

Composition of set theory-based models

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PhD Proposal

B, Event-B and TLA are development languages based on set theory. B and Event-B introduce the notion of refinement-based certified development of abstract machines. B targets the development of software components and code generation. Event-B targets system modeling. TLA targets the specification of reactive systems specified in linear temporal logic.

Dedukti is a logical framework based on the $\lambda\Pi$ -calculus modulo in which many theories and logics can be expressed. In the context of ICSPA, Dedukti will be used to exchange models and proofs between the set theory-based formal methods B, Event-B and TLA. They will rely on the encoding of set theory and its B and TLA variants in Dedukti.

TLA and B provide composition mechanisms that are not provided by Event-B. In order to facilitate the exchange of models between these formalisms, we propose to study composition mechanisms for Event-B. Several composition semantics could be considered (synchronous, asynchronous, binary or indexed, ...) in each language. TLA could also be used as the meta-level language. Intrinsic properties of these composition operators will be stated and proved. Models will be exchanged via the pivot language dedukti.

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The candidate is expected to have a strong background in logic, theorem proving and formal methods. She/he must have a Master degree or equivalent related to these areas.

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- CV & motivation letter
- transcripts of marks (bachelor and master)
- reference letters (2-3)

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