Integration of Time Issues into Component-Based Applications

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Goals

- Add time into components
 - QoS
 - Response time
- Keep functionalities
- Separation of concerns
 - Time vs functionalities
- Composition validation

Agenda

Meta-model of components

- Behaviour
- Contract
- Add Time
 - In behaviour
 - In contracts
 - Composition
- Future works



Behaviour

- Process Algebra
 - Send-receive
 - A send (receipt) must have an acknowledge
- I/O automata for the verification

Contract

- Ports compatibility
- 4 levels of contract [Beugnard99]:
 - Syntactic (IDL)
 - Behavioural (pre-post conditions)
 - Synchronisation (services dependencies)
 - QoS
- More and more negotiable

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Add time

- Where to add :
 - Behaviour (what is provided by the component)
 - Contract (what is required by the component)
- Validation of assembly
 - Validation of existing contracts
 - Check the QoS contracts

Add time into behaviour

Formalism :

- With time
- Close to I/O automata
- Timed Automata
 - Automata with clocks
 - Transition with timed guard
- Definition of pattern
 - Execution time, delay, period

Timed automata

- A timed automaton is defined by:
 - □ S :set of locality
 - L : labels
 - X : set of clocks
 - T : transition relation
 - $T \subseteq SxLx2^{C}x h(C)xS$
 - 2^C : set of clocks to initialise
 - h(C) : clocks constraints
 - □ P : set of properties into localities

Timed Automaton



Time pattern

- A time property has:
 - A service call, message
 - A guard
 - Properties in locality
 - How to apply it
- TA with parameters

Execution time pattern

Execution time after a message























Add time into contracts

- 4th level contract
 - Attached to a required interface
- Timed temporal logic :TCTL
 - CTL with time quantifier
 - \square $\exists \diamondsuit p$ with time : $\exists \diamondsuit_{<5} p$
- Use patterns
 - □ Period of c of the property p : $\forall \Box (\forall \diamondsuit_{\sim c} p)$
 - □ c units of time between 2 properties : $p1 \rightarrow \forall \Box (\forall \diamondsuit_{\sim c} p2)$

Assembly Verification

- The component behaviour must satisfy the contracts
- Level 4 : TA against a TCTL formula
- Use of model-checker Kronos

Conclusions et Future works

- Time properties into components
- Separation of concerns
- Full implemented in Kermeta and Sintaks : Meta-Model, Operations and contracts
- Future works:
 - Time as an aspect (Need of a pointcut language)
 - Introduce time into other formalisms