



Requirements Engineering II

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Assignment 5: Requirements for Software Product Lines

1. Tasks

- Read the mandatory items in the reading list
- Be prepared to answer the questions given below in class
- Prepare a 15 minutes presentation (5-10 slides) on the theme assigned to your course group. Browse/read additional papers and/or web pages where necessary.
- Build a feature tree for a family of automatic teller machines (ATMs) as follows. The basic machine can just authenticate users and dispense money in a single currency. Additional features are: printing a receipt, inquiring the account balance, displaying/printing a statement of account, recharging a cash card, dispensing money in two different currencies. The ATM supports the following currencies: CHF, EUR, GBP, JPY, USD. The printing features require that the ATM is equipped with a printer. ATMs that dispense two currencies always can print receipts. Use a feature diagram as described in Fig. 3 of [Jarzabek, Ong, and Zhang 2003].

2. Reading list

Mandatory reading

Chapter 2 of [Pohl, Böckle, and van der Linden 2005] and [Chastek et al. 2001] provide an overview. Feature and variability modeling is treated in sections 1-3 of [Schobbens, Heymans, and Trigaux 2006], in [Jarzabek, Ong, and Zhang 2003] and in [Bühne, Lauenroth, and Pohl 2005].

Mandatory browsing

Browsing the pages listed in the site roadmap at <http://www.softwareproductlines.com> is helpful for understanding the basics of Software Product Lines.

Optional reading

[Clements 1999] motivates the use of software product lines with an example. [Reiser and Weber 2006] extend the notion of feature trees to multi-level feature trees. [Schobbens, Heymans, and Trigaux 2006] provide an overview of feature modeling and give formal semantics for feature diagrams. [Schmid and John 2004] present a decision-oriented approach to variability modeling.

3. Questions

- What is a software product line?
- What is the role of domain engineering and application engineering in a software product line?
- In a software product line, we always have two types of requirements. Which ones?
- What are the additional tasks and challenges for requirements engineering when using a software product line?
- * Which different types of requirements exist in software product lines? And how does product line scoping help analyze application requirements for new products?
- Is feature-oriented domain analysis sufficient for variability modeling in a product line?

4. Themes for presentation

(Will be assigned by the research assistant who tutors this course; your group can apply for the theme you would like to work on)

- A. An overview of requirements engineering for software product lines
(General overview, rationale for using product lines, domain analysis and application analysis processes, advantages and challenges,...)
- B. Feature-oriented domain requirements analysis
(What it is, basic approach, advanced feature tree models¹, advantages and limitations of feature modeling)
- C. Modeling variability in software product lines
(What is variability, a metamodel of variability², instrumentation of models for enabling variability³)

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Web resources

<http://www.softwareproductlines.com>

¹ [Schobbens, Heymans, and Trigaux 2006] provide an overview. In particular, present the variant described in Fig. 3 of [Jarzabek, Ong, and Zhang 2003].

² See [Bühne, Lauenroth, and Pohl 2005]

³ See [Jarzabek, Ong, and Zhang 2003]