

Current status of MMALPHA

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1 Introduction

This document is where I put things I have to remember about the current status of MMALPHA. The document is available directly in the main directory of the distribution.

2 A day to day memo

A * before a date means that the correction was committed. A ? means that I am not sure that it was committed. A - means that it has to be done. A ! says that I should commit the correction.

18/1/2009:

14/1/2009: corrections faire.

- tailles des donnees: 2 bits en entre, idem pour les rom, rsultats sur 4 bits la sortie des mult, 6 bits pour ovfs, une ligne pour complter 16 bits
- regarder si on met des signed ou des std vectors
- emetteur : ds le composant moduloaddress, erreur sur le type de port (std logic vectors)
- taille des compteurs de periodic est revoir (periodic enable4) pour les stdlogic vector, les valeurs son entre ""
- enlever size dans la liste de sensibilit de periodicenable

- trop de ports dans les rom? est-ce qu'on fait un registre
- dans la rom, changer la limite de la decl de addr
- enlever size dans moduloaddress de la liste de sensibilit
- remplacer values

24/05/2010: creating a new version MMALPHA-2-1-0. To be checked:

- In demos, check that there are not identifiers with identical names. Change analyze accordingly.
- Check the init.m file in the config file.

10/1/2009: change fixParameter, so that the parameters are changed, depending on their use... Has to be modified. Actually, it would be better to generate Vhdl using rules for the parameters, and to generate on the fly as many elements than there are different calls.

9/1/2009: Made a few modifications in the Vertex Scheduler in order to be adapted to the new version where coefficients are MMA variables. Made a correction to a bug in Simplex: if a variable of a constraint does not appear in the list of the variables of Minimize, then the MMA function never stops.

***6/1/2009:** New version released and installed. Waiting for an answer of Arpit.

4/1/2009: Modification of the Web site. New version almost ready. Cleaning of some notebooks before installation. Created a test **TestSynthesis** and added it to the distribution.

2/1/2009: Trying to check a new version. Tested it on Linux (machine sabre at IRISA). Succeeded in compiling Polylib, but not domlib, as the MMA version is too old. Has to recover a previous version of the Domlib to make the test.

1/1/2009: I made again changes in the tests, adding the definition of a package for each one of these, otherwise, global symbols are created when reading the file. Has to change the documentation accordingly. In **TestMatrix.m**, there are some tests (by inclusion of files) which were left as they were, and have to be included.

- 31/12/2008:** I made major modifications and committed almost everything (except `allocate.m` and `PipeControl-new.m` which are not read. See 19/10/2008). I prepared a new version `mmalphaV2-0-1`. New tests were built (test1, 2, 3 and 4), but they are to be changed in order to introduce symbols in packages, and not in Global. I also made a correction to `dom2mma` in order to create the symbols that are the translation in MATHEMATICA of those of the domain, in a work space called `Alpha'Work'`. This had an effect on many packages. I also had to replace `Cut.m` by `CutMMA.m`, as there is a conflict with a function in the `Combinatorica` package.
- *12/12/2008:** modification to `Options.m` (`vhdlDir` option usage was made more precise).
- *12/12/2008:** modifications done in `Vhdl2.m`. Added an option `vhdlPatterns` to `a2v`, when true, Rom and a bunch of components are not generated. Instead, patterns are inserted in the file, and they are filled afterwards. Modifications were done also to `autoload.m`, to `VhdlCell.sem`, and `Synthesis.m`.
- *4/12/2008:** started to implement the vhdl generator for periodic systems. In `Alpha.m`, there is a special version of `load`, which reads templates (suffixes are `vhdx`). In `Vhdl2.m`, created a function `genVhdl` that allows vhdl files to be created from templates. The templates are currently in `$MMALPHA/VHDL`. There are functions for ROM, for Fsm and for Periodic enable signals. A documentation has to be provided. A function `synPeriodic` was included in the `Synthesis.m` package.
- *30/11/2008:** controlled a few traces in `Alphard.m` and `ToAlpha0v2.m`. Not committed yet.
- *30/11/2008:** made a small modification in `vhdlCell.sem` and `vhdlModule.m`, as there was an extra message when the mute option was set. Not committed yet.
- *30/11/2008:** In `Control.m`, there was a lot of uncontrolled traces, set when I wanted to make modifications to `MakeSTCase`. I controlled the traces.
- *22/10/2008:** remove the definitions and work in the input of the files. Add a return.

***21/10/2008:** tried the palindrome. Made modifications to ToAlpha0v2, but not sure that it is necessary.

19/10/2008: I made modifications to PipeControl in order to add the automatic detection of pipeIO in pipeIO. I also rewrote part of the generation of pipeall commands, in pipeInfo. I added a few new functions to get information on polyhedra, regarding space and time matter. The modification seems to work (on all 1D examples). Still a couple of extra prints to remove. I did not yet tested the 2D cases (matrix multiplication). I did not commit all this stuff. These mods are currently in PipeControl-new.m and the previous stuff is in PipeControl.m. Has to be checked.

08/10/2008: it would be good to separate the type declarations (package des types) in order to get the testbench separately.

***07/10/2008:** there was a mistake in the controller generator, as the initial time was shifted by the mintime, but not all instants of time. I made the correction (now, things start at mintime, until truetime, then we change to false time). Has to commit stuff. Added the printing of the fsm in a2v when verbose is true. Only package to commit : vhdlCont.sem.

***04/10/2008:** Tried to recompile Write_Alpha on my laptop, and did not succeed, as the gcc loader has something wrong... I thought that it was probably related to the new version of MacOS. Was right, updated XCode, and it worked, except for read_Alpha. Actually, there was 3 problems. First, there are some warnings in the compilation of yacc.y in some directories, because functions strcat, strcpy and strlen seem to be used in a wrong way, but I believe that it does nothing more than giving a warning message. There was a syntax error in the yacc.y file for Write_C : a semicolon missing. Seems that previously, there was no such problem... There was another problem in yacc.y for read_Alpha. It issues an error message "? bad char: (octal 0)" in a systematic way. This message comes from a fprintf at the very end of the file. I just removed the error message, and everything works fine. Why??? no idea.

***04/10/2008:** Made a modification in AlpHard.m, to the function alpha0ToAlphard. Now, at the end, all systems are cleaned (option simplify \rightarrow True

added) before saving the library. Note that there is an error in the synthesis of the fir, as the allocation is incorrect if one takes the simplest schedule. One has to make sure that the first coefficient of the schedule is 1. Also, possible to synthesize the fir without piping variables. Should add a noPipe option to the function syn, and see what happens.

16/09/2008: started a new package, called Allocate.m, not yet automatically downloaded. A corresponding example is in myNotebooks/Allocate. There is a function allocTable, that creates an allocation table, with the name of the system, its inputs, outputs, its processor space, its operators and their timing space. It is displayed with showAT. Its purpose is to prepare something to merge different cells into a single one.

***13/09/2008:** added a new option to function scd. Option durationsNonZero gives the positions of the dependences in the dep table which are non zero (duration assumed to be one).

***6/09/2008:** made a new version, seems to be running properly on Linux. Modified the Web site. On my laptop, the new Web site is in directory Copy-MMALPHA-Site/ALPHA. It is accessible through

`http://webdav.irisa.fr/www.irisa.fr/htdocs/cosi`

. I have to upgrade this... In the new version, called mmalphaV2-0-1.zip, I have to modify the diagnose.m file, as it does not work properly for Mathematica version 4.0. Also, add the information that unzip works...

3/09/2008: tried to get a running Linux version. I zipped mmalpha, made a copy of it in my directory at irisa. Then I did a make checkvars in sources. It did not work. I had to replace the makefile.linux in Domlib by a copy of the makefile.darwin. I also had to create a Makefile.linux.4.2 in MakeIncludes. Then make checkvars worked. Then I made make all. Did not work. Seems that I have to provide an old version of Domlib... because of the incompatibility of the Mathlink library. I made a copy of Domlib, and now, I put the old version of domlib.c. But I have to compile PolyLib... Actually, everything works with the bin.linux version... seems so. I forgot to set the \$path variable.

- *28/07/2008:** corrected the inlining in synthesis. In fact, it is needed to remove identical equations, normalize, then simplify the system. In the normalization, there is something strange: the parameter domain is not projected over the domains... Moreover, in a case statement, if a domain is not empty, then the branch is not removed...
- *26/07/2008:** now using eclipse to manage mmalpha... Wrote a first documentation for synthesis. With eclipse, I had a few problems.
- *26/07/2008:** cleaned and committed some demos (Fir, Samba, etc.)
- *23/07/2008:** installed in my directory software MinGW, with examples. Contains gcc to compile for Windows and Linux architectures. Not tried yet...
- *7/05/2008:** continued to add the mute option in AlphaToAlpha0v2, Alphard. In Subsystem, this is more difficult... since no options in Fix-parameters...
- *5/05/2008:** succeeded in compiling Domlib. See Domlib documentation for explanations... Should commit it soon.
- *2/05/2008:** tried to recompile writeC. First, the use of this function is not clear, as if no file is given, we have the same input as if a parameter string was given... Second, there are missing libraries in the Write_C program, and I added them. Third, the use of strcat seems not to be accepted by gcc. I replaced it by strcpy, and afterwards, I got a linkedit error. Actually, I had to put the new libraries in yacc.y (which produces yacc.c), and make sure it was produced in one single text command, otherwise too many arguments in Vsep.
- *25/04/2008:** added mute option to schedule.m, farkasSchedule.m, analyze, etc. Committed.
- *21/04/2008:** added a mute option to Alpha.m package. Alpha.m, Synthesis.m, Options.m and Vhdl2.m were committed. Also the demo directory for Synthesis. Committed.
- *20/04/2008:** created a new demo notebooks called Synthesis. Demo of Samba does not work. Add a parameter for a2v with the directory

where we create `vhdl` files. Also check all options of `a2v` in `Options.m` and develop them.

19/04/2008: created a `Synthesis.m` package, containing a `[syn]` function. Documentation has to be done. Also commit `Alpha.m` and `autoload.m`. Next improvements : modify `syn` to handle structured designs, first by simple inlining, then using real structured design. Add the possibility of designing the `vhdl` and the schedules, by reading complex IPs. This could be done by modifying `load` in such a way that it reads files with a different suffix using `MMA`, and then find out the structure of the program.

***18/04/2008:** Committed everything in `lib`, except `Normalization.m`. Corrected a bug in `Domlib` (in `DomEmptyQ`). I removed the call to `solveEqualities` in `noSolutions`, and replaced it by a call to `solveDiophantine` which works. Should add a note in the documentation to explain that `DomEmptyQ` does not find really if a domain is empty. Notice also that one can use the function `Reduce` to check if a domain is empty. `Reduce[i>1,i<2,i,j,Integer]`.

***1/04/2008:** Dans `Substitution.m`, removed a `;;`. This created `pbs` in version 6.0. I.

***1/04/2008:** Change in `Alpha.m` to include `Visual3D`. I think that it was committed.

***1/04/2008:** Tried to clean up tests. Also, in packages, whenever there are accents, there is a problem in version 6.0. Guess it was committed.

***1/04/2008:** In `Domlib`, I changed `Global'scdc` into `scdc`, which may be a problem?

***1/04/2008:** `TestsDomlib.m` was modified and committed.

?8/01/2008: Dans `pipeVars[]`, s'il y a un pb lors de l'application d'un pipeline, le programme boucle... Voir `myNotebook firspg`.

5/01/2008: The test for the `Static` package does not work. Also, check the `Static` doc package. Check also the doc package of `StructuredScheduler`. There is an error in the test. In `analyze`, there is a pb when the output of a system is produced by a subsystem (see in doc package for

StructuredScheduler). The test for Substitution is wrong. Le package de Uniformization ne marche pas... Il n'tait pas install, il faut tout revoir.

***31/12/2007:** I checked the Schedule package. I made corrections to scd so that it can work on multidimensional cases... There is a bug in schematics, that you can see in the matmult example (after change of basis). See the nice example of test bench generation in matvect.

29/12/2007: the Shedule doc package has to be checked... Was not committed yet.

***29/12/2007:** the PipeControl doc package has been copied. Some options of report are interesting and have to be documented. Committed.

29/12/2007: the Meta documentation (in doc/Meta and in doc/Packages/Meta) was checked, updated and committed. The alpha2mma translator still works, but has to be completely debugged... The lyx file was translated and may now be forgotten... (I did not remember this lyx file, and I therefore was not able to find out this documentation which I wrote a while ago...)

***26/12/2007:** checking the repository. Committed various modifications in doc. Adding the Doc/Package directory. In the CheckAlpHard dir, there are some .simul files which result, I think, from an attempt to write a simulator of Alpha in MMA. But I do not know where the corresponding meta files are. In the Meta package doc, there is a lyx file which gives a precious documentation on the Meta package... Has to be translated...

15/11/2007: added functions isOutputRegular, areAllOutputsRegular, mkOutputRegular and mkAllOutputsRegular to Substitution.m. Also changed getNewName and newName (in schematics.m). Goal is to detect (in analyze) that outputs are not of the form $o = v$ where v is a variable and provide a function to change this. Has to commit Analyze, Static.m and Substitution.m. Also added MakeDoc.m in packages, and has to commit this. There are strange bugs, but documentation is OK. Has to commit TestsSubstitution. There are bugs in tests of Static. Commit change to VertexSchedule.m

4/11/2007: trying the Neural Network of Sanjay in myNotebooks, NN-Sanjay BackPropNN (main.nb). Everything goes well until the ToAlpha0V2, where I added some traces. Could not solve the problem. See notebook.

23/10/2007: trying to install mmalpha at CSU. Did not work, because Polylib was not adapted to PPC Mac... Still a problem. I recompiled Polylib (notice that the documentation regarding Polylib is not up-to-date). Then, I had the problem that the Mathematica version was wrong. Then, I had to recompile Domlib together with the other programs to get a new library for Polylib... Eventually, I succeeded. Morality : first, get the result of compilation... Second, try to adapt the compiler to the PPC case... The right way to do this would be to generate different bin: bin.macosXppc and bin.macosXintel...

7/9/2007 – Pip: found the bug, it was in FarkasSchedule, the calls to sed. A corrected version of this package is in the desktop.

29/8/2007 – Pip: There are problems regarding Pip on Windows, and I cannot find out what these problems are. Actually, there are also some problems with Domlib. In the old version of Anne-Marie, Pip works, but tests["Domlib"] leads to a bug... In the current version of Anne-Marie, Pip does not work: it returns an error message saying that there is no solution (the same version works on the Mac). If I run the old version with the new directory of Pip and Domlib, I also get an error in Pip, but this time, the error is different as there is a call to DomMatrixSimplify which is wrong... So there are some interferences between pip and Domlib. Actually, DomMatrixSimplify is used in Domlib, so I do not know where FarkasSchedule.m calls it. Also, if I run the new mmalpha with the old binaries, it does not work either... So I put some Print statements in the FarkasSchedule.m of my Mac version and I will try to explore this with Anne-Marie...

24/7/2007 – Domlib: To try to correct the error in Polylib, I worked on Domlib in order to be able to recompile it. See in doc-install-domlib my notes regarding Xcode etc. and all I could not fix.

In the makefiles of Domlib, I made a few changes in order to recompile it. In particular, I set the place of Mathlink to the MacOSX-x86 version.

Polylib works correctly, but not domlib. readDom works also nicely. So the problem seems to come from Mathlink, or maybe, domlib.c is not uptodate anymore...

20/7/2007 – Polylib: I again tried to look at Polylib and recompiling all stuff on Intel machine.

First, I downloaded polylib from strasburg (see the note in doc/PolyLib). This was successful.

Actually, it seems that to put a new version of PolyLib in MMAAlpha, one just download it, then install it following the procedure described in the documentation (see again the note), and then one recompile domlib etc.

I did this in mmalpha-2 (after changing MMALPHA variable).

Then, I made a copy of mmalpha into mmalpha-2. I changed the setenv of MMALPHA (otherwise the makefile in the sources dir may not work).

I edited the makefile in the sources dir. I changed the DIR variable to only Pretty. Then, I made make clean, which removes Obj.dir in Pretty, and I made a make all. There are some errors, but it produces in Obj.darwin in Pretty a pretty binary file.

Then I tried the same for read_Alpha. This does not work. It compiles properly read_alpha.c, node.c, matrix.c, and vector.c but not polyhedron.c.

Then, I replaced the Polylib directory in the sources by the new Polylib, and... it worked !

Then, I tried the same for Write_Alpha, and it did not work...

In the meantime, when putting in DIR of makefile Pretty + read_ALpha + Write_ALpha, I got a loop...

Then I tried the same only for writeAlpha, and it worked ! Seems that make clean does not work properly.

I tried again clean with all files in Dir and it worked...

I tried the same for Write_C and gen.o is missing... I tried to add gen.o from Codegen in Obj.darwin of Write_C, but it did not work.

OK. I went back to Domlib. I had to modify several things. First, make sure that the new Polylib was recompiled, and installed in directory MMALPHA/sources/Poly. (By the way, in mmalpha, I made a copy of bin.darwin renamed bin.darwin-ppc, because I know that this one works on any mac. I also made a copy of Poly into Poly-darwin, just in case. With the introduction of intel mac, all this stuff has to be made cleaner...

In case of backup, there is always the solution of the dest-mmalpha-o, and also the lip forge repository.

For Domlib to compile, changes have to be made in Makefile.darwin of Domlib (where is Polylib), Makefile of MakeIncludes (where the mprep is).

20/7/2007 – Domlib.m: there is a bug (I guess) in DomSimplify. The example is shown here:

```
d1 = readDom[ "{ i | i<=0}" ];
d2 = readDom[ "{ i | 0<=i}" ];
domSimplify[ d1, d2 ]
```

will return domain $\{i | 1 \geq 0\}$, i.e. the full space.

```
d1 = readDom[ "{ i | i=0}" ];
d2 = readDom[ "{ i | 0<=i}" ];
domSimplify[ d1, d2 ]
```

will return domain $\{i | i = 0\}$, which is correct. When looking in Polylib, I discover that there is another version of

***15/4/2007 – All:** checked commitments of lib.cygwin, lib.darwin, bin.cygwin, and doc, until Schedule.

***11/4/2007 – All:** committed the config directory

***10/4/2007 – All:** committed all modifications to the distribution in lib. Added Visual3D and Schematics in the distribution.

***9/4/2007 – All:** checked that bin. are OK.

- *8/4/2007 – Alpha.m:** corrected to print use dependencies. This was not possible in the MacOSX version.
- *7/4/2007 – VertexSchedule.m:** Edition of some usages in VertexSchedule was done (parameterValues for example).
- *6/4/2007 – VertexSchedule:** was modified in order to comply with old version of Mathematica.
- *11/12/2006 – VertexSchedule:** has been modified for the new version of MMApha. Added options. A new function, changeIndexes, was added to changeOfBasis.
- *15/9/2006 – appSched:** has been modified in order to change easily.
- 9/9/2006:** The 2D filter works, almost. There is a problem with appSched. In this example, when it is applied, it results in an infinite array. The solution is then to apply changes of bases individually. I also put a check in Vhdl2 and vhdlModule.sem when a use has an infinite extension domain. This problem has been fixed.
- 5/9/2006:** Tried to work out a 2D filter given by Anne-Marie. See myNotebooks/filter2D. The problem was related to structured schedule. Remember that using schedule (Farkas scheduler) one needs to use structSched (or schedule[subSystems-;True]. This is explained in the schedule documentation.
- 25/5/2006:** Received a notebook of Anne-Marie (see myNotebooks/Chana) where she tries to obtain vhdl code from a simple program. This does not work for several reasons, and it could be possible to fix these problems. In particular, creating Vhdl code could be possible by extension of the method to 0 dimensional variables.
- *25/3/2006 – PipeInfo:** Tanguy sent me a notebook, and PipeInfo does not work. Actually, there is a new version corrected in PipeControl-new.m. Removed in it the latex command and also, checked that no pipeline is done on a union of a domain. Has to be committed.
- *1/3/2006 – Schedule, FarkasSchedule, ScheduleTools:** I made a few modifications to Schedule.m, FarkasSchedule.m, and maybe also to VertexSchedule.m and ScheduleTools.m. The modification was to

unify the way schedules are added to `$scheduleLibrary`. I added to `Schedule.m` an internal function `storeSchedule` of `VertexSchedule.m` which adds a schedule to `$scheduleLibrary` only by keeping the input and output schedules. Thus, one may now schedule a subsystem using both `scd` or `schedule` and still be able to use one or the other scheduler for the structured schedule.

***15/2/2005 – Schematics:** while trying to use `schematics`, I noticed that the `Schematic.m` package is not in the current distribution. OK, committed.

2/12/2005 – Scheduler corrections done to the scheduler documentation in `/doc/Schedule` Added in the doc notebooks the `Schedule` directory. Not committed yet.

1/12/2005: created an example called `SignAlpha.nb`, for Anne-Marie

30/11/2005 – StructuredScheduled: added `StructuredScheduler` in the demos. Is not totally checked yet, and was not committed.

30/11/2005 – Demos: added `Fifo` in the demos, but it does not work completely... Not committed yet.

3 The to do list

10/1/2009: make the corrections seen by the installation of Anne-Marie

9/1/2009: check that the scheduler is adapted to the new version with string additionnal constraints and update documentation

***4/1/2009:** update web site

4/1/2009: check that `testSynthesis` work, create and test new distribution

2/1/2009: remove documentation `DOMLIB-Install`

2/1/2009: there is a bus error in `readAlpha` in `test4[]`

2/1/2009: look in `FarkasSchedule.m` to see what happens with `$Runtime`
aso

* **2/1/2009:** update installation documentation.

2/1/2009: filter more carefully the arguments of `ashow` and `show`. When called with 22 for example, `ashow` tries `show` before falling, which causes a message to be issued in the shell

2/1/2009: repair `showLib` (prints out the library directly in the shell)

* **2/1/2009:** clean `TestAlpha.m` from parasite shell error messages.

* **2/1/2009:** remove ugly messages issued in the shell window when trying to remove files from PiP. Probably have to redirect `stderr` to another file?

poursuivre l'analyse de `top_fir` pour enlever la fifo et aussi regarder l'affaire de l'initialisation

comprendre pourquoi `YOutType` n'apparat nulle part

demander Steven si le fonctionnement des mmoires est correcte

peut-on mettre un type en gnric. Voir tutorial...

If you apply `toAlpha0v2` to a program that has not been appscheded, it fails...

There is a message in the `WriteAlpha` program, "Could not find the declaration..." that should be removed, as it pollutes the main window...

In the config directory, clean red files of the LipForge repository

In the lib directory, look at the files which are not in the distribution and add those which are useful. They are shown in red in the `Description.xls` file in the `maintenance` directory.

By the way, I noticed that `structSched` does not work for multi-dimensional schedules, and that would be great to have it.

Add a variable `$pipeInfo` that contains the result of the `PipeInfo` command.

Commit `Schedule.m` etc. (see above).

Add `Schematics.m` to the distribution.

Commit new document packages

Complete the description of appendices in this document using the README file in this directory

Check demo FIFO

Add bibliography to scheduler documentation and add documentation for the `scd` command

Check the doc package directory for the vertex scheduler

Create a doc package directory for the farkas scheduler

Extend the vhdl generator to the case of non parallel programs (see myNotebooks/Chana)

4 The done list

2/1/2009: clean `TestSubstitution.m` which creates parasite symbols.

-2/1/2009: Remove `$NewName` in `Alpha.m`. Done.

-1/1/2009: `SystemProgramming` is missing in `CopyMMA`. Some tests are missing in `CopyMMA`. Could not understand why `CopyDirectory` does not work uniquely for `TestSchedule` ! Done anyway.

A How to use LipForge

This version of MMALPHA comes from the LipForge repository. To use it, the following operations are needed:

- Open a terminal window.
- Export the environment variable `CVS_RSH` using the `bash` command:

```
export CVS_RSH=ssh
```

or the `cs` command:

```
setenv CVS_RSH ssh
```

- Each time you want to apply a `cvs` command, say `ccc`, use

```
cvs -z3 -d:ext:quinton@lipforge.ens-lyon.fr:/local/chroot\  
/cvsroot/irisa ccc
```

Alternatively, save the first part of the command (before `ccc`) as an alias

```
alias cvs='cvs -z3 -d:ext:quinton@lipforge.ens-lyon.fr:/local\  
/chroot/cvsroot/irisa'
```

and then use the command

```
cvs ccc
```

B How to connect to my files at Irisa

In the Finder, select a server.

```
smb://nas1a.irisa.fr/quinton
```

C How to run MMALPHA on another server

On a Linux server

```
ssh sabre.irisa.fr
```

D How to access to the web server of MMALpha

In the Finder, select a server.

```
http://webdav.irisa/www.irisa.fr/htdocs/cosi
```

On my laptop, the old site is in

Copy-MMALPHA-Site

E How to run MMA on Mac OS X

For unknown reasons, it is not possible to start MMALPHA directly from the normal interface of MACOSX. The solution:

1. Open a terminal window.
2. Make sure that an environment variable `MMALPHA` is set to the directory where the MATHEMATICA distribution is placed. For example

```
export MMALPHA=/Users/quinton/MMAlpha
```

or under `csh`:

```
setenv MMALPHA /Users/quinton/MMAlpha
```

3. Then run MATHEMATICA. The MATHEMATICA software is placed in directory

```
/Applications/Mathematica 5.1.app/Contents/MacOS
```

(this may differ depending on the version number.)

4. Normally, MATHEMATICA when started should call a `init.m` file, but for unknown reasons, this is not so...

Additional comments:

- Add a command to `.alias` in order to be able to call MATHEMATICA directly, such as for example:

```
alias mma /Applications/Mathematica 5.1.app/Contents/MacOS/Mathematica
```

- Add a command in the `.cshrc` file, in order to

```
setenv MMALPHA /Users/quinton/mmalpha
```

```
echo 'This is my MMA environment: ' ${MMALPHA}
```

```
# For Mac OS X
```

```
alias mma '/Applications/Mathematica\ 5.1.app/Contents/MacOS/Mathematica'
```

```
alias cvsmma 'cvs -z3 -d:ext:quinton@lipforge.ens-lyon.fr:/local/chroot/cvsroot'
```

```
set path=($MMALPHA/bin.$OSTYPE $path)
```

```
set path=(/usr/local/bin $path)
```