

Implement your ReactiveML runtime

The goal of this exercise is to present the implementation of the ReactiveML runtime. The ReactiveML compiler with the skeleton of a runtime to complete is available here:

`http://reactiveml.org/icfp18/rml-1.09.06-dev-2018-09-29.tar.gz`

You can test your compiler with the examples provided in `examples/tutorial`. The following command will compile and execute the tests and compare them with the expected output.

```
--> ./test.sh
```

Question 1

Compile and install this version of the compiler:

```
--> ./configure [--prefix PATH]
--> make
--> make install
```

We are going to complete the runtime which is defined in `interpreter/lk_tutorial.ml`. To use this runtime, a file `a.rml` must be compiled and linked with the compiler option `-runtime Lk_tutorial`.

```
--> rmlc -runtime Lk_tutorial a.rml
--> ocamlc -I 'rmlc -runtime Lk_tutorial -where' unix.cma rmllib.cma a.ml
```

This runtime must implement the `interpreter/lk_interpreter.mli` interface.

1 Parallel composition

First, let us look at the parallel composition. Consider the following ReactiveML code:

```
let process par p q =
  run p || run q
```

The generated OCaml code is the following:

```

let par p q k ctrl =
  Lk_tutorial_record.rml_split_par 2
  (fun j ->
    let kj _ = Lk_tutorial_record.rml_join_par j k ()
    in
    [ Lk_tutorial_record.rml_run_v p kj ctrl;
      Lk_tutorial_record.rml_run_v q kj ctrl ])

```

Question 2

Update the implementation of the functions `rml_split_par`, `sched`, and `rml_join_par` to implement the parallel composition.

```

val rml_split_par:
  int -> (join_point -> (unit step) list) -> 'a step
val sched: unit -> unit
val rml_join_par: join_point -> unit step -> 'a step

```

These functions will use the current state variable.

ReactiveML also support parallel definitions as in the following example:

```

let process letand p q =
  let a = run p
  and b = run q in
  a + b

```

The corresponding generated code is:

```

let letand p q k ctrl =
  let body v =
    let (a, b) = v in
    Lk_tutorial_record.rml_compute (fun () -> a + b) k ()
  in
  Lk_tutorial_record.rml_split_par 2
  (fun j ->
    let a_ref = Pervasives.ref 4012
    and b_ref = Pervasives.ref 4012 in
    let get_vrefs () = (!a_ref, !b_ref) in
    [ Lk_tutorial_record.rml_run_v p
      (Lk_tutorial_record.rml_join_def j a_ref
        get_vrefs body)
      ctrl;
      Lk_tutorial_record.rml_run_v q
      (Lk_tutorial_record.rml_join_def j b_ref
        get_vrefs body)
      ctrl ])

```

Question 3

Implement the function `rml_join_def` that synchronize the termination of a parallel definition.

```
val rml_join_def:
  join_point -> 'a ref -> (unit -> 'b) -> 'b step -> 'a step
```

The first argument is the synchronization point, the second one is where to store the result of the branch, the third argument is a function that allows to read the result of all the branches and the last one is the continuation.

2 Logical time

Currently, the pause expression is not implemented.

Question 4

Add a list next of continuations to execute to the next instant in the global state.

Question 5

Update the code of rml_pause:

```
val rml_pause: unit step -> control_tree -> 'a step
```

Question 6

Update the function rml_make to prepare the execution of the next instant.

3 Communication

Question 7

Implement the emit and present constructs.

```
val rml_present_v:
  control_tree -> ('a, 'b) event -> unit step -> unit step -> 'c step
val rml_emit_v_v: ('a, 'b) event -> 'a -> unit step -> 'c step
```

The function `Event.status n` return a Boolean indicating if a value has been emitted on the signal `n`. The function `Event.emit n v` update the data structure `n` with the information of the emission of the value `v`.

Hint 1: these constructs might require the creation of a global flag `eof` indicating the end of instant.

Hint 2: do not forget to prepare the next state. The function `Event.next ()` updates the signal environment for the next instant.

In the current implementation, the `await immediate` construct is implemented like:

```
let rec process await_immediate s =
  preset s then () else run await_immediate s
```

This implementation requires to test the presence of `s` at each instant. Therefore, the execution of the following ReactiveML program is pretty slow:

```

let rec process slow acc i =
  if i > 0 then
    signal s in
      await s; print_int i; print_newline() ||
      run slow (s :: acc) (i - 1)
  else
    run Rml_list.iter (proc s -> pause; emit s) acc

let () =
  run slow [] 10000

```

Question 8

Modify the implementation of `rml_await_immediate_v` to allow passive waiting.

The expression `await s(x) in ...` can be decomposed in two steps, await the presence of the signal and get its value: `await immediate s; let s<x> in`

The construct `let s<x> in ...` binds to `x` the value of the signal `s` in its body. The body is executed at the next instant. If the signal is not emitted, `x` takes the default value of the signal.

Question 9

Update the implementation of `rml_get_v`.

```

val rml_get_v:
  ('a, 'b) event -> ('b -> unit step) -> control_tree -> 'c step

```

The function `Event.value n` gets the current value of the signal `n` and `Event.default n` gets its default value.

4 Control structure

ReactiveML provides high level control structures that allow to interrupt or suspend the execution of a process. A process that can be killed can be programmed as follows:

```

let process killable s p =
  do run p
  until s done

```

The corresponding generated code is:

```

let killable s p k ctrl =
  Lk_tutorial_record.rml_start_until_v ctrl s
  (fun ctrl_until ->
    Lk_tutorial_record.rml_run_v p
    (Lk_tutorial_record.rml_end_until ctrl_until k) ctrl_until)
  (fun _ -> k)

```

Question 10

Update the implementation of `rml_start_until_v`.

```
val rml_start_until_v:  
  control_tree -> ('a, 'b) event ->  
    (control_tree -> unit step) -> ('b -> unit step) -> 'c step
```

This function will use the control_tree data structure. The function new_ctrl kind cond creates a new control tree node. Here, the node should be of kind Kill. The function eval_control_and_next_to_current handle the treatment of the control tree at the end of instant. It must be called in the rml_make function.

Question 11

Update the implementation of rml_start_when_v to implement the suspension.

```
val rml_start_when_v:  
  control_tree -> ('a, 'b) event ->  
    (control_tree -> unit step) -> 'c step
```