Architecture Deployment & Verification Compile- and run-time dependencies

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Introduction: from Objects to Components



Introduction: Interfaces, Info Models & Components

- Interfaces:
 - Define the syntax
 - Generic access points to functionality
- Info Models:
 - Define the semantics
 - Allow for specialisation of the interfaces
 - Are means of variability
- Components:
 - Are the actual implementation
 - Unit of composition of interfaces
 - Define the set of capabilities

Introduction: Interfaces Design

- Provides Interface:
 - Component guarantees to implement the functionality associated with the interface
- Requires Interface:
 - Component accesses functionality through this interface and relies on the functionality to be implemented *outside* the component
- Optional/Mandatory interfaces

Introduction: Interfaces Design Rules

- Think in interfaces not in implementations
- Make as few assumptions as possible about the execution environment of a component

Component creator should model all pieces of functionality that have to be 'overruled' by the component user through 'requires' interfaces

Introduction: Information Models

- Explicitly managed and defined in UML
 - Team of architects with weekly meetings
- Implemented as generic Data Objects
- Described by a Data Dictionary
- Easy streamable to/from XML
- Examples:
 - PMS Imaging Information Model (PIIM)
 - Configuration Information Model (CIM)
 - Performer Information Model (PIM)

Deployment: compile-time dependencies



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Deployment: compile-time dependencies

- Split the source code archive into:
 - Public and Private (external/internal)
 - Interfaces, Information Models, Utilities (allowed to be used directly)
 - Segments (ownership/functionality)
 - Delivery code and Test and Tools
- Namespace reflects the directory structure (1:1)

Philips.PmsMip.Public.Interfaces

.InformationModels

.Utilities.<segment>

Philips.PmsMip.Private.Interfaces

- .InformationModels
- .<segment>
- .Tests.<segment>
- .Tools.<segment>

Deployment: compile-time dependencies

- Deliverable libraries contain namespace prefix
 - E.g. Philips.PmsMip.Public.Interfaces.dll
- Base segment owns/manages Public/Private:
 - Interfaces
 - InformationModels
 - Utilities
- Upwards compatibility of Public Interfaces/Information Models
 - Recompilation old application should be enough

Deployment: run-time dependencies

- Broker instantiates classes via reflection
 - Aliases and classes mapping are defined in XML format
 - Mapping of classes to dll's are generated as part of Build
 - Classes instantiated via Broker are cached
- Example of Broker usage:

```
string context = "Public";
IBroker broker = Broker.GetBroker(context);
string alias = "ColorManager";
IColorManager colorManager = (IColorManager)
broker.CreateInstance(alias);
```

Deployment: dependency rules

- 1. Program by interfaces
 - Avoids compile time dependencies
 - Makes it possible to replace an implementation by another one
 - Shields public methods not defined in interface
 - Never change an interface once released
- 2. No compile time dependencies between segments, except to Base segment
- 3. No run-time dependencies between segments, except to Base segment or specific identified via Broker
- 4. No compile-time dependencies from Delivery code to Test and Tools allowed
- 5. No runtime dependencies from Delivery code to Test and Tools allowed
- 6. No compile time dependencies from Public to Private packages

Allowed compile-time dependencies between segments



Verification: compile-time dependencies

- Build order of Visual Studio projects is fixed (list of solutions)
 - 1. Base delivery code
 - 2. Per other segment the delivery code
 - 3. Tools/Test code Base segment
 - 4. Tools/Test code per other segment
- Dependency check is done on the Visual Studio projects
 - Check the references (dll) in Visual Studio projects
 - Possibility to specify segment: namespace/dll mapping
 # Private base
 Base: Philips.PmsMip.Private.Base
 Base: Philips.PmsMip.Private.InformationModels
 Base: Philips.PmsMip.Private.Interfaces
 Base: Philips.PmsMip.Private.Utilities
- Build will fail for any violation, including Coding Standard
 - Check on namespace and class file directory structure

Verification: run-time dependencies Automatic regression testing

- Use Test framework
- Set-up Test Environment as close as possible to the real situation
- Test against Mandatory and Optional interfaces
- Vary the test data
- Test all flexible aspects of components
- Always keep the software working
- Test alternative usage's of components
- Keep improving (automated) test cases over time
- Measure code coverage and improve if too low
- Make reference implementations or stubs
- Refactor the (automated) test cases when needed
- Investigate why a bug was not found and take appropriate actions
- Also test non-functional requirements (memory, CPU, etc)

Discussion points

- Is namespace and directory 1:1 mapping really needed for compile-time dependency check?
- How can you make sure you do not need tools/tests at runtime, if you use automatic regression tests for testing the product code?
- Can run-time dependencies be checked statically?
- Upwards compatible without recompilation old application?

