

Model Checking Real Time Java --- Wrap Up Report



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Outline

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- RTSJ implementation strategy
 - In pure Java
 - Exploiting JPF
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- Status and *To Do* list
 - Gleams in our eyes





What Is Real Time Java?

- A Java extension supporting real time applications
 - Defined in *Realtime Specification for Java* (RTSJ)
 - New classes, e.g. `RealtimeThread`
 - New semantics for existing classes, e.g., `java.lang.Thread`
 - No language extensions, e.g., new syntax or keywords



Key Features of RTSJ

- Threads
 - Real time threads
- User definable schedulers
 - Default: priority based (32 levels)
 - Priority inversion avoided by *priority inheritance*
- Events and event handlers
 - Events bound to clocks and timers
 - Or external *happenings*





Other Features of RTSJ

- Memory areas
 - Scoped, immortal, physical
 - `NoHeapRealtimeThreads` not impeded by GC
- Asynchronous transfer of control (ATC)
 - Asynchronous interrupt handling
 - Within defined scopes
 - ◆ Those throwing `AsynchronousInterruptException`



RTSJ Validation Challenges

- More dynamic program behavior
 - Consequence of *no language extension*
 - Means more possible exceptions
- Role of time complicates correctness
 - Will a handler complete by its deadline?
 - If not, will overrun events be generated?
- How do we model environment in which RTSJ code runs?





Model Checking RTSJ

- System under test has 2 components
 - *Embedded* code: RTSJ code itself
 - ♦ e.g., flight control software
 - *Embedding* code: modeling environment
 - ♦ e.g., the airplane sensors and actuators
 - Both can be complex and difficult to specify
 - Both must be tested and validated



RTSJ Under JPF

- *Option 1:*
 - Extend JPF JVM to support RTSJ features
 - ♦ Custom scheduling, memory areas, ATC, ...
- *Option 2:*
 - Don't change JPF JVM
 - Instead, add features external to JPF
 - *Bonus:* will run under ordinary Java





RTSJ Under JPF (cont'd)

- *Example: custom schedulers*
 - *Option 1: make JPF scheduler programmable*
 - ♦ But this is integral to JPF state management
 - *Option 2: constrain the JPF scheduler to become deterministic*
 - ♦ Run real time threads as coroutines
 - ♦ Define customized scheduler logic externally



Our First Implementation Follows Option 2

- *Requirements*
 - Discrete event simulation (DES) framework models time
 - 100% Java
 - Runs under native Java *or* JPF
 - ♦ *Native Java* => speed, portability
 - ♦ *JPF* => value added
 - Nondeterministic state exploration
 - Cost modeling, using JPF JVM instrumentation



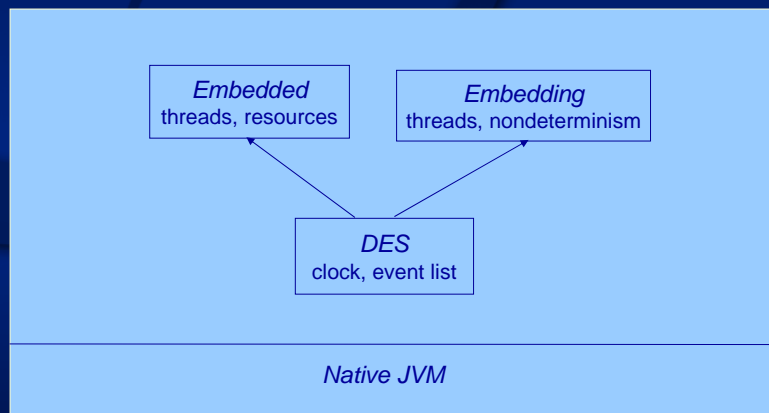


Key To External Scheduler: Resource Objects

- Focus of thread interactions
- Serializes thread possession
 - `seize()`: wait for resource to be free
 - ♦ Wait set is priority queue
 - ♦ Priority inheritance (PI) on holder thread
 - `release()`: relinquish resource
 - ♦ Dynamic priority may decrease due to PI
- Most vital application:
 - The CPU, which for which threads contend
 - This is how external scheduler mimics RTSJ default scheduler



Native Java Implementation





Simulation Cycle

```
public static void runSimulation( boolean randomize ) {
    try {
        while ( eventList.size() > 0 ) {
            EventNotice en = eventList.dequeue( randomize );
            synchronized ( en.thread ) {
                // advance simulation time
                clock.setTime( en.scheduledTime );

                // notify en.thread of active phase to do
                en.thread.activePhaseToDo = true;
                en.thread.notify();

                // wait until active phase is done
                while ( en.thread.activePhaseToDo ) {
                    en.thread.wait();
                }
            }
        }
    } catch ( Exception e ) { ... }
}
```



Sample Scheduling Primitive

```
public static void hold( RelativeTime t ) {
    try {
        RealtimeThread currentThread =
            (RealtimeThread)Thread.currentThread();
        synchronized ( currentThread ) {
            // schedule activation of this thread after hold period
            activate( currentThread, clock.getTime().add(t) );

            // signal main thread to perform next event
            currentThread.activePhaseToDo = false;
            currentThread.notify();

            // wait for hold to be over
            currentThread.wait();
        }
    } catch ( Exception e ) { ... }
}
```



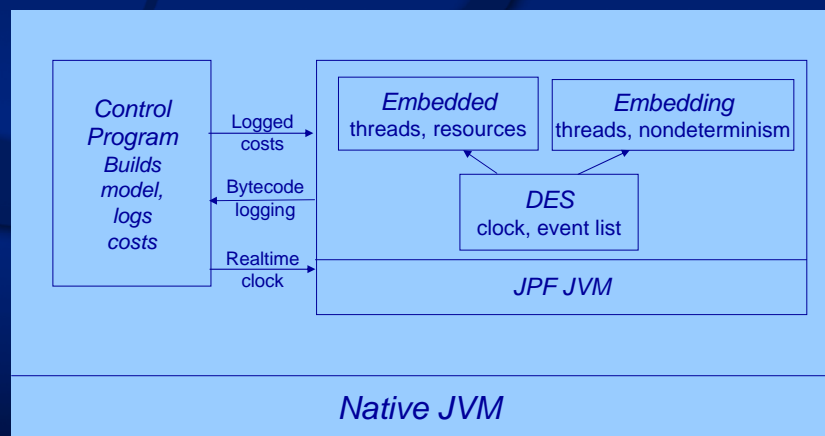


JPF Implementation

- Two layer architecture
 - *Native Java JVM layer*
 - ♦ Runs start up program and JPF model checker
 - ♦ Listeners logging execution costs
 - *JPF value-added JVM layer*
 - ♦ State exploration
 - ♦ Property checking
 - ♦ Cost instrumentation



RTSJ / JPF Architecture





Listener Utilization

```
public static void main( String args[] ) {
    ...
    JPF.addVMLListener(theTestClient);
    ...
}

public void instructionExecuted (VM vm) {
    JVM jvm = (JVM)vm;
    Instruction instruction = jvm.getLastInstruction();
    int byteCode = instruction.getByteCode();

    // catch opcodes without costs
    assert byteCodeCosts[byteCode] > 0;

    instructionCount++;
    byteCodeCounts[byteCode]++;
    totalCost += byteCodeCosts[byteCode];
}
```



MJI Utilization

```
public class JPF_gov_nasa_jpf_rtsj_TestClient{

    public static int getCost(
        MJIEnv env, int objRef ) {
        return gov.nasa.jpf.TestClient.getCost();
    }

    /*
     * so model can have access to true real time clock
     */
    public static long millisSinceEpoch(
        MJIEnv env, int objRef ) {
        GregorianCalendar gc = new GregorianCalendar();
        return gc.getTimeInMillis();
    }
}
```





A Delicate Issue: Time

- In real systems, only time is real time
- In our system, we have 2 times:
 1. Simulated time
 2. Time (cost) of RTSJ code execution
- Under most simulations, second time is ignored
 - *Not here*, because ability to meet time deadlines is a crucial correctness issue
 - *Plus*, we have byte code logging capability



Options on Reconciling Simulated and Logged Times

1. Assume RTSJ code runs in zero time
 - Ignores important correctness issues
2. Log and simulate delays for each byte code
 - Costly, and invasive to JPF code base
3. The *Goldilocks* (just right) solution
 - Do delays for accumulated time at points where threads could interact





Example

```
... < compute(1) > ...  
resource.seize();  
... < compute(2) > ...  
resource.release();  
... < compute(3) > ...
```

```
... < compute(1) > ...  
hold( time(1) );  
resource.seize();  
... < compute(2) > ...  
hold( time(2) );  
resource.release();  
... < compute(3) > ...  
hold( time(3) );
```

Underlying principle:

Whenever threads interact, their observed execution times thus far must be simulated



A Simple Example

- Classic DES example: cars contending for one-way bridge
- RTSJ classes utilized
 - `RealtimeThread`, `AsynchronousEvent`, `AsynchronousEventHandler`, `Clock`, `PeriodicTimer`
- Under JPF runtime of handlers is modeled
 - Overruns detected and appropriate handlers invoked





Performance Comparison

	<i>Native Java</i>	<i>JPF</i>
<i>Deterministic</i>	.041	13.94
<i>Nondeterministic</i>	.020	596.758

- Times are in seconds on 786MB Pentium 2 laptop
- *Nondeterministic* means:
 - *Native Java*: pseudo random selection
 - *JPF*: all possibilities -- 175 paths explored
- Single runs – only relative magnitudes are important



Second Example: Asaf Degani's Accident Scenario

- Recall talk two weeks ago
 - Actual commercial airline accident
 - Premature spoiler deployment caused airframe damage
 - Spoilers were not armed during pre-landing checklist
 - Due to delay in landing gear door retraction
 - Manual spoiler deployment was done before landing





Simplified RTSJ Model

- Two dimensional approach
 - 1 dimension horizontal (distance)
 - 1 dimension vertical (altitude)
- Pilot performs scenario
 - Crux is whether gear doors retract before flaps 25 action
- Gear/door deployment time is a normal distribution
 - Mean 28 sec, standard deviation 5.5 sec
 - JPF nondeterministically makes 3 draws
 - ♦ random, mean +/- 2 standard deviations



Additional Features

- 5 resource types
 - *FIFO*
 - *Priority*
 - *Priority ceiling*
 - *Priority Inheritance*
 - *Preemption*
- Detailed per thread cost accounting
 - With cost overrun and deadline miss handlers
- Physical memory model
 - With segments





Features Added Since 12/9

- 4 new resource types
 - *FIFO*
 - *Priority*
 - *Priority ceiling*
 - *Preemption*
 - (Had *Priority Inheritance* in 12/9)
- Detailed per thread cost accounting
 - With cost overrun and deadline miss handlers
- Physical memory model
 - With segments



Other Accomplishments

- Port to Open JPF
- JavaDoc
- Configuration control
 - Native Java vs. JPF
 - Choice mode
 - ◆ Deterministic
 - ◆ Pseudo random
 - ◆ Non deterministic (only JPF)





Multiprogramming OS Example

- Jobs contend for CPU resource
 - CPU types FIFO, priority, priority inheritance, priority ceiling, preemption
- Most interesting case is preemption
 - Requires notion of resource interrupt
 - $hold(t, r)$ requires loop until full time t has elapsed while holding resource r
 - time while r is stolen does not count



Comparative Results

	Job1(5)	Job2(6)	Job3(4)	Job4(3)	CPU Busy
FIFO	80ms/27%	101/40	101/37	101/38	95%
Priority	68/17	72/27	101/35	101/41	88%
PC(6)	68/16	73/26	100/30	101/45	88%
PI	69/16	73/26	101/30	101/41	88%
Preempt	65/19	54/0	101/39	101/62	85%

Notes:

- Job % is resource wait time
- Priority, PC and PI are essentially the same
- FIFO evens run time, but improves CPU usage
- Preempt speeds align with priorities



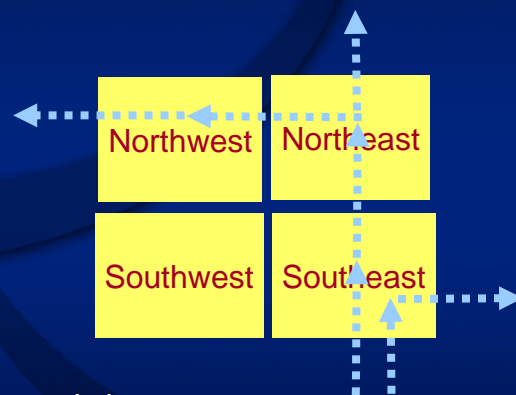


More Comprehensive Example

- Cars at uncontrolled intersection
 - Can go straight, turn left, or turn right
 - Admissible combinations are familiar
 - ♦ Straight through if:
 - Opposite car is not turning left
 - Car on left is not going straight or turning left
 - Car on right is not going straight or turning left or right
 - ♦ Similar rules for Left and Right turns



Modeling The Intersection: Four Sector Resources



*Northbound shown
-- symmetric for other three directions*





Experiment 1: Deadlocks

- How can we let cars in opposite directions both make left turns?
 - But not a car in a cross direction?
- For northbound (others analogous):
 - *Seize SE and NE*
 - *Release SE*
 - *Seize NW*
 - *Release NE and NW*
- What if we seized all three at once?
 - *Deadlock* – found easily by JPF



Experiment 2: Resource Types

- Each car is a real time thread
- Sectors have nominal transit time t
- Cars have priorities p in $\{1, \dots, 10\}$
 - Sector transit time = $10 * t / p$
- Various sector resource types:
 - *FIFO, priority, priority inheritance, priority ceiling*
 - *Preempt* is physically impossible!





Sample Results

	Car 0 (5/N/S)	Car 1 (2/S/L)	Car 2 (8/E/L delay 5s)
FIFO	33s/0%	183/18	49/21
Priority	33/0	183/18	49/21
PC(8)	25/0	63/40	45/15
PI	30/0	180/16	46/17

Notes:

- Nominal sector time 10 sec.
- FIFO, Priority are essentially the same
- Cars 0 and 1 benefit from car speed increase under PC
- Car 1 gets small speed up under PI



Experiment 3: Deadlines

- Real time threads can be given miss handlers
 - Invoked when deadline is not met on thread completion
- This makes sense in Native Java, as well as JPF
 - Later we will deal with cost overruns, which require JPF listeners on JVM





Cars With 75 sec Deadlines


```
30419 ms, 569440 ns) *** Car 0 terminates;  
78731 instructions executed total run time (2 ms, 979000 ns),  
(30419 ms, 569440 ns) duration (811 real milliseconds)  
...  
(51253 ms, 990174 ns) *** Car 2 terminates;  
100200 instructions executed total run time (3 ms, 485800 ns),  
(46252 ms, 956674 ns) duration (821 real milliseconds)  
...  
(180423 ms, 139340 ns) *** Car 1 terminates;  
121327 instructions executed total run time (3 ms, 299500 ns),  
(180423 ms, 139340 ns) duration (1122 real milliseconds)  
(180423 ms, 139340 ns) Car 1 with deadline  
(75000 ms, 0 ns) had run time (180423 ms, 139340 ns)  
(180423 ms, 139340 ns) *** car deadline miss handler invoked ***
```



Experiment 4: Autonomy



- Meaning: on board navigation control
- With potential problems
 - *Latency*: CPU can't keep up
 - *Failures*: sensors don't see other cars
- Added *cycle soaker* to Car thread
 - 100,000 double divides at each sector
 - With 350ms cost limit per thread
 - Byte code DDIV set at 100ns






Sample Output: Clean Termination

(30647 ms, 72315 ns) *** Car 0 terminates;
5678794 instructions executed total run time (282 ms, 982700 ns),
(30647 ms, 72315 ns) duration (16273 real milliseconds)



Sample Output: Cost Overrun

(51551 ms, 485849 ns) *** Car 2 terminates;
7800288 instructions executed total run time (353 ms, 485600 ns),
(46480 ms, 451649 ns) duration (16724 real milliseconds)
(51551 ms, 485849 ns) Car 2 with cost limit (300 ms, 0 ns)
had actual cost (353 ms, 485600 ns)
(51551 ms, 485849 ns) *** car cost overrun handler invoked ***





Sample Output: Both Cost and Deadline Overruns

```
(180930 ms, 717415 ns) *** Car 1 terminates;
9922129 instructions executed
    total run time (353 ms, 299200 ns),
(180930 ms, 717415 ns) duration (23153 real milliseconds)
(180930 ms, 717415 ns) Car 1 with cost limit (300 ms, 0 ns)
had actual cost (353 ms, 299200 ns)
(180930 ms, 717415 ns) *** car cost overrun handler invoked ***
(180930 ms, 717415 ns) Car 1 with deadline (75000 ms, 0 ns)
had run time (180930 ms, 717415 ns)
(180930 ms, 717415 ns) *** car deadline miss handler invoked ***
```



Sample Output Sections

```
[313674:0] altitude 1800, runway 28691 ft.,
    gear change requested from up to down
[330674:0] altitude 1800, runway 24203 ft.,
    gear change from up to down completed
[330674:0] altitude 1800, runway 24203 ft.,
    spoilers armed
...
[470180:0] altitude 0, runway 1 ft., on ground
[470180:0] altitude 0, runway 1 ft., >>> spoilers deploy automatically <<<
```

```
[313674:0] altitude 1800, runway 28691 ft.,
    gear change requested from up to down
[352674:0] altitude 1800, runway 18395 ft.,
    gear change from up to down completed
[352674:0] altitude 1800, runway 18395 ft.,
    doors not retracted -- arm spoilers manually!
...
[452400:0] altitude 0, runway 1 ft., on ground
[452400:0] altitude 0, runway 1 ft., >>> deploy spoilers manually! <<<
```





Gleams In Our Eyes

- Customized state abstractions
 - e.g., focused on event list structure and history
- Symbolic, constraint based analysis
 - Exploit event causality relationships
- Other applications
 - Generation of test scripts
 - Generation of procedures (scripts)



For More Information

- Consult project web site
 - <http://www.cs.utah.edu/~gary/RTSJ/>
- Includes:
 - ◆ ATVA '05 paper
 - ◆ RTSJ API Javadoc
 - ◆ Examples
 - ◆ These slides

