

ENHANCING TEST MODELS BY INCORPORATING MONITORED USAGE INFORMATION

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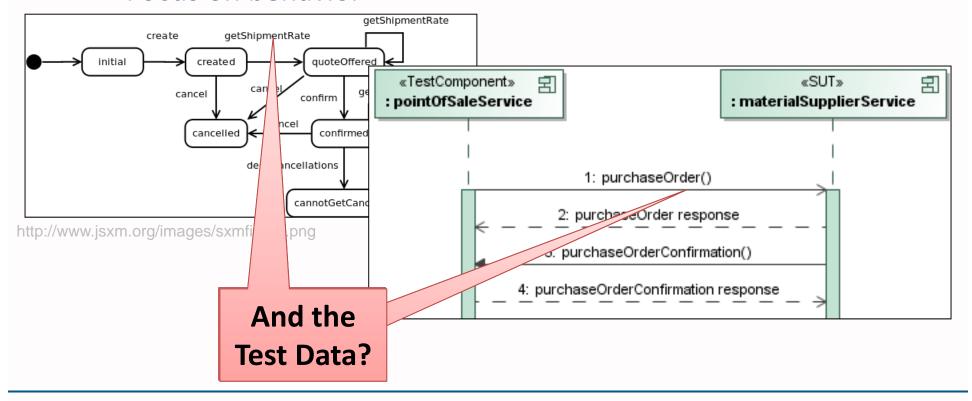
DATA IN TEST MODELS





Data in Test Models

- Different Models used in Model-Based Testing (MBT)
 - Focus on behavior







Simple for Literals

- Example
 - purchaseOrder(int amount)
 - Test logic can determine values
 - Boundary-value analysis, contraint solving, symbolic execution
 - For testers also possible to set values manually



Difficult for Complex Types

- Example
 - purchaseOrder(purchaseOrderType order)
 - purchaseOrderType itself can have complex types as attributes

Automated Support Required!

- Deep nesting possible
- Hard to determine good values automatically
- Hard for testers to set values manually









TEST DATA FROM USAGE





Solution: Usage-based Testing

- Collect usage data:
 - Observe users and collect data about the SUTs usage
 - Timestamps
 - Called operations
 - Transferred data

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- Create usage profile and generate tests
 - Create stochastic model of usage
 - Walks through the model for test definition



Precursors

- For regressions
 - Or at least partial implementations
- Test model must be modifiable
 - Possibly difficult with proprietary models
- Monitored data can be mapped to test model







PROOF-OF-CONCEPT

From SOAP to UML





Our Scenario

- Testing of SOA Applications
- Monitored data = SOAP calls
 - XML!



- Test model: MIDAS DSL
 - UML and UML Testing Profile (UTP) based Language



Data in the MIDAS DSL

- MIDAS DSL is a UML/UTP based modeling language
- UML Data Types and Literals for the structural description of test data
- UML Instance Specifications for definition of values for tests



Data in the MIDAS DSL

Structural Data
Definitions

«dataType» purchaseOrder

-purchaseOrderXML : orderMessageType

«dataType» orderMessageType

-idOrder : String -idProduct : String -quantity : Integer

UML Data Types and Literals

Concrete Instances in Tests

purchaseOrder Instance : purchaseOrder

purchaseOrderXML = purchaseOrderXML_Instance

purchaseOrderXML Instance : orderMessageType

idOrder = "order-18gog" idProduct = "POTATOES"

quantity = 5000

UML Instance Specifications





Problems with the MIDAS Pilots

- SOAP data often deeply nested
- Sometimes over 1600 instance specifications for a single message!
 - Cannot be generated manually
- Lucky coincidence: usage-based testing part of MIDAS

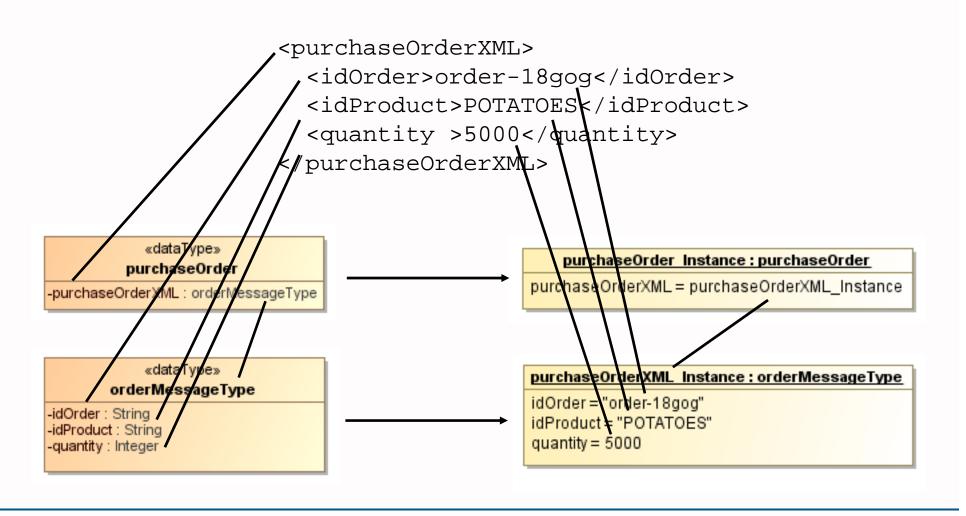


Practical Considerations

- Usage data in XML logs
- Test models in UML
 - No direct connection!
- Solution: string matching
 - Names of XML tags / attributes must match data type attributes in UML
- Error prone if test model is created manually
 - Automated support for test model creation helpful



Matching SOAP to UML



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CONCLUSION





Conclusion

- Test Data in test models often negleted
 - Definition potentially hard task
 - Complex data problematic
- Solution: data from usage
 - Monitored data must be of high quality
 - Test models must be of high quality
 - (Textual) Mapping must be possible

