
Un' introduzione al Progetto SOCS: formalizzazione e verifica di protocolli di comunicazione.

SOCS:
a computational **logic model** for the
description, analysis and
verification of global and open
Societies Of heterogeneous
Computees

SOCS home page:

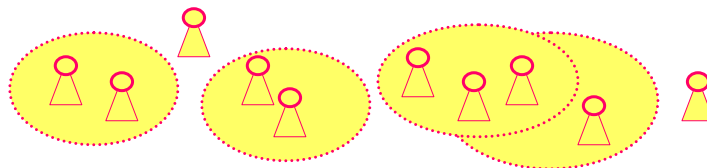
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Societies Of Computees (SOCS)

- 3 years project (end June 2005)
- Funded by EU
- Partners:
 - University of Bologna
 - University of Ferrara
 - University of Pisa
 - University of Cyprus
 - Imperial College London
 - City University London



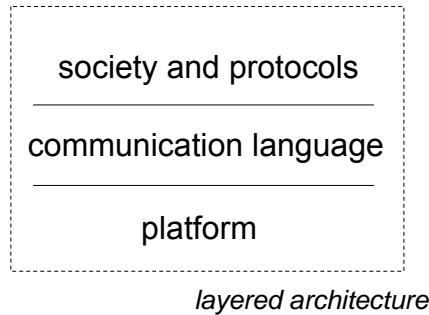
SOCS: Agents in a society



- Societies are groups of interacting agents (possibly with a common goal)
 - interactions are unconstrained (openness)
 - the semantics of interaction is defined in terms of protocols and expectations
 - the 'social' behaviour of computees can be observed
 - to give it an institutional meaning
 - to verify compliance to the protocols
 - to raise expectations, violations, sanctions
- We will focus now on social aspects

Basic architecture

- Data structures:
 - SOKB (Social Organization Knowledge Base)
 - SEKB (Social Environment Knowledge Base)
 - Social Integrity Constraints
 - Goals
- Roles (duties and capabilities)
- Entry / exit rules
- Semantics of interaction
 - at the protocol level
 - at the communication level
- Verification of interaction



Social events

Happened events come from the outer world.

***Happened* events that are “socially relevant” are recorded by the society infrastructure**

$H(Event[, Time])$

Once they are recorded, they become part of the SEKB

The history of happened events is the set

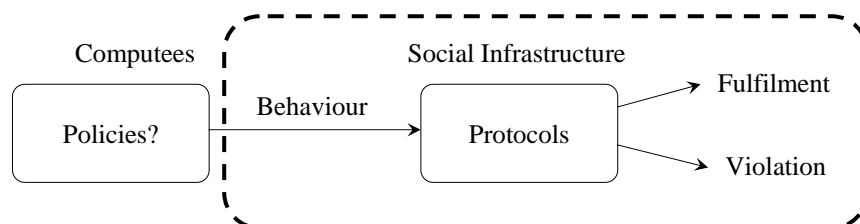
$HAP = \{ H(Event, Time) \}$

Expectations

- Events can give rise to expectations in the society:
 $E(Event[, Time])$
 $EN(Event[, Time])$
- **Positive expectations:** events that are expected to occur
- **Negative expectations:** events that are *expected not to occur*
- The state of expectations is a conjunction EXP containing
 - literals of the form $(\neg)E(Event, Time)$
 - literals of the form $(\neg)EN(Event, Time)$
 - **Constraint Formulas** on the variables occurring in the other literals present in EXP

Protocols

- **Computees behave according to their own policies**
- **Social expectations can be used:**
 - to check the correct functioning of the society
 - to suggest to the computees a course of actions
- **Protocols are defined through Social Integrity Constraints:**
- **The society generates expectations out of protocols & events**



Social Integrity Constraints (SICs)

- SICs ::= $[\chi \rightarrow \varphi]^*$
 $\chi ::= (\neg)\mathbf{H}(\text{Event}[, \text{Time}])$
 $\varphi ::= \vee \{ \wedge (\neg)\mathbf{E}/\mathbf{NE}(\text{Event}[, \text{Time}]) / \text{constraints} \}$

SICs Examples

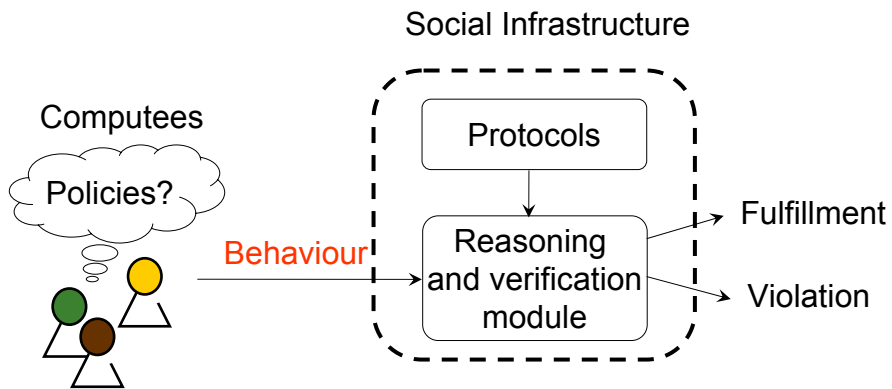
“If I make you an offer, you must answer me accepting or refusing before a deadline d”

$\mathbf{H}(\text{tell}(\text{Me}, \text{You}, \text{offer}(\text{Item}, \text{Price}), \text{T})) \rightarrow$
 $\mathbf{E}(\text{tell}(\text{You}, \text{Me}, \text{accept}(\text{Item}, \text{Price}), \text{T}'), \text{T}' \leq \text{T} + \text{d} \vee$
 $\mathbf{E}(\text{tell}(\text{You}, \text{Me}, \text{refuse}(\text{Item}, \text{Price}), \text{T}'), \text{T}' \leq \text{T} + \text{d}'$

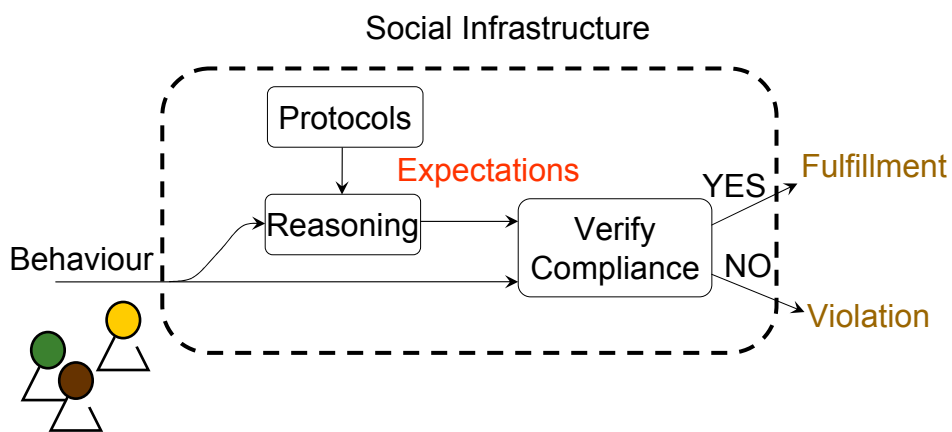
“If you accept my offer, you cannot refuse it later”

$\mathbf{H}(\text{tell}(\text{You}, \text{Me}, \text{accept}(\text{Item}, \text{Price}), \text{T})) \rightarrow$
 $\mathbf{EN}(\text{tell}(\text{You}, \text{Me}, \text{refuse}(\text{Item}, \text{Price}), \text{Tr}), \text{Tr} \geq \text{T}$

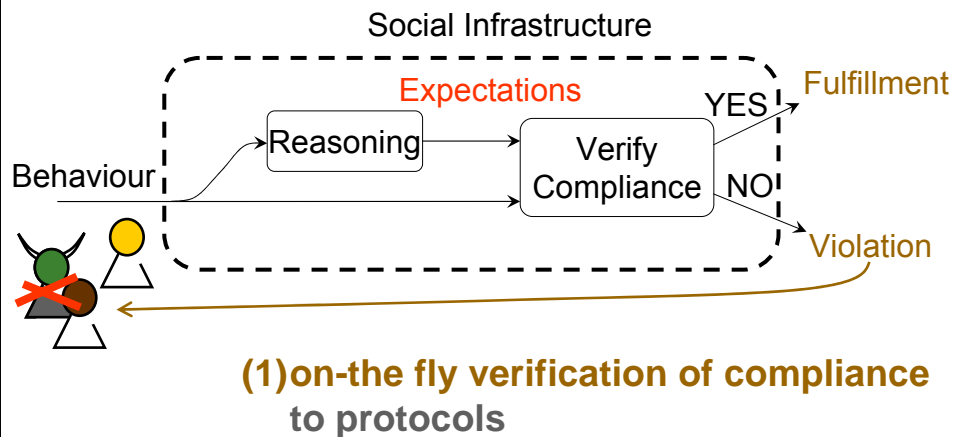
Compliance Verification



Social infrastructure



Social infrastructure



Social Integrity Constraints (ICs)

- Example of Social Integrity Constraint

Society where agents can exchange resources:

If I make you an offer, you are expected to answer to me by either accepting or refusing before a deadline d

$H(\text{tell}(\text{Me}, \text{You}, \text{offer}(\text{Item}, \text{Price}), T) \rightarrow$

$E(\text{tell}(\text{You}, \text{Me}, \text{accept}(\text{Item}, \text{Price}), T'), T' \leq T + d \vee$

$E(\text{tell}(\text{You}, \text{Me}, \text{refuse}(\text{Item}, \text{Price}), T'), T' \leq T + d'$

If you accept my offer, you are expected to not refuse it later

$H(\text{tell}(\text{You}, \text{Me}, \text{accept}(\text{Item}, \text{Price}), T) \rightarrow$

$EN(\text{tell}(\text{You}, \text{Me}, \text{refuse}(\text{Item}, \text{Price}), Tr), Tr \geq T$

Example (fulfilment)

yves



→ H(tell(yves,thomas,offer(scooter,10\$),1)

thomas



E(tell(thomas,yves,accept(scooter,10\$),T'), T' < 7



E(tell(thomas,yves,refuse(scooter,10\$),T'), T' < 7

H(tell(thomas,yves,accept(scooter,10\$),5) ←

fulfillment!

Example (violation)

yves (bidder)



→ H(tell(yves,thomas,bid(scooter,10\$),1)

thomas

(auctioneer)



E(tell(thomas,yves,win(scooter,10\$),T'), T' < 7



E(tell(thomas,yves,lose(scooter,10\$),T'), T' < 7

violation!



Example (violation)

yves



→ H(tell(yves,thomas,offer(scooter,10\$),1)

thomas



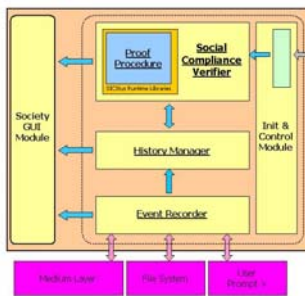
H(tell(thomas,yves,accept(scooter,10\$),5) ←

H(tell(thomas,yves,accept(Item,Price), T) ∨
EN(tell(thomas,yves,refuse(Item,Price), Tr), Tr) ≥ T

H(tell(thomas,yves,refuse(scooter,10\$),8) ←

violation!

First Prototype



Internal state

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<<30> h(tell(f,taxi3,openauction(taxi2station,10,20),auction1),5)
<<25> h(tell(f,taxi2,openauction(taxi2station,10,20),auction1),5)
<<12> h(tell(f,taxi1,openauction(taxi2station,10,20),auction1),5)
<<10> h(fourcore,taxi,4)
<<79> full(f(tell1(f,taxi1,answer(win,taxi2station,3),auction1),32))
<<33> full(f(tell1(f,taxi3,openauction(taxi2station,10,20),auction1),3))
<<14> full(f(tell1(f,taxi2,openauction(taxi2station,10,20),auction1),3))
<<18> full(f(tell1(f,taxi1,openauction(taxi2station,10,20),auction1),3))
<<23> viol(f(tell1(f,taxi3,answer(win,taxi2station,3),auction1),_248314))
<<22> pending(en(tell1(f,taxi1,answer(lose,taxi2station,3),auction1),_108693))
25426 >- 11_25426 <- 33
<<252> close_history
  
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SocIDs	contents	Sender	Receivers	Performative	Content	Time	Local Time
s0	current_time	f	taxi1	openauction	taxi2station,10	41073926617967	
s0	auction1	f	taxi2	openauction	taxi2station,10	51073926618039	
s0	auction1	f	taxi3	openauction	taxi2station,10	51073926618050	
s0	current_time	f	taxi1	bid	taxi2station,3	81073926618068	
s0	current_time	f	taxi1	bid	taxi2station,5	71073926618069	
s0	current_time	f	taxi2	bid	taxi2station,5	81073926618099	
s0	current_time	f	taxi1	bid	taxi2station,5	81073926618108	

Running - Waiting for user command...

Pointers to SOCS

- SOCS home page:
[SOC] <http://lia.deis.unibo.it/research/socs/>
- Publications:
 - **SOCS deliverables** (contact me)
 - Conferences: JELIA'02, UKMAS'02, CEEMAS'03, AAMAS'03, IJCAI'03, **AI*IA'03** (*Friday, Session 11, 10.45-13.20*)
 - Workshops: DALT'03, CLIMA'02, ESAW'03, LCMAS'03 (see LNAI e ENTCS), FAMAS'03, MFI'03, PSE'03

SOCS & SOCS-SI

- Sito del progetto:
<http://www.lia.deis.unibo.it/Research/Projects/SOCS/>
- SCIFF Proof Procedure:
<http://lia.deis.unibo.it/research/sciff/>
- Applicativo SOCS-SI:
http://www.lia.deis.unibo.it/research/socs_si/socs_si.shtml
- Alcuni protocolli disponibili su web:
<http://www.lia.deis.unibo.it/research/socs/partners/societies/protocols.html>

Tesi e collaborazioni

- Possibili sotto forma di:
 - Tesi
 - Tirocini

Sviluppo e messa a punto del prototipo,
Scrittura di protocolli
Applicazioni al campo medico, sicurezza, e-
learning, TCP/IP.

Estensione: dimostrazione di proprietà di protocolli