

31. Generic Refactoring for Programming and Modeling Languages

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An Example of Code Refactoring Extract Method (Outlining)



```

1 public class HelloJava {
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3     private static int i = 0;
4
5     public static void main(String[] args) {
6         System.out.println("Hello Java");
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9         }
10    }
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From Code to Models Why is Refactoring needed for Models?

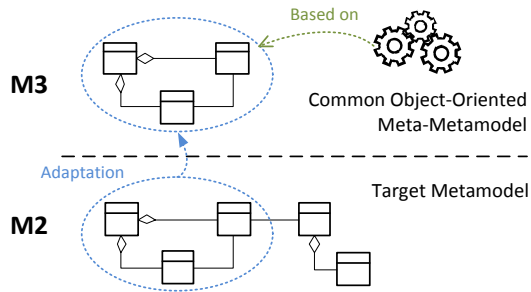


- Model-Driven Software Development:
 - Models are partial code
 - Models are primary artefacts in MDSD
 - Good model design is essential for understandability
 - Some models are domain-specific, and belong to **domain-specific languages (DSL)**

Why should it be generic?

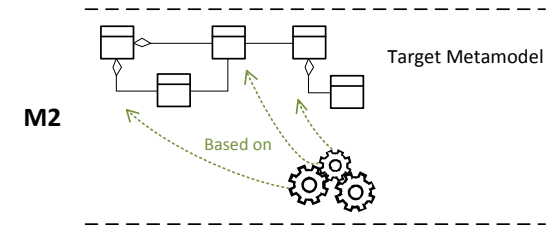
- Known code refactorings are transferable to many DSLs
- Core steps of refactorings are equal for different metamodels
- A lot of additional effort to specify refactorings from scratch

- Common meta-metamodel to static
- Lack of exact control of structures to be refactored

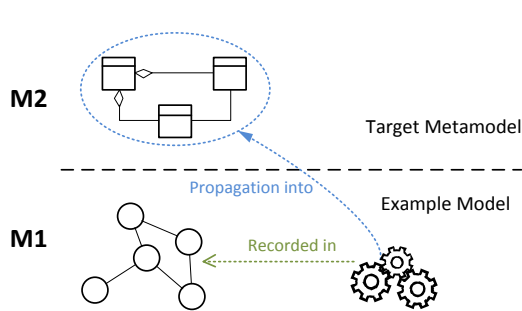


[Moha, Naouel, Vincent Mahé, Olivier Barais und Jean-Marc Jézéquel: *Generic Model Refactorings*, MODELS 2009]

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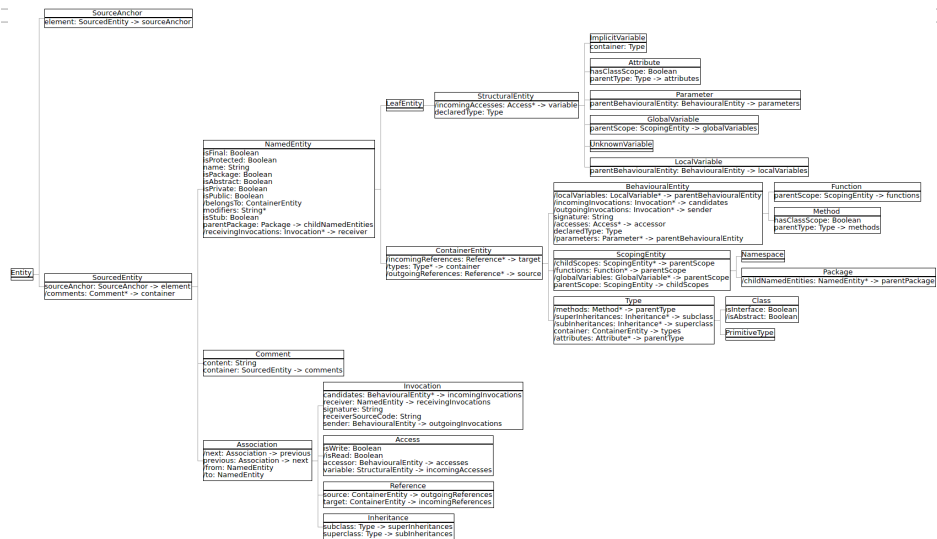
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31.2 MOOSE



http://www.moosetechnology.org/?_s=5k2-x-GDJdd2YIX

- The FAMIX upper metamodel
 - Enables generic refactoring for all entities *above methods*, class restructurings, etc.
- The MOOSE framework supplies basic graph algorithms for reengineering and refactoring:
 - Strongly connected components
 - Dominance
 - Kruskal spanning trees
- Concept recognition in texts
- Formal concept analysis

31.2 Refactory

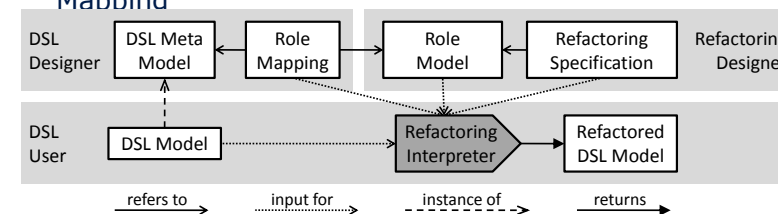
The generic refactory of TU Dresden
Jan Reimann

Role-based Generic Model Refactoring



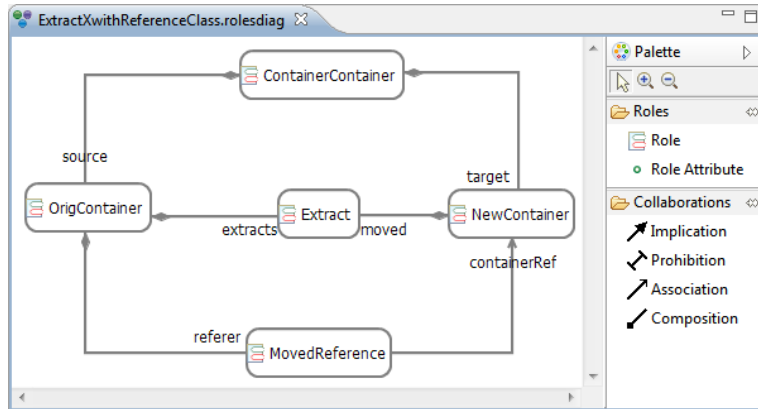
Role-based Design (Reenskaug, Riehle & Gross)

- Definition of collaborations of objects in different contexts
- Here: Context = model refactoring
- Participants play role in concrete refactoring → Role Model
- Role-based transformation → Refactoring Specification
- Application to desired parts of metamodel → Role Mapping



Role-based Metamodeling

- Refactory sees a role model (a view) of the metamodel



Refactoring Specification on Role Model

- The roles of this role-metamodel can be used to write refactoring scripts and operators

```

1 REFACTORING FOR <ExtractXwithReferenceClass>
2
3 STEPS {
4   object containerContainerObject := ContainerContainer from uptree(INPUT);
5   object origContainerObject := OrigContainer as trace(INPUT);
6   index extractsIndex := first(INPUT);
7
8   create new nc:NewContainer in containerContainerObject;
9   assign nc.newName;
10  move OrigContainer.extracts to nc;
11  create new mr:MovedReference in origContainerObject at extractsIndex;
12  set use of nc in mr;
13 }
  
```

Role Mapping to Specific DDL

- A **mapping** maps roles to metaclasses in a concrete metamodel

```

1 ROLEMODEL MAPPING FOR <http://www.emftext.org/language/pl1>
2
3 "Extract Procedure" maps <ExtractXwithReferenceClass> {
4   OrigContainer := Body {
5     extracts := statements;
6   };
7   Extract := Statement;
8   NewContainer := ProcedureDeclaration (newName -> name) {
9     moved := block -> body -> statements;
10  };
11  MovedReference := CallStatement {
12    containerRef := procedure;
13  };
14  ContainerContainer := Block {
15    source := body;
16    target := procedures;
17  };
18 }
  
```

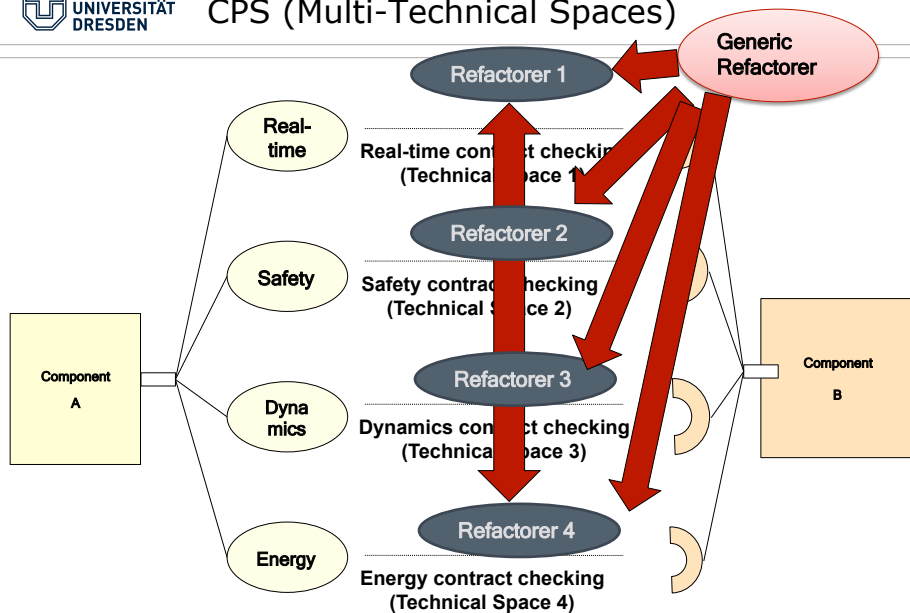
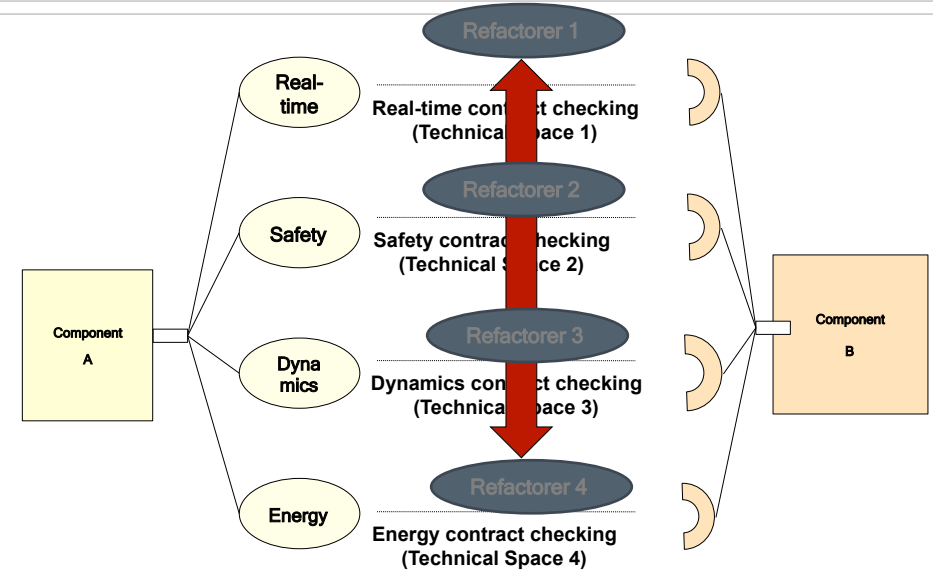
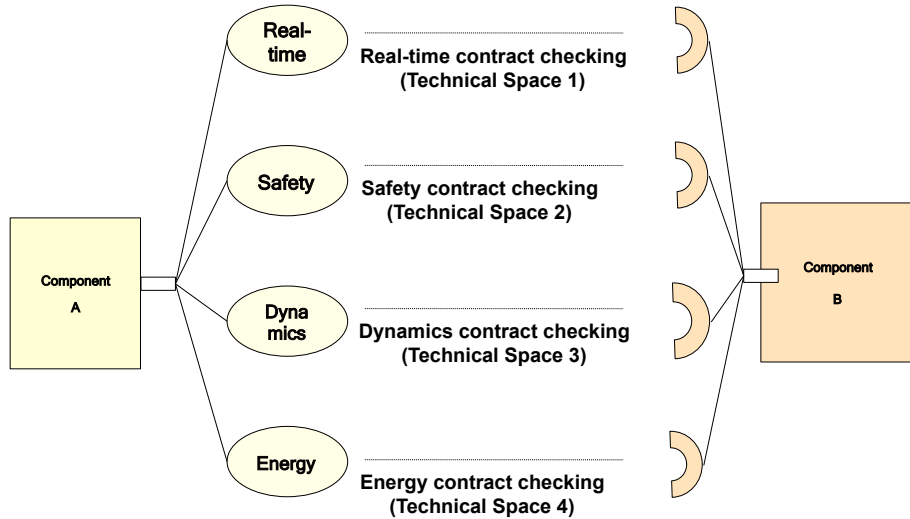


Starting point

- 16 target metamodels of different complexity (Java, UML, Ecore...)
- 53 concrete model refactorings

Result

- 9 generic model refactorings
- 6 metamodel specific extensions were needed
- 7 metamodels are multiple target of same model refactoring
- 2 metamodels are at least target of every model refactoring



- Refactorings generically specifiable if abstractable and structurally transferable
- Metamodel-specific refactorings possible
- Design decisions
 - "Specific" generic refactoring
 - Metamodel-specific extension or
 - Implementation of metamodel-specific refactoring (Java)
- Reuse beneficial if model refactoring applicable to at least two metamodels

- Generic refactoring works!!
- Definition of generic model refactorings based on roles
 - Role models form a dedicated context for every model refactoring
- Approach allows both for genericity and control of the structures to be refactored
- Control is achieved by mapping of role models into arbitrary sections of the target metamodel
- Interpretation by resolving roles and collaborations into the target metamodel

Outlook

- Pre- and postconditions with role-based OCL interpreter
- Preservation of behavior with formalization of semantics
- Specification of model smells
- Co-Refactoring
- Automatic mapping to metamodels

Students looked for in Resubic Lab
Co-Refactoring of mult-quality specificatios

<http://resubic.inf.tu-dresden.de>



<http://www.emftext.org/refactoring>



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Mapping to Paths

