
Lecture 3

SPIN and Promela

What is SPIN(Simple Promela Interpreter)

A tool for analyzing models of reactive systems

Models described in Promela

- Language with concurrent processes,
- Communication via channels,

Analysis by

- Simulation
- Model checking
- Several optimizations implemented
- "most efficient tool for explicit-state model checking"

Material About SPIN

SPIN Home page <http://spinroot.com/spin/>

Contains manuals, reference material, and tutorial

Books about SPIN

- G.J. Holzmann *SPIN MODEL CHECKER Primer and Reference Manual*,
- G.J. Holzmann *Design and Validation of Computer Protocols*, Prentice Hall 1991, older book, available on the Internet

Elements of Promela

- Language for defining **finite-state** transition systems
- Data types with precisely defined finite domains
 - Bits, integers, arrays, messages
- **Processes**, which can be dynamically created
- Communication via **global variables** or **communication channels**
- Simple control constructs

Typical Structure of Promela Model

Promela model consists of

- type declarations
- channel declarations
- variable declarations
- process declarations
- **init** process

```
mtype = {msg, ack};
chan toS = ...
chan toR = ...
bool flag;

proctype Sender () {
    ...
}
proctype Receiver () {
    ...
}

init {
    ...
}
```

Basic Variables and Types

Basic types

```
bit           [0 .. 1]
bool          [0 .. 1]
byte         [0 .. 255]
short        [-215 .. 215 -1]
int          [-231 .. 231 -1]
```

Array declaration

Array access

```
byte anarray[24];
anarray[v] = anarray[3];
```

Records type definition

```
typedef Msg{
    byte a[3], b;
    chan p
}
```

Record declaration

Record access

```
Msg astruct
astruct.a[1]
```

Enumeration type f. messages

```
mtype = {ack, nak, err, next}
```

Expressions

Operators

+	-	*	/	%	^
>	>=	<	<=	==	!=
!	&&				
&		-			
>>	<<	++	--		

Conditional
expression

`(v >= 0 -> v : -v)`

Operations on
channel
identifiers

<code>len(qid)</code>	
<code>empty(qid)</code>	<code>nempty(qid)</code>
<code>full(qid)</code>	<code>nfull(qid)</code>

Basic Statements

Expressions

```
(y == false || x > 9)
```

Assignments

```
        y = 34 % 3  
anarray[0] = anarray[3] * anarray[(v+2)/4]
```

No-Op

```
skip
```

Goto

```
goto label
```

Print (only in
simulation)

```
printf
```

- All basic statements are either **executable** (enabled) or **blocked** (disabled) (of course, depending on values of variables, etc.)
- Expressions are also statements
 - Blocked if evaluated to 0, otherwise executable
 - In this way, expressions/statements can be used as guards

Compound Statements

Sequential
composition

```
test == 1 ; state = state + 1  
test == 1 -> state = state + 1
```

equivalent

Selection

```
if  
:: (a == b) -> state = state + 1  
:: (a != b) -> state = state - 1  
fi
```

```
if  
:: (a == b) -> state = state + 1  
:: else -> state = state - 1  
fi
```

Selection can be
non-deterministic

```
if  
:: input ? offhook  
:: (a == b) -> b = 3 ; goto onhook  
:: output ! wakeup  
:: b = 3 /*any statement can be guard*/  
fi
```

Compound Statements (ctd.)

Repetition

```
do
  :: (m > n)   -> m = m - n
  :: (m < n)   -> n = n - m
  :: (m == n) -> break
od ;
printf ("GCD = %d\n", m)
```

Processes and process types

Name

Local variable
declarations

```
proctype Sender(chan in; chan out) {  
    bit sndB, rcvB;  
    do  
        :: out ! data(sndB) ->  
            in ? ack(rcvB);  
        if  
            :: sndB == rcvB -> sndB = 1-sndB  
            :: else -> skip  
        fi  
    od  
}
```

formal parameters

Processes defined by **proctype** definitions

A process type may be instantiated several times

Each process has its local state (pc, local variables)

Processes execute concurrently, by interleaving

Process instantiations

Processes are created by **run** statement/expression

run returns process id

Processes execute their first statement some time after creation

Processes can be statically created at initialization time (no formal parameters allowed)

```
proctype Foo(byte x) {
    ...
}

init {
    int pid = run Foo(2);
    run Foo(27)
}

active[3] proctype Bar() {
    ...
}
```

Communication Channels

Channels used for passing messages

- Asynchronous (buffered, default is FIFO)
- Synchronously (rendez-vous)

```
chan qid      = [4] of {mtype, int, byte}
chan synch[3] = [0] of {mtype, int}
```

name capacity types of messages

Sending

```
qid ! var1, const, var
qid ! err(const, var)
```

matched

Receiving

```
qid ? err(const, var)
```

assigned

Non-modifying receive

```
qid ? [err , const, var]
```

Sorted send/receive
(inserts lexicographically,
receives any element)

```
qid !! err(const, var)
qid ?? err(const, var)
```

Communication Channels (ctd.)

Declaring synchronous (rendez-vous) channel w. capacity 0

```
chan synch[3] = [0] of {mtype, int}
```

Peterson-Fischer Mutual Exclusion

```
#define true    1
#define false   0
#define turn1   false
#define turn2   true

bool   y1, y2, t;
byte   mutex = 0;

proctype P1() {
l1: y1 = true;
l2: t = turn2;
l3: (y2 == false || t == turn1) ;
l4: /* critical section */
    atomic{ y1 = false ; goto l1 }
}
```

```
proctype P2() {
m1: y2 = true;
m2: t = turn1;
m3: (y1 == false || t == turn2) ;
m4: /* critical section */
    atomic{ y2 = false ; goto m1 }
}

init {
    atomic { run P1() ; run P2() }
}
```

Peterson-Fischer Mutual Exclusion

```
#define true    1
#define false   0
#define turn1   false
#define turn2   true

bool   y1, y2, t;
byte   mutex = 0;

proctype P1() {
l1: y1 = true;
l2: t = turn2;
l3: (y2 == false || t == turn1) ;
    mutex++ ;
    assert (mutex <= 1) ;
l4: /* critical section */
    mutex -- ;
    atomic{ y1 = false ; goto l1 }
}
```

```
proctype P2() {
m1: y2 = true;
m2: t = turn1;
m3: (y1 == false || t == turn2) ;
    mutex++ ;
    assert (mutex <= 1) ;
m4: /* critical section */
    mutex-- ;
    atomic{ y2 = false ; goto m1 }
}

init {
    atomic { run P1() ; run P2() }
}
```


Problem with Atomicity

Only basic statements are atomic

Q: What is the final value of `state` ?

```
byte state = 1;

proctype A() {
    state == 1 -> state++
}

proctype B() {
    state == 1 -> state--
}

init {
    run A() ; run B()
}
```

Solution: atomic-construct

A process whose control is inside

```
atomic{ }
```

executes without being interrupted by other processes

NOTE: Make sure that such a sequence cannot be blocked inside (after the first statement).

In that case, Promela will suspend the process, and you get unintended semantics.

```
byte state = 1;

proctype A() {
    atomic {
        state == 1 -> state++
    }
}

proctype B() {
    atomic {
        state == 1 -> state--
    }
}

init {
    atomic {run A() ; run B()}
}
```

Other use of `atomic{ }`

To group complex manipulation into single transition

```
atomic {  
    cnt = 0 ;  
    do  
        :: (cnt < Max) -> z[cnt] = 3; cnt++  
        :: (cnt >= Max) -> break  
    od  
}
```

If the manipulation is deterministic and always exits at the end

`d_step {`
is more efficient

```
d_step {  
    cnt = 0 ;  
    do  
        :: (cnt < Max) -> z[cnt] = 3; cnt++  
        :: (cnt >= Max) -> break  
    od  
}
```

Else and Timeout

`else` is enabled if no other statement in **the same process** is enabled

`timeout` is enabled if no other statement in **the entire Promela model** is enabled

`skip` is best to use if we want to be sure to analyze the effect of possibly premature timeout.

```
do
:: (m > n)  -> m = m - n
:: (m < n)  -> n = n - m
:: else -> break
od ;
printf ("GCD = %d\n", m)
```

```
do
:: input ? offhook
:: input ? ringing
:: timeout -> output ! wakeup
Od
```

```
do
:: input ? offhook
:: input ? ringing
:: skip -> output ! wakeup
od
```

Useful Macros

IF without else
branch

```
#define IF    if ::  
#define FI   :: else fi
```

Allows to write

```
IF b -> x++ FI
```

FOR loop

```
#define FOR(i,l,h)  i = l ; do :: i < h ->  
#define ROF(i,l,h) ;i++ :: i >= h -> break od
```

Allows to write

```
FOR(i,0,N) run proc(i) ROF(i,0,N)
```

which means

```
i = 0 ;  
do  
:: i < N -> run proc(i)  
:: i >= N -> break  
od
```

Message Transmission Protocol

```
mtype = { m0, m1, ack}

proctype Sender{
Send0: do
    :: skip -> /* timeout */
        StoR!m0
    :: RtoS?ack -> /* rec ack */
        SoR!m1;
        goto Send1
od;
Send1: do
    :: skip -> /* timeout */
        StoR!m1
    :: RtoS?ack -> /* rec ack */
        StoR!m0;
        goto Send0
od
}
```

```
proctype Receiver{
Rec0: do
    :: StoR?any -> skip /* loss */
    :: StoR?m0 -> RtoS!ack;
        goto Rec1
od
Rec1: do
    :: StoR?any -> skip /* loss */
    :: StoR?m1 -> RtoS!ack;
        goto Rec0
od
}

init {
    chan StoR = [1] of { mtype };
    chan RtoS = [1] of { mtype };
    atomic {
        StoR!m0; /* start */
        run Sender;
        run Receiver
    }
}
```

Alternating Bit Protocol (version 1)

```
mtype      = { msg, ack };

chan s_r = [2] of {mtype , byte, bit};
chan r_s = [2] of {mtype , bit };

active proctype Sender() {
    byte data = 0;
    bit sbit, seqno = 0;
    do
        :: s_r ! msg(data, sbit) ->
            r_s ? ack(seqno);
            if
                :: seqno == sbit ->
                    sbit = 1 - sbit;
                    data++
                :: else
                    fi
            od
    }
}
```

```
active proctype Receiver() {
    byte recd ;
    bit rbit, seqno = 0;
    do
        :: s_r ? msg (recd, seqno) ->
            r_s ! ack(seqno);
            if
                :: seqno == rbit ->
                    rbit = 1 - rbit
                :: else
                    fi
            od
    }
}
```

Alternating Bit Protocol (version 1 altern)

```
mtype    = { msg, ack };

chan s_r = [2] of {mtype , byte, bit};
chan r_s = [2] of {mtype , bit };

proctype Sender() {
    byte data = 0;
    bit sbit, seqno = 0;
    do
        :: s_r ! msg(data, sbit) ->
            r_s ? ack(seqno);
            if
                :: seqno == sbit ->
                    sbit = 1 - sbit;
                    data++
                :: else
                    fi
            od
    }
}
```

```
proctype Receiver() {
    byte recd ;
    bit rbit, seqno = 0;
    do
        :: s_r ? msg (recd, seqno) ->
            r_s ! ack(seqno);
            if
                :: seqno == rbit ->
                    rbit = 1 - rbit
                :: else
                    fi
            od
    }

    init {
        atomic {
            run Sender();
            run Receiver()
        }
    }
}
```


AB Protocol (version 2, with losses)

```
mtype    = { msg, ack };
chan s_r = [2] of {mtype , byte, bit};
chan r_s = [2] of {mtype , bit };

active proctype Sender() {
    byte data = 0;
    bit sbit, seqno = 0;
    do
        :: s_r ! msg(data, sbit) ->
            r_s ? ack(seqno);
            if
                :: seqno == sbit ->
                    sbit = 1 - sbit ;
                    data++
                :: else
                    fi
            :: (1) -> skip
    od
}
```

```
active proctype Receiver() {
    byte recd ;
    bit rbit, seqno = 0;
    do
        :: s_r ? msg (recd, seqno) ->
            if
                :: r_s ! ack(seqno)
                :: skip
            fi;
            if
                :: seqno == rbit ->
                    rbit = 1 - rbit
                :: else
                    fi
            od
    }
}
```

AB Protocol (version 3, w. retransmission)

```
mtype    = { msg, ack };
chan s_r = [2] of {mtype , byte, bit};
chan r_s = [2] of {mtype , bit };

active proctype Sender() {
    byte data = 0;
    bit sbit, seqno = 0;
    do
        :: s_r ! msg(data, sbit)
        :: (1) -> skip
        :: r_s ? ack(seqno);
            if
                :: seqno == sbit ->
                    sbit = 1 - sbit ;
                    data++
                :: else
            fi
    od
}
```

```
active proctype Receiver() {
    byte recd, expected = 0;
    bit rbit = 1, seqno;
    do
        :: s_r ? msg (recd, seqno) ->
            if
                :: seqno != rbit ->
                    rbit = 1 - rbit ;
                    assert(recd ==
expected) ;
                    expected++
                :: else
            fi
        :: r_s ! ack (rbit)
        :: (1) -> skip
    od
}
```

AB Protocol (version 4, w. checks)

```
mtype    = { msg, ack };
chan s_r = [2] of {mtype , byte, bit};
chan r_s = [2] of {mtype , bit };

active proctype Sender() {
    byte data = 0;
    bit sbit, seqno = 0;
    do
        :: data < 10 -> s_r ! msg(data,
sbit)
        :: (1) -> skip
        :: r_s ? ack(seqno);
            if
                :: seqno == sbit ->
                    sbit = 1 - sbit ;
                    data++
                :: else
                    fi
            od
    od
}
```

```
active proctype Receiver() {
    byte recd, expected = 0;
    bit rbit = 1, seqno;
    do
        :: s_r ? msg (recd, seqno) ->
            if
                :: seqno != rbit ->
                    rbit = 1 - rbit ;
                    assert(recd == expected);
                    expected++
                :: else
                    fi
            :: r_s ! ack (rbit)
            :: (1) -> skip
        od
    }
}
```

AB Protocol (version 5, limiting checks)

```
mtype    = { msg, ack };
chan s_r = [2] of {mtype , byte, bit};
chan r_s = [2] of {mtype , bit };

active proctype Sender() {
    byte data = 0;
    bit sbit, seqno = 0;
    do
        :: data < 10 -> s_r ! msg(data,
sbit)
        :: (1) -> skip
        :: r_s ? ack(seqno);
            if
                :: seqno == sbit ->
                    sbit = 1 - sbit ;
                    data++
                :: else
                    fi
            od
    od
}
```

```
active proctype Receiver() {
    byte recd, expected = 0;
    bit rbit = 1, seqno;
    do
        :: s_r ? msg (recd, seqno) ->
            if
                :: seqno != rbit ->
                    rbit = 1 - rbit ;
            progress:  assert(recd == expected) ;
                    expected++
                :: else
                    fi
            :: r_s ! ack (rbit)
            :: (1) -> skip
        od
}
```

AB Protocol (version 6, w progress)

```
mtype    = { msg, ack };
chan s_r = [2] of {mtype , byte, bit};
chan r_s = [2] of {mtype , bit };

active proctype Sender() {
    byte data = 0;
    bit sbit, seqno = 0;
    do
        :: data < 10 -> s_r ! msg(data,
sbit)
        :: (1) -> progress1: skip
        :: r_s ? ack(seqno);
            if
                :: seqno == sbit ->
                    sbit = 1 - sbit ;
                    data++
                :: else
            fi
    od
}
```

```
active proctype Receiver() {
    byte recd, expected = 0;
    bit rbit = 1, seqno;
    do
        :: s_r ? msg (recd, seqno) ->
            if
                :: seqno != rbit ->
                    rbit = 1 - rbit ;
            progress:  assert(recd == expected) ;
                    expected++
                :: else
            fi
        :: r_s ! ack (rbit)
        :: (1) -> progress2: skip
    od
}
```

AB Protocol (version 7, w progress)

```
# define MAXMSG 4

mtype      = { msg, ack };
chan s_r   = [2] of {mtype , byte,
                    bit};
chan r_s   = [2] of {mtype , bit };
chan source = [0] of {byte};
chan sink  = [0] of {byte};

active proctype Sender() {
    byte data = 0;
    bit sbit, seqno = 0;
    source?data;
    do
        :: s_r ! msg(data, sbit)
        :: (1) -> progress1: skip
        :: r_s ? ack(seqno);
            if
                :: seqno == sbit ->
                    sbit = 1 - sbit ;
                    source?data
                :: else
            fi
    od
}
```

```
active proctype Receiver() {
    byte recd = 0;
    bit rbit = 1, seqno;
    do
        :: s_r ? msg (recd, seqno) ->
            if
                :: seqno != rbit ->
                    sink!recd;
                    progress: rbit = 1 - rbit
                :: else
            fi
        :: r_s ! ack (rbit)
        :: (1) -> progress2: skip
    od
}
```

AB Protocol (version 7, w harness)

```
# define MAXMSG 4

chan source = [0] of {byte};
chan sink   = [0] of {byte};

active proctype Generator() {
    byte seed = 0;
    do
        :: source!seed -> seed =
            (seed+1)%MAXMSG
    od
}
```

```
active proctype Checker() {
    byte expected, inmsg= 0;
    do
        :: sink?inmsg ->
            assert(inmsg == expected);
            expected = (expected+1)%MAXMSG
    od
}
```

AB Protocol (version 8, new harness)

```
# define white  0
# define red    1
# define blue   2

chan source = [0] of {byte};
chan sink   = [0] of {byte};

active proctype Generator() {
    do
        :: source!white
        :: source!red -> break
    od;
    do
        :: source!white
        :: source!blue -> break
    od;
end: do
    :: source!white
    od
}
```

```
active proctype Checker() {
    byte inmsg;
    do
        :: sink?inmsg ->
            if
                :: (inmsg == red) -> break
                :: else assert(inmsg == white)
            fi
    od;
    do
        :: sink?inmsg ->
            if
                :: (inmsg == blue) -> break
                :: else assert(inmsg == white)
            fi
    od;
end1: do
    :: sink?inmsg ->
        assert(inmsg == white)
    od
}
```


AB Protocol (version 9, w acceptance)

```
#define p Sender@Slabel
#define q Receiver@Rlabel
#define r Receiver@Rsuccess

mtype      = { msg, ack };
chan s_r    = [2] of {mtype , byte,
                    bit};
chan r_s    = [2] of {mtype , bit };

active proctype Sender() {
    byte data = 0;
    bit sbit, seqno = 0;
    source?data;
    do
        :: s_r ! msg(data, sbit) ->
        Slabel: skip
        :: (1) -> skip
        :: r_s ? ack(seqno);
            if
                :: seqno == sbit ->
                sbit = 1 - sbit ;
                source?data
            :: else
            fi
    od
```

```
active proctype Receiver() {
    byte recd = 0;
    bit rbit = 1, seqno;
    do
        :: s_r ? msg (recd, seqno) ->
            if
                :: seqno != rbit ->
                Rsuccess: sink!recd;
                rbit = 1 - rbit
            :: else
            fi
        :: r_s ! ack (rbit) -> Rlabel: skip
        :: (1) -> skip
    od
}
```

AB Protocol (version 9, the never claim)

```
#define p Sender@Slabel
#define q Receiver@Rlabel
#define r Receiver@Rsuccess

/*
   * Formula As Typed: ([ <> p &&
   [] <> q) -> [] <> r
   * The Never Claim Below
   Corresponds
   * To The Negated Formula !([ <>
   p && [] <> q) -> [] <> r)
   * (formalizing violations of the
   original)
   */

never { /* !([ <> p && [] <>
q) -> [] <> r) */
```

```
T0_init:
  if
    :: (! ((r)) && (p) && (q)) -> goto
    accept_S485
    :: (! ((r)) && (p)) -> goto T2_S485
    :: (! ((r))) -> goto T0_S485
    :: (1) -> goto T0_init
  fi;
accept_S485:
  if
    :: (! ((r))) -> goto T0_S485
  fi;
T2_S485:
  if
    :: (! ((r)) && (q)) -> goto
    accept_S485
    :: (! ((r))) -> goto T2_S485
  fi;
T0_S485:
  if
    :: (! ((r)) && (p) && (q)) -> goto
    accept_S485
    :: (! ((r)) && (p)) -> goto T2_S485
    :: (! ((r))) -> goto T0_S485
  fi;
```

}

Specifying invariant properties

Always executable

If $v \leq 2$ is false,
SPIN exits with error

Used to check invariants

```
assert (v <= 2)
```

Checking by monitor

```
#define true    1
#define false   0
#define turn1   false
#define turn2   true

bool   y1, y2, t;
byte   mutex = 0;

proctype P1() {
l1: y1 = true;
l2: t = turn2;
l3: (y2 == false || t == turn1) ;
    mutex++ ;
l4: /* critical section */
    mutex -- ;
    atomic{ y1 = false ; goto l1 }
}
```

```
proctype P2() {
m1: y2 = true;
m2: t = turn1;
m3: (y1 == false || t == turn2) ;
    mutex++ ;
m4: /* critical section */
    mutex-- ;
    atomic{ y2 = false ; goto m1 }
}

active proctype monitor() {
    assert (mutex <= 1)
}

init {
    atomic { run P1() ; run P2() }
}
```

Checking deadlocks

```
#define true    1
#define false   0
#define turn1   false
#define turn2   true

bool   y1, y2, t;
byte   mutex = 0;

proctype P1() {
l1: y1 = true;
l2: skip ;
l3: (y2 == false) ;
    mutex++ ;
l4: /* critical section */
    mutex -- ;
    atomic{ y1 = false ; goto l1 }
}
```

```
proctype P2() {
m1: y2 = true;
m2: skip ;
m3: (y1 == false) ;
    mutex++ ;
m4: /* critical section */
    mutex-- ;
    atomic{ y2 = false ; goto m1 }
}

active proctype monitor() {
    assert (mutex <= 1)
}

init {
    atomic { run P1() ; run P2() }
}
```

Checking progress by progress-labels

```
#define MAX 5

mtype = { mesg, ack, nak, err };

proctype sender(chan in, out)
{
    byte o, s, r;
    o=MAX-1;
    do
        :: o = (o+1)%MAX; /* next msg */
again: if
    :: out!mesg(o,s) /* send */
    :: (1) -> progress1: out!err(0,0) /*
distort */
    :: (1) -> progress2: skip /* or
lose */
    fi;
    if
        :: timeout -> goto again
        :: in?err(0,0) -> goto again
        :: in?nak(r,0) -> goto again
        :: in?ack(r,0) ->
            if
                :: (r == s) -> goto progress
                :: (r != s) -> goto again
            fi
        fi;
progress: s = 1-s /* toggle seqno */
    od
}
```

```
proctype receiver(chan in, out) {
    byte i; /* actual input */
    byte s; /* actual seqno */
    byte es; /* expected seqno */
    byte ei; /* expected input */
    do
        :: in?mesg(i, s) ->
            if
                :: (s == es) ->
                    assert(i == ei);
                    es = 1 - es;
                    ei = (ei + 1)%MAX;
                    if
                        /* send, */
                        /* distort */
                        :: out!ack(s,0)
                        :: (1) -> out!err(0,0)
                        :: (1) -> skip
                    fi
                    :: (s != es) ->
                        if
                            /* send, */
                            /* distort */
                            :: out!nak(s,0)
                            :: (1) -> out!err(0,0)
                            :: (1) -> skip
                        fi
                    fi
                :: in?err(0,0) -> out!nak(s,0)
            od
    }
}
```

Checking progress (ctd.)

```
init {
  chan s_r = [1] of { mtype,byte,byte };
  chan r_s = [1] of { mtype,byte,byte };
  atomic {
    run sender(r_s, s_r);
    run receiver(s_r, r_s)
  }
}
```

Progress labels: improved version

```
#define MAX 5

mtype = { mesg, ack, nak, err };

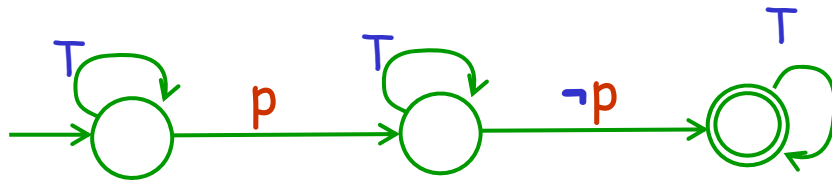
proctype sender(chan in, out)
{
    byte o, s, r;
    o=MAX-1;
    do
        :: o = (o+1)%MAX; /* next msg */
again: if
        :: out!mesg(o,s) /* send */
        :: (1) -> progress1: out!err(0,0) /*
distort */
        :: (1) -> progress2: skip /* or
lose */
        fi;
        if
        :: timeout -> goto again
        :: in?err(0,0) -> goto again
        :: in?nak(r,0) -> goto again
        :: in?ack(r,0) ->
            if
            :: (r == s) -> goto progress
            :: (r != s) -> goto again
            fi
        fi;
progress: s = 1-s /* toggle seqno */
    od
}
```

```
proctype receiver(chan in, out) {
    byte i; /* actual input */
    byte s; /* actual seqno */
    byte es; /* expected seqno */
    byte ei; /* expected input */
    do
        :: in?mesg(i, s) ->
            if
            :: (s == es) ->
                assert(i == ei);
                es = 1 - es;
                ei = (ei + 1)%MAX;
                if
                /* send, */ :: out!ack(s,0)
                /* distort */ :: (1) -> progress1:
                out!err(0,0)
                :: (1) -> progress2:
                skip
                fi
                :: (s != es) ->
                if
                /* send, */ :: out!nak(s,0)
                /* distort */ :: (1) -> progress3:
                out!err(0,0)
                :: (1) -> progress4:
                skip
                fi
                fi
            :: in?err(0,0) -> out!nak(s,0)
    od
}
```


Automata properties: never claims

Automata specifications can be given in Promela as Never claims, e.g.,

- $\square (p \rightarrow \square p)$



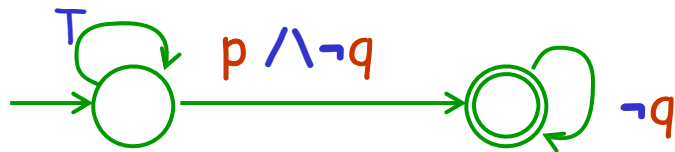
```
never {  
    do  
        :: skip  
        :: p -> break  
    od ;  
    do  
        :: skip  
        :: !p -> break  
    od  
}
```

Never claims execute in **lock-step** with the rest of the Promela model
Accept if they reach the end

Buchi Automata as never claims

Accepting states designated by labels `acceptxxxxx`

- $\diamond(p \wedge \square \neg q)$



```
never {
    do
        :: skip
        :: p && !q -> break
    od ;
accept: do
    :: !q
    od
}
```

The never claim accepts if the Promela model has cycle with only `!q`
Then SPIN reports a violating cycle.