# Software Product Lines Part 5: Components and frameworks

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# Last weeks: Configuration management and preprocessors

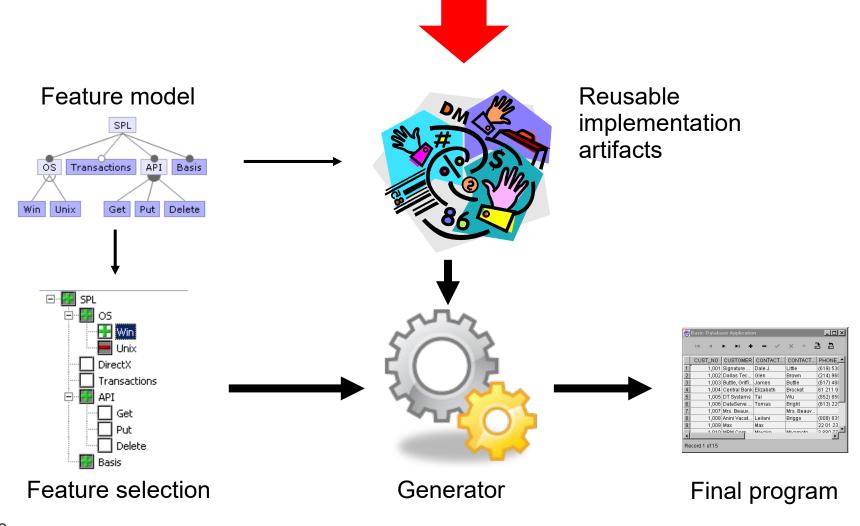
#### Compile-time variability

- Version control systems
  - Only useful for a handful of variants, but established
  - Cannot flexibly combine features
- Build systems
  - Simple mechanism, highly flexible
  - Only file-level changes (limited reuse capabilities)
- Preprocessors
  - Simple concept: "mark and remove"
  - Standard tools, very flexible, maximally fine-grained, feature-oriented
  - Error-prone, hard to read, scattering/tangling...

# Domain Eng.

# How to implement variability

in a modular way?



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# Agenda

- Components
- Frameworks

- Crosscutting concerns
- Preplanning problem

# Components

### Components

- Self-contained modular unit of implementation with interface (black box); offers a "service"
- Often "assembled" with other components even from different vendors – to software system (composition)
- Ideally: can run and be marketed on its own
- Explicit definition of context (e.g., JavaEE, COM+/DCOM, OSGi) and dependencies (imports, exports)
- Size concerns
  - Small enough to be developed and maintained as one unit
  - Large enough to offer meaningful functionality

# Components vs. objects/classes

- Similar concepts: encapsulation, interfaces, information hiding
  - Objects structure a problem
  - Components offer reusable functionality increments
- Objects are smaller than components
  - "Components scale object-orientation"
- Objects often have dependencies to many other objects;
   components have fewer dependencies
- Interfaces of objects are often close to implementation; components abstract more

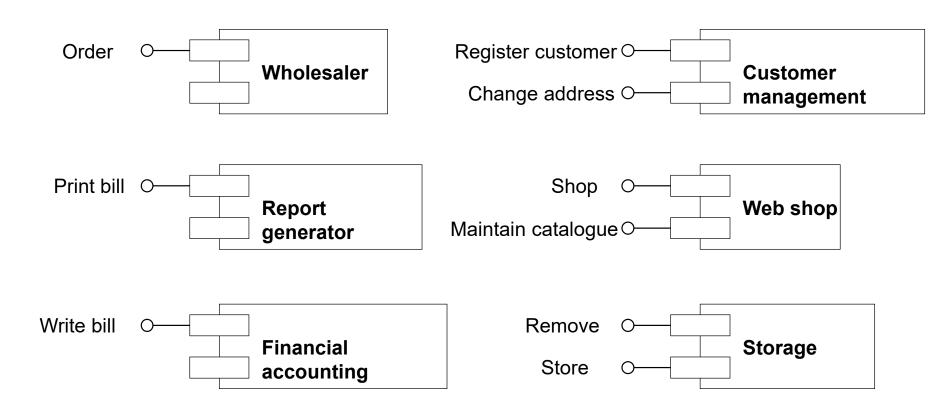
# Vision: marketplaces for components

- Components can be bought and integrated into own systems
- Best of Breed: developer can choose the best supplier for each system part
- Suppliers can concentrate on a core competency and offer their solutions as components

### Components of a web shop

(UML notation: component diagram)

Scenario: Register customer → Go shopping → Create bill → Print bill



# Product lines from components

- Features are implemented as components
  - for example, components for transaction management, log/recovery, buffer management, optimisation
  - Components may include runtime variability
- Components are retrieved based on feature selection (mapping)
- Developer has to integrate components (glue code)

# Example: Component "Color" in Java

```
package modules.colorModule;
//public interface
public class ColorModule {
   public Color createColor(r:Int,g:Int,b:Int) { ...}
   public void printColor(color: Color) {colorPrint... }
   public void mapColor(elem: Object, col: Color)
                  { colorMapping...}
   public Color getColor(elem: Object)
                  { colorMapping...}
   //just one module instance
   public static ColorModule getInstance()
                  { return module; }
   private static ColorModule module =
                  new ColorModule();
   private ColorModule() { super(); }
public interface Color { ... }
//hidden implementation
class ColorPrinter { ... }
class ColorMapping {...}
```

#### Facade pattern

- Hides implementation details
- Common interface for many classes
- Singleton pattern
  - Only one instance of module

ColorModule.getInstance().createColor(...)

#### Services

- Special type of component: encapsulate partial functionality (services) in distributed scenarios
  - ▶ Bus communication, Web Services, SOAP, REST...
- Abstract from programming languages, use dedicated exchange formats (based on XML, JSON etc.)
- Product lines via connection of services, usually via orchestration (workflow languages such as BPEL)
- Many tools available (often "management-oriented")
- Aims at high degree of standardisation

# How to tailor components?

- Marketplace for arbitrary components does not work; trade-off use vs. reuse
  - ► Too small → high effort for use (glue code)
  - ▶ Too large → hardly reusable
- **Example**: Developer searches the web for a software solution for problem, finds 2 solutions. How to decide?
  - Solution 1: small, 1K LoC, only parts of desired functionality
  - Solution 2: large, 100K LoC, contains entire functionality, which, however, is tangled with additional, not required functionality, possibly incompatible assumptions

# How to tailor components?

Without knowing the application context, component developers have to "guess"

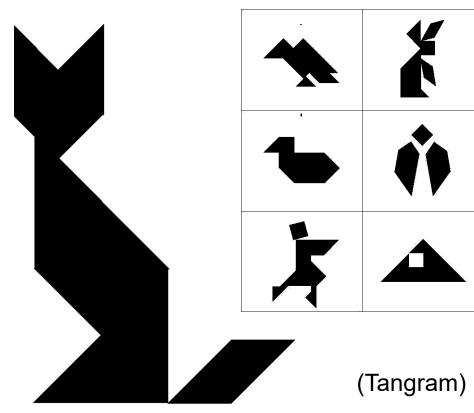
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required domain analysis

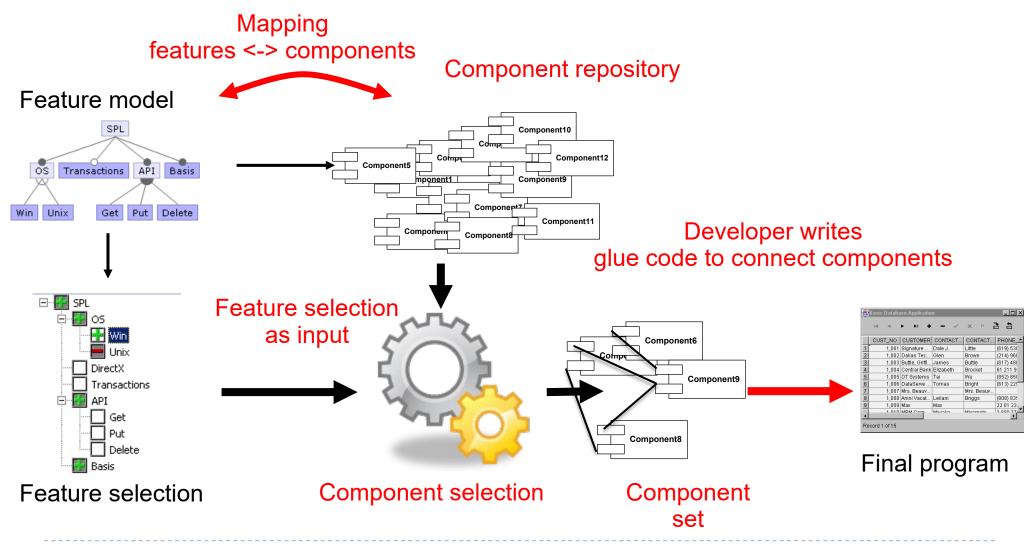
Systematic reuse

Which partial functionality used at which granularity?

Which parts always used together? →become component



# Product lines from components



# Assessment: Product lines from components

- Widely used in industry (for example Philips home electronics with <u>Koala</u> components)
- Systematic (planned) reuse of components
- Reuse in the large
- Easy division of labor
- Not fully automated, high development effort in application engineering (glue code)
- No free feature selection

# Discussion: Modularity

- Components hide internal implementation details
- Ideally small interfaces
- Cohesive features

#### but ...

- Coarse granularity
  - Colors, weighting in graph as components?
  - Paging strategies, search algorithms, B-tree locking, VARCHAR as components?
- Functionality might be hard to encapsulate
  - Transaction management component?

# Frameworks

#### Frameworks

- Incomplete set of abstract and concrete classes
- Abstract structure that can be instantiated and adapted to specific context
  - cf. template method and strategy patterns
- Reusable solution for a problem family in a domain
- Dedicated points for extensions:
   hot spots (a.k.a. variation points, extension points)
- Inversion of control, framework decides control flow and execution order
  - Hollywood principle: "Don't call us, we'll call you."

# Plugins

- Extension of a framework
- Add special functions on demand
- Usually compiled separately; third-party
- Popular in end-user software
  - Email programs, graphic editors, media player, web browser

#### Web Portal

- Web application
   frameworks like Struts
   implement and offer
   core functionality
  - Developers can concentrate on application logic and navigation between pages

```
<?php
class WebPage {
    function getCSSFiles();
    function getModuleTitle();
    function hasAccess(User u);
    function printPage();
}
?>
```

```
<?php
class ConfigPage extends WebPage {
    function getCSSFiles() {...}
    function getModuleTitle() {
       return "Configuration";
    }
    function hasAccess(User u) {
       return user.isAdmin();
    }
    function printPage() {
       print "<form><div>...";
    }
}
```

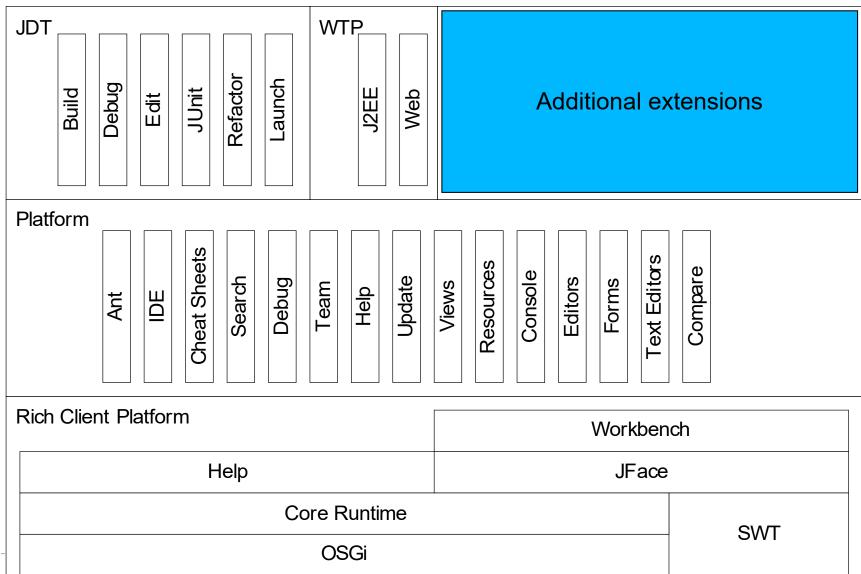
### **Eclipse**

#### Eclipse as a framework for IDEs

- Framework offers common functionality (editors, menus, projects, directory tree, copy & paste, undo, VCS integration, etc.)
- Only language-specific extensions (syntax highlighting, compiler, type checking) have to be implemented
- Framework from many smaller frameworks



# Eclipse



# Additional framework examples

- Frameworks for graphical user interfaces
  - MacApp, Swing, SWT, MFC
- Multimedia-Frameworks
  - DirectX
- Instant Messenger-Frameworks
  - Miranda, Trillian, ...
- Compiler-Frameworks
  - Polyglot, abc, JastAddJ

# Framework implementation: minimal example

Family of dialogs with buttons and text fields







- ▶ 90% of source code identical
  - main method
  - initialize window, text field, button(s)
  - layout
  - close window
  - ...

#### Calculator

```
public class Calc extends JFrame {
       private JTextField textfield;
       public static void main(String[] args) { new Calc().setVisible(true); }
       public Calc() { init(); }
       protected void init() {
         JPanel contentPane = new JPanel(new BorderLayout());
         contentPane.setBorder(new BevelBorder(BevelBorder.LOWERED));
         JButton button = new JButton();
         button.setText("calculate");
         contentPane.add(button, BorderLayout.EAST);
         textfield = new JTextField("");
         textfield.setText("10 / 2 + 6");
         textfield.setPreferredSize(new Dimension(200, 20));
         contentPane.add(textfield, BorderLayout.WEST);
         button.addActionListener(/* code for calcuting*/);
         this.setContentPane(contentPane);
         this.pack();
         this.setLocation(100, 100);
         this.setTitle("My Great Calculator");
        // code for closing window
```

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#### White-Box frameworks

- Extend by overwriting and adding methods
  - cf. template method pattern
- Implementation developer knows framework internals
  - → might be difficult to learn
- (Relatively) flexible extensions
- Might need many subclasses > hard to overview?
- Can directly access state of superclasses
- No plug-ins, not compiled separately

#### Calculator as a white-box framework

```
public abstract class GuiApplication extends JFrame {
         protected abstract String getApplicationTitle();
                                                                      // abstract methods
         protected abstract String getButtonText();
         protected String getInititalText() {return "";}
         protected void buttonClicked() { }
         private JTextField textfield;
         public Application() { init(); }
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                       this.pack();
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                       this.setTitle(getApplicationTitle());
                       // code for closing window
         protected String getInput() { return textfield.getText();}
```

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         public Application() { init(); }
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                               protected String getButtonText() { return "calculate"; }
                               protected String getInititalText() { return "(10 – 3) * 6"; }
                               protected void buttonClicked() {
                                  JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(this, "The result of "+getInput()+
                                             " is "+calculate(getInput())); }
                               protected String getApplicationTitle() { return "My Great Calculator"; }
                               public static void main(String[] args) {
                                  new Calculator().setVisible(true);
                       this.pack();
                      public class Ping extends GuiApplication {
                               protected String getButtonText() { return "ping"; }
                                protected String getInititalText() { return "127.0.0.1"; }
                                                                                   Modularity?
                                protected void buttonClicked() { /* ... */ }
           protected
                                protected String getApplicationTitle() { return "Ping"; }
                               public static void main(String[] args) {
                                  new Ping().setVisible(true);
```

#### Black-Box frameworks

- Embed application-specific behavior via components with a special interface (plug-ins)
  - cf. strategy and observer patterns
- Implementation developer only needs to know interface
  - easier to learn, harder to design
- Flexibility is determined by the offered hot spots, often implemented with design patterns
- State only known if available via interface
- Loose coupling (esp. compared to white-box frameworks)

#### Calculator

```
public class GuiApplication extends JFrame {
         private JTextField textfield;
         private Plugin plugin;
         public GuiApplication(Plugin p) { this.plugin=p; p.setApplication(this); init(); }
         protected void init() {
                       JPanel contentPane = new JPanel(new BorderLayout());
                       contentPane.setBorder(new BevelBorder(BevelBorder.LOWERED));
                       JButton button = new JButton();
                       if (plugin != null)
                                                                               public interface Plugin {
                                                                                 String getApplicationTitle();
                                   button.setText(plugin.getButtonText());
                                                                                 String getButtonText();
                       else
                                                                                 String getInititalText();
                                   button.setText("ok");
                                                                                 void buttonClicked();
                       contentPane.add(button, BorderLayout.EAST);
                                                                                 void setApplication(GuiApplication app);
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         public String getInput() { return textfield.getText();}
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               public String getInput()
                                                                   + application.getInput() + " is "
                                                                   + calculate(application.getText())); }
                                                    public String getApplicationTitle() { return "My Great Calculator"; }
```

# Further decoupling possible

```
public class GuiApplication extends JFrame implements InputProvider {
                                    private JTextField textfield:
                                    private Plugin plugin;
                                    public GuiApplication(Plugin p) { this.plugin=p; p.setApplication(this); init(): }
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```

# Loading of plug-ins

- ▶ Typical in many frameworks: plugin loader ...
  - ... searches directory for dll/jar/xml files
  - ... tests if the file implements a plug-in
  - ... checks dependencies
  - ... initializes plug-in on loading
- Often additional GUI for plug-in installation and configuration
- Examples:
  - Eclipse (plugin directory + Jar)
  - Firefox (plugin directory + DLL)
- Alternative: determine plug-ins in config file or create a launcher program

# Example plugin loader (using Java reflection)

```
public class Starter {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
       if (args.length != 1)
             System.out.println("Plugin name not specified");
       else {
             String pluginName = args[0];
             try {
                 Class<?> pluginClass = Class.forName(pluginName);
                 new Application((Plugin) pluginClass.newInstance())
                                            .setVisible(true);
             } catch (Exception e) {
                 System.out.println("Cannot load plugin " + pluginName
                                            + ", reason: " + e);
```

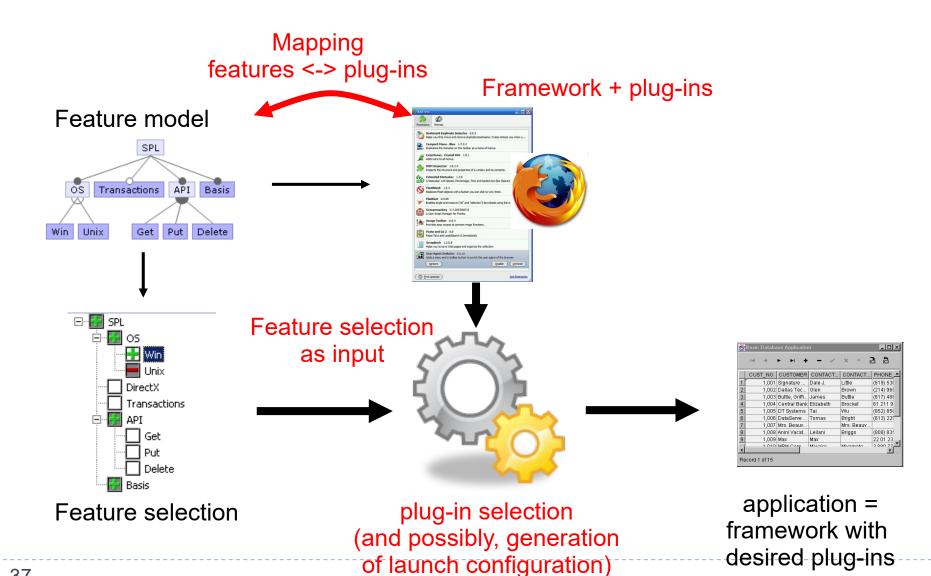
# Multiple plug-ins

- cf. observer pattern
- Load and register multiple plug-ins
- On event, inform all plug-ins

For different tasks: more specific plug-in interfaces

```
public class Application {
     private List<Plugin> plugins;
     public Application(List<Plugin> plugins) {
          this.plugins = plugins;
          for (Plugin plugin : plugins)
            plugin.setApplication(this);
     public Message processMsg (Message msg) {
          for (Plugin plugin : plugins)
            msg = plugin.process(msg);
          return msg;
```

# Frameworks for product lines



# Assessment Frameworks for product lines

#### Benefits

- Fully automation possible
- Modularity
- Tested in practice

#### Drawbacks

- Development effort
- Runtime overhead for framework architecture
- Needs preplanning and requires suitable experience
- Evolution and mainentance complicated
- Coarse granularity and large interfaces

# Crosscutting concerns

#### Crosscutting concerns

- Claim: Not all concerns of a program can be modularized using objects, components, plugins
  - Applies to features as well, which are one type of concern
- Concerns are semantic units
- But their implementation can be scattered throughout the source code

## Crosscutting concerns - example

```
class BusinessClass
 //... data fields
 //... logging stream
 //... cache status
 public void importantOperation(
      Data data, User currentUser, ...) {
   // check authorization
   // lock objects for synchronization
   // check if buffer up-to-date
      log start of actual operation
      execute actual operation
      log end of actual operation
   // unlock objects
 public void alsoImportantOperation(
      OtherData data, User currentUser, ...) {
   // check authorization
   // lock objects for synchronization
      check if buffer up-to-date
      log start of actual operation
      execute actual operation
   // log end of actual operation
   // unlock objects
```

- Code for different concerns scattered
- Code replicated
- Operations in this
   example are modular,
   but locking, logging,
   buffer and
   authentication not

# Scattering and tangling

#### Code scattering

- Code that <u>belongs to a concern</u> is not modularized, but <u>spread throughout the entire program</u>
- Frequently copied code (e.g., redundant calls of a method)
- Or spread implementation of parts of the concern

#### Code tangling

Code that <u>belongs to several concerns</u> is <u>jumbled within one</u> <u>class or method</u>

#### Scattered Code

```
class Node {
class Graph {
 Vector nv = new Vector(); Vector e
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 Edge add(Node n, Node m) {
   Edge e = new Edge(n, m);
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  nv.add(n); nv.add(m); ev.add(e);
                                                                    System.out.print(id);
  if (Conf.WEIGHTED) e.weight = new Weight();
  return e;
 Edge add(Node n, Node m, Weight w)
  if (!Conf.WEIGHTED) throw RuntimeException();
   Edge e = new Edge(n, m);
                                                                  class Edge {
   nv.add(n); nv.add(m); ev.add(e);
                                                                    Node a, b:
   e.weight = w; return e;
                                                                    Color color = new Color();
                                                                    Weight weight;
 void print() {
                                                                    Edge(Node a, Node b) \{a = a; b = b; \}
  for(int i = 0; i < ev.size(); i++) {
                                                                   void print() {
    ((Edge)ev.get(i)).print();
                                                                    if (Conf. COLORED) Color.setDisplayColor(color);
                                                                     a.print(); b.print();
                                                                    if (!Conf.WEIGHTED) weight.print();
class Color {
 static void setDisplayColor(Color c) { ... }
                                                                  class Weight { void print() { ... } }
```

# **Tangled Code**

```
class Graph {
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  Edge e = new Edge(n, m);
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 if (!Conf.WEIGHTED) throw RuntimeException();
  Edge e = new Edge(n, m);
  nv.add(n); nv.add(m); ev.add(e);
  e.weight = w; return e;
void print() {
     Code Tangling
```

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

```
class Edge {
  Node a, b;
  Color color = new Color();
  Weight weight;
  Edge(Node _a, Node _b) { a = _a; b = _b; }
  void print() {
   if (Conf. COLORED) Color.setDisplayColor(color);
    a.print(); b.print();
  if (!Conf.WEIGHTED) weight.print();
  }
}
```

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

# A question of size

#### ApplicationSession



#### ServerSession



#### StandardSession



#### Example: Session expiration in the Apache Tomcat Server

#### SessionInterceptor



#### ServerSessionManager



#### StandardManager



#### StandardSessionManager



## Problems of crosscutting concerns

#### Concerns are buried in implementation

- What belongs to the concern?
- During maintenance, have to scan the entire source code

#### Complicated collaborative development

- Different concerns can have different experts; all may have to work in parallel on the same code parts
- Reduced productivity, difficult evolution
  - When adding new code, the developer has to worry about aspects that are not directly relevant for the problem at hand (readability, understandability)

# Alternative implementation (command pattern)

```
class SecureSystem extends System
 private User currentUser;
 public void login() { /* ... */ }
 public void executeOperation(Operation o) {
   if (o instanceof AuthorizeOrder)
     if (!currentUser.isAdmin())
       denyAccess();
     else
       o.execute();
   if (o instanceof StartShipping)
     if (!o.hasWriteAccess())
       denyAccess();
     else
       o.execute();
```

- Authentification now modularized
- In turn, other concerns (specifically, the operations) no longer modular

## Another attempt – method calls

- Extract authentification, logging, locking, buffer into seperate methods
  - Scattering and tangling reduced to method calls
  - Clearer, but still explicit calls in code
- ► → Many extension points in framework required; big component interfaces

## Another attempt - middleware

- Middleware takes care of crosscutting concerns; developer only writes actual operations (inversion of control)
  - Examples: Enterprise Java Beans provide support for distributed objects, persistence, transactions, authentication and authorization, and synchronization
  - Complex architecture
  - Middleware cannot capture all possible concerns, in particular, those concerning business logic

## Tyranny of the dominant decomposition

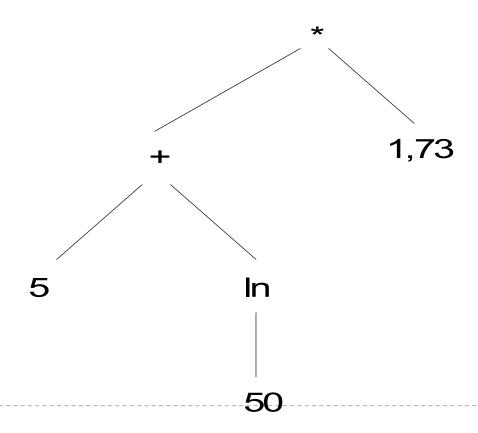
- Many concerns can be modularized, but usually, not all of them at the same time
  - Need to choose a "main dimension" of the modularization
  - Graph example: I can have colors and weights as modules...
  - ...but then the data structures (node, edge) are scattered
- Developers decide on a particular modularization (e.g. operations, authentication, data structures), but some other concerns are crosscuttting
- Modularizing along several dimensions at the same time not possible

## The expression problem

- A standard example for the tyranny of dominant decomposition problem
- Underlying question: To what extent is it possible to extract methods and data structures so that both can be extended independently...
  - without changing existing code
    - or even: without recompiling existing code
  - several times, in arbitrary order
  - without (non-trivial) code replication

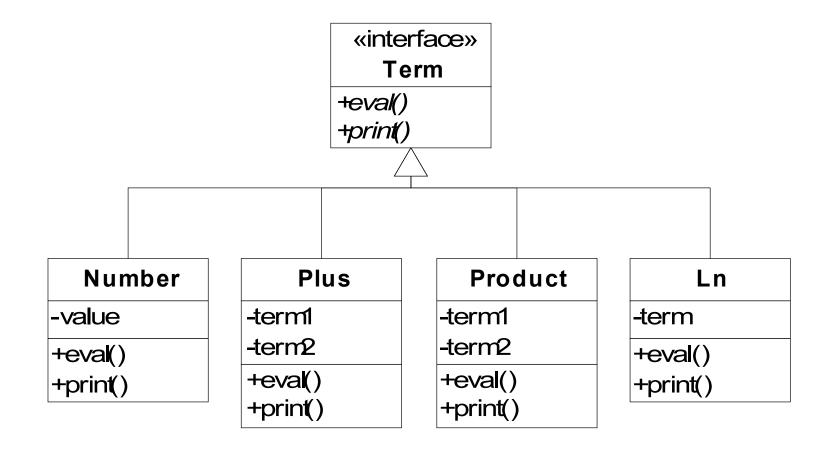
## **Expressions**

► Task: Save arithmetic expression in trees to evaluate and print them



## Implementation 1: data centric

- Recursive class structure (composite pattern)
- Each operation defines one method in each class

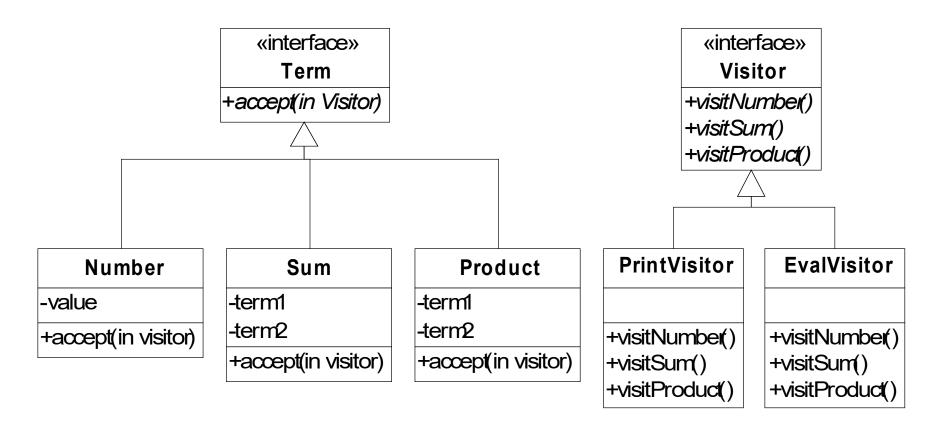


## Implementation 1: problems

- Expressions are modular
- New operations (e.g. drawTree or simplify) cannot be added without significant effort
- All existing classes have to be changed!
- Operations are crosscutting to expressions

## Implementation 2: method centric

- Only one method accept per class
- Methods are implemented with the visitor pattern



#### Code example: method centric

```
interface Term {
 void accept(Visitor v);
class Number {
 float value;
 void accept(Visitor v) {
   v.visitNumber(this);
class Sum {
 Term term1, term2;
 void accept(Visitor v) {
   v.visitSum(this);
class Product {
 Term term1, term2;
 void accept(Visitor v) {
   v.visitProduct(this);
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```

```
interface Visitor {
 void visitNumber(Number n);
 void visitSum(Sum s);
 void visitProduct(Product p);
class PrintVisitor {
 void visitNumber(Number n) {
   System.out.print(n.value);
 void visitSum(Sum s) {
   System.out.print('(');
   s.term1.accept(this);
   System.out.print('+');
   s.term2.accept(this);
   System.out.print(')');
 void visitProduct(Product p) {
   s.term1.accept(this);
   System.out.print('*');
   s.term2.accept(this);
// Main:
// term.accept(new PrintVisitor());
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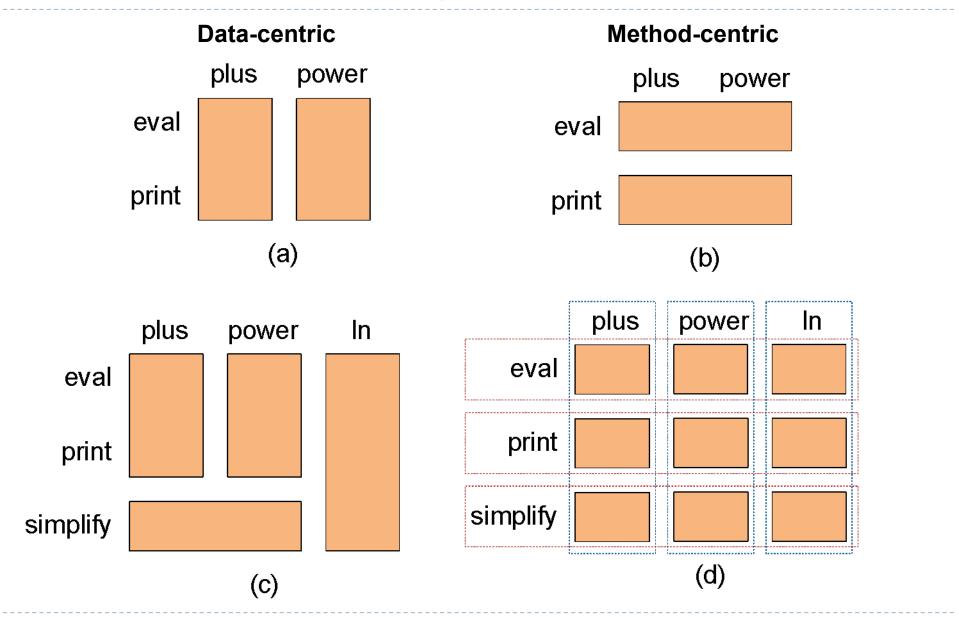
## Implementation 2: problems

- Operations are modular
- New expression types (e.g. min or power) cannot be added without significant effort
- All existing visitor classes have to be changed!
- Expressions are crosscutting to operations

## Expression problem

- Modularizing along expressions and operations at the same time almost impossible (complicated solutions with Java 1.5 generics exist)
- Data-centric approach
  - New expressions can be added directly: modular
  - New operations have to be added to all classes: not modular
- Method-centric approach
  - New operations can added as additional visitors: not modular
  - New expressions lead to changes of all visitor classes: not modular

# Expression Problem – graphically



# Typical examples for crosscutting concerns

- Logging: record each method call
- Caching/Pooling: code for each creation of an object
- Synchronization/Locking: extend many methods with lock/unlock calls
- Features in software product lines!

#### Dilemma

- Not always possible to modularize all concerns
- Some degree of scattered and tangled code is commonly accepted
- Some concerns are always "orthogonal" to others: crosscutting concerns
- Often affects features of product lines

# Preplanning problem

## Preplanning problem

- Cannot add extensions ad hoc, but have to plan them in advance
- Need to explicitly design facilities for extension
  - Extension points in frameworks
  - Interfaces/parameters in components
- Without a suitable extension point, modular extension not possible

## Preplanning problem: example

- Want to synchronize Stack methods
- Modular extension with subclass or delegation

#### Base code

#### Later extension (unplanned)

```
class LockedStack extends Stack {
  private void lock() { /* ... /* }
  private void unlock() { /* ... /* }
  public void push(Object o) {
    lock();
    super.push(o);
    unlock();
}

public Object pop() {
    lock();
    Object result = super.pop();
    unlock();
    return result;
}
```

## Preplanning problem: example II

- Problem: have to change instantiation of stack in base code
  - cannot be done without changing base code (non-modular)
- Alternative
  - Design Pattern: factory instead of direct instantiation (would allow modular extension)
  - Framework with suitable extension point
- Extension points have to be anticipated (preplanning) or have to be added to the base code after-the-fact (nonmodular)

#### Summary

- Feature modularization with components and frameworks
- No full automation, runtime overhead, coarse granularity
- Limitations related to crosscutting concerns and fine granularity
- Modularity requires planning
- Not suitable for all product lines
   (e.g., graph product line, embedded databases)

#### Outlook

- Advanced programming concepts
  - Understanding the limits of object-oriented programming
  - Feature-orientation
  - Aspect-orientation

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