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Software Models

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Plan for the rest of the lecture

- Part 0. Modeling
- Part 1. Software Models, UML, OCL
- Part 2. Meta-modeling, model mappings, DSLs / generic languages, model transformations
- Part 3 (if we have time). How usable are models?



Model Driven Engineering First: Models

What is Being Modelled?



Models as Views



Every view

- obtained by a different projection, abstraction, translation
- may be expressed in a different notation (modelling language)
- reflects a different intent

Modelling Paradigms

Fundamental modelling paradigms, each emphasizing some basic view of the software to be developed.



Entity-Relationship Diagrams

An ER diagram is a *structural model* representing a software system's data elements and relationships among them.



- originally invented for model database design (Chen, 1976)
- emphasizes concepts/data
- relationships can represent associations, navigability, containment, dependencies, etc.

UML Class Diagrams

UML Class Diagrams are an elaborate form of ER diagram.



Software Architecture

A software architecture is high-level model of code structure.

Typically modelled as a "box and arrow" diagram, with a key explaining the types of components (boxes) and connectors (arrows).



[Figure from Pfleeger, Atlee, 2009]

UML "Software Architecture" Models

The closest that UML comes to a software architecture model are UML Package Diagrams and UML Deployment Diagrams.



UML Package Diagram

Data Flow Diagrams (DFDs)

Descriptive model of functional decomposition of the system, and the data dependencies between functions.



DFDs model

- collection of functions
- sources and sinks of data
- data dependencies

Data Flow Diagrams (DFDs)

Although DFDs are good for communicating the big picture, they are inherently incomplete, undetailed, and ambiguous.



UML Use Case Diagrams

Use Case Diagrams are a very high-level data-flow diagram.



Flowcharts

Flowcharts are an ancient modelling notation, for representing *behaviour* in terms of steps of an algorithm.

Depict control flow rather than data flow



UMLActivity Charts

UMLActivity Charts are a variation on flowcharts that support *concurrent* flows of control.



[Figure from M. Blaha, J. Rumbaugh, 2005]

Event Traces

Dynamic model of *behaviour* showing communication among entities in one scenario (execution trace).

Shows a slice of behaviour, not complete behaviour.



UML Sequence Diagrams

UML Sequence Diagrams are elaborate event traces....



UML Sequence Diagrams

... including branches, loops, concurrency, optional subsequences, references to other sequence diagrams.



Larman, Appliying UML and Patterns, 3ed

State Machines

Compact representation of all event traces.



UML StateMachine Diagrams

UML StateMachine Diagrams borrow heavily from David Harel's statecharts.

VARIABLES

req1 : boolean := false (* outstanding request for floor1 *)
req2 : boolean := false (* outstanding request for floor2 *)
floor : {1, 2} (* current location of elevator *)



Logic

Logic is the basis for a number of languages that express constraints on allowable interpretations of other models.

- allowable instantiations of data models
- invariants among attribute values in data models
- pre/post conditions of functions
- event conditions in event traces
- guard conditions in state machines

Object Constraint Language

OCL was designed for expressing constraints on UML diagrams.



context CustomerCard inv

self.printedName = (self.owner.title.concat(self.ownername))

context CustomerCard inv

(self.valid and self.colour=gold) implied self.membership.serviceLevel = "gold"

UML: 13 Different Diagram Types

Structural

- Class Diagrams
- Object Diagrams
- Composite Structure Diagrams
- Component Diagrams
- Package Diagrams
- Deployment Diagrams

Functional

• Use Case Diagrams

Behavioural

- Interaction Overview Diagrams
- Activity Diagrams
- Sequence Diagrams
- Communication Diagrams
- State Machine Diagrams
- Timing Diagrams

OCL is a separate language that was invented for writing constraints on UML models

What else can be modeled?

- Assurance cases
- Feature diagrams
- Environment and controller
- Performance (quantitative models)
- Multiple products

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Next up: Part 2

- Meta-modeling
- Mappings between models
- DSMLs / generic modeling languages
- Introduction to model transformations and their analysis
- Sources: Sahar Kokaly's lecture in CAS756 (McMaster, 2015), Rich Paige's lectures in York University, UK

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