



# Second Tutorial on the Universal Variability Language

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# General Introduction

# Software and Materials



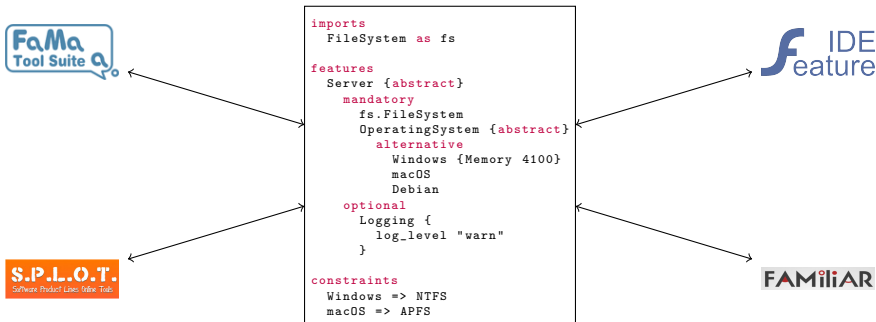
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- All **links to the required software and material for the day** in this repository
- **Start downloading now**  $\Rightarrow$  Less idle time later
- QR code also on handout

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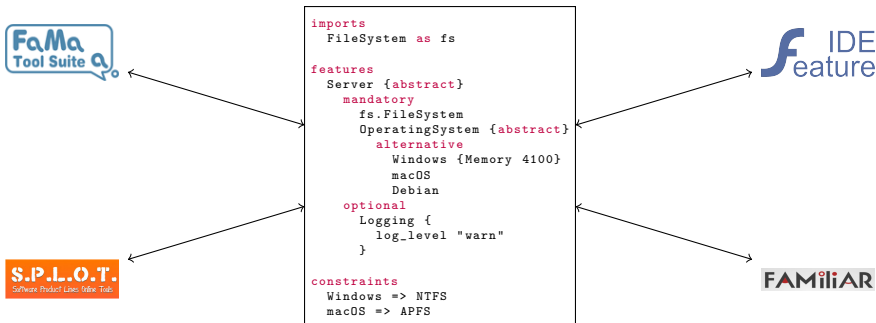
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## Universal Variability Language?



# The Vision with UVL

- Community effort
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features
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      Structure
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          FeatureGroups
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              "Or"
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            "Model Composition"
          "Design Goals"
        mandatory
          "Human Readability"
          Exchange
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# The Vision with UVL

- Community effort
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- Simplify exchange
- Convenient integration into existing tools
- Broad tool support
  - Parsing
  - Editing
  - Transforming
  - Analyzing

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A group of four business professionals (three men and one woman) are walking in a modern city setting. The man on the far right is holding a large, stylized megaphone graphic. The background shows a blurred cityscape with tall buildings.

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What are your  
**name, affiliation, and main research interests?**

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  - Textual editing with our LSP
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# Almost Starting



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- You will need the following soon:
  1. z3
  2. VSCode
  3. Extension: UVLS
  4. Extension: GraphViz Interactive Viewer

# Session 1: UVL Basics

# The Universal Variability Language

- **Feature tree:** Parent-child relationships
- **Constraints:** Expressions on features and attributes
- **Attributes:** {Key Value}
- Language levels

```
imports
  FileSystem as fs

features
  Server {abstract}
    mandatory
      fs.FileSystem
      OperatingSystem {abstract}
        alternative
          Windows {Memory 4100}
          macOS
          Debian
        optional
          Logging {
            log_level "warn"
          }

constraints
  Windows => NTFS
  macOS => APFS
```



# Try UVL yourself with UVLS



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- See **How to get started** in Session 1
- Important Steps
  1. Install z3
  2. Download VScode
  3. Install UVLS in VSCode marketplace
  4. Create and edit UVL file together

# Session 2: Modeling with UVL

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- See **How to get started** in *Session 2*
- Important Steps
  1. Download FeatureIDE prepackage (v3.10.0)
  2. Extract
  3. Start eclipse
  4. Create feature-modeling project
  5. Work with your previously created UVL model

# Session 3: Transforming UVL Models

# Session 4: Analyzing UVL Models with FLAMA

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  - tool support?
  - other directions?



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