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In the context of our research on context-oriented programming, we study an approach that tries to reconcile the notions of contexts and features for building context-aware software systems. In this approach both contexts and features are modeled and implemented according to a feature-modelling approach. To help developers understand, create and debug context-aware applications with our feature-oriented context-aware programming approach, we created a visualization tool that shows, at run-time, the context and feature models, their interactions, and indicates which contexts and features are currently active.

In this experiment, you are asked to play the role of potential programmers using our feature-oriented context-aware programming approach, in order to evaluate the usefulness and understandability of this particular visualization tool.

We would like to stress the fact that this survey will be completely anonymous, in other words we don't know the exact names of who responded what to this survey. Because of this we ask you to be as complete and precise as possible when responding to open questions. This experiment is part of an ongoing research and will not be taken into account for your grade of this course. Each question will be asked in English but feel free to respond in French or English according to the language you feel most comfortable with to provide precise answers.

For this experiment, the students will be split in two groups (A and B) and will have to conduct two tasks during this study. All students will have to conduct these two different tasks (task 1 and 2) but not in the same order. Subgroup A will start by task 1 first and then continue with task 2. Subgroup B will start by task 2 first and then continue with task 1. For the first task which you have to execute, you are *not* allowed to use the visualization tool. After task 1, you will have to respond to a series of questions. Then, we will present you the visualization tool and ask you to to respond to the same questions. Once finished, you start on the second task (task 2 for subgroup A and task 1 for subgroup B) but now you *must* use the visualization tool. After that again you will get a series of questions regarding that task. The main purpose of this experiment is to find out whether the visualization tool helps you in completing such tasks more easily or not. Finally, there will be some overall questions regarding your perception on the usefulness of such a visualization tool and our feature-oriented context-aware programming approach.

This experience was carried out at the Université catholique de Louvain, on 19 December 2018 from 08.30 until 10:30.

Case study

The case study for this experiment is a Risk Information System. This system informs when an emergency occurs and provides specific instructions to citizens about how to act before, during or after such an emergency. It also allows a citizen to consult instructions regarding a particular kind of risk, even if no emergency is currently occurring. The illustrative example shown during the previous session focused on earthquakes. Now we will extend the application for another kind of risk/emergency: floods. The instructions for this new risk or emergency differ from those for an earthquake. In addition, floods have another type of severity and impacted zone. Floods can have a severity within the range: low, medium or high. As opposed to an earthquake, the impacted zone of a flood is not circular but polygonal (delimiting the perimeter that is flooded).

The two tasks for this case study are the following:

- 1) For the task 1, we ask you to implement the characteristics (severity + impacted zone) of a flood emergency.
- 2) For the task 2, you are asked to implement flood-specific instructions. These instructions must be available even when no flood is currently occurring.

Now that we have introduced the case study and both tasks, we provide further instructions on the process of our experiment. Please respect with precision the different steps of the process, in order to be able to answer our questions appropriately.

Participant's background knowledge

1.	What is your current age?
2.	To which group have you been assigned for this study?
	Une seule réponse possible.
	Group A
	Group B
3.	What is your level of expertise in feature modelling?
	Une seule réponse possible.
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	No expertise Expert

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	Tas	sk 2 (dedicat	ed for s	tudents	s of the	group B)	Passer à la question 18
10.	Une set	ule réponse es			isk in th	ne allotto	ed time (max. 25 minutes)?
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	Ear	thquake
	Floo	od
	Act	ive Emergency
	Pas	sive Risk
	Bef	ore Emergency
	Dur	ing Emergency
	Afte	er Emergency
	Bef	ore Risk
	Dur	ing Risk
	Afte	er Risk

13.	When the government announces the occurrence of a flood, it will inform the citizens about its characteristics (i.e. its severity and impacted zone). Can you indicate which feature(s) will be *selected* thanks to the context-feature
	mapping?
	Plusieurs réponses possibles.
	Default Feature
	Inform
	Instruct
	DisplaySeverity
	ShowImpactedZone
	EarthquakeInstruct
	FloodInstruct
	Standard
	Richter
	PolygonImpactedZone
	CircleImpactedZone
	EarthquakeEmergencyInstruct
	EarthquakeRiskInstruct
	FloodEmergencyInstruct
	FloodRiskInstruct
	EarthquakeEmergencyBeforeInstruct
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	FloodRiskAfterInstruct

14.	When a citizen launches the application, it detects that a new flood is active	9				
	and receives information about this flood. This information describes that tl	he				
	severity is medium and its impacted zone is near the river. The system					
	informs the citizen about the characteristics of the flood. Can you indicate					
	all features in the feature diagram that are currently active?					
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Usage of the visualization

If you're not in group A, you didn't answer correctly to the previous question ("Which task did you achieve?" in the previous set of questions). In that case, return to the page "A first task to develop" to select the correct achieved task.

Now, you can use the visualisation tool to visualize what happens to answer the same set of questions as before. The instructions on how you must launch the visualisation tool are described in the provided instructions report. Use this tool to be able to answer correctly to the questions and verify if their previous

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tool for your first task (only group A)		answers are correct. Play the game and don't modify your previous answers. It is possible that the names of the contexts or features listed below differ from the names you have chosen in your implementation. However, we tried to provide names that are as explicit as possible so that you know what features and contexts they represent.
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	Mode	
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	Flood	
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	Passive F	Risk
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	During Er	mergency
	After Em	ergency
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	During Ri	sk
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16.	When the government announces the occurrence of a flood, it will inform the citizens about its characteristics (i.e. its severity and impacted zone). Can you
	indicate which feature(s) will be *selected* thanks to the context-feature
	mapping?
	Plusieurs réponses possibles.
	Default Feature
	☐ Inform
	Instruct
	DisplaySeverity
	ShowImpactedZone
	EarthquakeInstruct
	FloodInstruct
	Standard
	Richter
	PolygonImpactedZone
	CircleImpactedZone
	EarthquakeEmergencyInstruct
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	FloodEmergencyBeforeInstruct
	FloodEmergencyDuringInstruct
	FloodEmergencyAfterInstruct
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	FloodRiskDuringInstruct
	FloodRiskAfterInstruct

17.	When a citizen launches the application, it detects that a new flood is active and receives information about this flood. This information describes that the severity is medium and its impacted zone is near the river. The system informs the citizen about the characteristics of the flood. Can you indicate *all* features in the feature diagram that are currently active?
	Plusieurs réponses possibles. Default Feature Inform

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Instruct
DisplaySeverity
ShowImpactedZone
EarthquakeInstruct
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FloodRiskBeforeInstruct
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Testing your	If you're not in group B, you didn't answer correctly to the previous question ("Which task did you achieve?" in the previous set of questions). In that case, return to the previous page to select the correct achieved task.
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18.	(when	e a citizen wants to consult instructions about an earthquake risk no earthquake is currently occurring), can you tell us which context(s) active?
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	Flo	od
	Act	ive Emergency
	Pas	ssive Risk
	Bef	ore Emergency
	Dur	ing Emergency
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	Bef	ore Risk
	Dur	ring Risk
	Afte	er Risk

19.	Considering that the government detects a new flood, it will provide the citizens which instructions they must act during a flood. Can you indicate which feature(s) will be *selected* thanks to the context-feature mapping?
	Plusieurs réponses possibles.
	Default Feature
	☐ Inform
	Instruct
	DisplaySeverity
	ShowImpactedZone
	EarthquakeInstruct
	FloodInstruct
	Standard
	Richter
	PolygonImpactedZone
	CircleImpactedZone
	EarthquakeEmergencyInstruct
	EarthquakeRiskInstruct
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	EarthquakeEmergencyBeforeInstruct
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	If you're not in group B, you didn't answer correctly to the previous question				
	("Which task did you achieve?" in the previous set of questions). In that case,				
A first	return to the page "A first task to develop" to select the correct achieved task.				
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the	The instructions on how you must launch the visualisation tool are described in the provided instructions report. Use this tool to be able to answer correctly to				
visualization	the questions and verify if their previous answers are correct. Play the game and				
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It is possible that the names of the contexts or features listed below differ from

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task (only group B)

the names you have chosen in your implementation. However, we tried to provide names that are as explicit as possible so that you know what features and contexts they represent.

21. Assume a citizen wants to consult instructions about an earthquake risk (when no earthquake is currently occurring), can you tell us which context(s) is(are) active?

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Plusieurs réponses possibles.		
Default Context		
Туре		
Mode		
Earthquake		
Flood		
Active Emergency		
Passive Risk		
Before Emergency		
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After Emergency		
Before Risk		
During Risk		
After Risk		

22.	Considering that the government detects a new flood, it will provide the
	citizens which instructions they must act during a flood. Can you indicate
	which feature(s) will be *selected* thanks to the context-feature mapping?
	Plusieurs réponses possibles.
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	cond sk to	After working on the first task and testing your knowledge in this task, your are asked to do the second task that we assign you depending on your group id. The tasks are explained above in the case study section. Students assigned to group A will continue with the task 2 first and group B will continue with the task 1. For this task 2 you must use the visualisation tool. The instructions to launch the visualisation tool is described in the instructions report.			
de	velop	After developed this task, please answer to the following questions.			

24. Which task did you achieve?

Une seule réponse possible.

Task 2 (dedicated for students of the group A)

Task 1 (dedicated for students of the group B)

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25. Did you manage to finish the task in time (max. 25 minutes)?

Une seule réponse possible.

Yes

No

No

16. How much time did you take to finish this task (max. 25 minutes)?

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If you're not in group A, you didn't answer correctly to the previous question ("Which task did you achieve?" in the previous set of questions). In that case, return to the

Now, you must use the visualisation tool to answer the following set of questions.

The instructions on how you must launch the visualisation tool are described in the

It is possible that the names of the contexts or features listed below differ from the names you have chosen in your implementation. However, we tried to provide names

that are as explicit as possible so that you know what features and contexts they

page "A second task to develop" to select the correct achieved task.

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27.	Considering that the government detects a new flood, it will provide the		
	citizens which instructions they must act during a flood. Can you indicate		
	which feature(s) will be *selected* thanks to the context-feature mapping?		
	Plusieurs réponses possibles.		
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	Defa	ult Feature	
	Infor	m	
	Instr	uct	
	Displ	laySeverity	
	Show	vImpactedZone	
	Earth	nquakeInstruct	
	Flood	dInstruct	
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Pas	ser à la que	estion 31	
	sting	If you're not in group B, you didn't answer correctly to the previous question ("Which task did you achieve?" in the previous set of questions). In that case, return to the page "A second task to develop" to select the correct achieved task.	
yo. sed	ur cond	Now, you must use the visualization tool to answer the following set of questions. The instructions on how you must launch the visualization tool are described in the	

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that are as explicit as possible so that you know what features and contexts they

provided instructions report.

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on	edback the ualisation	After having seen the visualisation tool at work in one of your previous tasks, we now ask you to take a step back and respond to some more high-level questions regarding to potential usefulness of such a tool, by relying on your experience as a programmer, while still playing the role of a potential developer using this new programming technology.

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Not at all Absolutely

Passer à la question 38

Feedback on the approach

After having evaluating the visualisation tool, we now ask you to take a step back and respond to some more high-level questions regarding to potential usefulness of such an approach, by relying on your experience as a programmer, while still playing the role of a potential developer using this new programming technology.

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