

Verification of Real Time Systems: Uppaal, Case Studies

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Uppaal Tool

- verification tool for real time systems
- based on **timed automata**
- UPPsala + AALborg university, academic tool
- widely used for teaching
- several industrial case studies
- www.uppaal.org

Extensions

- **time extensions**: location invariants, 'diagonal' constraints on clocks (comparison of two clocks)
- **data**: integer variables, C code
- **concurrency**: networks of timed automata, communication via handshake (without value passing)
- **modeling aid**: committed locations, urgent channels

Functionality of the Tool

- modeling** graphical tool for specification of timed automata, templates
- simulation** simulation of the model (manual, random)
- verification** verification of simple properties (restricted subset of Timed Computational Tree Logic), counterexamples can be simulated

Fischer's Protocol

- real-time protocol – correctness depends on timing assumptions
- simple, just 1 shared variable, arbitrary number of processes
- **assumption: known upper bound D on reading/writing variable in shared memory**
- each process has it's own timer (for delaying)

Fischer's Protocol

- id – shared variable, initialized -1
- each process has it's own timer (for delaying)
- for correctness it is necessary that $K > D$

Process i:

```
while (true) {  
    <noncritical section>;  
    while id != -1 do {}  
    id := i;  
    delay K;  
    if (id = i) {  
        <critical section>;  
        id := -1;  
    }  
}
```

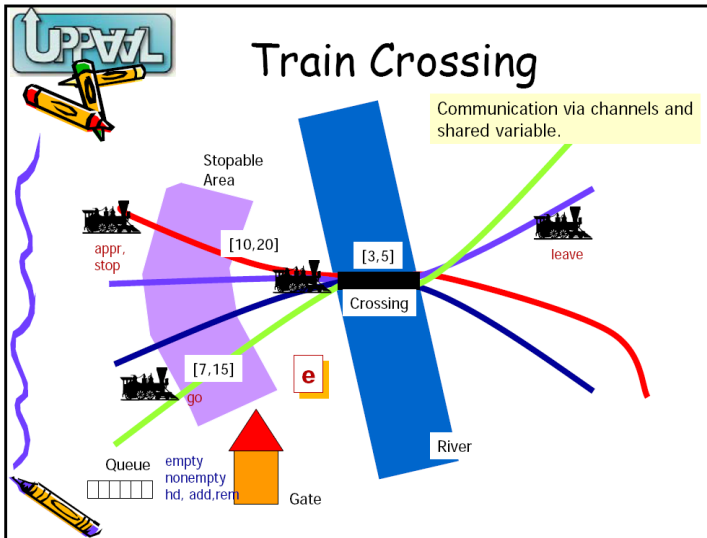

Bridge Puzzle: Demo

Notice:

- modeling: channels, synchronization
- simulation: message sequence chart
- verification: ability to find the fastest trace

Try:

- change the time to cross: 2 min, 3 min, 5 min, 8 min
- what is the minimum time to cross?

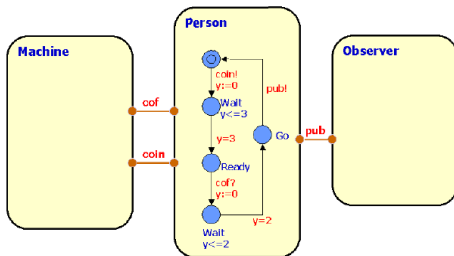


Train Crossing: Demo

Notice:

- modeling: C-code
- verification: types of properties

Coffe Machine



For model without “error states”:

- committed locations “Start”, “Go”
- urgent channel “cof”

Mutual Exclusion

- protocols:
 - Peterson's protocol: model without time
 - Alur and Taubenfeld's protocol: see handout
- property to check: mutual exclusion
- for each protocol make both correct and erroneous version

Peterson's Algorithm

- `flag[0]`, `flag[1]` (initialed to false) – meaning / *want to access CS*
- `turn` (initialized to 0) – used to resolve conflicts

Process 0:

```
while (true) {  
    <noncritical section>;  
    flag[0] := true;  
    turn := 1;  
    while flag[1] and  
        turn = 1 do { };  
    <critical section>;  
    flag[0] := false;  
}
```

Process 1:

```
while (true) {  
    <noncritical section>;  
    flag[1] := true;  
    turn := 0;  
    while flag[0] and  
        turn = 0 do { };  
    <critical section>;  
    flag[1] := false;  
}
```

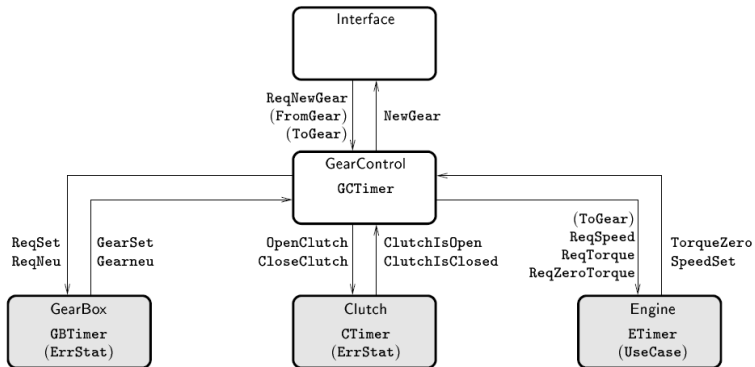
Gear Controller

Formal Design and Analysis of a Gear Controller. M. Lindahl, P. Pettersson, W. Yi.

- component in the real-time embedded system that operates in a modern vehicle (specifically Mecel AB)
- the gear-requests from the driver are delivered over a communication network to the **gear controller**
- the controller implements the actual gear change by actuating the lower level components of the system, such as the **clutch**, the **engine** and the **gear-box**

Interface

- receives service **requests**, keeps **information** about the current status
- used by:
 - the **driver** using the gear stick
 - **dedicated component** implementing the gear change algorithm



Functionality of the Controller

- **gear change** performed in five steps:
 - ① accomplish zero torque
 - ② release the current gear
 - ③ achieve synchronous speed
 - ④ set the new gear
 - ⑤ increase the engine torque back to previous level
- under **difficult driving conditions**: zero torque or synchronous speed not possible; then use the **clutch**

Timing Parameters

- setting/releasing of a gear by electrically controlled gear-box
- timeout for reaching the zero torque
- timeout for reaching synchronous speed
- time needed for opening/closing the clutch

Requirements

- **performance**: a gear shift should be completed within 1.5 seconds, ...
- **safety**: controller detects and report errors if and only if clutch is not opened (closed) in time, ...
- **functionality**: it is possible to use all gears
- **predictability**: strict synchronization between components, e.g., when regulating torque, clutch should be closed, ...

$$\text{GearControl@Initiate} \rightsquigarrow_{\leq 1500} ((\text{ErrStat} = 0) \Rightarrow \text{GearControl@GearChanged})$$

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$$((\text{ErrStat} = 0 \wedge \text{UseCase} = 0) \Rightarrow \text{GearControl@GearChanged})$$

$$\text{Clutch@ErrorClose} \rightsquigarrow_{\leq 200} \text{GearControl@CCloseError}$$

$$\text{Clutch@ErrorOpen} \rightsquigarrow_{\leq 200} \text{GearControl@COpenError}$$

$$\text{GearBox@ErrorIdle} \rightsquigarrow_{\leq 350} \text{GearControl@GSetError}$$

$$\text{GearBox@ErrorNeu} \rightsquigarrow_{\leq 200} \text{GearControl@GNeuError}$$

$$\text{Inv} (\text{GearControl@CCloseError} \Rightarrow \text{Clutch@ErrorClose})$$

$$\text{Inv} (\text{GearControl@COpenError} \Rightarrow \text{Clutch@ErrorOpen})$$

$$\text{Inv} (\text{GearControl@GSetError} \Rightarrow \text{GearBox@ErrorIdle})$$

$$\text{Inv} (\text{GearControl@GNeuError} \Rightarrow \text{GearBox@ErrorNeu})$$

$$\text{Inv} (\text{Engine@ErrorSpeed} \Rightarrow \text{ErrStat} \neq 0)$$

$$\text{Inv} (\text{Engine@Torque} \Rightarrow \text{Clutch@Closed})$$

$$\bigwedge_{i \in \{R, N, 1, \dots, 5\}} \text{Poss} (\text{Gear@Gear}_i)$$

$$\bigwedge_{i \in \{R, 1, \dots, 5\}} \text{Inv} ((\text{GearControl@Gear} \wedge \text{Gear@Gear}_i) \Rightarrow \text{Engine@Torque})$$

Power Control

Formal Verification of a Power Controller Using the Real-Time Model Checker Uppaal. K. Havelund, K. G. Larsen and A. Skou.

- real-time system for power-down control in audio/video components
- system is supposed to reside in an audio/video component and control (read from and write to) links to neighbor audio/video components such as TV, VCR and remote-control
- protocol used by audio/video company B&O
- design verified before implementation into products; several design errors were found

Stand-by Mode

- components (processors) communicate via bus
- minimization of energy consumption \Rightarrow stand-by mode
- valid data on bus \Rightarrow leave stand-by mode
- entering (leaving) stand-by mode takes ap. 1ms, it is not atomic action
- purpose of protocol: switching to stand-by mode in consistent way

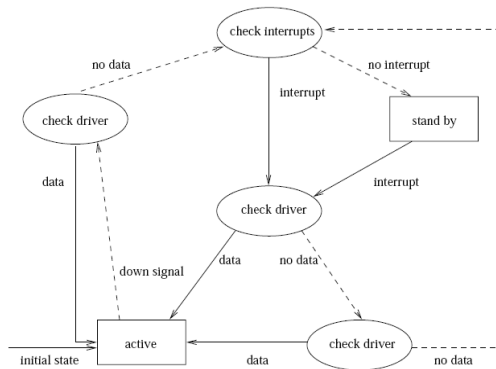


Fig. 3. Major protocol phases. The dotted lines indicate transitions leading towards power down. The full lines are leading towards power up. The two neighboring 'check driver' phases are necessary in order to be able to ignore noise from the communication lines.

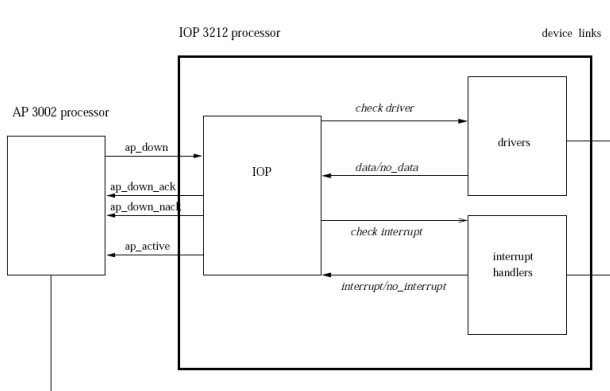
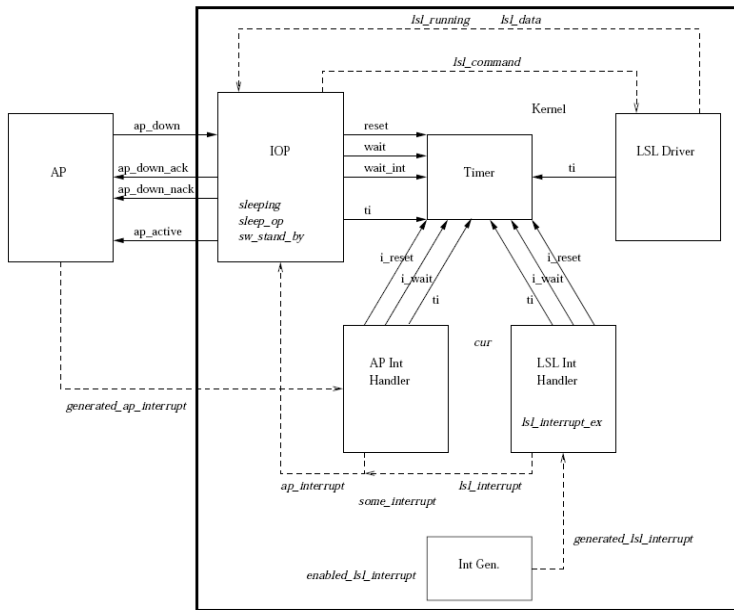


Fig. 2. Software architecture of the power down protocol. The protocol entity process (IOP) receives protocol commands (left arrows) from the drivers and interrupt handlers by issuing check commands (right arrows).

Power control



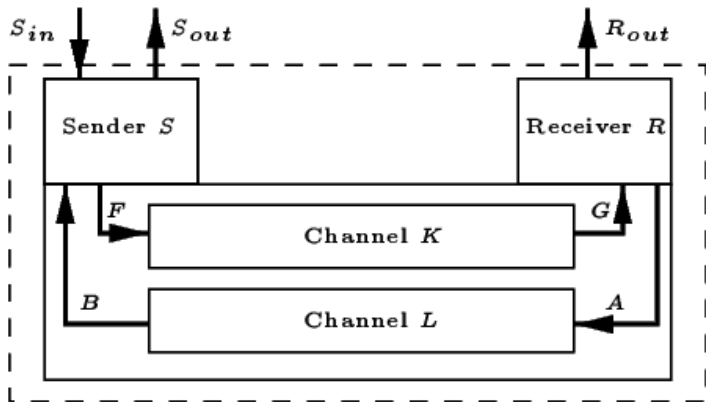
1. `sleeping` must not change from 0 to 1 while `sleep_op` has the value 0. (*The IOP must not go to sleep if there has been an interrupt – see Figure 10 for an explanation of these variables.*)
2. There must be a path from `active` to `stand_by` and vice versa. (*It must be possible for the IOP to switch between its two final states.*)
3. Every path from `active` to `noise` must pass through `stand_by` (*The IOP must have been asleep before reaching the noise state where it on its way up due to an interrupt discovers that the interrupt is “false”, and hence caused by noise only.*)
4. The variable `sleeping` must not change from 0 to 1 while `lsl_interrupt` is 1 or `ap_interrupt` is 1 (*The IOP must not go to sleep as long as there is an untreated interrupt.*)
5. The shortest way from `driver_return1` to `driver_call2` does not take more than 1500 μ s (*If the IOP on its way down verifies that the link is empty by calling the driver, and then immediately thereafter data arrive (an interrupt occurs) no more than 1500 μ s must pass before the driver is called again.*)
6. The shortest way from `driver_return1` to `active` does not take more than 1500 μ s (*If the IOP on its way down discovers data on the link by calling the driver, then no more than 1500 μ s must pass before the IOP is active again.*)
7. The shortest way from `driver_return3` to `driver_call2` does not take more than 1500 μ s (*Like 5, but in a different place in the protocol’s execution.*)
8. The shortest way from `driver_return3` to `active` does not take more than 1500 μ s (*Like 6, but in a different place in the protocol’s execution.*)
9. If the last value of the variable `lsl_command` has been 1 or 3 (driver starting commands), then the value of `sleeping` must not change from 0 to 1 (*If the last command issued to the driver was a “start command”, then the IOP must not go to sleep.*)

Bounded Retransmission Protocol

The Bounded Retransmission Protocol must be on time!, P. R. D'Argenio, J.P. Katoen, T.C. Ruys, J. Tretmans

- protocol goal: message transmission over **unreliable medium**
- based on the well-known **alternating bit protocol**
- allows only bounded number of retransmissions of each frame (piece of a file); **timed specification**
- protocol used in one of the Philips' products

Bounded Retransmission Protocol



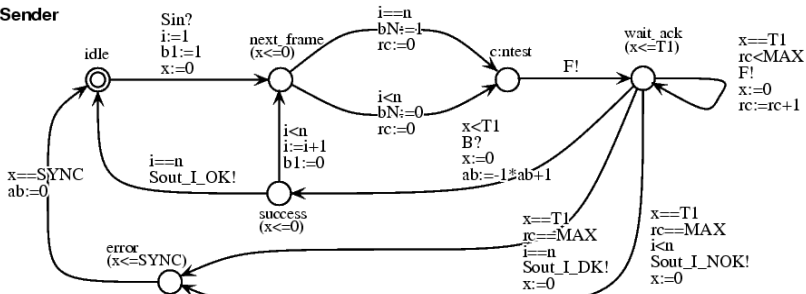
Schematic view of the BRP.

Timing Parameters

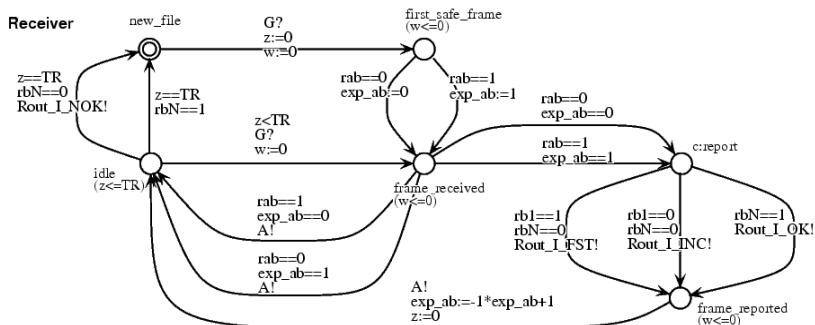
- sender's timeout ($T1$)
- receiver's timeout ($T2$)
- maximal delay in the channel (TD)
- synchronization time after failure (TR , SYNC)

Bounded Retransmission Protocol

Sender



Bounded Retransmission Protocol



Comment

using the tool it is possible to

- derive timing constraints **necessary** for the **correctness** of the protocol:

$$T1 > 2 \cdot TD, SYNC \geq TR \geq 2 \cdot MAX \cdot T1 + 3 \cdot TD$$

- **verify** that under these constraints the protocol satisfies formal specification

Collision Avoidance Protocol

Modelling and Analysis of a Collision Avoidance Protocol using SPIN and Uppaal. H. E. Jensen, K. G. Larsen, A. Skou

- **several stations** connected by an ethernet-like medium
- we assume basic protocol for error-free transmission
- on top of the basic protocol we built protocol for **avoiding collisions** (simultaneous transmission)
- basic ideas:
 - master station, assigns bus to slaves
 - delays (bus, receiving stations) have to be taken into account

Goals of the Protocol

- collisions cannot occur
- transmitted data eventually reach their destination
- data which are received have been transmitted by a sender
- there is known upper bound on the transmission delay

the model is similar to the previous one

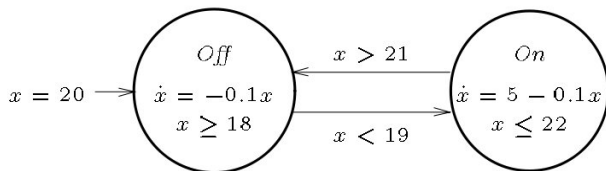
Extensions: Beyond Timed Automata ...

- probabilistic
- hybrid
- tasks (scheduling)
- games (controller synthesis)

Hybrid Automata

- embedded system modeling
- discrete control unit + continuous variables
- main difference wrt TA: change of continuous variables does not need to be uniform (arbitrary function)
- used to model external physical processes, e.g. temperature

Hybrid Automata: Example



Automata with Tasks

- Times – A Tool for Modeling and Implementation of Embedded Systems
- timed automata extended with tasks
- TA used to model task arrival patterns (more complex than simple periodicity)
- support for schedulability analysis, code generation

The screenshot shows the TimesTool application window with the following components:

- File Name:** C:\Program Files\Timestool\demo\SporadicPeriodic\Controlled+Periodic.xml - TimesTool
- Menu Bar:** File, Run, Options, Window, Help
- Tasks Panel:**
 - Scheduling policy: Deadline Monotonic, Preemptive (checked)
 - Table:
- Properties Panel:**
 - Project attributes: Name: SporadicPeriodic
 - Global declarations table:
- Main Diagram:** A vertical stack of four boxes: Process A Automaton_A(5) (highlighted in blue), Periodic B, Periodic C, and Periodic D.
- Context Menu:** Opened over the top box, showing options: Process, Goto template, Arguments (with sub-menu), Select all, Delete, Bring to front, Send to back, and Antialiased text (checked).

Name	B	Pr	C	D	T
task_A	C	4	1	3	
task_B	P	3	5	20	20
task_C	P	2	8	28	30
task_D	P	1	5	30	30

Name	Type	Value	Env
i	int	0	<input type="checkbox"/>
aver	int	0	<input type="checkbox"/>
n	int	0	<input type="checkbox"/>

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File Run Options Window Help

SporadicPeriodic Task Precedence Automaton_A

Tasks

Scheduling policy

Deadline Monotonic Preemptive

Name	B	Pr	C	D	T
task_A	C	4	1	3	
task_B	P	3	5	20	X
task_C	P	2	8	28	30
task_D	P	1	5	30	30

All Periodic Non-periodic

Properties

Template attributes

Name Automaton_A

Parameters const N

Environment

Local declarations

Name	Type	Value
x	clock	0
y	clock	0

Ready

```
graph TD; Start(( )) --> OFFSET[OFFSET  
y <= 60]; OFFSET -- "y == 60  
y = 0, x = 0, n = 0" --> LOC2[LOC_2  
task_A  
x < 3]; LOC2 -- "x == 3, n < N - 1  
x = 0, n = n + 1" --> LOC2; LOC2 -- "x == 3, n == N - 1" --> LOC3[LOC_3  
y <= 60]; LOC3 -- "y > 60  
x = 0, y = 0, n = 0" --> LOC2;
```

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Tasks

Scheduling policy

User-defined Priorities Preemptive

Name	B	Pr	C	D	T
task_A	C	4	1	3	
task_B	P	3	5	20	20
task_C	P	2	10	25	30
task_D	P	1	5	30	30

All Periodic Non-periodic

Properties

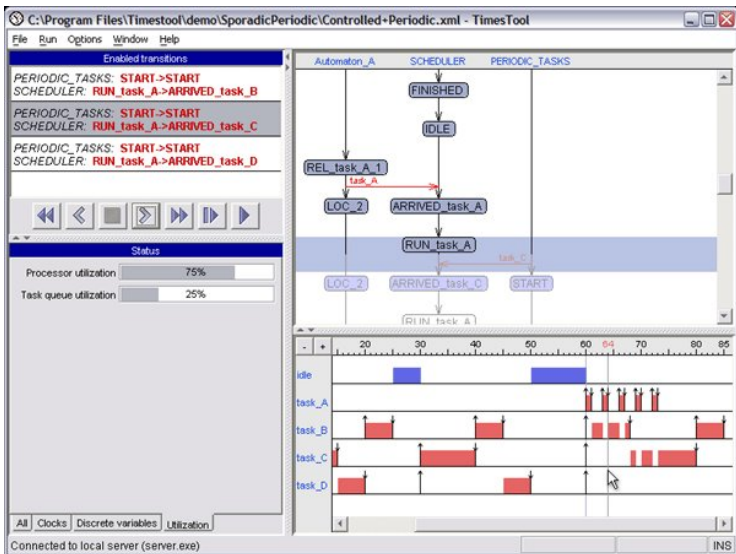
Precedence graph attributes

Enabled

Ready

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```
graph TD; task_B[task_B] --> AND((AND)); task_C[task_C] --> AND; task_C --> OR((OR)); task_D[task_D] --> OR; AND --> task_A[task_A]; OR --> task_A; style task_A stroke-dasharray: 5 5; style AND stroke-dasharray: 5 5;
```



The screenshot displays the TimesTool interface for a real-time system analysis. The main window shows a state transition diagram with states: Automaton_A, SCHEDULER, PERIODIC_TASKS, REL_task_A_1, FINISHED, and IDLE. A status window on the left shows the current state of variables: Automaton_A.x = 0, Automaton_A.y = 0, Automaton_A.y = Automaton_A.x, i = 4, aver = 0, n = 0. A 'Schedulability analysis' window is open, displaying 'SCHEDULED' in green. A 'WCRT Analysis' window is also open, showing a table of Worst Case Response Times (WCRT) for tasks A, B, C, and D.

Enabled transitions:

- PERIODIC_TASKS: START->START
- SCHEDULER: RUN_task_A->ARRIVED_task_B
- PERIODIC_TASKS: START->START
- SCHEDULER: RUN_task_A->ARRIVED_task_C
- PERIODIC_TASKS: START->START
- SCHEDULER: RUN_task_A->ARRIVED_task_D

Status:

```
Automaton_A.x = 0
Automaton_A.y = 0
Automaton_A.y = Automaton_A.x
i = 4
aver = 0
n = 0
```

Schedulability analysis:

Server: server.exe
Property: schedulability

WCRT Analysis:

Name	C	WCRT	D
task_A	1	1	3
task_B	5	8	20
task_C	10	20	25
task_D	5	30	30

Connected to local server (server.exe)

Summary

- Uppaal tool: verification of real time models
- simple examples, main features of the tool
- overview of several realistic case studies
- extensions