

# Time credits and time receipts in Iris

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In this talk:

- We answer this question using **time receipts**.
- We prove that Iris, extended with time receipts, is **sound**.



**A closer look at the problem**

# Specification of genSym

A specification (in separation logic):

$$P \emptyset * \forall S. \left( \begin{array}{l} \{P \ S\} \\ \text{genSym}() \\ \{\lambda n. n \notin S * P(S \cup \{n\})\} \end{array} \right)$$

for some proposition  $P \ S$  which represents:

- the ownership of the generator;
- the fact that  $S$  is the set of all symbols returned so far.

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{ $P\ \emptyset$ }

{ $P\ S$ }

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Wrong

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# An unpleasant workaround: patch the specification

We may add a precondition to exclude any chance of overflow:

$$P \emptyset * \forall S. \left( \begin{array}{l} \{P S * |S| < 2^{64} - 1\} \\ \text{genSym()} \\ \{\lambda n. n \notin S * P(S \cup \{n\})\} \end{array} \right)$$

This pollutes user proofs with cumbersome proof obligations...  
which may even be unprovable!



**Time receipts in action**

# Time receipts in separation logic

To count execution steps, we introduce **time receipts**.

Each step produces **one** time receipt, **and only one**:

$$\{\text{True}\} \quad x + y \quad \{\lambda z. z = \lfloor x + y \rfloor_{2^{64}} * \mathbb{X}1\}_{\mathbb{X}}$$

Time receipts sum up:

$$\underbrace{\mathbb{X}1 * \dots * \mathbb{X}1}_n \equiv \mathbb{X}n$$

But time receipts do **not** duplicate (separation logic):

$$\mathbb{X}1 \not/* \mathbb{X}1 * \mathbb{X}1$$

Therefore,  $\mathbb{X}n$  is a witness that (at least)  $n$  steps have been taken.

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{}

let  $lastSym = \text{ref } 0$

{ $lastSym \mapsto 0$ }

{ $P \emptyset$ }

We keep track of elapsed time.

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{ $P S$ }

let  $genSym() =$

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## Initialization

We obtain 0 time receipts for free.

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Tick

Addition produces one time receipt.

# The Bounded Time Hypothesis with time receipts

Let  $N$  be an arbitrary integer.

We posit the **Bounded Time Hypothesis**:

$$\mathbb{X} N \vdash \text{False}$$

In other words, we assume that no execution lasts for  $N$  steps.

The larger  $N$ , the weaker this assumption.

Consequence:

$$\mathbb{X} n \vdash n < N$$



# Proof of genSym using time receipts and the BTH

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## Bounded Time

$\mathbb{X}(\max S + 1)$  entails  $\max S + 1 < N$ .

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**No overflow**

Then,  $\max S + 1 < 2^{64}$ .

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$$\vdash \mathbb{N}0$$

Time receipts are additive:

$$\mathbb{N}m * \mathbb{N}n \equiv \mathbb{N}(m + n)$$

**Soundness of Iris with time receipts**



# Soundness of Iris<sup>Σ</sup>

We want our program logic Iris<sup>Σ</sup> to satisfy this property:

## Theorem (Soundness of Iris<sup>Σ</sup>)

*If the following Iris<sup>Σ</sup> triple holds:*

$$\{\text{True}\} e \{ \_ \}_x$$

*then  $e$  cannot crash **until  $N$  steps have been taken**.*

We say that “ $e$  is  $(N - 1)$ -safe”.

Crashing means trying to step while in a stuck configuration; for example, dereferencing a non-pointer.

# Proof sketch of the soundness theorem

We use Iris as a model of Iris<sup>Σ</sup>.

$$\{P\} e \{\varphi\}_{\mathbf{x}} \triangleq \{P\} \langle\langle e \rangle\rangle \{\varphi\}$$

The transformation  $\langle\langle \cdot \rangle\rangle$  inserts *ticks* (see next slides).

The proof then works as follows:

$$\{\text{True}\} \langle\langle e \rangle\rangle \{\_ \}$$



*Soundness theorem of Iris [Jung et al., 2015]*

$\langle\langle e \rangle\rangle$  is safe



*Simulation lemma*

$e$  is  $(N - 1)$ -safe

# The program transformation

We keep track of the number of steps using a global counter  $c$ , initialized with 0.

The transformation inserts one *tick* instruction per operation.

$$\langle\langle e_1 + e_2 \rangle\rangle \triangleq \text{tick} (\langle\langle e_1 \rangle\rangle + \langle\langle e_2 \rangle\rangle)$$

*tick* increments  $c$ . On its  $N^{\text{th}}$  execution, it does not return.

```
let tick x =
  !c := !c + 1;
  if !c < N then x else loop ()
```

Idea: transform a program that runs for too long into a program that never ends, hence is safe.

# The simulation lemma

This program transformation does satisfy the desired lemma:

## Lemma (Simulation)

*If  $\langle\langle e \rangle\rangle$  is safe (i.e. it cannot crash),  
then  $e$  is  $(N - 1)$ -safe (i.e. it cannot crash until  $N$  steps have been taken).*

# The model of time receipts

The transformation maintains the invariant  $!c < N$ .

$\boxtimes 1$  is modeled as an exclusive portion of the value of the counter  $c$  (Iris features used: authoritative monoidal resource, invariant).

In particular,  $\boxtimes n \vdash !c \geq n$ . Hence,  $\boxtimes N \vdash \text{False}$ .


All other axioms of time receipts are realised as well.

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Contributions ([new](#)):

	<i>Soundness</i>	<i>Application</i>
<i>Time credits</i>	✓	Reconstruction of Okasaki and Danielsson's thunks (amortized analysis)
<i>Time receipts (exclusive / persistent)</i>	✓	Reconstruction of Clochard <i>et al.</i> 's overflow-free integers
<i>Time credits and time receipts</i>	✓	Proof of Union-Find: complexity, absence of overflow in ranks

Defined within Iris, machine-checked with Coq 

Open question: Can we prove useful facts about **concurrent** code?

Thank you for your time.







## What about concurrency?

Iris is a concurrent separation logic; thus, our program logics already support concurrency: they measure the **work** (total number of operations in all threads).

```
let tick x =  
  if (FAA c 1 < N - 1) then x else loop ()
```

What about measuring the **span** (running time of the longest-living thread)?

A path to explore: a separate notion of time receipt for each thread, with a rule to clone time receipts of the calling thread when forking.

# Compiling code analysed with time receipts

For time receipt proofs to be valid, we need to forbid optimizations!  
Otherwise, programs may compute faster than expected.

For example:

```
for i from 1 to N do
  ()
done;
(* This point is beyond the scope of Iris2:
 * anything below may be unsafe,
 * but it shouldn't be reached in a lifetime. . . *)
crash ()
```

A compiler may optimize it to:

```
(* Too bad! *)
crash ()
```

A solution: insert actual *tick* operations and make them opaque.

## Example application: Union-Find

We implement the Union-Find with ranks stored in machine words. While proving the correctness of the algorithm, we also prove

- its complexity (using time credits)
- and the absence of overflows for ranks (using time receipts).

Granted that  $x, y \in D$  and  $\log_2 \log_2 N < \text{word\_size} - 1$ , we show the Iris<sup>\$\Sigma\$</sup> triple:

$$\{ \text{isUF } D \ R \ V * \$(44\alpha(|D|) + 152)\} \\ \text{union } x \ y \\ \{ \lambda z. \text{ isUF } D \ R' \ V' * (z = R \ x \vee z = R \ y) \}_{\Sigma}$$

Consequences:

- the (amortized) complexity is the inverse Ackermann function;
- if  $N = 2^{64}$ , then  $\text{word\_size} \geq 8$  is enough to avoid overflows.

# Example: a unique symbol generator (functional version)

Code:

```
let makeGenSym() =  
  let lastSym = ref 0 in (* unsigned 64-bit integer *)  
  fun () →  
    lastSym := !lastSym + 1; (* may overflow *)  
    !lastSym
```

Specification (in higher-order separation logic):

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{\text{True}\} \\ \text{makeGenSym}() \\ \lambda \text{ genSym}. \exists P. \\ P \emptyset * \forall S. \left( \begin{array}{l} \{P \ S\} \\ \text{genSym}() \\ \{\lambda n. n \notin S * P(S \cup \{n\})\} \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right\}$$

# Alternative specification of makeGenSym

Specification (in Iris):

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{\text{True}\} \\ \text{makeGenSym}() \\ \lambda \text{ genSym}. \exists \gamma. \\ \forall n. \left( \begin{array}{l} \{\text{True}\} \\ \text{genSym}() \\ \{\lambda m. \text{OwnSym}_\gamma(m)\} \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right\}$$

- The ownership of the generator is shared through an invariant.
- $\text{OwnSym}_\gamma(m)$  asserts uniqueness of symbol  $m$ :

$$\text{OwnSym}_\gamma(m_1) * \text{OwnSym}_\gamma(m_2) \multimap m_1 \neq m_2$$

# A program logic with time credits

Each step consumes one time credit; for instance:

$$\{\$1\} \quad x + y \quad \{\lambda z. z = \lfloor x + y \rfloor_{2^{64}}\}_{\mathbf{x}}$$

We can obtain zero time credits unconditionally:

$$\vdash \$0$$

Time credits are additive:

$$\$m * \$n \equiv \$(m + n)$$

Our program logic  $\text{Iris}^\$$  satisfies this property:

## Theorem (Adequacy of $\text{Iris}^\$$ )

If the following  $\text{Iris}^\$$  triple holds:

$$\{ \$n \} e \{ \varphi \} \$$$

then:

- *e cannot crash;*
- *if e computes a value v, then  $\varphi v$  holds;*
- ***e computes for at most n steps.***



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- $e$  cannot crash **until  $N$  steps have been taken**;
- if  $e$  computes a value  $v$  **in less than  $N$  steps**, then  $\varphi v$  holds.

# A program logic with duplicable time receipts

Duplicable time receipts satisfy the **Bounded Time Hypothesis**:

$$\boxtimes N \vdash \text{False}$$

Each step increments a duplicable time receipt; for instance:

$$\{\boxtimes m\} \quad x + y \quad \{\lambda z. z = \lfloor x + y \rfloor_{2^{64}} * \boxtimes(m + 1)\}_{\mathbf{x}}$$

We can obtain zero duplicable time receipts unconditionally:

$$\vdash \boxtimes 0$$

Duplicable time receipts obey maximum:

$$\boxtimes m * \boxtimes n \equiv \boxtimes \max(m, n)$$

Duplicable time receipts **are** duplicable:

$$\boxtimes m \multimap \boxtimes m * \boxtimes m$$

Relation between time receipts and duplicable time receipts:

$$\boxtimes m \vdash \boxtimes m * \boxtimes m$$

# Overflow-free integers (summable)

$$\text{IsClock}(v, n) \triangleq 0 \leq n < 2^{64} * v = n * \text{⌈}n$$

- non-duplicable
- supports addition (consumes its operands):

$$\{\text{IsClock}(v_1, n_1) * \text{IsClock}(v_2, n_2)\}$$

$$v_1 + v_2$$

$$\{\lambda w. \text{IsClock}(w, n_1 + n_2)\}$$

no overflow!

# Overflow-free integers (incrementable)

$$\text{IsSnapClock}(v, n) \triangleq 0 \leq n < 2^{64} * v = n * \text{X}n$$

- duplicable
- supports incrementation (does **not** consume its operand):

$\{\text{IsSnapClock}(v, n)\}$

$v + 1$

$\{\lambda w. \text{IsSnapClock}(w, n + 1)\}$

no overflow!

- $\text{prgm}$  is a program (source code).
- $Pre$  and  $Post$  are logical formulas.

$\{Pre\} \text{prgm} \{Post\}$

***Soundness:***

*"If  $Pre$  holds, then  $\text{prgm}$  won't crash."*

***(Partial) correctness:***

*"If  $Pre$  holds, then after  $\text{prgm}$  is run,  $Post$  will hold."*

***Total correctness:***

*"If  $Pre$  holds, then  $\text{prgm}$  terminates and, after  $\text{prgm}$  is run,  $Post$  will hold."*

# Separation logic primer

$P$  is a resource.

$x \mapsto v$  is an exclusive resource, its ownership cannot be shared.

- Standard logic:  $P \Rightarrow P \wedge P$
- Separation logic:  $P \not\vdash P * P$  (resources are not duplicable)

$P * Q$  are disjoint resources.

$x \mapsto v * x \mapsto v'$  is absurd.

Affine sep. logic:  $P * Q \multimap P$  (resources can be thrown away)

Iris is:

- an affine separation logic,
- higher-order,
- full-featured (impredicative invariants, monoidal resources. . . ),
- very extensible,
- formalized in Coq. 