Software Reuse

Software Engineering 2

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Software Reuse

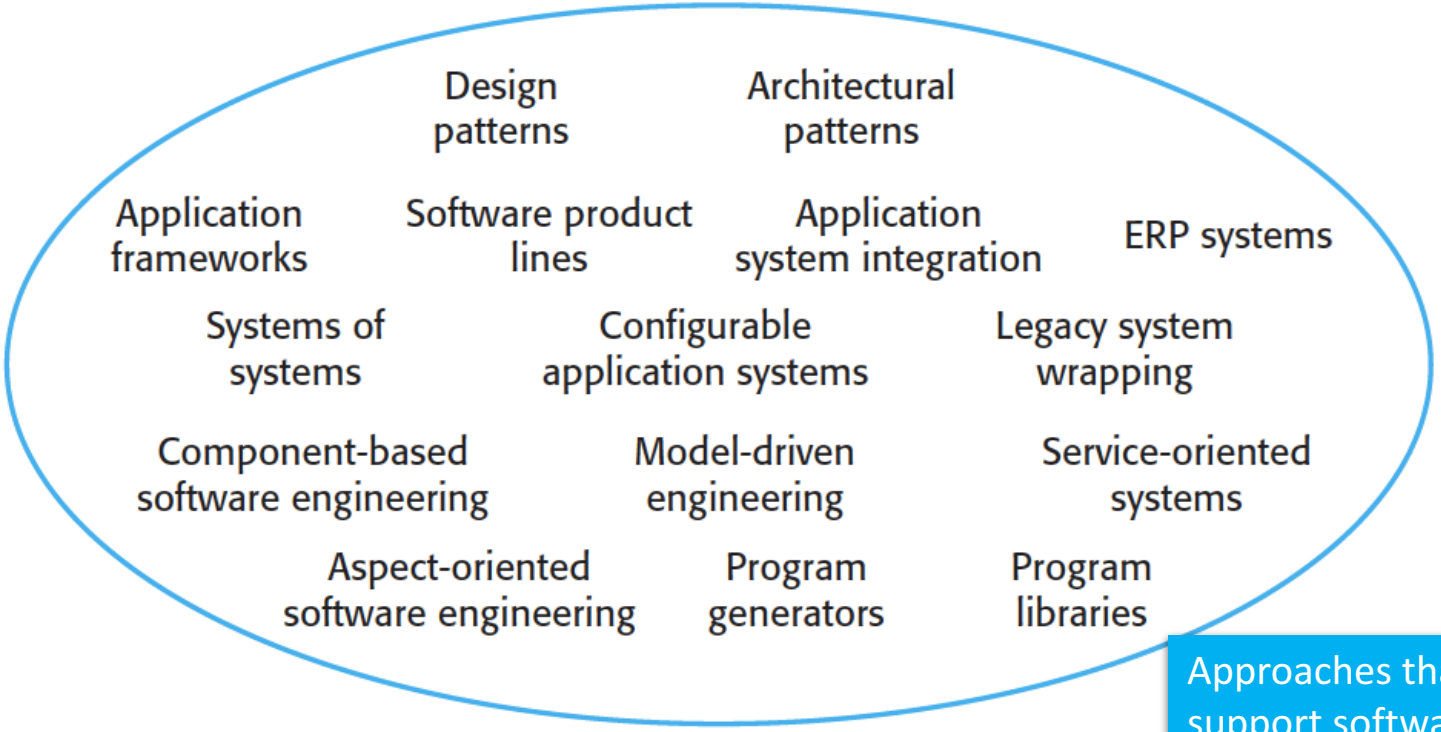
What, Why, How

The Reuse Landscape

Reuse is possible at a range of levels from simple functions to complete application systems

- Reusable Artefact
- Software Asset

- Reusable data
- Reusable architecture/designs
- Reusable programs/systems
  - COTS (Commercial Off-the Shelf)
- Reusable modules/components
- Reusable application framework
- Reusable X



Approaches that support software reuse

Software Reuse

Benefits

- ✓ Accelerated development
- ✓ Effective use of specialists
- ✓ Increased dependability
- ✓ Lower development costs
- ✓ Reduced process risk
- ✓ …

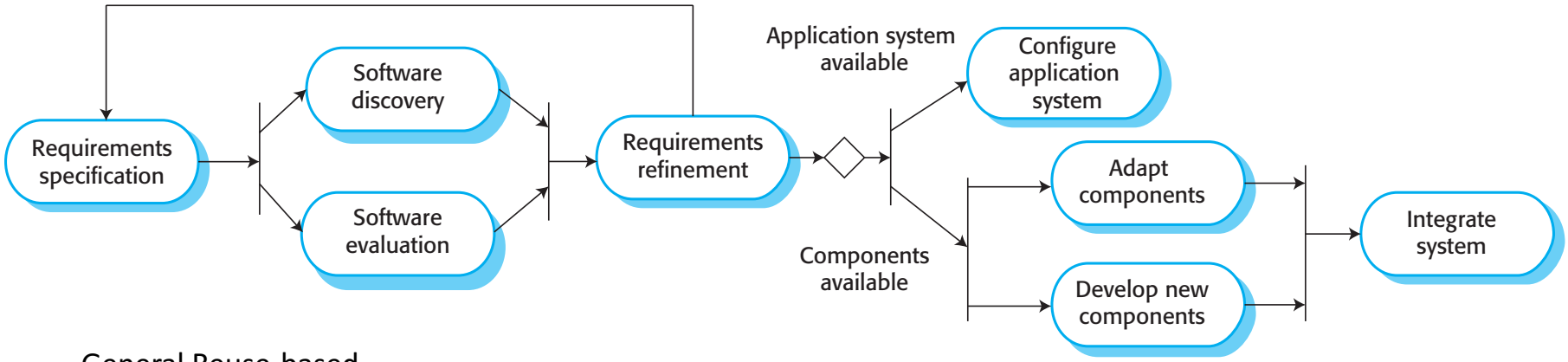
Disadvantages

- ✘ Finding, understanding, and adapting reusable components
- ✘ Increased maintenance costs
- ✘ Lack of tool support
- ✘ “Not-invented-here” syndrome
- ✘…

Reuse in Practice

- Systematic vs. Ad hoc

- A disciplined process of software development
  1. (for reuse) Design and development of reusable components
  2. (with reuse) Utilization of reusable components



General Reuse-based Software Development

Legal and Contractual Issues

- Liability in case of failure of a reused component
- Ownership of reused components
- Maintenance costing
- Security of potentially reusable components

Software Reuse
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OO Design and Programming

Reuse Approaches & Techniques

Application Frameworks

Application System Reuse

Component-Based System Engineering

Software Product Lines

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Approaches

Application Frameworks

- A framework is a generic structure that is extended to create a more specific subsystem or application.

Application System Reuse

- An application system is adapted to the needs of different customers without changing the source code of the system.

1. Configurable systems
   - Configurable modules, Configuration process
2. Integrated systems
   - API, service interfaces, …
   - Adapter, Wrapper, …

Approaches

Underlying Principles
- Independent components
- well-defined interfaces
- Reusable infrastructure
- CBSE-tailored Dev. Process
- …

Component-Based System Engineering

- Domain Engineering
  - Identify, construct, catalog, and disseminate a set of software components
    => library of reusable components

- Component Qualification
  - Does a component “fit” …?

- Component Adaptation & Composition
  - Wrapper
  - Adapter, APIs, ….

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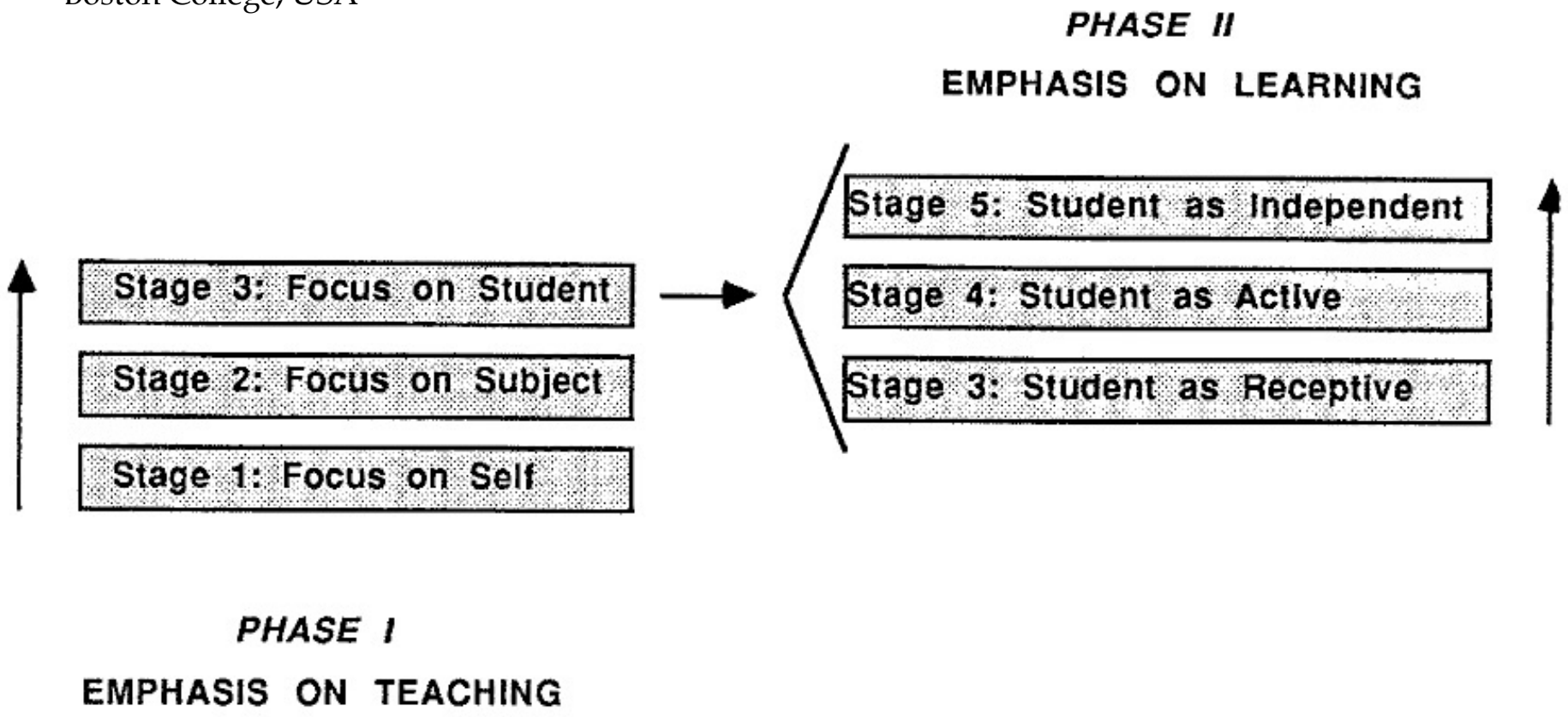
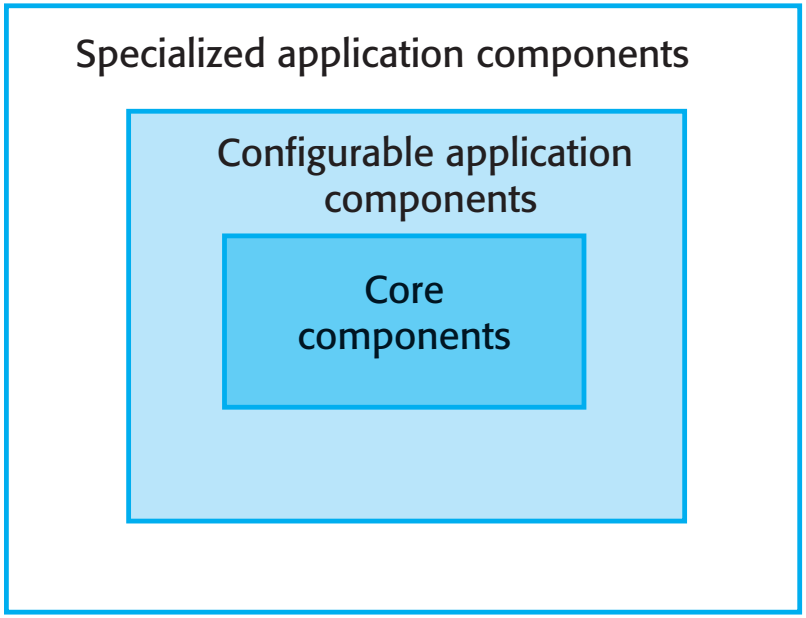


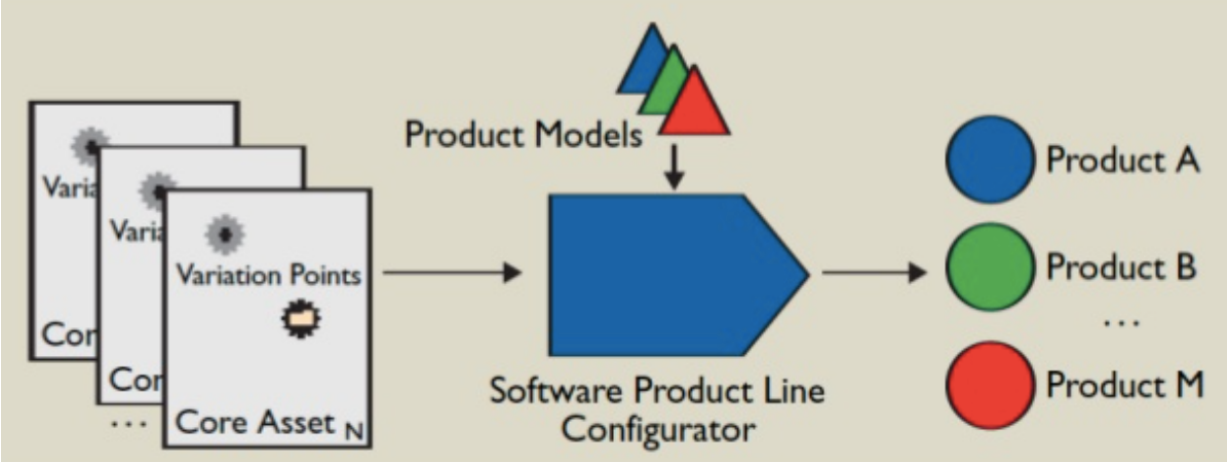


Software Product Lines

A software product line is a **set** of applications with a **common architecture** and shared components, with each application **specialized** to reflect specific customer requirements.

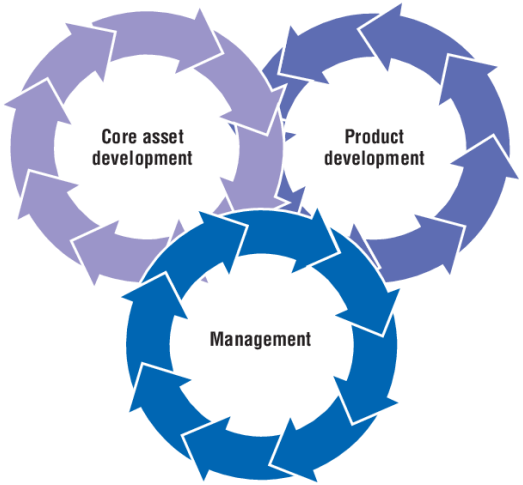
Families of Software Products

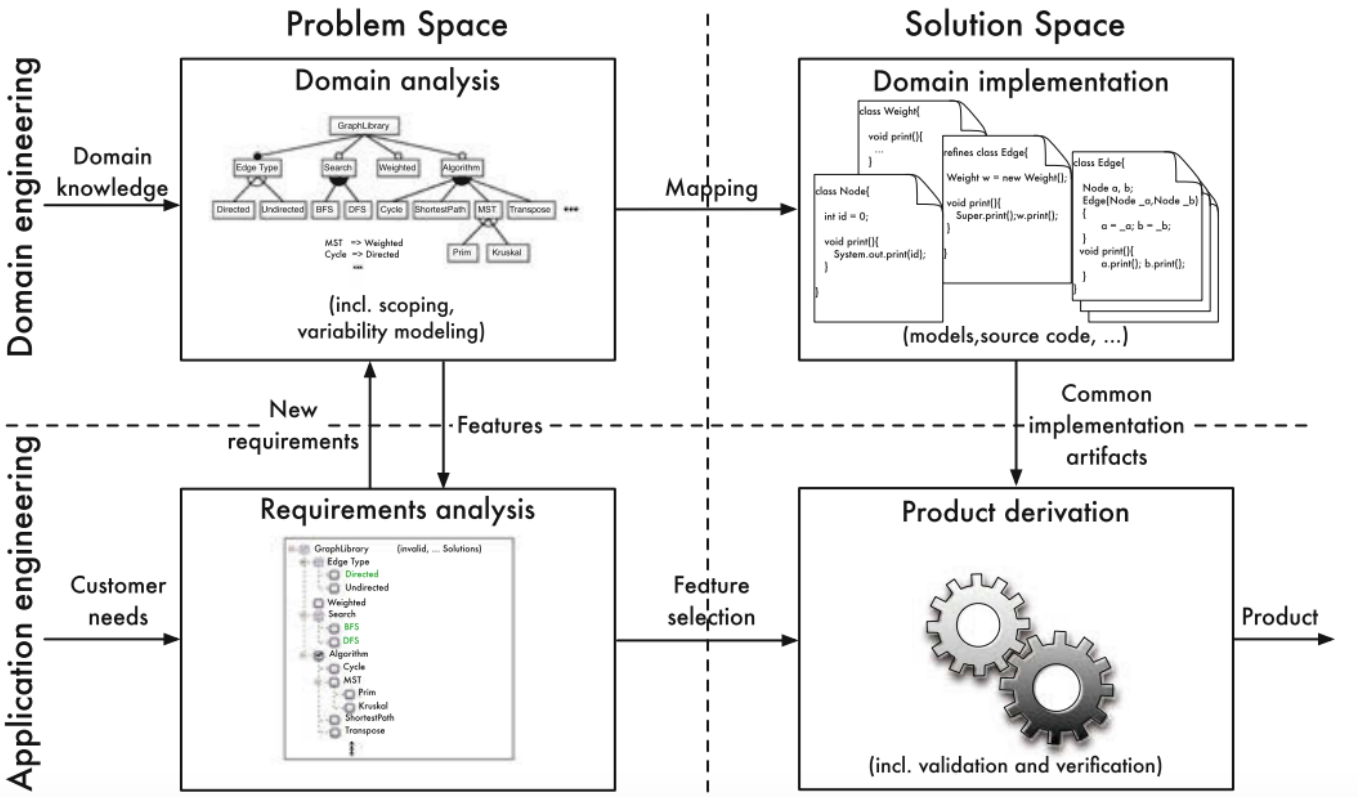
Software Product Line



- Core Asset for the basis of an SPL.
  - The **architecture**, reusable software components, domain models, requirements statements, documentation and specifications, performance models, schedules, budgets, test plans, test cases, work plans, and process descriptions
- Production Plan, SPL Configurator, …
  - How products are produced from the core assets.

Product Line Engineering





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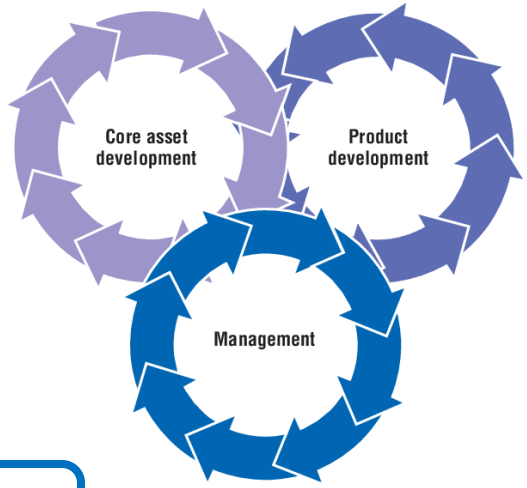

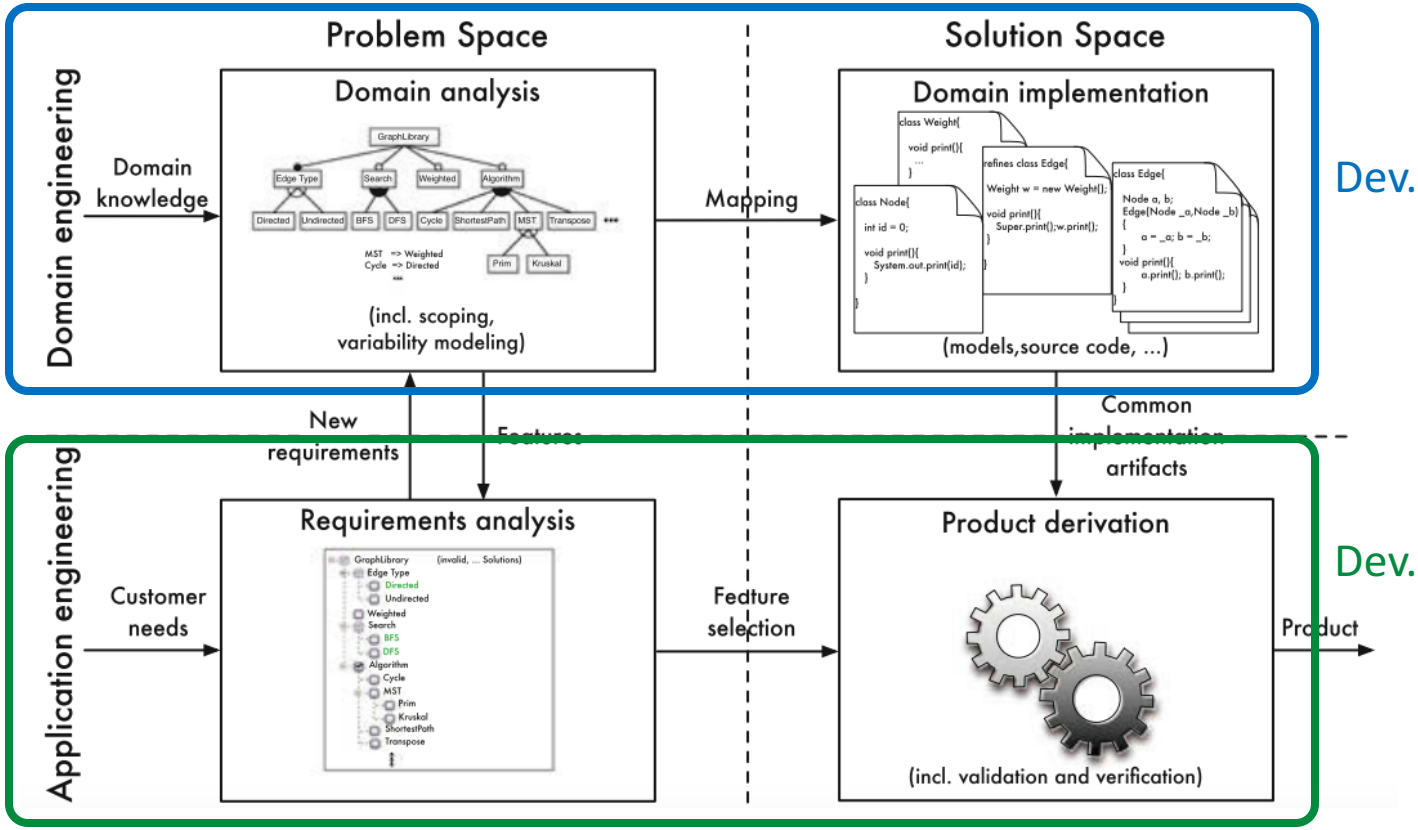

Dev. for reuse

Dev. with reuse

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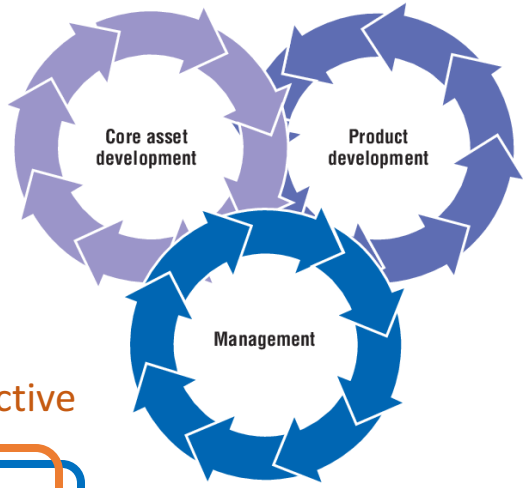
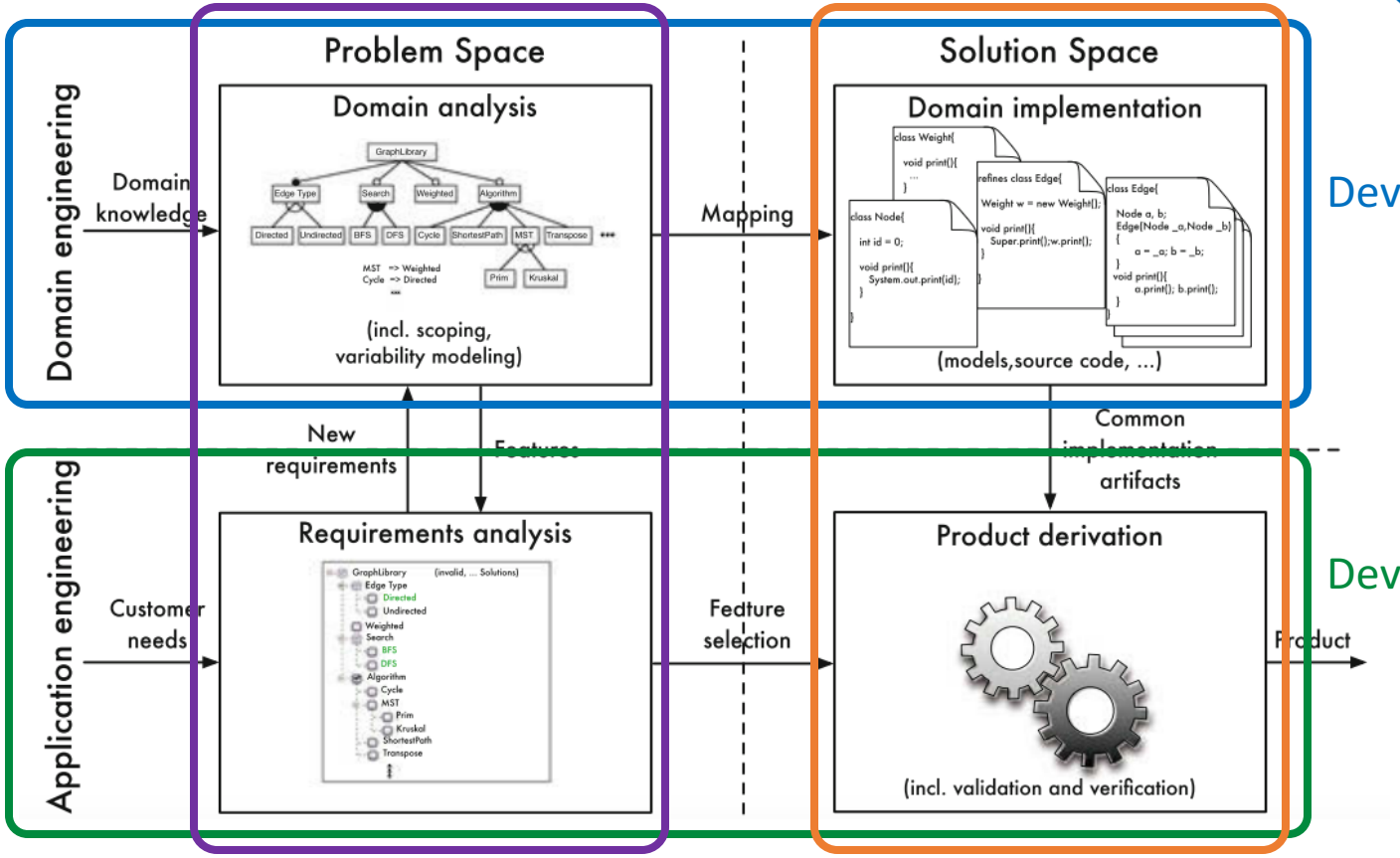


Problem Domain perspective

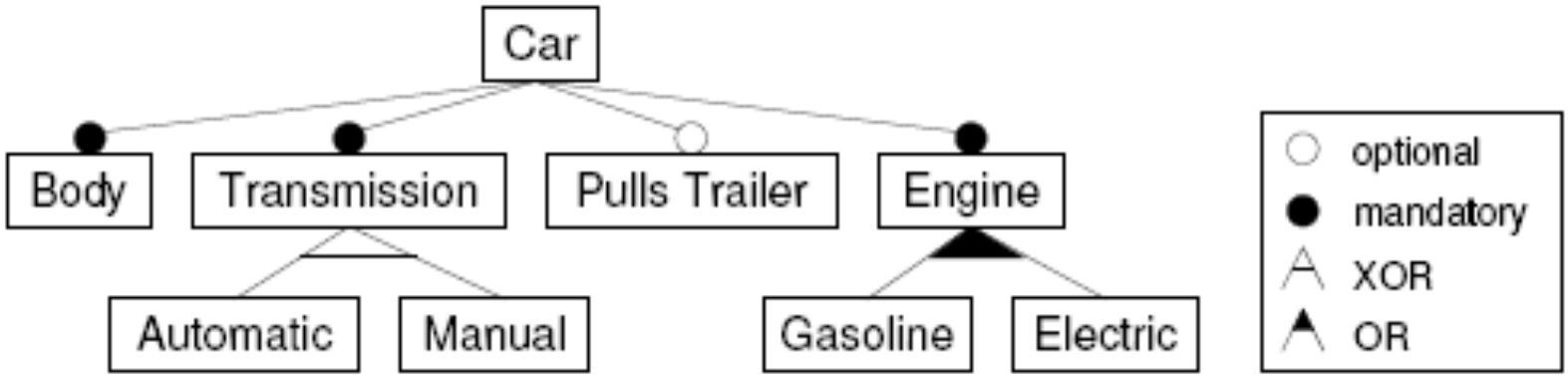
Implementation perspective



Domain Analysis

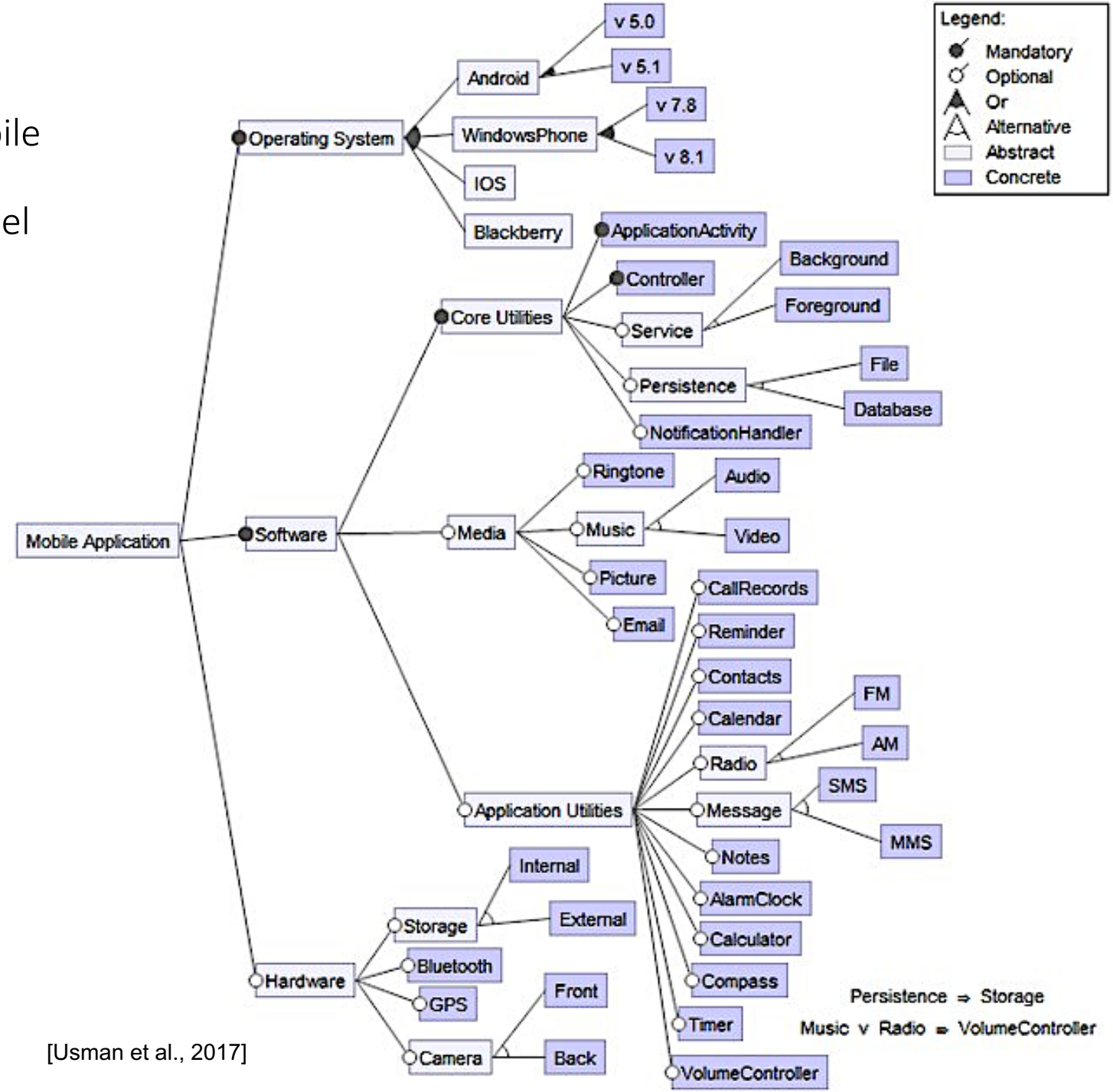
- Domain Scoping
  - Deciding on product line's extent or range

- Domain Modelling
  - Captures & documents the commonalities & variabilities
  - E.g., Feature Model
  - Feature-Oriented SPL



Feature Model - Document the features of a product line & their relationships

Generic Mobile Application Feature Model



[Usman et al., 2017]

Domain Implementation

- Binding times
  - Compile-time, load-time, and run-time
- Representation
  - Annotation vs composition
- Variability Implementation
  - Parameters, Design patterns, Build systems, Preprocessors, FOP, AOP, DOP, …

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static int __rep_queue_filedone(dbenv, rep, rfp)
        DB_ENV *dbenv;
        REP *rep;
        __rep_fileinfo_args *rfp; {
#ifndef HAVE_QUEUE
        COMPQUIET(rep, NULL);
        COMPQUIET(rfp, NULL);
        return (__db_no_queue_am(dbenv));
#else
        db_pgno_t first, last;
        u_int32_t flags;
        int empty, ret, t_ret;
#ifdef DIAGNOSTIC
        DB_MSGBUF mb;
#endif
        // over 100 lines of additional code
}
#endif
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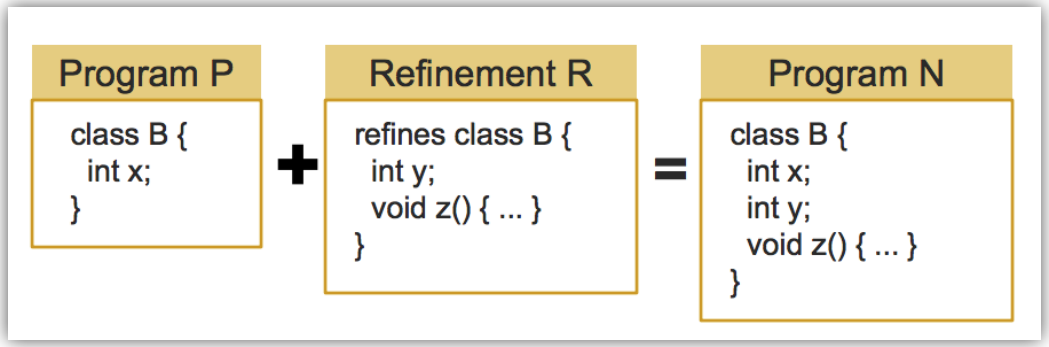

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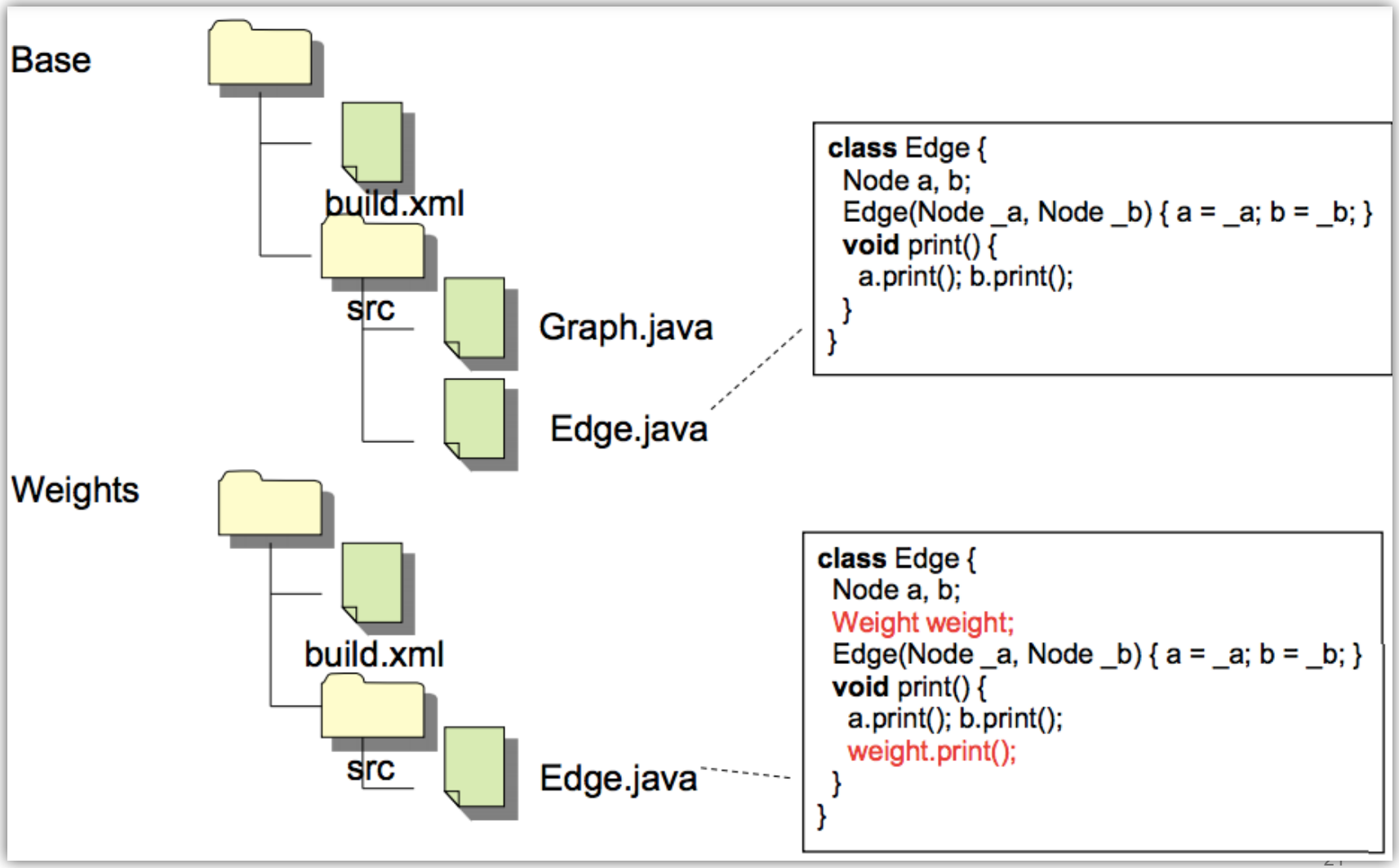
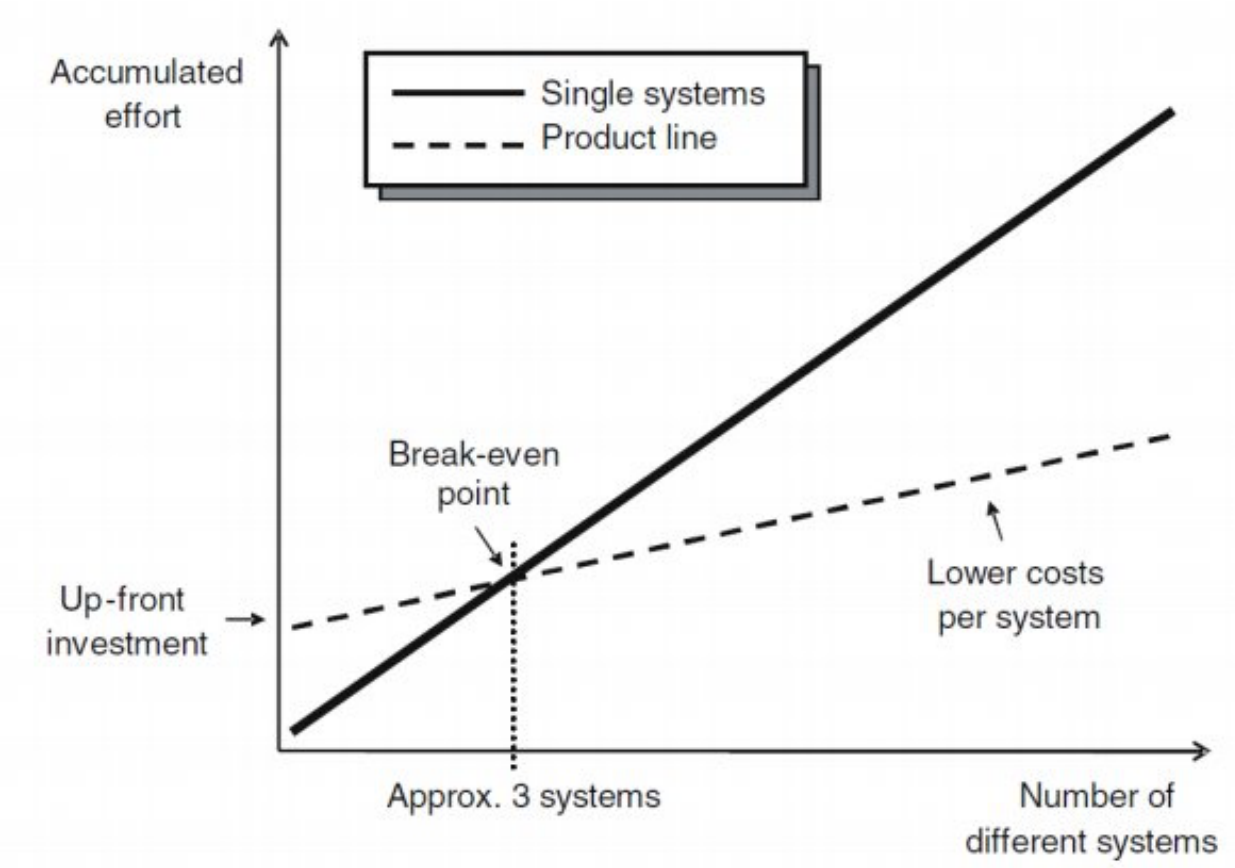
Build Systems



Economics of SPL



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Low-code development platforms (LCDP) are software development platforms on the Cloud, provided through a Platform-as a-Service model, which allow users to build completely operational applications by interacting through dynamic graphical user interfaces, visual diagrams and declarative languages. They address the need of non-programmers to develop personalised software, and focus on their domain expertise instead of implementation requirements.

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