



Tool Usage by Students in a Software Engineering Course:

Tasks and Efforts for Tool Administration

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Tools used in 2010 (1)

objectiF - commercial and free versions by *microTOOL*:

- Model-driven software development in Java, C#, C++
- Developing of use case and class diagrams

CTE XL - free version by *Berner & Mattner* :

- Test specifications and automated creation of test cases
- Functional testing

Z/EVES - Open-source software from *ORA Canada* :

- Methods for analysis of formal software specifications
 - Z-notation
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Tools used in 2010 (2)

ATOSj – developed by our Software Engineering group:

- Black Box Tests via systems' Graphical User Interface in Java
- Regression tests

SOTA – developed by our Software Engineering group:

- Executing control-flow oriented White Box Tests
 - Coverage tests
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Usage and Installation Types (1)

Personal usage

- Students install tools for themselves using our website's instructions
- Most convenient for us?
- Support is difficult





Usage and Installation Types (2)

Computer lab – Windows 7 computers

- More effort for staff
- Work opportunity for students without PC/NB
- Ready-to-use tools
- Uniform working environment
- Advantage for teamwork



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System Administrator's Checklist

- Current versions
- Documentation
- Licensing
- Installation instructions and user hints
- Computer lab changes
- Tests
- Websites



System Administrator's Checklist (1)

Current versions

- Looking for updates
- Contact developers / providers
- Newest versions?

Documentation

- Fast access to current documents
- Collecting, publishing and updating links



System Administrator's Checklist (2)

Licensing at our Software Engineering group

- CTE XL – under free license, but personally registration necessary

- objectiF – under free and commercial license
- objectiF Enterprise Edition
 - 25 floating licenses for lab and remote access
 - Upgrade last year



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Tools

objectiF - Tool for Model-Driven Development with UML by microTOOL, Berlin

There are good tutorials <http://www.microtool.de/mT/pdf/objectiF/49/Tutorials/JavaTutorial.pdf> with explanations for use case and class diagrams.

Availability

Institute - "objectiF 7.0 Enterprise Edition" can be used in Windows lab: R. 3.216, 12 PCs with Core Duo 3GHz, 8 GB RAM.

Internet - from <http://www.microtool.de/objectif/de/download.asp> you can download "objectiF Personal-Editions" for free.

System requirements for installation

Software: Windows XP/7, .NET Framework 2.0, J2SE, Eclipse, Acrobat Reader, Microsoft Word

Hardware: >= 1 GHz processor, >= 1024 MB RAM

User hints

Start: ...

Stop: ...

System set up: ...

Creating a class diagram: ...

License Models

Newest Version

Current Documentation




System Administrator's Checklist (3)

Installation instructions and user hints


- SW and HW requirements
- Installation procedure steps and expected results

- Handling user interface
- Context of student assignments



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Tools

SOTA - StructurOriented Test and Analysis of programs

This tool was developed in line with the diploma theses "SOTA: Entwicklung eines Werkzeuges für den kontrollflussorientierten Softwaretest und seine Visualisierung" by Ronny Treyße at SWT.

SOTA is a standalone Eclipse RCP application. You need a Java version \geq Java 6.0 in your system.

Installation

- Download file `sota.zip` and unzip it to whatever directory you want.
- You get a directory "sota"

- configuration
- manual
- plugins
- cdlipseproduct
- ASCLogger.jar
- langspec.dtd
- language.spec
- project.dtd
- SOTA.exe**
- SOTA.ini
- SOTA-ATM.jar

- Execute SOTA.exe

Installation
Results

Installation
Steps

Software
Requirement

Documentation and user hints

- User manual
- Setup of test for SOTA assignment
- Setup of test for sample program

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Skeletal translation of German WebSite

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System Administrator's Checklist (4)

Computer lab changes

- Hardware and operating system modernization
- Software new installaton

Tests: PCs, laptops, lab

Websites: Bundling of all tool's information



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Some Trouble – Some Examples(1)

CTE XL – free version

- No problem for single-users
- You have to register and get a license key that is bound to your account and your PC

- Problem in lab with 12 computers and 60 users
- Solution
 - Computer administrator registers CTE XL
 - Students use corresponding key

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Some Trouble – Some Examples (2)

objectiF Enterprise Edition – commercial version

- Central license server 😊
- “License server not found” 😞

- Problem caused by installation procedure:
 - search for license server in same subnet only
 - no registry entry for outside located server
- Antiqued solution – executing a batch-file

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Ideas and Reality

Usage of new MS Windows Terminal Servers

- One-time installation of tools
- Operating system independent access from anywhere
- The same working environment -> much easier support

First trials: CTE XL and objectiF - problems with

- Local devices
 - Access rights
 - Reboot needed after objectiF EE installation
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Thank you for your attention.