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Synthesizing Verified Adapters for Object-Oriented Programs

Abstract: Software libraries play a critical role in the software development process. They expose APIs that provide useful functionality and create abstractions that enable developers to focus on the core application logic, leading to modular software development. Several factors influence optimal library utilization – (a) awareness of the most appropriate libraries, (b) the ability to reason about a library across various dimensions that include correctness, security, performance, and memory usage, and (c) the ease of incorporating a library to serve the functional requirements of the application.

In this talk, I present our recent work on searching for replacement classes and automatically synthesizing verified adapters. These adapters are drop-in replacements as they exhibit equivalent program behavior under all contexts. Our experiments demonstrate that the approach can identify suitable replacement classes from a corpus of 600K Java classes and synthesize non-trivial verified adapters.



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