Software Design, Modelling and Analysis in UML

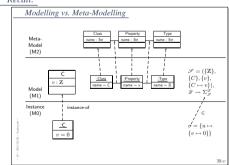
Lecture 20: Inheritance III

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Recall:



Contents & Goals

Last Lecture:

- Inheritance and Sub-Typing
- Early vs. late binding of behavioural features
- Meta-Modelling

This Lecture:

- Educational Objectives: Capabilities for following tasks/questions.
- · What is the subset, what the uplink semantics of inheritance?
- . What's the effect of inheritance on LSCs, State Machines, System States?
- What are anticipated benefits of Meta-Modelling?
- What is MOF?
- Content:
- MOF
- Two approaches to obtain desired semantics: domain inclusion semantics and uplink semantics

Meta Object Facility (MOF)

Recall: Meta-Modelling Principle

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Open Questions...

- · Now you've been "tricked" again. Twice.
- We didn't tell what the modelling language for meta-modelling is.
- We didn't tell what the is-instance-of relation of this language is.
- Idea: have a minimal object-oriented core comprising the notions of class, association, inheritance, etc. with "self-explaining" semantics.
- . This is Meta Object Facility (MOF), which (more or less) coincides with UML Infrastructure [OMG, 2007a].
- So: things on meta level
- M0 are object diagrams/system states (instances of closes in a CMC model)
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MOF Semantics

- One approach:
- . Treat it with our signature-based theory
- This is (in effect) the right direction, but may require new (or extended) signatures for each level.
 (For instance, MOF doesn't have a notion of Signal, our signature has.)
- Other approach:
- Define a generic, graph based "is-instance-of" relation.
- Object diagrams (that are graphs) then are the system states not only graphical representations of system states.
- If this works out, good: We can easily experiment with different language designs, e.g. different flavours of UML that immediately have a semantics.
- Most interesting: also do generic definition of behaviour within a closed modelling setting, but this is clearly still research, e.g. [Buschermöhle and Oelerink, 2008]

Meta-Modelling: (Anticipated) Benefits

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Benefits for Modelling Tools

 The meta-model M_U of UML immediately provides a data-structure representation for the abstract syntax (~ for our signatures).

If we have code generation for UML models, e.g. into Java, then we can immediately represent UML models in memory for Java.

(Because each MOF model is in particular a UML model.)

 There exist tools and libraries called MOF-repositories, which can generically represent instances of MOF instances (in particular UML models).

And which can often generate specific code to manipulate instances of MOF instances in terms of the MOF instance.

Benefits for Modelling Tools Cont'd

- And not only in memory, if we can represent MOF instances in files, we
 obtain a canonical representation of UML models in files, e.g. in XML.
- $\to \mathsf{XML}\ \mathsf{Metadata}\ \mathsf{Interchange}\ (\mathsf{XMI})$
- Note: A priori, there is no graphical information in XMI (it is only abstract syntax like our signatures) \to OMG Diagram Interchange.
- Note: There are slight <u>ambiguities</u> in the XMI standard.
 And different tools by different vendors often seem to lie at opposite ends on the scale of interpretation. Which is <u>surely a coincidence</u>.
 In some cases, it's possible to fix things with, e.g., XSLT scripts, but full vendor independence is today not given.

Plus XMI compatibility doesn't necessarily refer to Diagram Interchange.

 To re-iterate: this is generic for all MOF-based modelling languages such as UML, CWM, etc.

And also for Domain Specific Languages which don't even exit yet.

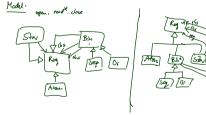
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- Benefits for Modelling Tools.
- Benefits for Language Design.
- Benefits for Code Generation and MDA.

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Benefits for Language Design



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- · Recall: we said that code-generators are possible "readers" of stereotypes
- · For example, (heavily simplifying) we could
- · introduce the stereotypes Button, Toolbar, ...
- for convenience, instruct the modelling tool to use special pictures for stereotypes in the meta-data (the abstract syntax), the stereotypes are clearly present.
- instruct the code-generator to automatically add inheritance from Gtk::Button, Gtk::Toolbar, etc. corresponding to the stereotype.

Et voilà: we can model Gtk-GUIs and generate code for them.

- Another view:
- UML with these stereotypes is a new modelling language: Gtk-UML.
- . Which lives on the same meta-level as UML (M2).
- It's a Domain Specific Modelling Language (DSL).

One mechanism to define DSLs (based on UML, and "within" UML): Profiles.

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Benefits for Language Design Cont'd

- One step further:
- Nobody hinders us to obtain a model of UML (written in MOF),
- throw out parts unnecessary for our purposes,
- add (= integrate into the existing hierarchy) more adequat new constructs, for instance, contracts or something more close to hardware as interrupt or sensor or driver,
- · and maybe also stereotypes.
- \rightarrow a new language standing next to UML, CWM, etc.
- Drawback: the resulting language is not necessarily UML any more, so we can't use proven UML modelling tools.
- But we can use all tools for MOF (or MOF-like things).
 For instance, Eclipse EMF/GMF/GEF.

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Benefits for Language Design Cont'd

- . For each DSL defined by a Profile, we immediately have
- in memory representations,
- modelling tools,
- · file representations.

Note: here, the semantics of the stereotypes (and thus the language of Gtk-UML) lies in the code-generator.

That's the first "reader" that understands these special stereotypes.

(And that's what's meant in the standard when they're talking about giving stereotypes semantics).

 One can also impose additional well-formedness rules, for instance that certain components shall all implement a certain interface (and thus have certain methods available). (Cf. [Stahl and Völter, 2005].)

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Benefits for Model (to Model) Transformation

- There are manifold applications for model-to-model transformations:
 - For instance, tool support for re-factorings, like moving common attributes upwards the inheritance hierarchy.

This can now be defined as $\ensuremath{\mathbf{graph-rewriting}}$ rules on the level of MOF.

The graph to be rewritten is the UML model

- Similarly, one could transform a Gtk-UML model into a UML model, where the inheritance from classes like Gtk::Button is made explicit:
 The transformation would add this class Gtk::Button and the
- in transformation would add this class GEX::Button and the inheritance relation and remove the stereotype.

 Similarly, one could have a GUI-UML model transformed into a
- Gtk-UML model, or a Qt-UML model.

 The former a PIM (Platform Independent Model), the latter a PSM (Platform Specific Model) cf. MDA.

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Special Case: Code Generation

- · Recall that we said that, e.g. Java code, can also be seen as a model. So code-generation is a special case of model-to-model transformation; only the destination looks quite different.
- . Note: Code generation needn't be as expensive as buying a modelling tool with full fledged code generation.
- . If we have the UML model (or the DSL model) given as an XML file, code generation can be as simple as an XSLT script.
- "Can be" in the sense of

"There may be situation where a graphical and abstract representation of something is desired which has a clear and direct mapping to some textual representation."

In general, code generation can (in colloquial terms) become arbitrarily

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Let $\mathscr{S} = (\mathscr{T}, \mathscr{C}, V, atr, F, mth, \triangleleft)$ be a signature.

Domain Inclusion Structure

Now a structure \mathscr{D} ≤ := d* • [as before] maps types, classes, associations to domains, • [for completeness] methods to transformers, . [as before] indentities of instances of classes not (transitively) related by generalisation are disjoint, YC,DEC . (C&D, D&C, D*C) => DCO(NX3) • [changed] the indentities of a super-class comprise all identities of sub-classes, i.e. $\forall C \in \mathcal{C} : \mathcal{D}(C) \supseteq \bigcup \mathcal{D}(D).$

recall.

Note: the old setting coincides with the special case $\lhd = \emptyset$.

Example: Model and XMI



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Domain Inclusion Semantics

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Domain Inclusion System States

 $\sigma: \mathscr{D}(\mathscr{C}) \to (V \to (\mathscr{D}(\mathscr{T}) \cup \mathscr{D}(\mathscr{C}_{0,1}) \cup \mathscr{D}(\mathscr{C}_*)))$

that is, for all $u \in dom(\sigma) \cap \mathcal{D}(C)$,

- [as before] $\sigma(u)(v) \in \mathscr{D}(\tau)$ if $v:\tau,\,\tau\in\mathscr{T}$ or $\tau\in\{C_*,C_{0,1}\}.$
- [changed] $\operatorname{dom}(\sigma(u)) = \bigcup_{C_0 \preceq C} \operatorname{atr}(C_0)$,

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Preliminaries: Expression Normalisation

Recall:

- $\bullet \ \ \text{we want to allow, e.g., "context} \ \ D \ \ \text{inv}: v < 0".$
- we assume fully qualified names, e.g. C::v.

Intuitively, v shall denote the

"most special more general" C::v according to \triangleleft .

To keep this out of typing rules, we assume that the following normalisation has been applied to all OCL expressions and all actions.

- Given expression v (or f) in **context** of class D, as determined by, e.g.
- by the (type of the) navigation expression prefix, or e.g. new eager
- by the class, the state-machine where the action occcurs belongs to,
- similar for method bodies,
- normalise v to (= replace by) C::v,
- ullet where C is the **greatest** class wrt. " \preceq " such that
- $C \prec D$ and $C::v \in atr(C)$.

If no (unique) such class exists, the model is considered not well-formed; the expression is ambiguous. Then: explicitly provide the qualified name.

OCL Syntax and Typing

Recall (part of the) OCL syntax and typing:

 $v, r \in V; C, D \in \mathcal{C}$

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 $expr ::= v(expr_1) : \tau_C \rightarrow \tau(v),$ if $v : \tau \in \mathscr{T}$ $| r(expr_1) : \tau_C \rightarrow \tau_D,$ if $r : D_{0,1}$ $| r(expr_1) : \tau_C \rightarrow Set(\tau_D), \text{ if } r : D_*$

The definition of the semantics remains (textually) the same.

We want

to be well-typed.

but $A \vdash self : \tau_D$.

Currently it isn't because

(Because τ_D and τ_C are still different types, although $dom(\tau_D) \subset dom(\tau_C)$.)

. So, add a (first) new typing rule

More Interesting: Well-Typed-ness

$$\frac{A \vdash expr : \tau_D}{A \vdash expr : \tau_C}, \text{ if } C \preceq D. \tag{Inh)}$$

Which is correct in the sense that, if 'expr' is of type au_D , then we can use it everywhere, where a τ_C is allowed.

The system state is prepared for that.

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Satisfying OCL Constraints (Domain Inclusion)

- Let $\mathcal{M} = (\mathscr{CD}, \mathscr{OD}, \mathscr{SM}, \mathscr{I})$ be a UML model, and \mathscr{D} a structure.
- We (continue to) say $\mathcal{M} \models expr$ for context C inv : expr $\in Inv(\mathcal{M})$ iff

 $\forall \pi = (\sigma_i, \varepsilon_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \in [\mathcal{M}] \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{N} \quad \forall u \in \text{dom}(\sigma_i) \cap \mathcal{Q}(C) :$ $\forall \pi = (\sigma_i, \varepsilon_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \in |\mathcal{M}| \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{N} \quad \forall u \text{ source}_i),$ $I[expr_0](\sigma_i, \{self \mapsto u\}) = 1. \quad \text{comprise} \quad \text{all the back size}_i$ $* \mathcal{M} \text{ is (still) consistent if and only if it satisfies all constraints in } Inv(\mathcal{M}). \quad \text{for } \mathcal{M}$ C!.

• Example: I[w(.x>0](0, {xx+>v}) II self ("x >0] (5,/self+)u])



Transformers (Domain Inclusion)

where $u = I[expr_1](\sigma)$.

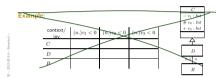
• Transformers also remain the same, e.g. [VL 12, p. 18]

 $update(expr_1, v, expr_2): (\sigma, \varepsilon) \mapsto (\sigma', \varepsilon)$ after normalisation eg. Con with $\sigma' = \sigma[u \mapsto \sigma(u)[v \mapsto I[\mathit{expr}_2](\sigma)]]$

Well-Typed-ness with Visibility Cont'd

 $\frac{A,D \vdash expr : \tau_C}{A,D \vdash C :: v(expr) : \tau}, \quad \xi = +$ (Pub**∳**≿) $\frac{A,D \vdash expr: \tau_C}{A,D \vdash C :: v(expr): \tau}, \quad \xi = \#, \ \ \mathcal{C} \leq \mathcal{D}$ (Protected) $\frac{A,D \vdash expr : \tau_C}{A,D \vdash C::v(expr) : \tau}, \quad \xi = -, \ C = D$ (Priv)

 $\langle C :: v : \tau, \xi, v_0, P \rangle \in atr(C).$



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Semantics of Method Calls

- . Non late-binding: clear, by normalisation
- Late-binding:

Construct a method call transformer, which is applied to (x) X= 10

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· if we evaluate (*) for some u=DBI · let D be the largest dass with and

· B = D (D)
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• Wanted: triggers shall also be sensitive for inherited events, sub-class shall execute super-class' state-machine (unless overridden).



• $\exists \, u \in \mathrm{dom}(\sigma) \cap \mathscr{D}(C)$ • $u_E \in \mathscr{D}(\mathscr{E})$: $u_E \in ready(\varepsilon, u)$ • u is stable and in state machine state s, i.e. $\sigma(u)(stable)$

a transition is enabled, i.e.
$$\exists \ (s,F,expr,act,s') \in \rightarrow (\mathcal{SM}_C) : F = E \land I[expr](\check{\sigma}) = 1$$

where $\tilde{\sigma} = \sigma[u.params_E \mapsto u_e]$.

Uplink Semantics

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domains for identities.

association, e.g. rewrite (C++)

* (σ', ε') results from applying t_{act} to (σ, ε) and removing u_E from the ether, i.e.

 $(\sigma'', \varepsilon') = t_{act}(\tilde{\sigma}, \varepsilon \ominus u_E),$ $\sigma' = (\sigma''[u.st \mapsto s', u.stable \mapsto b, u.params_E \mapsto \emptyset])|_{\mathcal{B}(\mathscr{C}) \backslash \{u_E\}}$

where b depends:

 If u becomes stable in s', then b = 1. It does become stable if and only if there is no transition without trigger enabled for u in (σ', ε') .

• Continue with the existing definition of structure, i.e. disjoint

(similar to the implicit attribute for stability).

Have an implicit association from the child to each parent part

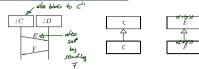
. Apply (a different) pre-processing to make appropriate use of that

 $\mathtt{uplink}_C \mathbin{{\hspace{-2pt}\text{--}\hspace{-2pt}\text{--}\hspace{-2pt}\text{-}\hspace{-2pt}}} \mathtt{x} = 0;$

- Otherwise b = 0.
- Consumption of u_E and the side effects of the action are observed, i.e.

 $cons = \{(u, (E, \sigma(u_E)))\}, Snd = Obs_{t_{act}}(\tilde{\sigma}, \varepsilon \ominus u_E).$

Domain Inclusion and Interactions



- Similar to satisfaction of OCL expressions above:
- An instance line stands for all instances of C (exact or inheriting).
- · Satisfaction of event observation has to take inheritance into account, too, so we have to fix, e.g.

 σ , cons, Snd $\models_{\beta} E_{x,y}^!$

if and only if

 $\beta(x)$ sends an F-event to βy where $E \leq F$.

• Note: C-instance line also binds to C'-objects.

Uplink Semantics

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$$\mathit{uplink}_C: C \text{ with } \mu = [1,1], \ \xi = +$$

- Given expression v (or f) in the context of class D,

 - $C \preceq D$, and
 - C::v ∈ atr(D)
- then there exists (by definition) $C \lhd C_1 \lhd \ldots \lhd C_n \lhd D$,
- normalise v to (= replace by)

$$uplink_{C_n} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow uplink_{C_1}.C::v$$

. Again: if no (unique) smallest class exists, the model is considered not well-formed; the expression is ambiguous.

Pre-Processing for the Uplink Semantics

 \bullet For each pair $C \lhd D,$ extend D by a (fresh) association

$$upunk_C: C$$
 with $\mu = [1,1], \ \xi = +$

(Exercise: public necessary?)

- let C be the smallest class wrt. " \prec " such that

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Uplink Structure, System State, Typing

- · Definition of structure remains unchanged
- · Definition of system state remains unchanged.
- · Typing and transformers remain unchanged the preprocessing has put everything in shape.

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for

$$\underbrace{\operatorname{context}\ C\ \operatorname{inv}: \operatorname{expr}_0}_{=\operatorname{expr}} \in \operatorname{\mathit{Inv}}(\mathcal{M})$$

if and only if

$$\begin{split} \forall \, \pi &= (\sigma_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \in [\mathcal{M}] \\ \forall \, i \in \mathbb{N} \\ \forall \, u \in \mathrm{dom}(\sigma_i) \cap \mathscr{D}(C) : \\ &I[\exp r_0](\sigma_i, \{self \mapsto u\}) = 1. \end{split}$$

M is (still) consistent if and only if it satisfies all constraints in Inv(M).

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Domain Inclusion vs. Uplink Semantics

Transformers (Uplink)

What has to change is the create transformer:

create(C, expr, v)

ullet Assume, C's inheritance relations are as follows.

$$C_{1,1} \triangleleft \ldots \triangleleft C_{1,n_1} \triangleleft C,$$
 \ldots
 $C_{m,1} \triangleleft \ldots \triangleleft C_{m,n_m} \triangleleft C.$

- Then, we have to
- create one fresh object for each part, e.g.

 $u_{1,1}, \dots, u_{1,n_1}, \dots, u_{m,1}, \dots, u_{m,n_m},$

· set up the uplinks recursively, e.g.

 $\sigma(u_{1,2})(uplink_{C_{1,1}}) = u_{1,1}.$

. And, if we had constructors, be careful with their order.

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Late Binding (Uplink)

 Employ something similar to the "mostspec" trick (in a minute!). But the result is typically far from concise.

(Related to OCL's isKindOf() function, and RTTI in C++.)

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Casts in Domain Inclusion and Uplink Semantics

	Domain Inclusion	Uplink
C* cp = &d	easy: immediately compatible (in underlying system state) because &d yields an identity from $\mathscr{D}(D) \subset \mathscr{D}(C)$.	difficult: we need the identity of the D whose C -slice is denoted by cp . (See next slide.)
D* dp = (D*)cp;	easy: the value of cp is in $\mathscr{D}(D)\cap \mathscr{D}(C)$ because the pointed-to object is a D .	easy: By pre-processing, ℓ C* cp = d -> uplink _C ;
	Otherwise, error condition.	
Ac = bd;	$\begin{array}{l} \mbox{bit difficult: set (for all } C \preceq D) \\ (C)(\cdot,\cdot) : \tau_D \times \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma _{atr(C)} \\ (u,\sigma) \mapsto \sigma(u) _{atr(C)} \\ \mbox{Note: } \sigma' = \sigma[u_C \mapsto \sigma(u_D)] \mbox{ is not type-compatible!} \end{array}$	easy: By pre-processing, $\mathbf{pc} = *(\mathbf{d} \rightarrow \mathbf{uplink}_C);$

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Identity Downcast with Uplink Semantics

- Recall (C++): D d; C* cp = &d; D* dp = (D*)cp;
- Problem: we need the identity of the D whose C-slice is denoted by cp.
- One technical solution:
- Give up disjointness of domains for one additional type comprising all identities, i.e. have

$$\mathtt{all} \in \mathscr{T}, \qquad \mathscr{D}(\mathtt{all}) = \bigcup_{C \in \mathscr{C}} \mathscr{D}(C)$$

- In each <u>≤</u>-minimal class have associations "mostspec" pointing to most specialised slices, plus information of which type that slice is.
- Then downcast means, depending on the mostspec type (only finitely many possibilities), going down and then up as necessary, e.g.

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\label{eq:switch} \begin{split} & \text{switch}(\text{mostspec.type}) \{ \\ & \text{case } \mathcal{C}: \\ & \text{dp = cp } \text{>} \, \text{mostspec } \text{>} \, \text{uplink}_{D_n} \text{->} \dots \text{->} \, \text{uplink}_{D_1} \text{->} \, \text{uplink}_{D_1} \\ & \dots \\ \} \end{split}
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Domain Inclusion vs. Uplink Semantics: Differences

- Note: The uplink semantics views inheritance as an abbreviation:
- We only need to touch transformers (create) and if we had constructors, we didn't even needed that (we could encode the recursive construction of the upper slices by a transformation of the existing constructors.)
- So:
- Inheritance doesn't add expressive power.
- And it also doesn't improve conciseness soo dramatically.

As long as we're "early binding", that is...

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Domain Inclusion vs. Uplink Semantics: Motives

Exercise:

What's the point of

- having the tedious adjustments of the theory if it can be approached technically?
- having the tedious technical pre-processing //
 if it can be approached cleanly in the theory?