

CAS 703 Software Design

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Course website: on Avenue to Learn

Notes: midterm recess 15-19 February (no classes)

Course Outline: introduction to software design principles and processes; design by contract and constraint languages; introduction to modeling, metamodeling and Model-Driven Engineering; model validation; model transformation; model-to-text transformation; model querying; domain-specific languages; concrete vs abstract syntax; EMF; GMF; Epsilon.

Textbooks:

I will not teach directly from a textbook. You may find reading parts of the following books helpful.

- Jordi Cabot, Manuel Wimmer and Marco Brambilla, *Model-Driven Software Engineering in Practice*, second edition, Morgan and Claypool, 2017.
- John Ousterhout, *A Philosophy of Software Design*, Yakanyam Press, 2018.

Lecture notes: made available on the course website hopefully just before each lecture.

Tools: we will be using Eclipse, the Eclipse Modeling Framework (EMF), and Epsilon (<http://www.eclipse.org/epsilon>). You should download these tools – they're open-source and free – as early as possible in the term.

Prerequisite knowledge and experience:

Basic knowledge of discrete math (particularly basic propositional logic), data structures and algorithms. Familiar with key ideas in software engineering and object-oriented programming. Comfortable with Java programming or in a similar language.

Learning objectives:

You will know and understand:

- Key principles of software design, including decomposition and encapsulation.
- Design patterns and antipatterns, and their role in software design.
- Constraints and constraint languages.
- Design-by-contract.
- Fundamentals of modeling and Model-Driven Engineering.
- The different operations in model management and how they can be implemented.
- The differences between a model and metamodel.
- The definition of a domain-specific language, and the primitives used to build them.

Upon completion of this course, participants should be able to:

- Apply software design principles and patterns in constructing software systems.
- Use constraints and constraint languages to more precisely specify software systems.
- Apply design-by-contract as part of the software design process.
- Specify a domain-specific language.
- Implement operations on models, including queries, transformations and constraints.
- Differentiate abstract and concrete syntax, as well as models versus metamodels.
- Build an editor for a domain-specific language using Eclipse-based modeling tools.

Evaluation:

- Attendance and participation: 15%
- Paper presentation: 25%
- Term project: 60%

Every student will be assigned a classic paper in software design to read, analyze, and present to the rest of the class. Presentations will be marked on comprehensiveness, clarity of analysis, presentation style, and use of visual aids, and will typically be 15 minutes plus 5 minutes for questions.

The project will involve building a domain-specific language and editor for that language, using the MDE tools taught in class. Projects will be presented in the last few weeks of term to the class (schedule to be announced). Your project mark will be based on your submitted deliverables (an editor for your DSL plus a very short report – together worth 75% of your project grade) and your presentation (worth 25% of your project grade).

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For 703: we don't have exams and won't use proctoring software in any event, because it's terrible and intrusive.

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For 703: Please contact the instructor as soon as you know you will be MSAFing a piece of work, and before you submit the form – it may be that we can work out something sensible without having to go through a formal process.

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