Runtime Verification of Cognitive Applications

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Overview

- We are building a tool for runtime verification of intelligent, learning cognitive systems based on the following techniques:
 - Formal specifications of cognitive systems: rigorous formal specifications drive the verification system from system execution to post-mortem diagnosis.
 - *First-fault debugging*: when an error is detected, the tool saves sufficient context to allow debugging without first recreating the error.
 - Effective visualization and analysis: based on saved context data, the tool can identify for an error: the immediate causes, the sufficient conditions, and the possible contributing factors.

• This tool will provide:

- More efficient utilization of programmer time by partially automating debugging
- An effective method of verifying that a cognitive system upholds certain strict formal properties
- An machine-verifiable description of a cognitive system beyond "the system is what the code does"



Verification System: Architecture



- Instrument cognitive system to emit a stream of events to a runtime checker and also to a data collector
- Checker verifies if events are valid with respect to the formal specification
- If an error occurs, visualization and analysis simplifies diagnosis