
KRAKATOA

Reasoning on Java Programs

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Outline

- Introduction
 - Modeling **JAVA**
 - **KRAKATOA**
 - Conclusion
 - Demo on Saturday
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Warning

- **KRAKATOA** is based on the **WHY** tool and uses a model in **Coq**.
- **WHY** and **Coq** will be presented next week ...

These lectures mainly focus on (an example of) **applying type theory to programming language modeling and program verification**

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Introduction

Motivations

Tools & methods which improve the quality of software development

Programs are :

- manipulated (compiled, executed) by a computer
- written and read by a human

We need :

- Less runtime errors
 - Explicit link between documentation and code
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How to prove programs ?

- Proving programs requires to analyse a mathematical model of the program and its specification.
 - Find an appropriate model (many different semantics)
 - Denotational: mathematical functions on domains
 - Operational: execution steps
 - Axiomatic: relation between programs and properties of states
 - Monads: pure functional terms on complex data
 - Proofs can be informal on paper or formal on computer
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Possible solutions

- **Type-checking** at compile time detects a certain class of errors and reduce the number of dynamic checks
 - Many common errors are **undecidable** :
 - non-termination, division by zero ...**Abstract interpretation** can help detecting certain errors
 - Many more properties can be interesting for the programmer
 - an array is sorted, a linked structure does not contain cycles
 - ...**Logical assertions** to be **proved**.
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Formal proofs on computers

- Language for specifications
 - Understandable by both computers and humans
 - A formal mathematical model for the specification language
 - A formal correctness relation between programs and specifications
 - Support for building the mathematical model of both program and specification and checking correctness
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Which programming and specification language ?

- Most programming languages have complex syntax and semantics
- Semantics is not always abstractly defined but can be compiler dependent (requires a low level model of execution)
- Specification languages should be used during development and consequently well accepted by the programmer

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What about Type Theory ?

Type theory is definitely one solution:

- Programs are purely functional terms, with a **natural** mathematical model (strong termination)
- Dependent types are a natural specification language (can express directly properties of objects and programs)
- Curry-Howard : correctness is type-checking (of course with additional proof information)

More on this during Summer School !

The world is not yet ready to use Type Theory for programming!

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What about **JAVA** ?

A high-level language designed for secure applications
(mobile code executed on different platforms)

- garbage collection
- strong typing at compile time
- static checking of byte-code
- dynamic checking
 - security policies (sandbox, firewall)

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JAVACARD

- A subset of **JAVA** designed for smartcards (sequential, no dynamic loading ...)
- Additional features for smartcards : (atomic transactions, persistent data, API ...)
- **JAVACARD** is a good target for verification
 - simple applets ...
 - evidence of security required (Common Criteria)
 - many smartcards based on **JAVACARD** or similar technologies

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Lecture 1

Modeling JAVA (JAVACARD)

Modeling JAVA

Strong typing

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- More on strong typing
 - Different approaches (deep versus shallow embedding)
 - Our model of JAVA
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About strong typing

Type soundness :

ML a **terminating** program of type **list** evaluates to **nil** or **cons**

JAVA access to a field or a method of a **non-null** object always succeeds

Other dynamic errors may occur :

- access to fields or methods of a null object (raises **NullPointerException**)
 - incorrect instantiation of arrays (raises **ArrayStoreException**)
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Instantiation of arrays : static view

Typing rule for arrays : $B \preceq A$ implies $B[] \preceq A[]$

```
class A { int a; }
class B extends A { int b; }
public static void main (String args[]) {
  A arrA [] ; B arrB [] = new B[1];
  arrB[0]=new B();
  arrA=arrB;
  arrA[0]=new A();
  System.out.println(arrB [0].b);
}
```

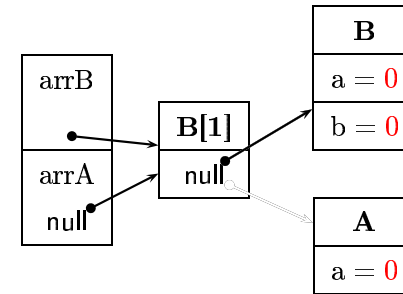
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Modeling JAVA

Different approaches

Instantiation of arrays : dynamic view

~~arrA[0]=new B() raises ArrayStoreException~~



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Studying the JAVA or JAVACARD platforms

Type theory is a good framework to formally study the underlying definitions, algorithms and properties.

- Type soundness
- Operational and axiomatic semantics
- JAVA & JAVACARD virtual machines
- Byte-code verifiers
- Sandbox or Firewall mechanisms

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References

Models of platform components using proof assistants:

- Bali Project (T. Nipkow, Munich) using Isabelle/HOL
<http://isabelle.in.tum.de/Bali/>
 - Formavie project (Trusted Logic, Axalto) using Coq
 - certification at level EAL7
 - non-interference properties
 - Certicartes (G. Barthe, Sophia-Antipolis) using Coq
<http://www-sop.inria.fr/lemme/verificard/>
Functional definition of semantics (JAKARTA)
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Proving a specific JAVA program

- **Deep** embedding : formalisation of the programming language (can reuse the work on platforms)
 - Abstract syntax tree formalised in the proof assistant
 - Translation from syntax to semantics done by an internal function
 - **Shallow** embedding : direct representation of the program as a logical object
 - Programs constructions interpreted as notations
 - Translation from syntax to semantics done at the meta-level
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Applications

- Better understanding of semantics
 - Useful for program verification
 - correct model of programs
 - identify properties valid from type-checking and properties which need logical verification
 - Compilers, verifiers are programs that are likely to be written in a functional way
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Example

Concrete Syntax

$expr ::= var \mid cte \mid expr.field \mid expr \text{ op } expr$

Semantics

Values are integers, null object or references in the heap

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Example : deep embedding

Abstract syntax trees

```
type expr = Var of var | Cte of int |  
           Acc of expr * field |  
           Bin of expr * op * expr
```

Values

```
type value = Int of int | Null | Ref of addr
```

Stack and heap

```
type env = var → value  
type store = addr → (field → value)
```

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Functional semantics

$\text{sem}(s:\text{env}, h:\text{store}, e:\text{expr})$:value option recursively defined

```
sem(s,h,Var(v)) = Some(s(v))
```

```
sem(s,h,Cte(n)) = Some(Int(n))
```

```
sem(s,h,Acc(e,f)) = match sem(s,h,e) with
```

```
    None           ⇒ None
```

```
  | Some(Null)     ⇒ None
```

```
  | Some(Ref(a))   ⇒ Some(h(a,f))
```

```
  | Some(Int(n))   ⇒ None %Should not happen
```

```
sem(s,h,Bin(e1,op,e2)) =
```

```
  match sem(s,h,e1), sem(s,h,e2) with
```

```
    Some(Int(n1)), Some(Int(n2)) ⇒ Some(Int(semop(n1,n2)))
```

```
    | -                          ⇒ None
```

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Relational semantics

$\text{sem}(s:\text{env}, h:\text{store}, e:\text{expr}, v:\text{value})$ inductively defined

$$\frac{}{\text{sem}(s, h, \text{Var}(v), s(v))} \quad \frac{}{\text{sem}(s, h, \text{Cte}(n), \text{Int}(n))}$$
$$\frac{\text{sem}(s, h, e, \text{Ref}(a))}{\text{sem}(s, h, \text{Acc}(e, f), h(a, f))}$$
$$\frac{\text{sem}(s, h, e1, \text{Int}(n1)) \quad \text{sem}(s, h, e2, \text{Int}(n2))}{\text{sem}(s, h, \text{Bin}(e1, \text{op}, e2), \text{Int}(\text{semop}(n1, n2)))}$$

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Shallow embedding

Can use static analysis for a more direct functional interpretation

- Expressions of static type *integer* are interpreted as logical integers
- *Objects* are interpreted as reference values
type value = Null | Ref of addr
- Stack and heap are splitted in two parts

```
type envo = var → value
```

```
type envi = var → int
```

```
type store = addr → (field→value) * (field→int)
```

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Functional interpretation

$[e]_{si,so,h}^i : \text{int option}$ $[e]_{si,so,h}^o : \text{value option}$

$[n]_{si,so,h}^i = \text{Some}(n)$

$[e_1 \text{ op } e_2]_{si,so,h}^i = \text{match } ([e_1]_{si,so,h}^i, [e_2]_{si,so,h}^i) \text{ with}$
 $(\text{Some}(n_1), \text{Some}(n_2)) \Rightarrow \text{Some}(\text{semop}(n_1, n_2)) \mid _ \Rightarrow \text{None}$

$[v]_{si,so,h}^i = \text{Some}(si(v))$ $[v]_{si,so,h}^o = \text{Some}(so(v))$

$[e.f]_{si,so,h}^i = \text{match } ([e]_{si,so,h}^o) \text{ with}$
 $\text{Some}(\text{Ref}(a)) \Rightarrow \text{let } (_, hi) = h(a) \text{ in } hi(f) \mid _ \Rightarrow \text{None}$

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Modeling JAVA

Formalising JAVA programs

Remarks

- Shallow embedding takes advantage of static analyses; it avoids syntactic encodings
- Dependent types allows to attach static types to expression and avoid the **value** disjoint union in deep embedding

References

- A shallow embedding of **JAVA** in PVS has been done in the Loop project (B. Jacobs, Nijmegen)
<http://www.sos.cs.ru.nl/research/loop/>
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Basic model : types and values

Classes `classId`, `Object:classId`

simple inheritance : `super:classId` \rightarrow `classId option`

Types primitive types : `int`, `bool`, `float` ...

reference types : arrays indexed by types, classes.

Primitive values represented by logical values of type boolean, integer, reals ...

Reference values represented by an address (type `addr`) in the heap or the null value (type `value`)

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State

An implicit set of locations containing values :

Stack Local variables, parameters

Global variables corresponding to static fields

Heap One cell for an address of an object and a field, or for the address of an array and an index

Each allocated address is associated to a **tag** which gives **dynamic type** information: object (class) or array (size, type of elements).
A **table of allocations** (type **store**) contains a finite set of allocated addresses with corresponding tags.

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Logical functions

Corresponding to primitive **JAVA** operations

- **arraylength** : **value** → **int**
get information from the tag in the allocation table,
0 as a default value
 - **instanceof** : **value** → **javaType** → **bool**
assume **super** does not generate infinite chains, uses the
allocation table to look at the dynamic type of value
 - **new_ref** : **value**
allocate : **value** → **tag** → **unit**
update the store
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Computation

- reads and writes state, returns a value
- possible exceptional behavior
(still returns the exceptional value and a state)
exceptions are also useful to model control flow
(**break**, **continue** ...)

Idea

JAVA programs can be translated in a (CAML-like) language with functional values, references and exceptions.

This is what **WHY** provides and what is used in **KRAKATOA**.

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Examples with exceptions

```
try{ ... throw new Exci () ... }  
catch(Exc1 e){ ... }  
catch(Exc2 e){ ... }
```

```
exception JavaExc of value  
try{ ... raise (JavaExc (Exci ())) ... }  
with JavaExc e →  
if instanceof e Exc1 then ...  
else if instanceof e Exc2 then ...  
else raise (JavaExc e)
```

```
while (test) { ... break; ... }  
code
```

```
try while test  
do ... raise Break ... done  
with Break →();  
code
```

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More on the state

Functional interpretation of modifiable variables $x : \alpha$

$$x := a \mid \lambda(x : \alpha) \mapsto a$$

Proving $P(x)$ holds after executing program p

$$\forall x. P(\tilde{p}(x))$$

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Alias problem

With different variables :

$$(x, y) := (a, b) \mid \lambda(x : \alpha)(y : \beta) \mapsto (a, b)$$

Correct when different variables correspond to different locations.

Proving $x \neq y$ after $(x, y) := (0, 1)$ is not just $0 \neq 1$

Possible solution

$$\lambda(s : \text{state}) \mapsto s\{x := a[s(\xi)/\xi], y := b[s(\xi)/\xi]\}$$

Reasoning on a variable z requires analysing $s\{\xi_i := e_i\}(z)$

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Memory model in JAVA

- Different left-values ($x, e.f, e[i]$) can refer to the same location
- Variables are separate locations (call by value)
- No possible conversion between basic types and references
- Different fields correspond to different locations $a.f \neq b.g$
- $a.f$ only expression for the location corresponding to a field f

$a.f$ interpreted as $\mathbf{f}[\tilde{a}]$

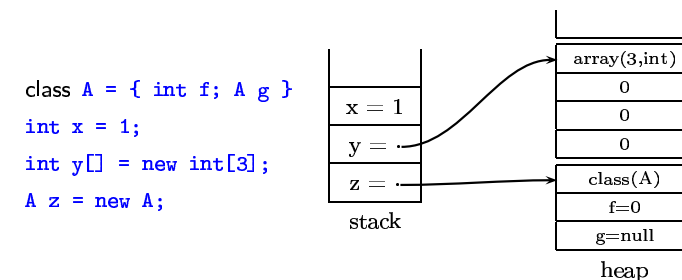
with \mathbf{f} a new global state variable for each field f .

Following Burstall (see also Bornat, Nipkow...)

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Example

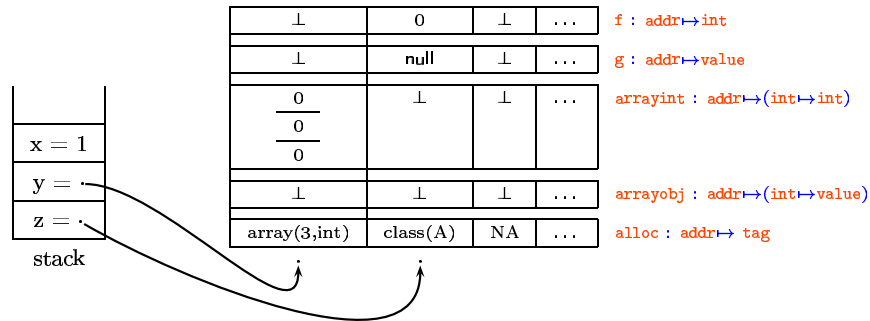
Standard JAVA memory model



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Example: KRAKATOA memory model

The heap is structured in separate maps indexed by addresses, containing primitive values or references or arrays.



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Outline

How to do proofs of **JAVA** programs ?

- **JML** presentation
- **KRAKATOA** architecture based on **WHY**
- Interpreting **JAVA/JML** programs in **WHY**
- Solving proof obligations

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JML presentation

JML : JAVA Modeling Language

<http://www.jmlspecs.org>

- Strongly related to the programming language:
includes **JAVA** boolean expression without side effects
- Integrated to the source code : special comments, ignored by the **JAVA** compiler
- Different classes of specifications:
pre and post conditions, class invariants, frame conditions, ghost variables ...
- Special additional operators (`\forall`, `\old`, `\result` ...)

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Exceptional behavior

```
/*@ public behavior
   @ requires s >= 0;
   @ modifiable balance;
   @ ensures s <= \old(balance) && balance == \old(balance)-s;
   @ signals (NoCreditException)
   @      s > balance && balance == \old(balance);
   @*/
public void withdraw(int s) throws NoCreditException {
    if (balance >= s) { balance -= s; }
    else { throw new NoCreditException(); }
}
```

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JML example : an electronic purse

```
class Purse {
```

```
    /*@ public invariant balance >= 0;
    int balance;
    /*@ public normal_behavior
    @   requires s >= 0;
    @   modifiable balance;
    @   ensures balance == \old(balance)+s;
    @*/
    public void credit(int s) {
        balance += s;
    }
}
```

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Loops

```
public static int sqrt(int x) {
    int count = 0, sum = 1;
    /*@ loop_invariant
    @   count >= 0 && x >= count*count &&
    @   sum == (count+1)*(count+1);
    @   decreases x - sum;
    @*/
    while (sum <= x) {
        count++;
        sum = sum + 2*count+1;
    }
    return count;
}
```

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Tools using JML

Reference: *An overview of JML tools and applications*

Lilian Burdy, Yoonsik Cheon, David Cok, Michael Ernst, Joe Kiniry, Gary T. Leavens, K. Rustan M. Leino, and Erik Poll. (STTT, 2005).

- Documentation (jmldoc), test (jmlunit)
- **Dynamic** checking (defensive code) (jmlc, jass)
- Partial **automatic** verification (ESC/Java(2), Chase)
- Total **interactive** verification (Loop, JIVE, Jack, Krakatoa)

Also **JML** specification of **JAVACARD** API (E. Poll, Nijmegen)

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The WHY tool

A generic language for proving annotated programs

J.-C. Filliâtre, <http://why.lri.fr>

- Specification : multi-sorted predicate logic
 - Body of programs : functions, references, exceptions, labels, assertions ...
 - Signature of programs : extended with pre & post-conditions, + **effects** (read & written variables, exceptions)
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Architecture based on **WHY**

WHY advantages

- A modular view of programs and specifications
 - Generates sufficient proof obligations (pre, post, assertions)
 - Proof obligations generated for interactive or automatic theorem provers : PVS, Coq, HOL, Mizar, Simplify, haRVey...
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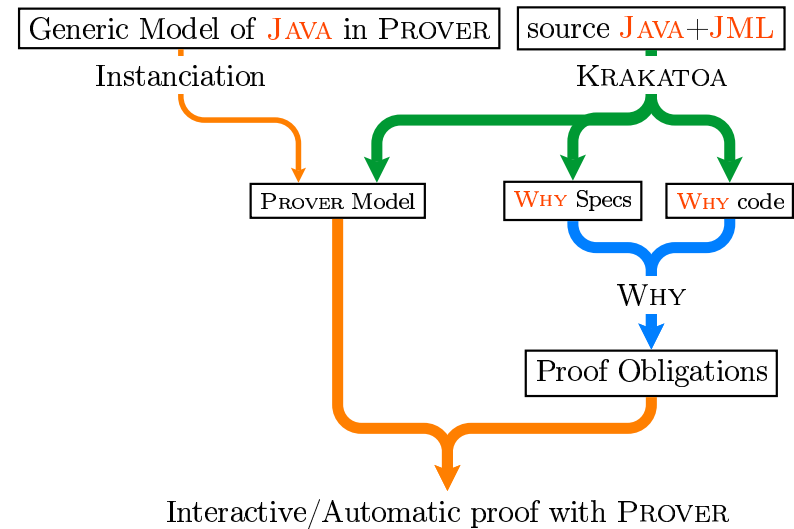
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KRAKATOA approach

- Model the **JAVA** program (see before)
 - Model the **JML** specification
 - Translate **JAVA/JML** programs into **WHY** annotated programs (preserving semantics)
 - Proof that the program meets its specification by generating proof obligations in **WHY**
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KRAKATOA general architecture



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WHY model of programs

WHY parametric theory

```
parameter alloc : store ref
parameter alloc_new_obj : (c:classId) → { }
value reads alloc writes alloc
{ result ≠ Null and fresh(alloc@, result)
  and typeof(alloc, result, ClassType(c))
  and store_extends(alloc@,alloc)}
```

```
external logic fresh : store, value → prop
external logic store_extends : store, store → prop
external logic Null : → value
external logic ClassType : classId → javaType
```

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Body of programs

external parameter `new_ref : store → value`
external parameter `allocate : store → value → tag → store`
external parameter `Obj : classId → tag`

```
let alloc_new_obj = fun (c:classId) → { }
  let this = new_ref !alloc in
  begin alloc := allocate !alloc this (Obj c); this end
  { result ≠ Null
    and fresh(alloc@, result)
    and typeof(alloc, result, ClassType(c))
    and store_extends(alloc@, alloc)
  }
```

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Handling methods

- Find a **WHY** specification for each **JAVA** method
 - Computes which variables are read or written (field variables, array variables, alloc ...)
 - Transforms the **JML** specification into pre/post conditions
- Keep a local and modular approach
- Handle partial correctness of recursive methods

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Translation of expressions

Conditions to protect access and avoid runtime exceptions

<code>e.f</code>	<code>{e≠Null} (acc !f e)</code>
<code>e.f=v</code>	<code>{e≠Null} f:=(update !f e v)</code>
<code>e[i]</code>	<code>{e≠Null ∧ 0≤i<(arraylength alloc e)}</code> <code>(array_acc !arrayint e i)</code>
<code>e[i]=v</code>	<code>{e≠Null ∧ 0≤i<(arraylength alloc e)}</code> <code>∧ instanceof alloc v (arrayelemtype alloc e)}</code> <code>arrayobj:=(array_update !arrayobj e i v)</code>

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WHY specification for methods

```
parameter Purse_credit_parameter :
  this:value → s:int →
  { s ≥ 0 ∧ this ≠ Null
    ∧ instanceof(alloc, this, ClassType(Purse))
    ∧ Purse_invariant(Purse_balance, this) }
unit reads Purse_balance, alloc writes Purse_balance
{ acc(Purse_balance, this)=acc(Purse_balance@, this)+s
  ∧ Purse_invariant(Purse_balance, this)
  ∧ modifiable(alloc@, Purse_balance@, Purse_balance,
    value_loc(this)) }
```

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Solving proof obligations

Frame condition modeling

Variable `A` : Set

Definition `memory` := `map.t value A`.

Definition `mod_loc` := `value → Prop`.

Definition `unchanged (ml:mod_loc) (v:value)` := `ml v`.

Definition `modifiable (h:store) (m m':memory) (ml:mod_loc)` :=
`∀v:value, alive h v → unchanged ml v → acc m v = acc m' v`.

Definition `value_loc (v: value)` : `mod_loc` := `fun w ⇒ v ≠ w`.

Lemma `value_loc_intro` :

`∀v1 v:value, v1 ≠ v -> unchanged (value_loc v1) v`.

The corresponding Coq theory

Inductive `tag:Set` := `Obj: classId→ tag` | `Arr: N→ kind→ tag`.

Definition `store` := `(fmap.t tag)`.

Definition `alive (h:store) (v:value)` :=
`match v with Null => True | Ref a => find h a ≠ None end`.

Definition `store_extends (h h':store)` :=
`∀ v:value, alive h v → tag_of h v = tag_of h' v`.

Lemma `typeof_extends_stable` :
`∀ (h h':store) (t:javaType) (v:value),`
`typeof h v t → store_extends h h' → typeof h' v t`.

Coq theory generated for a particular program

Inductive `classId` : Set :=

`Object` : `classId` | `Math` : `classId` | `Purse` : `classId` ...

Definition `super (i:classId)` : `option classId` :=

`match i with`
`| Object => None` | `Math => Some Object`
`| Purse => Some Object` | ...
`end`

Definition `Purse_invariant (Purse_balance:memory Z) (this:value)`
:= `(acc Purse_balance this) >= 0`.

Automatic proofs

- Extract an axiomatic first-order theory from the **Coq** model
- Use an automatic prover (mainly **SIMPLIFY**) in order to validate proof obligations

Good results on small programs (sorting, sets, purse ...)

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Related work

Tools with similar goals

- ESC/Java (Compaq) : only partial correctness, errors
 - KeY (Chalmers, Karlsruhe) : UML specification, dynamic logic
 - LOOP (Nijmegen) : shallow embedding in PVS
 - JIVE (Hagen): ad-hoc axiomatic semantics, global memory, interface
 - Jack (Gemplus, INRIA) : obligations originally for the B prover, nice interface
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Conclusion

Remarks on **KRAKATOA**

A **good** combination of known techniques

- A rigorous approach
- Specification and proofs are integrated in **real** programs
- Proofs are partly automated
- Experimented on two **JAVACARD** applets

A **very preliminary** tool under development

- Many important features of **JAVA** are not (yet) covered
 - The interface is not really user-friendly
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Choice of architecture

- An open-source system
 - Each step of translation is readable
 - **WHY** language (functions, references and exceptions) is a powerful language for representing operational semantics
 - The same architecture can be used for other input programming languages:
CADUCEUS for C, J.-C. Filliâtre & C. Marché
 - The best of each theorem provers can be used (even combined)
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More on specifications

Writing appropriate specifications can be as hard as writing programs and proofs ...

The tool should help you in this process

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How convenient are **JML** specifications ?

- Some relations are not easily defined by pure **JAVA** programs but would be naturally specified inductively.
Example: A linked structure does not contains loops
- Global security properties :
 - Security automata : control the correct sequences of method calls
 - Non interference properties : we cannot infer secret information from looking at public variables

Can be checked using **JAVA/JML** technology
(Everest project, Sophia-Antipolis)

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That is the end ...

See the demo on Saturday!

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