

Lecture 6 Part 1.

REFINEMENT IN EVENT-B

Event-B (reminder)

- Event-B models are organised in terms of two basic constructs: *contexts* and *machines*:
 - contexts specify the static part of a model;
 - machines specify the dynamic part.
- The role of the contexts is to isolate the parameters of a formal model and their properties, which are assumed to hold for all instances.
- A machine encapsulates a transition system with the state specified by a set of variables and transitions modelled by a set of guarded events.

Model development with Event-B

- Event-B allows models to be developed gradually via mechanisms such as ***context extension*** and ***machine refinement***.
- These techniques enable users to develop target systems from their abstract specifications, and subsequently introduce more implementation details.
- More importantly, properties that are proved at the abstract level are maintained through refinement, and hence are also guaranteed to be satisfied by later refinements.
- As a result, correctness proofs of systems are broken down and distributed amongst different levels of abstraction, which is easier to manage.

A course management system: Requirements

- A club has some fixed *members*; amongst them are *instructors* and *participants*.
- A member can be both an instructor and a participant.

REQ1	Instructors are members of the club.
REQ2	Participants are members of the club.

A course management system (cont.)

- There are predefined *courses* that can be offered by a club.
- Each course is associated with exactly one fixed instructor.

REQ3	There are predefined courses.
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REQ4	Each course is assigned to one fixed instructor.
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A course management system (cont.)

A course is either *opened* or *closed* and is managed by the system.

REQ5	A course is either <i>opened</i> or <i>closed</i> .
REQ6	The system allows a closed course to be opened.
REQ7	The system allows an opened course to be closed.

A course management system (cont.)

The number of opened courses is limited.

REQ8	The number of opened courses cannot exceed a given limit.
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Only when a course is opened, can participants *register* for the course. An important constraint for registration is that an instructor cannot attend his own courses.

REQ9	Participants can only register for an open course.
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REQ10	Instructors cannot attend their own courses.
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A course management system: development with Event-B

- Next, we will develop a formal model based on the above requirements document:
 - we will refer to the above requirements in order to justify how they are formalised in the Event-B model.
- In the initial model, we focus on opening and closing of courses by the system.
- We start our modelling with defining a context **Courses_c0**.

A course management system: Context

```
CONTEXT Courses_c0
SETS COURSES           // a carrier set COURCES denoting the set of courses that can be
                           offered by the club (REQ3)
CONSTANTS m           // REQ8: the maximum number of courses that the club can open
AXIOMS
  axm0_1: finite(COURSES)
  axm0_2:  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ 
  axm0_3:  $m > 0$ 
  axm0_4:  $\text{card}(\text{COURSES}) \geq m$  // number of all possible courses is no less than m
END
```

A course management system: Machine

- We develop machine **Courses_m0** of the initial model, focusing on courses opening and closing.
 - This machine sees context **Courses_c0** developed before.
- We model the set of opened courses by a variable *courses*

```
MACHINE Courses_m0
SEES Courses_c0
VARIABLES courses // The machine state is represented by the variable, courses,
                        denoting the open courses

INVARIANTS
    inv0_1:  $courses \subseteq COURCES$  // open courses is a subset of all available courses
    inv0_2:  $card(courses) \leq m$ 

EVENTS
INITIALISATION  $\triangleq$ 
    then
        act1:  $courses := \emptyset$  // Initially, all courses are closed
                        (so, the set of opened courses is set to the empty set);
    end

...
```

A course management system: Machine

- We model the opening and closing of courses using two events **OPENCOURSE** and **CLOSECOURSE** as follows:

```
OPENCOURSE  $\triangleq$            // REQ6: The system allows a closed course to be opened.
  any crs
  where
    grd1: card(courses) < m  // the current number of opened courses has not yet reached the limit
    grd2: crs  $\notin$  courses    // a course crs is not opened yet
  then
    act1: courses := courses  $\cup$  {crs}  // add crs course to the set courses
  end
CLOSECOURSE  $\triangleq$          // REQ7: The system allows an opened course to be closed.
  any crs
  where
    grd1: crs  $\in$  courses      // the course crs has been opened before
  then
    act1: courses := courses  $\setminus$  {crs}  // remove crs from the set courses
  end
```

Context Extension

- Context extension is a mechanism for introducing more static details into an Event-B development.
 - A context can *extend* one or more contexts.
- When describing a context D as extending another context C, we call C and D the abstract and concrete context, respectively.
- By extending C, D “inherits” all the abstract elements of C, i.e., carrier sets, constants, axioms and theorems.

Course Management System:

We extend context **Courses_c0** by the context **Members_c1**

CONTEXT **Members_c1** **EXTENDS** **Courses_c0**

SETS *MEMBERS* // a carrier set *MEMBERS* represents the set of club members

CONSTANTS *PARTICIPANTS* // constant *PARTICIPANTS* denotes the set of participants

INSTRUCTORS // constant *INSTRUCTORS* denotes the set of instructors

courseInstructor // constant models a relationship between courses and instructors

AXIOMS

axm1_1: $\text{finite}(\text{MEMBERS})$

axm1_2: $\text{PARTICIPANTS} \subseteq \text{MEMBERS}$ // participants must be members of the club

axm1_3: $\text{INSTRUCTORS} \subseteq \text{MEMBERS}$ // instructors must be members of the club

axm1_4: $\text{courseInstructor} \in \text{COURSES} \rightarrow \text{INSTRUCTORS}$ // a total function from *COURSES* to *INSTRUCTORS* (thus we formalise REQ4)

END

Machine Refinement

- *Machine refinement* is a mechanism for introducing details about the dynamic properties of a model
 - When speaking about machine N refining another machine M, we refer to M as the *abstract* machine and to N as the *concrete* machine.
- Two kinds of refinement: *superposition refinement* and *data refinement*
 - In superposition refinement, the abstract variables of M are retained in the concrete machine N, with possibly some additional concrete variables.
 - In data refinement, the abstract variables v are replaced by concrete variables w and, subsequently, the connections between M and N are represented by the relationship between v and w .
 - More often, Event- B refinement is a mixture of both superposition and data refinement: some of the abstract variables are retained, while others are replaced by new concrete variables.

Superposition Refinement

- In superposition refinement, variables v of the abstract machine M are kept in the refinement, i.e. as part of the state of N .
- N can have some additional variables w .
- The concrete invariants $J(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w})$ specify the relationship between the old and new variables.
- Each abstract event e is refined by a concrete event f
- Assume that the abstract event e and the concrete event f are as follows:

$e = \text{any } x \text{ where } G(x, v) \text{ then } Q(x, v) \text{ end}$

$f = \text{any } x \text{ where } H(\underline{x}, v, w) \text{ then } R(\underline{x}, v, w) \text{ end}$

- f **refines** e if the guard of f is stronger than that of e (*guard strengthening*), concrete invariants J are maintained by f , and abstract action Q simulates the concrete action R (*simulation*).

Superposition Refinement

- In the course of refinement, *new events* are often introduced into a model.
- Lets go back to our *Course Management System*...

Refinement of a machine Courses_m0

```
MACHINE Courses_m0
SEES Courses_c0
VARIABLES courses
INVARIANTS
  inv0_1: courses  $\subseteq$  COURSES
  inv0_2: card(courses)  $\leq$  m
EVENTS
INITIALISATION  $\triangleq$  ...
OPENCOURSE  $\triangleq$  ...
CLOSECOURSE  $\triangleq$  ...
```

Courses_m0 machine
is refined by a
machine
Members_m1

```
MACHINE Members_m1
REFINES Courses_m0
SEES Members_c1
VARIABLES courses participants
INVARIANTS
  inv1_1: participants  $\in$  courses  $\leftrightarrow$  PARTICIPANTS
  inv1_2:  $\forall c. c \in$  courses  $\Rightarrow$  courseInstructor(c)  $\notin$  participants[{c}]
EVENTS
INITIALISATION  $\triangleq$ 
  then
    ...
    act2: participants :=  $\emptyset$  // The variable is initialised to the empty set.
  end
```

we had before

- New variable **participants** representing information about course participants (modelled as a relation between the sets of open courses **courses** and the set **PARTICIPANTS**)
- Invariant **inv1_2: $\forall c. c \in$ courses \Rightarrow courseInstructor(c) \notin participants[{c}]** states that “for every opened course *c*, the instructor of this course is not amongst its participants ” (**REQ10**)

Modelling machine Members_m1

The original abstract event **OPENCOURSE** stays unchanged in this refinement, while an additional assignment is added to **CLOSECOURSE** to update *participants* by removing the information about a closing course *crs* from it.

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Machine Members_m1

- A new event **REGISTER** is added. It models the registration of a participant p for an opened course c .
- The guard of the event ensures that p is not the instructor of the course (**grd1_3**) and is not yet registered for the course (**grd1_4**).
- The action of the event updates **participants** accordingly by adding the mapping $c \mapsto p$ to it.

```
REGISTER  $\triangleq$  // the registration of a participant  $p$  for an opened course  $c$ 
  any  $p$   $c$ 
  where
    grd1_1:  $c \in \text{courses}$ 
    grd1_2:  $p \in \text{PARTICIPANTS}$ 
    grd1_3:  $p \neq \text{CourseInstructor}(c)$  //  $p$  is not the instructor of the course
    grd1_4:  $c \mapsto p \notin \text{participants}$  //  $p$  is not yet registered for the course
  then
    act1:  $\text{participants} := \text{participants} \cup \{c \mapsto p\}$  // adding all the relationships between this
                                                    course and its participants.
  end
```

Proving consistency of Members_m1

- Now we discuss some of the important proof obligations for **Members_m1**:
 - **invariant preservation**
- **CLOSECOURSE/inv1_2/INV** – this obligation is to ensure that *inv1_2* is maintained by **CLOSECOURSE** event.

$$\forall c. c \in \text{courses} \Rightarrow \text{courseInstructor}(c) \notin \text{participants}[\{c\}]$$
$$\vdash$$
$$\forall c. c \in \text{courses} \setminus \{crs\} \Rightarrow \text{courseInstructor}(c) \notin (\{crs\} \triangleleft \text{participants})[\{c\}]$$

The obligation is trivial, because, given that $c \neq crs$, $(\{crs\} \triangleleft \text{participants})[\{c\}]$ is the same as $\text{participants}[\{c\}]$.

Proving consistency of Members_m1 (cont.)

- **REGISTER/inv1_1/INV** – this obligation is to ensure that *inv1_2* is maintained by the new **REGISTER** event.

...

$participants \in courses \leftrightarrow PARTICIPANTS$

$c \in courses$

$p \in PARTICIPANTS$

\vdash

$participants \cup \{c \mapsto p\} \in courses \leftrightarrow PARTICIPANTS$

Verifying that the **REGISTER**, $participants := participants \cup \{c \mapsto p\}$, establishes the invariant $participants \in courses \leftrightarrow PARTICIPANTS$.

We have following reasoning:

$participants \in courses \leftrightarrow PARTICIPANTS$ holds trivially. $\{c \mapsto p\} \in courses \leftrightarrow PARTICIPANTS$ also holds, since $c \in courses$ and $p \in PARTICIPANTS$. Then we conclude that $participants \cup \{c \mapsto p\} \in courses \leftrightarrow PARTICIPANTS$

Data Refinement

- In data refinement, abstract variables v are removed and replaced by concrete variables w .
- The states of abstract machine M are related to the states of concrete machine N by *gluing invariants* $J(v, w)$.
- In Event-B, the gluing invariants J are declared as invariants of N and also contain the *local* concrete invariants, i.e., those constraining only concrete variables w .
- Coming back to the *Course Management System*...

Data refinement of Members_m1 machine

- We perform a data refinement by replacing abstract variables *courses* and *participants* by a new concrete variable *attendants*:

inv2_1: $attendants \in COURSES \mapsto \mathbb{P}(PARTICIPANTS)$

- is a *partial function* from *COURSES* to some set of participants.

The following invariants act as gluing invariants, linking abstract variables *courses* and *participants* with concrete variable *attendants*

inv2_2: $courses = \text{dom}(attendants)$

inv2_3: $\forall c. c \in courses \implies participants[\{c\}] = attendants(c)$ // for every opened course *c*, the set of participants attending that course represented abstractly as *participants*[\{*c*\}] is the same as *attendants*(*c*).

Members_m2 machine

```
MACHINE Members_m2
REFINES Members_m1
SEES Members_c1
VARIABLES attendants
INVARIANTS
  inv2_1: attendants  $\in$  COURSES  $\rightarrow \mathbb{P}(\text{PATICIPANTS})$ 
  inv2_2: courses = dom(attendants)
  inv2_3:  $\forall c. c \in \text{courses} \Rightarrow \text{participants}[\{c\}] = \text{attendants}(c)$ 
EVENTS
  ...
```


Refinement of **OPENCOURSE** event

MACHINE Members_m1 **REFINES** Courses_m0

...

OPENCOURSE refines **OPENCOURSE** \triangleq

any *crs*

where

grd1: $\text{card}(\text{courses}) < m$

grd2: $\text{crs} \notin \text{courses}$

then

act1: $\text{courses} := \text{courses} \cup \{\text{crs}\}$

end

we had before

MACHINE Members_m2 **REFINES** Members_m1

...

OPENCOURSE_new refines **OPENCOURSE** \triangleq

any *crs*

where

grd2_1: $\text{crs} \notin \text{dom}(\text{attendants})$

grd2_2: $\text{card}(\text{attendants}) \neq m$

then

act1: $\text{attendants}(\text{crs}) := \emptyset$

end

now

- The concrete guards ensure that *crs* is a closed course and the number of opened courses ($\text{card}(\text{attendants})$) has not reached the limit *m*.
- The action of **OPENCOURSE_new** sets the initial participants for the newly opened course *crs* to be the empty set.

Refinement of **CLOSECOURSE** event

- Abstract event **CLOSECOURSE** is refined by concrete event **CLOSECOURSE_new**, where one course *crs* is closed at a time. The guard and action of concrete event **CLOSECOURSE_new** are as expected:

```
MACHINE Members_m1 REFINES Courses_m0
...
CLOSECOURSE refines CLOSECOURSE  $\triangleq$ 
  any crs
  where
    grd1: crs  $\in$  courses
  then
    act1: courses := courses \ {crs}
    act2: participants := {crs}  $\triangleleft$  participants
  end
```

we had before

```
MACHINE Members_m2 REFINES Members_m1
...
CLOSECOURSE_new refines CLOSECOURSE  $\triangleq$ 
  any crs
  where
    grd1: crs  $\in$  dom(attendants)
  then
    act1: attendants := {crs}  $\triangleleft$  attendants
  end
```

now

Refinement of **REGISTER** event

MACHINE Members_m1 **REFINES** Courses_m0

...

REGISTER \triangleq

any $p\ c$

where

grd1_1: $c \in \text{courses}$

grd1_2: $p \in \text{PARTICIPANTS}$

grd1_3: $p \neq \text{CourseInstructor}(c)$

grd1_4: $c \mapsto p \notin \text{participants}$

then

act1: $\text{participants} := \text{participants} \cup \{c \mapsto p\}$

end

MACHINE Members_m2 **REFINES** Members_m1

...

REGISTER_new refines **REGISTER** \triangleq

any $p\ c$

where

grd2_1: $c \in \text{dom}(\text{attendants})$

grd2_2: $p \in \text{PARTICIPANTS}$

grd2_3: $p \neq \text{CourseInstructor}(c)$

grd2_4: $p \notin \text{attendants}(c)$

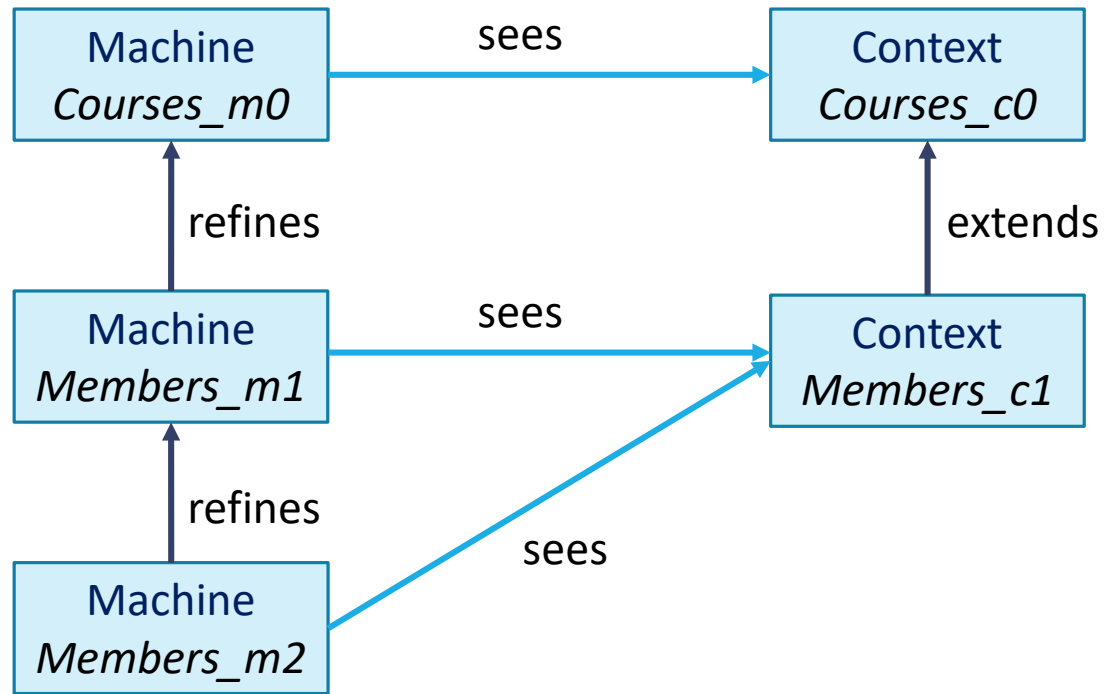
then

act1: $\text{attendants}(c) := \text{attendants}(c) \cup \{p\}$

end

Summary of the development

The hierarchy of the development:



Requirements tracing:

REQ id	Models
REQ1	Members_c1
REQ2	Members_c1
REQ3	Courses_c0
REQ4	Members_c1
REQ5	Courses_m0
REQ6	Courses_m0
REQ7	Courses_m0
REQ8	Courses_m0
REQ9	Members_m1
REQ10	Members_m1

One more example of refinement

Switching on and off air conditioner after checking temperature

Introducing roles and permissions of users

MACHINE

Examp1Lec6

SEES

ExL6Cont

VARIABLES

temperature
aircond

INVARIANTS

inv1 : temperature \in N
inv2 : aircond \in AIRCONDSTATES

EVENTS

INITIALISATION \triangleq

STATUS

ordinary

BEGIN

act1 : temperature := 23
act2 : aircond := OFF

END

TEMPSENSING \triangleq

STATUS

ordinary

BEGIN

act1 : temperature := N

END

AIRCONDOFFON \triangleq

STATUS

ordinary

WHEN

grd1 : temperature > 24

THEN

act1 : aircond := ON

END

AIRCONDONOFF \triangleq

STATUS

ordinary

WHEN

grd1 : temperature < 22

THEN

act1 : aircond := OFF

END

END

MACHINE

Examp1Lec60Ref1

REFINES

Examp1Lec6

SEES

ExL6Cont0R1

VARIABLES

temperature

aircond

flag

INVARIANTS

inv1 : flag \in PHASE

inv2 : (flag = sen \wedge temperature > 24) \Rightarrow aircond = ON

inv3 : (flag = sen \wedge temperature < 22) \Rightarrow aircond = OFF

EVENTS

INITIALISATION \triangleq

STATUS

ordinary

BEGIN

act1 : temperature := 23

act2 : aircond := OFF

act3 : flag := sen

END

TEMPSENSING \triangleq

STATUS

ordinary

REFINES

TEMPSENSING

WHEN

grd1 : flag = sen

THEN

act1 : temperature := N

act2 : flag := cont

END

AIRCONDOFFON \triangleq

STATUS

ordinary

REFINES

AIRCONDOFFON

WHEN

grd1 : temperature > 24

grd2 : flag = cont

THEN

act1 : aircond := ON

act2 : flag := sen

END

AIRCONDONOFF \triangleq

extended

STATUS

ordinary

REFINES

AIRCONDONOFF

WHEN

grd1 : temperature < 22

grd2 : flag = cont

THEN

act1 : aircond := OFF

act2 : flag := sen

END

END

ExL6Cont0R2C2

EXTENDS

ExL6Cont0R1

SETS

USERSSET

ROLES

CONSTANTS

SUPERVISOR

ORDINARY

AXIOMS

axm1 : $USERSSET \neq \emptyset$

axm2 : $partition(ROLES, \{SUPERVISOR\}, \{ORDINARY\})$

END

ExampLec60Ref2

MACHINE

ExampLec60Ref20

REFINES

ExampLec60Ref1

SEES

ExL6Cont0R2C2

VARIABLES

temperature
aircond
flag
users
permissions
request
act_user

INVARIANTS

inv1 : users \subseteq USERSSET
inv2 : permissions \in USERSSET \rightarrow ROLES
inv3 : request \in BOOL
inv4 : act_user \in USERSSET

AIRCONDOFFON \triangleq

extended

STATUS

ordinary

REFINES

AIRCONDOFFON

WHEN

grd1 : temperature > 24
grd2 : flag = cont
grd3 : request=TRUE \wedge permissions(act_user)=SUPERVISOR

THEN

act1 : aircond = ON
act2 : flag = sen
act3 : request = FALSE

END

AIRCONDONOFF \triangleq

extended

STATUS

ordinary

REFINES

AIRCONDONOFF

WHEN

grd1 : temperature < 22
grd2 : flag = cont
grd3 : request=TRUE \wedge permissions(act_user)=ORDINARY

THEN

act1 : aircond = OFF
act2 : flag = sen
act3 : request = FALSE

END

ExampLec60Ref2

```
ADDUSER ≡
STATUS
  ordinary
ANY
  usr
  rl
WHERE
  grd1 :   usr ∈ USERSSET
  grd3 :   rl ∈ ROLES
  grd4 :   usr ∉ dom(permissions)
THEN
  act1 :   users := users ∪ {usr}
  act2 :   permissions := permissions ∪ {usr ↦ r}
END
```

```
SENDREQUEST ≡
STATUS
  ordinary
ANY
  usr
WHERE
  grd1 :   usr ∈ users
THEN
  act1 :   request := TRUE
  act2 :   act_user := usr
END
```

END