mbeddr C

An extensible version of the C programming language for Embedded Programming

C the Difference - C the Future



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What if...

you could change languages like you can change programs?

A Test, written in essentially normal C

```
module WriteATestCase from cdesignpaper.unittest imports nothing {
  var int8_t failedTests;
  int32_t main(int32_t argc, int8_t*[ ] argv) {
    testMultiply();
    return failedTests;
  } main (function)
  void testMultiply() {
    if ( times2(21) != 42 ) { failedTests++; } if
  testMultiply (function)
  int8_t times2(int8_t a) {
    return 2 * a;
  } times2 (function)
}
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Test Cases are a kind of void function, but with adapted syntax

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Asset Statements check conditions; they are restricted to be used only in test cases.

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A special expression that executes tests, and evaluates to the number of failed tests (which is then returned to the OS here) ■ The unit testing extensions are implemented in separate language module.

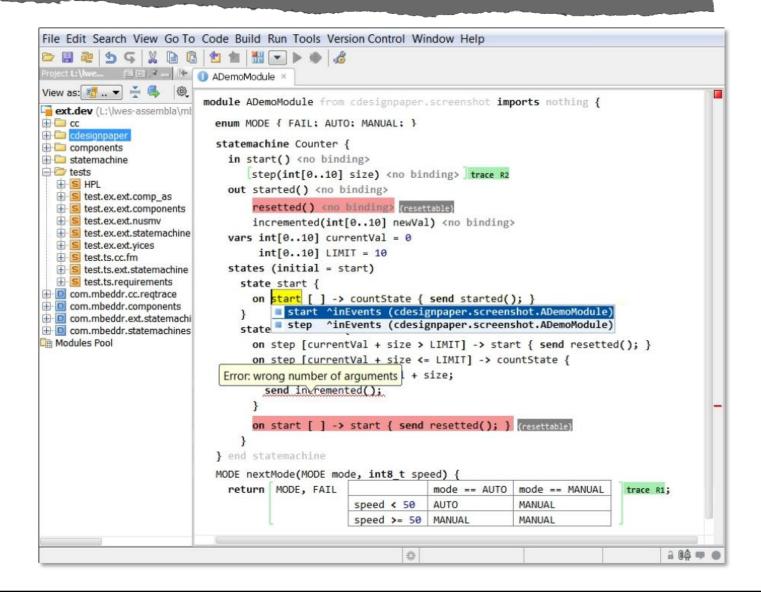
The constructs become available to programmers only if they import the respective language module into their program

This keeps the overall language clean --- a precondition for building extensions targetting different audiences.

mbeddr C Approach

An extensible C with support for formal methods, requirements and PLE.

IDE for Everything



A debugger for all of that

■ The Debugger debugs the code on the level of the extensions!

■ When defining new language concepts, language developers also specify how these concepts should be debugged.

SDK for building your own Language Extensions!

■ This SDK is essentially MPS ©, plus some custom documentation.

IDE for Everything

JetBrains MPS Open Source Language Workbench

Apache 2.0
 Available at http://jetbrains.com/mps

Challenges in embedded software development

Abstraction without Runtime Cost

Abstractions are important to write maintainable and analyzable software; however,

Abstractions should not incur runtime overhead (or at least as little as possible)

C considered unsafe

 void pointers are evil
 standards like MISRA-C prohibit certain constructs from being used in many organizations

Program Annotations

Things like physical units, value ranges, or access patterns to data structures are often defined outside the code program in some kind of XML

■ The C type checker doesn't know about them, a separate checker is used --- cumbersome!

Static Checks and Verification

Model Checking, SAT solving etc. are important to "proof" the correctness of programs, however,

■ it is expensive to do on C code since C's abstractions are too low-level

Product Lines and Requirement Traces

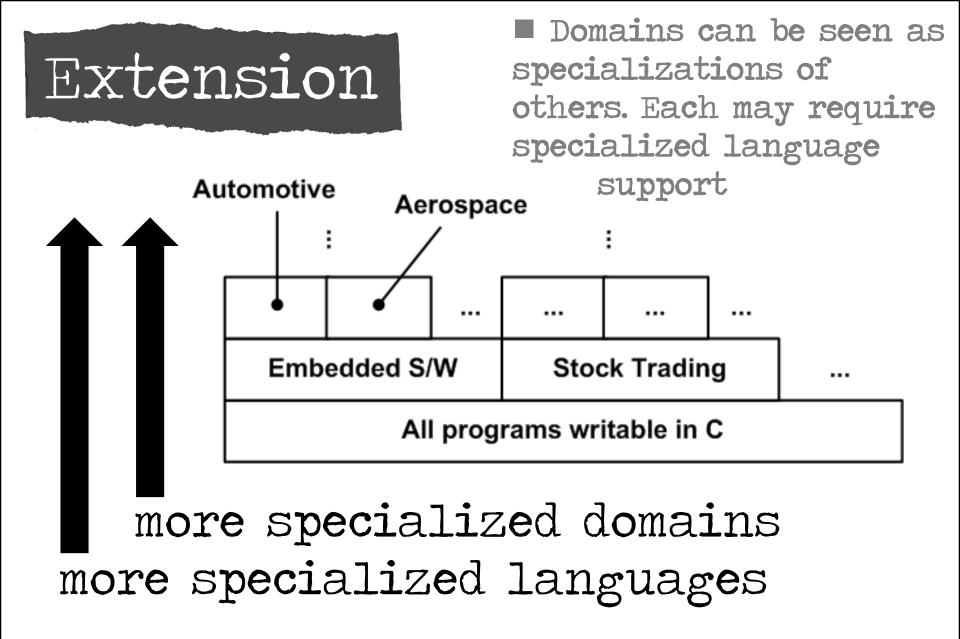
Trace links from code (or other implementation artifacts) back to requirements must be supported
 Product Line Variability must be handled in a more maintainable way than #ifdefs

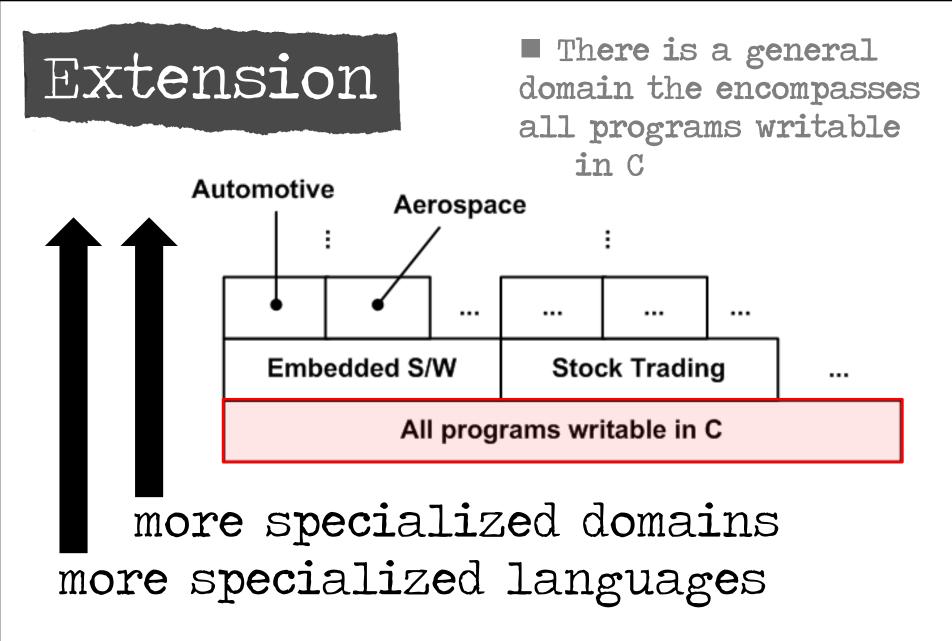
Separate, hard to integrate Tools

Modeling tools don't integrate well with each other, or with manually written code

Modeling tools aren't really extensible, making them hard to adapt to specific domains

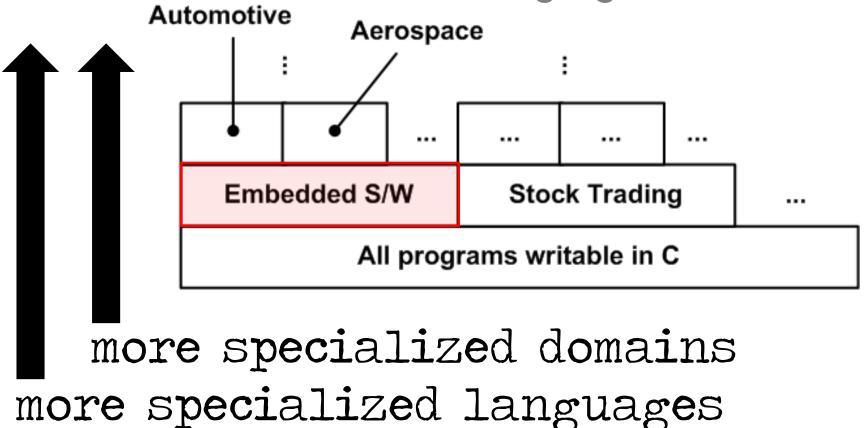
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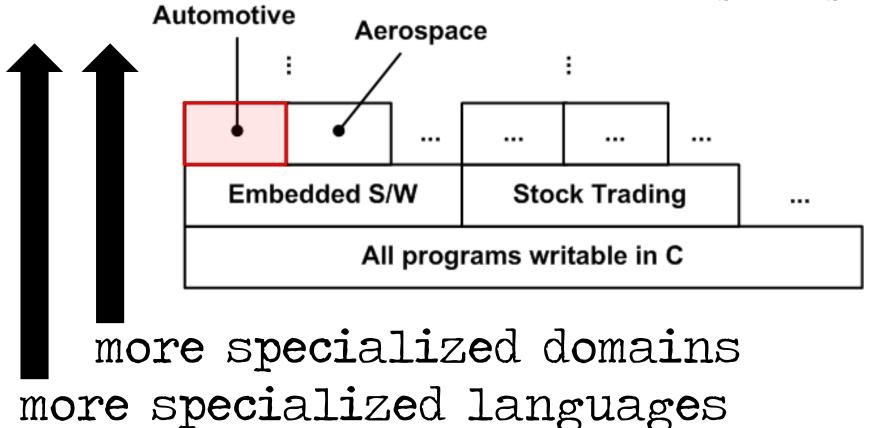
Extension

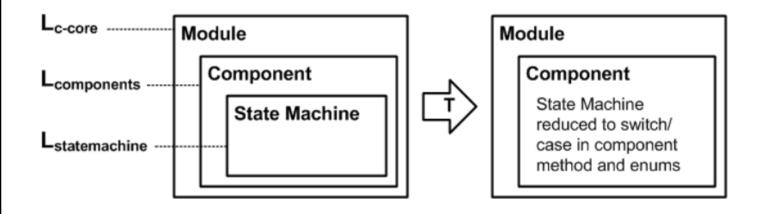
Embedded software is a specialzation of C ---requiring special language abstractions



Extension

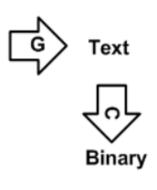
■ Automotive or Aerospace are subsequent specializations ... ad infinitum, in principle.

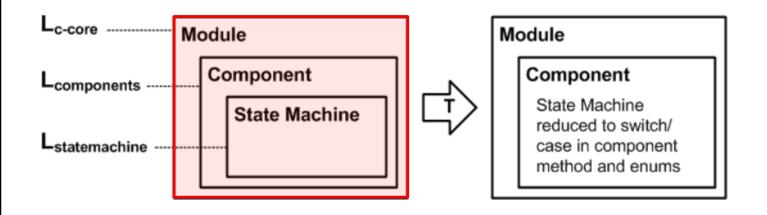




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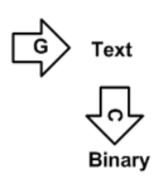


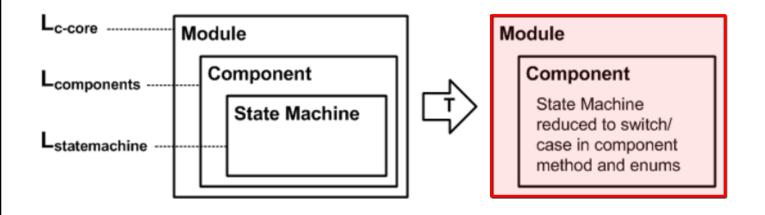




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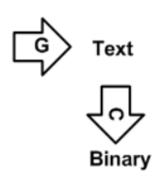


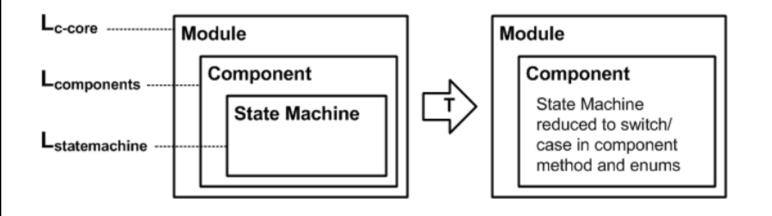




In the first step, the state machine is reduced to a component operation that contains e.g. the usual switch/ case way of implementing a SM

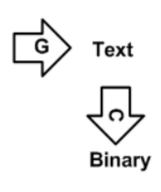
Module



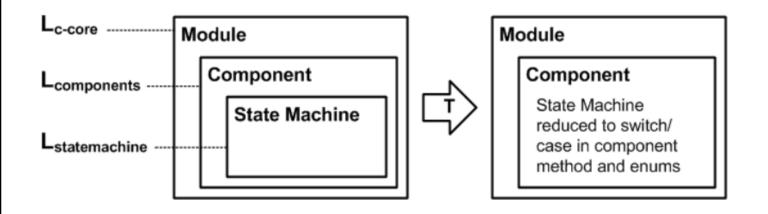


■ In the next step, the component is reduced to a bunch of normal C methods; the contains switch /case statement just remains unchanged.

Module



Incremental Trafo

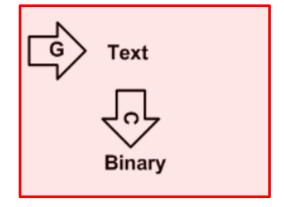


■ Finally, we generate text from the C program and feed it into a regular compiler, such as GCC. mbeddr uses incremental reduction!



Module

Components reduced to C functions and structs; enums remain unchanged.



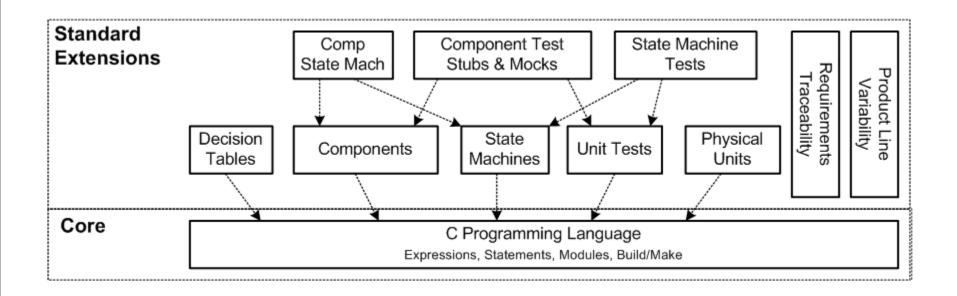
Language Extension

The core contains all of C plus a couple of utilities such as namespaces, closures, real boolean types and integration with make.
A few changes have been made relative to standard C --- these are clearly explained in the docs.
It is designed to be extensible by users, e.g. it is simple to provide an integration with a custom build infrastructure

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Core	C Programming Language
	Expressions, Statements, Modules, Build/Make

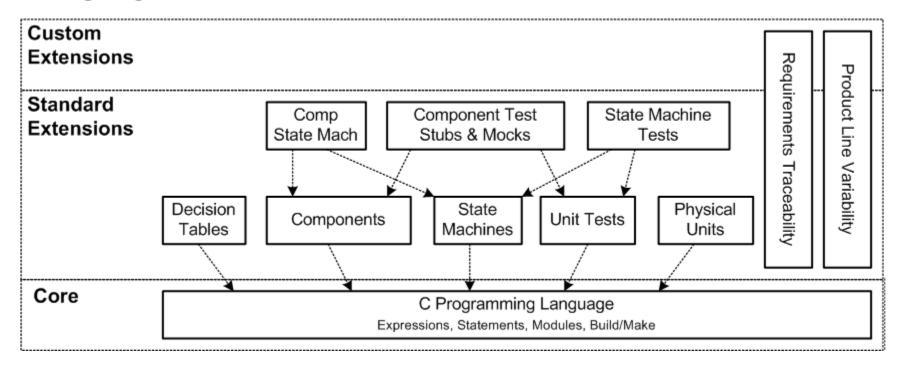
Language Extension

■ These standard extensions are intended to be useful by many embedded software proejects. Most of them will become Open Source during 2012



Language Extension

■ The SDK lets users build their own language extensions in a modular way --- without changing the existing languages, and independent of other extensions.



Subset of Available Extensions

All of C (cleaned-up)

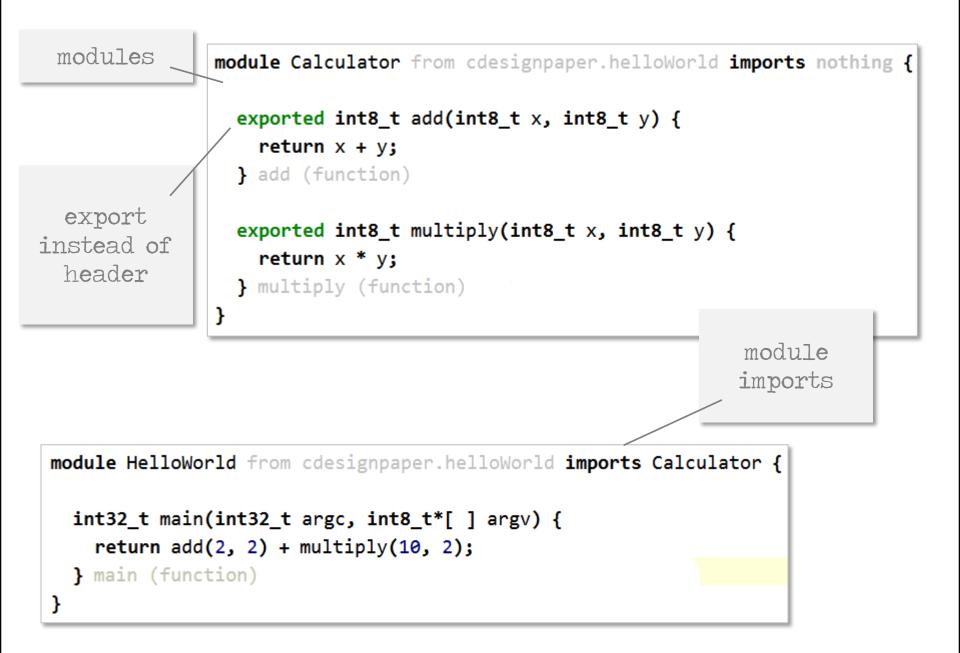
no preprocessor (better replacements!), modules/namespaces, unit tests, C99 primitive types required, booleans, binary literals, function references, closures

```
module Calculator from cdesignpaper.helloWorld imports nothing {
    exported int8_t add(int8_t x, int8_t y) {
        return x + y;
    } add (function)
    exported int8_t multiply(int8_t x, int8_t y) {
        return x * y;
    } multiply (function)
}
```

module HelloWorld from cdesignpaper.helloWorld imports Calculator {

```
int32_t main(int32_t argc, int8_t*[ ] argv) {
   return add(2, 2) + multiply(10, 2);
} main (function)
```

}



Retargettable Build

Integration

Build Configuration for model MutiB	pt_Test
Target Platform: desktop compiler: gcc compiler options: -std=c99 debug options: -g	<pre>Target Platform: lego oil file: ATMEL_AT91SAM7S256 path to ecrobot.mak: /opt/lego/nxtOSEK/ecrobot/</pre>
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Native Support for Unit Testing and Logging

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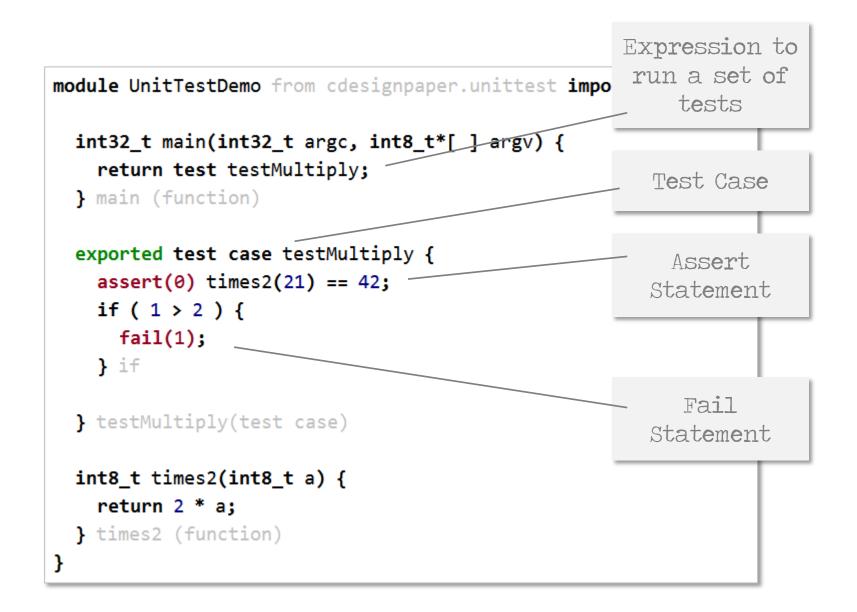
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  return test testMultiply;
} main (function)

exported test case testMultiply {
  assert(0) times2(21) == 42;
  if ( 1 > 2 ) {
    fail(1);
  } if
```

```
} testMultiply(test case)
```

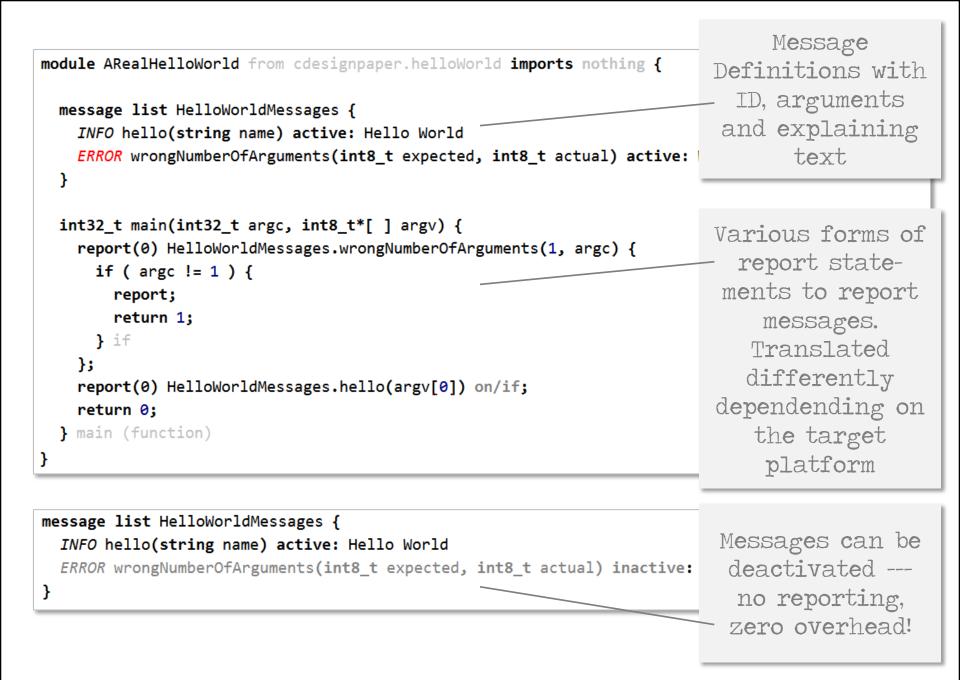
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   return 2 * a;
} times2 (function)
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}



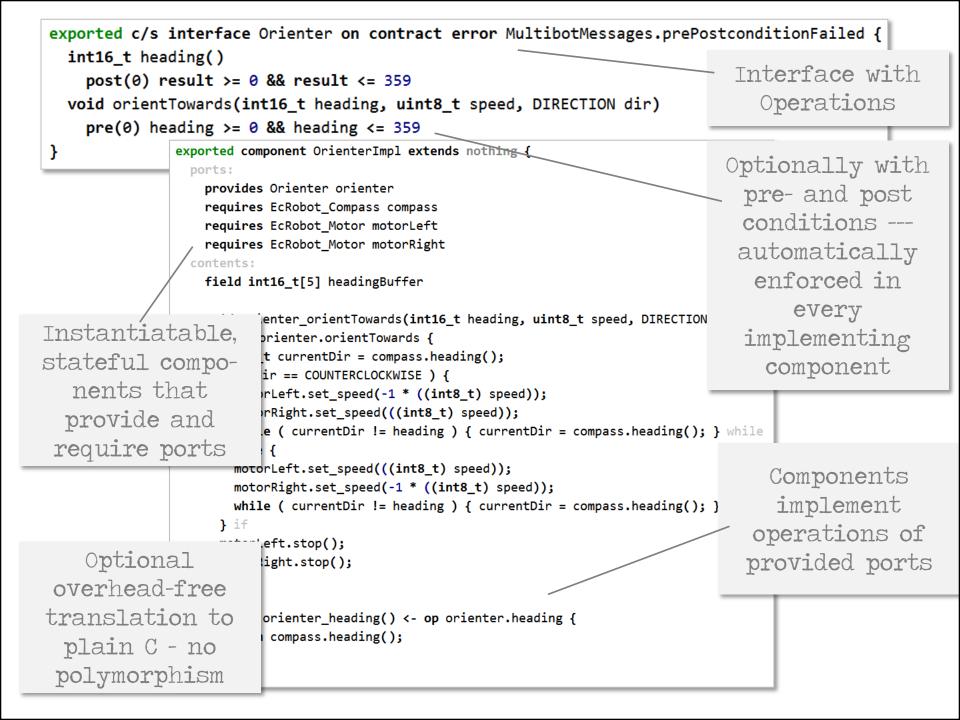
module ARealHelloWorld from cdesignpaper.helloWorld imports nothing { message list HelloWorldMessages { INFO hello(string name) active: Hello World ERROR wrongNumberOfArguments(int8_t expected, int8_t actual) active: Wrong number of Arguments } int32 t main(int32 t argc, int8 t*[] argv) { report(0) HelloWorldMessages.wrongNumberOfArguments(1, argc) { if (argc != 1) { report; return 1; } if }; report(0) HelloWorldMessages.hello(argv[0]) on/if; return 0; } main (function)

message list HelloWorldMessages { INFO hello(string name) active: Hello World ERROR wrongNumberOfArguments(int8_t expected, int8_t actual) inactive: Wrong number of Arguments }



Components Interfaces Contracts Instances Mocks & Stubs

```
exported c/s interface Orienter on contract error MultibotMessages.prePostconditionFailed {
  int16 t heading()
    post(0) result >= 0 && result <= 359</pre>
  void orientTowards(int16_t heading, uint8_t speed, DIRECTION dir)
    pre(0) heading >= 0 && heading <= 359</pre>
                exported component OrienterImpl extends nothing {
}
                  ports:
                    provides Orienter orienter
                    requires EcRobot_Compass compass
                    requires EcRobot Motor motorLeft
                    requires EcRobot_Motor motorRight
                  contents:
                    field int16_t[5] headingBuffer
                    void orienter_orientTowards(int16_t heading, uint8_t speed, DIRECTION dir) <-</pre>
                         op orienter.orientTowards {
                      int16 t currentDir = compass.heading();
                      if ( dir == COUNTERCLOCKWISE ) {
                        motorLeft.set speed(-1 * ((int8 t) speed));
                        motorRight.set speed(((int8 t) speed));
                        while ( currentDir != heading ) { currentDir = compass.heading(); } while
                      } else {
                        motorLeft.set speed(((int8 t) speed));
                        motorRight.set_speed(-1 * ((int8_t) speed));
                        while ( currentDir != heading ) { currentDir = compass.heading(); } while
                      } if
                      motorLeft.stop();
                      motorRight.stop();
                     }
                    int16_t orienter_heading() <- op orienter.heading {</pre>
                      return compass.heading();
                     }
```



exported test case testDriveTrain {
 initialize instances;
 assert(0) dt.currentSpeed() == 0;
 dt.driveContinouslyForward(50);
 dt.stop();
 validate mock motorLeft;
 validate mock motorRight;

} testDriveTrain(test case)

instance configuration instances extends nothing { instances:

instance MotorLeftMock motorLeft
instance MotorRightMock motorRight
instance DriveTrainImpl driveTrain
instance EcUtil util

connectors:

connect driveTrain.motorLeft to motorLeft.motor connect driveTrain.motorRight to motorRight.motor connect driveTrain.util to util.util

adapter:

```
<< ... >>
```

```
mock component MotorLeftMock {
  report messages: true
  ports:
    provides EcRobot_Motor motor
  expectations:
    total no. of calls is 2
    sequence {
        0: motor.set_speed {
           0: parameter speed: speed == 50
        }
        1: motor.stop
    }
}
```

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mock component MotorRightMock {
  report messages: true
  ports:
    provides EcRobot_Motor motor
  expectations:
    total no. of calls is 2
    sequence {
        0: motor.set_speed {
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Test case uses mocks; if behavior is different from specified expected behavior, the test fails

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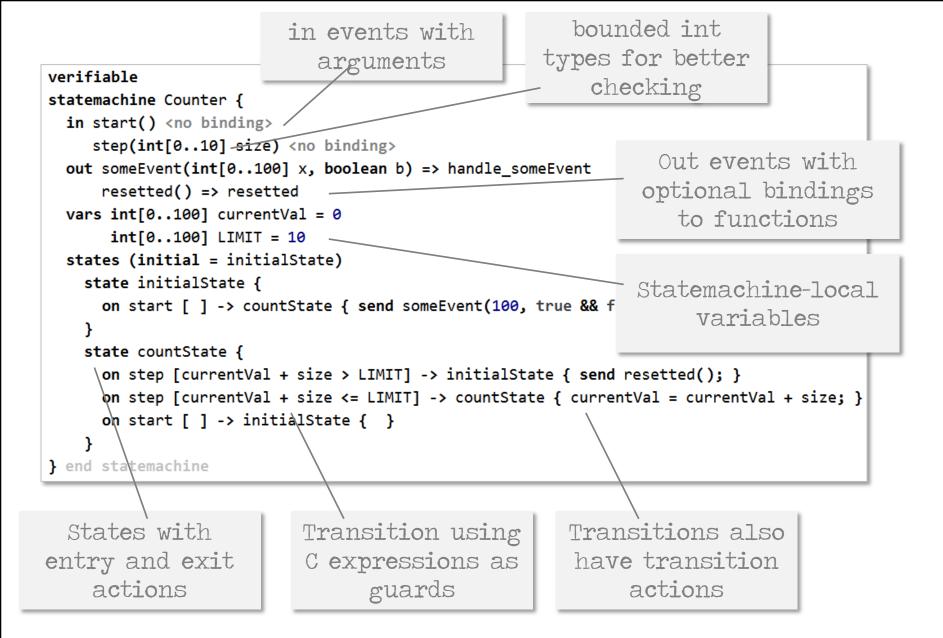
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Instantiation and port connection

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                                                          sequence {
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                                                           0: motor.set_speed {
         0: parameter speed: speed == 50
                                                               0: parameter speed: speed == 50
     1: motor.stop
                                                              motor.stop
                                   Mock components
                                   specify expected
                                         behavior
```

State Machines + Model Checking

```
verifiable
statemachine Counter {
  in start() <no binding>
    step(int[0..10] size) <no binding>
 out someEvent(int[0..100] x, boolean b) => handle someEvent
     resetted() => resetted
 vars int[0..100] currentVal = 0
      int[0..100] LIMIT = 10
  states (initial = initialState)
   state initialState {
     on start [ ] -> countState { send someEvent(100, true && false || true); }
    }
   state countState {
     on step [currentVal + size > LIMIT] -> initialState { send resetted(); }
     on step [currentVal + size <= LIMIT] -> countState { currentVal = currentVal + size; }
     on start [ ] -> initialState { }
} end statemachine
```



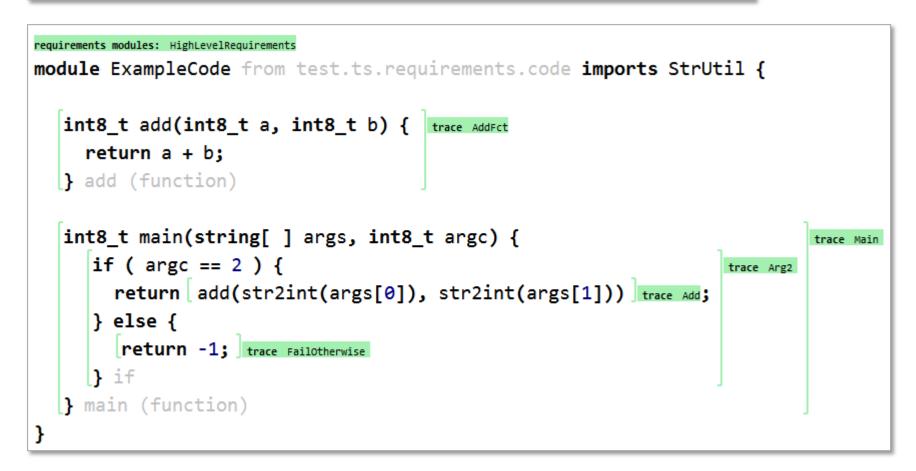
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	State 'countState' has deterministic tra			
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<pre>on start [] -> countState { send someEvent(100, tr</pre>	Transition 0 of state 'countState' is not			
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}	Transition 2 of state 'countState' is not Condition 'currentVal == 8' can be true		E55	4
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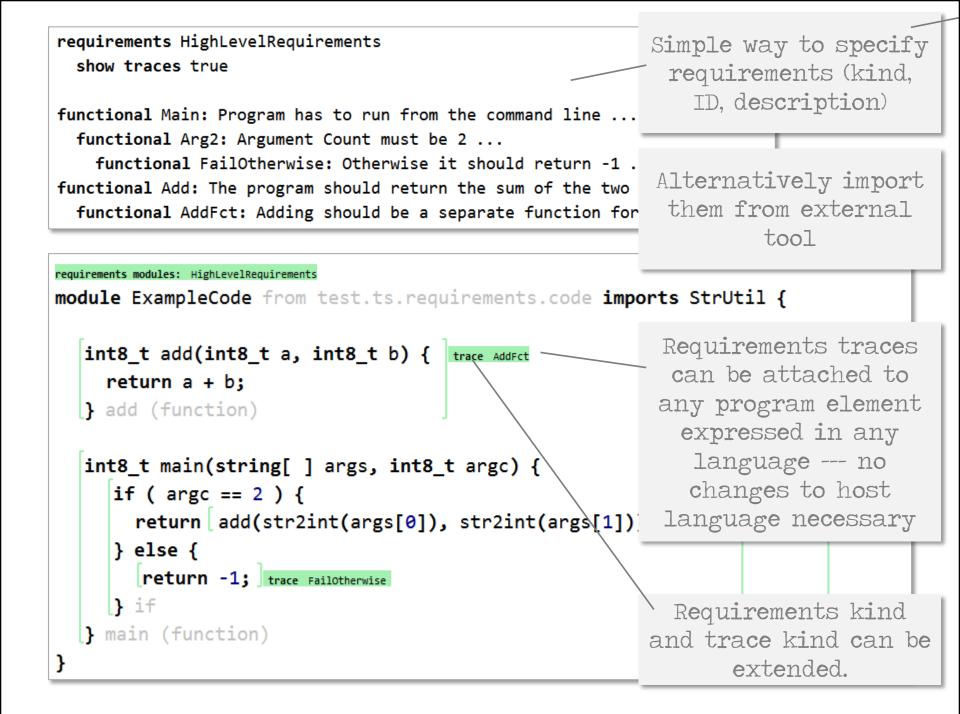
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LIMIT	10		
currentVal	0		
State countState			
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out_event:someEvent	someEvent(100, true)		
LIMIT	10		
currentVal	0		
State countState			
LIMIT	10		
currentVal	8		

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			LIMIT 10		
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	highlights code in		State countState		
	0 0		LIMIT 10 currentVal 8		
	model				

Requirements Tracability

requirements HighLevelRequirements
show traces true
functional Main: Program has to run from the command line ...
functional Arg2: Argument Count must be 2 ...
functional FailOtherwise: Otherwise it should return -1 ...
functional Add: The program should return the sum of the two arguments ...
functional AddFct: Adding should be a separate function for reuse ...

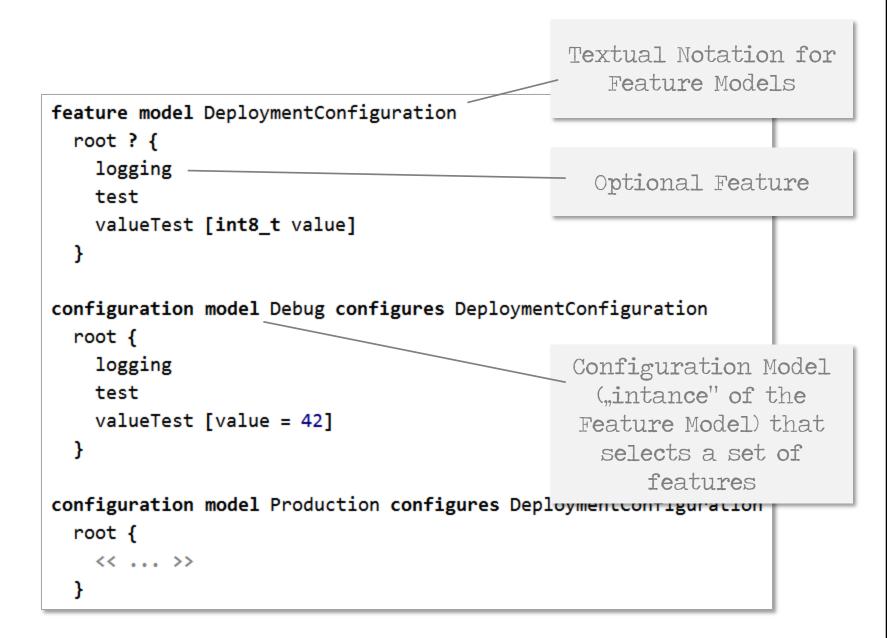




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requirements modules: HighLevelRequirements
module ExampleCode from test.ts.requirements.code imports StrUtil {
  int8 t add(int8 t a, int8 t b) {
   return a + b;
  } add (function)
  int8 t main(string[ ] args, int8 t argc) {
    if ( argc == 2 ) {
      return add(str2int(args[0]), str2int(args[1]));
    } else {
      return -1;
                                                         And code can also be
    } if
                                                          edited without the
  } main (function)
                                                         traces, if developers
                                                              prefer that.
```

Product Line Variability



```
feature model DeploymentConfiguration
Variability from FM: DeploymentConfiguration
                                                                            root ? {
                                                                             logging
Rendering Mode: product line
                                                                             test
                                                                             valueTest [int8 t value]
                                                                            3
module ApplicationModule from test.ex.cc.fm imports SensorModule {
                                                                           configuration model Debug configures DeploymentConfiguration
                                                                            root {
  {logging}
                                                                             logging
                                                                             test
  message list messages {
                                                                             valueTest [value = 42]
    INFO beginningMain() active: entering main function
                                                                            3
    INFO exitingMain() active: exitingMainFunction
                                                                           configuration model Production configures DeploymentConfiguration
                                                                            root {
                                                                             << ... >>
                                                                            }
  exported test case testVar {
    {logging}
                                                                                  Code contains
    report(0) messages.beginningMain() on/if;
    int8 t x = getSensorValue(1) replace if {test} with 42;
                                                                                annotations with
    {logging}
    report(1) messages.exitingMain() on/if;
                                                                             boolean expressions
    assert(2) x == 10 replace if {test} with 42;
                                                                             over the features in
    int8 t vv = value;
                                                                                  Feature Model
    {valueTest}
    assert(3) vv == 42;
    int8 t WW = 22 replace if {valueTest} with 12 + value;
                                                                                Color depends on
                                                                              expression --- same
    assert(4) ww == 22;
    {valueTest]
                                                                                expression, same
    assert(5) ww == 54;
  testVar(test case)
                                                                                         color
  int32 t main(int32 t argc, string[ ] args) {
                                                                             This page shows the
    return test testVar;
                                                                             product line mode ---
  } main (function)
                                                                              all options in code
```

```
Variability from FM: DeploymentConfiguration
Rendering Mode: variant rendering config: Debug
module ApplicationModule from test.ex.cc.fm imports {
 message list messages {
    INFO beginningMain() active: entering main function
    INFO exitingMain() active: exitingMainFunction
  }
  exported test case testVar {
    report(0) messages.beginningMain() on/if;
    int8_t x = 42;
    report(1) messages.exitingMain() on/if;
    assert(2) \times == 42;
    int8_t vv = value (variant Debug);
    assert(3) vv == 42;
    int8_t ww = 12 + value (variant Debug);
    assert(5) ww == 54;
  testVar(test case)
```

```
int32_t main(int32_t argc, string[ ] args) {
  return test testVar;
} main (function)
```

}

feature model	DeploymentConfiguration
root ? {	
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module ApplicationModule from test.ex.cc.fm imports SensorModule {
  exported test case testVar {
    int8_t x = getSensorValue(1);
    assert(2) \times == 10;
    int8 t ww = 22;
    assert(4) ww == 22;
  } testVar(test case)
  int32_t main(int32_t argc, string[ ] args) {
    return test testVar;
  } main (function)
}
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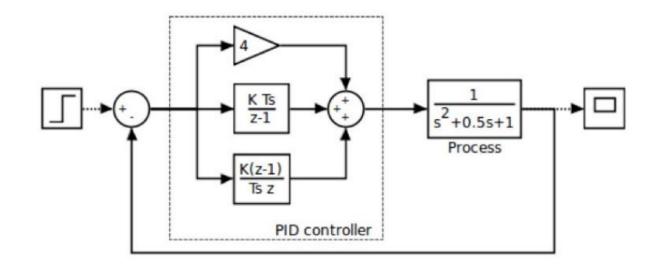
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