# Testing Quick Reference Handbooks in Flight Simulators

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# **Preface**

## Abstract

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## Declaration

I declare that this dissertation represents my own work except where otherwise stated.

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## Introduction

## 1.1 Scene

Designing aviation checklists is difficult and requires time to test them in simulators and the real world. [1] The simulators require trained pilots to test the checklist and make sure that they work consistently [2]; testing that the steps in the checklist are concise, achieves the goal of the checklist, and will not take too long to complete to the point it could compromise the safety of the aircraft. These checklists are also carried out by the crew in high workload environments, where this workload would be elevated if an emergency were to occur. [3]

## 1.2 Motivation

Testing procedures in checklists is often neglected by designers. [1] This is shown in historic incidents, where the checklists to aid resolve the problem at the time was not fit for the specific scenario that crew was in.

An example of this is the checklist used on US Airways Flight 1549. This flight suffered a dual engine failure due to a bird strike at an altitude of 2818 ft (859 m). The first action by the pilot was to turn on the Auxiliary Power Unit (APU), allowing critical systems, such as the flight controls and navigational aids, to be powered as the engines were no longer able to power those systems. However, if the first call was to run through the dual engine failure checklist (the one used on the flight), it would have been the 11<sup>th</sup> item on the checklist. Using the checklist from the beginning could have resulted in a worse outcome of the incident, but due to the crew's experience, they managed to execute the most successful ditching (water landing) in history. [4]

Therefore, this calls for a way to implement a way to test checklists for aspects that may have been overlooked during the development of the checklist.

#### 1.3 Aim

The goal of this project is to test checklists in Quick Reference Handbooks (QRH) for flaws that could compromise the aircraft and making sure that the tests can be completed in a reasonable amount of time by pilots. It is also crucial to make sure that the tests are reproducible in the same flight conditions and a variety of flight conditions.

## 1.4 Objectives

- 1. Research current checklists that may be problematic and are testable in the QRH tester being made
- 2. Implement a formal model that runs through checklists, with the research gathered, to produce an accurate test

- (a) Understand the relative states of the aircraft that need to be captured
- (b) Ensure that the results of the checklist procedures are consistent
- 3. Implement a QRH tester manager that
  - (a) Runs the formal model and reacts to the output of the formal model
  - (b) Connect to a flight simulator to run actions from the formal model
  - (c) Implement checklist procedures to be tested, run them, and get feedback on how well the procedure ran

# Background

## 2.1 Hypothesis

- Checklists can be tested in a simulated environment to find flaws in checklist for things like
  - Can be done in an amount of time that will not endanger aircraft
  - Provides reproducible results
  - Procedures will not endanger aircraft or crew further (Crew referring to Checklist Manifesto with the cargo door blowout)
- Results in being able to see where to improve checklists

## 2.2 Safety in Aviation

### 2.2.1 History

- 70-80% of aviation accidents are attributed to human factors [5]
- The first use of a checklist was in 1935 after the crash of a prototype plane known back then as the Model 299 (known as the Boeing B-17 today), due to the complex procedures required to operate the aircraft normally and forgetting a step resulting in lack of controls during takeoff [2]
- It was found that because of the complicated procedure to operate the aircraft that the pilots would forget steps, and hence the concept of checklists was tested, and found to minimize human errors [2]

#### 2.2.2 Checklists

Checklists are defined by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), the UK's aviation regulator, as: 'A set of written procedures/drills covering the operation of the aircraft by the flight crew in both normal and abnormal conditions. ... The Checklist is carried on the flight deck.' [6] These checklists as a result has shown to be a crucial tool in aviation to minimize human errors. [2]

There are multiple checklists that are designed for aircraft for the use of normal operation and potential problems that could arise during the flight. These checklists are stored in a Quick Reference Handbook (QRH) which is kept in the cockpit of each aircraft for use when needed. The definition of a QRH by CAA is:

A handbook containing procedures which may need to be referred to quickly and/or frequently, including Emergency and Abnormal procedures. The procedures may be abbreviated for ease of reference (although they must reflect the procedures contained

in the AFM<sup>1</sup>). The QRH is often used as an alternative name for the Emergency and Abnormal Checklist. [6]

However, checklists themselves can have design flaws as noted by researchers at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) where checklists can be misleading, too confusing, or too long to complete, as a result having the potential of compromising the safety of the aircraft. [1] An example of this is what happened on Swiss Air Flight 111, where an electrical fault was made worse by following the checklist, resulting in the aircraft crashing in the ocean. This was as the flight crew was unaware of the severity of the fire caused by the electrical fault. Following the steps in the checklist, one of the steps was to cut out power to 'non-essential' systems, which increased the amount of smoke in the cockpit. Simultaneously, the checklist itself was a distraction as it was found to take around 30 minutes to complete in testing during the investigation. [7] This incident shows that checklists need to be tested for these flaws, and considering the original checklist for Swiss Air Flight 111 would have taken 30 minutes to theoretically complete, this could be time-consuming for checklist designers, and this would be something to note whilst working on this project.

There are other potential problems with checklists, noted by the CAA, where the person running through the checklist could skip a step either unintentionally, by interruption, or just outright failing to complete the checklist. Or the crew may also not be alerted to performance issues within the aircraft, which would be a result of running the checklist. [6] Therefore, this would be useful to add for features when testing checklists, such as adding the ability to intentionally skip a step of a checklist or gathering statistics on how the performance of the aircraft has been affected as a result of using the checklist.

Another problem to note about checklists is the human factor where the crew may fail to use the checklist, like in the case of Northwest Airlines Flight 255, where the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), an investigatory board for aviation accidents in the United States, determined that 'the probable cause of the accident was the flight crew's failure to use the taxi checklist to ensure that the flaps and slats were extended for takeoff.' [8] This shows that even though checklists have shown to improve safety of the aircraft, there are other measures that aviation regulatory bodies are required implement, to avoid situations where the crew may completely ignore safety procedures and systems.

## 2.3 Formal Methods

Formal methods is a mathematical technique that can be used towards the verification of a system, that could either be a piece of software or hardware. Therefore, this can be used to verify correctness of all the inputs in a system. [9] Hence, as this project is dealing with safety, it would be beneficial to use formal methods for testing and verification.

An example of where formal methods is used within aviation is by Airbus, where it was used during the development of the Airbus A380. Formal methods was used to test the A380 for proof of absence of stack overflows and analysis of the numerical precision and stability of floating-point operators to name a few. [10]

## 2.4 Solution Stack

- There would be around 3 main components to this tester
  - Formal Model
  - Flight Simulator plugin
  - Checklist Tester (to connect the formal model and flight simulator)
- As VDM-SL is being used, it uses VDMJ to parse the model [11]. This was a starting point for the tech stack, as VDMJ is also open source.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Aircraft Flight Manual - 'The Aircraft Flight Manual produced by the manufacturer and approved by the CAA. This forms the basis for parts of the Operations Manual and checklists. The checklist procedures must reflect those detailed in the AFM.' [6]

• VDMJ is written in Java [11], therefore to simplify implementing VDMJ into the Checklist Tester, it would be logical to use a Java virtual machine (JVM) language.

#### 2.4.1 Formal Model

- There were a few ways of implementing the formal model into another application
- Some of these methods were provided by Overture [12]
  - RemoteControl interface
  - VDMTools API [13]
- However, both of these methods did not suit what was required as most of the documentation for RemoteControl was designed for the Overture Tool IDE. VDMTools may have handled the formal model differently
- The choice was to create a VDMJ wrapper, as the modules are available on Maven

### 2.4.2 Checklist Tester

#### JVM Language

- There are multiple languages that are made for or support JVMs [14]
- Requirements for language
  - Be able to interact with Java code because of VDMJ
  - Have Graphical User Interface (GUI) libraries
  - Have good support (the more popular, the more resources available)
- The main contenders were Java and Kotlin [15]
- Kotlin [15] was the choice in the end as Google has been putting Kotlin first instead of Java. Kotlin also requires less boilerplate code (e.g. getters and setters) [16]

### Graphical User Interface

- As the tester is going to include a UI, the language choice was still important
- There are a variety of GUI libraries to consider using
  - JavaFX [17]
  - Swing [18]
  - Compose Multiplatform [19]
- The decision was to use Compose Multiplatform in the end, due to time limitations and having prior experience in using Flutter [20]
- Compose Multiplatform has the ability to create a desktop application and a server, which would allow for leeway if a server would be needed

## 2.4.3 Flight Simulator Plugin

- There are two main choices for flight simulators that can be used for professional simulation
  - X-Plane [21]
  - Prepar3D [22]
- X-Plane was the choice due to having better documentation for the SDK, and a variety of development libraries for the simulator itself
- For the plugin itself, there was already a solution developed by NASA, X-Plane Connect [23] that is more appropriate due to the time limitations and would be more likely to be reliable as it has been developed since 2015

# Design/Implementation

## 3.1 Components

The best way to view the design and implementation of this project is by splitting up the project into multiple components. This has been useful for aiding in planning the implementation, as a result making being efficient with time and requiring less refactoring. The planning allows for delegating specific work tasks, and making the project modular. A benefit of making this project modular is improving the maintainability of the codebase, and allowing for future upgrades or changes, for example, using a different flight simulator for testing.



Figure 3.1: Abstract layout of components

Each of the components in Figure 3.1 will be covered in detail in this chapter.

## 3.2 Formal Method

Formal modelling is the heart of the logic for testing checklists in this project and is created using *VDM-SL*. The formal model is the logic behind the actions of running through a checklist and checkling if the checklist has been completed in the correct manner.

To be able to check that the checklist has been properly completed, the formal model keeps track of aircraft states, such as what state each switch in the aircraft is in; and the state of the checklist, such as what steps in the checklist has been completed.

As there are invariants, pre-, and post-conditions, which are used for setting well-formedness conditions for types or functions, provide type and input safety, which will result in an error when broken. This is useful to make sure that the actions taken when completing the checklist is done correctly, such as making sure that a switch that may have 3 possible states is moved in properly, such as moving from off, middle, to on in order, rather than skipping from off to on. The cases where errors would occur is when these well-formed conditions are broken, which can be a sign that the checklist has been completed incorrectly, such as when the checklist is not completed in order, could signify that a step in the checklist failed, which could mean that the step in the checklist is problematic.

#### Testing

Making sure that the formal model does not have well-formed conditions that can be broken by the formal model itself is important, as the goal of the formal model is to have a rigorous specification that is verifiable.

Since *VDMJ* version 4.5.0, the VDM interpreter has included the *QuickCheck* tool, [24] which is an automated testing tool to prove and find counter examples to specifications. [25]

There were multiple counter examples that was produced by QuickCheck that aided the development of the formal model, as the  $qc^1$  command in VDMJ every time a new function was created to find potential counter examples and fix them. Checking every time when creating a new function was useful as it would avoid having to refactor more of the model.

## 3.3 Checklist Tester

The Checklist Tester is what provides a Graphical User Interface (GUI) for defining checklists to be tested, and to run the tests on the checklist. It is also responsible for connecting the Formal Method and the Simulator Connector Plugin together.

### 3.3.1 Designing

Creating an interface design before creating the GUI is useful as it is a form of requirements for the code.

Figma was used to create the design for the GUI as there is support for plugins and having a marketplace for components. This saved a lot of time in designing as Google provides components for  $Material \ 3^2$  and a plugin for creating a colour scheme for  $Material \ 3$ .

Having this design was useful as it aided in understanding what parts of the GUI could be modular and reused, kept the feel of the design consistent, and helped memorize what parts of the GUI needed to be implemented.

The final design for the interface can be seen in Figure 3.2, where the components at the top are reusable modules, and the rest below are sections of the application that the user can navigate through.

#### Limitations of Figma

There were some limitations when working with *Figma*, one of them being that the components created for *Material 3* did not include all the features that are available in the *Compose Multiplatform* Framework.

This can be seen in the 'Simulator Test' screen at the bottom of Figure 3.2, where there is not an option for leading icons [26] in each of the list items, and therefore had to be replaced with a trailing checkbox instead. However, *Figma* allows for comments to be placed on the parts of the design, which was used as a reminder to use leading icons in the implementation of the design.

Another limitation of *Figma* is that in Figure 3.2, the title of the screen in the top app bar [27] is not centred, this is because the auto layout feature in *Figma* works by having equal spacing between each object, rather than having each object in a set position. However, this is not detrimental to the design, it is just obvious that the title is not centred in the window.

#### 3.3.2 Compose Multiplatform

#### Setup

To set up Compose Multiplatform, the Kotlin Multiplatform Wizard was used to create the project as it allows for the runtime environments to be specified (at the time of creation, Desktop and Server), automatically generating the Gradle build configurations and modules for each runtime environment, for the specific setup.

 $<sup>^1{\</sup>rm The}$  command to run  ${\it QuickCheck}$  on the formal model in  ${\it VDMJ}.$ 

 $<sup>^2</sup>$ Material 3 is a design system which is used in Compose Multiplatform UI Framework.

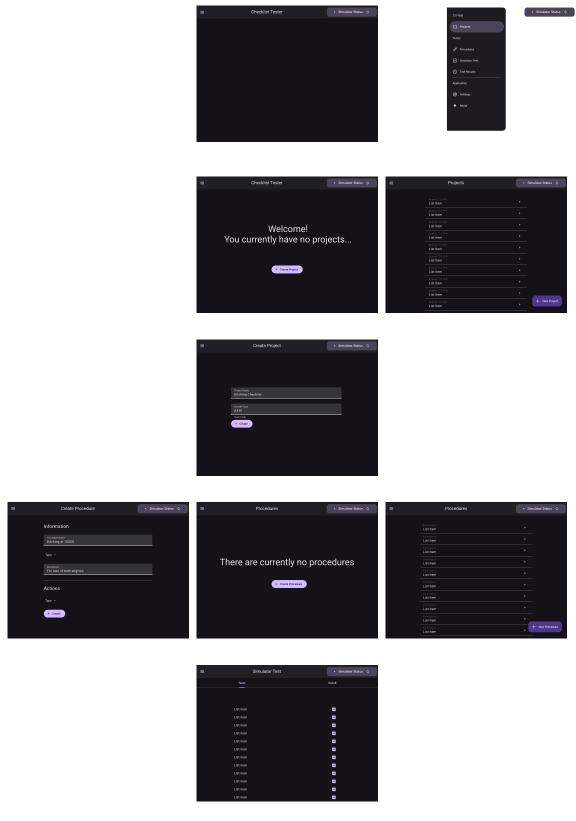


Figure 3.2: Design for the Checklist Connector GUI in Figma

#### Implementation

Planning was important when implementing as *Compose* is designed to use modular components, otherwise a nested mess would occur as *Compose* is designed to have *Composable*<sup>3</sup> objects passed into another *Composable* object. Therefore, due to how *Kotlin* is designed with functions, there will be function nesting occurring naturally. To aid in readability of code due to the nesting functions, the *Composable* objects are split into separate *Composable* functions. An example of this is in Listing 3.1, where instead of 10 *Composable* functions being nested in the Content() function, the items in the list (LazyColumn is used for creating lists) is split to a separate function, ActionItem(), as a result making the maximum amount of nested functions to 5 for all functions. Another benefit is that it allows for the ActionItem to be reused if desired, making the code modular.

Voyager [28] was used to handle the navigation of the application as it handles replacing previous navigation screens, and allows for inserting data into the navigation screens. This is as Voyager has integration with Koin [29][30], which is a library that specifically handles dependency injection. Using Koin allowed for data to be fetched from the database and to handle asynchronous functions, such as running VDMJ and sending instructions to the flight simulator.

## 3.3.3 Storing Data

SQLDelight was used to handle the database as it creates typesafe Kotlin application programming interfaces (APIs) to communicate to the database. It was specifically chosen as it provides support for Compose Multiplatform [31], making implementing SQLDelight into the project easier.

A benefit of using SQLDelight is that it only allows for database queries to be written in SQL, allowing for more complex, and more control of SQL queries. It also provides 100% test coverage [32] which is necessary to ensure that the database will not cause artefacts to the results.

The choice of relational database management system (RDBMS) to complement SQLDelight was SQLite as it allows for the database to run within the application, rather than running on a separate server, either remotely or through a containerized instance using something like Docker [33]. As a result, this avoided spending extra time implementing the server and adding extra complexity due to requiring additional dependencies, which would also add extra maintenance overhead to the project.

#### Designing the Database

The database could be looked at as having 2 sections, with relationships in mind between the two sections, to fulfil of the objectives, as it will allow tracking of the checklist tests that will be run, as a result being able to provide detailed statistics of the test. These relationships can be seen in the entity relationship diagram in Figure 3.3.

One of the sections is for user inputs to control the tests. The *Project* table handles creating separate aircraft, or it could be used for separate iterations of Quick Reference Handbooks (QRHs). Then the *Procedure* and *Action* table handles defining steps/actions in a checklist/procedure.

The other section of the database would be providing test results for each of the checklists, which are stored in the *Test* and *ActionResult* tables.

Expanding on the relationships between each table in Figure 3.3, the reasons for these relationships is to allow for segregation of data and the ability to associate test data with what checklist was tested.

#### Linking into Compose Multiplatform

Compose Multiplatform has support for different runtime environments which should be taken into account when adding SQLDelight to  $Compose\ Multiplatform$ . However, as this project is only being developed for Desktop, the  $JVM\ SQLite$  driver is the only one necessary to implement.

However, to improve maintainability of the code, the functions of the database was written in the shared/commonMain module (a shared module that is accessible to multiple runtime environments).

 $<sup>^3</sup>$ A Composable is a description of the UI that will be built by Compose Multiplatform

```
@Composable
    override fun Content() {
        // Content variables...
3
        Scaffold(
5
            topBar = {/* Composable content... */},
        ) {
            Column(/* Column option parameters... */) {
                Box(/* Box option parameters... */) {
                     LazyColumn(/* LazyColumn option parameters... */) {
10
11
                         item {
12
                             Header()
14
15
                         items(
16
                              items = inputs,
                             key = { input -> input.id }
18
                         ) { item ->
19
                             ActionItem(item)
20
21
                     }
22
                }
23
            }
24
        }
26
27
   @Composable
28
   private fun Header() {
        Text(text = "Edit Actions")
30
31
    @Composable
33
    private fun ActionItem(item: Action) {
34
        Column (/* Column option parameters... */) {
35
            Row(/* Row option parameters... */) {
36
                Text(text = "Action ${item.step + 1}")
37
38
                 IconButton(/* IconButton definition parameters... */) {
                     Icon(
                         Icons.Outlined.Delete,
41
                         // Rest of Icon options...
42
43
                 }
            }
45
46
            Row(/* Row option parameters... */) {
                 OutlinedTextField(/* TextField definition parameters... */)
49
                 OutlinedTextField(/* TextField definition parameters... */)
50
            }
51
            HorizontalDivider()
53
        }
54
   }
55
```

Listing 3.1: Example of modular code in Compose

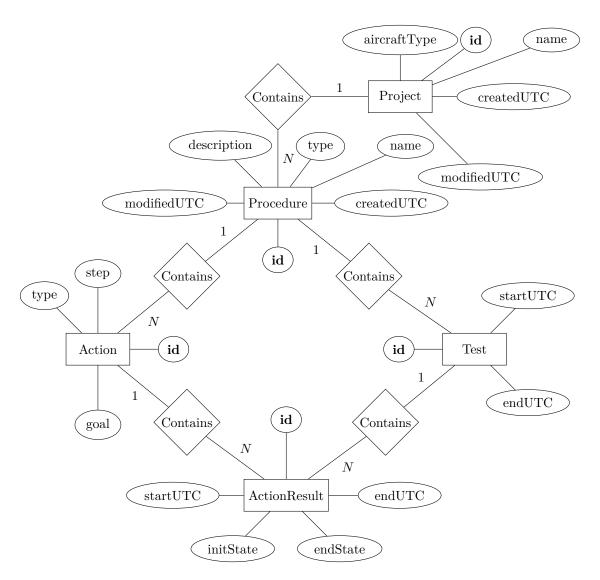


Figure 3.3: Entity Relationship Diagram for the database in Checklist Connector

This would be useful if there was a need for adding Android and/or iOS support for this project as some designers may want to run the tests on a tablet.

Handling the database was done by implementing two modules. One module is the io.anthonyberg-connector.shared.database module, used to handle SQLDelight API calls only; meaning no conversion of types, functions are only accessible internally within the io.anthonyberg.connector-shared module.

The other module is the Software Development Kit (SDK) that handle type conversions, such as Int to Long, and can handle multiple tables, such as *TestTransaction* SDK that handles calls to multiple tables when a test is run in the flight simulator.

The separation of these modules was also done to have unit testing in mind because it will make it easier to debug if a problem is due to how SQLDelight transactions are handled, or if there are type conversions errors occurring.

## 3.3.4 VDMJ Wrapper

VDMJ is written in Java, and it is free open source software that is accessible on GitHub. This means that VDMJ can be used within any projects as long as the licence is followed. It is important to follow for ethical and legal reasons, as not following the licensing would result in breaking copyright law. However, it may not specifically break Newcastle University's ethics, it would break the ethos behind GPLv3 and free open source software.

The licence VDMJ uses is the GNU General Public License v3 (GPLv3) [34][35]. This means that as VDMJ is being used as a library, the code for this project has to be licensed with GPLv3 or any GPLv3 compatible licence [36].

### Implementing VDMJ

VDMJ has packages available on Maven Central<sup>4</sup> making adding it as a dependency simple as it would require to be specified within the *Gradle* build configurations. The package used was dk→.au.ece.vdmj:vdmj with version 4.5.0, however, initially when implementing VDMJ, 4.5.0-P was used accidentally, and it led to the rabbit hole of debugging why imports were not working, and it was found that the -P versions of VDMJ is not suitable to be used when being implemented intentionally a project.

The initial method of implementation was to use a Ktor server that would run alongside the desktop application, where communication between the desktop application and the server would be handled through Representational State Transfer (REST) API calls. However, this was unnecessary as the *interactive* mode of VDMJ was able to run on the desktop application itself. But using Ktor was useful for debugging and testing using as VDMJ commands could be run through an API route.

The major hurdle within implementing VDMJ as a wrapper was fetching the outputs that VDMJ sends to the console. This was implemented by creating a new VDMJ console handler ConsolePrintWriter, that handles writing to stdout, which is from the com.fujitsu.vdmj. $\rightarrow$  messages package. This then gets used to replace the Console.out and Console.err, from the same VDMJ package, which will store the outputs to the console into a variable instead.

Parsing commands into the *VDMJ* interface was more difficult as it required using Java functions<sup>5</sup> to act as if the program wrote something directly into the *VDMJ* interactive console. Figure 3.4 shows a simplified flowchart of how inputs are handled. A PipedInputStream object was created, that gets connected to a PipedOutputStream object by passing the latter object in as a parameter. The PipedOutputStream is then used to pass inputs into PipedInputStream. The PipedInputStream handles sending inputs to the *VDMJ* console. However, to be able to write to these streams, a BufferedWriter, which is used to send inputs, is created by passing the PipedOutputStream with a bridge OutputStreamWriter that encodes characters into bytes. For *VDMJ* to be able to read the input streams, the PipedInputStream gets parsed through a bridge,

 $<sup>^4</sup>$ Maven Central is a repository that stores dependencies required to build projects

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>The objects created here are provided by the java.io package.

InputStreamReader that converts bytes to characters, and then allows *VDMJ* read these characters through a BufferedReader.

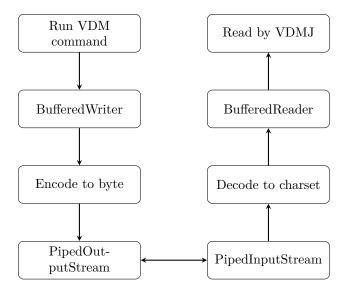


Figure 3.4: Flowchart of VDMJ Input/Output Stream handling

#### **Handling VDMJ Command Outputs**

When running a command in the VDMJ, it will produce an output as a string for the returned variable in the function that was executed.

To handle these strings, *Kotlin* string manipulation was used, similar concept to *Regex*, to decode the string and convert the string into correct types and store them in specific types in the formal specification, recreated in *Kotlin*.

The types recreated from the formal specification were the records types. This was done by using Kotlin data classes, which had functions implemented with the purpose of convert the stored types in Kotlin to an identical VDM-SL representation of the values in that type.

## 3.3.5 Connecting to the Flight Simulator

X-Plane Connect (XPC) was used to connect the desktop application to the flight simulator. X-Plane stores values of the aircraft states in what they call 'datarefs'. XPC allows to use these datarefs in external programs through libraries that complement the plugin used in X-Plane. The features that XPC brings is the ability to read data from the simulator, override dataref values, and execute other commands that can manipulate certain switches of the aircraft, where otherwise unable to by changing the value of the dataref.

Before running commands through XPC in the Checklist Tester, a check was run to verify that the X-Plane was running to avoid exceptions being thrown by XPC if it was not able to connect to the flight simulator.

When running the tests, each step in the checklist (referred to as 'action' in the logic implemented with XPC below) would go through an order with XPC. The first step is to fetch the initial state of the action in the simulator. Then, artificial delay is added before doing the action in the flight simulator, to imitate delay of the crew's lag between reading the step of the checklist and doing the action. Finally, XPC will execute the action in the flight simulator and get the final state of the action's sate in the flight simulator. Then in the Checklist Tester, it checks if the goal of the action was achieved in the final state.

Whilst running these actions in XPC, the initial state and time, and final state and time is recorded on the database to be used for the results of the test. These actions of running the XPC commands and storing the data on a database is run asynchronously to prevent the GUI from freezing as the application is waiting for a function to complete. This avoids misleading the user that the

application has crashed, whilst allowing for test running animations within the GUI to continue being shown, making it look nicer.

## 3.3.6 Testing

*Gradle* provides testing integration, which allows for unit tests to be run through *Gradle*, with a command, in GitHub Continuous Integration for commits and packaging, or before building a complied application.

JUnit 5 was used for testing as other development tools provide integration with JUnit, such as integration with IntelliJ to view code coverage.

The testable components in this project are mostly backend modules as the GUI is difficult to write unit tests for there are not a lot of tools for testing *Compose* components, and testing the GUI would be an inefficient use of time as it is not the focus of this project.

For the backend, unit tests were written for the database and the dependency injection. Koin provides tools that allow unit tests to be automatically generated, as a result meaning it was worth the time to implement tests for dependency injection. The ethos when writing unit tests was to try and find exploits, act as a user who may mishandle inputs, and stress test functions that were developed.

#### Testing for Resource Usage

The application was tested using the *Profiler* tool provided by IntelliJ IDEA 2024 (Ultimate Edition) to find potential memory leaks and CPU intensive functions.

One problem was found which was the initial versions of the *VDMJ* wrapper that was created. The initial version did not use interactive mode, which resulted in *VDMJ* reinitializing each time a command was executed, resulting in a slight memory leak and a massive memory write usage.

## 3.4 Simulator Connector Plugin

#### 3.4.1 Creating Maven Package

- XPC package is not published on a public Maven repository
- There has been a pull request that was merged to the *develop* branch that provides Maven POMs [37]. However, the maintainer for the project, at the time, did not have enough time to figure out the process of publishing the package to a Maven repository [38]
- Therefore, had to find an alternative way to implement
- Jitpack [39]
  - In theory, simple to publish a repository, all that is required is a GitHub repository and searching if one has already been created on JitPack or build and publish a specific version
  - However, due to the structure of the XPC repository, JitPack could not locate the build tools (Apache Maven in this case) as JitPack only searches on the root directory for the compatible build tools
- Gradle gitRepository [40]
  - There was not a lot of documentation
  - Ambiguous on how to define directory for where the Java library is located in the Git repository
  - However, as XPC was only built with Maven, Gradle was not able to add the dependency as gitRepository() only works with Gradle builds [41]
- Resorted to using a compiled Jar file and adding the dependency to Gradle

- Not happy about that because it means maintaining it will be more difficult as it is not as simple as just changing the version number
- Later, resorted to adding Gradle build files to XPC
- Used automatic conversion from Maven to Gradle using gradle init command [42]
- Had to add local dependencies due to how Gradle works differently
- Had to fix previous structure of Maven POM as the grouping as not good

#### Continuous Deployment of the Maven Package

- Used GitHub's template for Gradle package publishing
- Required some setup in Gradle build files

## 3.4.2 Submitting a Pull Request

- Adding the Gradle build tools can be seen as being helpful for others, as it would allow for the XPC library to be added as a dependency, especially if the NASA Ames Research Center Diagnostics and Prognostics Group were to add it to the GitHub repository, it would mean that it would be easier for people to access Maven Packages for XPC
- Therefore, to help improve the experience for other people who would want to develop with the XPC Java library, it would be logical to submit a pull request
- But it did mean making sure that the contribution would be perfect and not contain problems

## Testing

- The XPC Java library includes a JUnit 4 test, however, implementing this with Gradle proved useless, as it was not able to get the results from the tests, which would be bad for not being able to catch problems with new builds
- Therefore, the tests were updated to JUnit 5, where most of the changes were adding asserts for throws [43]  $^6$

#### GitHub

- Made sure to add generated build files to .gitignore
- Changed the URL of the repository in Gradle to NASA's repository so that the Maven package can be published correctly on the GitHub repository
- From the beginning anyways, made sure to have insightful commit messages
- Submitted the pull request stating the changes made<sup>7</sup>

## 3.5 Scenarios

- Use a Quick Reference Handbook (QRH) to find potential list of checklists to test
- Look at previous accident reports that had an incident related to checklists and test it with my tool to see if it will pick it up
- These previous accident reports can be good metrics to know what statistics to look out for

#### 3.6 Decisions

 $<sup>^6\</sup>mathrm{The}$  commit including the changes to the tests can be viewed here:  $\label{eq:local_smyalygames/XPlaneConnect/commit/e7b8d1e811999b4f8d7230f60ba94368e14f1148}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>https://github.com/nasa/XPlaneConnect/pull/313

# Results

## 4.1 Final Prototype

### 4.1.1 Formal Model

- The model is mostly designed to imitate a Boeing 737-800, as the types modelled, have user inputs which are different from other aircraft types
  - For example, the Airbus A320 has push buttons whereas they are not there on the 737-800
  - However, further user input types could be added to the model and as a result, further aircraft types could have their procedures run through the formal model
- The Procedure type makes sure that the items on the procedure is completed in order, and if a step is missed, that would result in an invariant failure, resulting in the checklist test failing

### 4.1.2 Checklist Tester

- The main features of GUI have been completed, it has all the sections desired
  - Projects can be created to split up different aircraft or revisions of checklists
  - Procedures can be created and tested
  - These procedures get tested in the flight simulator automatically and gives the results of how the procedure has been doing in real time

### 4.1.3 Setting up Tests

- Each test is set up by defining each action in the procedure, on the Procedure screen
- To be able to define each action is supposed to do, it uses the Dataref variables in X-Plane, which is what stores the state of the aircraft. Each switch has their own unique Dataref
- In the checklist tester then, each action asks for a Dataref and a desired goal value
- Some Datarefs are read only, but there are other Datarefs for the item desired, but are only 'command's, which can only be called and not have its value changed; this can be run by setting the desired goal value to be -988 (because XPC uses that value)

## Running Tests

- Tests are run by connecting to the flight simulator, X-Plane
- The tester goes through each action in the procedure one by one and waits for the current action to complete before proceeding on to the next one

• The checklist tester is not advanced enough to be able to control fly the aircraft; hence the tester would be able to engage autopilot first, or control the aircraft themselves, where the checklist tester would be acting like a first officer

#### Storing Test Results

- There is a database storing the results of each of the tests
- Each tests store

Time taken for each of the actions in the procedure to complete

Start state for the state that the action in the procedure was at

End state for the state that the action in the procedure finished the item at

Overall test time Stores the time taken from when the test started to when the test ended

• This gives feedback/statistics for the checklist designers to find areas of improvement on the procedure, such as one action in the procedure taking too long, may point out a potential flaw to the designer and as a result aid finding potential alternative options for that step in the procedure

## 4.2 Problems Found

## 4.3 LOC?

## 4.4 Reflection

## 4.4.1 Planning

#### **Gantt Chart**

Used Gantt chart to create a plan for what would be needed from this project

#### Pros:

- Was useful for the first part because it set expectations of what was needed and how much time there was to complete them
- Helped visualize the different components of the project
- Helped in the beginning being accompanied by a Kanban in Leantime<sup>1</sup>

### Cons:

- Was not detailed enough, and a design document would have been useful to accompany the Gantt chart for each section
- The lack of detail was not helpful when falling behind as having attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) added to the burden of feeling like each section was a massive project
- Leantime's claim for being 'built with ADHD [...] in mind' felt misleading as navigating through it felt worse than using the front page of Stack Overflow<sup>2</sup>
- Todoist<sup>3</sup> was a good alternative though

### GUI Design

Figma was very useful in implementations as

#### Pros:

• It helped with timing and knowing what to do

<sup>1</sup>https://leantime.io/
2https://stackoverflow

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>https://stackoverflow.com/

<sup>3</sup>https://todoist.com/

- Made things feel manageable as it was split up to different sections
- Meant features will not be forgotten

#### Cons:

- Certain features being too simple and annoying to use
- A bit of a learning curve for using other components, compared to using plugins

### 4.4.2 Implementation

#### Checklist Tester

- Implementing the GUI was useful to split up the sections required for the project and having a goal for what to be done
- However, a bit too much time was spent on creating a GUI when it could have been used for development
- It was useful for motivational reasons to feel like something materialistic has been produced rather than something theoretical
- Was originally intended to be used to interact with custom plugin for X-Plane as it would have been difficult otherwise

#### Connecting to the Flight Simulator

- Would have been more useful to search a bit further if there was another plugin available, as found Dataref Editor on the X-Plane docs, so could have looked for a similar plugin for connecting to X-Plane
- At first spent about a week developing a C++ X-Plane plugin from scratch, requiring to figure out sockets
- At the same time finding out XPC exists and having wasted that time
- However, it did teach me more about understanding how sockets work and more about C++ and setting up a project with CMake and adding packages with vcpkg

## 4.5 Time Spent

- Time spent was recorded using Wakatime, other than time spent researching, which had to be recorded manually, using Leantime
- The time spent on GUI is also time spent on connecting other tools such as the VDMJ wrapper, XPC, and the database

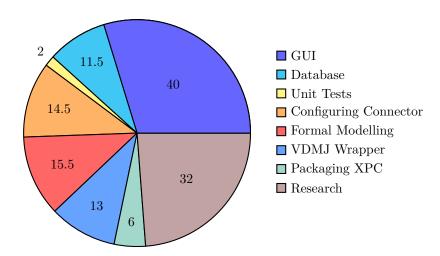


Figure 4.1: Time spent on sections of project (in hours)

## Conclusion

## 5.1 Changes

- Added the checklist manager which was not a part of the original objectives
  - Helped more to visualize the project
  - Aided in gathering statistics for how well the checklist performed
  - Using Kotlin helped speed up development, it simplifies parts of Java and omitted a lot
    of boilerplate code that is required in Java, such as setters and getters
- How the Formal Model would interact was modified
  - Initially was designed so that the formal model would complete the entirety of the checklist, however, it was not useful for interacting with the flight simulator
  - Modified the model to provide it would be similar to actions pilots can do in the cockpit
  - Therefore acts like Read Checklist  $\rightarrow$  Pilot Logic (VDM)  $\rightarrow$  Do Action (XPC)
- Originally was supposed to write an original plugin to connect to the flight simulator
  - Whilst creating the plugin, sockets were confusing and accidentally stumbled on the X-Plane Connect GitHub repository
  - This could have been prevented if a design document was created and time was spent researching for tools in obscure places

## 5.2 Objectives

- Most of the objectives were met
- One of the original objectives was to research pilot reaction times and how long it takes pilots to complete an action
  - However, not able to do that as there are too many factors that can affect a pilot's reaction time, such as age, experience on an aircraft, total experience, how far a button is from the pilot, etc.
- Objective 2.a. was met to an extent
  - Currently, the states of the aircraft monitored are only the actions specified in the test, in the checklist tester
  - There could be more variables that could be monitored. Such as engine fire, could monitor the engine temperature or thrust produced by engine
  - This would have required a substantial amount of planning as checklists do have conditional statements, for example 'If APU is available, then do Step 3 else do Step 4'

- Objective 2.b. was also met to an extent
  - Currently, this can be met by re-running the test multiple times manually
  - However, it is manual at this stage due to limitations of XPC and setting up the aircraft
  - The test data is stored on the database, hence test results can be analysed to see the consistency between each test
- The Checklist Tester does not currently run actions from the Formal Model due to implementing the functions from VDMJ being laborious
- · Hence focus was put on XPC first, as it would produce direct results

## 5.3 What Next

The most important next steps to implement would be linking the formal mode, adding options of what parts of the aircraft to monitor

- Formal Model
  - Implemented either by creating an automatic wrapper. Done by either potentially linking the VDMJ LSP, or creating a plugin for VDMJ
  - Or doing string manipulation on the VDM results for each of the functions as a lot of it is copy and paste - can be bad practice as it requires a lot of hard-coded code
- Monitoring more of the aircraft
  - Done by adding options in the Checklist Tester for extra Datarefs to monitor
  - Modifying the Aircraft record type to include a states type that checks multiple times
    throughout the procedure if this state has violated a constraint or if the goal of the state
    has been achieved (e.g. Engine is no longer on fire)
- Expanding out of the scope of the objectives, conditional logic, such as if statements, to the checklist would be the next logical step
  - VDM-SL would be really helpful for this, as can be used to design logic to be used outside of Kotlin
  - This would allow for further automation of checklists, rather than only testing linearly, which at this current state would require writing the test multiple times
- Adding more detailed test results
  - Use analysis of previous test results to gain an understanding of the reproducibility of the procedure
  - Keep track of aircraft state, such as speed or altitude aiding in understanding if the procedure may impose a safety risk

# Appendix A

## Formal Model

```
1 module Checklist
2 exports all
3 definitions
5 values
6
       -- Before Start Checklist
       -- Items in Aircraft
       -- Flight Deck... (can't check)
       fuel: ItemObject = mk_ItemObject(<SWITCH>, mk_Switch(<OFF>, false)→
10
       pax_sign: ItemObject = mk_ItemObject(<SWITCH>, mk_Switch(<OFF>, →
           true));
11
       windows: ItemObject = mk_ItemObject(<SWITCH>, mk_Switch(<ON>, →
           false));
12
       -- Preflight steps
13
       acol: ItemObject = mk_ItemObject(<SWITCH>, mk_Switch(<OFF>, false)→
           );
14
       aircraft_panels: Items = {"Fuel | Pump" | -> fuel, "Passenger | Signs" →
15
           |-> pax_sign, "Windows" |-> windows, "AntiuCollisionuLights" →
           |-> acol};
16
17
       -- Checklist
18
       -- Flight Deck... (can't check)
19
       fuel_chkl: ChecklistItem = mk_ChecklistItem("Fuel_Pump", <SWITCH>,→
            <ON>, false);
20
       pax_sign_chkl: ChecklistItem = mk_ChecklistItem("Passenger_Signs",→
            <SWITCH>, <ON>, false);
21
       windows_chkl: ChecklistItem = mk_ChecklistItem("Windows", <SWITCH→</pre>
           >, <0N>, false);
22
       -- Preflight steps
23
       acol_chkl: ChecklistItem = mk_ChecklistItem("AntiuCollisionuLights→
           ", <SWITCH>, <ON>, false);
24
25
       before_start_procedure: Procedure = [fuel_chkl, pax_sign_chkl, →
           windows_chkl, acol_chkl];
26
27
       aircraft = mk_Aircraft(aircraft_panels, before_start_procedure);
       --@doc The dataref name in X-Plane
30
       Dataref = seq1 of char;
31
```

```
32
       -- Aircraft
33
34
       -- Switches
35
       --@doc The state a switch can be in
       SwitchState = <OFF> | <MIDDLE> | <ON>;
36
37
38
           --@LF why have a type kist as a rename?
39
       ItemState = SwitchState; --@TODO | Button | ...
40
41
       --@doc A switch, with the possible states it can be in, and the \rightarrow
           state that it is in
42
       Switch ::
43
           position : SwitchState
44
           middlePosition : bool
45
           inv s ==
46
               (s.position = <MIDDLE> => s.middlePosition);
47
48
       -- Knob
49
       Knob ::
50
           position : nat
51
           --@LF how can a state be an int? perhaps a proper type (i..e. →
               subset of int range or a union?)
52
           states : set1 of nat
           inv k ==
53
54
               k.position in set k.states;
55
56
       Lever = nat
57
           inv t == t <= 100;
58
59
       Throttle ::
           thrust: Lever
60
61
           reverser: Lever
62
           inv t ==
63
               (t.reverser > 0 <=> t.thrust = 0);
64
65
       --@doc The type that the action of the button is
66
       ItemType = <SWITCH> | <KNOB> | <BUTTON> | <THROTTLE>;
67
68
       --@doc The unique switch/knob/etc of that aircraft
       ObjectType = Switch | Knob | Throttle;
69
70
       ItemObject ::
71
           type : ItemType
72
           object : ObjectType
73
           inv mk_ItemObject(type, object) ==
74
                    cases type:
75
                            <SWITCH> -> is_Switch(object),
76
                            <KNOB> -> is_Knob(object),
77
                            <THROTTLE>-> is_Throttle(object),
                            --<BUTTON> -> true
78
79
                            others -> true
80
                    end;
81
       --@doc Contains each ItemObject in the Aircraft, e.g. Fuel Pump \rightarrow
82
           switch
83
       Items = map Dataref to ItemObject;
84
85
       procedure
```

```
86
         Aircraft ::
 87
             items : Items
 88
             procedure : Procedure
 89
             inv mk_Aircraft(i, p) ==
90
             ({ x.procedure | x in seq p } subset dom i);
91
92
         -- Checklist
93
94
         -- @doc Item of a checklist, e.g. Landing gear down
95
         ChecklistItem ::
96
             -- OLF again, empty string here doesn't make sense.
97
             procedure : Dataref
98
             type : ItemType
99
             -- TODO Check is not only SwitchState
100
             check : SwitchState
101
             checked : bool;
102
103
         --@doc This is an item in the aircraft that complements the item \rightarrow
            in the procedure
104
         ItemAndChecklistItem ::
105
             item : ItemObject
106
             checklistItem: ChecklistItem
107
             inv i == i.item.type = i.checklistItem.type;
108
         -- Odoc A section of a checklist, e.g. Landing Checklist
109
110
         --@LF shouldn't this be non-empty? What's the point to map a \ensuremath{\rightarrow}
             checklist name to an empty procedure? Yes.
111
         Procedure = seq1 of ChecklistItem
112
             inv p ==
113
                  --@LF the "trick" for "false not in set S" is neat. It \rightarrow
                     forces a full evaluation, rather than short circuited →
                     (i.e. stops at first false).
114
                        I presume this was intended.
115
                  false not in set {
116
                      let first = p(x-1).checked, second = p(x).checked in
117
                               --@LF boolean values don't need equality check
118
                          second => first--((first = true) and (second = \rightarrow
                              false))
119
                      | x in set {2,...,len p}};
120
121 functions
122
         -- PROCEDURES
123
         --@doc Finds the index of the next item in the procedure that \rightarrow
            needs to be completed
124
         procedure_next_item_index: Procedure -> nat1
125
         procedure_next_item_index(p) ==
126
             hd [ x | x in set \{1,\ldots,\text{len p}\} & not p(x).checked ]--p(x).
                 checked = false]
127
         pre
             -- Checks procedure has not already been completed
128
129
             not procedure_completed(p)--procedure_completed(p) = false
130
         post
131
             -- Checks that the index of the item is the next one to be \rightarrow
                 completed
132
             --@LF your def is quite confusing (to me)
133
             --@LF how do you know that RESULT in inds p? Well, the \rightarrow
                 definition above okay.
```

```
but you can't know whether p(RESULT-1) will! What if →
134
                RESULT=1? p(RESULT-1)=p(0) which is invalid!
             (not p(RESULT).checked)
135
136
             (RESULT > 1 => p(RESULT-1).checked)
137
138
             --p(RESULT).checked = false
139
            --and if RESULT > 1 then
140
            -- p(RESULT-1).checked = true
141
             --else
142
             -- true
143
144
145
        -- -- @doc Checks if all the procedures have been completed
146
        -- check all proc completed: Checklist -> bool
147
        -- check_all_proc_completed(c) ==
             false not in set { procedure_completed(c(x)) | x in set \rightarrow
148
            {1,...,len c};
149
150
        -- -- @doc Gives the index for the next procedure to complete
151
        -- next_procedure: Checklist -> nat1
152
        -- next procedure(c) ==
153
               hd [ x | x in set {1,...,len c} & not procedure_completed(c→
           (x))]
154
        -- post
155
               RESULT <= len c;
156
157
        --@doc Checks if the procedure has been completed
158
        procedure_completed: Procedure -> bool
159
        procedure_completed(p) ==
160
             false not in set { p(x).checked | x in set {1,...,len p} };
161
        --@doc Checks if the next item in the procedure has been completed
162
163
        check proc item complete: Procedure * Aircraft -> bool
164
        check_proc_item_complete(p, a) ==
165
            --@LF here you have a nice lemma to prove: →
               procedure_next_item_index(p) in set inds p!
166
                       I think that's always true
167
            let procItem = p(procedure_next_item_index(p)),
                     --@LF here you can't tell whether this will be true? i→
168
                        .e. procItem.procedure in set dom a.items?
169
                 item = a.items(procItem.procedure) in
170
                 --TODO need to be able to check for different types of \rightarrow
171
172
                 procItem.check = item.object.position
173
        pre
174
            procedure_completed(p) = false
175
             -- @LF perhaps add
176
             --and
177
             --p(procedure_next_item_index(p)).procedure in set dom a.items→
178
179
180
        -- @doc Marks next item in procedure as complete
181
        mark_proc_item_complete: Procedure -> Procedure
182
        mark_proc_item_complete(p) ==
183
            let i = procedure_next_item_index(p), item = p(i) in
184
                p ++ {i |-> complete_item(item)}
```

```
185
             pre
186
                 procedure_completed(p) = false;
187
188
         --@doc Completes an item in the procedure
        do_proc_item: ItemObject * ChecklistItem -> ItemAndChecklistItem
189
190
        do_proc_item(i, p) ==
191
             let objective = p.check,
192
                 checkckItem = complete_item(p) in
193
                 -- Checks if the item is in the objective desired by the \rightarrow
                     checklist
194
                 if check_item_in_position(i, objective) then
195
                     mk_ItemAndChecklistItem(i, checkckItem)
196
197
                     mk_ItemAndChecklistItem(move_item(i, p.check), ->
                         checkckItem)
198
        pre
             p.checked = false
199
200
        post
201
             -- Checks the item has been moved correctly
202
             check_item_in_position(RESULT.item, p.check);
203
204
         --@doc Completes a procedure step by step
205
        -- a = Aircraft
206
        complete_procedure: Aircraft -> Aircraft
207
         complete_procedure(a) ==
             let procedure = a.procedure in
208
209
                 mk_Aircraft(
210
                     a.items ++ { x.procedure |-> do_proc_item(a.items(x.→
                         procedure), x).item | x in seq procedure },
211
                     [ complete_item(x) | x in seq procedure ]
212
                 )
213
        pre
214
             not procedure_completed(a.procedure)
215
        post
216
             procedure_completed(RESULT.procedure);
217
218
        -- AIRCRAFT ITEMS
        --@doc Marks ChecklistItem as complete
219
220
        complete item: ChecklistItem -> ChecklistItem
221
         complete item(i) ==
222
             mk_ChecklistItem(i.procedure, i.type, i.check, true)
223
        pre
224
             i.checked = false;
225
226
        -- @doc Moves any type of Item
227
        move_item: ItemObject * ItemState -> ItemObject
228
        move_item(i, s) ==
229
             -- if is_Switch(i) then (implement later)
230
                 let switch: Switch = i.object in
231
                     if check_switch_onoff(switch) and (s <> <MIDDLE>) and \rightarrow
                         switch.middlePosition then
232
                         mk_ItemObject(i.type, move_switch(move_switch())
                             switch, <MIDDLE>), s))
233
                     else
234
                         mk_ItemObject(i.type, move_switch(switch, s))
235
        pre
236
             wf_item_itemstate(i, s)
237
             and not check_item_in_position(i, s);
```

```
238
             -- and wf_switch_move(i.object, s);
239
240
         -- @doc Moves a specific switch in the aircraft
241
        move_switch: Switch * SwitchState -> Switch
242
        move_switch(i, s) ==
243
             mk_Switch(s, i.middlePosition)
244
        pre
245
             wf_switch_move(i, s)
246
        post
247
             RESULT.position = s;
248
249
        --@doc Checks if the switch is in the on or off position
250
        check_switch_onoff: Switch -> bool
251
        check_switch_onoff(s) ==
252
             let position = s.position in
253
                 position = <OFF> or position = <ON>
254
        post
255
             -- Only one can be true at a time
256
             -- If the switch is in the middle position, then RESULT cannot \rightarrow
                 be true
257
             -- If the switch is in the on/off position, then the RESULT \rightarrow
                will be true
258
             (s.position = <MIDDLE>) <> RESULT;
259
260
        --@doc Checks if the item is already in position for the desired →
            state for that item
261
        check_item_in_position: ItemObject * ItemState -> bool
262
         check_item_in_position(i, s) ==
263
             -- if is_Switch(i) then (implement later)
264
                 i.object.position = s
265
        pre
266
             wf_item_itemstate(i,s);
267
268
         --@doc Checks if the Item.object is the same type for the \rightarrow
            ItemState
269
        wf_item_itemstate: ItemObject * ItemState -> bool
270
        wf item itemstate(i, s) ==
271
             (is_Switch(i.object) and is_SwitchState(s) and i.type = <+
                SWITCH>)
272
             --TODO check that the item has not already been completed \rightarrow
                before moving item
273
             --TODO add other types of Items
274
             ;
275
276
        --@doc Checks if the move of the Switch is a valid
277
        wf_switch_move: Switch * SwitchState -> bool
        wf_switch_move(i, s) ==
278
279
             -- Checks that the switch not already in the desired state
280
             i.position <> s and
281
             -- The switch has to move one at a time
282
             -- Reasoning for this is that some switches cannot be moved in-
                 one quick move
283
             if i.middlePosition = true then
284
                 -- Checks moving the switch away from the middle position
285
                 (i.position = <MIDDLE> and s <> <MIDDLE>)
286
                 -- Checks moving the siwtch to the middle position
287
                 <> (check_switch_onoff(i) = true and s = <MIDDLE>)
288
             else
```

```
289
                      check_switch_onoff(i) and s <> <MIDDLE>;
290
291
292 end Checklist
293
294 /*
295 //@LF always a good idea to run "qc" on your model. Here is its output
ightarrow
          . PO 21 and 22 show a problem.
296
     //@LF silly me, this was my encoding with the cases missing one \rightarrow
          pattern :-). I can see yours has no issues. Good.
297
298 > qc
299 PO #1, PROVABLE by finite types in 0.002s
300\, PO #2, PROVABLE by finite types in 0.0s
301\, PO #3, PROVABLE by finite types in 0.0s
302\, PO #4, PROVABLE by finite types in 0.0s
303 PO #5, PROVABLE by finite types in 0.0s
304\, PO #6, PROVABLE by finite types in 0.0s
305\, PO #7, PROVABLE by finite types in 0.0s
306\, PO #8, PROVABLE by finite types in 0.0s
307 PO #9, PROVABLE by finite types in 0.001s
308 PO #10, PROVABLE by finite types in 0.001s
309 PO #11, PROVABLE by direct (body is total) in 0.003s
310 PO #12, PROVABLE by witness s = mk_Switch(<MIDDLE>, true) in 0.001s
311 PO #13, PROVABLE by direct (body is total) in 0.001s
312 PO #14, PROVABLE by witness k = mk_Knob(1, [-2]) in 0.0s
313\, PO #15, PROVABLE by direct (body is total) in 0.0s
314 PO #16, PROVABLE by witness t = 0 in 0.0s
315\, PO #17, PROVABLE by direct (body is total) in 0.001s
316 PO #18, PROVABLE by witness t = mk_Throttle(0, 0) in 0.001s
317 PO #19, PROVABLE by direct (body is total) in 0.002s
318 PO #20, PROVABLE by witness i = mk_ItemObject(<KNOB>, mk_Knob(1, [-1]) \rightarrow
          ) in 0.002s
319 PO #21, FAILED in 0.002s: Counterexample: type = <BUTTON>, object = \rightarrow
          mk_Knob(1, [-1])
     Causes Error 4004: No cases apply for <BUTTON> in 'Checklist' (formal/→
          checklist.vdmsl) at line 119:13
321
322 ItemObject': utotal ufunction uobligation uin u'Checklist' u(formal/→
          checklist.vdmsl)_at_line_118:13
323
     (forall<sub>□</sub>mk_ItemObject'(type, object):ItemObject'!<sub>□</sub>&
324 _{\sqcup\sqcup}is_(inv_ItemObject'(mk_ItemObject'!(type,_{\sqcup}object)),_{\sqcup}bool))
325
326 PO_#22,_FAILED_by_direct_in_0.005s:_Counterexample:_type_=<BUTTON>
327 PO_{\sqcup}#23,_{\sqcup}PROVABLE_{\sqcup}by_{\sqcup}witness_{\sqcup}type_{\sqcup}=_{\sqcup}<KNOB>,_{\sqcup}object_{\sqcup}=_{\sqcup}mk_{\bot}Knob(1,_{\sqcup}[-1])_{\sqcup}+
          in_{\sqcup}0.002s
328 PO<sub>\u00e4</sub>#24,\u00e4PROVABLE\u00e4by\u00e4direct\u00e4(body\u00e4is\u00e4total)\u00e4in\u00e40.001s
329 \text{ PO}_{\square}\#25,_{\square}\text{PROVABLE}_{\square}\text{by}_{\square}\text{witness}_{\square}\text{i}_{\square}=_{\square}\text{mk}_{\square}\text{ItemAndChecklistItem}(\text{mk}_{\square}\text{ItemObject}\rightarrow
          (\langle KNOB \rangle, _{\sqcup}mk_Knob(1, _{\sqcup}[-1])), _{\sqcup}mk_ChecklistItem([], _{\sqcup}\langle KNOB \rangle, _{\sqcup}\langle MIDDLE \rangle, \rightarrow (AB, _{\sqcup})
          _{\perp}true))_{\perp}in_{\perp}0.001s
330 \text{ PO}_{\square}#26, _{\square}MAYBE_{\square}in_{\square}0.003s
331 PO_{\square}#27,_{\square}MAYBE_{\square}in_{\square}0.003s
332 PO<sub>\u00e4</sub>#28,\u00e4MAYBE\u00e4in\u00e40.002s
333 PO_{\parallel} 29, _{\parallel} PROVABLE _{\parallel} by _{\parallel} witness _{\parallel} _{\parallel} = _{\parallel} [mk_ChecklistItem([], _{\parallel} <BUTTON>, _{\parallel} <
          MIDDLE>, true) ] in 0.001s
334 PO<sub>\u00e4</sub>#30,\u00e4MAYBE\u10e4in\u00002s
335 PO_{\square}#31,_{\square}MAYBE_{\square}in_{\square}0.001s
336~\text{PO}_{\square}#32,_{\square}MAYBE_{\square}in_{\square}0.003s
```

```
337
         PO<sub>□</sub>#33,<sub>□</sub>MAYBE<sub>□</sub>in<sub>□</sub>0.002s
         PO__#34,__MAYBE__in__0.001s
338
339
         PO_{\sqcup}#35,_{\sqcup}MAYBE_{\sqcup}in_{\sqcup}0.002s
340~\text{PO}_{\square}#36,_{\square}MAYBE_{\square}in_{\square}0.009s
341 PO_{\sqcup}#37,_{\sqcup}MAYBE_{\sqcup}in_{\sqcup}0.008s
342 \text{ PO}_{\square}#38, _{\square}MAYBE_{\square}in_{\square}0.007s
343 \quad PO_{\square}#39,_{\square}MAYBE_{\square}in_{\square}0.009s
344~\text{PO}_{\square}#40,_{\square}MAYBE_{\square}in_{\square}0.002s
345
         PO_{\sqcup}#41,_{\sqcup}MAYBE_{\sqcup}in_{\sqcup}0.001s
         P0_{\sqcup}#42,_{\sqcup}MAYBE_{\sqcup}in_{\sqcup}0.001s
346
347
         P0 \sqcup #43, \sqcup MAYBE \sqcup in \sqcup 0.002s
348
         PO_{\sqcup}#44,_{\sqcup}MAYBE_{\sqcup}in_{\sqcup}0.002s
349
         PO_{\sqcup}#45,_{\sqcup}MAYBE_{\sqcup}in_{\sqcup}0.003s
350 \text{ PO}_{\square}#46, _{\square}MAYBE_{\square}in_{\square}0.002s
351 PO_{\square}#47,_{\square}MAYBE_{\square}in_{\square}0.002s
352 PO_{\sqcup}#48, _{\sqcup}MAYBE_{\sqcup}in_{\sqcup}0.001s
353 PO__#49,__MAYBE__in__0.001s
354 \quad PO_{\parallel} #50, MAYBE_{\parallel} in_{\parallel} 0.0s
355 \text{ PO}_{\square}#51, _{\square}MAYBE_{\square}in_{\square}0.0s
356 \text{ PO}_{\square} #52,_{\square} \text{MAYBE}_{\square} \text{in}_{\square} 0.005 \text{s}
357 PO<sub>U</sub>#53,<sub>U</sub>PROVABLE<sub>U</sub>by<sub>U</sub>trivial<sub>U</sub>p<sub>U</sub>in<sub>U</sub>set<sub>U</sub>(dom<sub>U</sub>checklist)<sub>U</sub>in<sub>U</sub>0.001s
358 \text{ PO}_{\square} #54,_{\square} \text{MAYBE}_{\square} \text{in}_{\square} 0.006 \text{s}
359 PO_{\square}#55,_{\square}MAYBE_{\square}in_{\square}O.0s
360 PO_{\sqcup}#56,_{\sqcup}MAYBE_{\sqcup}in_{\sqcup}0.001s
361
         PO_{\sqcup}#57, _{\sqcup}MAYBE_{\sqcup}in_{\sqcup}0.001s
362 PO_{\sqcup}#58,_{\sqcup}MAYBE_{\sqcup}in_{\sqcup}0.001s
363 PO_{\square}#59,_{\square}MAYBE_{\square}in_{\square}0.001s
364 \text{ PO}_{\square}#60, \squareMAYBE \square in \square0.001s
365 \text{ PO}_{\square}#61, \squareMAYBE \square in \square 0.001s
366 PO_{\square}#62,_{\square}MAYBE_{\square}in_{\square}0.0s
367 PO_{\square}#63,_{\square}PROVABLE_{\square}by_{\square}finite_{\square}types_{\square}in_{\square}0.001s
368 PO_{\sqcup}#64,_{\sqcup}PROVABLE_{\sqcup}by_{\sqcup}finite_{\sqcup}types_{\sqcup}in_{\sqcup}0.001s
369 POU#65, UPROVABLE Uby finite types in 0.001s
370 \text{ PO}_{\square}#66, _{\square}MAYBE_{\square}in_{\square}0.001s
371 >
372 */
```

# Appendix B

# **Database**

## B.1 SQL Schemas

```
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS Project (
       id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT NOT NULL,
       name TEXT NOT NULL,
       aircraftType TEXT NOT NULL,
       createdUTC TEXT NOT NULL,
6
       modifiedUTC TEXT
   );
   createProject:
   INSERT INTO Project(name, aircraftType, createdUTC)
   VALUES (?, ?, ?);
11
   selectAllProjects:
13
   SELECT * FROM Project;
14
15
  selectProjectById:
17 SELECT * FROM Project
_{18} WHERE id = ?;
20 countProjects:
21 SELECT COUNT(*) FROM Project;
```

Listing B.2: SQL Schema for Project

```
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS Procedure (
       id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT NOT NULL,
       projectId INTEGER NOT NULL,
       name TEXT NOT NULL,
       type TEXT NOT NULL,
       description TEXT NOT NULL,
       createdUTC TEXT NOT NULL,
       modifiedUTC TEXT,
       FOREIGN KEY (projectId) REFERENCES Project(id)
   );
10
11
   createProcedure:
12
   INSERT INTO Procedure(projectId, name, type, description, createdUTC)
   VALUES (?, ?, ?, ?, ?);
   selectProcedures:
   SELECT * FROM Procedure
   WHERE projectId = ?;
19
   selectProcedureById:
20
   SELECT * FROM Procedure
21
   WHERE id = ?;
23
  countProcedures:
25 SELECT COUNT(*) FROM Procedure
  WHERE projectId = ?;
                            Listing B.3: SQL Schema for Procedure
```

```
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS Action (
       id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT NOT NULL,
       procedureId INTEGER NOT NULL,
       step INTEGER NOT NULL,
       type TEXT NOT NULL,
       goal TEXT NOT NULL,
6
       FOREIGN KEY (procedureId) REFERENCES Procedure(id)
   );
  createAction:
   INSERT INTO Action(procedureId, step, type, goal)
11
   VALUES (?, ?, ?, ?);
   selectActions:
14
   SELECT * FROM Action
15
   WHERE procedureId = ?;
17
   countActions:
18
   SELECT COUNT(*) FROM Action
19
   WHERE procedureId = ?;
  deleteByProcedure:
22
23 DELETE FROM Action
WHERE procedureId = ?;
```

Listing B.4: SQL Schema for Action

```
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS Test (
       id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT NOT NULL,
       procedureId INTEGER NOT NULL,
       startUTC TEXT NOT NULL,
       endUTC TEXT,
       FOREIGN KEY (procedureId) REFERENCES Procedure(id)
6
   );
   startTest:
   INSERT INTO Test(procedureId, startUTC)
10
   VALUES (?, ?);
11
13
   endTest:
   UPDATE Test
14
  SET endUTC = ?
15
  WHERE id = ?;
17
18 lastInsertedRowId:
19 SELECT last_insert_rowid();
```

Listing B.5: SQL Schema for Test

```
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS ActionResult (
       id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT NOT NULL,
       testId INTEGER NOT NULL,
       actionId INTEGER NOT NULL,
       initState TEXT NOT NULL,
       endState TEXT,
6
       startUTC TEXT NOT NULL,
       endUTC TEXT,
       FOREIGN KEY (testId) REFERENCES Test(id),
9
       FOREIGN KEY (actionId) REFERENCES Action(id)
   );
11
12
   startResult:
   INSERT INTO ActionResult(testId, actionId, initState, startUTC)
   VALUES (?, ?, ?, ?);
15
16
17
   finishResult:
  UPDATE ActionResult
18
   SET endState = ?, endUTC = ?
19
   WHERE id = ?;
20
   lastInsertedRowId:
  SELECT last_insert_rowid();
```

Listing B.6: SQL Schema for ActionResult

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