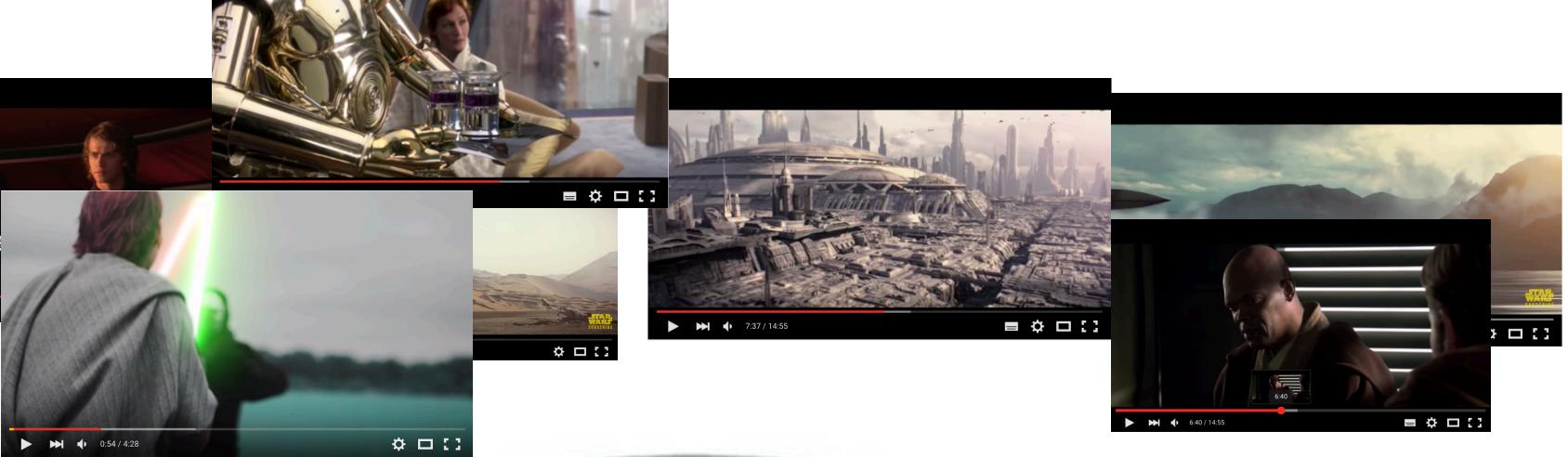


Model-based Software Product Lines Overview and Principles

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Generator
~ composition of
video sequences

**video
variants**





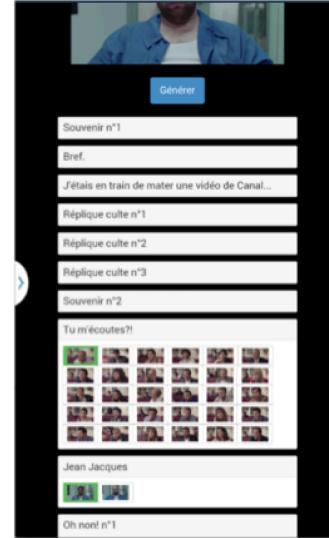
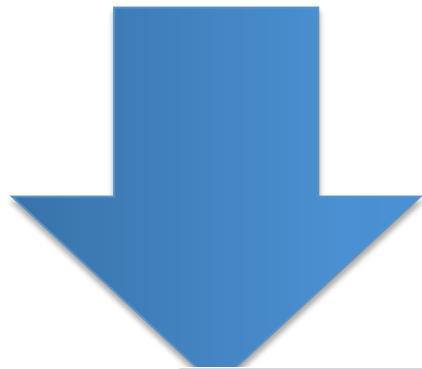
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foo1.videogen ✎

mandatory videoseq v1 "https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PJNi1uYhV5w"
optional videoseq v2 "v2Folder/v2.mp4"
alternatives v3 {
    videoseq v31 "v3/seq1.mp4"
    videoseq v32 "v3/seq1.mp4"
    videoseq v33 "v3/seq1.mp4"
}

alternatives v4 {
    videoseq v41 "v4/seq1.mp4"
    videoseq v42 "v4/seq1.mp4"
}
mandatory videoseq v5 "https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ezKx-S0LiNQ"

```



- ## Website/online
- Random generation
 - Configurator
 - Game
 - ...

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```

Feature model: another model for modeling “features” of your Web site (eg ability to save the video; mode=generation with frequencies)

configurable
generator
of video generator

Website/online

- Random generation
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#1 How to design,
create, and support
dedicated languages
(DSLs)?

#2 How to transform
models/programs?



#3 How to manage
variability/variants?

#4 How do frameworks
internally work?

Plan

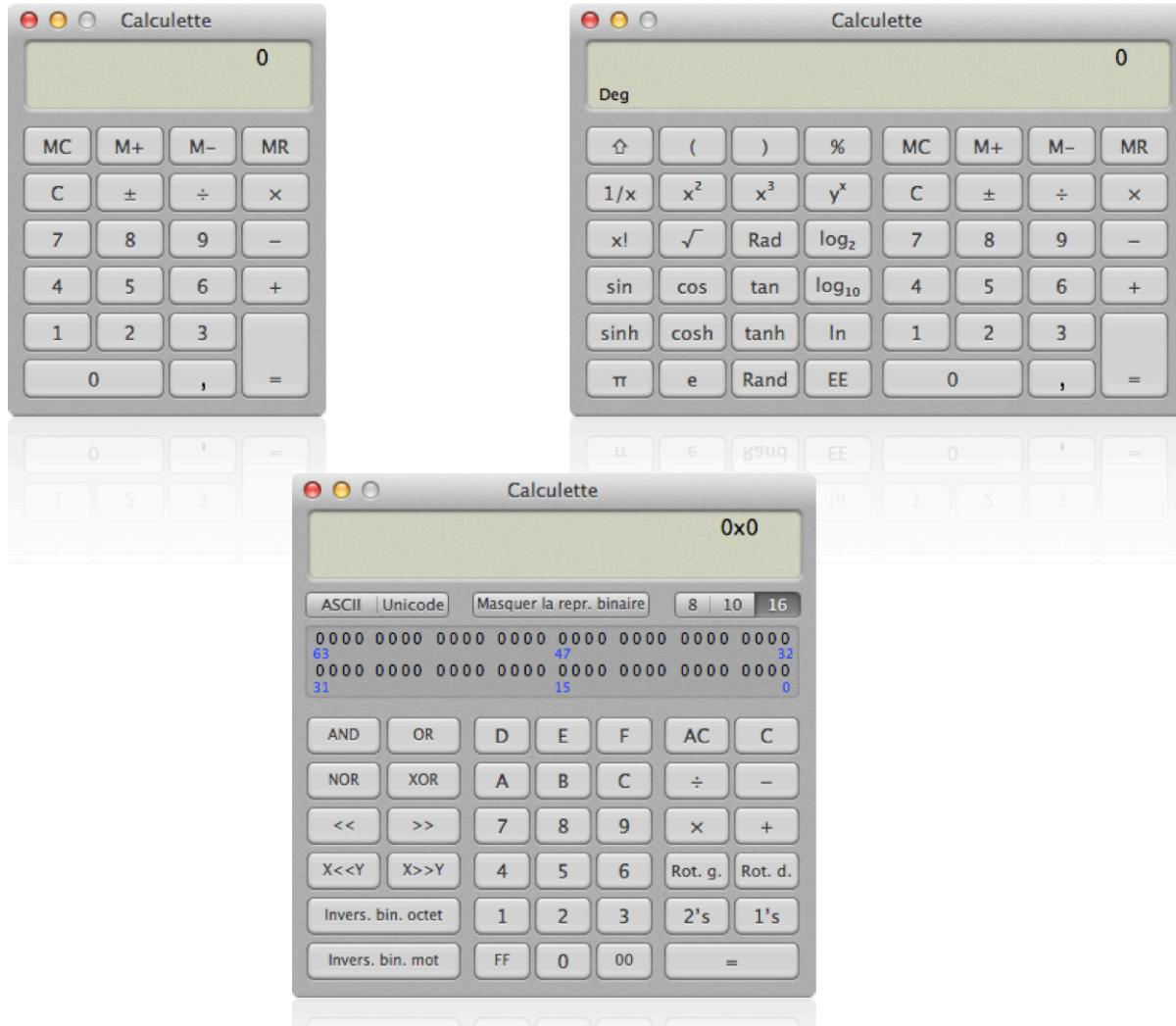
- Challenges and Overview
 - Developing billions of software product is hard but now a common practice
- Implementing Variability
 - Revisit of existing techniques and curriculum
- Specificity of Product Line Engineering
 - Process, methods
- Feature Models
 - Defacto standard for modeling product lines and variability

Contract

- The idea of software product lines and variability
 - You will be able to recognize this class of systems
 - Aware of the complexity
 - Aware of the specific development process
 - Aware of existing techniques
- Feature modeling
 - A widely used formalism for modeling product lines and configurable systems in a broad sense

Software Product Line and Variability Engineering

Challenges and Overview





```
macher-wifi:getting-started macher1$ yo jhipster
```

I'm all done. Running `npm install & bower install` for you to install the required dependencies.

```
JHIPSTER GENERATOR
  JHipster
  JHipster
  JHipster
  JHipster
```

Welcome to the JHipster Generator v2.17.0

```
? (1/15) What is the base name of your application? jhipster
? (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)
```

« A set of programs is considered to constitute a **family**, whenever it is worthwhile to study programs from the set by **first studying the common properties** of the set and then determining the **special properties** of the individual family members »



aka Variability

David L. Parnas — “On the design and development of program families” in Transactions on Software Engineering, SE-2(1):1–9, 1976

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Internet Explorer 8	✓	✓	✓	✓
View Available Networks	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows Connect Now (WCN)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Create a homegroup		✓	✓	✓
Location and other sensors support		✓	✓	✓
Support for joining domains			✓	✓

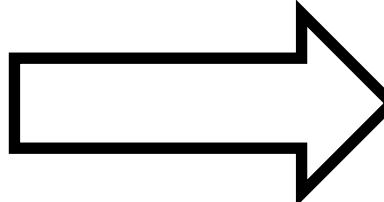
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Gadgets	✓	✓	✓	✓
Games Explorer	✓	✓	✓	✓
Play To	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows Media Player 12	✓	✓	✓	✓
Create and play DVDs		✓	✓	✓
Internet TV		✓	✓	✓





Software-intensive systems



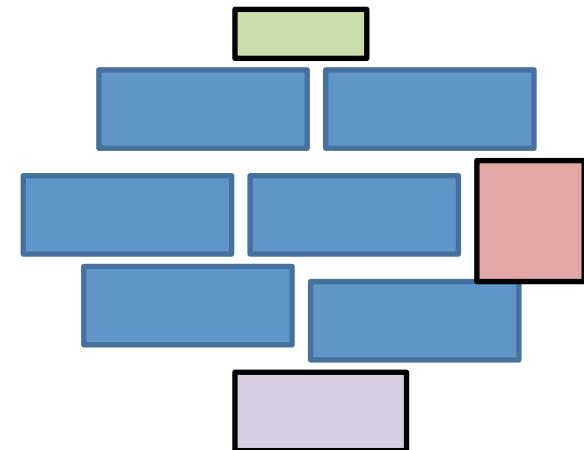
come in many variants



Software Product Line Engineering

Factoring out **commonalities**

for **Reuse** [Krueger et al., 1992] [Jacobson et al., 1997]



Managing **variabilities**

for Software **Mass Customization** [Bass et al., 1998] [Krueger et al., 2001], [Pohl et al., 2005]



Variability

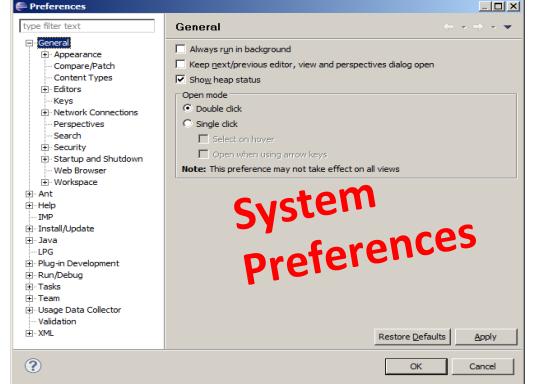
“the ability of a system to be efficiently extended, changed, customized or configured for use in a particular context”

Mikael Svahnberg, Jilles van Gurp, and Jan Bosch (2005)

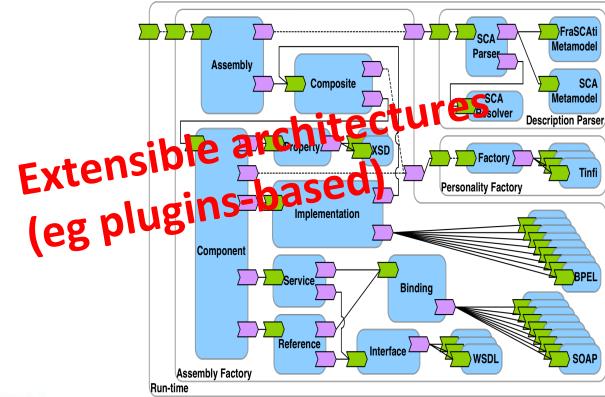




Configurators



System Preferences



Extensible architectures
(eg plugins-based)



Comparison of*

External Variability

Internal Variability

Variability @ run.time

httpd.conf -- win32 Apache
Building a Web Server, for Windows

```
Listen 80
ServerRoot "/www/Apache2"
DocumentRoot "/www/webroot"

ServerName localhost:80
ServerAdmin admin@localhost

ServerSignature On
ServerTokens Full

DefaultType text/plain
AddDefaultCharset ISO-8859-1

UseSendfile Off

HostnameLookups Off

ErrorLog logs/error.log
LogLevel error

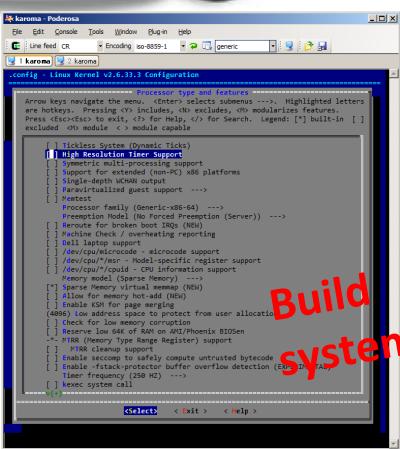
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Timeout 300

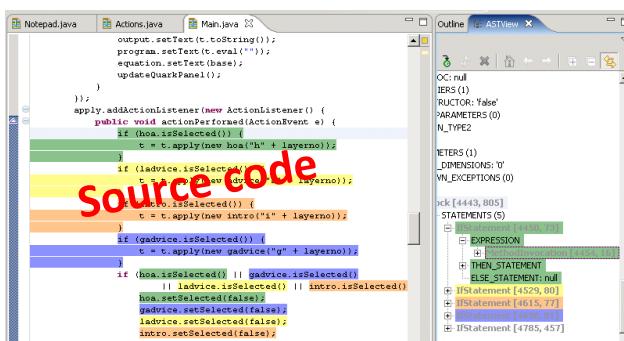
KeepAlive On
MaxKeepAliveRequests 100
KeepAliveTimeout 15

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    ThreadsPerChild 250
    MaxRequestsPerChild 0
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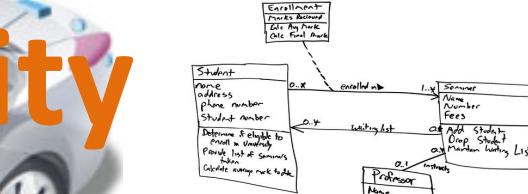
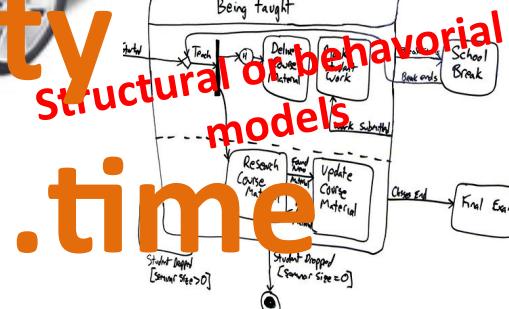
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Build systems



Source code



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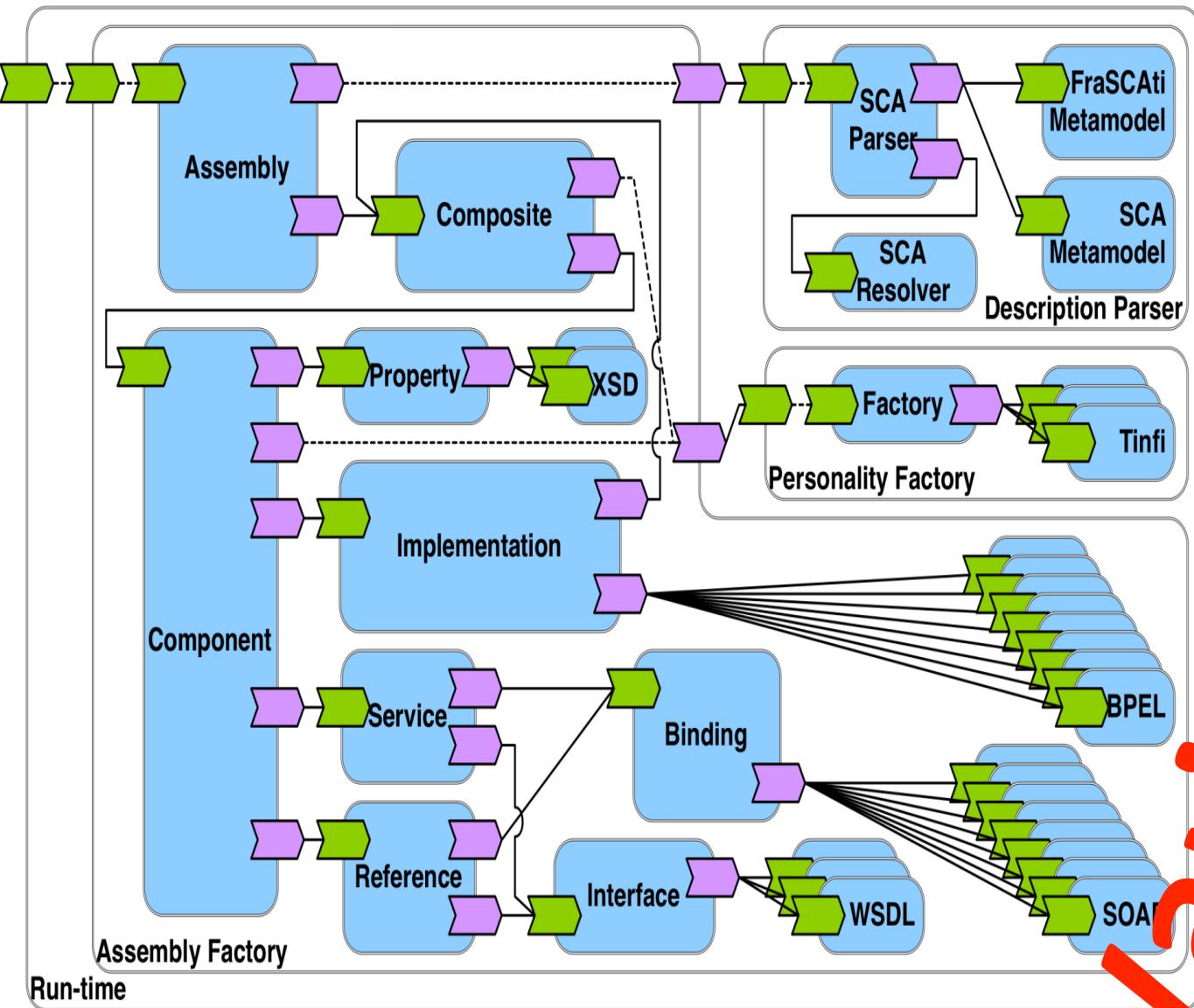
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Variability





(a) Variant #1 of video sequence



(b) Variant #2 of video sequence



(c) Variant #3 of video sequence



(d) Variant #4 of video sequence



(e) Variant #5 of video sequence



(f) Variant #6 of video sequence

Figure 1: Six variants of video sequences synthesized with ViViD

```
/* [Customize body] */

//Set the outside length of your pencil box.
length=190;//[70:400]
//Set the outside depth of your pencil box.
depth=70;//[50:400]
//Set the total height of your pencil box. The top of the box is set at 15mm.
//Extra height is added to the body section.
height=40;//[40:150]
```

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```
//Choose divider orientation. Long is for the X direction.
long = 1;//[0,1,2]
//Short is for the Y direction.
short = 2;//[0,1,2,3]
//When you have 2 long dividers,
// picking yes here will put short dividers in the center section.
center = 0;//[1:Yes,0>No]
```

Lid inside settings Lid inside content Lid outside

Customize body

Design key

Customize ruler

Printer platform se

Length Set the outside length of your pencil box. 190

Depth Set the outside depth of your pencil box. 70

Height Set the total height of your pencil box. The top of the box is set at 15mm. Extra height is added to the body section. 40

Long Choose divider orientation. Long is for the X direction.

Short Short is for the Y direction.

Center When you have 2 long dividers, picking yes here will put short dividers in the center section.

Customizable Battery Case

by water, published Mar 5, 2013



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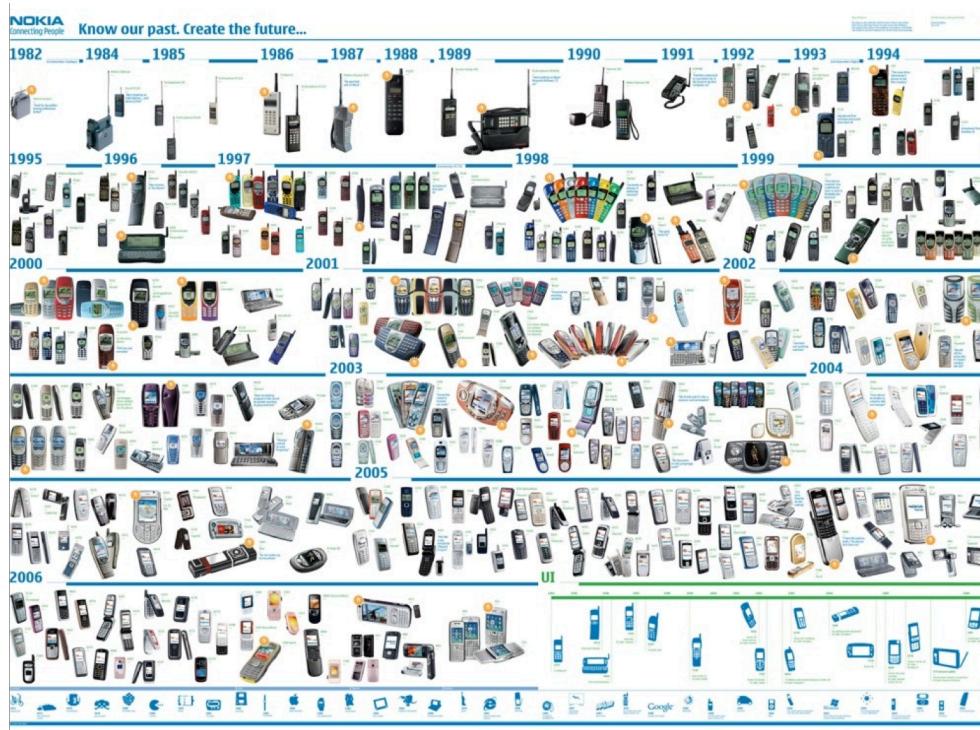
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Variability in time vs in space

- **Variability in Time (releases)**
 - the existence of different **versions** of an artifact that are valid at different times
- **Variability in Space (variants)**
 - the existence of an artifact in different **shapes** at the same time



Benefits

Improve product reliability

Improve usability

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Benefits

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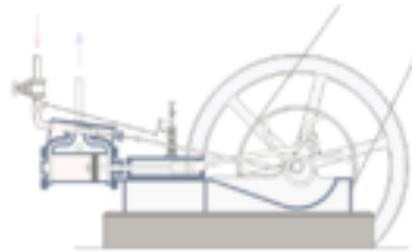


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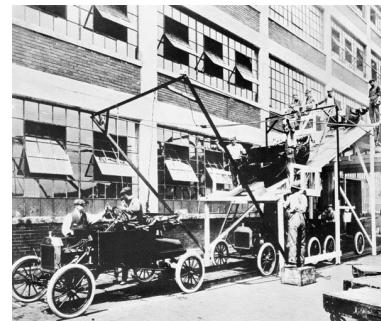
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1901
Henry Ford



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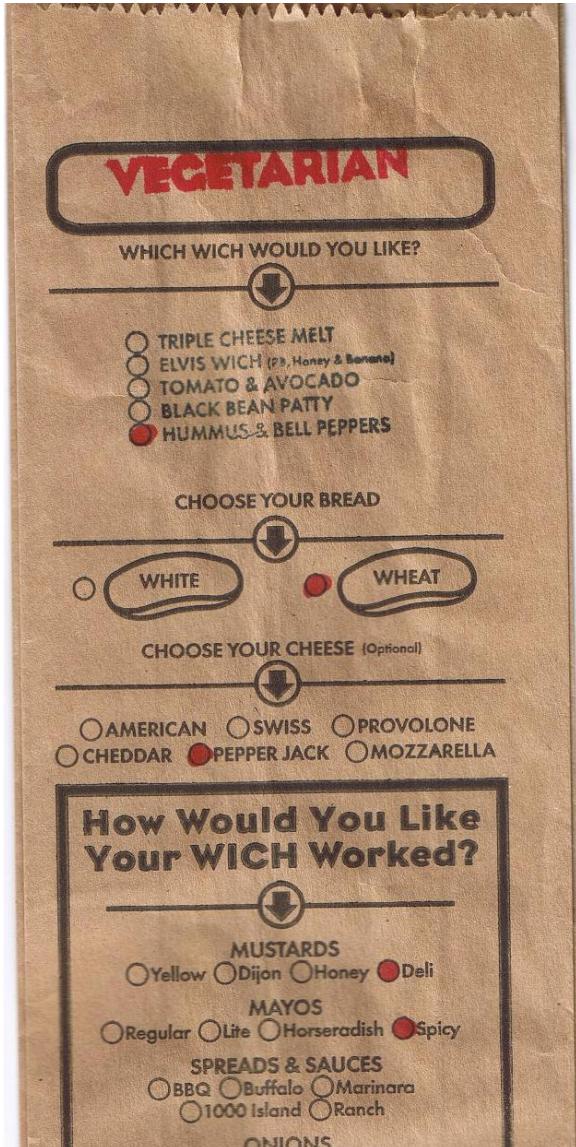
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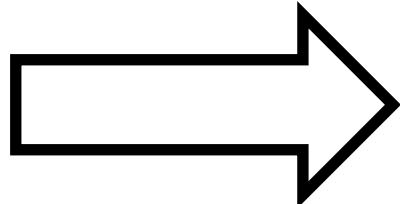
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What about
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**Product lines of
software intensive systems**

Software intensive systems

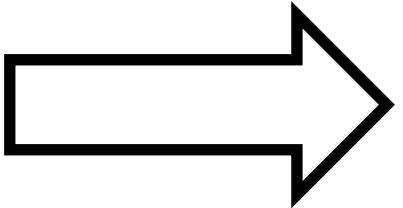
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Software intensive systems

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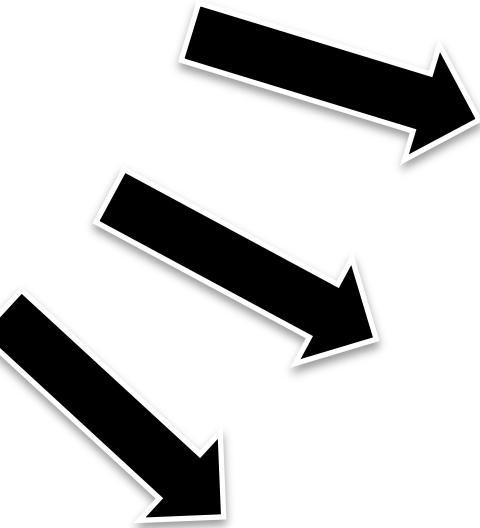
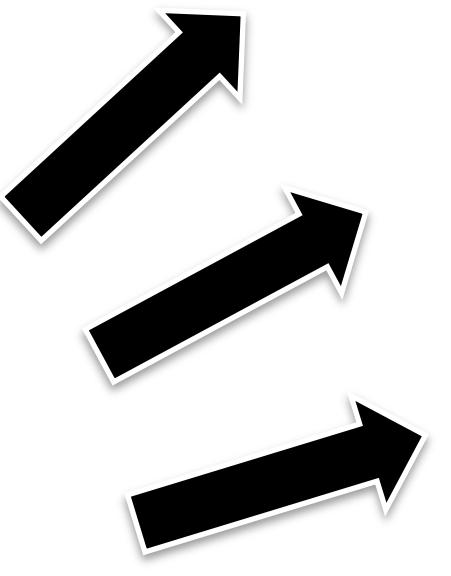
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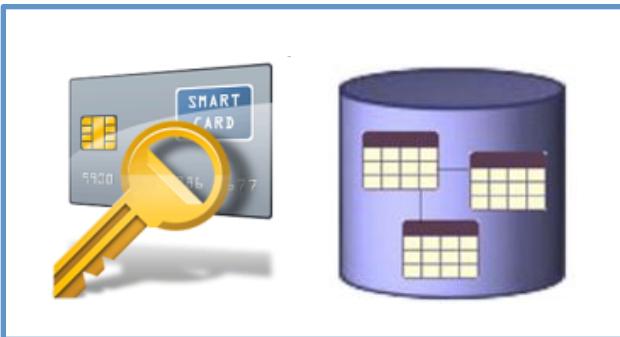
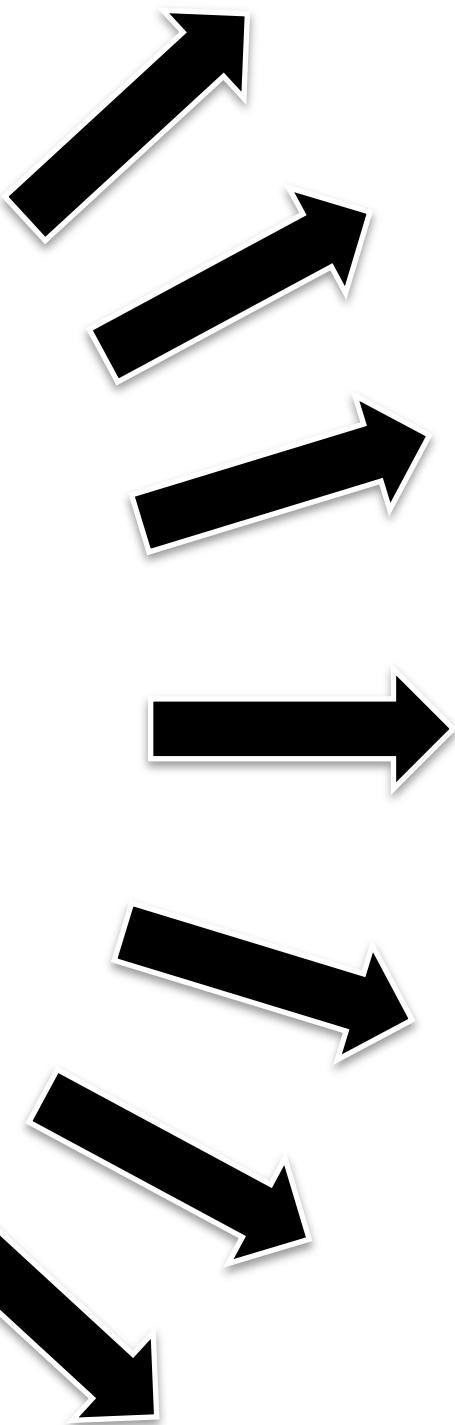
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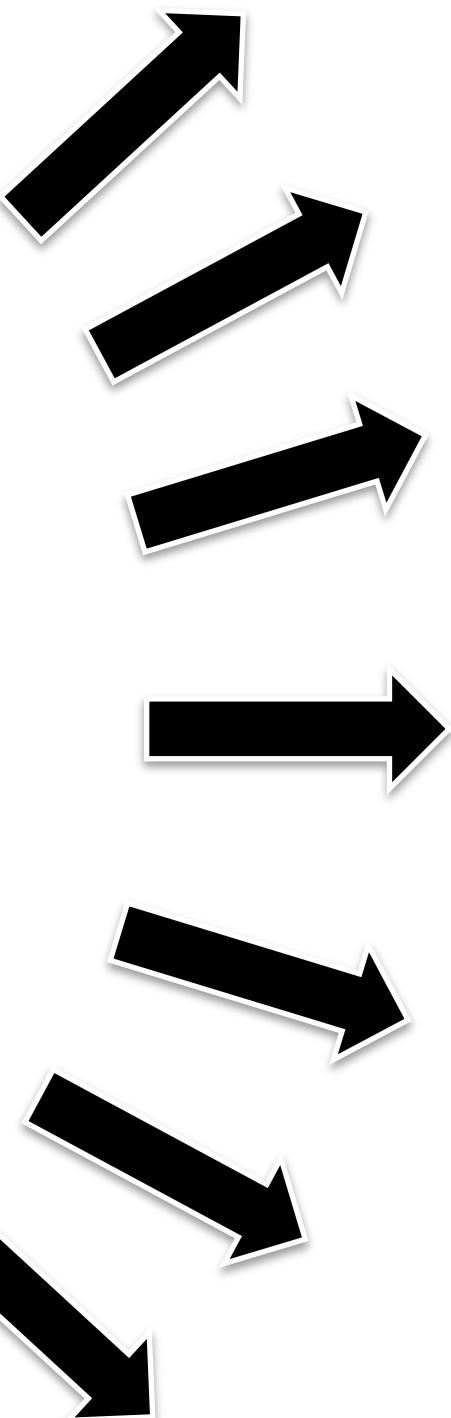
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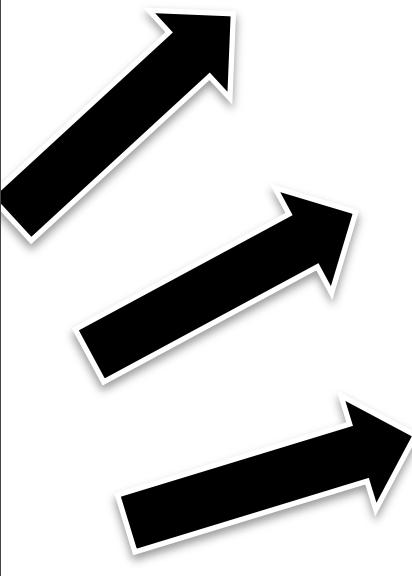


Printer Firmware



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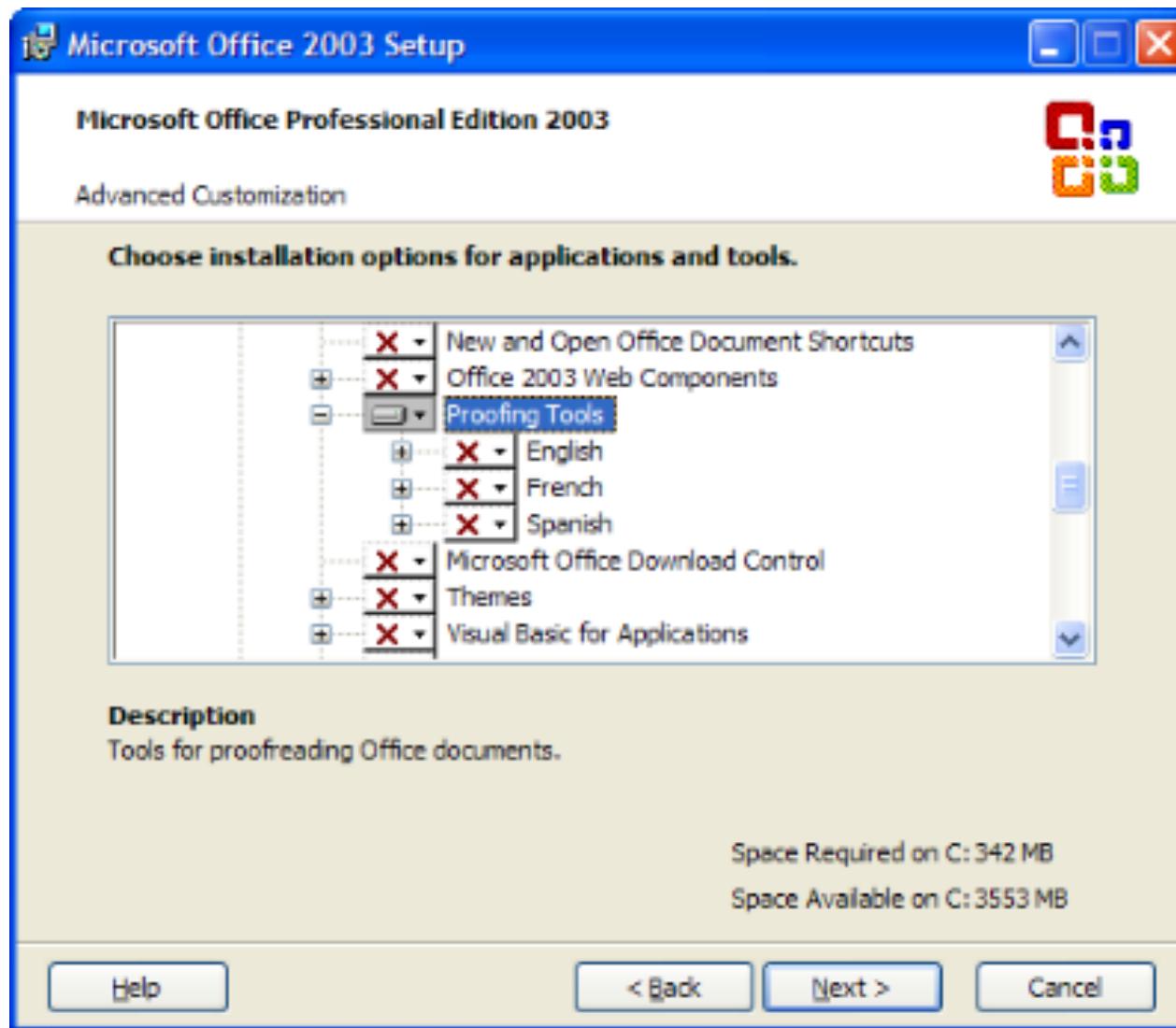
Linux Kernel



Linux-Kernel



Features in Microsoft Office



Bref

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CANAL à 30 ans.

ETAPE 1 : DONNE TON PRENOM

MATHIEU

→ OK

Online Generator

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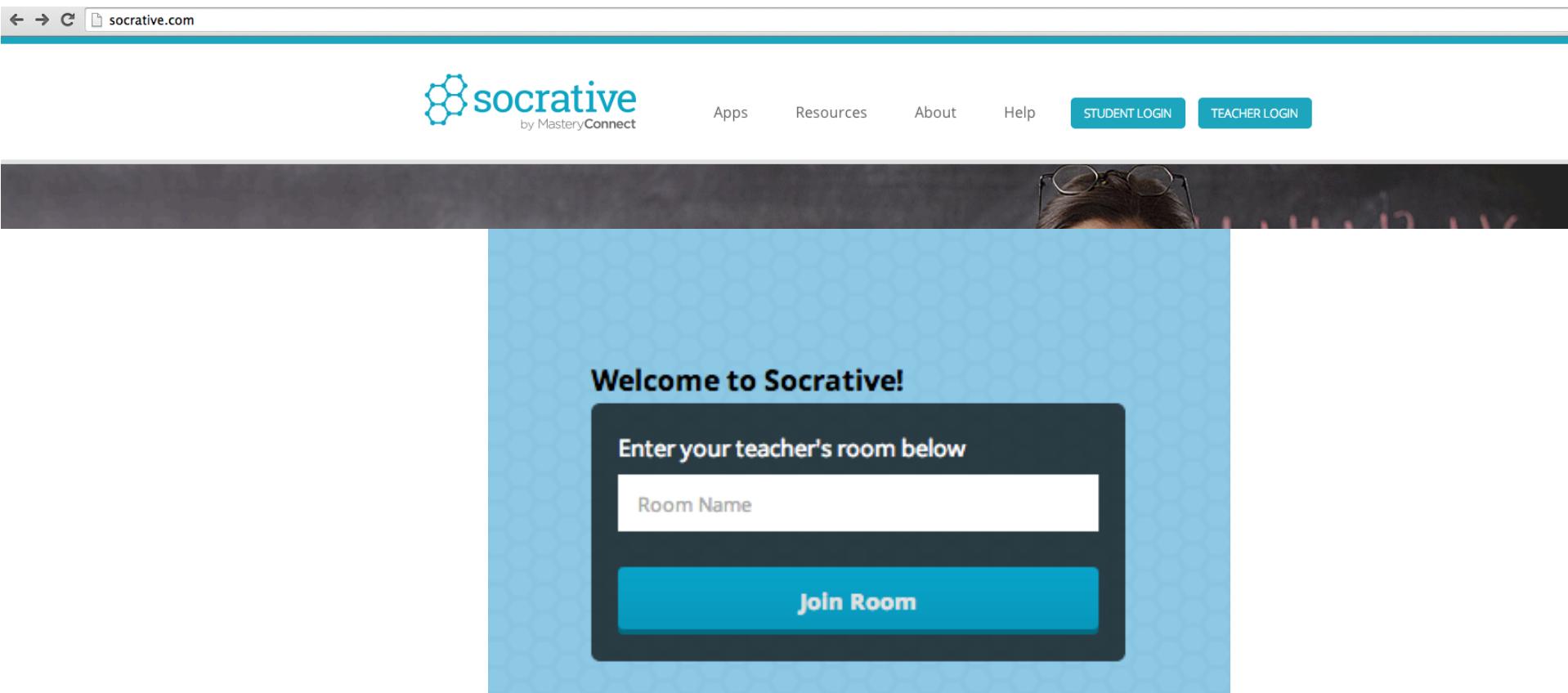
ETAPE 2 : CHOISIS 3 BONS SOUVENIRS



Variant



Quizz Time



A screenshot of a web browser showing the Socrative login page. The URL 'socrative.com' is visible in the address bar. The page features the Socrative logo ('socrative by MasteryConnect') and navigation links for 'Apps', 'Resources', 'About', and 'Help'. Two prominent blue buttons at the top right are 'STUDENT LOGIN' and 'TEACHER LOGIN'. The main content area has a blue hexagonal background and displays the text 'Welcome to Socrative!' above a dark input field. Inside the field, it says 'Enter your teacher's room below' and contains a white input box labeled 'Room Name'. A large blue button at the bottom of the field is labeled 'Join Room'.

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Quizz Time

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Give three examples of software product lines
(also called configurable systems or variability-intensive systems)

Variability

“the ability of a system to be efficiently extended, changed, customized or configured for use in a particular context”

Mikael Svahnberg, Jilles van Gurp, and Jan Bosch (2005)



A large, intricate 3D white maze is set against a light gray background. The maze consists of many interconnected paths and dead ends, creating a complex network of levels and corners. It occupies the entire frame, from the top left to the bottom right.

Variability = Complexity

33 features



a unique variant for every
person on this planet

optional, independent

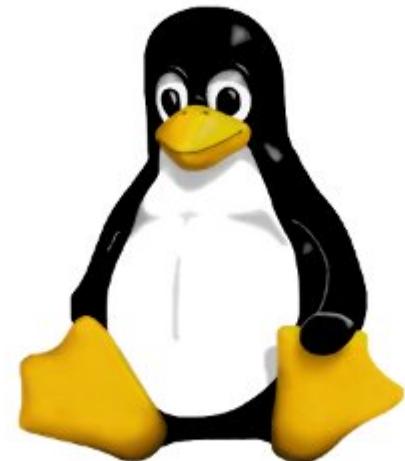
320^{optional, independent}
features

more variants than estimated
atoms in the universe



2000 features

10000
features

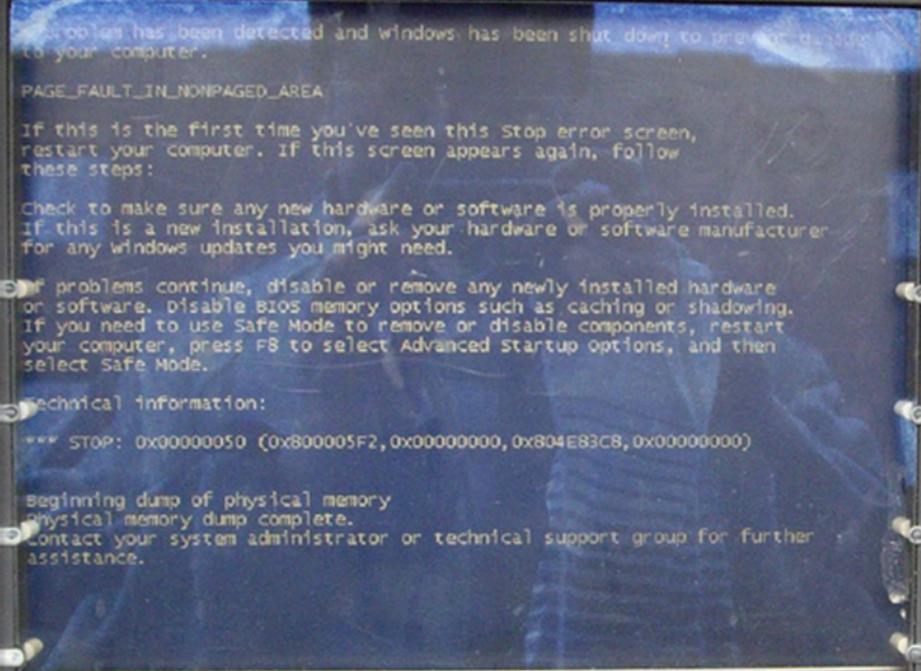


Automation?

Avoid solving the same problem!

2, 3...n times

Correctness





Maintenance?
Comprehension?

Checking Products



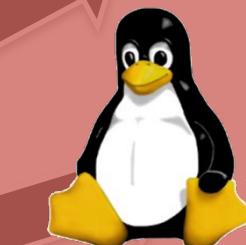
2000 Features
100 Printers
30 New Printers per Year

Printer
Firmware



Linux
Kernel

Checking Products



8000 Features
? Products



The development of a
family of software systems

differs from the development of
a **single** software system

**THANKS CAPTAIN
OBVIOUS**



« The development of a
family of software systems
differs from the development of
a **single** software system »

Reuse	<i>Commonality</i>
Customization	
Automation	<i>Variability</i>

A photograph of a car assembly line. In the foreground, a worker wearing a white shirt and red overalls is working on the interior of a silver car. The car's door is open, and the worker is leaning into the open door frame. Behind the worker, several other cars are lined up along the assembly line. The background shows the industrial interior of a factory with various equipment and structures.

Assembly Line and Mass Customization



**Reuse
and
Mass Customization**



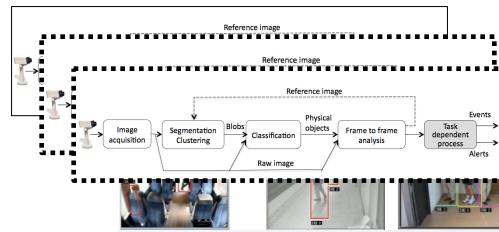
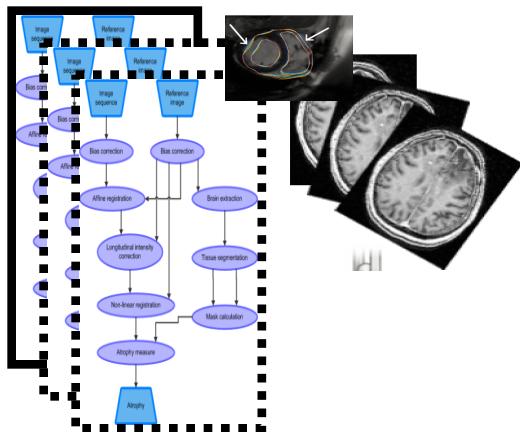
Starting from scratch?

A wide-angle photograph of a massive aircraft assembly facility. In the foreground, several aircraft are under construction, their fuselages and wings partially assembled. The floor is a complex network of yellow safety lines. To the left, a large office area with many cubicles and workers is visible. The ceiling is a complex steel truss structure with numerous lights. The overall atmosphere is one of a large-scale industrial operation.

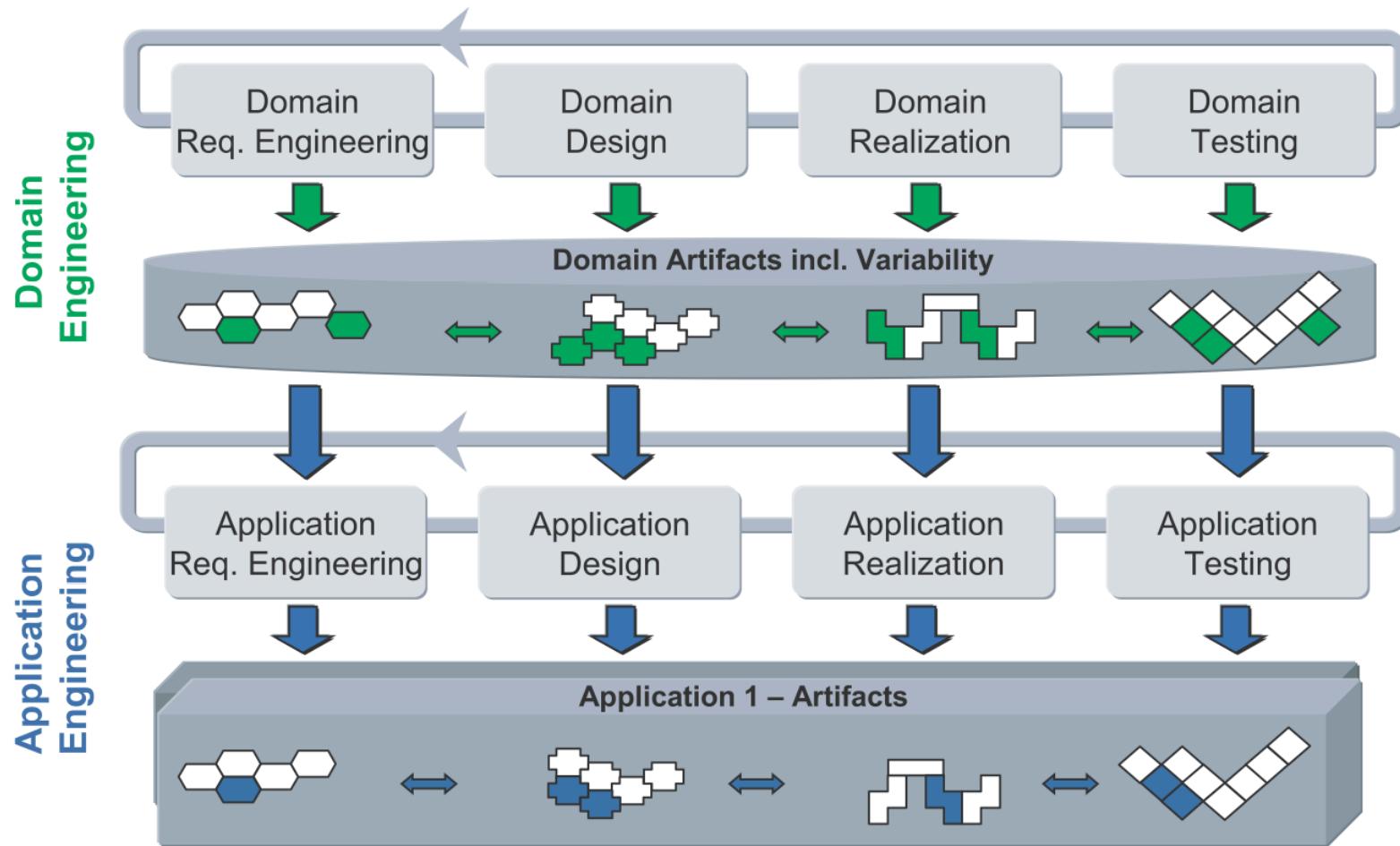
You cannot start from scratch

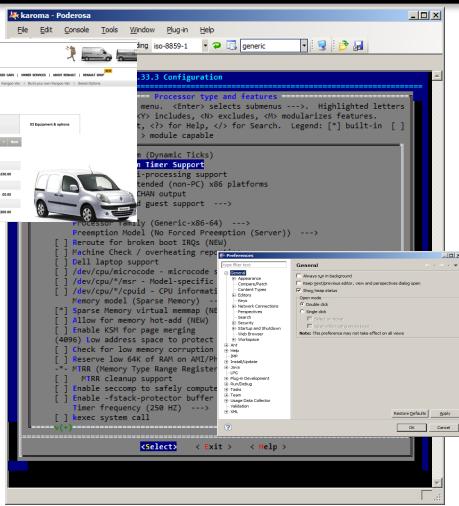
“a set of software- intensive systems that share a common, managed set of features satisfying the specific needs of a particular market segment or mission and that are developed from a common set of core assets in a prescribed way” [Clements et al., 2001]

Software Product Lines

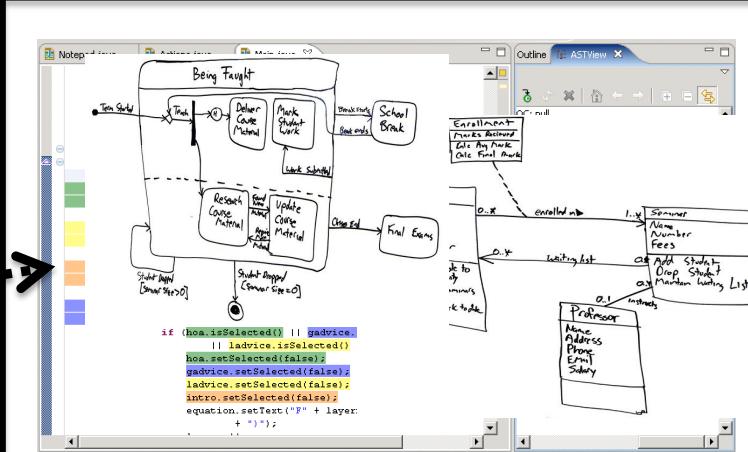


Software Product-Line Engineering





Variability Abstraction Model (VAM)



Variability Realization Model (VRM)

Domain Artefacts (e.g., models)



**Configuration
(resolution model)**



**Software Generator
(derivation engine)**



Mapping: an example

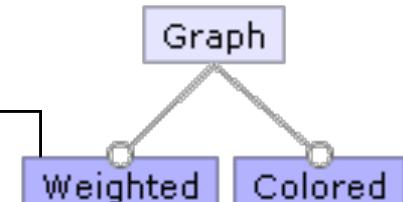
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class Graph {  
    Vector nv = new Vector(); Vector ev = new Vector();  
    Edge add(Node n, Node m) {  
        Edge e = new Edge(n, m);  
        nv.add(n); nv.add(m); ev.add(e);  
        e.weight = new Weight();  
        return e;  
    }  
    Edge add(Node n, Node m, Weight w)  
    Edge e = new Edge(n, m);  
    nv.add(n); nv.add(m); ev.add(e);  
    e.weight = w; return e;  
}  
void print() {  
    for(int i = 0; i < ev.size(); i++) {  
        ((Edge)ev.get(i)).print();  
    }  
}
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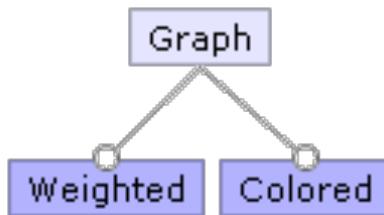
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class Node {  
    int id = 0;  
    Color color = new Color();  
    void print() {  
        Color.setDisplayColor(color);  
        System.out.print(id);  
    }  
}
```

```
class Edge {  
    Node a, b;  
    Color color = new Color();  
    Weight weight = new Weight();  
    Edge(Node _a, Node _b) { a = _a; b = _b; }  
    void print() {  
        Color.setDisplayColor(color);  
        a.print(); b.print();  
        weight.print();  
    }  
}
```

```
class Color {  
    static void setDisplayColor(Color c) { ... }  
}
```

```
class Weight { void print() { ... } }
```





```

class Graph {
    Vector nv = new Vector(); Vector ev = new Vector();
    Edge add(Node n, Node m) {
        Edge e = new Edge(n, m);
        nv.add(n); nv.add(m); ev.add(e);
        /*if[WEIGHT]*/
        e.weight = new Weight();
        /*end[WEIGHT]*/
        return e;
    }
    /*if[WEIGHT]*/
    Edge add(Node n, Node m, Weight w)
        Edge e = new Edge(n, m);
        nv.add(n); nv.add(m); ev.add(e);
        e.weight = w; return e;
    }
    /*end[WEIGHT]*/
    void print() {
        for(int i = 0; i < ev.size(); i++) {
            ((Edge)ev.get(i)).print();
        }
    }
}

/*if[WEIGHT]*/
class Weight { void print() { ... } }
/*end[WEIGHT]*/

```

```

class Edge {
    Node a, b;
    /*if[COLOR]*/
    Color color = new Color();
    /*end[COLOR]*/
    /*if[WEIGHT]*/
    Weight weight;
    /*end[WEIGHT]*/
    Edge(Node _a, Node _b) { a = _a; b = _b; }
    void print() {
        /*if[COLOR]*/
        Color.setDisplayColor(color);
        /*end[COLOR]*/
        a.print(); b.print();
        /*if[WEIGHT]*/
        weight.print();
        /*end[WEIGHT]*/
    }
}

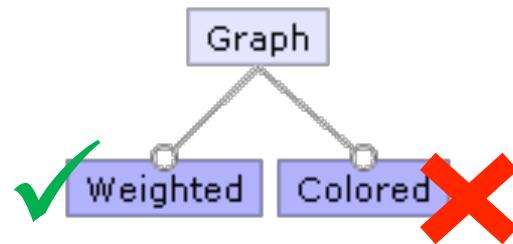
/*if[COLOR]*/
class Color {
    static void setDisplayColor(Color c) { ... }
}
/*end[COLOR]*/

```

```

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    /*if[COLOR]*/
}

```



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        for(int i = 0; i < ev.size(); i++) {
            ((Edge)ev.get(i)).print();
        }
    }
}
    
```

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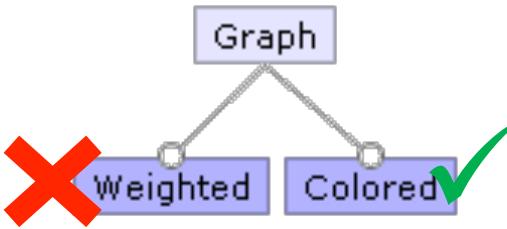
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    }
}
    
```

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class Node {
    int id = 0;
    void print() {
        System.out.print(id);
    }
}
    
```

```

class Weight { void print() { ... } }
    
```



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        }
    }
}

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    void print() {
        Color.setDisplayColor(color);
        a.print(); b.print();
    }
}

```

```

class Color {
    static void setDisplayColor(Color c) { ... }
}

```

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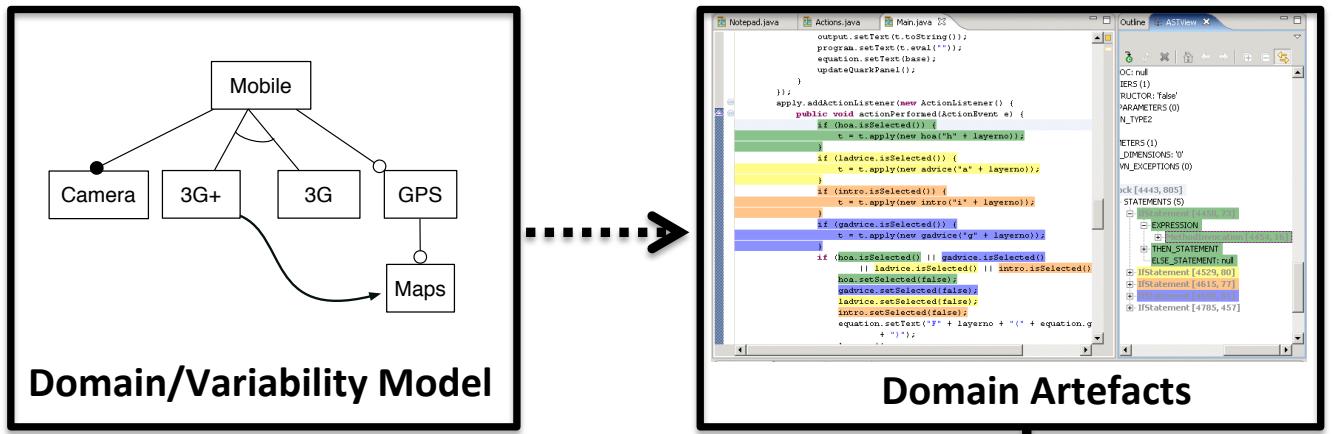
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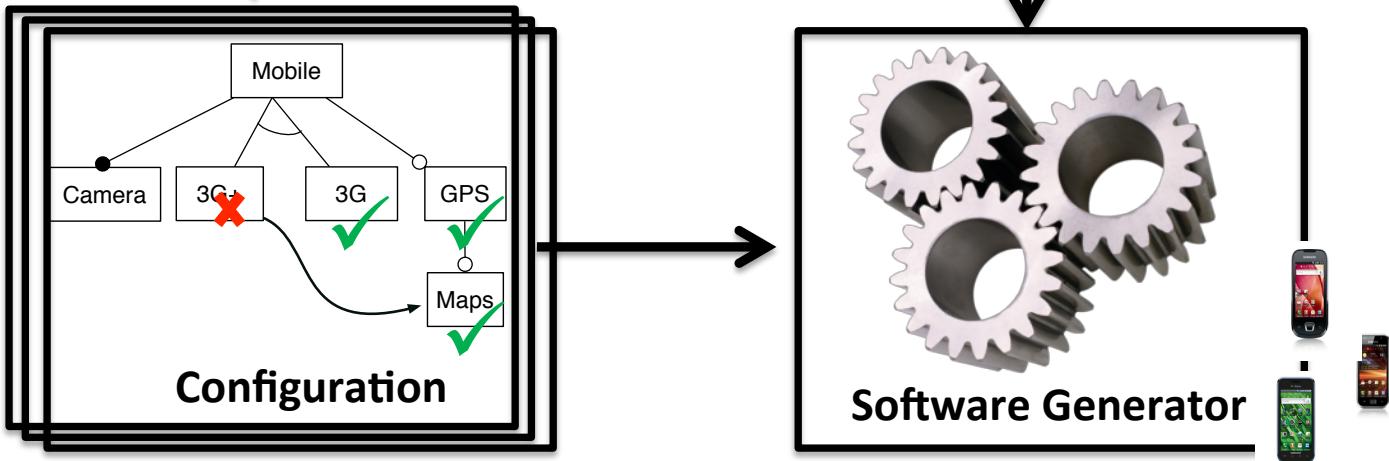
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```
1 package <%=packageName%>.config;
2 <% if (databaseType == 'sql') { %>
3 import <%=packageName%>.config.liquibase.AsyncSpringLiquibase;
4 import com.codahale.metrics.MetricRegistry;
5 import com.fasterxml.jackson.datatype.hibernate4.Hibernate4Module;
6 import com.zaxxer.hikari.HikariConfig;
7 import com.zaxxer.hikari.HikariDataSource;
8 import liquibase.integration.spring.SpringLiquibase;<% } %><% if (databaseType == 'mongodb' && authenticationType == 'oauth2') { %>
9 import <%=packageName%>.config.oauth2.OAuth2AuthenticationReadConverter;<% } %><% if (databaseType == 'mongodb') { %>
10 import com.mongodb.Mongo;
11 import org.mongeez.Mongeez;<% } %>
12 import org.slf4j.Logger;
13 import org.slf4j.LoggerFactory;<% if (databaseType == 'sql') { %><% if (hibernateCache == 'hazelcast') { %>
14 import org.springframework.cache.CacheManager;<% } %>
15 import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;
16 import org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.condition.ConditionalOnExpression;<% } %><% if (databaseType == 'mongodb') { %>
17 import org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.mongo.MongoAutoConfiguration;
18 import org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.mongo.MongoProperties;<% } %><% if (databaseType == 'sql') { %>
19 import org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.jdbc.DataSourceProperties;
20 import org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.liquibase.LiquibaseProperties;
21 import org.springframework.context.ApplicationContextException;<% } %>
22 import org.springframework.context.annotation.Bean;
23 import org.springframework.context.annotation.Configuration;
24 import org.springframework.context.annotation.Profile;<% if (databaseType == 'mongodb') { %>
25 import org.springframework.context.annotation.Import;<% } %><% if (databaseType == 'sql') { %>
26 import org.springframework.core.env.Environment;<% } %><% if (databaseType == 'mongodb' && authenticationType == 'oauth2') { %>
27 import org.springframework.core.convert.converter.Converter;<% } %><% if (databaseType == 'mongodb') { %>
28 import org.springframework.core.io.ClassPathResource;<% } %><% if (searchEngine == 'elasticsearch') { %>
29 import org.springframework.data.elasticsearch.repository.config.EnableElasticsearchRepositories;<% } %><% if (databaseType == 'mon
30 import org.springframework.data.mongodb.config.AbstractMongoConfiguration;
31 import org.springframework.data.mongodb.config.EnableMongoAuditing;<% } %><% if (databaseType == 'mongodb' && authenticationType =
32 import org.springframework.data.mongodb.core.convert.CustomConversions;<% } %><% if (databaseType == 'mongodb') { %>
33 import org.springframework.data.mongodb.core.mapping.event.ValidatingMongoEventListener;
34 import org.springframework.data.mongodb.repository.config.EnableMongoRepositories;
35 import org.springframework.validation.beanvalidation.LocalValidatorFactoryBean;<% } %><% if (databaseType == 'sql') { %>
```

Domain Engineering



Application Engineering



« the investments required to develop the reusable artifacts during **domain engineering**, are outweighed by the benefits of deriving the individual products during **application engineering** »

Jan Bosch et al. (2004)

Software Product Line and Variability Engineering

A revisit of your cursus

What is new?

Family vs single systems

Focus on reuse

Domain engineering

Factoring out commonality

Managing variability

« variability »

Is it really new?

Parameter

```
Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
C:\Users\kaestner.INFORMATIK.000>dir /?
Displays a list of files and subdirectories in a directory.

DIR [drive:][path][filename] [/A[[:l]attributes] [/B] [/C] [/D] [/L] [/N]
  [/O[[:l]sortorder]] [/P] [/Q] [/R] [/S] [/T[[:l]timefield]] [/W] [/X] [/4]

[drive:][path][filename]
      Specifies drive, directory, and/or files to list.

/A          Displays files with specified attributes.
attributes   D  Directories                  R  Read-only files
              H  Hidden files                A  Files ready for archiving
              S  System files                I  Not content indexed files
              L  Reparse Points             -  Prefix meaning not
/B          Uses bare format (no heading information or summary).
/C          Display the thousand separator in file sizes. This is the
            default. Use /-C to disable display of separator.
/D          Same as wide but files are list sorted by column.
/L          Uses lowercase.
/N          New long list format where filenames are on the far right.
/O          List by files in sorted order.
sortorder    N  By name (alphabetic)        S  By size (smallest first)
              E  By extension (alphabetic)  D  By date/time (oldest first)
              G  Group directories first   -  Prefix to reverse order
/P          Pauses after each screenful of information.
```

Parameter -i in grep

```
1 int match_icase;
2
3 int main (int argc, char **argv)
4 {
5     [...]
6     while ((opt = get_nondigit_option (argc, argv, &default_color))
7         switch (opt)
8         {
9             [...]
10            case 'i':
11                match_icase = 1;
12                break;
13            }
14        }
15
16
17 static const char *
18 print_line_middle (const char *beg, const char *lim,
19                     const char *line_color, const char *match_color)
20 {
21     [...]
22     if (match_icase)
23     {
24         ibeg = buf = (char *) xmalloc(i);
25         while (--i >= 0)
26             buf[i] = tolower(beg[i]);
27     }
}
```

Global configuration

```
class Config {  
    public static boolean isLogging = false;  
    public static boolean isWindows = false;  
    public static boolean isLinux = true;  
}  
class Main {  
    public void foo() {  
        if (isLogging)  
            log(„running foo()“);  
        if (isWindows)  
            callWindowsMethod();  
        else if (isLinux)  
            callLinuxMethod();  
        else  
            throw RuntimeException();  
    }  
}
```

Configuration

httpd.conf -- win32 Apache Building a Web Server, for Windows

```
Listen 80
ServerRoot "/www/Apache2"
DocumentRoot "/www/webroot"
```

```
ServerName localhost:80
ServerAdmin admin@localhost
```

```
ServerSignature On
ServerTokens Full
```

```
DefaultType text/plain
AddDefaultCharset ISO-8859-1
```

```
UseCanonicalName Off
```

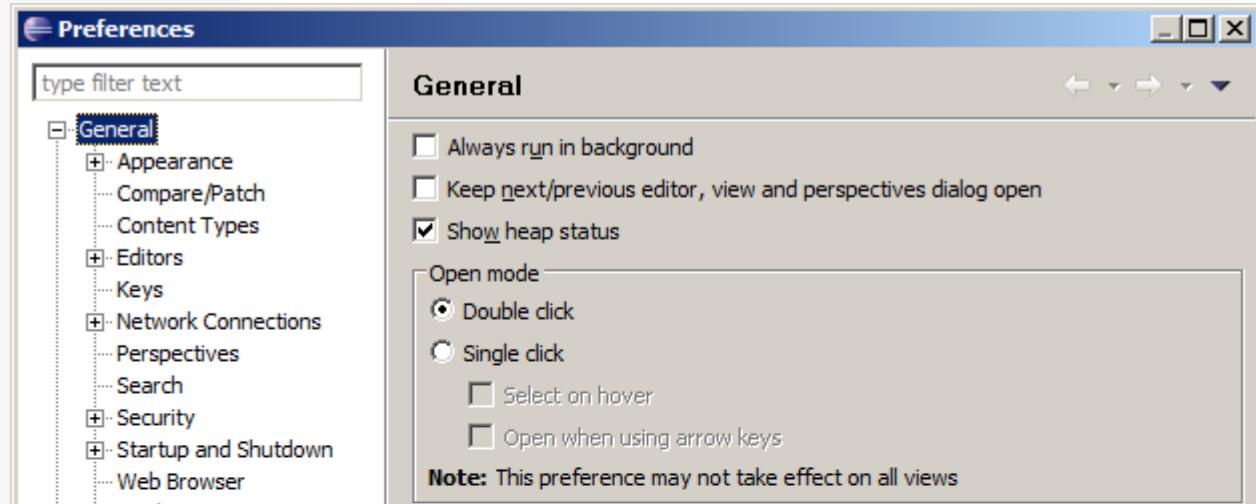
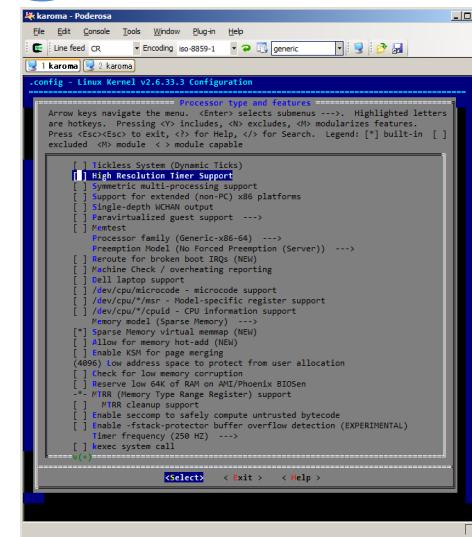
```
HostnameLookups Off
```

```
ErrorLog logs/error.log
LogLevel error
```

```
PidFile logs/httpd.pid
```

```
Timeout 300
```

```
KeepAlive On
MaxKeepAliveRequests 100
```



Conditional compilation

#ifdef (Berkeley DB)

```
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;
#endif
#ifdef DIAGNOSTIC
    DB_MSGBUF mb;
#endif
    // over 100 lines of additional code
}
#endif
```

Intentional Code Cloning

~ Copy & Paste

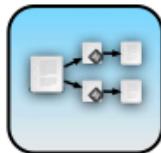
Code Cloning (example, Linux driver)

cyberstorm.c

```
....  
static void dma_dump_state(struct NCR_ESP *esp)  
{  
    ESPLOG("esp%d: dma -- cond_reg<%02x>\n",  
           esp->esp_id, ((struct cyber_dma_registers *)  
                           (esp->dregs))->cond_reg);  
    ESPLOG("intreq:<%04x>, intena:<%04x>\n",  
           custom.intreq, custom.intenar));  
}  
  
static void dma_init_read(struct NCR_ESP *esp, __u32 addr, int  
length)  
{  
    struct cyber_dma_registers *dregs =  
        (struct cyber_dma_registers *) esp->dregs;  
  
    cache_clear(addr, length);  
  
    addr &= ~(1);  
    dregs->dma_addr0 = (addr >> 24) & 0xff;  
    dregs->dma_addr1 = (addr >> 16) & 0xff;  
    dregs->dma_addr2 = (addr >> 8) & 0xff;  
    dregs->dma_addr3 = (addr      ) & 0xff;  
    ctrl_data &= ~(CYBER_DMA_WRITE);  
}.....
```

cyberstormll.c

```
....  
static void dma_dump_state(struct NCR_ESP *esp)  
{  
    ESPLOG("esp%d: dma -- cond_reg<%02x>\n",  
           esp->esp_id, ((struct cyberll_dma_registers *)  
                           (esp->dregs))->cond_reg);  
    ESPLOG("intreq:<%04x>, intena:<%04x>\n",  
           custom.intreq, custom.intenar));  
}  
  
static void dma_init_read(struct NCR_ESP *esp, __u32 addr, int  
length)  
{  
    struct cyberll_dma_registers *dregs =  
        (struct cyberll_dma_registers *) esp->dregs;  
  
    cache_clear(addr, length);  
  
    addr &= ~(1);  
    dregs->dma_addr0 = (addr >> 24) & 0xff;  
    dregs->dma_addr1 = (addr >> 16) & 0xff;  
    dregs->dma_addr2 = (addr >> 8) & 0xff;  
    dregs->dma_addr3 = (addr      ) & 0xff;  
}  
.....
```

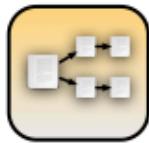


Replicate & Specialize

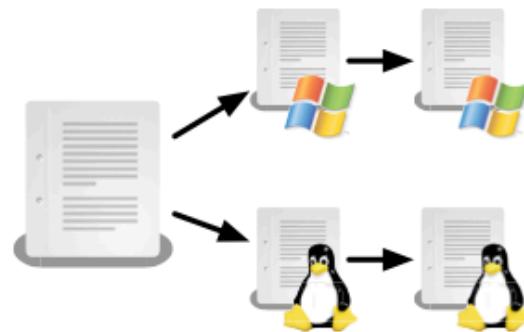


Clone to reuse and adapt existing solutions

- + Less effort needed
- Long-term cost outweighs short-term benefit
- ~ Cost of refactoring rises over time

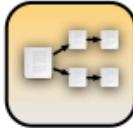


Platform Variations

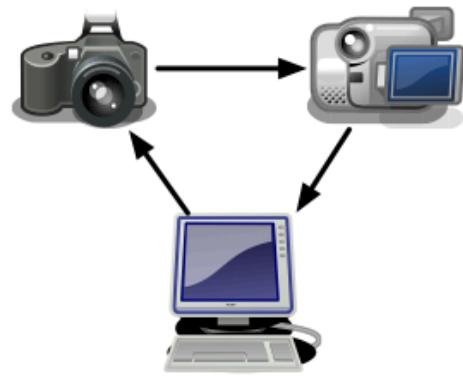


**Clone existing code and fix
low level platform interaction**

- + Avoid complexity of virtualization layer
- Hard to propagate bug fixes
- ~ Ensure consistent behavior of all clones



Hardware Variations



Clone existing driver

- + No risk of changing existing driver
- Code growth
- ~ Dead code can creep into system

Inheritance (OOP)

Base Class encapsulate commonalities

Derive classes specialize peculiarities

Generic Programming

C++ template

```
template <typename T>
T max(T x, T y)
{
    return x < y ? y : x;
}
```

Generics in Java

```
public interface List<E> {
    void add(E x);
    Iterator<E> iterator();
}
public interface Iterator<E> {
    E next();
    boolean hasNext();
}
```

Design Patterns

Template Method

Factory

Strategy

Decorator

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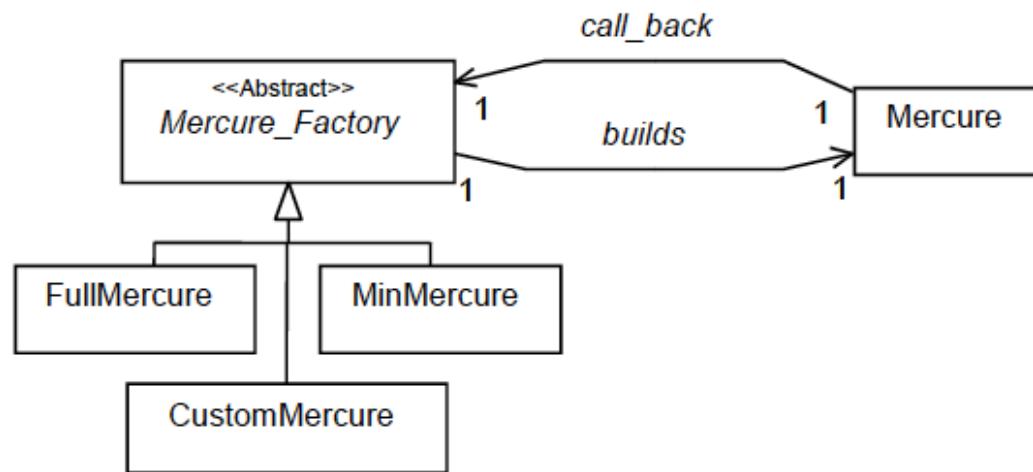
Template Method



The decision model

■ The Abstract Factory Design Pattern – [Gamma et al 95]

Mercure_Factory
new_gui() : GUI
new_language() : Language
new_network_manager() : Manager
new_netdriver() : Net Driver
new_engine() : Engine



CustomMercure
<<GUI1>> <<GUI2>> new_gui() : GUI
<<<Language2-1>> new_language() : Language
<<Manager1>> new_network_manager() : Manager
<<NetDriver1>> <<NetDriver2>> new_netdriver() : Net Driver
<<Engine1>> new_engine() : Engine

API Framework

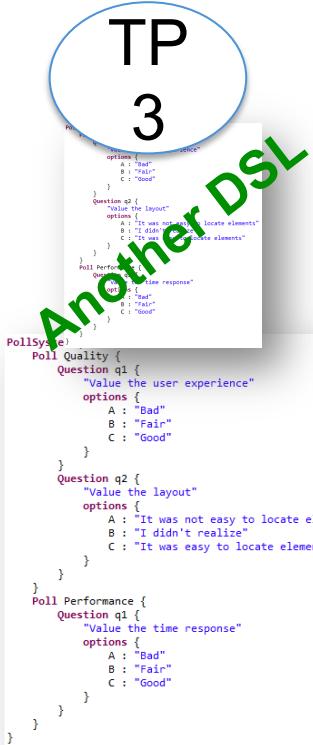
Plugin-based systems

(Active) Annotations

can have parameters

Metamodeling and Domain-Specific Languages

Commonalities



Model-to-Model

TP 4

Pivot
MM

TP 3

UI
model



Model-to-Text

Generator
TP 5



httpd.conf -- win32 Apache

Building a Web Server, for Windows

```
Listen 80
ServerRoot "/www/Apache2"
DocumentRoot "/www/webroot"

ServerName localhost:80
ServerAdmin admin@localhost

ServerSignature On
ServerTokens Full

DefaultType text/plain
AddDefaultCharset ISO-8859-1

UseCanonicalName Off

HostnameLookups Off

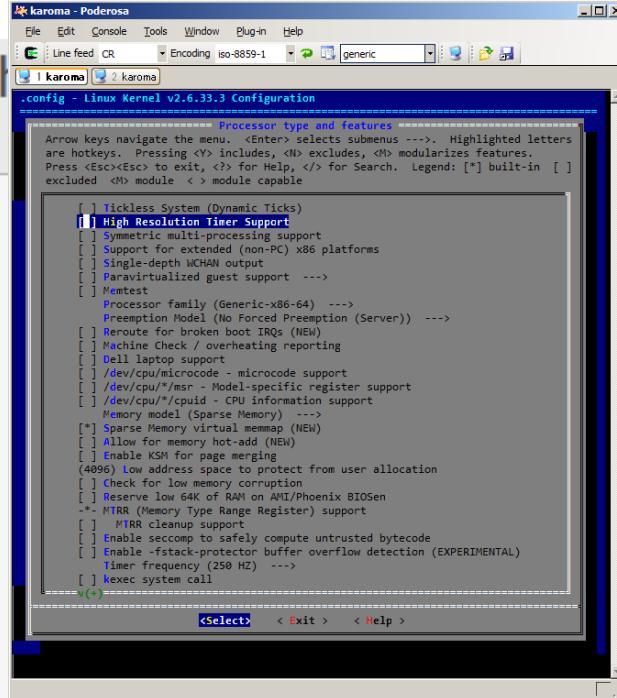
ErrorLog logs/error.log
LogLevel error

PidFile logs/httpd.pid

Timeout 300

KeepAlive On
MaxKeepAliveRequests 100
KeepAliveTimeout 15

<IfModule mpm_winnt.c>
    ThreadsPerChild 250
    MaxRequestsPerChild 0
</IfModule>
```



A screenshot of the Renault Vans website. The top navigation bar includes links for CARS, VANS, ELECTRIC VEHICLES, RENAULT BUSINESS, USED CARS, OWNER SERVICES, ABOUT RENAULT, and RENAULT SHOP. Below the navigation, a breadcrumb trail shows Renault UK > Renault Vans > New Kangoo Van Range > Kangoo Van > Build your own Kangoo Van > Selected Options. The main content area is titled 'NEW KANGOO VAN RANGE' and contains three tabs: '01 Preferences', '02 Version', and '03 Equipment & options'. The 'Equipment & options' tab is active, showing a list of selected items with their descriptions and prices: 'Central storage console & armrest between seats' (£50.00), 'Electric door mirrors' (£0.00), and 'ESC (Electronic Stability Control) with traction and understeer control' (£200.00). To the right of the tabs, there is an image of a white Renault Kangoo van.

A screenshot of the Eclipse IDE. The central part of the interface shows a code editor with Java code for 'Notepad.java', 'Actions.java', and 'Main.java'. The code includes various annotations like @Override, @NotNull, and @SafeVarargs. The 'ASTView' panel on the right displays the Abstract Syntax Tree (AST) for the selected code, showing nodes for statements, expressions, and types. The 'General' preferences panel is open on the left, showing settings for running in background, keeping dialogs open, and showing heap status. A note in the preferences panel states: 'Note: This preference is not yet available for Java.' The 'Outline' view at the bottom shows the structure of the code with nodes for classes, methods, and fields.

A photograph of an old, green-painted pickup truck that has been left to decay in a field. The truck is heavily rusted, particularly on the body and the front fenders. The driver's side door is open, revealing the interior which is also in a state of disrepair. The truck is positioned in front of a dense thicket of green bushes and shrubs. In the foreground, there are some wooden logs and metal debris scattered on the ground.

Unused flexibility

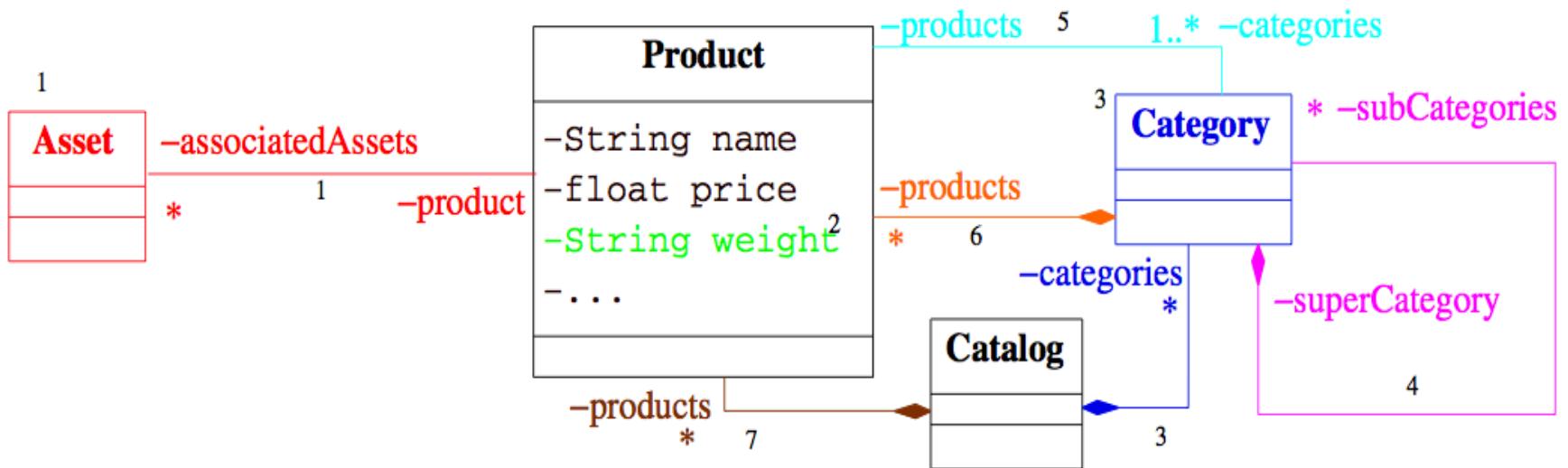


Illegal variant

Domain Design

Presence conditions:

true		MultiLevel		4
AssociatedAssets		MultipleClassification		5
PhysicalGoods		Categories & !MultipleClassification		6
Categories		MultipleClassification !Categories		7



Feature Models

A screenshot of the karmo configuration tool. It shows a list of kernel features with checkboxes. Some features are grouped under titles like "Processor Type and features". A legend at the bottom indicates that checkboxes with a blue border mean "selected", while others mean "excluded".

Variability Model



A screenshot of an IDE showing Java code. The code includes several if statements with annotations above them indicating selected or excluded options. To the right, there is a detailed analysis of the code structure, showing nodes for EXPRESSION, THEN_STATEMENT, ELSE_STATEMENT, and various IfStatements with their line numbers.

Modeling variability in main artifacts (e.g., source code)



Configuration



is crucial



Software Generator

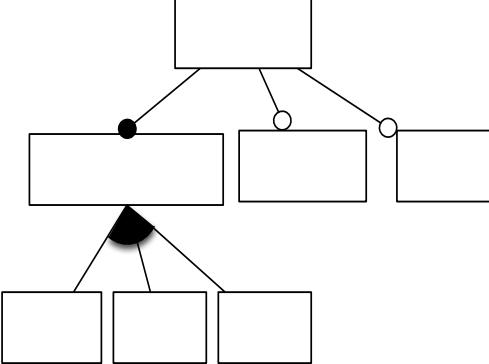
Unused flexibility





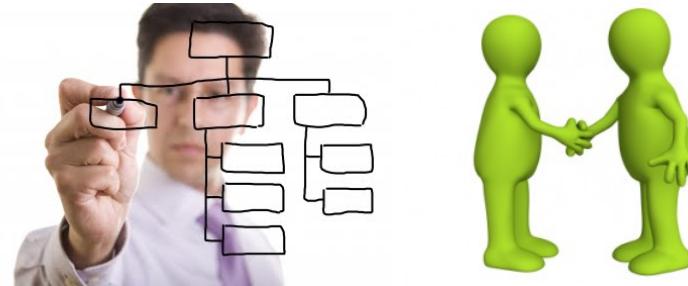
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Feature Model



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Communicative



Analytic



Generative





R8 Spyder

5.2 FSI quattro R tronic

Prix total

171.216,00 EUR

Prix de base

170.490,00 EUR

Equipements optionnels

726,00 EUR

- ▶ Informations détaillées
- ▶ Entrez l'Audi Code
- ▶ Générer un PDF
- ▶ Nouvelle configuration



[+] Plein écran / Dimensions

▶ Fermer la capote

Habitacle

Tableau de bord

Packs

Aucun pack n'est proposé pour ce modèle.

Couleurs

Blanc Ibis

Noir

Prix: 0,00 EUR



Couleurs métallisées à partir de 0,00 EUR



Couleurs à effet perlé à partir de 0,00 EUR

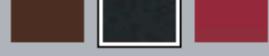


Couleurs personnalisées Audi exclusive

Audi exclusive

Couleur capote

Noir



Jantes

4 Jantes alu 5 BRANCHES ROTOR finition titane 8,5 x 19 à l'avant, 11 x 19 à l'arrière. Pneus 235/35 R19 à l'avant et 305 /30 R19 à l'arrière

Prix: 726,00 EUR

19" à partir de 0,00 EUR





R8 Spyder 5.2 FSI quattro R tronic

Prix total

185.899,35 EUR

Prix de base

170.490,00 EUR

Equipements optionnels **15.409,35 EUR**

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- ▶ Packs d'équipements
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- ▶ Volants
- ▶ Sièges
- Sécurité & technique**
- ▶ Infotainment

- ▶ Châssis
- ▶ Freins
- Systèmes d'assistance**
- ▶ Autres

excludes



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Régulateur de vitesse		320,65 EUR
<input type="checkbox"/> Système d'aide au stationnement APS avant / arrière		931,70 EUR
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Système d'aide au stationnement Advanced : APS avant et arrière et caméra arrière		1.790,80 EUR
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Audi hill assist : assistance au démarrage en côte		Série
<input type="checkbox"/> Réinitialiser la sélection		

Attention:

Le prix peut varier en fonction du choix de moteur et des équipements.

Un aperç des équipements:

Mode expert



A5 Sportback 3.0 TDI quattro S tronic

Prix total

54.460,15 EUR

Prix de base

50.570,00 EUR

Equipements optionnels

3.890,15 EUR

▶ Informations détaillées

▶ Entrez l'Audi Code

▶ Nouvelle configuration

Vérification de votre sélection

Cet équipement nécessite un équipement complémentaire:

GPS Plus avec disque dur



2.934,25 EUR

Voici les équipements complémentaires possibles:

Ordinateur de bord en couleur avec programme efficiency



181,50 EUR

Remarque: uniquement sur les modèles avec système Start-Stop et uniquement disponible en combinaison avec l'autoradio Concert, l'autoradio Symphony ou un système de navigation

Pack Intenso Plus



3.100,00 EUR

Sans appareil de navigation

Série

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- ▶ Packs d'équipements
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Infotainment

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Mode expert

Réinitialiser la sélection

1 Modèle

2 Moteur

3 Extérieur

4 Intérieur

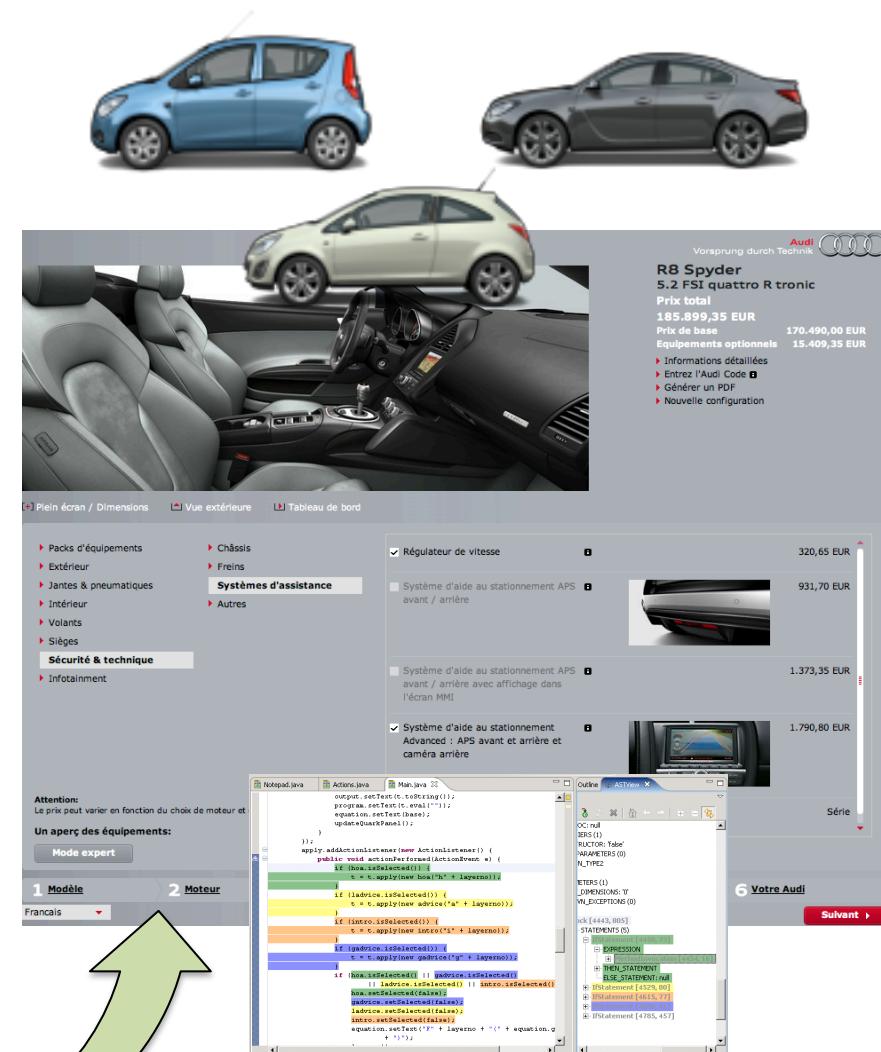
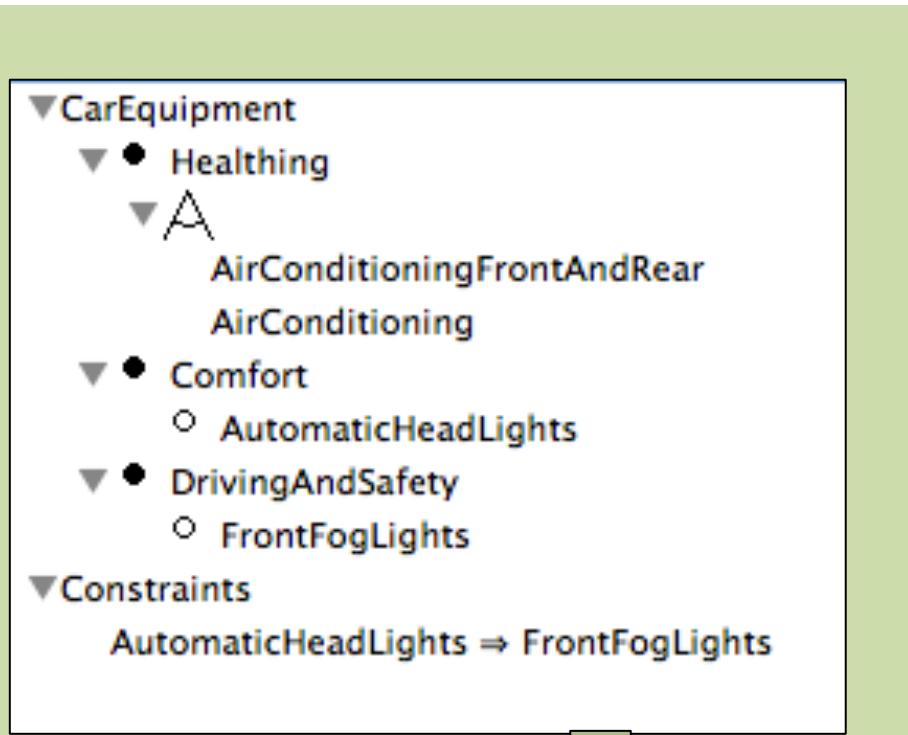
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6 Votre Audi

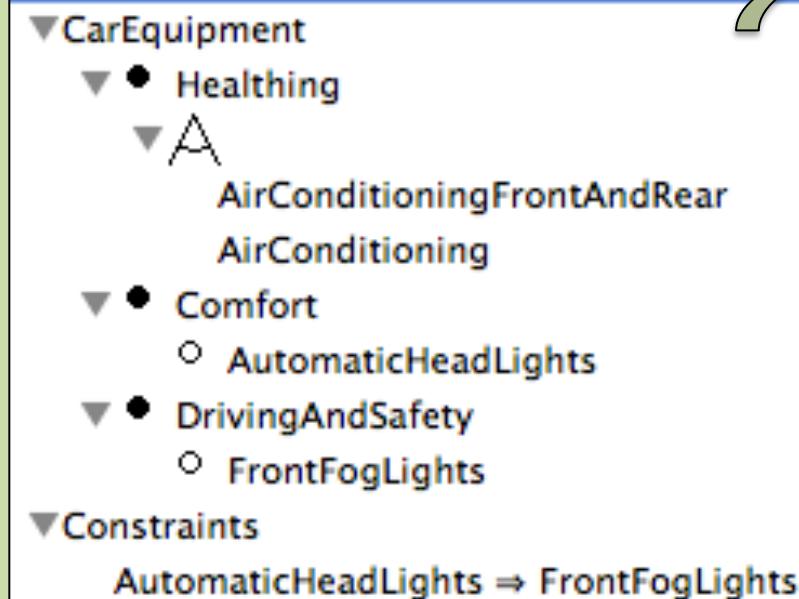
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Feature Models



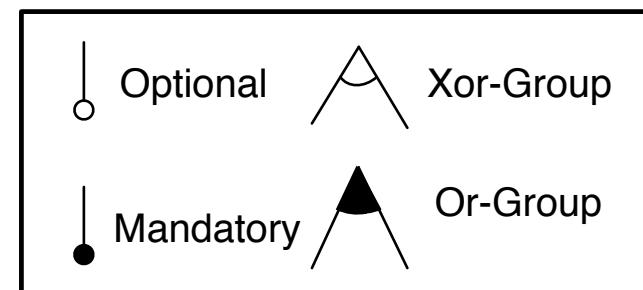
Feature Models (Background)

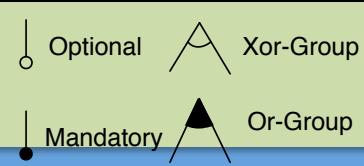
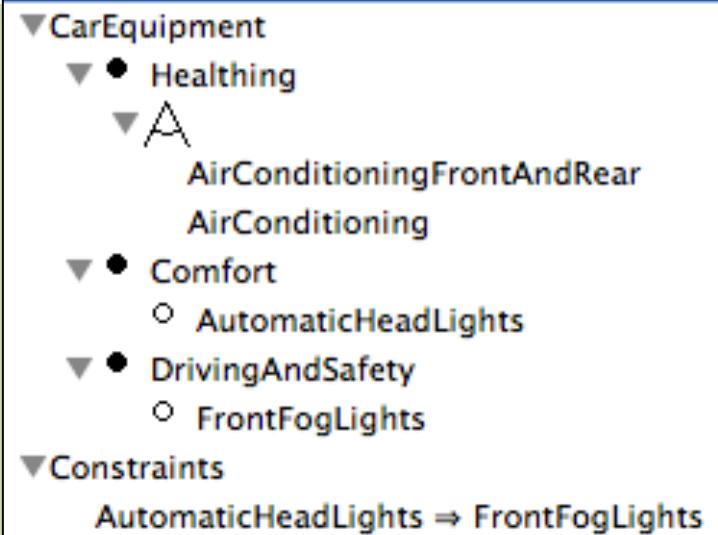
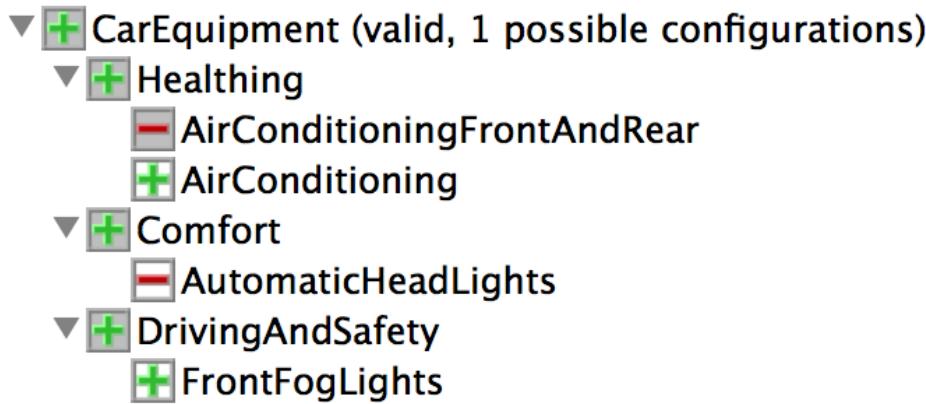


Hierarchy: rooted tree

Variability:

- mandatory,
- optional,
- Groups: exclusive or inclusive features
- Cross-tree constraints





Hierarchy + Variability

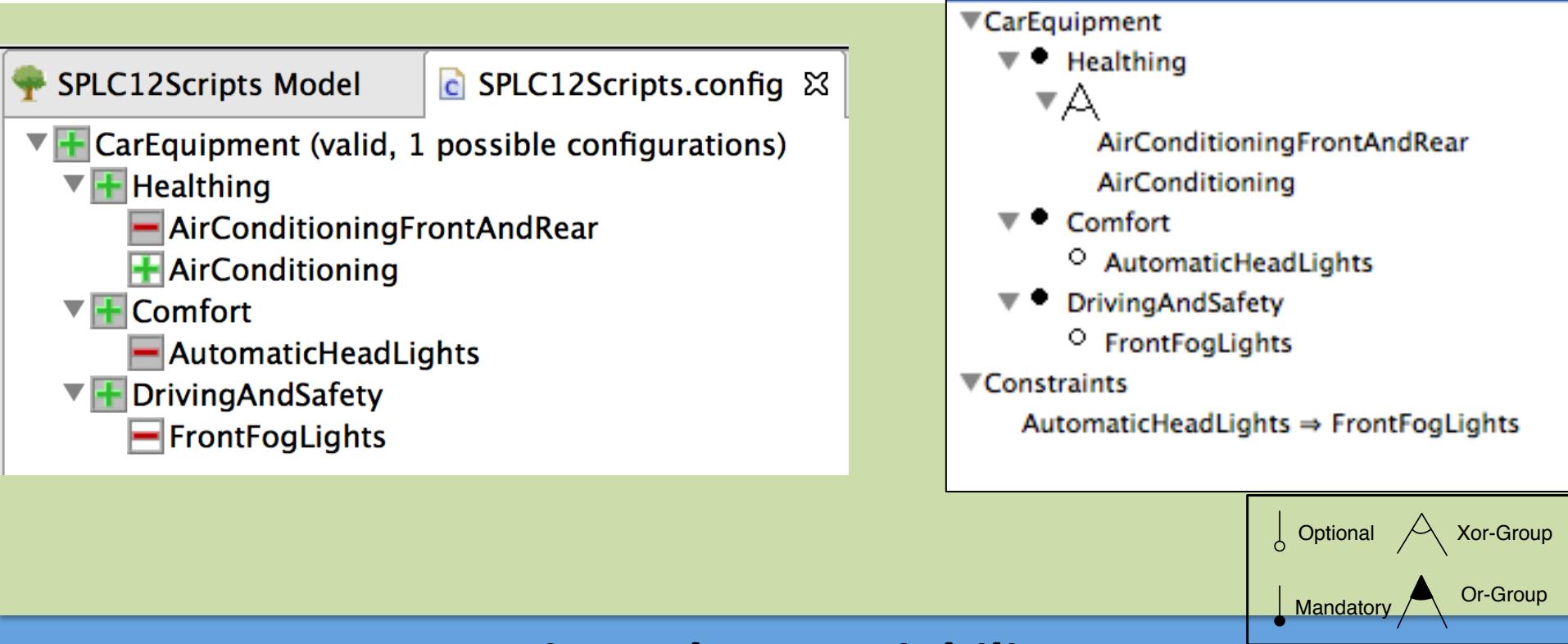
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set of valid configurations

configuration = set of features selected

{CarEquipment, Comfort, DrivingAndSafety, Healthing, AirConditioning, FrontFogLights}





Hierarchy + Variability

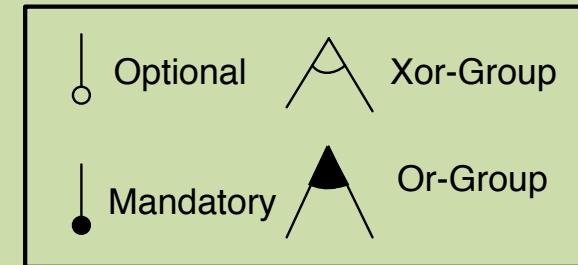
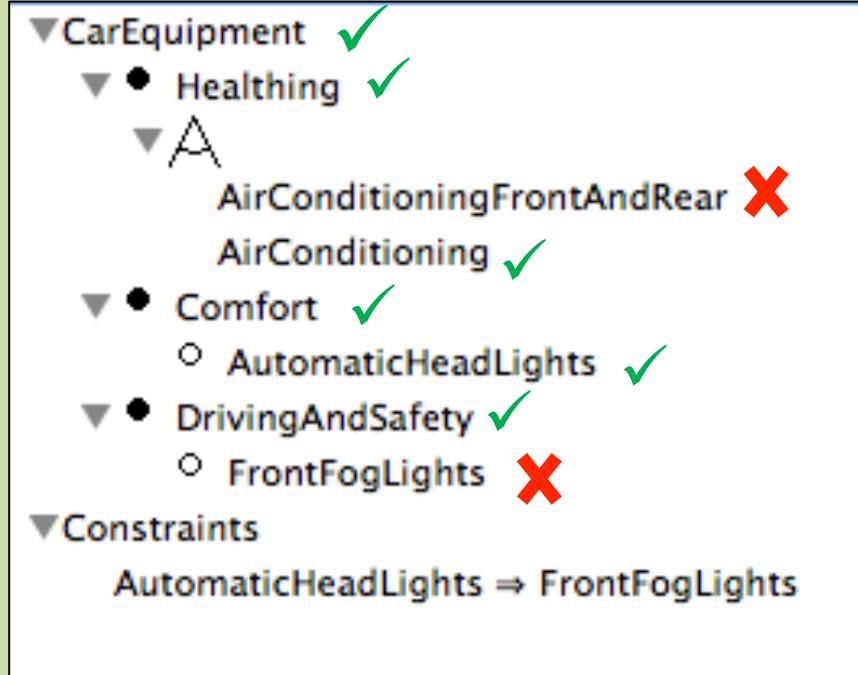
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Hierarchy + Variability

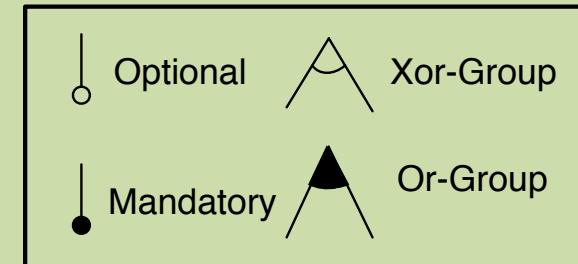
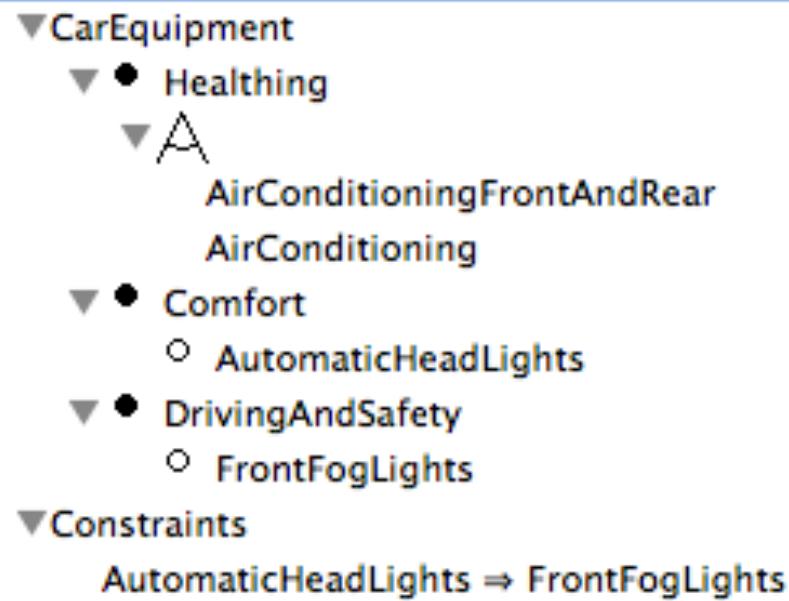
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set of valid configurations

configuration = set of features selected

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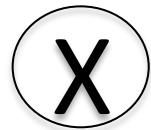
Hierarchy + Variability

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set of valid configurations

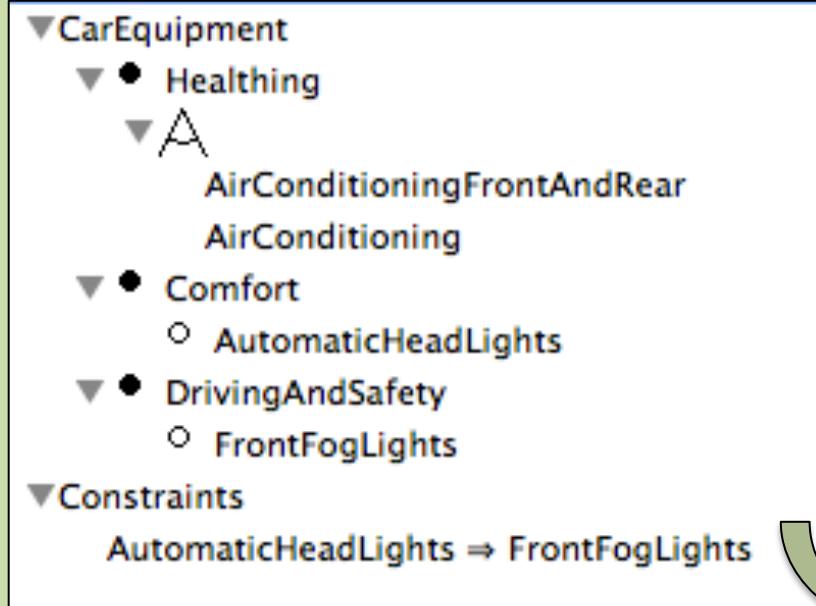
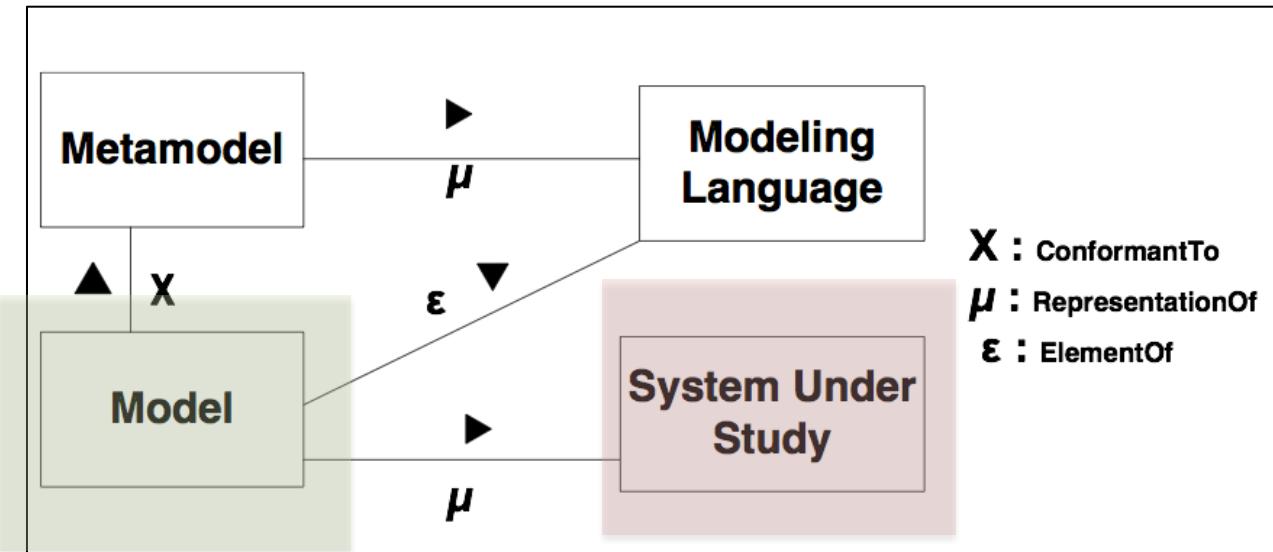


{CarEquipment, Comfort,
DrivingAndSafety,
Healthing}

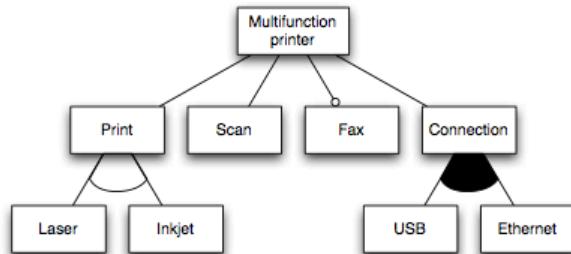


- {AirConditioning, FrontFogLights}
- {AutomaticHeadLights, AirConditioning, FrontFogLights}
- {AutomaticHeadLights, FrontFogLights, AirConditioningFrontAndRear}
- {AirConditioningFrontAndRear}
- {AirConditioning}
- {AirConditioningFrontAndRear, FrontFogLights}

Feature Models



Typical implementations



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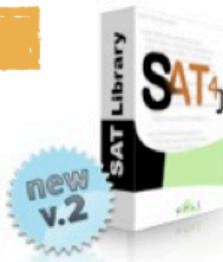
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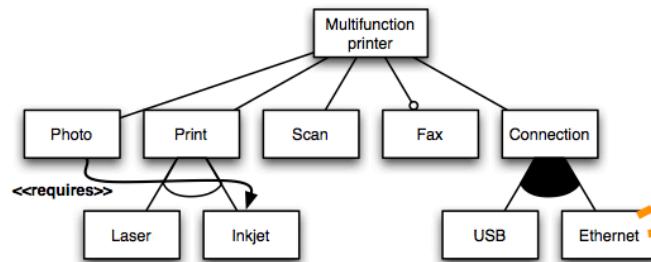
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Product Derivation

feature model

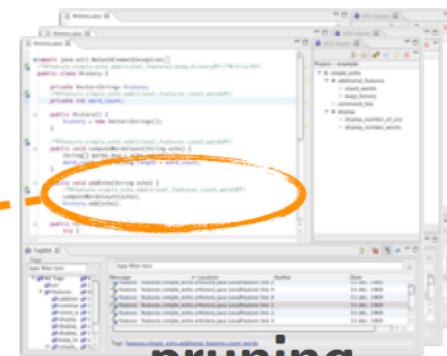
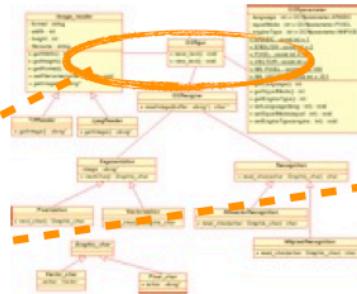


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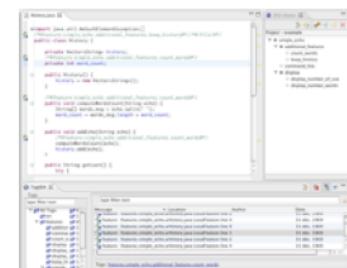
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product spec

variable model and
code assets



pruning,
composition,
weaving,
transformation



product

Bref
as a product line

ÉTAPE 2 : CHOISIS 3 BONS SOUVENIRS



ÉTAPE 3 : JE REGARDE MON ÉPISODE UNIQUE

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How MDE (IDM) can help

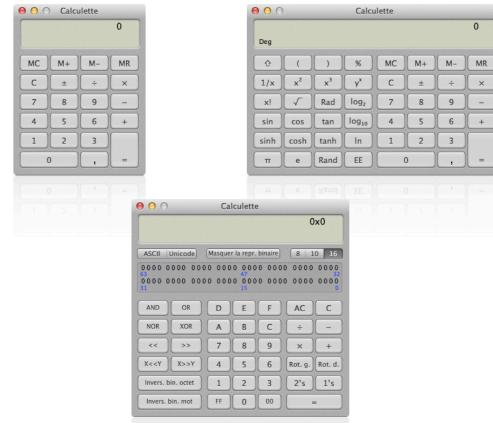
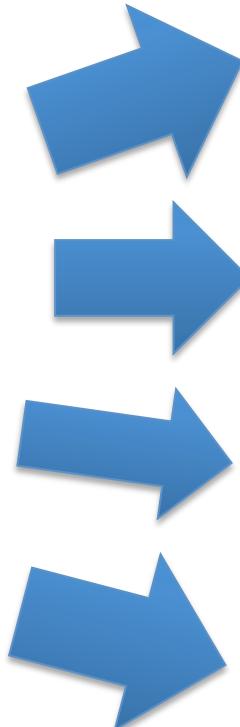
Software Product Line Engineering

Generative approach

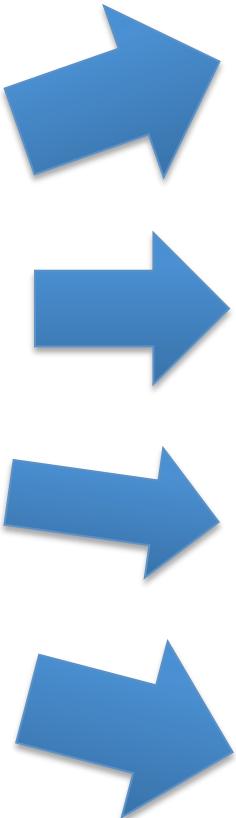
- Programming the generation of programs
 - Very old practice
 - Metaprogramming: generative language and target language are the same
 - Reflection capabilities
- Generalization of this idea:
 - from a specification written in one or more textual or graphical domain-specific languages
 - you generate **customized variants**

Modeling and implementing system families such that a desired system can be automatically generated from a specification written in one or more textual or graphical domain-specific languages.

Models
And
Languages

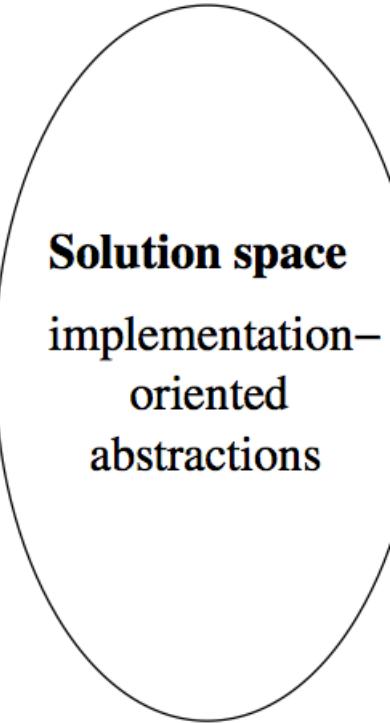
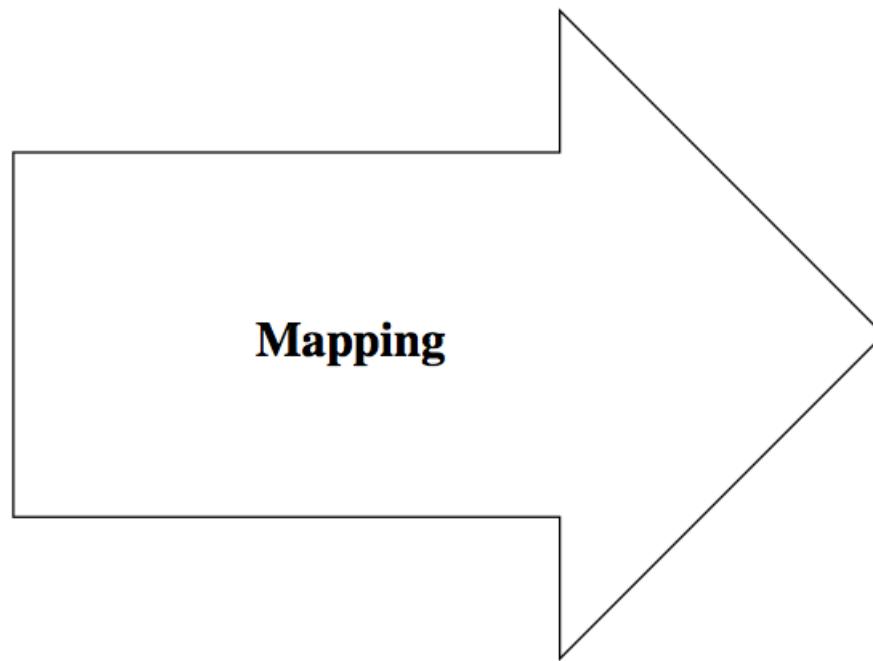
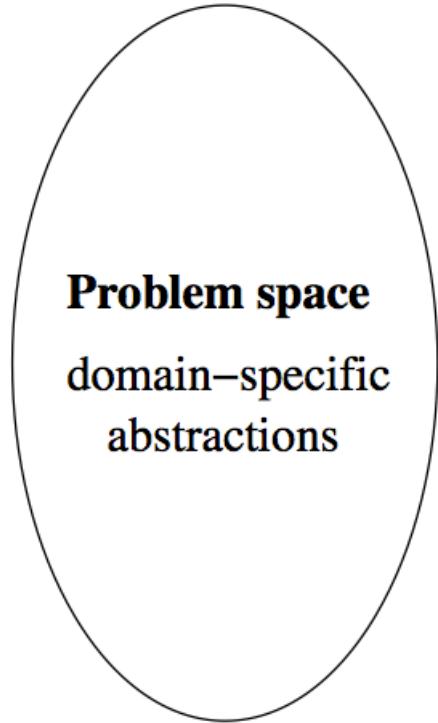


Models And Languages

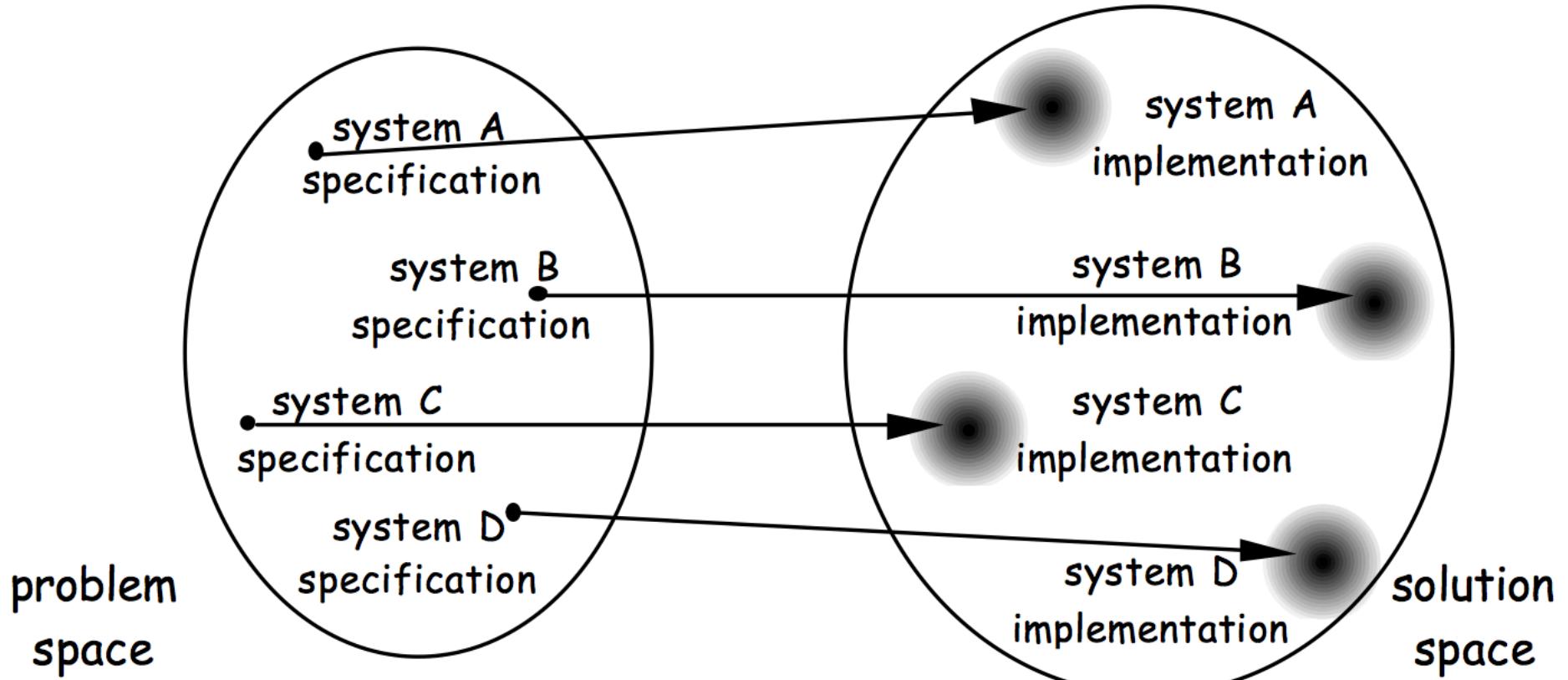


The image displays four separate software windows:

- Top Left:** A car configuration interface showing various models like A1, A3, A4, A5, A8, Q3, Q5, Q7, Q8, and T.
- Top Right:** A detailed car configuration tree for a model, showing categories like "Front wheel drive", "Category", "Hatchback", and "Sports car".
- Middle Left:** A window titled "Simple config" showing a tree structure for "GraphProduction" with nodes like "Connected", "Cycle", "Directed", "Graph", "GraphType", "Undirected", and "Weighted".
- Middle Right:** A window titled "Multi config" showing a similar tree structure for "GraphProduction" with nodes like "Connected", "Cycle", "Directed", "Graph", "GraphType", "Undirected", and "Weighted".
- Bottom Left:** A configuration summary table for a car model, listing options like Trim/Series, Engine/Transmission, Colour & Style, Options, and Summary. It shows prices for S, SE, and Elite models.
- Bottom Right:** A detailed configuration table for "Safety/Security" options, including "Emergency tire inflation kit", "Active front seat head restraints", "Front and rear parking distance sensors", "Tyre Pressure Monitoring System", and "Remote control ultrasonic security alarm system".



[Czarnecki and Eisenecker 2000]



[Czarnecki, PhD thesis]

Developing Product Lines

Metamodels, DSLs, and Transformations to the rescue

- Domain Engineering
 - Domain Models
 - Level of abstraction
 - Domain-specific modeling languages
 - (visual or textual) syntax, precise semantics
 - analyzed (verification)
 - Traceability between the artefacts
- Application Engineering
 - Model transformations (automation)
- Reduce the gap

Summary

- **Software product line engineering**
 - Mass customization
 - Family of software intensive systems
 - Systematic reuse
 - Domain engineering
 - Variability management
 - **Variability** everywhere
 - Applied and applicable to many industries and domains
 - **Modeling and implementing** variability: an overview
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