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Lab 1

Real-Time Programming using Ada

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Lab Overview

Lab goals

- Basic understanding of Ada concepts
- Handling of time
- Inter-task communication

Lab preparation

- Check lab web page

<http://www.it.uu.se/edu/course/homepage/realtid/2017-368/labs/lab1>

- Go through **Ada quick start**

http://www.it.uu.se/edu/course/homepage/realtid/2017-368/labs/lab1/start_ada



Ada: Some Facts

- Designed by/for US military, first compiler 1983
- Versions: 83, **95 (core)**, 2005, 2012
- Standard programming language for safety-critical systems
- Suitable for applications that require certification
- Most widely used in avionics, space, defense, railway
- Common applications: fly-by-wire system, railway traffic controller, emergency system, etc.
- Check out who uses Ada:

<https://www.seas.gwu.edu/~mfeldman/ada-project-summary.html>



Ada: Language

Features:

- Imperative, object-oriented language
- Statically typed
- Case insensitive
- Concepts of task and time as language feature

Compiler:

- Commercial and free version available
- GNAT-Pro (commercial) from AdaCore
- We will use GNAT (part of GNU compiler collection)



Ada: Hello World!

```
-- File : hello_world . adb
with Ada. Text_IO ; -- Use package Ada. Text_IO
use Ada . Text_IO ; -- Integrate its namespace

procedure hello_world is
    Message : constant String := " Hello World ";
begin
    Put_Line ( Message );
end hello_world;
```

Compile: **gnatmake hello_world**

Run: **./hello_world**

Output: Helloworld (only once!)



Ada: Hello World!

Comments start with - -

Filename
equals
main
procedure
name

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procedure hello_world is  
    Message : constant String := " Hello World " ;  
begin  
    Put_Line ( Message ) ;  
end hello_world ;
```

Assignment
via :=
Comparison
via = or /=



Ada: Code Structure

- Two types of files: **specification** (.ads) and **implementation** (.adb)
- Six types of **program units**: subprograms, packages, tasks, generics, protected units and protected entries
- A library unit is a separately compiled program unit, and is always a **package**, **subprogram** or **generic** unit
- Program units can be connected using three kinds of relationships: **with** clause, Parent/Child or Nesting
- A compilation unit is a **library unit** with or without context clauses
- **Elaboration**: before execution, all library units needed by the main program should be initialized



Ada: Subunit Structure

```
-- File : hello_world . adb  
with Ada. Text_IO ; -- Use package Ada. Text_IO  
use Ada . Text_IO ; -- Integrate its namespace  
  
procedure hello_world is  
→ Message : constant String := " Hello World " ;  
begin ←  
    Put_Line ( Message ) ;  
end hello_world ;
```

Start of body

Declaration or interface part

End of body



Ada: Procedure

Procedure call is a **statement** and **does not contain return statement**

```
procedure Name_of_Proc ( var1 : in Integer ; var2 : out String ) is
    -- local variables
    -- definitions of local procedures / functions / tasks /..
begin
    -- code of procedure
end Name_of_Proc;
```

Be careful with the semi-colons



Ada: Parameter modes

- Constant must be initialized, variable not
- Parameters have three modes indicating flow of data:
 - in:** constant/expression and constant within call (default)
 - out:** variable and modified value replace old after finish
 - in out:** variable, value expected before call

```
procedure Put_Line(F: in File_Type; Item: in String);  
Put_Line(Error_File, "Execution error has occurred");
```



Ada: Function

Function call is part of an expression and **must return** value
Only allows **in** parameters

```
function Name_of_Func (x1 , x2: Float ) return Float is
  -- local variables
  -- definitions of local procedures / functions / tasks /..
begin
  return x1 * x2;
end Name_of_Func;
```



Ada: Statement

```
x := y; -- Assign y to x
if (x = y) then
    null ;
else
    z := 0;
    x := 42; -- Note : Several statements !
end if;
loop
    z := z + 1;
    exit when z > 100; -- Works also with only " exit "
end loop; -- Loops may be nested and while /for annotated
```



Ada: Types

- Basic types: **Boolean, Integer, Float, Character, String**
- New types via **type, mod, array, record**
- A subtype **renames** a subset of values of a previously declared type, typically having a smaller range of values
- A new type can be **derived** from its parent type (only blueprint!)
- subtype values are legal values of the base type but derived types are not
- modular types uses "wrap-around" semantics



Ada: Types

```
subtype Die is Integer range 1 .. 6;           -- One die
type Dice is array (0 .. 22) of Die;          -- 23 dies
type miniDie is new Integer range 1 .. 6;     -- derived type
```

```
type Complex is
  record
    r : Float ; -- real component
    i : Float ; -- imaginary component
  end record ;
```

```
d: Dice ; -- Array access : d(1) := 3;
```

```
type Altitude_mod is mod 1000; -- a modular type
Bar : Altitude_mod := 999;
Bar := Bar + 1; -- Bar is now 0
```



Ada: Type Conversion

- Explicit type conversions are allowed between
 - any two numeric types
 - any two subtypes of the same type
 - any two types derived from the same type
 - array types under conditions
- Types are checked at compile-time, while subtypes are checked in run-time
- Exception *Constraint Error* will be raised at run-time in case of range mismatch
- Run-time checking can be suppressed by pragma *Suppress*



Ada: Type Conversion

```
type Altitude is range 0 .. 100000;  
subtype Low_Altitude is Altitude range Altitude'First .. 35000;  
subtype High_Altitude is  
Altitude range Low_Altitude'Last +1 .. Altitude'Last ;  
  
Num : Integer := 1000;  
Low : Low_Altitude := 1000;  
High : High_Altitude := 50000;  
  
High := High_Altitude ( Num + Integer ( Low));  
-- run-time exception in conversion
```




Ada: Exceptions

- Exception handlers are associated with a body, generally of a subprogram or a block
- The *try* implicitly covers all the statements in the body
- Four predefined exceptions:
 - Constraint Error* is raised for any run-time violation of the type system
 - Program Error*, which is raised in unusual program executions
 - Storage Error*, is raised if the program runs out of memory.
 - Tasking Error*, is raised for errors in inter-task communication.
- User defined exception can be raised using *raise* instruction



Ada: Exceptions

```
procedure Get_And_Process is
  procedure Process is
    I: Integer := Get(Q'Access );
  begin
    Put_Line ( Integer'Image (I));
  end Process ;

begin
  -- Get_And_Process body ;
  Process ;
exception
  when Underflow => Put(" Underflow handled in Get_And_Process ");
end Get_And_Process ;
```



Ada: Text Output

- Output with line break: `Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line("Hej!")`
- Output without linebreak: `Ada.Text_IO.Put("Hej!")`
- String representation of Y of type X: `X'Image(Y)`
- Uses Image attribute of type X

```
use Ada.Text_IO;
i: Integer; d: Duration;
begin
  i := 1 + 2;
  Put_Line ( Integer'Image (i));
  --print non - string type
  d := 10.0;
  Put(" Waiting time : ");
  Put_Line ( Duration'Image (d));
end Foo;
```



Ada: Time

- Package: **Ada.Calendar**
- Type for *relative* time: **Duration**
- Type for *absolute* time: **Time**
- For getting present time: **Clock** (of type Time)

```
-- Assume : x: Duration ; t, t1 , t2: Time ;
```

```
delay 10.0;      -- Delays execution by 10s ( Float literal !)
```

```
delay x;        -- Use Duration type here
```

```
t := Clock ;    -- Read present time
```

```
delay until t + 10.0; -- Delays until t + 10 seconds
```

```
delay (t2 - t1);  -- Time difference is Duration
```

```
delay until t + x; -- Time + Duration gives Time
```



Ada: Time

- High resolution time: `Ada.Real_Time`

	Calender	Real_Time
Range of time	500 years	50 years
Range of interval	1 day	+ - 1 hour
Precision	20 milisec	20 microsec



Ada: Delay

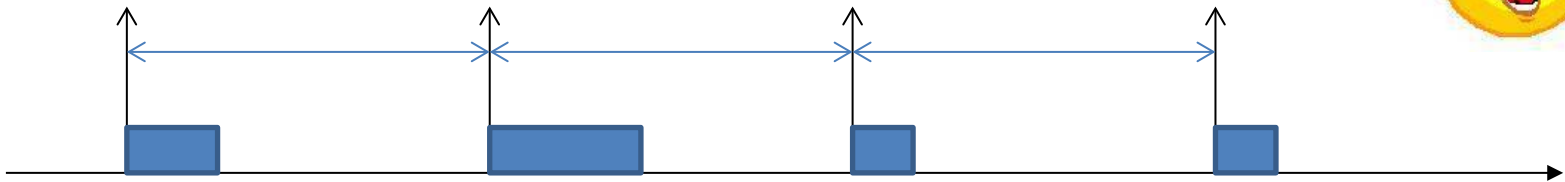
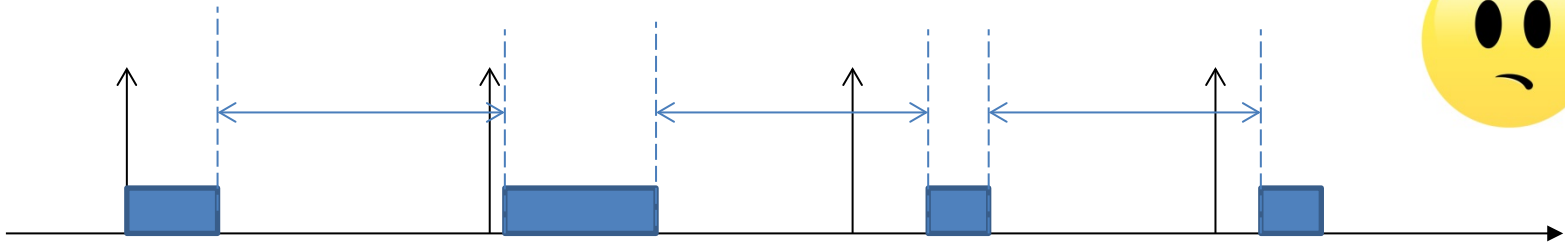
```
-- Assume : Use package Ada.Text_IO and Ada.Calendar
procedure drift is
  Message : constant String := "The time is";
  Period : Duration := 1.0;
  Start_Time : Time := Clock ;
begin
  loop
    Put( Message );
    delay Period ;
    Put_Line ( Duration ' Image ( Clock - Start_Time ));
  end loop ;
end drift ;
```

Delay = relative delay



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Ada: Issue with Delay





Ada: Delay Until

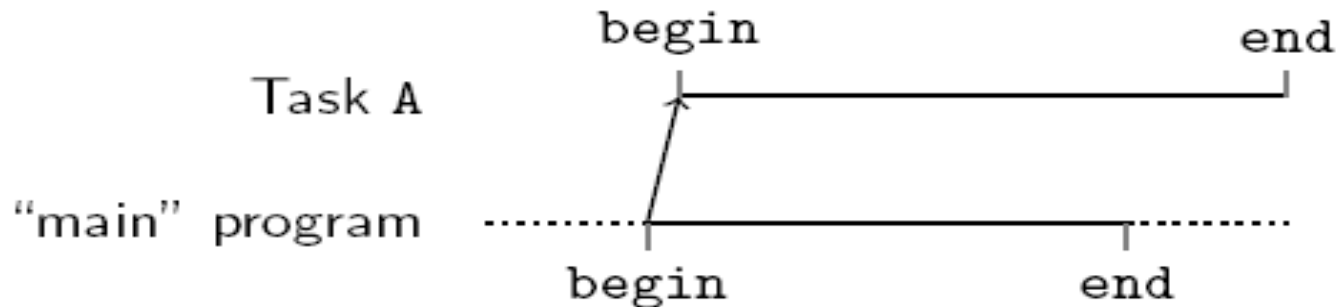
```
-- Assume : Use package Ada.Text_IO and Ada.Calendar
procedure avoid_drift is
    Message : constant String := "The time is";
    Period : Duration := 1.0;
    Start_Time : Time := Clock ;
    Next_Time : Time := Start_Time + Period ;
begin
    loop
        Put( Message );
        delay until Next_Time ;
        Next_Time := Next_Time + period ;
        Put_Line ( Duration ' Image ( Clock - Start_Time ));
    end loop ;
end avoid_drift ;
```

Delay Until = absolute delay



Ada: Task

- Starts running as soon as they are created
 - In scope of **main** procedure: At program start!
 - Otherwise: When scope is called
- Ends when control flow reaches **end**
- Program does not end before all tasks are done





Ada: Task

-- Declaring a task

```
task My_Task is
  entry Init ;
  entry Get( Item : out Dataltem );
  entry Put( Item : in Dataltem );
end My_Task ;
```

-- Defining a task body

```
task body My_Task is
-- Declarations needed by task code go here
begin
-- Task code goes here ( see next slide !)
end My_Task ;
```

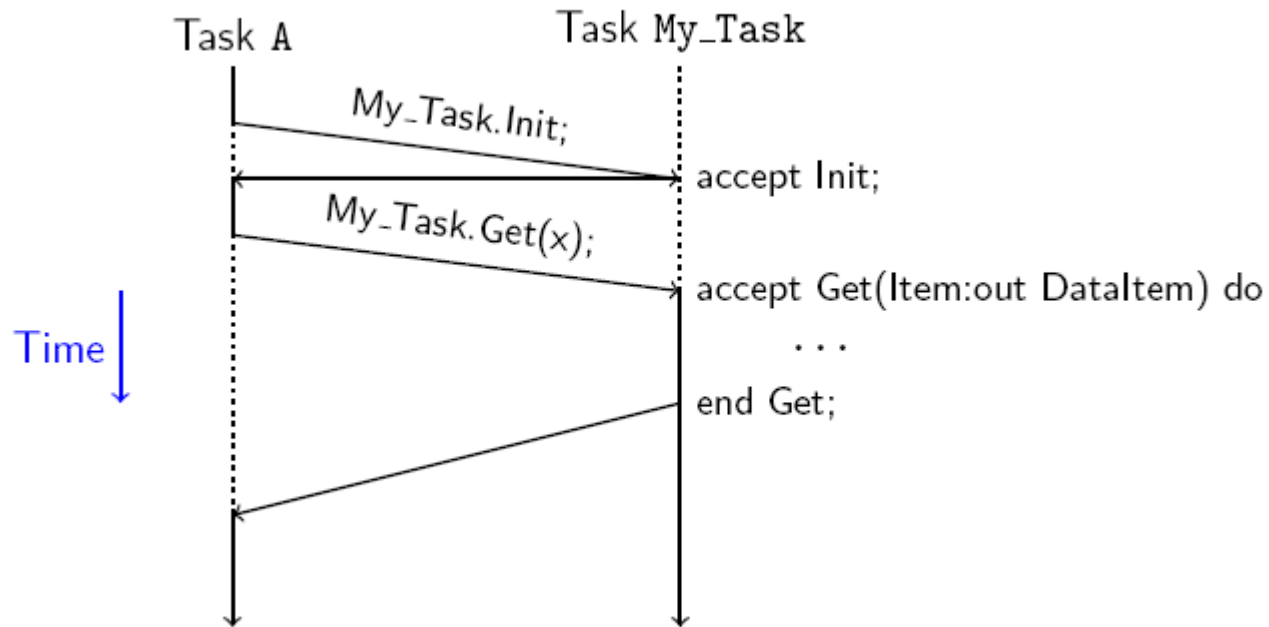


Ada: Task

```
accept Init ;    -- Wait for a call to 'Init ' ( using My_Task . Init )  
  
accept Get( Item : out Dataltem ) do    -- same , with parameters  
    . . .  
end Get ;
```



Ada: Task





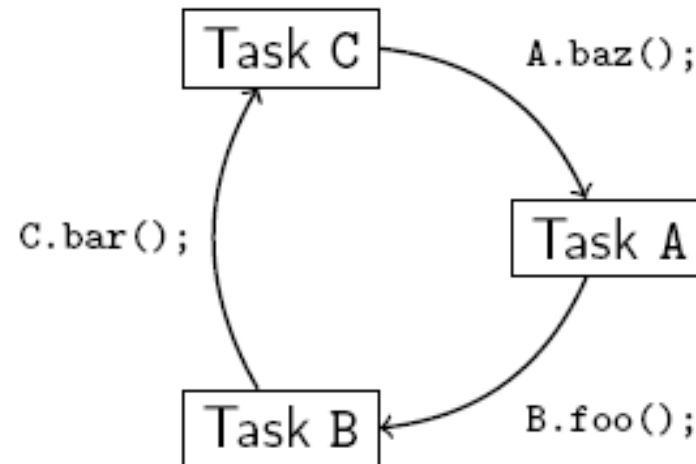
Ada: Selective Wait

```
--wait for one of the calls
select
  accept Init ;
  -- Statements after Init call
or
  accept Get (...) do
  -- Statements for Get call ( Caller blocked !)
  end Get;
end select;
```

One can add timeouts using delay!



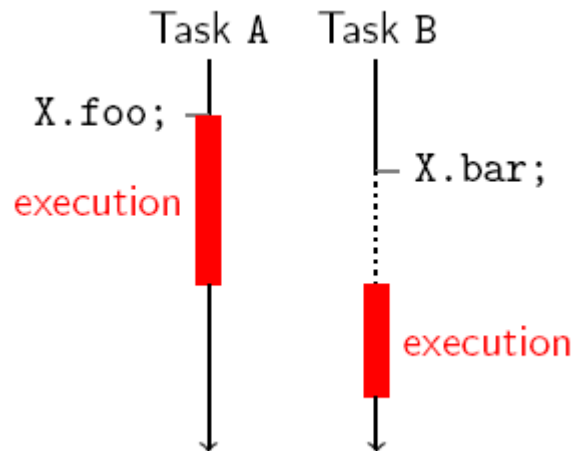
Ada: Deadlocks?





Ada: Protected Types

- Only one procedure/entry of instance can run at any time
- Can implement mutually exclusive data access to an object X





Ada: Protected Types

```
protected Integer_Buffer is
  entry Insert (i : in Integer );
  entry Remove (i : out Integer );
  private
    Buffer : Integer ;
    Empty : Boolean := True ;
end Integer_Buffer ; -- Note : could also be defined as a type
```

```
protected body Integer_Buffer is
  entry Insert (i : in Integer ) when Empty is
  begin
    Buffer := i; Empty := False ;
  end Insert ;
  entry Remove (i : out Integer ) when not Empty is
  begin
    i := Buffer ; Empty := True ;
  end Remove ;
end Integer_Buffer ;
```




Ada: Random Number Generation

One of the ways!

```
-- package inclusion  
with Ada.Numerics.Float_Random;  
use Ada.Numerics.Float_Random;  
  
-- Declaration of seed  
G: Generator;  
-- Reset the seed  
Reset (G);  
-- Get a random value  
X:= Random(G);
```



Ada: Lab Assignment

- **Part 1: Cyclic Scheduler**

Implement a cyclic schedule of 3 procedures

Avoid "drift" of the schedule

- **Part 2: Cyclic Scheduler with Watchdog**

Add watchdog task to Part 1

select with delay may be useful

- **Part 3: Process Communication**

Implement Producer, Consumer and FIFO Buffer tasks and communication between them

- **Part 4: Data Driven Synchronization**

Same as Part 3 but with Protected Type