



Tutorial Announcement: Distributed Systems Development using Info Cases (T11)

Tuesday, August 25, 2015 (Half-day - Afternoon)

This interactive tutorial is addressed to undergraduate and graduate students, as well as researchers and industry practitioners. It is devoted to illustrating how distributed software systems can be developed from their first principles using info cases. Distributed systems are harder to develop than software in other domains, not only due to the hostile environments in which they normally appear, but also due to their additional functional requirements, such as location dependency, concurrency and non-determinism. Despite this complexity, distributed system behaviours depend on rich patterns of information flow, suggesting that info cases are perfectly fitted to support their development. Info cases can be regarded as a specialization of use cases, based on the elicitation of information flows between the system and its external actors, from which domain models can be derived using a structured method based on semi-formal rules. Empirical studies suggest that info cases guide requirements elicitation activities to happen in a more systematic way, while reducing inconsistencies between derived domain models. The tutorial will present all the steps and tools adopted in the development of a complete distributed information system example devoted to automating retail networks, comprising both physical and virtual shops, starting from the construction of an info case model, proceeding with the development of database and user interface functionality and culminating with the system implementation in Java using the Eclipse software development environment. It is expected that, after the tutorial, attendees will be able to replicate the adopted development path in other situations and contexts.

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