The COMPASS Proof Obligation Generator
A Test Case of Overture Extensibility

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- **CML** - a new language for Systems of Systems modelling
- Based on VDM and CSP
- COMPASS tool based on Overture
- CML needs a POG
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- We aim to extend the Overture POG
- Reuse goals:
  - directly use Overture to generate all VDM POs
  - minimal code duplication
- Add support for external analysis
- COMPASS POG will have to mirror structure and approach of Overture POG
The POG in Action: an example
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Problems

- Current PO format unsuited for COMPASS (expected)
  - An AST format would be nice...
- Difficult to distinguish default nodes (small)
- Loss of control when Overture POG is called (very big)
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No control in Overture

1. Overture visits an AST Node and takes over
2. Overture visitors end up visiting CML Nodes
3. They can’t handle it; the POG crashes
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How verbose?

```java
PogParamDefinitionVisitor<Q extends IPOContextStack,
A extends IProofObligationList> extends
QuestionAnswerAdaptor<IPOContextStack,
IProofObligationList>
```
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- **But it works!**
Assessing Extensibility

- Able to generate almost all VDM POs with reuse
  - Volume reduced by aprox. 4.5k (cloned) LOC
- Updates to the Overture POG ported to COMPASS easily
- Overture code changes were essential. What if you cannot?
## Further Work

### Overture
- AST-based PO expressions (testing)
- Overhaul POG test suite (planning)

### COMPASS
- POs for the CSP side of CML (early stages)
- Integration with Isabelle Theorem Prover (ongoing)
Thanks!