How to contribute to the joint course on software engineering by case studies

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Abstract. This document describes where and how the joint course on software engineering [1] uses case studies in the course and in assignments. Therefore, this document also serves as an instruction on how to build new case studies (which activities should be performed and which documents produced) in order to successfully replace the existing case studies.

1 Introduction

The Joint Course on Software Engineering (JCSE) [1] currently uses the following case studies throughout the course and in some assignments:

- the main one, used in 13 topics of the course,
- the supporting one, used in 4 topics of the course,
- additional ones, used in individual topics and in assignments.

There are always on-going efforts to include these case studies in even more topics and also to use additional case studies in some topics.

Currently,

- the main case study is 'Seminar Organization', taken from [2]
- the supporting one is 'XCTL'
- additional ones are local (i.e. are not used in more than one topic or assignment, but still pretty important) and will not be separately discussed in this text.

Topics	Main (the number of slides	Supporting (the number of slides	Additional (the name of the example)
1. What is software engineering			
2. Quality criteria for software products			
3. Software process models			
4. Basic concepts for software development documents			
5. Results of the "analysis and definition" phase	24	1	
6. Cost estimation	20		
7. Function-oriented view	12	2	
8. Data-oriented view	5		
9. Rule-oriented view	8		Policy in paying off checks (8 slides)
10. Structured analysis	19		
11. State-oriented view	5		Setting of the digital watch (7 slides)
12. Scenario-oriented view	4		
13. Object-oriented analysis	13		
14. Formal software specification and program verification	3		The tank (reservoir) (9 slides)
15. Overview of design activities			
16. Structured design	5		
17. Object-oriented design	1		
18. Implementation			
19. Systematic testing			
20. Functional testing			 Building blocks (6 slides) Coverage test (23 slides)
21. Software metrics		18	
22. Maintenance			
23. Reverse engineering		12	
24. Quality of software development process and its standardization			
25. Introduction to software ergonomics	??		
26. User manuals	??		
27. Project management			
28. Configuration and version management			
Assignment 1 – review of requirements specification document	V		
Assignment 2 – cost estimation	\checkmark		
Assignment 3 – review of the product model according to structured analysis	√		
Assignment 4 – derive a use case and class diagram for a new software specification			An independent problem (req. spec.)
Assignment 5 – derive a formal specification for a new software subsystem			The queue
Assignment 6 – apply regression testing tool to a new small example program			An independent program (program source)
Assignment 7 – build a classification tree for one use case	1	<u> </u>	
Assignment 8 – apply some software metric tools to a new software	*		An independent program (program source)

2 The main case-study – Seminar Organization

2.1 Topic 5: Results of the "Analysis and Definition" phase

The main case study is for the first time mentioned and used in Topic 5: *Results of the "Analysis and Definition" phase*. It is used to show and describe the requirements documents for a software product.

To do:

Develop a preliminary requirements specification *and* requirements specification for a software product that should be:

- of similar size as the current one (based on the number of use cases, for example),

- business-oriented (with data), such that function point method can be applied for costestimation,

- of such complexity:

- that use cases can be used to illustrate include, extend, and generalize relations,
- that entity-relationship diagrams illustrating important notations can be created,
- that decision tables illustrating important notations can be created,
- that data-flow diagrams can be refined reasonably deeply,
- that class diagram can illustrate all important aspects,
- etc. (see sections for topics 7 13 in this text)

Two mentioned documents should:

- be based on use-cases,

- follow the structure and contents given in [3, 4] (e.g. graphical *and* textual representation of use cases, data, quality expectance, etc.),

Option:

Preliminary requirements specification may *not* be produced. In that case however, one of the assignments should be changed (see *Topic 6: Cost estimation* for further details).

Remark:

It is also possible to use a different document structure (e.g. IEEE standard).

Excerpts from these two documents are used in the lecture (topic 5). Lecture also elaborates on how requirements can change over the time. Therefore,

Option:

Develop a previous version of the requirements. These two documents should follow the structure given in [5, 6] and should be *not* based on use-cases.

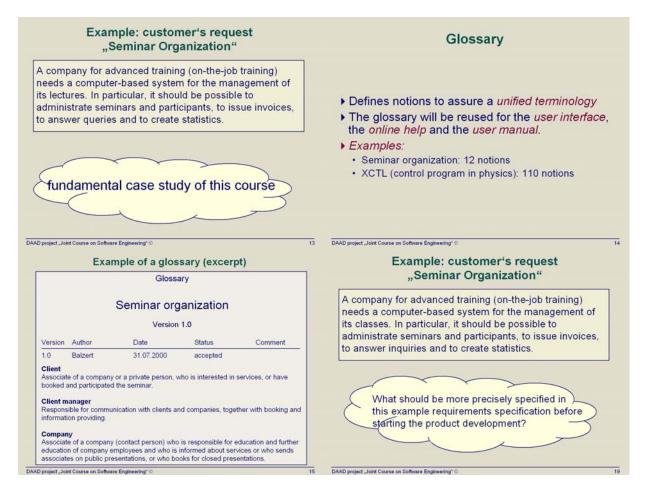
Remark:

Since it may be hard to produce these two documents, this activity can be omitted. In that case the topic should be changed by deleting corresponding slides.

Slides where the case study (i.e., the requirements specifications) are used are the following¹:

¹ Please note that the slide title is a unique identifier of a slide inside the topic.

<u>General slides</u> describing only the summary of the product and giving an excerpt from the glossary (part of requirements specification).



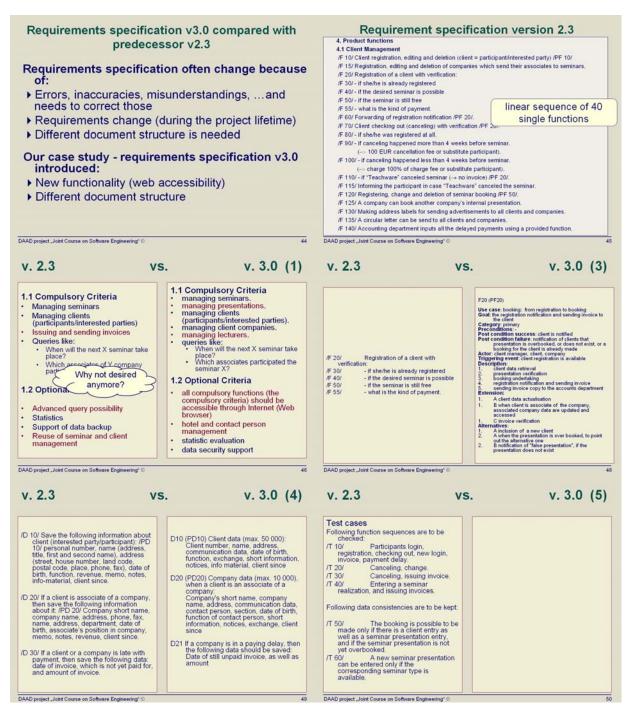
Slides describing documents that show characteristic parts of both documents.

		Require	ements sp	ecification document name	The seminars presented by "Teachware" company should be supported by computers.
	S		ar orga version 3	anization project name	1.1 Compulsory criteria ← managing seminars. managing presentations, managing clients (participants/interested parties). managing client companies. managing lotent rers.
Version	Author	Date	State	Comment	queries like: When will the next X seminar take place? Which associates participated the seminar X?
2.1	Balzert	03/91	accepted		 Which associates participated the seminar X?
2.2	Balzert	10/91	accepted	/F115/ added	1.2 Optional criteria ←
2.3	Balzert	10/95	accepted	/F15/, /F125/, /F185/, /D65/ removed, /F130/, /D10/, /D20/ added, /D30/, /D70/ changed	all compulsory functions (the compulsory criteria) should be accessible throug Internet (Web browser) hotel and contact person management
3.0	Balzert				statistic evaluation data security support
			TRIs Softwar andgrafenstr		1.3 Exclusion criteria
	rom version 3.0 nev tion: based on use o	cases	14139 Dorter	06 15 40 06 15 44 information	 No accounting (book keeping) integrated (the accounting has a copy of invoice and keeps track of payment and notifies of the paying delay).

	SemOrg
2 Product Usage	Informing trom question to information
The product is used by client-, company-, lecturer-, seminar- and	Compan) Booking
presentation management of "Feachware" company. Besides that, various queries should be answered.	3 Product Overview
2.1 Application area	(simple) business process diagram (use-
Salesman/administrative application area.	case diagram): from canceling to cancel notification
" · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Naming basic Booking company functions
2.2 Target Groups	Defining access rights for actors
Associates of "Teachware" company should be divided into: client manager, seminar manager, presentation custodian.	Lecturer From participation to evaluation
"Teachware" clients: <u>clients and companies</u> can get the information about seminars and presentations on the Internet. They can book using Internet, as well.	Designing seminar from idea to a new seminar Acquiring lecturer
	from choosing to engaging
	Planning seminar / Seminar custodian Business process of SemOrg product (overview diagram) from scheduling to reservation
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4 Product functions	F20 (PF20)
structuring schema for the textual	Use case: booking: from registration to booking Goal: the registration notification and sending invoice to the client
4.1 Use cases description of use cases	Category: primary Preconditions: -
F10 (PF10)	Post condition success: client is notified Post condition failure: notification to clients that the seminar is overbooked, or
Use case: informing: from question to information Goal: client gets required information or the information material is sent to her/him	does not exist, or a booking for the client is already made
Category: primary	Actor: client manager, client, company Triggering event: client registration is available
Precondition: - Post condition success; client gets required information	Description: 1. client data retrieval
Post condition failure: the required information can not be issued	2. seminar verification 3. booking undertaking
Actors: client manager, client, company Triggering event: client writes (letter, fax, e-mail) or calls	4. registration notification and sending invoice
Description:	5. sending invoice copy to the accounts department Extension:
client data retrieval use case = sequence of actions	1. A client data actualisation
Extension:	 B when client is associate of the company, associated company data are updated and accessed
A client data actualization A production of address label	1. C invoice verification
(for sending info-material)	Alternatives: 1. A inclusion of a new client
Alternatives: 1. An inclusion of a new client	 A when the seminar is over booked, to point out the alternative one B notification of "false seminar", if the seminar does not exist
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4.2 Lists producing lists: special product functions	5 Product Data structure of data
F70 (PF70)	5.1 Client Data
Participant list: a) per seminar with following data: seminar title, starting date, finishing date, presentation place, lecturers. b) per participant: first name, family name, company, town.	D10 (PD10) Client data (max. 50 000):
F80 (PF80)	function, exchange, short information, notices, info material, client since
Participant certificate: for every seminar participant with following data: address, title, first name, family name, staring date, finishing date, seminar title, place, overview, conductor	D20 (PD20) Company data (max. 10 000), when a client is an associate of a company: Company's short name, company name, address, communication data, contact person, section, date of birth, function of contact person, short information, notices, exchange, client since
F90 (PF90)	D21 If a company is in a paying delay, then the following data should be
Queries like the following should be allowed:	saved:
Queries like the following should be allowed: When the next X seminar will be held?	Saved: Date of still unpaid invoice, as well as amount
	saved:

5.2 Seminar Data		7 Quality requirements
		Product quality very good good normal not important
period split-end, beginni (hotel/company, address cancel fee, min. particip out (yes/no) D40 (PD40) Seminar type of Short title of seminar, se	ion (in days), from, to, daily period split-beginning, or ing of the first day, end of the last day, seminar pla s, room), cooperation partner, public (yes/no), net p ant rate, max. participant rate, actual participant, ca lata (max. 10 000): eminar title, purpose, methodic, overview, daily ords, target group, requirements, fee without tax, n	aily Functionality X se Suitability X ice, Accurateness X Interoperability X Compliance X Security X Reliability X n. Recoverability X Usability X
daily allowance, short in	(max. 5 000): address, communication data, date of birth, biogra formation, notices, lecturer since. a seminar, this information should be saved.	Time behavior X Resource behavior X Maintainability
6. Performance	concerning time and	Analyzability X Changeability X Stability X Testability X Portability X
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8 User Interface	ngneening o	9 Non-functional requirements
executed in side-wise and register masks. U30 Service interfaces a U40 ISO 9241-10: 1996 screen machines, par	(Ergonomic requirements for office work with t 10: entals) to be taken into account.	manager, seminar manager, seminar custodian. 10 Technical Product Environment Product is <u>client/server</u> and <u>Internet-abled</u> . 10.1 Software
Role Client manager	Rights F10, F20, F21, F90	Server-operating system: Windows NT/98. Client-operating system: Windows NT/98 or Browser.
Seminar manager	F22, F23, F40, F50, F60, F90	10.2 Hardware
seminar custodian	F30, F70, F80	Server: PC.
Lecturer	F70, F80 (for some presentations only through Internet)	Client: Browser enabled machine with graphic monitor.
Client, company	F10, F20, F21 (only through Internet)	
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12 Structure of F	Project Parts	SemOrg V2.0
There are three parts without Internet, <u>seco</u> some Internet function internal seminar. <u>The</u> management. SemOrg V1.0 (Core)	planned. <u>First version</u> covers core functionalit <u>nd one</u> covers core functionality expanded wit nality like booking and booking the company's <u>third version</u> supports hotel and terminal	F30 Presenting seminar; from participation to realization. (with internet) F40 Designing seminar; from idea to a new seminar. (with internet) F70 Participant list (with internet) F80 Participant certificate (with internet) F90 Queries (with internet) F22 Canceling; from canceling to cancel notification. (with internet) F21 Checking out: from canceling to a credit note. (with internet) F23 Booking company: from registering to booking a (with internet)
F50 Acquiring lecturer: fr	tration to booking. (without Interr realization. (vithout Interr from idea to a new seminar. (vithout Interr from idea interrest of thout Interr orn choosing to engaging. (without Interr	et) et) SemOrg V3.0 et) F23 Booking company: from registering to booking a (with Hotel company's internal presentation management)
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<u>Slides comparing two versions of requirements (optional)</u> that summarize differences between the previous and the current requirement specifications.



2.2 Topic 6: Cost Estimation

Documents produced in the previous step are used to calculate cost estimation that will be partly shown during this topic.

To do:

Develop a cost estimation calculation using a function point method, based on preliminary requirements specification produced in previous step. **Option:**

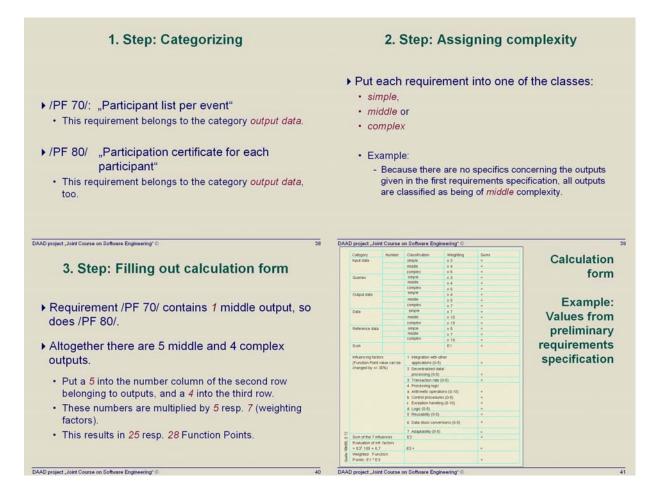
If the preliminary requirements specification *has not* been produced in the previous step, then cost estimation must be shown on requirements specification! Since this was intended as a student assignment (see later), in this case another student assignment (i.e. example) must be devised.

Remark:

It is also possible to use another cost estimation method (e.g. COCOMO) but it should be done only as an additional method. Function point (at this time) has the priority.

Slides where the cost estimation calculation is used are the following²:

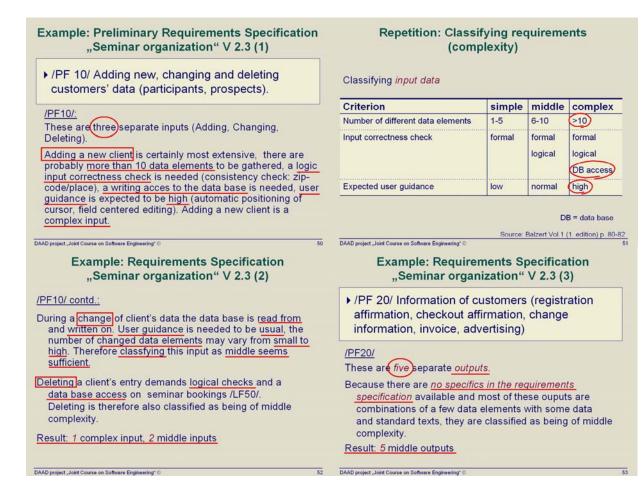
Introductory slides used to support the introduction of FP method.



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Category	Number	Classification	Weighting	Sums	к		Influencing factors	1 Integration with other		\bigcirc
Input data	0	simple	x3	=	0		(Function Point value	applications (0-5)	=	C
	11	middle	x4	=	44		can be changed by +/- 30%)	2 Decentralized data/ processing (0-5)	-	0
	4	complex	x6	=	24			3 Transaction rate (0-5)	-	3
Queries	0	simple	x3	=	0			4 Processing logic	-	
	0	middle	x4	=	0			a Arithmetic operations (0-10)	=	3
	0	complex	x6	=	0			b Control procedures (0-5)	=	3
Output data	0	simple	x4	=	0			c Exception handling (0-10)	=	(3)
	(5)	middle	(x5)	=	25			d Logic (0-5)	=	3
	(4)	complex	×7	=	28			5 Reusability (0-5)	=	0
Data	6	simple	×7	=	42			6 Data stock conversions (0-5)	=	0
	0	middle	x 10	-	0			7 Adaptability	=	(3)
	0	complex	x 15	=	0	S. 12	Sum of the 7 influences	E2	=	3
Reference	0	simple	x5	=	0	85.	Evaluation of infl. factors			
data	0	middle	x7	=	0	IBM	= E2/100 + 0,7	E3 = 18/100+0,7	=	0,88
	0	complex	x 10	=	0	Quelle:	Weighted Function			
Sum	un-weigh	ted function points	E1	=	(163)	Du	Points: E1-E3		=	143

Detailed slides showing detailed parts of calculation.



Example: Requirements Specification "Seminar organization" V 2.3 (4)

/PF30/

As in /PF10/, but respectively for seminar events and seminar types. Result: 2 complex and 4 middle inputs

<u>/PF40/</u>

As in /PF10/ Result: 1 complex and 2 middle inputs

/PF50/

To book a seminar it is only necessary to link the customer with the corresponding seminar event. So there are only a few data elements involved, however a logical check with data base access is needed. These 3 inputs are classified as being of middle complexity. Result: 3 middle inputs

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Function-Points am Beispiel: Lastenheft "Seminarorganisation" V 2.3 (6)

/LF80/

Queries similar to the following should be answered: When will the next seminar X take place? Which company Y's associates participated the seminar X?

These are queries with <u>end user languages</u>. They do not count.

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Un-weighted Function Points

Input data:	11	x middle (4)	=	44
	4	x complex (6)	=	24
Output data:	5	x middle (5)	=	25
	4	x complex (7)	=	28
Data:	6	x simple (7)	=	<u>42</u>
Function Point	s sum	(E1)		163

Example: Requirements Specification "Seminar organization" V 2.3 (5)

/PF60/

An invoice has to contain data on the customer, the seminar event and the seminar type. This requires some data base accesses. The output will probably contain more than 10 data elements. This leads to a complex output. Result: *1* complex output

/PF70/

As in /LF60/ these are three complex outputs Result: 3 complex outputs

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Example: Requirements Specification "Seminar organization" V 2.3 (7)

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Product data

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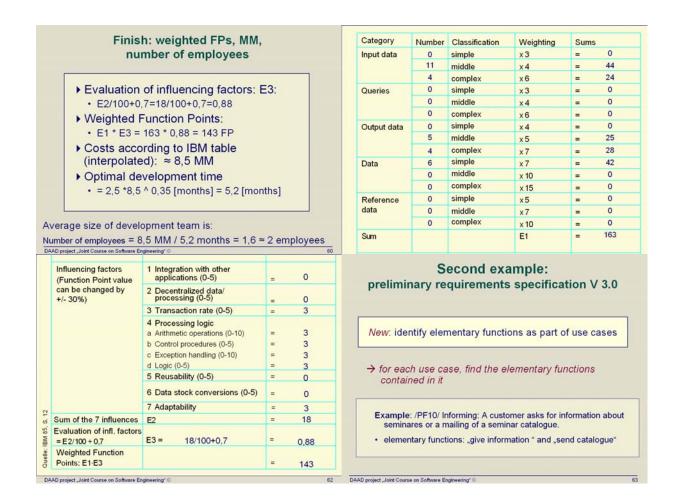
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<u>/PD10/</u>
This should be one <u>simple data stock</u> (1 key, number of different data elements < 20).
Result: *1* simple data stock
<u>/PD20/</u>
As in /PD10/ this is one <u>simple data stock.</u>
Result: *1* simple data stock
<u>/PD30/</u>
As in /PD10/, respectively for seminar event, seminar type and lecturers.
Result: *3* simple data stocks
<u>/PD40/</u>
As in /PD10/.
Result: *1* simple data stock

Influencing factors

Th	e influencing factors are considered as follows:	
1.	Integration with other applications (0-5):	0
2.	Decentralized data / processing (0-5):	0
3.	Transaction rate (0-5) : because of /PF10/: efficient DB access	3
4.	Processing logic	
	a) Arithmetic operations (0-10): more complex algorithms	3
	b) Control procedures (0-5):	3
	c) Exception handling (0-10): special cases	3
	d) Logic (0-5):	3
5.	Reusability (0-5):	0
6.	Data stock conversions (0-5):	0
7.	Adaptability (0-5):	3
Su	im of the seven influences: E2:	18
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2.3 Topic 7: Basic concepts of the functional view

Requirements for a software product should now be analyzed according to several methodologies/views. First we take into consideration a functional view and should illustrate function tree, data flow diagram, and use case diagram on the requirements specification of the case study.

To do:

- Develop a *full* data-flow diagram of requirements – it will be needed also later.

- Develop a function tree of main functions of requirements (function tree is implicitly contained in a data-flow diagram, so it just have to be recognized).

Option:

In fact not the full data flow diagram is needed, but at least three subsystems have to be fully developed.

Remark:

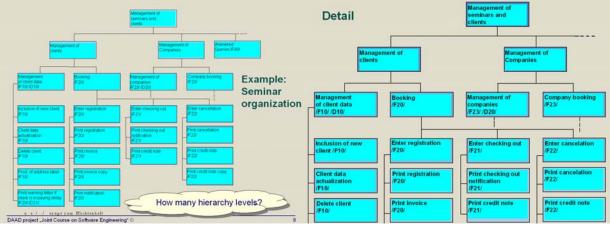
If requirements specifications are developed as requested previously, then there is no special activity related to use cases in this lecture – we shall just use some excerpts from the already produced document.

This topic also elaborate on the difference between functions and use cases near the end, using the example from two versions of requirement specification: the old one without use cases, and the new one with use cases.

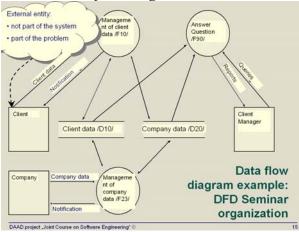
Remark:

If the previous version of requirements has not been produced earlier, then this elaboration must be illustrated differently in this topic, i.e., changes will be necessary.

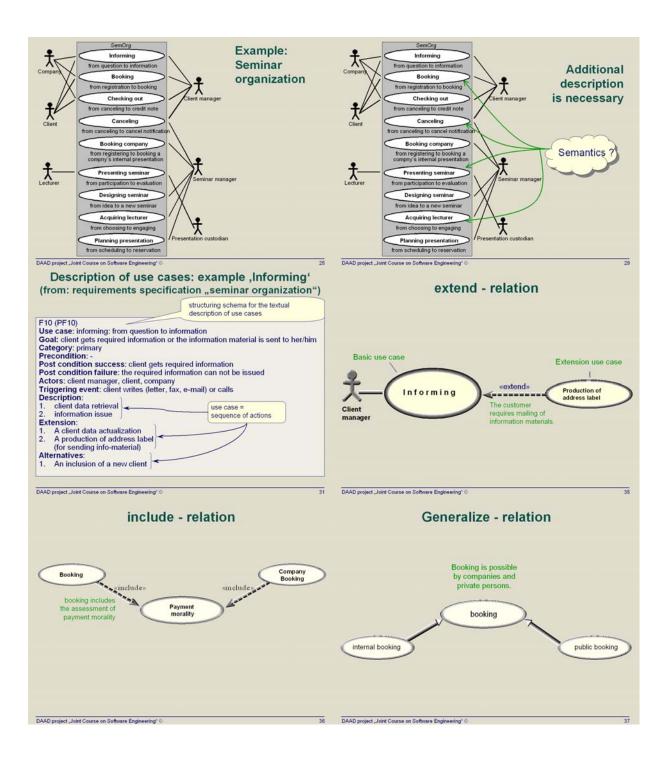


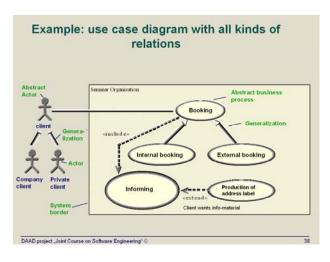


Slides on data-flow diagram.

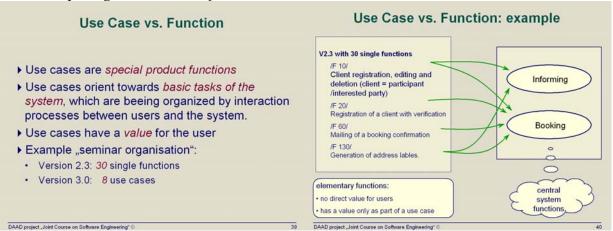


<u>Slides on use cases</u>.





Slides comparing use cases with functions.



2.4 Topic 8: Basic concepts of data oriented view

Data dictionary and entity-relationship model should be illustrated with the case study.

To do:

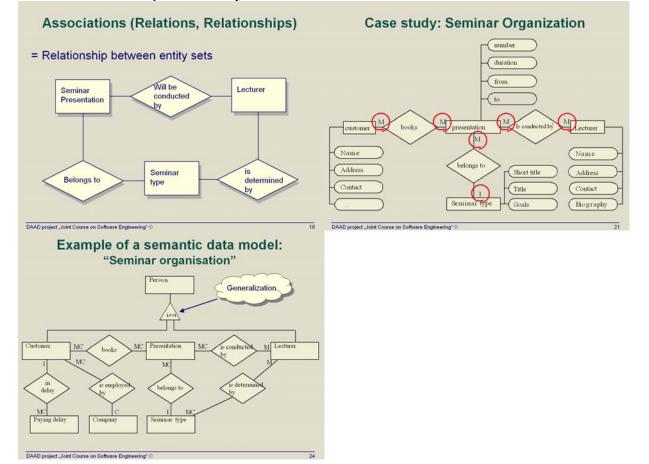
Design a user-interface form for which a relatively complex data dictionary can be created (see slides). Such data dictionary should illustrate most important data dictionary notations.
Develop several entity-relationship diagrams from case study illustrating important entity-relationship notations (see slides).

Slides related to case study can be grouped in two groups:

Slides related to data dictionary.

Registration to 'Teachw The following person is	vare' seminar registered as a is participant		Registration	= Participant + 1 {SeminarPresentation} 3 + InvoiceAddress
Title	First Name	Family Name	Participant	= Name
Presentation no.	Description	From To	Name SeminarPresentation	= (Title) + FirstName + Surname = [PresentationNo +(SeminarDescription)
	mentation will be sent to: First Name	Family Name		+(StartDate)+(EndDate) (PresentationNo) +SeminarDescription +StartDate+EndDate]
Invoice and other docur Title Company Zip	First Name	Family Name P.O.Box Country	InvoiceAddress	+(StartDate)+(EndDate) (PresentationNo) +SeminarDescription

Slides related to entity-relationship model.

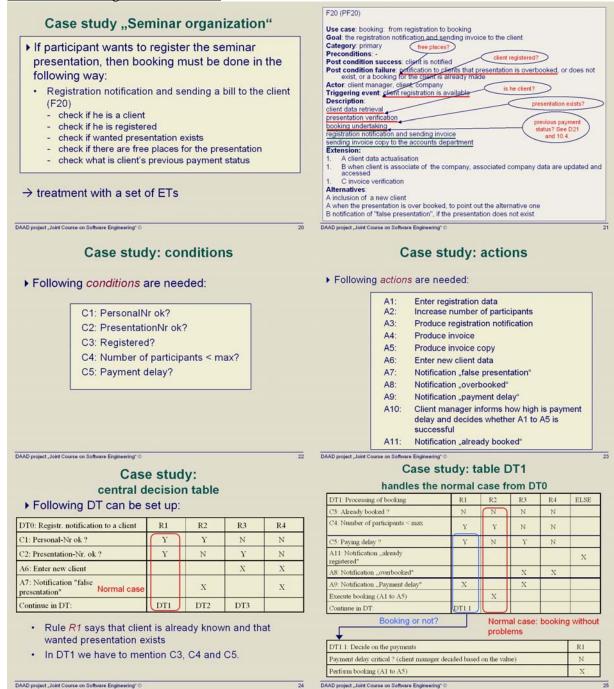


2.5 Topic 9: Basic concepts of the rule oriented view

Decision tables should be illustrated with the case study.

- Develop an example suitable for description with decision tables (checks, rules, sequence of activities that can be done under certain conditions, ...) (see slides).

All slides related to case study belong only to one group: *Slides illustrating decision tables*.



Case study: table	DI2	Case study:	table D13	
 Rule R2 from DT0 describes the the client is known, but there is a presentation 		 Rule R3 in DT0 describes client is new and that the exists 		
 We still have to check his payment status and produce appropriate notification: 				
We still have to check his payme		It should be checked if the		
• We still have to check his payme		DT3: Check the number of participants	RI	R2
 We still have to check his payme produce appropriate notification 				
We still have to check his payment produce appropriate notification	Rl	DT3: Check the number of participants	RI	R2
 We still have to check his payme produce appropriate notification 		DT3: Check the number of participants C4: Number of participants <max ?<="" td=""><td>RI Y</td><td>R2</td></max>	RI Y	R2

2.6 Topic 10: Structured analysis

This topic is essentially driven by the data-flow diagrams developed for the case study. They are gradually refined, and finished with mini-specifications and data dictionaries. This topic also presents once more an already developed function tree that is implicitly contained in diagrams.

To do:

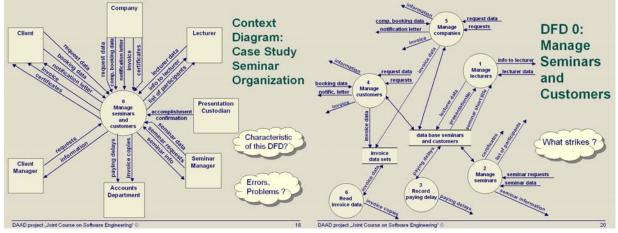
- Develop an example for mini-specification for at least one illustrative data flow diagram.

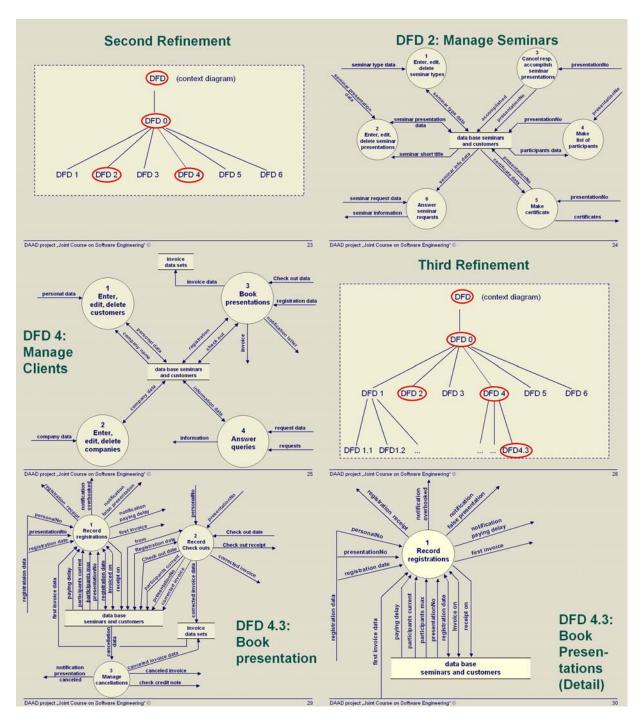
- Develop an example for a data dictionary that will be used with refinement of data flow

diagrams.

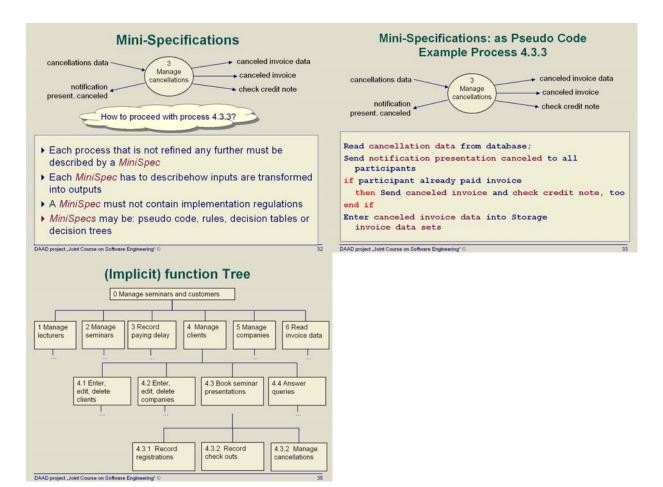
All slides related to case study belong to three groups:

Slides illustrating refinement of data flow diagrams.

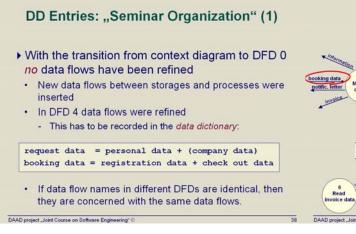


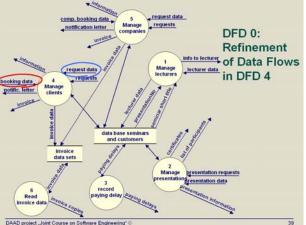


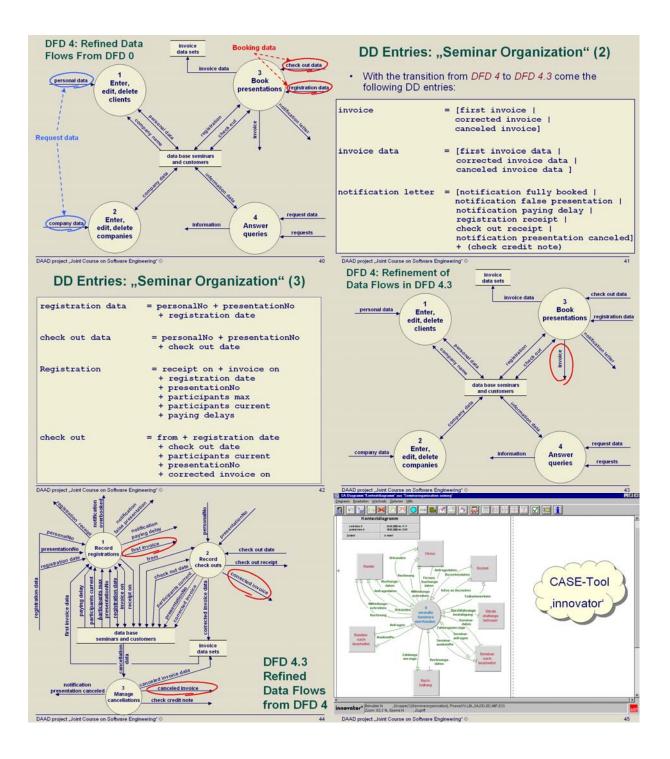
Slides illustrating mini-specifications (and function tree).



Slides illustrating data dictionary and its use with data-flow diagrams.







2.7 Topic 11: Basic concepts of state oriented view

The topic uses case study to illustrate notational elements of automata and activity diagram. Also, two slides of with excerpts from two CASE tools are given.

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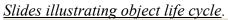
- Develop an example for an object life cycle that can illustrate important notational aspects (see slides).

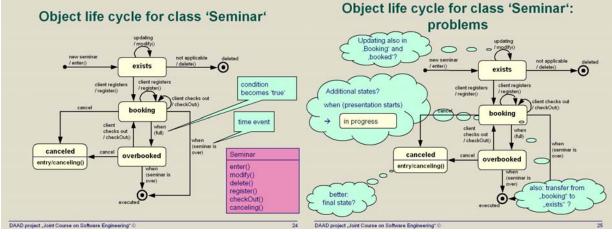
- Develop an example for an activity diagram that can illustrate important notational aspects (see slide).

Remark.

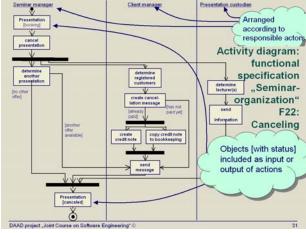
Additional slides can be also produced.

All slides related to case study belong to three groups:

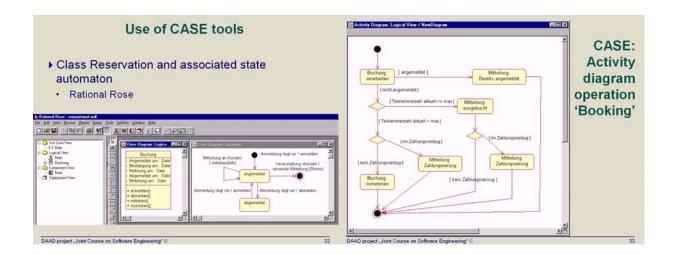




Slide illustrating activity diagram.



Slides illustrating CASE tools.



2.8 Topic 12: Basic concepts of scenario-based view

The topic uses case study to illustrate principles of sending messages and notational elements of collaboration diagram and sequence diagram.

To do:

- Develop an example that can be used to illustrate the principle of sending messages in OO world. (see slides).

- Develop an example for a collaboration diagram that can illustrate important notational aspects (see slide).

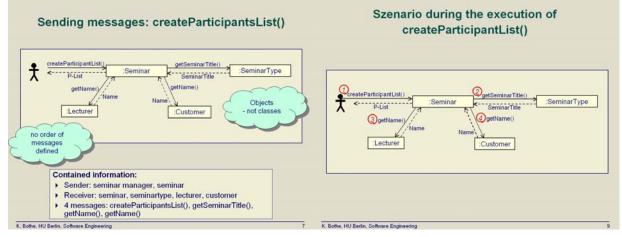
- Develop an example for a sequence diagram that can illustrate important notational aspects (see slide).

Remark.

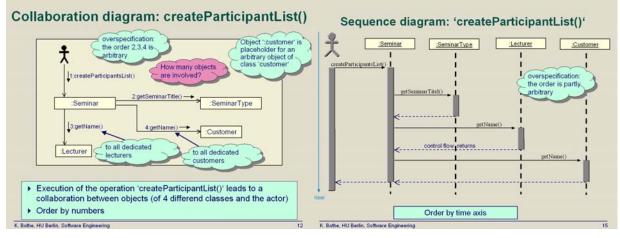
Additional slides can be also produced.

All slides related to case study belong to two groups:

Slides illustrating sending of messages.



Slides illustrating diagrams.



2.9 Topic 13: Object-oriented analysis

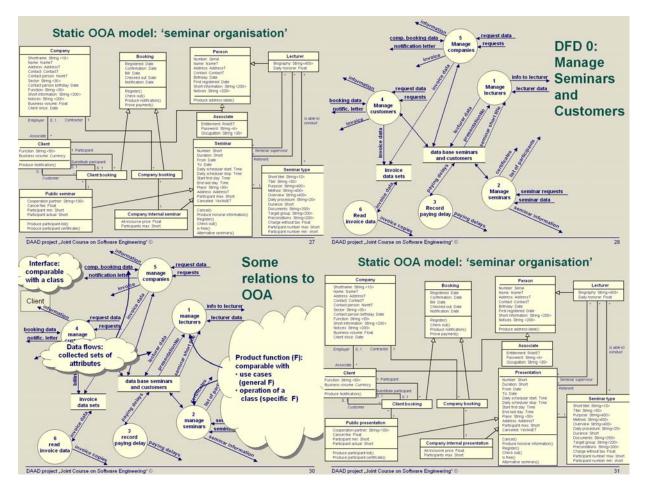
This topic uses case study to introduce all notational aspects of class diagrams and to elaborate on possible other in designing classes. Topic also uses already presented slides form *Topic 10: Structured Analysis.*

To do:

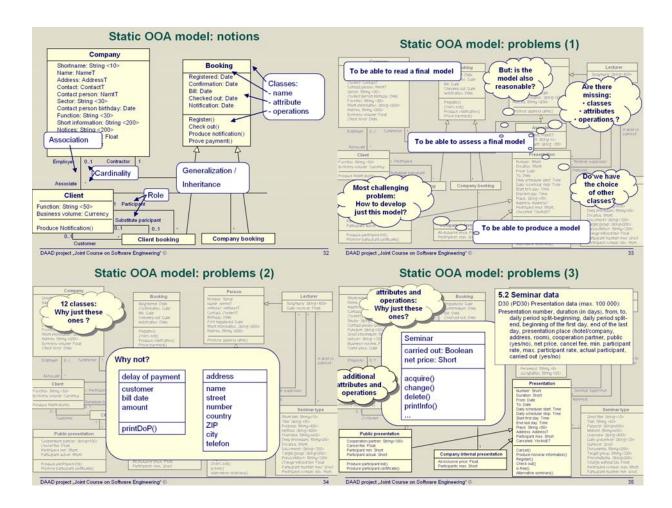
- Develop a *full* class diagram for a case study, in such a way that elaboration of other possibilities (choice of classes, etc.) can be done.

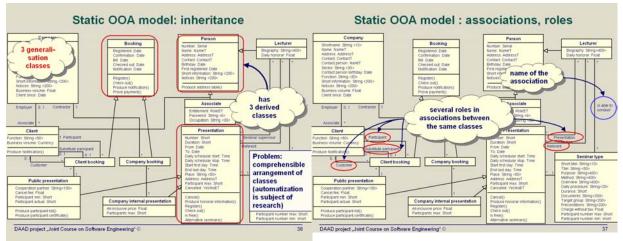
All slides related to case study belong to three groups:

Slides comparing OOA with SA.

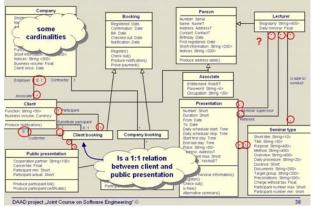


Slides introducing notations and problems (other possibilities) of class diagrams.

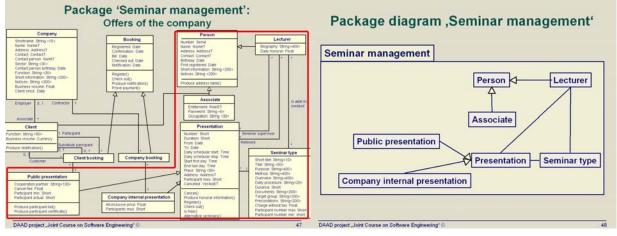




Static OOA model : cardinalities

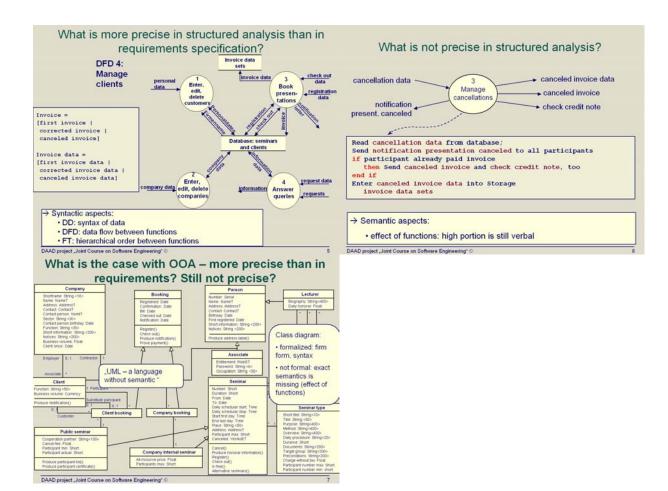


Slides illustrating packages.



2.10 Topic 14: Formal specifications

Parts of already developed documents/slides are used here in order to clarify the need for formal specifications. No special effort is neede here, except to use and slightly adapt already existing slides.



2.11 Topic 16: Structured design

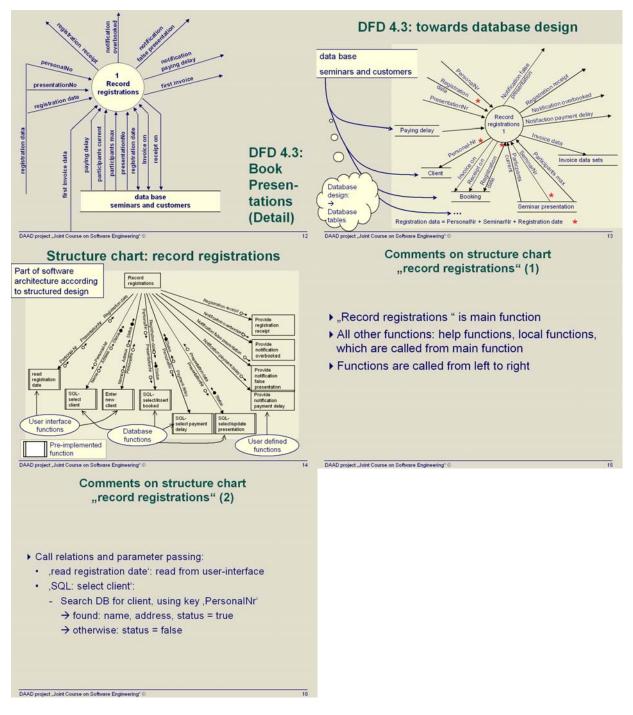
This topic uses case study to introduce basic principles of structured design. It takes one dataflow diagram and proceeds in designing the software for it.

To do:

- Develop a structured design for at least one data-flow diagram from structured analysis...

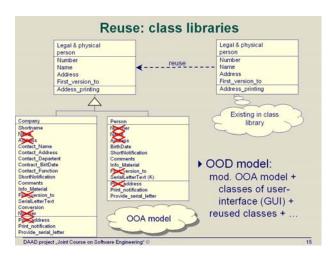
All slides related to case study belong to one group:

Slides introducing notations and principles of structured design.



2.12 Topic 16: Object-oriented design

This topic uses just one slide describing a case study – the slide that elaborates on how class libraries can be used. However, this slide can remain even if the case study is changed, because it is general enough.



2.13 Topics 25 and 26: Introduction to software ergonomics and User manuals

These two topics are not yet available in English. Nevertheless:

To do:

- Implement a case study or provide a design of user interface.
- Write parts of user manual.

2.14 Summary

Activities in building a new case study are summarized as follows (this is only an approximation – for full description, you should nevertheless read the whole text). Activities are ordered by importance!

- Find a problem of reasonably large size an complexity (for example from textbooks, real projects or educational projects)
- Develop requirements specification
- Develop a full class diagram as the basis of object-oriented analysis
- Develop accompanying diagrams for the dynamic view of object-oriented analysis: state automata (object life cycle), activity diagrams, collaboration diagram, sequence diagram
- Develop a data-flow diagram for a significant part of requirements
- Perform the structured analysis of the system: develop a hierarchy of data flow diagrams for a significant part of the requirements
- Do a cost estimation
- Implement the case study
- Write parts of user manual

To replace the existing case study with the new one, one should replace about 120 slides in the lecture.

3 The supporting case-study – **XCTL**

XCTL is a realistic program used mainly in the lecture to illustrate a process of reverse engineering. To find out its basic characteristics a software measurements has been applied and also presented in the lecture.

In the same way another case study could replace XCTL *or* illustrate other important aspects of software development.

3.1 Topic 5: Results of the "Analysis and Definition" phase

The supporting case study is for the first time mentioned in Topic 5: *Results of the "Analysis and Definition" phase*. It is used only in one slide to show how many notions are there in the glossary.

To do:

Develop at least glossary and use case diagram (as part of requirements specification) for a software product, that should be:

- of similar size as the current one (based on the number of use cases, for example),

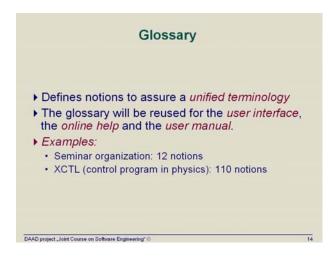
- possibly already existing and of unknown structure (such that it is suitable for finding out the structure O)

- of such complexity:

- that various software metrics methods can be applied

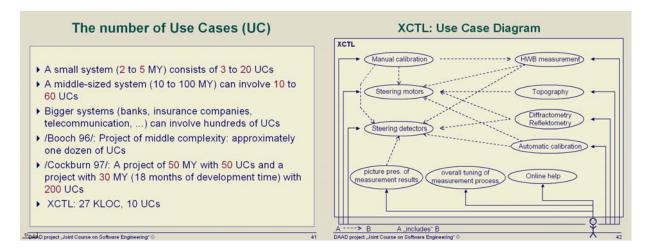
Option:

Develop a *full* requirements specification.



3.2 Topic 7: Function-oriented view

This topic uses the supporting case study to show its use cases.

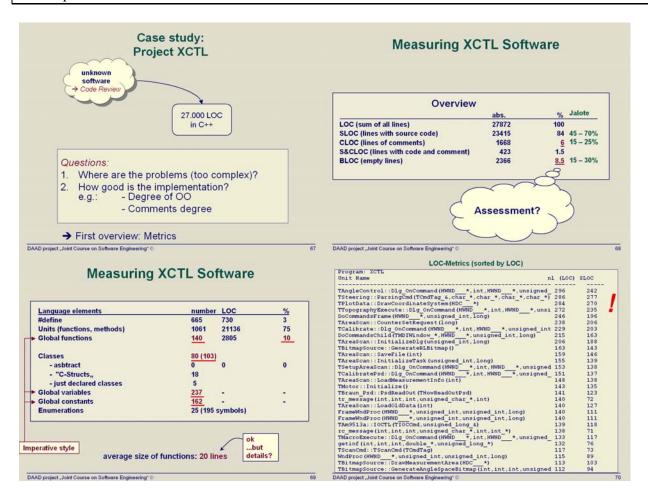


3.3 Topic 21: Software metrics

This topic uses the supporting case study to illustrate the application of several software metrics methods (see slides).

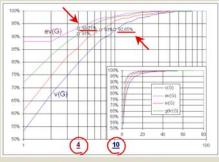
To do:

- Develop several characteristic measurements that can be used to illustrate major measurement techniques

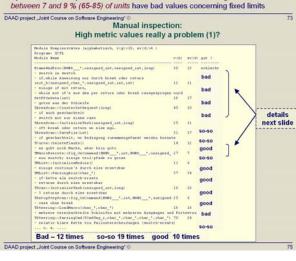


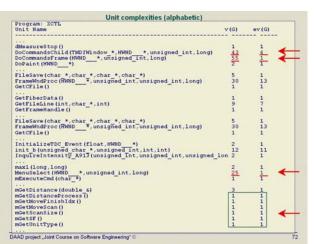
Program: XCTL Unit Name	v (G)	ev (G)
TSteering::ParsingCmd(TCmdTag &,char *,char *,char *)	70	24
DoCommandsFrame(HWND *, unsigned int, long)	55	1
TAreaScan::CounterSetRequest(long)	45	10
TCalibrate::Dlg OnCommand (HWND *,int,HWND *,unsigned int	45	20
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TSteering::ParsingCmdParam(char *)	38	1
TTopographyExecute::Dlg OnCommand (HWND *,int,HWND *,unsi	38	7
TMList::ParsingAxis(char *)	37	34
TAreaScan::LoadMeasurementInfo(int)	35	30
TMotor::Initialize()	32	1
TAreaScan::SaveFile(int)	31	17
FrameWndProc(HWND *, unsigned int, unsigned int, long)	30	13
TPlotData::DrawCoordinateSystem(HDC *)	30	1
TBitmapSource::GenerateRLBitmap()	30	13
TMacroExecute::Dlg OnCommand(HWND *,int,HWND *,unsigned		7
TAreaScan::LoadOldData(int)	26	19
TAreaScan::InitializeDlg(unsigned int,long)	25	5
TMain: :TMain()	25	1
MenuSelect(HWND *, unsigned int, long)	25	1
TAreaScan::InitializeTask (unsigned int,long)	25	11
TSetupStepScan::Dlg OnCommand(HWND *,int,HWND *,unsigned		6
WndProc(HWND *, unsigned int, unsigned int, long)	25	4
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TSetupAreaScan::Dlg OnCommand (HWND *,int,HWND *,unsigned		5
TScan::LoadMeasurementInfo(int)	22	22 🖌
TBitmapSource::DrawMeasurementArea(HDC *)	21	1
TBitmapSource::GenerateAngleSpaceBitmap(int,int,int,unsigned		5
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Measurement results (graphical summary and evaluation) Cummulative Histogramm of most important complexity metrics



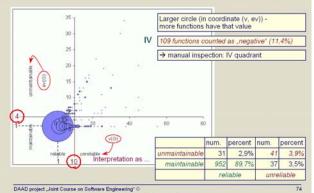
How many % of functions go over metric values ? Special values are put as limits on the x coordinate. Considering each of measures: between 7 and 9 % (65-85) of units have bad values concerning fixed limits





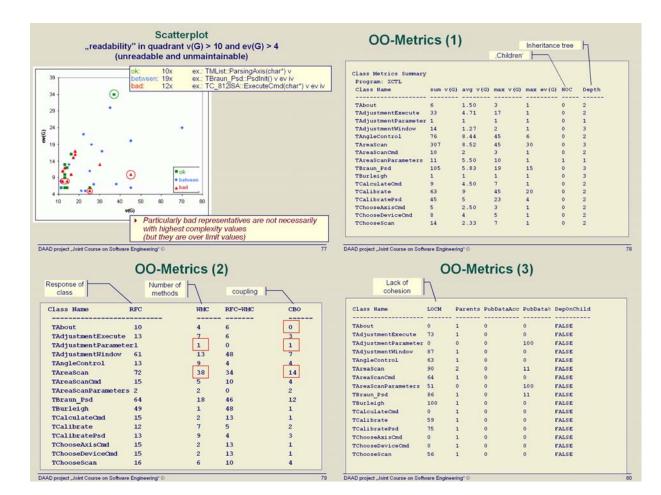
Scatterplot

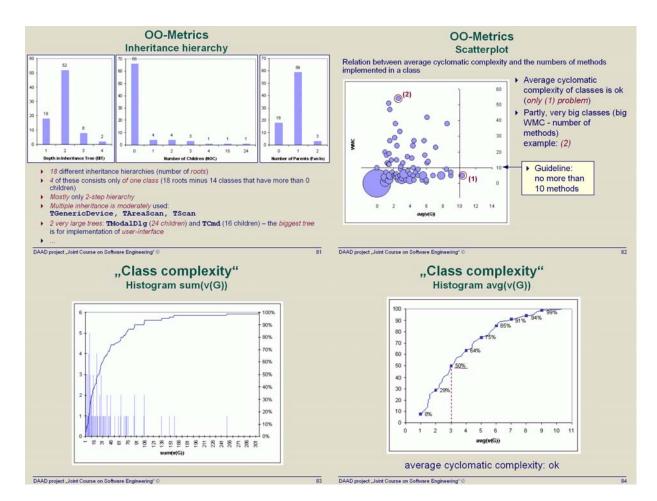
(relation between v(G) and ev(G), reliability and maintainability)



Manual inspection: High metric values really a problem (2)?

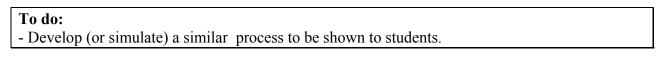
<pre>Init complexity (alphabetic, v(g)>10, ev(G)>4)</pre>			
Program: XCTL			
Unit Name	V (G)	ev(G)	good?
FrameWndProc(HWND*, unsigned_int, unsigned_int, long)	30	13	bad
- switch in switch			
 if, while exit only with break or return 			
<pre>init_b(unsigned_char_*,unsigned_int,int,int)</pre>	12	11	bad
- single if with return,			
- while with if's, exit from if with return or break			
SetFPOnData(int)	18	17	bad
- gotos from the loop			
TAreaScan::CounterSetRequest(long)	45	10	bad
- if nested			
- switch with only one case			
TCurve::DeleteFlanks()	14	12	ok
- label without goto			





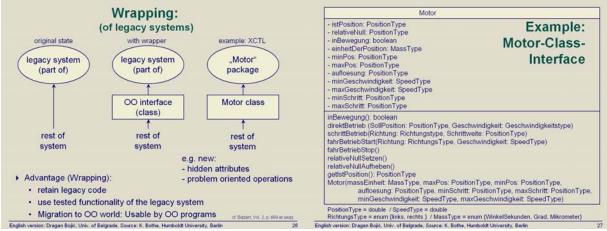
3.4 Topic 23: Reverse engineering

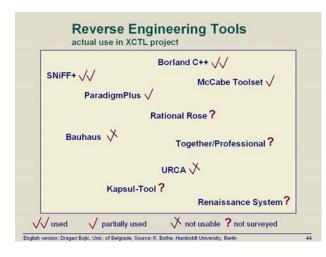
This topic uses supporting case study to show a realistic process of a reverse engineering.



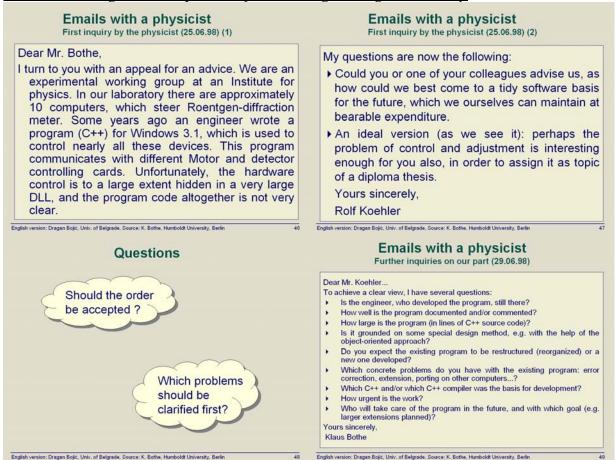
Slides are used in two ways in the lecture.

Slides illustrating wrapping and giving overview of used tools.





Slides illustrating the whole process of reverse engineering, incl. history.



Emails with a physicist

Answers to the further inquiries (01.07.98) (1)

Dear Mr. Bothe.

- 1. Is the engineer, who developed the program, still there? Unfortunately no, but he could be reached by email or telephone if necessary.
- 2. How well is the program documented and/or commented?
- ov well is the program documented and/or commented? A former coworker, who studied in the meantime technical informatics at a higher craft school, was so nice to look after the program. According to his statement the program is sufficiently commented. The interfaces of DLLs are documented. The program is already developed using object-oriented approach, but it is not structured well. In particular, the access to the hardware is bundled together with many other functions in a very large DLL (also with some elements of the user interface).
- 3. How large is the program (in lines of C++ source code)? The source code consists of 30-40 files with the average size of 20kBytes each.
- 4. Is it grounded on some special design method, e.g. with the help of the object-oriented approach?
- See above. According to statement of the mentioned former coworker only object-oriented elements were later inserted.

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Emails with a physicist Answers to the further inquiries (01.07.98) (3)

6. Which concrete problems do you have with the existing program: error correction,

- cvtnet contents proteins do you have with existing program, end contection, extension, porting on other computers...?
 There are the following problem fields:
 1.Instability: partly with certain actions, partly-completely coincidentally the program fails off.
 Error: Even essential things appear, e.g. a responding of end position switches is not always reliably recognized, and has already led to conditions that endangered the mechanics. However, we cannot completely exclude, if that has to do also with the used central earder. used control cards.
- Representation of measurement results: Among other things a linear position-sensitive detector is used (with multi channel analyzer). The data are stored as two-dimensional field. For the evaluation of the measurement, a graphical representation almensional neit. For the evaluation of the measurement, a graphical representation is necessary after a coordinate transformation (skew, curved lines). That is a present realized using a pseudo-colored bitmap. In principle, it is sufficient, but the transformation does not turn out correctly, and the displayed bitmap is not satisfying (no 'solid' bitmap, color coding is uncomfortable and not flexible enough).
 Extension: The used motor control cards are no more produced. It would be necessarily to take their successors into account. Further we must soon consider a new type of
- detector, which captures data in 1-or perhaps even in two-dimensions. We do not see a possibility to switch to another type of computer, but to use the existing PCs further on.

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RTK Project: found situation (1)

Program sources:

- 46 files: sizes of 91 33770 LOC (.cpp Files)
- · A few usable comments
- Files:
 - not always problem adequately (logically) arranged partly bad layout (formatting)
- · Identifiers formed uniformly in the same style (well!)
- · Inadequacies in details:
- e.g. switch with a single case ...
- · ,Dead Code': 90 functions (implemented - not called) 7 classes / 4 structures (declared - not used)

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Emails with a physicist

Answers to the further inquiries (01.07.98) (2)

5. Do you expect the existing program to be restructured (reorganized) or a new one developed?

It will be probably inevitable to restructure the program completely. I cannot say, to what extent parts of it are further usable. At least one must recognize for a part of the hardware, how it is stimulated. Even this relief is not probably entirely applicable, since it functions completely by polling, and possibly the use of hardware interrupts in individual places is more meaningful. The programs are not timecritical. So far Windows 3.1 is installed on all measuring computers concerned. Upgrading computers so that Windows NT can be used is practically ruled out for now. Since you can hardly still assign a programming for Windows 3.1 as a task, we could imagine the use of Linux, since it has smaller hardware requirements.

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Emails with a physicist Answers to the further inquiries (01.07.98) (4)

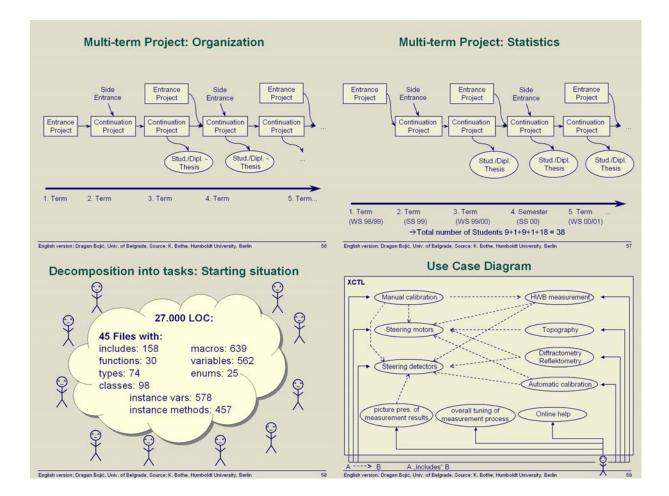
- 7. Which C++ and/or which C++ compiler was the basis for development? BorlandC++, last version 4.52.
- 8. How urgent is the work?
- Treatment within 12 months is adequate. 9. Who will take care of the program in the future, and with which goal (e.g. larger extensions planned)?
- That is a difficult question. Naturally, it would be outstanding, if we could get external support to it. Since that is not guaranteed, it would be nice, if those parts, which concern the pure flow control, are sufficiently isolated to be alterable without deeper knowledge of the entire program. Then our graduate students and/or our engineer (without training in programming) could adapt the program to changing measuring tasks. An integration of new hardware in the same way is surely not possible. However, we will probably have 2 new detectors, whose integration could flow if necessary into the task in the next months. Likewise we would like to buy a new motor control card, so that can be likewise directly considered. I would be very grateful, if you could actually support us concerning the program. Yours sincerely Rolf Koehler

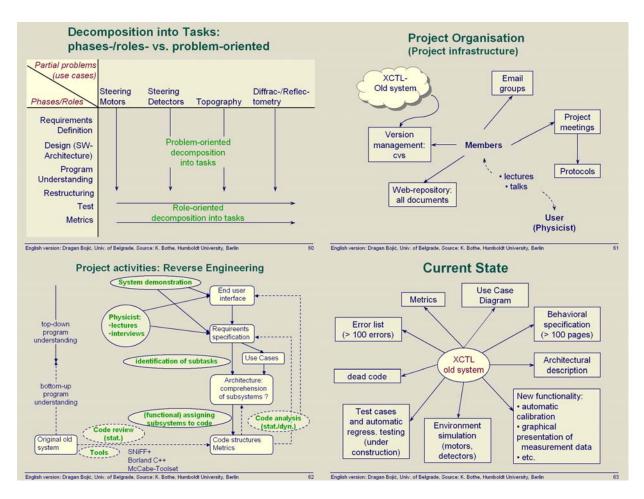
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RTK Project: found situation (2)

- SW architecture (paradigm): Mixture of-procedural and object-oriented parts (C/C++) object-oriented approach well (user interface among other things.)
- User interface not ergonomic → Arrangement of the elements of a window
- None of the following documents: Product requirement specifications, SW architecture, user manual, test documentation, program documentation
- Programmer no more ,in place' Physicist (esp. one) co-operation-friendly

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3.5 Summary

Activities in building a new supporting case study should be summarized as follows (this is only an approximation – for full description, you should nevertheless read the whole text).

To replace the existing case study with the new one, one should replace about 33 slides in the lecture.

A supporting case study can be developed either to replace XCTL (mainly in topics on software metrics and reverse engineering) *or* to illustrate other important aspects of software development.

4 Possible further extensions

This section lists possibilities to further include the main case study into the lecture's topics.

Topics	Currently	Possibilities to include also in
1. What is software engineering		
2. Quality criteria for software products		
3. Software process models		
4. Basic concepts for software development documents		
5. Results of the "analysis and definition" phase	√ √	
6. Cost estimation	√	
7. Function-oriented view	V	
8. Data-oriented view	1	
9. Rule-oriented view	1	
10. Structured analysis	, v	
11. State-oriented view	1	
12. Scenario-oriented view	1	
13. Object-oriented analysis		
14. Formal software specification and program verification	N N	
15. Overview of design activities		
16. Structured design	1	
17. Object-oriented design	N	
18. Implementation	N N	
1		N N
19. Systematic testing		N
20. Functional testing		N
21. Software metrics		ν
22. Maintenance		
23. Reverse engineering		
24. Quality of software development process and its standardization		
25. Introduction to software ergonomics	\checkmark	
26. User manuals	\checkmark	
27. Project management		
28. Configuration and version management		
Assignment 1 – review of requirements specification document	√	
Assignment 2 – cost estimation	√	
Assignment 3 – review of the product model according to structured analysis	Â,	
Assignment 4 – derive a use case and class diagram for a new		
software specification		
Assignment 5 – derive a formal specification for a new		
software subsystem		,
Assignment 6 – apply regression testing tool to a new small example program		N
Assignment 7 – build a classification tree for one use case	√ \	
Assignment 8 – apply some software metric tools to a new software		√

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