

Software Product Lines

4. Feature Modeling

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Overview – 4. Feature Modeling

Feature Models

- Implicit Knowledge About Features
- Features in Industrial Practice
- Feature Models and Configurations
- Summary

Representations and Translations

- Feature Diagrams
- Propositional Formulas
- Transforming Diagrams into Formulas
- Other Representations

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Automated Analyses

- Inconsistencies in Feature Models
- Valid Configurations
- Void Feature Model
- Core and Dead Features
- Edits to Feature Models
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is "feature" already defined/explained at this point?
usually, features are not modeled explicitly (tacit knowledge / lost in code) = pros/cons
better: Excel table of products or features/dependencies
give some experience reports/motivation from practice (Berger et al)
(maybe mention Marlin case study about Feature Location?)
even better: show examples of structured configuration processes (eg. subway, Linux)
then define feature model + configuration and give examples

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Further Reading

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- show running example as a feature diagram with cross-tree-constraints
- explain notation
- lego example?
- discuss pros/cons
- why is this needed? (forward ref?)
- show running example as a formula
- explain intuition behind elements of formula
- formal algorithm for transformation into FOL (and then CNF?)
- + example
- list of products, excel sheet, no explicit model (in motivation?), grammars, ...
- variations of feature models (e.g. cardinalities, non-boolean)
- discuss pros/cons

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show examples of inconsistencies/anomalies in feature models (interaction?)
slide on SAT solving
maybe omit?
e.g., partial configurations, model counting
other questions about feature models
FeatureIDE configurator
show how FeatureIDE automatically detects the anomalies from the beginning

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