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# Hands on: Watching software being verified

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# This presentation

- Presentation of example
  - C code
  - State
  - Abstract specification (monadic, in Isabelle)
  - Monadic version of the C program
  - Refinement proof

# The C program

```
unsigned int test[5] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};

void add_array (unsigned int l, unsigned int n)
{
    unsigned int i;
    for (i = 0; i < l; i++)
        test[i] += n;
}
```

- Program adds  $n$  to each element of an array (of length  $l$ )
- The state of this program is the contents of the array *test*

# The C program

## SIMPL version

```
add_array_body ≡ TRY
  lvar_nondet_init i_ 'i'_update;;
  'i := SCAST(32 signed → 32) 0;;
  WHILE 'i < 'l DO
    Guard ArrayBounds { 'i < SCAST(32 signed → 32) 5 } (Guard ArrayBounds { 'i < SCAST(32 signed → 32) 5 } ('globals := test'_update (λ_. Arrays.update 'test (unat 'i) ('test.[unat 'i] + 'n))));;
    'i := 'i + SCAST(32 signed → 32) 1
  OD
  CATCH SKIP
END
```

- SIMPL translates C into an Isabelle representation
- 'Untrusted', so the translation needs to be as simple as possible
- Shallow embedding of datatypes
- Not necessarily easy to work with

# The C program

AutoCorres version

```
add_array' ?l ?n ≡ do i <- whileLoop (λi s. i < ?l)
    (λi. do guard (λs. i < 5);
        modify (λs. s(test_'' := Arrays.update (test_'' s) (unat i) (test_'' s.[unat i] + ?n)));
        return (i + 1)
    od)
    skip 0;
od
```

- Generated by AutoCorres from the SIMPL version
- Uses monads: canonical way of dealing with state
- Proof of equivalence between SIMPL and AutoCorres versions automatically generated

# The Isabelle specification

## The state

```
record abstract_state =  
  test :: "nat list"
```

- Abstract state: Isabelle record
- Native Isabelle list rather than a C array
  - (we'll need to keep an eye on length!)
- Use nat rather than word

# The Isabelle specification

## The monadic implementation

```
definition add_list :: "nat  $\Rightarrow$  (abstract_state, unit) nondet_monad" where  
  "add_list n  $\equiv$  modify (update_test (map ( $\lambda$ x. x + n)))"
```

- Uses monads as well
  - *modify* applies a function to the state

# The Isabelle specification

## The state relation

```
definition state_relation where  
  "state_relation  $\equiv$  {(sa, sc). length (test sa) = length_of_array test_'  $\wedge$   
    ( $\forall$ x < length_of_array test_' . test sa ! x = unat (test_' sc[x]))}"
```

- The state relation links the abstract state with the C state
  - In short: the *test* list has the same length and contents as the *test* array

## Refinement proof



- A refinement proof shows that two functions are semantically equivalent
- Given two related start states, the states after execution of both abstract and C programs will be related

# Refinement proof

Isabelle formulation

```

lemma add_refine:
  "[ l = of_nat (length_of_array (test '')); n = unat n' ]  $\implies$ 
  corres_underlying
    state_relation
    True True
  dc
   $\top$  ( $\lambda s. \forall x < \text{length\_of\_array test\_''}. \text{unat (test\_'' s.[x])} + \text{unat n}' < 2^{\text{LENGTH}(32)}$ )
  (add_list n) (add_array' l n'"

```

- Some assumptions about the parameters (length of list, *nat* vs. *word*)
- Don't care about the return value (*dc*)
- One precondition for the C state: no overflow

# Refinement proof

## Goal to solve

```
goal (1 subgoal):
1.  $\wedge s_a s_c.$ 
    $\llbracket l = 5; n = \text{unat } n'; (s_a, s_c) \in \text{state\_relation}; \forall x < 5. \text{unat } (\text{test\_}' s_c.[x]) + \text{unat } n' < 4294967296 \rrbracket$ 
 $\implies \text{corres\_underlying\_state\_relation True True dc } (\lambda s. s = s_a) (\lambda s. s = s_c \wedge (\forall x < 5. \text{unat } (\text{test\_}' s.[x]) + \text{unat } n' < 4294967296)) (\text{modify } (\text{update\_test } (\text{map } (\lambda x. x + \text{unat } n'))))$ 
   (whileLoop ( $\lambda r s. r < 5$ )
     ( $\lambda r. \text{do } y <- \text{modify } (\lambda s. s[\text{test\_}' := \text{Arrays.update } (\text{test\_}' s) (\text{unat } r) (\text{test\_}' s.[\text{unat } r] + n')]);$ 
       return ( $r + 1$ )
     od)
   0)
```

- Some administration beforehand: keep reference to initial state and precondition
- Now to prove: *modify* does the same thing as our loop
- For this, we use an **invariant**

# Refinement proof

## Loop invariant

- We do not necessarily know how many iterations a loop will go through (can depend on the state!)
- We must provide an invariant (for the loop postcondition) and a measure (for termination)
  - Invariant must hold **before** the loop
  - Invariant must hold **after each iteration** of the loop (assuming that it held before the iteration)
  - Invariant must hold **after** the loop
  - Measure must be a **well-founded relation** (for example the strict order on natural numbers)

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   (modify (update_test (map ( $\lambda x. x + \text{unat } n'$ ))))
   (whileLoop_inv ( $\lambda r s. r < 5$ ) ( $\lambda r. \text{do } y \leftarrow \text{modify } (\lambda s. s(\text{test\_}' := \text{Arrays.update } (\text{test\_}' s) (\text{unat } r) (\text{test\_}' s.[\text{unat } r] + n'))$ );
     return (r + 1)
   od)
0  $(\lambda i s. i \leq 5 \wedge (\forall x < \text{unat } i. \text{test\_}' s.[x] = \text{test\_}' s_c.[x] + n') \wedge (\forall x < 5. \text{unat } i \leq x \implies \text{test\_}' s.[x] = \text{test\_}' s_c.[x]))$  (measure' ( $\lambda(i, s). 5 - \text{unat } i$ ))

```

# Refinement proof

## Sketch of rest of proof

- Loop invariant holds at beginning ( $i = 0$ , so trivially true)
- Loop invariant holds throughout iterations
  - All  $x < i$  will not have changed, so invariant holds
  - If  $x = i$ , then we have just modified the  $x$ 'th element, so we can use that knowledge
- After the loop,  $x = 5$ , so we know that all 5 elements have been updated
- State relation therefore holds

## Refinement proof

What do we now know?

- There is a refinement between *add\_list* and *add\_array*
- This means that any properties that hold for *add\_list* also hold for *add\_array*
- This allows a separation of concerns strategy:
  - Proof of desired properties can be done using *add\_list* (much easier)
  - All the finicky C semantics are dealt with in the refinement proof

# Conclusion

- In order to verify a program using this technique:
  - Write an abstract version in Isabelle (using monads and Isabelle's native data structures)
  - Define a relation between the abstract state and the C state
  - Show refinement between the abstract functions and the C functions
  - (Not shown) Fit all functions together into a state machine
- Acta est fabula, plaudite

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