

Spec Explorer

A Model-Based Testing tool from Microsoft

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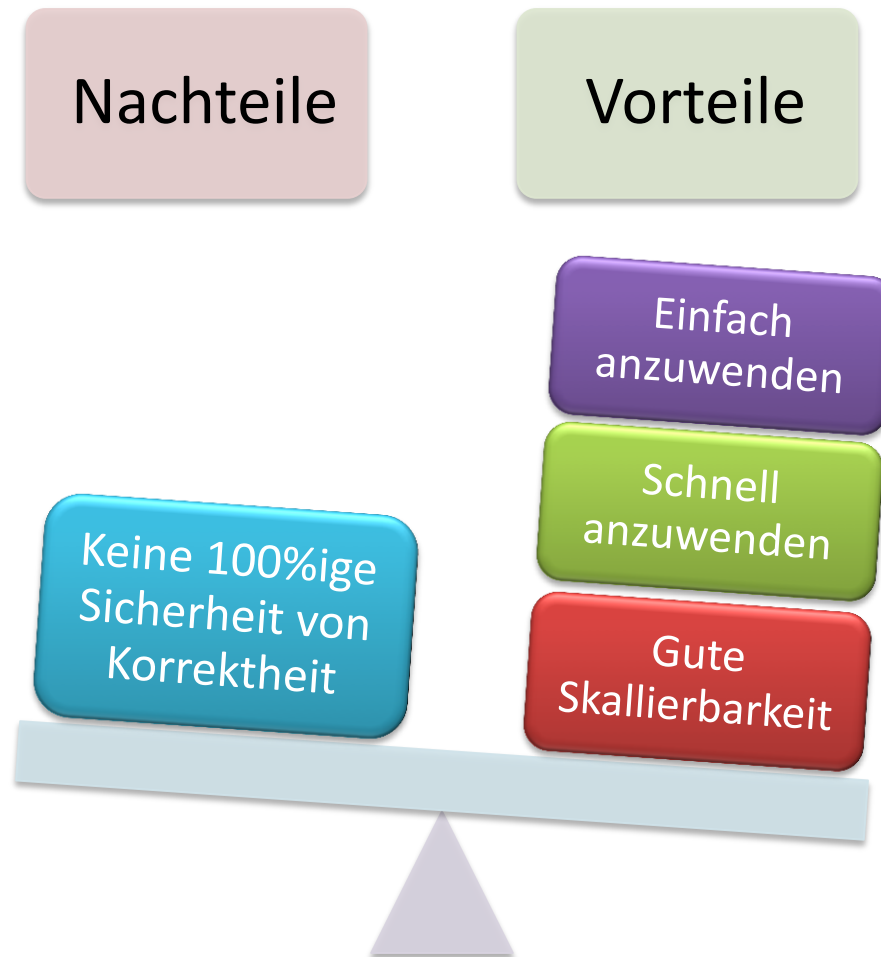
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Modellbasiertes Testen (MBT)

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- Formal
 - Maschinenlesbare Spezifikation
- Leichtgewichtig
 - Kein mathematischer Beweis erforderlich
 - Hohe Wahrscheinlichkeit von Korrektheit

Modellbasiertes Testen (MBT)



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MBT Probleme

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- Multi-paradigmatic Model-Based Testing
(Springer-Verlag, 2006)
 - **Wolfgang Grieskamp**
 - <http://www.springerlink.com/content/087hx3160357088u>

MBT Probleme

State Explosion Problem

Proprietäre Spezifikationsprache erforderlich (anstelle einer Mainstream Sprache)

Keine Unterstützung für szenariorientiertes Modellieren (nur zustandsorientiert)

Keine IDE Unterstützung

Keine Integration mit bestehenden Test Frameworks & Runnern

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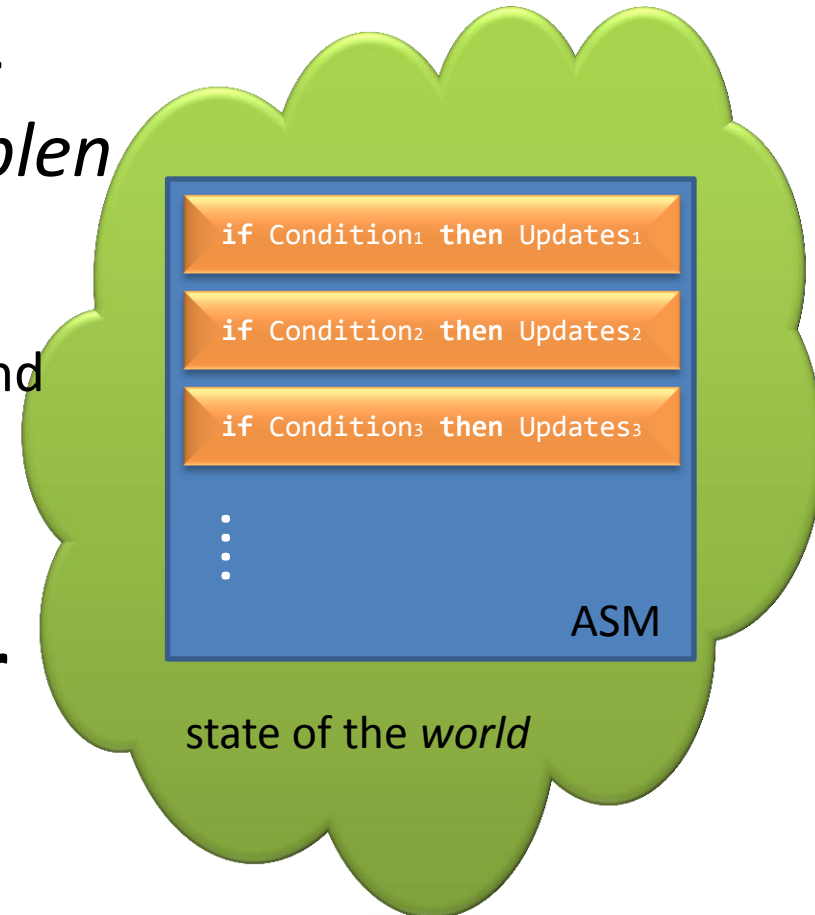
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Von ASMs bis Spec Explorer

- Yuri Gurevich: *Modellierung aller Algorithmen möglich?*
- Ja, wenn Zustände des Algorithmus alle relevanten Informationen enthalten
- Kleiner Befehlssatz in allen Fällen ausreichend: Abstract State Machine (ASM)
- **Yuri Gurevich**, 1999, *Sequential Abstract State Machines Capture Sequential Algorithms*
 - <ftp://www.eecs.umich.edu/groups/gasm/seqthesis.pdf>

Von ASMs bis Spec Explorer

- Aktueller Zustand der Maschine ist die Menge der aktuellen Werte aller *Variablen*
 - Condition
 - Prädikat, prüft anhand der *Variablen* auf konkreten Zustand
 - Updates
 - Menge an Funktionen, die die *Variablen* verändern
- Erklärung nach **Egon Börger**
 - zusammen mit Robert Stärk: **AsmBook** (Springer-Verlag, 2003)



Von ASMs bis Spec Explorer

- Specification language AsmL (Abstract State Machine Language)
 - **Yuri Gurevich, Wolfgang Grieskamp, Margus Veanes, Wolfram Schulte, Lev Nachmanson, Colin Campbell, Nikolai Tillmann**
 - <http://asml.codeplex.com/>
- state space exploration
 - **Wolfgang Grieskamp & Nikolai Tillmann**
 - first Model-Based testing tool, AsmL-T

Von ASMs bis Spec Explorer

- AsmL-T wurde genutzt Indigo (WCF) zu testen
- Testen mit AsmL-T wurde beliebter als AsmL
- Light weight AsmL aka **Spec#**
 - code contracts
 - AsmL in C#-Syntax
- Neuer Name für AsmL-T: **Spec Explorer 2004**
- 2005 Teamtrennung: PEX und MBT

Von ASMs bis Spec Explorer

- Model-based Software Testing and Analysis with C# (Cambridge University Press, 2008)
 - Jonathan Jacky, Margus Veanes, Colin Campbell, Wolfram Schulte
 - <http://staff.washington.edu/jon/modeling-book/>
 - Open-source implementation called **NModel**
<http://nmodel.codeplex.com/>

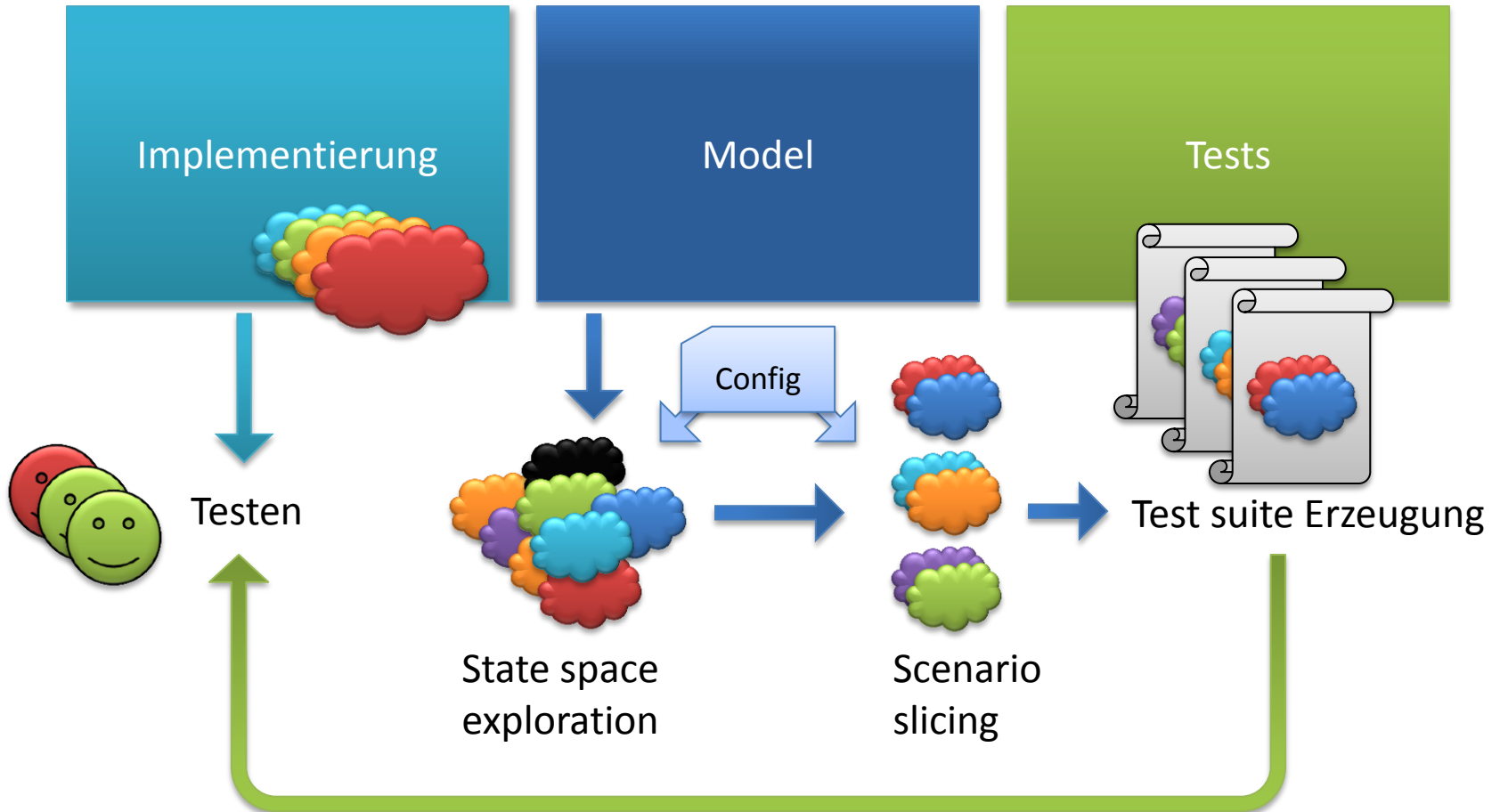
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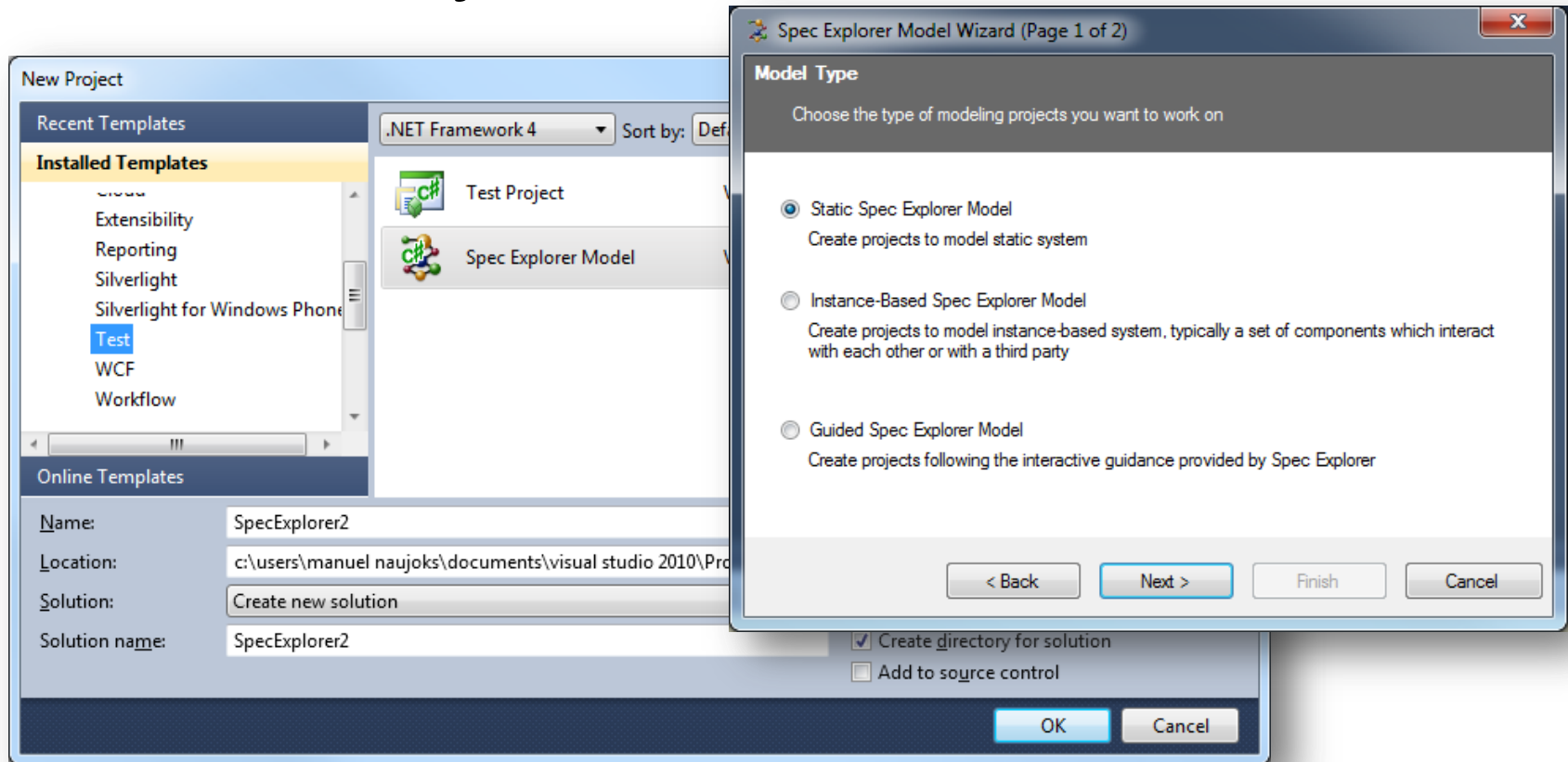
- Die Lösung
 - Erster Prototype 2006
 - Model exploration auf der CIL (C# as input notation)
 - Scripting language CORD
 - Visual Studio integration
 - Automatische Test suite Erzeugung für `Microsoft.VisualStudio.TestTools.UnitTesting`

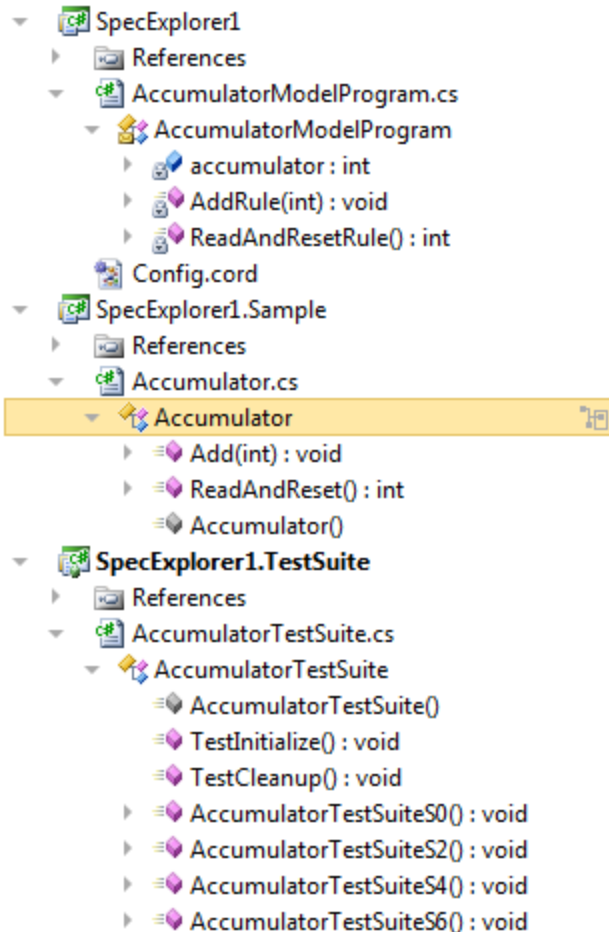
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Beispiel

- File / New Project





```
namespace SpecExplorer1.Sample
{
    /// <summary>
    /// A dummy implementation that doesn't conform to the model (testing should)
    /// </summary>
    public class Accumulator
    {
        public static void Add(int i)
        {
        }

        public static int ReadAndReset()
        {
            return 4;
        }
    }
}
```

- SpecExplorer1
 - References
 - AccumulatorModelProgram.cs
 - AccumulatorModelProgram
 - accumulator : int
 - AddRule(int) : void
 - ReadAndResetRule() : int
 - Config.cord
 - SpecExplorer1.Sample
 - References
 - Accumulator.cs
 - Accumulator
 - Add(int) : void
 - ReadAndReset() : int
 - Accumulator()
 - SpecExplorer1.TestSuite
 - References
 - AccumulatorTestSuite.cs
 - AccumulatorTestSuite
 - AccumulatorTestSuite()
 - TestInitialize() : void
 - TestCleanup() : void
 - AccumulatorTestSuiteS0() : void
 - AccumulatorTestSuiteS2() : void
 - AccumulatorTestSuiteS4() : void
 - AccumulatorTestSuiteS6() : void

```
namespace SpecExplorer1
{
    /// <summary>
    /// An example model program.
    /// </summary>
    static class AccumulatorModelProgram
    {
        static int accumulator;

        /// <summary>
        /// A rule that models the action of incrementing
        /// the accumulator by a number.
        /// </summary>
        /// <param name="x">The increment to be added to the accumulator.</param>
        [Rule(Action = "Add(x)")]
        static void AddRule(int x)
        {
            Condition.IsTrue(x > 0);
            accumulator += x;
        }

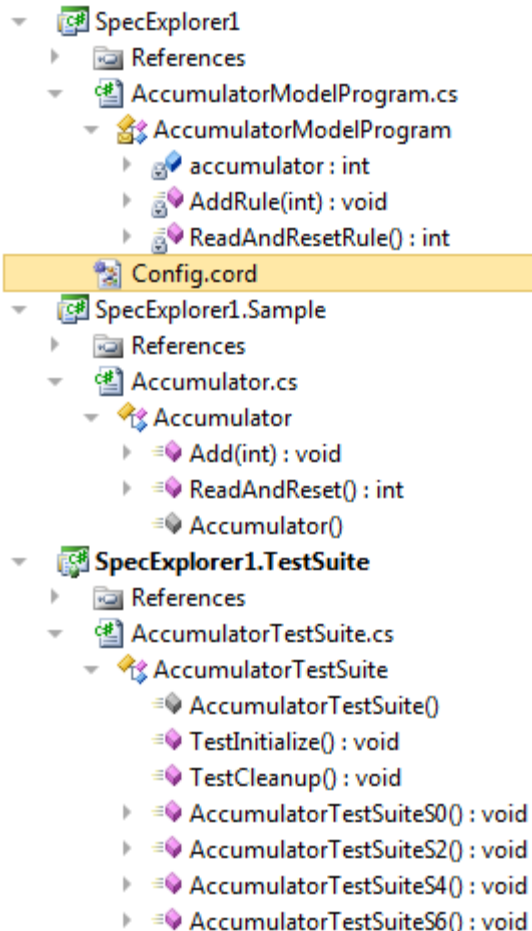
        /// <summary>
        /// A rule that models the action of reading the
        /// current value of the accumulator and then setting
        /// it back to zero.
        /// </summary>
        /// <returns>The value of the accumulator before being reset.</returns>
        [Rule(Action = "ReadAndReset()/result")]
        static int ReadAndResetRule()
        {
            Condition.IsTrue(accumulator > 0);
            int oldValue = accumulator;
            accumulator = 0;
            return oldValue;
        }
    }
}
```

if
Condition
then
Updates

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Config

Globale Einstellungen



```
// This is a Spec Explorer coordination script
// Here is where you define configurations and
// exploration to be performed.
```

```
using SpecExplorer1.Sample;
```

```
/// Contains actions of the model, bounds, and
config Main
```

```
{
```

```
/// The two implementation actions that will be modeled and tested
```

```
action abstract static void Accumulator.Add(int x);
```

```
action abstract static int Accumulator.ReadAndReset();
```

```
switch StepBound = 128;
```

```
switch PathDepthBound = 128;
```

```
switch TestClassBase = "vs";
```

```
switch GeneratedTestPath = "..\\SpecExplorer1.TestSuite";
```

```
switch GeneratedTestNamespace = "SpecExplorer1.TestSuite";
```

```
switch TestEnabled = false;
```

```
switch ForExploration = false;
```

```
}
```

```
/// This configuration provides a domain for
```

```
/// parameter in the previous one.
```

```
config ParameterCombination: Main
```

```
{
```

```
action abstract static void Accumulator.Add(int x)
```

```
where x in {0..2};
```

```
}
```

Config

Maschinen

1

```
/// Constructs a machine from the model program.  
/// Since the model is not finite, this machine explores  
/// and exploration is stopped by a bound.  
/// Switch ForExploration makes the machine appear in  
machine AccumulatorModelProgram() : Main where ForExploration = true  
{  
  construct model program from ParameterCombination  
  where scope = "SpecExplorer1.AccumulatorModelProgram";  
}
```

2

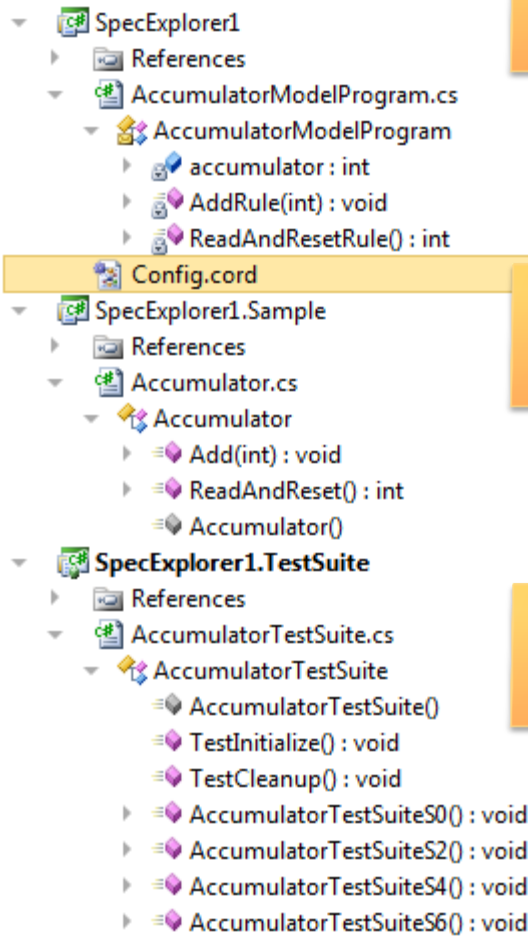
```
/// Defines a scenario for slicing.  
/// When explored on its own, this machine  
/// leaves all its parameters unexpanded.  
machine DoubleAddScenario() : Main where ForExploration = true  
{  
  //Omitting the parenthesis for an action invocation  
  //is equivalent to setting all its parameters to _ (unknown).  
  (Add(_); Add; ReadAndReset)*  
}
```

3

```
/// Selects the slice of the model program  
/// that matches the scenario. The model program  
/// supplies all parameter and state data omitted from the scenario.  
machine SlicedAccumulatorModelProgram() : Main where ForExploration = true  
{  
  DoubleAddScenario || AccumulatorModelProgram // (synchronized) parallel composition  
}
```

4

```
/// Builds a machine resulting from a link coverage traversal  
/// of the sliced model program. It can be explored or saved as a  
/// C# test suite that can be run in a VSTS unit test project  
/// (by pushing the Generate Test Code button in the Exploration  
/// Manager toolbar). Most tests should fail, since the sample  
/// implementation is empty.  
machine AccumulatorTestSuite() : Main where ForExploration = true, TestEnabled = true  
{  
  construct test cases where strategy = "ShortTests" for SlicedAccumulatorModelProgram  
}
```



Exploration Manager

- Ausflistung aller Maschinen aus Config.cord

The screenshot shows the 'Exploration Manager' window with a table of machines. A context menu is open over the 'AccumulatorTestSuite' row. Four orange boxes with numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4 are on the left, with arrows pointing to the 'Machine' column, the 'Test Enabled' column, the 'Description' column, and the 'AccumulatorTestSuite' row respectively.

Machine	Test Enabled	Description	Group	Project	Recommended Views
AccumulatorModelProgram	false			SnerExplorer1	
DoubleAddScenario	false				
SlicedAccumulatorModelProgram	false				
AccumulatorTestSuite	true				

Context Menu:

- Explore
- Re-explore
- Run On-The-Fly
- Generate Test Code
- Perform User Task
- Go To Machine Definition
- Properties (F4)

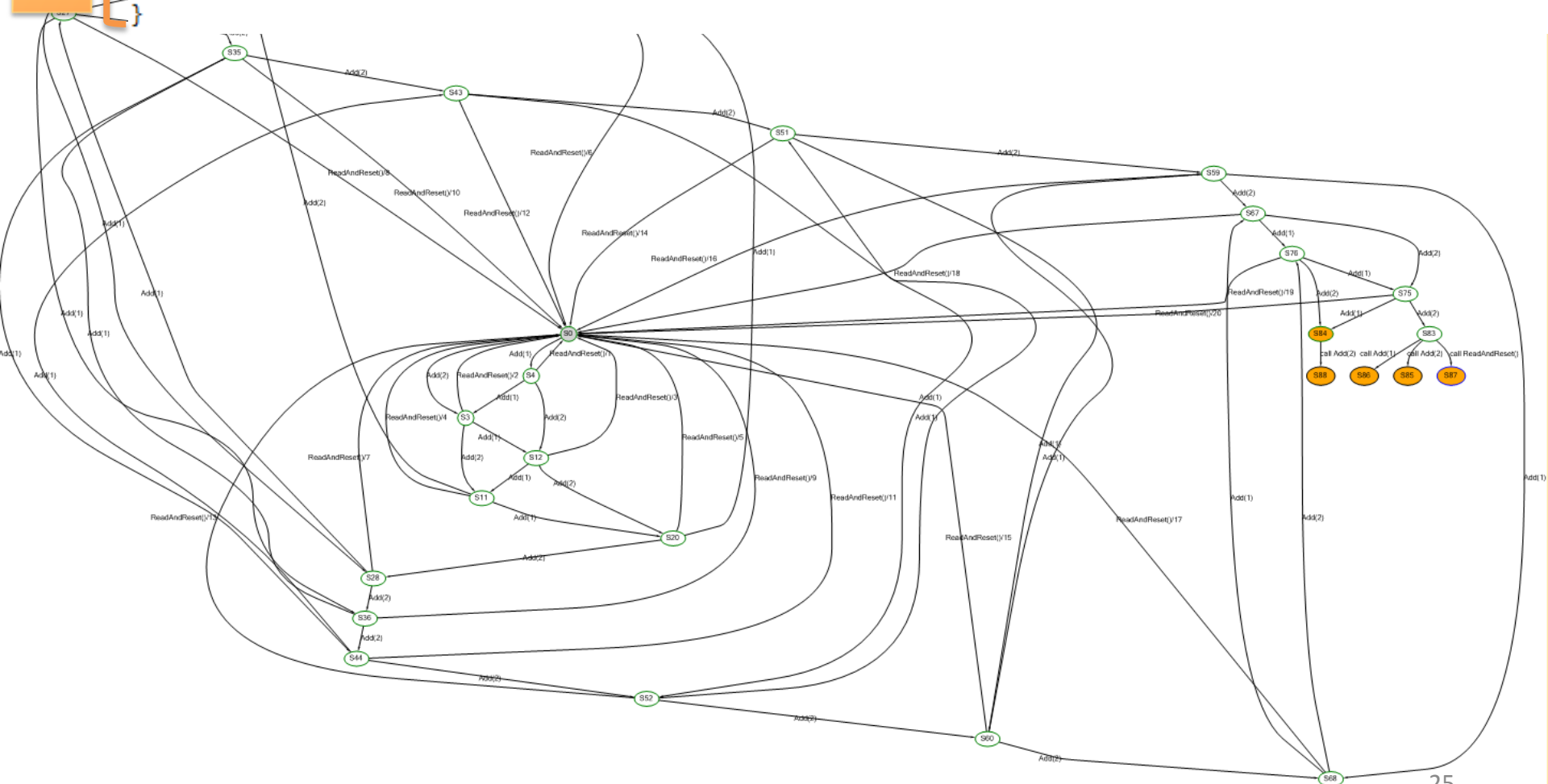


Exploration

```
/// Constructs a machine from the model program.  
/// Since the model is not finite, this machine explodes  
/// and exploration is stopped by a bound.  
/// Switch ForExploration makes the machine appear in Exploration Manager.  
machine AccumulatorModelProgram() : Main where ForExploration = true
```

1

```
{  
  construct model program from ParameterCombination  
  where scope = "SpecExplorer1.AccumulatorModelProgram" //The value of the namespace switch can be a .Net namespace  
}
```

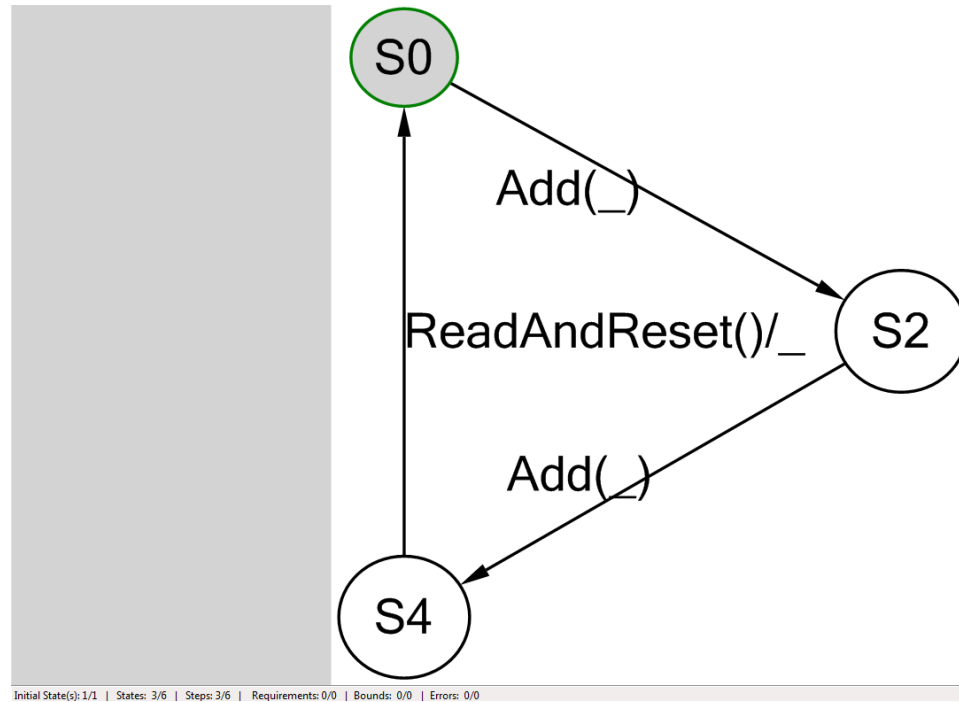




Scenario

2

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}
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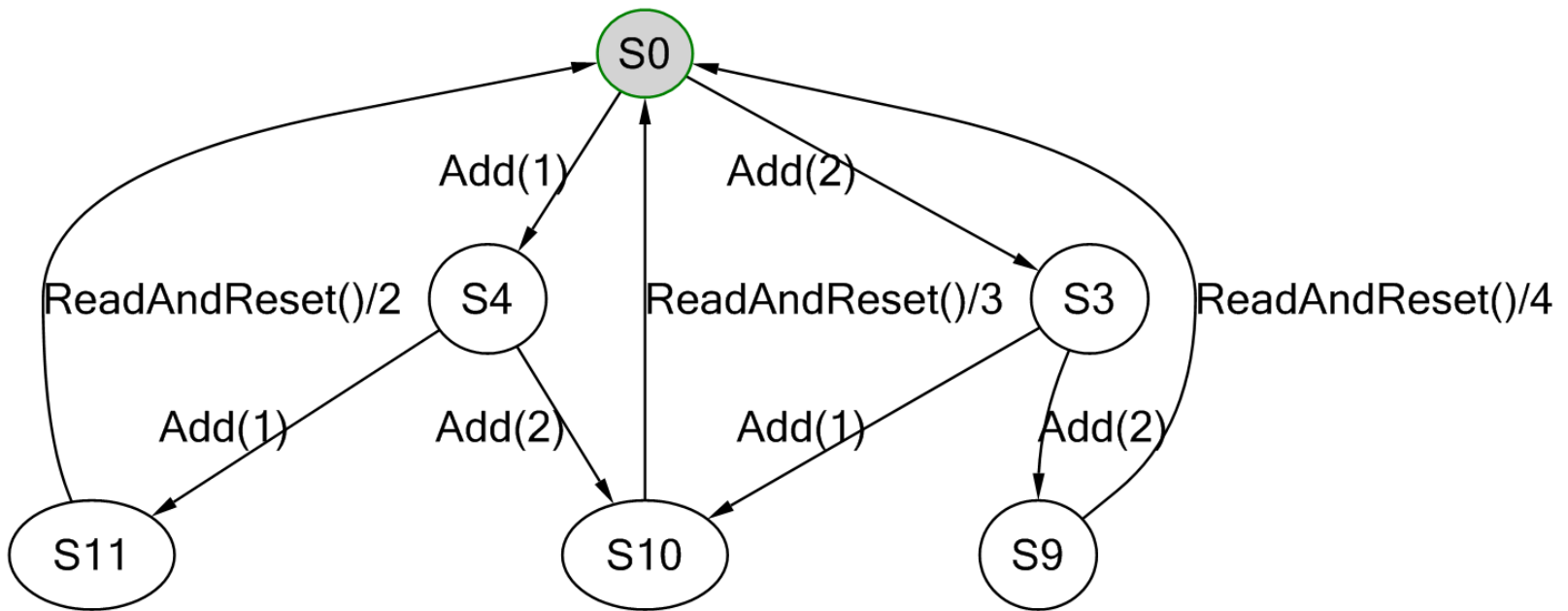




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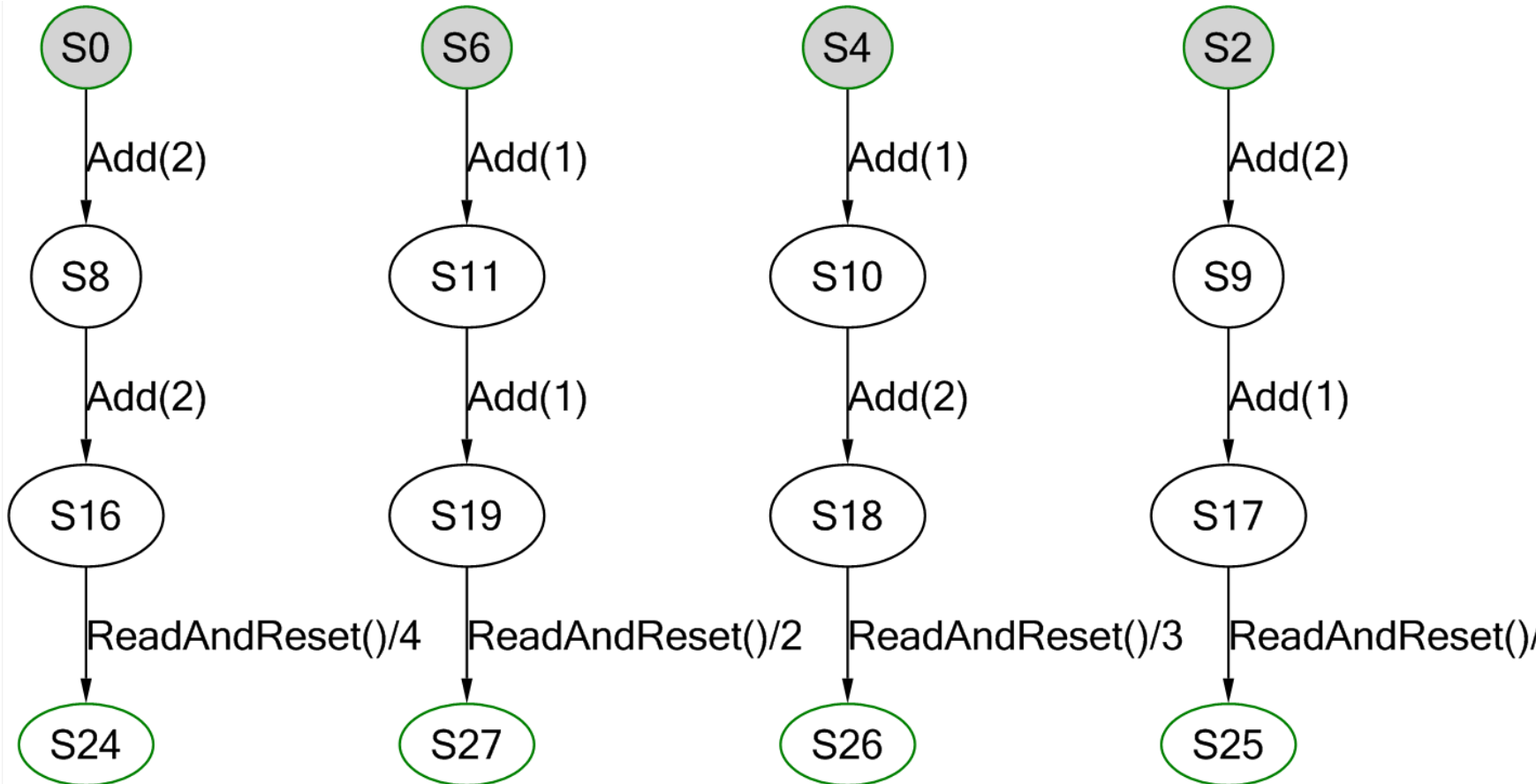
Initial State(s): 1/1 | States: 6/15 | Steps: 9/18 | Requirements: 0/0 | Bounds: 0/0 | Errors: 0/0

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/// implementation is empty.
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{  
    construct test cases where strategy = "ShortTests" for SlicedAccumulatorModelProgram()  
}
```

4



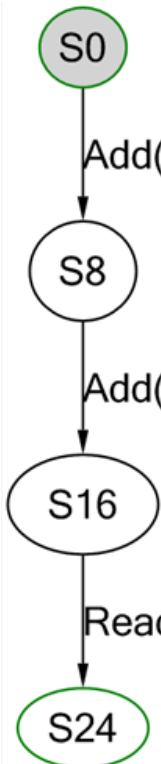
Tests



```
//-----  
// <auto-generated>  
//   This code was generated by a tool.  
//   Runtime Version:4.0.30319.239  
//  
//   Changes to this file may cause incorrect behavior and will be lost  
//   if the code is regenerated.  
// </auto-generated>  
//-----
```

```
namespace SpecExplorer1.TestSuite {  
    using System;  
    using System.Collections.Generic;  
    using System.Text;  
    using System.Reflection;  
    using Microsoft.SpecExplorer.Runtime.Testing;  
    using Microsoft.VisualStudio.TestTools.UnitTesting;  
  
    [System.CodeDom.Compiler.GeneratedCodeAttribute("Spec Explorer", "3.5.3130.0")]  
    [Microsoft.VisualStudio.TestTools.UnitTesting.TestClassAttribute()]  
    public partial class AccumulatorTestSuite : VsTestClassBase {  
  
        public AccumulatorTestSuite() {  
            this.SetSwitch("ProceedControlTimeout", "100");  
            this.SetSwitch("QuiescenceTimeout", "30000");  
        }  
  
        Test Initialization and Cleanup  
  
        Test Starting in S0  
  
        Test Starting in S2  
  
        Test Starting in S4  
  
        Test Starting in S6  
  
    }  
}
```

Tests



```
#region Test Starting in S0
[Microsoft.VisualStudio.TestTools.UnitTesting.TestMethodAttribute]
public void AccumulatorTestSuiteS0() {
    this.Manager.BeginTest("AccumulatorTestSuiteS0");
    this.Manager.Comment("reaching state \'S0\'");
    this.Manager.Comment("executing step \'call Add(2)\'");
    SpecExplorer1.Sample.Accumulator.Add(2);
    this.Manager.Comment("reaching state \'S1\'");
    this.Manager.Comment("checking step \'return Add\'");
    this.Manager.Comment("reaching state \'S8\'");
    this.Manager.Comment("executing step \'call Add(2)\'");
    SpecExplorer1.Sample.Accumulator.Add(2);
    this.Manager.Comment("reaching state \'S12\'");
    this.Manager.Comment("checking step \'return Add\'");
    this.Manager.Comment("reaching state \'S16\'");
    int temp0;
    this.Manager.Comment("executing step \'call ReadAndReset()\'");
    temp0 = SpecExplorer1.Sample.Accumulator.ReadAndReset();
    this.Manager.Comment("reaching state \'S20\'");
    this.Manager.Comment("checking step \'return ReadAndReset/4\'");
    TestManagerHelpers.AssertAreEqual<int>(this.Manager, 4, temp0, "return of ReadAndReset, state S20");
    this.Manager.Comment("reaching state \'S24\'");
    this.Manager.EndTest();
}
```

Test Results

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Test run failed Results: 1/4 passed; Item(s) checked: 3

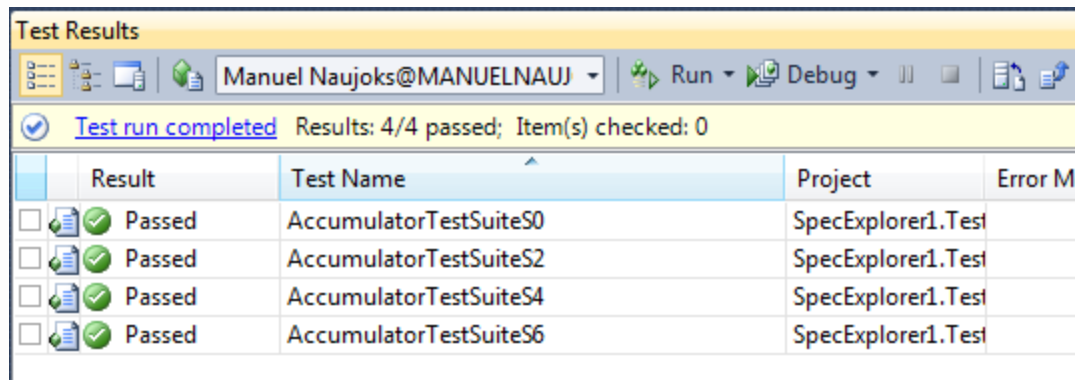
Result	Test Name	Project	Error Message
Passed	AccumulatorTestSuiteS0	SpecExplorer1.Test	
Failed	AccumulatorTestSuiteS2	SpecExplorer1.Test	expected '3', actual '4' (return of ReadAndReset, state S21)
Failed	AccumulatorTestSuiteS4	SpecExplorer1.Test	expected '3', actual '4' (return of ReadAndReset, state S22)
Failed	AccumulatorTestSuiteS6	SpecExplorer1.Test	expected '2', actual '4' (return of ReadAndReset, state S23)

```
namespace SpecExplorer1.Sample
{
    /// <summary>
    /// A dummy implementation that doesn
    /// </summary>
    public class Accumulator
    {
        public static void Add(int i)
        {
        }

        public static int ReadAndReset()
        {
            return 4;
        }
    }
}
```

```
namespace SpecExplorer1.Sample
{
    /// <summary>
    /// A dummy implementation that doesn't cont
    /// </summary>
    public class Accumulator
    {
        static int sum = 0;
        public static void Add(int i)
        {
            sum += i;
        }

        public static int ReadAndReset()
        {
            var oldSum = sum;
            sum = 0;
            return oldSum;
        }
    }
}
```

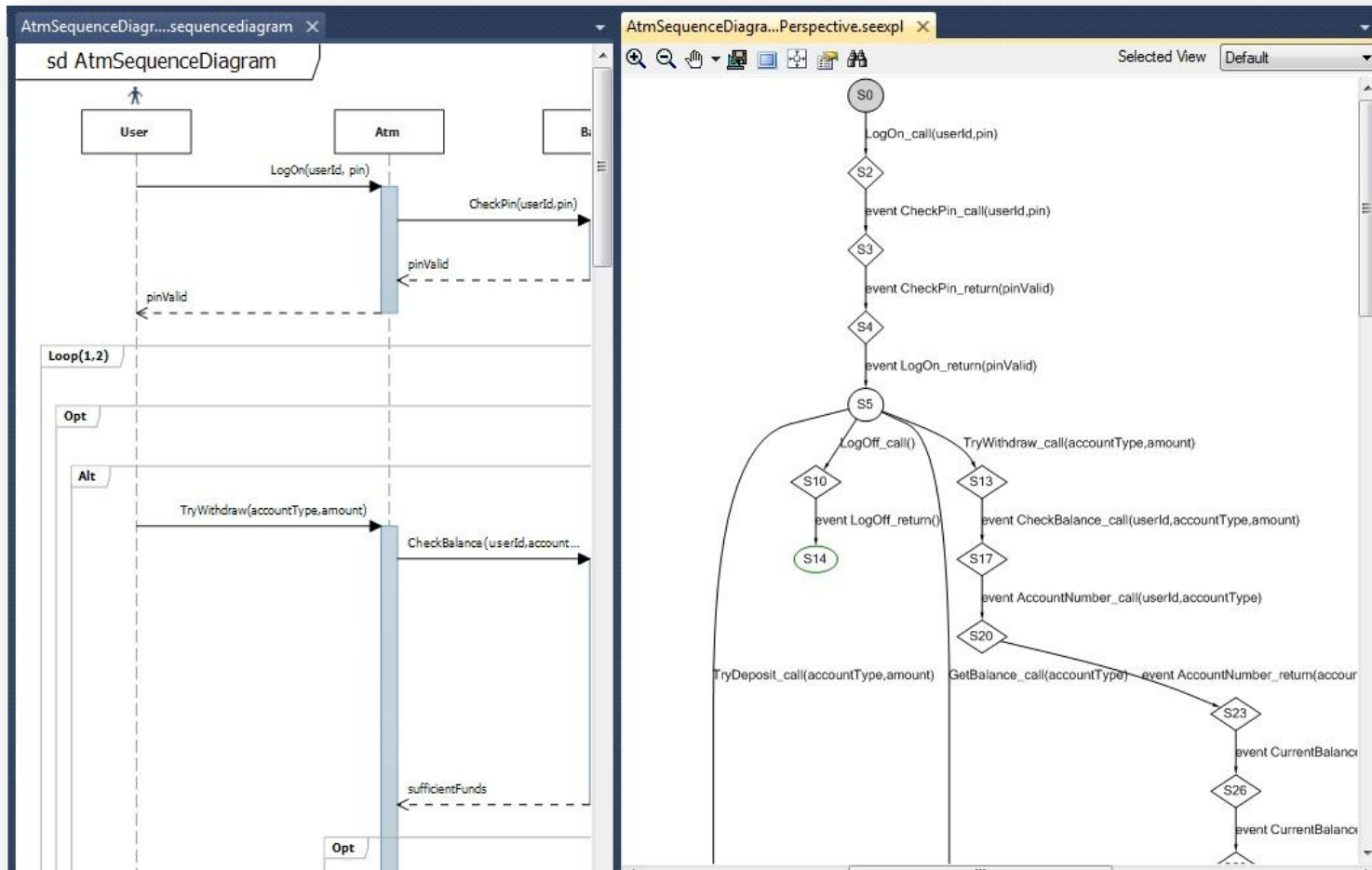


The screenshot shows a 'Test Results' window with a toolbar at the top containing icons for test results, a dropdown menu with 'Manuel Naujoks@MANUELNAUJ', and buttons for 'Run', 'Debug', and other actions. Below the toolbar, a status bar indicates 'Test run completed' with 'Results: 4/4 passed; Item(s) checked: 0'. The main area contains a table with the following data:

	Result	Test Name	Project	Error M
<input type="checkbox"/>	Passed	AccumulatorTestSuiteS0	SpecExplorer1.Test	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Passed	AccumulatorTestSuiteS2	SpecExplorer1.Test	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Passed	AccumulatorTestSuiteS4	SpecExplorer1.Test	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Passed	AccumulatorTestSuiteS6	SpecExplorer1.Test	

UML Extensions

- Szenarien als UML-Sequenzdiagramme



Spec Explorer

Einsatz bei Microsoft

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- Team seit 2007 in der Windows Server Division
- Development und Testing Team in Beijing
- “Microsoft Open Specifications” Movement
 - <http://www.microsoft.com/openspecifications/en/us/default.aspx>
 - *Model-Based Quality Assurance of Windows Protocol Documentation*
 - 2008; **Wolfgang Grieskamp**, Nico Kicillof, ...
 - http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/xpl/freeabs_all.jsp?tp=&arnumber=4539580&isnumber=4539517?tag=1

Einsatz bei Microsoft

- Anwendung bei Großprojekt
 - 250 Mannjahre für Testing

Wahl des Werkzeugs für Test suites



Model-Based:

Nach 2,5 Jahren, Effizienzsteigerung von \emptyset 42%
(Anwendung durch testunerfahrenes Personal)

Spec Explorer

Fazit

Fazit

- Model repräsentiert Zustände der Implementierung
- *State space exploration* erreicht „alle“ Zustände
- Szenarien definierbar
- Szenarien und Exploration „verbinden“
- Automatische Erzeugung von Testfällen für Szenarien
- State-based Testen der Implementierung
- Testfälle müssen bei Modelländerung erzeugt werden

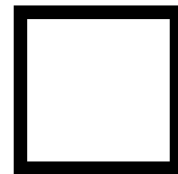
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- 1-Satz-Zusammenfassung:

Spec Explorer dient dazu, die Zustände eines Modells mit den Zuständen einer Implementierung zu vergleichen.

Spec Explorer

Ende



Links

- Spec Explorer Team Blog
<http://blogs.msdn.com/b/specexplorer/>
- Spec Explorer 2010 Visual Studio Power Tool
<http://visualstudiogallery.msdn.microsoft.com/271d0904-f178-4ce9-956b-d9bfa4902745>
- Spec Explorer 3.5 Reference
<http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ee620411.aspx>
- UML Extension For Spec Explorer 2010
<http://visualstudiogallery.msdn.microsoft.com/ce73da2a-072f-44d0-ae18-600213b56520>
- Using Spec Explorer for Model-Based Test Development
<http://dotnet.sys-con.com/node/163765>

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