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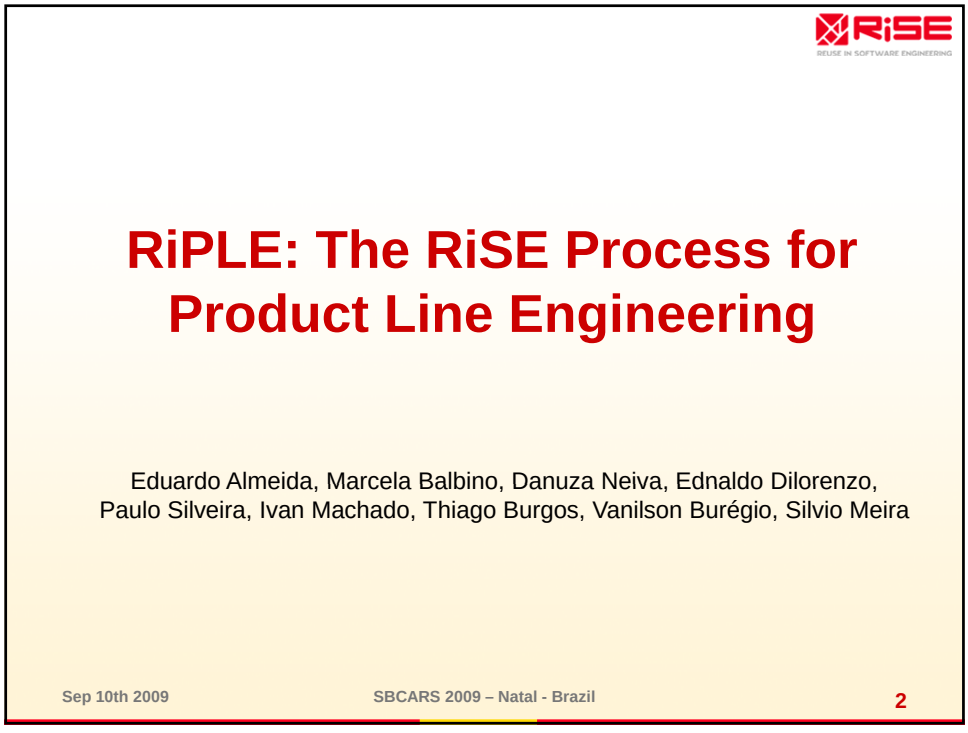
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RiPLE: The RiSE Process for Product Line Engineering
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    - Riple-DE
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    - Riple-EM
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Software Process

Software Process

- Software Development
  - complex systems
  - time-to-market
  - distributed development
  - ….
- Experts
- Turnover

Software Process – cont.

- Importance
  - Who
  - What
  - When
  - How
- Users
- Organization

Software Process – cont.

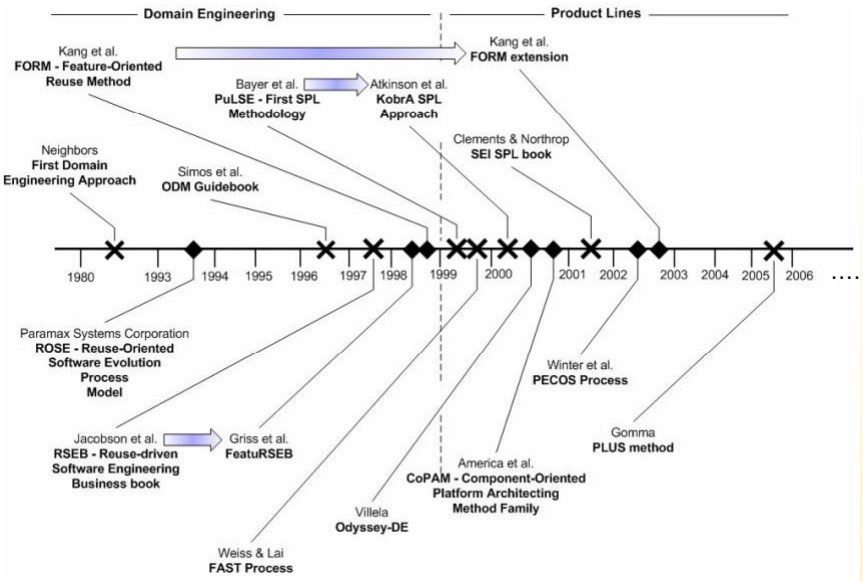
- A software process is a set of activities that leads to the production of a software product
- Influences
  - Project | Methods | Tools
  - Knowledge
  - Cost
  - Contract
  - …..

[Sommerville, 2008]

Software Process – cont.

- Process Model
  - Software Reuse
- Why a new process?

The State-of-the-Art [Almeida, 2007]



The State-of-the-Art – cont.

- Systematic Reviews
  - Scoping
    - in evaluation
  - Requirements
    - in evaluation
  - Design
    - European Conference on Software Architecture (ECSA 2008)
  - Testing
    - in evaluation
  - Evolution
    - in evaluation
  - Tools
    - Journal of Information and Software technology 2009

RiPLE – The RiSE Process for Product Line Engineering

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RiPLE – RiSE Product Line Engineering Process

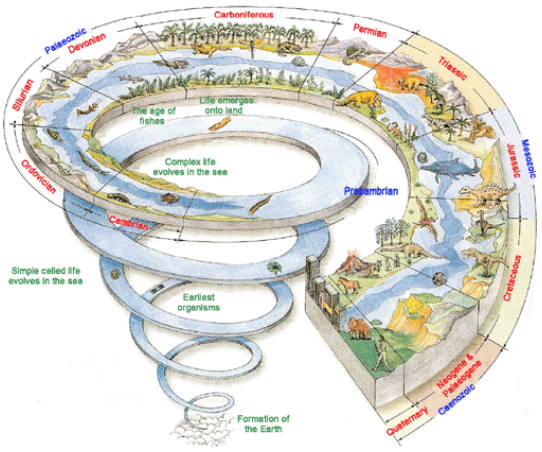
- Steps
  - Core Assets Development
  - Product Development
- Concepts
  - Domain
  - Feature
- Foundations
  - Process Model
  - Domain-driven
  - Iterative | Incremental

RiPLE – cont.

- Elements
  - Guidelines
  - Principles
  - Language
  - Roles
  - Assets
  - Activities

Software Product Lines (SPL)

A little bit of **history**...



The basis of Product Line Engineering....

- Henry Ford
  - "The father of **assembly-line automation"**
- **Model T** production (1908)
  - Main concept: **Interchangeble parts**
    - based on the ideas of Honoré Blanc and Eli Whitney
  - **Streamlined the production process**

The Economy of scale!

- Line of motor cars
  - affordable, built quickly, high quality

"Any customer can have a car painted any colour that he wants so long as it is black" - Henry Ford

The Economies of scale!

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*"**Any customer can have a car painted any colour that he wants so long as it is black**"* - Henry Ford

Certain choices where extremely limited!

Product Line Engineering (PLE)

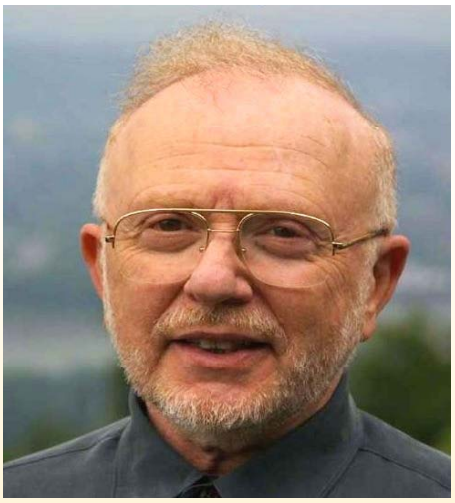
- **Economies of Scope**
  - **Mass customization**: producing goods and services to meet **individual customers needs**
  - Create an **underlying architecture** for an organization's **product platform**
  - **Core assets** can be reused to engineer new products from the **basic family**

Economies of scale	***Economies of scope***
***multiple identical instances** of a **single design** are produced collectively, rather than individually*	***multiple similar** but **distinct designs** and prototypes are produced collectively, rather than individually*

Software Product Lines (SPL)

- **Based on the ideas of PLE**
  - **Fundamental principle: variability management**
    - Allows to adapt a product to the **customer needs**
    - **Adaptation** is typically performed **during SPL development**

The roots....



David Lorge Parnas

- On the Design and Development of Program Families
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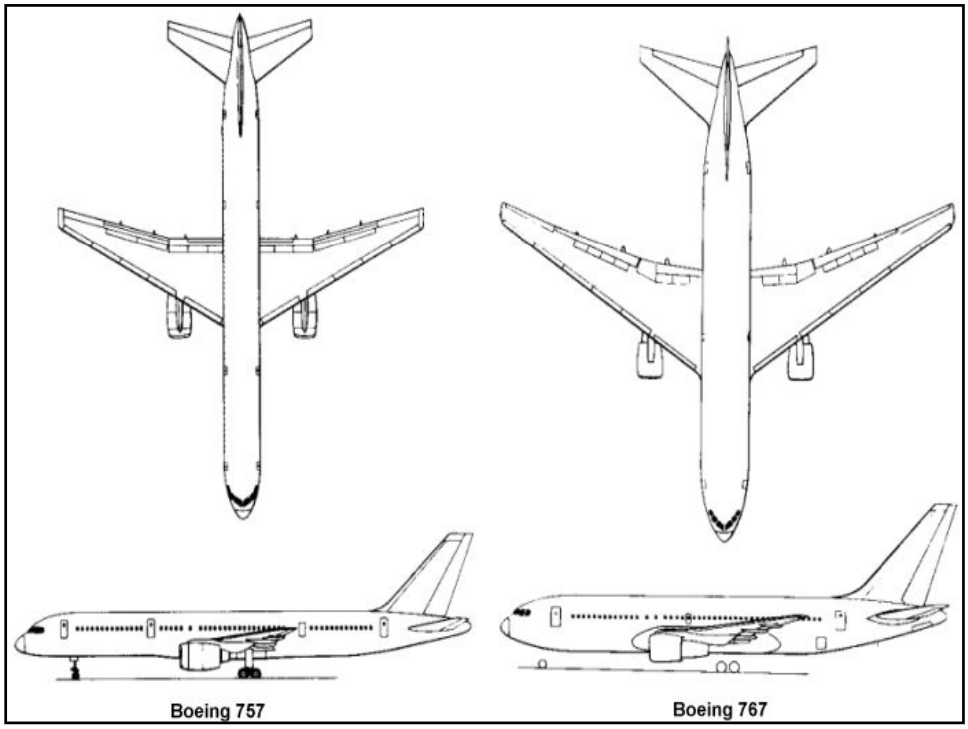
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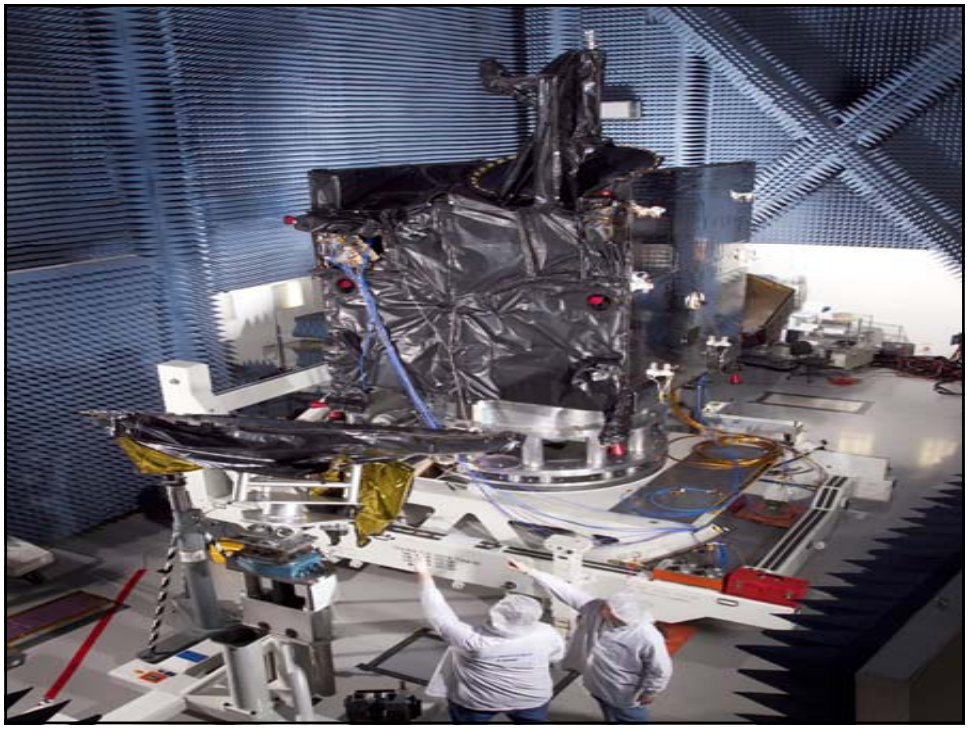


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Software Product Lines

*"A software product line is a set of software-intensive systems sharing a **common**, **managed** set of features that satisfy the **specific needs** of a **particular market segment** or mission and that are developed from a **common** set of core assets in a **prescribed way**.*

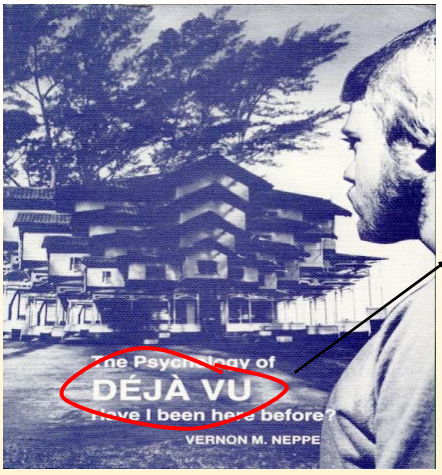
Paul Clements and Linda Northrop, 2002

Essential Factors

- Investment
- Planning
- Direction
- Business Strategy

Management

Is Product Lines a new approach?



- Small-Grained Reuse
- Single-System Development with Reuse
- Component-Based Development
- Reconfigurable Architecture
- Release and versions of
  Single Products

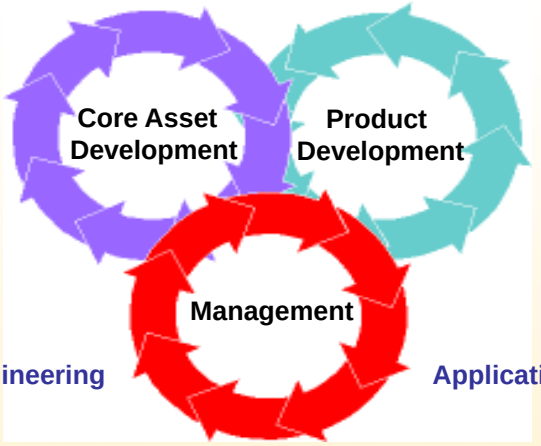
Organizational Benefits

- To achieve **large-scale productivity gains**
- To **improve time-to-market**
- To maintain market presence
- To **improve product quality**
- To increase customer satisfaction
- To **achieve reuse goals**
- To **enable mass customization**

Product Line asset repository Benefits

- Requirements
- Architecture
- Components
- Modeling and Analysis
- Testing
- Planning

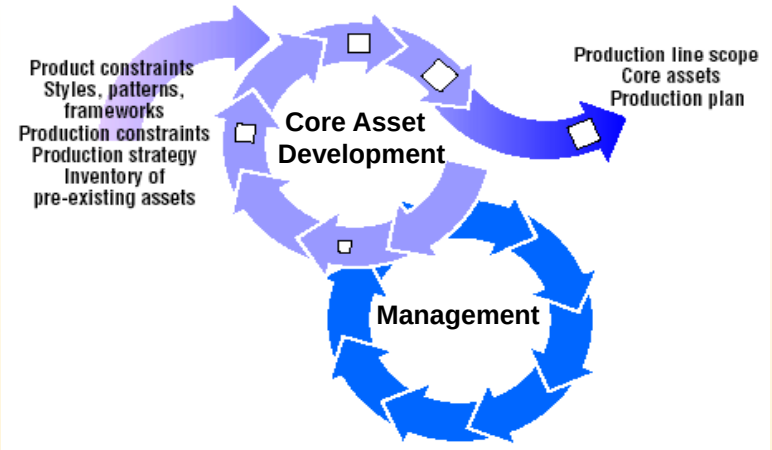
Essential Activities



Domain Engineering

Application Engineering

Core Asset Development



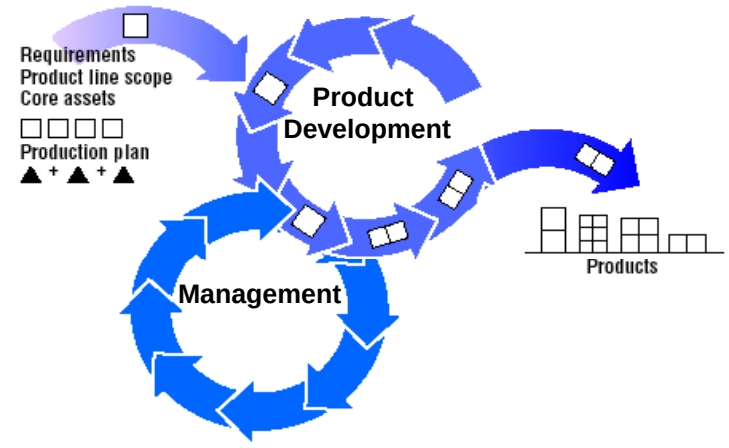
Core assets

- **Core assets are the basis for production of products in the product line**
- **Core assets**
  - **Architecture {scope, styles, patterns, and frameworks}**
  - **Components**
  - **Test plans, Test cases**
  - **Documentation**
  - **Domain models**
  - **Requirements**
  - **Commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) components**

Production Plan

- **A production plan describes how the products are produced from the core assets**
  - **{reuser's guide}**
- **A Set of attached process {with the glue}**
- **Production Plan describes:**
  - **Tools**
  - **Metrics, Metric Plan**

Product Development



Management

- **Critical role in the successful fielding of a product line**
- **Technical**
  - Core asset development
  - Product development
- **Organizational**
  - Training
  - Funding
  - Risks

Some Successful Cases

Product Line Hall of Fame

http://www.sei.cmu.edu/productlines/plp_hof.html

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Nokia: Mobile Phones

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Connecting People

- Case study
  - Mobile phones
- Previous scenario
  - The initial software architecture for this product line addressed variations in hardware, communication standards, and user interfaces

Nokia: Mobile Phones

- Challenges
  - Language Challenge Abstract
  - The Hardware Challenge
  - The Feature Challenge
- Strategies
  - The current architecture is component based in the client-server style. It allows separate service providers to be plugged in or taken out without restarting the system

Nokia: Mobile Phones

- Current Scenario
  - **32 different phones are manufactured covering six different protocol standards**, a wide variety of functional features and capabilities, different user interface designs, and many platforms and environments
- Results and Metrics
  - Nokia Mobile Phones is the world's largest mobile phone manufacturer, and they believe that software product line engineering has helped it to reach that position

PHILIPS: Product Line of SW for TV Sets

- Case study
  - Televisions sets
- Previous scenario
  - While initially solely consisting of hardware, TVs now contain fully equipped embedded computers to control the hardware and to implement extra features
  - These computers started small, with 1 kilobyte of code around 1980, resulting in many million lines of code today

PHILIPS: Product Line of SW for TV Sets

- Challenges
  - Complexity
  - Diversity, since televisions are produced in many different variants

PHILIPS: Product Line of SW for TV Sets

- Strategies
  - The first step was the definition of a *software component model*
  - The second step was the creation of a *product line architecture*
  - Changes had to be made to the existing *development processes*, which were optimized for the creation of single products
  - The fourth step was the adaptation of the *development organization* to accommodate product line development

PHILIPS: Product Line of SW for TV Sets

- Current Scenario
  - Since 2002, all Philips' mid-range and high-end televisions have software derived from this product line
  - The product line supports three different hardware platforms
- Results and Metrics
  - **Today, there are 20 different software releases per year, where each release serving 1-5 different product types**

Background – Important Concepts

Motivation

- Variability
  - The ability or the tendency to change
- Variability modelling
  - Goal: To support the development and the reuse of variable development assets
  - Iterative process
- Abstraction levels
  - **Common** and **Variable** features of the domain {spl} are identified
  - Domain requirements
  - Domain architecture
  - Implementation
  - Test
- Where
  - **Domain engineering** {definition}
  - Application engineering {exploited}
- Defining variability
  - The **sum of all activities** concerned with the identification and documentation of variability

Definitions

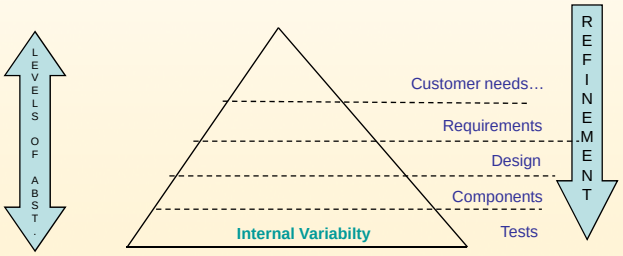
- Managed Variability
  - Defining and exploiting variability throughout the different life cycle stages of a spl
  - Issues
    - Supporting activities concerned with defining variability
    - Managing variable assets
    - Supporting activities concerned with resolving variability
    - Collecting, storing, and managing trace information necessary to fulfil these tasks
- Examples
  - A software component can support ***different implementations***
  - A search can be active ***or*** passive
  - A GUI component for three ***different*** mobile phones
- How to identify variability?
  - **What does vary?**
    - Variability subject – is a **variable item** of the real world or a **variable property** of such na item
  - **Why does it vary?**
    - Stakeholder needs, technical reasons, market
  - **How does it vary?**
    - Variability object – is a **particular instance** of a **variability subject**
- Examples
  - Variability subject - Search
  - Variability object – Active, Passive, Content...

Definitions (cont.)

- Variation Point
  - It is a representation of a variability subject within domain assets enriched by contextual information
- Variant
  - It is a representation of a variability object within domain assets
- Variation Point and Variants
  - Used to define the variability of a domain [spl]
- How to identify them?
  1. To identify the item of the real world that varies **{variability subject}**
  2. To define a variation point
  3. To define the variants
- Examples
  - Customers, Analysts, Researchers.... – Search: “Passive”, “Active” {1}
  - Variation Point –Search Types
  - Variants – Passive, Active, Content, Facets, Keywords....

Definitions (cont.)

- Variability in time
  - It is the existence of different versions of an asset that are valid at different times
  - Single-system engineering or domain {spl} engineering
  - Evolution {configuration management}
- Variability in space
  - It is the existence of an asset in different shapes at the same time
  - Browsing {requirements, use cases, test cases, components...}
  - **New trend in research**
- External and Internal Variability
  - **External** – visible to customers
  - **Internal** – hidden from customers



Documentation of Variability

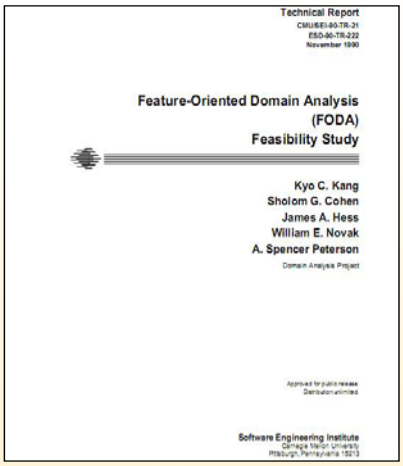
- Required information
  - What varies?
    - Documentation of the variation points
  - Why does it vary?
    - Textual annotations of variation points and variants
  - How does it vary?
    - Documenting the available variants and linking them to domain elements
  - For whom is it documented?
- Benefits
  - Decision making
  - Communication
  - Traceability

Variability constraints

- Variant constraint dependency
  - Variant *requires* variant
    - Notification x Interest
  - Variant *excludes* variant
- Variant to Variation Point constraint dependency
  - Variant *requires* variation point
    - Asset publish x Access control
  - Variant *excludes* variation point
- Variation Point constraint dependency
  - Variation Point *requires* Variation Point
    - Publish x Search
  - Variation Point *excludes* Variation Point

Features and Feature Model

- Feature
  - An end-user-visible characteristic of a system
  - A ***distinguishable characteristic*** of a concept that is relevant to some stakeholder of the concept
- Elements
  - Feature diagram
  - Feature definitions
  - Composition rules
  - Rationale for features


Technical Report

Feature-Oriented Domain Analysis (FODA) Feasibility Study

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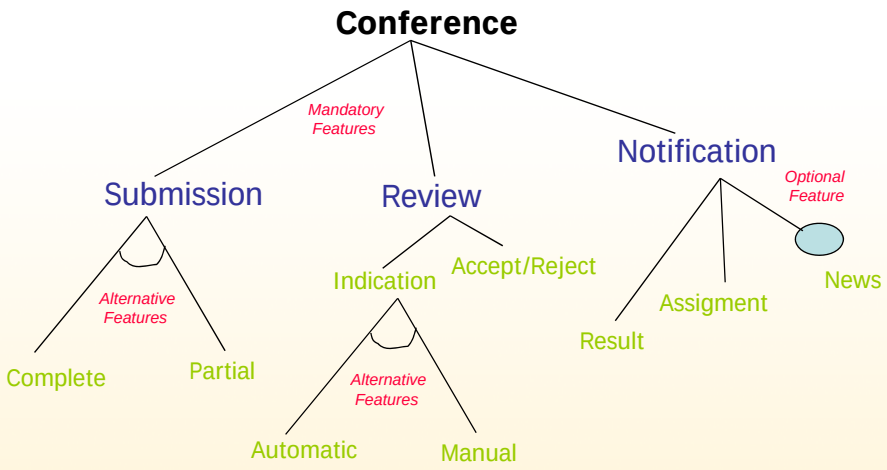
Example



Feature Modeling: The importance

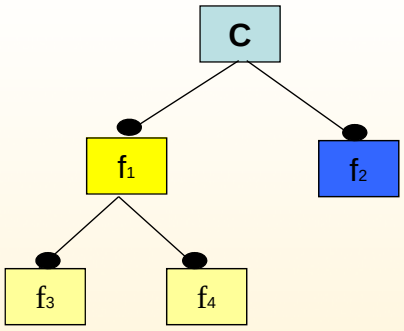
- Reusable software
  - Variability
- Key technique
  - To Identify and capture variability
- To avoid
  - Relevant features and variations points are not included in the reusable software
  - Many features and variations points are included but never used {complexity, costs}

Feature Models

- Represents the common and the variable features of concept instances and ...
- Dependencies between the variable features
- Elements
  - Feature Diagram
  - Semantic descriptions of each features
  - Client programs
  - Exemplar systems
  - Constraints
  - Priorities

Feature Diagrams (cont.)

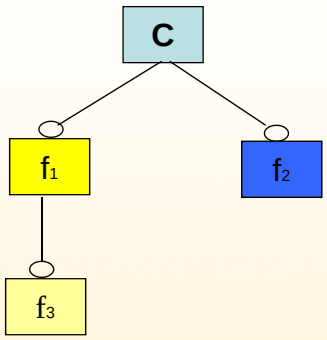
Mandatory Features



Feature set {*C*, f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4}

Feature Diagrams (cont.)

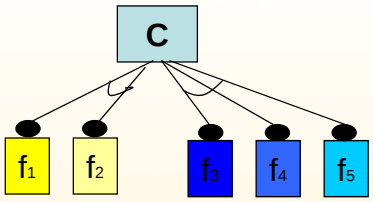
Optional Features



Feature set *{C} , {C, f1}, {C, f1, f3}, {C, f2}, {C, f1, f2}, {C, f1, f3, f2}*

Feature Diagrams (cont.)

Alternative Features



Feature set *{C, f1, f3} , {C, f1, f4}, {C, f1, f5}, {C, f2, f3}, {C, f2, f4}, {C, f2, f5}*

RiPLE – The RiSE Process for Product Line Engineering

RiPLE

- RiPLE-SC: Scoping
- RiPLE-RE: Requirements
- RiPLE-DE: Design
- RiPLE-TE: Test
- RiPLE-EM: Evolution

RiPLE-SC: Scoping Process

Scoping on SPL

- What is Scoping?
  - It is the initial phase of a SPL
  - It aims to identify products, features, potential of the domain and reusable assets
- Why Scoping?
  - It determine the viability of the SPL
  - It maximizes the economical value of the SPL

Software Product Lines (SPL) and Agile Methods (AM)

- A SPL aims to determine a set of products and features associated and have as base a reusable platform
- AM are a set of methods that have how base the values defined by the Agile Manifesto, these are:
  - individuals and interactions over processes and tools;
  - working software over comprehensive documentation;
  - customer collaboration over contract negotiation; and
  - responding to change over following a plan
- But, in spite of clear differences, both can have their particular benefits joined in search of a same objective

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RiPLE - SC

- Motivation
  - Lack of a complete scoping process which maximize the potential of the union among AM and SPL

Goal

- To define an agile scoping process by providing phases, tasks, inputs, outputs, roles and guidelines for construction of a planning iterative and incremental which use as base agile aspects, making possible determine of form agile a scope which maximize the economical return with the SPL

RiPLE - SC :: Overview

- It is performed in an iterative and incremental way using agile values, principles and techniques

- It is defined in a systematic way

RiPLE - SC :: Overview

- The RiPLE-SC consists of four main phases
  - Pre-Scoping
  - Domain Scoping
  - Product Scoping
  - Assets Scoping

- The roles are relevant in these phases
  - Scoping expert
  - Customer
  - Domain expert
  - Marketer
  - Developer
  - Architect
  - SPL manager

RiPLE - SC :: Pre-Scoping

- Pre-Scoping meeting
  - It defines stakeholders and respective roles
  - It identifies business goals
  - It identifies the organizational and operational contexts
- Analyze Market
  - It is optional
  - Analyze market is not a trivial task
  - The marketers' knowledge about the tendencies of the domain market segments in which the product lines are inserted is essential in this phase

RiPLE - SC :: Domain Scoping

- It is defined in a workshop of domain analysis
- It aims to identify the domains and sub-domains more relevant for SPL
- The workshop presents four well-defined steps
  - Review domains
  - Identify sub-domains
  - Analyze sub-domains and
  - Prioritize domains and sub-domains

RiPLE - SC :: Product Scoping

- The goal is to identify the products more relevant for SPL and their features

- Five tasks
  - Identify products
  - Construct user stories
  - Identify features
  - Features review meeting and
  - Construct product map

RiPLE - SC :: Product Scoping – Product Map

Features	RiSE Chair Conference		RiSE Chair Journal		RiSE Chair Plus		Scope
	Fut	Req	Fut	Req	Fut	Req	
Access Control	0	1	0	1	0	1	Mandatory
Acctept/Reject Review	0	1	0	1	0	1	Mandatory
Assignment - Automatic Indication	1	0	1	0	0	1	Variable
Assignment - Chair Indication	0	1	0	1	0	1	Mandatory
Assignment - Preference Indication	1	0	0	1	0	1	Variable
Best Papers	1	0	0	1	0	1	Variable
Build PDF	1	0	1	0	0	1	Variable
Comments to Author	0	1	0	1	0	1	Mandatory
Complete Submission	0	1	0	1	0	1	Mandatory
Create Event from Previous	1	0	0	1	0	1	Variable
Create Event From Scratch	0	1	0	1	0	1	Variable
Deadline	1	0	0	1	0	1	Variable
Delete Submission	0	1	0	1	0	1	Mandatory
Document Simirality Analysis	1	0	0	1	0	1	Variable
Event Action History	1	0	0	1	0	1	Variable
Event Opened for Submission	1	0	0	1	0	1	Variable

RiPLE - SC :: Assets Scoping

- The goal of the assets scoping is to determine an appropriate set of assets for product line

- Three tasks:
  - Create metrics of characterization and benefit
  - Apply metrics
  - Prioritize product map

RiPLE - SC :: Assets Scoping

- Example of characterization and benefit metrics in a generic domain:

Objective	To allow the effort reduction for developing a new application in a domain.
Questions	1. Is the characteristic important for the domain? 2. Does the characteristic have an important ROI?
Characterization	• Effort to include the characteristic b in application a eff(b.a) - man/hour • Effort to implement the characteristic b eff(b) - man/hour
Benefit	• Effort economical to develop the domain applications reusing the standard of implementation of the characteristic b $E(b) - \sum_{req(b,a)} x\ (eff(b_a) - eff(b,a))$ • Effort to develop the standard implementation of the characteristic c E(c) - eff(b) x (1 + D(b))

RiPLE-RE: Requirements Engineering

Introduction

- **Software Product Lines**
  - Activities
- **Requirements Engineering**
  - More products and stakeholders
  - Attention to **variabilities** and **commonalities**
  - Lack of a systematic process

(Clements and Northrop, 2001)

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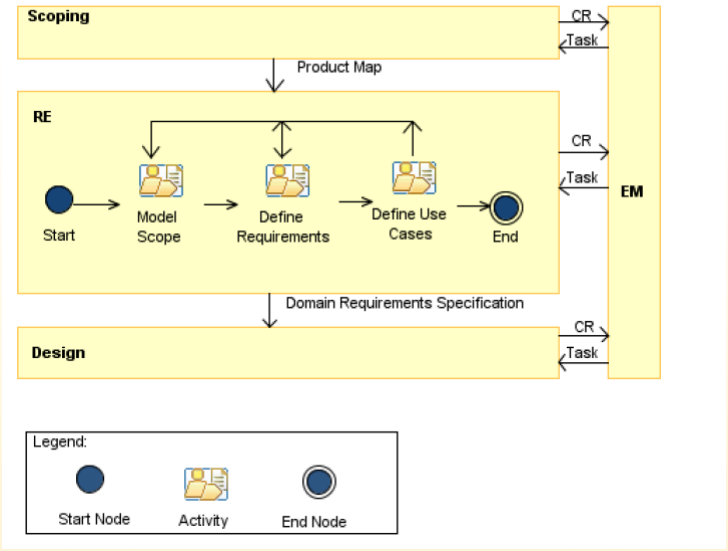
RiPLE-RE :: Overview



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RiPLE-RE :: Activity Model Scope

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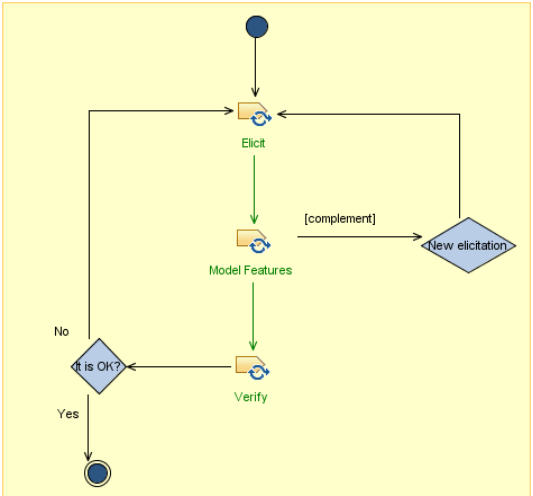

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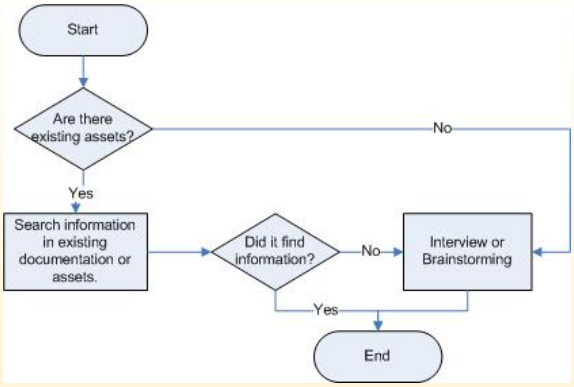
RiPLE-RE :: Task Elicit

- Identifying commonalities and variabilities
- Identifying future needs
- Information source x Context



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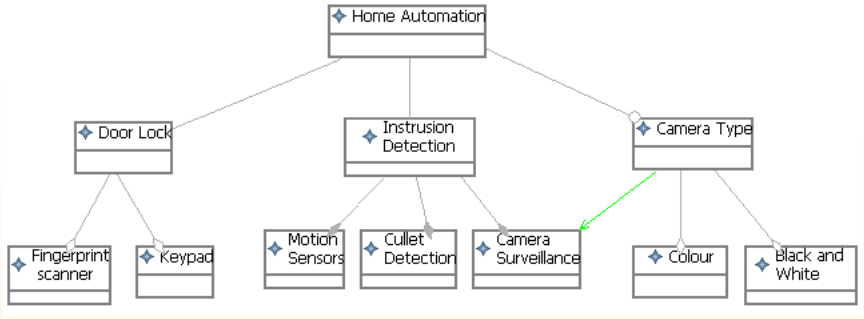
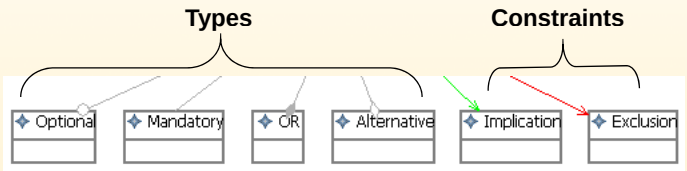
RiPLE-RE :: Task Model Feature





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RiPLE-RE :: Task Verify

Incompleteness, inconsistency, ambiguity, traceability and standardization in the DRS

Instantiated DRS is useful to verify the consistency, completeness and ambiguities

Verification Report

- **Problem type, cause and severity**

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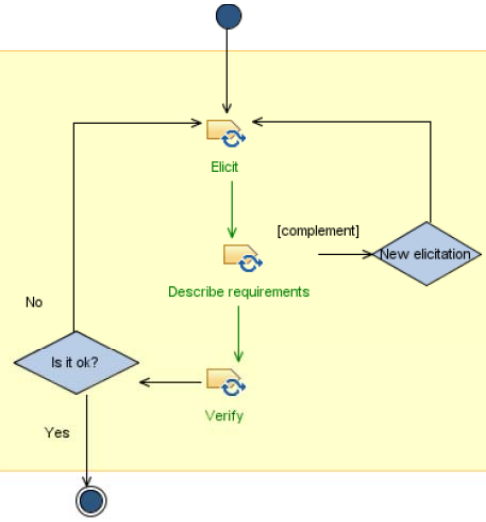
RiPLE-RE :: Activity Define Requirements

Tasks



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RiPLE-RE :: Task Describe Requirements [1]

Variability Scope

- Whole requirement (Mandatory and variant)
- Requirement text fragment (Variation Point)

Requirement Attributes

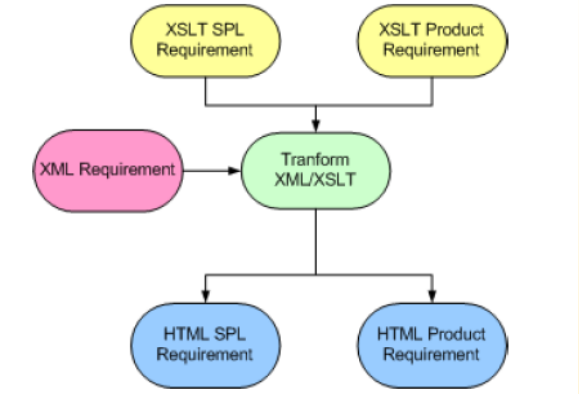
- Id
- Type
- Name
- **Variability Type**
- **Binding Time**
- Priority
- Rationale
- Description
- **Implication**
- **Exclusion**

Point Variation Attributes

- Id
- Description
- Variants
- Cardinality
- Binding Time
- Implication
- Exclusion

RiPLE-RE :: Task Describe Requirements [3]

- Template in XML



RiPLE-RE :: Task Describe Requirements

```
<requirement id="FR1" type="Functional">
  <name>Door control</name>
  <variability-type>Mandatory</variability-type>
  <priority>High</priority>
  <rationale>Assure security.</rationale>
- <description>
    <text>The system must monitor the state of doors, whether they are open, closed,
      locked, or unlocked.</text>
  - <vp id="FR1.VP1">
      <variant id="FR1.VP1.V1">Doors can be unlocked electronically based on the
        following identification mechanism:</variant>
    </vp>
  - <vp id="FR1.VP2" binding-time="scoping-time" implication="FR1.VP1">
      <description>Identification mechanism Type</description>
      <cardinality min="1" max="3" />
      <variant id="FR1.VP2.V1">fingerprint scanner</variant>
      <variant id="FR1.VP2.V2">keypad</variant>
      <variant id="FR1.VP2.V3">magnetic card</variant>
    </vp>
  </description>
</requirement>
```

VPs

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Functional Requirements

FR1 - Door control

The system must monitor the state of doors, whether they are open, closed, locked, or unlocked. [FR1.VP1][FR1.VP2]

Priority: High

Variability Type: Mandatory

Rationale: Assure security.

Variation Points

[FR1.VP1] -

Binding time: scoping-time

Variants: FR1.VP1.V1 : Doors can be unlocked electronically based on the following identification mechanism:

[FR1.VP2] - Identification mechanism Type

Binding time: scoping-time

Implication: FR1.VP1

Cardinality: [1 , 3]

Variants: FR1.VP2.V1 : fingerprint scanner
FR1.VP2.V2 : keypad
FR1.VP2.V3 : magnetic card

FR2 - Fire Detection

The system must be able for detect fire. When fire is detected the system activates the alarm [FR2.VP1]

Priority: High

RiPLE-RE :: Activity Define Use Cases

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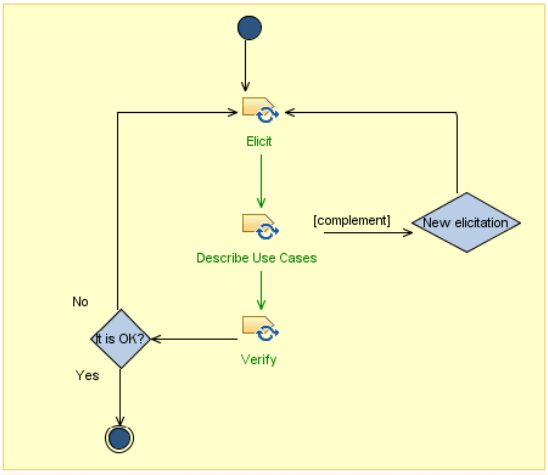

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RiPLE-RE :: Task Describe Use Cases [1]

- **Variability Scope**
  - Whole use case (Mandatory and variant)
  - Use case part (Variation Point)

Use Case Attributes

- Id
- Name
- **Variability Type**
- **Binding Time**
- Rationale
- Actors
- **Dependency**
- Preconditions
- Main Flow
- Alternative Flow
- Exception Flow
- Post Conditions
- **Implication**
- **Exclusion**

Point Variation Attributes

- Id
- Description
- Cardinality
- Variants
- Binding Time
- Implication
- Exclusion

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RiPLE-RE :: Task Describe Use Case

Variation Point in small variations

```
<uc id="UC1">
  <name>Front door unlock</name>
  <variability-type>Mandatory</variability-type>
  <rationale>Controlling home access by authentication.</rationale>
  <actors>Inhabitant</actors>
  <precondition>Inhabitant registered in the system</precondition>
- <main-flow>
    <f>Inhabitant approaches the front door.</f>
    <f>System requests authentication.</f>
VP  <f>[UC1.VP1]</f>
    <f>System permits entry to the home. [AF1]</f>
  </main-flow>
- <alternative-flow id="AF1">
    <f>System does not permit entry to the home.</f>
    <f>Inhabitant is not registered.</f>
    <f>A error message is shown to user.</f>
  </alternative-flow>
  <postcondition>The front door is unlocked and inhabitant can access the
    home.</postcondition>
- <vps>
    <vp id="UC1.VP1">
      <description>Access types</description>
      <cardinality min="1" max="1" />
      <variant id="UC1.VP1.V1">Inhabitant enters the PIN.</variant>
      <variant id="UC1.VP1.V2">Inhabitant touches the fingerprint sensor.</variant>
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  </vps>
</uc>
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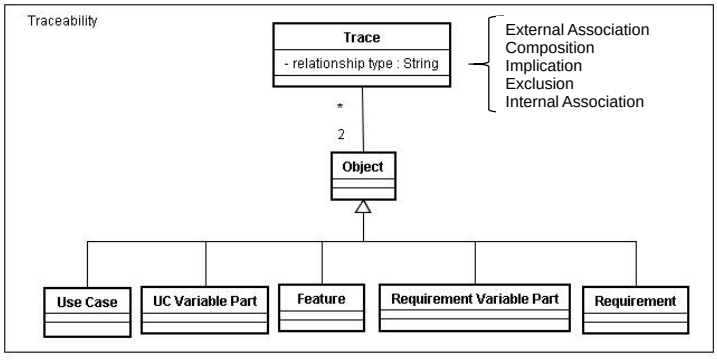
RiPLE-RE :: Traceability



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Software Product Line Traceability Tool

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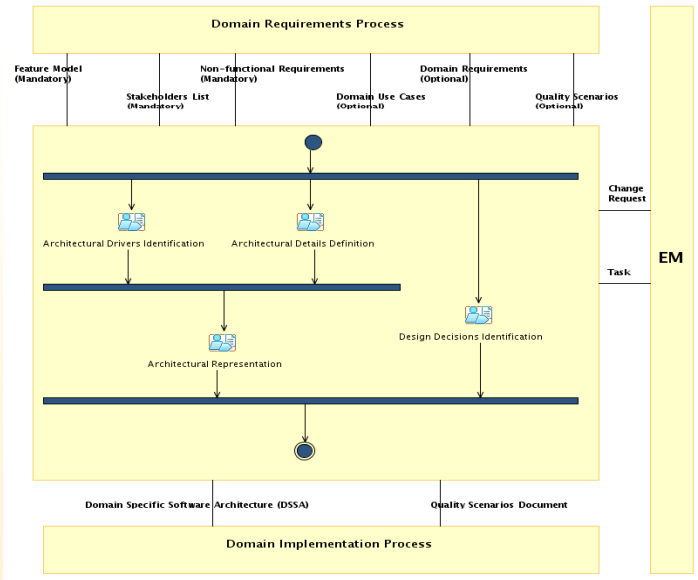
RiPLE-DE - Design

RiPLE-DE Overview

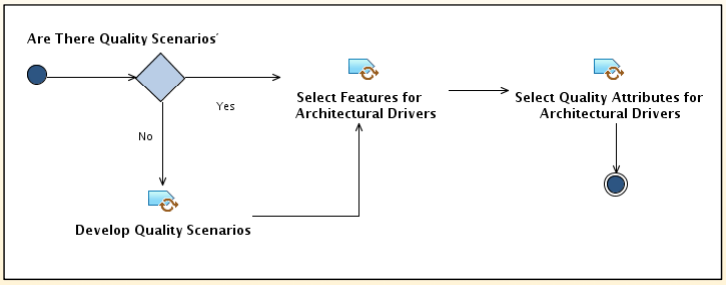


RiPLE-DE Overview

- The main purpose is to be pluggable
  - Requirements, implementation, evolution
- Inputs
  - Features model (Mandatory)
  - Stakeholders list (Mandatory)
  - Non-functional requirements (Mandatory)
  - Quality scenarios (Optional)
  - Domain requirements (Optional)
  - Domain use cases (Optional)
- Outputs
  - Domain Specific Software Architecture (DSSA)
  - Quality Scenarios Document

Architectural Drivers Identification

- Develop quality scenarios (If not provided)
- Identify main features
- Identify main quality attributes



Architecture Details Definition

- Define which architectural views will be documented and in which level of details based on stakeholders list
  - Structural view (Mandatory)
  - Behavioral view (Mandatory)
  - Process view (Optional)

Architecture Details Definition

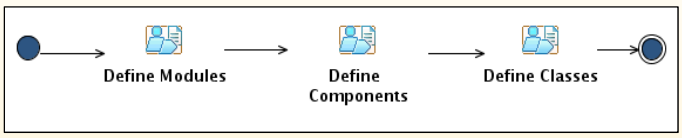
Stakeholder	Structural View	Behavioral View	Process View
SPL Manager	Medium	Low	
SPL Architect	High	High	High
Developer	High	High	High
Test Analyst	Medium	High	
Test Manager	Medium	High	
Test Architect	Medium	High	
Requirements Analyst	Low	High	Low
Domain Analyst	Low	High	Low
SQA	Low	Low	
CCB	High	High	Low
Build and Release Engineer	High	Low	

Architecture Details Definition

- View Levels
  - Structural View
    - Low: modules definition
    - Medium: modules and component definitions
    - High: modules, components, and classes
  - Behavioral View
    - Low: main sequence diagrams
    - High: sequence diagrams for all use cases
  - Process View
    - Low: main processes activities of the domain
    - High: all processes activities of the domain

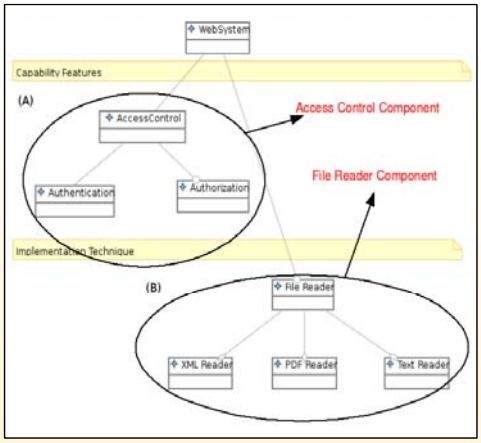
Represent Architecture

- Structural View
  - Consists of defining modules, components, and classes with its variability



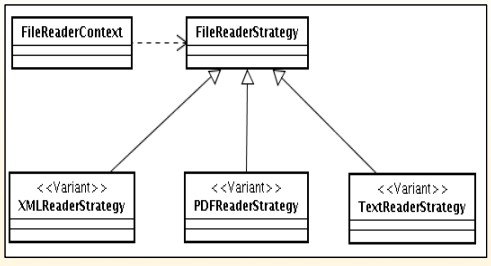
Structural View

- Components are defined based on the feature model
- Groups of features are defined to form a component
- The group top level feature defines the component variability



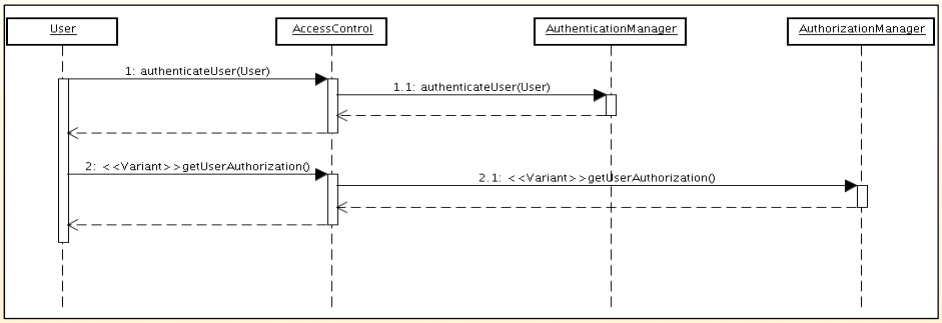
Structural View

- Classes are defined according to the features relationship using the guideline proposed by [Almeida2007]



Behavioral View

- Define sequence diagrams based on classes defined in structural view and the messages variability
- Variant messages are represented with the variant id stereotype.



Process View

- Define the main process for the domain
- Define process variabilities
- It is not mandatory if the domain does not have complex processes

Identify Design Decisions

- Consists of identifying and recording the main architectural decisions for the domain
  - Ex.: Programming language
  - Application server
- Useful for avoiding architecture deprecation
- It can be defined during all the process life cycle

RiPLE-TE - Testing

Introduction

- Software Product Line Testing
  - Testing as a Software Quality instrument
    - Assist developers to identify faults
    - Determine whether a product can perform as specified by its requirements
  - Peculiar Aspects to Product Lines
    - Examines Core Assets
    - Examines Product-Specific Software
    - Interactions among them
  - Responsibilities distribution across the organization
  - Planning looking at extracting strategic reuse benefits

Source: [Clements, 2001], [McGregor, 2001]

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Testing Strategies

- Testing Product by Product
  - Critical Systems
- Incremental Testing of Product Families
  - Regression Testing
- Reusable Asset Instantiation
  - Test Assets created in CAD
- Division of Responsibilities
  - CAD and PD

Source: [Tevanlinna, 2004]

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The RiPLE Testing Process

- Testing considered along the Software Dev. Lifecycle
  - Testing Phases X Development Phases
  - Traceability is truly necessary
  - Variability concerns must be handled
- Interaction with other RIPLE disciplines
  - Scoping – RIPLE-SC
  - Requirements – RIPLE-RE
  - Analysis & Design – RIPLE-DE
  - Implementation - RIDE
  - Evolution – RIPLE-EM

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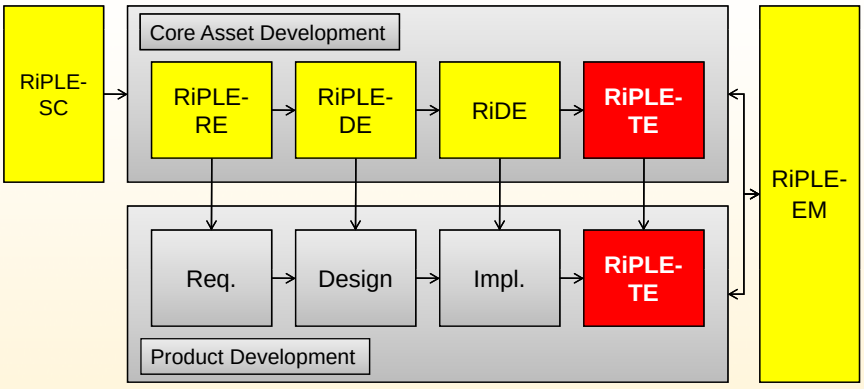
The RiPLE Testing Process



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The RiPLE Testing Process

- Testing Roles
  - Test Manager
  - Test Architect
  - Test Analyst
  - Tester
- Other Stakeholders
  - Developer
  - Customer
  - Software Architect
  - Project Manager
  - Requirements Analyst
  - Configuration Manager

One can assume more than a role as well as a **role** can be assumed by more than one individual.

The RiPLE Testing Process

- Testing Artifacts
  - Test Plans
  - Test Cases
  - Test Reports
  - Test Logs
  - Test Scripts
  - Test Suites

Source: [IEEE, 1998], [McGregor, 2001], [Clements, 2001], [Pressman, 2005],

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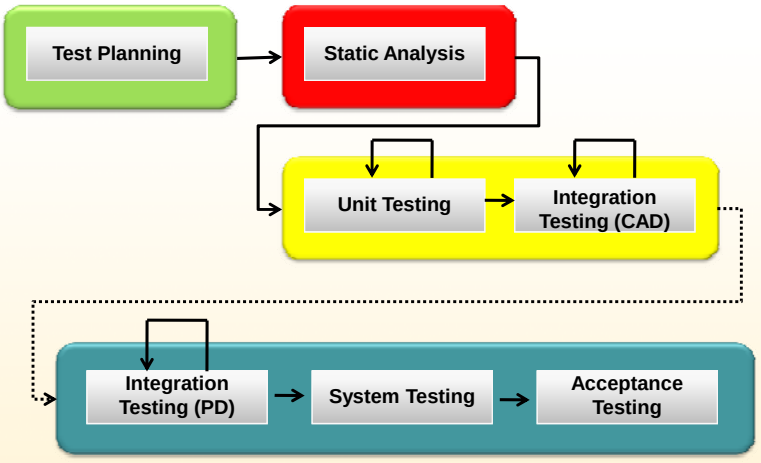

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The RiPLE Testing Process

CAD

- Scope, Approach, Resources, Schedule
- Items and Features to be tested
- Testing Tasks to be performed
- Roles and Attributions
- Risk Analysis

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The RiPLE Testing Process

CAD

Static Analysis

- Validate:
  - Feature Model
  - Use Cases and Requirements
  - Design
  - Feature Dependency
- Checklists and Validation Meeting
- We are not covering "Inspection"

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The RiPLE Testing Process

CAD

Unit Testing → **Integration Testing (CAD)**

- Activities
  - Plan Tests
  - Create Test Assets
  - Execute Tests
  - Report Tests
- Regression Testing when necessary
- A Component is considered a Unit in this approach

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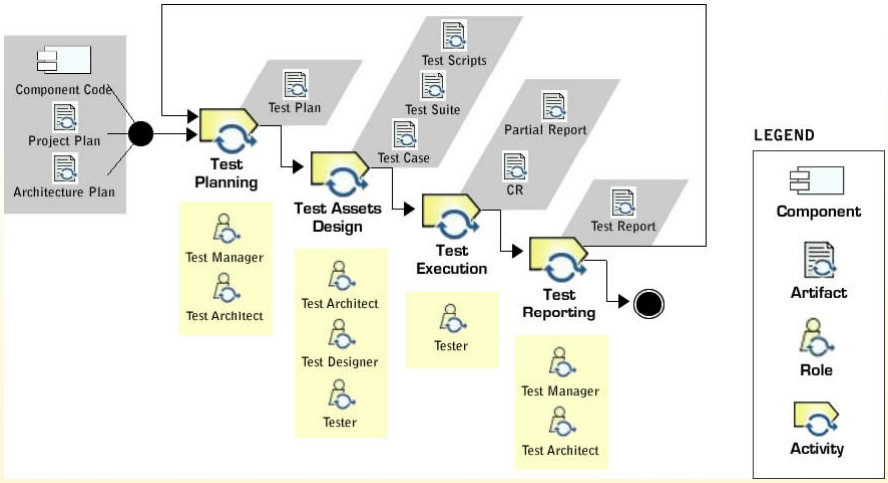
RiPLE-TE : Unit Testing

- Objective:
  - Exercises a unit (component) of code
    - Classes and methods integration
- Source information
  - Component Code
  - Component Specification

RiPLE-TE : Unit Testing



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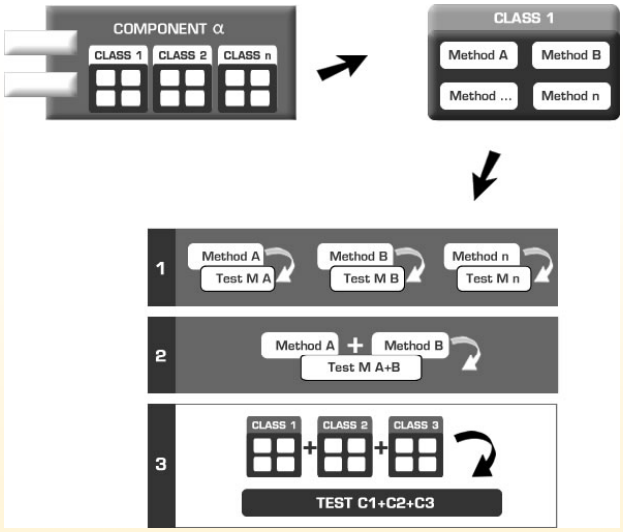

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RiPLE-TE : Integration Testing (CAD)

- Objective:
  - Reference Architecture Conformance (Code x Specification)
  - Module Testing
  - Components integration testing
- Source information
  - Architecture Specification (e.g.: Behavioral and Structural views)
  - Feature Model
  - Feature Dependency
  - Code

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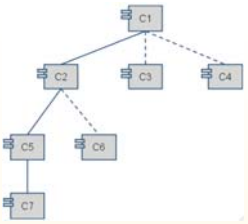
RiPLE-TE : Integration Testing (CAD)

- Integration Testing Strategies
  - Non-Incremental (Big-Bang)
  - Incremental
    - Bottom-up
    - Top-Down
      - Depth-First
      - Breadth-First



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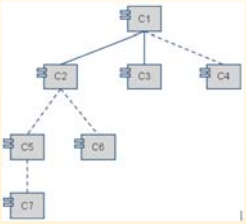

Breadth-First

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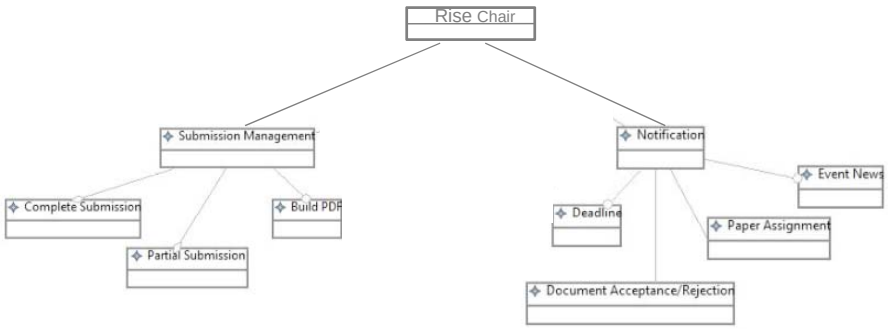
Feature Model



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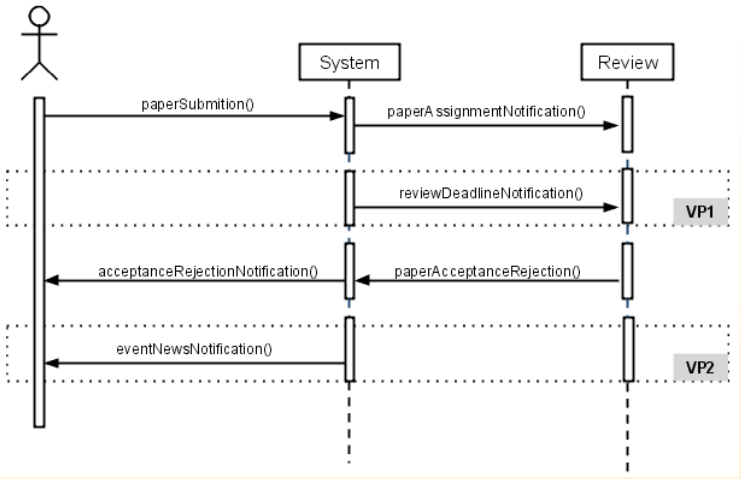
Test Asset Creation



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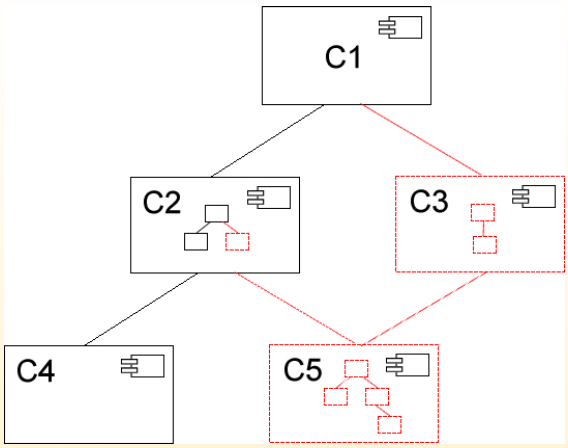
RiPLE-TE : Integration Testing (CAD)

- Combinatorial Explosion



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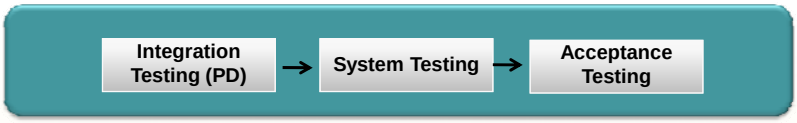

PD

- Activities
  - Plan Tests
  - Create Test Assets
  - Execute Tests
  - Report Tests
- Regression Testing whenever necessary

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RiPLE-TE : Integration Test (PD)

- Objective:
  - Product Specific Components Integration Testing
  - Product Architecture Testing
- Source information
  - Product Map
  - Feature Model
  - Feature Dependency
  - Architecture Specification

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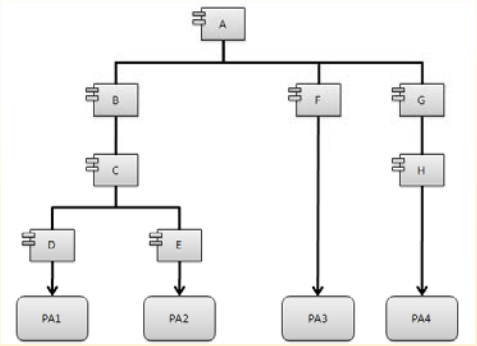
Architecture Regression Testing

- Objective
  - Test the reference architecture after modification or evolution
  - Conformance between product and reference architectures
  - Test product specific architecture



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Types Of Regression

Corrective Regression	Progressive Regression
• Specification is not changed	• Specification is changed
• Involves minor modification to code	• Involves major modification
• Many test cases can be reused	• Fewer test cases can be reused
• Invoked at irregular intervals	• Invoked at regular intervals

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Regression Testing Approach steps 1/3

1. Graph Generation
   - Control Flow Graph
   - Control Dependency Graph
   - Program Dependency Graph
   - JIG (Java Interclass Graph)

2. Graph Comparison
   - Compare the graphs for each version of the software (Original and Modified)
   - Identify critical paths

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Regression Testing Approach steps 2/3

3. Changed Paths Analysis
   - Analysis the critical paths
   - Classify existing Test Case
     - Obsolete
     - Reusable
     - Retestable

4. Instrumentation
   - To be sure about the test cases efficiency and coverage

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Regression Testing Approach steps 3/3

5. Test Design
   - Design new test cases (Specification Changes)
   - Update test cases

6. Test Suite Composition
   - Group Related Test Cases

7. Test Case Priorization
   - Critical Variabilities First
   - Features for a specific product
   - Specific architecture quality attribute

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RiPLE-EM - Evolution

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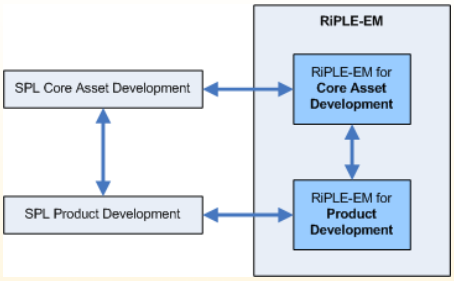
RiPLE-EM :: Overview

- 2 Flows
  - Core Assets Flow
  - Product Flow
- 3 Disciplines
  - Change Management
  - Build Management
  - Release Management



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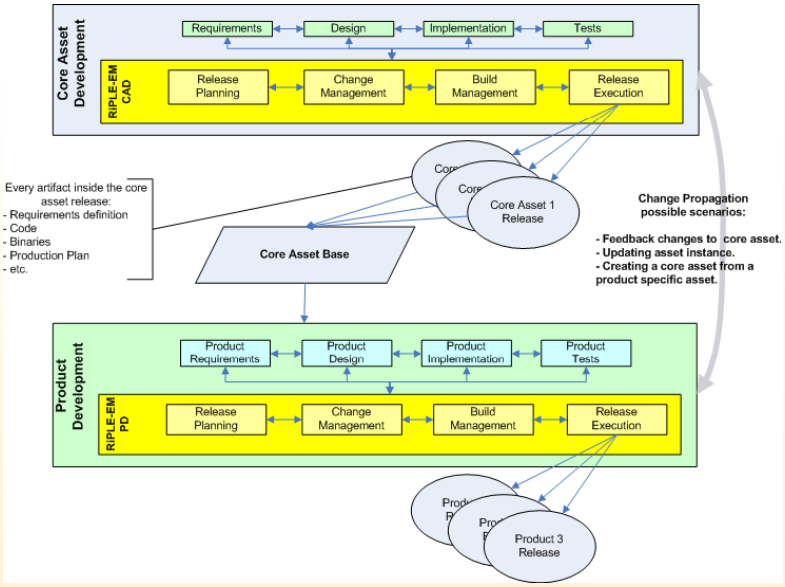
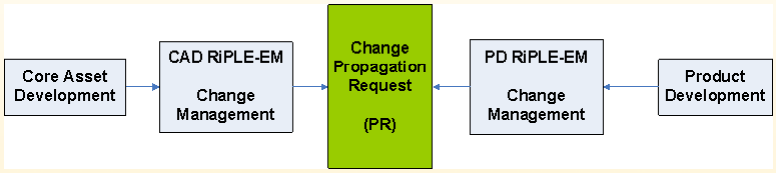


RiPLE-EM :: CADxPD Communication

- The Propagation Request (PR) is a way to propagate the evolution (changes made to an asset or product) of a certain asset or product to another asset or product.
- It is managed by the change control tool used.



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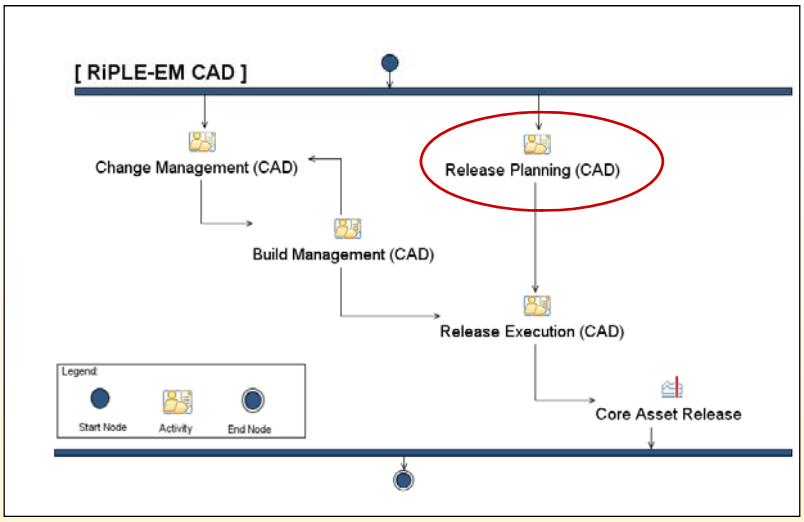

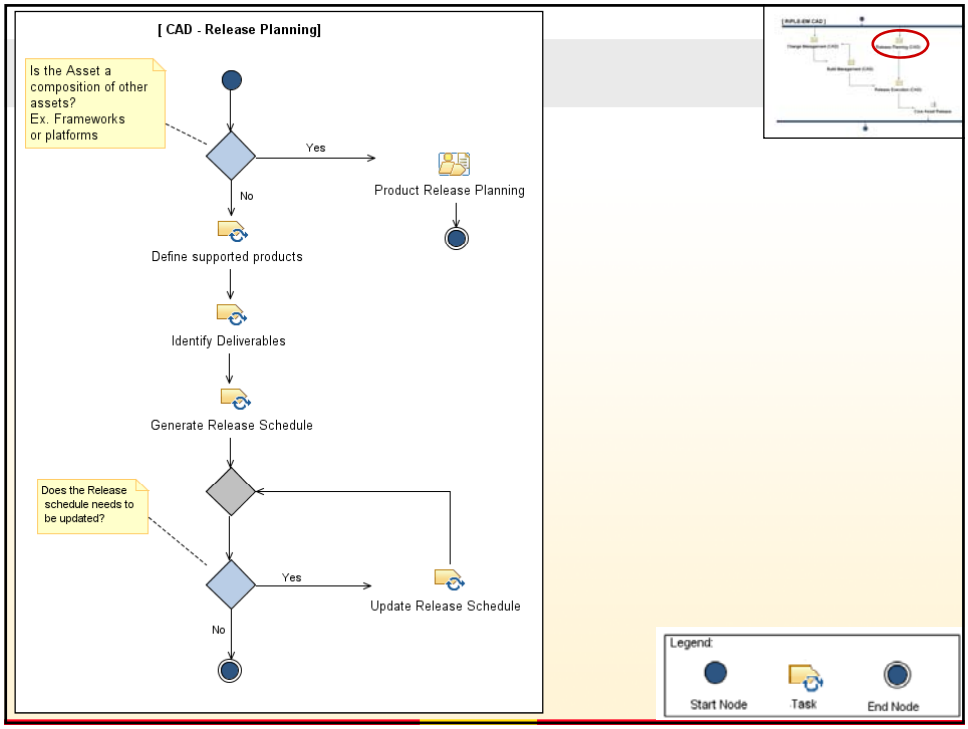

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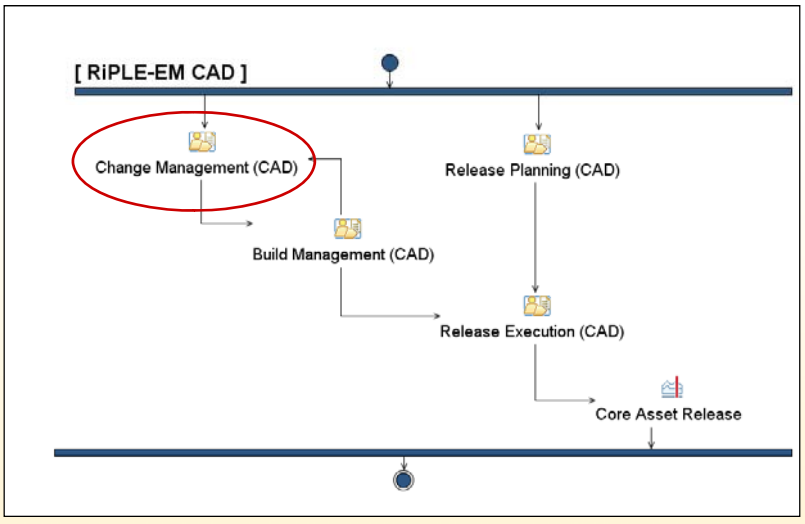

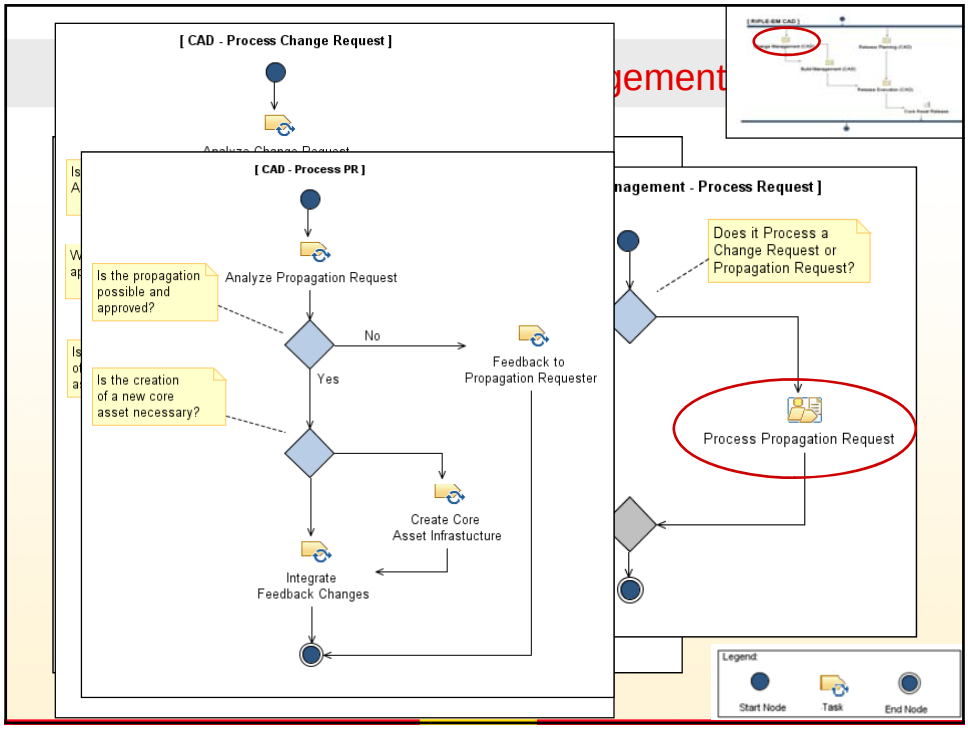
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[CAD - Process PR]
Analyze Propagation Request
Is the propagation possible and approved?
No
Yes
Feedback to Propagation Requester
Is the creation of a new core asset necessary?
Create Core Asset Infrastucture
Integrate Feedback Changes
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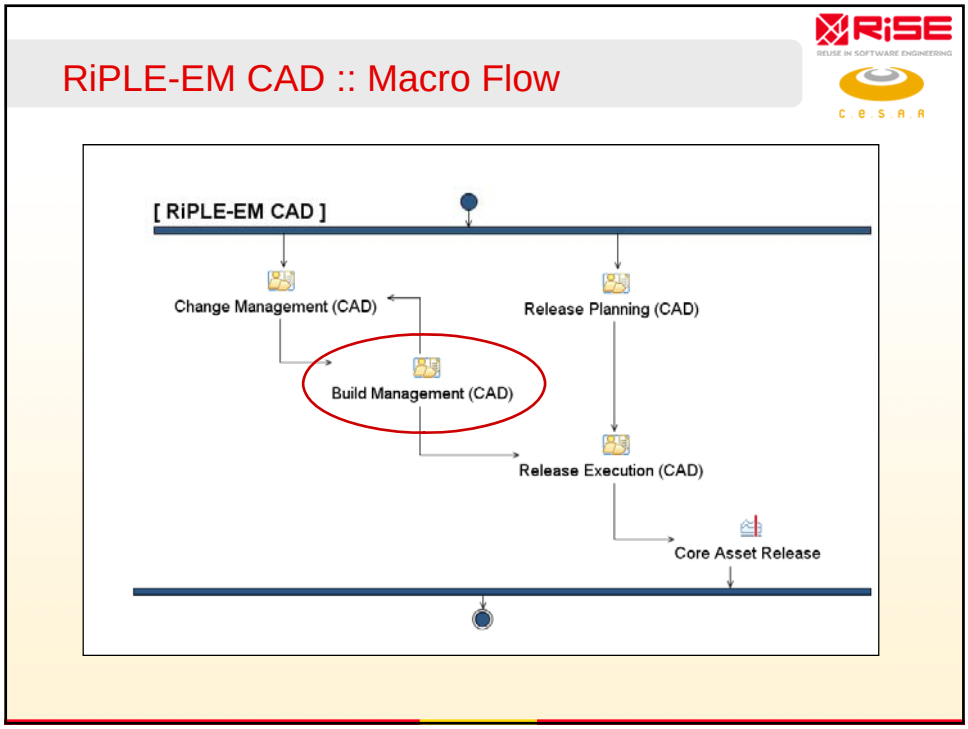
Does it Process a Change Request or Propagation Request?
Process Propagation Request
Legend:
Start Node
Task
End Node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Release Planning (CAD)
Build Management (CAD)
Release Execution (CAD)
Core Asset Release

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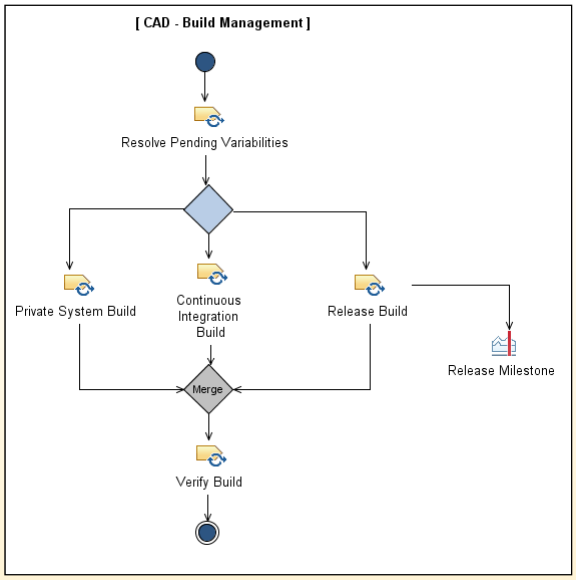

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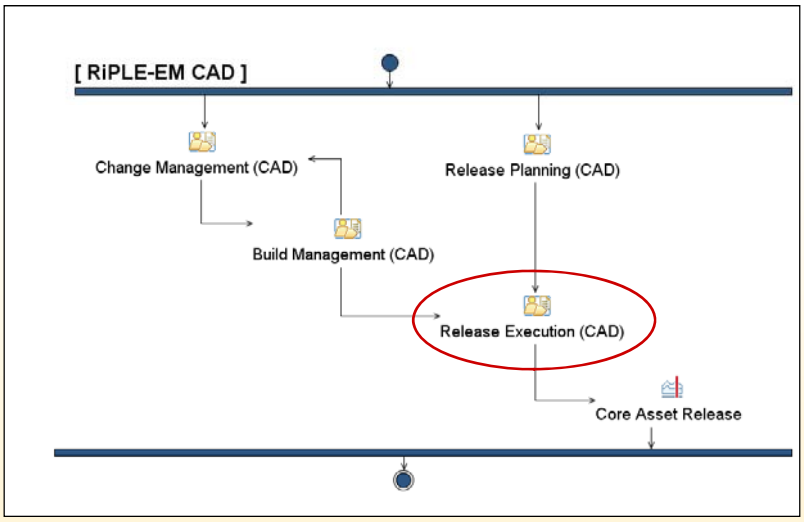

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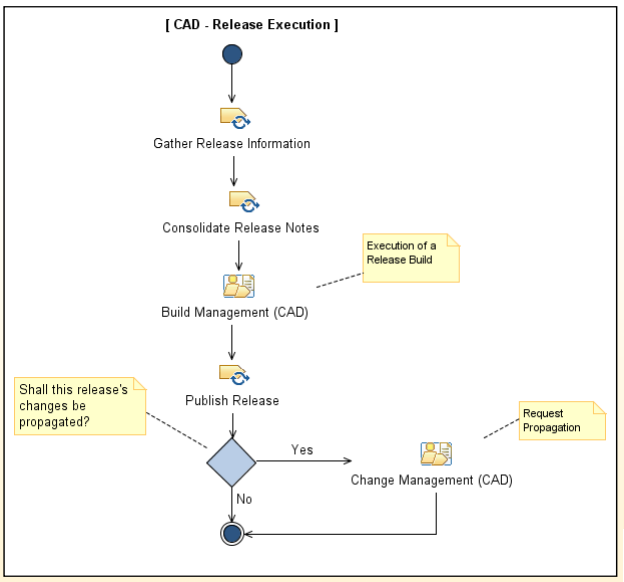

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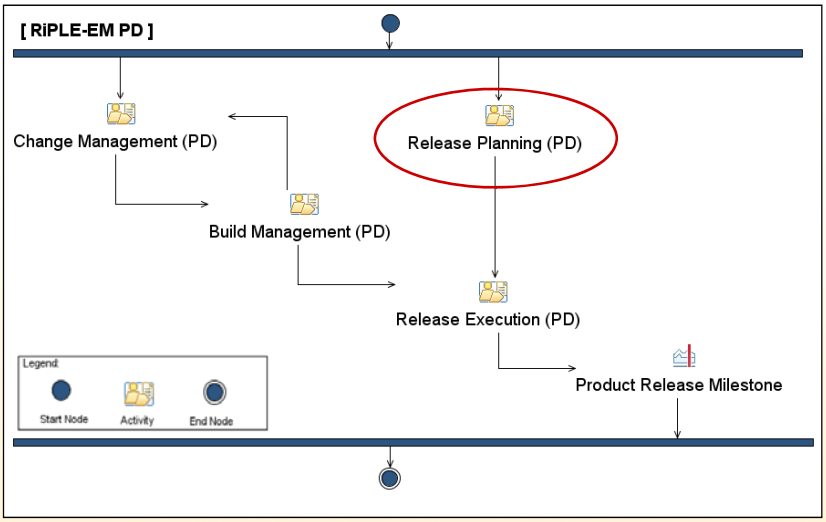

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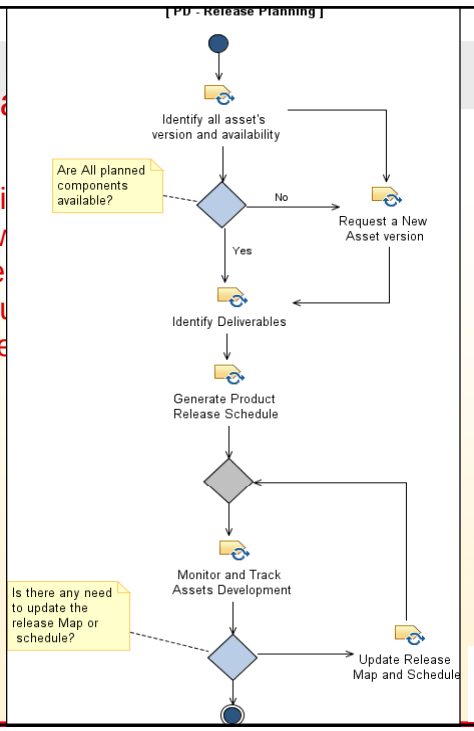

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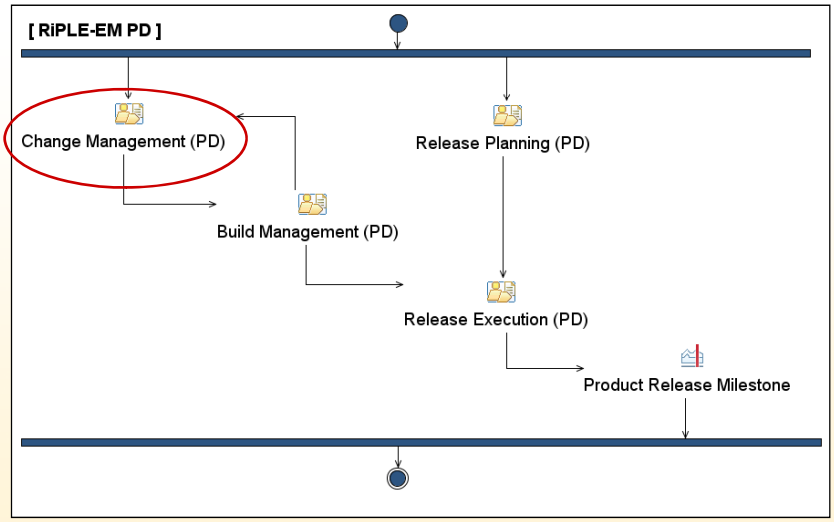
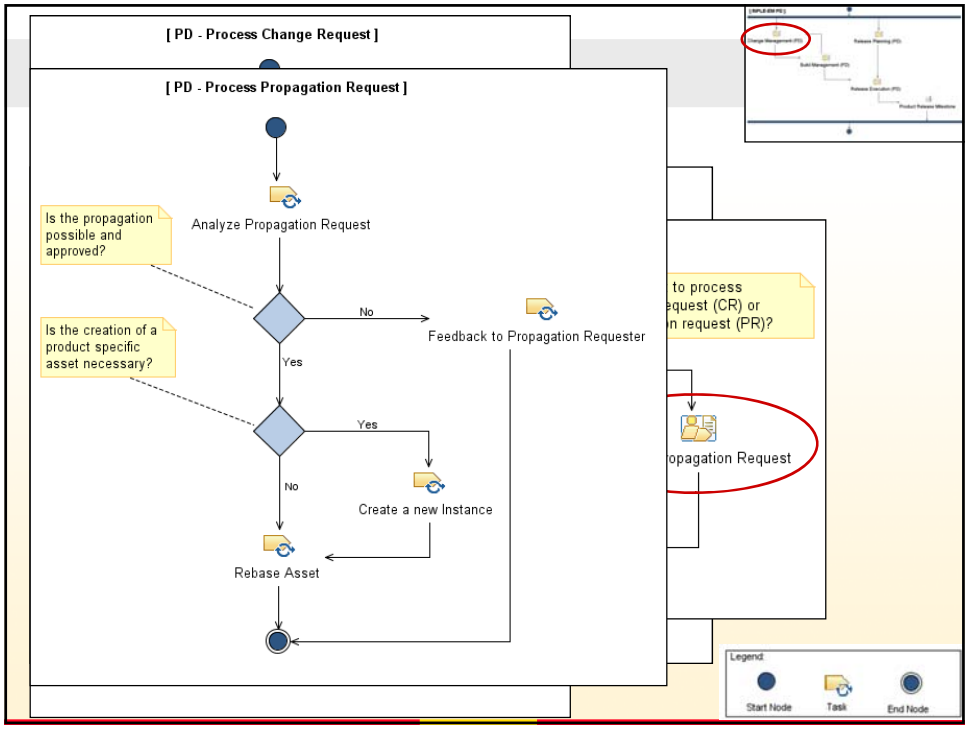
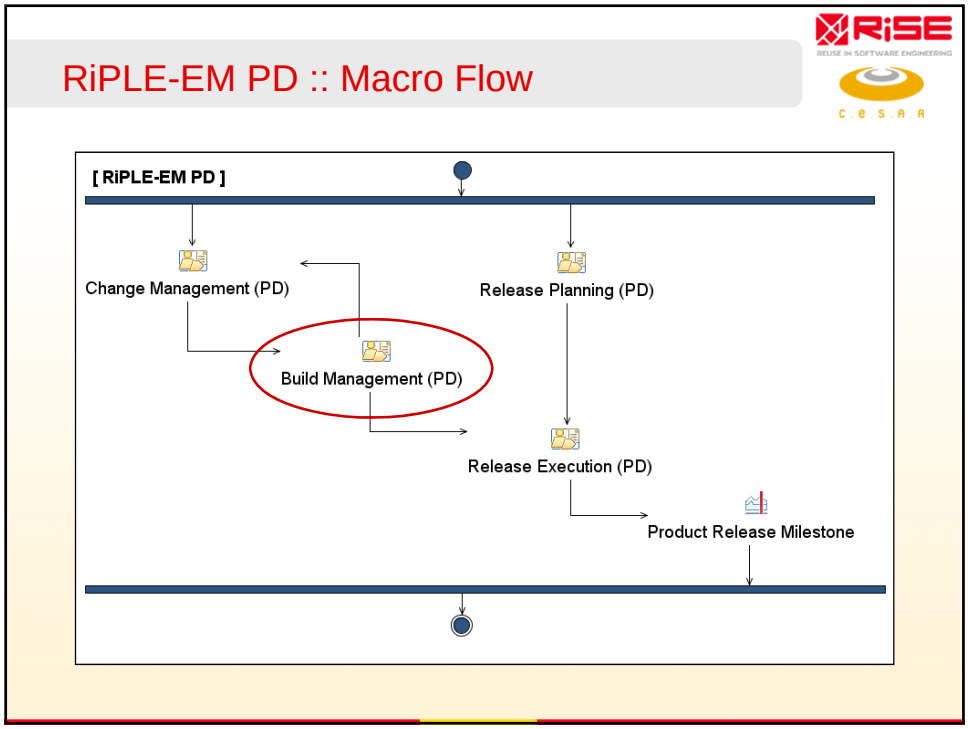



[PD - Process Change Request]
[PD - Process Propagation Request]
Analyze Propagation Request
Is the propagation possible and approved?
No
Feedback to Propagation Requester
Yes
Is the creation of a product specific asset necessary?
Yes
No
Create a new Instance
Rebase Asset
to process
equest (CR) or
n request (PR)?
opagation Request
Legend
Start Node
Task
End Node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Product Release Milestone

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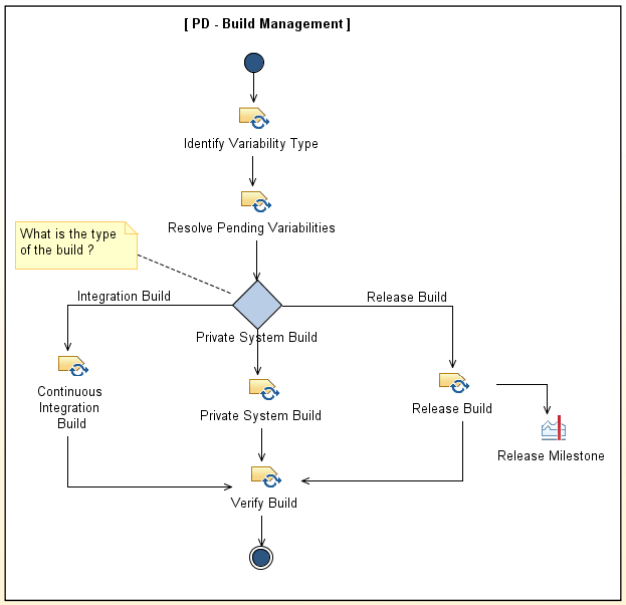

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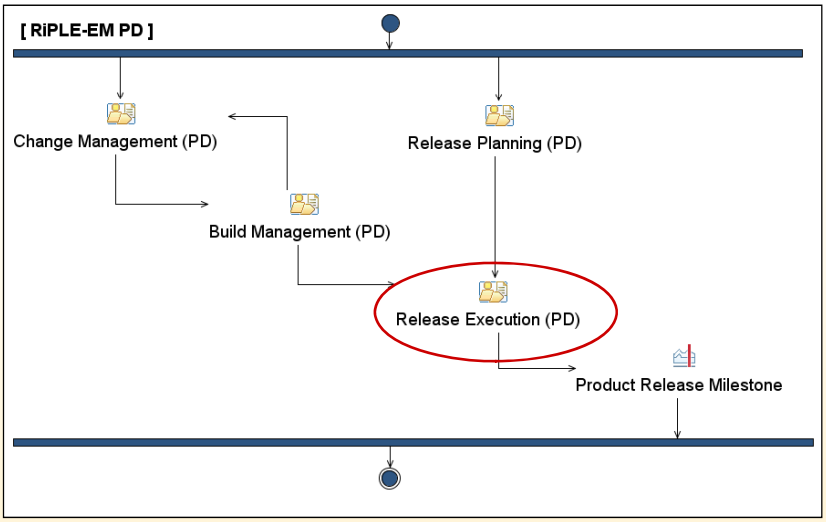

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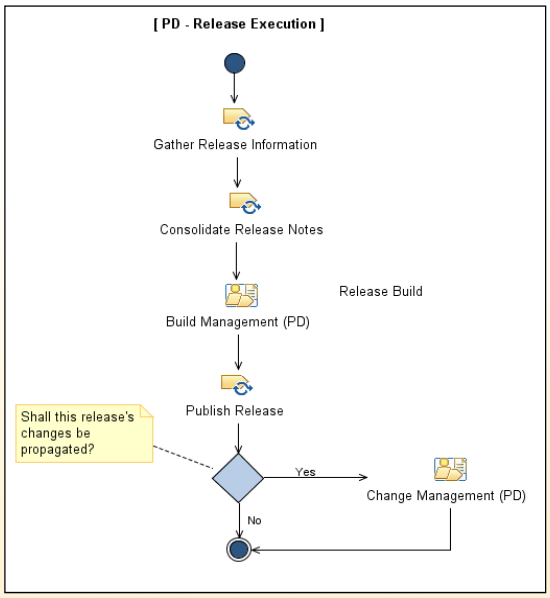

Case Study: Papers Management Software Product Line

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Motivation

- Lack of **accessible** and **integrated** SPL processes
  - Isolated projects focused on specific issues
    - Scope, requirements, design, etc...
  - Lack of details about the processes and their practical results
- **Integration** and **validation** of the RiPLE process
  - Different disciplines have been developed by different students
  - Necessity for validating each discipline and its interaction with others in a more practical way

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Main Goal

- Creation of a **comprehensive reference project**
  - Dissemination of the reuse culture
    - **Fully documented SPL** (results available online)
  - Case study with international visibility
  - Acquisition and transference of knowledge among the participants
  - Improvement of the reuse/SPL techniques and tools

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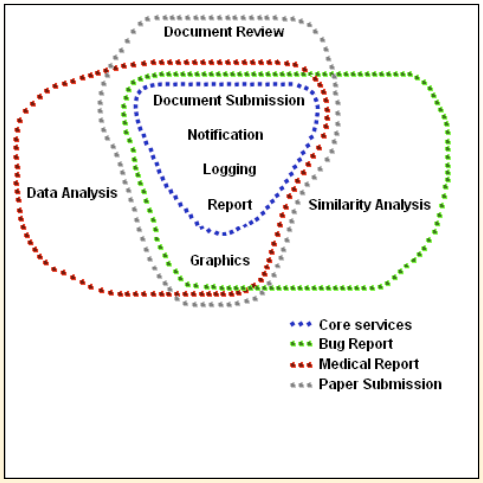
First step: Domain Selection...

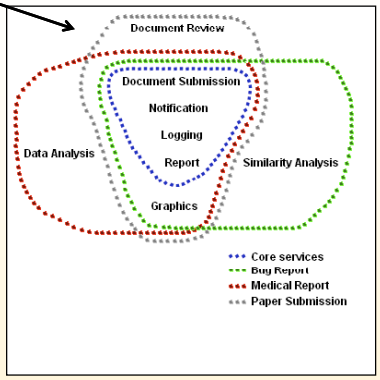
Domain

- Document submission systems
  - Submission
  - Review
  - Notification
  - Logging
  - Report
  - ....



Domain

- **Initial domain: paper submission**
  - **Easier to understand**
  - **Experts accessible**
    - Some rise members developed applications in such domain
  - **Variabilities enough to create a SPL**
    - **Conferences, journals, workshops, etc...**



Involved people

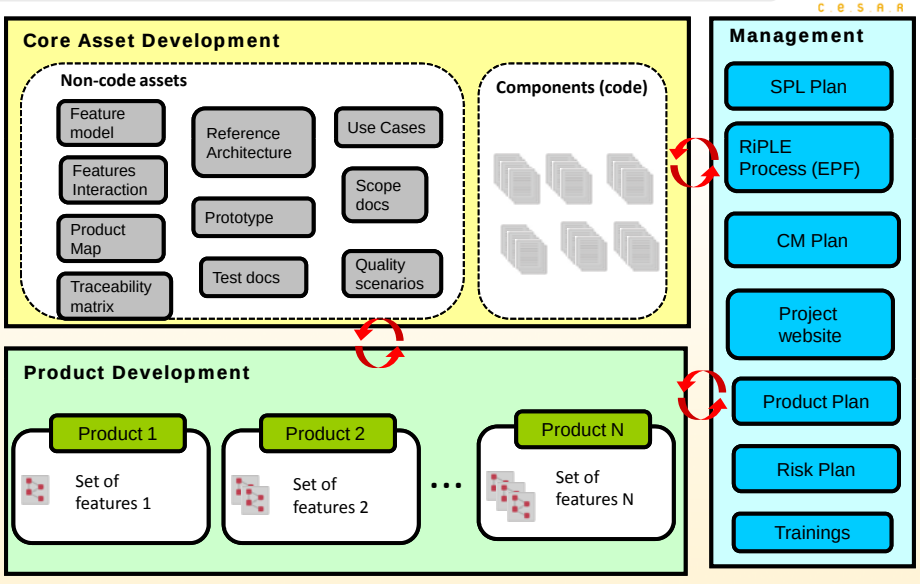
- Team
  - 13 people (reuse specialists)
    - 4 Ph.D students
    - 9 M.Sc. students
- 1 customer and 3 domain experts
  - Professors
- Roles
  - Internal
    - SPL manager; SPL Engineers (SPL Architect, Developer,Testers); Requitements Analyst; Domain Analyst; Scoping Expert; SQA; CCB
  - External
    - Domain Expert; Customer; End Users

Schedule

Phase	Period
Phase I – Implementation of **core assets** and an **initial product**	May-09 - Oct-09
Phase II – Addition of **new features** and implementation of **other products**	Oct-09 – Mar-10
Phase III – Inclusion of a **new product** in the product line	Mar-10 – Aug-10

- Phase I – macro activities
  - **Scope definition**
  - **Domain analysis**
  - **Domain modeling**
  - **Domain architecture**
  - **Identification of core assets**
  - **Core assets: implementation and componentization**
  - **Initial product derivation**
  - **Process adaptation**

Overview of the process and artifacts



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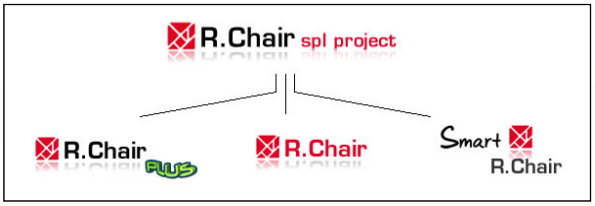
Products: RiSE Chair Family



- **R-CHAIR**
  - Conference management
  - Submission/revision procedures
- **R-CHAIR Plus**
  - Journal management
  - Different submission/revision life cycle
- **Smart R-CHAIR**
  - General event management
  - Papers reviewers are defined automatically (conflicts)

Scoping

Scoping

- Main activities executed
  - Analysis of existing systems
  - Identification of features
  - Identification of products
  - Creation of the product map
- Artifacts
  - Feature list, product map, products description

Scoping: problems and solutions

- **Understanding the domain...**
  - **Analysis of existing systems**
    - 11 systems analyzed
    - Different groups
    - Initial identification of features

Tool	URL
CyberChair	http://borbala.com/cyberchair/
EasyChair	http://www.easychair.org/
JEMS SBC	https://submissoes.sbc.org.br/
Journal IET Software	http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/iet-sen
IS Technology Journal	http://ees.elsevier.com/infsof/
Agil FACEPE	http://agil.facepe.br/
E-Fomento CNPq	http://efomento.cnpq.br/efomento/
Aptor Submission	http://www.aptor.com.br/portal/eventos/submissao.php
UFBA	http://disciplinas.dcc.ufba.br/MATA63/ProjetoFinal
CMT Microsoft	http://cmt.research.microsoft.com/cmt/
Sigepe	http://celepar7.pr.gov.br/fup/index.asp?fund=4

Scoping: problems and solutions

- Consolidation of the features
  - **Problems with Features Definition**
    - **Granularity level**
  - **Lack of a "deep" knowledge of the domain**
    - the most experienced professionals were included in the group of **domain experts**

Initial list of features (consolidated)

Feature/sub-feature name	Description
Event Management	Enables to add chair(s), reviewers, program committee members
List events by user	List the set of events the user joined enabling him to interact with
Multi-track management	Enables tracking(Management) co-located events, such as
Presentation schedule	The chair should allocate rooms for paper presentations
Presentation calendar	The system should publish a calendar with the schedule showing
Add event classifications (Add Areas)	The chair adds the classification according to the event
List events opened for submission	It list all events opened for submissions
Create event based on a previous	The system enables to create events with the data base of
Access control	
Profile	For each event, the user can have a different profile (e.g. author,
Authentication	Login and password
Authorization	
Document submission	Control page access regarding user profile
Document type	The article types that can be selected are: None, Systematic
Authors management	Allows add/remove authors and edit information about him
Document classification	The author indicates the areas (database, SPL, artificial
Comments	Any comments can be added by the authors. They are sent to the
Author indicates interest conflict	The authors can indicate reviewers who they have conflict of
Paper list submitted in the event (List documents	The system lists the papers submitted to the event grouping by
Attach files	It allows the submitter to add the article files.
Build PDF for author's approval	After passing through the six steps, the submitter can choose to
Paper download - PDF format	Authors are allowed to download the uploaded files.
Partial submission	Incomplete forms may be completed and submitted later. Some
Submitted papers	A list with the submitted papers (by an author) are provided.
Manuscripts I have co-authored (List co-authored)	Presents a list with the documents that the user was involved as
Continue submission (Modificado para Unique and	The system enables to continue the submission of paper with
View submission	It opens a file with the submitted paper and with the informations
Delete submission	The system enables to delete the submission
Presentation submission	Authors with papers accepted, can send the paper presentation
Submission notification	The chair receive notifications when a submission is made.
Monitoring	
Monitoring reports	Chair can visualize reports (papers accepted, rejected, reviews
Quantitative reports	Quantitative reports about submissions and events [vamos explodir
Event history report	This report indicates all event history, including e.g. the roles

Scoping: problems and solutions

- Identification of products and creation of the product map
  - **Lack of metrics to support the decisions**
    - **What features should be included in the products?**

Product map

Features	RiSE Chair Conference		RiSE Chair Journal		RiSE Chair Plus		Scope
	Fut	Req	Fut	Req	Fut	Req	
Access Control	0	1	0	1	0	1	Mandatory
Acctept/Reject Review	0	1	0	1	0	1	Mandatory
Assignment - Automatic Indication	1	0	1	0	0	1	Variable
Assignment - Chair Indication	0	1	0	1	0	1	Mandatory
Assignment - Preference Indication	1	0	0	1	0	1	Variable
Best Papers	1	0	0	1	0	1	Variable
Build PDF	1	0	1	0	0	1	Variable
Comments to Author	0	1	0	1	0	1	Mandatory
Complete Submission	0	1	0	1	0	1	Mandatory
Create Event from Previous	1	0	0	1	0	1	Variable
Create Event From Scratch	0	1	0	1	0	1	Variable
Deadline	1	0	0	1	0	1	Variable
Delete Submission	0	1	0	1	0	1	Mandatory
Document Similarity Analysis	1	0	0	1	0	1	Variable
Event Action History	1	0	0	1	0	1	Variable
Event Opened for Submission	1	0	0	1	0	1	Variable

Scoping - Contributions

- Main improvements to the RiPLE-SC
  - **Pre-scoping phase**
    - **Identification of business goals**
  - **Domain scoping**
    - **Workshop of domain analysis**
      - **Prioritize domains and sub-domains**
  - **Product scoping**
    - **Features review meeting**
  - **Assets scoping**
    - Create **metrics** of characterization and benefit
      - Prioritize product map

Requirements

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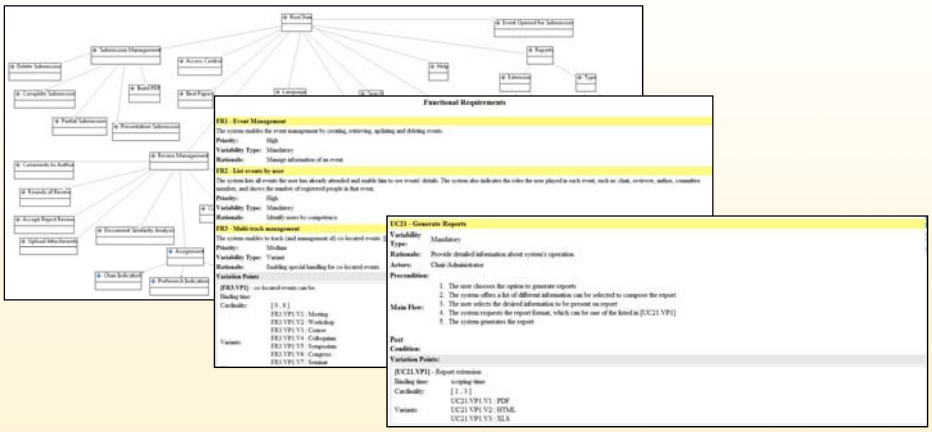
Requirements

- Main activities
  - Construction of the **Feature Model**
  - Identification, specification and validation of **requirements** and **Use Cases**
  - Contruction of the traceability matrix
    - Split

Requirements

- Artifacts
  - Feature model, requirements , use cases, traceability matrix

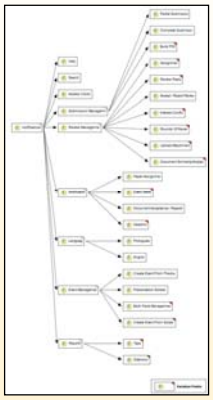


Requirements

- Problems and Solutions
  - **Redundancy of information (req x ucs x FM)**
    - Construction of tools to manage such redundancies and the xml specifications
      - Adaptation of the “Split tool”
  - **Feature validation process**
    - internal member responsible for validating the features before sending them to “external evaluation”

Requirements

- Problems and Solutions
  - **Granularity level of the features (recurrent problem!)**
    - Re-analysis of the feature model
    - Distinct feature models (abstraction level)
      - Using a model for each (major) stakeholder view
      - Different tools were used



Requirements

- Problems and Solutions
  - Difficult to identify variabilities in screens
    - Solution: **Prototypes**

Variation Points:

[UC03.VP1] - There are two ways to create an event

Binding time: scoping-time

Cardinality: [1..2]

Variants: UC03.VP1.V1 : From previous
UC03.VP1.V2 : From scratch

Screen_UC03_VP1.V1-FromPrevious

Screen_UC03_VP1.V2-FromScratch

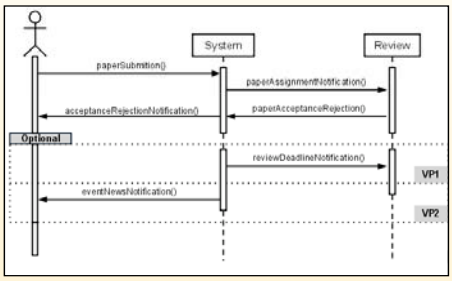
Design

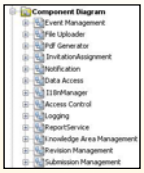
Design

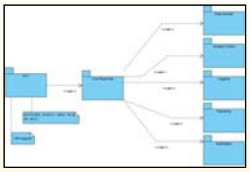
- Main activities
  - Identification and priorization of quality attributes
  - Definition of architectural views
  - Specification of modules, components and classes

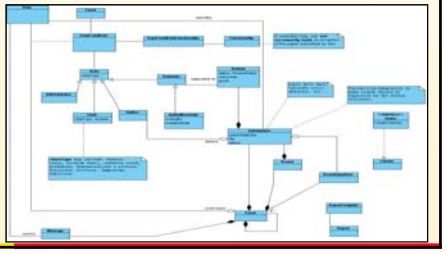
Design

- Artifacts
  - Domain specific software architecture document; diagrams (components, classes, modules)
    - core-business: submission, event management, revision
    - Shared services: logging, notification, reporting, accesscontrol
  - Specification of variabilities









Design

- Quality scenarios documentation
  - Scenarios -> quality attibutes
  - Specification of variabilities in the scenarios

Id	Scenario	Attributes	Variable
1	An internal component failure prohibits turns the system out of order. System log is recorded and administrator notified via email.	Availability, auditability	Alternative to 2
2	An internal component failure prohibits turns the system out of order. System log is recorded and administrator notified via email and SMS; a backup instance covers the damage.	Availability, auditability	Alternative to 1
3	500 users start transactions on the system under normal operation. The transactions are processes with an average latency of 1 minute.	Performance, Response time	Alternative to 4
4	2000 users start transactions on the system under normal operation. The transactions are processes with an average latency of 3 seconds.	Performance, Response time	Alternative to 3

QUALITY SCENARIOS

AVAILABILITY

The availability is expected to vary according to the products. It is extremely important, especially for large events, that the system can receive submissions and revisions on a 24x7 basis. Smaller events can have lighter needs, i.e., must only be available during commercial hours.

The following scenario describes the operation of a product aimed at smaller events.

Source:	Internal
Stimulus:	Database fails to respond (could be other critical fault)
Artifact:	The system
Environment:	Normal operation
Response:	**System log** entry is recorded. The system administrator is notified by email.
Response Measure:	The system enters a "Repair time" state until the system administrator reboots it in less than 4 hours.

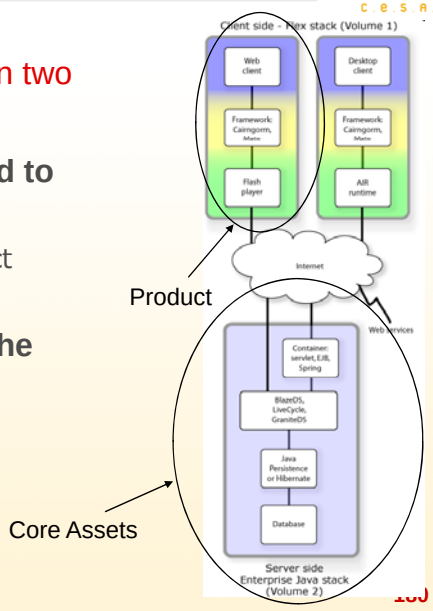
Design

- Problems and solutions
  - Lack of a deploy view
  - Non-fuctional variants should be considered
    - It is important to stablish a limit
      - Otherwise the creation of an architecture could be inviable
  - Specification of features interactions
    - Modification dependency
    - Concurrent dependency
    - Sequential dependency
    - Decomposition and Generalization Dependency
    - Usage dependency
    - Exclude dependency

Implementation

Implementation

- The architecture was divided in two layers
  - **The front-end (gui): related to the products**
    - Responsible for the product customization and “glue”
  - **The back-end: related to the core assets**
    - Common services
    - Business rules



Implementation: Technologies

- In the beginning of the implementation phase some technologies were discussed by the team
- Front-end: Flex
  - Rich interface
  - Flexibility to create new components
    - Variability can be developed
  - Easy integration with other technologies as Java
- Back-end: Java
  - Maturity and team knowledge
  - Java frameworks used:
    - JPA using Hibernate → for the persistence
    - Spring → for the inversion of control of the application, transaction and security management

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Implementation: Trainings

- Flex: a new technology for some members
  - Some trainings were necessary
- Some trainings
  - Flex concepts
  - Flex and Java integration
  - Using of Cairngorm as the Flex MVC architecture

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Implementation: core assets

- Core assets developed (8/13):
  - Event Management
  - AccessControlService
  - DataAccessService
  - FileUploader
  - SubmissionManagementService
  - PdfGenerator
  - ReportService
  - Notifier
- The core assets were developed with Java
  - These components will be used by the products
  - Each product should have the user interface developed in Flex, as showed previously

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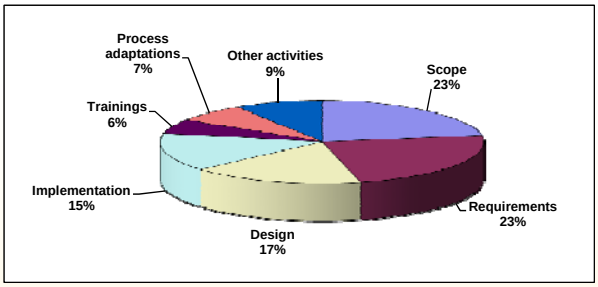
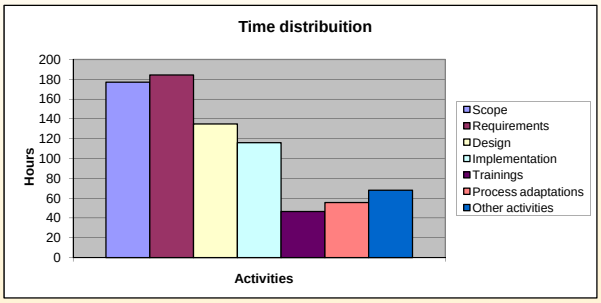
Implementation: Variabilities

- Decorator Design Pattern
  - Optional variability type
  - Features:
    - Event (mandatory)
    - CreateEventFromScratch (variant – mandatory)
    - CreateEventFromPrevious (variant – optional)
- Dependency Injection
  - OR variability type
  - Features:
    - Report (mandatory)
    - PdfExtension type (variant - optional)
    - HtmlExtension (variant - optional)

Some data: time distribution





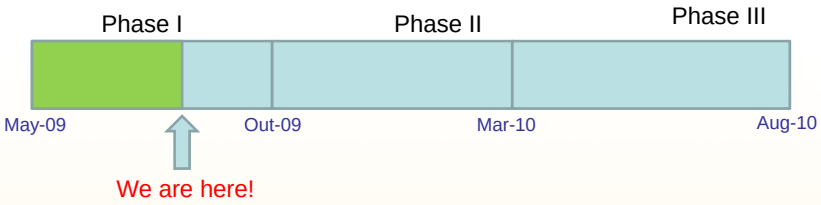
Some data

- Scope
  - 3 products
  - 41 features identified
- Requirements
  - 49 functional
  - 18 non-functional
  - 28 use cases specified
  - 23 screens (prototype)
- Design
  - 15 quality scenarios
  - 13 components
  - 7 modules
- Implementation
  - 8 core assets implemented
  - 20 classes

General Issues and Lessons Learned

- Feature definition and granularity level
  - The team should share the same vision!
- Domain expert Vs Experienced users
  - Two different concepts!
- Initial SPL tasks can be time wasting
- Difficult to follow the process
  - Lack of standardization among the RiPLE disciplines
  - Adaptations were peformed during the project
- Big team and people idle
  - Too many people to work in the same activity
- Team motivation: conflict of interests
- Difficulty of dealing with distribution

Next Steps



- Derivation of products
- Validation of the RiPLE-EM
  - **Products evolution and derivation**
- Validation of the RiPLE-TE
  - **Assets and products**

RiPLE – Future Directions

New Directions

- Research
  - Risk Management
  - Measurement
  - Feature Interaction
  - Architecture Recovery
  - Quality Attributes
  - Quality
    - Inspection
    - Test case selection | priorization
  - Product Derivation
  - Introduction in Companies
  - Tools
- Agile

Conclusions

Conclusions

- RiPLE
  - Scoping
  - Requirements
  - Design
  - Test
  - Evolution
- Case Study
  - On going project
  - You can participate!
- Industrial case
- New directions

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- INES – www.ines.org.br
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