# Can we Verify C with Whiley?

David J. Pearce

School of Engineering and Computer Science Victoria University of Wellington

@WhileyDave

http://whiley.org

http://github.com/Whiley

#### Verification: An Idea

"It is clear to "Formal Methodists" like ourselves, for some of whom formal methods can be something of a "religion", that introducing greater rigor into software development will improve the software development process, and result in software that is better structured, more maintainable, and with fewer errors"

-Bowen and Hinchey

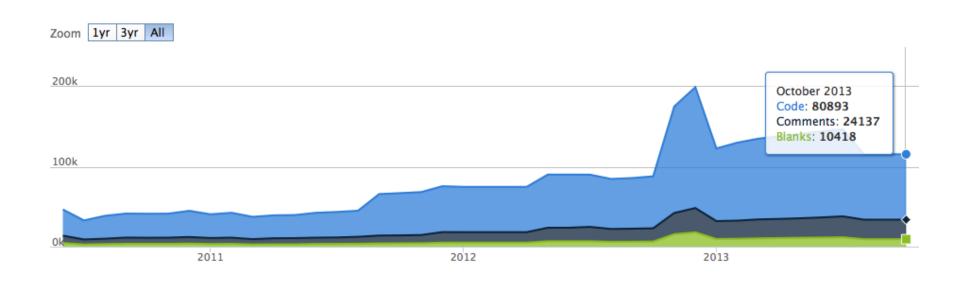
"It is clear to all the best minds in the field that a more mathematical approach is needed for software to progress much."

### Verification: A Challenge

"A verifying compiler uses automated mathematical and logical reasoning methods to check the correctness of the programs that it compiles"

-Hoare'03

#### **History** of Whiley



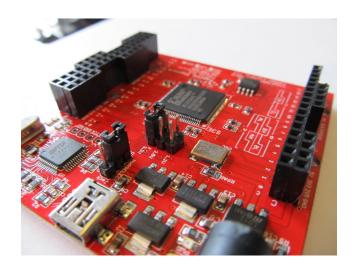
- 2009 Initial version of Whiley released (GPL Licence)
- 2010 GitHub repository and http://whiley.org go live
- 2010 **Version 0.3.0** released (BSD Licence)
- 2013 **Version** 0.3.20 (approx 81KLOC)
- 2014 Used for Teaching SWEN224 (≈ 110 students)
- 2015 **Version** 0.3.36 released
- 2015 Used for Teaching SWEN224 (≈ 130 students)

### **Demo**

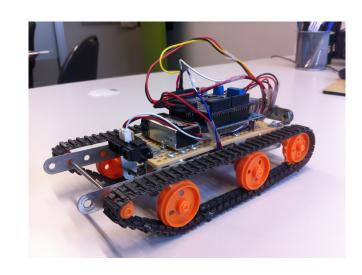
### Embedded Systems ... ?



The BitCraze CrazyFly Nano-QuadCopter



The Papilio FPGA Board



An **Arduino** Tracked Robot



A microchip-based Cat Flap

## http://whiley.org

@WhileyDave
http://github.com/DavePearce/Whiley