Modeling Variability (Jhipster case study)

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Material

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- ? (2/15) What is your default Java package name? com.mycompany.myapp
- ? (3/15) Do you want to use Java 8? Yes (use Java 8)
- ? (4/15) Which *type* of authentication would you like to use? (Use arrow keys)
- > HTTP Session Authentication (stateful, default Spring Security mechanism) OAuth2 Authentication (stateless, with an OAuth2 server implementation) Token-based authentication (stateless, with a token)

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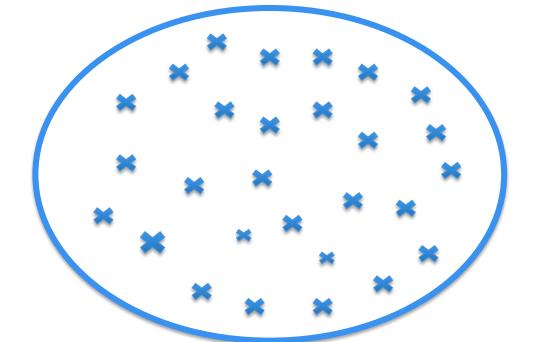
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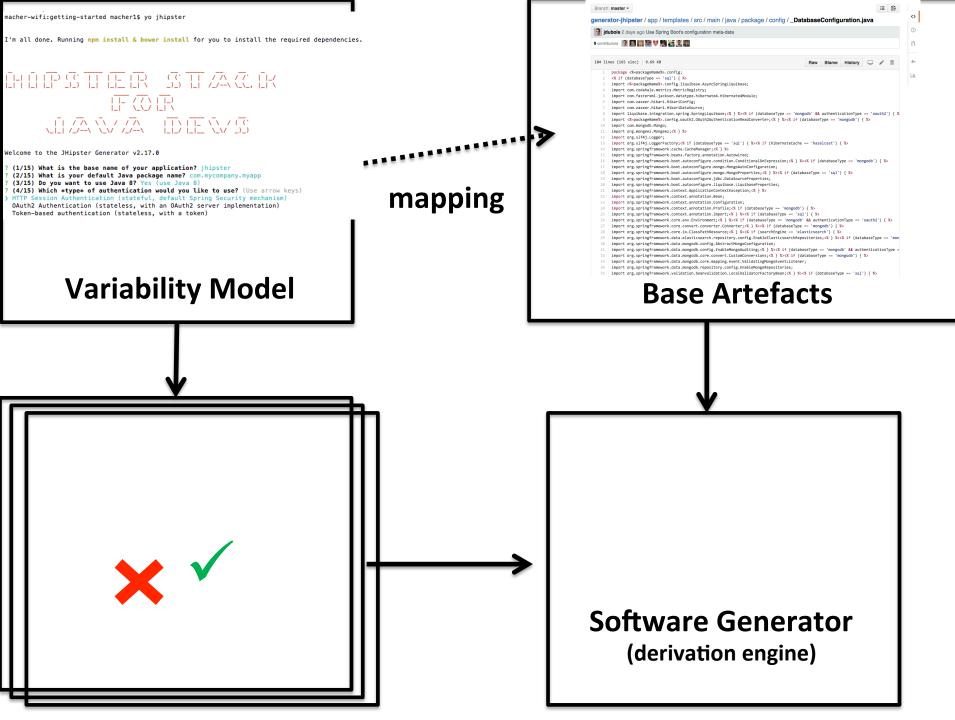
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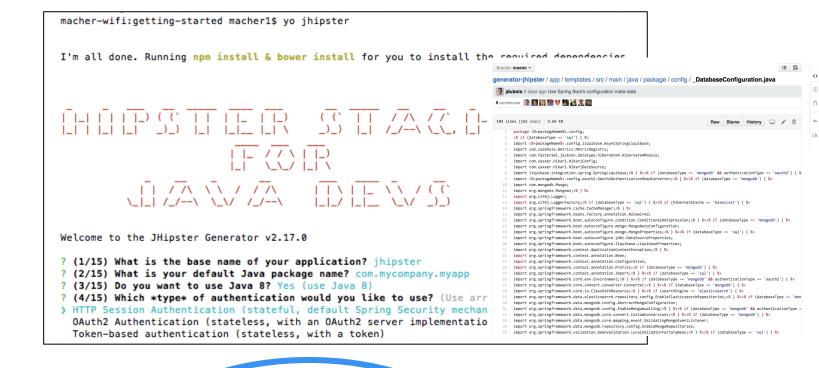
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Jhipster variant





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Research Question

- How to verify that all variants are valid?
 - A very general problem
 - "variants": code, models, etc.
 - notion of "validity": very broad
- Many theoretical approaches
- Some tools
- Some empirical results

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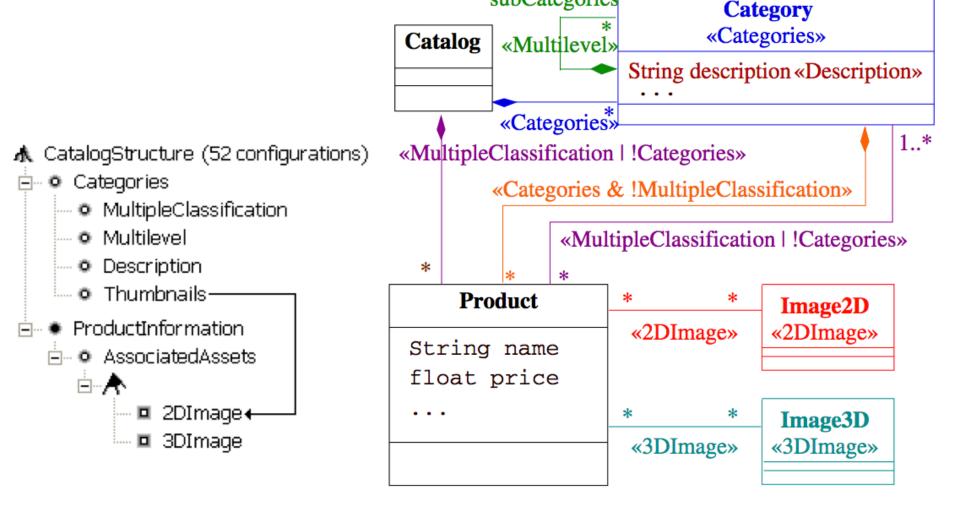
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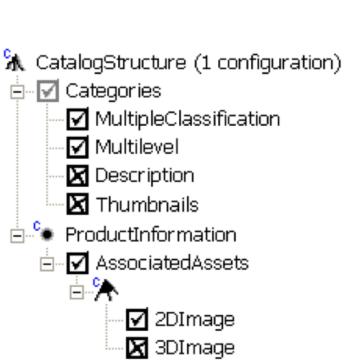
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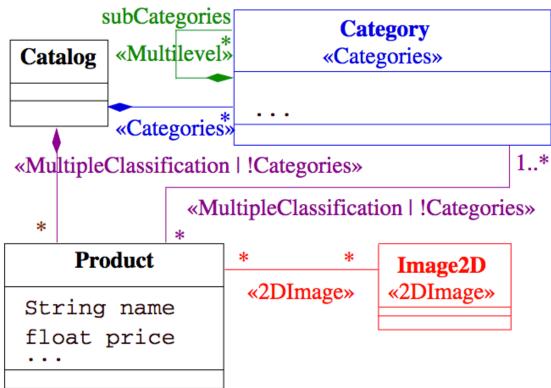
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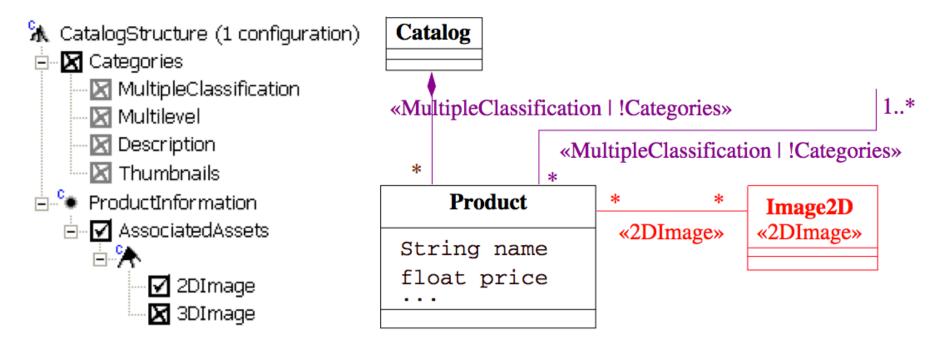
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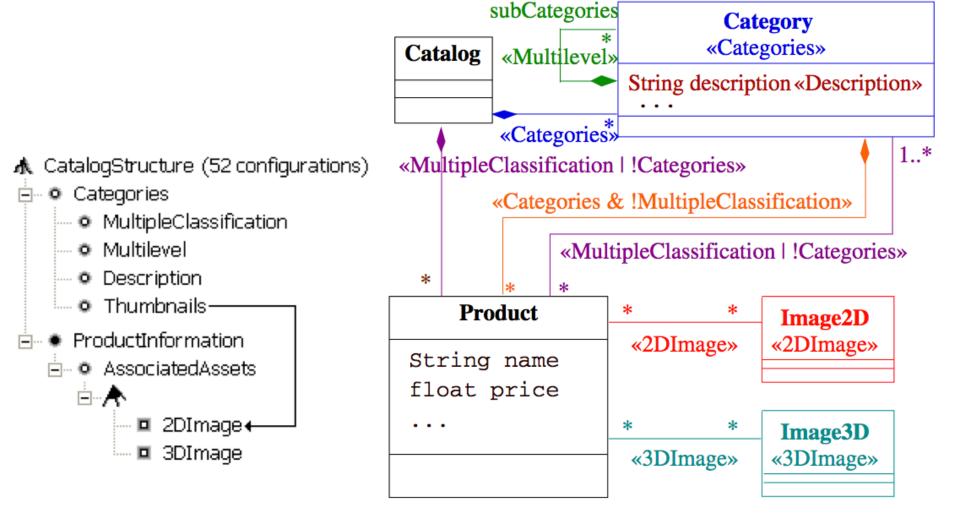




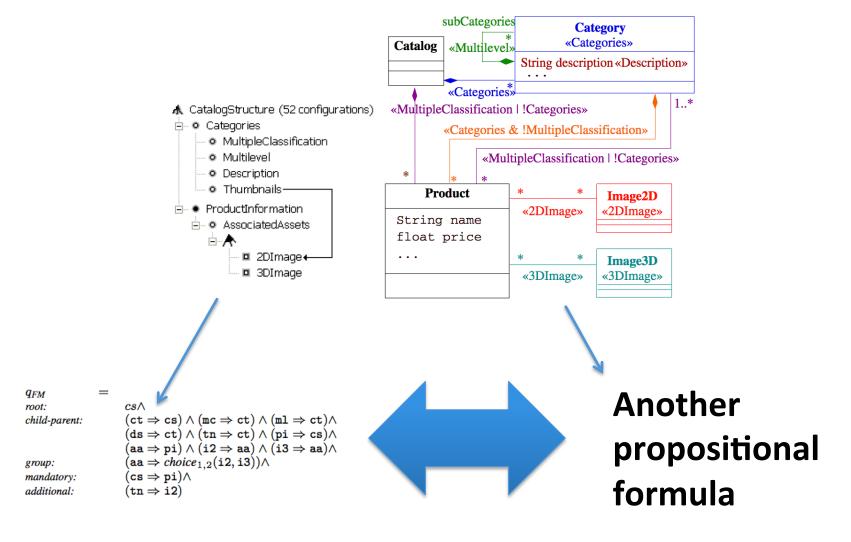
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Safe composition? No!



Safe composition: how does it work?



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Model Checking Lots of Systems

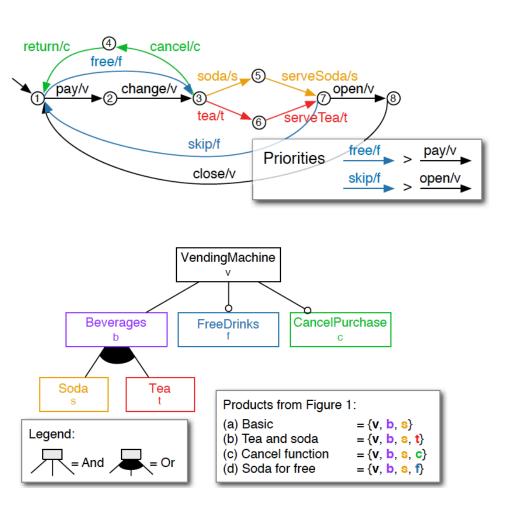
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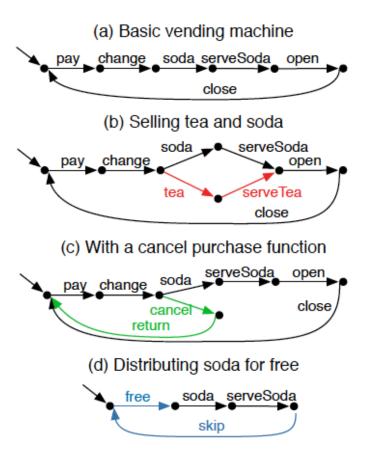
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A Classification and Survey of Analysis Strategies for Software Product Lines

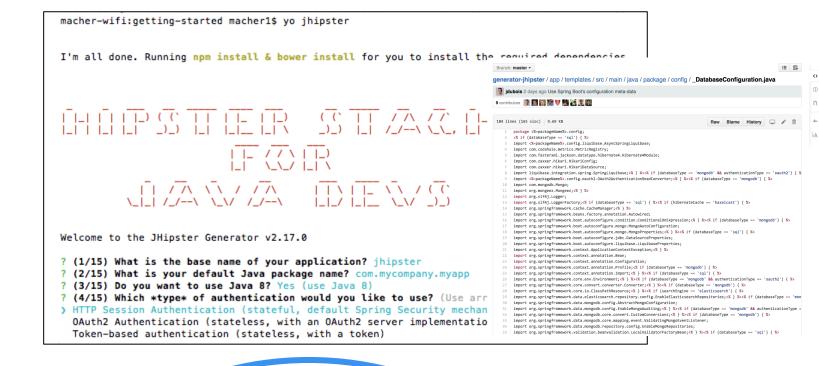
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- Many theoretical approaches, some tools, some empirical results
- Jhipster acts as a case study
 "an empirical inquiry that investigates a contemporary phenomenon within its real-life context"

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- How to verify that all variants are valid?
- Jhipster acts as a case study with a quite important configuration space; some bugs related to configurations have been reported
- What are the most cost-effective verification techniques?
 - e.g., ability to find configuration bugs
- Some sub-problems and challenges



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Challenge #1: Modeling variability

- Why?
 - Manual test: very limited!
 - Need an abstraction for automating the sampling of configurations and then testing the corresponding variants
- Manual elaboration of a feature model?
- Reverse engineering?

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type: 'list',
name: 'authenticationType',
message: '(3/' + questions + ') Which *type* of authentication would you like to use?',
choices: [
        value: 'session',
        name: 'HTTP Session Authentication (stateful, default Spring Security mechanism)'
    },
        value: 'session-social',
        name: 'HTTP Session Authentication with social login enabled (Google, Facebook, Twitter). Warning, this does
    },
        value: 'oauth2',
        name: 'OAuth2 Authentication (stateless, with an OAuth2 server implementation)'
    },
        value: 'xauth',
        name: 'Token-based authentication (stateless, with a token)'
],
default: 0
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Challenge #2: sampling configurations

- All configurations?
- Cost-effective
- Minimization
- Priority (based on some knowledge)

Configuration Sampling

- Number of configurations dramatically grows with the number of parameters
- Select a subset of combinations

- Key idea: focus on specific interactions among values for parameters
 - Pair-wise interactions
 - T-wise interactions

Configuration Sampling

- X₁,..., X_n n parameters
- $\forall i \in [1..n] X_i \subset \{V_{i1},...,V_{im}\}$
 - m can be different for every Xi
- A configuration is a set of values for each X_i
- Pairwise covering
 - A set TC of configurations such that all values for every pair of parameters are in one configuration
 - $\forall X_{j}, X_{k} \mid \forall X_{ja}, X_{kb} \mid \exists c \in TC \mid TC \subset X_{ja}, X_{kb}$
- T-wise covering
 - Generalization to all tuples of parameters

Illustrative Example

Characteristics	Values			
Background	CountryS	Desert	Urban	Forest
Luminosity	Normal	High	Low	
Speed	0.1	0.2	0.3	
Detractors Level	0.2	0.4	0.6	

There are 108 combinations of factors

12 combinations can satisfy pair-wise

CountryS	normal	0.1	0.2
CountryS	High	0.2	0.4
CountryS	Low	0.3	0.6
Urban	normal	0.3	0.4
Urban	High	0.1	0.2
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Desert	normal	0.2	0.6
Desert	High	0.3	0.2
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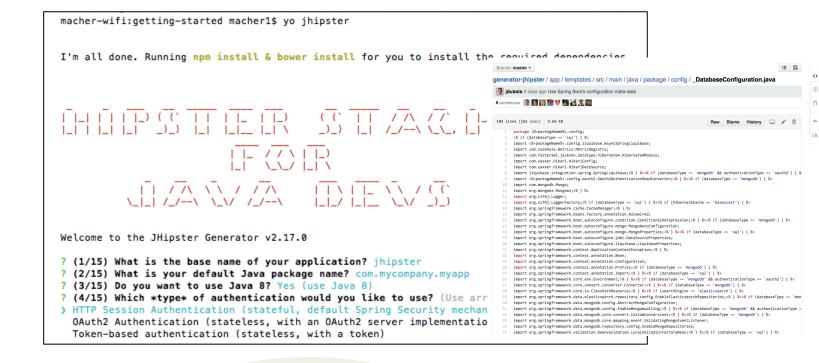
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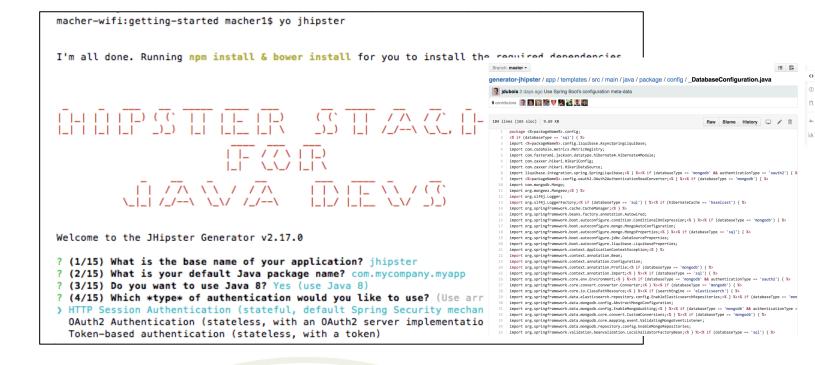
Challenge #3: "validity"

- It compiles
- It can be executed/deployed
- It passes the test suites
- It passes the benchmarks
- ...

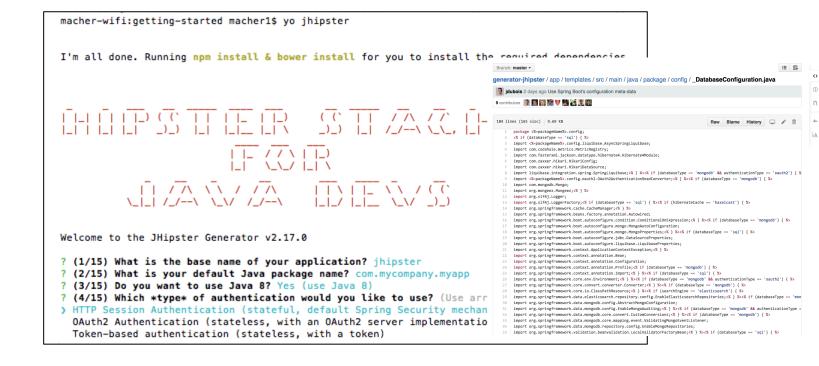


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Variability modeling for

- improving quality-assurance of configurable systems
- re-engineering configurators
- predicting performance
- prioritizing the development of features