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Multi-Quality Auto-Tuning by Contract Negotiation

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Goal: Self-adaptive Systems (SAS)

Robert Laddaga 1997:

"Self Adaptive Software **evaluates** its own behavior and **changes behavior** when the evaluation indicates that it is not accomplishing what the software is intended to do, or **when better functionality or performance is possible**." [L97]



MAPE-K Loop [KC03]



Which variant of which software should be used?

How good is each variant in comparison to the others?

How to achieve **the best possible user satisfaction** for **the least possible cost**?





• User objectives relate to qualities: energy, performance, domain-specific



• Often multiple, competing qualities are to be considered in combination [ST09]

A novel approach to **design** & **operate self-optimizing systems** covering **multiple objectives**.

Multi-Quality Auto-Tuning (MQuAT)



Problem 1: Developers **cannot reuse solutions** to build self-optimizing systems although many specific approaches exist.

- Fixed set of considered properties (e.g., bandwidth, response time)
- Fixed architecture (e.g., specific to servers, mobile phones or cars)
- Fixed optimization technique (e.g., integer linear programming)

Goal: A generic approach to self-optimizing systems.

Solution: A model-driven development approach to self-optimization

- A **component-based metamodel** enabling the developer to specify the properties of interest and the system's architecture.
- **Technology bridges** to utilize multiple optimization techniques (generation of optimization problems).







Problem 2: Existing (specific) approaches do not cover dependencies between qualities.

- Quality-contract-based approaches
 - COMQUAD → QoS characteristics (e.g., response_time < 5ms) [RZ03]
 - THESEUS → SLAs; QoS intervals (e.g., 2ms < response_time < 5ms) [S10]
 - No context-dependent QoS statements (e.g., response_time(size) = f(size))
 - Both projects identified the need to cover QoS dependencies [ZM03, S10]

Goal: Explicit coverage of (context-dependent) interaction between qualities.

Solution:

- An extended notion of quality contracts and
- A process for quality contract refinement.



Problem 3: Competing qualities demand for **multi-objective optimization** having a **high computational complexity** (NP-hard) [NW99]

- Multi-objective approaches (e.g., OCTOPUS)
 - "a priori": aggregation of objectives prior to optimization
 - "a posteriori": optimization delivers set of multi-dimensional solutions (Pareto front)
- **Optimization at runtime** requires feasible, assessable time requirements

Goal: A generic, *assessable* runtime multi-objective optimization approach.

Solution:

- **4 runtime technology bridges** to multi-objective optimization techiques.
- **Scalability analysis** of supported techniques.



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PART 1: DEVELOPMENT







• Example CCM Structure Model for Servers:

< <container>> Server 1</container>			1*
CPU 1*	Net 1*	RAM 1*	DbxCard 1*
clock_rate: GHz performance : FLOP/s cpuLoad : Percent cpu_time : Second	bandwidth : Mb/s	free : GB = total – used used : GB total : GB throughput : GB/s	time : Second threshold : dB amplification : dB

• Example Unit Library

• Example CCM Structure Model for Sort:





1	<pre>contract Dbx implements NoiseReduction.apply { Contracts characterize implementation</pre>	
2		
3	mode professional {	Quality Modes
4	<pre>requires component SpecialNoiseReduction {</pre>	
5	min capability: 100 [percent]	Software Dependencies
6	}	
7		
8	requires resource DbxCard {	Resource Dependencies
9	<pre>min <time>(audio-length) [ms]</time></pre>	
10	}	
11		
12	provides min noiseReductionLevel: 25 dB	Quality Provisions
13	<pre>provides min <response_time>(audio_length) [s]</response_time></pre>	
14	}	
15		
16	mode amateur {	Quality Modes
17	/* More requirements and provisions here \ldots */	
18	}	
19	}	



- Target systems and user input are unknown to developer.
- Developer creates contract templates:



Developer creates Benchmark Suite using Profiler Framework [WGR13]

```
for(i = 0; i <= N; i++) {
    Profiler.getProfiler("response_time").start();
    dbx.apply(sample_files[i]);
    Profiler.getProfiler("response_time").stop();
}</pre>
```



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• Benchmarks executed at **deployment** time on **each target machine**:

audio_length	response_time
1s	945ms
2s	1823ms
120s	110215ms



One contract per machine and implementation.

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PART 2: RUNTIME



... denotes a **global optimization problem** of a system of **components**, which are **known and controllable** by **central coordinators** as known from the self-adaptive system's community.





• Base: Integer Linear Programming (ILP)



- **Goal**: determine the variable assignment, which
 - Maximizes objective function and
 - Adheres to the constraints.
- Avoids pruning of whole search space (worst case)



• Integer Linear Programming (ILP)





```
/* objective function: minimize energy consumption (based on cpu time) */
min: 5700.0 b#Quicksort#delayed#R1 + 495.0 b#UnsortedFilter#slow#R1
+ 10285.0 b#Quicksort#immediate#R1 + 6160.0 b#Javasort#immediate#R1
+ 385.0 b#UnsortedFilter#fast#R1 + 2250.0 b#Random#slow#R1
+ 5940.0 b#Javasort#delayed#R1 + 2695.0 b#Random#fast#R1;
/* architectural constraints */
b#Random#fast#R1 + b#Random#slow#R1 = b#Quicksort#delayed#R1 + b#Quicksort#immediate#R1
                                      + b#Javasort#immediate#R1 + b#Javasort#delayed#R1;
b#UnsortedFilter#fast#R1 + b#UnsortedFilter#slow#R1 = 1;
b#Quicksort#immediate#R1 + b#Quicksort#delayed#R1
+ b#Javasort#immediate#R1 + b#Javasort#delayed#R1 = b#UnsortedFilter#slow#R1
                                                  + b#UnsortedFilter#fast#R1;
/* resource negotiation */
usage#R1#Core[TM] i7 CPU Q 720 @ 1.60GHz#frequency <= 1596.0;
usage#R1#Core[TM] i7 CPU Q 720 @ 1.60GHz#frequency >= 0;
usage#R1#Core[TM] i7 CPU Q 720 @ 1.60GHz#frequency =
 100 b#Javasort#delayed#R1 + 100 b#UnsortedFilter#slow#R1 + 100 b#Quicksort#delayed#R1
+ 300 b#Random#fast#R1 + 300 b#Quicksort#immediate#R1 + 100 b#Random#slow#R1
+ 300 b#Javasort#immediate#R1 + 300 b#UnsortedFilter#fast#R1;
. . .
```



```
. . .
/* software NFP negotiation */
Sort#response time = 382.05714282441 b#Quicksort#delayed#R1
                   + 377.31428570997804 b#Quicksort#immediate#R1
                   + 399.771428570494 b#Javasort#immediate#R1
                   + 416.34285718949195 b#Javasort#delayed#R1;
Filter#response time = 23.921216866850248 b#UnsortedFilter#slow#R1
                     + 28.407017552658598 b#UnsortedFilter#fast#R1;
ListGen#response time = 107.6078431285458 b#Random#slow#R1
                      + 106.7843137012918 b#Random#fast#R1;
Sort#response time >= 50 b#UnsortedFilter#fast#R1;
ListGen#response time >= 50 b#Quicksort#delayed#R1 + 50 b#Javasort#immediate#R1
                                                    + 50 b#Javasort#delayed#R1;
/* user request */
Filter#response time <= 200.0;</pre>
/* boolean restriction */
binary b#Quicksort#delayed#R1, b#UnsortedFilter#slow#R1, b#Quicksort#immediate#R1,
b#Javasort#immediate#R1, b#UnsortedFilter#fast#R1, b#Random#slow#R1,
b#Javasort#delayed#R1, b#Random#fast#R1;
```





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Quadradic Growth until Termination



• Performed on data-flow graphs (pipe-and-filter style)



- Measurements taken for C x S systems from C = [2..100] and S = [2..100]
- All measurements made on Alienware X51 (Win7 64bit, SSD HDD, 8GB DDR1600 RAM, Intel Core i7-2600 with 4 physical cores at 3.4GHz)
- Concrete numbers will differ on other machines, solvers, etc.
- Focus on **principle findings**.









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Scalability Analysis: MOILP













- **Bootstrapping:** MQuAT for Monitoring, Optimization and Reconfiguration
 - Both are components with different implementations, too.
 - Scalability analysis is a first step for the optimization component
 - Collaboration planned with Prof. Fischer (Numerical Optimization Group)
- Green Software Engineering (CRC 912: HAEC, NFG ZESSY) [WGR+11, WRP+12, WRP+13, WGR13, GMT+13, WRG+13a, WRG+13b]
 - *Open Challenges*: Sustainability, Negotiation of Energy-Sources (Solar, Battery, Provider, etc.)
- Software Engineering for Robotic and Cyber-Physical Systems [GLR+11, GLP+12, PRG+12]
 - *Open Challenge*: Optimization across discrete and continuous system parts



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