

7. Complex Models

Overview

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7.1 Issues

- Complex systems require methods which provide a rich repertoire of concepts and tools
- Effective application of such techniques demands
 - specialized training
 - deep understanding of fundamentals
 - project by project tailoring
 - gradual acquisition of expertise
- Multiple models must be integrated formally
- Graphical representations are not always economical and intuitive
- Established methods do not always deliver

7.2 Object Modeling Technique

Object Modeling
 Technique (OMT)
 (Rumbaugh et al)
 attempts to
 integrate several
 traditional
 methods with
 object-oriented
 analysis

Object model

- application-specific information (structure) is captured in terms of objects having attributes and operations
- classes and inheritance are used to generalize objects
- links and associations define logical relationships among objects and classes

Dynamic model

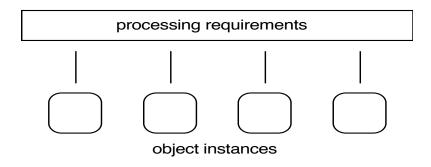
the dynamic behavior of objects is captured using state machine models

Functional model

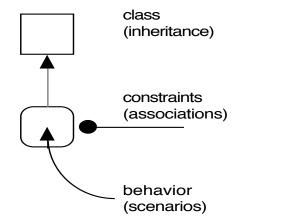
 the processing of environmental inputs is captured by means of a dataflow model

Model Overview

Functionality



Concepts



Objects

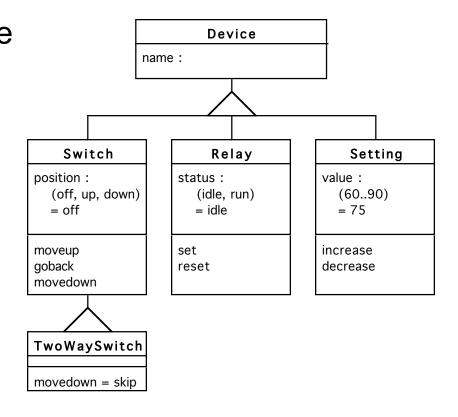
- An object is characterized by its visible attributes and the operations (services) it provides
- Objects often are immediately identifiable in the application domain
- Initial definitions may be misleading and may need rethinking



- What does it do?
- What happens in Australia?

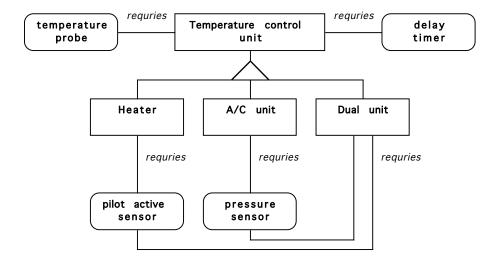
Classes and Inheritance

 The class provide the means for object generalization, from instance to concept



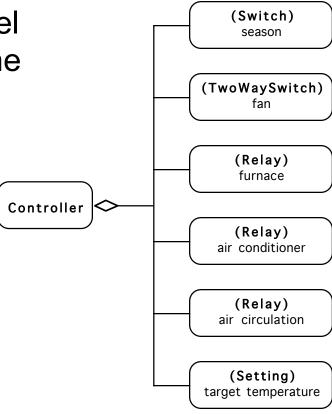
Constraints and Associations

- Established data modeling techniques provide the means for defining semantic constraints existing in the application
- Such models help analysis

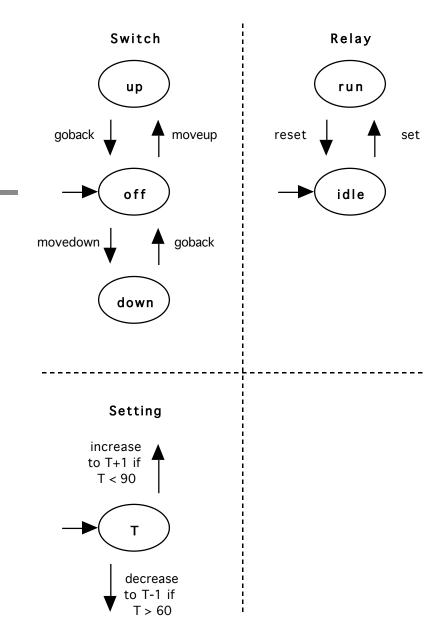


Structure

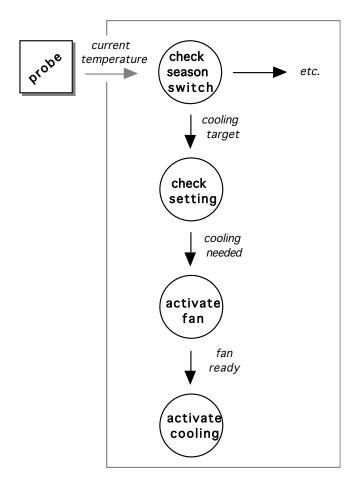
 Object instances model the abstract state of the system



Dynamic Model



Functional Model



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Strengths of OMT

- Comprehensive application analysis
- Powerful object-oriented model
- Inclusion of relational concepts (semantic constraints)
- Reliance on established models



Concerns with OMT

- Complex graphical notation
- Lack of precise formal definition
- Weak integration among models
- Inadequate treatment of the environment
- Use of models whose effectiveness is questionable (dataflow)
- Unrealistic expectations regarding a direct transition to design

7.3 Use Case Approach

- Use Case Approach
 (OOSE) (Jacobson et al)
 combines object oriented modeling with
 a strong emphasis on
 processing scenarios
- RDD (requirements model)
 - interfaces
 - domain object model
 - use case model (scenarios)
- SRS (analysis model)
 - object-oriented model of the functionality

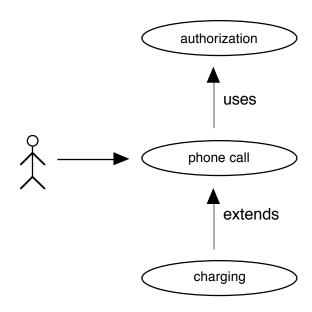
Use Case Model

Actors

- model the environment and the users
- initiate activity by providing stimuli
- can be primary or secondary

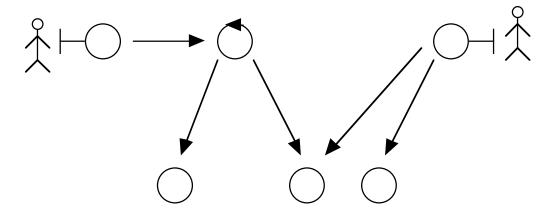
Use cases

- are complete courses of action initiated by actors (basic or alternative)
- can be extended by (interrupt analogy) or use other use cases (call analogy)



Analysis Model

- Objects are divided into three categories
 - interface
 - entity
 - control





Strengths of OOSE

- Comprehensive application analysis
- Emphasis on processing scenarios and scenario composition
- Reliance on simple forms of established models
- Powerful object-oriented model
- Emphasis on the development process



- Complexity and cost associated with developing the domain object model
- Optimistic expectations regarding the transition to design