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Abstract. For Paradigm models, evolution is just-in-time specified coordination conducted by a special reusable component McPal. Evolution can be treated consistently and on-the-fly through Paradigm’s constraint orchestration, also for originally unforeseen evolution. UML-like diagrams visually supplement such migration, as is illustrated for the case of a critical section solution evolving into a pipeline architecture.

1 Problem Situation

Software systems are large and complex. However, more strikingly, software systems have a strong tendency to grow over time, both in size and complexity. In order to deal with size and complexity, software architectures are used. A software architecture provides a global description of an actually far more detailed software system by giving an overview in terms of components and links. Components are the main relevant parts, links are the relevant connections between them.

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\includegraphics[width=\textwidth]{diagram1.png}
\caption{Two composite structure diagrams.}
\end{figure}

Figure 1 presents two architectural visualizations in UML-style [14]. The more usual, fully structural style is at the left. The larger, iconized rectangles are components. The smaller rectangles, positioned across a components border, are ports, each one representing an interface offered by that component. A port serves as the scene of action for a role that the component is responsible for in the architectural constellation. Lines connecting ports are links, via which components communicate by executing their roles. At the right of Figure 1, a

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less common, more dynamically oriented presentation is given. It visualizes a collaboration: a grouping of roles constituting a cooperative unit, a protocol. The roles are represented via their respective ports; components remain hidden.

An architecture serves as a basis for the global understanding of the system in terms of coherence between its constituents: components, ports/roles, links and collaborations/protocols. The coherence covers the structural fitting of these four constituent categories, and, more importantly, also their dynamic consistency. In particular, each category of constituents has its own type of dynamics: A) For a component it is local, internal component behaviour, usually hidden. B) For a port it is local, external visible role behaviour. C) For a link it consists of sending and receiving in either direction, role interaction. D) For a collaboration it is the coordination of the role behaviours and their interactions into an overall protocol. We refer to these four types of dynamics as type A, B, C and D, respectively.

In view of the mutual dynamic fitting of behavioural specifications, coherence between such specifications is of utmost relevance. In Figure 2, three situations are being indicated, T1–T3, where coherence of dynamics has to be assured. In line with [21], we call such a situation a dynamic consistency problem type.

In addition to the dynamics and consistency relevant for the foreseen situation of regular, stable collaboration, there may be evolution from the original, foreseen situation towards the initially unforeseen situation of a renewed collaboration. During migration in particular, i.e. when taking an evolutionary step, behavioural specifications, of any type A–D, can change. Figure 3 visualizes four additional dynamic consistency problem types, T4–T7, resulting from migration. Generally, to maintain consistency, the change of dynamics should occur smoothly: consistent with what preceded as well as consistent with what is to come next. So, behavioural execution of all dynamics should be deflected sufficiently gradually. A primary question then is, how can the dynamics of components, ports, links and collaborations be represented, to support the claim that the system behaviour remains coherent during the complete migration. Indeed, such coherent execution, solving dynamics consistency problem types T1–T3, should not only last during the original, stable situation, but also during the migration, as well as during the new situation, uninterruptedly that is, be it
changing gradually. Here, as is typically the case for large software systems, executions are assumed to continue, without any halting or other form of quiescence.

As a solution to the above consistency problems, we propose the coordination modeling language Paradigm, see [15, 17], together with the special component called McPal (short for Managing changing Processes ad libitum). A Paradigm model without McPal specifies coordination of stable, foreseen collaborations by dynamically restricting and re-enabling parts of component behaviour: constraint orchestration. In this manner, a Paradigm model provides coherence of type T1–T3 between dynamics of type A, B, C and D. In view of future, unforeseen migration of a Paradigm model as-is, McPal is to be incorporated into it. Component McPal, on the basis of the Paradigm notions of interaction, is designed as follows. First, McPal allows for extending the constraints and their dynamic compositions while keeping the execution of the system going as-is. Second, McPal coordinates migration from the as-is execution to the to-be execution aimed at on the basis of the new constraints and their new orchestration recently added. Third and last, once the execution situation aimed at has been established, McPal removes behaviour, constraints and orchestrations no longer needed. Note, executions are assumed to continue, without any halting or quiescence.

In the field of software migration and evolution, the present work fits in the setting of unanticipated dynamic software evolution, focusing on processes and their dynamics. An example thereof is dynamic co-evolution, where changing business rules and evolving software need to be aligned. A number of general techniques are proposed in [23, 24]: McPal’s migration control realizes their generation technique; complementarily, Paradigm, via its phases, traps and consistent dynamic character, covers their other techniques: decomposition (uncom-

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For a restricted version of McPal of a fixed form, see [16].
monly dynamic via processes and their phases), reification, reflection (both via consistency) and probes (via traps).

In the setting of component-based software engineering, process languages and mobile calculi are exploited to formally analyze runtime modification of adaptors, for example via context-dependent dynamic mappings. Cf. [6, 9, 8, 20]. Also, for the non-dynamic as well as the dynamic case, algorithmic procedures to derive concrete adaptors from high-level specification are proposed [5, 2, 26]. Reconfiguration, mainly at the structural level, is treated by graph grammars and graph transformation, e.g., in [13, 19, 3, 22, 4]. A recent development based on hierarchical rewriting can be found in [7].

Translation of UML models via Object-Z into CSP, has been proven sound for so-called basic consistency [27], whereas verification of UML sequence diagrams are discussed in [28]. The paper [10] studies behaviour preserving model transformations composed from subtransformations per view and provide a proof technique to achieve global correctness. The views are similar to our collaborations. However, in our approach Paradigm guarantees global correctness of evolution by construction. Architectural adaptation by graph transformations, as an implicit McPal in our terms, has been studied by various authors, [25] being reminiscent to our approach. Consistency in the context of evolution and self-management is also addressed, e.g., in [12, 11, 29].

The remainder of the paper is structured as follows: In Section 2, Paradigm’s way of modeling is illustrated for a critical section example with known dynamics. In Section 3 it is discussed how McPal deals with unforeseen behaviour, with the example migrating to a producer-consumer pipeline; additional UML diagrams prove useful too. Section 4 gives some concluding remarks. The appendix presents an overview of Paradigm notions.

2 Constraint Orchestration for Foreseen Coordination

This section briefly introduces the coordination modeling language Paradigm in terms of two kinds of behavioural constraints, phase and trap, and two ways of dynamically composing these constraints, sequentially as global process and synchronized as consistency rule. A more detailed description of Paradigm’s core definitions can be found in the appendix.

A Paradigm process is given by a state transition diagram (STD), its transitions labeled by actions. Usually a process is visualized by a simple statemachine diagram. In its detailed form, a process captures type A dynamics, as discussed in Section 1. See the middle part of Figure 4 for two example processes (to be explained later): a worker and a scheduler.

A phase is a restricted version of an underlying process, obtained by constraining to a part of the process behaviours. A trap is a further constraint on it: a trap is a subset of the phase states, which cannot be left by means of the transitions available during the phase. A trap is committed to autonomously, just by entering it; a phase is imposed, from elsewhere. The lower-left part of
Figure 4 depicts three phases of the worker, OutCS, Inspec and InCS, and four traps, triv, notyet, started and done.

Given some phases and traps of a process, the induced global process has the phases as its states. The global process has a transition from one phase to another, if there is a trap of the first phase that is contained in the second phase. So, a state in the trap is a state of the first phase as well as a state of the second phase. The trap is referred to as a connecting trap and is used as the label of the transition of the global process. The lower-right part of Figure 4 shows an example of a global process, induced by the phases and traps from the lower-left figure part.

In a sense, a global process is a sequential composition of phases. It specifies a role, at a port, of the component whose hidden dynamics is the underlying process. It specifies Section 1’s type B behaviour. Moreover, a global process brings forward type C dynamics: Information about a trap committed to is sent from the role’s port via the link. Information about a phase imposed, renewed constraint for the process behaviour regarding the role, is received at the same role’s port where the type B behaviour is occurring. A mirrored version of the role is occurring at the link’s other end, modulo possible delays between sending from one end and receiving at the other; time-ordered sends/receives constitute type C behaviour.

Given mirrored roles, a consistency rule synchronizes their steps. It couples each synchronized step to a step of a detailed process, a so-called manager process. The possible sequences of the synchronized steps constitute a protocol, Section 1’s type D dynamics. Thus, roles can be seen as protocol roles. The protocol constitutes the coordination of the collaboration by properly composing the relevant constraints. We call this constraint orchestration. On the basis of Paradigm’s notions, the dynamic consistency problem types of the stable, foreseen coordination situation are made explicit. A UML-like visualization of this coordination stresses the coherence. Figure 4 presents a small example of a so-called critical section management problem (CSM), with its structure diagrams and with various fragments of the Paradigm model, including detailed processes, phases, traps and global processes.

Figure 4’s upper layer gives the collaborating participants of the CSM architecture: Worker components competing for permission to enter their critical section. A scheduler component, for three workers, giving the permission to a worker asking for it, exclusively; the permission is withdrawn only after the worker indicates it does not need it any longer. The middle layer of Figure 4 gives the processes for workers and scheduler. A worker needs the permission for being in its state Crit where it does its critical activity. In Post it does some wrapping up, in Free is does nothing in particular, in NCrit it does non-critical work and in Pre it prepares its critical activity. As long as it does not have the permission to go to Crit, it waits there. In UML-style, the black dot with outgoing edge indicates the starting state Free. Likewise, process Scheduler starts in Check1. In a state Checki, the scheduler checks whether Workeri wants to have the permission. If so, it goes to Asg, where it assigns the permission to Workeri;
if not so, it goes to the next state Check$_{i+1}$ in round robin fashion. In Asg$_i$, it waits until Worker$_i$ has finished its critical activity.

Figure 4’s lowest layer visualizes constraints, viz. three phases OutCS, Inspec and InCS, each as partial STD of a worker, and four traps, triv of OutCS, notyet and started both of Inspec and done of InCS, each drawn as polygon around the states it consists of. Being a commit within the phase, a trap once entered cannot be left as long as the phase constraint holds. The phases and traps reflect the following intuition. Phase OutCS covers the behavioural phase where a worker does not have the permission to enter its critical section. OutCS reflects, it is as if state Crit does not exists. Contrarily, InCS covers having that permission. InCS reflects, state Crit can be entered, but once only, as state Pre is unreachable during this behavioural phase. Phase Inspec is an interrupted form of OutCS, as entering state Pre is no longer possible during it: either trap started has been entered or trap notyet. Being in started is taken as a CSM-permission request, being in notyet is taken as no CSM-permission request yet. The trivial trap triv of OutCS reflects, OutCS can be interrupted — towards phase Inspec— unconditionally; trap done of InCS reflects, the CSM-permission can be withdrawn: state Crit has been left. At the right of Figure 4’s lowest level, the global process or role Worker$_i$(CSM) is given.
Synchronized realizations of the global behaviours of three workers constitute a protocol realization or scenario. Figure 5 gives such a scenario in the form of a UML-like activity diagram: three swimlanes for the three global processes coupled to one swimlane for the scheduler. In particular, our visualization reveals the behavioural consequences of the various phase constraints for the detailed behaviours after each protocol step. One sees, how, when and why exactly the CSM-permission is given exclusively to one worker at a time, indeed in round robin order, the phase Inspec shifting from Worker_1, to Worker_2, to Worker_3. The protocol steps as visualized in Figure 5, are specified by consistency rules, synchronizing global process steps and coupling them to one detailed manager step, as follows.

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\begin{align*}
\text{Scheduler: } & \text{Check}_i \xrightarrow{\text{allow}} \text{Asg}_i \ast \text{Worker}_i(\text{CSM}); \text{Inspec} \xrightarrow{\text{started}} \text{InCS} \\
\text{Scheduler: } & \text{Asg}_i \xrightarrow{\text{disallow}} \text{Check}_{i+1} \ast \\
& \text{Worker}_i(\text{CSM}); \text{InCS} \xrightarrow{\text{done}} \text{OutCS}, \text{Worker}_{i+1}(\text{CSM}); \text{OutCS} \xrightarrow{\text{triv}} \text{Inspec} \\
\text{Scheduler: } & \text{Check}_i \xrightarrow{\text{continue}} \text{Check}_{i+1} \ast \\
& \text{Worker}_i(\text{CSM}); \text{Inspec} \xrightarrow{\text{notYet}} \text{OutCS}, \text{Worker}_{i+1}(\text{CSM}); \text{OutCS} \xrightarrow{\text{triv}} \text{Inspec}
\end{align*}
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In fact, Figure 5’s first step illustrates rule (3): a scheduler transition from a Check state to a next Check state is coupled to two global process transitions: one for global process Worker_i(\text{CSM}), returning from being interrupted in Inspec to not having the permission in OutCS as trap notyet was entered; the other for the next global process Worker_{i+1}(\text{CSM}), changing from not having the permission in OutCS to being interrupted in Inspec as trap triv was entered.
trivially. Similarly, Figure 5’s second step illustrates rule (1) and Figure 5’s third step illustrates rule (2).

In order for a rule to be applied, Paradigm’s definitions in addition require: the one detailed transition mentioned in the rule, occurs in every currently valid phase constraint as specified by the various current states of the relevant global processes. Based on this, Paradigm models for foreseen coordination succeed in guaranteeing dynamic consistency of type T1 to type T3.

In the critical section management example above, the scheduler is also referred to as the manager of the collaborations, the workers as its employees. As such, the scheduler is occurring at the left-hand side of a consistency rule, the workers on the right-hand side. In the collaboration CSM, the local STD behaviour of the manager, i.e. the Scheduler process is type A dynamics, the role behaviour of the global processes Worker, (CSM), the employees, is type B dynamics. The trap information from the workers as employees to the scheduler as manager and, vice versa, the newly prescribed phases flowing from manager to employees, constitute type C dynamics. The total of all consistency rules together form the protocol, type D dynamics, comprising the coordination of the components in the collaboration.

3 Evolution by Constraint Orchestration

In view of unforeseen change within an architecture, the special component McPal is to be added to it: for coordinating unanticipated migration towards a new way of working. During a stable collaboration phase, McPal is stand-by only, not influencing the other components at all. But by being there, McPal provides a pattern for dynamic evolution management in the architectural constellation of the Paradigm model. To that aim, ports and links are in place, realizing rudimentary interfacing for the moment. As soon as, via McPal but in strict separation of the model’s stable working, a new way of working together with a migration towards it, has been modeled, typically just-in-time (JIT), McPal starts coordinating the migration. Its own migration begins, the migration of the others is started thereafter. Finishing the migration is done in reversed order. The others are explicitly left to their new stable collaborative work before McPal ceases to influence the others. It is stressed, that the migration is on-the-fly. McPal activities and migration to the new evolution phase can be mixed with older behaviour.

Figure 6 visualizes McPal’s hidden, detailed dynamics (type A) as follows. In its starting state Observing, McPal is doing nothing in particular, but it can observe, that something should change. State JITting is where just-in-time foreseeing and modeling of such a concrete change occurs. The extended model then is available in state NewRuleSet. So, upon leaving that state for state StartMigr, McPal is supposed to change its own phase StatPhase into an originally unknown next phase MigrPhase, which by then is known indeed. See Figure 6 for these two phases with their relevant traps and for the induced global process McPal(Evol).
Figure 6. *McPal* - during a stable collaboration situation ‘mainly’.

Figure 7 gives an overview of all components cooperating in collaboration *Evol*. *McPal* has the *EvolCoord* role, which here means, it is manager of five employees having an *Evol* port each: three workers, a scheduler and *itself*. New constraints are imposed on the employees according to the migration details.

Figure 8 depicts a very small part of the type D dynamics of collaboration *Evol*, viz. the constraint orchestration fragment most essential for the *Evol* role of *McPal*. Similar as before, it is built by synchronizing all five *Evol* roles of the respective components coupled to the detailed steps of manager *McPal*. The Paradigm model for *McPal* has initially the following two consistency rules specifying the semantics for *McPal*’s first two steps.

*McPal*: 
- *Observing* \( \xrightarrow{\text{wantChange}} \) *JITting*
- *McPal*: *JITting* \( \xrightarrow{\text{knowChange}} \) *NewRuleSet* \( + \) *McPal* \( [Crs := Crs + Crs_{migr} + Crs_{toBe}] \)

The first step from state *Observing* to *JITting* has no coupling, so Figure 8 does not show a corresponding role step. The second step from *JITting* to *NewRuleSet*
has no coupling either, but here, via a so-called change clause, the set of consistency rules $Crs$ for the stable original situation is extended with the rules $Crs_{migr}$ for the migration only and with the rules $Crs_{toBe}$ for the new, stable situation to migrate to. This means in particular, apart from all other migration coordination details, McPal from then on has at least two more consistency rules:

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\begin{align*}
    McPal: \text{NewRuleSet } & \text{giveOut} \quad \text{StartMigr } \Rightarrow \text{McPal(Evol): StatPhase } \rightarrow \text{MigrPhase} \\
    McPal: \text{Content } & \text{phaseAuto} \quad \text{Observing } \Rightarrow \quad \text{McPal(Evol): MigrPhase } \text{migrDone} \quad \text{StatPhase, McPal} \ [Crs := Crs_{toBe}]
\end{align*}
\]

The first new rule says, on the basis of having entered trap \textit{ready}, the phase change from \textit{StatPhase} to \textit{MigrPhase} can be made, coupled to McPal’s transition from state \textit{NewRuleSet} to \textit{StartMigr}. Figure 8 expresses this where the upper ‘lightning’ step draws the reader’s attention. One clearly sees, the three workers and scheduler remain the same, as there is no constraint change for them yet. From then on, the migration is a matter of normal coordination only, exactly according the planning as modeled while in state \textit{JITting}. Eventually, Scheduler and each Worker$_i$ are restricted to new phases (that remain unexplained here). Moreover, their new coordination has by then been adapted as planned. So, consistency is accounted for by normal Paradigm execution. At the last migration step, after having phased out the dynamics that is no longer needed for the other components, i.e. after having entered trap \textit{migrDone} of its phase \textit{MigrPhase}, McPal returns from \textit{MigrPhase} to \textit{StatPhase} by making the (coupled) step from

Fig. 8. Migration coordination as constraint orchestration.
state Content to Observing. Then also the rule set Crs is reduced to Crs_{state}, by means of a suitable change clause. This can be seen in Figure 8 (lower ‘lightning’) and is expressed by the corresponding new rule for McPal. Once returned in state Observing, McPal is stand-by again, ready for a next migration.

In order to illustrate the general usability of McPal for migration coordination, we present the following example. Assume, McPal during its sojourn in state Observing wants to change the hierarchical architecture of the scheduler and its three worker processes into a pipeline of four processes, rather different in behaviour each. Assume in addition, in its state JITting process McPal establishes a Paradigm model for this particular situation to-be, as well as for a sufficiently smooth migration from the old, still current situation to the situation to-be.

![Diagram of architecture and collaborations](image)

**Fig. 9.** New architecture and new collaborations.

Figure 9 presents our example to-be architecture of the pipeline: some item handling is repeatedly started by Unit1, it is continued by either Unit2 or Unit3, and in both cases it is finished by Unit4. Instead of the one collaboration CSM in the original architecture, now there are three collaborations of a producer-consumer character each: in ProdCons1, employee process Unit1 produces for its two consuming manager processes Unit2 and Unit3; in ProdCons2, employee process Unit2 produces for the consuming manager process Unit4; in ProdCons3, manager process Unit3 produces for the consuming employee process Unit4. Note, the three processes Unit1, Unit2 and Unit4, constituting the upper part of the pipeline, have one employee role each, so they have each one global process; process Unit3 has no employee role whatsoever, so it does not have a global process.

To illustrate the migration from the original CSM architecture to the new pipeline architecture, it is already very clarifying to guess how the original CSM collaboration is shrinking gradually (to nothing), while the other three new collaborations ProdCons are growing gradually (from nothing). One goal thereby is, for the sake of the example, that the original scheduler process has to become the new Unit3 process – being the only process without employee roles, i.e. having no global process, both in the original situation and in the to-be situation.
Furthermore, each worker process may become any of the processes Unit₁, Unit₂ and Unit₄.

Figure 10 presents an example collaboration migration trajectory in three intermediate snapshots. Note how first the pipeline’s upper part is being built from left to right. So, a first worker (W₂), upon becoming available, is to change into Unit₁, a second worker (W₁), upon becoming available, is to become Unit₂ and the remaining worker (W₃) is to become Unit₄, but not before this one has become available too. As long as a worker is not available yet, process Scheduler might be needed for regulating the critical section access. So, Scheduler is the last process that is to change into the last Unit process, Unit₃. Note, six different migration trajectories exist for this migration: 3 × 2 × 1, as there are three possibilities for being the first available Worker, two possibilities for being the second available Worker and no choice for the last available Worker.

Fig. 11. McPal as migration coordinator.
The above example trajectory in snapshots presents a guideline for the migration coordination to be conducted by McPal. Figure 11 presents such coordination as McPal’s behaviour belonging to its phase Migr\textsubscript{1−2}. Note, six different behaviours are possible, representing all different migration trajectories. In state %WhoFirst process McPal waits until a first worker becomes available. In state %W\textsubscript{i}asU\textsubscript{1} process McPal has found Worker\textsubscript{i} available first. In a state %i:W\textsubscript{j}asU\textsubscript{2} it has found Worker\textsubscript{j} available next. The remaining Worker is Worker\textsubscript{k}. In state Conf\textsubscript{i,j,k} it has found Worker\textsubscript{k} available and Scheduler has started the last turn it can give. So, after that turn Scheduler can become Unit\textsubscript{3}. In state Content it has found, the scheduler and all workers have started to behave as the right unit. Finally, in state Observing it has swapped back from phase Migr\textsubscript{1−2} to StatPhase. So, then this migration is history.

Without presenting the details of the global processes at the Evol ports, we nevertheless sketchily visualize the subsequently valid behaviour constraints of the various worker processes during their migration by means of constraint orchestration. We do this for the above migration scenario only. Thus, Figure 12 presents main migration coordination details, in terms of the Evol partitions for the one scenario.

The figure has been annotated with seven notes: A, . . . , G. Each note indicates a relevant horizontal pictorial level: McPal performs a migrative step by progressively coordinating the simultaneous behavioural freedom of the original worker processes. Thus, at note A, McPal starts its own migrative phase only, like already specified in Figure 8. At note B, McPal simultaneously restricts the worker processes, by giving them a last orders possibility for their critical activity by means of phase Worker\textsubscript{ToBeUnit}. At note C, McPal, on the basis of its first observation of a trap ready of Worker\textsubscript{ToBeUnit} having been entered (by Worker\textsubscript{2}),appoints Worker\textsubscript{2} as the future Unit\textsubscript{1}. At note D, McPal, on the basis of its second observation of a trap ready of Worker\textsubscript{ToBeUnit} having been entered (by Worker\textsubscript{1}), appoints Worker\textsubscript{1} as the future Unit\textsubscript{2} and moreover appoints Worker\textsubscript{3} as the future Unit\textsubscript{4}. Note, the latter appointment is done on the basis of trap triv having been entered (instead of trap ready). At note E, on the basis of trap onItsWay of phase TowardsUnit\textsubscript{4} having been entered by Worker\textsubscript{3} as well as trap triv of phase OrigAsSched by Scheduler, McPal changes phase OrigAsSched of Scheduler into TowardsUnit\textsubscript{3}. At note F, McPal, seeing the scheduler and each worker in their respective traps ready of the four phases TowardsUnit\textsubscript{..}, simultaneously changes these phases into ToBeAsUnit\textsubscript{..}. At note G, McPal finishes its own migrative phase, like already specified in Figure 8.

In exact conformity to the above constraint orchestration of the one scenario, the consistency rules below specify all six scenarios. Note how change clauses are used for parameterizing the actual scenario followed. We actually present seven rules, one for each note A to G and in the same order. We thereby repeat the rules for note A and G, already presented as new rules in the context of Figure 8. As the seven rules specify migrative steps only, they all belong to the set Crs\textsubscript{migr}. So, the last rule actually removes these seven rules, at the end of the migration indeed, together with the original rules no longer needed.
Fig. 12. Orchestrating a migration coordination scenario – main lines.

\[ \text{McPal: NewRuleSet} \xrightarrow{\text{giveOut}} \text{StartMigr} \] * McPal(Evol): StatPhase \xrightarrow{\text{ready}} Migr\_1-2

\[ \text{McPal: StartMigr} \xrightarrow{\text{kickOff}} \text{WhoFirst} \] *

\[ \text{Worker}_1 \text{ (Evol): OrigAsWorker}_1 \xrightarrow{\text{triv}} \text{WorkerToBeUnit}, \]
\[ \text{Worker}_2 \text{ (Evol): OrigAsWorker}_1 \xrightarrow{\text{triv}} \text{WorkerToBeUnit}, \]
\[ \text{Worker}_3 \text{ (Evol): OrigAsWorker}_1 \xrightarrow{\text{triv}} \text{WorkerToBeUnit} \]

\[ \text{McPal: WhoFirst} \xrightarrow{\text{seeWorker}_i} W_i \text{as } U_1 \] *

\[ \text{Worker}_i \text{ (Evol): WorkerToBeUnit} \xrightarrow{\text{ready}} \text{TowardsUnit}_1 \]

\[ \text{McPal: } W_i \text{as } U_1 \xrightarrow{\text{seeWorker}_j} i: W_j \text{as } U_2 \] *

\[ \text{Worker}_j \text{ (Evol): WorkerToBeUnit} \xrightarrow{\text{ready}} \text{TowardsUnit}_2, \]
\[ \text{Worker}_k \text{ (Evol): WorkerToBeUnit} \xrightarrow{\text{triv}} \text{TowardsUnit}_4 \]
As we have experienced, a constraint orchestration as presented is very helpful for understanding corresponding consistency rules. Furthermore, the collaboration snapshots illuminate McPal dynamics as well as understanding how to model, just-in-time, the phases and traps in the various Evol partitions and how to model, JIT too, the global processes at their levels. So, the various UML diagrams used: collaboration, state machine (simple and special, because of Paradigm) and activity diagram (special as constraint orchestration), do support the understanding of the dynamically consistent coordination of the originally unforeseen migration of a first architecture towards a second, JIT modeled architecture. As such migration is a special form of coordination, there is no temporary quiescence needed of whatever component: the migration is really on-the-fly. Moreover, after McPal has returned to its stand-by behaviours in its phase StatPhase, it is ready for starting yet another completely different and unforeseen migration in a dynamically consistent way.

4 Conclusion

To cater for future, unforeseen on-the-fly migration, McPal can be incorporated into any Paradigm model. McPal comprises the coordination needed for conducting the migration collaboration of all components towards a new way of working. Modeled just-in-time, migration coordination is such that no form of temporary quiescence is needed to occur for whatever component during its migration. Any such component remains in execution, be it in a smoothly changing manner, gradually adapting to new circumstances arising along the migration trajectory. McPal’s coordination, as specified in Paradigm, maintains consistency of the model both during and after migration, thereby dealing with the various dynamic consistency problem types. It is noted, UML visualizations substantially supplement the understanding of the evolution. In this manner, McPal is capable to coordinate its own migration trajectory dynamically consistent with the other components.

McPal as introduced here, generalizes the McPal from [16], as now it allows all kinds of complex behaviour in the JIT modeled phase MigrPhase, as long...
as it remains a correct Paradigm coordination. The McPal component proposed in [16] was restricted to a fixed migration coordination pattern. As a next and substantial generalization we are going to incorporate semantics for creating as well as deleting dynamics, in particular of type A and of type B, consistently. This will enable, e.g., creation of a stand-by McPal when the original McPal is busy with a first migration: the stand-by can then initiate a different migration, even before the first has finished. As Paradigm’s processes can model both ICT activities and business activities, the McPal pattern is particularly promising for addressing all kinds of alignment situations between business and ICT and moreover for addressing general evolution of ICT and business in tandem, cf. [23].

By means of ParADE, a modeling and animation environment for Paradigm models, PhD work by Andries Stam, first migration examples have been implemented and tested. A preliminary, but promising result [1] has been obtained in translating Paradigm into the process algebra ACP. With its coupling to the mCRL2 toolkit [18], state-of-the-art modelchecking of Paradigm models, in particular of migration trajectories, comes into reach.

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5 Appendix

The appendix lists the definitions of Paradigm’s main syntactical ingredients, viz. process, phase, (connecting) trap, partition and global process, and very briefly indicates their meanings. It ends with presenting Paradigm’s consistency rules on which Paradigm’s operational semantics is based.

Definition 1.

A process or state-transition diagram or STD $Z$ is a triple $\langle ST, AC, TS \rangle$. Here, $ST$ is the non-empty set of states, $AC$ is the set of actions or transition labels and $TS \subseteq ST \times AC \times ST$ is the set of transitions. A transition $(x, a, x') \in TS$ is said to be from $x$ to $x'$ and is denoted as $x \xrightarrow{a} x'$.

A phase or subprocess $S$ of an STD $Z = \langle ST, AC, TS \rangle$ is itself an STD $S = \langle st, ac, ts \rangle$ with $st \subseteq ST$, $ac \subseteq AC$, $ts \subseteq \{ (x, a, x') \in TS \mid x, x' \in st, a \in ac \}$.

A trap $t$ of a phase $S = \langle st, ac, ts \rangle$ is a nonempty set of states $t \subseteq st$ such that $x \in t$ and $x \xrightarrow{a} x' \in ts$ imply that $x' \in t$. If $t = st$, the trap is called trivial, denoted as $triv$ or $triv(S)$.

For two phases $S = \langle st, ac, ts \rangle$ and $S' = \langle st', ac', ts' \rangle$ be of the same STD, a trap $t$ of $S$ is called connecting from $S$ to $S'$ if $t \subseteq st'$. The triple $\langle S, t, S' \rangle$ is then called a phase change, notation $S \xrightarrow{t} S'$.

A partition $\{(S_i, T_i) \mid i \in I\}$ of an STD $Z = \langle ST, AC, TS \rangle$ is a nonempty set of phases $S_i = \langle st_i, ac_i, ts_i \rangle$ of $Z$, each with a set $T_i$ of its traps with $triv(S_i) \subseteq T_i$. If $ST = \bigcup_{i \in I} st_i$ and $TS = \bigcup_{i \in I} ts_i$, the partition is said to be covering process $Z$ or covering for short.

A global process at the level of a partition $\pi = \{(S_i, T_i) \mid i \in I\}$ of another STD $Z = \langle ST, AC, TS \rangle$ is an STD $Z(\pi) = \langle GST, GAC, GTS \rangle$ with phases $GST \subseteq \{ S_i \mid i \in I \}$ as its states, traps $GAC \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} T_i$ as its actions, and phase changes $GTS \subseteq \{ S_i \xrightarrow{t} S_j \mid i, j \in I, t \in GAC \}$ as its transitions. The STD $Z$ is called underlying the global STD $Z(\pi)$ or more detailed than $Z(\pi)$ or just detailed.

A process presents all (sequential) dynamics a certain unit (component, thread, object, person, team, etc.) can have or can undergo as far as relevant in a certain situation. A phase of a process is a temporary constraint imposed on the process, restricting the process to the part expressed as phase. A trap of a phase is a temporary constraint committed to by that phase, deliberatively taken up by entering the set of states specified as trap. A global process is a process specifying the (sequential) constraint dynamics of the underlying detailed process as far as relevant to a certain (collaborative) situation. As such, a global process has as states a set of phases and has as actions connecting traps from one phase (as global state) to another phase (as next global state). One underlying, detailed process can have many global processes, each defined in terms of separated sets of phases and their traps. Such a separate set is determined by a partition.

In ‘normal’, foreseen coordination situation, any partition is covering; otherwise, what were not covered by it, would forever be excluded from occurring
or being reached. But, in (originally) unforeseen coordination situations, arising when lazily modelled migration is to be coordinated, it should be possible to extend partitions later. So their being covering is no longer needed, rather counterproductive, as later modeled constraint dynamics can allow as yet what before was excluded from occurring or from being reached.

**Definition 2.** Let \( \{ P_i \mid i \in I \} \) be a set of detailed processes. For each \( i \in I \), let \( J_i \) be another index set with \( 0 \in J_i \) and let \( \{ \pi_{i,j} \mid j \in J_i, j \neq 0 \} \) be a set of partitions of process \( P_i \). The product space of the state spaces of these processes is called the Cartesian frame of these processes, denoted as \( CF \).

A consistency rule \( cr \) for \( CF \) has, in its complete form, the following format

\[
P_m; s \xrightarrow{\alpha} s' * P_e(\pi_{e,p}); S_{e,p} \xrightarrow{\theta_{e,p}} S'_{e,p}, \ldots, P_f(\pi_{f,q}); S_{f,q} \xrightarrow{\theta_{f,q}} S'_{f,q}, P_m[x := \alpha]
\]

where \( x \) is a sequence of variables local to the detailed process \( P_m \) and \( \alpha \) is a corresponding sequence of (expressions of) values.

The part before the * is called the detailed step of the consistency rule \( cr \); it contains either zero or one detailed process transition. The part right of the * of the processes \( P_e \) to \( P_f \) is called the protocol step; it contains zero or more phase changes, each from a different global process in frame \( CF \). The right-most part, recognizable from its square brackets involving process \( P_m \), is called the change clause; it contains one (or more) assignments to variables of the left-hand process \( P_m \). Optionally, the part left of *, process name and transition, can be omitted. In that case, the part with a change clause is absent too.

A consistency rule \( cr \), via the coupling in its format, specifies a (possible) synchronization of single steps taken simultaneously in different coordinates of the Cartesian frame \( CF \). If the protocol step is non-empty, detailed process \( P_m \) is called manager of its employees being the different detailed processes \( P_e, \ldots, P_f \). Such synchronized step in the frame \( CF \) can be taken only, if not only the detailed step is contained in each current phase of detailed process \( P_m \) but also, within each current phase \( S_{e,p}, \ldots, S_{f,q} \), the connecting traps \( \theta_{e,p}, \ldots, \theta_{f,q} \) have been entered, respectively.

A consistency rule specifies which phase changes can occur simultaneously, strictly synchronized and at most one per partition / global process. Such synchronized ensemble of global steps can be additionally synchronized with at most one detailed step and if so, the larger synchronized ensemble can be even further synchronized with updates of one or more variables local to the same detailed process. Please note, constraints imposed as well as constraints committed to really restrict the taking of the detailed step as well as the taking of the protocol step of consistency rule \( cr \).