Runtime Monitoring, Verification, Enforcement and Control of C Programs
(From Tool to Semantics)

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**Runtime control** uses runtime monitoring to actively control and correct the execution of the target system at runtime by calling some predefined controlling actions.
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TOOL DEMO

- target program $\Rightarrow$ instrumented controlled program
- specification $\Rightarrow$ controlling program
- weave the two by compiling
Motivations

Existing problems:

- The state-of-the-art study of these topics lacks an appropriate formal program semantics of runtime monitoring, in contrast to the relatively abundant implementations.

- The existing works on semantics are too general to express the semantics of key implementation techniques, such as program instrumentation and synthesis of controlling programs from specifications.
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- Objective:
  - provides a complete formal semantics for real implementations of runtime monitoring and control.
  - retains a good balance between implementation and generality.
Semantics

program graphs $\Rightarrow$ transition systems
Definition (Program Graphs (PG))

A program graph $PG$ over set $Var$ of typed variables is a tuple $(Loc, Act, Eff, Tr, Loc_0, g_0)$ where
- $Loc$ is a set of locations,
- $Act$ is a set of actions,
- $Eff : Act \times Eval(Var) \rightarrow Eval(Var)$ is the effect function,
- $Tr \subseteq Loc \times Cond(Var) \times Act \times Loc$ is the conditional transition relation,
- $Loc_0 \subseteq Loc$ is a set of initial locations, and
- $g_0 \in Cond(Var)$ is the initial condition.

For example, let $l \overset{g:\alpha}{\rightarrow} l' \in Tr$, where $g$ denotes a guard, $\alpha$ denotes the action $x = y + 1$, and $\eta$ is the evaluation with $\eta(x, y) = (1, 1)$, then $Eff(\alpha, \eta)(x, y) = (2, 1)$. 
A transition system is basically a directed graph where nodes represent *states*, and edges model *transitions*.

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A **transition system** $TS$ is a tuple $(S, Act, \delta, I, AP, L)$ where
- $S$ is a set of states,
- $Act$ is a set of actions,
- $\delta \subseteq S \times Act \times S$ is a transition relation,
- $I \subseteq S$ is a set of initial states,
- $AP$ is a set of atomic propositions, and
- $L : S \rightarrow 2^{AP}$ is a labeling function.
Each program graph can be interpreted as a transition system by unfolding the program graph.

**Definition (Transition System Semantics of a Program Graph)**

The transition system $TS(PG)$ of program graph $PG$ is the tuple $(S, Act, \delta, I, AP, L)$ where

- $S = Loc \times Eval(Var)$
- $\delta \subseteq S \times Act \times S$ is defined by the following rule:

$$
\frac{\langle l, \eta \rangle \models g \land \eta \models g_0}{\langle l, \eta \rangle \xrightarrow{\alpha} \langle l', Eff(\alpha, \eta) \rangle}
$$

- $I = \{ \langle l, \eta \rangle \mid l \in Loc_0, \eta \models g_0 \}$
- $AP = Loc \cup Cond(Var)$
- $L(\langle l, \eta \rangle) = \{ l \} \cup \{ g \in Cond(Var) \mid \eta \models g \}$. 

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Semantics of Runtime Control

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It is a program with action partitioning:

- **Passive actions** are used to “passively” observe and monitor the actions of the controlled program graph. (side-effect free) They are further partitioned into:
  - **pre-actions** are monitored **before** each invocation of the interested action,
  - **post-actions** are monitored **after** each invocation.

- **Active actions** are “actively” performed to modify its state as well as the state of the controlled program graph.
Controlling Program Graphs (CPG)

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- \( \hat{\text{Loc}} \) is a set of locations, including passive locations \( \hat{\text{Loc}}^{\text{pas}} \) and active locations \( \hat{\text{Loc}}^{\text{act}} \) which can perform passive actions and active actions respectively, i.e., \( \hat{\text{Loc}} = \hat{\text{Loc}}^{\text{pas}} \cup \hat{\text{Loc}}^{\text{act}} \),

- \( \hat{\text{Act}} \) is a set of actions, including passive actions \( \hat{\text{Act}}^{\text{pas}} \) and active actions \( \hat{\text{Act}}^{\text{act}} \), i.e., \( \hat{\text{Act}} = \hat{\text{Act}}^{\text{pas}} \cup \hat{\text{Act}}^{\text{act}} \), and the set of passive actions further includes pre-actions \( \hat{\text{Act}}^{\text{pre}} \) and post-actions \( \hat{\text{Act}}^{\text{post}} \), i.e., \( \hat{\text{Act}}^{\text{pas}} = \hat{\text{Act}}^{\text{pre}} \cup \hat{\text{Act}}^{\text{post}} \).
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Definition (cont’d)

\( \hat{\text{Eff}} : \hat{\text{Act}} \times \text{Eval}(PC \cup \text{Var} \cup \hat{\text{Var}}) \rightarrow \text{Eval}(PC \cup \text{Var} \cup \hat{\text{Var}}) \)

is the effect function, satisfying that, if \( \alpha \in \hat{\text{Act}}^{\text{pas}} \), then

\( \hat{\text{Eff}}(\alpha, \langle l, \eta, \hat{\eta} \rangle) = \langle l, \eta, \hat{\eta} \rangle \) (passive actions are side-effect free), where \( PC \) is a program counter with a value from \( \text{Loc} \) indicating the current location of the controlled program graph, i.e., \( \text{dom}(PC) = \text{Loc} \).

Note that the effect function of an action indicates how an evaluation \( \langle l, \eta, \hat{\eta} \rangle \) of variables is modified, including not only the variables \( \text{Var} \) of the CPG, but also the program counter \( PC \) and the variables \( \text{Var} \) of the controlled PG.
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- \( \hat{\mathit{Tr}} \subseteq \hat{\mathit{Loc}} \times \hat{\mathit{Cond}}(\hat{\mathit{Var}}) \times \hat{\mathit{Act}} \times \hat{\mathit{Loc}} \) is the conditional transition relation, satisfying
  
  1. If \((l, g, \alpha, l') \in \hat{\mathit{Tr}} \land \alpha \in \hat{\mathit{Act}}^{\mathit{pas}}\), then \(g = \top\) (unconditional monitoring of passive actions), \(l \in \hat{\mathit{Loc}}^{\mathit{pas}}\) and \(\forall \beta \in \hat{\mathit{Act}}^{\mathit{act}}, \forall g'', \forall l'', (l, g'', \beta, l'') \notin \hat{\mathit{Tr}}\). (consistency of passive actions and passive locations, and separation of passive and active actions)
  
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- $Loc' = Loc \cup Loc^{pre} \cup Loc^{post}$, where
  
  $Loc^{pre} = \{ l^{\alpha_{pre}} | l \xrightarrow{g:\alpha} l' \in Tr \land \alpha_{pre} \in \hat{Act}^{pre} \}$ and
  
  $Loc^{post} = \{ l^{\alpha_{post}} | l \xrightarrow{g:\alpha} l' \in Tr \land \alpha_{post} \in \hat{Act}^{post} \}$

- $Act' = Act \cup \hat{Act}^{pre} \cup \hat{Act}^{post}$

- $Eff' = \{ Eff'(\alpha, \eta) = \eta' | Eff(\alpha, \eta) = \eta' \}$
  
  $\cup \{ Eff'(\alpha_{pre}, \eta) = \eta | \alpha_{pre} \in \hat{Act}^{pre} \}$
  
  $\cup \{ Eff'(\alpha_{post}, \eta) = \eta | \alpha_{post} \in \hat{Act}^{post} \}$
Definition (cont'd)

\[ Tr' = \{ l \xrightarrow{g:\alpha} l' \mid l \xrightarrow{\alpha} l' \in Tr \land \alpha^{pre} \notin \hat{Act}^{pre} \land \alpha^{post} \notin \hat{Act}^{post} \} \]

\[ \cup \{ l \xrightarrow{g:\alpha} l' \mid l \xrightarrow{\alpha^{post}} \alpha^{post} \xrightarrow{\alpha^{post}} l' \mid l \xrightarrow{\alpha^{post}} l' \in Tr \land \alpha^{pre} \notin \hat{Act}^{pre} \land \alpha^{post} \in \hat{Act}^{post} \} \]

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- $S = (\text{Loc} \cup \text{Loc}^{pre} \cup \text{Loc}^{post}) \times \text{Eval}(\text{Var}) \times \hat{\text{Loc}} \times \text{Eval}(\hat{\text{Var}})$, where $\text{Loc}^{pre} = \{l^{pre} | l \xrightarrow{g: \alpha} l' \in \text{Tr} \land \alpha^{pre} \in \hat{\text{Act}}^{pre}\}$ and $\text{Loc}^{post} = \{l^{post} | l \xleftarrow{g: \alpha} l' \in \text{Tr} \land \alpha^{post} \in \hat{\text{Act}}^{post}\}$
- $\delta \subseteq S \times (\text{Act} \cup \hat{\text{Act}}) \times S$ is defined by the rules in the next two slides
- $I = \{\langle l, \eta, \hat{l}, \hat{\eta} \rangle | l \in \text{Loc}_0, \eta \models g_0, \hat{l} \in \hat{\text{Loc}}_0, \hat{\eta} \models \hat{g}_0\}$
- $AP = \text{Loc} \cup \text{Cond}(\text{Var}) \cup \text{Cond}(\hat{\text{Var}})$
- $L(\langle l, \eta, \hat{l}, \hat{\eta} \rangle) = \{l\} \cup \{g \in \text{Cond}(\text{Var}) | \eta \models g\} \cup \{f \in \text{Cond}(\hat{\text{Var}}) | \hat{\eta} \models f\}.$
The Transition Rules

slicing rule

\[ \begin{align*}
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I \overset{\alpha}{\rightarrow} I' \land \eta \models g \quad \hat{l} \in \hat{\text{Loc}}^{\text{pas}} \land \alpha^{\text{pre}} \not\in \hat{\text{Act}}^{\text{pre}} \land \alpha^{\text{post}} \not\in \hat{\text{Act}}^{\text{post}} \\
\langle I, \eta, \hat{l}, \hat{\eta} \rangle \overset{\alpha}{\rightarrow} \langle I', \text{Eff}(\alpha, \eta), \hat{l}, \hat{\eta} \rangle
\end{align*} \]

pre-action rule

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\langle I, \eta, \hat{l}, \hat{\eta} \rangle \overset{\alpha^{\text{pre}}}{\rightarrow} \langle I^{\text{pre}}, \eta, \hat{l}', \hat{\eta} \rangle
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\langle I, \eta, \hat{l}, \hat{\eta} \rangle \overset{\alpha^{\text{post}}}{\rightarrow} \langle I^{\text{post}}, \text{Eff}(\alpha, \eta), \hat{l}, \hat{\eta} \rangle
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\[ \langle l^{\alpha^{\text{pre}}}, \eta, \hat{l}, \hat{\eta} \rangle \overset{\alpha}{\rightarrow} \langle l', \text{Eff}(\alpha, \eta), \hat{l}, \hat{\eta} \rangle \]

post-action rule

\[ l \stackrel{\alpha}{\rightarrow} l' \quad \hat{l} \in \hat{\text{Loc}}^{\text{pas}} \land \alpha^{\text{post}} \in \hat{\text{Act}}^{\text{post}} \land \hat{l} \overset{\alpha^{\text{post}}}{\rightarrow} l' \]

\[ \langle l^{\alpha^{\text{post}}}, \eta, \hat{l}, \hat{\eta} \rangle \overset{\alpha^{\text{post}}}{\rightarrow} \langle l', \eta, \hat{l'}, \hat{\eta} \rangle \]

active-action rule

\[ \top \quad \hat{l} \in \hat{\text{Loc}}^{\text{act}} \land \hat{l} \overset{\beta}{\rightarrow} \hat{l'} \land \hat{\eta} \models \hat{g} \]

\[ \langle l, \eta, \hat{l}, \hat{\eta} \rangle \overset{\beta}{\rightarrow} \langle \text{Eff}(\beta, l), \text{Eff}(\beta, \eta), \hat{l'}, \text{Eff}(\beta, \hat{\eta}) \rangle \]
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- We will propose the semantics for the specification and synthesis of controlling programs.

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\text{Specification} \xrightarrow{\text{synthesize}} \text{CPG} \xrightarrow{\text{generate}} \text{Controlling Program}
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Specifications

- A high level **specification** of controlling programs should consist of variables, passive actions, active actions and a property.
- A **property** over passive actions is written in some formalism such as regular expressions, finite automata and LTL formulae.

**Definition (Deterministic Finite Automata)**

A *deterministic finite automaton* (DFA) is a tuple $A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, C, C)$, where $Q$ is a finite set of *states*, $\Sigma$ is a finite set of *actions*, $\delta$ is a *transition function* mapping $Q \times \Sigma \mapsto Q$, $q_0 \in Q$ is the *initial state*, $C$ is a finite set of *categories*, e.g., match and violation, and $C : Q \times C$ is a classification relation.
Specifications

Formally,

Definition (Specifications)

A specification is a tuple \( \text{Spec} = (\hat{\text{Var}}, \hat{g}_0, \hat{\text{Act}}^{\text{pas}}, \hat{\text{Act}}^{\text{act}}, A, R) \), where

- \( \hat{\text{Var}} \) is a set of variables,
- \( \hat{g}_0 \in \text{Cond}(\hat{\text{Var}}) \) is the initial condition,
- \( \hat{\text{Act}}^{\text{pas}} \) is a set of passive actions,
- \( \hat{\text{Act}}^{\text{act}} \) is a set of active actions,
- \( A \) is a DFA including a set of categories \( A.C \), and
- \( R \) is an association partial function \( (\hat{\text{Act}}^{\text{pas}} \cup A.C) \rightarrow \hat{\text{Act}}^{\text{act}} \).
Synthesis of Controlling Programs

**Specification** $\xrightarrow{\text{synthesize}}$ CPG

For DFA, we add some active locations to the finite automaton, at which active actions are executed.

- If a passive action $\alpha$ is associated with an active action $R(\alpha)$, then:
  \[ q \xrightarrow{\alpha} q' \Rightarrow q \xrightarrow{\alpha} q'\xrightarrow{R(\alpha)} \]
- If $q'$ is in the category $c$ which is associated with an active action $R(c)$, then:
  \[ q \xrightarrow{\alpha} q' \Rightarrow q \xrightarrow{\alpha} q'\xrightarrow{R(c)} \]
- If $q'$ is in the categories $c_1, \ldots, c_n$ which are associated with active actions $R(c_1), \ldots, R(c_n)$ respectively, then:
  \[ q \xrightarrow{\alpha} q' \Rightarrow q \xrightarrow{\alpha} q'\xrightarrow{R(c_1)} q'\xrightarrow{R(c_2)} \ldots \xrightarrow{R(c_n)} q' \]
Synthesis of Controlling Programs

Formally,

Definition (Synthesized Controlling Program Graph)

Let $\text{Spec} = (\hat{\text{Var}}, \hat{g}_0, \hat{\text{Act}}^{\text{pas}}, \hat{\text{Act}}^{\text{act}}, A, R)$ be a specification where $A = (Q, \hat{\text{Act}}^{\text{pas}}, \delta, q_0, C, C)$ be a DFA. A controlling program graph $\text{CPG}$ can be synthesized from the specification as a tuple $(\hat{\text{Loc}}, \hat{\text{Act}}, \hat{\text{Eff}}, \hat{\text{Tr}}, \hat{\text{Loc}}_0, \hat{g}_0)$ where

- $\hat{\text{Loc}} = \hat{\text{Loc}}^{\text{pas}} \cup \hat{\text{Loc}}^{\text{act}}$, where $\hat{\text{Loc}}^{\text{pas}} = Q$ and $\hat{\text{Loc}}^{\text{act}} = \{ q^\alpha \mid q \in Q, \alpha \in \hat{\text{Act}}^{\text{pas}} \text{ and } R(\alpha) \text{ is defined} \} \cup \{ q^c \mid q \in Q, c \in C(q) \text{ and } R(c) \text{ is defined} \}$,

- $\hat{\text{Act}} = \hat{\text{Act}}^{\text{pas}} \cup \hat{\text{Act}}^{\text{act}}$,

- $\hat{\text{Eff}}$ is the effect function, which is defined by the host programming language,
Synthesis of Controlling Programs

Definition (cont’d)

\( \widehat{Tr} \) is defined as follows: for each transition \( q \xrightarrow{\alpha} q' \in \delta \),

- if \( R(\alpha) \) is undefined and \( R(C(q')) \) is undefined, then
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- if \( R(\alpha) \) is undefined and \( R(C(q')) \) is defined, then
  \[ q \xrightarrow{\alpha} q' \xrightarrow{c_1} q' \xrightarrow{R(c_1)} \ldots \xrightarrow{c_n} q' \xrightarrow{R(c_n)} q' \in \widehat{Tr} \]
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Typical existing formalisms for monitoring can be translated into equivalent controlling programs, e.g.,

- enforcement monitors
- security automata
- edit automata
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Applications:

- The semantics helps to accurately understand the principle of our tool.
- The semantics can be used for model checking the correctness of target programs under control, i.e., checking whether a controlling program can really make a target program satisfy desired requirements at runtime.
Thank you!

Questions?