



Software Engineering

15. Software Product Lines | Thomas Thüm | July 8, 2021

Software Product Lines (Software-Produktlinien)



how patches were applied

software evolution



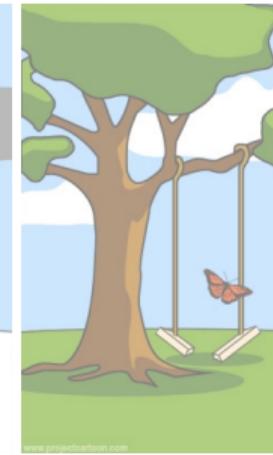
how it was supported

software maintenance



when it was delivered

configuration management



how it performed under load

compilation and static analyses



what marketing advertised

software product lines

Lecture Overview

1. Software Product Lines and Feature Modeling
2. Implementation of Software Product Lines
3. Testing of Software Product Lines

Software Product Lines and Feature Modeling

Greenfield Development? (Auf der grünen Wiese?)



Who Produces Only One Product?

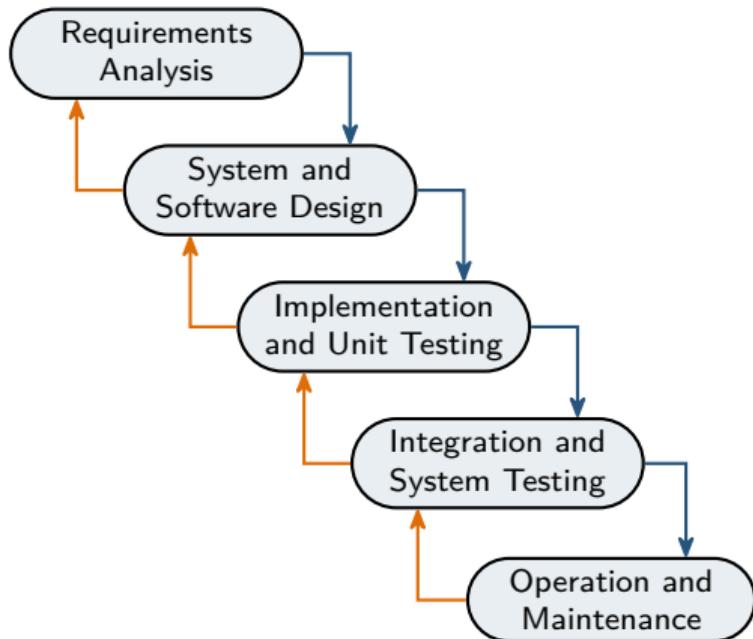


Recap: Waterfall Model (Wasserfallmodell)

Waterfall Model

[Sommerville]

- first process model, motivated by practice
- by Winston W. Royce 1970
- each development phase ends by the approval of one or more documents (document-driven process model)
- phases do not overlap
- numerous variants with varying number of phases: 5–7
- here: simplified variant by Sommerville



Recap: Scrum

User Story

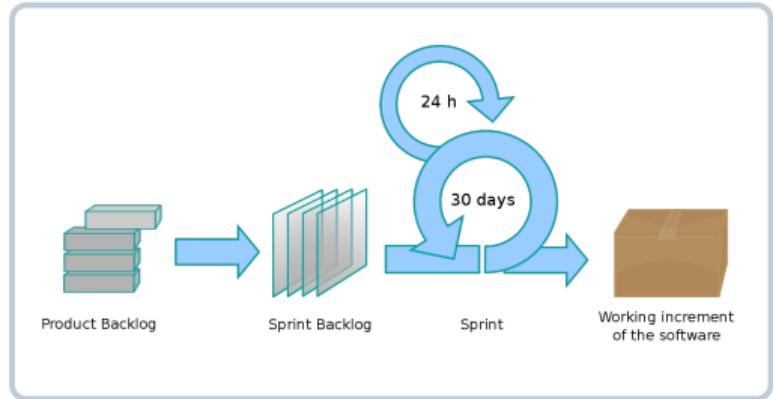
[Sommerville]

- a scenario of use that might be experienced by a system user
- aka. **story card** as user stories are sometimes written on physical cards
- user stories are prioritized by the customer
- subset of all user stories is chosen for the next iteration
- used in many agile methods

Scrum

[Sommerville]

- an agile method, most-widely used method
- no special development techniques (like pair programming, test-driven development)
- **product backlog**: list of user stories, collected and prioritized by the **product owner**
- **sprint backlog**: user stories selected by the scrum team for the next **sprint**



Software Product Lines

[Apel et al. 2013]

Mass Customization

- opposed to mass production
- opposed to individual customization
- idea: produce customized goods as efficient as with mass production

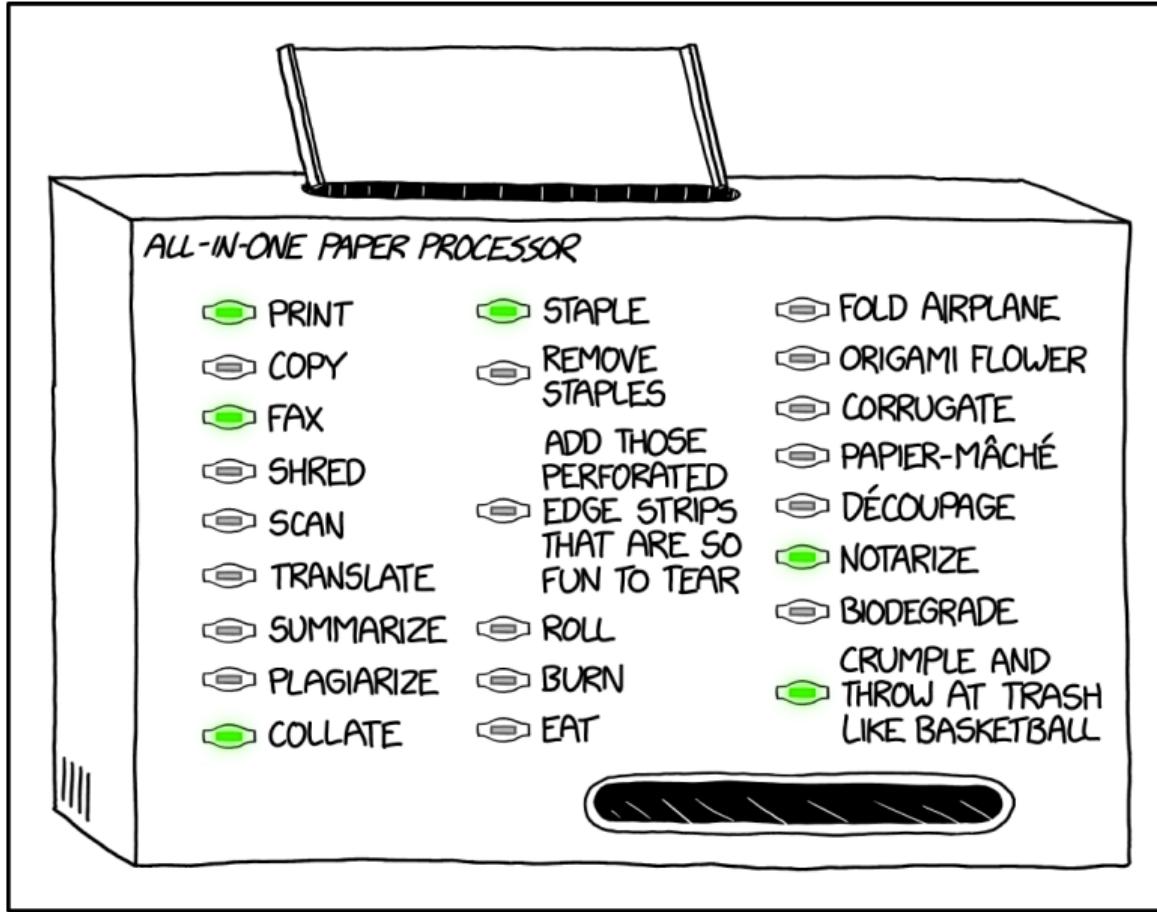


Software Product Line

- set of software-intensive systems (aka. products)
- sharing a common, managed set of features
- satisfying the needs of a domain
- developed from a common set of core assets (reuse)

Feature

- domain abstraction
- used for communication by stakeholders (e.g., manager, developer, tester, customer, marketing)
- specifies differences between products



Dependencies Between Features

Thomas Configuring a Notebook

Display

14.0" FHD (1920x1080), LED backlight, 300 nits, 16:9 aspect ratio, 700:1 contrast ratio, 72% gamut, 170° viewing angle, IPS, Touch

SELECTED

14.0" WQHD (2560x1440), LED backlight, 300 nits, 16:9 aspect ratio, 700:1 contrast ratio, 72% gamut, 170° viewing angle, IPS, Touch

+ £91.20

14.0" HDR WQHD (2560x1440) with Dolby Vision™, LED backlight, 500 nits, 16:9 aspect ratio, 1500:1 contrast ratio, 100% gamut, 170° viewing angle, IPS, Touch
Please note this display is only available with WWAN/mobile broadband.

+ £159.60

Dependencies Between Features

Thomas Still Configuring a Notebook

Microsoft Productivity Software

None

SELECTED

Microsoft Office 365 Home

+ £59.99

Microsoft Office 365 Personal

+ £79.99

Microsoft Office Home and Student 2016

+ £119.99

Microsoft Office Home and Business 2016

+ £229.99

Adobe Acrobat Standard 2017 and Microsoft Office Home and Business 2016

+ £399.60

Adobe Acrobat Standard 2017 and Microsoft Office

+ £628.80

Microsoft Office Not Included

For your best experience, Lenovo recommends selecting a Microsoft Office product with your new purchase.



NEED HELP DECIDING?

Roll over each product to get specific details on each Office product

Dependencies Between Features

Thomas Configuring a Car

Customise your wheel



Finish

15" black alloy wheels (5-double-spoke)



Cap colour

Black small centre cap



Dependencies Between Features

Thomas Configuring a Car with a Weird Price

Your AYGO

5 Door Hatchback x-play 1.0 Petrol (69 hp)
Automatic (Front Wheel Drive - FWD)

Retail price £11,610.00

Red Pop

Gleam fabric

15" black alloy wheels (5-double-spoke) £500.00

Black small centre cap

Total £12,610.00

Summary and save >

Dependencies Between Features

Thomas Configuring a Car with 8 Wheels!

Your customisation

Change customisation

Colours & wheels

Red Pop

15" colour-customisable alloy wheels (5 double-spoke)

£500.00

15" black machined-face alloy wheels (5-double-spoke)

£500.00

Black small centre cap

Interior trim

Gleam fabric

Total

£12,610.00

Dependencies Between Features

Thomas Configuring a German Car

Configuration Assistant.

► Show instructions

Your most recent action requires your configuration to be adjusted.

Your choice	Price
+ Enhanced Bluetooth telephone with USB & Voice Control	+ £ 350.00
<hr/>	
Adding	
+ BMW Navigation	£ 0.00
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Removing	
- Enhanced Bluetooth with wireless charging	- £ 395.00
- Navigation system Professional	£ 0.00
- WiFi hotspot preparation	£ 0.00
- Media package - Professional	- £ 900.00
- Online Entertainment	£ 0.00
- Microsoft Office 365	- £ 150.00

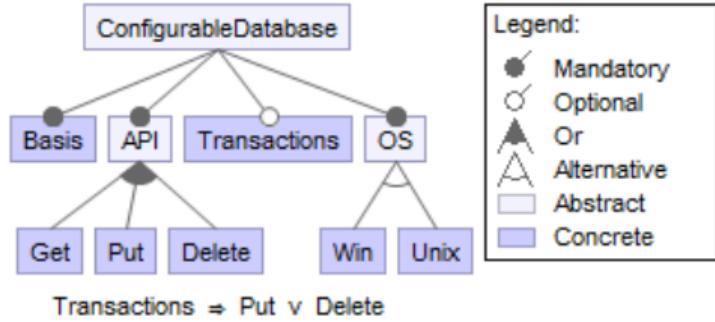
Feature Modeling

[Apel et al. 2013]

Feature Model

- hierarchy of features
- dependencies between features modeled by tree and cross-tree constraints
- **tree constraints**: defined by the hierarchy
- **cross-tree constraints**: propositional formulas over features
- **concrete features** have an implementation
- **abstract features** are used to group other features

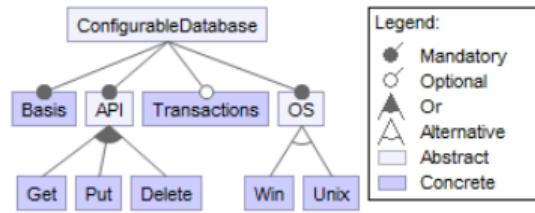
A Database Management Product Line



Tree Constraints

- each feature requires its parent
- an **optional feature** has no further constraints
- a **mandatory feature** is required by its parent
- **or group**: at least one feature must be selected when the parent is selected
- **alternative group**: exactly one feature must be selected when the parent is selected

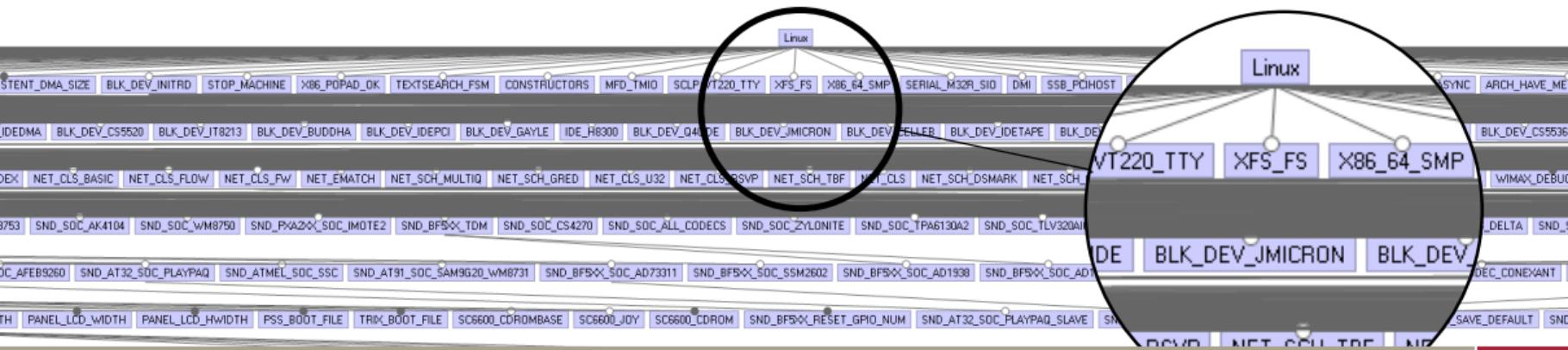
Enumerating All Configurations



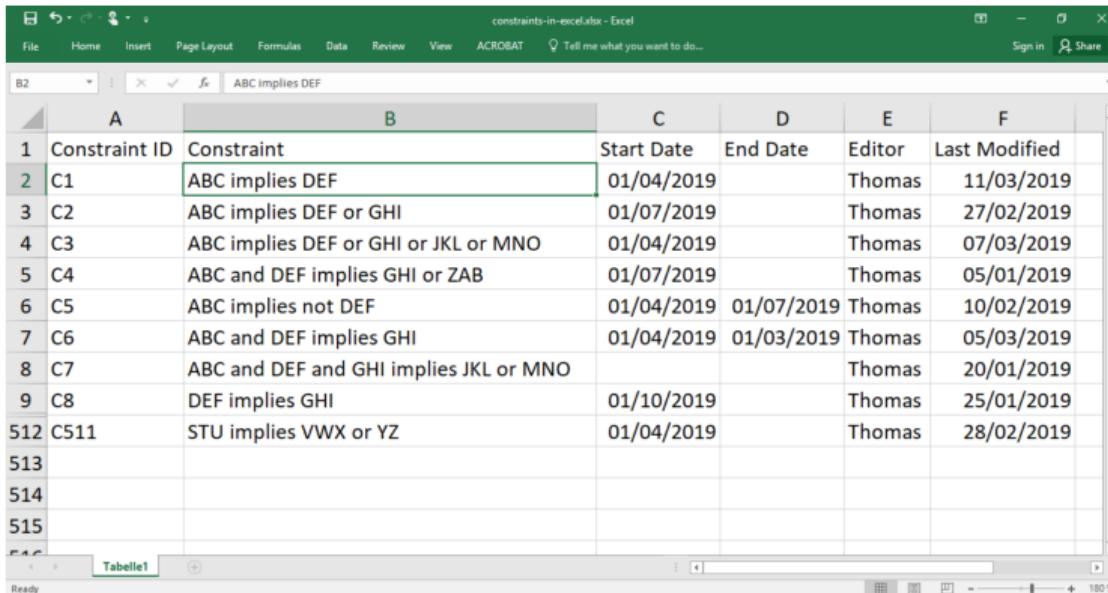
26 Valid Configurations

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Linux Feature Model



Dependencies Modeled in Excel



A screenshot of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet titled "constraints-in-excel.xlsx - Excel". The table has columns labeled A, B, C, D, E, and F. Column A contains constraint IDs, column B contains descriptions, and columns C through F contain metadata like start date, end date, editor, and last modified date.

	Constraint ID	Constraint	Start Date	End Date	Editor	Last Modified
1	C1	ABC implies DEF	01/04/2019		Thomas	11/03/2019
2	C2	ABC implies DEF or GHI	01/07/2019		Thomas	27/02/2019
3	C3	ABC implies DEF or GHI or JKL or MNO	01/04/2019		Thomas	07/03/2019
4	C4	ABC and DEF implies GHI or ZAB	01/07/2019		Thomas	05/01/2019
5	C5	ABC implies not DEF	01/04/2019	01/07/2019	Thomas	10/02/2019
6	C6	ABC and DEF implies GHI	01/04/2019	01/03/2019	Thomas	05/03/2019
7	C7	ABC and DEF and GHI implies JKL or MNO			Thomas	20/01/2019
8	C8	DEF implies GHI	01/10/2019		Thomas	25/01/2019
512	C511	STU implies VWX or YZ	01/04/2019		Thomas	28/02/2019
513						
514						
515						

Software Product Lines and Feature Modeling

Lessons Learned

- Motivation for mass customization
- Software product lines, features, dependencies between features, configurators
- Feature models: abstract and concrete features, tree and cross-tree constraints
- Tree constraints: optional, mandatory, or group, alternative group
- Feature modeling in practice
- Further Reading: [Apel et al. 2013](#), Chapter 1 Software Product Lines and Section 2.3 Feature Modeling

Practice

- Sketch a feature model that has 7 valid configurations (pen and paper preferred)
- Upload your feature model to Moodle:
<https://moodle.uni-ulm.de/mod/moodleoverflow/discussion.php?d=3586>
- Inspect whether other submitted solutions indeed have 7 configurations

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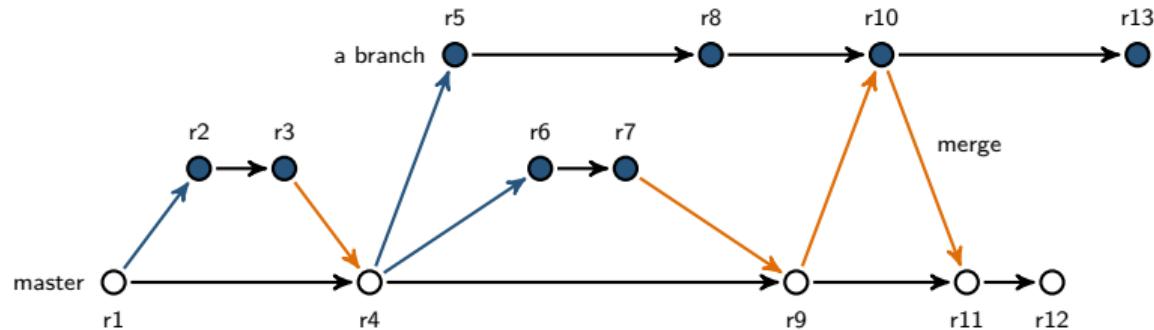
The Value of Feature Modeling

Interview with Practitioners

[Berger et al. 2014]

"I think the best [about feature modeling] is you can see relationships, to actually know what configurations are allowed and what are not allowed. That was also not so easy to express in the past [...] This is from the developer's point of view. But it's also, we can see that from the, say project development, it's also important, because before we noticed that **the same functionality was implemented twice** within the same project, basically they haven't realized that. They implemented the same features."

Recap: Branching & Merging



- simultaneous, independent development
- option to merge in the future
- master/ – main development
- branch/*/ – parallel developments

Runtime Parameters

```
C:\>dir /?
Displays a list of files and subdirectories in a directory.

DIR [drive:]|[path][filename] [/A[[:attributes]]] [/B] [/C] [/D] [/L] [/N]
    [/O[[:sortorder]]] [/P] [/Q] [/R] [/S] [/T[[:]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         O  Offline files
            - 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.
       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.
/Q      Display the owner of the file.
/R      Display alternate data streams of the file.
/S      Displays files in specified directory and all subdirectories.

Press any key to continue . . .
```

```
C:\>dir Windows /ah
Volume in drive C is Windows
Volume Serial Number is 1260-4B56

Directory of C:\Windows

12/07/2019  04:54 PM    <DIR>        BitLockerDiscoveryVolumeContents
12/07/2019  11:14 AM    <DIR>        ELAMBKUP
06/21/2021  06:11 AM    <DIR>        Installer
12/07/2019  11:14 AM    <DIR>        LanguageOverlayCache
12/22/2019  08:38 PM          38,224 MFGSTAT.zip
02/25/2020  12:51 AM          128,916 modules.log
12/07/2019  11:09 AM          670 WindowsShell.Manifest
                           3 File(s)     167,810 bytes
                           4 Dir(s)   1,075,515,850,752 bytes free

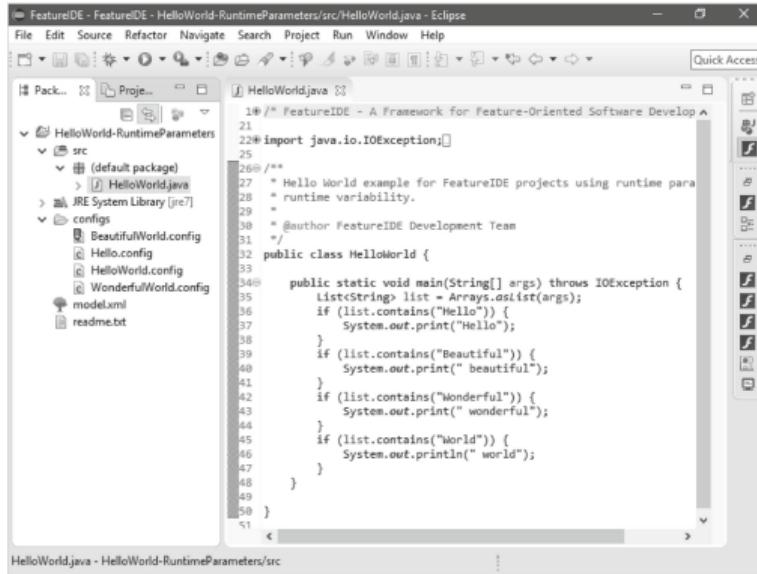
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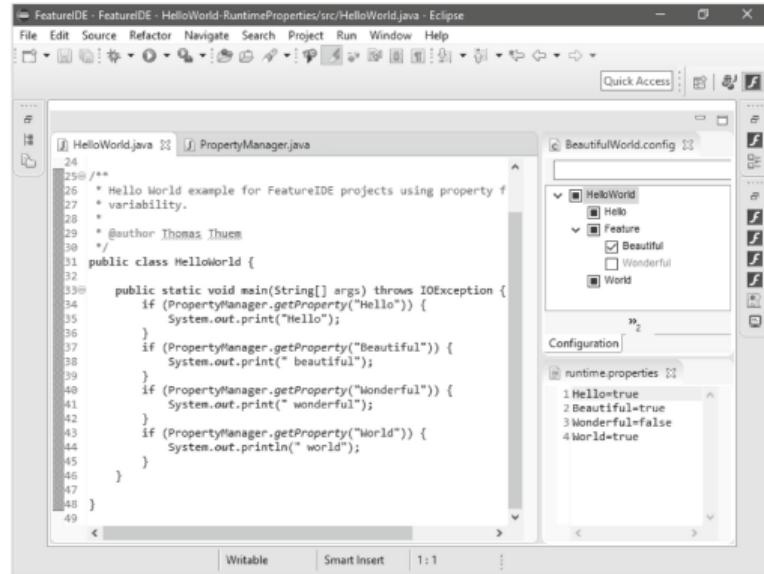
Runtime Parameters and Runtime Properties

[Meinicke et al. 2013]



The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE interface with the project 'FeatureIDE - FeatureIDE - HelloWorld-RuntimeParameters' open. The 'src' folder contains the file 'HelloWorld.java'. The code uses runtime parameters to print 'Hello', 'beautiful', 'wonderful', or 'world' based on command-line arguments.

```
1 // FeatureIDE - A Framework for Feature-Oriented Software Development
2
3 import java.io.IOException;
4
5 /**
6  * Hello World example for FeatureIDE projects using runtime parameters
7  */
8
9
10 * @author FeatureIDE Development Team
11 */
12
13 public class HelloWorld {
14
15     public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException {
16         List<String> list = Arrays.asList(args);
17         if (list.contains("Hello")) {
18             System.out.print("Hello");
19         }
20         if (list.contains("Beautiful")) {
21             System.out.print(" beautiful");
22         }
23         if (list.contains("Wonderful")) {
24             System.out.print(" wonderful");
25         }
26         if (list.contains("World")) {
27             System.out.println(" world");
28         }
29     }
30 }
```



The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE interface with the project 'FeatureIDE - FeatureIDE - HelloWorld-RuntimeProperties' open. The 'src' folder contains 'HelloWorld.java' and 'PropertyManager.java'. The 'configs' folder contains 'BeautifulWorld.config' and 'WonderfulWorld.config'. The 'BeautifulWorld.config' file defines features: 'Hello', 'Feature', 'Beautiful', and 'Wonderful'. The 'runtime.properties' file contains the values: 1 Hello=true, 2 Beautiful=true, 3 Wonderful=false, and 4 World=true.

```
1 /**
2  * Hello World example for FeatureIDE projects using property files
3  */
4
5
6 * @author Thomas Thüm
7 */
8
9 public class HelloWorld {
10
11     public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException {
12         if (PropertyManager.getProperty("Hello")) {
13             System.out.print("Hello");
14         }
15         if (PropertyManager.getProperty("Beautiful")) {
16             System.out.print(" beautiful");
17         }
18         if (PropertyManager.getProperty("Wonderful")) {
19             System.out.print(" wonderful");
20         }
21         if (PropertyManager.getProperty("World")) {
22             System.out.println(" world");
23         }
24     }
25 }
```

Configuration view showing:

- BeautifulWorld
- Hello
- Feature
- Beautiful (checked)
- Wonderful
- World

runtime.properties content:

```
1 Hello=true
2 Beautiful=true
3 Wonderful=false
4 World=true
```

IT TOOK A LOT OF WORK, BUT THIS
LATEST LINUX PATCH ENABLES SUPPORT
FOR MACHINES WITH 4,096 CPUs,
UP FROM THE OLD LIMIT OF 1,024.

| DO YOU HAVE SUPPORT FOR SMOOTH
FULL-SCREEN FLASH VIDEO YET?
NO, BUT WHO USES THAT?



The C Preprocessor

[Meinicke et al. 2013]

Example Input to the Preprocessor

```
1 #include <iostream>
2
3 #define Hello true
4 #define Beautiful true
5 #define Wonderful false
6 #define World true
7
8 int main() {
9     ::std::cout
10    #if Hello
11        << "Hello "
12    #endif
13    #if Beautiful
14        << "beautiful "
15    #endif
16    #if Wonderful
17        << "wonderful ";
18    #endif
19    #if World
20        << "world!"
21    #endif
22        << std::endl;
23 }
```

Example Output (Simplified)

```
1 int main() {
2     ::std::cout
3     << "Hello "
4     << "Beautiful "
5     << "World!"
6     << std::endl;
7 }
```

Munge – A Preprocessor for Java

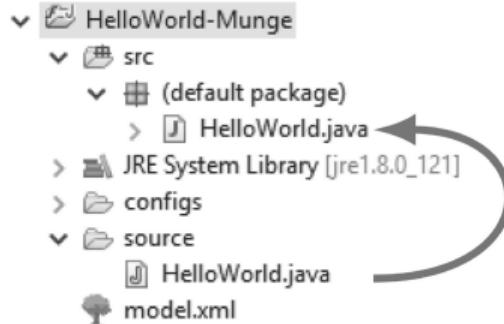
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Example Input and Output

```
1 public class Main {           public class Main {  
2   public static void main(String[]     public static void main(String[]  
3     args) {                   args) {  
4       /*if[Hello]*/           System.out.print("Hello");  
5       System.out.print("Hello");  
6       /*end[Hello]*/  
7       /*if[Beautiful]*/        System.out.print(" beautiful");  
8       System.out.print(" beautiful");  
9       /*end[Beautiful]*/  
10      System.out.print(" wonderful");  
11      System.out.print(" wonderful");  
12      /*end[Wonderful]*/  
13      System.out.print(" world!");  
14      System.out.print(" world!");  
15    }                         }  
16 }
```

Calling the Preprocessor

```
Munge -DHello -DBeautiful -DWorld Main.java targetDir
```



Antenna – An In-Place Preprocessor

[Meinicke et al. 2013]

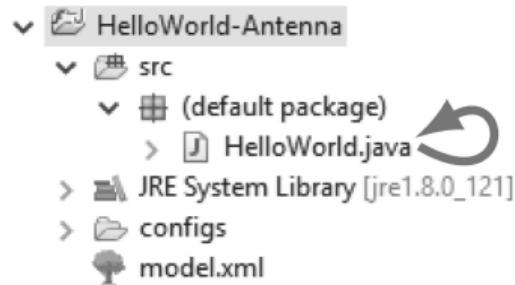
Example Input and Output

```
1 public class Main {  
2     public static void main(String[] args) {  
3         //#if Hello  
4         System.out.print("Hello");  
5         //#endif  
6         //#if Beautiful  
7         System.out.print(" beautiful");  
8         //#endif  
9         //#if Wonderful  
10        //@ System.out.print(" wonderful");  
11        //#endif  
12        //#if World  
13        System.out.print(" world!");  
14        //#endif  
15    }  
16 }
```

```
public class Main {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        //#if Hello  
        System.out.print("Hello");  
        //#endif  
        //#if Beautiful  
        //@ System.out.print(" beautiful");  
        //#endif  
        //#if Wonderful  
        System.out.print(" wonderful");  
        //#endif  
        //#if World  
        System.out.print(" world!");  
        //#endif  
    }  
}
```

Calling the Preprocessor

```
java Antenna Main.java Hello,World,Beautiful
```



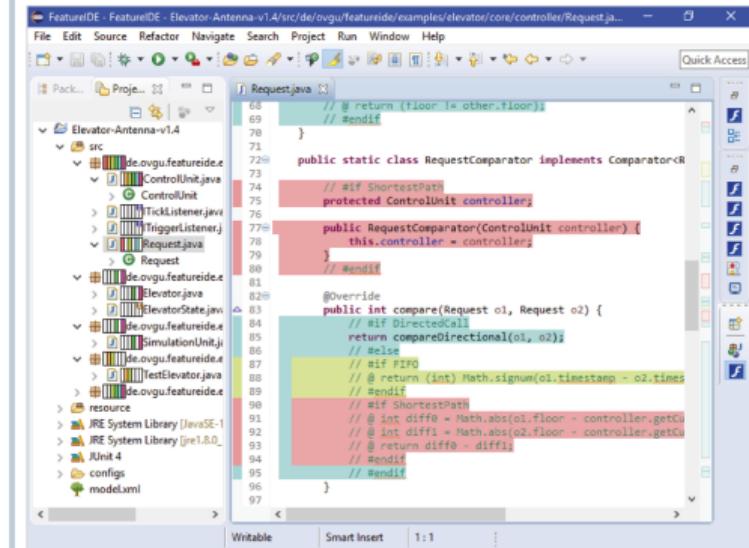
Discussion of Preprocessors

[Meinicke et al. 2013]

A Slightly More Complex Example

```
1 public class SimulationUnit {  
2     public static void main(String[] args) {  
3         SimulationUnit sim = new SimulationUnit();  
4         //##if FIFO / Service  
5         simulationWindow = new MainWindow(sim);  
6         //##else  
7         //## simulationWindow = new MainWindow();  
8         //##endif  
9         sim.start(5);  
10    }  
11  
12    //##if FIFO  
13    public void floorRequest(Request floorRequest) {  
14        controller.trigger(floorRequest);  
15    }  
16  
17    public int getCurrentFloor() {  
18        return controller.getCurrentFloor();  
19    }  
20    //##endif  
21  
22    // further source code  
23 }
```

Tool Support for Feature Traceability



Frameworks with Plug-Ins

[Meinicke et al. 2013]

The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE interface with the title bar "FeatureDE - FeatureDE - HelloWorld-Framework/src/HelloWorld.java - Eclipse". The left sidebar displays the project structure under "FeatureDE - FeatureDE - HelloWorld-Framework". The code editor shows two files: "HelloWorld.java" and "IMessage.java".

```
20@ * A black-box framework to print different Hello World messages. [^
35 public class HelloWorld {
36
37     public static void main(String[] args) throws InterruptedException {
38         List<IMessage> messagePlugins = PluginLoader.load(IMessage.class);
39         print(messagePlugins, true);
40         print(messagePlugins, false);
41     }
42
43     private static void print(List<IMessage> messagePlugins, boolean startMessage) {
44         for (IMessage message : messagePlugins) {
45             if (message.isStartMessage() == startMessage) {
46                 System.out.print(message.getMessage());
47             }
48         }
49     }
50 }
```

```
24@ * An interface to be implemented by plug-ins adapting the Hello World Framework. [^
31 public interface IMessage {
32
33     public String getMessage();
34
35     public boolean isStartMessage();
36
37 }
```

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<plugin>
    <interface id="interfaces.IMessage">
        <class>Hello</class>
    </interface>
</plugin>
```

```
/* FeatureIDE - A Framework for Feature-Oriented Software Development [^
public class Hello implements interfaces.IMessage {
    public String getMessage() {
        return "Hello";
    }
    public boolean isStartMessage() {
        return true;
    }
}
```

Implementation of Software Product Lines

Lessons Learned

- Implementation of software product lines
- Branches, runtime parameters
- Preprocessors: in-place or not, feature traceability
- Frameworks with plug-ins
- Further Reading: Meinicke et al. 2013
Chapter 9 Conditional Compilation with FeatureIDE and Chapter 17 Tool Support Beyond Preprocessors and Feature Modules

Practice

- Is Marvelous Mashup a software product line? (siehe Softwaregrundprojekt)
- Add your arguments for or against to Moodle:
<https://moodle.uni-ulm.de/mod/moodleoverflow/discussion.php?d=3587>

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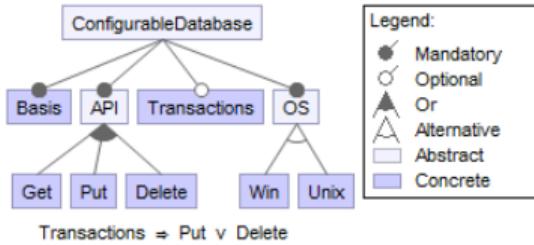
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Testing All Configurations



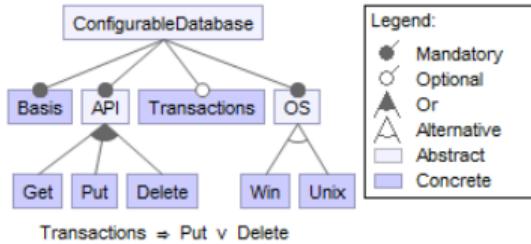
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Discussion

- only feasible for small product lines (few valid configurations)
- redundant test effort
- large product lines: not even feasible to generate and compile all configurations
- (some) large product lines: not even the number of valid configurations is known

Testing One Configuration



Which Valid Configuration to Test?

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Discussion

- applicable to large product lines
- no redundant test effort (from configurations)
- often not feasible to test all features in one configuration (e.g., Win and Unix)
- unnoticed feature interactions

Feature Interactions

- features work well in isolation, but not in combination
- example: fire control and flood control in a building
- **pairwise interactions:** interaction of two features
- **t-wise interaction:** interaction of t features

Pairwise Interaction Testing

Pairwise Interaction Testing

- test a sample set $S \subseteq C$ of all valid configurations C with pairwise coverage
- every pairwise interaction is covered by at least one configuration in the sample S

Configurations with the Interaction Get \wedge Put

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- applicable to large product lines
- reduced redundant effort compared to testing all configurations
- coverage guarantee (opposed to random configurations)
- still requires good test cases (program inputs)
- hard to compute small sample sets

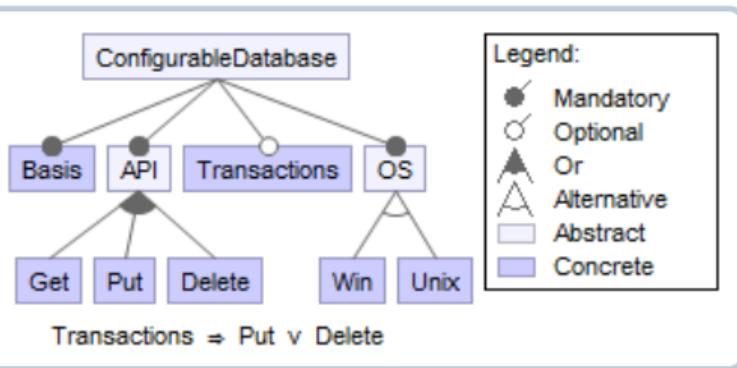
Pairwise Interactions

- **up-to** four interactions between A and B
- both selected: $A \wedge B$
- one selected: $\neg A \wedge B, A \wedge \neg B$
- none selected: $\neg A \wedge \neg B$

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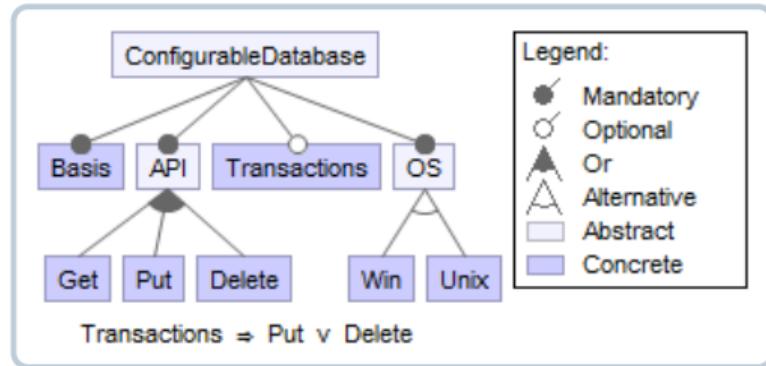
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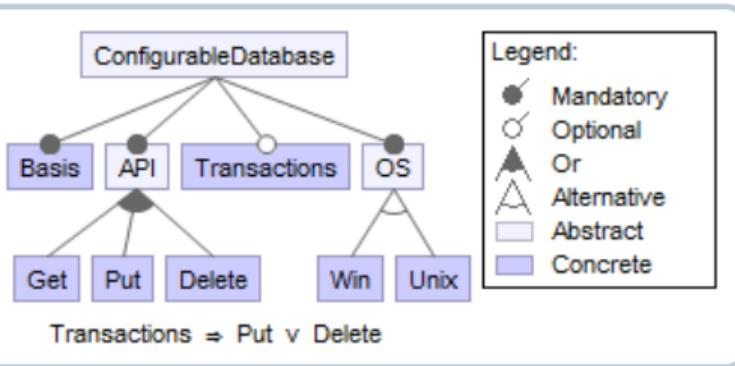
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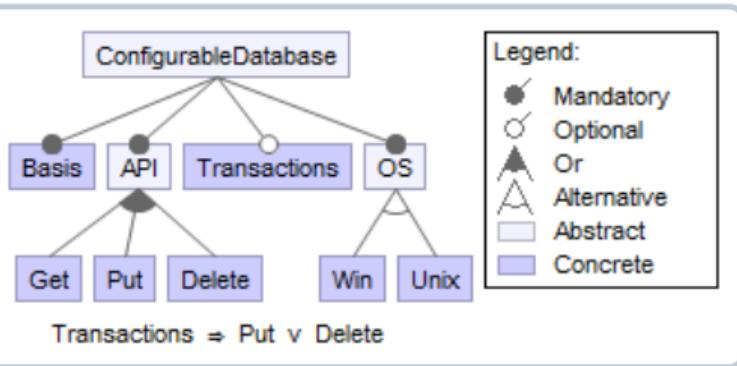
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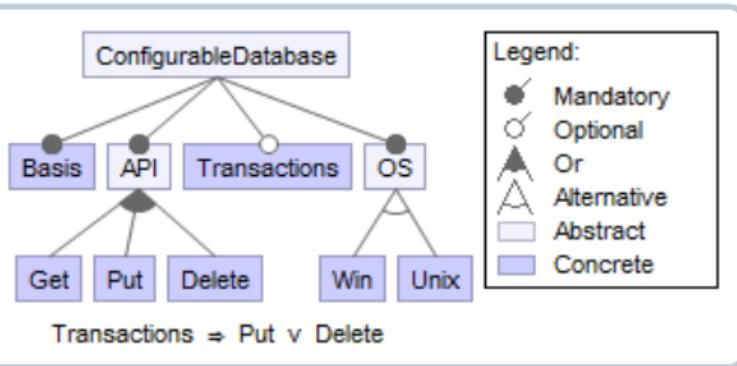
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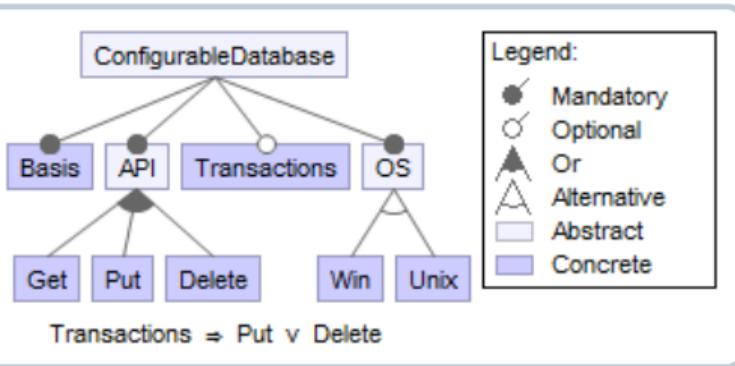
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T-Wise Interaction Testing

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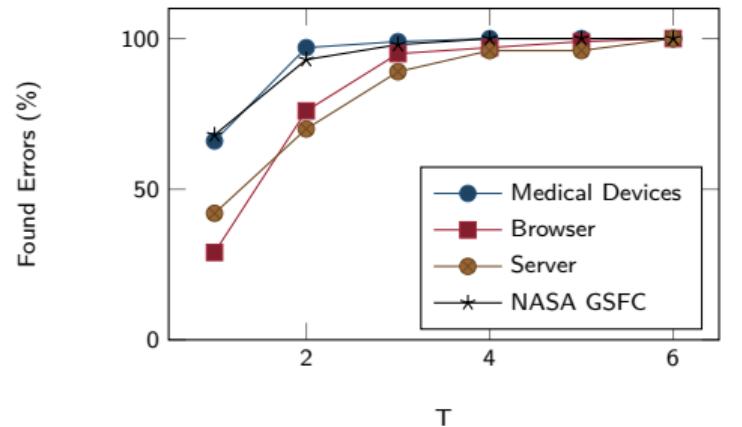
- generalization of pairwise interaction testing
- t-wise coverage: every t-wise interaction is covered by at least one configuration in the sample
- t=1: every feature is selected and also deselected
- t=2: pairwise interaction coverage
- t=3: every combination of three features

T=3 Interactions for the Features G, P, and D

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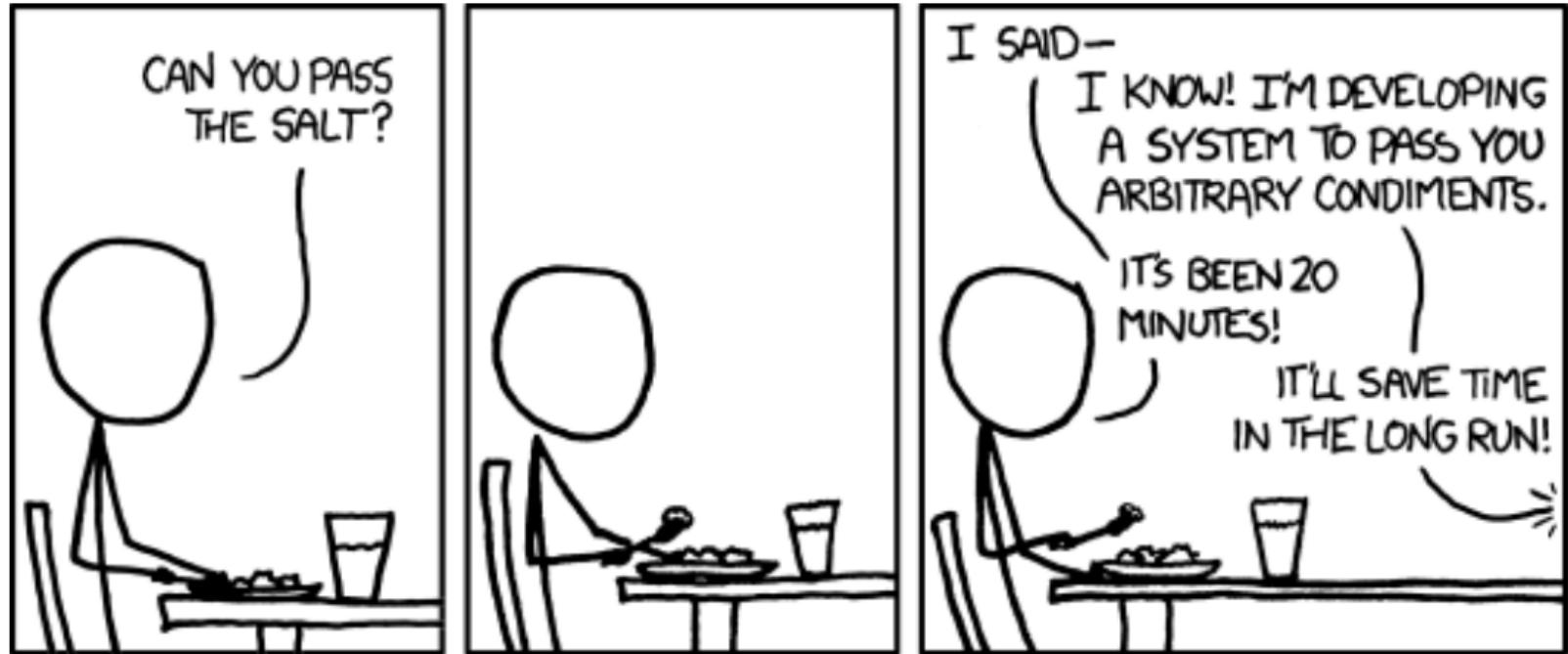
Effectivity of Interaction Testing

[Kuhn et al. 2004]



Trade-Off

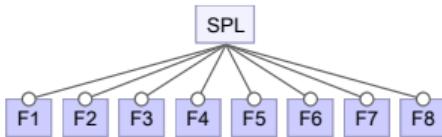
large t: high coverage (more effective)
small t: low testing effort (more efficient)



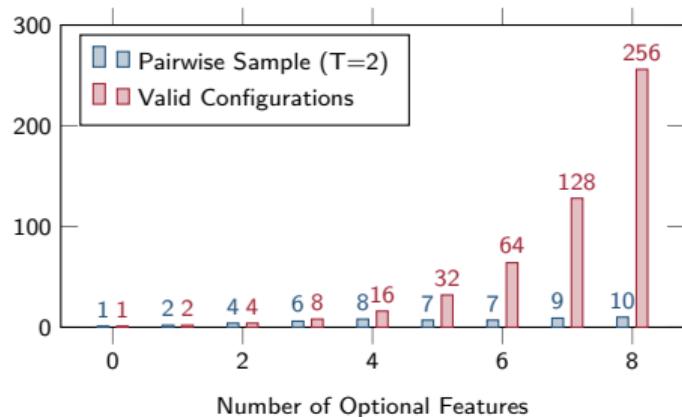
Combinatorial Interaction Testing with ICPL

[Johansen et al. 2012]

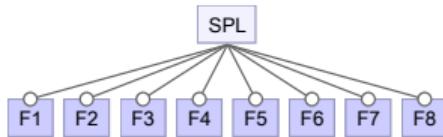
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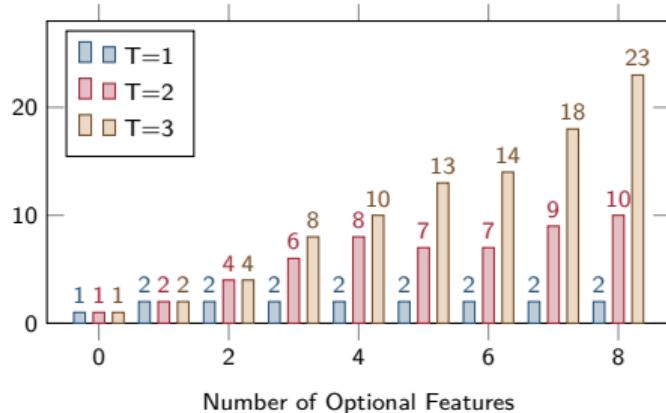
Number of Configurations in Pairwise Sample



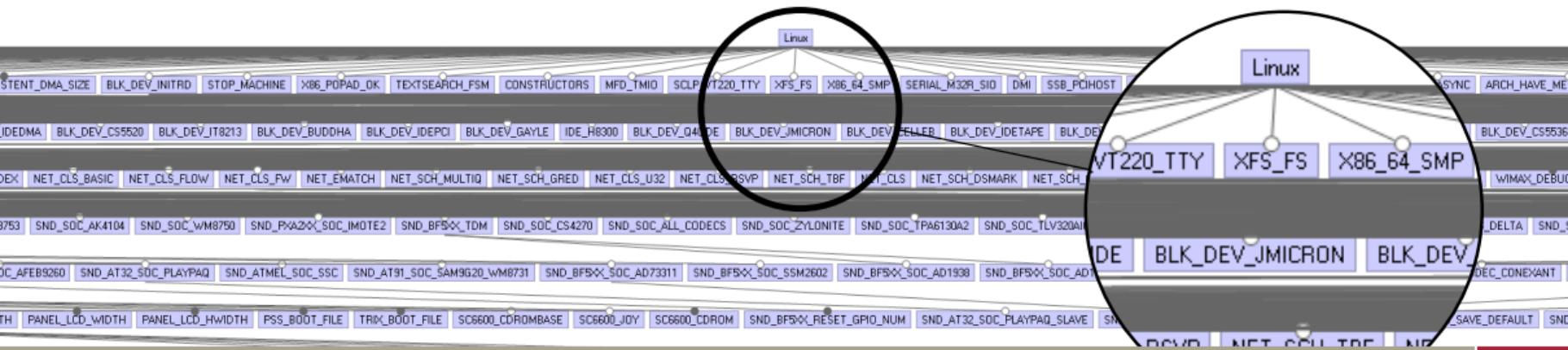
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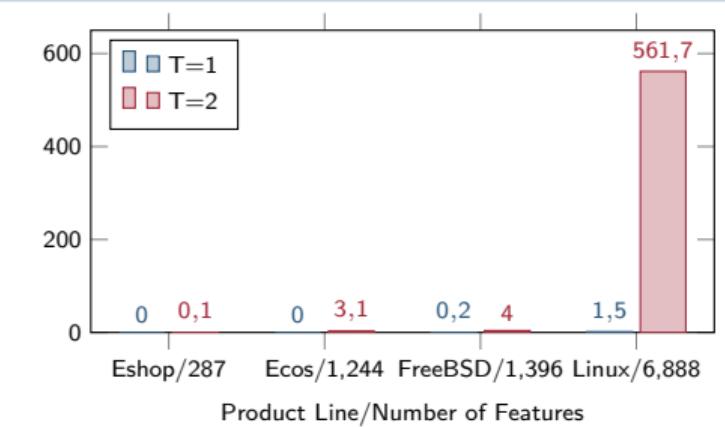
Recap: Linux Feature Model



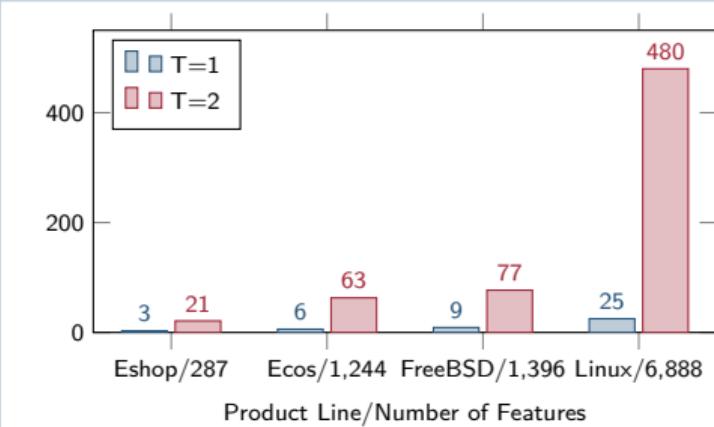
Pairwise Interaction Testing in Practice

[Johansen et al. 2012]

Time in Minutes to Compute Sample



Number of Configurations in Sample

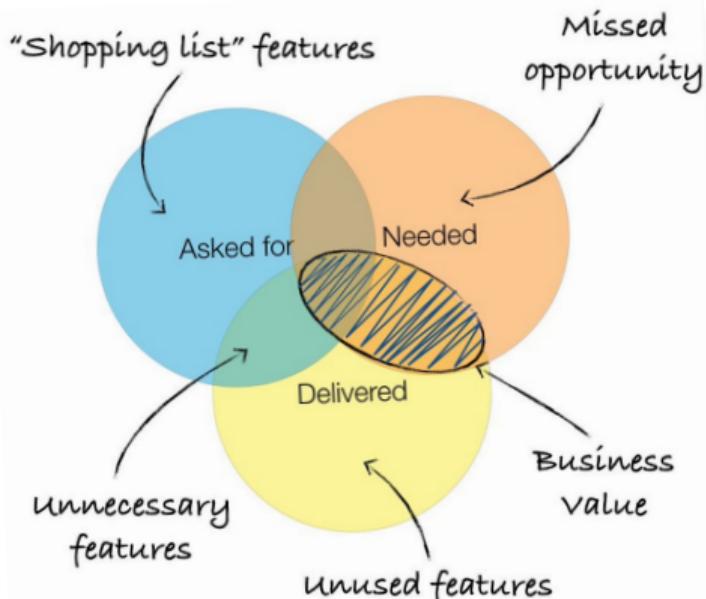


- about 9h for Linux
- 480 configuration in pairwise sample

- Linux kernel v2.6.28.6 (February 2009)
- 6,888 features, 187,193 clauses in conjunctive normal form

Choose Features Wisely

John Ferguson Smart (2017)



John Carmack (born 1970)

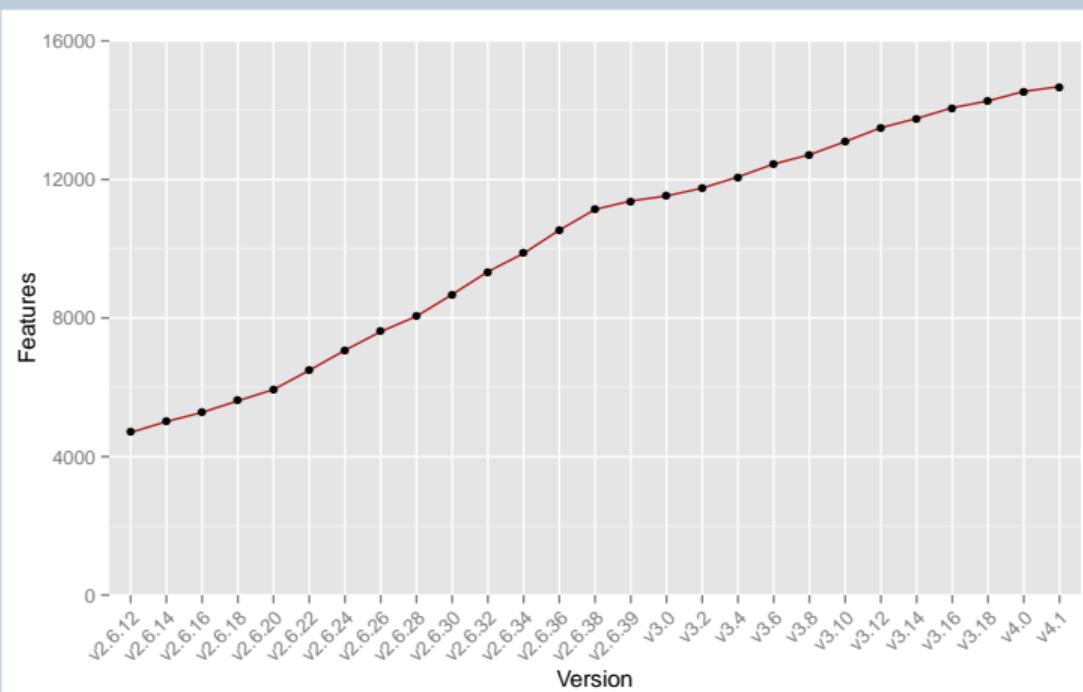
[uci.edu]

"The important point is that the cost of adding a feature isn't just the time it takes to code it. The cost also includes the addition of an obstacle to future expansion. [...] The trick is to pick the features that don't fight each other."

Number of Features in Linux

[Hengelein 2015]

2005–2015: Number of Features Tripled



Testing of Software Product Lines

Lessons Learned

- Testing software product lines
- All configurations? one configuration?
feature interactions!
- Combinatorial interaction testing: pairwise
and t-wise
- Sample coverage (effectiveness) vs sample
size (testing efficiency) vs time to compute
the sample (sampling efficiency)
- Further Reading: [Johansen et al. 2012](#)

Practice

- Think of further examples for feature
interactions.
- Give an example in Moodle:
<https://moodle.uni-ulm.de/mod/moodleoverflow/discussion.php?d=3588>

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