

## The State Diagram and Property Checker Plugin

### Installation Steps:

1. Install JIVE following instructions given at <https://cse.buffalo.edu/jive/download.html>  
Tutorials on its usage are given at: <https://cse.buffalo.edu/jive/tutorials.html>
2. Install *PlantUML* as an Eclipse plugin from: <http://hallvard.github.io/plantuml>
3. Install *GraphViz* on your computer from: <http://www.graphviz.org/download>. Scroll down to "Executable Packages" where you can find links for Linux, Mac, and Windows.

Note: *GraphViz* should be installed as a regular application on your computer, *not* as an Eclipse plugin.

4. Install the *State Diagram and Property Checker* plugin by first downloading:

[Property\\_Checker\\_May\\_18\\_2020.zip](#)

Unzip the file to obtain the directory [Property\\_Checker\\_May\\_18\\_2020](#).

5. Install it as an Eclipse plugin as follows:

[Help](#) → [Install New Software](#) → [Add](#) → [Local](#) → <select [Property\\_Checker\\_May\\_18\\_2020](#)>

6. Uncheck “Group Items by Category”. Follow the prompts and install.

Sample Java programs are given in this directory. Note that [MessagePassing.jar](#) is needed for circular buffer and readers-writers example.

### For the Property Checker (and State Diagram) view:

1. You can bring up the Property Checker (or State Diagram) view by doing

[Window](#) → [Show View](#) → [Other](#) → [JIVE](#) → [Property Checker \(or State Diagram\)](#)

2. To use the Property Checker (and State Diagram), you must first export a [.csv](#) file from the Execution Trace view after running a Java program to completion. This view is at

[Window](#) → [Show View](#) → [Execution Trace](#)

3. In the Property Checker (or State Diagram) view, first browse and select the exported [.csv](#) file, then add one or more fields from the drop-down menu, and draw the state diagram.

## For the Property Checker view:

To check properties, enter abbreviations for the selected fields in the Abbreviations text-box and enter properties in the Properties text-box, and press Validate. We present two examples of properties below.

### *(i) Readers-Writers Example:*

Fields to be Added: Database:1.r, Database:1.w

Abbreviations: Database:1.r = r, Database:1.w = w

// Basic policy – mutual exclusion of readers and writers, with concurrency for readers

```
G [ (r > 0 -> w = 0) &&
    (w > 0 -> r = 0) &&
    (w = 0 || w = 1)
]
```

Multiple properties can be entered, separated by semi-colons.

### *(ii) Dining Philosophers Example*

Fields to be Added: Philo:1.state, Philo:2.state, Philo:3.state, Philo:4.state, Philo:5.state

Abbreviations: Philo:1.state=p1, Philo:2.state=p2, Philo:3.state=p3,  
Philo:4.state=p4, Philo:5.state=p5

// Basic Safety Property – adjacent philosophers are not eating

```
G [ (p1 == "E" -> p2 != "E") &&
    (p2 == "E" -> p3 != "E") &&
    (p3 == "E" -> p4 != "E") &&
    (p4 == "E" -> p5 != "E") &&
    (p5 == "E" -> p1 != "E")
]
```

**End of Instructions**