

Dynamic Logic for Practical Program Verification

Set 3

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Part I

Java Modeling Language

Running Example: ATM.java

```
public class ATM {  
  
    // fields:  
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    private int wrongPINCounter = 0;  
    private boolean customerAuthenticated = false;  
  
    // methods:  
    public void insertCard (BankCard card) { ... }  
    public void enterPIN (int pin) { ... }  
    public int accountBalance () { ... }  
    public int withdraw (int amount) { ... }  
    public void ejectCard () { ... }  
  
}
```

very informal specification of 'enterPIN (`int pin`)':

Checks whether the pin belongs to the bank card currently inserted in the ATM. If a wrong pin is received three times in a row, the card is confiscated. After receiving the correct pin, the customer is regarded as authenticated.

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different specification cases are connected by 'also'.

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   @
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For the first time, JML expression not a JAVA expression.

\old(E) means: E evaluated in the prestate of enterPIN.

E can be any (arbitrarily complex) JML expression.

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/*@ <spec-case1> also <spec-case2> also
   @
   @ public normal_behavior
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   @ requires !customerAuthenticated;
   @ requires pin != insertedCard.correctPIN;
   @ requires wrongPINCounter >= 3;
   @ ensures insertedCard == null;
   @ ensures \old(insertedCard).invalid;
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Two postconditions state that:

“Given the above preconditions, enterPIN guarantees:

`insertedCard == null` and `\old(insertedCard).invalid`”

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Assignable Groups

You can specify groups of locations as assignable, using '*'.

Example:

```
@ assignable o.*, a[*];
```

makes all fields of object o and all positions of array a assignable.

JML extends the JAVA modifiers by additional modifiers

The most important ones are:

- ▶ `spec_public`
- ▶ `pure`
- ▶ `nullable`
- ▶ `non_null`
- ▶ `helper`

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1. delete blue and red parts from previous slides
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JML Class Invariant

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        @           arr[i-1] <= arr[i]);  
    @*/  
  
    private /*@ spec_public @*/ int arr[];  
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    // constructor and methods,  
    // without sortedness in pre/postconditions  
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```

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In case `insertedCard == null` in `prestate`:

- ▶ `enterPIN` *must* throw an exception (`'exceptional_behavior'`)
- ▶ it can only be an `ATMException` (`'signals_only'`)
- ▶ method must then ensure `!customerAuthenticated` in `poststate` (`'signals'`)

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Given the precondition of the specification case holds in prestate,
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Further Modifiers: `non_null` and `nullable`

JML extends the `JAVA` modifiers by further modifiers:

- ▶ class `fields`
- ▶ method `parameters`
- ▶ method `return types`

can be declared as

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non_null Default

`non_null` is default in JML!

⇒ same effect even without explicit '`non_null`'s

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To prevent such pre/postconditions and invariants: **'nullable'**

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private /*@ spec_public nullable @*/ String name;
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⇒ Now, the list is allowed to end somewhere!