



# Program Analysis 2.0

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# Program Analysis 1.0 (1999-200?)

1. Legacy focus
2. The static analysis genie
3. Scale via aggressive abstraction
4. The genie out of the bottle → false alarms

# Program Analysis 2.0

1. Constraints are empowering
2. Diversification → growth
3. Scale by decomposition
4. Rebottle the genie!

# Some Program Analysis 2.0 Tools

- **Code contracts for .NET**
  - MSIL rewriting, dynamic + static checking
- **Automatic test data generation (Pex)**
  - Symbolic execution with SMT solvers (Z3)
- **Systematic concurrency testing (CHESS)**
  - Direct model checking of code

# Available for Academic/Commercial Use

- **Academic**

- <http://research.microsoft.com/contracts/>
- <http://research.microsoft.com/pex/>
- <http://research.microsoft.com/chess/>

- **Commercial**

- <http://msdn.com/devlabs/>

# Code Contracts for .NET 4.0

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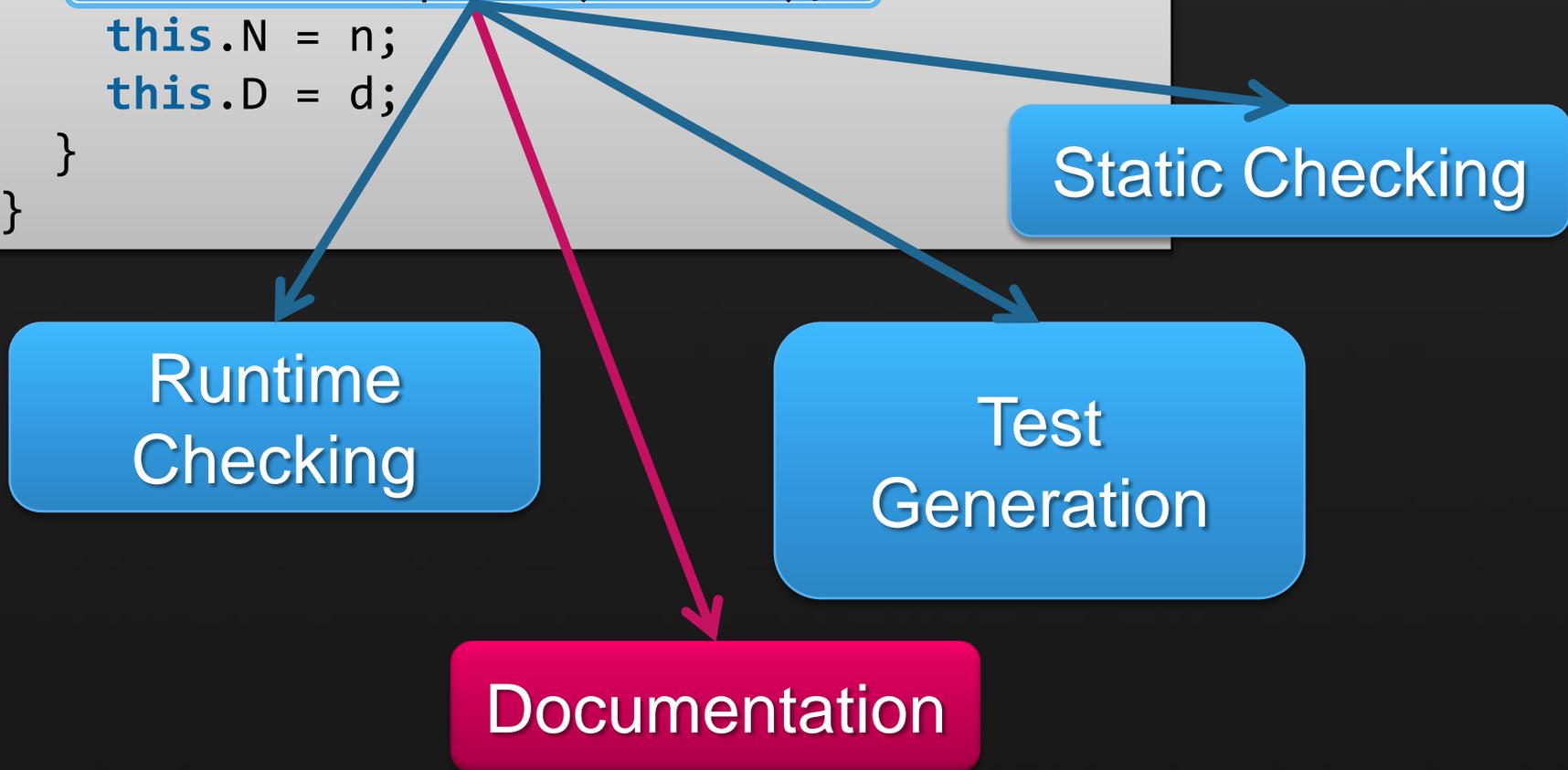
```
class Rational {  
  
    public Rational(int n, int d) {  
        Contract.Requires( 0 < d );  
        this.N = n;  
        this.D = d;  
    }  
}
```

Static Checking

Runtime  
Checking

Test  
Generation

Documentation



# What Contracts Can I Write?

- **Requires**
  - What must be true at method entry
- **Ensures**
  - What must be true at method exit
- **Invariants**
  - What must be true at all method exits
- **Assertions**
  - What must be true at a particular point
- **Assumptions**
  - What should be true at a particular point

# What Can I Put In A Contract?

- **Any Boolean expression**
  - In your favorite programming language!
  - Including method calls (but must be marked Pure)
- **Quantifiers**
  - `Contract.ForAll(0,A.Length,i => A[i] > 0);`
  - `Contract.Exists(0,A.Length,i => A[i] > 0);`
- **Contract.Result**
  - refer to the return value of the method
- **Contract.OldValue**
  - refer to values at method entry

# How Do I Write A Contract?

```
public virtual int Add(object value)
{
    Contract.Requires( value != null );
    Contract.Ensures( Count == Contract.OldValue(Count) + 1 );
    Contract.Ensures( Contract.Result<int>() == Contract.OldValue(Count) );

    if (count == items.Length) EnsureCapacity(count + 1);
    items[count] = value;
    return count++;
}
```

```
void ObjectInvariant() {
    Contract.Invariant( items != null );
}
```

## Features

- Declarative
- Language expression syntax
  - Type checking / IDE
- Special Encodings
  - Result and OldValue

# How Does It Work?

```
public virtual int Add(object value){  
    Contract.Requires( value != null );
```

```
    Contract.Ensures( Count == Contract.OldValue(Count) + 1 );  
    Contract.Ensures( Contract.Result<int>() == Contract.OldValue(Count) );
```

```
    if ( _size == _items.Length) EnsureCapacity(_size+1);  
    _items[_size] = value;  
    return _size++;  
}
```

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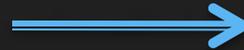
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Compile

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csc/vbc/...

```
.method public hidebySig newslot virtual instance int32 Add(object 'value') cil managed  
{  
    ldarg.0  
    ldftd int32 TabDemo.BaseList::count  
    ldarg.0  
    ldftd object[] TabDemo.BaseList::items  
    ldlen  
    conv.i4  
    ceq  
    ldc.i4.0  
    ceq  
    stloc.1  
    ldloc.1  
    brtrue.s IL_0029  
    ldarg.0  
    ldftd int32 TabDemo.BaseList::count  
    ldc.i4.1  
    add  
    call instance void TabDemo.BaseList::EnsureCapacity(int32)  
    ldarg.0  
    ldftd object[] TabDemo.BaseList::items  
    ldarg.0  
    ldftd int32 TabDemo.BaseList::count  
    ldarg.1  
    stelem.ref  
    ldarg.0  
    dup  
    ldftd int32 TabDemo.BaseList::count  
    dup  
    stloc.2  
    ldc.i4.1  
    add  
    stfld int32 TabDemo.BaseList::count  
    ldloc.2  
    stloc.0  
    br.s IL_004b  
    ldloc.0  
    ret  
}
```

```
.method public hidebySig newslot virtual instance int32 Add(object 'value') cil managed  
{  
    ldarg.1  
    ldnull  
    ceq  
    ldc.i4.0  
    ceq  
    call void [Microsoft.Contracts]Microsoft.Contracts.Contract::Requires(bool)  
    ldarg.0  
    call instance int32 TabDemo.BaseList::get_Count()  
    ldarg.0  
    call instance int32 TabDemo.BaseList::get_Count()  
    call !10 [Microsoft.Contracts]Microsoft.Contracts.Contract::Old(int32>!)10  
    ldc.i4.1  
    add  
    ceq  
    call void [Microsoft.Contracts]Microsoft.Contracts.Contract::Ensures(bool)  
    call !10 [Microsoft.Contracts]Microsoft.Contracts.Contract::Result<int32>!  
    ldarg.0  
    call instance int32 TabDemo.BaseList::get_Count()  
    call !10 [Microsoft.Contracts]Microsoft.Contracts.Contract::Old(int32>!)10  
    ceq  
    call void [Microsoft.Contracts]Microsoft.Contracts.Contract::Ensures(bool)  
    ldarg.0  
    ldftd int32 TabDemo.BaseList::count  
    ldftd object[] TabDemo.BaseList::items  
    ldlen  
    conv.i4  
    ceq  
    ldc.i4.0  
    ceq  
    stloc.1  
    ldloc.1  
    brtrue.s IL_0069  
    ldarg.0  
    ldftd int32 TabDemo.BaseList::count  
    ldc.i4.1  
    add  
    call instance void TabDemo.BaseList::EnsureCapacity(int32)  
    ldarg.0  
    ldftd object[] TabDemo.BaseList::items  
    ldarg.0  
    ldftd int32 TabDemo.BaseList::count  
    ldarg.1  
    stelem.ref  
    ldarg.0  
    dup  
    ldftd int32 TabDemo.BaseList::count  
    dup  
    stloc.2  
    ldc.i4.1  
    add  
    stfld int32 TabDemo.BaseList::count  
    ldloc.2  
    stloc.0  
    br.s IL_008b  
    ldloc.0  
    ret  
} // end of method BaseList::Add
```

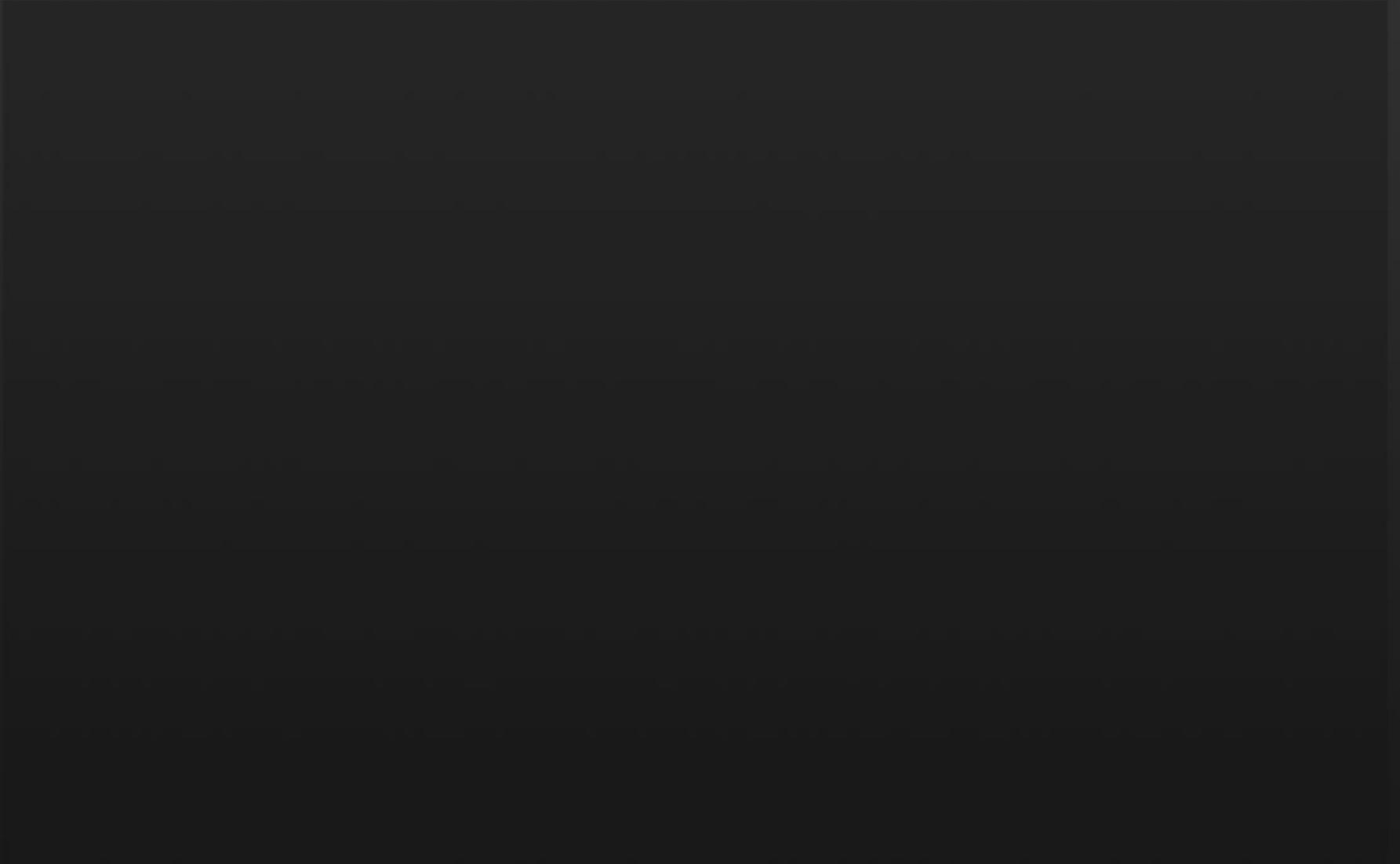


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## Executable Runtime Contract Checking

```
.method public hidebySig newslot virtual instance int32 Add(object 'value') cil managed  
{  
    .locals init (int32 'Contract.Old(Count)',  
                int32 'Contract.Result<int>()')  
    ldarg.0  
    call instance int32 TabDemo.BaseList::get_Count()  
    stloc.3  
    ldarg.1  
    ldnull  
    ceq  
    ldc.i4.0  
    ceq  
    ldstr "value != null"  
    call void ___RewriterMethods::RewriterRequires$PST06000009(bool, string)  
    ldarg.0  
    ldftd int32 TabDemo.BaseList::count  
    ldarg.0  
    ldftd object[] TabDemo.BaseList::items  
    ldlen  
    conv.i4  
    ceq  
    ldc.i4.0  
    ceq  
    stloc.1  
    ldloc.1  
    brtrue IL_004d  
    nop  
    ldarg.0  
    ldftd int32 TabDemo.BaseList::count  
    ldc.i4.1  
    add  
    call instance void TabDemo.BaseList::EnsureCapacity(int32)  
    nop  
    nop  
    ldarg.0  
    ldftd object[] TabDemo.BaseList::items  
    ldarg.0  
    ldftd int32 TabDemo.BaseList::count  
    ldarg.1  
    stelem.ref  
    ldarg.0  
    dup  
    ldftd int32 TabDemo.BaseList::count  
    dup  
    stloc.2  
    ldc.i4.1  
    add  
    stfld int32 TabDemo.BaseList::count  
    ldloc.2  
    stloc.0  
    br IL_0072  
    ldloc.0  
    stloc.s 'Contract.Result<int>()' IL_007a  
    ldarg.0  
    call instance int32 TabDemo.BaseList::get_Count()  
    ldloc.3  
    ldc.i4.1  
    add  
    ceq  
    ldstr "Count == Contract.Old(Count) + 1"  
    call void ___RewriterMethods::RewriterEnsures$PST06000008(bool, string)  
    ldloc.s 'Contract.Result<int>()' IL_0085  
    ldloc.s V_4  
    ceq  
    ldstr "Contract.Result<int>() == Contract.Old(Count)"  
    call void ___RewriterMethods::RewriterEnsures$PST06000008(bool, string)  
    ldloc.s 'Contract.Result<int>()' IL_0088  
    ret  
}
```

# Demo of Heap example



# Code Contracts Summary

- Enables contracts in all .NET languages
  - No restrictions on what can be expressed
- Contract library a core component of .NET 4.0
- Same contracts used for
  - Runtime checking
  - Static checking
  - Documentation generation

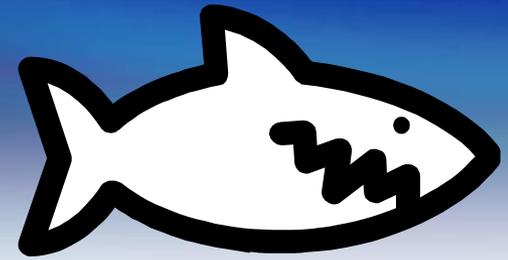
# Pex

## White Box Test Generation for .NET

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# Pex: Overview



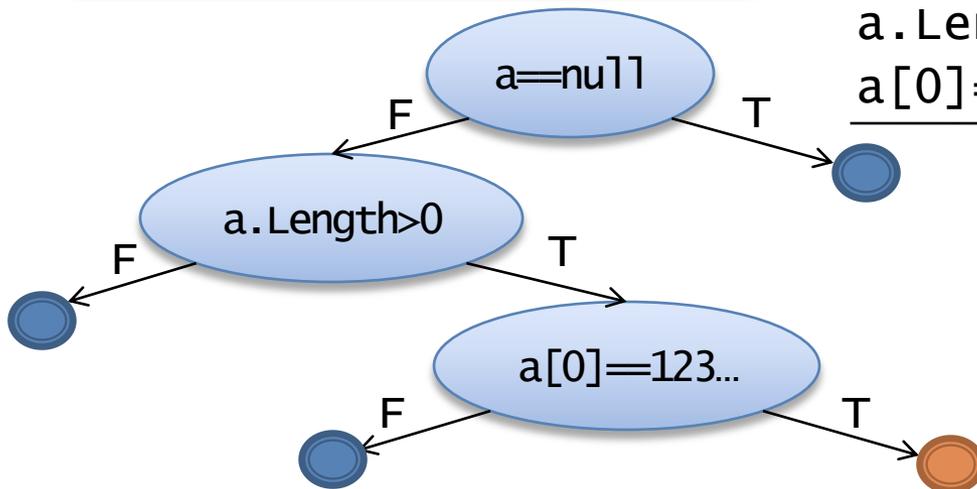
- Purpose: Test input generator
  - Start from unmodified code (or code with contracts) 
  - Generated tests emitted as traditional unit tests 
  - Goal: test suite that covers all reachable statements
- Technology: Dynamic symbolic execution
  - Whole-program, white-box code analysis
  - At the level of the .NET instructions (bytecode)
  - Symbolic execution based on monitoring and re-execution
  - Constraint solver (Z3) determines test inputs for new paths

# Dynamic Symbolic Execution

## By Example

Code to generate inputs for:

```
void CoverMe(int[] a)
{
    if (a == null) return;
    if (a.Length > 0)
        if (a[0] == 1234567890)
            throw new Exception("bug");
}
```



Constraints to solve	Input	Observed constraints
	null	a == null
a != null	{}	a != null &&
a != null a.Length > 0		a.Length > 0 && a[0] != 1234567890
a != null && a.Length > 0 && a[0] == 1234567890	{123..}	a == null && a.Length > 0 && a[0] == 1234567890

Negated condition

Done: There is no path left.

# Into the Real World

## How to test this code?

(Actual code from .NET base class libraries.)

```
[SecurityPermissionAttribute(SecurityAction.LinkDemand, Flags=SecurityPermissionFlag.SerializationFormatter)]
public ResourceReader(Stream stream)
{
    if (stream==null)
        throw new ArgumentNullException("stream");
    if (!stream.CanRead)
        throw new ArgumentException(Environment.GetResourceString("Argument_StreamNotReadable"));

    _resCache = new Dictionary<String, ResourceLocator>(FastResourceComparer.Default);
    _store = new BinaryReader(stream, Encoding.UTF8);
    // We have a faster code path for reading resource files from an assembly.
    _ums = stream as UnmanagedMemoryStream;

    BCLDebug.Log("RESMGRFILEFORMAT", "ResourceReader .ctor(Stream). UnmanagedMemoryStream: "+(_ums!=null));
    ReadResources();
}
```

# Real World (II)

```
// Reads in the header information for a .resources file. Verifies some
// of the assumptions about this resource set, and builds the class table
// for the default resource file format.
private void ReadResources()
    BCLDebug.Assert(_store != null, "ResourceReader is closed!");
    BinaryFormatter bf = new BinaryFormatter(null, new StreamingContext(StreamingContextStates.File |
#if !FEATURE_PAL
    _typeLimitingBinder = new TypeLimitingDeserializationBinder();
    bf.Binder = _typeLimitingBinder;
#endif

    _objFormatter = bf;
    try {
        // Read ResourceManager header
        // Check for magic number
        int magicNum = _store.ReadInt32();
        if public virtual int ReadInt32() {
            if (m_isMemoryStream) {
                // // Read directly from MemoryStream buffer
                // MemoryStream mStream = m_stream as MemoryStream;
                // BCLDebug.Assert(mStream != null, "m_stream as MemoryStream != null");
                int
                if
                    return mStream.InternalReadInt32();
            }
            else
            {
                FillBuffer(4);
                return (int) (m_buffer[0] | m_buffer[1] << 8 | m_buffer[2] << 16 | m_buffer[3] << 24);
            }
        }
    }

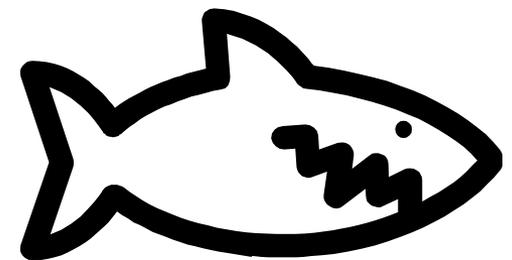
    // Read in type name for a suitable ResourceReader
    // Note ResourceUtilities.InternalResource uses different Springs
```

# Demos

- test generation of Heap with contracts-
- test the ResourceReader-

# Summary

- **Pex** automates test input generation for .NET programs
- **Pex** enables Parameterized Unit Testing
- Used in Microsoft to test core .NET components
- <http://research.microsoft.com/pex>



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# Concurrency Analysis Platform And Tools For Finding Concurrency Bugs

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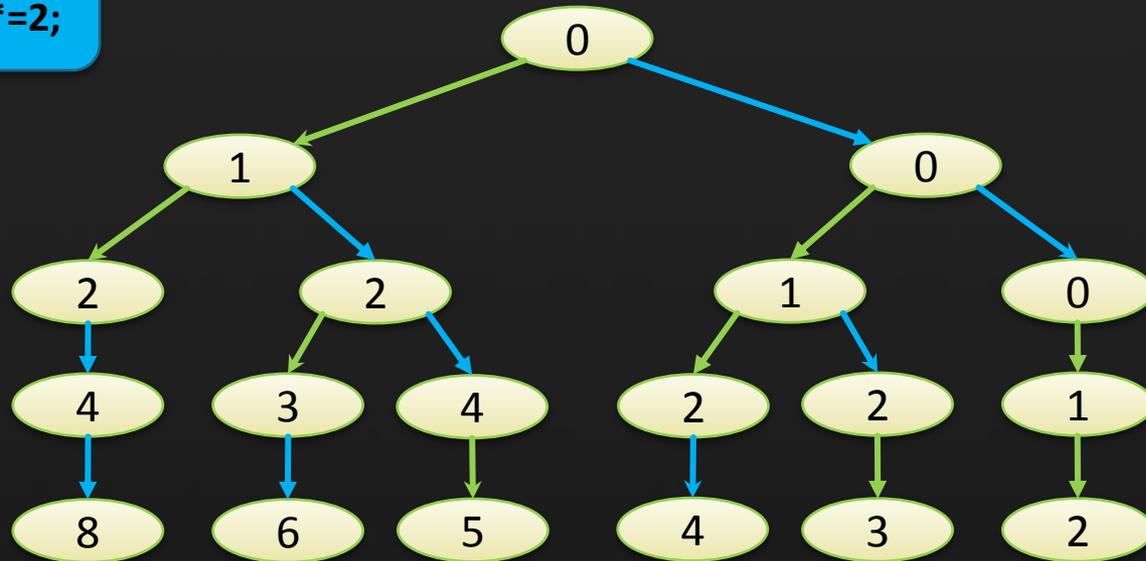
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Thread 1

`x++;`  
`x++;`

Thread 2

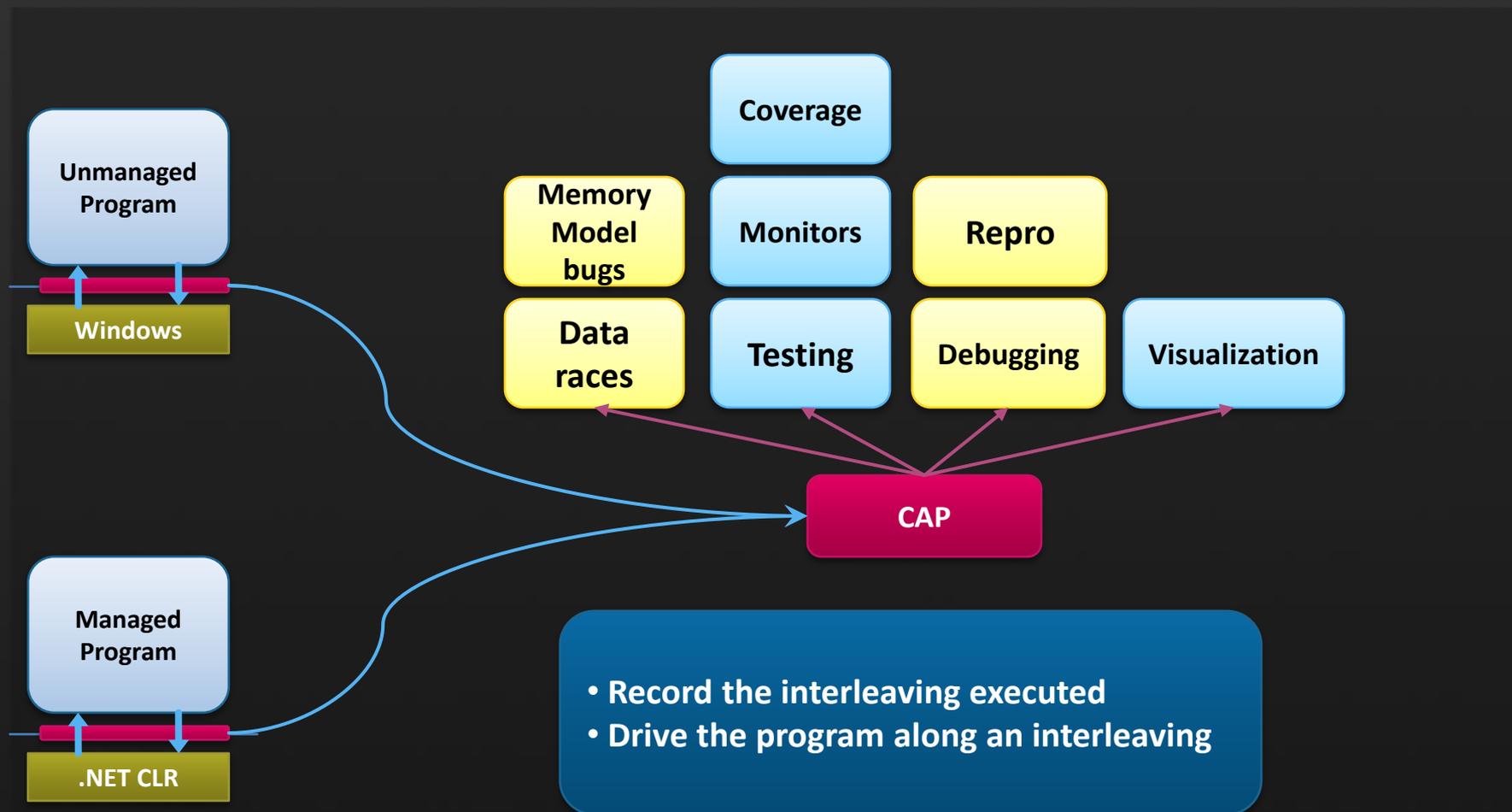
`x*=2;`  
`x*=2;`



# Concurrency Analysis Platform (CAP)

- **Goal:** Drive a program along an interleaving of choice
  - Interleaving decided by user or by **a program/tool**
- **Today:** Controlling/observing concurrency is difficult
  - Manual and intrusive process
- Enables lots of concurrency tools:
  - Test a program along a set of interleavings
  - Reproduce Heisenbugs
  - Program understanding / debugging
  - ...

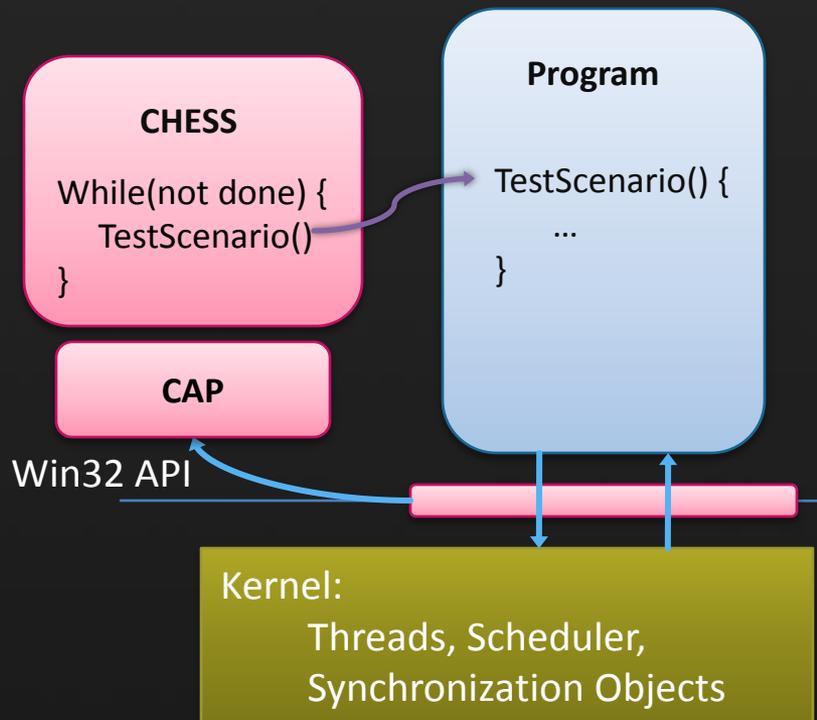
# CAP Architecture



# CAP Specifics

- Ability to explore all interleavings
  - Need to understand complex concurrency APIs (Win32 and System.Threading)
  - Threads, threadpools, locks, semaphores, async I/O, APCs, timers, ...
- Does not introduce false behaviors
  - Any interleaving produced by CAP is possible on the real scheduler

# CHESS: Find And Reproduce Heisenbugs



CHESS runs the scenario in a loop

- Every run takes a different interleaving
- Every run is repeatable

Uses the CAP scheduler

- To control and direct interleavings

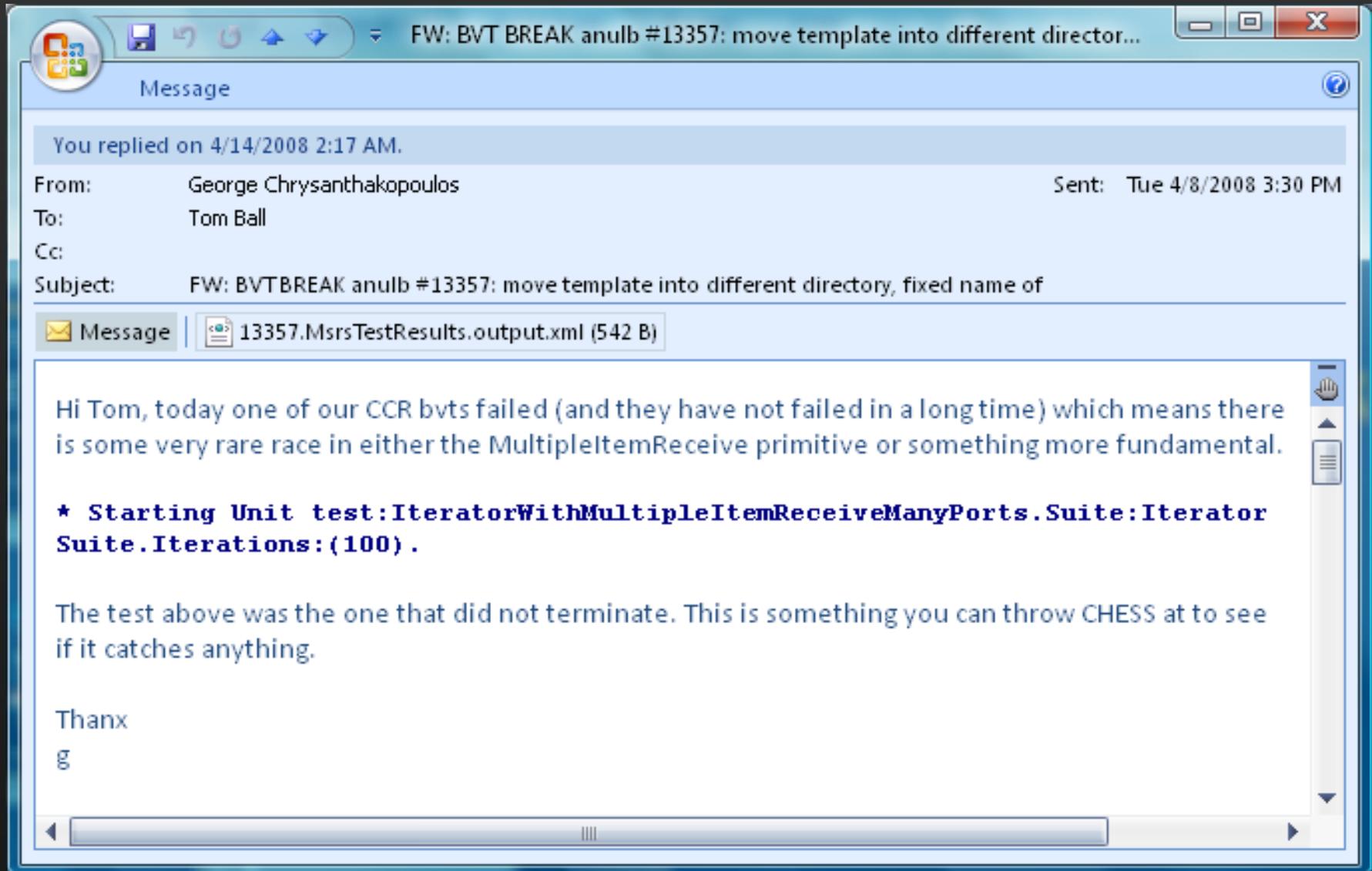
Detect

- Assertion violations
- Deadlocks
- Dataraces
- Livelocks

# CHESS Internal Customers

- Parallel Computing Platform
  - PLINQ: Parallel LINQ
  - CDS: Concurrent Data Structures
  - STM: Software Transactional Memory
  - TPL: Task Parallel Library
  - ConcRT: Concurrency RunTime
  - CCR: Concurrency Coordination Runtime
- Dryad/Cosmos
- Singularity (Research OS from MSR)
  - CHESS can systematically test the boot and shutdown process

# George Chrysanthakopoulos' Challenge



The screenshot shows an email client window with the following details:

- Title Bar:** FW: BVT BREAK anulb #13357: move template into different director...
- Message Header:**
  - From: George Chrysanthakopoulos
  - To: Tom Ball
  - Sent: Tue 4/8/2008 3:30 PM
  - Subject: FW: BVTBREAK anulb #13357: move template into different directory, fixed name of
- Attachments:** 13357.MsrsTestResults.output.xml (542 B)
- Message Body:**

Hi Tom, today one of our CCR bvts failed (and they have not failed in a long time) which means there is some very rare race in either the MultipleItemReceive primitive or something more fundamental.

**★ Starting Unit test:IteratorWithMultipleItemReceiveManyPorts.Suite:Iterator Suite.Iterations:(100) .**

The test above was the one that did not terminate. This is something you can throw CHES at to see if it catches anything.

Thanx  
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