

# Session Types for Message-Passing Concurrency

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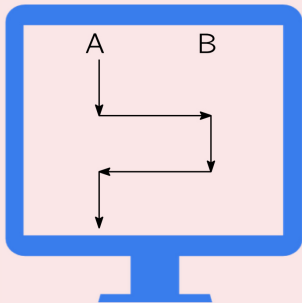
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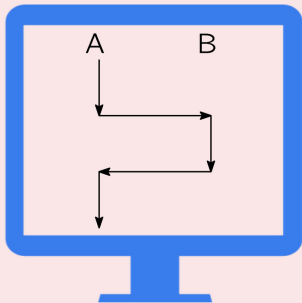


- ▶ Distributed, heterogeneous components or ( $\mu$ -)services
- ▶ Compatible message exchanges are crucial for correctness
- ▶ A single faulty exchange can cause system-wide bugs



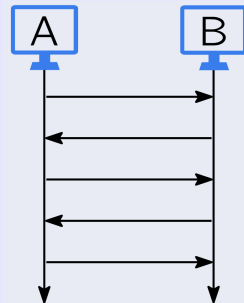
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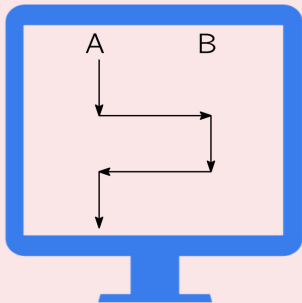
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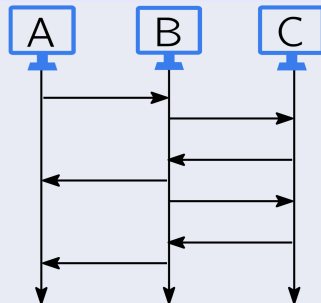
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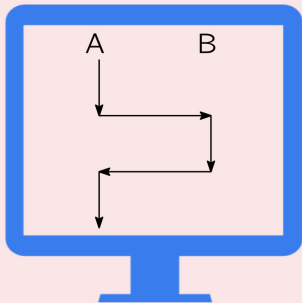
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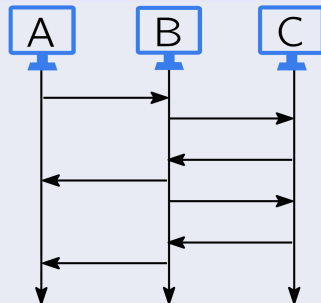
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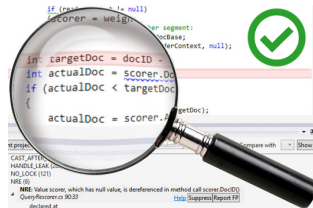
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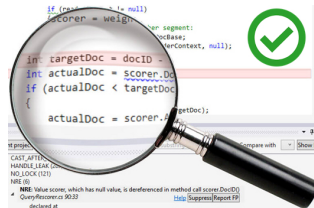
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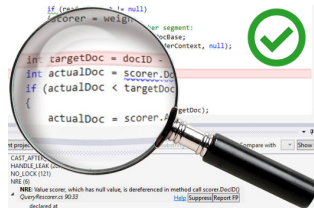


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Session protocols are attached to **interaction devices**:

- channel endpoints
- channels in programming languages like Go
- $\pi$ -calculus names
- ...

Sequentiality in types goes **hand-in-hand** with sequentiality in processes

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## Notice:

- Sequential communication patterns (no built-in concurrency)
- $U$  stands for basic values (e.g. `int`) but also sessions  $S$  (aka delegation)



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Correctness follows from the interplay of these properties.

**Hard to enforce**, especially when actions are “scattered around” in source programs.

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- Also, Alice's implementation should conform to both  $\overline{S_{SA}}$  and  $S_{AB}$ .

# Session Type Duality, Formally

Given a (finite) session type  $S$ , its dual type  $\overline{S}$  is inductively defined as follows:

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## Notice:

- Duality for recursive session types is defined coinductively (the dual of  $\mu t.S$  is *not*  $\mu t.\overline{S}$ )

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- Intuitively, if  $S_1 \leq S_2$  then a name of type  $S_1$  can safely be used where a name of type  $S_2$  is expected (**safe substitutability**)

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$S \leq S'$ : It is safe to serve clients who know only some of the options.

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Also:

- $\leq$  concerns substitutability of names implementing protocols.  
Safe substitutability of processes (programs) also possible.
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# Outline

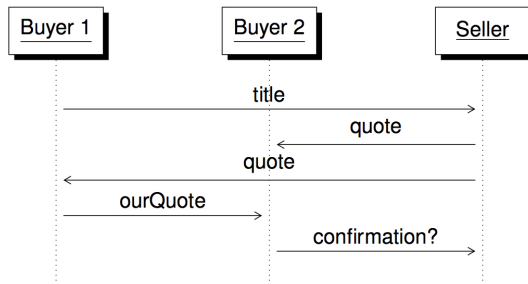
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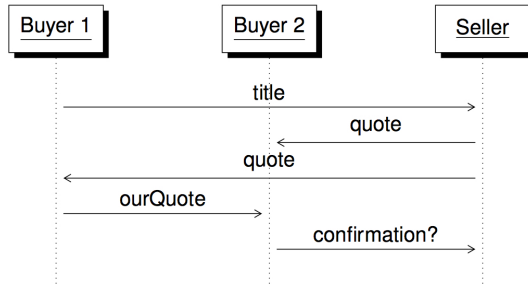
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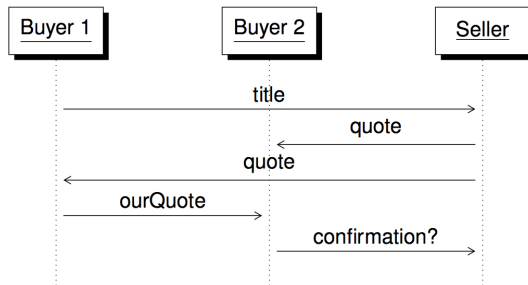
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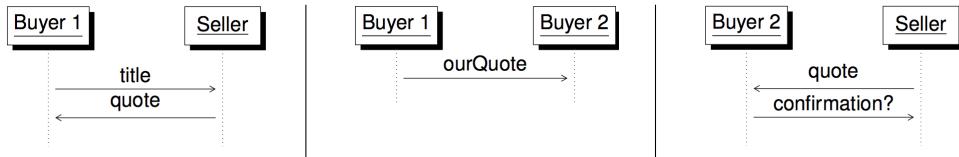
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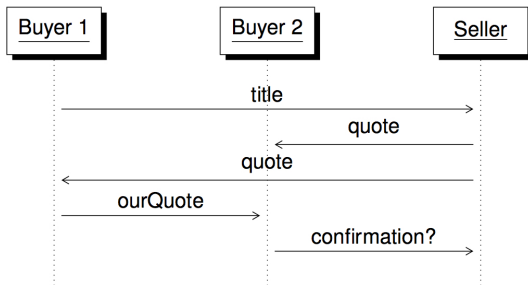
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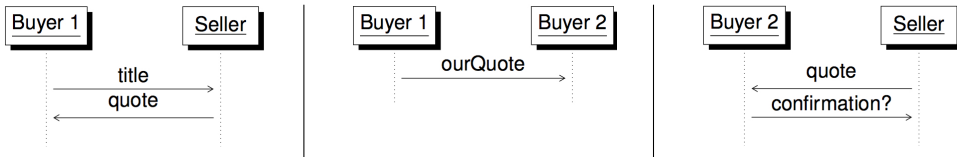
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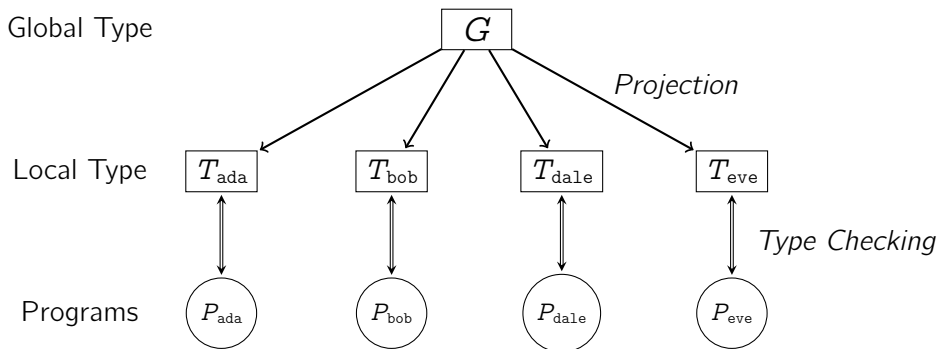
- In **binary** session types protocols involve exactly two partners
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Two levels:

- a **global type** offers a high-level perspective of the protocol
- **local types** abstract each partner's contribution to the protocol

# Multiparty Session Types

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# The Syntax of Multiparty Session Types

We use  $p, q, \dots$  to denote participants.  $U$  is the type of transmittable values.

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Alice and Bob cooperate in buying a book from Seller:

1. Alice sends a book title to Seller, who sends a quote back.
2. Alice checks with Bob whether he can contribute in buying the book.
3. Alice uses the answer from Bob to interact with Seller, either
  - a) completing the payment and arranging delivery details
  - b) canceling the transaction

## The Two-Buyer Protocol, Revisited (2/2)

A **single** global protocol  $G$  between three participants: Alice, Bob, and Seller.

```
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(with base types 'book', 'quote', 'cost', 'address', 'ok', 'invoice', 'paym', 'bye')

(Note: There is a problem with this protocol - can you spot it?)



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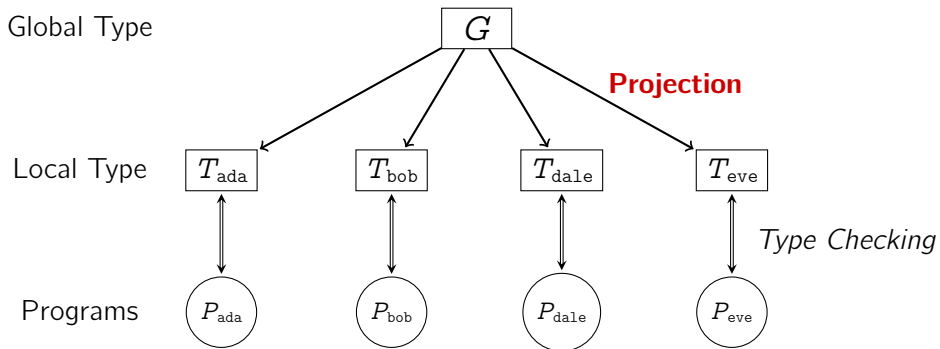
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|         | $  \quad ?\langle p, U \rangle . T$                          | Receive value from $p$                                  |
|         | $  \quad \&\langle p, \{l_i : T_i\}_{i \in I} \rangle$       | Offer labeled options $l_1, l_2, \dots$ to $p$          |
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- ▶ In theories of MPSTs, non-sensical protocols are ruled out by defining **well-formed** global types — those that can be projected onto all participants.
- ▶  $G$  is not well formed:  
projecting  $G$  onto  $r$  fails, because the behaviors under  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  are not equal.



# The Role of Projection

In MPSTs, projection addresses two intertwined issues:

1. Whether participants can be implemented (and how)
2. The class of well-formed global types

Projectability determines expressivity, measured by the “size” of the class of well-formed global types.

We explore this aspect by continuing our example.

## An Amended Protocol

Consider again  $G = p \rightarrow q : \{l_1 : q \rightarrow r \langle \text{Int} \rangle . \text{end} \ , \ l_2 : r \rightarrow q \langle \text{Str} \rangle . \text{end} \}$ .

We amend  $G$  by making  $p$ 's decision known to  $r$  by sending a message:

$$G' = p \rightarrow q : \{ \underbrace{l_1 : q \rightarrow r : \{ \text{rcv} : q \rightarrow r \langle \text{Int} \rangle . \text{end} \}}_{G_1} \ , \ \underbrace{l_2 : q \rightarrow r : \{ \text{snd} : r \rightarrow q \langle \text{Str} \rangle . \text{end} \}}_{G_2} \}$$

Is this enough? Let's consider the projections  $G_1 \upharpoonright r$  and  $G_2 \upharpoonright r$ . We have:

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Because local types  $G_1 \upharpoonright r$  and  $G_2 \upharpoonright r$  are not identical,  $G'$  is still not well-formed.

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What we need is a **more flexible** notion of projection, in which non-identical local types like  $G_1 \upharpoonright r$  and  $G_2 \upharpoonright r$  can be **merged** in a more general specification:

$$\&\langle q, \{\text{rcv} : ?\langle q, \text{Int} \rangle.\text{end} , \text{snd} : !\langle q, \text{Str} \rangle.\text{end}\} \rangle$$

# Merging Local Types [see, e.g., Deniélou and Yoshida - ICALP'13]

Given local types  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ , their **merge**  $T_1 \sqcup T_2$  is defined inductively as:

$$\text{end} \sqcup \text{end} = \text{end}$$

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## Intuition:

Merge is equality on local types **except** for branching types ( $\&$ ): we combine distinct branches (when  $l_k \notin I \cap J$ ) and merge further (when  $l_k \in I \cap J$ ).

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The global type  $G$  between Alice, Bob, and Seller:

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```

$G$  is problematic: if Bob decides to close the transaction, Seller is not notified!  
We can amend the protocol by adding some explicit messages.

# The Two-Buyer Protocol, Once Again

A revised global type  $G'$  in which Seller is notified of the exchange between Alice and Bob:

```
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# The Two-Buyer Protocol, Once Again

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# Taking Stock

## Binary session types

- Describe protocols between **exactly two partners**
- A session type specifies the sequence of actions by some given participant
- Compatibility defined in terms of session type duality
- Enhancements of compatibility via subtyping

## Multiparty session types

- Describe protocols between **more than two partners**
- A global type describes the overall interaction scenario.  
Local types: binary session types + participant identities.
- Global type projection into local types enforces compatibility.  
Not all global types are well-formed (i.e., implementable).
- Enhancements via merge-based projectability (a form of subtyping)

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