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The B formal Method: from Research to Teaching

An Overview of Atelier B 4.0

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What is Atelier B

- An industrial tool for developing software and systems with the B method
- Provides tools for developing with B
 - Multi-user project management
 - Typechecking of components
- Allows validation of B projects
 - Generation of proof obligations
 - Automatic prover
 - Interactive prover
- Code generation
 - Code translators for C, C++ and Ada



Industrial references: Software development

- **KVB: Alstom**
 - Automatic Train Protection for the French railway company (SNCF),
 - installed on 6,000 trains since 1993
 - 60,000 lines of B; 10,000 proofs; 22,000 lines of Ada
- **SAET METEOR: Siemens Transportation Systems**
 - Automatic Train Control: new driverless metro line 14 in Paris
 - (RATP), 1998. 3 safety-critical software parts: onboard, section, line
 - 107,000 lines of B; 29,000 proofs; 87,000 lines of Ada



Industrial references: Software development

- Roissy VAL: ClearSy (for STS)
 - Section Automatic Pilot: light driverless shuttle for Paris-Roissy
 - airport (ADP), 2006
 - 28,000+155,000 lines of B; 43,000 proofs; 158,000 lines of Ada
- URBALIS EVOLUTION: Alstom, Clearsy (for Alstom)
 - Automatic Train Protection, installed on the new metro of Pekin (2008)
- LINE 1 of Paris (new project) : Siemens Transportation Systems
 - Automatic Train Control: new driverless metro line 1 in Paris (RATP)



Industrial references: B-System

■ Peugeot Automobiles

- Model of the functioning of subsystems (lightings, airbags, engine, ...) for Peugeot aftersales service
- Goal: Understanding precisely the functioning of cars to build tools to diagnose breakdowns

■ RATP (Paris Transportation)

- Model of automatic platform doors to equip an existing metro line
- Goal: Verifying consistency of System Specification

■ EADS

- Model of tasks scheduling of the software controlling stage separation of Ariane rocket

Industrial references: B-System

- FDIR strategy validation with B (Thales Alenia Space/CNES)
 - Formation flying satellite system
- INRS (French Institute for Workers Safety)
 - Model of a mechanical press complying with safety requirements (protection of the hands of the press operator)
 - Building the software specification of the press controller
- DOF1 : CLearSy (for RATP)
 - Device to Open and Close the Platform Doors on line 1,
 - Safety Level SIL4
 - from the B system models to the B software models and the Lader program for Simatic Siemens Automata



What's new with Atelier B 4.0 (1)

■ Core features

- BART automatic refinement tool
- Improvements to the well-definition proofs
- Comenc translator (already available with Atelier B 3.7.2)

■ Redesigned GUI

- Allows parallelisation of typecheck, PO generation and interactive proofs
- Lots of interactive prover improvements
- Provides a B editor



What's new with Atelier B 4.0

- Supported platforms
 - Linux
 - Solaris
 - Mac Os X
 - Windows
- A new distribution policy
 - Free (non paying) version every two years
 - Paying tool support
 - Allows getting intermediary versions between the free version
 - Other goodies
 - Open-sourcing of many tools and documents
 - Reference manual, trainings...
 - Comenc, Bart, GUI...



Atelier B 4.0 on Linux

The screenshot displays the Atelier B 4.0 IDE on a Linux desktop. The main window, titled "block_miniservices - Atelier B", shows the B code for the "block_miniservices" component. The code is structured as follows:

```
INARIANT
ob <: t_block &
tdla <: t_block &
mb <: t_block

INITIALISATION
ob := t_block ||
tdla := t_block ||
mb := {}

OPERATIONS

p_res <- read_mb(p_block) = PRE
p_block : t_block_i &
p_block : t_block
THEN
  C t_block
  S t_block_i
END;

unmask_block(p_block) = PRE
p_block : t_block_i &
p_block : t_block
THEN
  mb := mb - {p_block}
END;

mask_block(p_block) = PRE
p_block : t_block_i &
p_block : t_block
THEN
  mb := mb \ {p_block}
END;
```

The Outline panel on the right lists the machine's components and operations:

- MACHINE
 - block_miniservices
- SEES
 - configuration
 - inputs
- ABSTRACT_VARIABLES
 - ob
 - tdla
 - mb
- INARIANT
- INITIALISATION
- OPERATIONS
 - read_mb
 - unmask_block
 - mask_block
 - read_tdla
 - alarm_block
 - unalarm_block
 - clear_tdla
 - read_ob
 - occ_block
 - unocc_block
 - is_free_block
 - has_up_free_or_freetd
 - has_down_free_or_freetd

The bottom status bar indicates the current position: "Line: 25 Column: 16".

Atelier B 4.0 on Windows

Atelier B

File Edit View Atelier B Projet Component

+ - + - Tc Po f0 f1 fr Up Ed Ip

Filter:

Hierarchical view

Component	TypeChecked	POs Generated	Proof Obligations	Proved	Ur
M block_occupancy	-	-	-	-	-
M block_occupancy...	-	-	-	-	-
I block_occupancy...	-	-	-	-	-
M configuration	OK	OK	0	0	0
M inputs	-	-	-	-	-
M main	OK	OK	1	0	1

Message Location Component

- M inputs
 - Error: oed declaration is not visible INVARIANT inputs
 - Error: Variable oed_error has not been typed INVARIANT inputs
 - Error: oed declaration is not visible INITIALISATION inputs
 - Error: Read only or unknown left hand side oed INITIALISATION inputs
 - Error: Variables oed_error should be initialised INITIALISATION inputs

8 Errors

démarrer Atelier B FR 14:02

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Atelier B 4.0 on Mac Os

The screenshot displays the Atelier B 4.0 environment on a Mac OS. The main window shows a project tree on the left and a table of components in the center. The table lists components like 'block_occupancy' and 'main_i' with their respective types, checked status, and proof obligations. A proof window titled 'Atelier B - Prover' is open, showing a situation 'occupy_blocks.1' with three unproved proof obligations (PO1). The proof window also displays a hypothesis and a theory list. A code editor window titled 'block_occupancy - Atelier B' shows the source code for the 'block_occupancy' component, including a 'BEGIN' block with variables and a 'release_tdl_alarm' function.

Component	Type	Checked	POs Generated	Proof Obligations	Proved
M block_occupancy	OK	OK	8	5	
M block_occupancy...	OK	OK	0	0	
I block_occupancy...	OK	OK	5	5	
M configuration	OK	OK	0	0	
M inputs	OK	OK	4	4	
M main	OK	OK	0	0	
I main_i	OK	OK	2	2	

```
is free.
2) The downward block has a free trackside detector or the downward block
is free.
...../
BEGIN
mb := mb -
(d_free_b V
(cfg_b2b_up~ [d_free_td V d_free_b]) ^
cfg_b2b_down~[d_free_td V d_free_b])
END
:
release_tdl_alarm =
...../
```

Conclusion

- Atelier B 4.0 Currently in development
 - First beta planned for september 2008
 - Opened to people with Atelier B 3.7 support contract
 - Final version in late 2008/early 2009
- Version 3.7.2 freely available for academics and students
- B4free still available





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