

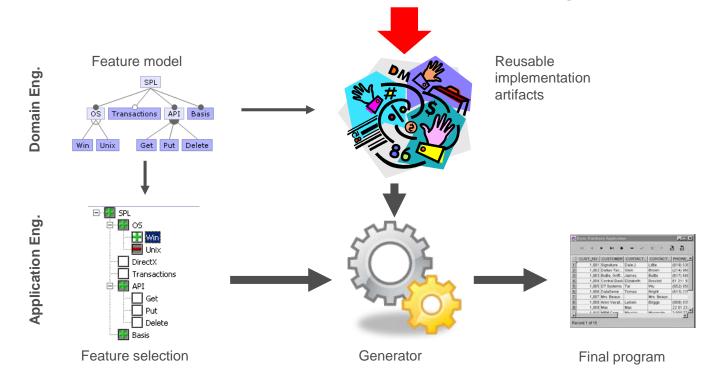




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How to implement variability?







Today's Goals

- Solve problems:
 - Feature Traceability
 - Crosscutting concerns
 - Preplanning
 - Inflexible extension mechanisms (inheritance)
- Modular feature implementation
- New types of implementation techniques



Agenda

- Feature-oriented programming
 - Key idea
 - Implementation with FeatureHouse
- Aspect-oriented programming
 - Key idea
 - Implementation with AspectJ
- Features vs. Aspects



Feature-Oriented Programming



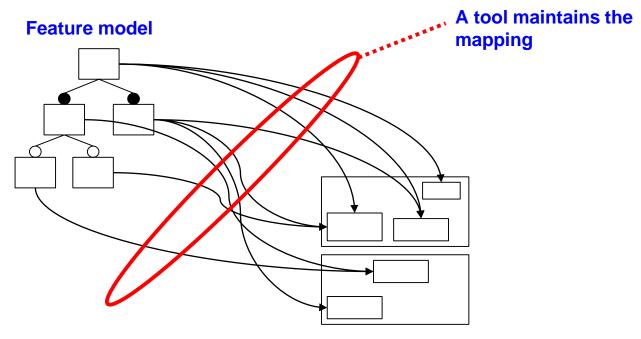
Goal: feature cohesion

- we want to have all implementation artifacts for a feature a single location in the code
 - features explicit in code
- A question of programming language and programming environment
 - physical vs. virtual cohesion
- Automatically gives us traceability as well





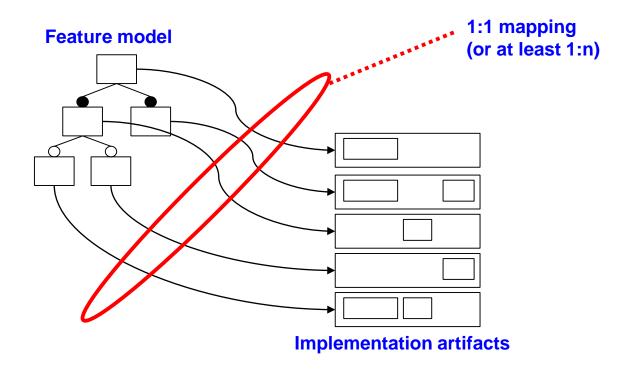
Feature traceability with tool support



Implementation artifacts



Feature traceability with language support

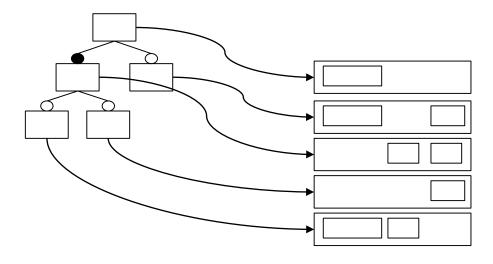


Feature-oriented programming

- Language-based approach for feature traceability
- Implement each feature in a feature module
 - Perfect feature traceability
 - Separation and modularization of features
- Feature-based program generation
 - Programs generated via feature composition
- As a research idea, introduced 20 years ago
 - Prehofer, ECOOP'97 and Batory, ICSE'03

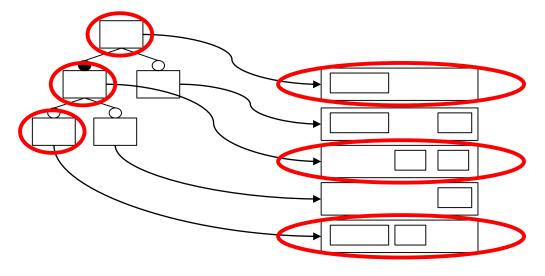






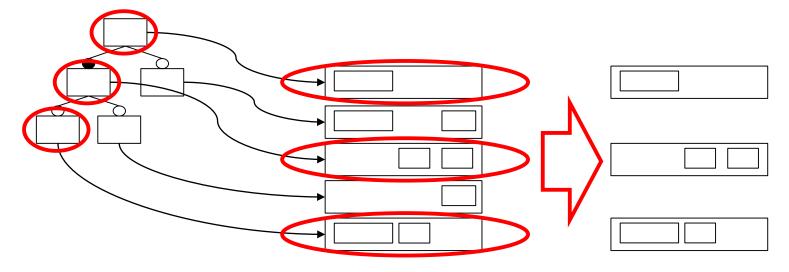






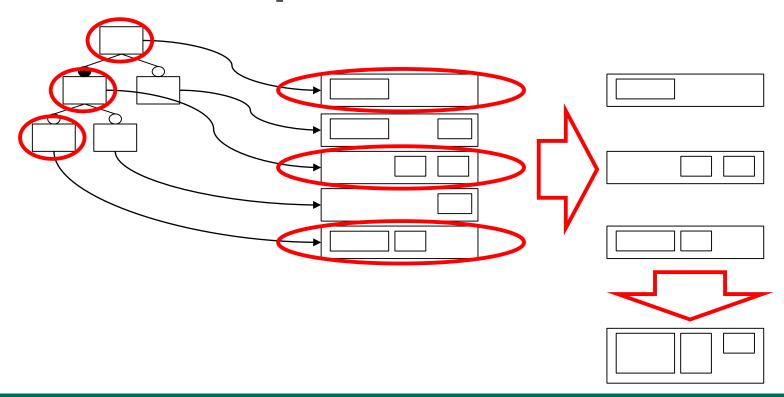




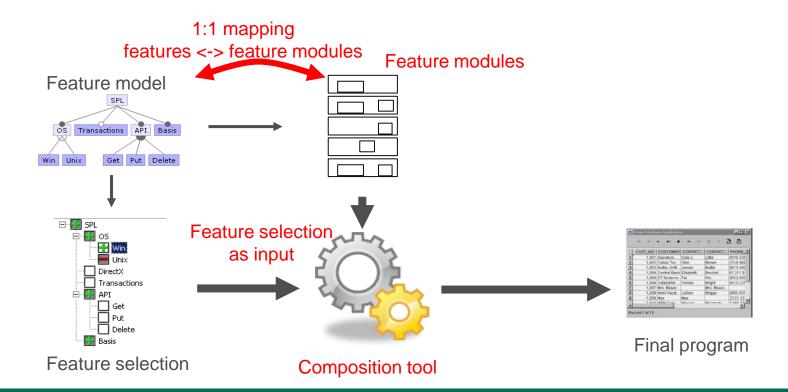








Product lines with feature modules



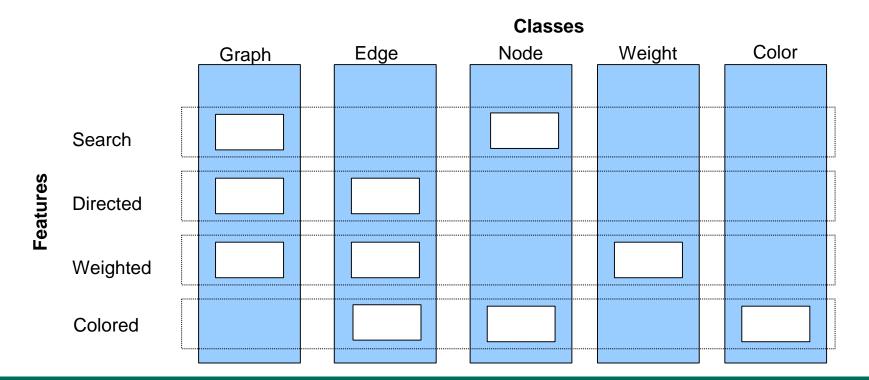


- Starting point: code base structured into classes
- Features often implemented by several classes
- Classes often implement more than one feature

- Idea: keep class structure, but split classes along features
 - Implemented in tools FeatureHouse and AHEAD



Splitting of classes



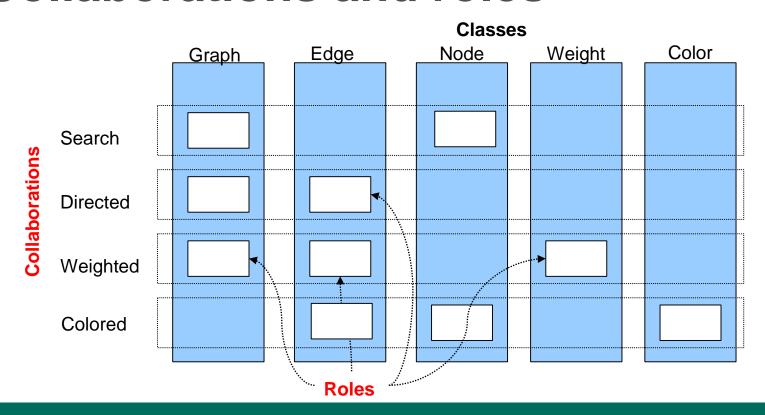


Collaborations and roles

- Collaboration: a set of classes that interact to implement a feature
- Different classes play different roles in collaborations
- One class plays different roles in different collaborations
- A role encapsulates the functionality (methods, fields) of a class that is relevant for the collaboration



Collaborations and roles





Collaborations in graph example

```
class Graph {
  List nodes = new List();
  List edges = new List();
  Edge add(Node n, Node m) {
    Edge e = new Edge(n, m);
    nodes.add(n); nodes.add(m);
    edges.add(e); return e;
  }
  void print() {
    for(int i = 0; i < edges.size(); i++)
      ((Edge)edges.get(i)).print();
  }
}</pre>
```

```
class Edge {
  Node a, b;
  Edge(Node _a, Node _b) {
    a = _a; b = _b;
  }
  void print() {
    a.print(); b.print();
  }
}
```

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

```
refines class Graph {
  Edge add(Node n, Node m) {
    Edge e = Super.add(n, m);
    e.weight = new Weight();
}
  Edge add(Node n, Node m, Weight w)
  Edge aedd(Node n, Node m, Weight w)
  Edge e = new Edge(n, m);
  nodes.add(n); nodes.add(m);
  edges.add(e);
  e.weight = w; return e;
} }
```

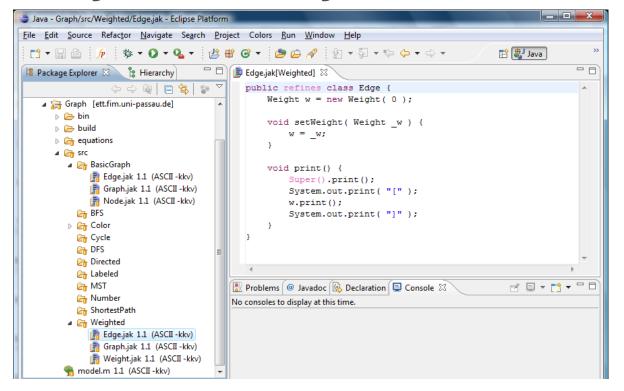
```
refines class Edge {
   Weight weight = new Weight();
   void print() {
        Super.print(); weight.print();
    }
}
```

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





Directory hierarchy: features + roles







Example: class refinements

Successive extension of base implementation by means of refinements

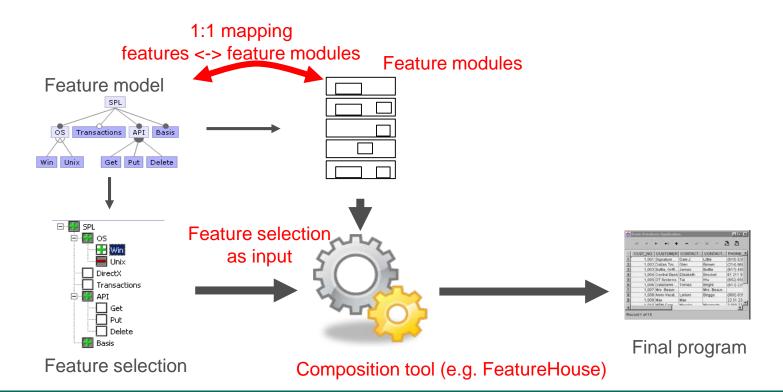
```
Edge.java
class Edge {
    private Node start; ...
Edge.java
class Edge {
    private int weight;
Edge.java
class Edge {
    private Color color;
```

Method refinement (FeatureHouse)

- Each extension can refine and introduce methods
- Methods can be overriden
- Can call methods from next refinement level with original()
- Similar to inheritance

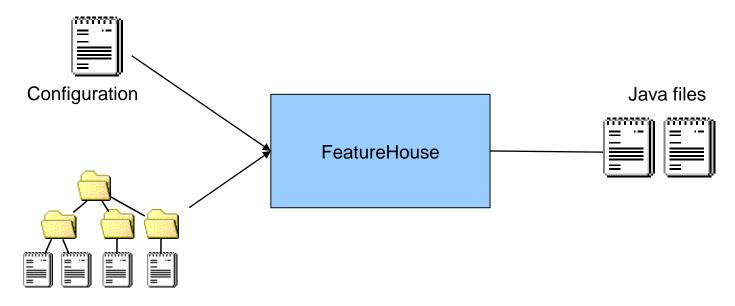


Product lines with feature modules





Composition in FeatureHouse

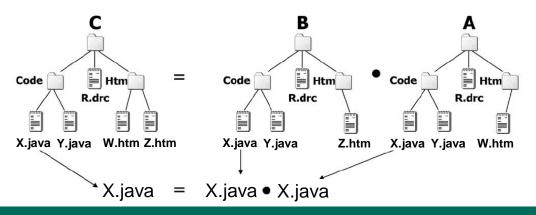


Feature modules (directories) with Java files



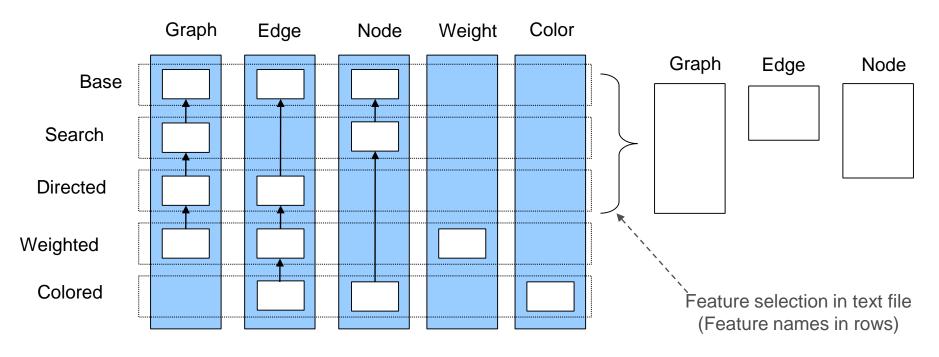
Composition of directories

- All roles of a collaboration are stored in a package/module, typically in a directory
- Composition of collaborations: composing classes with all contained refinements of same name





Example composition





Tools

- ▶ AHEAD Tool Suite + Documentation
 - Command line tools for Jak (Java 1.4 extension) http://www.cs.utexas.edu/users/schwartz/ATS.html
- FeatureHouse
 - Command line tool for Java, C#, C, Haskell, ... http://www.fosd.de/fh
- FeatureC++
 - Alternative to AHEAD for C++ http://www.fosd.de/fcpp
- FeatureIDE
 - Eclipse plugin for AHEAD, FeatureHouse und FeatureC++
 - Automated build, syntax highlighting, etc... http://www.fosd.de/featureide





FeatureIDE - Demo

Video tutorial

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       public refines class Edge {
                                                                   private int weight;
                                                                        weight : int
                                                                        getWeight() : int
           public int getWeight() {
                                                                        display()
               return this.weight;
                                                                        setWeight(int)
           public void display() {
               System.out.print( " Weight=" + weight );
               Super().display();
           public void setWeight(int weight) {
               this.weight = weight;
                       weight : int - this 
                       • weightsList : Linke List - Vertex
                       weight : int - Edge

    weight : int - Neighbor

                       weights : int - Main
```

Summary FeatureHouse

- One base class + arbitrary refinements (roles)
- Class refinements can...
 - Introduce fields
 - Introduce methods
 - Change (extend) method implementations
- Feature module (collaboration): directory with base classes and/or refinements
- Composition of base class+refinements per feature



Quiz

 How many roles can a program with three classes and four features have

(a) maximally and (b) minimally?

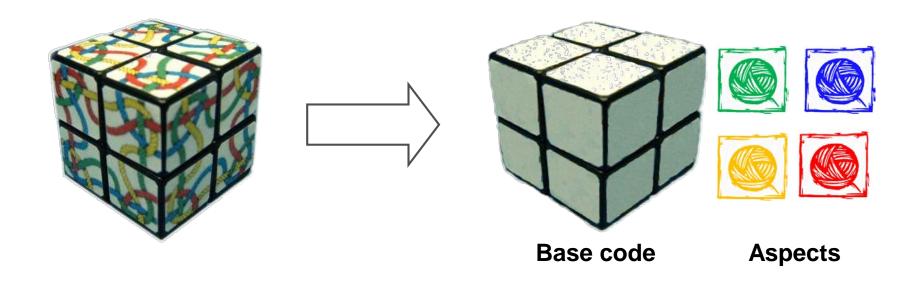


Aspect-Oriented Programming





Modularizing cross-cutting concerns

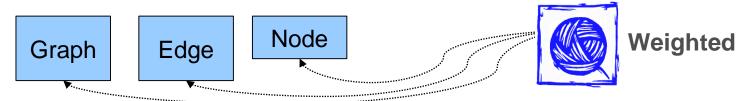






Idea

- Modularize a cross-cutting concern into an aspect
- Aspect describes effects on rest of software
- How interpreted? Multiple options:
 - as a program transformation
 - as a metaobject protocol
 - some sort of feature module



AspectJ

- AspectJ is an AOP extension for Java
- Program = base code + extensions (aspects)
 - Base code implemented in Java
 - Aspects similar to Java, but there are a few special constructs
- Provides special components (weavers) for "weaving" aspects into base code

Whan can an aspect do?

- In AspectJ, an aspect can:
 - add methods and fields to a class
 - extend methods with additional code
 - catch events (e.g., method calls and fiel accesses) and respond by executing additional or alternative code
 - (add classes: only in a restricted form)



Static extensions

- Static extensions with "inter-type declarations"
 - for example, add method X to class Y

Dynamic extensions

- Based on AspectJ's join point model
 - **Join point**: an event during the program execution. For example, a method call or field access.
 - Pointcut: a predicate to select join points
 - Advice: code that is to be executed if a joint point was selected by a pointcut

```
aspect Weighted {
    pointcut printExecution(Edge edge) :
        execution(void Edge.print()) && this(edge);

after(Edge edge) : printExecution(edge) {
        System.out.print(' weight ' + edge.weight);
    }
}
```



Quantification

- Pointcuts describe join points declaratively and can select multiple join points at the same time
- Examples:
 - Execute advice X whenever the method "setWeight" in class "Edge" is called
 - Execute advice Y whenever any field in class "Edge" is accessed
 - Execute advice Z whenever **any** public method in the system is called, and the method "initialize" has been called before that

AspectJ – join point model

- Join points can describe:
 - a method call
 - a method execution
 - a constructor call
 - a constructor execution
 - a field access (read or write)
 - catching an exception
 - initialization of a class or an object
 - execution of an advice

Join point example

```
class Test {
                 MathUtil u;
                                                  method execution
                 public void main() {
field access (set)
                   u = new MathUtil();
                                                   constructor call
                   int i = 2;
field access (get)
                                                    method call
                   i = u.twice(i);
                   System.out.println(i);
                                                      method call
               class MathUtil {
                 public int twice(int i) {
                                                     method execution
                   return i * 2;
```

Pointcut execution

Captures the execution of a method

execution

```
aspect A1 {
   after() : execution(int MathUtil.twice(int)) {
      System.out.println("MathUtil.twice
          executed");
   }
}
```

```
class Test {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    MathUtil u = new MathUtil();
    int i = 2;
    i = u.twice(i);
    System.out.println(i);
  }
}
class MathUtil {
  public int twice(int i) {
    return i * 2;
  }
}
```

Syntax:

execution(ReturnType ClassName.Methodname(ParameterTypes))

Explicit vs. anonymous pointcuts

```
aspect A1 {
  after() : execution(int MathUtil.twice(int)) {
    System.out.println("MathUtil.twice executed");
  }
}
```

```
aspect A2 {
   pointcut executeTwice() : execution(int MathUtil.twice(int));
   after() : executeTwice() {
      System.out.println("MathUtil.twice executed");
   }
}
```



Advice

- Additional code
 - before,
 - after, or
 - instead of (around) the join point.
- around advice:
 - can continue the original code with the keyword "proceed"





```
public class Test2 {
  void foo() {
     System.out.println("foo() executed");
aspect AdviceTest {
  before(): execution(void Test2.foo()) {
     System.out.println("before foo()");
  after(): execution(void Test2.foo()) {
     System.out.println("after foo()");
  void around(): execution(void Test2.foo()) {
     System.out.println("around begin");
     proceed();
     System.out.println("around end");
  after() returning (): execution(void Test2.foo()) {
     System.out.println("after returning from foo()");
  after() throwing (RuntimeException e): execution(void Test2.foo()) {
     System.out.println("after foo() throwing "+e);
```



Patterns

- allow "incomplete" specification of target join point for quantification
- placeholders one value: * multiple values: ..
- subclasses: +

```
aspect Execution {
  pointcut P1() : execution(int MathUtil.twice(int));
  pointcut P2() : execution(* MathUtil.twice(int));
  pointcut P3() : execution(int MathUtil.twice(*));
  pointcut P4() : execution(int MathUtil.twice(..));
  pointcut P5() : execution(int MathUtil.*(int, ..));
  pointcut P6() : execution(int *Util.tw*(int));
  pointcut P7() : execution(int *.twice(int));
  pointcut P8() : execution(int MathUtil+.twice(int));
  pointcut P9() : execution(public int
    package.MathUtil.twice(int)
    throws ValueNotSupportedException);
  pointcut Ptypical() : execution(* MathUtil.twice(..));
```



Pointcut call

- Captures the call of a method
- Similar to execution, but on the side of the caller

```
aspect A1 {
  after() : call(int MathUtil.twice(int)) {
    System.out.println("MathUtil.twice called");
  }
}
```

```
class Test {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        MathUtil u = new MathUtil();
        int i = 2;
        i = u.twice(i);
        i = u.twice(i);
        System.out.println(i);
```



Constructors

"new" keyword

```
aspect A1 {
  after() : call(MathUtil.new()) {
    System.out.println("MathUtil created");
  }
}
```

```
class Test {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        MathUtil u = new MathUtil();
        int i = 2;
        i = u.twice(i);
        i = u.twice(i);
        System.out.println(i);
        }
    }
} class MathUtil {
```

Pointcuts set & get

Captures field accesses (of instance variables)

```
aspect A1 {
  after() : get(int MathUtil.counter) {
    System.out.println("MathUtil.value read");
  }
}
```

```
set(int MathUtil.counter)
set(int MathUtil.*)
set(* *.counter)
```

```
aspect A1 {
  after() : set(int MathUtil.counter) {
    System.out.println("MathUtil.value set");
  }
}
```

System.out.println(i);

Pointcut args

- Matches just the parameters of a method
- Similar to execution(* *.*(X, Y)) or call(* *.*(X, Y))

```
aspect A1 {
      after() : args(int) {
        System.out.println("A method with only one parameter " +
                  "of type int called or executed");
                                        class Test {
                                          public static void main(String[] args) {
                                            MathUtil u = new MathUtil();
                                            int i = 2i
                                            i = u.twice(i);
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args(int)
                                            i = u.twice(i);
                                  call
args(*)
                                            System.out.println(i);
args(Object, *, String)
                                  call
args(.., Buffer)
                                        class MathUtil {
```



Combined pointcuts

- Pointcuts can be combined
 - &&, || and !

```
aspect A1 {
  pointcut P1(): execution(* Test.main(..)) | call(* MathUtil.twice(*));
  pointcut P2(): call(* MathUtil.*(..)) && !call(* MathUtil.twice(*));
  pointcut P3(): execution(* MathUtil.twice(..)) && args(int);
}
```

Parametrized pointcuts

- Pointcuts can have parameters, can be used in advice
- Provides advice with information about context
- For that, use pointcut args with a variable (instead of type)

```
aspect A1 {
   pointcut execTwice(int value) :
        execution(int MathUtil.twice(int)) && args(value);
   after(int value) : execTwice(value) {
        System.out.println("MathUtil.twice executed with parameter " + value);
    }
}
```



Advice that uses parameters

Example for advice that uses parameters:

```
aspect DoubleWeight {
   pointcut setWeight(int weight) :
        execution(void Edge.setWeight(int)) && args(weight);
    void around(int weight) : setWeight(weight) {
        System.out.print('doubling weight from ' + weight);
        try {
          proceed(2 * weight);
        } finally {
          System.out.print('doubled weight from ' + weight);
```



Pointcuts this and target

- ▶ this and target capture the involved classes
- can be used with types (incl. patterns) & parameters

```
aspect A1 {
  pointcut P1(): execution(int *.twice(int)) && this(MathUtil);
  pointcut P2(MathUtil m): execution(int MathUtil.twice(int)) && this(m);
  pointcut P3(Main source, MathUtil target): call(* MathUtil.twice(*)) && this(source) && target(target);
}
```

For **call**, **set** und **get**: **this** captures object that calls the method / accesses field; **target** captures the object whose method is called/field is accessed



Pointcuts this and target

- ▶ this and target capture the involved classes
- > can be used with types (incl. patterns) & parameters

```
aspect A1 {
  pointcut P1(): execution(int *.twice(int)) && this(MathUtil);
  pointcut P2(MathUtil m): execution(int MathUtil.twice(int)) && this(m);
  pointcut P3(Main source, MathUtil target): call(* MathUtil.twice(*)) && this(source) && target(target);
}
```

For execution: this and target capture the object on which the method is called

Pointcuts within and withincode

- Restrict join points based on location
- Example: only calls of the method twice that come from Test or Test.main, respectively

```
aspect A1 {
  pointcut P1(): call(int MathUtil.twice(int)) && within(Test);
  pointcut P2(): call(int MathUtil.twice(int)) && withincode(* Test.main(..));
}
```

Pointcuts cflow and cflowbelow

- Captures all join points that appear in the control flow of another join point
 - cflow: all join points including said join point,
 - cflowbelow: all join points excluding said join point.

```
aspect A1 {
  pointcut P1(): cflow(execution(int MathUtil.twice(int)));
  pointcut P2(): cflowbelow(execution(int MathUtil.twice(int)));
}
```

Control flow

```
class Test {
 public static void main() {
   MathUtil u = new MathUtil();
   int i = 2;
   i = u.twice(i);
   i = u.twice(i); -
   i = u.power(i, 3);
   System.out.println(i);
class MathUtil {
 public int twice(int i)
   return i * 2;
 public int power/int i int ill
```

Stack:

```
Test.main
MathUtil.twice
MathUtil.power
MathUtil.power
MathUtil.power
MathUtil.power
```



Examples for cflow

```
before() :
execution(* *.*(..))
```

```
execution(void Test.main(String[]))
execution(int MathUtil.twice(int))
execution(int MathUtil.twice(int))
execution(int MathUtil.power(int, int))
execution(int MathUtil.power(int, int))
execution(int MathUtil.power(int, int))
```

```
execution(* *.*(..)) &&
  cflowbelow(execution(* *.power(..)))
```

```
execution(int MathUtil.power(int, int))
execution(int MathUtil.power(int, int))
execution(int MathUtil.power(int, int))
```

```
execution(* *.*(..)) &&
  cflow(execution(* *.power(..)))
```

```
execution(int MathUtil.power(int, int))
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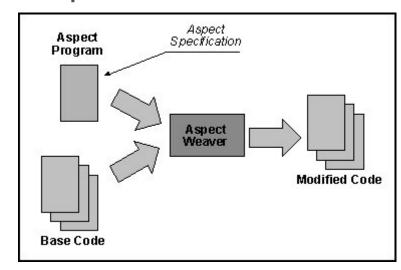
```
execution(* *.power(..)) &&
!cflowbelow(execution(* *.power(..)))
```

```
execution(int MathUtil.power(int, int))
```



Aspect weaving

- ▶ Weaving: the process of applying aspects to objects
- Weaving can take place at several points in time:
 - ▶ Compile time: weaving is the responsibility of the compiler
 - ▶ Load-time: weaving is the responsibility of the classloader
 - ▶ Runtime: application is executed in a special AOP container that is responsible for the weaving





Aspects in graph example

```
class Graph {
                                                            class Edge {
                                                                                                         class Node {
                                                                                                          int id = 0:
      Vector nv = new Vector():
                                                            Node a, b;
      Vector ev = new Vector():
                                                                                                          void print() {
                                                             Edge(Node _a, Node _b) {
                                                                                                           System.out.print(id);
      Edge add(Node n, Node m) {
                                                              a = a; b = b;
       Edge e = new Edge(n, m);
       nv.add(n); nv.add(m);
                                                             void print() {
       ev.add(e); return e;
      void print() {
       for(int i = 0; i < ev.size(); i++)
        ((Edge)ev.get(i)).print();
                                                                      aspect ColorAspect {
                                                                       Color Node.color = new Color():
                                                                       Color Edge.color = new Color();
                                                                       before(Node c) : execution(void print()) && this(c) {
                                                                        Color.setDisplayColor(c.color);
Basic
                                                                       before(Edge c) : execution(void print()) && this(c) {
Graph
                                                                        Color.setDisplayColor(c.color);
                                                                       static class Color { ... } }
```



Typical aspects

- Logging, Tracing, Profiling
 - Adding the same code to many methods

```
aspect Profiler
    /** record time to execute my public methods */
    Object around() : execution(public * com.company..*.* (...)) {
        long start = System.currentTimeMillis();
        try {
            return proceed();
         finally {
            long end = System.currentTimeMillis();
            printDuration(start, end,
                thisJoinPoint.getSignature());
       implement recordTime...
```



Typical aspects II

- Caching, Pooling
 - Cache or resource pool implemented at central location, capture program locations that would create a new

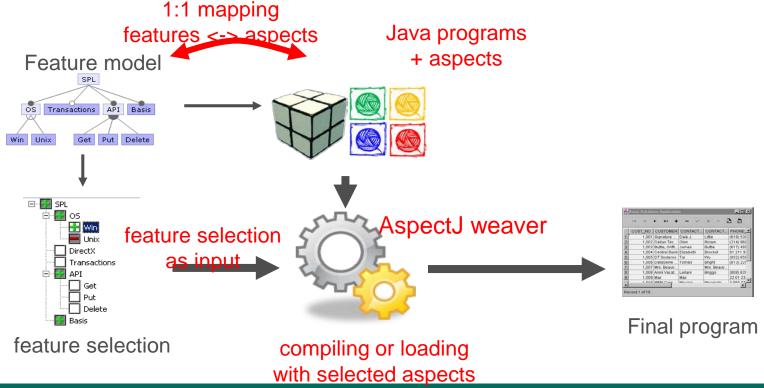
```
aspect ConnectionPooling {
    ...
    Connection around() : call(Connection.new()) {
        if (enablePooling)
            if (!connectionPool.isEmpty())
                 return connectionPool.remove(0);
        return proceed();
    }
    void around(Connection conn) :
        call(void Connection.close()) && target(conn) {
        if (enablePooling) {
             connectionPool.put(conn);
        } else {
             proceed();
        }
}
```

Typical aspects III

- Observer: responding to different types of events
 - only need to specify reaction once for complex events with sub-events (cflowbelow)

```
abstract class Shape {
    abstract void moveBy(int x, int y);
}
class Point extends Shape { ... }
class Line extends Shape {
    Point start, end;
    void moveBy(int x, int y) { start.moveBy(x,y); end.moveBy(x,y); }
}
aspect DisplayUpdate {
    pointcut shapeChanged() : execution(void Shape+.moveBy(..));
    after() : shapeChanged() && !cflowbelow(shapeChanged()) {
        Display.update();
    }
}
```

Product lines with aspects

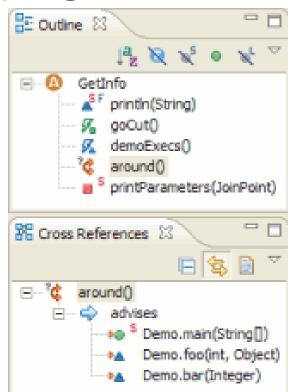






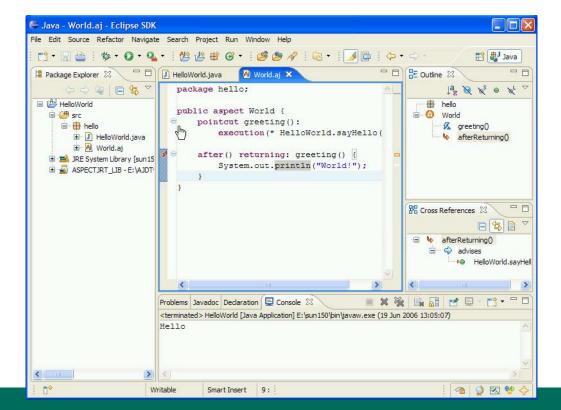
Development environment AJDT

- Eclipse plugin for aspect-oriented programming
 - Integrates aspects into Eclipse; like JDT integrates Java
 - Compiler und debugger integration
 - Syntax highlighting, outline
 - Links between aspect and extended locations

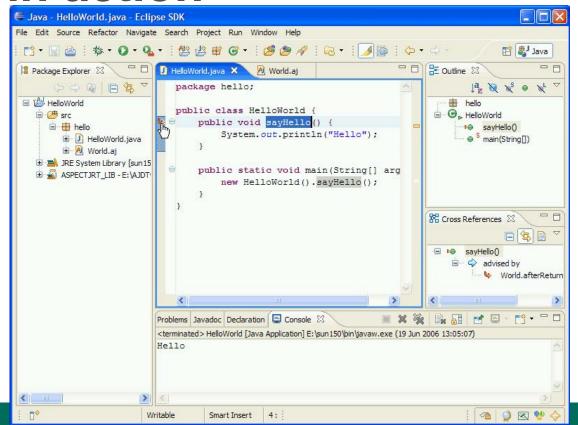




AJDT in action



AJDT in action





Quiz

- Which type of weaving leads to worse runtime performance?
 - Compile-time weaving
 - Run-time weaving

Features vs. Aspects



- Different philosophies
 - AOP focus on cross-cutting concerns
 - FOP focus on domain abstractions
- Do not implicate specific implementation techniques, but: for object-oriented programming, wide-spread implementation techniques exist
 - AOP → pointcuts & advices, inter-type-declarations
 - FOP → classes, refinements, feature composition

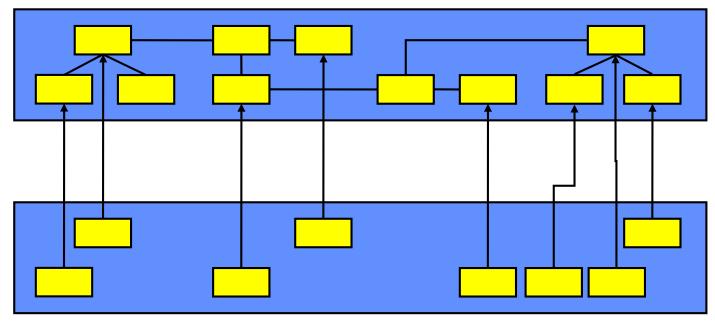
Motivation

- AspectJ-style AOP and FeatureHouse-style FOP: similar goals
- Studying the use for product line engineering
 - What are differences and commonalities?
 - When to use which?





AOP vs. FOP

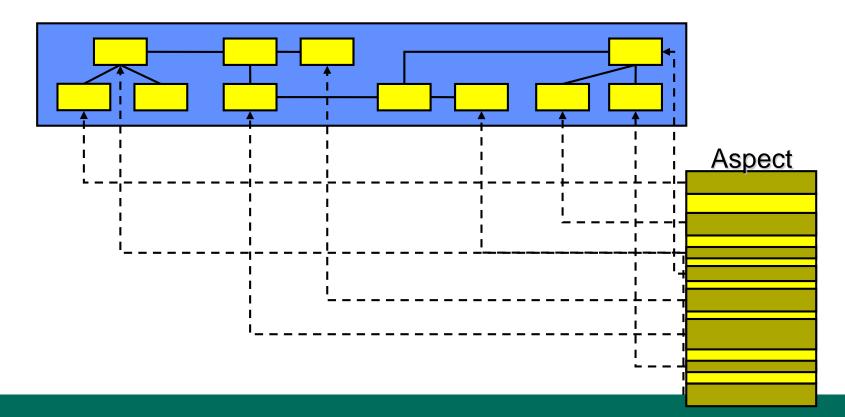


Collaboration





AOP vs. FOP





Hetero- vs. homogeneous extensions

Heterogeneous: different code at different places

```
class Graph { ...
    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;
} ...
}
class Edge { ...
    Weight weight = new Weight();
}
```

Homogeneous: same code at different places

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

Dynamic vs. static extensions

 Static: change the static structure (new fields and methods)

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

Dynamic: change the control flow (e.g., extend existing methods)

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



Simple + advanced dynamic extensions

- Simple dynamic extensions
 - Extend method executions
 - Without conditions at run time
 - No access to context of events
 - Only arguments, return type and current object
- Advanced dynamic extensions
 - All kinds of events
 - Conditions at run time (control flow)
 - Access dynamic context
 - For example: are we currently in test execution?

Simple dynamic extensions are like method extensions with overriding!

Examples for simple dynamic extensions

```
class Edge {
  int weight = 0;
  void setWeight(int w) { weight = w; }
  int getWeight() { return weight; }
}
```

FOP

AOP

```
refines class Edge {
  void setWeight(int w) {
    Super(int).setWeight(2*w);
  }
  int getWeight() {
    return Super().getWeight()/2;
  }
}
```

```
aspect DoubleWeight {
  void around(int w) : args(w) &&
    execution(void
Edge.setWeight(int)) {
    proceed(w*2);
  }
  int around() :
    execution(void Edge.getWeight()) {
      return proceed()/2;
  }
}
```

Examples for advanced dynamic extensions

- Scenario: nested graphs, whose nodes again contain graphs
 - Extension: Logging of print() method,
 but only on nodes of the top-level graph

```
class Node {
   Graph innerGraph;
   void print() {...}
   ...
}
```

```
refines class Node {
  static int count = 0;
  void print() {
    if(count == 0)
      printHeader();
    count++;
    Super().print();
    count--;
  }
  void printHeader() { /* ... */ }
```

```
aspect PrintHeader {
  before():
    execution(void print()) &&
    !cflowbelow(execution(void print())) {
      printHeader();
    }
  void printHeader() { /* ... */ }
}
```

	FOP	AOP
static	good support – fields, method, classes	limited support – fields, methods, static inner classes
dynamic	bad support – only simple extensions (method refinement)	good support – advanced extensions, thanks to language support for dealing with execution context
hetero- geneous	good support – refinements and collaborations	limited support – possible, but object-oriented structure gets lost and aspects can get huge
homo- geneous	no support – one refinement per join point (might lead to code replication)	good support – wildcards and logical quantification over pointcuts



We Have Learned

- Feature orientation
 - Composition-based, compile-time.
 - Code base seperated into base code + feature modules with feature-specific code (including refinements)
 - Composition mechanism produces individual products
 - Provides clear modularity, great for heterogenous extensions and static extensions

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Next Time

API Design



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