

BCS-FACS
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Lecture 1

VDM + Mule

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Q. What is the
Vienna Development
Method
- VDM?

A. see :-
"Systematic Software
Development using VDM"
by CLIFF JONES,
PHI 1986 (i.e. soon!?)

" VDM is a specification technique which is formal enough to support implementation justification. "

Cliff Jones.

Character:

- model-orientated;
- techniques motivated by computing applications not (just) mathematical elegance.

- built-in types as, 1st-level, building blocks - sets, maps, sequences, tagged products, recursive tree structures.

- operations defined w.r.t. a state via pre/post-conditions.

- non-determinism handled by relational post-conditions.

e.g. "A compiler dictionary"⁵

The State:

CompDict =
seq of Locals

CompDict₀ $\hat{=}$ $\langle \rangle$

Local dictionaries⁶

The State:

Locals = map Id to Attr

The Operations

STORE_L - save attrib. of an id

ISIN_L - is id declared?

LOOKUP_L - retrieve attrib.

locals₀ $\hat{=}$ []

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 $\text{STORE}_L (i: \text{Id}, a: \text{Attr})$

ext wr $\text{ld}: \text{Locals}$

pre $i \notin \text{dom } \text{ld}$

post

$\overleftarrow{\text{ld}} \cup [i \mapsto a] = \text{ld}$

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 $\text{ISIN}_L (i: \text{Id}) r: \mathbb{B}$

ext rd $\text{ld}: \text{Locals}$

post $i \in \text{dom } \text{ld} \iff r$

$\text{LOOKUP}_L (i: \text{Id}) r: \text{Attr}$

ext rd $\text{ld}: \text{Locals}$

pre $i \in \text{dom } \text{ld}$

post $r = \text{ld}(i)$

CompDict Operations⁹

STORE - save attrib. of
an Id.

ISLOC - is Id declared
in current block

LOOKUP - retrieve attribs.

ENTER - start a new
scope.

LEAVE - exit a scope
level

STORE ($i: Id, a: Attr$)

ext wr $cd: CompDict$

pre $cd \neq \langle \rangle \wedge$

$pre-STORE_L(i, a, \overleftarrow{hd} cd)$

post

$\exists ld \in Locals \cdot$

$post-STORE_L(i, a, \overleftarrow{hd} cd, ld)$

$\wedge \langle ld \rangle \sim \underline{tl} \overleftarrow{cd} = cd$

ISLOC ... exercise!

//

LOOKUP ($i: Id$) $r: Attr$

ext rd $cd: CompDict$

pre $\exists j \in \underline{inds} \ cd.$

$\text{pre-LOOKUP}_L(i, cd(j))$

post

let $k = \underline{mins} \left\{ j \mid \text{pre-LOOKUP}_L(i, cd(j)) \right\}$

in $\text{post-LOOKUP}_L(i, cd(k), r)$

Operations on entire
Dictionaries

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ENTER

ext wr $cd: CompDict$

post $\langle \text{locals}_0 \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{wr}} \overline{cd} = cd$

LEAVE

ext wr $cd: CompDict$

pre $cd \neq \langle \rangle$

post tl $\overline{cd} = cd$

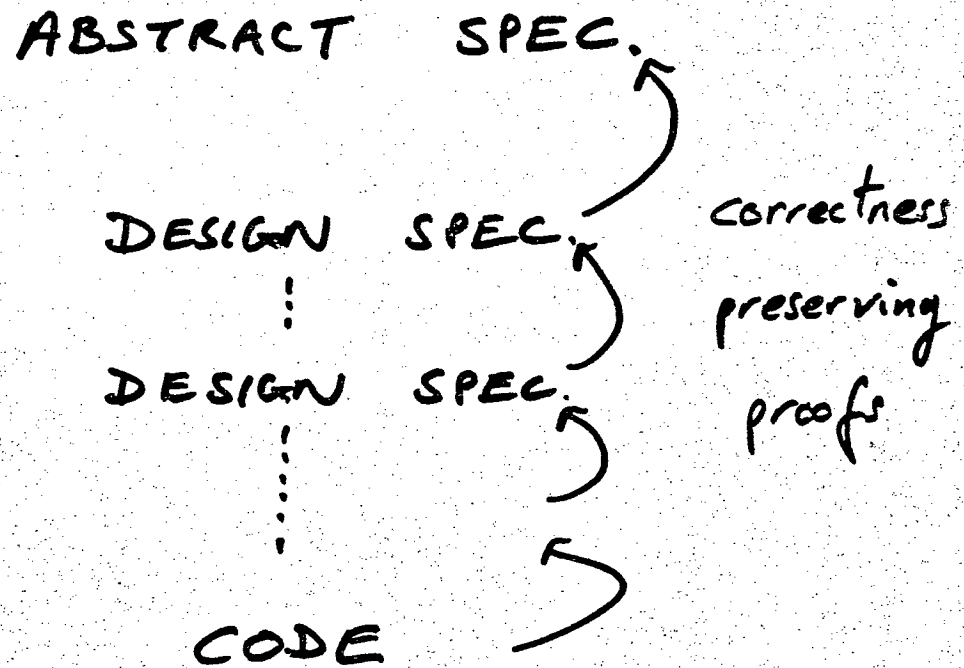
"BIAS"

A model is biased
(w.r.t. some given set of OPs)
if there exist different
elements of the set of
objects which cannot be
distinguished by any of
the operations.

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IMPLEMENTATION

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Toy E.g.

A Spelling Checker

ABS. state: $A = \text{set of Word}$

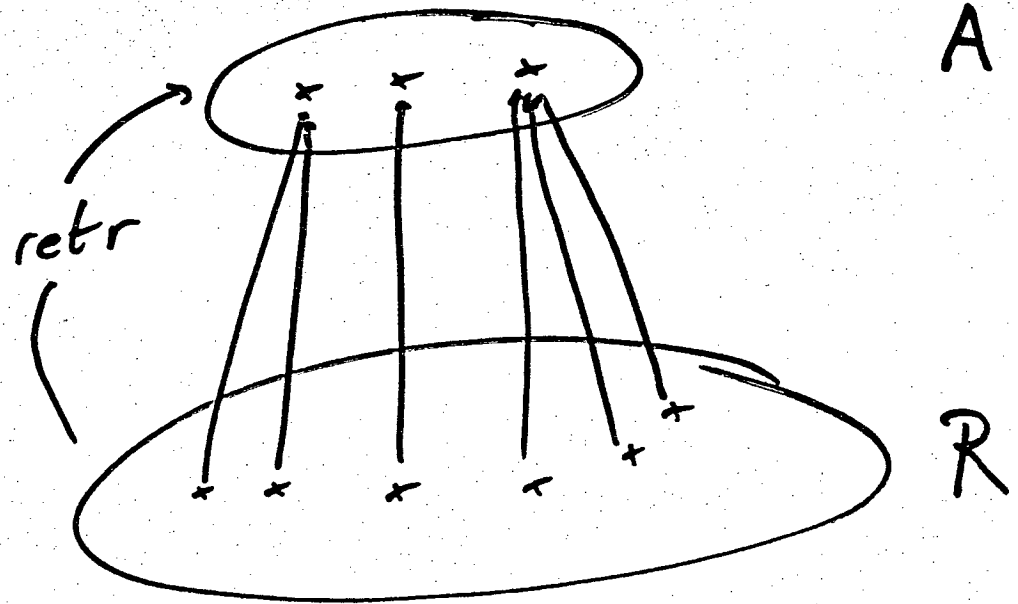
REP. state:

$R = \text{seq of Word where}$

$$\text{inv-}R(r) \hat{=} \wedge$$

$$\text{card elems } r = \text{len } r$$

¹⁵ Find a 'RETRIEVE' function ¹⁶ which is TOTAL and ONTO.



for e.g. $\text{retr-}A: A \rightarrow A$
 $\text{retr-}A(r) \hat{=} \text{elems } r$

'ONTO' PROOF
(or ADEQUACY)

1 from $d \in A$

2 elems \leftrightarrow $= \{ \}$

3 $\exists d_1 \in R \cdot \text{retr-A}(d_1) = \{ \}$ $\exists\text{-I}(1)$

from $d \in \text{set of Word, } w \neq d,$
 $\exists d_1 \in R \cdot \text{retr-A}(d_1) = d$

?

infer $\exists e_1 \in R \cdot \text{retr-A}(e_1) = d \cup \{w\}$?

infer $\exists d_1 \in R \cdot \text{retr-A}(d_1) = d$
set-ind(2,3)

3.1 from $d_1 \in R, \text{retr-A}(d_1) = d$

3.1.1 elems $d_1 = d$ h3.1, retr-A

3.1.2 $w \notin \text{elems } d_1$ h3, 3.1.1

3.1.3 $d_1 \rightsquigarrow \langle w \rangle \in R$ R, 3.1.2

3.1.4 elems $(d_1 \rightsquigarrow \langle w \rangle) = \text{elems } d_1 \cup \{w\}$ elem

3.1.5 $\text{retr-A}(d_1 \rightsquigarrow \langle w \rangle) = d \cup \{w\}$
3.1.1, 3.1.4

infer $\exists e_1 \in R \cdot \text{retr-A}(e_1) = d \cup \{w\}$ $\exists\text{-I}(3.1.5)$

LPF - a Logic of Partial Functions ¹⁹ "MULE" Project ²⁰

$$x \in \text{dom } m \wedge m(x) = 42$$

↑
"3-valued"

- \wedge, \vee are commutative
- No "law of excluded middle"
- "Standard" Deduction theorem does not hold.

- Alan Wills, Toby Nipkow
- Cliff Jones, Ian Cattam
- Ali Yaghi, Mario Wolezko*

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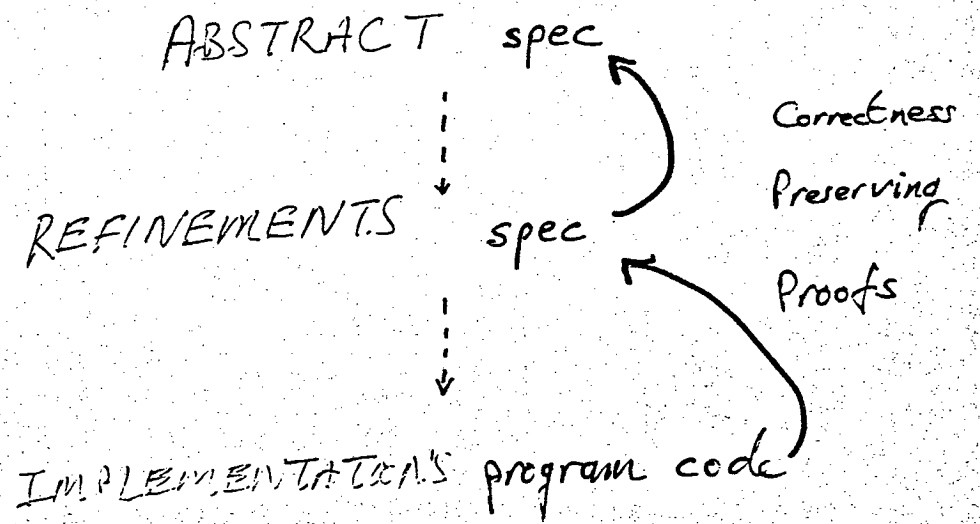
October 1982 \approx October 1985

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- The need for IPSE for **FORMAL** Methods.
- Guiding the automatic generation to satisfy the development method (e.g. VDM)
- Large texts in formal languages (specs., programs, proofs, ...)

- Easy, fast, access to language processors.

- Automatic generation of texts of (unfamiliar) concrete syntax.



Technical Requirements of F.M. IPSE

- as per "normal" IPSE
 - Project Database
 - Single, consistent, MMI
 - Version control
 - Project management

but ...

- special tools

e.g.

Proof assistance

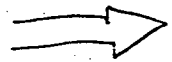
- LCF
- Reve
- Boyer-Moore
- Iota
- Gypsy

MULE

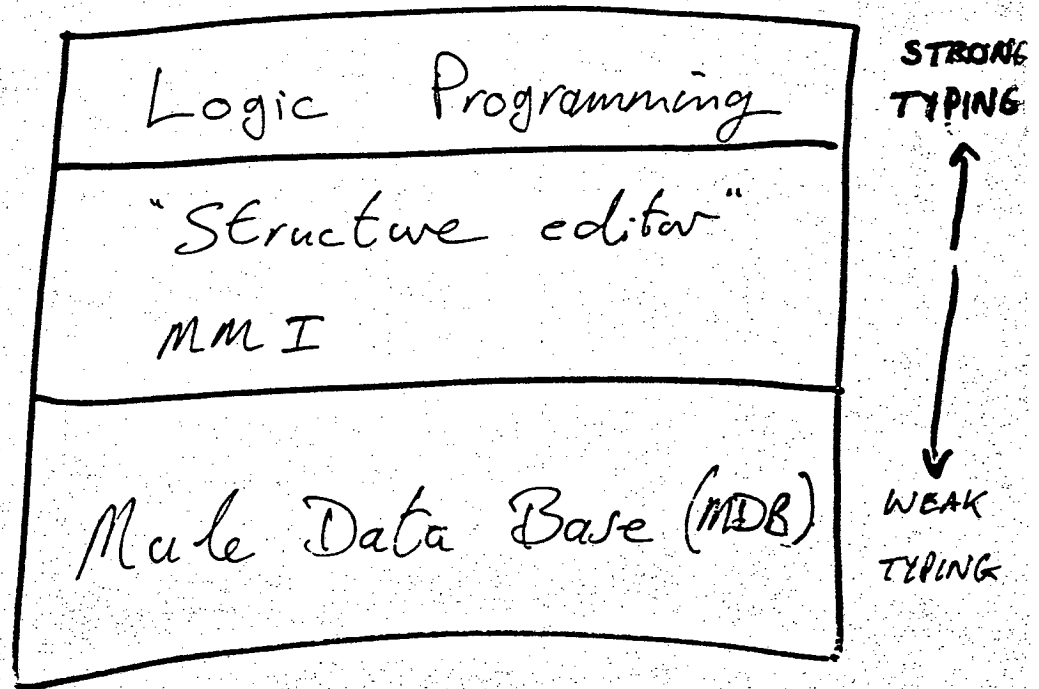
- a single-user, work-station based,
IPSE for F.M.

but ...

- more interconnections
- more complex consistency requirements



- "fine-grained" database
- general graph structure



DETAILS ...

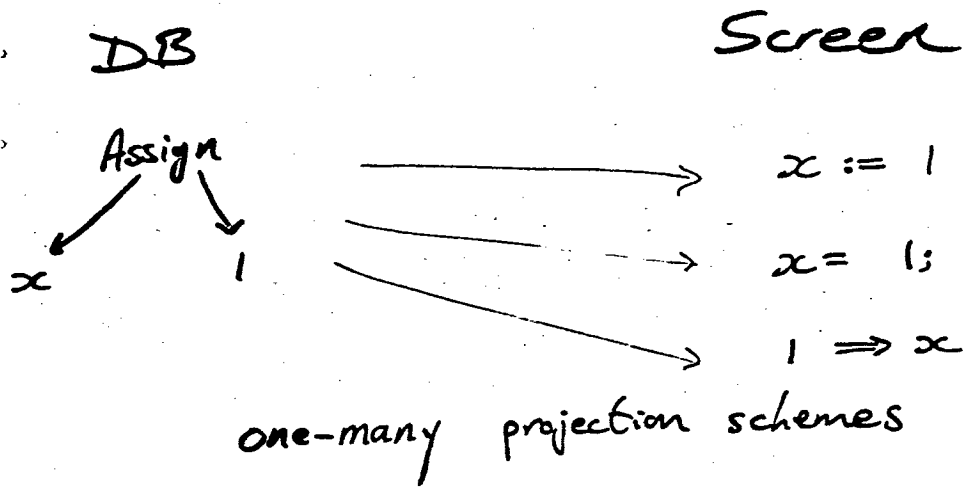
- MMI
- Data model requirements
- Data objects - MDB
- Data manipulation language - GRAPL
- Problems / Future work.

MMI

- Structure-editor paradigm
 - modifications (and navigation) to data base via syntactical units.

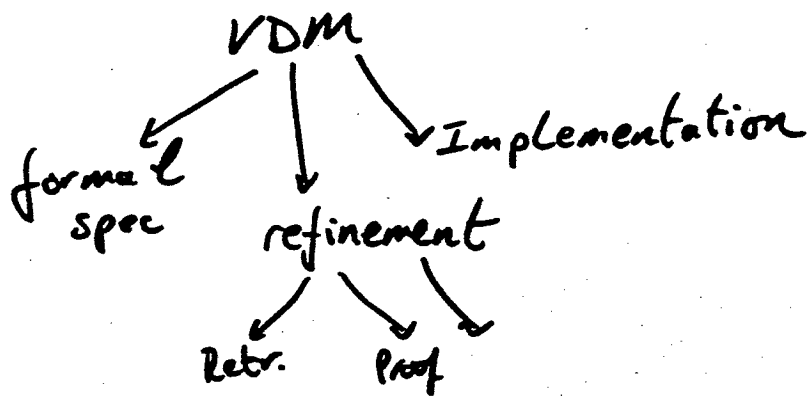
DDL \approx Abstract syntax

- communication via Textual Projections



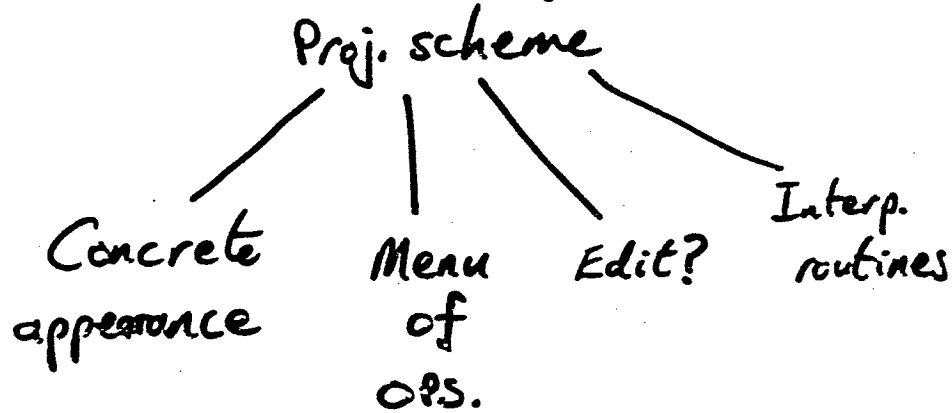
- multiple windows
 - system ops.
 - current window ops
 - } DB projection windows

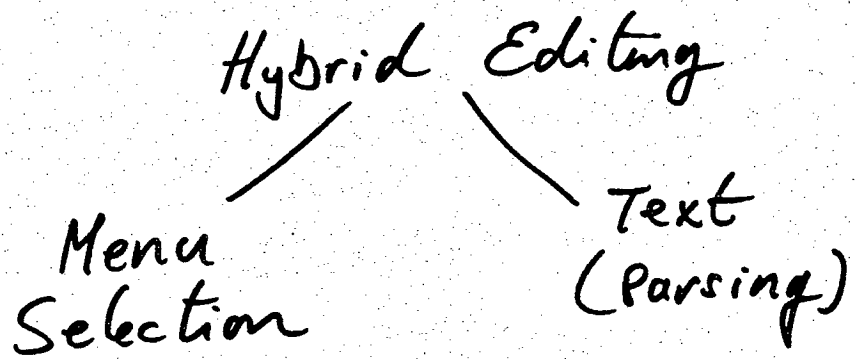
Not necessarily "Language"



- object selection via block cursors.

For each object





Data Model

- via choice of Abstract Syntax (core needed!)

• All transformations invoked via SE operation

• No fixed order of work imposed on user

- User edits instances
(i.e. structure constrained by A.S.)
ISA relations

"Problem"
Grammars force hierarchy.

Abstract syntax for
"Natural Deduction" Proofs.

Solutions:

+ • Extra layer of abstraction
"symbol tables"

✓ • Permit Directed GRAPHS
(not just trees)

Theorem :: HYP : list of Lexpr
PROOF : list of Step
CONC : Lexpr

Step = Juststep | Theorem

Juststep :: WHAT : Lexpr
WHY : Rule
HOW : list of Lexpr

Rule = ...

Proof

Juststep

Theorem

Extend-Front

Extend-End

from $E1, E2$

| \vdash \$Proof

infer $E1 \wedge E2$

from $E1, E2$
 |
 | from $E1, E2$
 | | 1.1 \$Proof
 | 1 infer $\sim(\sim E1 \vee \sim E2)$
infer $E1 \wedge E2$ 1, \wedge -Defn

from $E1, E2$
 |
 | from $E1, E2$
 | | 1.1 $\sim \sim E1$ $\sim \sim$ -I, E1
 | | 1.2 $\sim \sim E2$ $\sim \sim$ -I, E2
 | 1 infer $\sim(\sim E1 \vee \sim E2)$ $\sim \vee$ -I, 1.1, 1.2
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