

# Mastering Test Generation from Smart Card Software Formal Models

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#### The State of the Practice in Functional Validation

Verifying the compliance of the application to its specifications

How to :

- > **Specify** tests?
- > Master **number** of tests?
- > Find the more **relevant**?
- > Optimise **functional test coverage**?
- Manage specification change?
- > Minimize **empiricism**?

## Automated Test Generation from a Model of the Specifications



## **Model-Based Testing**

## Development lifecycle





#### **Some Challenges in Automated Model-Based Testing**

#### And how we address it?

Mastering model complexity

→ "Partial formal models focused on a specific feature or component of the software under test, for the sole purpose of test generation, is feasible and provide good results in a realistic industrial setting" Farchi-Hartman-Pinter - IBM Systems Journal 41:1 - 2002

• Symbolic animation of the model

Using a customized set-oriented constraint solver able to compute the next system state

 Providing functional coverage of the system under test on the basis of the model

Test each behavior (effect) of the system with boundary input values

Controlling the test case explosion

The validation engineer controls the test generation using model coverage criteria



#### **LEIRIOS Test Generator: From Research to Industry**

- Research in Automated Model-Based Testing since 1996 at the University of Franche-Comté (LIFC – CNRS – INRIA):
  - Based on a symbolic animation of the formal model
  - Use cause-effect and boundary-testing strategies
- Industrial applications since 1999:
  - Smart Card area (GSM 11-11, Java Card transaction mechanism, Key Management 2G/3G) with Axalto,
  - Urban Systems (EMV Payment, Transport Ticket) with Parkeon and G. Carte Bancaire
  - Embedded Automotive Software (wiper controller, lightings) with PSA Peugeot Citroën
- LEIRIOS Company founded in 2003 as a Spin-off of the LIFC:
  - Currently 13 R&D Engineers develop the LEIRIOS Test Generator LTG tool-set.



#### **LEIRIOS Test Generator: Test Generation Principles**

- Automated Boundary-Testing
  - Test each expected behavior of the system
  - Test boundary states and input values
- Generates Nominal and Robustness Test Cases
- Generates both Test Cases (with expected results) and Test Drivers -> Automated diagnosis assignment
- Test Generation Driving Criteria:
  - Model coverage criteria
  - Selection criteria
  - Specification evolution



### **Test Generation Process**



## **Definition of a test case**

- A test case is a sequence of invocations on the system under test. It is divided in four parts:
  - Preamble: sequence of operations to reach the state to test
  - Body: invocation of tested effect
  - Identification: invocation of read-only operation to improve the expected results
  - Postamble: Return path to the initial state



# **Modeling for Testing**

- LTG takes as input:
  - B abstract machines
  - UML (class and state diagrams with OCL expressions)
  - Statecharts Statemate
- For Smart Card OS and applications:
  - The model is developed using B or UML/OCL
  - The abstraction level and scope of the model depend of the test objectives
  - The model describes the functional behavior of the system under test

### **B** Modeling for Test Generation

- The B abstract machine is used as a Pseudo-Code
- Control-oriented and Data-Oriented
- Good abstraction level

Suitable for Smart Card APDU and API modeling

```
PRE
   old code \in Nat \land new code \in Nat
   THEN
      IF counter pin \neq 0
         THEN
         sw := 9840
         ELSE
           IF code pin = old code
             THEN
             code pin := new code
             counter pin := 3
             permission session := true
             sw := 9000
             ELSE IF counter pin =1
                   THÈN
                   counter pin := 0
                   permission session := false
                   sw := 9840
                   ELSE
                   counter_pin := counter_pin – 1
                   sw := 9804
     END END END END :
```

### **Test Generation Method**

Test all effects: Invoke each execution path for each operation



*Effect Predicates* == *counter\_pin* ≠ 0 ∧ *code\_pin* ≠ old\_code ∧ counter\_pin=1



#### **Test Generation Method - Model Coverage Criteria**

- Multiple conditions in the decisions criteria

   All the Decisions (DC)
   All the Decisions/Conditions (D/CC)
   All the Modified Conditions / Decision (MC/DC)
   All Multiple Conditions (MCC)
- Symmetric value coverage
  - One value
  - Several values
  - All values

• Transition coverage —All-Transitions —All-Transition-Pairs

#### **Test Generation Algorithm**

- Step1 Model partitioning
   → effect predicates
- Step2 (optional) Boundary computation
   → boundary goals
- Step3 Preamble computation
   Jusing symbolic animation and best-first search
- Step4 Compute body and then identification
   invoke tested effect predicates (or pair of tested operations)
- Step5 Postamble computation

### **Test Generation Process**





### **Executable Test Script Computation**

- Use a test script pattern and a relation mapping to relate the formal (abstract) model names and the (concrete) implementation names
- Use of an observation table to link observation procedures with state variables
- Automates the verdict assignment test pass/fail



# Summary

- The B abstract machine notation is used as a pseudo-code to model the data and the behavior of Smart Card software
- Test cases are generated on the basis of causeeffect and boundary-testing strategies
- The test engineer controls the test case explosion using model coverage criteria
- Symbolic animation using constraint propagation helps to master scalability