SourceWeave.NET: Cross-language Source-Level Weaving

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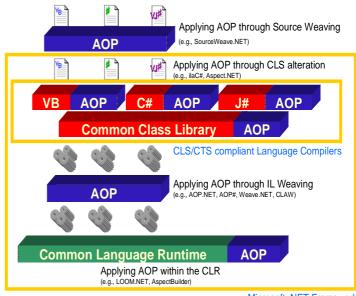
Project Aims

Support Language independant SOC
Through a rich joinpoint model
At source code level
Without any language extensions
Without any platform modifications

AOP in .NET

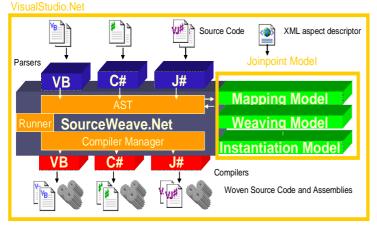
Strategies for extending .NET for language independent AOP are:

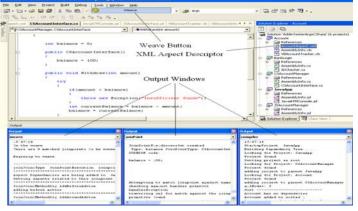
- 1 CLI or CLR alteration
 Performance degraded, Primitive + intrusive joinpoint
 model
- **2 IL manipulation**Generally Primitive joinpoint models, br eaks binding between IL and source code, cannot debug
- 3 CLS/CTS or compiler alteration Changing core framework and coordinating the change with language providers is infeasible
- 4 Source code manipulation



Microsoft .NET Framework

SourceWeave.NET





Process

Parsers - convert base and aspect source code into a CodeDom AST graph

Mapping model - identifies joinpoints as specified in the XML Aspect Descriptor

Weaving and Instantiation model - weaves the crosscutting behaviour at the joinpoints

Compiler Manager - maps woven code back to original language and compiles

Future Work

Extend CodeDom and implement CodeDom Tools

Creation of an Aspect Descriptor Wizard allowing developers to avoid writing verbose XML documents for describing aspects

Extend pointcut designators to include language differentiators and language specific constructs