Source code generation from AADL to a RTOS: an experimentation feedback on the use of model transformation

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Source code generation

To automate part of the translation of high-level descriptions into correct executable code.

- limits the possibility of introducing errors,
- reduces the time required for system development,
- prevents designers from fastidious repetitive basic code translations.

However:

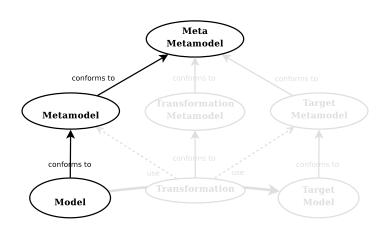
- generally, only treat a subset of semantics,
- often black boxes, difficult to customize.

Conflict with the development of RTES:

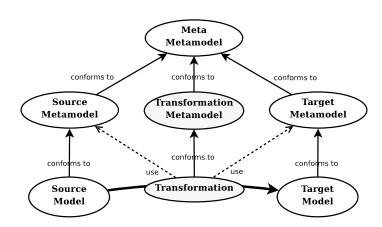
- different code generation strategies could be involved.
 - → How to improve source code generation?
 - → How MDA tools could be a help?



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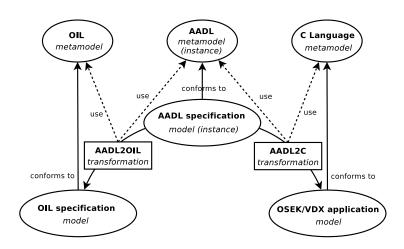
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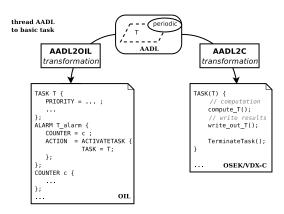
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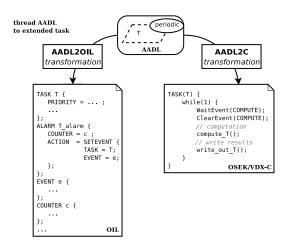
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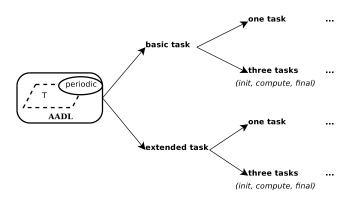
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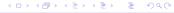
Results (on AADL periodic threads to OSEK/VDX tasks)

transformation: choice of the number of tasks by thread, choice of basic or extended tasks, and taking into account several entry point declarations.

The experimentation lasted two months:

- 1th month: become familiar with MDA concepts and AMMA tools,
- 15 days: study of the AADL metamodel and development of the target metamodels (OIL and C language),
- 15 days: study and development of the ATL transformations.
- \rightarrow more time dedicated to think about transformations rules than to implement transformations.

The generated OIL and C codes were compiled and used with Trampoline (an open source OSEK/VDX RTOS developed by IRCCyN).



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Adequacy of MDA for source code generation:

- ability of MDA tools to manipulate metamodels,
- MDA tools and declarative languages (such as ATL) simplify the expression of mapping between models,
- time-savings.

Experimentation:

- to take into account semantics,
- a need for alternative considerations.

Current works:

- to capture alternatives and choices in dedicated models,
- to assist developer with decision tools.



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