

Hierarchical Context Specifications in LSC

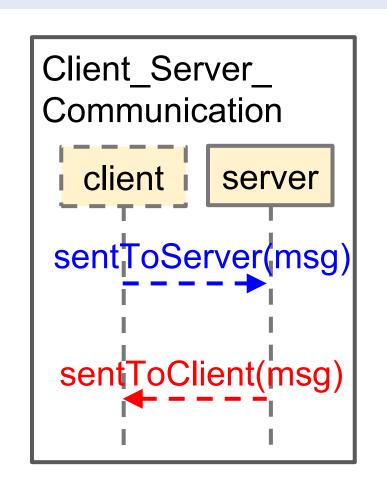


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Live Sequence Charts (LSC)

- A natural graphical language for scenario based specifications.
- Extends message sequence charts (MSC).
- Executable semantics for multiple concurrent inter-object scenarios.
- Event Modalities: must / may / forbid.



The Research Questions

- Can we efficiently model a server that operates differently under diverse contexts such as RECEIVE and SEND?
- Can we incrementally add orthogonal contexts into our design (e.g., maintenance)?

Solution: Modes

Scenarios are selectively associated with modes:

- Come into play when mode is activated.
- Terminate
 (gracefully) when
 mode ends.

Binding Charts to Context Objects

Client_Server_Communication

mode_comm
enabled=true

client
id=mode_comm.c_id

server
enables

Incoming_E
mode_rcv

create(client.id)

sentToServer(msg)

delete()

create(client.id, msg)

sentToClient(msg)

delete()

The dynamic creation of a mode_rcv instance enables context mode_rcv for this client

Incoming_Byte

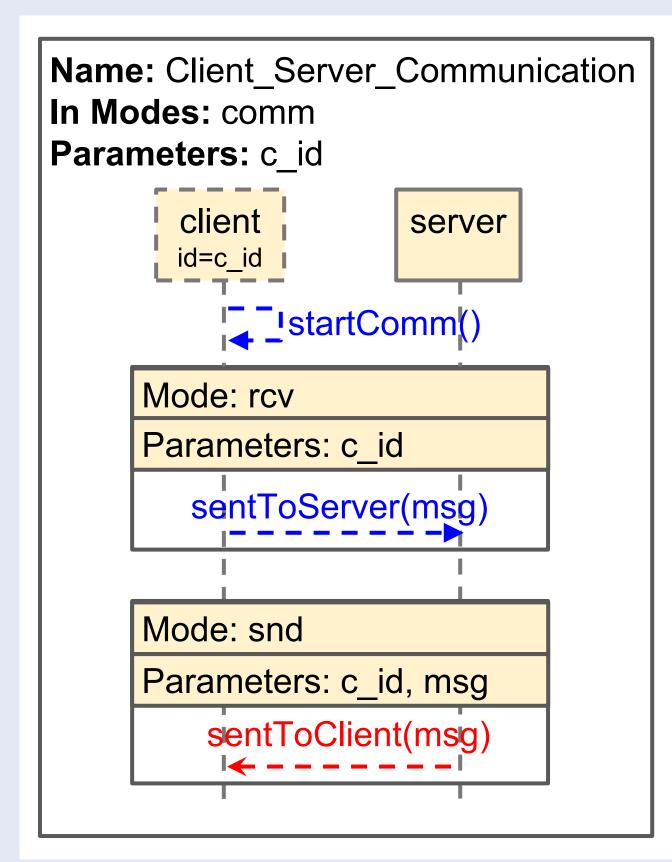
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enabled=true

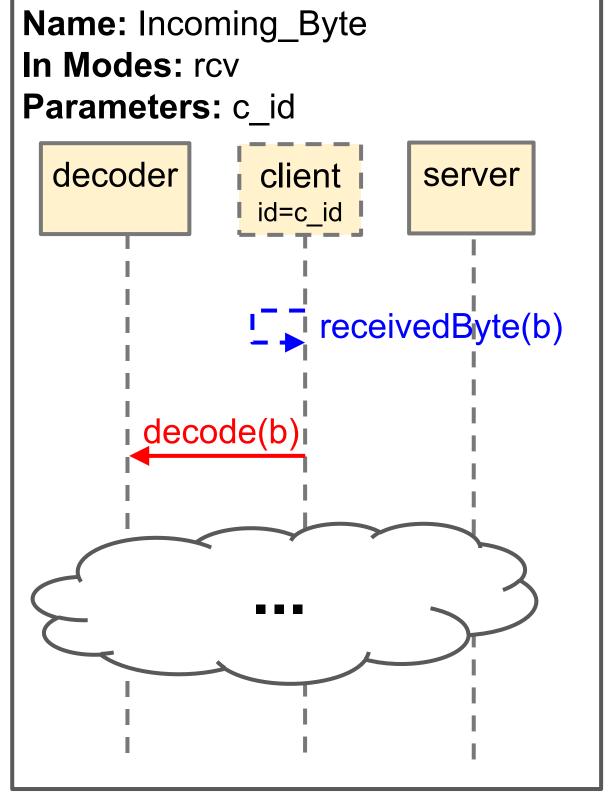
receivedByte(b)!_____

sync

decode(b)

A Concise Approach to Defining Contexts





Mode Termination

Ensuring graceful termination of the context-dependent scenarios:

- Stopping them immediately.
- o Run to completion.
- o Decide on their own.

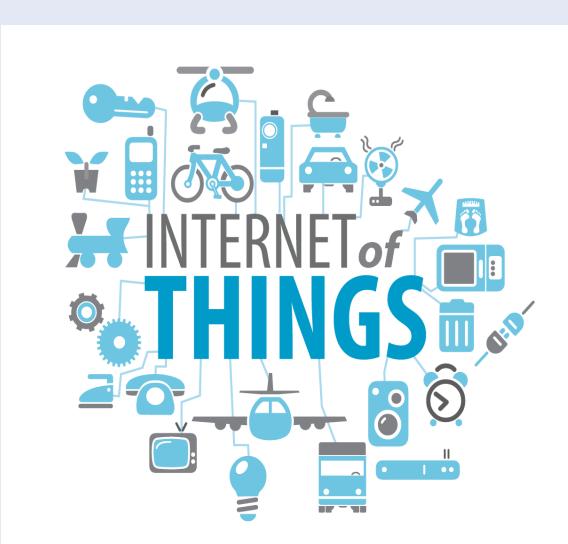
Managing LSC Specifications Approach

- Use context-based **feature model** to reflect and manage the layers of abstractions.
- Easier navigation and reuse.
- Charts at all levels, not only at the leaves.

Usage Examples and Future Work

Modeling complex reactive systems (e.g., home-assistant robot).





IoT as a group of multiple, orthogonal, contexts.