DS-Bench Toolset: Tools for Dependability Benchmarking with Simulation and Assurance

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Introduction (1)

- Increasing demands for highly dependable system
 - Today's society totally depends on information systems, and suspension of services cost a lot
- A complex system involves a lot of stakeholders (e.g. developer, supplier, user, etc...)
- All of them must agree on what is the "dependability" for their system, e.g. minimum throughput or maximum latency
 - The dependability of the system should be expressed clearly and supported by clear evidences so that every stakeholder agrees that the system is in fact dependable





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Introduction (2)

- Some argument on system's dependability may require quantitative evaluation of the system
- An automated benchmark testing tool is needed
 - Systems are getting more parallel and distributed
 - Testing takes much time and cost
- Results of the tests should be automatically collected as evidences of dependability

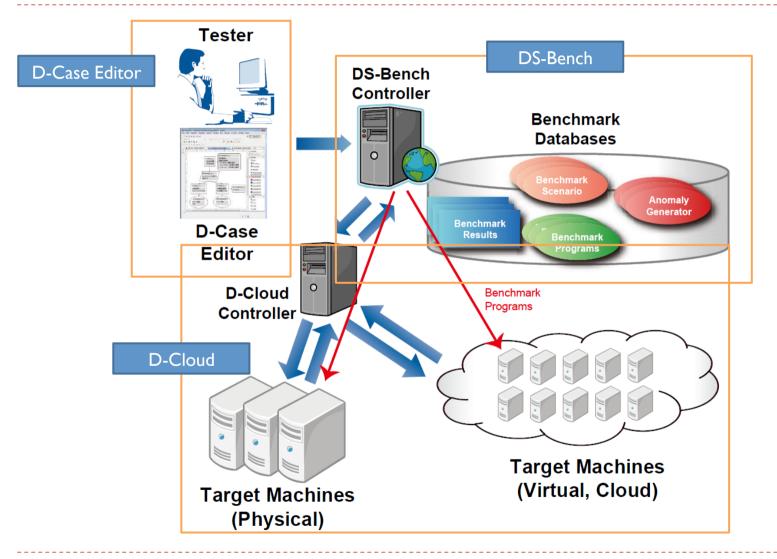




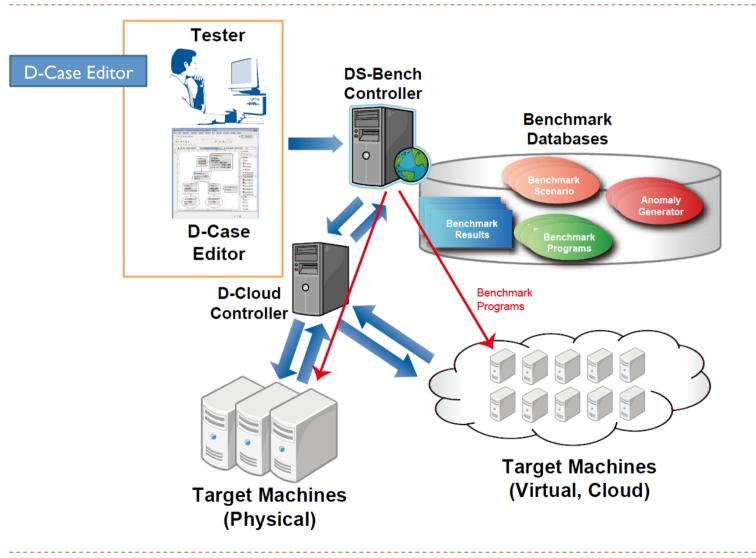


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DS-Bench Toolset: Overview

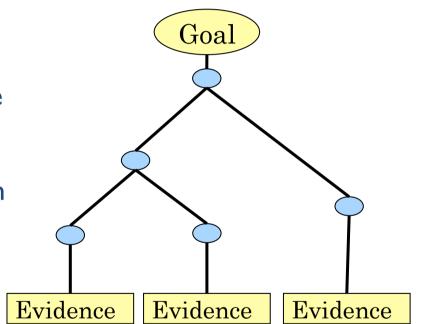


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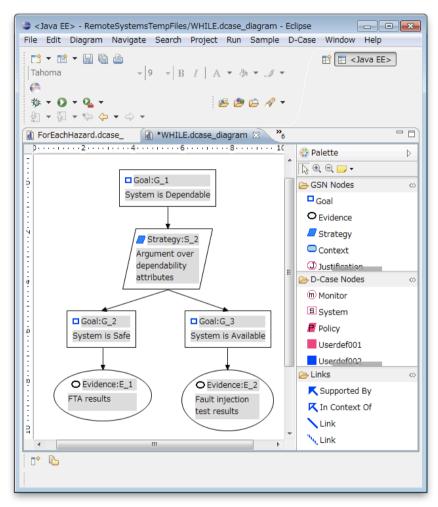
D-Case [Matsuno PRDC2010]

- A kind of Assurance Cases with development tools and runtime monitoring systems
- Assurance Cases
 - "A documented body of evidence that provides a convincing and valid argument that a system is adequately dependable for a given application in a given environment" [Adelard]
 - Becoming a standard for safetycritical systems
 - A Graphical notations GSN (Goal Structuring Notation)

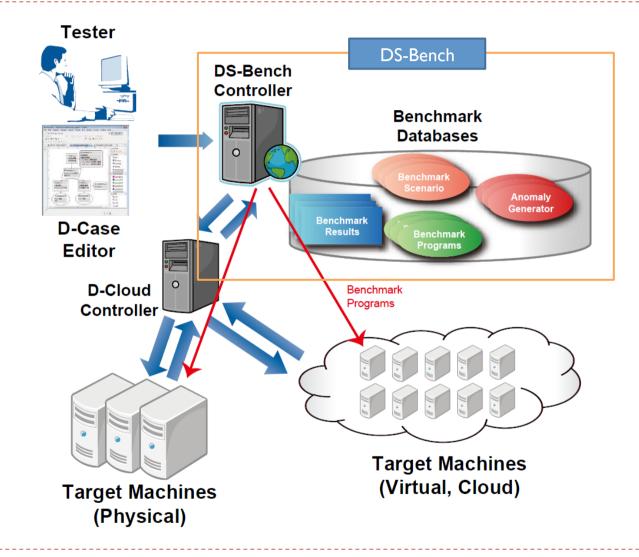


D-Case Editor

- A free assurance case editor
 - An Eclipse plugin using Eclipse GMF
 - Supports GSN
- Key Features
 - Variable type checking and pattern library [Matsuno QSIC2011]
 - Conducting benchmark tests using DS-Bench

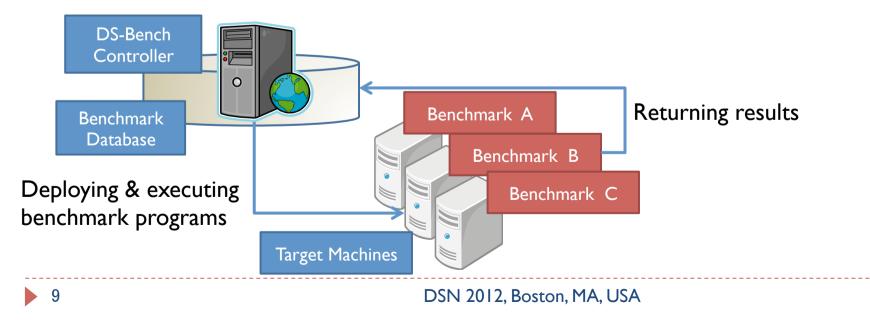


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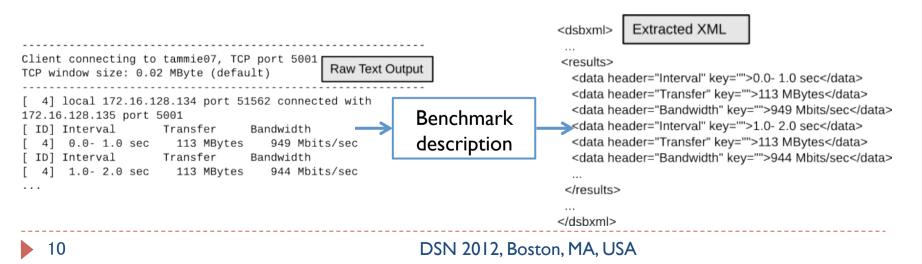
DS-Bench: Overview

- A framework for automatic benchmark tests
 - Dependability metrics are defined and measured by each program. DS-Bench itself does not define them.
- Supports multiple benchmark programs
 - Existing benchmark programs, as well as user-developed ones, can be executed on DS-Bench



DS-Bench: Benchmark Results

- Handling outputs from various benchmark programs
 - Output style of benchmark programs may vary
 - Usually the output is pre-formatted for human readability
- Benchmark description is prepared for each benchmark program
 - Describes cutting rules for interpreting the raw result so that a text table can be converted to a list of machine readable values
- Converted results are stored in an XML database



DS-Bench: Anomaly Loads

- Anomaly loads simulate several irregular situations that may occur to the system
 - E.g. Whole machine failure, device failure, performance degradation, ...
- Essential for dependability benchmark testing
 - We want to know if the system is still dependable under such conditions

DS-Bench: Pre-installed Programs

Name	Description
bonnie++	I/O benchmark
Imbench	Generic performance benchmark
hackbench	System benchmark; creates a lot of processes
httperf	Measures performance of HTTP servers
iperf	Measures network bandwidth
cpustress	Stresses CPU; just consumes CPU time
memstress	Stresses memory; just consumes memory
netcmd	Injecting network anomalies; delay, packet drop, reordering
terminator	Kills a process

Each program may be used as a benchmark program or anomaly generator. Some of them may be used as both.

e.g. bonnie++ can be used as a benchmark program to measure I/O bandwidth, as well as an anomaly generator that consumes I/O bandwidth.

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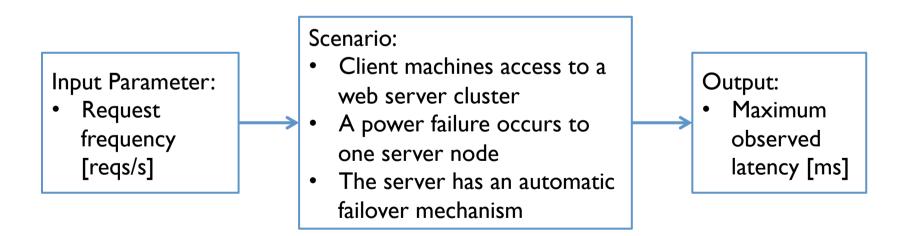
DS-Bench: Benchmark Scenario (1)

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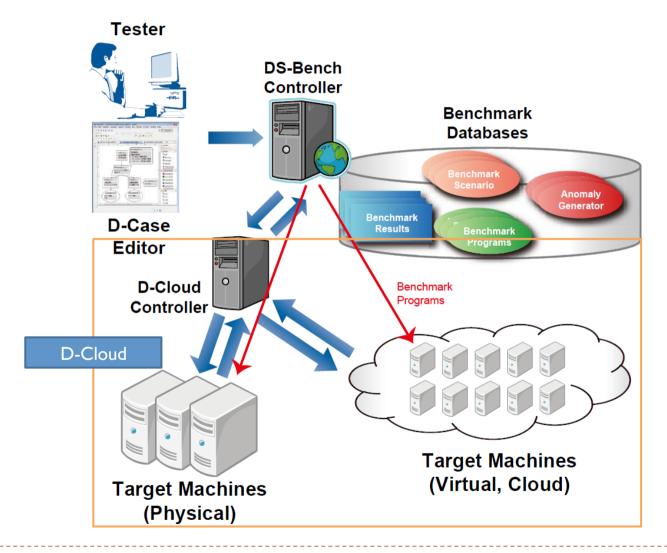


DS-Bench: Benchmark Scenario (2)

- Each scenario may define input parameters and an output result
 - Input parameters are adjustable from D-Case Editor
 - An output result can be obtained from D-Case Editor
- Example:



D-Cloud



D-Cloud: Overview

- D-Cloud manages hardware resources needed for conducting benchmark tests
- Two types of computing resources are provided
 - Physical machines
 - For performance-sensitive tests
 - Virtual machines
 - Managed by OpenStack, a management software for private clouds
 - An arbitrary number of virtual machines can be created simultaneously
 - For functional, performance-insensitive tests

D-Cloud: Fault Injection

- D-Cloud also performs fault injection
 - Adding anomalies from the outside of target machines
 - Mostly requires special equipment (e.g. intelligent PDUs, IPMI, SNMP-enabled switch), or special software (e.g.VMM)
- FaultVM [Banzai CLOUD2010][Hanawa PRDC2010]
 - A virtual machine monitor that comes with a hardware failure simulation feature
 - Based on QEMU, an open source full system emulator
- Fault injection functions are exported to DS-Bench and can be used as anomaly generators
 - i.e. These fault injectors can be put in a benchmark scenario

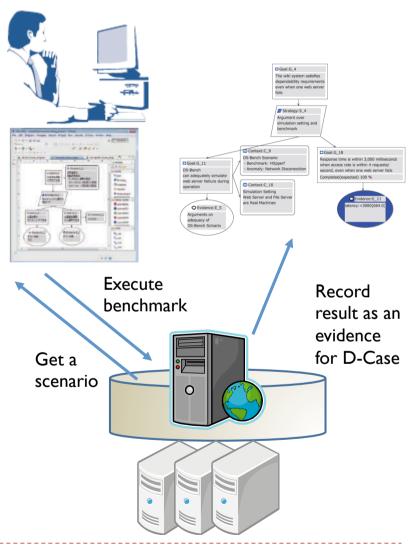
D-Cloud: List of Fault Injection Methods

Name	Target	Description
LinkRefuse	Physical Machine	Shuts down a network switch port
SupplyRefuse	Physical Machine	Shuts down a power supply to a target
IPMICtrl	Physical Machine	Controls a power status of a target via IPMI
VMMemFlip	Virtual Machine	Injects memory flip into VM
VMStop	Virtual Machine	Pauses a VM
VMNicFault	Virtual Machine	Injects a various fault into VM's virtual NIC device

Fault injection methods for physical machines are implemented as a program, and can be added by users just as benchmark programs

Typical Workflow with the Toolset

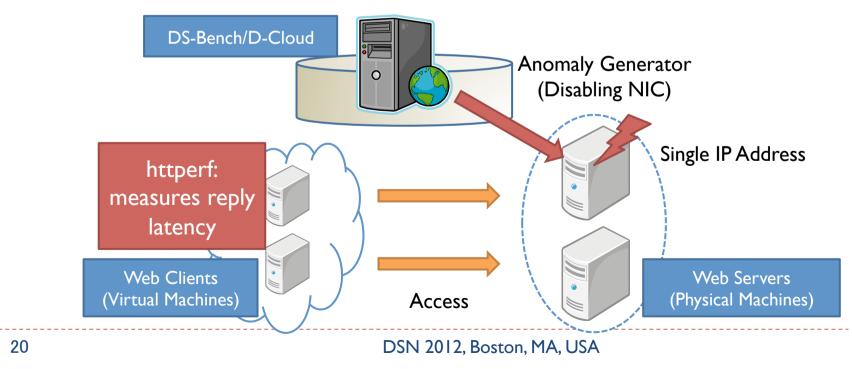
- Determine the required dependability metrics and describe it in D-Case
- 2. Find a suitable benchmark scenario in DS-Bench database
 - If not exist, create new one
- Adjust parameters and run the benchmark test from D-Case Editor
- 4. Result is returned to D-Case Editor and recorded as an evidence for D-Case



Demonstration

- Evaluating a web server system
- Dependability requirement
 - Keep the access latency lower than 3s even one server node fails
- Environment

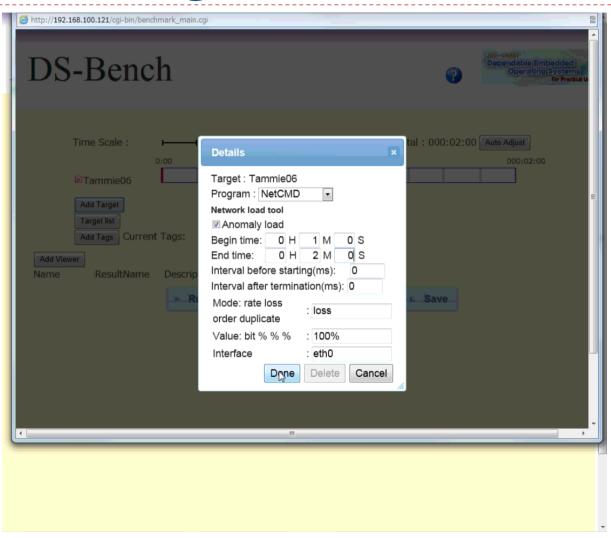
The server provides a single system view using SSPA, a load balancing/high availability mechanism [Fujita HASE2011]



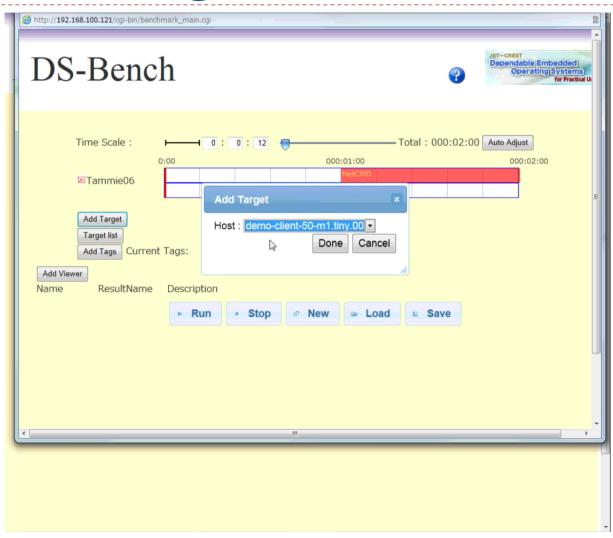


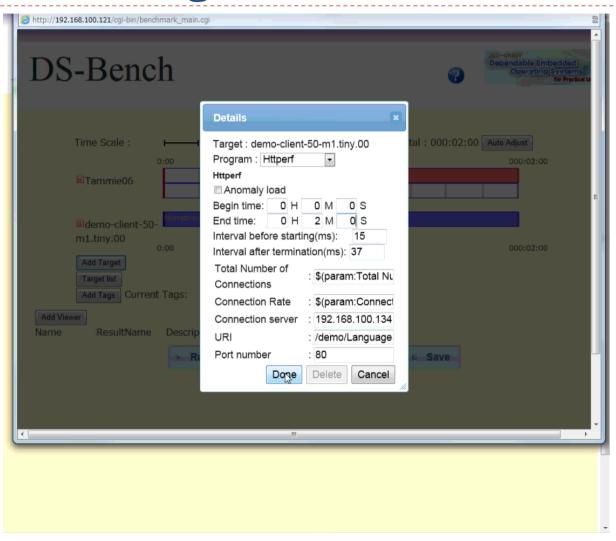
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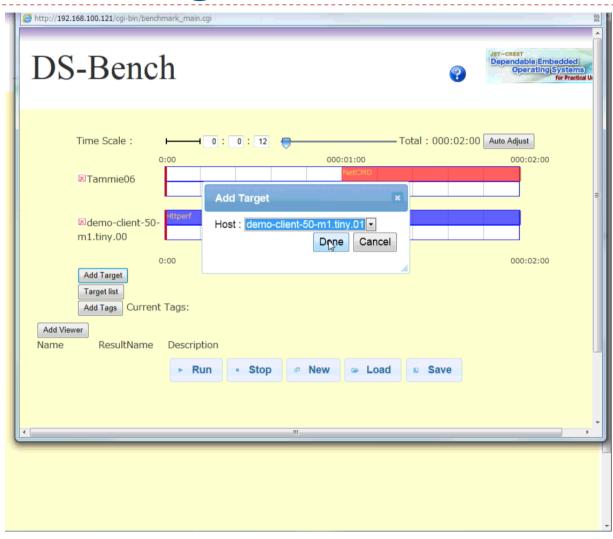


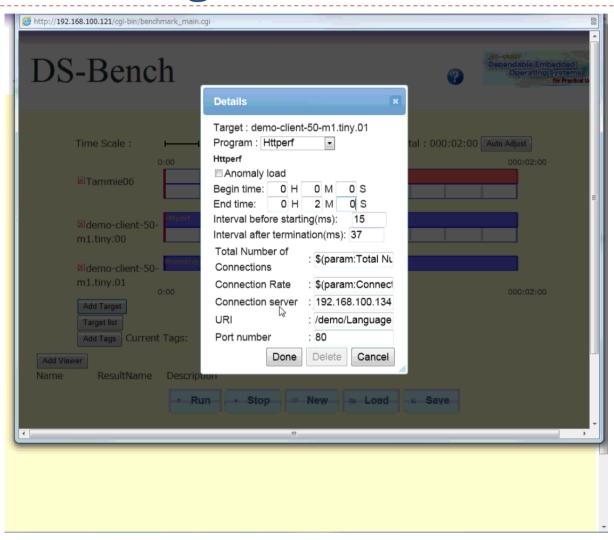


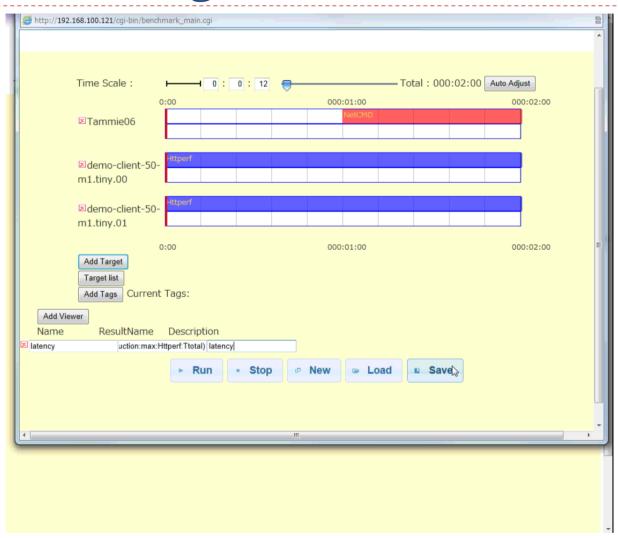




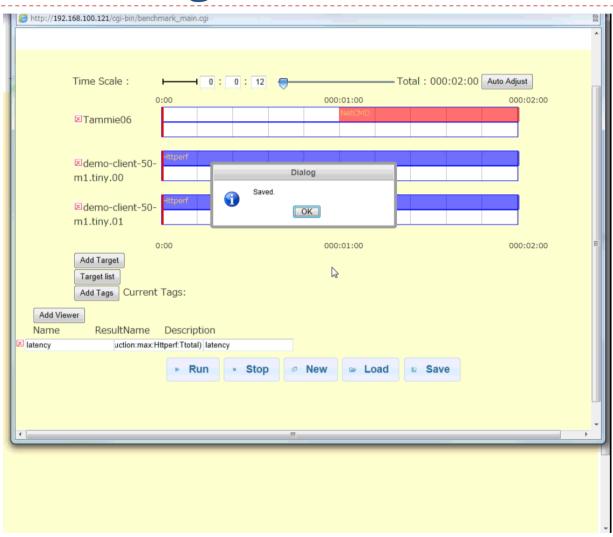
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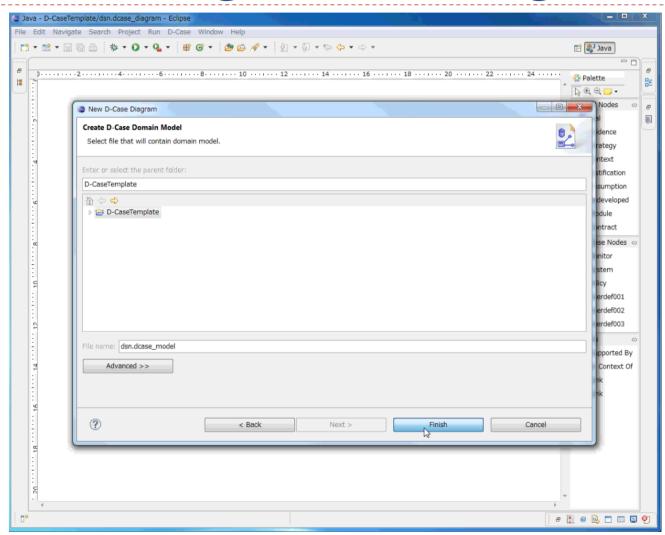
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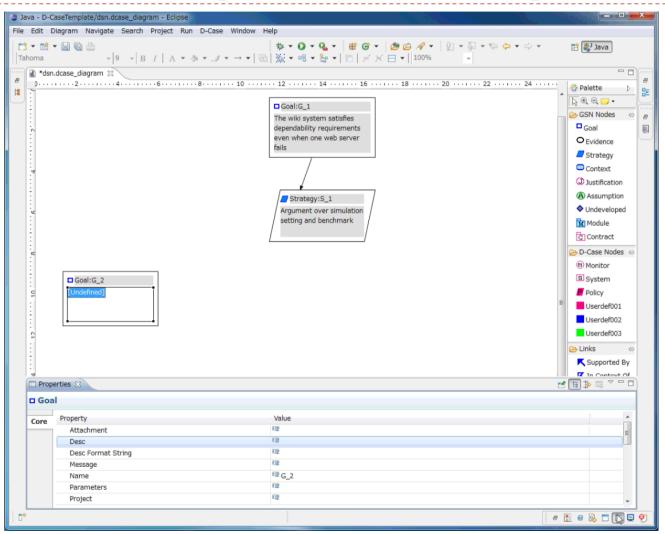
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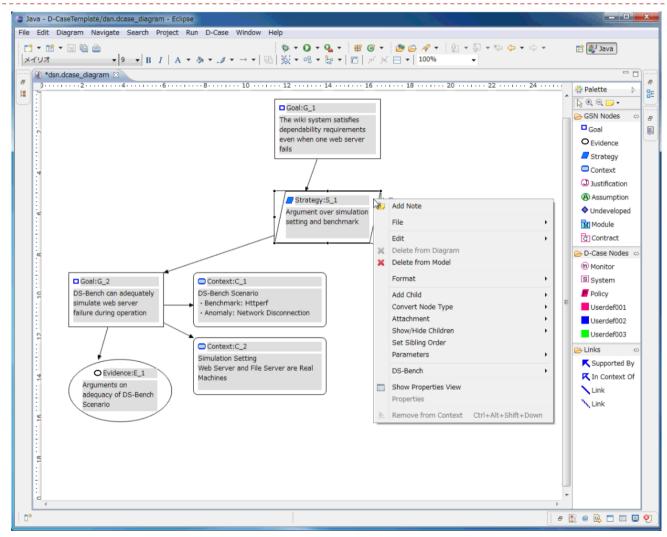
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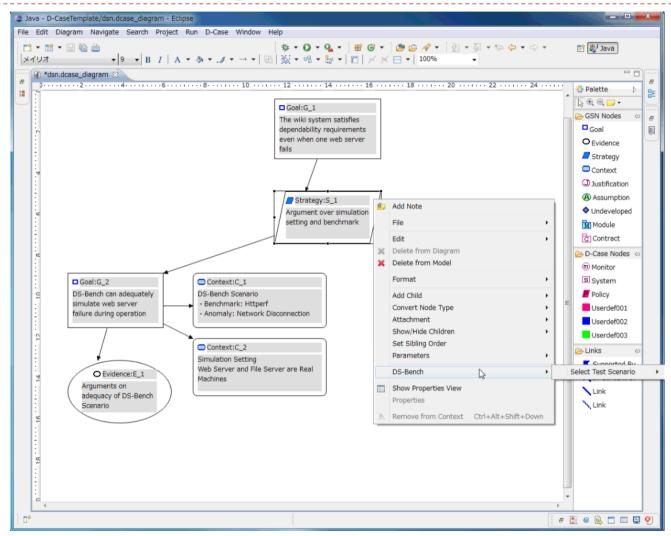
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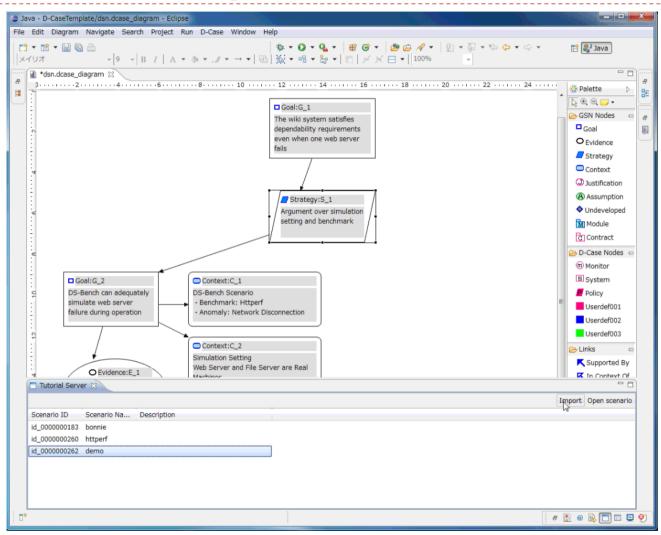


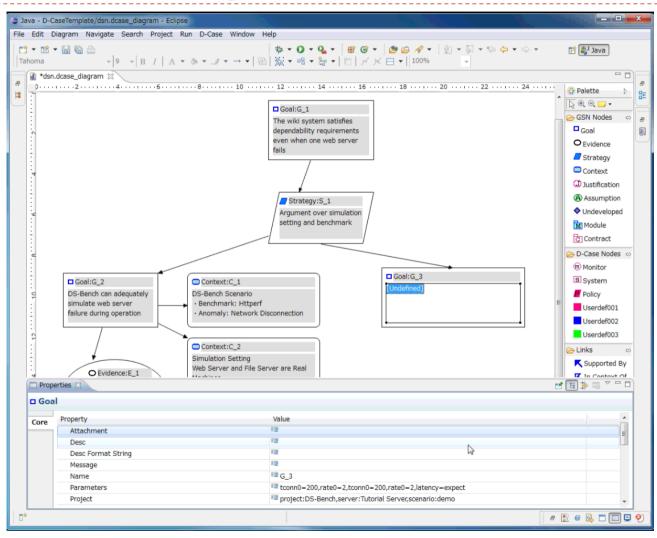
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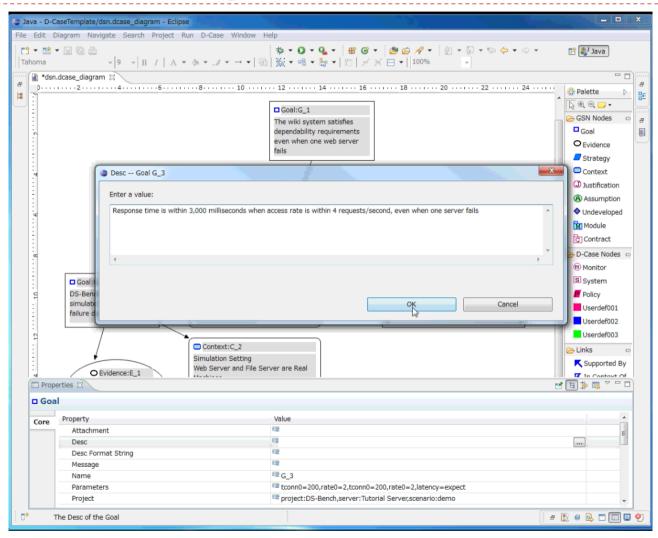
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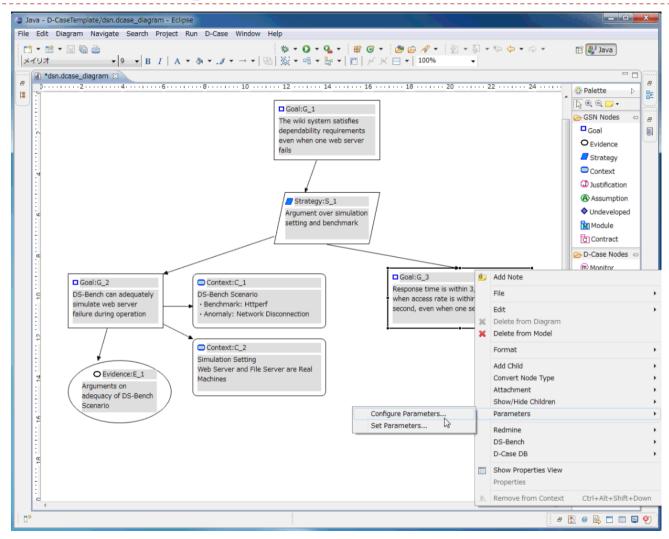




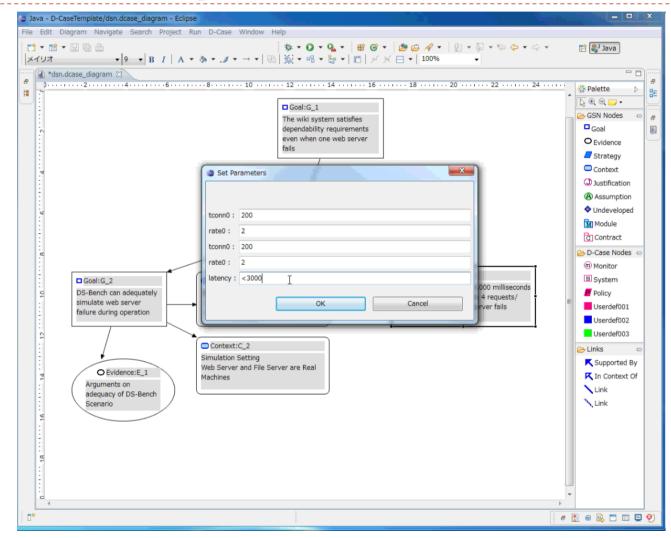




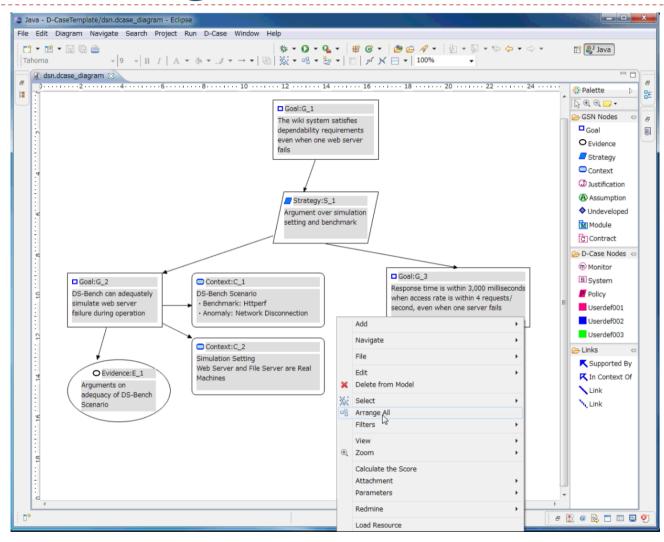
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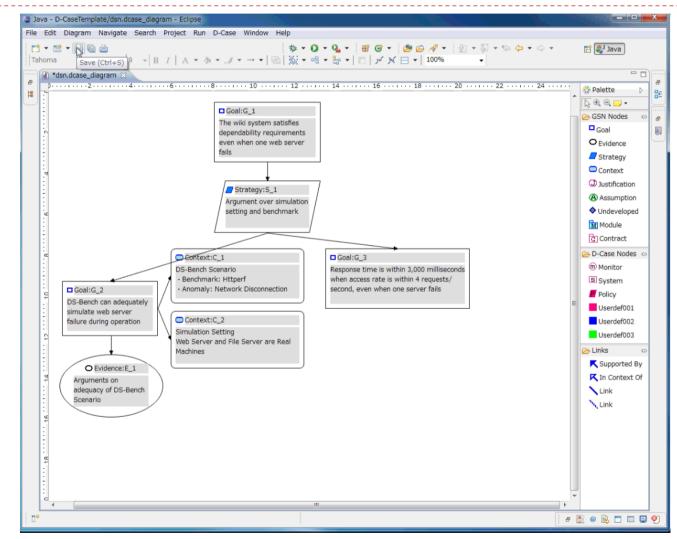


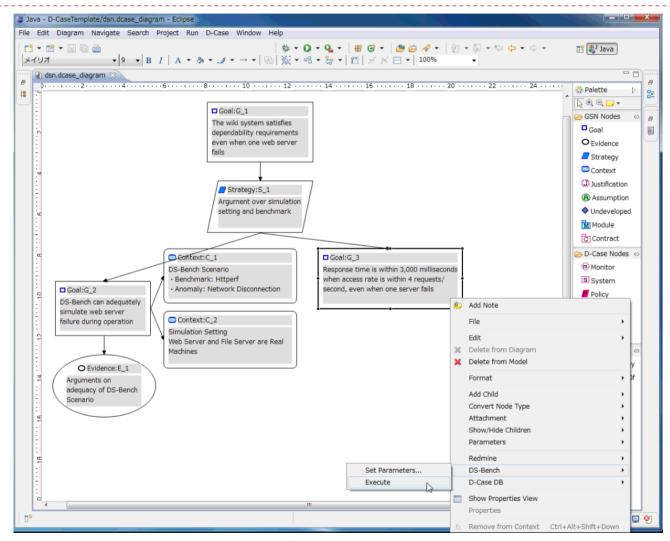
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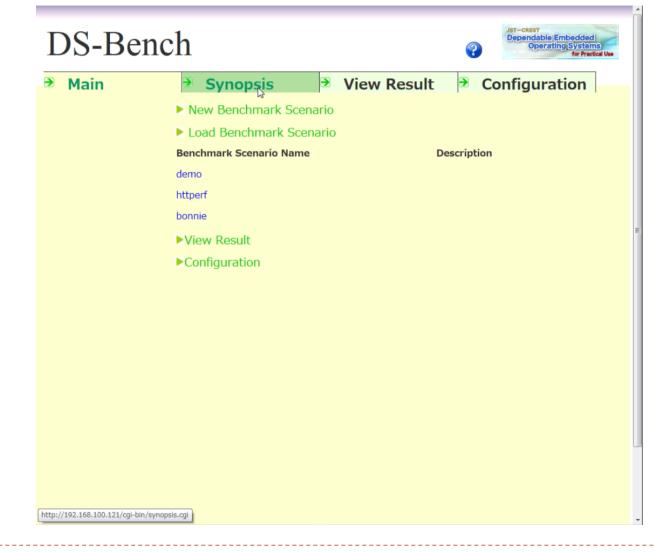


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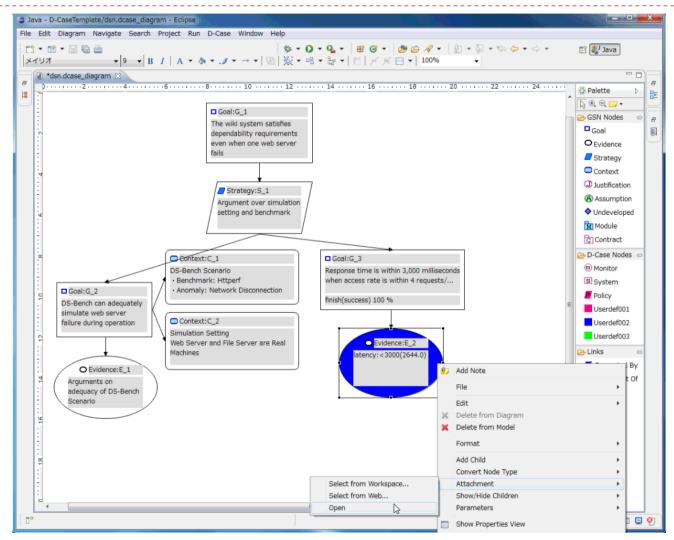
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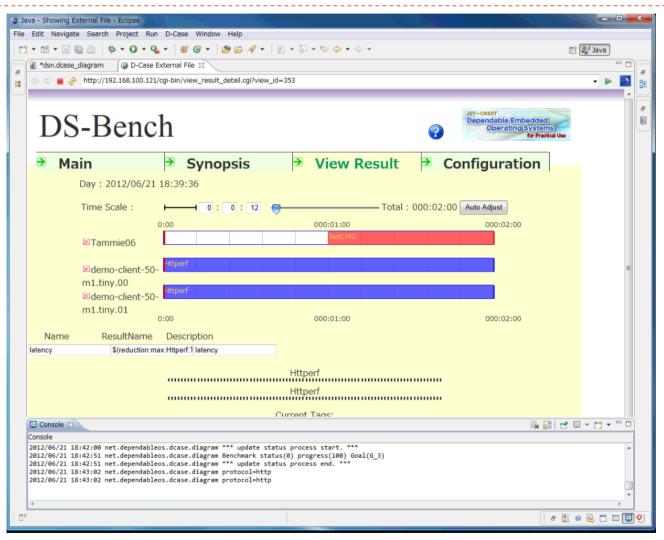
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Related Work

- ASCE Tool [Adelard]
 - An well-used assurance case editor. Mainly for generating certification documents
- D-Bench [Kanoun 2004, Durães 2004]
 - A project aimed at establishing dependability benchmarking methods for several domains
 - Proposed dependability metrics and measurement tools for several target domains, however did not provide a total software framework to integrate multiple benchmarks
- Fault injection tools
 - As far as we know, no effort have been made to combine assurance cases and benchmark results dynamically

Summary

- An automated tool for dependability benchmarking, with dependability assurance, is needed
- DS-Bench Toolset
 - D-Case Editor, an assurance case editor
 - DS-Bench, a framework for benchmark test
 - D-Cloud, a system for managing hardware resources for benchmark test
- Tight collaboration between D-Case Editor and DS-Bench
 - Dependability requirements are described in D-Case
 - DS-Bench conducts benchmark tests to obtain a quantitative evidence for D-Case

Questions?

- D-Case Editor is available from
 - http://www.dependable-os.net/tech/D-CaseEditor/
- DS-Bench/D-Cloud will be available from
 - http://www.dependable-os.net/tech/DSBenchDCloud/
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