

#### Language-agnostic Program Verification

#### WG3 Kick-off Meeting

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- Software quality assurance company
- Uses formal methods to perform security audits
- Team behind the maintenance of the K framework



#### **The K framework**



#### → Mission

Accessible trustworthy computing

#### → Vision

Generate implementations and tools automatically from formal specifications, correct by construction

#### → K

Semantic framework for design, implementation and formal reasoning



# **K** Vision

Semantics based tooling

## **The Problem: Crafting Many Tools**



• How many tools is too many tools?



• Quite a bit of repeated effort.

### The K Approach



• Develop each language and each tool once:



- Save on the implementation effort!
- Updates to tools benefit *all* the languages!

#### What is K?



- K is a formal semantics framework.
  - Specify your language or system in the K modelling language.
  - K derives a bunch of tools for you from this specification.
  - Notice the interpreter: executable semantics.
- K foundation: Matching Logic.
  - FOL +  $\mu$  variant for specifying and reasoning about programs & PL.
  - Generalizes several important logical frameworks.
  - Specifications as rewrite rules.
- All of the tools built by RV are powered by K. Smart contract verification offered by RV is done with K.
- Webpages: <u>https://kframework.org</u> <u>http://www.matching-logic.org/</u> <u>https://runtimeverification.com/</u> <u>https://fsl.cs.illinois.edu/</u>

#### **K Vision in the Real World**





# K in (the) Action



- K as a frontend
  - Concise and powerful language to express semantics
  - Write semantics in K, prove properties in an ITP
  - This would allow to prove deeper properties of PL
- K as a backend
  - ➢ Use K as a solver for ITP
  - Possible downside: there are more efficient solvers out there
- Back and forth between K and an ITP
  - Specify semantics and properties in K
  - Produce Dedukti proofs from K proofs
  - Double check in Dedukti every K proof
  - Send to an ITP the statements that K cannot prove

#### **Our perspective of the Action**



- Make ITPs capable of meeting industry standards
  - Ease of use
  - Wide range of applicable scenarios
  - Plenty of tools available
- K can deliver important key stones in this direction
  - Import semantics of already formalized languages in K
  - Ease the definition of future semantic definitions in Dedukti & ITPs
  - Strengthen K by making an ITP available for hard statements

#### **Previous attempts to formalize K**



- Maude (1st version of K)
- Isabelle
- Coq

Final version: Matching logic

#### **Bring both proof systems together**



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$\overline{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma, \mathcal{R}} \mathtt{TYPE} : \mathtt{KIND}} $ (Sort)		$(\exists$ -Generalization)	$\overline{(\exists x.\varphi)\to\psi} \ x\notin FV(\psi)$
$\frac{\vdash_{\Sigma,\mathcal{R}} \Gamma \text{ well-formed}  \vdash_{\Sigma,\mathcal{R}} A:s}{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma,\mathcal{R}} c:A} \text{ (const) } c:A \in \Sigma$ $\frac{\vdash_{\Sigma,\mathcal{R}} \Gamma \text{ well-formed}}{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma,\mathcal{R}} x:A} \text{ (var) } x:A \in \Gamma$ $\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma,\mathcal{R}} A: \text{TYPE}  \Gamma, x:A \vdash_{\Sigma,\mathcal{R}} B:s  (q=1)$	Frame Rules	$(Propagation_{\perp})$ $(Propagation_{\vee})$ $(Propagation_{\exists})$ (Framing)	$C[\bot] \to \bot$ $C[\varphi \lor \psi] \to C[\varphi] \lor C[\psi]$ $C[\exists x. \varphi] \to \exists x. C[\varphi] \text{ with } x \notin FV(C)$ $\frac{\varphi \to \psi}{C[\varphi] \to C[\psi]}$
$\frac{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma,\mathcal{R}} \Pi x : A, B : s}{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma,\mathcal{R}} A : TYPE  \Gamma, x : A \vdash_{\Sigma,\mathcal{R}} B : s  \Gamma, x : A \vdash_{\Sigma,\mathcal{R}} t : B}{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma,\mathcal{R}} \lambda x : A, t : \Pi x : A, B} \text{ (abs)}$ $\frac{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma,\mathcal{R}} t : \Pi x : A, B  \Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma,\mathcal{R}} u : A}{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma,\mathcal{R}} t : \mu : (u/x)B} \text{ (app)}$	Fixpoint Rules	(Substitution) (Prefixpoint) (Knaster-Tarski)	$ \frac{\varphi}{\varphi[\psi/X]} \\ \varphi[(\mu X. \varphi)/X] \to \mu X. \varphi \\ \frac{\varphi[\psi/X] \to \psi}{(\mu X. \varphi) \to \psi} $
$\frac{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma,\mathcal{R}} t : A  \Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma,\mathcal{R}} B : s}{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma,\mathcal{R}} t : B}  (\text{conv})  A \equiv_{\beta \mathcal{R}} B$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{Technical} \\ \text{Rules} \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \end{array} \right.$	(Existence) (Singleton)	$\exists x. x  \neg (C_1[x \land \varphi] \land C_2[x \land \neg \varphi])$



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