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Conceptual Fundamentals of Reactive Systems



Same place as Christoph Freytag



Theory of Programming

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What could this be?

Identify the (??) fundamental concepts

and build a theory on top of this ...

We are so wonderfully progressing without

... for a while

There is this deep "Theoretical Informatics" stuff. That's enough.

No. There is something fundamentally new

What to do with such a conceptual fundament?

to make it conceptually simpler, better teachable,

e.g. PAXOS

better usable, also by non-experts

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An analogy: Classical computing



The starting point for computable functions

The starting point for react. systems ...?

Reactive systems are *fundamentally* different.

Don't compute functions at all

Are not intended to terminate

Can not be abstracted to one device

... requires a fundamentally new computation model

A system consists of components.

Each component has an *interface*.

An interface contains gates.

Components are *composed* by gluing *matching gates*



Literature describes many such system models

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Components **A** and **B** are *composed* by gluing *matching gates* of **A*** and ***B**. Each gate has a *label*. Equally labeled gates of A* and *B match.





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(C•S)* =

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*(C•S) = ()

A small exercise: operating system architecture



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C • S • D

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- **b** messages to client

- **c** message from service
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A look inside the components



behavior of Data base **D**

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behavior of service **S**

behavior of client **C**



behavior editor **E**



behavior of Scheduler **Sc**



behavior of Load balancer **L**

Multiple labels

machine
material
a. workflow N, transforming material into products by help of a machine

Multiple labels

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b. composed workflow, N•N



c. composed workflow, N•N•N

Summing up Double sided components are intuitively most natural

customer	and	supplier
provider	and	requester
producer	and	consumer
buy side	and	sell side
input	and	output
requred	and	offered

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Composition is about architecture

- strict and formal for the interface
- entirely liberal for the components' contents

Assume a fixed interface alphabet Λ .

Let $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{C}}$ denote the set of components with

- gate labels from Λ and
- empty contents

Components' contents: later

Composition on *C* is *universal*:

Given *any* finite component network: Can it be composed from its components?





P1 • P2 • A • P3 • P4

Composition on **C** is *total*

Any two components in **C** can be composed.



Want to glue **a** with **c** and **b** with **d**. New kind of composition? *Composability* predicate for **A** and **B**?

One notion of composition allows a generic, ultimatively simple, infrastructure. Instead: Construct an adapter, **C**, internally organizing composition, and consider **A** • **C** • **B**.

Composition in *C* ist *associative*:

$(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}) \cdot \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{C}).$

... inevitable for "large"

compositions.



RM • Su • Ma • Di • Sh • Am • Co

Summing up: Composition in **C** yields a *monoid*

Observation: C contains

(it holds: $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{e} = \mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}$)

Hence $(C; \bullet, e)$ is a monoid.

... just as the words over an alphabet!

This is the second most beautiful news in recent days

A word on commutativity

Def. An operator + on C is *commutative* iff for all $A, B \in C$ holds: A+B = B+A.

Observation: • is not commutative

Theorem	a a	C C
A•B = B•A holds	ΙΑΙ	י B י
	b b	d d
if A and B use disjoint labels.		

... but Frank loves commutativity!

Frank, please, don't be so stupid!

Frank uses three services:

Haircut, new passport, border control.



Н



Ρ



B



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Remember:

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Formulate contents (behavior) as you wish!

- automata,
- programs,
- π -calculus,
- Petri nets,

Construct classes D of components such that (D; •, e) is a *monoid*.

"Instantiations"

The Petri instantiation



producer • broker

broker • client





producer • broker • client







The sound WF instantiation

- **Def:**A workflow is *sound* iff
- all its activities are executable,
- the final state is always reachable,
- upon termination,
 no further tokens remain.



 \bigcirc

B

Ν

B

Theorem: Composition of sound workflows is sound.

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Right and left interface may overlap!



exclusive requester

a variant:



overlapping ports





sharing requester



R second requester requester R* *? Ρ R provider requester [P.R]*

second sharing requester



third requester



more involved requester



P • Q • Q • Q

P • Q • Q

P•Q

prefer this variant?



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