

Layered Programming

A Language Independent
Variability Management Approach

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Need for

- ▶ Tool support³
- ▶ Techniques for domain implementation

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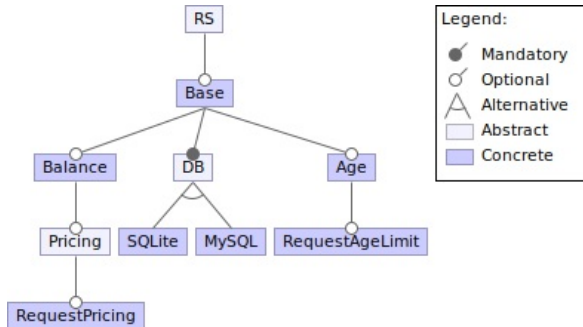
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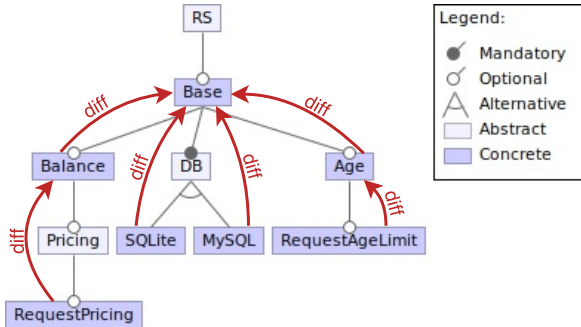


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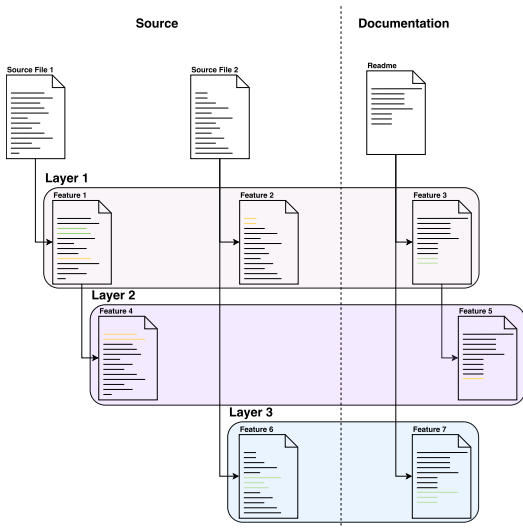


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Layered Programming Benefits

- ▶ System has multiple representations → keep them consistent
- ▶ Language independent
- ▶ Easy to use
 - ▶ No new language or complex structure
 - ▶ Semantically clear (WYSIWYG)
 - ▶ Features added where they are used
- ▶ Proactive / Reactive / (Extractive) SPLE



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Core Tool

- ▶ Two modes: Diff & Patch
- ▶ Word based diff^{4,5}
- ▶ No FM or config

⁴Myers, "An O (ND) difference algorithm and its variations".

⁵Fraser, *google-diff-match-patch-Diff, Match and Patch libraries for Plain Text*.



FeatureIDE Integration

The screenshot displays an IDE interface with the following components:

- Package Explorer:** Shows a project structure with folders like 'Age', 'Balance', 'MySQL', 'RequestAgeLimit', 'RequestPricing', 'SQLite', 'configs', 'features', and 'Base'. The 'Balance' folder is expanded, showing files like 'database.py.patch', 'person.py.patch', and 'request.py.patch'.
- Code Editor:** Displays the Python code for a `Person` class:

```
class Person:  
    def __init__(self, name, age):  
        self.name = name  
        self.age = age  
        self.balance = 0  
  
    def charge(self, x):  
        self.balance -= x  
  
    def deposit(self, x):  
        self.balance += x
```
- Problems Window:** Shows 2 items with the following structure:

Description
▶ Infos (2 items)



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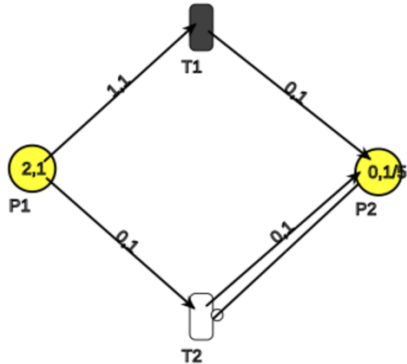
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Application: Models

- ▶ Petri Net
 - ▶ Colored
 - ▶ Capacity
 - ▶ Inhibitor
 - ▶ Stochastic





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- ▶ + Potential
- ▶ – Unstable
- ▶ – Unpredictable



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