

Contraction the IRISH SOFTWARE RESEARCH CENTRE

Building Resilient Space Exploration Missions

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State of the Art (1949)



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EDSAC

- 650 instructions per second.
- 1024 17-bit words of memory in mercury ultrasonic delay lines.
- Paper tape input and teleprinter output at 6 2/3 characters per second.
- 3000 valves, 12 kW power consumption, occupied a room 5m by 4m.
- "Operating system" occupied 31 words of read-only memory.
- Early use to solve problems in meteorology, genetics and X-ray crystallography.



Difference Engine









Motivation

Errata, detected in Taylor's Logarithms. *London: 4to, 1972 [sic]*

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Nautical Almanac (1832)

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Nautical Almanac (1833)

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Nautical Almanac (1836)



First Programmer



Augusta Ada King, Countess of Lovelace



Requirements Effort vs. Cost Overrun





Resilient Space Exploration Systems

- Some of the most complex and expensive software applications to date.
- High Levels of Autonomy.
- Significant consequences for failure.



Swarm Technologies

- Inspired by swarms of bees and flocks of birds in nature;
- Many application areas:
 - drug discovery;
 - communication systems;
 - environmental monitoring;
 - exploration.



Swarm Technologies

Coordinated swarms of smaller spacecraft will offer:

- More effective use of solar power;
- Access to areas where large craft could not go;
- Ability to perform more complex tasks;
- Greater accuracy and flexibility;
- **RESILIENCE.**





Autonomous NanoTechnology Swarm

Using swarms of "intelligent", autonomous spacecraft to explore

- 1. Lunar and Martian surface (Lander Amorphous Rover Antenna, LARA)
- 2. Saturn's rings (Saturn Autonomous Ring Array, SARA)
- 3. Asteroid belt (Prospecting Asteroid Mission, PAM)



Walkers









ANTS Concept Mission - PAM



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Contributions

- **1. Formal Methods**
- 2. Autonomic Computing
- 3. Software Product Lines
- 4. Automatic Code Generation



Model of Formal Method



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Specification

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AEIP {
  MESSAGES { ... }
  CHANNELS { ... }
  FUNCTIONS { ... }
  MANAGED ELEMENTS {
    MANAGED ELEMENT worker {
       INTERFACE FUNCTION getDistanceToNearestObject { RETURNS { DECIMAL } }
     }
} // AEIP
METRICS {
  METRIC distanceToNearestObject {
     METRIC TYPE { RESOURCE }
     METRIC SOURCE { AEIP.MANAGED ELEMENTS.worker.getDistanceToNearestObject }
    DESCRIPTION { "measures the distance to the nearest space object" }
     MEASURE UNIT { "KM" }
     VALUE { 100 }
     THRESHOLD CLASS { DECIMAL [0.001 ~ ) }
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Autonomic Computing

Inspiration from the human/mammalian autonomic nervous system.

Fight or Flight



sympathetic (SyNS) Rest and Digest



parasympathetic (PaNS)



Autonomic Environment



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SPL / Feature Model



Requirements to Design to Code (R2D2C)



of concurrency

extraction (reverse engineering) tools



Current Status





Benefits of the Method

- Automation of entire development process;
- Significant increase in quality;
- Ability to do formal proof on properties of implementations;
- Ability to do formal proof of correctness;
- Automated means for requirements analysis;
- Guaranteed correspondence between requirements and their implementation as code.



Applications

- End-to-end automatic code generation of provably correct systems;
- Automatic reimplementation after any requirements change;
- Exploiting re-use across platforms;
- Reverse engineering legacy systems to a mathematically sound model;
- Analysis and documentation of existing systems (e.g., expert systems);
- Re-engineering of legacy systems to a provably correct new implementation.



Domains (to date)

- Agent Based Systems;
- Wireless Sensor Networks ;
- ANTS;
- Verification of Robotic Procedures (cf. Hubble Space Telescope Robotic Servicing Mission).









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Caveat







Any problem in computer science can be solved with another layer of indirection.

But that usually will create another problem.

David Wheeler





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