

Practical introduction to Frama-C (without Mathematical notations ;-)

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Content of this introduction to Frama-C

- **What** is Frama-C?
- Interlude: **why** doing formal verification
- The notion of “**contract**”
- **First** use of Frama-C tool
- Basic use of Frama-C/**WP** through examples
- A more **complex** example with WP: find()
- **Behaviors**: clean contracts
- find() example with Frama-C/**Value analysis**
- **E-ACSL**
- **Conclusion**

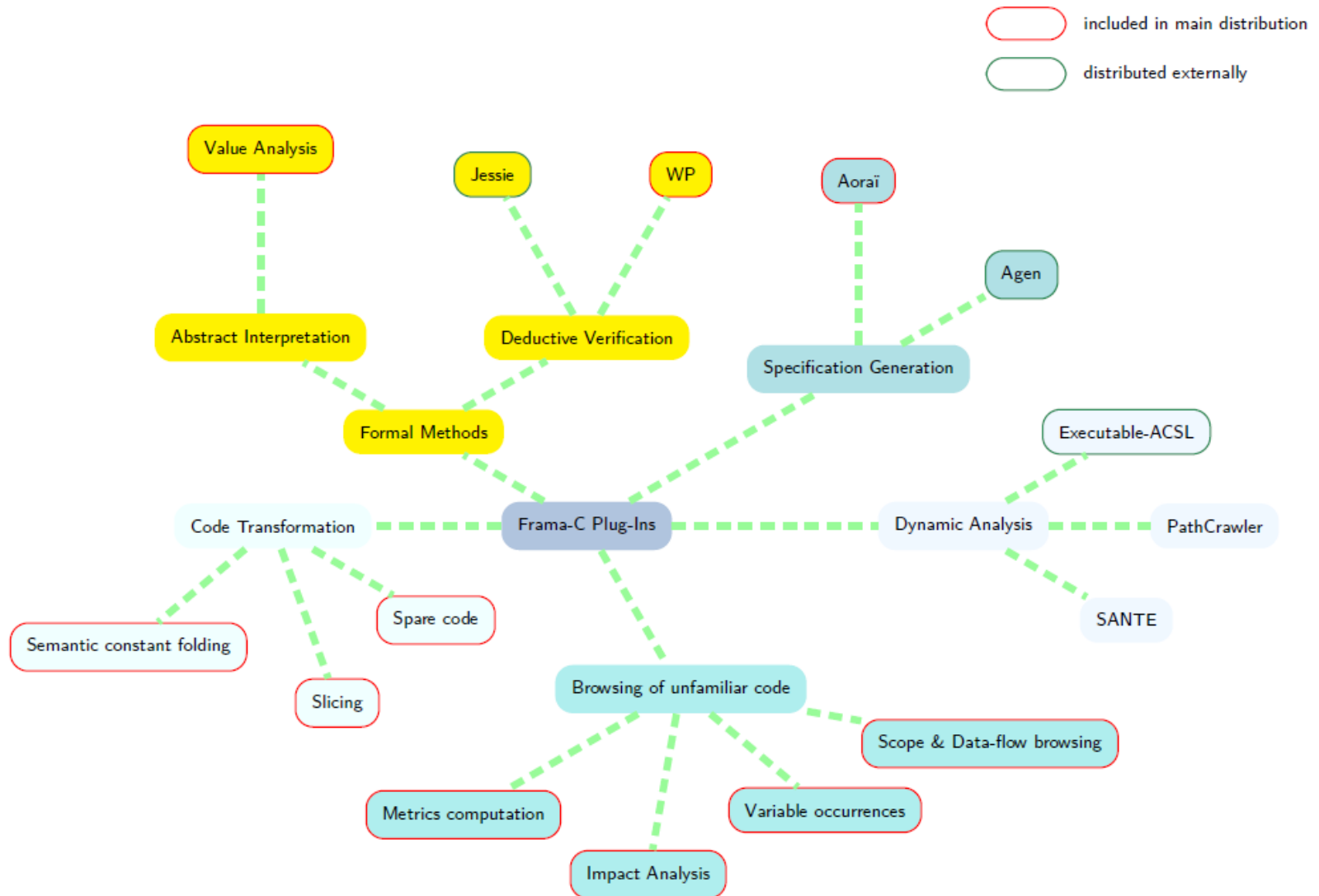
■ WHAT IS FRAMA-C?

What is Frama-C?

- **Frama-C** is **FRAM**ework for St**A**tic of **C** language
- Build upon
 - A **core** to read C files and build **Abstract Syntax Trees**
 - A set of **plug-ins** to do **static analyses** and **annotate** those syntax trees
 - **Collaboration** of plug-ins
 - A plug-in can **use** the analysis of **another** plug-in
- Purposes
 - **Static analyses** of C code
 - **Transformation** of C code
 - Framework to **build tools** analyzing and manipulating C code
 - New plug-ins programmed in **OCaml** language



Frama-C plugins



Some plug-ins developed around Frama-C

- **Taster**
 - coding rules, Atos/Airbus, Delmas & al., ERTS 2010
- **Dassault's** internal plug-ins
 - Automatic annotation, call of external symbolic tool to validate lemmas, interval input subdivision, ...
 - Pariente & Ledinot, FoVeOOs 2010
- **Fan-C**
 - flow dependencies, Atos/Airbus, Duprat & al., ERTS 2012
- Various **academic** experiments, mostly **security**-related

What are main plug-ins of Frama-C?

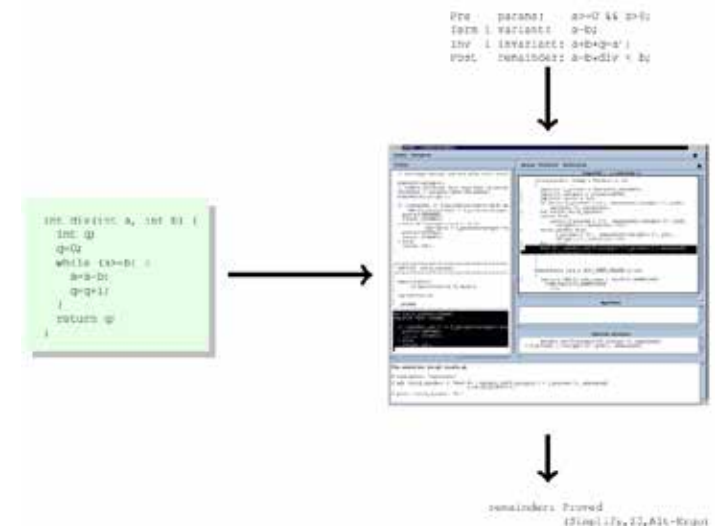
- **Value analysis**
 - Static verification of C code using **Abstract Interpretation** techniques
- **WP**
 - Static verification of C code using **Weakest Precondition** calculus
 - **Jessie** similar tool
 - Now **deprecated**, Jessie3 in development
- A lot of **other** plug-ins useful in specific cases
 - **InOut** (computation of outputs from inputs), **Metrics** (analyze code complexity), **Aorai** (temporal verification), **PathCrawler** (test generation), **Spare code** (remove spare code), ...

Frama-C specification language

- Frama-C is using its own formal **specification language**:
ACSL
 - ANSI/ISO C Specification Language
- ACSL annotations as special C **comments** `/*@ ... */`
- ACSL has a lot of **features**
 - **Not** all of them **understood** by all plug-ins!!
 - See each plug-in **documentation** to check the supported features
- E-ACSL: “**Executable**” ACSL variant
 - Annotations can be **compiled** and executed
 - Compatible with ACSL
 - **Mix** test and formal verification!
 - More details later

History of Frama-C

- 90's: **CAVEAT**, an Hoare logic-based tool for C programs at CEA
- 2000's: *CAVEAT* used by Airbus during certification process of the **A380** (DO-178 level A qualification)
- 2002: **Why** and its C front-end **Caduceus** (at INRIA)
- 2006: Joint project to write a successor to *CAVEAT* and *Caduceus*
- **2008**: First public release of **Frama-C** (Hydrogen version)
- 2010: start of Device-Soft project between Fraunhofer FIRST (now FOKUS) and CEA LIST
- Today (**2013**):
 - Frama-C **Fluorine** (v9.3)
 - Multiple projects around the platform
 - A growing **community** of **users**...
 - ... and of plug-ins **developers**



Frama-C main documentation

- One needs **several** manuals to work
 - **User** manual: manual covering Frama-C main interface, GUI, ...
 - **ACSL** manual: all details of ACSL specification language
 - **Value Analysis** manual: tutorial and detail use of Value Analysis plug-in
 - **WP** manual: detail use of WP plug-in
 - **RTE** manual: detail use of RTE (Run Time Error) plug-in
 - Use with WP
- It can need some time to **find** the searched information
;-)

More information on Frama-C

- Developed at **CEA** and **INRIA** Saclay
- Frama-C is an **Open Source** project (GNU LGPL v2 license)
- **Code & documentation** <http://frama-c.com>
- **Support**
 - Mailing list <http://lists.gforge.inria.fr/cgi-bin/mailman/listinfo/frama-c-discuss>
 - Very helpful if questions are asked with complete C code
 - StackOverflow with “frama-c” tag <http://stackoverflow.com/tags/frama-c/>
- **Bug tracking** system <http://bts.frama-c.com/>
- **Wiki** <http://bts.frama-c.com/dokuwiki/doku.php?id=mantis:frama-c:start>
 - Papers, tutorials, external plug-ins, ...
- **Blog** <http://blog.frama-c.com/>

■ INTERLUDE: WHY DOING FORMAL VERIFICATION?

Questions on a simple program


- What **does** the following program?
- Is it **correct**?

```
int abs(int x) {  
    if (x < 0)  
        return -x;  
    else  
        return x;  
}
```

Answers on a simple program

- The program computes the **absolute value** of x
- It is **buggy!**
 - If $x == -2^{31}$, 2^{31} cannot be represented in binary two's complement!
 - C's int goes from -2^{31} (-2147483648) to $2^{31} - 1$ (2147483647)
- A formal tool (like Frama-C) can **catch** it
 - "**frama-c-gui** -wp -wp-rte abs.c"
 - **Systematically!!**
 - Of course a programmer **knows** about such issues...
 - ... but he might **forget** it while doing more complex things

Cannot be proved



```
int abs(int x)
{
    int __retres;
    if (x < 0) {
        /*@ assert rte: signed_overflow: -2147483647 ≤ x; */
        __retres = - x;
        goto return_label;
    }
    else {
        __retres = x;
        goto return_label;
    }
    return_label: /* internal */ return __retres;
}
```

Question on a little more complex program

- What **prints** this program?

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(){
    struct {
        int t[4];
        int u;
    }
    v;

    v.u = 3;
    v.t[4] = 4;
    printf("v.u=%d\n", v.u);
    return 0;
}
```

- Both **v.u=3** and **v.u=4**!

```
$ gcc struct-undefined.c && ./a.out
v.u=4
$ gcc -O2 struct-undefined.c && ./a.out
v.u=3
```

- This program uses **undefined** behavior of C99
 - Access **out of bound** of v.t object: optimized in -O2
 - Issue **identified** by Frama-C

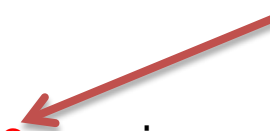
```
int main(void)
{
    int __retres;
    struct __anonstruct_v_6 v;
    v.u = 3;
    /*@ assert rte: index_bound: 4 < 4; */
    v.t[4] = 4;
    printf("v.u=%d\n", v.u);
    __retres = 0;
    return __retres;
}
```

■ THE NOTION OF “CONTRACT”

The notion of “contract”

- **Contract** of a function defines
 - What the function **requires** from the outside world
 - What the function **ensures** to the outside world
 - Provided the “requires” part is fulfilled!
- Similar to **business** contract
- Going back to our **abs()** function
 - abs() requires that $x > -2^{31}$: **requires** $x \geq -2147483647$;
 - abs() ensures that
 - Its result is **positive**: **ensures** $\text{\texttt{\textbackslash result}} \geq 0$;
 - Its result is **-x if x is negative**, x otherwise:
 - **ensures** $x < 0 \implies \text{\texttt{\textbackslash result}} == -x$;
 - **ensures** $x \geq 0 \implies \text{\texttt{\textbackslash result}} == x$;
 - “**\result**” denotes function result
 - Using Frama-C **notation**:

Formal annotation



```
/*@ requires x >= -2147483647;  
    ensures \result >= 0;  
    ensures x < 0 ==> \result == -x;  
    ensures x >= 0 ==> \result == x;  
*/
```

Version of abs() with contract

- Full **Frama-C** version of abs()
 - Contract is put **before** first line of abs()

```
/*@ requires x >= -2147483647;
    ensures \result >= 0;
    ensures x < 0 ==> \result == -x;
    ensures x >= 0 ==> \result == x;
*/
int abs(int x){
    if (x < 0)
        return -x;
    else
        return x;
}
```

- Contracts can be more elaborated (see later)

- Note: one can do the same with **assert()** and **test** it
 - But this is more **cumbersome!**

```
#include <assert.h>

int abs(int x){
    int old_x = x;
    int returned_x;

    assert(x >= -2147483647);

    if (x < 0)
        returned_x = -x;
    else
        returned_x = x;

    assert(old_x < 0 ?
           returned_x == -old_x : 1);
    assert(old_x >= 0 ?
           returned_x == old_x : 1);

    return returned_x;
}
```

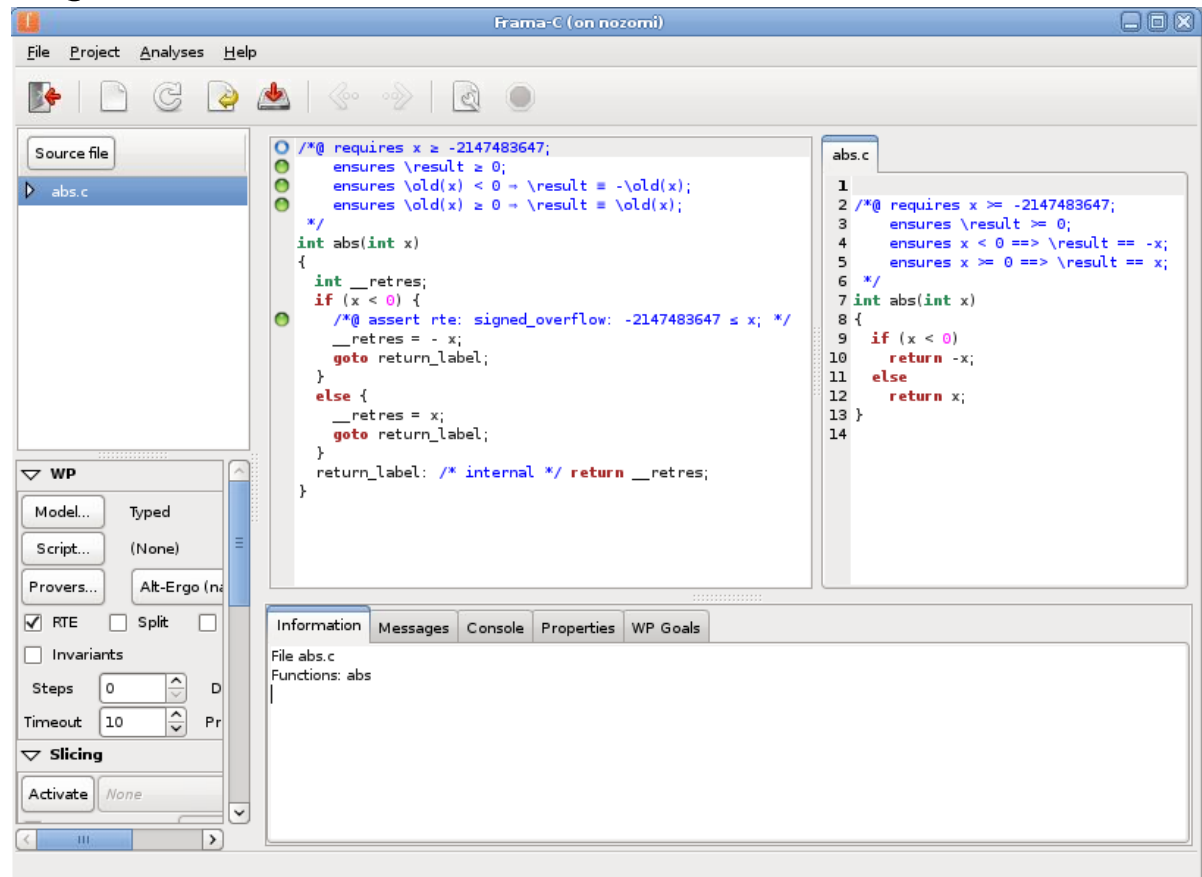
■ FIRST USE OF FRAMA-C TOOL

Use of Frama-C/WP tool on abs()

- Call with “**frama-c-gui -wp -wp-rte** abs.c”
 - **-wp**: call WP plug-in
 - **-wp-rte**: call RTE plug-in that inserts additional checks for Run Time Errors

- **DEMO!**

- Start without contract
- Add progressively contract parts
- Show how Alt-Ergo is called



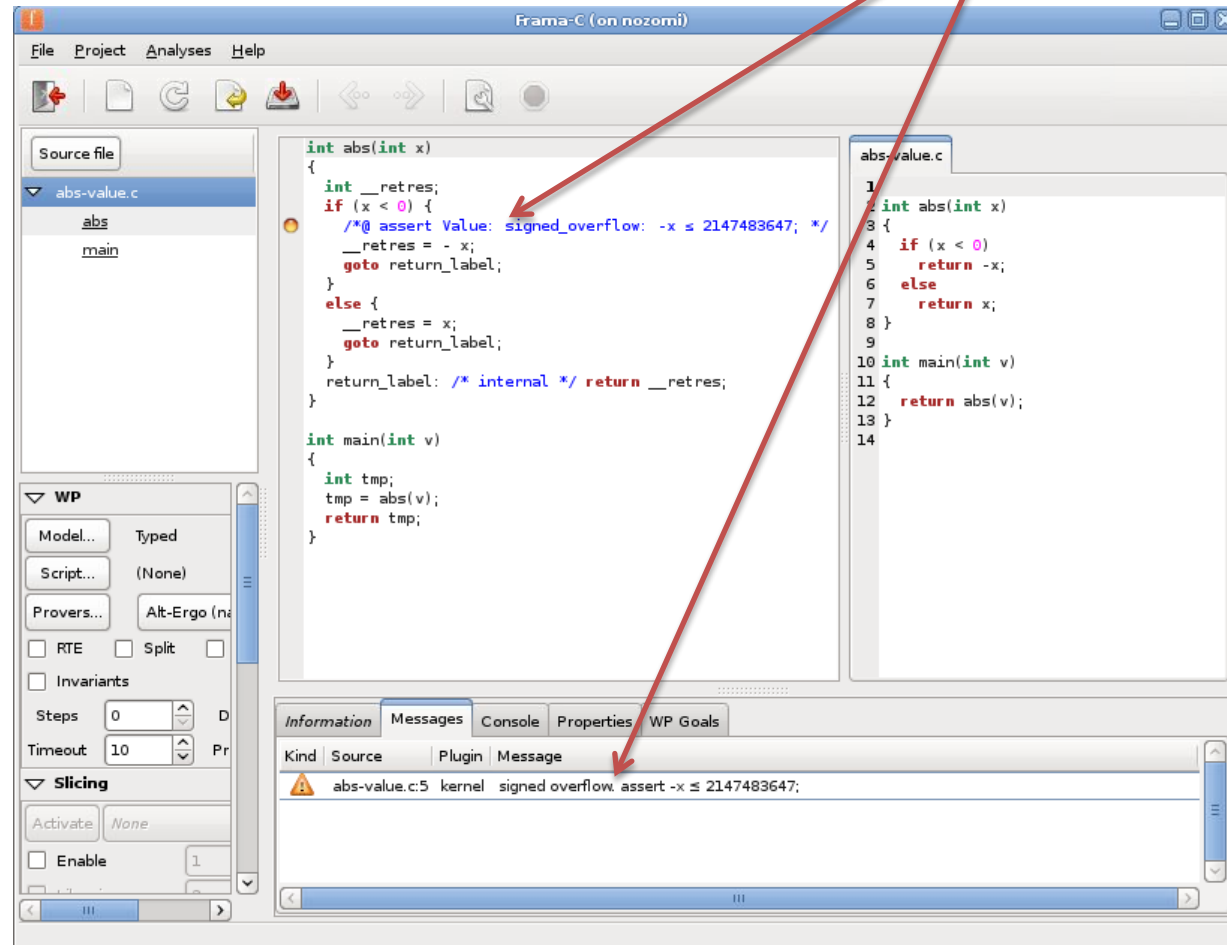
Use of Frama-C/Value tool on abs()

- Call with “frama-c-gui **-val** abs-value.c”
 - **-val**: call Value analysis plug-in

- Need to write a “**driver**”
 - **call** the function in all possible contexts

- **DEMO!**
 - Start with driver only
 - Add correction code

Overflow is seen



Comparison of WP vs. Value analysis

- **Value analysis**
 - Need **less** annotations
 - Need to write a proper **driver** and used function **contracts**
 - Possible **incorrect** analysis if incorrect driver
 - **Limited** set of proved properties
 - Mainly absence of Run Time Error
- **WP**
 - Need to add **more** annotations: more work
 - More **complex** properties can be proved
- No definitive tool
- Both tools can be **combined**
 - Advantage of Frama-C framework over other tools!

■ BASIC USE OF FRAMA-C/WP THROUGH EXAMPLES

Function call and contract

- A contract is an “**opaque**” specification of function behavior
 - Function **callers** only see the **contract**
 - Contract **considered correct** even if not proved
 - If **no** contract... unknown behavior! (default contract)
- **DEMO** on call.c: “frama-c-gui -wp -wp-rte call.c”
 - Initial state: **all** proved
 - Show fahrenheit_to_celsius() “**requires**” not fulfilled
 - fahrenheit_to_celsius() and main() “**ensures**” still **proved**
 - Show fahrenheit_to_celsius() “**ensures**” not fulfilled
 - main() “**ensures**” still **proved**
- **Everything** should be proved to assume correct program!

Old and new values, pointers: swap()

- In a contract, need to express:
 - **Validity** of pointers
 - For a variable x, value of x at function **entrance** and **exit**
- **Informal** specification
 - “Exchange two integer values pointed by pointers”
 - **Prototype**: `void swap(int *a, int *b)`
- What is swap() **formal** specification?
 - **Requires**: the pointers need to be **valid**
 - “**\valid(a)**”: pointer a is valid
 - **Ensures**: the pointed values are **swapped**
 - “**\old(a)**”: value of a at function **entrance** (in function contract ensures)
 - “**a**”: value of a at function **exit**

swap() contract and code

- **Contract and code**

```
/*@ requires \valid(a) && \valid(b);  
    ensures (*a == \old(*b) && *b == \old(*a));  
*/  
void swap(int *a, int *b){  
    int tmp;  
  
    tmp = *a;  
    *a = *b;  
    *b = tmp;  
}
```

- **DEMO:** “frama-c-gui -wp -wp-rte swap.c”

Side note: Frama-C operators in specification

- Several **operators** useful in specification
 - Similar to **C** notation

Operator	Informal meaning	Formal meaning (C notation)
<code>!p</code>	NOT p	<code>!p</code>
<code>p && q</code>	p AND q	<code>p && q</code>
<code>p q</code>	p OR q	<code>p q</code>
<code>p ==> q</code>	IF p THEN q	<code>(p ? q : 1)</code>
<code>p <==> q</code>	p IF AND ONLY IF q	<code>p == q</code>

- No “IF p THEN q1 **ELSE** q2”
 - Use “(**p ==>** q1) **&&** (**!p ==>** q2)” instead

swap() variation: two elements in an array

- **Informal** specification

- “In array `a[]` of size `n`, exchange array elements indexed by `n1` and `n2`”

- **Prototype:**

- `void array_swap(int n, int a[], int n1, int n2)`

- What is its **formal** specification?

- The indexes are within array **bounds**

- **requires** `n >= 0 && 0 <= n1 < n && 0 <= n2 < n;`

- The array `a[]` is **valid** memory area up to cell number `n`

- **requires** `\valid(a+(0..n-1));` (similar to `&a[0]` valid, ..., `&a[n]` valid)

- The indexed values are **swapped**

- **ensures** `(a[n1] == \old(a[n2]) && a[n2] == \old(a[n1]));`

array_swap() contract and code

- **Contract and code**

```
/*@ requires n >= 0 && 0 <= n1 < n && 0 <= n2 < n;  
    requires \valid(a+(0..n-1));  
    ensures (a[n1] == \old(a[n2]) && a[n2] == \old(a[n1]));  
*/  
void array_swap(int n, int a[], int n1, int n2){  
    int tmp;  
  
    tmp = a[n1];  
    a[n1] = a[n2];  
    a[n2] = tmp;  
}
```

- **DEMO:** "frama-c-gui -wp -wp-rte array_swap.c"

■ A MORE COMPLEX EXAMPLE WITH WP: FIND()

find() specification

- **Informal** specification
 - “Return the index of an occurrence of v in a[]”
 - “Array a[] is of size n, value v and n are integers”
- **Prototype:**

```
int find(int n, const int a[], int v)
```
- What is its **formal** specification?
 - We will elaborate it through some unit **tests**

Case 1: find() finds v in a[]

- **Informal** specification

- “Return the index of an occurrence of v in a[]”
- “Array a[] is of size n, value v and n are integers”

- **Prototype:**

```
int find(int n, const int a[], int v)
```

- find() **finds v** in a[]

```
int a[5] = { 9, 7, 8, 9, 6 };
```

```
int const f1 = find(5, a, 8);  
assert(f1 == 2);
```

- **Formally**

```
ensures 0 <= \result < n ==> a[\result] == v;
```

Case 2: find() does not find v in a[]

- **Informal** specification

- “Return the index of an occurrence of v in a[]”
- “Array a[] is of size n, value v and n are integers”
- “**Returns -1 if v is not found**”

- Prototype:

```
int find(int n, const int a[], int v)
```

- find() **does not find v** in a[]

```
int a[5] = { 9, 7, 8, 9, 6 };
```

```
int const f2 = find(5, a, 15);  
assert(f2 == -1);
```

- **Formally**

- If find() returns -1, then
 - for all index i, if i is in a[] bounds then a[i] != v

```
ensures \result == -1  
      ==> (\forall integer i; 0 <= i < n ==> a[i] != v);
```

Side note: types used in ACSL annotations

- In ACSL, **distinction** between C program and mathematical **types**

C program type	Mathematical type
<code>int</code> , <code>short</code>	integer (\mathbb{Z})
<code>float</code> , <code>double</code>	real (\mathbb{R})

- Usually one uses mathematical types for annotations
 - “`\forall` **integer** `i`; ...”
 - And not “`\forall` **int** `i`; ...”
 - It simplifies generated Verification Condition (not need to add restrictions on `int` range)

Case 3: find() does not modify a[]

- Would it be a **valid** find()?

```
int find(int n, int a[], int v){  
    if (n > 0) {  
        a[0] = v;  
        return 0;  
    } else  
        return -1;  
}
```

- We can express it formally

- **assigns \nothing;**

- Note: “**const**” expressed it formally but Framac does **not understand** “const”

Case 4: valid input and returned values

- **Informal** specification
 - “Array `a[]` is of size `n`, value `v` and `n` are integers”
- **Formal** specification?
 - **requires** `0 <= n && \valid(a+(0..n-1));`
- **Informal** specification
 - “`find()` result is between `-1` and `n` (excluded)”
- **Formal** specification?
 - **ensures** `-1 <= \result < n;`

Wrap-up: find() formal contract

```
/*@ requires 0 <= n && \valid(a+(0..n-1));  
   assigns \nothing;  
   ensures \result == -1  
           ==> (\forall integer i; 0 <= i < n ==> a[i] != v);  
   ensures 0 <= \result < n ==> a[\result] == v;  
   ensures -1 <= \result < n;  
*/
```

find() code

- **DEMO**: how to **prove** find() code?
 - “frama-c-gui -wp -wp-rte find.c”

```
/*@ requires 0 <= n && \valid(a+(0..n-1));  
    assigns \nothing;  
    ensures \result == -1  
           ==> (\forall integer i; 0 <= i < n ==> a[i] != v);  
    ensures 0 <= \result < n ==> a[\result] == v;  
    ensures -1 <= \result < n;  
*/  
int find(int n, const int a[], int v){  
    int i;  
  
    for (i=0; i < n; i++) {  
        if (a[i] == v) {  
            return i;        }  
    }  
  
    return -1;  
}
```

Loops: how to handle them?

- Main rule: **loops** are “**opaque**”
 - So one needs to **add** needed **annotations** to help automatic provers prove desired properties
 - loop **invariant**, loop **assigns**, loop **variant**
- Loop **invariant**: property always true in a loop
 - Should be **true** at loop **entry**
 - Should be **true** at each loop **iteration**
 - Even if **no** iterations are possible
 - Should be true at loop **exit**

Example of loop invariant (1/2)

- “Loop index is between 0 and n (inclusive)”

```
/*@ requires 0 <= n && \valid(a+(0..n-1));
    assigns \nothing;
    ensures \result == -1
           ==> (\forall integer i; 0 <= i < n ==> a[i] != v);
    ensures 0 <= \result < n ==> a[\result] == v;
    ensures -1 <= \result < n;
*/

int find(int n, const int a[], int v){
    int i;

    /*@
        loop invariant 0 <= i <= n;

    */
    for (i=0; i < n; i++) {
        if (a[i] == v) {
            return i;
        }
    }

    return -1;
}
```

Example of loop invariant (2/2)

- “Up to index i , value v is still not found”

```
/*@ requires 0 <= n && \valid(a+(0..n-1));
    assigns \nothing;
    ensures \result == -1
           ==> (\forall integer i; 0 <= i < n ==> a[i] != v);
    ensures 0 <= \result < n ==> a[\result] == v;
    ensures -1 <= \result < n;
*/

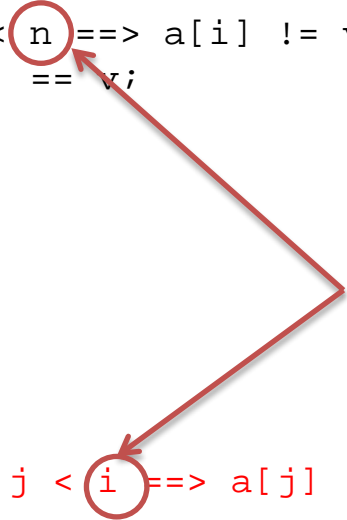
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    int i;

    /*@
        loop invariant 0 <= i <= n;
        loop invariant \forall integer j; 0 <= j < i ==> a[j] != v;

    */
    for (i=0; i < n; i++) {
        if (a[i] == v) {
            return i;
        }
    }

    return -1;
}
```

We build progressively
the desired property



Loop assigns and loop variant

- Loop **assigns**: what is assigned within the loop
- Loop **variant**: to prove **termination**
 - Show a metric **strictly decreasing** at each loop iteration and **bounded** by 0

```
int find(int n, const int a[], int v){
    int i;

    /*@ loop invariant 0 <= i <= n;
       loop invariant \forall integer j; 0 <= j < i ==> a[j] != v;
       loop assigns i;
       loop variant n - i;
    */
    for (i=0; i < n; i++) {
        if (a[i] == v) {
            return i;
        }
    }

    return -1;
}
```

find() final proved code

- “frama-c-gui -wp -wp-rte find-proved.c”

```
/*@ requires 0 <= n && \valid(a+(0..n-1));
    assigns \nothing;
    ensures \result == -1
           ==> (\forall integer i; 0 <= i < n ==> a[i] != v);
    ensures 0 <= \result < n ==> a[\result] == v;
    ensures -1 <= \result < n;
*/

int find(int n, const int a[], int v){
    int i;

    /*@ loop invariant 0 <= i <= n;
        loop invariant \forall integer j; 0 <= j < i ==> a[j] != v;
        loop assigns i;
        loop variant n - i; */
    for (i=0; i < n; i++) {
        if (a[i] == v) {
            return i;
        }
    }

    return -1;
}
```

A note on proof with WP

- **More** annotations than code!
 - 8 lines of **code**
 - 10 lines of **annotations**
- Because what we prove is **complicated**
 - A loop, in **all** possible cases!
- It corresponds to **exhaustive** test!

```
/*@ requires 0 <= n && \valid(a+(0..n-1));  
  assigns \nothing;  
  ensures \result == -1  
    ==> (\forall integer i; 0 <= i < n ==> a[i] != v);  
  ensures 0 <= \result < n ==> a[\result] == v;  
  ensures -1 <= \result < n;  
*/
```

```
int find(int n, const int a[], int v){  
  int i;
```

```
  /*@ loop invariant 0 <= i <= n;  
    loop invariant \forall integer j; 0 <= j < i ==> a[j] != v;  
    loop assigns i;  
    loop variant n - i; */  
  for (i=0; i < n; i++) {  
    if (a[i] == v) {  
      return i; }  
  }  
  
  return -1;  
}
```

■ BEHAVIORS: CLEAN CONTRACTS

How to write clean contracts?

- Important to write **clean** contracts
 - Improve **readability**: contract is a readable **specification**
 - Help **understand** the code (e.g. in code review)
 - But such specification can be **mechanically** checked!
 - **No** more out-dated comments
 - Help proofs
- “**Behaviors**” can be use to separate several cases
 - **Name** each behavior
 - Give a “**sub-contract**” for each behavior
 - assumes, requires, ensures
- **Bonus**: one can additionally **check** that all behaviors...
 - ...Cover **all** possible inputs (**complete** behaviors)
 - ...Cover **different** cases (**disjoint** behaviors)

find() contract using behaviors

- “frama-c-gui -wp -wp-rte find-behavior.c”

```
/*@ requires 0 <= n && \valid(a+(0..n-1));  
    assigns \nothing;
```

behavior *found*: *Array contains v at an index i*
 assumes \exists integer i; 0 <= i < n && a[i] == v;
 ensures a[\result] == v; *In that case return the correct index*

behavior *not_found*: *Array does not contain v for all possible indexes i*
 assumes \forall integer i; 0 <= i < n ==> a[i] != v;
 ensures \result == -1; *In that case return -1*

complete behaviors;
disjoint behaviors;

We cover all behaviors
All behaviors consider different cases

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Side note: \exists and \forall operators

- To express something over a **range** of values
- Examples

– `int a[5] = {1, 5, 3, 2, 1};`

– `\exists integer i; 0 <= i < 5 && a[i] == 1;`

i	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
a[i]	?	1	5	3	2	1	?
$0 \leq i < 5$	û	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	û
$a[i] == 1$	û	ü	û	û	û	ü	û

– `\forall integer i; 0 <= i < 5 ==> a[i] != 4;`

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■ FIND() EXAMPLE WITH FRAMA-C/VALUE ANALYSIS

Value analysis on find() example

- Is it possible to prove properties with **less** annotations?
 - **Yes**, on a specific program with **Value analysis** plug-in
- We need to define a **driver** calling find()

```
#define N 10
```

```
int main(void){  
    int a[N] = {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9};  
    int i, n, result;  
  
    for (i=0; i < N; i++) {  
        result = find(N, a, i);  
        //@ assert result == i;  
    }  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

Calling Value analysis with proper parameters

- “frama-c-gui **-val** find-value-constant.c”
 - assert is **not** proved, 2 ensures of find() **not** proved
 - We need to augment the **precision** of the analysis
 - Use “**-slevel *n***” parameter: semantic unrolling
 - compute up to ***n* states** from different execution path before computing the union of states
- “frama-c-gui -val **-slevel 10** find-value-constant.c”
 - Now everything is **proved**!
 - **Except** “\assigns nothing”
 - Value analysis doesn't look at it!
- Rule of thumb: **increase -slevel** parameter
 - But analysis take **longer time**... up to being unusable!
 - è **balance** -slevel precision with needs

A more generic verification

- We can use a more **generic** driver

```
#define N 10
```

```
int main(void){
```

```
    int a[N];
```

```
    int i, n, result;
```

```
    for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
```

```
        a[i] = Frama_C_interval(-2147483647, 2147483648);
```

Return random value between
min and max



```
    while (1) {
```

```
        n = Frama_C_interval(0, N);
```

```
        result = find(n, a, 0);
```

```
    }
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

Call find() with a[] size between
0 and N elements



Result of Value analysis with generic driver


- “frama-c-gui -val **-slevel 10** find-value-generic.c”
 - All ensures clauses of find() **not** proved
 - A **check added** in find()’s for loop
- “frama-c-gui -val **-slevel 100** find-value-generic.c”
 - One ensures clause **proved**
 - **No** more **check** in find()’s for loop
 - And still no proof attempt on “assigns \nothing”
- Value analysis is similar to a set of **symbolic tests**
 - Exhaustive testing is **not always** possible



E-ACSL

- **E-ACSL** is **Executable** ACSL
 - Logic of E-ACSL modified to make all annotations **compilable**
 - Partial logic (failure can occur) instead of total logic
 - Compatible: all E-ACSL expressions are **valid ACSL** expressions
- DEMO: first-eacsl.c

```
int main(void){  
    int x = 0;  
  
    /*@ assert x == 0; */  
    /*@ assert x == 1; */  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

 This assertion is invalid

Calling E-ACSL

- Annotate C code
 - “frama-c -e-acsl first-eacsl.c -then-on e-acsl -print -ocode monitored.c”
 - **-e-acsl**: call E-ACSL **plug-in** to generate annotated code in new Frama-C project named “e-acsl”
 - **-then-on e-acsl**: switch to Frama-C project named “e-acsl”
 - **-print**: print code of current project
 - **-ocode monitored.c**: output printed code in “monitored.c” file

E-ACSL annotated code

```
int main(void){
    int __retres;
    int x;
    x = 0;
    /*@ assert x == 0; */
    e_acsl_assert(x == 0, (char *) "Assertion", (char *) "main", (char *) "x == 0", 6);
    /*@ assert x == 1; */
    e_acsl_assert(x == 1, (char *) "Assertion", (char *) "main", (char *) "x == 1", 7);
    __retres = 0;
    return __retres;
}
```

```
1 /* Generated by Frama-C */
2 struct __anonstruct__mpz_struct_1 {
3     int __mp_alloc;
4     int __mp_size;
5     unsigned long *__mp_d;
6 };
7 typedef struct __anonstruct__mpz_struct_1 __mpz_struct;
8 typedef __mpz_struct ( __attribute__((__FC_BUILTIN__)) mpz_t)[1];
9 typedef unsigned int size_t;
10 /*@ requires predicate : 0;
11     assigns \nothing; */
12 extern __attribute__((__FC_BUILTIN__)) void e_acsl_assert(int predicate,
13     char *kind,
14     char *fct,
15     char *pred_txt,
16     int line);
17
18 /*@
19 model __mpz_struct [ : n ];
20 */
21 int __fc_random_counter __attribute__((__unused__));
22 unsigned long const __fc_rand_max = (unsigned long)32767;
23 /*@ ghost extern int __fc_heap_status; */
24
25 /*@
26 axiomatic
27     dynamic_allocation {
28         predicate is_allocable(l)(size_t n)
29             reads __fc_heap_status;
30     }
31 */
32 extern size_t __memory_size;
33
34 /*@
35 predicate diffsize(l1, l2)(: 1) =
36     \at(__memory_size, l1) - \at(__memory_size, l2) == 1;
37 */
38
39 int main(void)
40 {
41     int __retres;
42     int x;
43     x = 0;
44     /*@ assert x == 0; */
45     e_acsl_assert(x == 0, (char *) "Assertion", (char *) "main", (char *) "x == 0", 6);
46     /*@ assert x == 1; */
47     e_acsl_assert(x == 1, (char *) "Assertion", (char *) "main", (char *) "x == 1", 7);
48     __retres = 0;
49     return __retres;
50 }
```

Compiling and executing annotated code

- **Compile** annotated code

- “gcc `frama-c -print-share-path`/e-acsl/e_acsl.c monitored.c”
- **`frama-c -print-share-path`/e-acsl/e_acsl.c**: compile with e_acsl.c support library

- **Execute** annotated code

```
$ ./a.out  
Assertion failed at line 7 in function main.  
The failing predicate is:  
x == 1.
```

Test and proof with E-ACSL

- E-ACSL allows to **mix** test and proof
 - Use E-ACSL annotation on code
 - **Test** it!
 - For safety critical code: **prove** it!
- **Documentation** on E-ACSL
 - **E-ACSL** manual: documentation for E-ACSL specification language
 - **E-ACSL implementation** manual: what is currently implemented by E-ACSL plug-in
 - **E-ACSL user** manual: how to use the plug-in

CONCLUSION

Not addressed in this presentation

- **Axiomatization** in specification language
 - To write more complex specifications and proofs
- Plug-in **development** using OCaml API
 - To develop one's own analyses, to automate manual review
- **Ghost** variables and code
- All **plug-ins** in detail (InOut, PathCrawler, Aorai, ...)
- ...

To conclude

- Frama-C is a generic **framework** for **static** analysis of **C code**
 - Set of **plug-ins** for code discovery and analysis
 - Two **main** plug-ins: **WP** and **Value analysis**
 - All plug-in use a single **specification** language: **ACSL** (in comments)
- **WP**: proof of complete **properties** possible
 - But a lot (and sometimes complex) **annotations** are needed
- **Value analysis**: needs **less** annotations
 - But a proper **driver** and called function **contracts** are needed
 - Prove **less** properties
 - Mainly absence of **Run Time error**
- Both tools (and others) can be **combined**
 - Tailor the analysis to the user **needs**

