prominent service oriented technology: Web Services publish their interface expressed in WSDL, they are discovered through the UDDI protocol, and they are invoked using SOAP.

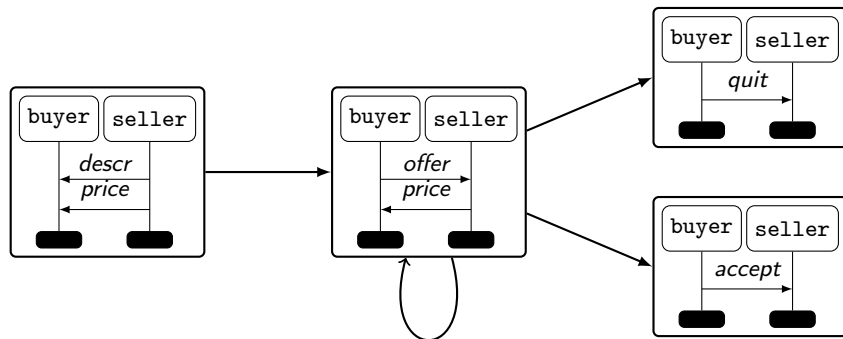
This paper addresses the problem of implementing service oriented systems, specified by means of high level languages called choreography languages in the SOC literature, by assembling already available services that can be automatically retrieved. The approach proposed in this paper in order to solve this problem is based on the assumption that services express their behavioural interface expressed in terms of a *contract*, i.e. “the externally observable message-passing behaviour” [7].

More precisely, choreography languages are intended as notations for representing multi-party service compositions, that is, descriptions of the global behaviour of service-based applications in which several services reciprocally communicate

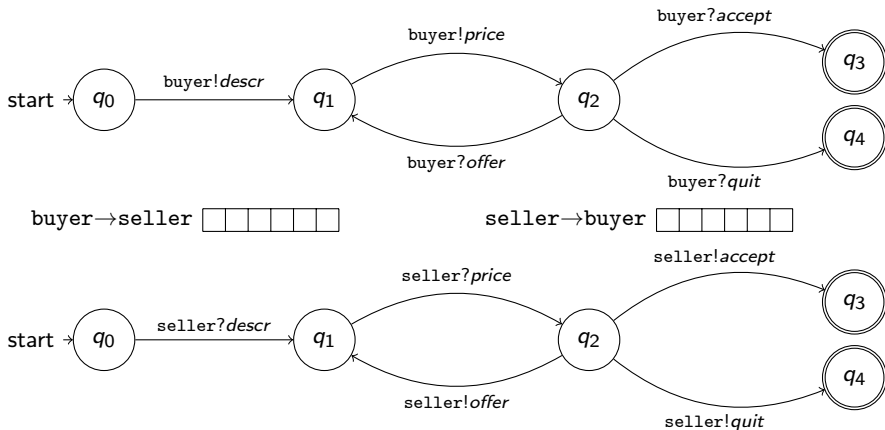
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MSG of the seller-buyer protocol



CFMs implementing the seller-buyer protocol



Kao Chow protocol in WPPL

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1 (spec ([a (a b s kas) (kab)])
2       [b (b s kbs) (kab)] [s (a b s kas kbs) ()])
3 [a -> s : a, b, na:nonce]
4 [s -> b : |a, b, na, kab| kas, |a, b, na, kab| kbs]
5 [b -> a : |a, b, na, kab| kas, |na| kab, nb:nonce]
6 [a -> b : |nb| kab] .)

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