Workcraft

A typical layout of Workcraft main window is as follows.

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Editor panel occupies the central area of the window. Here the models are displayed for editing and analysis. The following shortcuts are used to navigate the model view:

- Use *left mouse button* or \leftarrow , \uparrow , \rightarrow , \downarrow to move selected elements of the graph model.
- Scroll the mouse wheel forward to zooms in and backward to zoom out. Alternatively press + to zoom in and to zoom out.
- Use the *middle mouse button* or Ctrl +*right mouse button* or Ctrl + \leftarrow , \uparrow , \rightarrow , \downarrow to pan the view.

Main menu groups all the actions available for the current graph model; many of them are accessible via keyboard shortcuts. Global tools toolbar at the top edge accumulates frequently used actions.

Property editor is located at the right side of the window and is used for displaying and modifying the properties of the selected graph elements.

Model tools and **Tool controls** toolbars are located on the left side. Some tools require more spacious panel to display additional information – such **Tool controls** panel appears as at the right side, instead (or in addition to) the **Property editor**.

The bottom panel is reserved for the following tabs:

- **Output** this is to provide information on the currently executed task.
- Problems this is to report errors and exceptions.
- Tasks here the progress of the currently run tasks can be monitored.
- Javascript this is console for scripting bulk actions in Javascript language (for experienced users only).

The layout of panels and tabs can be re-arranged - just drag-and-drop any panel in a new location, remove it from the layout or add it to again via $View \rightarrow Windows$ menu. The default layout can be restored via $View \rightarrow Reset UI$ layout menu item.

Model tools

This panel provide access to frequently used tools for capturing, modification and simulation of the graph models.



Some of the tools are implemented in the core of Workcraft and are available in all the plugins. These include selection, connection and text note tools.

• selection tool for editing, moving, deleting, and grouping the model elements (can also be activated

by pressing \underline{S}). When this tool active you can select the graph elements and modify them as follows.

- Click a graph element to select it. Outline a rectangular area to select several elements. Outline *from-right-to-left* for adding fully covered elements and *from-left-to-right* for adding any touched elements.
- Hold Shift to include elements into selection and Ctrl to exclude elements from selection.
- Selected components can be removed by pressing Delete, cut by pressing Ctrl + X combination of keys, copied by pressing Ctrl + C keys, and a previously copied part of a model can be inserted by pressing Ctrl + V keys. These actions are also available in the *Edit* menu.
- Double click inside a group to enter it (same action as Page↑). Double-click outside the current group to go one level up (same action as Page↓).
- Use left mouse button or \leftarrow , \uparrow , \rightarrow , \downarrow to move selected components.
- |AI| text note generator for creating textual comments (can also be activated by pressing \underline{N}).
- **connection tool** for connecting the model nodes with arcs (can also be activated by pressing \underline{C}).

When the connection tool is active, click on the source node to initiate a connection, then click on the destination node to complete the connection. You can hold <u>Ctrl</u> key to connect nodes in continues mode, so that each destination node becomes a source node for the next connection.

Most of the tools are model-specific and are implemented by the corresponding plugin. For example, the Directed Graph plugin implements a basic vertex generator tool while the Petri net plugin implements place generator, transition generator and simulation tools.



Tool Controls

This panel provides access to the extended functionality (if present) of a selected tool. Of the generic tools only the **Selection tool** and **Simulation tool** have such extended functionality.

Selection controls

The selection tool controls provide means to transform the selected nodes and connections of the model.



Note the difference between groups and pages. Groups are just unnamed decorations for several nodes, while pages are named nodes containing other nodes.

Simulation controls

The simulation tool controls provides the means to analyse and navigate the simulation data. There are two sources of simulation data:

- **Trace** the *base* sequence of events, often from an external tool, e.g. a trace leading to a deadlock.
- **Branch** the *deviated* sequence of events executed by explicitly clicking the excited nodes of the model.

Usually the event names correspond to the model nodes whose execution changed the state of the model. The sequences of events are recorded in the corresponding columns of the *Trace–Branch* table. You can click the name of the event in either column to restore the model state just before that event has happened.



The navigation through the simulation data can be done with the following buttons:

- > execute the trace and branch events starting from the current position.
- 📃 stop the execution and reset the trace and branch data.
- 4 undo the last event that lead to the current state.
- **>>** execute the next event in the trace or branch.
- im randomly execute events from a pool of events that are enabled in the current state.
- copy the trace, the branch and the current simulation state into the clipboard.
- **[**] paste the trace, the branch and the current simulation state from the clipboard.
- I save the current state of the model as its initial state.

The slide bar under the navigation buttons controls the speed of playback for the existing or randomly generated sequence of events.

Note that Signal Transition Graph and Digital Circuit plugins extend the simulation controls with the signal state table. The first column of the table lists all the signals of the <u>STG</u> while the second column captures the current state of each signal - 0, 1 or ? if the state undefined. The state of excited signals (whose transition is currently enabled) is emphasised by bold font (1, 0, or ?).

Property editor

The Property editor panel enables displaying and modifying the attributes of a model and its elements. It has four distinctive modes of operation:

- Element properties. When a single element is selected its properties are displayed and are available for editing. This mode is denoted by [single element] line in the property editor title.
- **Combined properties.** When a group of elements is selected a "combined" list of their properties is displayed. Those properties which have the same name and class are combined under one editor item and its modification will propagate too all selected components of relevant class. If the initial value of the combined property cannot be agreed between the selected components an empty grey box is shown. This mode is denoted by [*N* selected elements] line in the property editor title, where *N* is the number of selected elements whose combined properties are displayed.
- **Model properties.** When no elements is selected the model-specific properties are displayed. This can be seen in the Policy Net plugin where a list of bundles is shown with a possibility to edit their names, colours and the list of bundled transitions. This mode is denoted by **[model]** line in the property editor title.
- **Template properties.** When a node generator or connection tool is activated, their *template* properties are displayed and can be modified. All all subsequently created nodes or connections inherent these template properties. To reset the template properties for a particular tool to their default settings just double-activate the tool (i.e. activate the tool while it is already selected). This mode is denoted by **[template]** line in the property editor title.

The base list of properties depends on the element type but may be extended by the plugins implementing a particular interpreted graph model. The elements available in all the models are *nodes*, *connections*, *groups* and *text notes*. For example, here is a typical list of properties for graph nodes and connections.

Node properties

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| Foreground color | | |
| Fill color | | |
| Label | s0 | |
| Label positioning | Тор | |
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| Name positioning | Bottom | |
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- X and Y coordinates of the node relative to its container (a group or a root of the model)
- Foreground color color of the node borders
- **Fill color** color of the node background
- Label text of the node label
- Label positioning location of the label text relative to the node
- Label color color of the label text
- Name positioning location of the unique ID relative to the node
- Name color color of the unique ID text

Note 1: There is a difference between the *label* and *name* of a node. The name is a unique ID of a node, often automatically generated by the tool and used for cross-referencing the model elements. The label is an arbitrary textual note associated with the node.

Note 2: The available positioning of node label and name are *top*, *bottom*, *left*, *right*, *center*, *top-left*, *top-right*, *bottom-left*, *bottom-right*.

Connection properties

| Property editor | | \mathbf{X} |
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| Line width | 0.02 | |
| Arrow width | 0.15 | |
| Arrow length | medium | |
| Connection type | Polyline | |
| Scale mode | Bind to components | |
| Color | | |
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- Line width weight of the connection line
- Arrow width width of the arrow head
- Arrow length length of the connection arrow (none, small medium, large)
- Connection type type of connection line (Polyline or Bezier curve)
- Scale mode the way of scaling connection line when its adjacent nodes are moved (lock anchors, bind to components, proportional, stretched, adaptive)
- Color color of the connection curve

Tips and Tricks

Navigation

- Scroll the mouse wheel *forward* to zooms in and *backward* to zoom out. Alternatively press + to zoom in and to zoom out. Press Ctrl + 0 to restore the default scale.
- Press Ctrl + F to fit the selection into the screen or Ctrl + T to centre it.
- Use the *middle mouse button* or Ctrl +*right mouse button* or Ctrl + \leftarrow , \uparrow , \rightarrow , \downarrow to pan the view.

Selection

- Hold Shift to include objects into a selection and Ctrl to exclude objects from a selection.
- Holds Alt (or AltGr) to highlight/select adjacent connections.
- Outline a selection rectangle *from-left-to-right* for adding objects that are inside the selection region, and *from-right-to-left* for adding objects touched by the selection region.
- Press Crtl + A to select everything or Ctrl + I to inverse the selection.
- Use *left mouse button* or \leftarrow , \uparrow , \rightarrow , \downarrow to move selected components.
- Press Delete to remove selected components.
- Press Ctrl + A to select all objects or Esc to reset selection.

Connection

- A polyline connection can be created by generating *anchor points* (click outside of existing nodes) before clicking the final node.
- Anchor points can be added to a connection by double-clicking a desired location on the connection line while the *Selection tool* is active.
- Hold <u>Ctrl</u> to connect continuously the final node or a previous connection becomes the starting node for the next connection.
- Hold Shift to create a replica node for a connection (only works for cirtain types of nodes, e.g. places of Petri nets and Signal Transition Graphs).

Clipboard and History

- Clipboard operations are allowed between the models of the same type: Ctrl + C to copy, Ctrl + X to cut and Ctrl + V to insert.
- History of modifications can be browsed: Ctrl + Z to undo and Ctrl + Shift + Z to redo.

Grouping

- <u>Ctrl</u>+<u>G</u> combines selected objects into a group and <u>Ctrl</u>+<u>Shift</u>+<u>G</u> splits selected groups into individual objects.
- Press Page↓ or *double-click* a group to enter it. Press Page↑ or *double-click* outside a group to leave it.

Simulation

- Use [] and]] keys to navigate through the simulation trace.
- In *Signal-State* table the values of excited signals are depicted in bold font.