MontiArc – Architectural Modeling of Interactive Distributed and Cyber-Physical Systems

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Abstract

This report presents MontiArc, a modeling language for the description of Component & Connector architectures. A component is a unit executing computations and/or storing data. Information flow between components is modeled via unidirectional connectors connecting typed, directed ports of the interfaces of components.

Language features of the ADL MontiArc include hierarchical decomposition of components, subtyping by structural inheritance, component type definitions and reference declarations for reuse, generic component types and configurable components, syntactic sugar for connectors, and controlled implicit creation of connections and subcomponent declarations.

This technical report gives an overview of the MontiArc language and is a reference for the MontiArc grammar intended to enable reuse and extension of MontiArc and MontiArc related tools.

MontiArc is implemented using the DSL framework MontiCore. Available tools include an editor with syntax highlighting and code completion as well as a simulation framework with a Java code generator.
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Chapter 1

Introduction

Distributed interactive systems are systems that typically consist of multiple autonomous computation units that together – composed to a network of communicating nodes – achieve a common goal. The application areas of distributed and embedded systems [GKL+07] are vastly growing and so is the size of the individual systems. Typically, interactive systems are composed of smaller systems or components, that are to a great extent independent of each other. Some concrete examples of distributed systems are:

- telecommunication systems,
- distributed business applications, e.g., service oriented architectures and services in the cloud,
- logical function nets that are mapped to control devices in embedded systems, e.g., in the automotive and avionic domain, or
- production lines and control units in automation technology and process engineering.

Components interact with each other by exchanging messages via their well defined interfaces. Typical kinds of communication are continuous streams of values produced by sensors, complex data messages, events that are propagated, or simple signals passed between components. Modeling the architecture and distribution of such systems allows early analysis of certain properties like the absence of deadlocks, interface compatibility of connected components, and simulation of effect propagation.

Many systems currently emerge in the new domain of Cyber-Physical Systems [GRSS12]. Cyber-Physical Systems are inherently distributed interacting in various ways using signals, messages and data. However, model based development of Cyber-Physical Systems become particularly interesting, when modelling the context of the software control, i.e. electric and
hydraulic signals as well as physical material (streams of fluids or gadgets) to simulate the system under development early. We provide an infrastructure to model these kinds of streams as well.

For the task of modeling distributed interactive systems by capturing elements of their logical or physical distribution we have developed MontiArc. MontiArc is a textual language defined using the DSL framework MontiCore [GKR+06, KRV07b, GKR+07, KRV08, GKR+08, KRV10, Kra10, www12b] and comes with an Eclipse integrated editor. To analyze and simulate the designed systems, MontiArc is extended with a simulation framework that can execute behavior implemented in Java and declaratively attached to MontiArc models. Language tooling including the simulator is available at the MontiArc website [www12a].

MontiArc allows modeling of function nets as described in [GHK+07, GHK+08a, GHK+08b, GKPR08, MPF09]. Using a set of feature views enables tracing of requirements to the logical system architecture to conceptually link artifacts throughout the development process. These feature views are later on composed to a logical system architecture that is deployed to concrete hard- and software components [GHK+08b].

MontiArc has also been extended with delta modeling concepts [CHS10] to ∆-MontiArc [HRRS11, HKR+11a, HKR+11b]. It allows a modular definition of architectural variants starting from a core architecture. Features are added or removed by modular delta models that contain operations to add, remove, or modify elements of an architecture. New variants are generated by a sequence of deltas that transform the core architecture to the desired architectural variant.

In this report we will introduce the rationale behind MontiArc briefly in the following sections on a simple example. The language reference describing MontiArc’s language features, the current version of MontiArc’s grammar, and its context conditions is given in Chapters 2 and 3. MontiArc’s semantics is described in Chapter 4.

1.1 MontiArc ADL

MontiArc is a framework for modeling and simulation of software architectures. The domain of the architecture description language (ADL) MontiArc are so called information-flow architectures which describe the components of a (software) system and their message-based communication. Following [MT00]’s taxonomy for ADLs a component is a unit which executes computations or stores data. It may have arbitrary complexity and size being a subsystem or a single function. A component has an explicitly defined interface via which it communicates with its environment. MontiArc distinguishes between component type definitions and subcomponent declarations. A component type defines the component’s interface and its internal
structure using subcomponent declarations. A subcomponent declaration describes the inclusion of a component of a referenced type.

As an initial example consider Fig. 1.1 which shows the architecture of a distributed e-health application. The subsystems involved are the application itself receiving the picture of a barcode from the environment, a barcode scanner service extracting the actual barcode, an e-health provider that resolves possible adverse reactions for given medications, and a report generator that produces a report. The illustrated architecture contains all basic elements of the ADL MontiArc. The component AdverseDrugReactionApp can only be accessed via messages on the incoming port barcode of type Image. The computed result will then be sent via an outgoing port of type Report. The component AdverseDrugReactionApp consists of subcomponents EHealthApp named app, BarcodeScanner, EHealthProvider and ReportGenerator which are connected to each other and outer ports exposed to the environment via connectors. Connectors are directed and always connect one sending port with an arbitrary number of receiving ports of compatible data types. Two ports can be connected, if either their data types are identical or the data type of the receiver is a supertype of the sender’s data type. As shown in the example, naming of ports and subcomponents is optional. Subcomponent app, which is an instance of component EHealthApp, for example, is explicitly named, while subcomponent BarcodeScanner by default gets the name barcodeScanner of its referenced component type starting with a lower-case character.

In MontiArc communication is unidirectional. The ADL does not dictate any further communication semantics. Communication can be synchronous or asynchronous based on the system that is modeled. In most cases and in our MontiArc simulation we assume an asynchronous communication which we believe is better suited for modeling parallel and distributed computa-
tions. Subcomponent app in Fig. 1.1 sends messages to BarcodeScanner-Service and EHealthProvider whereas indirect responses are received at the incoming port Report.

In MontiArc components can either be implemented directly (as atomic components) or defined to be a composition of other components. These decomposed components are hierarchically structured into further subcomponents (as for example AdverseDrugReactionApp in Fig. 1.1) and thus have their behavior derived from the composition of their subcomponents. For atomic components a reaction to incoming messages can be specified directly. Both component kinds can be equally treated in an architecture model, since they both share the same interface definitions and can be treated as black boxes whose observable behavior conforms to their interface. Thus, in Figure 1.1 it is initially non-distinctive, whether the EHealthProvider is a structured or atomic component. For different levels of abstractions this can however change during the development of the AdverseDrugReactionApp by consecutively refining the structure of its components.

1.2 MontiArc Syntax at a Glance

MontiArc is developed as a textual domain specific language (DSL) using the MontiCore [GKR+08, GKR+06, KRV07b, KRV07a, KRV08, KRV10, Kra10, www12b] framework. A textually formalized description of the component AdverseDrugReactionApp from Fig. 1.1 is given in Lst. 1.2.

Each component is typically defined in its own compilation unit (file). Similar to Java, components are organized in packages (Lst. 1.2, l. 1) which correspond to subfolders in the modelpath. Imports of data types (ll. 4 f) and components (ll. 8–10) refer to other compilation units using the same import mechanism and make their declared names available to be referenced using unqualified names. The component type definition is introduced by the keyword component followed by the component’s type name (l. 12). Inside the component body, which is delimited by curly brackets, architectural elements may be defined. Among these are interfaces, invariants, subcomponent declarations, definitions of inner component types, and connectors.

The interface of a component, which defines the communication with its environment, is given by ports. Port definitions are introduced by the keyword port followed by the communication direction (in for incoming, out for outgoing) (ll. 17-19). The data type (e.g., Image, l. 18) specifies which types of messages can be transmitted via a port. Naming of ports is optional. If only one port of a data type exists on the given level, the port does not need an explicit name, since it then by default gets the name of its type starting with a lower-case character. For example, the port in
package adra;

// import message types
import java.awt.Image;
import adra.msg.*;

// import components
import adra.fe.EHealthApp;
import adra.be.BarcodeScanner;
import adra.be.ReportGenerator;

component AdverseDrugReactionApp {
    autoconnect port;
    autoinstantiate on;

    port
        in Image barcode,
        out Report;

    component EHealthProvider {
        port
            in EHMessage,
            in String barcode,
            out GenCtrl,
            out Drug;
    }

    component EHealthApp app
        [bcOut -> barcodeScanner.image];

    component BarcodeScanner;

    component ReportGenerator;

    connect barcodeScanner.string -> eHealthProvider.barcode;
    connect eHealthProvider -> reportGenerator;
}

Listing 1.2: The component type AdverseDrugReactionApp in textual syntax

l. 19 is named report like its type, while port barcode has an explicit name (l. 18). If the same data type is used for several ports of the same component, these ports have to be explicitly named, because the default name derived from the type would not be unique anymore.

Inner component types are used to create local component type defi-
nitions that may be used in the current component exclusively. For example, component EHealthProvider is defined as an inner component of the AdverseDrugReactionApp (ll. 21–27). The definition of an inner component type starts with the keyword component followed by the component’s type name. It then has the same structure as the component definition on the top level of the model. To automatically create instances of inner components, auto-instantiation is turned on (l. 15). This way a subcomponent named eHealthProvider is created that instantiates the inner component type.

Similarly, a component that is defined in another model can be referenced and instantiated as a subcomponent (ll. 29–34). Like ports, subcomponents have an optional name (e.g., app, l. 29) if it should be different from the referenced component type. However, if multiple subcomponents of a certain type exist or if the simple connector form, which will be described below, is to be used, subcomponents have to be named explicitly.

The communication connections between subcomponents’ ports and incoming and outgoing ports of the component definition are realized by connectors. For this purpose, MontiArc provides several alternatives that may be combined with each other:

1. Standard connectors are created by the keyword connect and connect a single source with an arbitrary number of targets (l. 36). Sources and targets are qualified by the subcomponent name the port is attached to. If more then one target is given they have to be separated by commas.

2. To immediately connect outputs of a subcomponent, simple connectors are placed directly behind the instance name (l. 30). Here, the source bcOut is an outgoing port of EHealthApp. Other than in standard connector definitions, the left side of a simple connector directly refers to an outgoing port of the referenced component (and is therefore unqualified).

3. The automatic connecting of not yet connected ports with the same name and the same unambiguous type is triggered by the keyword phrase autoconnect port (l. 14). However, it is not always possible to establish the whole communication graph with this statement, hence connect statements allow to explicitly define connections.

4. To automatically connect all not yet connected ports with the same unambiguous type disregarding port names, the keyword phrase autoconnect type is used. Depending on the current component definition, its interface, and its subcomponents, the set of ports matched by this phrase differs from the set matched by autoconnect port.
5. Instead of referencing ports of subcomponents as source and target of a (simple) connector, a name of a subcomponent contained in the current component definition may be used as well. This means that all compatible ports of the referenced subcomponents are connected automatically. The connector shown in line 38 connects all outgoing ports of subcomponent eHealthProvider with all compatible ports of subcomponent reportGenerator.

Thus, the connector in line 36 connects port string of subcomponent barcodeScanner with port barcode of subcomponent eHealthProvider. The simple connector in line 30 connects the port bcOut of the subcomponent app with the port image of the subcomponent barcodeScanner. Which form of the explicit connectors is used is a matter of taste. Using simple connectors one can only specify outgoing connections of a subcomponent and not its incoming ones.

1.3 Communication of MontiArc Components

The definition of inter component communication and the simulation of MontiArc models is based on FOCUS [BS01, RR11], a framework for developing and modeling distributed systems. Communication in MontiArc is typically asynchronous and event based. It is realized by unidirectional channels which transport elements of a data type that represent events and messages that are passed between components. A channel contains messages in order of their transmission and is mathematically formalized using a stream of messages, e.g., \( \langle m_1, m_2, m_3, \ldots \rangle \).

In streams the order of messages determines the order of transmission. Concerning the time lag between the messages, no statement can be derived. In FOCUS, the progress of time can be simulated by explicitly adding tick messages (\( \sqrt{\cdot} \)) that to some extent can be treated as ordinary messages. Every equidistant time slice is delimited by a \( \sqrt{\cdot} \). For messages inside a time slice, only the order of the transmission is fixed.

In FOCUS, there are three different time paradigms. In timed streams, a time slice contains an arbitrary but finite number of messages whereas in time-synchronous streams at most one message per time slice is transmitted. Untimed streams contain messages only, this way conclusions about the order of messages can be drawn but not on their timing. For the remainder we focus on timed streams which are well supported by the MontiArc simulation framework.

In order to predict the timed behavior of components, a basic understanding of the time model is necessary. In timed communication the time flow is modeled in such a way that components, which have a \( \sqrt{\cdot} \) on each incoming port, consume these \( \sqrt{\cdot} \)'s and send one \( \sqrt{\cdot} \) on each outgoing port. This mimics synchronized time progress on all channels, whereas the \( \sqrt{\cdot} \)'s
denote a time slice has passed. Please note that message processing in the MontiArc simulation framework enforces realizability of the simulated components. We achieve this by requiring strong causality [BS01, RR11] for components: each component only reacts to the current input after a delay of at least one $\sqrt{}$.

Figure 1.3: Processing of messages in the simulation

Figure 1.3 illustrates how messages are processed by MontiArc components. Messages that are not processable immediately are buffered to not get lost. The message OP sent to component ReportGenerator is processed immediately inducing the component to open and generate a new report. Processed messages are removed from the message buffer. $\sqrt{}$s are only consumed when each incoming port of a component has received an unprocessed $\sqrt{}$. This way the report generator has to receive a $\sqrt{}$ on port GenCtrl and Drug. Afterwards the local time of the component is increased by one and a $\sqrt{}$ is emitted on each outgoing port. After receiving the messages ASA (acetylsalicylic acid) and Clopidogrel on port Drug in $t = 1$, the component receives message CL on port GenCtrl and Li (lithium) on port Drug in $t = 2$. As message CL instructs the component to close the report and send it in the next time unit, it emits the generated report in $t = 3$. Hence Rep_1 contains adverse drug reactions between ASA, Clopidogrel, and Li.

The simulation framework also supports weakly causal components and a delay of at least one $\sqrt{}$ in every feedback-loop which also makes a system realizable [RR11].
Please note that components are allowed to access the history of a stream but not the message buffers which would in a timed setting allow (partial) knowledge about the future. This is exactly how weak causality of component interaction is enforced.

The MontiArc simulation framework with a Java code generator, a tutorial, and a set of executable examples is available from [www12a].
Chapter 2

MontiArc Language

MontiArc is developed with the DSL framework MontiCore [KRV10] using its language-extension mechanisms to create an expandable architectural description language according to the guidelines presented in [KKP+09]. Its language hierarchy is shown in Fig. 2.1.

MontiArc build on

ArchitectureDiagram build on

MontiCore Common

Figure 2.1: MontiCore grammar hierarchy of the MontiArc language.

The MontiCore Common grammar serves common modeling language artifacts like stereotypes, cardinalities, and modifiers. Also productions for type references and literals are provided. A detailed description of the used language fundamentals is given in [Sch12], the MontiCore grammar format is described in [GKR+06]. The language ArchitectureDiagram (ArcD) serves basic architectural elements and is extended by the MontiArc language that is tailored to the event-based simulation of the modeled distributed systems. The main elements and concepts of the two languages are explained in Sections 2.1 and 2.2. Complete grammar definitions are given in the appendix in Lst. B.1 on page 51 and Lst. B.2 on page 57. The MontiCore grammar of both languages will be explained in Sections 2.3 and 2.4.
2.1 Architecture Diagram – Basic Elements

The basic elements of the Architecture Diagram language are components with ports, subcomponents, and connectors that unidirectional connect ports of components. A component type definition defines a component type and its interface. The interface of a component is a set of typed and directed ports. The internal structure of components can be defined by referencing subcomponents and composing them via connector definitions.

Component type definitions introduce new component types that are identified by unique qualified names and interfaces consisting of sets of ports. A component’s ports are either incoming or outgoing ports. Incoming ports allow a component to receive messages of the port’s type. In the current implementation MontiArc allows the modeler to use predefined types of the Java language or define new types using UML/P class diagrams [Rum04b, Sch12]. Outgoing ports are a component’s mean to communicate with it’s environment. These ports are also typed with the type of messages that can be transmitted.

Component type names can be parametrized with type parameters. This concept allows the definition of generic component types that use type parameters inside their component’s ports definition or as type parameters in references to subcomponents. An example for generic components with type parameters is a delay component that is parametrized with the type of its incoming and delayed outgoing messages.

Besides type parameters MontiArc also supports configurable components with configuration parameters. These parameters are values that are set when a component is referenced as a subcomponent or when instantiated as a system inside the MontiArc simulation. An example for a configurable component is a filter component that can be configured with a set of elements that should be filtered out.

Connectors define unidirectional communication channels between ports of components. Messages emitted from an outgoing port of one component and forwarded to an incoming port of another component are the only way that components can interact (feedback-loops of a component to itself are also allowed).

MontiArc supports the extension of component definitions by a structural inheritance mechanism. A component type definition can extend another component type. The new type inherits all ports, inner component type definitions, and subcomponent references as well as the connectors defined between them.
2.2 MontiArc Elements

The language MontiArc is defined as an extension of Architecture Diagrams. It preserves all language concepts and adds:

- invariants on component behavior
- declaration of the component’s timing paradigm
- implicit model completion for connections
- implicit reference declaration for subcomponents

Invariant expressions can be defined for components and written in almost any external invariant language. With MontiCore’s language reuse features [GKR+08] the MontiArc language is currently configured to use Java expressions and OCL expressions as invariants.

The timing paradigm of components can be defined as part of the component type definition inside MontiArc. The available paradigms are timed, untimed, and timesynchronous as explained in Sect. 1.3.

MontiArc allows to automatically complete component definitions with connectors according to some predefined rules. The connectors completion strategies currently available are port to connect ports with matching name and compatible type, type to connect ports with matching types, or off to disable automatic connection of ports.

In many cases when a component type is defined inside a parent component it is the modelers intention to create a subcomponent by referencing this new component inside the parent component. To automatically instantiate subcomponents together with their definition the modeler can enable the autoinstantiate concept on the parent’s component level.

2.3 Architecture Diagram Grammar
Walk-Through

We continue by explaining the MontiCore grammar of the architecture diagrams language ArdD. A detailed description of the MontiCore grammar format that is used to define concrete and abstract syntax of a language is found in [GKR+08]. However, the most important concepts of MontiCore grammars, that are needed to understand the given language definitions, are the following. Optional elements are annotated with a question mark ?, alternatives are separated by |, and keywords are given in quotes. If keywords are additionally surrounded by brackets ([...]) a Boolean field is created in the abstract syntax that holds true, if this keyword occurs in the concrete syntax. A * denotes elements that may occur arbitrary many times.
The root element of an ArcD model is a component type definition. The production `ArcComponent` that is shown in Lst. 2.2 defines the structure of a component type definition. It may be annotated with a stereotype followed by the keyword `component` and a component type name. The optional `instanceName` may be used to create a subcomponent declaration along with the definition of an inner component type. For root component definitions the usage of an instance name is forbidden (c.f. Chapter 3).

The production `ArcComponentHead` is shown in Lst. 2.3. It provides optional definition of `TypeParameters` (c.f. l. 2) that are used to define generic type variables. These variables may serve as port data types in the scope of the component body. A list of `ArcParameters` is enclosed by squared brackets (c.f. l. 3). These are used to define variables with a type and a name that are visible in the scope of the component definition (c.f. Lst. 2.4). The values of these variables are set when a parametrizable component type is used as type of a subcomponent declaration. Finally a component type may extend a super component, its type name is given after the `extends` keyword (c.f. Lst. 2.3 l. 4).

Lst. 2.5 shows the production of a component type body. It contains arbitrary many `ArcElements` that are parenthesized by curly brackets. `ArcElement` is an interface that is implemented by productions that are architectural elements and may occur in a component type definition. Therefore the inner structure of a component type is given by a set of
ArcElements. To extend this language with more elements that may be part of a component type, new productions that implement this interface may be defined in a subgrammar.

The production ArcInterface that defines the interface definition of a component is given in Lst. 2.6. After an optional stereotype and the keyword port a list of ports is given. A port (c.f. Lst. 2.7) may have a stereotype. After the port’s direction, in is used for incoming and out for outgoing ports, the port’s data type and an optional name are given.

The internal structure of decomposed component types is given by subcomponents. The syntax of a subcomponent declaration is defined by the production ArcSubComponent that is shown in Lst. 2.8. After an optional
ArcConfigurationParameter = QualifiedName | Literal;

Listing 2.9: Configuration parameter production

stereotype and the keyword component the type of the subcomponent is
given. This is a reference to another component type definition. An optional
list of arguments is parenthesized by round brackets. These arguments are
used to set configuration parameters of referenced configurable components.
As shown in Lst. 2.9 this may be either a reference to an enumeration or a
static constant or a variable name (both given by a QualifiedName), or
a literal value.

ArcSubComponentInstance = Name
("[" ArcSimpleConnector
(";" ArcSimpleConnector)* "]")?

Listing 2.10: Production to explicitly name subcomponents with optional
simple connectors

ArcSimpleConnector = source:QualifiedName "->" targets:QualifiedName
("," targets:QualifiedName)*;

Listing 2.11: Simple connector production

To create more then one subcomponent declaration or to assign an ex-
plicit name, an optional list of instances is used (c.f. Lst. 2.8 l. 6). The
production ArcSubComponentInstance is shown in Lst. 2.10. It has a
name and an optional colon separated list of simple connectors parenthe-
sized by squared brackets. These simple connectors (c.f. Lst. 2.11) directly
connect outgoing ports of the bounded subcomponent declaration with one
or more target ports. Please note that source:QualifiedName is an
extension to normal grammars, where QualifiedName is the nonterminal
(type) and source is the name of the containing variable in the abstract
syntax that usually also codes the form of use. Here it allows to distinguish
between a source and many targets (see [GKR+06]).

Another way to connect ports of subcomponent declarations or the local
interface definition is given by connectors. The syntax is defined by the
ArcConnector production that is shown in Lst. 2.12. After an optional
stereotype and the keyword connect the source of the connector is given
by a qualified name. After an arrow \( \rightarrow \) one or more comma separated targets are given. Source or target of a connector may be either a port of the current component, a name of a subcomponent declaration, or a port that belongs to a subcomponent declaration. In the last case the port is qualified by the name of the subcomponent to which it belongs.

### 2.4 MontiArc Grammar Walk-Through

MontiArc extends the ArchitectureDiagram language in two ways. First, it extends the language with configuration elements that have to implement the interface MontiArcConfig. These configuration elements have to be placed before other architectural elements in a component’s body. Hence the production ArcComponentBody of the super grammar is overridden as shown in Lst. 2.13.

Second, to constrain the behavior of a component MontiArc adds invariants defined in OCL/P [Rum04b, Rum04a] or Java to components. This is shown in Lst. 2.14. After the keyword inv the name of the invariant is given followed by its content.

The autoconnect statement defined in production MontiArcAutoConnect (c.f. Lst. 2.15) controls the autoconnect behavior of the component. The following modes are available:
MontiArcAutoConnect implements MontiArcConfig =
"autoconnect" Stereotype?
("type" | "port" | "off") ";

Listing 2.15: Autoconnect statement in MontiArc

- **type** automatically connect all ports with the same unique type
- **port** automatically connect all ports with the same name and a compatible type
- **off** (default) turns auto connect off

MontiArcAutoInstantiate implements MontiArcConfig =
"autoinstantiate" Stereotype?
("on" | "off") ";

Listing 2.16: Autoinstantiate statement in MontiArc

Auto-instantiation is used to automatically create instances of inner component types, if these are not explicitly declared as subcomponents. Lst. 2.16 contains the production defining the syntax of this feature. After the keyword autoinstantiate and an optional stereotype the mode is chosen using on or off, where off is the default case.

MontiArcTimingParadigm implements MontiArcConfig =
"behavior" Stereotype?
("timed" | "untimed" | "timesynchronous") ";

Listing 2.17: Production to choose a timing paradigm in MontiArc

To denote which timing paradigm (see Sect. 1.3 on page 7) a component implements the production MontiArcTimingParadigm is used that is shown in Lst. 2.17. After the keyword behavior, and an optional stereotype, the following modes are available:

- **timed** (default) streams are timed and may contain arbitrary many data messages in a time slice
- **untimed** streams are untimed and contain only data messages
- **timesynchronous** streams are timed but contain at most one data message in a time slice, hence all incoming ports of a component are read simultaneously
Each component type may have its own timing paradigm. If subcomponent declarations of a component type definition reference component types with different timing paradigms, the distinct behavior regarding time has to be adapted to achieve a smooth interaction. Introducing up- and down-scaling subcomponent declarations that translate between different timing paradigms in terms of a behavior refinement (see [BS01]) will then serve as adapters between subcomponents with different timing paradigms.
Chapter 3

MontiArc Context Conditions

In MontiArc quite a number of context condition checks are implemented in order to verify that a defined MontiArc model is well-formed and to support the modeler with feedback about detected problems. These context conditions are grouped into conditions concerning uniqueness, connections, referential integrity, and conventions. The following sections list these conditions and explain them by means of examples.

3.1 Basic Conditions

To define a concept for visibility of identifiers we introduce namespaces to MontiArc that define areas in a model in which names are managed together (c.f. [Kra10, Völ11]). These identifiers are names of ports, subcomponent declarations, generic type variables, configuration parameters, and invariant definitions. In MontiArc we distinguish two different kinds of namespaces. A component namespace contains identifiers that are declared within a component type definition. Such a namespace is not hierarchical, hence identifiers defined in a top level namespace are not imported into a contained component namespace. In contrast, an invariant namespace that is contained in a component namespace imports all names that are defined within its parent namespace. An invariant namespace may also contain a hierarchical namespace structure according to the language that is used to define the invariant.

An example for namespaces, identifiers, and their visibility is given in Fig. 3.1. The shown component type definition FilterDelay contains three namespaces. The top-level namespace belongs to the component type definition itself. It contains the red colored identifiers of the configuration parameter fil, the port names inData and delayedAndFiltered, the subcomponent declaration f and del, as well as the invariant isFiltered.
Please note that using the optional instance name while defining an inner component type will automatically declare a subcomponent with the used instance name (c.f. Sect. 2.3). As this subcomponent is declared in the parent component of the inner component definition, its identifier also belongs to the parent’s namespace.

The parent namespace \texttt{FilterDelay} contains another component namespace that belongs to the inner component type definition \texttt{Delay}. All identifiers within this namespace are colored blue. The port name \texttt{inData} is still unique, as identifiers of the parent namespace, that also contains this name, are not imported.

Namespaces of invariants import identifiers of their parent namespace, that’s why the port name \texttt{delayedAndFiltered} as well as the parameter name \texttt{fil} may be used inside the namespace of invariant \texttt{isFiltered}. It also has a hierarchical structure denoted by the \texttt{inner OCL} namespace, as a \texttt{forall} construct opens a new namespace in the OCL language.

Figure 3.1: Namespaces and identifier declarations in MontiArc.
B1: All names of model elements within a component name-space have to be unique.

To clearly identify each model element, all names within a component name-space have to be unique. This holds for port names, subcomponent declaration names, generic type parameter names, configuration parameter names, and names of invariants. Listing 3.2 contains several violations of this condition. First, configuration parameter `fil` has the same name as one incoming port (see ll. 1, 4). Second, the subcomponent declaration `del` and an invariant have the same name (c.f. ll. 10, 16).

```montiarc
component FilterDelay[String[] fil] {
  port
    in char[] [] fil, // 'fil' already declared in l. 1
    in String inData,
    out String delayedAndFiltered;
  component Filter(fil) f;
  component Delay del {
    port
      in String inData,
      out String delayedData;
  }
  ocl inv del: // 'del' already declared in l. 10
    forall mOut in delayedAndFiltered:
      !(mOut isin fil);
}
```

Listing 3.2: B1: Violation of context condition U by using names more than once in a namespace.

B2: Root component type definitions do not have instance names.

The optional instance name of component type definitions (c.f. Sect. 2.3, page 13) is used to create a subcomponent declaration along with the definition of an inner component type. The created subcomponent then belongs to the parent component type. Root component types do not have a parent, and therefore using an instance name for a root component type definition will result in a not assignable subcomponent. Hence, the usage of instance names for root component definitions is forbidden.
component ABPSenderComponent mySenderComp { // instance
    // name for
    component Sender innerSender { // root def.
        // ...
    } // forbidden
    // ...
}

Listing 3.3: B2: Instance names of component definitions.

In Lst. 3.3, the component definition ABPSenderComponent<T> has
an instance name mySenderComp which is not allowed. For the inner com-
ponent definition Sender this concept is used to create a subcomponent
declaration named innerSender along with the definition of the inner com-
ponent type.

3.2 Connections

CO1: Connectors may not pierce through component inter-
faces.

component A_B_Filter {
    port
        in String msgIn,
        out String msgOut;
    component Filter('a') af;
    component Filter('b') bf;
    connect msgIn -> af.msgs;
    connect bf.filteredMsgs -> msgOut;
    connect af.filteredMsgs -> bf.msgs.d; // d not visible
}

component Filter[char f] {
    port
        in String msgs,
        out String filteredMsgs;
    component Delay(1) d;
    // ...
}

Listing 3.4: CO1: Qualified sources and targets of connectors.

Qualified sources or targets of a connector consist of two parts. The first
part is a name of a subcomponent, the second part is a port name. Lst. 3.4 contains the definition of component types \texttt{A\_B\_Filter} and \texttt{Filter}. The former contains two subcomponent declarations of the latter. The connector show in l. 9 connects port \texttt{msgIn} of \texttt{A\_B\_Filter} with port \texttt{msgs} of subcomponent \texttt{af}. As this port is part of the interface of \texttt{af}'s type, this connector is valid. The same holds for the second connector in l. 10 that connects the output of \texttt{bf} to the outgoing port \texttt{msgOut}. However, the target of the third connector shown in l. 11 is subcomponent \texttt{d} that belongs to component type \texttt{Filter} that is declared as subcomponent \texttt{bf}. As subcomponent declarations are encapsulated and may only be accessed indirectly via their connected ports, \texttt{d} is not visible in the scope of \texttt{A\_B\_Filter} and must not be used as a target of a connector.

\textbf{CO2:} A simple connector’s source is an outgoing port of the referenced component type and is therefore not qualified.

\begin{verbatim}
component A_B_Filter {
    port
        in String msgIn,
        out String msgOut;
    component Filter('a') af
        [filteredMsgs -> bf.msgs];
    component Filter('b') bf
        [bf.filteredMsgs -> bf.msgs]; // source is qualified
    // ...
}
\end{verbatim}

Listing 3.5: CO2: Correct and invalid sources of simple connectors.

A source of a simple connector always has to be an outgoing port of the subcomponent’s component type. A qualification is therefore not needed as the port is implicitly qualified using the bounded subcomponents name. The first simple connector in line 7 of Lst. 3.5 connects outgoing port \texttt{filteredMsgs} of subcomponent \texttt{af} with the incoming port \texttt{msgs} of subcomponent \texttt{bf} and is valid. The source of the second connector in l. 9 contains the subcomponent’s name \texttt{bf} as an additional qualifier and is therefore invalid.
component A_B_Filter {
    port
    in String msgIn,
    out String msgOut;

    component Filter(‘a’) af;
    component Filter(‘b’) bf;

    connect msgIn -> af;
    connect af -> bf;
    connect bf -> msgOut;
}

Listing 3.6: CO3: Using unqualified sources and targets in connectors.

CO3: Unqualified sources or targets in connectors either refer to a port or a subcomponent declaration.

If sources or targets of a connector are unqualified, then they must refer to a port or a subcomponent name declared in the scope of the current component type definition. If a name of a subcomponent is used, all yet unconnected ports are connected that have a valid type. For example the first connector given in Lst. 3.6 in l. 9 automatically resolves incoming port msgs of subcomponent af as the target of the connector, as its type fits to the type of the connector’s source. The second connector given in l. 10 connects all compatible outgoing ports of subcomponent af with all compatible incoming ports of subcomponent bf. Finally, the third connector in l. 11 connects one compatible outgoing port of subcomponent bf with the outgoing port msgOut. This, however, is only possible if a unique compatible port can be resolved. If more then one compatible port is found, no connections are created and a warning is emitted.

3.3 Referential Integrity

R1: Each outgoing port of a component type definition is used at most once as target of a connector.

In MontiArc the sender of a message or signal is always unique for the receiver. Hence every receiving port only receives signals from a unique sender, while a sender may transmit its data to more then one receiver. Therefore outgoing ports of a component type definition are used at most once as a target of a connector. In Lst. 3.7 the component type definition A_B_Filter violates this condition. The outgoing port msgOut is used
as a target of the simple connector given in l. 7 and also as a target of
the connector given in l. 11. A unique sender may not be identified, as
it may be the outgoing port of subcomponent \( \text{af} \) or the outgoing port of
subcomponent \( \text{bf} \). In contrast, a sender of a connector may transmit its
messages to more than one receivers. Hence the connector given in l. 10 is
valid.

**R2:** Each incoming port of a subcomponent is used at most
once as target of a connector.

As already discussed in the previous context condition, the sender of a
message is always unique for a receiver. Incoming ports of subcomponents
may be used as receivers in a connector and must therefore be used at most
once as a receiver in the context of a component type definition. In Lst. 3.8
this context condition is injured by the connectors given in ll. 9–10. The
incoming port msgs of subcomponent af is used twice as a target.

R3: Full qualified subcomponent types exist in the named package.

``` montiarc
component A_B_Filter {
    // ...
    component ma.msg.Filter('a') af;
    // ...
}
```

Listing 3.9: R3: Qualified subcomponent types.

If a qualified component type is used for a subcomponent, a component type definition has to exist in the denoted package. For example the subcomponent declaration shown in Lst. 3.9 uses the qualified type ma.msg.Filter (cf. l. 3). Hence a component definition Filter has to exist in package ma.msg.

R4: Unqualified subcomponent types either exist in the current package or are imported using an import statement.

``` montiarc
package ma;
import ma.msg.Filter;
component A_B_Filter {
    // ...
    component Filter('a') af;
    // ...
    component C_D_Filter cdf;
    // ...
}
```

Listing 3.10: R4: Unqualified subcomponent types.

If an unqualified component type is used for a subcomponent, it must either exist in the current package or it must be imported using an import statement. Subcomponent af given in Lst. 3.10 uses the unqualified type Filter that is imported in l. 2. The type of subcomponent cdf (l. 6) is unqualified and not imported. Therefore a component type definition C_D_Filter has to exist in the current package ma given in l. 1.
R5: The first part of a qualified connector’s source or target must correspond to a subcomponent declared in the current component definition.

```montiarc
component A_B_Filter {
    port
        in String msgIn,
        out String msgOut;
    component Filter('a') af;
    connect msgIn -> af.msgs;
    connect bf.filteredMsgs -> msgOut; // subcomponent bf
        // does not exist
}
```

Listing 3.11: R5: Subcomponents in qualified connector parts.

If a source or target of a connector is qualified, the qualifier must be the name of a subcomponent that is declared in the namespace of the current component definition. In Lst. 3.11 the target of the first connector (l. 8) is qualified with `af`. As a subcomponent `af` is declared in l. 6 the qualifier is valid. In contrast the source of the second connector (l. 9) is qualified with `bf`, but a subcomponent with that name is not declared. Hence, this connector is invalid.

R6: The second part of a qualified connector’s source or target must correspond to a port name of the referenced subcomponent determined by the first part.

The second part of a qualified source or target of a connector is a port name. A port with that name must exist in the component type of the subcomponent that is given by the qualifier. In Lst. 3.12 the target of the first connector given in l. 12 is port `toDelay` of subcomponent `del`. As shown in l. 8 the component type of this subcomponent contains this port. Hence, the first connector is valid. The source of the second connector (l. 13) is port `delayed` of subcomponent `del`. As this port does not exist in component type `Delay` (c.f. ll. 6–10), this connector is invalid.

R7: The source port of a simple connector must exist in the subcomponents type.

In simple connectors, the source directly references an outgoing port in the type of the subcomponent to which the simple connector belongs to. This
component FilterDelay {
    port
        in String inputData,
        out String delayed;
}

component Delay del {
    port
        in String toDelay,
        out String delayedData;
}

connect inputData -> del.toDelay;
connect del.delayed -> delayed; // port delayed does not exist

// port delayed does not exist

Listing 3.12: R6: Ports in qualified connector parts.

component FilterDelay {
    port
        out String delayed1,
        out String delayed2;
}

component Delay {
    port
        in String toDelay,
        out String delayedData;
}

component Delay
    d1 [delayedData -> delayed1],
    d2 [delayed -> delayed2]; // port delayed does not exist

// port delayed does not exist

Listing 3.13: R7: Sources of simple connectors.

port has to exist. In Lst. 3.13 the source of the first simple connector in l. 13 exists and the connector is therefore valid. As the component type Delay does not have an outgoing port delayed (c.f. ll. 6–10), the second simple connector given in l. 14 is invalid.

R8: The types of two connected ports have to be compatible, i.e., the target port has the same type or is a supertype of the source port type.

To assure type correct communication, source and target ports of connectors have to be compatible. A receiver may be connected to a sender, if both
component MyComp {
    port
    in Integer myInt,
    out Object myObj;

    component Buffer<Integer> bInt;
    component Buffer<Object> bObj;
    component Buffer<String> bStr;

    connect myInt -> bInt.input;
    connect bInt.buffered -> bObj.input;
    connect bObj.buffered -> bStr.input; // incompatible
    connect bStr.buffered -> myObj; // types Object,
        // String
}

Listing 3.14: R8: Type compatible connectors.

have the same type or the receiver type is a supertype of the source type. Lst. 3.14 contains some examples for connectors with different source and target types. The first connector in l. 10 ist obviously valid, as source and target type are the same. The second connector in l. 11 connects a source port with type Integer and a target port with type Object. As Object is a supertype of Integer, this connection is valid. The third connector (l. 12) connects Object with String. Because String is a subtype of Object and not a supertype, it is invalid. The fourth connector in l. 13 is valid again, as Object is a supertype of String.

R9: If a generic component type is instantiated as a subcomponent, all generic parameters have to be assigned.

A generic component is a component that defines generic type parameters in its head (see Sect. 2.1, page 12). If such a component type is used as a subcomponent type, a data type has to be assigned to each of these generic type parameters. Lst. 3.15 contains the definition of the generic component type Buffer in ll. 1–5 that has two generic type parameters K and V. In the component type definition MyComp in ll. 6–11 two subcomponents are declared that have the aforementioned type. The first subcomponent declaration (l. 8.) assigns a data type to each type parameter and is valid. The incoming port input of b1 has now the type Integer, the outgoing port has the type String. The second subcomponent declaration b2 in l. 9
only assigns one type parameter. As the Buffer component type claims two generic type parameters, the subcomponent declaration is invalid.

R10: If a configurable component is instantiated as a subcomponent, all configuration parameters have to be assigned.

A configurable component defines configuration parameters in its head (see Sect. 2.1, page 12). If such a component type is used as a subcomponent type, a value has to be assigned to each configuration parameter. In Lst. 3.16 the configurable component type LossyDelay defined in ll. 1–5 is used as type of subcomponent ld1 in l. 8. In the subcomponent declaration a value is assigned to both configuration parameters. Therefore the subcomponent declaration is valid. The second subcomponent declaration in l. 9 only assigns one value, as two values are expected, the declaration is invalid.
R11: Inheritance cycles for components are forbidden.

Listing 3.17: R11: An inheritance cycle in MontiArc.

Lst. 3.17 shows an example for an inheritance cycle. The component type ABPReceiver extends the CommonReceiver component type (l. 2) which is a subtype of the ABPReceiver component (l. 7). Such a system cannot be instantiated, therefore inheritance cycles are forbidden.

R12: An inner component type definition does not extend the component type in which it is defined.

Listing 3.18: R12: Structural extension cycle.

A structural extension cycle is given, if an inner component type definition extends the component type of its surrounding parent component. As the inner component will import itself in a structural extension cycle, it may not be instantiated using our mechanism. Therefore it is forbidden for inner component type definitions to extend its parent component. This context condition is violated in Lst. 3.18 where the inner component type Inner extends its parent component type Outer.
R13: Subcomponent reference cycles are forbidden.

A reference cycle is given, if two component types declare each other as subcomponents. As instantiation of such a system will result in an endless instantiation process, these cycles are forbidden. An example for a reference cycle is shown in Lst. 3.19. Component type A contains a subcomponent declaration of type B (c.f. l. 3). The component type B contains itself a subcomponent of type A (c.f. l. 7). If component type A is instantiated, an instance of component type B is created that will itself create another instance of A and so forth.

3.4 Conventions

CV1: Instance names should start with a lower-case letter.

Names in the scope of component definitions should start with a lower case letter. This context condition affects names of ports, subcomponent declarations, configuration parameters, and invariants. Therefore all names
contained in the component definition depicted in Lst. 3.20 obey this rule. Violating this context condition will result in a warning.

**CV2: Types should start with an upper-case letter.**

Component types and generic type parameters should start with an upper case letter. Hence the component name `Inverter` as well as the used generic type parameter `T` are well formed. Violating this context condition will result in a warning.

**CV3: Duplicated imports should be avoided.**

Defining identical imports more than once will result in a warning.

**CV4: Unused direct imports should be avoided.**

The definition of imports which are not used in the model violates this convention and results in a warning.

**CV5: In decomposed components all ports should be used in at least one connector.**

```蒙蒂弧
component A_Filter {
    port
    in String msgIn,
    in String foo, // unused port
    out String msgOut;
    component Filter('a') af;
    connect msgIn -> af.msgs;
    connect af.filteredMsgs -> msgOut;
}
```

Listing 3.21: CV5: Using all ports.

If incoming or outgoing ports of a decomposed component type are not used in at least one connector, a warning is produced to inform the modeler that parts of the components interface are unconnected. In Lst. 3.21 the ports `msgIn` and `msgOut` are both used and connected to subcomponents (c.f. ll. 9-10). In contrast port `foo` is not connected and a warning is produced (l. 4).
CV6: All ports of subcomponents should be used in at least one connector.

```java
component A_Filter {
    port
        in String msgIn,
        out String msgOut;

    component Filter('a') af;

    component Filter('b') bf; // unconnected ports msgs,

    connect msgIn -> af.msgs;

    connect af.filteredMsgs -> msgOut;
}
```

Listing 3.22: CV6: Using all ports of subcomponents.

If ports of subcomponents are unconnected, this may result in an unexpected behavior. Hence, the modeler is informed with a warning, if subcomponents in a decomposed component type definition have unconnected ports. All ports of subcomponent `af` in Lst. 3.22 are connected in the connectors given in ll. 9-10. But no ports of subcomponent `bf` are connected, therefore a warning is created.
Chapter 4

Semantics

A complete modeling language definition consists not only of the syntax of the language but also of the language’s semantics in (terms of meaning [HR04]). We have given some examples of models of the MontiArc language in Chapters 1-3 and intuitively explained the semantics of the models presented. When working with modeling languages, building models, and developing tools the models’ semantics requires a more formal definition than a verbal and often vague description as given above. A formal and sound background is a prerequisite for building integrated model-based development frameworks [BS01, BR07].

In general the semantics of a language $L$ in terms of its meaning expressed in a semantic domain $S$ can be defined using a semantic mapping function $m : L \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(S)$ as illustrated in Fig. 4.1 (see [HR04]). The idea behind this denotational semantics is simply to explain every model of $L$ in terms of the semantic domain.

![Figure 4.1: Semantic mapping of a modeling language to its semantic domain](image)

The semantic domain $S$ is a formal model with well defined and well understood elements, which is able to capture the meaning of elements of systems modeled using a modeling language. In the general case, where models can be under-specified or do not have an exact one-to-one representation in the semantic domain, one model (as an element of the language $L$) can be mapped to a set of elements of the semantic domain that capture its meaning – including alternatives due to the underspecification. If the domain of stream processing functions $SPF$ (see [BDD+93, Rum96, RR11]) was chosen to represent MontiArc components, the semantics of the Mon-
tiArc component LossyChannel from Fig. 4.2 could be the set of all stream processing functions with the (simplified) signature $f: \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^m$ since nothing is known about the behavior of the LossyChannel component from looking at the MontiArc model itself. A combination of structure and behavior in the semantics domain allows for example the refinement and evolution of architectures [PR97, PR99].

![Diagram of LossyChannel](image)

Figure 4.2: The component LossyChannel (from the example in Sect. 1.1)

In the following semantics definition we focus on the structure of systems modeled using the ADL MontiArc. It is however no problem to extend the semantic domain presented in Sect. 4.1 to a semantic domain that supports also behavior as demonstrated in [BCR06, BCR07a, BCR07b, Grö10] for object oriented systems. An extension of the semantic domain and mapping function with behavior is straightforward as shown and discussed in [BDD’93, BS01, BR07]. MontiArc can be seen as one of the modular system views discussed in [BR07] describing interfaces, hierarchical decomposition, and composition of components.

The semantic domain we present in the next section makes the semantic mapping of MontiArc models a function $m: L \rightarrow S$, that maps every well formed model to exactly one element of the semantic domain.

### 4.1 A Semantic Domain for MontiArc

We give a semantic domain that captures the structure of systems described using the ADL MontiArc. It consists of components with ports, subcomponents, and connectors as shown in the following equations and is derived from the grammars of the MontiArc language family:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Component} &= CT \times \mathcal{P}(\text{Port}) \times \mathcal{P}(\text{SubComponent}) \times \\
&\quad \mathcal{P}(\text{Connector}) \\
\text{Port} &= \{\text{IN, OUT}\} \times \text{PType} \times \text{PName} \\
\text{SubComponent} &= \text{CName} \times \text{Component} \\
\text{Connector} &= \text{CName} \times \text{PName} \times \text{CName} \times \text{PName}
\end{align*}
\]

The notation $\mathcal{P}(\text{Port})$ refers to the power set of the set Port. The sets $CT$ of component type names, $\text{CName}$ of subcomponent names, $\text{PName}$ of port names, and $\text{PType}$ of port data types are not further specified and could,
e.g., consist of simple strings as well as possibly more complex elements defining their own hierarchy like the Java type system.

The construct Component of equation 4.1 represents components with their component type, ports, subcomponents, and connectors. Please note that this semantic domain does not necessarily require component types since these are reflected in the set of ports, subcomponents and connectors. We chose to add component types to the semantic domain as an extension to allow distinguish for example a Filter from a Delay component which might have identical interfaces and both no further subcomponents. Also the set CType might well support generic component types, e.g., by a string representation of the complete parametrized type name.

Connectors (equation 4.4) are part of their owning component and reference the component’s subcomponents and ports by their names. For convenience we require that the set CName contains an element \( \dagger \) that is similar to the keyword this used in some object oriented languages. A connection in the semantic domain from a port of the parent component to a port of one of its children would use the \( \dagger \)-symbol to refer to the parent component. For example the MontiArc connector connect messageIn -> sender.messageIn maps to the tuple \( (\dagger, \text{messageIn}, \text{sender}, \text{messageIn}) \) in the semantic domain.

In the following we refer to elements of the structures Component, Port, SubComponent, and Connector by using the abbreviation .cName to refer to a field of type CName of a tuple (if the element position in the tuple is unique). We give some well-formedness rules of the semantic domain, similar to MontiArc context conditions discussed in Chapter 3:

Component types determine the structure of a component:

\[
\forall c_1, c_2 \in \text{Component} : \\
c_1.cType = c_2.cType \Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 
\quad (4.5)
\]

Please note that on the other hand an identical structure does not imply the same component type.

The names of all ports of a component are unique:

\[
\forall c \in \text{Component}, p_1, p_2 \in c.\text{ports} : \\
p_1.pName = p_2.pName \Rightarrow p_1 = p_2 
\quad (4.6)
\]

The names of all subcomponents of a component are unique:

\[
\forall c \in \text{Component}, sc_1, sc_2 \in c.\text{subComponents} : \\
sc_1.name = sc_2.name \Rightarrow sc_1 = sc_2 
\quad (4.7)
\]

Connectors can only connect ports of the component they belong to or its direct subcomponents where the ports have the correct direction:

\[
\forall c \in \text{Component}, \forall (s, pn_s, r, pn_r) \in c.\text{connectors} : \\
\]

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\[(s = \dagger \Rightarrow \exists p \in c.\text{ports} : p.\text{pName} = \text{pn}_s \land p.\text{direction} = \text{IN}) \land \]
\[(s \neq \dagger \Rightarrow \exists (s, c') \in c.\text{subComponents}, p \in c'.\text{ports} : \]
\[p.\text{pName} = \text{pn}_s \land p.\text{direction} = \text{OUT}) \land \]
\[(r = \dagger \Rightarrow \exists p \in c.\text{ports} : p.\text{pName} = \text{pn}_r \land p.\text{direction} = \text{OUT}) \land \]
\[(r \neq \dagger \Rightarrow \exists (r, c') \in c.\text{subComponents}, p \in c'.\text{ports} : \]
\[p.\text{pName} = \text{pn}_r \land p.\text{direction} = \text{IN}) \] (4.8)

Every port reads at most from one port connected by a unique connector:

\[
\forall c \in \text{Component}, \forall (s_1, \text{pn}_{1s}, r_1, \text{pn}_{1r}), (s_2, \text{pn}_{2s}, r_2, \text{pn}_{2r}) \in c.\text{connectors} : \\
r_1 = r_2 \land \text{pn}_{1r} = \text{pn}_{2r} \Rightarrow \\
(s_1, \text{pn}_{1s}, r_1, \text{pn}_{1r}) = (s_2, \text{pn}_{2s}, r_2, \text{pn}_{2r}) \] (4.9)

The domain given in equations (4.1) - (4.4) is a simplified and abstract version of systems modeled using the MontiArc language. The list of rules (4.5) - (4.9) is not complete but demonstrates the most important properties of the semantic domain. This formalization of the essential concepts helps when reasoning about the meaning of different models.

### 4.2 A Semantic Mapping for MontiArc

We sketch a semantic mapping of MontiArc to the semantic domain introduced in the previous section to highlight some important decisions in the design of MontiArc’s semantics.

A complete and formal definition of the semantic mapping function \(m : L \rightarrow S\) can be done compositionally as, for example, shown in [CGR08] for class diagrams and sketched in [GRR09] for general modeling languages: When defining the semantic mapping of a model, children elements of nodes in the abstract syntax tree can be mapped by independent or adequately parametrized mapping functions thus simplifying the definition of the mapping by decomposition.

Here we only show some examples to illustrate the semantic mapping. The result of mapping the LossyChannel component from Fig. 4.2 to its semantics is as expected:

\[
\text{Component} = \{(\text{LossyChannel}, \text{ports}, \emptyset, \emptyset)\} \\
\text{ports} = \{(\text{IN}, \text{Integer}, \text{portIn}), \text{OUT}, \text{Integer}, \text{portOut})\} \\
\text{Port} = \text{ports} \\
\text{SubComponent} = \emptyset \\
\text{Connector} = \emptyset
\]

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A more interesting example is the semantics of the structured component BoardLightsControl given in Lst. 4.3. In this example the component definitions TurnSignalController and HeadLightsController are referenced as subcomponents.

```plaintext
package automotive.ecu;

import automotive.ecu.controller.TurnSignalController;
import automotive.ecu.controller.HeadLightsController;

component BoardLightsControl {
    autoconnect port;
    port
        /* ... */
    component TurnSignalController frontSignalController;
    component TurnSignalController rearSignalController;
    component HeadLightsController;
}
```

Listing 4.3: The component BoardLightsControl re-using the component TurnSignalController twice as frontSignalController and rearSignalController

The corresponding part of the semantics of component BoardLightsControl is given in the following equations:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Component} &= \{(\text{BoardLightsControl}, \ldots, \text{subComps}_{BLC}, \ldots),
\text{TurnSignalController}, \ldots, \text{TurnSignalController}, \ldots, \text{HeadLightsController}, \ldots, \text{HeadLightsController}, \ldots, \} = TSC, \\
\text{subComps}_{BLC} &= \{(\text{frontSignalController}, TSC),
(\text{rearSignalController}, TSC),
(\text{headLightsController}, HLC)\}
\end{align*}
\]
SubComponent = subComps\_BLC \cup \{\ldots\}
Port = \{\ldots\}
Connector = \{\ldots\}
CType = \{\text{BoardLightsControl, TurnSignalController, HeadLightsController,\ldots}\}
PType = \{\ldots\}
CName = \{\text{frontSignalController, rearSignalController, headLightsController,\ldots}\}
PName = \{\ldots\}

The set Component consists of all components in the semantics of the model. Its first element represents the component type BoardLightsControl. By containing set subComps\_BLC it includes besides the subcomponent headLightsController (with structure HLC) the subcomponents frontSignalController and rearSignalController both of type TurnSignalController. These subcomponents have identical structure (abbreviated as TSC) in the semantics.

In contrast to the MontiArc syntax level – where these components were just defined once and then referenced – in the semantic domain they are identical copies of the referenced component. This unfolding of the nested references into components makes the structure of an architecture more explicit.

### 4.3 Semantic Mapping Applications

In Chapter 2 we have introduced the language hierarchy of MontiArc starting from the basic ADL ArcD. For this language we have developed a code generator that translates the modeled architectures into code that can be executed within a simulation framework. Furthermore we have developed tool support for context condition checks, a symbol table infrastructure, and an Eclipse editor.

MontiArc extends the language ArcD and reuses most of the developed infrastructure. One specific case of reuse is done by transforming models of the syntactically richer language MontiArc to equivalent ArcD models. This is done by a set of transformations on the models’ abstract syntax. One of these transformations is, e.g., replacing the autoconnect statement by a set of connectors added to the abstract syntax. These transformations are implemented in Java and assumed to be semantics preserving. The MontiArc keyword autoconnect is removed and the connectors added to the abstract syntax are concepts inherited from ArcD and their code generation is already implemented in the ArcD code generator.

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To prove the correctness of these transformations one could define a semantic mapping \( m \) from the language MontiArc containing the additional language features to the semantic domain presented above. Applying the semantic mapping \( m \) to a MontiArc model should yield the same result as first applying the AST transformations and then the mapping \( m_{simp} \) from the simpler language (see Fig. 4.4).

![Figure 4.4: Semantic mapping of MontiArc and simplified MontiArc to show correctness of AST transformations](image)

With a complete definition of the abstract syntax, the semantic domain, and the semantic mappings \( m \) and \( m_{simp} \) one could apply the semantic mappings to the MontiArc model and the transformed ArcD model to show that the AST transformation is semantics preserving. With an additional formalization of the AST transformation one could even show the correctness of the transformation for all MontiArc models:

\[
\forall l \in \text{MontiArc} : m_{simp}(\text{astTrafo}(l)) = m(l).
\]
Appendix A

Simplified Grammars for Human Reading

These grammars are meant for human reading. They are MontiArc grammars, where all parsing pragmas have been striped of. They still describe the full context free language.

A.1 Readable Architectural Diagrams Grammar

```plaintext
package mc.uml.arcd;
/*
 * Simplified ArcD grammar.
 * @author Arne Haber
 */
grammar SimpleArchitectureDiagram {
/* ======================================================*/
/* ===================== PRODUCTIONS ====================*/
/* ======================================================*/
    options {
        compilationunit ArcComponent
    }
/* ======================================================*/
/* ======================= OPTIONS ======================*/
/* ======================================================*/
/* * A component may contain arbitrary many ArcElements. */
/* * This interface may be used as an extension point to */
```
/* enrich components with further elements. */

interface ArcElement;

/**
 * A component is a unit of computation or a data store.
 * The size of a component may scale from a single
 * procedure to a whole application. A component may be
 * either decomposed to subcomponents or is atomic.
 */

ArcComponent implements ArcElement =
  Stereotype?
    "component" Name (instanceName:Name)?
  ArcComponentHead ArcComponentBody;

/**
 * A component's head is used to define generic type
 * parameters that may be used as port types in the
 * component, to define configuration parameters that may
 * be used to configure the component, and to set the
 * parent component of this component.
 */

ArcComponentHead =
  TypeParameters?
    ("[" ArcParameter* "]")?
    ("extends" ReferenceType)?;

/**
 * The body contains architectural elements of
 * this component.
 */

ArcComponentBody =
  "{"
    ArcElement*
  "}";

/**
 * An ArcInterface defines an interface of a component
 * containing in- and outgoing ports.
 */

ArcInterface implements ArcElement =
  Stereotype?
    "port" (ArcPort)* ";";

/**
 * An incoming port is used to receive messages, an
 * outgoing port is used to send messages of a specific
 * type.
 */
ArcPort =
Stereotype?
("in" | "out")
Type Name?;

/**
* A subcomponent is used to create one or more instances
* of another component. This way the hierarchical
* structure of a component is defined.
* */
ArcSubComponent implements ArcElement =
Stereotype?
"component"
ReferenceType
("(" ArcConfigurationParameter* ")" )?
(ArcSubComponentInstance* )? ";";

/**
* A subcomponent instance binds the name of an instance
* with an optional list of simple connectors used to
* connect this instance with other subcomponents/ports.
* */
ArcSubComponentInstance =
Name
("[" ArcSimpleConnector
";" ArcSimpleConnector)* "]")?

/**
* A connector connects one source port with one or many
* target ports.
* */
ArcConnector implements ArcElement=
Stereotype?
"connect" source:QualifiedName "->"
targets:QualifiedName ("," targets:QualifiedName)* ";";

/**
* A simple way to connect ports.
* */
ArcSimpleConnector =
source:QualifiedName "->" targets:QualifiedName
(""," targets:QualifiedName)*;
ArcConfigurationParameter are used to configure configurable components. It is either a value or a variable name.

ArcConfigurationParameter = QualifiedName | Literal;

Listing A.1: Simplified common MontiCore grammar for architectural diagrams
A.2 Readable MontiArc Grammar

```java
package mc.umlarc;

/**
 * Simplified MontiArc grammar.
 */
grammar SimpleMontiArc extends ArchitectureDiagram {

    options {
        compilationunit ArcComponent
    }

    options {
        OPTIONS
    }

    /************************************************************************/**/*. 
    /* =================== PRODUCTIONS ====================*/
    /************************************************************************/**/*. 

    /**
    * MontiArc components may contain arbitrary many
    * configurations. These configurations have to
    * implement this interface.
    */
    interface MontiArcConfig;

    /************************************************************************/**/*. 
    /* Extends the component body from super grammar with a
    * configuration.
    * @Override ArchitectureDiagram.ArcComponentBody
    */
    ArcComponentBody =
        "{" MontiArcConfig* ArcElement* "}";

    /************************************************************************/**/*. 
    /* An invariant constrains the behavior of a component.
    */
    MontiArcInvariant implements ArcElement =
        "inv" Name ":." InvariantContent ";";

    /************************************************************************/**/*. 
    /* AutoConnect is used to connect ports automatically.
    */
```
MontiArcAutoConnect implements MontiArcConfig =
  "autoconnect" Stereotype?
  ("type" | "port" | "off") ";";

/**
 * Autoinstantiate is used to instantiate inner components
 * without generic parameters or configuration parameters
 * automatically. If more then one instance of this inner
 * component is created by using a reference, the
 * automatically instanciated reference will dissapear.
 */
MontiArcAutoInstantiate implements MontiArcConfig =
  "autoinstantiate" Stereotype?
  ("on" | "off") ";";

/**
 * Sets the time behaviour from the component.
 */
MontiArcTimingParadigm implements MontiArcConfig =
  "behavior" Stereotype?
  ("timed" | "untimed" | "timesynchronous") ";";
}

Listing A.2: Simplified MontiCore grammar for MontiArc
Appendix B

Complete Grammars for Parsing

These grammars are the exact versions used in the MontiCore framework to define tool support.

B.1 Architectural Diagrams Grammar

```java
package mc.uml.arcd;

version "1.0";
/**
 * Grammar for common architectural elements. Provides
 * infrastructure for component definitions, component
 * interface definitions, and the hierarchical structure
 * of components.
 *
 * @author Arne Haber
 */
grammar ArchitectureDiagram extends mc.uml.common.Common {
  options {
    compilationunit ArcComponent
    nostring
    parser lookahead=5
    lexer lookahead=7
  }
} Grammar for ArcD
```
interface ArcElement;

/**
 * A component is a unit of computation or a data store.
 * The size of a component may scale from a single
 * procedure to a whole application. A component may be
 * either decomposed to subcomponents or is atomic.
 * @attribute stereotype an optional stereotype
 * @attribute name type name of this component
 * @attribute instanceName if this optional name is given,
 * it is automatically created a subcomponent that
 * instantiates this inner component. This is only
 * allowed for inner component definitions.
 * @attribute head is used to set generic types, a
 * configuration and a parent component
 * @attribute body contains the architectural elements
 * inherited by this component
 */
/ArcComponent implements
  (Stereotype? "component" Name Name? ArcComponentHead
  "{")=> ArcElement =
  Stereotype?
  "component" Name (instanceName:Name)?
  head:ArcComponentHead
  body:ArcComponentBody;

/**
 * A components head is used to define generic type
 * parameters that may be used as port types in the
 * component, to define configuration parameters that may
 * be used to configure the component, and to set the
 * parent component of this component.
 * @attribute genericTypeParameters a list of type
 * parameters that may be used as port types in the
 * component
 * @attribute parameters a list of ArcParameters that
 * define a configurable component. If a configurable
 * component is referenced, these parameters have to be
/* set. */
/* @attribute superComponent the type of the super component */
/ArcComponentHead =
(options {greedy=true;}):
egenericTypeParameters:TypeParameters)?
("[" parameters:ArcParameter
"," parameters:ArcParameter]* "]")?
("extends" superComponent:ReferenceType)?;
/**
* The body contains architectural elements of this component.
* @attribute arcElement list of architectural elements */
/ArcComponentBody =
"{"ArcElement*
"}"
/**
* An ArcInterface defines an interface of a component containing in- and outgoing ports.
* @attribute stereotype an optional stereotype
* @attribute ports a list of ports that are contained in this interface */
/ArcInterface implements (Stereotype? "port")=>
ArcElement =
Stereotype?
"port" ports:ArcPort "," ports:ArcPort)* ";";
/**
* An incoming port is used to receive messages, an outgoing port is used to send messages of a specific type.
* @attribute stereotype an optional stereotype
* @attribute incoming true, if this is an incoming port
* @attribute outgoing true, if this is an outgoing port
* @attribute type the message type of this port
* @attribute name an optional name of this port */
/ArcPort =
Stereotype?
(incoming:["in"] | outgoing:["out"])
Type Name?;

/**
 * A subcomponent is used to create one or more instances
 * of another component. This way the hierarchical
 * structure of a component is defined.
 * @attribute stereotype an optional stereotype
 * @attribute type the type of the instantiated component
 * @attribute arguments list of configuration parameters
 * that are to be set, if the instantiated component is
 * configurable.
 * @attribute instances list of instances that should be
 * created
 */

/ArcSubComponent implements Stereotype? "component" ReferenceType
{
"(" Name | ";" ")"=> ArcElement =
Stereotype?
"component"
type:ReferenceType
("" arguments:ArcConfigurationParameter
(""," arguments:ArcConfigurationParameter)* ")
? (instances:ArcSubComponentInstance
(""," instances:ArcSubComponentInstance)* ")
? ";";

/**
 * A subcomponent instance binds the name of an instance
 * with an optional list of simple connectors used to
 * connect this instance with other subcomponents/ports.
 * @attribute name the name of this instance
 * @attribute connectors list of simple connectors
 */

/ArcSubComponentInstance =
Name
("[" connectors:ArcSimpleConnector
(";" connectors:ArcSimpleConnector)* "]")?

/**
 * A connector connects one source port with one or many
 * target ports.
 * @attribute source source port or component instance
 * @attribute targets a list of target ports or component
 * instance names
 */

/ArcConnector implements
(Stereotype? "connect" QualifiedName "->") =>
ArcElement =
  Stereotype?
  "connect" source:QualifiedName "->"
  targets:QualifiedName ("," targets:QualifiedName)* "";

/**
 * A simple way to connect ports.
 * @attribute source the source port or component instance
 * name
 * @attribute targets a list of target port or component
 * instance names
 */
/ArcSimpleConnector =
  source:QualifiedName "->" targets:QualifiedName
    ("," targets:QualifiedName)*;

/**
 * ArcParameters are used in configurable components.
 * @attribute Type the type of the parameter
 * @attribute name the name of the parameter
 */
/ArcParameter =
  Type Name;

/**
 * ArcConfigurationParameter are used to configure
 * configurable components. It is either a value or a
 * variable name.
 * @attribute typeRef reference to an Enum type or
 * static constant
 * @attribute variable a variable name
 * @attribute value a concrete literal value
 */
/ArcConfigurationParameter =
  (Name ".")=> typeRef:QualifiedName |
    variable:Name |
    value:Literal;

/* ======================================================*/
/* =================== ASTRULES =========================*/
/* ======================================================*/
// replacement of ASTCNode with UMLPNode
ast ArcComponent astextends
  mc.umlp.common._ast.UMLPNode;
ast ArcComponentHead astextends
  mc.umlp.common._ast.UMLPNode;
Listing B.1: Common MontiCore grammar for architectural diagrams
B.2 MontiArc Grammar

```plaintext
package mc.uml.arc;

version "1.0";

grammar MontiArc extends mc.uml.arcd.ArchitectureDiagram {

/* ======================================================*/
/* ======================= OPTIONS ======================*/
/* ======================================================*/

options {
  compilationunit ArcComponent
  nostring
  parser lookahead=5
  lexer lookahead=7
}

/* ======================================================*/
/* ===================== PRODUCTIONS ====================*/
/* ==============================================================*/

/**
* MontiArc components may contain arbitrary many
* configurations. These configurations have to
* implement this interface.
*/
interface MontiArcConfig;

/**
* Extends the component body from super grammar with a
* configuration.
*
* @attribute MontiArcConfig configures the component
* @attribute ArcElement the architectural elements in the
* body
* @Overwrite ArchitectureDiagram.ArcComponentBody
*/
ArcComponentBody =
  "{";
  MontiArcConfig*
  ArcElement*;
  "}";

/**
* An invariant constrains the behavior of a component.
*
* @attribute kind the optional kind of this invariant.
*/
```
* @attribute name name of the invariant
* @attribute invariantExpression the invariant defined
* in the language ‘kind’
*/
MontiArcInvariant implements
  (Name? "inv" Name ":")=> ArcElement =
  (kind:Name)? "inv" Name ":"
  invariantExpression:InvariantContent(parameter kind)

/**
* AutoConnect is used to connect ports automatically.
* @attribute stereotype optional stereotype
* @attribute type autoconnect unambiguous ports with the
* same type
* @attribute port autoconnect unambiguous ports with the
* same name and compatible type
* @attribute off do not use autoconnection (default)
*/
MontiArcAutoConnect implements MontiArcConfig =
  "autoconnect" Stereotype?
  (\["type"] | \["port"] | \["off"]) \";\";

/**
* Autoinstantiate is used to instantiate inner components
* without generic parameters or configuration parameters
* automatically. If more then one instance of this inner
* component is created by using a reference, the
* automatically instanciated reference will dissapear.
* @attribute stereotype optional stereotype
* @attribute on turns autoinstantiate on
* @attribute off turns autoinstantiate off (default)
*/
MontiArcAutoInstantiate implements MontiArcConfig =
  "autoinstantiate" Stereotype?
  (\["on"] | \["off"]) \";\";

/**
* Sets the time behaviour from the component.
* @attribute stereotype optional stereotype
* @attribute timed a timed component
* @attribute untimed an untimed component
* @attribute timesynchronous a timesynchronous component
* (can only process one message per timeunit)
*/
MontiArcTimingParadigm implements MontiArcConfig =

"behavior" Stereotype? (["timed"] | ["untimed"] | ["timesynchronous"])

/* ==============================================================*/
/* =================== ASTRULES =========================*/
/* ==============================================================*/

// toString for ArcInvariant
ast MontiArcInvariant astextends
/mc.uml.common._ast.UMLPNode =
method public String toString() {
    return (this.getKind() != null ?
        this.getKind() + " " : ") + "inv " +
        this.getName();
    }

// replacement of ASTCNode with UMLPNode
ast MontiArcTimingParadigm astextends
/mc.uml.common._ast.UMLPNode;
ast MontiArcAutoInstantiate astextends
/mc.uml.common._ast.UMLPNode;
ast MontiArcAutoConnect astextends
/mc.uml.common._ast.UMLPNode;
}

Listing B.2: Common MontiCore grammar for MontiArc
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