Tutorial on the Universal Variability Language – Session 3















Variability Modeling Approaches

- Feature modeling (FeatureIDE, UVL, Clafer,...)
- Decision modeling (DOPLER, IVML,...)
- Orthogonal Variability modelling (OVM)
- UML-based variability modelling
- Delta-oriented
 How can researchers and practitioners better understand the strengths and weaknesses of an approach?
- Textual variable
- Common Varia
- Kconfig (Linux

How can we support researchers and practitioners in picking the right approach for their specific use case?

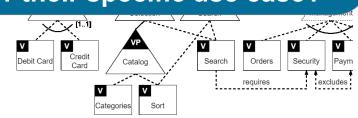
Question

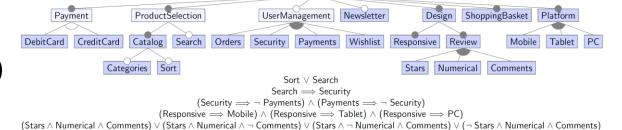
Which payment methods should be supported?

Should a search function be supported?

Split products into categories?

Component Definition Language (eCos)





Range

Boolean true | false

Boolean true I false

DebitCard | CreditCard

Onlineshop

			if (Search) { Userivianagement = Security }			
			if (!Search) { Sort = true }			
			if (!Sort) { Search = true }			
			if (Security) { disAllow(Payments) }			
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"Power management and ACPI options"

Card. Constraint/Rule

```
depends on !X86_VOYAGER

config PM
bool "Power Management support"
depends on !IA64_HP_SIM
---help---
    "Power Management" means that ...

config PM_DEBUG
bool "Power Management Debug Support"
depends on PM

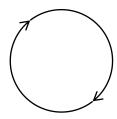
config CPU_IDLE
bool "CPU idle PM support"
default ACPI

config PM_SLEEP
bool
depends on SUSPEND || HIBERNATION ||
    XEN_SAVE_RESTORE
default y
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Visibility

Variability Model Transformations





ID	Question	Туре	Range	Card.	Constraint/Rule	Visibility
Payment	Which payment methods should be supported?	Enum	DebitCard CreditCard	1:1		
					if (Search) { UserManagement = Security }	
Search	Should a search function be supported?	Boolean	true false		if (!Search) { Sort = true }	
Categories	Split products into categories?	Boolean	true false			
Sort	Should products be sortable?	Boolean	true false		if (!Sort) { Search = true }	
					if (Security) { disAllow(Payments) }	
					if (!Security) { allow(Payments) }	
					if (Payments) { disAllow(Security) }	
UserManagement	Which user management options should be added?	Enum	Orders Security Payments Wishlist	1:4	if (!Payments) { allow(Security) }	
Newsletter_percent How many percent off?		Number	0 - 100			
Newsletter_mail	From which mail should the newsletter be sent?	String				
Review	Which review techiques should be supported	Enum	Stars Numerical Comments	2:3		

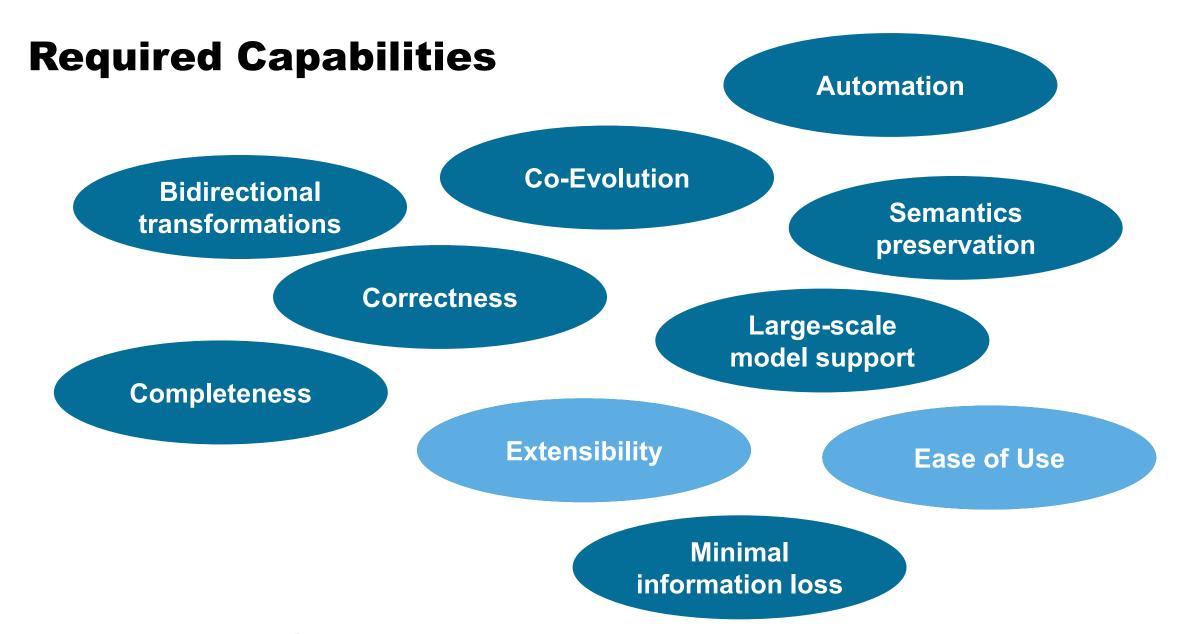






- (1) Switching to a different approach without losing invested modeling efforts
- (2) Experimenting with different approaches before selecting one
- (3) Integrating tools of other approaches, e.g., for analysis
- (4) Transforming custom-developed variability artifacts into well-knowns

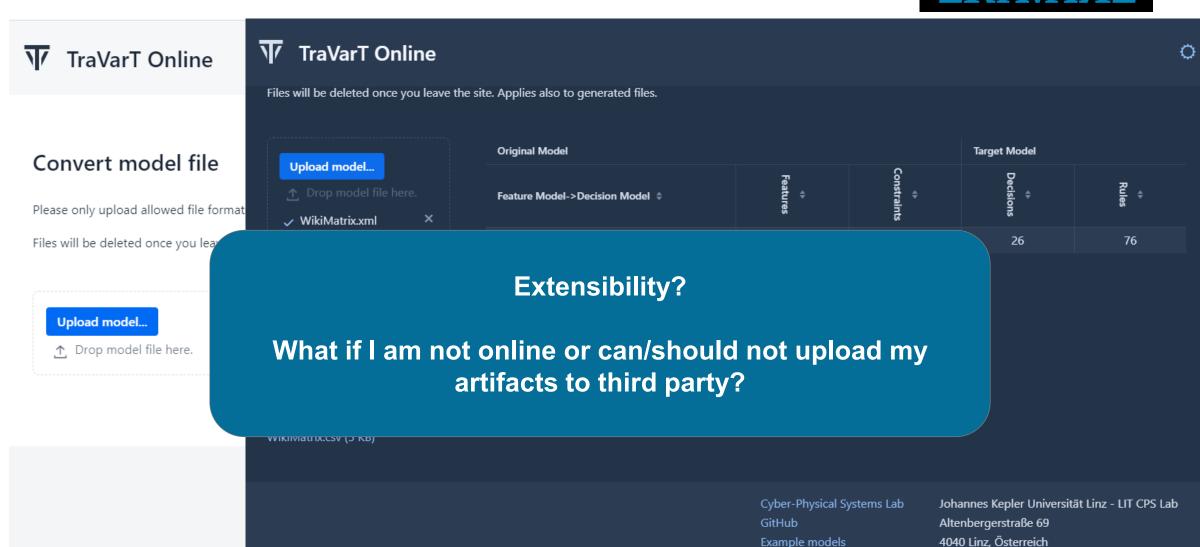






WebTraVarT

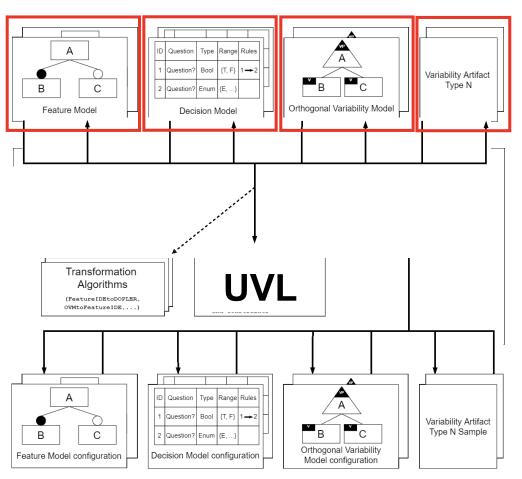






Example models

TRAVART: Transforming Variability Artifacts



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Usage: travart [-hVv] [COMMAND]
TraVarT main command to transform and validate variability artifacts.
-h, --help Show this help message and exit.
-v, --verbose Enable verbose log information during execution.
-V, --version Print version information and exit.
Commands:
transform Transforms the given variability artifacts into another type.
plugin Lists the available plugins for the TraVarT command.
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Practical Part I



Export TRAVART zip and transform some artifacts

Implementing a TRAVART Plugin

```
public interface IPlugin<T> extends ExtensionPoint {
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        * Returns the transformer of the plugin to transform the variability model.
        * Oreturn the transformer of the plugin to transform the variability model.
      IModelTransformer<T> getTransformer();
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       * Returns the reader of the plugin to read the variability model from the file
        * @return the reader of the plugin to read the variability model from the file
       IReader<T> getReader();
        * Returns the statistics of the plugin to get the statistics the variability
        * @return the statistics of the plugin to get the statistics the variability
       IStatistics<T> getStatistics();
       * Returns the writer of the plugin to write the variability model to the file
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       IWriter<T> getWriter();
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        * @return the name of the variability model type.
       String getName();
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        * Returns the version of the plugin.
        * @return the version of the plugin.
       String getVersion();
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        * Returns a unique ID of the plugin, such that it can be identified.
        * @return the unique ID of the plugin.
       String getId();
810
        * Returns a iterable of file extensions for which this plugin is applicable.
        * @return a unmodifiable list of file extensions.
       Iterable<String> getSupportedFileExtensions();
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```

Practical Part III



Practical Example FeatureIDE

Future Work

- Make todays elements (cli and plugin extension support) publicly available
 - https://github.com/SECPS
- Make further plugins publicly available
- Extend CLI commands
 - Validating and evaluating the created variability artifacts
 - Option for one-way or roundtrip focused transformation
 - Option to log statistical information
 - Option to create different types of artifacts at once

What would you need from an CLI to enable your use case?

