UML

Behaviour Diagrams

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- Structure Diagrams are focused on describing the static composition of components (i.e., constraints on what intstances may exist at run-time).
- Interaction Diagrams focused on describing the communication between the various components.
- Behaviour Diagrams focus on describing the behavior of
 - the whole application
 - a particular process in the application
 - a specific component

Different Formalisms ...

- We will look at different formalisms/languages:
 - Finite State Automata/Machines
 - Activity Diagrams
 - Statecharts

Finite State Automaton

- A finite automaton consists of
 - Set of states
 - Input alphabet (of input "events")
 - Rules for changing state
 - Start State (exactly 1)
 - Accept State(s) (when used for language recognition)

Formal definition, from Sipser's Theory of Computation

Example: Automatic Door



Automatic Sliding Door

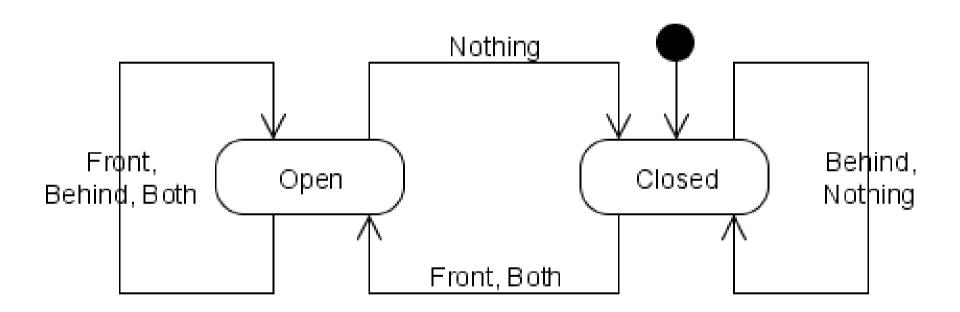
Specification

- The automatic door can be opened or closed.
- The sensor at the top of the door can send 4 types of signals:
 - Nobody: There is nobody in front nor behind the doors.
 - Front: There is somebody in front of the doors.
 - Behind: There is somebody behind the doors.
 - Both: There is somebody in front and behind the doors.
- The door behaves as follows:
 - The door opens when somebody is in front of the doors.
 - The door closes only when nothing is in front or behind the doors.
- The door starts off closed.

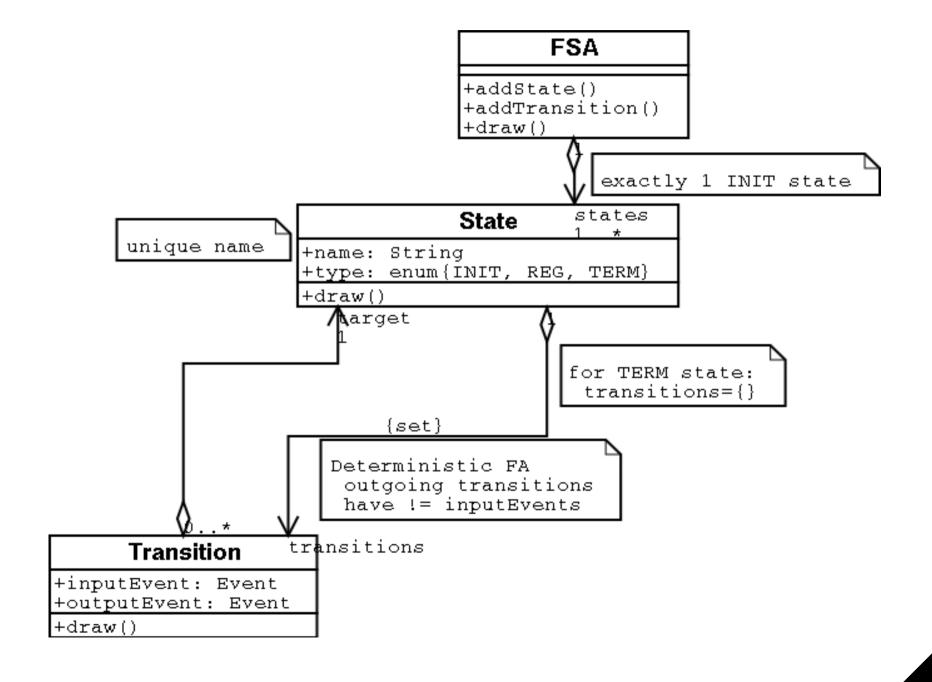
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- The door behaves as follows: (transition)
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- The door starts off as closed. (start state)

Diagrams



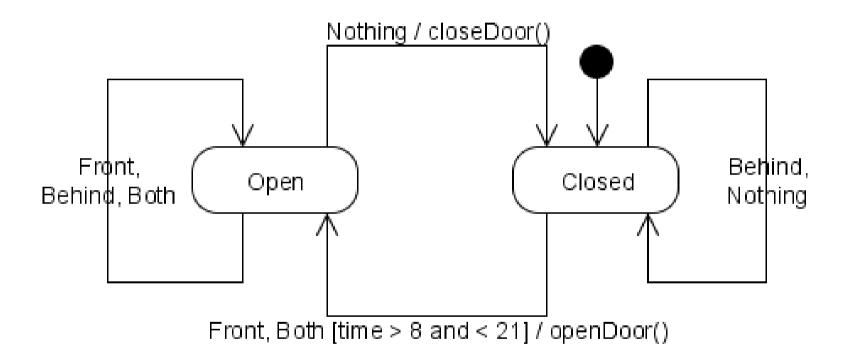
Class Diagram of FSA



Describing Reactive System Behaviour: Output and Guards

- We can extend this by adding the notions of output and guards.
 - Both of these additions can be found on the transition arrow.
- When a transition is triggered, it can broadcast an output event (or perform an action).
- Conditions can be imposed on transitions by adding guards.
 - A transition can then only take place if the guard evaluates to true.

Example



Note: total state?

Executing/Simulating an DFA

```
# initialize the state
currentState = getInitState()
# as long as there is input
while environment.inputRemaining():
  # get input event from the environment
  currentEvent = environment.getInput()
  # find applicable transition from currentState
  currentTransition = None
  for transition in currentState transitions:
    if transition.inputEvent == currentEvent:
      current Transition = transition
     break # assumes determinism!
  if currentTransition == None:
   print "unrecognized event, rejecting input"
    sys.exit() # or ignore: pass
  # generate output event
  environment.putOutput(transition.outputEvent) # could be action
  # update the current state
  currentState = transition.target
if currentState.type == TERM:
print "input accepted"
else:
print "input rejected"
```

Non Deterministic vs. Deterministic

- A non-deterministic FSA (NFA) is a finite state automaton where there exists a least one state where multiple transitions can be triggered by the same event.
- Since all NFA can be transformed into a DFA (although this might cause a combinatorial explosion), we mostly consider the case of DFAs.

Regular Expressions

Regular expressions can be modelled by finite state automata

What is a Regular Expression?

- A (text) pattern that describes (matches) a set of strings, according to certain syntax rules.
- As such, a Regular Expression specifies a language
- Examples of regular expressions include:
 - Text starting with the letter "a" and finishing with the letter "z".
 - Text with at least one number, but not starting with the letter "a" or "b".
 - Text with a letter repeated three times in a row.
 - Text contains the string "abc" exactly three times.

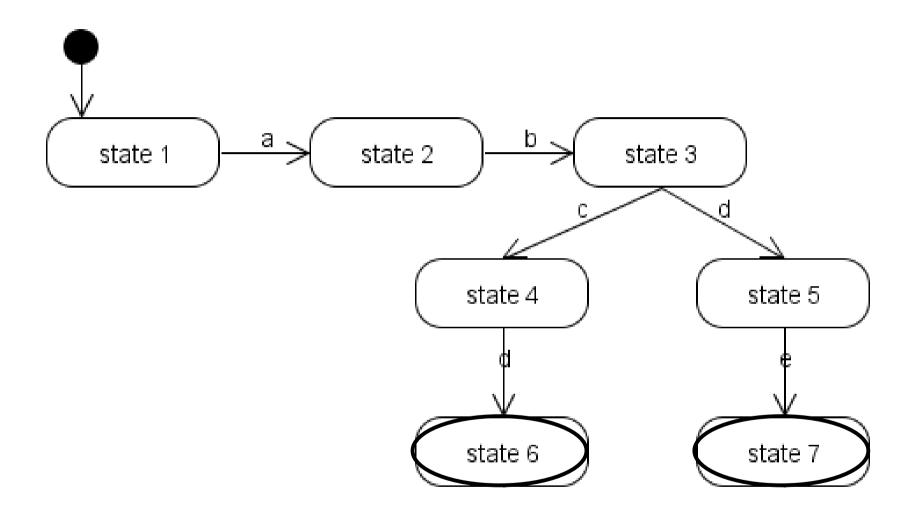
RegEx Constructs

- Most Regular Expression Language offer the following constructs.
 - Sequence: abc
 - Alternation: john bob
 - Grouping: b(o|a)b
 - Quantification:
 - ?:0 or 1: (514)?555-5555
 - *:0 or more:abc*
 - → +:1 or more: abc+

From RegEx to FSA

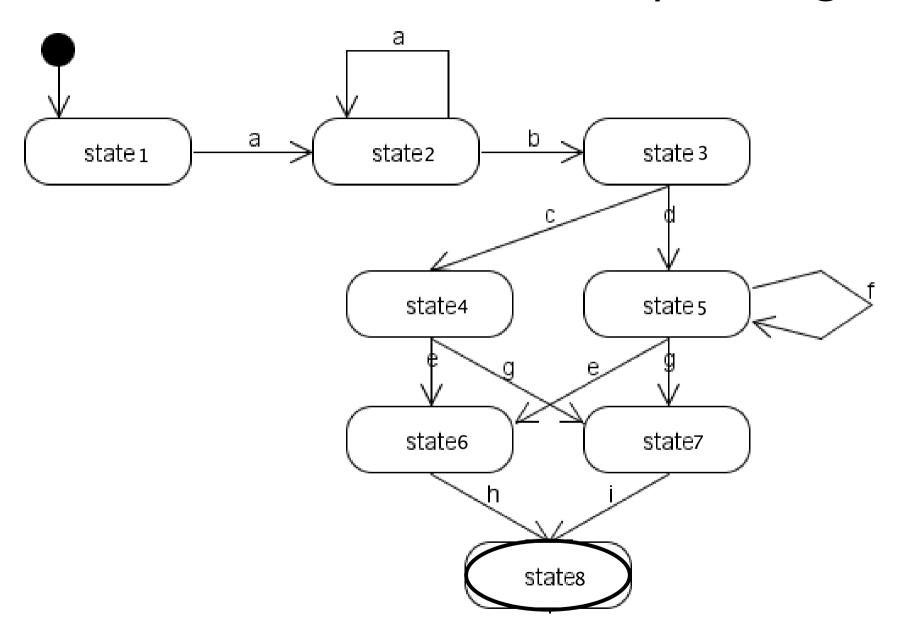
ab((cd)|(de))

Solution

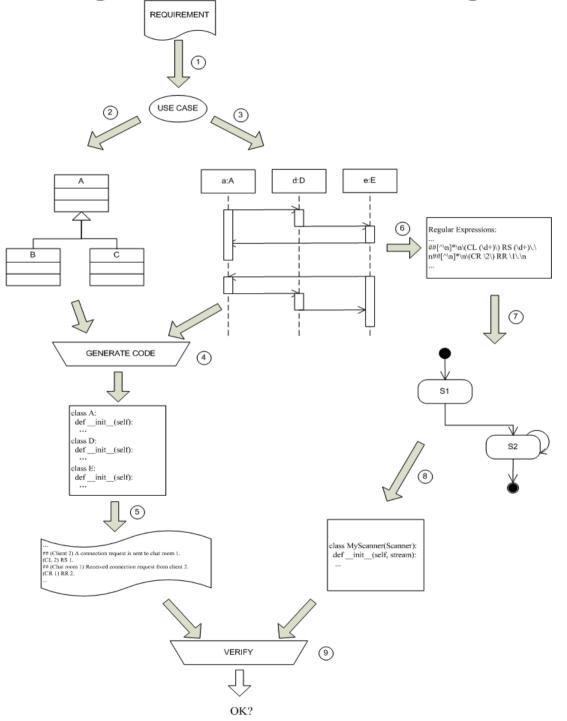


RegExp

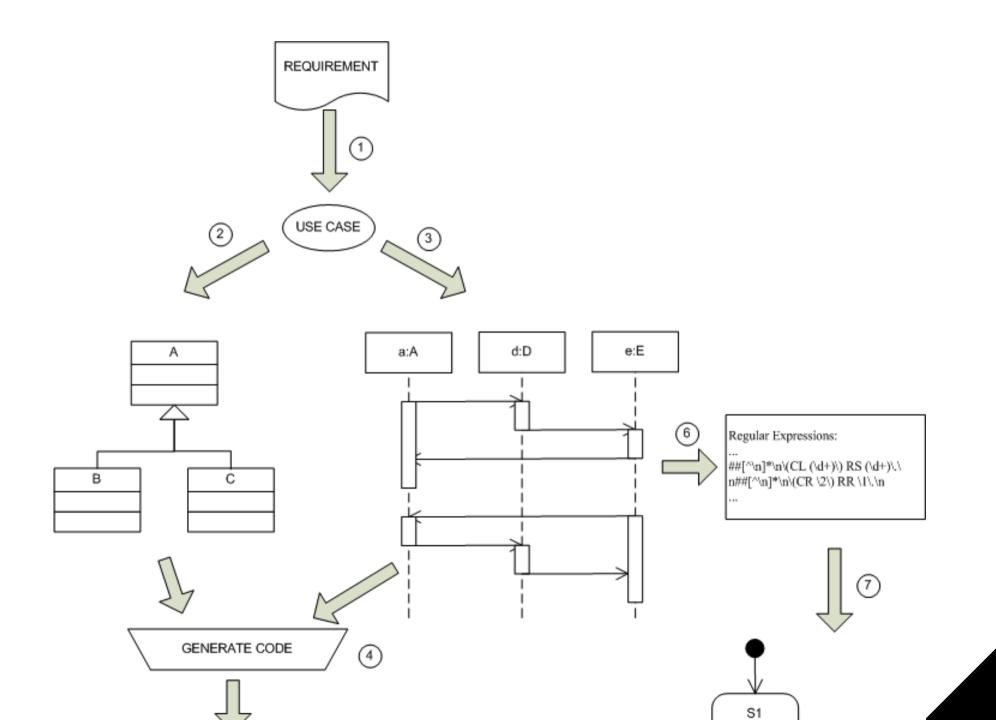
Corresponding FSA

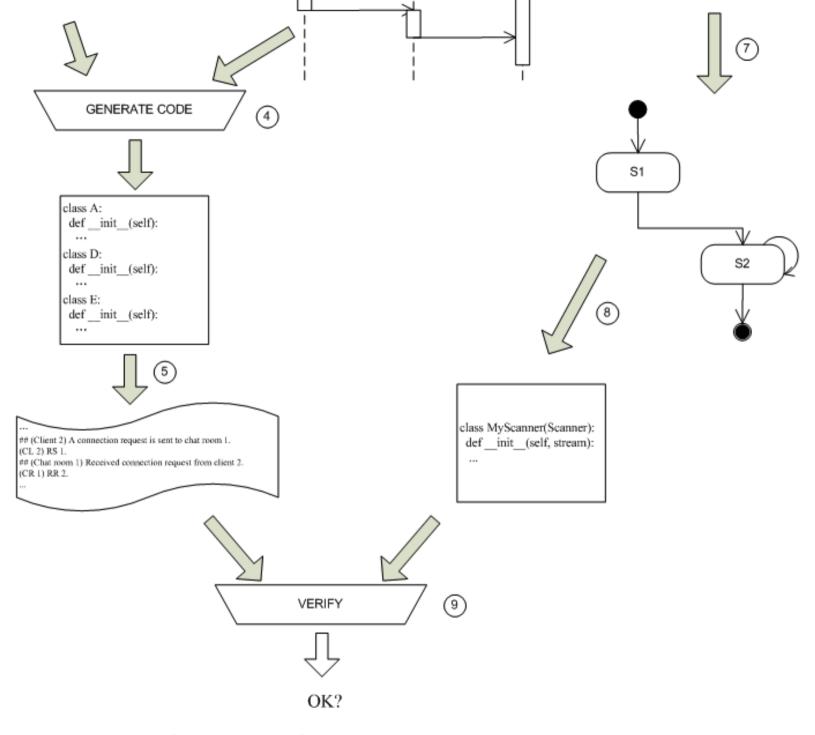


The Big Picture: testing interactions



From Requirement





To automated Testing