AGEDIS Productivity Tools and UML Execution Framework

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Agenda

- AGEDIS Project
- Tool Architecture
- UML Execution
- Feedback Tools



AGEDIS Overview

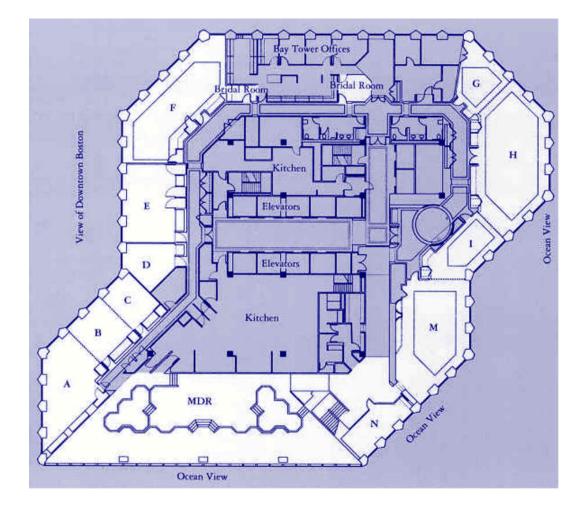
- Automated model-based test Generation and Execution for DIStributed systems
- Methodology and tools for model-based testing
- Open interfaces
- Mixture of academic and industrial partners
- Three phase timetable of experiment and development
- November 2001- February 2004

Consortium Partners

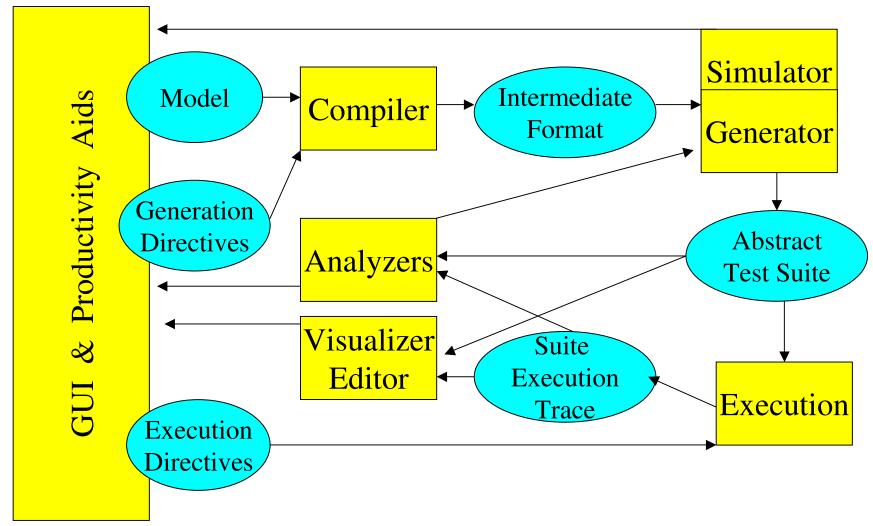
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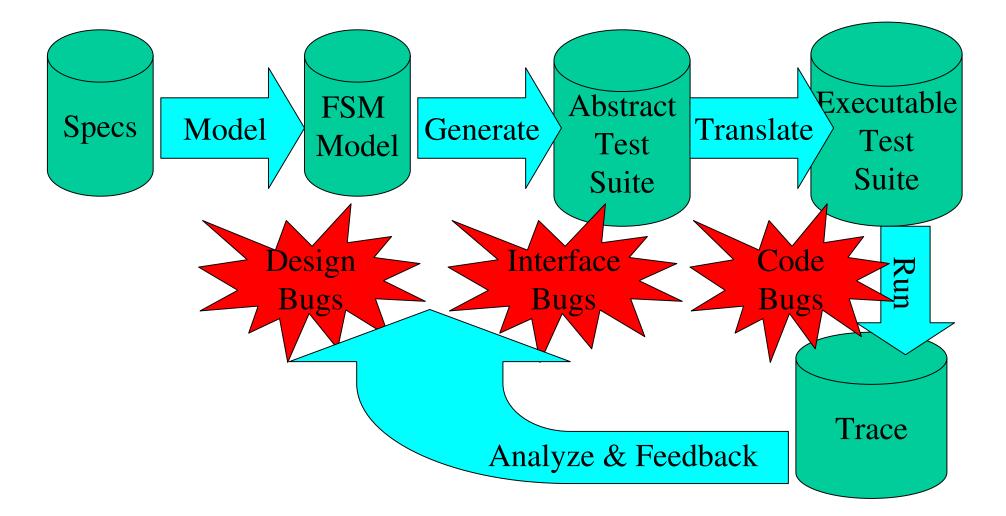
Architecture & Methodology



AGEDIS Architecture



AGEDIS Methodology



Benefits

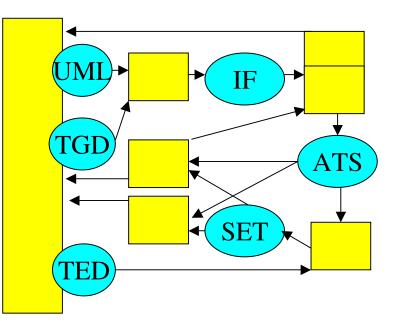
• Starting from specification

- Involves testers early in the development process
- Teams testers with developers
- Forces testability into product design
- Building behavioural model and test interface
 - Finds design and specification bugs before code exists
 - The model is the test plan and is easily maintained
- Automated test suite generation
 - Coverage is guaranteed increases testing thoroughness
 - Matches coverage goals to testing budget
 - Zero test suite maintenance costs
- Automated test suite execution
 - Finds code and interface bugs
 - Includes a framework for the testing of distributed applications
 - Reduces test execution costs



Interfaces

- UML Profile for AGEDIS
- Test Generation Directives
- Test Execution Directives
- IF Model Execution Interface
- Abstract Test Suite
- Suite Execution Trace



User Modeling Interface

- The AGEDIS Modeling Language is a profile for UML 1.4:
 - UML Class diagrams structure
 - UML Object diagrams snapshots
 - UML State diagrams behaviour & test purposes
- Annotated with an action language IF

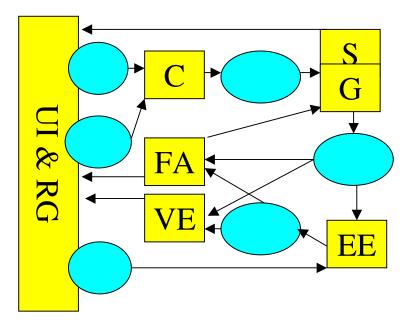
Test Suite and Trace Interface

- XML schema for test execution and tracing
- Model description
 - classes : constants, types, control & observable signatures
 - a special class is defined for the tester
 - object identities
- Test Suite set of test cases
- Test Trace record of executed test cases

Tools



- User Interface
- Modeler & Model Compiler
- Model Simulator
- Test Generator
- Test Execution Engine
- Test Suite/Trace Viewer/Editor
- Feedback & Analysis
- Bug Reporter
- Report Generator

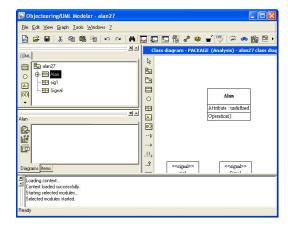


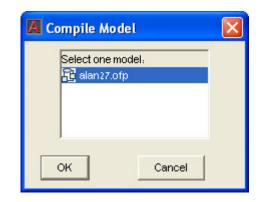
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Modeling Tool & Compiler

- Objecteering UML modeling tool
- Tool profile to convert to XML
- General purpose XML to IF compiler
 - Written in Java, with XMI in mind as a future input format





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UML Execution Framework

- Upper window lists all available actions
- The tick symbol indicates that input is required from the environment (tester).
- Tester chooses the appropriate input
- Model responds with actions (user chooses from the non-deterministic alternatives)
- Until next tick point
- Outputs message sequence chart in lower window

Feedback & Analysis Tools

• Coverage analysis

- Detect uncovered areas of the model in either test suite or test trace
- Create test purposes to reach them
- Invokes FoCus, a functional coverage tool from www.alphaworks.com
- Defect analysis
 - Clustering of defects
 - Feature extraction from clusters
 - Create test purposes to reproduce the bug

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Coverage Analysis

- Collects statistics on
 - Methods called, including parameter values
 - Observable variable values
 - Return values
 - Exceptions
- Also on sequences of the above
- Creates test purposes on least frequently covered sequences

Defect Analysis

- A defect trace is seen as a sequence of stimuli and observations which culminate in an exception or an observation conflict with the model
- Distance between sequences is defined by weighted measures depending on distance from the defect and equal stimuli
- E.g. s101s202e1 is different from s101s302e1, but close, whereas s103s404e1 is more different
- Clusters are formed from the distance matrix
- Experimental work still ongoing to determine good distance measures

AGEDIS' Future Plans

- Finishing Touches
- Exploitation Activity
- Incorporation in wider Model Driven SE Effort

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