

# TOWARDS AUTOMATING THE ANALYSIS OF INTEGRITY CONSTRAINTS IN MULTI-LEVEL MODELS

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## GOAL

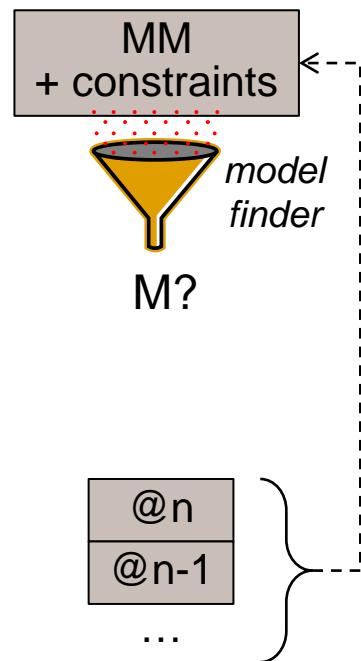
- analysis of correctness properties in multi-level models
- starting with a basic correctness property: satisfiability  
*“given a meta-model with (ocl) integrity constraints,  
is there a valid model that satisfies all constraints?”*

## 2-LEVELS

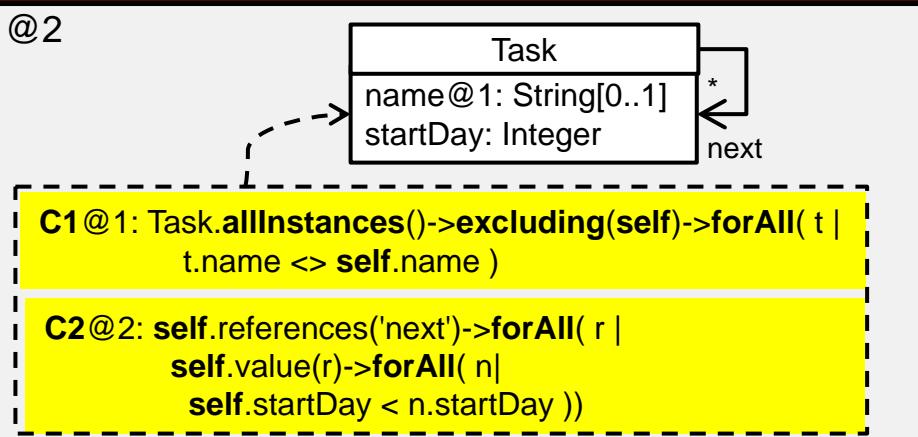
- constraints defined in MM, and evaluated in M
- analysis by means of *off-the-shelf* model finders

## MULTI-LEVEL MODELLING

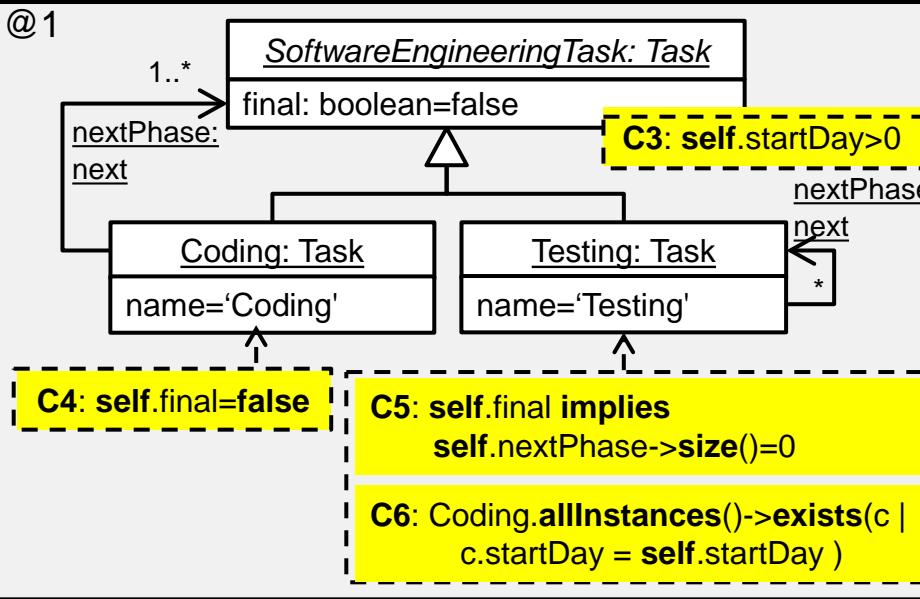
- constraints defined at any meta-level
- constraints evaluated  $n$  meta-levels below
- contribution: how to use standard model finders to analyse multi-level models



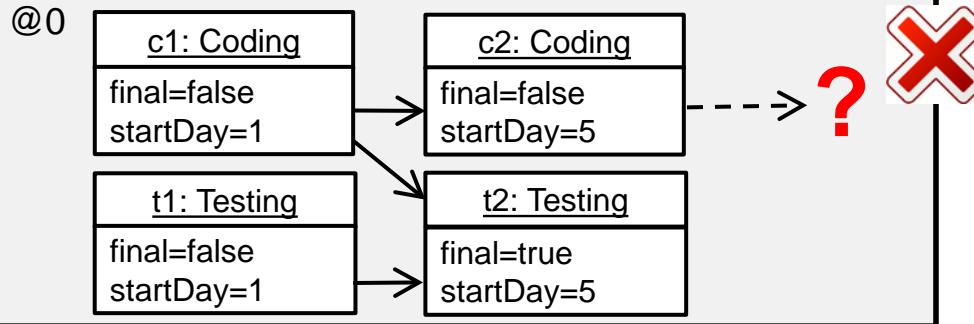
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@0



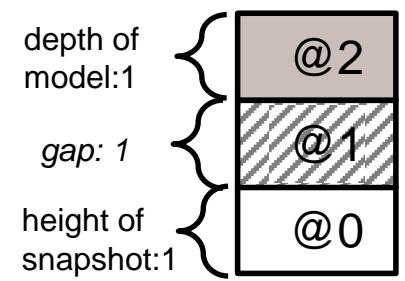
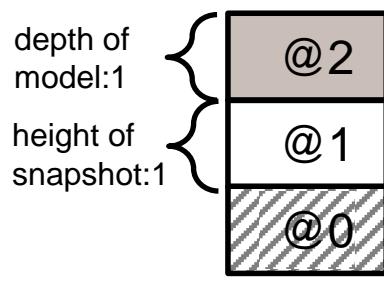
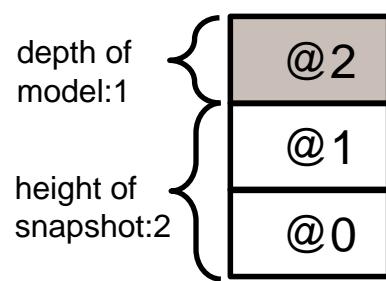
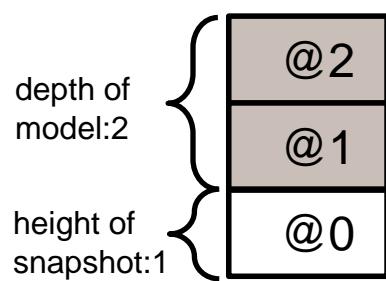
## metaDepth

<http://astreo.ii.uam.es/~jlara/metaDepth/>

- multi-level textual framework
- constraints defined in any meta-level
- **potency**: meta-level of instantiation (or constraint evaluation)
- **reflection**: useful for constraints to be evaluated >1 meta-levels below
  - *references(r)*: name of references that instantiate reference *r*
  - *value(r)*: content of reference with name *r*

can this model be completed?

# SCENARIOS in the analysis of multi-level models



## APPLICATIONS

model completion,  
satisfiability of new  
constraints at level  
1

satisfiability at any  
meta-level,  
of a language  
definition

standard two-  
level scenario

existence of  
models@0 with  
certain features,  
assess potencies

## CHALLENGES

flatten two meta-  
levels into one,  
which will be input  
to the finder

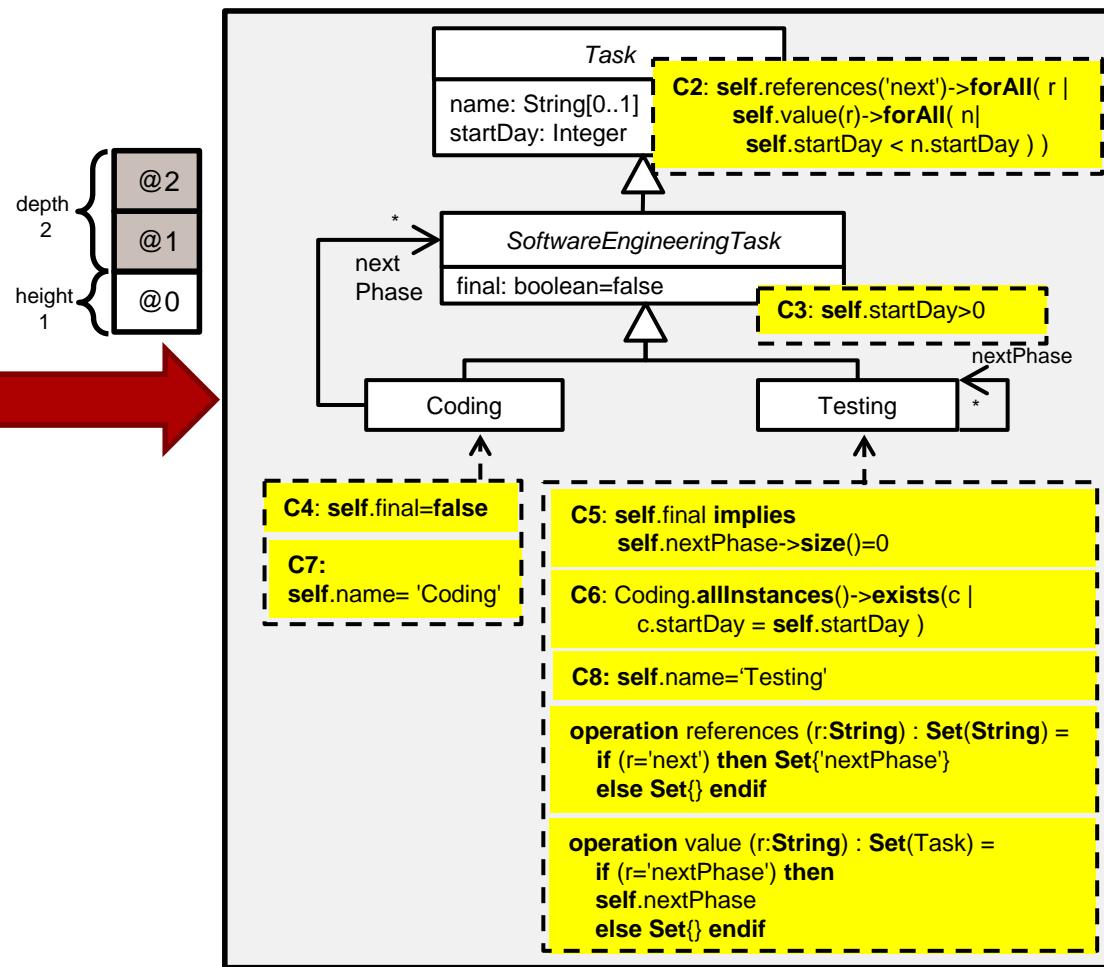
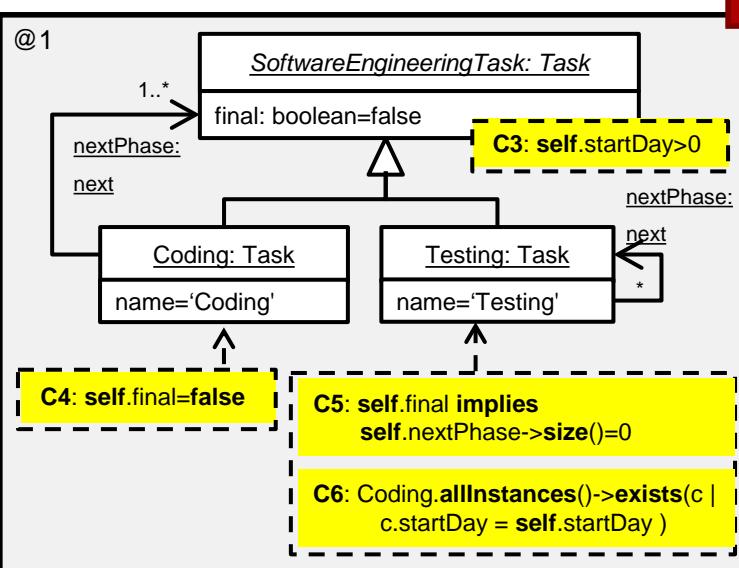
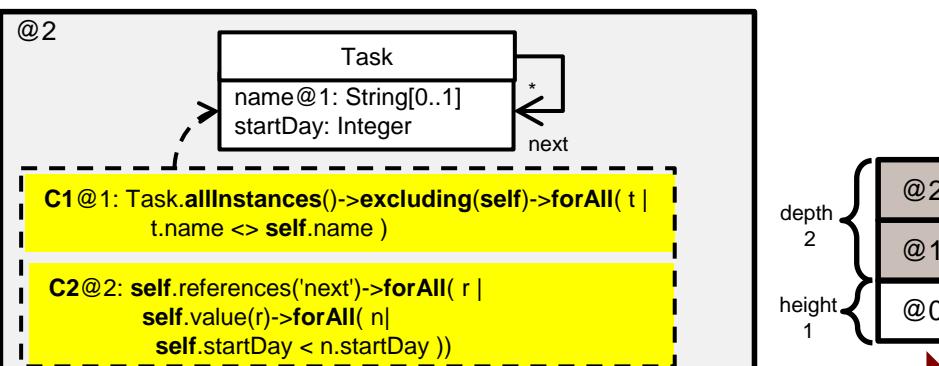
emulate the  
generation of  
several meta-  
levels within one

remove  
constraints with  
potency > 1

particular case of  
second scenario

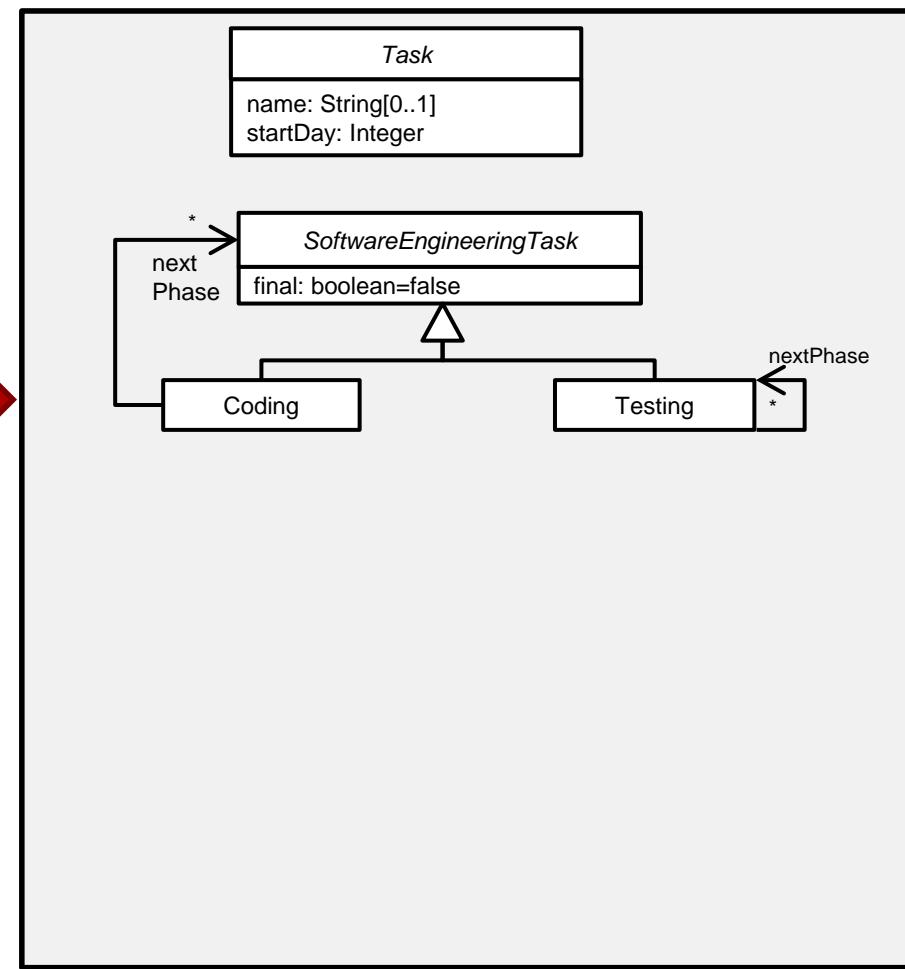
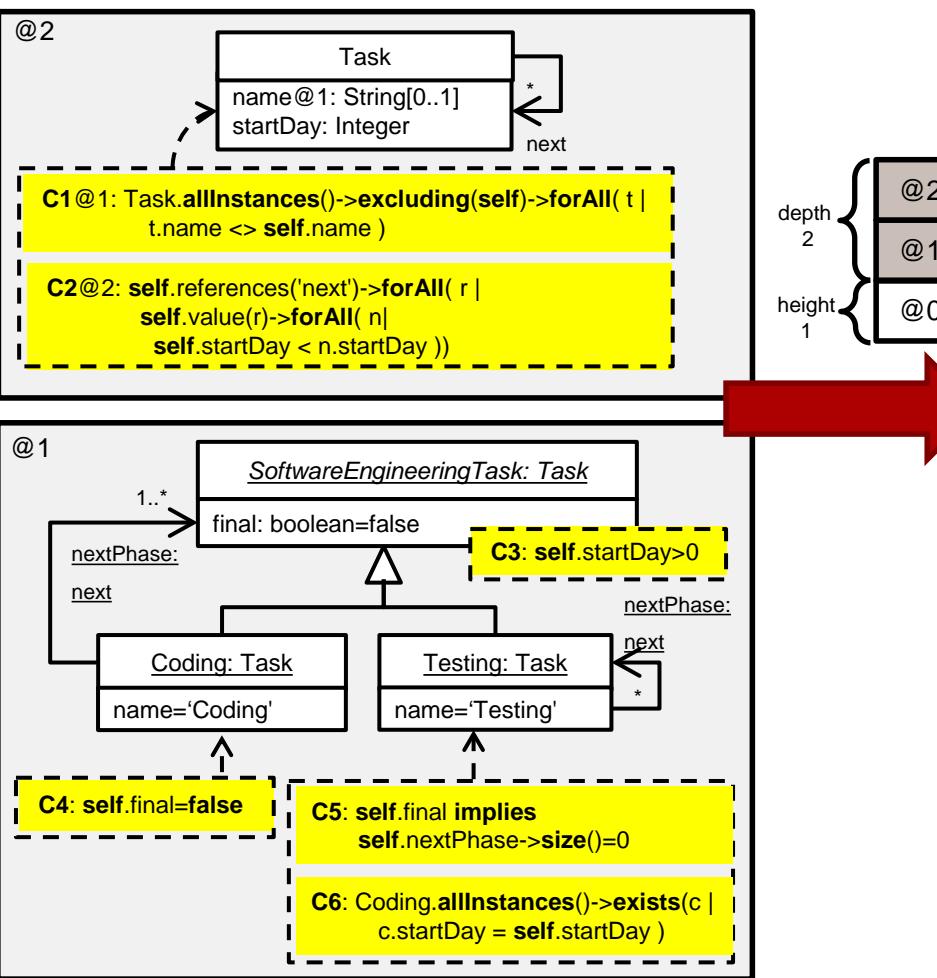
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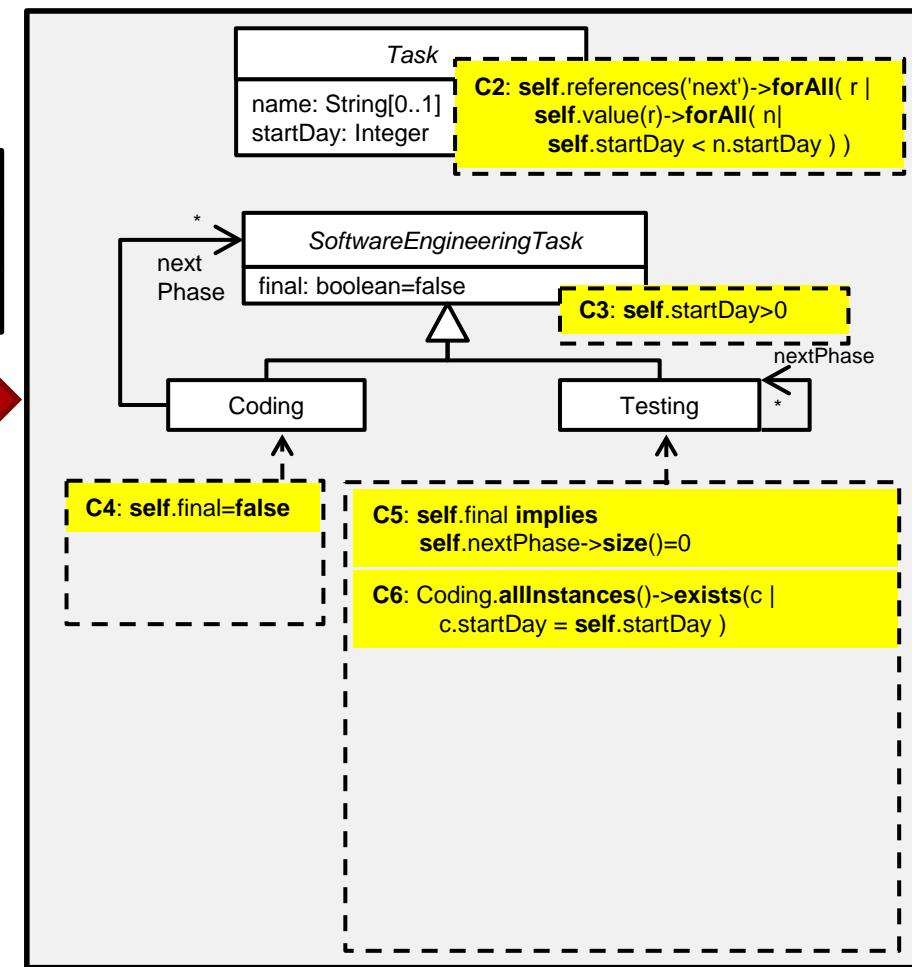
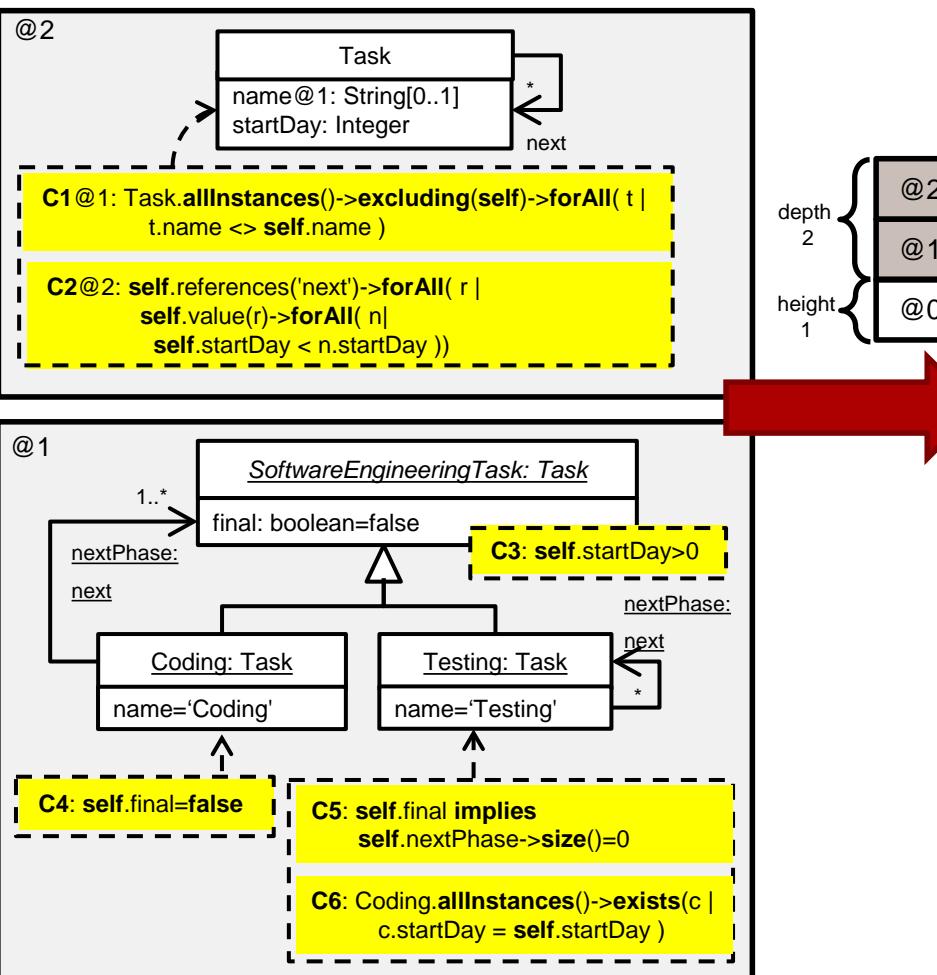
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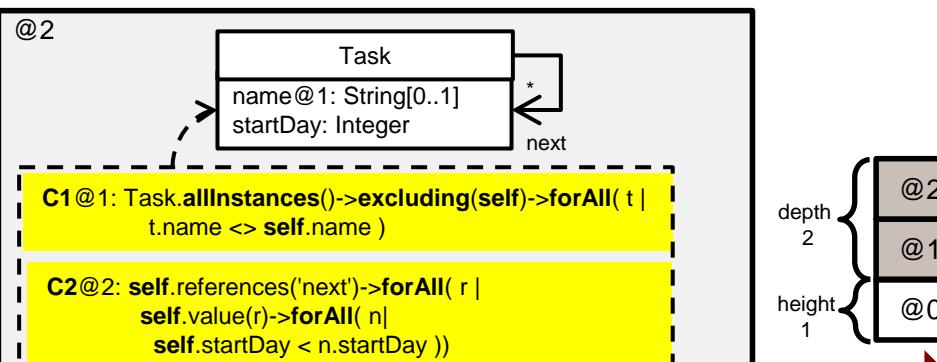
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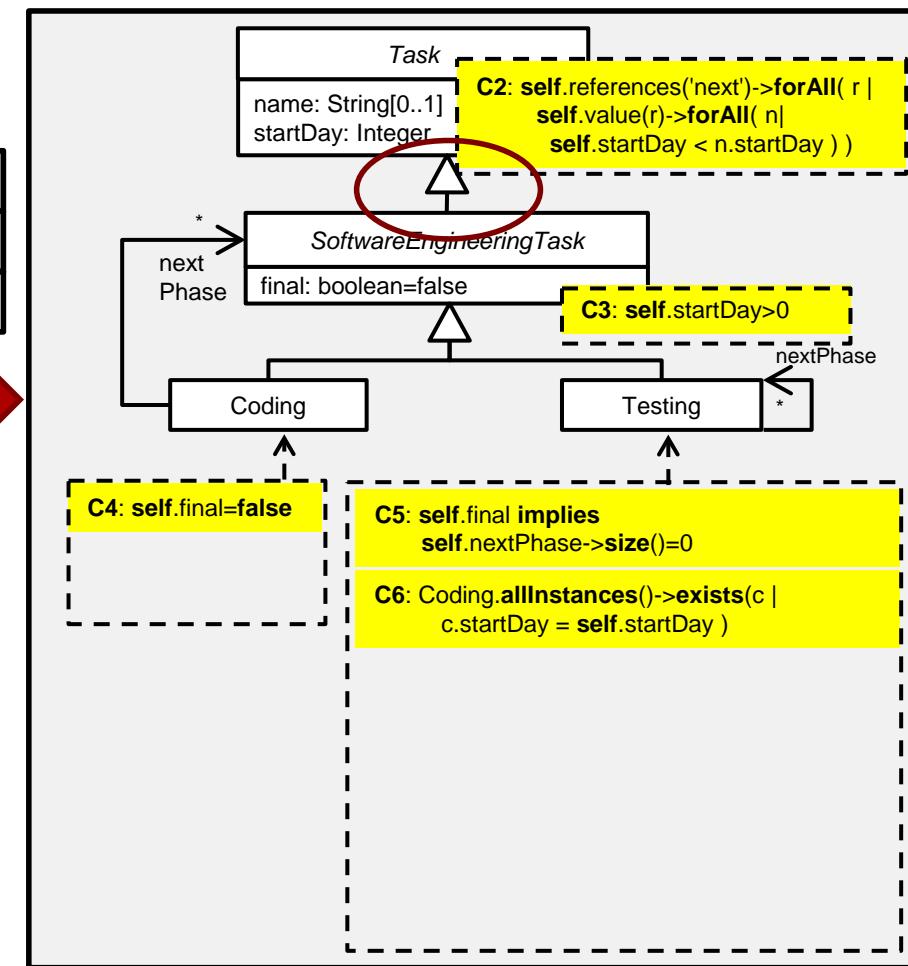
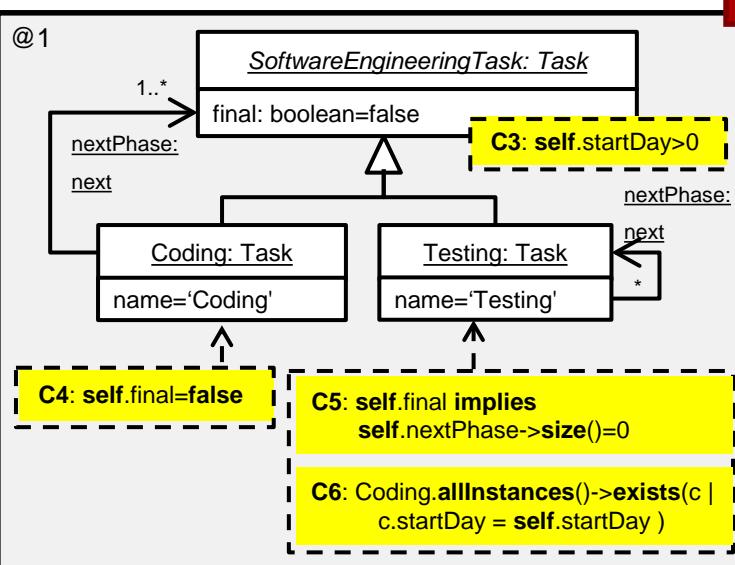


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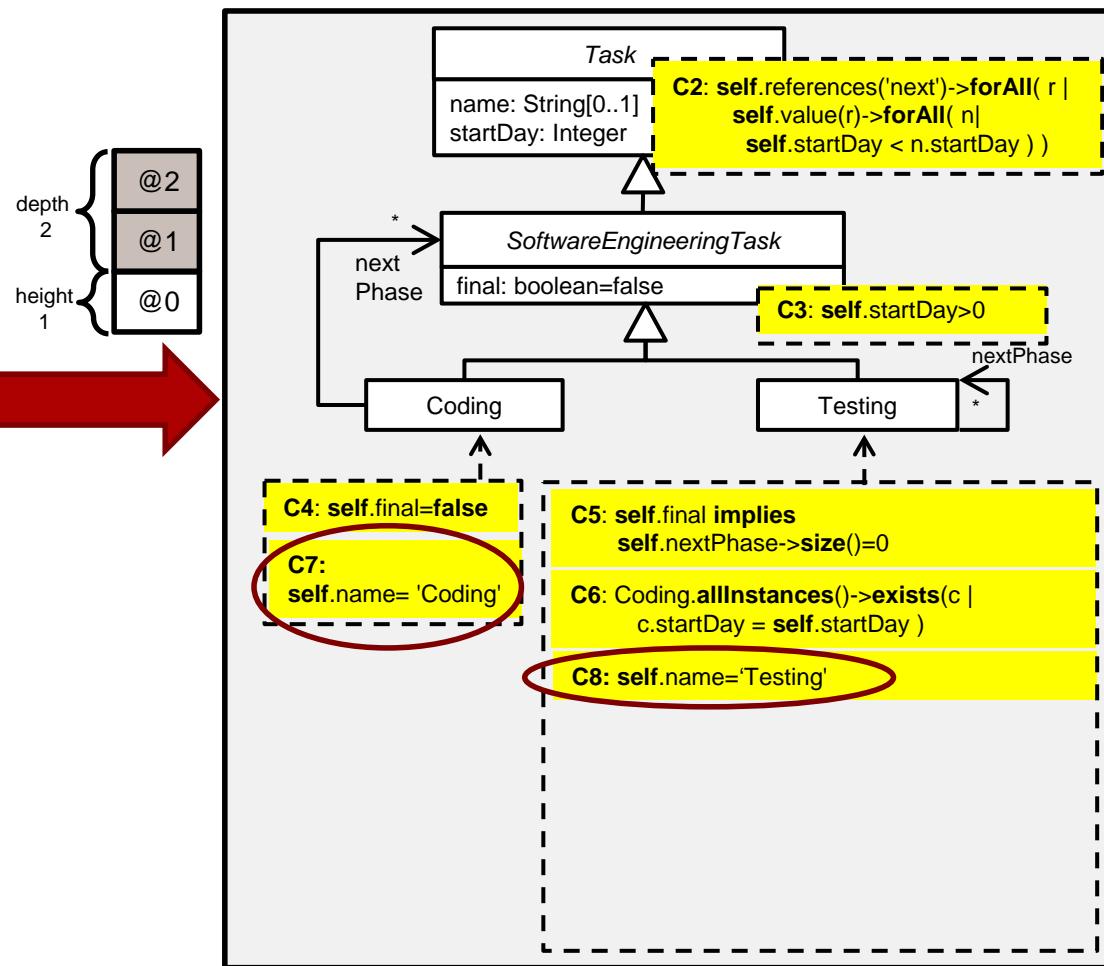
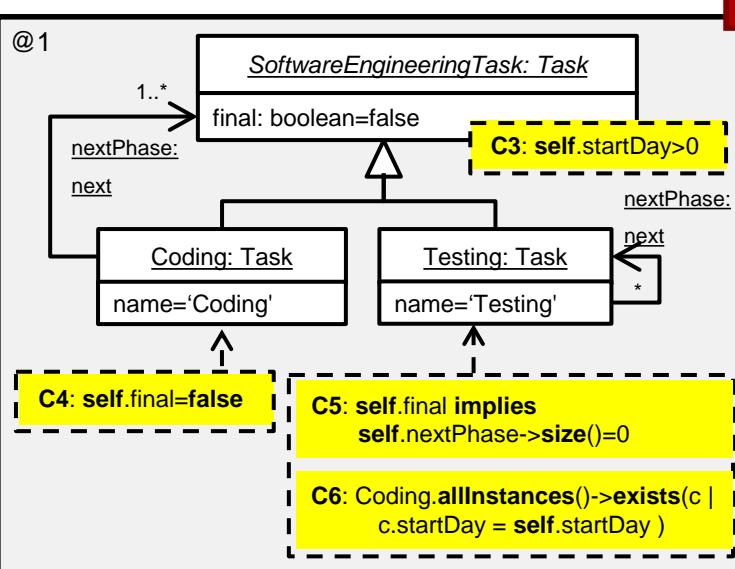
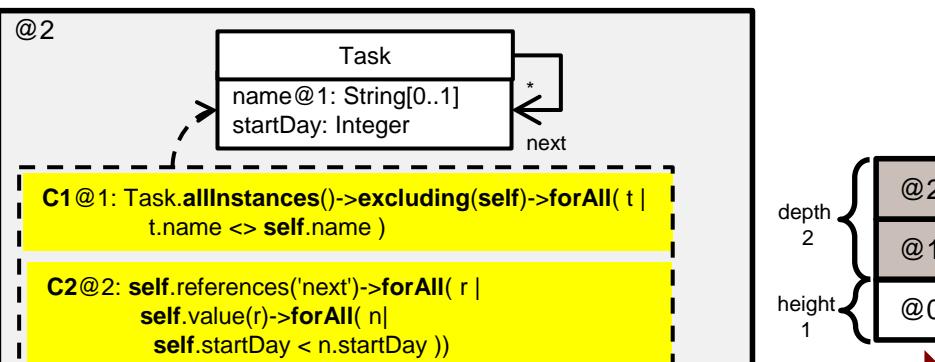


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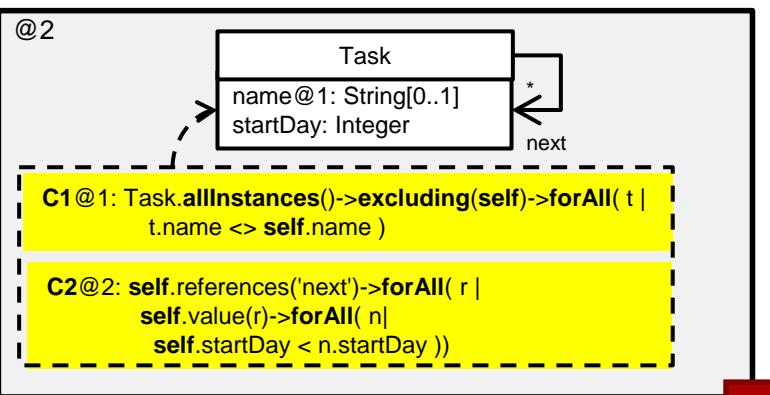
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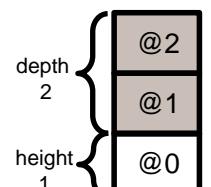
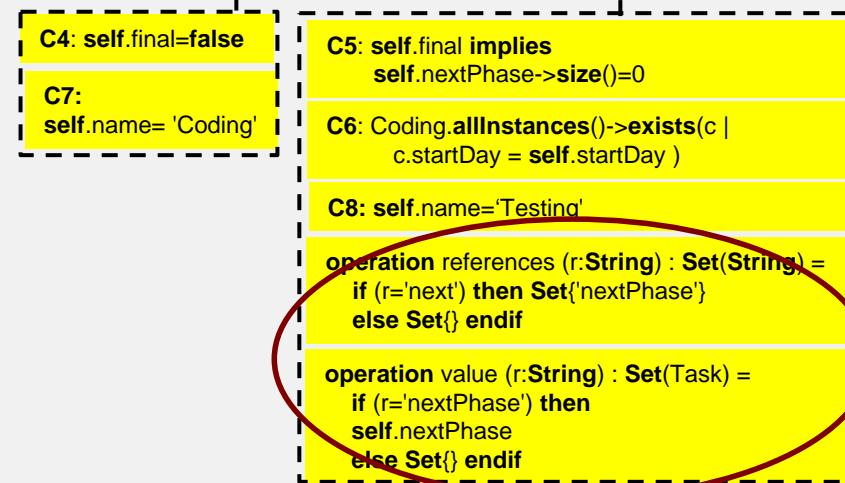
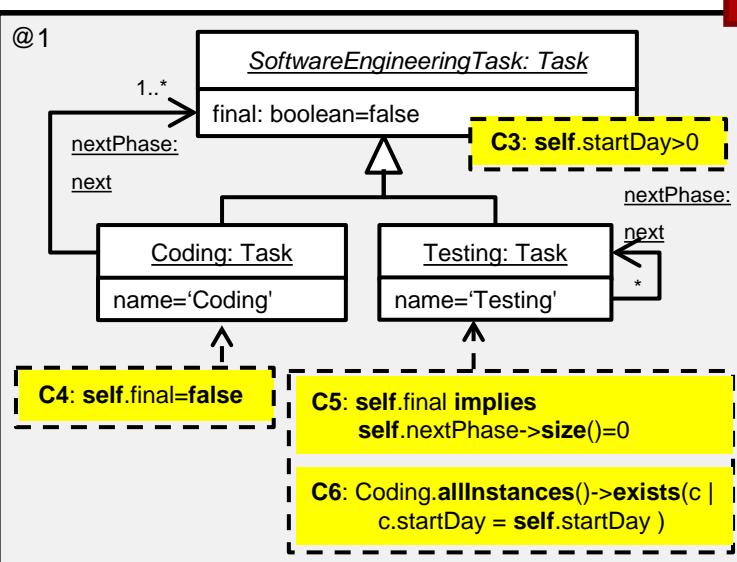
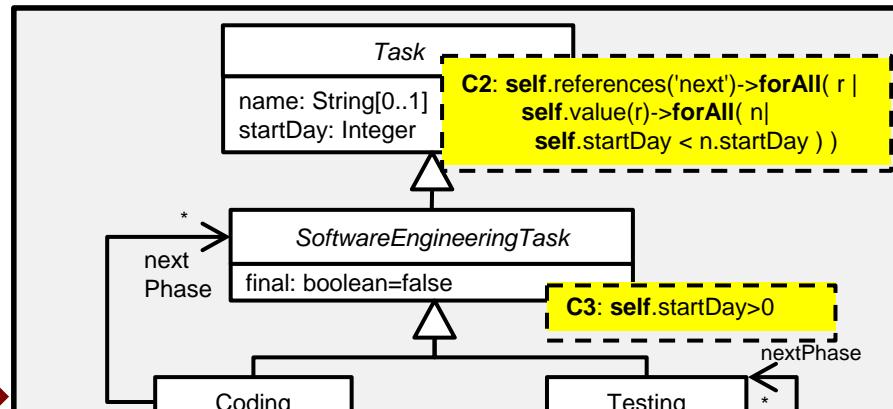


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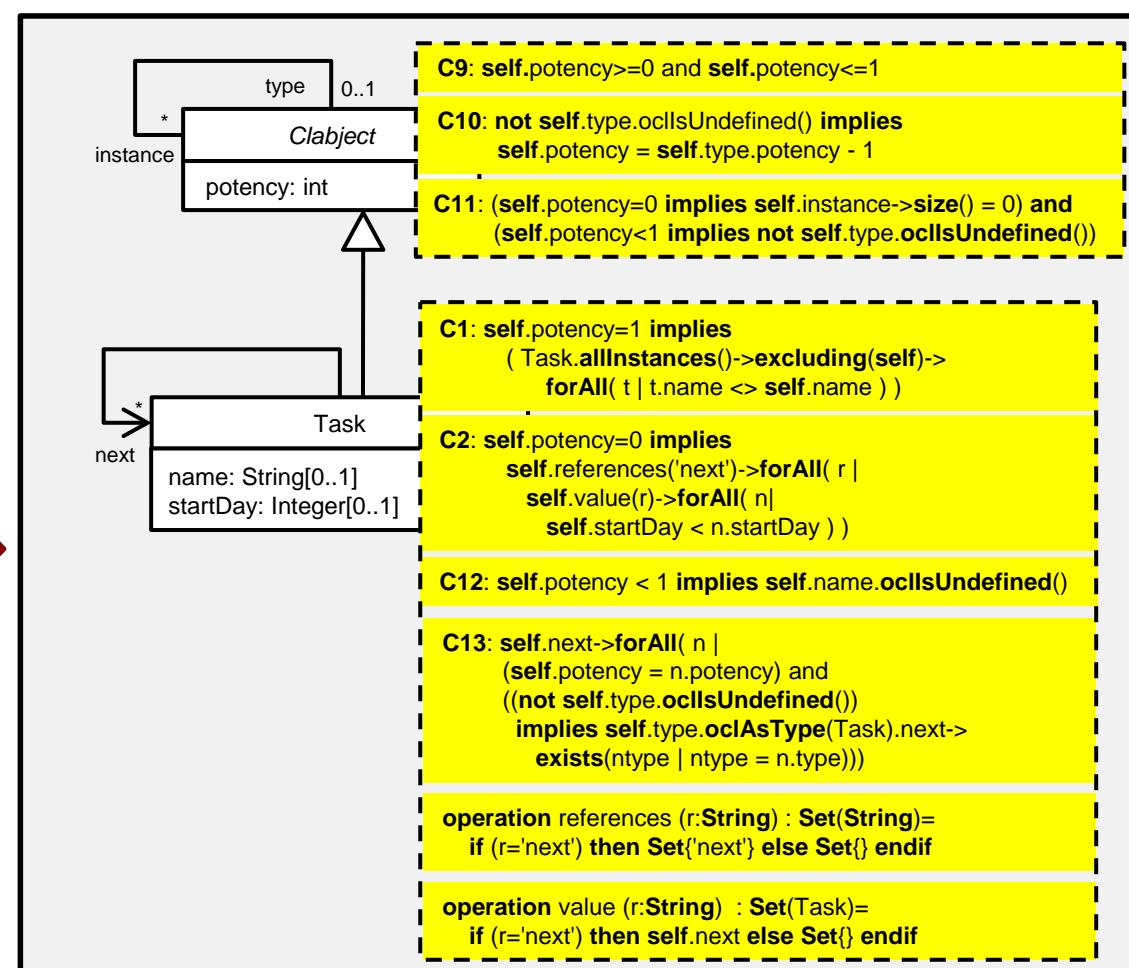
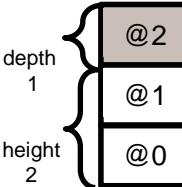
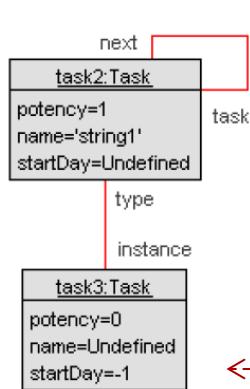
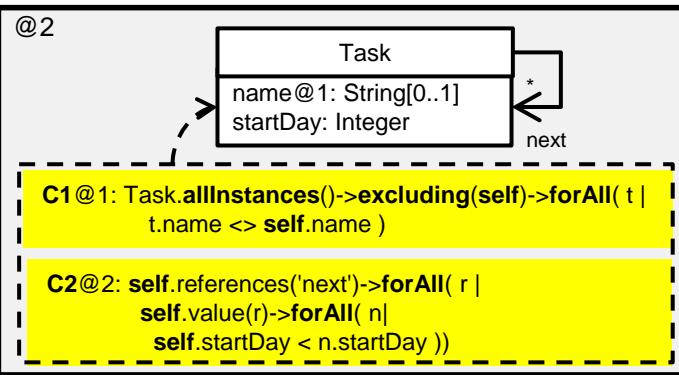


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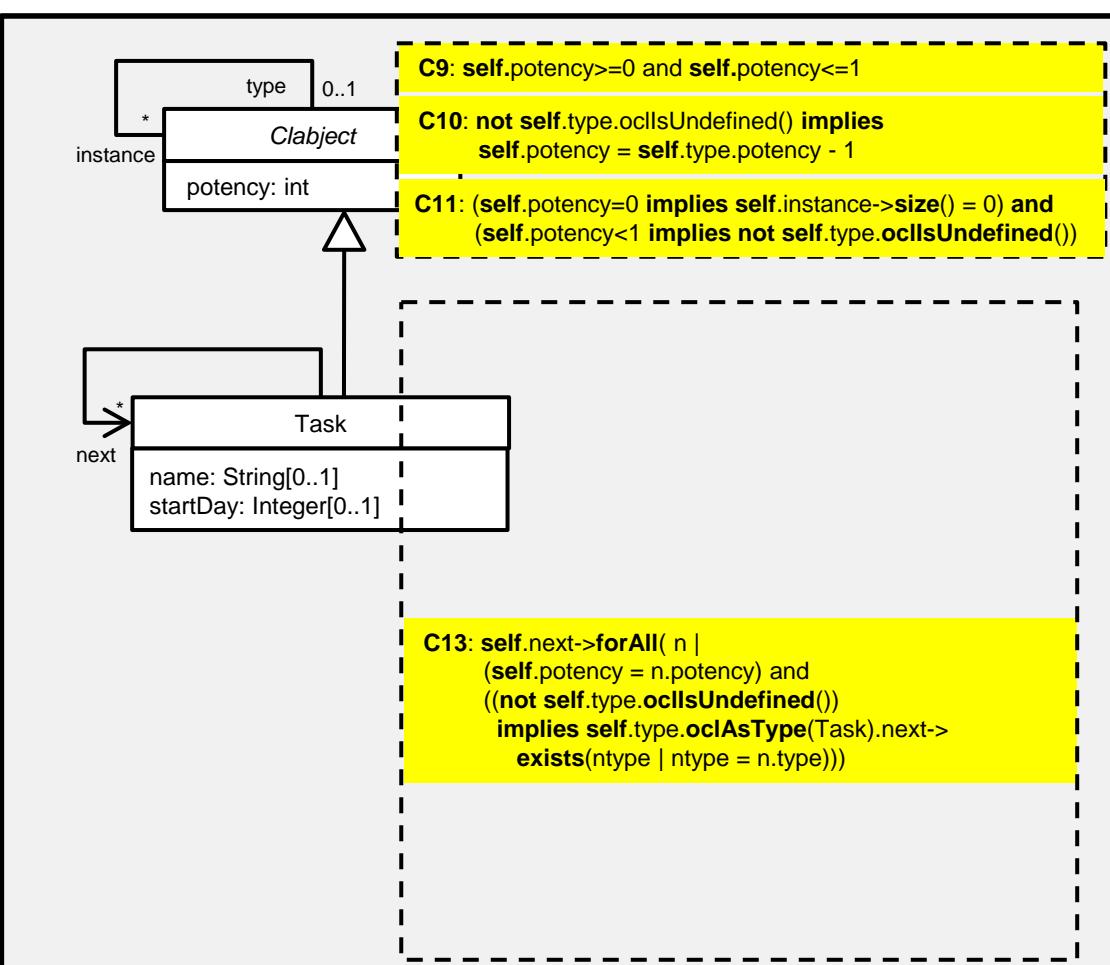
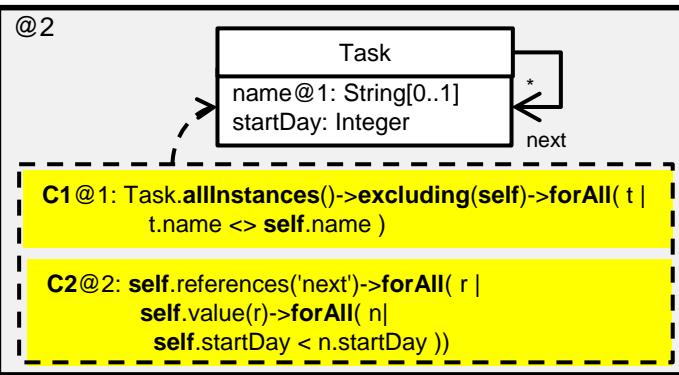
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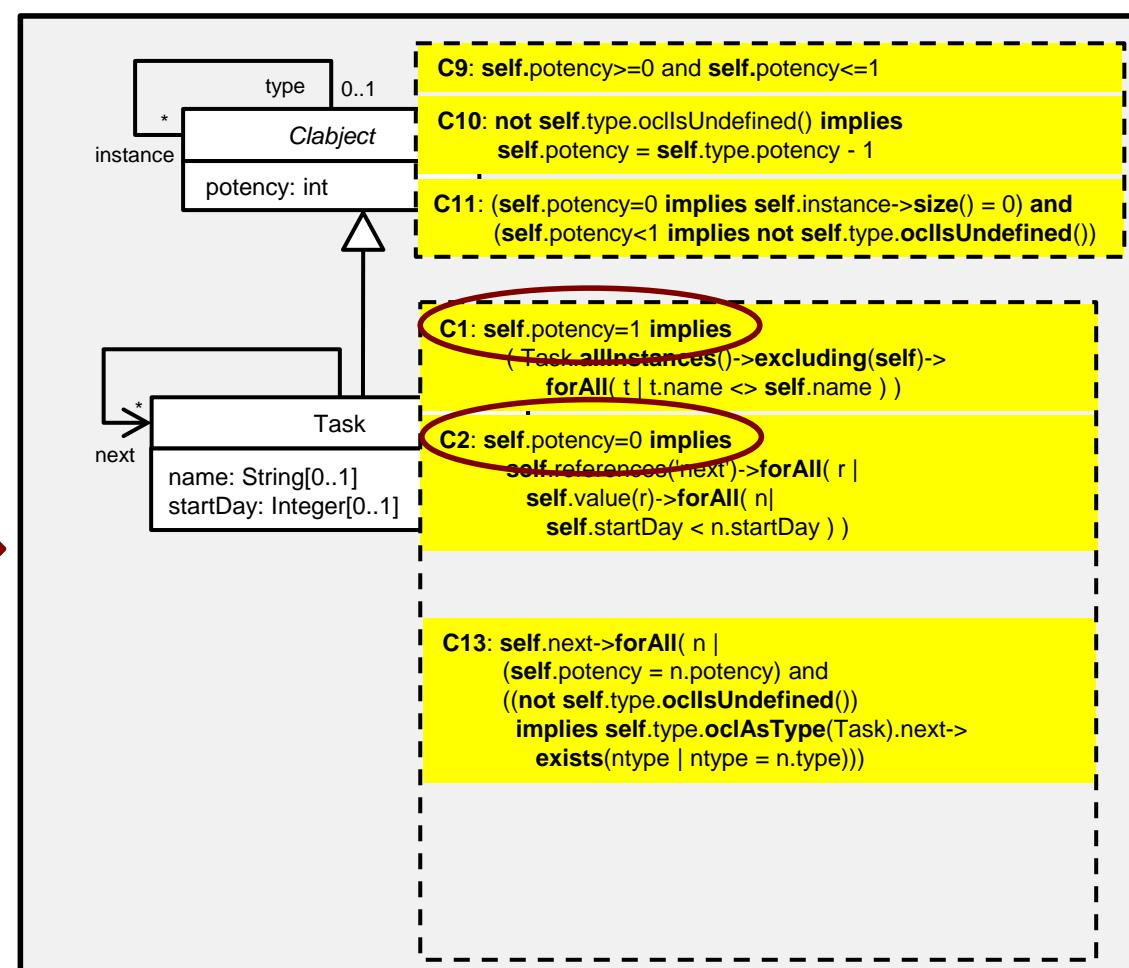
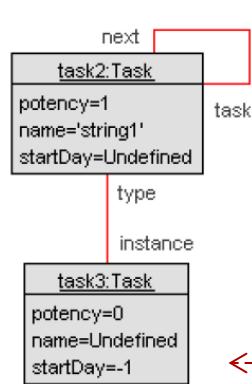
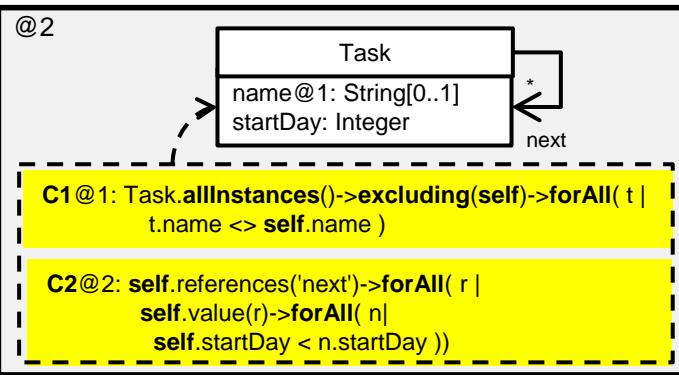
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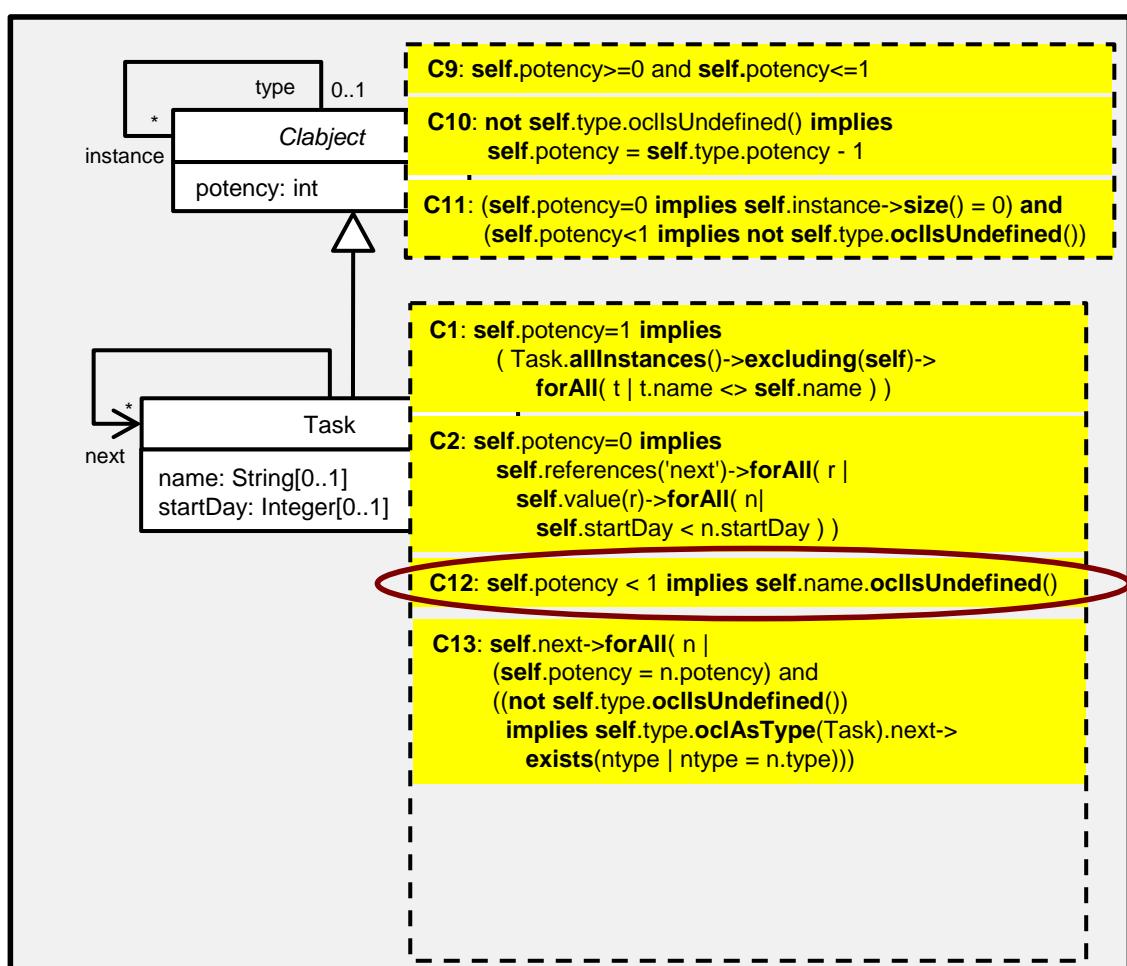
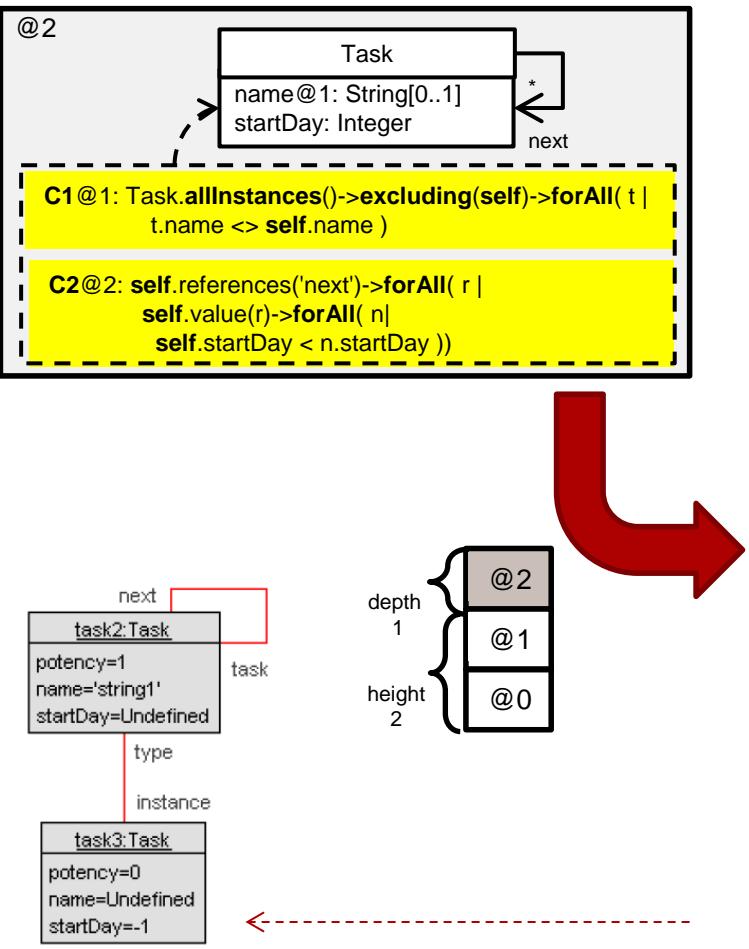
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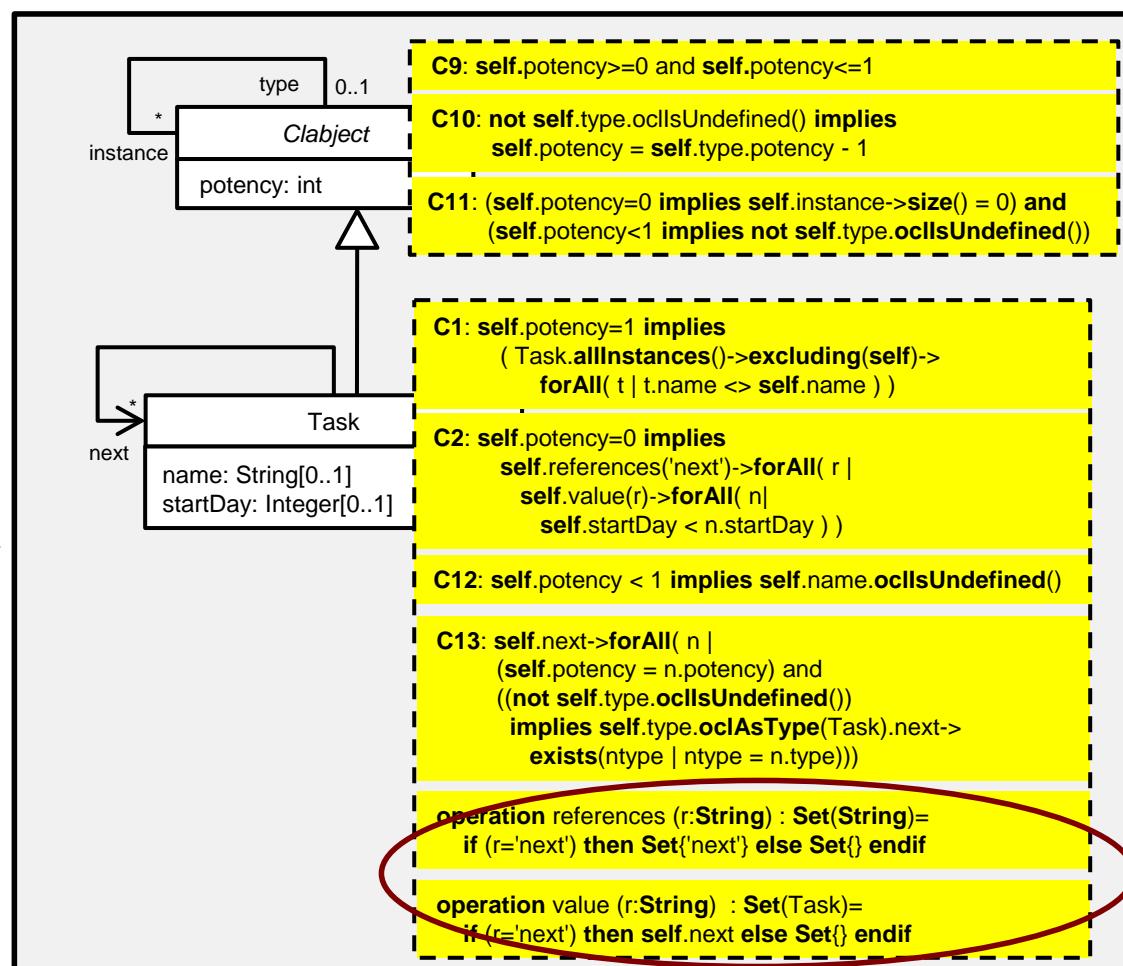
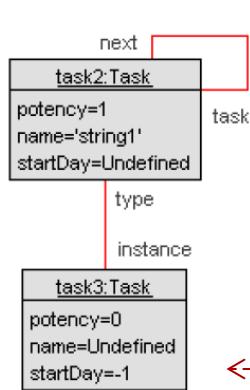
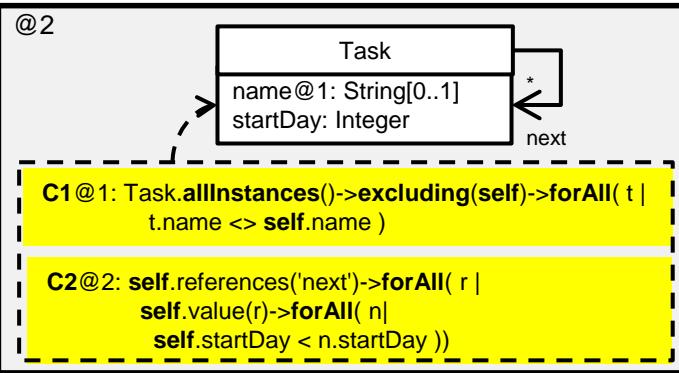


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# Tool Support

metaDepth  
multi-level  
stack

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        startDay=1;
        final=false;
        next=Task();
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+  
selected  
scenario

flattening  
(transformation)

metaDepth  
“flattened”  
model

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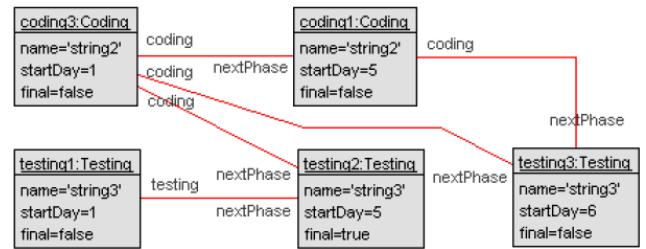
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USE  
Validator \*



\* M. Kuhlmann, L. Hamann, M. Gogolla. Extensive validation of OCL models by integrating SAT solving into USE. In TOOLS (49), LNCS 6705, pp.: 290-306.

## SUMMARY

- Analysis of integrity constraints in multi-level models
  - flattening of multi-model according to analysis scenario
  - use of standard model finders to check satisfiability

## FUTURE WORK

- Analysis of other correctness properties
- Tighter integration of MetaDepth and USE Validator
  - translate USE results back to MetaDepth
  - commands to e.g. complete a model
  - ...

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