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Introduction

Labelled transition systems (LTS) are a popular way of modelling the behaviour of reactive systems and processes. Consequently, there are many tools to create, view and analyse such systems. However, many of these tools are hard to set up or use or cannot work with large or infinite transition systems. This unnecessarily complicates the use of such systems, especially for teaching. There, complex set-up cannot be expected from students, and infinite systems are regularly analysed while exploring the limits of LTS and languages having LTS semantics.

For this thesis, a new application handling labelled transition systems was developed – pseuCo.com. Being a JavaScript-based web application, it offers a set-up-free experience, while still keeping many advantages of classic, native applications, like offline use.

In addition, pseuCo.com was designed to work with large or infinite transition systems as well as with small ones, enabling users to view and analyse them just as they would expect. Users can visualize any transition system right in their browser, with the ability to expand and collapse states as they wish. While automatic graph layout keeps the system easily readable even as states appear and disappear, users are free to rearrange states as they wish. Support for (partial) minimization – even of infinite systems – allows to get a faster overview over the behaviour modelled by a system.

PseuCo.com includes a compiler from pseuCo to CCS, and a mechanism to convert CCS terms to labelled transition systems. Both are based on PseuCoCo[1], and seamlessly integrated into the user interface.

PseuCo.com features an internal file system for supported file types, with extensive import and export capabilities. A link-based file sharing mechanism enables users to easily send pseuCo.com-files to any user, without requiring anything but an internet connection and a modern browser from the receiver.

Preliminaries

2.1 pseuCo

PseuCo is a programming language designed to teach concurrent programming. It features a heavily simplified Java-like syntax, and has built-in support for message passing inspired by Go. PseuCo was created by Christian Eisentraut and Holger Hermanns at the chair for Dependable Systems and Software at Saarland University to be used in the mandatory Bachelor-level lecture "Nebenläufige Programmierung" ("Concurrent Programming").

2.2 CCS

The Calculus of Communicating Systems (CCS) is a process calculus designed to model communicating systems. There are multiple versions of CCS. In this context, a pragmatic extension of CCS supporting value passing (of booleans, integers and strings), sequencing and termination is used[1]. The semantics of a CCS process is a Labelled Transition System (LTS).

2.3 Previous Work

For his Bachelor's thesis[1], Sebastian Biewer developed a translational semantics for pseuCo, based on CCS. His work includes a JavaScript compiler from pseuCo programs to CCS terms, a parser for CCS and the CCS operational semantics, yielding transition systems as underlying foundational objects. This resulted in the open source software PseuCoCo, available at https://github.com/Biewer/PseuCoCo. It also contains a parser and type checker for pseuCo in JavaScript, written by Pascal Held.

However, PseuCoCo contains no full graphical user interface, and there are no ways to interact with the resulting transition system except for a simple tracing functionality.

2.4 Explanation of Symbols and Technical Terms

- ullet repository refers to the path where you stored the source code repository of pseuCo.com.
 - In the electronic version, you can click on the remainder of the path to see the current version in the public online repository.
- base URL refers to the URL where you access pseuCo.com either http://pseuco.com/ or the URL your local webserver runs at.
 - In the electronic version, you can click on the remainder of the path to see the online version at http://pseuco.com/.
- API base URL refers to the path where the pseuCo.com server component can be reached. For the public instance, this is http://pseuco.com/api/.
- A short description of some technical terms can be found in the glossary on page 64.

Accessing pseuCo.com

To access pseuCo.com you can either use the public online version or build it from source yourself.

3.1 Accessing the Online Version of pseuCo.com

Using a modern webbrowser, open http://pseuco.com/. Given a working internet connection, this will open the application and save a copy for later offline use. In the future, you can open this URL even without an internet connection to use the saved copy.

3.2 Building pseuCo.com from Source

The source code of pseuCo.com can be acquired using Git from its public repository, which is located at http://git.fefrei.de/concurrent-programming-web.git/.

PseuCo.com has many build- and run-time dependencies, most of which can be installed automatically. However, some have to be installed manually upfront:

- 1. a recent version of node.js from http://nodejs.org/, including npm, the Node Package Manager
- 2. the command-line interface of grunt, grunt-cli, which can be installed by running:

```
npm install -g grunt-cli
```

All other dependencies can be installed by npm and the default build script.

If git, node and grunt-cli are installed correctly, you can fetch and build pseuCo.com as follows:

```
1 git clone http://git.fefrei.de/concurrent-programming-web.git/
2 cd concurrent-programming-web
3 npm install
4 grunt
```

For file sharing and file templates, pseuCo.com needs a server component. While being in the directory (repository)/server/, it can be run with node server.js. The server will run on port 9128.

To open pseuCo.com, the directory (repository)/build/ needs to be served by an HTTP server¹.

By default, pseuCo.com tries to reach the pseuCo.com server at base url/api/, relative to the URL it is running from. A reverse proxy can be used to forward request to this URL to the server component, as shown in Listing 3.1. Alternatively, for development, pseuCo.com can be configured to access the server component at another URL. For details, see section 5.1.

As soon as the HTTP server is running, accessing it with a modern browser will open the user interface.

```
Listing 3.1: A configuration file for using Apache as a reverse proxy
```

```
RewriteEngine On
2 RewriteRule (.*) http://localhost:9128/$1 [P]
```

Using the file://-protocol will not work in most browsers due to security restrictions.

User Manual

PseuCo.com features an interactive user manual that can be accessed at $\frac{\text{base URL}}{\text{printout}}$ A digital printout of the manual can be found in Appendix E.

Remark

The User Manual contains interactive elements. If possible, please read the online version instead of the digital printout version.

You can find the current public version of the user manual at http://pseuco.com/#/help.

Developer Manual

5.1 The Debugging Page

The pseuCo.com UI has a hidden debugging page that allows quick access to some internal settings, located at base url /#/debug.

5.2 Dependencies

PseuCo.com depends on several JavaScript libraries, both for the build system and for the actual application. Libraries are managed by npm and Bower.

A full list of libraries can be found in the corresponding configuration files: Listing 5.1 shows all dependencies that Bower installs, which are *runtime* dependencies. Similarly, Listing 5.2 shows the dependencies installed by npm. All of them are *build-time* dependencies, except for PseuCoCo.

The Ace text editor is an additional dependency. Since it is not available as a Bower package, it is downloaded and unzipped programatically by a build script.

5.3 The Build Process

PseuCo.com can be built from source using the included build mechanism – refer to section 3.2 for an explanation. In this section, you can find additional information on its internal functionality.

Running npm install installs all dependencies listed in Listing 5.2, including grunt and corresponding plug-ins. Afterwards, running grunt executes the default task defined in Listing B.1. This task performs the following actions:

- 1. Test the code with jshint to find common programming errors.
- 2. Call Bower to install all dependencies from Listing 5.1.

Listing 5.1: Dependency section from bower.json

```
"dependencies": {
18
       bootstrap": "~3.2.0",
19
       "angular": "~1.2.23",
20
       "angular-strap": "~2.0.5",
21
       "angular-animate": "~1.2.23",
22
       "angular-route": "~1.2.23",
       "angular-motion": "~0.3.3",
24
       "angular-sanitize": "~1.2.23"
25
       "angularLocalStorage": "~0.1.7",
26
       "underscore": "~1.7.0",
27
       "momentjs": "~2.8.2",
       "hammerjs": "~2.0.2",
29
       "d3": "~3.4.11",
30
       "bootstrap-additions": "~0.2.3",
       "jquery": "~2.1.1",
32
       "jquery.cookie": "~1.4.1"
33
```

Listing 5.2: Dependency section from package. json

```
"devDependencies": {
      "grunt": "~0.4.5"
10
      "grunt-bower-task": "~0.4.0",
11
      "grunt-contrib-uglify": "~0.5.1",
12
      "grunt-contrib-jshint": "~0.10.0",
13
      "grunt-contrib-cssmin": "~0.10.0",
14
      "grunt-contrib-copy": "~0.5.0"
15
      "grunt-contrib-clean": "~0.6.0"
16
      "grunt-contrib-concat": "~0.5.0",
17
      "grunt-contrib-watch": "~0.6.1",
18
      "grunt-peg": "~1.5.0",
19
      "grunt-contrib-coffee": "~0.11.1",
20
      "grunt-browserify": "~2.1.4",
21
      "grunt-zip": "~0.16.0",
22
      "grunt-curl": "~2.0.2",
      "grunt-contrib-rename": "0.0.3"
24
25
    "dependencies": {
26
      "PseuCoCo": "git://github.com/Biewer/PseuCoCo.git#v0.6.26"
27
28
```

- 3. If the specified version of Ace is missing: download and unzip it.
- 4. Call PEG.js to create the parsers for all grammars.
- 5. Compile the CoffeeScript files from PseuCoCo.
- 6. Bundle up all JavaScript files from PseuCoCo to pseucoco.js using Browserify.
- 7. Concatenate all JavaScript files from the external libraries to a single file lib.js, and minimize it by removing unnecessary white space, resulting in lib.min.js.
- 8. Concatenate all main JavaScript files to app.js.
- 9. Concatenate and minify all CSS files from libraries to lib.css.
- 10. Concatenate and minify all CSS files from the main application to app.css.
- 11. Concatenate the JavaScript files needed for the background worker to worker.js see section 5.7 for details.
- 12. Copy all the generated and static files to repository/build/ to build the final directory structure the web server should present.

5.4 Application Start-Up

PseuCo.com heavily relies on AngularJS. All core functionality is implemented as AngularJS controllers, directives and factories.

Remark

AngularJS heavily influences the design of JavaScript applications. Without a sound understanding of how AngularJS works, most of the code of pseuCo.com will be hard to understand.

The website of AngularJS has some small examples demonstrating the way AngularJS applications work as well as many useful resources in the "Learn" tab.

As in most AngularJS applications, the application start-up is controlled by the main HTML file. The core part of it is shown in Listing 5.3.

Listing 5.3: Simplified and shortened version of index.html

```
1 <! DOCTYPE html>
2 <html lang="en" data-ng-app="cp.app" manifest="offline.appcache">
       <head>
3
           <meta name="viewport" content="user-scalable=no, uvidth=device-width, uinitial-</pre>
4

    scale=1, □maximum-scale=1">
       </head>
5
       <body>
           <div class="navbar_navbar-inverse_navbar-fixed-top" role="navigation" data-bs-</pre>
            □ navbar>
               <!-- navigation bar elements-->
8
           </div>
9
           <div class="fill" id="mainFill">
10
               <div class="container-fluid" id="mainContainer">
11
                    <div data-ng-view id="view"></div>
12
               </div>
           </div>
14
           <script src="js/lib.min.js"></script>
15
           <script src="js/app.js"></script>
16
       </body>
17
18 </html>
```

Listing 5.4: Simplified and shortened route configuration from app.js

```
1 .config(function ($routeProvider) {
       $routeProvider
2
           .when('/landing', {
3
               templateUrl: 'partials/landing.html'
           .when('/files', {
6
               controller: 'filesCtrl'
               templateUrl: 'partials/files.html'
           })
9
10
           .otherwise({ redirectTo: '/' });
11
12 })
```

After loading the library and application code – which just *defines* the components, but does *not* actually *execute* any application code – AngularJS processes the HTML elements. The attribute data-ng-app="cp.app" on the <html> element causes the module cp.app to be loaded, which is defined in \(\frac{\text{repository}}{\sigma} \)/src/js/app.js. This sets up some shared data, but most importantly, it configures \$\text{routeProvider}, as shown in Listing 5.4.

This causes AngularJS to read the route in the URL, load the corresponding controller, and inject the corresponding partial into <div data-ng-view id="view"></div>. For example, if the user opens (base URL)/#/files, the partial (repository)/src/partials/files.html is injected, and filesCtrl (defined in (repository)/src/js/ui/controllers/filesCtrl.js) is instantiated.

5.5 How pseuCo.com Stores and Handles Files

In pseuCo.com, users can create and store files. These files are stored in the user's browser, using the HTML Web Storage API¹.

File storage is managed by the factory files in the module cp.files, the definition of which can be found in repository/src/js/files/files.js. It uses the angularLocalStorage library. Upon creation every file is assigned a random, 12-digit id by which it can be referred to later on.

To allow listing all files without storing the data of all files in a single key (slowing down access), file metadata is stored separately from file contents: There is a single repository of file metadata, stored under

 $[\]overline{}^{1} see \ \mathtt{http://www.whatwg.org/specs/web-apps/current-work/multipage/webstorage.html}$

```
.value('fileTypes', {
      ccs: {
4
           fullName: 'CCS',
5
           allowCreation: true
6
           allowEmpty: true,
           allowTemplate: true,
9
           allowImport: false
           allowFork: true,
10
           importableFilesStatement: "no formats for this file type"
11
12
      pseuco: {
13
           fullName: 'pseuCo',
14
           allowCreation: true,
15
           allowEmpty: true,
16
           allowTemplate: true
17
           allowImport: false,
18
19
           allowFork: true,
           importableFilesStatement: "no formats for this file type"
20
      },
21
22
      lts: {
           fullName: 'LTS',
23
24
           allowCreation: true.
           allowEmpty: false
25
           allowTemplate: false,
26
27
           allowImport: true,
28
           allowFork: false,
           noWatch: true,
29
           importableFilesStatement: "pseuCo.com-LTS-JSON-files and AUT-files"
30
31
32
  })
```

the key files, and one key per file for the actual content.

In the same module, there is a configuration value called **fileTypes**, shown in Listing 5.5. For each allowed file type, it defines multiple properties which are explained in Figure 5.1.

5.6 Offline Mode

Albeit being a web application, pseuCo.com is available offline. This is achieved by using the HTML Application Cache². It is configured using the manifest file repository/src/offline.appcache, shown in Listing 5.6. It contains a list of all files belonging to the application³. These files will be downloaded automatically by any browser supporting the application cache because the configuration file is referenced in index.html, as shown in Listing 5.3.

Additionally, this configuration file defines base url /api/ to be a NETWORK path. This ensures that the path is not cached (since it is used to communicate with the server component). Furthermore, it prevents the browser from blocking access to it based on a rule in the HTML Application Cache specification that tries to ensure applications behave the same in online and offline mode.

While this suffices to ensure pseuCo.com works offline, there are subtle details which make updates work properly.

As soon as the application cache received and stored a complete copy of the application, the server will never be contacted again, except for two possible reasons: To access a NETWORK path, or to update the manifest file. When the application is updated, the manifest file must change too, to ensure that existing users download the new version. To achieve this, the build process not only copies the manifest to the output directory, but appends the build date as a comment to the file, as shown in the copy:appcache section of Listing B.1.

 $^{^2} see \ \mathtt{https://html.spec.whatwg.org/multipage/browsers.html} \mathtt{\#offline}$

³index.html is not listed here, since the index file is included implicitly.

property	type	effect
fullName	string	the human-readable name of the file type
allowCreation	boolean	if enabled, show a button to create this type of file on the "Files" tab
allowEmpty	boolean	if enabled, allow to create an empty file of this type
allowTemplate	boolean	if enabled, show templates for this file type and allow creating a new file based on them
allowImport	boolean	if enabled, allow to import files of this type
allowFork	boolean	if enabled, allow the user to create a file of this type based on the result of a translation
${\tt importableFilesStatement}$	string	human-readable string explaining which types of text files can be imported for this file type

Figure 5.1: Explanation of the properties of a fileType definition

Listing 5.6: The configuration file for the application cache, offline.appcache

```
1 CACHE MANIFEST
3 version.txt
4 js/app.js
5 js/worker.js
6 js/lib.min.js
7 css/app.css
8 css/lib.css
9 partials/about.html
10 partials/ace.html
11 partials/actions.html
partials/backup.html
13 partials/debug.html
14 partials/edit.html
15 partials/error.html
16 partials/export.html
17 partials/fetch.html
18 partials/files.html
19 partials/help.html
_{20} partials/import.html
{\tt 21} \ {\tt partials/landing.html}
22 partials/lts.html
23 partials/newfile.html
24 partials/pseucojava.html
25 partials/share.html
26 partials/svg.html
27 partials/trace.html
{\tt 28} \  \, {\tt fonts/glyphicons-halflings-regular.eot}
{\tt 29} {\tt fonts/glyphicons-halflings-regular.svg}
30 fonts/glyphicons-halflings-regular.ttf
31 fonts/glyphicons-halflings-regular.woff
32 img/icon.png
33
34 NETWORK:
35 api/
```

An update has been downloaded. You can switch to the new version now.

Figure 5.2: Notification bar after the application cache was updated

Listing 5.7: A configuration file Apache to configure client-side caching

```
AddType text/cache-manifest .appcache

Header set Cache-Control "no-cache, must-revalidate"

Files offline.appcache>
Header set Cache-Control "must-revalidate"

</Files>
```

When an update is available and the user opens <code>pseuCo.com</code>, the request is served from the cache. *Afterwards*, the browser requests the manifest file, determines that an update is available, and downloads the new version. To inform the user about this, <code>pseuCo.com</code> listens to events emitted by the browser to determine the update status, shows a progress bar during the download phase, and shows a notification bar (see Figure 5.2) offering to switch to the new version afterwards. This behaviour is implemented in <code>repository</code>/<code>src/js/app.js</code>.

It is important to ensure that the application cache never contains invalid versions of the application, because otherwise, the user's browser will only re-download the corrupted files when an update is released or the user manually clears the application cache⁴.

The HTML Application Cache has an integrated mechanism to ensure that if the application is updated on the server during the download phase, the download process (which would save a mixture of old and new files) fails safely: After the download finishes, the browser fetches the application manifest file again. If it differs from the initial version that started the download process, the downloaded files are assumed to be inconsistent and dropped.

Additionally, the browser makes sure that all requests are served with old versions from the cache, until the page reloads, which causes an *atomic* switch to the new version.

However, there is no integrated mechanism to ensure that all "downloaded" application files are actually fetched from the server, and not from a (possibly outdated) cache. Therefore, it is important to ensure this manually by correctly setting the corresponding HTTP headers. Listing 5.7 shows a suitable configuration file for Apache: It prevents all application files from being cached in the *normal* browser cache⁵, and makes sure that while the application manifest may be cached, the browser must check for updates on the server on any access.

Remark

Developing an application which uses the HTML Application Cache has a few possibly confusing differences from normal development:

- 1. You must change the manifest for changes to be picked up by the browser.
- 2. You must reload the page twice for changes to show up: Once to trigger the update, and a second time to switch to the new version.
- 3. Depending on the HTTP server and its configuration, deleting the manifest file does not stop this behaviour: The application cache is cleared only if the request for the manifest results in a 404 not found error. Any redirects, server errors or other unexpected behaviours cause the browser to keep the application cache, and not download any updates^a.

⁴Instructions on how to to so are available at (base URL)/#/help#faq-blankscreen.

⁵Doing so would be useless, since they will be stored in the – fully separate – HTML Application Cache anyway.

- 4. Clearing the normal browser cache will not ensure you see the most recent version, as in most browsers, the application cache needs to be deleted separately.
- 5. While you can change the API path on the debug page (see section 5.1), the browser will block access to any location not listed in the manifest.

To ease development, the build scripts normally *omit* the application manifest, disabling the offline mode. This causes a 404 not found error for the manifest during testing, which is expected and causes no further issues.

To copy the application manifest and enable offline mode, execute the appeache build task, which is part of the serverside task the official build server runs.

5.7 Tasks and the Background Worker

Normal JavaScript applications are single-threaded and use multiple threads only when accessing asynchronous browser APIs, for example for network access. This is fine, since most JavaScript applications only perform small actions, where the only significant delay is network access.

PseuCo.com however performs many long-running, CPU-intensive tasks. Without countermeasures, these would cause the UI to hang for excessive amounts of time. The only way to fully prevent this type of issue is by using multi-threading.

JavaScript was designed as a single-threaded scripting language, and has no memory model. Therefore, the only widely implemented mechanism of using multiple threads in JavaScript, Web Workers⁶, solely use a message-passing interface for communication between the threads.

The Web Worker API defines methods to start a worker (which runs a script file specified when the worker is initialized) and to exchange messages with it, but provides no further assistance to manage tasks that should be executed by the worker.

For pseuCo.com, a new framework was developed to simplify the definition and use of workers that process specific tasks submitted to them by AngularJS applications. It is contained in the cp.tasks module, and consists of the files in the repository/src/js/tasks/ directory. This framework is intentionally kept general so it can be reused by other projects.

5.7.1 Features of the Tasks Framework

The tasks framework has the following responsibilities:

- 1. Manage start-up and termination of the workers.
- 2. Manage callbacks that hand back computation results and cancellation notifications.
- 3. Ensure that tasks are executed according to their priority, which can be specified when a task is submitted.

5.7.2 Defining a Worker

To define a worker, you need to build a JavaScript file containing everything the worker needs to execute, and place it at any path accessible to the application, preferably js/worker.js, relative to the base path of your application. This file must contain, in the following order:

- 1. all library code that the worker needs
- $2.\,$ a definition of the variable ${\tt workerData},$ as specified below

^aThis is intended behaviour, and makes sure that users can keep using their offline applications when they are in a captive network that redirects all HTTP requests to a login page.

 $^{^6\}mathrm{see}$ https://html.spec.whatwg.org/multipage/workers.html#workers

3. a verbatim copy of the file (repository)/src/js/tasks/backgroundWorker.js

You can define multiple types of workers in one file. They are distinguished by a name, called type.

Each worker has one object storing its state. This object will be passed as workerState to all functions that may access it.

The workerData variable must be an object. Each property of this object defines a worker type (given by the property's key). The value of each such property must be an object with two properties: An initialization function initialize which will receive workerState as its argument (and may create arbitrary properties in the workerState object) and an object tasks. For each task the worker can carry out, tasks must contain a property whose key is the task name, and whose value is a function, the task function.

Each task function receives two arguments: data and workerState. The data is provided by the caller, and workerState is the object discussed above. The task function must return an object with at least the following two properties: A boolean value taskCompleted, and a serializable object data.

Each time a task function returns, data will be sent to the caller. If taskCompleted is false, the task will be scheduled to execute again. If the return value contains a property newPriority containing a number, the task's priority will be modified to match that number. A task function is free to modify the data object to store intermediate results.

To ensure that the worker has a chance to process other tasks with a higher priority, or detect that a task has been cancelled, task functions should regularly return intermediate results (if any) and taskCompleted: false, waiting to be called again by the framework.

You can find an example of a worker definition in repository /src/js/worker.js.

5.7.3 Using a Worker

To use a worker, developers can use the API given by the factory taskManager. It offers the following methods:

- getRunningTaskCount is a zero-argument function that returns the number of tasks in the execution queue.
- requestWorker(type, crashCallback, sourcePath) is a function that starts a worker.

 type is a string indicating the type the worker should have (as specified in the worker definition).

 crashCallback(error) is a function that will be called when the worker encounters an uncaught exception.

Remark

Do not use this mechanism for expected exceptions. Instead, let tasks normally return a value that indicates failure.

If a task crashes, crashCallback(error) and the cancellationCallback() of the corresponding task will be called.

sourcePath is an *optional* string indicating the path to the JavaScript file containing the worker. If it is omitted, 'js/worker.js' is used.

The return value of this function is an object containing the following properties and methods:

- id is an integer identifying the worker instance that was started.
- terminateWorker(finishCallback) is a function that requests the worker to be terminated. This function must not be called if the worker is already terminating or has terminated. finishCallback() will be called once the worker has terminated.

Remark

This does not terminate the worker immediately, but waits for the current execution to return. Cancellation notifications are sent for all pending tasks that could not be executed any more.

This method will not forcefully terminate a worker that got stuck, and there is no method that will. Always ensure that all task functions in your worker terminate regularly.

submitTask(taskName, data, resultCallback, cancellationCallback, priority) submits a task to the worker to be executed. This function must not be called if the worker is terminating or has terminated.

taskName is the name of the task to execute, as specified when the worker was defined.

data is a serializable object that will be sent to the worker and used to call the task function.

resultCallback is a function that processes results returned by the worker. It will be called as resultCallback(data, taskCompleted), where data is the data the task function returned, and taskCompleted indicates whether the task has finished or is still computing.

cancellationCallback is a function that will be called if the task is cancelled for any reason.

priority is a number in the range 0-9, where 9 indicates highest and 0 lowest priority. Tasks with a higher priority are executed before any tasks with a lower priority.

The function returns a task id that can be passed to cancelTask.

- cancelTask(taskId) is a function that requests the specified task to be cancelled. This function must not be called if the worker is terminating or has terminated.

The task will be cancelled as soon as possible. If the task is currently running, it will be stopped the next time it returns. After cancelTask has been called, all results from this task will be silently dropped. This ensures that while a task might finish after you tried to cancel it, you can be guaranteed to never receive results from a task that you requested to be cancelled.

Remark

The tasks framework executes all callbacks in an AngularJS context: \$apply() is called automatically, and exceptions are sent to \$exceptionHandler. There is no need to call \$apply() manually.

If you do not understand the previous paragraph, you can ignore it safely.

5.7.4 Usage of the Tasks Framework for pseuCo.com

The tasks framework powers all CPU-intensive computations on pseuCo.com. For all of the following, the computation is run by a task in the background worker, and only the results are sent to the main thread to be displayed in the UI:

- all translations (see section 5.8)
- LTS exploration (see section 5.9)
- LTS random tracing
- LTS export
- LTS minimization (see section 5.11)
- parsing of file imports

Listing 5.8: The configuration file editorConfiguration.js

```
angular.module('cp.ui').value('editorConfiguration', {
2
       fileTypes: {
            'ccs': {
3
                editor: 'ace-text-editor',
4
                translations: [
5
6
                     {
                          source: 'ccs',
                          target: 'lts',
8
                     },
9
                ],
10
                 actions: []
11
           },
12
            'pseuco': {
13
                editor: 'ace-text-editor',
14
                 translations: [
                     {
16
                          source: 'pseuco',
17
                          target: 'ccs',
18
                     },
19
20
                     {
                          source: 'ccs',
21
                          target: 'lts',
22
                     }
23
                ],
24
                 actions: []
25
26
            'lts': {
27
                 editor: 'lts-editor',
28
                 translations: [],
29
                 actions: [{
30
                     displayIcon: 'glyphicon glyphicon-road',
                     displayName: 'Random path',
32
                     action: 'traceLts'
33
                }, {
34
                     displayIcon: 'glyphicon glyphicon-export',
displayName: 'Export LTS',
35
36
                     action: 'exportLts'
37
                }]
38
39
           }
40
41
       fileActions: [
42
            {
                 displayIcon: 'glyphicon glyphicon-share',
43
                 displayName: 'Share this file',
44
                 action: 'shareFile'
45
46
47
       ]
  });
48
```

5.8 Editors, Translations and Actions

The main features of pseuCo.com are pseuCo and CCS file editing, viewing LTS, the translations pseuCo \rightarrow CCS and CCS \rightarrow LTS, and actions like tracing, export or file sharing.

In the code, these features are referenced by three terms:

- 1. An editor is the component responsible for viewing and editing data of a specific file type.
- 2. A translation provides a way to convert data from one file type to another.
- 3. An *action* describes anything a user can actively initiate. Actions can be specific to a file type or apply to any file.

The interaction between editors, translations and actions is configured by the value editorConfiguration, defined in repository/src/js/ui/editorConfiguration.js and shown in Listing 5.8. More specifically, for each file type, it defines:

- the name of the editor directive that should be used for data of this file type,
- the translations that should be used when editing a file of this type, and
- the actions that apply to data of this file type.

Additionally, it defines actions that apply to files of all types.

Remark

There is one crucial difference between the translations and actions property:

- The translations property applies to *files* of a specific type. For example, when editing a pseuCo file, only the translations defined for the pseuco file type apply. Although there is a translation to CCS, no further translations *from* CSS occur, unless they are defined *in the* pseuco property.
- The actions property applies to *data* of the file type specified. For example, the actions defined for 1ts are available when editing a CCS file, since the CCS → LTS translation makes LTS data available.

File editing is handled by the fileEditCtrl and the partial edit.html. fileEditCtrl is responsible for setting up the data structures for all editors and actions that are available. Given this data, the editorManager and actionManager directives are responsible for displaying the editors and action buttons.

There is one core difference between the data stored in files, and the data used by editors, translations and actions: While files store only the minimal amount of information needed to recreate everything that is visible to the user, the in-memory representation of data stores additional temporary information that is generated from the persisted data.

To separate these parts, the in-memory representation is a JavaScript object with two properties: The core property stores the part of data that will be persisted (and may have an arbitrary type). The extended property stores an object containing all additional in-memory-only data.

For example, this mechanism makes sure that when viewing a pseuCo file, the CCS term shown never has to be parsed: While the translation pseuCo \rightarrow CCS yields the CCS string (which is the core of the translation), in addition, it contains the parse tree in the extended part of the data. The CCS \rightarrow LTS translation can use this parse tree instead of the CCS string.

5.8.1 Translations in the Background

The actual translations are performed by the background worker so that the user interface stays responsive.

This process is initiated by fileEditCtrl which submits a 'translate' task to the background worker. This causes the worker to compute all requested translations one-by-one, returning each translation as an intermediate result as it becomes available.

The parse trees, part of the extended data, never leave the background worker⁷. However, they are stored and used internally in the extended data in the worker.

5.9 LTS Exploration

The result of translations returning a LTS often is extremely large or even infinite, rendering the naive approach of computing the full transition system before returning it useless.

Therefore, translations to LTS are handled in a special way. The worker only computes the label of the initial state, and stores a function generateTransitions that can generate the transitions of this state.

 $[\]overline{^{7}}$ This is crucial: The parse trees are returned by the external library PseuCoCo, and are *not* serializable.

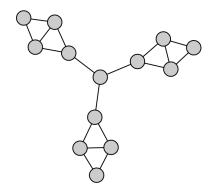


Figure 5.3: Graphic from http://bl.ocks.org/mbostock/3750558: D3.js's built-in force layout

The resulting system is stored permanently in the worker. A version of it *without* generateTransitions is returned to the main thread, including a dataId that allows to reference the data stored in the worker.

The process of generating the transitions and remaining states is called "exploration", controlled by the ltsExplorer service in the cp.tools package. It is defined in repository/src/js/tools/ltsExplorer.js. To start the exploration, it sends an 'exploreLts' request to the worker, causing it to perform a breadth-first search through the transition system, computing each state's transitions as they are needed. The transitions computed by this search are sent back to ltsExplorer in the main thread, where they are added to the local copy of the transition system, ready to be used by the user interface.

This exploration continues until all states are explored or a fixed number of states have been explored. In the latter case, exploration resumes if the user reaches a state with unexplored transitions, or explicitly requests exploration to resume in the UI.

5.10 LTS Visualization and Graph Layout

Since LTS are visualized as a graphs, rendering them involves graph layout. There are many well-known graph layout algorithms, but most of them cannot be used for pseuCo.com because of the restrictions and considerations that apply for this use case:

- The algorithm should not be overly CPU-intensive, since it is running in JavaScript, possibly on low-end devices.
- The algorithm must allow to add additional states and transitions afterwards, and refine the graph layout. This is because pseuCo.com allows users to view large or even infinite graphs by expanding states one by one.
 - When adding new states, existing states should not move significantly, to ensure the user still can easily recognize them.
- Since pseuCo.com is an interactive application (and is even running on touch-enabled devices in many cases), allowing the user to influence the graph layout is both feasible and desirable.

To provide the best graph layout possible in this specific application, pseuCo.com uses force-based graph layout. The implementation is based on D3.js's force layout⁸, but adds some tricks to apply the algorithm to transition systems.

LTS visualization, including graph layout, is implemented in the ltsEditor directive, defined in repository/src/js/ui/directives/ltsEditor.js.

D3.js's force layout successfully layouts graphs as shown in Figure 5.3. It does so by applying three kinds of forces:

• A simulated electrical charge of nodes ensures sufficient distance between the nodes.

 $^{^8} see \ \mathtt{https://github.com/mbostock/d3/wiki/Force-Layout, demonstration:} \ \mathtt{http://bl.ocks.org/mbostock/929623}$

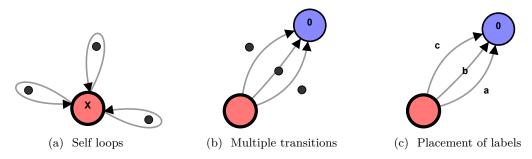


Figure 5.4: Advantages of using control nodes (indicated as dark dots, usually invisible)

- Virtual springs along the edges try to keep them at a specified target length.
- Virtual gravity centres the whole graph.

Additionally, there is a temperature mechanism, slowly increasing a virtual friction-like effect until all nodes have stopped moving.

This approach does not suffice for LTS, which have some differences compared to simple graphs:

- 1. In LTS, states may have self loops.
- 2. In LTS, edges are directed, and states can be connected by edges in both directions simultaneously.
- 3. In LTS, edges are labelled, and states can be connected by arbitrarily many edges, differing in their label.

To account for these changes, pseuCo.com introduces one additional, invisible "control node" per transition. This node behaves just like the visible nodes representing states, and serves as the control point for a Bézier curve representing the transition.

This change has three main effects:

- 1. Self loops automatically repel each other, so they point in different directions and don't overlap, as shown in Figure 5.4a.
- 2. Multiple transitions between two states bend slightly, so all of them are visible, as shown in Figure 5.4b.
- 3. Since the control nodes repel each other, they indicate places where short labels can be placed without overlapping, as shown in Figure 5.4c.

This approach often produces decent results, like the one shown in Figure 5.5. In some cases, nodes get "stuck" in a suboptimal position between other nodes, as shown in Figure 5.6. In these cases, users can drag-and-drop nodes to move them manually. This works well in practice: Because of the virtual springs, just dragging one misplaced node moves its neighbours as well, often fully untangling the graph with only a single manual intervention.

5.11 LTS Minimization

PseuCo.com can minimize labelled transition systems, computing the smallest transition system that still is observation congruent (see Definition 6) to the original transition system.

There are many well-known minimization algorithms[2][4][5], but they assume to be run on fully-explored transition systems. PseuCo.com, however, has the goal to provide users with tools that work as far as possible with extremely large or even infinite transition systems, requiring modification to he classic approach.

The design goals of such a minimization feature are:

• If the system is fully explored, return the (unique [2]) minimal observation congruent system.

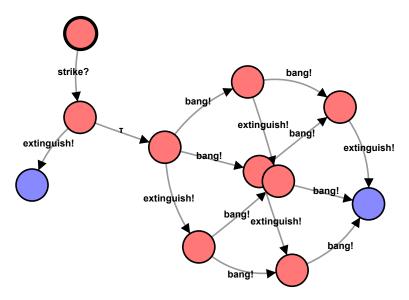


Figure 5.5: A result of graph layout with control nodes

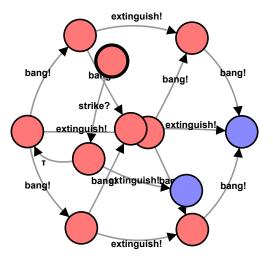


Figure 5.6: Graph layout with control nodes sometime produces bad results

- If the system is not fully explored, provide a safe approximation of the minimal system: If in doubt, assume states cannot be unified.
- Pre-compute all data that would be needed for full minimization, so it can be used if the user requests minimization before exploration finishes.

The resulting algorithm is highly similar to the one described in [2], and works in four distinct phases:

- 1. Weak transitions are computed.
- 2. The relational coarsest partitioning is computed, using the algorithm from [4]. Since weak transitions have been added to the transition system, the result is weakly bisimilar[2].
- 3. The algorithm from [2] to minimize the number of transitions is run.
- 4. To ensure observation congruence, a τ self loop is added to the initial state if necessary.

However, the actual algorithm contains subtle differences to this simplified version to cope with partially unexplored systems and to increase performance. The details are given in the following sections.

5.11.1 Computing Weak Transitions

The minimization algorithm needs access to the weak transitions in the transition system. They are pre-computed by an exploration mechanism ("weak exploration"), similar to the mechanism described in section 5.9.

Weak exploration runs in parallel to the normal exploration, but is slightly delayed. This ensures that a user can quickly see the initial fragment of the transition system, but as soon as exploration got ahead of the user, weak transitions are computed as fast as possible to allow minimization to run.

The core function of this algorithm, weakProcessState(), is called automatically in a breadth-first manner by the exploration mechanism – its only remaining responsibility is to update the weak transition information to incorporate the transitions starting in the state it processes.

To allow for a simpler and faster implementation, weak τ -transitions are stored as weakConnections, separate from all other transitions which are stored in weakTransitions. In both cases, transitions are stored in both their start and end state.

Let $LTS = (S, \rightarrow, s_0)$ be a transition system and S_{reach} be the set of reachable states. After having been run in a breadth-first manner for all reachable states, weakProcessState() guarantees the following:

1. For each state $s \in S_{\text{reach}}$, states[s].weakConnections.pre is an array representing the following set:

$$\left\{ s' \in S_{\text{reach}} \,\middle|\, s' \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} s \right\}$$

2. For each state $s \in S_{\text{reach}}$, states[s].weakConnections.post is an array representing the following set:

$$\left\{ s' \in S_{\text{reach}} \,\middle|\, s \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} s' \right\}$$

3. For each state $s \in S_{\text{reach}}$, states[s].weakTransitions.outgoing is an array representing the following set:

$$\Big\{(s,\alpha,s')\,\Big|\,\alpha\neq\tau\ \land\ s\stackrel{\alpha}{\Rightarrow}s'\ \land\ s'\in S_{\mathrm{reach}}\Big\}$$

4. For each state $s \in S_{\text{reach}}$, states[s].weakTransitions.incoming is an array representing the following set:

$$\left\{ (s', \alpha, s) \,\middle|\, \alpha \neq \tau \ \land \ s' \stackrel{\alpha}{\Rightarrow} s \ \land \ s' \in S_{\text{reach}} \right\}$$

Listing 5.9 shows a simplified PseudoCode version of weakProcessState, while Listing B.2 shows the actual JavaScript implementation. The behaviour of this procedure is illustrated in Figure 5.7. The PseudoCode version assumes that the initial state is contained in its own weakConnections.pre and weakConnections.post sets by default.

When weakProcessState is called on a state, it iterates over all outgoing (normal) transitions $s_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha} s_2$. After adding the transition $s_2 \xrightarrow{\tau} s_2$ to the corresponding weakConnections sets, the algorithm distinguishes between τ transitions and non- τ transitions:

- If the transition is not a τ -transition ($\alpha \neq \tau$), the algorithm adds all weak transitions $s_3 \stackrel{\alpha}{\Rightarrow} s_4$ it can find using the already computed data: s_3 (prestate) iterates over all states where $s_3 \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} s_1$ is already known (stored in the set weakConnections.pre of s_1), and s_4 (poststate) iterates over all states where $s_2 \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} s_4$ is already known (stored in the set weakConnections.post of s_2).
 - For example, in Figure 5.7c, the transition $B \xrightarrow{a} C$ is processed. This adds the transition $A \xrightarrow{a} C$ (since $A \xrightarrow{\tau} B$ and $C \xrightarrow{\tau} C$) and $B \xrightarrow{a} C$ (since $B \xrightarrow{\tau} B$ and $C \xrightarrow{\tau} C$). However, no weak transitions ending in state D are found, since the weak connection $C \xrightarrow{\tau} D$ has not been found yet.
- If the transition is a τ -transition ($\alpha = \tau$), the algorithm first adds all new weak connections $s_3 \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} s_4$: s_3 (prestate) iterates over all states where $s_3 \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} s_1$ is already known (stored in the set weakConnections.pre of s_1), and s_4 (poststate) iterates over all states where $s_2 \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} s_4$ is already known (stored in the set weakConnections.post of s_2).

Since adding a weak connection might give rise to new weak transitions (by prolonging already computed ones), for every weak connection $s_3 \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} s_4$ the algorithm adds, it searches for every already computed weak transition $s_5 \stackrel{\beta}{\Rightarrow} s_3$ or $s_4 \stackrel{\beta}{\Rightarrow} s_6$ (by iterating s_5 over weakTransitions.incoming of s_3 and s_6 over weakTransitions.outgoing of s_4), and adds the new transition $s_5 \stackrel{\beta}{\Rightarrow} s_4$ or $s_3 \stackrel{\beta}{\Rightarrow} s_6$, respectively.

Remark

The second part of this search (extending the *beginning* of weak transitions) is relevant in cyclical graphs only. Figure 5.8d shows an example were this search yields a result.

For example, in Figure 5.7d, the weak connection $C \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} D$ is added since $C \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} C$ and $D \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} D$. This causes two searches:

- 1. A search for all weak transitions ending in C finds $A \stackrel{a}{\Rightarrow} C$ and $B \stackrel{a}{\Rightarrow} C$. This causes the weak transitions $A \stackrel{a}{\Rightarrow} D$ and $B \stackrel{a}{\Rightarrow} D$ to be added.
- 2. A search for all weak transitions starting in D does not find any transitions.

Correctness of Weak Transition Computation

Correctness of this algorithm – assuming it runs to completion – can be shown in two steps:

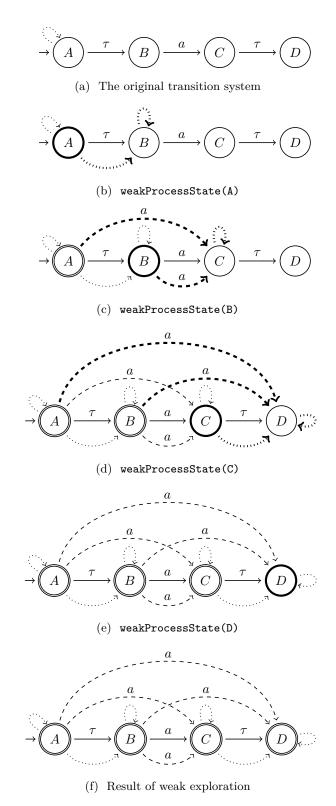
Lemma 1. The sets in weakConnections are computed correctly, as specified in subsection 5.11.1.

Proof. Soundness can be shown by induction over the program execution: The initial state (only the initial state has a τ self loop) is sound. Whenever a transition $s \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} t$ is added to weakConnections, it either has the form $s \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} s$ (which is always a valid weak transition), or it is added as the combination of two weak transitions $s \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} s'$ and $s' \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} t$ that have been added before, both sound by induction.

For *completeness* we need to show that every weak τ -transition $s \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} t$ is added to weakConnections during weak exploration if s and t are both reachable.

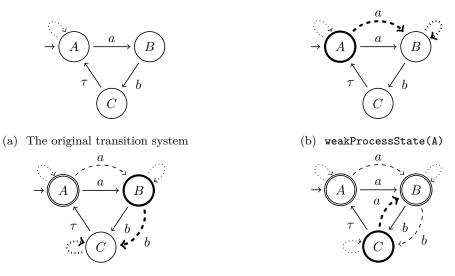
Each such transition is by definition based on a sequence of $n \in \mathbb{N}$ τ -transitions $s \xrightarrow{\tau} s_1 \xrightarrow{\tau} s_2 \xrightarrow{\tau} \cdots \xrightarrow{\tau} s_{n-1} \xrightarrow{\tau} t$ with n-1 intermediate states. We use induction to show the following version of the claim: For any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, any weak transition $s \xrightarrow{\tau} t$ based on a sequence of n intermediate states has been added to weakConnections after weakExploreState has been called with s and the intermediate states $s_1, s_2, \ldots, s_{n-1}$.

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ be a fixed natural number, and the claim be valid for any $m \in \mathbb{N}$ with m < n. Case distinction on n:



Dashed arrows represent an element of weakTransitions, while dotted arrows represent an element of weakConnections. States with double borders are already weakly explored. Thick lines indicate the state that is currently being processed, and the weak transitions and connections that are added as a result.

Figure 5.7: How weak exploration processes a transition system



For an explanation of the different types of lines, see Figure 5.7.

(c) weakProcessState(B)

Figure 5.8: How weak exploration processes a cyclic transition system

(d) weakProcessState(C)

Listing 5.9: PseudoCode for weakProcessState()

```
procedure weakProcessState(state):
       for each transition from state:
           add transition.target to its own weakConnections.pre and weakConnections.post
3
           ↓ sets
4
           if transition is a tau-transition:
5
               for each prestate in state.weakConnections.pre, poststate in transition.
                \ target.weakConnections.post:
                   \verb"add" poststate" to the set prestate.weakConnections.post"
                   add prestate to the set poststate.weakConnections.pre.add
9
                   if poststate and prestate have not been in these sets before:
10
                        // add new transitions that consist of an old transition and the
11
                         \d newly added connection
12
                        \begin{tabular}{lll} \textbf{for each} & transition & in prestate.weak Transitions.incoming: \\ \end{tabular}
                            add a longer version of transition ending in poststate to both
13
                             end for
14
                        for each transition in poststate.weakTransitions.outgoing:
15
                            add a longer version of transition starting in prestate to both
16
                             b corresponding sets
                        end for
17
                   end if
18
               end for
19
           else: // transition is not a tau-transition
20
               for each prestate in state.weakConnections.pre, poststate in transition.
                \ target.weakConnections.post:
                   add prestate to the set poststate.weakConnections.pre
22
23
                   add poststate to the set prestate.weakConnections.post
               end for
24
25
           end if
      end for
26
27
      remember that state has been weak explored
29 end procedure
```

1. n = 0

This means that s=t, and the transition has the form $s \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} s$. Since s must be reachable, it is either initial or has an incoming transition from a reachable state s'. If s is initial, $s \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} s$ is in weakConnections by default. Otherwise, since s' is reachable, weakProcessState must have been called on it (based on the breadth-first order), causing $s \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} s$ to be added to weakConnections.

2. n > 0

This means that the chain $s \xrightarrow{\tau} s_1 \xrightarrow{\tau} s_2 \xrightarrow{\tau} \cdots \xrightarrow{\tau} s_{n-1} \xrightarrow{\tau} t$ contains at least one intermediate state. We know that weakProcessState must be called on $s, s_1, s_2, \ldots, s_{n-1}$ since they are all reachable (s is reachable by assumption, all others are because they are reachable from s). Let s' be the one where weakProcessState is called *last*, and s'' be the next one in the chain.

We know that weakProcessState has been called on all other states. Since the weak transitions $s \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} s'$ and $s'' \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} t$ are based on chains shorter than n, we know by induction they already must have been added to the corresponding weakConnections sets.

Then, weakProcessState must find $s \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} t$ during its search and add it.

All cases have been considered.

Lemma 2. The sets in weakTransitions are computed correctly, as specified in subsection 5.11.1.

Proof. Soundness can be shown by induction over the program execution: The initial state (no weak transitions) is sound. Whenever any transition $s \stackrel{\alpha}{\Rightarrow} t$ is added to weakTransitions, it is caused by any of the following combinations:

- $s \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} s' \stackrel{\alpha}{\rightarrow} s'' \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} t$
- $s \stackrel{\alpha}{\Rightarrow} s' \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} t$
- $s \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} s' \stackrel{\alpha}{\Rightarrow} t$

All of these must be valid by induction, and cause $s \stackrel{\alpha}{\Rightarrow} t$ to be a valid weak transition by definition.

For *completeness* we need to show that every weak transition $s \stackrel{\alpha}{\Rightarrow} t$ with $\alpha \neq \tau$ is actually added to weakTransitions during weak exploration if s and t are both reachable. This is shown similarly as in the proof of Lemma 1, by induction on the length of the chain of transitions $s \stackrel{\tau}{\to} \cdots \stackrel{\alpha}{\to} \cdots \stackrel{\tau}{\to} t$ backing the weak transition.

By definition each such transition can be decomposed into a sequence of transitions $s \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} s' \stackrel{\alpha}{\rightarrow} s'' \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} t$. We know that weakProcessState must be called on s, s' and s'' since they are all reachable (s is reachable by assumption, s' and s'' because they are reachable from s).

Case distinction on whether $s \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} s'$ and $s'' \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} t$ have both been discovered before weakProcessState searches for weak transitions based on $s' \stackrel{\alpha}{\Rightarrow} s''$.

1. Assume $s \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} s'$ and $s'' \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} t$ have both been discovered.

Then, this call to weakProcessState will add $s \xrightarrow{\alpha} t$.

This serves as the base case for the induction, with s = s' and s'' = t.

2. Assume not both $s \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} s'$ and $s'' \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} t$ have been discovered yet. This is only possible if $s \neq s'$ or $s'' \neq t$, otherwise, both $s \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} s'$ and $s'' \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} t$ would have been added before – during creation of the LTS for initial states, when s' was discovered by weak exploration (which must have occurred beforehand, due to the breadth-first order), or at the beginning of the iteration in weakProcessState.

When weakProcessState is called on s', the weak transition $s' \stackrel{\alpha}{\Rightarrow} s''$ is added, because $s' \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} s'$ has been added before (because s' is initial, or was discovered during the breadth-first traversal) and $s'' \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} s''$ is added by this run of weakProcessState.

Further case distinction on the order in which $s \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} s'$ and $s'' \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} t$ are discovered:

(a) Assume $s \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} s'$ is discovered after $s'' \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} t$.

When $s \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} s'$ is added, the resulting iteration will use $s' \stackrel{\alpha}{\Rightarrow} t$, added by then by induction, to add $s \stackrel{\alpha}{\Rightarrow} t$.

Listing 5.10: PseudoCode for stateIsFullyWeakExplored()

```
procedure stateIsWeakExplored(state):
      return whether state has been weak explored
  end procedure
3
  procedure stateIsWeakConnectionExplored(state):
5
      if the state has been marked as weak connection explored: return true
6
      if stateIsWeakExplored(state) && every state in weakConnections.post fulfulls
8

    stateIsWeakExplored:

          mark this state as weak connection explored
9
10
          return true
11
      else:
          return false
12
      end if
13
14 end procedure
15
  procedure stateIsFullyWeakExplored(state):
16
      if (weak) exploration of the LTS is finished already: return true
17
      if state has been marked as fully weak explored: return true
18
19
      if not stateIsWeakConnectionExplored(state): return false
20
21
      if (every target state of a transition in state.weakTransitions.outgoing fulfills
22
       stateIsWeakConnectionExplored):
23
          mark state as fully weak explored
24
          return true
25
      else:
          return false
26
      end if
27
28 end procedure
```

(b) Assume $s'' \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} t$ is discovered after $s \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} s'$.

When $s'' \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} t$ is added, the resulting iteration will use $s \stackrel{\alpha}{\Rightarrow} s''$, added by then by induction, to add $s \stackrel{\alpha}{\Rightarrow} t$.

All cases have been considered.

When Weak Exploration Did Not Finish

If the breadth-first traversal of the graph is interrupted at any point, the initial fragment of the graph is likely to already contain all weak transitions, allowing minimization to be run on it.

For any state, all weak transitions must have been found if weak exploration has run far enough that all paths starting in this state must pass at least two non- τ transitions before reaching a state that has not been visited by weak exploration yet.

Whether this is the case can be determined by the algorithm given in Listing B.3, a PseudoCode version is given in Listing 5.10. If this algorithm returns **true**, the sets weakConnections and weakTransitions will not be changed further during weak exploration.

PseuCo.com makes direct use of this property. As soon as the user requests the minimization result, weak exploration is paused, and the system enters the partitioning phase. While the resulting system may not be minimal, this ensures a prompt response to the user's request, since weak exploration has the highest computational cost in the minimization algorithm.

5.11.2 Partitioning, Transition Minimization & Generation of the Resulting System

The actual partitioning is similar to the algorithm in [4], an alternative description of which can be found as the "naive version" of the relational coarsest partitioning algorithm in [5]. There is one key difference: Initially, not all states start in one partition. Instead, states which are not fully weakly explored (as

explained in subsection 5.11.1) are placed in a separate one-state partition each, while all fully weakly explored states start in a single, separate partition.

This ensures that states cannot be falsely considered equal because weak transitions have not been fully computed yet. Consequently, this means that the resulting system may not be minimal. However, if weak exploration finished, all states start in the same partition, and the result is guaranteed to be minimal.

The full implementation of the minimization algorithm (as a background worker task) can be found in Listing B.4. A simplified PseudoCode version of it is shown in Listing 5.11.

To ensure the resulting system has the minimal number of transitions, the algorithm must remove superfluous transitions. For example, in the transition system in Figure 5.9, the transition $X \stackrel{a}{\to} Z$ can be removed, because $X \stackrel{a}{\to} Y \stackrel{\tau}{\to} Z$, and therefore $X \stackrel{a}{\Rightarrow} Z$.

[2] describes an algorithm to solve this issue, which removes a transition $s_1 \xrightarrow{a} s_2$ if there is a state s_3 such that:

$$(s_1 \xrightarrow{a} s_3 \land s_3 \xrightarrow{\tau} s_2) \lor (s_1 \xrightarrow{\tau} s_3 \land s_3 \xrightarrow{a} s_2)$$
 (5.1)

This approach only works in a transition system which is *saturated*, meaning that $s_1 \stackrel{\alpha}{\Rightarrow} s_2$ implies $s_1 \stackrel{\alpha}{\rightarrow} s_2$ for any states s_1 , s_2 and for any action α .

PseuCo.com uses an adapted version of this algorithm, integrated into the construction of the new transition system. To avoid having to compute the weak transitions, it argues over the (weak) transitions in the *original* transition system.

Let $LTS = (S, \to, s_0)$ be the initial transition system. Let S' be the set of states of the new, minimized transition system, and $\rho: S \to S'$ a function mapping old states to the corresponding new states. For any weak transition $s_1 \stackrel{\alpha}{\Rightarrow} s_2$ in the old transition system, $s_1' := \rho(s_1)$ and $s_2' := \rho(s_2)$ are computed, and the corresponding transition $s_1' \stackrel{\alpha}{\to} s_2'$ is added to the transition system unless any of the following conditions hold:

1.
$$\alpha = \tau \wedge \rho(s_1) = \rho(s_2)$$

This prevents τ self loops from being added to the result.

- 2. There are s_a, s_b, s_c, s_d , such that all of the following conditions hold:
 - (a) $s_a \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} s_b \stackrel{\alpha}{\rightarrow} s_c \stackrel{\tau}{\Rightarrow} s_d$
 - (b) $\rho(s_a) = s_1'$
 - (c) $\neg(\alpha = \tau \land \rho(s_b) = \rho(s_c))$
 - (d) $\rho(s_d) = s_2'$
 - (e) $\rho(s_a) \neq \rho(s_b) \vee \rho(s_c) \neq \rho(s_d)$

This condition describes the same idea as Equation 5.1, but is easier to compute: It only reasons over weak transitions in the original system (which have already been computed for the minimization).

Condition 2a ensures that the states build a path as in Equation 5.1. Condition 2b ensures that the starting state s_1 actually corresponds to the correct starting state in the minimized system. Condition 2c ensures that $s_b \stackrel{\alpha}{\to} s_c$ does not correspond to a τ self loop in the new system, which could be removed. Condition 2d ensures that the ending state corresponds to the correct ending state in the new system. Finally, condition 2e ensures that either $s_a \stackrel{\tau}{\to} s_b$ or $s_c \stackrel{\tau}{\to} s_d$ (or both) correspond to an actual τ step in the minimized LTS.

While in pseuCo.com weak transitions do not have to be fully computed to start a minimization, leaving out weak transitions can only make this condition false-negative, resulting in a system with too many transitions. As explained in the beginning of section 5.11, this is an accepted behaviour. When all weak transitions have been computed, minimization is guaranteed to be complete.

Correctness of this approach follows from the correctness of the corresponding algorithm in [2]. The only differences are:

 This approach reduces looking at weak transitions in the new, minimized system to looking at weak transitions in the original system.

```
procedure getSplit(partition, splitter):
       if partition \cap splitter \neq \emptyset && partition \setminus splitter \neq \emptyset:
2
           return p1: partition \cap splitter \neq \emptyset, p2: partition \setminus splitter \neq \emptyset
       else:
4
5
           return false
       end if:
7 end procedure
  procedure minimizeLts(states, initialState):
       var initialPartition = \emptyset
10
11
       var partitions = {}
12
       // set up initial partition
13
       for each reachable state in states: // remove unreachable states
14
           if stateIsFullyWeakExplored(state):
15
                initialPartition.add(state)
16
17
            else:
               partitions.add({state})
18
19
           end if
       end for
20
21
       // add initialPartition to partitions if it is not empty
22
       if (initialPartition.length > 0): partitions.add(initialPartition)
23
24
       // split partitions
25
       repeat until partitions does not change anymore:
26
           for all pairs of partitions (partition1, partition2):
27
                if partition1 was already split in this iteration: continue
28
29
                for all transition labels (including tau):
30
                    // compute using weakConnections for tau, and weakTransitions otherwise:
31
                    var splitter = set of all states having a transition with this label to a
32
                     state in partition2
33
                    if getSplit(partition1, splitter) returns a split:
    replace partition1 by the partitions getSplit returned
34
35
                         continue with the next pair
36
37
                    end if
                end for
38
           end for
39
       end repeat
40
41
       \texttt{var newStates} \; = \; \emptyset
42
       for each partition in partitions:
43
           add a new state for it to newStates
44
45
           for each outgoing weak transition or tau-connection from a state in partition:
46
                if it is a tau-connection to itself: continue // tau self loops are
47

↓ superfluous

                build a corresponding transition to the new state
48
49
                if (transition can be reproduced by following a longer chain of weak
50
                 51
                    ignore the new transition // would be superfluous
52
                else:
                    add the transition to newState
53
                end if
54
           end for
55
       end for
56
57
       var newInitialState = the state corresponding to the partition with initialState
58
59
       if there is a (strong) tau-transition from initialState to another state that ended
60
        \downarrow up in the same partition:
           add a tau self loop to newInitialState
61
62
63
       return newStates, newInitialState
65 end procedure
```

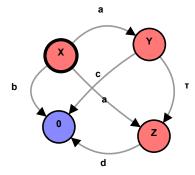


Figure 5.9: While having the minimal number of states, this system is not minimal in the number of transitions.

• Instead of only removing a transition in the cases given in Equation 5.1, this algorithm additionally allows a transition $s_1 \stackrel{a}{\to} s_2$ to be removed if there are states s_3, s_4 such that $s_1 \stackrel{\tau}{\to} s_3 \stackrel{\alpha}{\to} s_4 \stackrel{\tau}{\to} s_2$.

Correctness follows by saturation: $s_1 \xrightarrow{\tau} s_3 \xrightarrow{\alpha} s_4$ implies $s_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha} s_4$, allowing the transition to be removed based on the first disjunct in Equation 5.1.

To ensure the result is observation congruent (in addition to being weakly bisimilar), a τ self loop is added to the new initial state if and only if the initial system contained a strong τ -transition from its initial state to another state which ends up in the partition that contains the initial state.

5.12 The Server Component of pseuCo.com

PseuCo.com mostly is a JavaScript-application, running client-side in the browser. This only requires a HTTP server to deliver the (static) application files. However, there are two features that use an active server component:

- 1. To create new files, users can choose start with "template files" that can be updated without updating the whole application.
- 2. Users can create short links to files. Opening such a link opens the pseuCo.com user interface and directly navigates to the file that was shared.

By default, pseuCo.com communicates with the server at (base URL)/api/. The server is implemented to listen at port 9128, and (repository)/server/server.htaccess configures Apache to forward the requests to (base URL)/api/ to this port, acting as a reverse proxy.

The server is implemented in JavaScript, and designed to be run with node.js. All server code is located in (repository)/server/server.js.

The server implements the following API calls:

- 1. (API base URL)/paste/add allows to submit files and retrieve a sharing URL for it. Requests to this path must be POST requests, having a JSON-encoded body, containing an object with the following properties:
 - (a) file must be an object representing the file to be shared. It must have the properties type and content and may have a name.
 - (b) sharingAgreementVersion must be a number, representing the version number of the legal notice the user agreed to before uploading the file. The server will reject uploads not having a recent enough sharingAgreementVersion.
 - (c) temporary is an optional value. If it evaluates to **true**, the server will only store the uploaded file for a short amount of time.

The server will store the submitted file – either permanently in the repository/server/data/paste/directory, or in memory for temporary shares – and return a JSON-encoded response. It has the following properties:

- (a) id is the identifier of the file, as chosen by the server.
- (b) url is a URL which can be given to other users to view this file.
- (c) temporary: true will be set for temporary shares. Otherwise, this property is omitted.
- 2. (API base URL)/paste/get allows to get files that have been submitted to the server. Requests to this path must be GET requests, and have one parameter id, which is the identifier for the shared file.

The server will then return a JSON object having the following properties:

- (a) file will be the file object that was submitted to the server when the share was created.
- (b) temporary: true will be given for temporary shares. Otherwise, this property is omitted.
- 3. (API base URL)/templates/get allows to get access to the templates that are stored on the server for a specific file type. Requests to this path must be GET requests, and have a single parameter type: a string representing the file type for which the templates are requested.

The server will return a JSON object having an array templates as its single property. It is an array of templates, each being an object having the following properties:

- (a) name is a name for the template
- (b) description is a description string for the template, which may contain basic HTML formatting including links.
- (c) content is the content of the template. If the user selects the template, content should be used to initialize the contents of the file that is created.

The server features a banning system to prevent malicious users from causing excessive system load on the server.

The server sets Cache-Control headers to ensure that the responses it gives may not be cached, except for successful calls to (API base URL)/paste/get.

Since the clients interacting with this server are sandboxed inside browsers, the server has to conform to the Cross-Origin Resource Sharing standard⁹ to ensure clients are allowed access to it:

- 1. To ensure not just clients running in the same domain can access the server, it sends the header Access-Control-Allow-Origin: *.
- 2. When a client sends an OPTIONS request, the server responds with Access-Control-Allow-Methods: GET, POST, Access-Control-Max-Age: 3600, and mirrors all values listed in the Access-Control-Request-Headers header of the request in the Access-Control-Allow-Headers header of its response. This indicates to the client's browser that it is allowed to send arbitrary GET and POST requests.

5.13 A Build Server for pseuCo.com

PseuCo.com can be built on a remote server – usually on the server that hosts the repository and serves the resulting page publicly. The exemplary script in Listing 5.12 automates this process. It accepts the branch to build as its single command line argument and performs the following actions:

- 1. If the branch specified is master which contains the public server part stop the server.
- 2. Check out the specified branch from the Git repository.
- 3. Install missing npm packages, and remove superfluous ones.

⁹see http://www.w3.org/TR/access-control/

```
1 #!/bin/bash
3 GIT_REPO=$HOME/repositories/concurrent-programming-web.git/
4 CHECKOUT_DIR=/var/www/virtual/fefrei/apps/concurrent-programming-web/$1/
6 echo Building branch $1.
7 echo Preparing...
8 mkdir -p $CHECKOUT_DIR
10 if [ $1 == "master" ]
11 then
      echo Stopping server...
12
13
      svc -d /home/fefrei/service/cpw-server/
14 fi
16 echo Checking out ...
_{17} GIT_WORK_TREE=$CHECKOUT_DIR git checkout -f --quiet $1 \,
18 GIT_VERSION='git rev-parse $1'
19 cd $CHECKOUT_DIR
20
21 echo Installing NPM packages...
22\ \text{npm} install
24 echo Pruning NPM packages...
25 npm prune
27 if [ $1 == "master" ]
28 then
      echo Starting server...
29
      svc -u /home/fefrei/service/cpw-server/
30
31 fi
32
_{\rm 33} echo Writing version information...
34 echo $1 [$GIT_VERSION] > version.txt
35
36 echo Deploying...
37 grunt serverside
38
39 exit
```

- 4. Start the server if it was stopped earlier.
- 5. Run the serverside task of the build script, which performs the normal build and generates a configuration file for the HTML Application Cache see section 5.6.

The Future of pseuCo.com

PseuCo.com has been designed to be easily extensible, featuring many self-contained, reusable modules. This section points out some possible extensions, and evaluates how well the existing infrastructure supports them.

6.1 Model Checking

A useful potential extension is model checking, allowing users to verify their transition systems against a LTL[6] or CTL[3] property.

The infrastructure of pseuCo.com is well-suited for this extension:

- 1. The user interface is prepared for this addition: Model checking could be implemented as an action (see section 5.8), similar to tracing and LTS export.
- 2. Model checking is computationally expensive. With the tasks API (see section 5.7), there already is an extensive infrastructure for background computation.
- 3. PseuCo.com supports on-demand exploration of large or infinite transition systems. This integrates well with model checking, which often does not require access to the full transition system, for example for evaluating existentially quantified properties.

6.2 Additional Input Formats

Another potential kind of extension is the addition of another input language (similar to the current support for pseuCo).

The infrastructure of pseuCo.com is well-suited for this type of extension:

1. File management and editing is parametrized, allowing to easily add new file types. Just declaring the new file type in repository/src/js/files/files.js and configuring the translations and actions in repository/src/js/ui/editorConfiguration.js is enough to add the user interface elements to create, manage and edit files of this new file type.

The additional translations can be implemented in the background worker (see section 5.7).

2. While LTS exploration currently evaluates CCS terms (since the only way to create LTS files – apart from importing them – is the translation CCS → LTS), this process is encapsulated in the generateTransitions function. A translation from any other input to LTS can easily create transition systems that work with the current code by returning transition systems with a new generateTransitions function.

6.3 New Translations for Existing File Types

PseuCo.com can be extended by new translations for existing file types – for example a translation from pseuCo code to Petri nets.

Depending on the kind of integration, the pseuCo.com infrastructure would need to be extended:

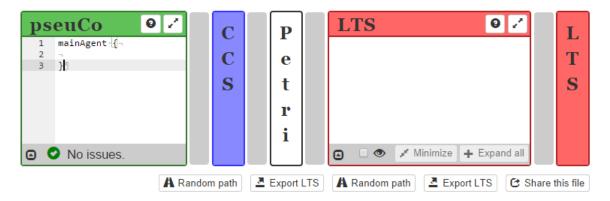


Figure 6.1: Adding additional translations doesn't scale and causes confusing UI

- 1. As long as the new translations are just an extension to the existing ones, the current infrastructure suffices.
- 2. There is no support for the user to select a "translation chain". If in addition to the old pseuCo \rightarrow CCS \rightarrow LTS chain, a new translation chain pseuCo \rightarrow Petri \rightarrow LTS was be added, the file editing interface for pseuCo files would look as illustrated in Figure 6.1.

Adding such a selection capability requires changes to the editor configuration specification format in (repository)/src/js/ui/editorConfiguration.js and to the controller fileEditCtrl.

Appendix A

Definitions for LTS

In the following, let Act be an arbitrary set with $\tau \in Act$. τ is called internal action.

Definition 1 (LTS). A Labelled Transition System (LTS) over Act is a triple (S, \to, s_0) where S is a set of states, $s_0 \in S$ the initial state, and $\to \subseteq S \times Act \times S$ the transition relation.

We will write $s \xrightarrow{\alpha} t$ as a shorthand for $(s, \alpha, t) \in \to$.

Definition 2 (\leadsto). For any $LTS = (S, \rightarrow, s_0)$ over $Act, s, s' \in S$ and $\sigma \in Act^*$, let $s \stackrel{\sigma}{\leadsto} s'$ be defined inductively on σ :

$$s \overset{\varepsilon}{\leadsto} s' : \Leftrightarrow s = s'$$
$$s \overset{\sigma'\alpha}{\leadsto} s' : \Leftrightarrow \exists s'' : s \overset{\sigma'}{\leadsto} s'' \xrightarrow{\alpha} s'$$

Definition 3 (Weak Transition (\Rightarrow)). For any transition system $LTS = (S, \rightarrow, s_0)$, the weak transition relation \Rightarrow is defined as follows (where $a \in Act \setminus \{\tau\}$):

$$s \xrightarrow{\tau} s' : \Leftrightarrow \exists n \in \mathbb{N} : s \xrightarrow{\tau^n} s'$$
$$s \xrightarrow{a} s' : \Leftrightarrow \exists s'', s''' \in S : s \xrightarrow{\tau} s'' \xrightarrow{a} s''' \xrightarrow{\tau} s'$$

Definition 4 (Weak Bisimulation). For two transition systems $LTS_s = (S, \to_s, s_0)$ and $LTS_t = (T, \to_t, t_0)$ over the same set Act, a relation $\mathcal{R} \subseteq S \times T$ is called *weak bisimulation* if for any $(s, t) \in \mathcal{R}$ and $\alpha \in Act$, both of the following conditions hold:

- If $s \stackrel{\alpha}{\Rightarrow} s'$, then there is a $t' \in T$ such that $t \stackrel{\alpha}{\Rightarrow} t'$ and $(s', t') \in \mathcal{R}$.
- If $t \stackrel{\alpha}{\Rightarrow} t'$, then there is a $s' \in S$ such that $s \stackrel{\alpha}{\Rightarrow} s'$ and $(s', t') \in \mathcal{R}$.

Definition 5 (Weakly Bisimilar (\approx)). Two transition systems $LTS_s = (S, \rightarrow_s, s_0)$ and $LTS_t = (T, \rightarrow_t, t_0)$ over the same set Act are called weakly bisimilar ($LTS_s \approx LTS_t$) if there is a weak bisimulation \mathcal{R} such that $(s_0, t_0) \in \mathcal{R}$ holds.

Definition 6 (Observation Congruent (\cong)). Two transition systems $LTS_s = (S, \rightarrow_s, s_0)$ and $LTS_t = (T, \rightarrow_t, t_0)$ over the same set Act are called *observation congruent* ($LTS_s \cong LTS_t$) if both of the following conditions hold:

- If $s_0 \xrightarrow{\alpha} s'$, then there are $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ and $t' \in T$ such that $t_0 \xrightarrow{\tau^n \alpha \tau^m} t'$ and $(S, \to_s, s') \approx (T, \to_t, t')$.
- If $t_0 \xrightarrow{\alpha} t'$, then there are $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ and $s' \in S$ such that $s_0 \xrightarrow{\tau^n \alpha \tau^m} s'$ and $(S, \to_s, s') \approx (T, \to_t, t')$.

Appendix B

Code Listings

Listing B.1: Gruntfile.js, the configuration file for grunt

```
1 module.exports = function(grunt) {
      "use_strict";
2
      var aceVersion = '1.1.7';
4
5
      grunt.initConfig({
          pkg: grunt.file.readJSON('package.json'),
           curl: {
               ace: {
                   src: 'https://github.com/ajaxorg/ace-builds/archive/v' + aceVersion + '.
10
                   dest: 'managed_components/ace/ace-' + aceVersion + '.zip'
11
               }
12
           },
13
           unzip: {
14
15
               ace: {
                   src: 'managed_components/ace/ace-' + aceVersion + '.zip',
16
                   dest: 'managed_components/ace/build',
17
                   router: function (filepath) {
                       return filepath.split('',').splice(1).join('',');
19
20
               }
           },
22
           bower: {
23
               install: {
24
                   options: {
25
26
                        targetDir: 'managed_components/bower/',
                        cleanTargetDir: true
27
28
               }
29
          },
30
           uglify: {
31
               options: {
32
                   mangle: false,
33
                   sourceMap: true
               },
35
               app: {
36
                   files: {
                        'temporary_files/build/js/app.min.js': ['temporary_files/build/js/app
38
                        ↓ .js']
39
               },
40
41
               lib: {
                   files: {
42
                        'temporary_files/build/js/lib.min.js': ['temporary_files/build/js/lib
43
                        ↓ .js']
                   }
44
               },
45
               worker: {
46
                   files: {
47
```

```
'temporary_files/build/js/worker.min.js': ['temporary_files/build/js/
 48
                              ₩ worker.js']
                        }
 49
                   }
 50
             },
 51
              concat: {
 52
                   app: {
 53
 54
                        src: [
                             'src/js/libs.js',
 55
                             'src/js/app.js',
 56
 57
                             'src/js/ui/ui.js'
                             'src/js/files/files.js',
 58
                             'src/js/actions/actions.js',
 59
 60
                             'src/js/tasks/tasks.js',
                             'src/js/api/api.js',
61
                             'src/js/tools/tools.js',
 62
                             'src/js/**/*.js',
 63
                             '!src/js/pre-pseucoco.js', // helper for browserify build '!src/js/post-pseucoco.js', // helper for browserify build
 64
 65
                             '!src/js/pseucoco.js', // must be build with browserify
'!src/js/worker.js', // must be executed as Web Worker
 66
 67
                             '!src/js/tasks/backgroundWorker.js' // must be executed as Web Worker
                        ],
 69
                        dest: 'temporary_files/build/js/app.js',
 70
                        nonull: true,
 71
                        options: {
 72
 73
                             stripBanners: true,
                             banner: '//!u@licenseu(c)uCopyrightu2014uFelixuFreiberger.uContainsu
 74
                              \label{eq:coco} \  \, \mathsf{PseuCoCo}\,\,\mathsf{,}_{\sqcup}(\mathsf{c})_{\sqcup}\mathsf{Copyright}_{\sqcup}\mathsf{2013}\,\mathsf{,}_{\sqcup}\mathsf{2014}_{\sqcup}\mathsf{Sebastian}_{\sqcup}\mathsf{Biewer}\,\bar{\mathsf{.}}_{\sqcup}\mathsf{Details}_{\sqcup}\mathsf{in}_{\sqcup}
                              }
 75
                   },
 76
 77
                   lib: {
                        src: [
 78
 79
                             'managed_components/bower/jquery/jquery.js',
                             'managed_components/bower/angular/angular.js',
 80
                             'managed_components/bower/**/*.js',
 81
                             'managed_components/ace/build/src/ace.js'
 82
                        ],
 83
                        dest: 'temporary_files/build/js/lib.js',
 84
                        nonull: true
 85
                   },
 86
                   CCS: {
 87
                        src: [
 88
                             'temporary_files/CCSParser.js',
 89
 90
                             'temporary_files/CCS_no_parser.js'
                        ],
91
                        dest: 'temporary_files/CCS.js',
 92
                        nonull: true
 93
                   },
94
                   PseuCo: {
 95
 96
                        src: [
                             'temporary_files/PseuCoParser.js',
97
                             'temporary_files/PseuCo_no_parser.js'
 98
                        ],
99
                        dest: 'temporary_files/PseuCo.js',
100
                        nonull: true
101
                   },
102
                   worker: {
103
104
                        src: [
105
                             'src/js/pre-pseucoco.js',
106
                             'temporary_files/pseucoco.js',
                             'src/js/post-pseucoco.js'
107
                             'managed_components/bower/underscore/underscore.js',
108
                             'temporary_files/AUTParser.js',
109
                             'src/js/worker.js',
110
111
                             'src/js/tasks/backgroundWorker.js'
112
                        dest: 'temporary_files/build/js/worker.js',
113
114
                        nonull: true
                   }
115
             }.
116
              jshint: {
```

```
options: {
118
                     jshintrc: true
119
                }
120
                all: ['src/js/**/*.js']
121
            },
122
            cssmin: {
123
                combine: {
124
125
                     files: {
                          'temporary_files/build/css/app.css': ['src/css/**/*.css'],
126
                          'temporary_files/build/css/lib.css': ['managed_components/bower/**/*.
127
                          L css'l
                     }
128
                }
129
130
            },
            copy: {
131
                partials: {
132
                     expand: true,
133
                     flatten: true.
134
                     src: 'src/partials/*',
135
                     dest: 'temporary_files/build/partials/'
136
                },
137
                index: {
                     src: 'src/index.html',
139
                     dest: 'temporary_files/build/index.html'
140
141
                htaccess: {
142
                     src: 'src/.htaccess',
143
                     dest: 'temporary_files/build/.htaccess'
144
                },
145
146
                serverhtaccess: {
                     src: 'server/server.htaccess',
147
                     dest: 'temporary_files/build/api/.htaccess'
148
                appcache: {
150
                     src: 'src/offline.appcache',
151
                     dest: 'build/offline.appcache',
152
                     options: {
153
                         process: function (content) {
154
                             return content + '\n\n#<sub>\(\sigma\)</sub>' + (new Date()).toString() + '\n';
155
156
                     }
                },
158
                fonts: {
159
                     expand: true,
160
                     flatten: true,
161
162
                     src: 'managed_components/bower/bootstrap/glyphicons-halflings-regular.*',
                     dest: 'temporary_files/build/fonts/'
163
                1.
164
                images: {
165
                     expand: true,
166
167
                     flatten: true,
168
                     src: 'src/img/*',
                     dest: 'temporary_files/build/img/'
169
170
                },
                version: {
171
                     src: 'version.txt'.
172
                     dest: 'temporary_files/build/version.txt'
174
            },
175
            clean: {
176
                tmpbuild: ['temporary_files/build/'],
177
                build: ['build/'],
178
                oldbuild: ['temporary_files/old_build'],
179
                tmp: ['temporary_files/'],
180
                managed: ['managed_components/'],
                ace: ['managed_components/ace/']
182
183
            },
            watch: {
                js: {
185
                     files: 'src/js/**/*.js',
186
                     tasks: ['test', 'clean:tmpbuild', 'rename:unbuild', 'concat:app', 'concat
187
                      \ :worker', 'rename:build']
                },
```

```
html: {
189
                  files: 'src/**/*.html',
190
                   tasks: ['clean:tmpbuild', 'rename:unbuild', 'copy:partials', 'copy:index'
191
                   , 'rename:build']
              ٦,
192
               css: {
193
                   files: 'src/**/*.css',
194
                   tasks: ['clean:tmpbuild', 'rename:unbuild', 'cssmin', 'rename:build']
195
               }.
196
               parsers: {
197
                  files: 'src/js/parsers/*.pegjs',
198
                   tasks: ['clean:tmpbuild', 'rename:unbuild', 'peg:AUT', 'concat:worker', '
199
                   ↓ rename:build']
               }
          },
201
           peg: {
202
               CCS: {
203
                   src: 'node_modules/PseuCoCo/CCSParser.pegjs',
204
                   dest: 'temporary_files/CCSParser.js',
205
                   options: {
206
                      exportVar: 'CCSParser'
207
                  }
208
               },
209
               PseuCo: {
210
                   src: 'node_modules/PseuCoCo/PseuCoParser.pegjs',
211
                   dest: 'temporary_files/PseuCoParser.js',
212
213
                   options: {
                       exportVar: 'PseuCoParser'
214
                  }
215
216
               },
               AUT: {
217
                   src: 'src/js/parsers/AUT.pegjs',
218
219
                   dest: 'temporary_files/AUTParser.js',
                   options: {
220
                      exportVar: 'AUTParser'
221
                  }
222
              }
223
224
          },
           coffee: {
225
              CCS: {
226
                   options: {
227
                      bare: true
228
                  },
229
                   files: {
230
                       'temporary_files/CCS_no_parser.js': ['node_modules/PseuCoCo/CCS.
231
                       Goffee', 'node_modules/PseuCoCo/CCSRules.coffee', 'node_modules/
                       PseuCoCo/CCS+Traces.coffee', 'node_modules/PseuCoCo/CCSExecutor.
                           coffee', 'node_modules/PseuCoCo/CCSExport.coffee']
                  }
               },
233
               PseuCo: {
234
                   options: {
                      bare: true
236
237
                  }.
                   files: {
238
                       'temporary_files/PseuCo_no_parser.js': ['node_modules/PseuCoCo/PseuCo
239
                       {} \verb|-- PseuCoCo/PCEnvironment.coffee', 'node_modules/PseuCoCo/PCExport.}
                       ↓ coffee'l
                  }
240
241
               CCSCompiler: {
242
                  options: {
243
                      bare: true
244
                   files: {
246
247
                       'temporary_files/CCSCompiler.js': ['node_modules/PseuCoCo/PCCCompiler
                       4 node_modules/PseuCoCo/PCCProgramController.coffee', 'node_modules/
                       PseuCoCo/PCCContainer.coffee', 'node_modules/PseuCoCo/
                       4 PCCCompilerStack.coffee', 'node_modules/PseuCoCo/PseuCo+Compiler.
                       b coffee', 'node_modules/PseuCoCo/PCCExecutor.coffee', 'node_modules
```

```
}
248
                 }
249
250
            },
             browserify: {
251
                 PseuCoCo: {
252
                      src: 'src/js/pseucoco.js',
                      dest: 'temporary_files/pseucoco.js',
254
                 },
255
                 options: {
256
                      browserifyOptions: {
257
258
                          paths: ['temporary_files/']
                      }
259
                 }
260
261
            },
            rename: {
262
263
                 build: {
                      files: [
264
                          {
265
                               src: 'build',
266
                               dest: 'temporary_files/old_build'
267
                          },
268
                          {
                               src: 'temporary_files/build',
270
                               dest: 'build'
271
                          }
272
                      ٦
273
                 },
274
                 unbuild: {
275
276
                      files: [
277
                          {
                               src: 'build',
278
                               dest: 'temporary_files/build'
279
280
                          }
                      ]
281
282
                 }
            }
283
        }):
284
        grunt.loadNpmTasks('grunt-bower-task');
286
        grunt.loadNpmTasks('grunt-contrib-uglify');
287
        grunt.loadNpmTasks('grunt-contrib-cssmin');
288
        grunt.loadNpmTasks('grunt-contrib-jshint');
289
        grunt.loadNpmTasks('grunt-contrib-copy');
290
        grunt.loadNpmTasks('grunt-contrib-clean');
291
        grunt.loadNpmTasks('grunt-contrib-concat');
292
293
        grunt.loadNpmTasks('grunt-contrib-watch');
        grunt.loadNpmTasks('grunt-contrib-coffee');
294
        grunt.loadNpmTasks('grunt-peg');
295
        grunt.loadNpmTasks('grunt-browserify');
        grunt.loadNpmTasks('grunt-zip');
297
        grunt.loadNpmTasks('grunt-curl');
298
299
        grunt.loadNpmTasks('grunt-contrib-rename');
300
        grunt.registerTask('get-ace', 'Get_and_unzip_the_Ace_text_editor.', function() {
301
            if (!grunt.file.exists('managed_components/ace/ace-' + aceVersion + '.zip')) {
302
                 grunt.task.run(['clean:ace', 'curl:ace', 'unzip:ace']);
303
            }
304
        });
305
306
        grunt.registerTask('test', ['jshint']);
307
        grunt.registerTask('build', ['peg', 'coffee', 'concat:app', 'concat:lib', 'concat:CCS , 'concat:PseuCo', 'browserify', 'concat:worker', 'uglify:lib', 'cssmin', 'copy:
308
         partials', 'copy:fonts', 'copy:images', 'copy:htaccess', 'copy:serverhtaccess', '
        copy:index', 'copy:version', 'clean:oldbuild', 'rename:build']);
grunt.registerTask('appcache', ['copy:appcache']);
309
        grunt.registerTask('deploy', ['bower:install', 'get-ace', 'build']);
310
        grunt.registerTask('serverside', ['deploy', 'appcache']);
311
        grunt.registerTask('default', ['test', 'deploy']);
312
313 };
```

Listing B.2: weakProcessState() from worker.js

```
var weakProcessState = function (ltsData, stateName) {
```

```
if (!stateName) stateName = ltsData.extended.explorationState.weakFrontier.shift
285
            286
           var states = ltsData.core.states;
287
           var state = states[stateName];
288
289
           var insertConnection = function (set, value) {
290
                if (!_.contains(set, value)) {
291
                    set.push(value);
292
                    return true;
293
294
                }
           };
295
296
297
           var insertTransition = function (set, transition) {
                if (!_.some(set, function (t) {
298
                    return t.source === transition.source && t.target === transition.target
299
                     \ && t.label === transition.label;
                })) {
300
301
                    set.push(transition);
                    return true;
302
                }
303
           };
304
305
           var createTransition = function (preStateName, postStateName, label) {
306
                var weakTransition = {
307
                    source: preStateName,
308
                    target: postStateName,
309
                    label: label
310
311
                }:
312
                insertTransition(states[preStateName].weakTransitions.outgoing,
313

    weakTransition):

314
                insertTransition(states[postStateName].weakTransitions.incoming,
                 weakTransition);
315
           }:
316
           \_.each(state.transitions, function (transition, index) {
317
                // insert self-connection to target state
318
                var targetState = ltsData.core.states[transition.target];
319
                insertConnection(targetState.weakConnections.pre, transition.target);
320
                insertConnection(targetState.weakConnections.post, transition.target);
321
322
                if (transition.weak) {
323
                    // weak transition
324
325
326
                    // update weak connections
                    _.each(state.weakConnections.pre, function (preStateName) {
327
                        \verb|_.each(targetState.weakConnections.post, function (postStateName) | \{
328
                             var wasNew = insertConnection(states[preStateName].

\[ weakConnections.post, postStateName);
\]

                            \verb|insertConnection(states[postStateName].weakConnections.pre|,
330
                             b preStateName);
331
                            if (wasNew) {
332
                                 // we discovered a new connection
333
                                 /\!/ this might allow new transitions (longer than existing
334
                                 □ ones)
335
                                 _.each(states[preStateName].weakTransitions.incoming,
336
                                  b function (t) {
                                     createTransition(t.source, postStateName, t.label);
337
                                 }):
338
                                 _.each(states[postStateName].weakTransitions.outgoing,
339
                                 ↓ function (t) {
                                     createTransition(preStateName, t.target, t.label);
                                 }):
341
342
                            }
                        });
343
                    });
344
               } else {
345
                    // strong transition
346
347
                    // create weak transitions
```

```
_.each(state.weakConnections.pre, function (preStateName) {
349
                         _.each(targetState.weakConnections.post, function (postStateName) {
350
351
                             createTransition(preStateName, postStateName, transition.label);
                         });
352
                    });
353
                }
354
           });
355
356
357
            state.weakExplored = true;
       }:
358
```

Listing B.3: stateIsFullyWeakExplored() and utility functions from worker.js

```
var stateIsWeakExplored = function (ltsData, stateName) { // true if a state has been
361
           weak explored
           return ltsData.core.states[stateName].weakExplored;
362
       }:
363
364
365
       var stateIsWeakConnectionExplored = function (ltsData, stateName) { // if true, no
366
        h more states will be added to weakConnections
           var state = ltsData.core.states[stateName];
367
368
           if (state.weakConnectionExplored) return true;
369
370
           if(stateIsWeakExplored(ltsData, stateName) && _.every(state.weakConnections.post,
               function (postStateName) {
                return stateIsWeakExplored(ltsData, postStateName);
371
           })) {
372
373
                state.weakConnectionExplored = true;
                return true;
374
375
           } else {
                return false;
376
           }
377
378
       };
379
380
       var stateIsFullyWeakExplored = function (ltsData, stateName) { // if true, no more
381
        4 weak transitions or connections will be added to this state
           var states = ltsData.core.states;
           var state = states[stateName];
383
384
            if (ltsData.extended.explorationState.explorationFinished) return true;
           if (state.fullyWeakExplored) return true;
386
387
           if (!stateIsWeakConnectionExplored(ltsData, stateName)) return false;
           if (_.every(state.weakTransitions.outgoing, function (transition) {
389
                return stateIsWeakConnectionExplored(ltsData, transition.target);
390
           }))
391
                state.fullyWeakExplored = true;
392
393
                return true;
394
395
           return false;
       }:
397
```

Listing B.4: Task function of the minimizeLts task from worker.js

```
minimizeLts: function (data, workerState) {
739
                          var ltsData = workerState.data[data.dataId];
740
741
                          if (!ltsData) {
742
                              return {
                                   data: null,
744
745
                                   taskCompleted: true
746
                              };
                          }
747
748
                          enhanceIfNeeded(ltsData);
749
750
                          var states = ltsData.core.states;
751
752
                          var initialBlock = []:
753
754
                          var blocks = [];
```

```
755
                        var stateToBlockMap = {};
756
757
                        var notFullyWeaklyExploredStates = [];
758
759
                        _.each(states, function (state, stateName) {
760
                            if (_.contains(ltsData.extended.explorationState.explored,
761
                              frontier, stateName)) {
                                if (stateIsFullyWeakExplored(ltsData, stateName)) {
762
763
                                     initialBlock.push(stateName);
                                     stateToBlockMap[stateName] = initialBlock;
764
                                } else {
765
766
                                     // unexplored state
                                    var newBlock = [stateName]; // this state may not be
767

↓ grouped

                                     blocks.push(newBlock);
768
                                     stateToBlockMap[stateName] = newBlock;
769
770
                                     notFullyWeaklyExploredStates.push(stateName);
771
                                }
                            } else {
772
                                // unreachable state - ignore
773
774
                   }):
775
776
                        if (initialBlock.length > 0) blocks.push(initialBlock);
777
778
779
                        var done = false;
780
781
                        var buildToDo = function () {
                            var todo = [];
782
783
784
                            _.each(blocks, function (block1) {
                                _.each(blocks, function (block2) {
785
                                     todo.push({ block1: block1, block2: block2 });
786
                                });
787
                            }):
788
789
                            return todo;
790
                        1:
791
792
                        var getIncomingActionPredecessors = function (block) { // gets a map
793
                         \d of all strong actions to predecessor states
                            if (block.incomingActionPredecessors) return block.
794
                             incomingActionPredecessors;
795
                            var result = {};
796
797
                            _.each(block, function (stateName) {
798
                                 _.each(states[stateName].weakTransitions.incoming, function (
799
                                 \ \ \downarrow \  transition) {
                                     var label = transition.label;
800
                                     var preList = result[label];
801
                                     if (!preList) { preList = []; result[label] = preList; }
802
                                    preList.push(transition.source);
803
                                }):
804
                            });
806
                            block.incomingActionPredecessors = result;
807
808
                            return result;
                        }:
809
810
                        var getWeakPredecessors = function (block) {
811
                            return _.flatten(_.map(block, function (stateName) {
812
                                var state = states[stateName];
813
                                return state.weakConnections.pre;
814
815
                            }), true);
                        };
816
817
818
                        var getSplit = function (block, splitter) {
819
                            var intersection = _.intersection(block, splitter);
                            if (!_.isEmpty(intersection)) {
820
821
                                var difference = _.difference(block, splitter);
```

```
if (!_.isEmpty(difference)) {
822
                                         return { block1: intersection, block2: difference };
823
824
                               }
825
826
                               return false;
827
                          };
828
829
                           var performSplit = function (block, split) {
830
                               var index = blocks.indexOf(block);
if (index > -1) blocks.splice(index, 1);
831
832
                               else throw "trying_{\sqcup}to_{\sqcup}sp_{\square}it_{\sqcup}a_{\sqcup}nonexisting_{\sqcup}block";
833
834
835
                               blocks.push(split.block1);
                               blocks.push(split.block2);
836
837
                               var assignBlock = function (block) {
838
                                    return function (stateName) {
839
                                         stateToBlockMap[stateName] = block;
840
841
                               };
842
843
                               _.each(split.block1, assignBlock(split.block1));
_.each(split.block2, assignBlock(split.block2));
844
845
                          };
846
847
                           // partition
848
                           while (!done) {
849
                               done = true;
850
851
                               var todo = buildToDo();
852
                               todoloop: while (!_.isEmpty(todo)) {
853
                                    var task = todo.shift();
855
856
                                    var block1 = task.block1;
                                    if(!_.contains(blocks, block1)) continue; // this block was
                                     858
                                    var block2 = task.block2;
859
860
                                    var weakPredecessors = getWeakPredecessors(block2);
                                    var weakSplit = getSplit(block1, weakPredecessors);
862
863
                                    if (weakSplit) {
                                         done = false;
865
                                         performSplit(block1, weakSplit);
866
                                    } else {
867
                                         var incomingActionPredecessors2 =
868

    getIncomingActionPredecessors(block2);
869
                                         for (var action in incomingActionPredecessors2) {
870
871
                                              var predecessors = incomingActionPredecessors2[action
                                              ↳ ];
872
                                              var split = getSplit(block1, predecessors);
                                             if (split) {
873
                                                  done = false:
874
                                                  performSplit(block1, split);
875
                                                  break todoloop;
876
                                             }
877
                                        }
878
                                    }
879
                               }
880
881
882
                         // partitioning completed
883
                          var newStates = {};
884
                          var nextStateLabel = 0;
885
                          var blockToStateInfo = {};
887
888
                           _.each(blocks, function (block) {
                               blockToStateInfo[block] = {
889
                                    label: '' + nextStateLabel++,
890
```

```
weakConnectionPostBlocks: _.uniq(_.flatten(_.map(block,
891

\downarrow
 function (stateName) {
                                     return _.map(states[stateName].weakConnections.post,
892
                                       function (postStateName) {
                                         return stateToBlockMap[postStateName];
893
                                     }):
894
                                 }), true)) // blocks that can be reached by only tau steps
895
                            };
896
                        });
897
898
                        var oldToNewLabel = function (oldStateName) {
899
                            return blockToStateInfo[stateToBlockMap[oldStateName]].label;
900
901
902
                        _.each(blocks, function (block) {
903
                            var thisBlockLabel = blockToStateInfo[block].label;
904
905
                            var outgoingOldTransitions = _.flatten(_.map(block, function (
906

    stateName) {

                                return states[stateName].weakTransitions.outgoing;
907
                            }), true);
908
909
                            var outgoingNewTransitions = _.map(outgoingOldTransitions,
910
                             \d function (transition) {
                                 // this weak transition points to an old state - build a new
                                 \d one, pointing to a new state
                                 return {
912
913
                                     label: transition.label,
                                     target: oldToNewLabel(transition.target)
914
915
                                 };
                            });
916
917
918
                             // remove duplicates
                            var uniqueOutgoingNewTransitions = _.flatten(_.map(_.groupBy(
919
                             b outgoingNewTransitions, 'label'), function (
                             transitionsWithCommonLabel) {
                                 return _.uniq(transitionsWithCommonLabel, 'target');
920
                            }), true);
921
922
                            var weaklyReachibleNewStates = _.uniq(_.flatten(_.map(block,
923
                              function (stateName) {
                                 return _.map(states[stateName].weakConnections.post,
924

   oldToNewLabel);
                            }), true));
926
                            _.each(weaklyReachibleNewStates, function (targetStateName) {
927
                                if (targetStateName !== thisBlockLabel) {
928
                                     // targetStateName is reachable with a weak transition -
929
                                     4 add that
                                     uniqueOutgoingNewTransitions.push({
930
931
                                         target: targetStateName,
932
                                         weak: true
                                     });
933
                                 }
934
                            });
935
936
                            var filteredUniqueOutgoingNewTransitions = _.filter(
                             uniqueOutgoingNewTransitions, function (transitionToTest) {
                                // check if the transition is needed (or can be replaced with
938
                                 4 a transition of a weak post state)
                                 return !_.some(blockToStateInfo[block].
939
                                 \d weakConnectionPostBlocks, function (
                                 \ weakConnectionPostBlock) {
                                     var weaklyOutgoingMatchingTransitions = _.flatten(_.map(
940

    weakConnectionPostBlock, function (
                                      weakConnectionPostState) {
                                         return _.filter(states[weakConnectionPostState].
941
                                          ↓ transitions, function (transition) {
                                             return transition.label === transitionToTest.
942
                                              ↓ label && transition.weak === transitionToTest.
                                              □ weak:
                                         });
943
                                     }), true);
```

```
945
                                    // weaklyOutgoingMatchingTransitions are all transitions
946
                                     h that might make transitionToTest superfluous
947
                                    return _.some(weaklyOutgoingMatchingTransitions, function
948
                                        (weaklyOutgoingMatchingTransition) {
                                         if (weaklyOutgoingMatchingTransition.weak &&
949
                                         \ target] === weakConnectionPostBlock) return false;
                                         4 // prevent tau steps from replacing themselves as
                                            part of tau*
                                         return _.some(states[weaklyOutgoingMatchingTransition
950
                                         \ .target].weakConnections.post, function (

    stateAfterOutgoingWeakMatchingTransition) {
                                             if (oldToNewLabel(
951
                                             \label{eq:linear_problem} \  \, \downarrow \  \, \text{stateAfterOutgoingWeakMatchingTransition)} \  \, ! ==
                                              \update transitionToTest.target) return false; // we
                                             b ended up in the wrong state - no possible

    □ replacement

952
                                             // we found a matching route: tau* ->
953
                                              // we still must check that this is longer than
954
                                             \  \  \, \downarrow \  \, \text{transitionToTest, otherwise, each transition}
                                             return block !== weakConnectionPostBlock ||
955
                                              \ transitionToTest.target !== oldToNewLabel(

weaklyOutgoingMatchingTransition.target);
                                   });
956
957
                                });
958
                            }):
959
960
                            newStates[thisBlockLabel] = {
961
962
                                transitions: filteredUniqueOutgoingNewTransitions
963
                        });
964
965
                        var newInitialState = oldToNewLabel(ltsData.core.initialState);
966
967
                        // add weak self-loop if needed for observation congruence
968
                        var blockWithInitialState = stateToBlockMap[ltsData.core.initialState
969
                        ⊢ 1:
                        if (_.some(states[ltsData.core.initialState].transitions, function (
970
                         ↓ transition) {
                            return transition.weak && stateToBlockMap[transition.target] ===
971
                             blockWithInitialState;
                        })) {
972
                            newStates[newInitialState].transitions.push({
973
                                target: newInitialState,
974
975
                                weak: true
                            });
                        }
977
978
979
                        var dataId = workerState.nextDataId++:
980
981
                        var newLtsData = {
982
983
                            core: {
                                initialState: newInitialState,
984
                                states: newStates
985
986
                            }.
                            extended: {
987
                                dataId: dataId
988
989
                        };
990
991
                        var generateRelayingTransitionGenerator = function (state,
                         underlyingStateName) {
993
                            return function () {
                                var underlyingState = states[underlyingStateName];
994
                                if (!underlyingState.transitions) blindExploreState(data.
995

    dataId, ltsData, underlyingStateName);
```

```
var underlyingTansitions = underlyingState.transitions;
996
997
998
                                state.transitions = state.transitionsFromMinimization:
                                if (!state.transitions) state.transitions = [];
999
1000
                                _.each(underlyingTansitions, function (underlyingTransition)
1001
                                 ↓ {
                                    if (!stateToBlockMap[underlyingTransition.target]) {
1002
                                        var newStateLabel = 'U-' + nextStateLabel++;
1003
1004
                                        var newState = JSON.parse(enhancedStateTemplate);
1005
                                        newState.generateTransitions =
1006
                                         underlyingTransition.target);
1007
                                        newStates[newStateLabel] = newState;
1008
                                        var newBlock = [newState];
1010
                                        stateToBlockMap[underlyingTransition.target] =
1011

    newBlock;
                                        blockToStateInfo[newBlock] = { label: newStateLabel
1012
                                         ↳ };
                                    } else {
1013
                                        1014
                                            return transition.label === underlyingTransition.
1015

    label && transition.weak ===

                                             \  \  \, \downarrow \  \, underlying Transition.weak \,\, \&\& \,\, transition.target
                                             ↳ );
                                        })) {
1016
1017
                                            return; // transition already exists - ignore
                                        }
1018
1019
                                    }
1020
1021
                                    state.transitions.push ({
                                        label: underlyingTransition.label,
1022
                                        weak: underlyingTransition.weak,
1023
1024
                                        target: oldToNewLabel(underlyingTransition.target)
                                    });
1025
                               });
1026
                            };
1027
                        };
1028
1029
                        var safeDataCopy = JSON.parse(JSON.stringify(newLtsData));
1030
1031
                        // restore explore functionality for not fully explored states
1032
                        _.each(notFullyWeaklyExploredStates, function (originalStateName) {
1033
                            var state = newStates[oldToNewLabel(originalStateName)];
1034
                            state.generateTransitions = generateRelayingTransitionGenerator(
1035
                            state, originalStateName);
1036
1037
                            // hide transitions from view - state needs to be explored
                            state.transitionsFromMinimization = state.transitions;
1038
1039
                            state.transitions = undefined;
                        });
1040
1041
                        workerState.data[dataId] = newLtsData;
1042
1043
                        return {
1044
                            data: {
1045
                                command: 'minimized',
1046
1047
                                data: safeDataCopy
1048
                            taskCompleted: true
1049
                        };
1050
                    }
1051
```

Appendix C

The Repository Structure

In the source code repository of pseuCo.com, you can find a multitude of files and directories. Some of them are generated by the package managers and the build script, and not included in the repository directly.

Here is an overview over this directory structure:

- .git hidden data directory from Git
- bower_components managed by Bower, contains all files from the dependencies shown in Listing 5.1
- build contains the resulting directory structure the web server should present see Appendix D
- managed_components contains files managed automatically by the build scripts
 - **ace** contains the downloaded archive and unzipped version of Ace
 - **bower** contains only the needed files from the Bower dependencies shown in Listing 5.1
- node_modules managed by npm, contains all files from the dependencies shown in Listing 5.2
- **server** contains the files needed for the server component see section 5.12
 - **data** the data directory for the server component
 - **paste** files that have been submitted to the paste service from users
 - templates template files that will be offered to users, separated by file type
 - ccs.json
 - lts.json
 - pseuco.json
 - server.htaccess configuration file for Apache to direct incoming HTTP requests to the pseuCo.com server running at port 9128
 - server.js the server code
- src src
 - css all CSS files needed by pseuCo.com (CSS definitions can be in any CSS file in this folder the separation in different files is purely for convenience.)
 - img contains images used in pseuCo.com
 - **■** js contains all main JavaScript files
 - **partials** contains partials
 - htaccess configuration file for Apache, setting headers to disable the normal client-side caching (in favour of the Application Cache see section 5.6)

- index.html main HTML file, describing the core parts of the UI (Additional UI elements (partials) are injected during runtime.)
- offline.appcache configuration file for the Application Cache see section 5.6
- temporary_files location for temporary files needed during the build process
- .gitattributes configuration file for Git, ensuring line endings are normalized
- .gitignore configuration files for Git, ensuring generated files are not committed to the repository by accident
- .jshintrc configuration file for jshint
- bower.json configuration file for Bower, listing dependencies
- COPYING license text
- Gruntfile.js configuration file for grunt, describing the build process see section 5.3
- package.json configuration file for npm, describing this package and the dependencies
- ReadMe.md
- version.txt contains the string testing to allow pseuCo.com to identify itself as having been built from source (For the official builds, this file is overwritten with the string displayed at \(\begin{align*} \limits_{\text{base URL}} \end{align*} /#/about. \)

Appendix D

The Build Directory Structure

```
This section describes the final directory structure, ready to be served by Apache or any other HTTP
server. It is set up by the build scripts in (repository)/build/.
     api — virtual path, to which the server component should respond (The folder contains a .htaccess
     file to configure Apache to redirect requests to it.)
 🖆 css
     app.css — CSS styles from the main application
         lib.css — CSS styles from external libraries
    fonts — contains fonts containing Glyphicon symbols
    img
         icon.png — the pseuCo.com icon, PNG version
         icon.svg — the pseuCo.com icon, SVG version
    js
     app.js — JavaScript code from the main application
     lib.js — JavaScript code from external libraries
     lib.min.js — JavaScript code from external libraries, minified
        lib.min.js.map — source map for lib.js, for debugging
         worker.js — JavaScript code for the background worker – see section 5.7
   partials
         about.html — UI fragment: "About" tab
         ace.html — UI fragment for including Ace
```

- actions.html UI fragment: action buttons
- backup.html UI fragment: "Backup" tab
- debug.html UI fragment: the hidden "Debug" tab see section 5.1
- edit.html UI fragment: file viewing and editing
- error.html UI fragment: displays critical errors
- export.html UI fragment: LTS file export
- fetch.html UI fragment: message shown while a shared file downloads
- files.html UI fragment: "Files" tab
- help.html UI fragment: "Help" tab

- import.html UI fragment: file import
- landing.html UI fragment: main "pseuCo.com" tab
- lts.html UI fragment: the LTS viewer
- newfile.html UI fragment: new file creation
- pseucojava.html UI fragment: the classical pseuCo-Java compiler
- share.html UI fragment: file upload for sharing
- svg.html UI fragment: result of SVG export
- trace.html UI fragment: random trace through LTS
- htaccess configuration file for Apache see section 5.6
- index.html main HTML file
- offline.appcache configuration file for the Application Cache see section 5.6
- version.txt describes the version of pseuCo.com either "testing" if built from source locally, or a branch name and commit identifier if built on the official server

Appendix E

User Manual (digital printout)

Remark

The documentation of the pseuCo language contains work by Kathrin Stark and Holger Hermanns.

pseuCo.com User Manual

Overview

With this application, you can easily create and share CCS and pseuCo files and convert them to Labelled Transition Systems. You can also minimize and analyze such transition systems.

The following sections will help you to use pseuCo.com.

Requirements

PseuCo.com is designed to run in any modern browser. The most important requirements are:

- · JavaScript must be enabled.
- LocalStorage must be available. This is the default in most browsers. If you receive an
 error message that LocalStorage it is not available, make sure private browsing is disabled,
 and try enabling cookies some browsers silently block LocalStorage if cookies are
 disabled.
- · Cookies are required to switch to the beta version.

PseuCo.com has been tested in recent versions of Chrome, Firefox and Internet Explorer.

Managing Files

Everything you create in this application is saved automatically within your browser. If you go back to pseuCo.com (http://pseuco.com/) on the same device, you will see all files you created in the Files tab.

If you did not enter a file name, you might still be able to find your file in the "Unnamed Files" section. However, such files are deleted automatically after a few days. To keep a file permanently, you must give it a name. To do so, open it and enter a name into the box at the top of the page.

Your files can be deleted by your browser in some cases, e.g. if you "clear private data" or use "private mode". To keep your files safe, you should save a backup regularly.

If you want to create a copy of a file, click the • clone icon next to its name on the Files tab. An unnamed copy of the file will open. To save it permanently, give it a name as usual.

To delete a named file, click the yellow file delete button next to it. If the file was named, the name will be removed, causing the file to be deleted after a few days. If you accidentally deleted a named file, open it from the "Unnamed Files" section, and re-enter a file name.

To delete an unnamed file immediately, click the red delete button next to it. The file will be deleted immediately. **Watch out**: There is no way to undo this.

Backing Up and Restoring Your Files

To backup your files, open the Backup tab. In the "Backup" section, you will see a text box containing all your files. Select all text by clicking into it, then copy it. Paste the contents into an empty text file and store it.

Please note that unnamed files will not be included in the backup.

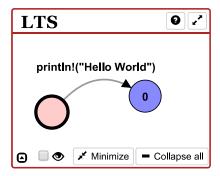
To restore a backup, open the Backup tab. Copy the backup data from the text file you stored earlier, and paste it into the text box in the "Restore" section. If your backup is valid, a button will appear below the text box, Read the instructions, and click the button to start the restore process.

Editing Files

If you open a file for editing, you will see one or multiple windows, each containing an editor. It will look like this:







What you see above isn't a static image – it's a live demo. Feel free to experiment with the windows. Changes you make are ignored and will be lost when you leave this page.

You can resize these windows horizontally by dragging the grey separator bar. In addition, every window has a ** button in the top right corner, which will maximize the window.

If a window shrinks too much, it will be reduced to a thin vertical stripe. To show the contents again, drag a divider to make room for it, or click on the stripe to quickly maximize it.

Only the leftmost window is editable – it contains your file. All other windows show data generated from that file, for example the LTS graph. If you want to edit such generated data, check if the title has an \mathfrak{C} edit icon: If it has, you can click it to create a new file based on the content below.

To get more information about a specific editor, click the **②** help icon on the corresponding title bar.

While editing a file you will see some buttons, called "action buttons", on the bottom of the page. You can find more information on them below, or in the section for the corresponding file type.

File Sharing

You can easily share any open file by clicking the "C Share this file" action button. After accepting the conditions and clicking the upload button, you will be given a unique link. You can pass this link on to anyone you want to share this file with.

Any user opening a sharing link will see a read-only view of the shared file. The file can be saved and made editable by clicking the blue notification bar.

Importing Files

You can import Labelled Transition Systems into pseuCo.com. Simply open the import page for transition systems, and paste data in a supported file format. See the import page for details on which formats are supported.

In the rare case that the data you pasted can be interpreted in various formats, you will see multiple import buttons. Make sure you select the correct one so your data will be interpreted correctly.

Distraction-Free Editing

To edit files with as few distractions as possible, click the (a) maximize icon in the navigation bar. The UI will shrink, hiding elements that are less important.

Hint: You can also enable full screen mode in your browser. On desktop browsers, this usually happens when you press <code>F11</code> or <code>^\#F</code>.

To leave this mode, click the **T** restore icon in the top-right corner. The mode will also be disabled automatically when you navigate to another page.

File Types

Labelled Transition Systems

LTS graphs can be huge, so pseuCo.com cannot display them completely. Therefore, you can interactively expand just the parts of the graph you are interested in.

When you see a new LTS graph, you will only be shown the initial state. If you click on this state, it will *expand*, revealing all successor states. The color of a state will turn into a lighter red to tell you that this state is fully expanded. If a state turns blue, it is *terminal*, meaning that there are no successors.

To save space, you can collapse nodes you are no longer interested in by clicking on them.

The application tries to show you LTS graphs as

clearly arranged as possible – but this may not always work automatically. If the graph gets tangled up, you can drag the nodes to rearrange them.

Labels for states will be show on the states themselves only if they are extremely short. Otherwise, hover your mouse over a state or touch the state to show the label in the grey tool bar on the bottom.

Other Modes for Exploring LTS Graphs

For large graphs, there are alternative modes to help you retain control. They can be enabled by ticking the appropriate checkboxes on the grey tool bar, or in the settings panel you can reveal by clicking the tool bar.

- Pin dragged nodes helps you to arrange complex graphs if the automatic arrangement
 produces unacceptable results. If you enable this option, any state you drag will stick to the
 position where you dropped it. To release a state, disable this option and drag the state
 again.
- **©** Focus on single node helps you by automatically collapsing nodes. With this setting enabled, only one state can be expanded fully, all other states will collapse to only show you the paths leading to the focused state.

Additional Display Options

Clicking the grey tool bar reveals a panel with additional options. It allows you to:

- Compress weak steps to save space: Weak transitions will be shorter and have no visible label.
- Export as SVG graphic: This will show SVG code. Copy it and save it to an empty text file
 and save it with the file extension .svg to get a vector graphic export of the current LTS
 view.

LTS Minimization

For any transition system, pseuCom.com can compute the minimal observation congruent transition system for you. Start this process by clicking the * Minimize button in the tool bar.

Fully minimizing the system only works if the transition system has been fully explored. You will see a notice in the upper left corner of the LTS viewer if exploration is not finished yet. You can start the minimization process at any time, but the resulting system may be too large.

If you view a minimized transition system, click the $\[e^{\[A \] } \]$ Restore button at any time to return to the original transition system.

Actions

You can perform additional actions on the transition system using the corresponding "action buttons".

A Random Path

Clicking this button shows a random path through the transition system. You can generate new random paths by clicking "Restart".

Export LTS

Clicking this button allows you to export the transition system in a number of formats. You can view details about a format by selecting it in the list.

Please note that infinite systems cannot be exported – if you try to do so, the export process will get stuck. Exporting large systems can take a while.

Some export formats fail to describe certain transition systems. Please read the details before proceeding.

pseuCo

You can find information about the history of pseuCo on the landing page.

The following sections give you an overview over pseuCo's syntax and semantics.

Getting Started

In pseuCo, execution starts in the mainAgent:

```
mainAgent {
    // execution starts here
}
```

Each statement must end with a semicolon.

With println, you can output strings and integer values.

```
println(7);
println(7 + ": Primzahl.");
```

You can declare variables locally or globally. Initialization is optional.

```
int x = 5;
mainAgent {
   bool y; // defaults to false
   y = true;
   x = 4;
}
```

Variables may be declared at most once.

Procedure definitions need a return value and types for all arguments:

```
int calculateSomething(int input1, bool input2) {
    // do something
    return 5;
}
```

Procedures that do not return anything have the return type void.

Expressions, Conditionals and Loops

A conditional looks like this:

```
if (<condition>) {
    // then case
} else {
    // else case
}
```

The else case is optional.

In conditions, the operators ! (negation), == (equality test), && (logical and) and || (logical or) are supported.

There is also an in-line conditional expression:

```
println(n > 5 ? "viel" : "wenig");
```

Both while and for loops are available:

```
while (<expression>) {
    // repeats until the condition is false
}

for (<initializer>; <condition>; <action>) {
    // repeats until the condition is false
}
```

Agents

Agents can be declared with the agent keyword:

```
agent a1 = calculateSometing(input1, input2);
start a1;
start calculateSomething(input1, input2); // anonymous agent
```

Agents do not need to be started immediately when they are declared, and may be anonymous. If an agent is not, waiting for its termination is achieved by the <code>join</code> keyword:

```
join a1;
```

Structures

The struct keyword allows declaring structures that can encapsulate data. It is also possible to define procedures in them, which usually operate on the encapsulated data. Only methods are accessible from outside the structure.

```
struct Count {
   int a = 0;
   int plusPlus() {
        a++;
        return a;
   }
}
```

Instances of a structure are declared just like variables, but using the name of the structure. The available methods can then be accessed using the . notation.

```
Count s;
println(s.plusPlus());
```

Call-By-Value / Call-By-Reference

When evaluating procedure calls, arguments with one of the primitive types <code>bool</code>, <code>int</code> and <code>string</code> are initialized with **copies** of the passed value (Call-By-Value).

For arrays, struct, monitor, mutex and channels, a reference to the **same** object is used (Call-By-Reference).

```
void p(int i, int[1] a) {
    i = 42;
    a[0] = 1337;
}

mainAgent {
    int i;
    int[1] a;
    println(i + " " + a[0]); // prints "0 1337"
}
```

Message Passing

PseuCo features channels for communication between agents.

Channels

Channels can be synchronous or asynchronous, and have any of the primitive types <code>bool</code>, <code>int</code> or <code>string</code>. Asynchronous channels are declared with a fixed capacity.

```
boolchan chan1; // synchronous, type bool intchan7 chan1; // asynchronous, type int
```

Unless full, channels can accept values from a sender. Unless empty, channels can emit values to a receiver, using a first-in first-out policy:

```
intchan7 chan2;
chan2 <! 7; // send 7
chan2 <! 8; // and send 8
<? chan2; // receive 7
int x = <? chan2; // now x will have value 8</pre>
```

Attempting to receive from an empty channel blocks the receiver, attempting to send to a full channel blocks the sender. Receiving is destructive.

Arrays come in handy for declaring multiple channels:

```
intchan100[4] chan;
start anAgent(chan[0], chan[1]);
```

When declaring a procedure, generic channel types without capacity must be used:

```
intchan5 c;
void p(intchan c) {}
p(c); // valid procedure call
```

Such procedures will work with any synchronous or asynchronous channel.

Select-Case Statements

A case clause consists of the keyword case, followed by a receive expression (<?) or a send expression (<!), a : and a statement.

A select-case statement consists of one ore more case clauses, followed by an optional default clause.

```
select {
   case chan1 <! a: {
        // several statements in brackets
   }
   case b = <? chan2:
        // or just one
   case <? chan3:
        // receive and forget
   default:
        // always enabled
}</pre>
```

Shared Memory

In pseuCo, several agents may share access to some variables. If of primitive type, such variables need to be declared globally, while instances of structures can also be shared by passing them as arguments (owed to Call-by-Reference).

If an agent can write to some variable while at least one other agent can read or write the same variable, we are facing a **data race**. Programs with data races are considered **incorrect**.

Explicit Locking

The keyword <code>mutex</code> is used to declare a **lock** (or **mutex**). Locks are used to coordinate access to data by preventing concurrent access, preventing data races. Locks can be locked with <code>lock</code> and unlocked with <code>unlock</code>:

```
mutuex m; // declaration
int i = 5;

void dec() {
    lock m; // give it to me
    i--; // no data race
    unlock m; // done
}
```

There is no built-in correspondence between a lock and the data guarded by that lock. It is the programmers responsibility to make sure every access to the guarded data is protected correctly.

Implicit Locking

The keyword monitor instead of struct declares a **monitor** – a structure that makes use of an **implicit** lock: There is a built-in mechanism that locks this lock **before** any monitor method call is effectuated and unlocks it only **after** the method's return has happened. This ensures that the encapsulated data is properly guarded against data races:

```
monitor Count {
   int a = 0;
   int plusPlus() {
        a++;
        return a;
   }
}
```

Monitor methods may need to wait for specific **conditions** concerning the data encapsulated by the monitor before effectuating certain operations on them. Conditions are declared with the keyword <code>condition</code>. The waiting is done by <code>waitForCondition</code> which only proceeds once the condition is satisfied. Internally the implicit lock of the monitor is unlocked so as to allow others to proceed and operate on the encapsulated data, so that eventually the condition can become satisfied. Agents can indicate that a condition is now satisfied using <code>signal</code> or <code>signalAll</code>. This wakes up one or all of the agents waiting on the condition, respectively. On re-acquiring the lock, these agents only proceed if that condition is indeed satisfied, otherwise, they will wait again.

```
monitor Count {
   int i;
   condition notNull with (i >> 0);

   void inc() {
       i++;

      // now someone can do a dec()
       signal notNull;
   }

   void dec() {
       waitForCondition notNull;
      i--;
   }
}
```

CCS

CCS is a process calculus to model concurrent systems. PseuCo.com uses a pragmatic extension of CCS with value passing, sequencing and termination.

If P and Q are valid CCS processes, then the following are valid CCS processes as well:

Process	Semantics
0	cannot perform any action
1	terminated process – emits δ , behaves like \emptyset afterwards
a.P	performs action a, behaves like P afterwards
P + Q	non-deterministic choice between P and Q

P Q	concurrent execution of P and Q			
P \ {a,b,c}	behaves like P except that actions a, b, c are not allowed			
P \ {*,a,b,c}	behaves like P except that only actions a, b, c are allowed			
P; Q	behaves like P until it terminates, then performs a τ-transition to Q			
Х	behaves like P if X was defined before as X := P			

A CCS action is any combination of letters starting with a lower-case letter. Some of them have a special meaning:

Input Sequence	Action Meaning	
i	т (tau)	represents in internal, non-observable action
e	δ (delta)	signals that a process has terminated

CCS actions may contain a $\,!\,$ or $\,?\,$. If both counterparts can be executed at the same time, they can synchronize, resulting in an internal τ transition. After $\,!\,$, a sending expression can be given, the value of which will be bound to the input variable given after $\,?\,$. Input variables may be bound to a range, defined as range R $\,:=\,0..0\,$, with $\,:\,$ R. Ranges of string length can be specified, too: $\,$ \$..\$\$\$ allows strings of length 1 to 3.

A process name is any combination of letters starting with an upper-case letter.

Process definitions may contain an arbitrary number of variables in square brackets, which must be given when a process is called.

To get examples for valid CCS terms, create a new CCS file and select a template.

Offline Mode

The application is available offline automatically if supported by your browser. Just reopen pseuCo.com (http://pseuco.com/) to access it.

Frequently Asked Questions

My LTS graph shows only one state, but I'm sure there must be some transitions!

The graph is not shown automatically, since graphs can be too huge to render in a readable way. Click on a state to *expand* it, and you will see all successors of the state. Click here for more information.

In the LTS graph, I can see the states, but transitions aren't drawn completely: I just see their label text, but no arrow!

You're using Internet Explorer, right?

This is a known bug that Microsoft has not fixed yet. Please, tell Microsoft you can reproduce this bug here (https://connect.microsoft.com/IE/feedback/details/781964/). Then, tick this box:

do not show arrowheads

After you've done that, the arrows will be rendered without the arrowhead (unluckily, this means you cannot see the direction of the arrow) – but at least, they will be rendered at all.

If Microsoft fixes this bug in a future version of Internet Explorer, uncheck the box above to render the arrowheads again.

If you do not want to wait, try to use another (https://www.google.com/intl/de/chrome/browser/) browser (http://firefox.com/).

On my mobile device, the text editor has some issues, for example, the backspace key is not working reliably.

We are sorry – the text editor we are using has issues with soft keyboards in some browsers. You can try switching to a different browser.

Please report this issue and provide additional details about your device, browser, and how to replicate this issue, so we can try to fix it.

In the meantime, you can try ticking this box:

do not use the advanced text editor

If you do so, you will not see the normal text editor, but a simple text box. This should work without issues, but you will see no error messages in the editor.

On one of my devices, the application just shows a blank screen.

This can occur if a corrupted version of the application is downloaded. Please contact us with details so we can try to fix this issue.

In the meantime, try to clear the *application cache*, which is different from the normal cache. Here is how you can do that in some modern browsers:

Browser	Steps
Chrome	open the URL chrome://appcache-internals $ ightarrow$ find this application $ ightarrow$ Remove
Firefox	Menu button \to Options \to Advanced \to Network \to find the application in the list on the bottom \to Remove
Internet Explorer	Gear icon $ o$ Internet Options $ o$ Settings (in the section Browsing history $ o$ Caches and databases $ o$ find the application in the list $ o$ Delete
Safari on iOS	Settings \to Safari \to Advanced \to Website Data \to find the application in the list on the bottom \to Edit \to Delete icon \to Delete

Glossary

Ace

a JavaScript-based text editor - see http://ace.c9.io/

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AngularJS

a rich JavaScript framework that helps building dynamic HTML-based applications by enhancing HTML – see https://angularjs.org/ 8, 9, 13, 15, 63

Apache

a HTTP server - see http://apache.org/

5, 12, 29, 47, 49, 50

Bézier curve

a curved described by several (usually four) so-called control points, defining not only the start and end point, but also points the curve will bend towards – see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/B%C3%A9zier_curve

Bower

a package manager for web applications - see http://bower.io/

7, 47, 48

Browserify

a JavaScript tool to bundle JavaScript-files with their npm dependencies to be runnable in a browser environment – see http://browserify.org/

CoffeeScript

a programming language that cross-compiles to JavaScript – see http://coffeescript.org/ 8

controller

refers to application code that provides the functionality behind a user interface and manages the data model 8, 9

CSS

a language to describe the appearance of HTML elements

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D3.js

a JavaScript library for visualizations based on SVG elements – see http://d3js.org/

directive

an Angular JS-specific term for a HTML extension: an element that provides a part of the user interface, consisting of both HTML code describing the UI, and JavaScript code providing the functionality 8, 17

factory

an AngularJS-specific term for a singleton: a component that provides a specific function, and must be initialized once before it can be used arbitrarily often 8

Git

a version control system - see http://git-scm.com/

5, 30, 47, 48

grunt

a JavaScript-based build system - see http://gruntjs.com/

5, 7, 35, 48

jshint

a tool to find common issues in JavaScript code - see http://jshint.com/

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node.js

a command-line JavaScript interpreter - see http://nodejs.org/

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npm

the Node Package Manager, part of node.js - see https://www.npmjs.org/ 5, 7, 30, 47, 48, 63

partial

fragment of an HTML file defining a part of the UI

9, 17, 47, 48

PEG.js

a JavaScript-based parser generator to generate JavaScript parsers for arbitrary languages — see http://pegjs.majda.cz/

PseuCoCo

a compiler from pseuCo to CCS code – see section 2.3

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