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Preface

Software Engineering combines science and practice in the field of software system development. The 4th IFIP TC2 Central and East European Conference on Software Engineering Techniques, CEE-SET 2009, (Krakow, Poland, October 12–14, 2009) provided an opportunity for researchers and practitioners to exchange knowledge and ideas. The CEE-SET 2009 event was the fourth edition of this international conference.

The conference was a forum for presentation and evaluation of both currently used methods and techniques and of new approaches or directions in software engineering. Main topics of the conference covered all aspects of software development:

- Software architectures
- Software components and reuse
- Software development methodologies
- Software quality
- Software measurement and metrics
- Software testing, analysis, and verification
- Software products and process improvement
- Formal methods in software engineering
- Agile software development methodologies and practices
- Maintenance and reverse engineering
- Software projects management
- Documentation management in software project
- Human factors in software engineering
- Software engineering training and education

The book contains 19 papers carefully selected from 63 submissions on the basis of reviews of the international Program Committee (PC) members and external reviewers. The papers were grouped according to the corresponding sessions; however, this rule cannot be fully applied. The main reason was the selection of only 30% of the best conference papers, so a set of the selected papers covers partially areas of the conference sessions. Therefore, the chapters in this volume follow the order of presentation at the conference structure (if possible). Finally, the papers are grouped within the following three sections:

1. Software Architectures and Development
2. Modeling and Formal Methods in Software Development
3. Measurement, Testing, and Quality of Software

The first section contains seven papers dealing with important topics in the area of software architectures and development. The papers deal with several issues

related to architectural knowledge repository, design of different classes of systems (message-based, aspect-oriented, component-based), and selected problems of databases. A short overview of their contents is given below.

Design of software architecture is usually an iterative process, and thus knowledge repository supporting the process is proposed in the paper “Towards Decision Centric Repository of Architectural Knowledge” (by Bartosz Michalik and Jerzy Nawrocki). Integration of software modules to achieve the required functionality may be treated as a process of searching for a proper sequence of services. A method for generating such a sequence and a description of experiments testing the method using selected planners are presented in the paper “Construction of Messaging-Based Enterprise Integration Solutions Using AI Planning” (by Pavol Mederly, Marián Lekavý, Marek Závodský, and Pavol Návrat). Separation of business logic and business layers by introduction of an integration layer (and domain description language) is proposed in the paper “Integration of Application Business Logic and Business Rules with DSL and AOP” (by Bogumiła Hnatkowska, and Krzysztof Kasprzyk). The concept was checked using an aspect-oriented language (AspectJ). A proposal of direct change manipulation using multiparadigm design with feature modeling is presented in the next paper “Aspect-Oriented Change Realization Based on Multi-Paradigm Design with Feature Modeling” (by Radoslav Menkyna and Valentino Vranić). The solution is an extension of the two-level change realization framework and is illustrated with two examples of feature models. A method for the introduction of changes of evolving environment in component-based systems is proposed in the paper “On the Evolution of Component-Based Software” (by Isabelle Côté, Maritta Heisel, and Jeanine Souquières). The paper “Query Processing Using Negative and Temporal Tuples in Stream Query Engines” (by Marcin Gorawski, and Aleksander Chrószcz) deals with modification of time models for stream processing systems. The modification is based on the incorporation of positive and negative events allowing simplification (and optimization) of individual stream operators and query plans. The architecture of a scalable store for a huge number of objects is an important problem in distributed object-oriented database management systems. A new algorithm based on bucket partitioning is proposed in the paper “Scalable Store of Java Objects Using Range Partitioning” (by Mariusz Bedla and Krzysztof Sapiecha). The experiments performed confirm the promising features of the proposal.

The second section (“Modeling and Formal Methods in Software Development”) focuses on these two issues supporting the development of software. Applications of several formal tools, i.e., Petri nets, temporal logics, set/category theory for modeling and analysis of software artifacts are considered. A short overview of the content is given below.

The two first papers use the same formal language, i.e., high-level timed colored Petri net (HTCPN) to deal with different problems. This formal language is used in the proposed approach to build modules used for modeling and performance evaluation of Internet systems. An extended module is applied for

the analysis of the proposed cluster reconfiguration algorithm (“HTCPNs-Based Modeling and Evaluation of Dynamic Computer Cluster Reconfiguration”—by Sławomir Samolej and Tomasz Szmuc), while performance analysis (using this approach) of an exemplary on-line stock exchange system is presented in the second paper “Performance Analysis of Interactive Internet Systems for a Class of Systems with Dynamically Changing Offers” (by Tomasz Rak and Jan Werewka). A proposal of a new specification language merging subsets of state and activity diagrams as well as related methodology is presented in the paper “Information Systems Development Based on Visual Domain-Specific Language BiLingva” (by Jana Ceriņa-Bērziņa, Jānis Bičevskis, and Ģirts Karnīti). Transformation of business process workflow specifications (described by ontology and associated normative rules) into EventB formalism (successor of B-method) is presented in the paper “A Mapping from Normative Requirements to EventB to Facilitate Verified Data-Centric Business Process Management” (by Iman Poernomo and Timur Umarov). The proposed methodology allows consistency checking of specification, and then preserving the consistency transformation into an operational model, which may be implemented relatively easily. Unified notation for both graph rewriting and attribute computations is proposed in the paper “Computations in Graph Rewriting. Inductive Types and Pullbacks in DPO Approach” (by Maxime Rebout, Louis Féraud, Lionel Marie-Magdeleine, and Sergei Soloviev). The defined formalism provides tools for easier building of robust software. A new SAT-based verification technique for multiagent real-time systems is proposed in the paper “Bounded Model Checking for the Existential Part of Real-Time CTL and Knowledge” (by Bożena Woźna-Szcześniak). The existential part of real-time CTL for specification and bounded model checking as a verification method constitute the foundations in the approach. A set-theoretic definition of semantics for a set of role-based trust management credentials (specified by RT languages) is proposed in the paper “The Semantics of Role-Based Trust Management Languages” (by Anna Felkner and Krzysztof Sacha). The definition covers a powerful set of RT languages, including the ones specifying manifold roles and expressing a threshold structure and separation of duty policies.

The last section (“Measurement, Testing, and Quality of Software”) concentrates on the assessment of software products. The main topics considered in the papers are presented below.

The section starts with a paper on “Applying of Smart Technologies: Evaluation of Effectiveness” (by Zane Bičevska). Criteria for evaluation effectiveness (ability to deliver required effect) are discussed in the first part of the paper, while the effectiveness of introducing smart technologies in two real projects is analyzed in the second part. An approach toward the relocation of multiple related class members in order to improve the modularization of legacy software is proposed in the paper “Reducing the Class Coupling of Legacy Code by a Metrics-Based Relocation of Class Members” (by Marvin Ferber, Sascha Hunold, Björn Krellner, Thomas Rauber, Thomas Reichel, and Gudula Rünger). A relocation algorithm based on dependencies metrics and the proposed pattern-based

approach is applied to two open source projects. Data flow coverage (DFC)—a tool supporting data flow testing of Java programs—is briefly described in the paper “Dataflow Testing of Java Programs with DFC” (by Iлона Bluemke and Artur Rembiszewski). The idea is based on finding all definition-use pairs (building the corresponding graph) related to variables, and then testing the coverage of related graphs. The paper “Object-Oriented Testing Capabilities and Performance Evaluation of the C# Mutation System” (by Anna Derezińska and Anna Szustek) describes modifications of object-oriented mutation testing of C# programs, based on the definition of more advanced mutation operators. The related tool (with additional improvements) and experiments performed confirmed the advantages of the proposal. A new heuristic algorithm for reduction of regression tests suite (while preserving fault detection capability) is proposed in the paper “Bi-Criteria Test Suite Reduction by Cluster Analysis of Execution Profiles” (Saeed Parsa and Alireza Khalilian). The idea is based on the observation that clustering of the test case execution profiles implies partition of the test suite grouping similar (w.r.t. coverage criteria) test cases in the same subsets.

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