

# Systematic Software Reuse

## *It Isn't What It Used to Be*

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# Agenda



- Background
- From Libraries to Factories
- Generative Reuse
- Agile Reuse
- Conclusions

# 40 Years Evolving Reuse Practice

- Software portability, LISP compilers, languages - U of Utah
- HP Reuse libraries, corporate reuse program, process
- Software Reuse: From Library to Factory
- (Hybrid) Domain Specific Kits
- UML 1.0 standards committee
- Reuse advice to HP divisions & customers
- RSEB: Software Reuse: Architecture, Process, & Organization for Business Success
- FeatureRSEB, Product Lines
- LogicLibrary, Flashline and TopCoder consulting
- Reuse Comes in Several Flavors
- Study of TopCoder crowdsourcing
- Agile Reuse



# Systematic Software Reuse

## *Component-oriented software engineering*

### A simple idea

Use previously developed components, frameworks, other artifacts

### ... with complex execution ...

New component & framework & generator technology & methods  
Architecture, process, organization, economics, cultural changes

### ... but with major benefits!

AT&T, GTE, Ericsson, HP, IBM, NEC, Rolls-Royce, Toshiba, Volvo,...  
Significant cost and time reductions  
Improved agility

# Reuse Body of Knowledge

*Many books & conferences on reuse & related topics*

- Architecture, aspects, patterns, frameworks, components, product lines, generators, domain engineering, management, organization



# Many Reuse Technologies

- Aspects
- Patterns
- Templates
- Parameters
- Components
- Frameworks
- Domain-specific languages
- Generators
- Services/SOA
- Agents
- Library system(s)
- Horizontal vs Vertical reuse
- Domain Engineering
- Variability Analysis
- Reuse-oriented Architecture
- Model-Driven Development
- Product Line Engineering
- Open Source/Corporate Source
- Crowd Source





# Many Reuse Questions

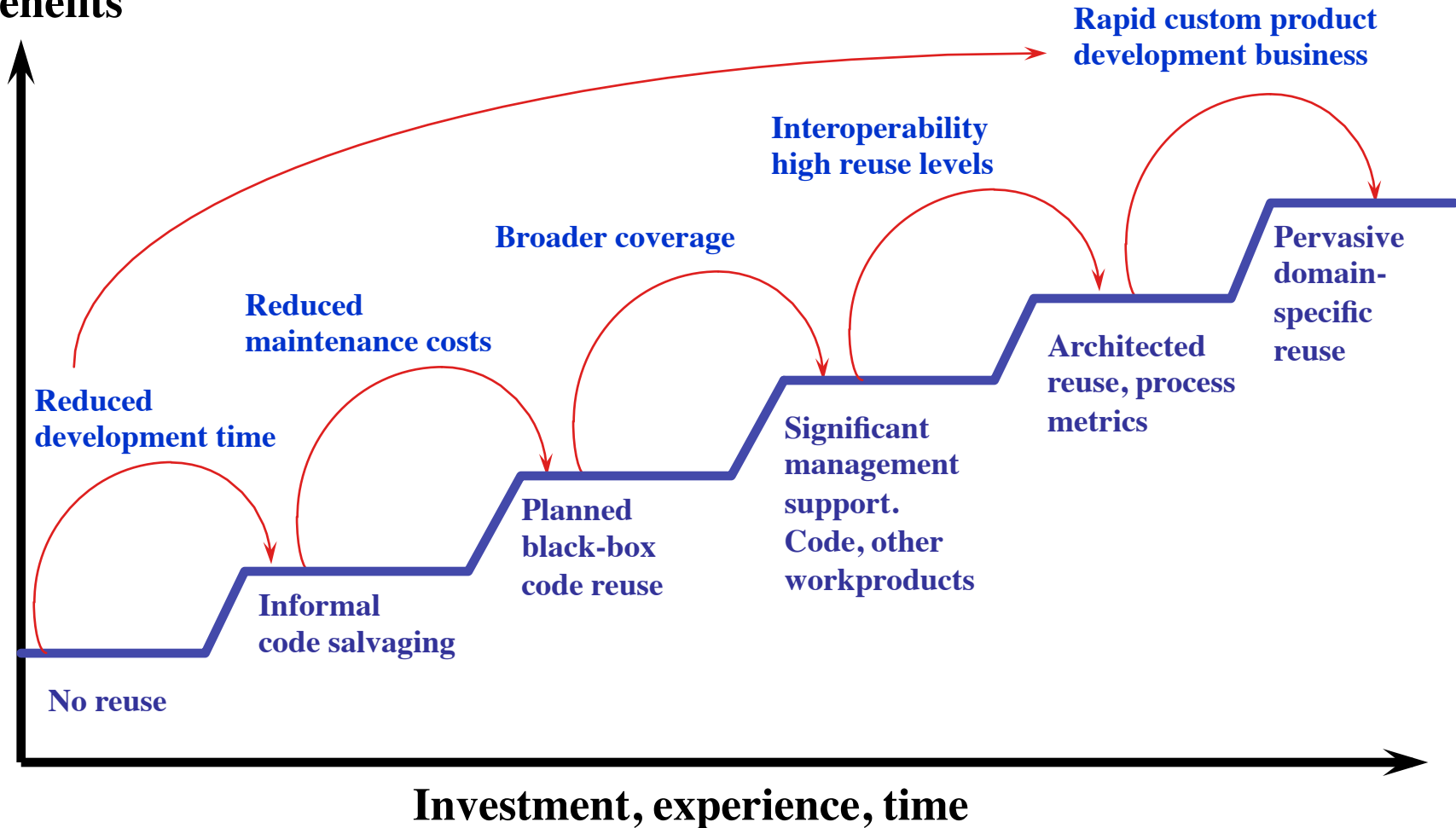


- What kind of reuse should we do?
- What strategy of marketing, incentives for reuse?
- What is an appropriate organization model?
- Should we do full scale product line reuse?
- Should we do model-driven development
- Should we use generators and domain-specific languages
- What technologies and tools to focus on?
- How are assets and support funded?
- What kind of reuse pilots to do?
- How and when to scale up?
- How is reuse connected to other software initiatives: *architecture, SOA, process improvement, quality, metrics, open source, crowd source, ...*

# (Staged) Adoption of Reuse

*Improved time to market, costs, quality*

**Reuse  
Benefits**





# Reuse May Vary Across Organization

Components, Libraries

- Ad hoc, random reuse

Architecture, Frameworks

- Powerful enablers and process enhancements

Platform, Services

- Strategic to company success

# Reuse “Flavors”

**4. Reuse-Driven Business** – Reuse central to all decisions

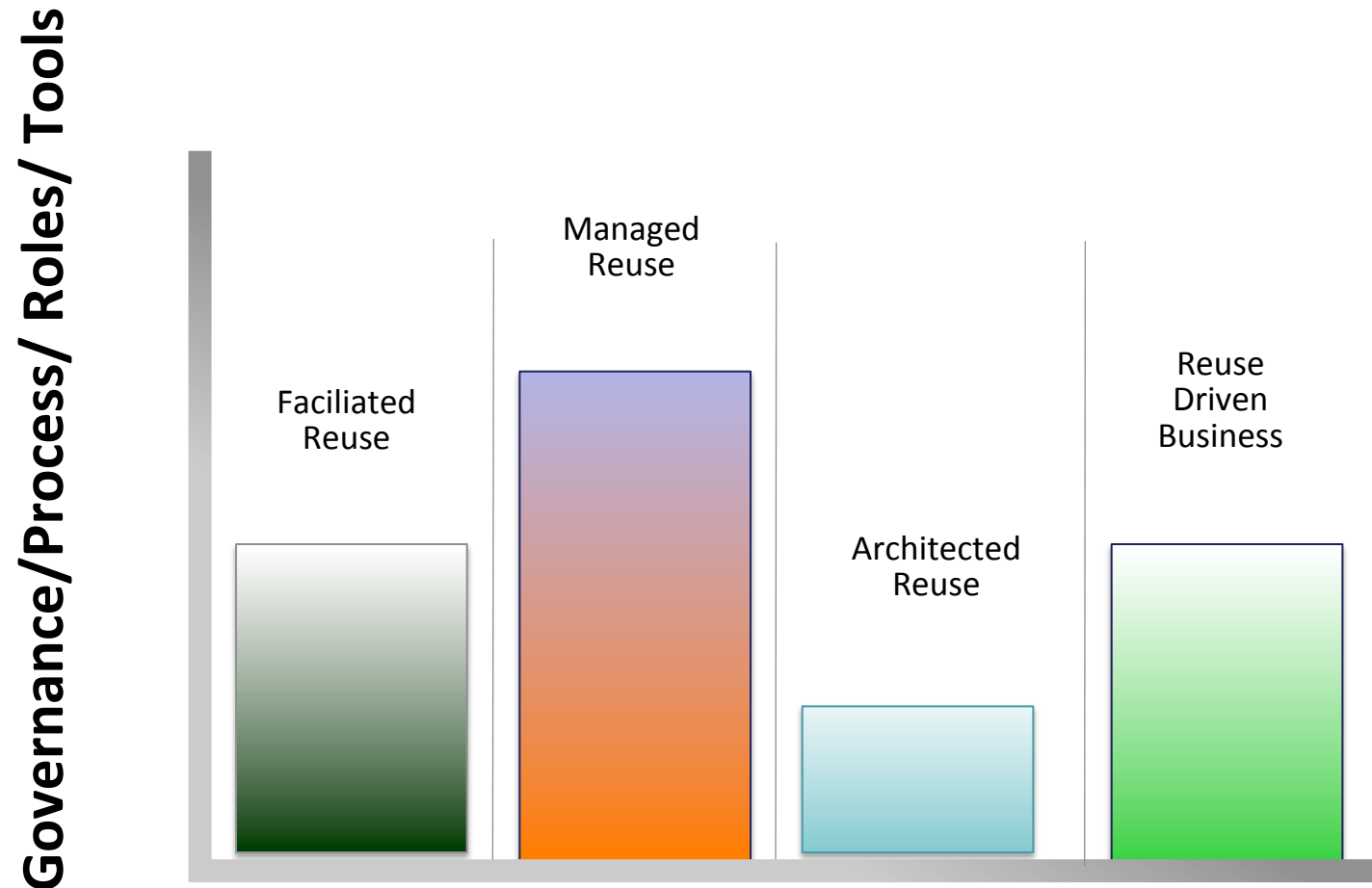
**3. Architected Reuse** – Architect, domain engineer assets for reuse, domain

**2. Managed Reuse** - Require, enforce, control participation, use of assets

**1. Facilitated** – Encourage, support, enable individual or team choice

*ad hoc reuse* - **NONE**

# Mixing Reuse Flavors



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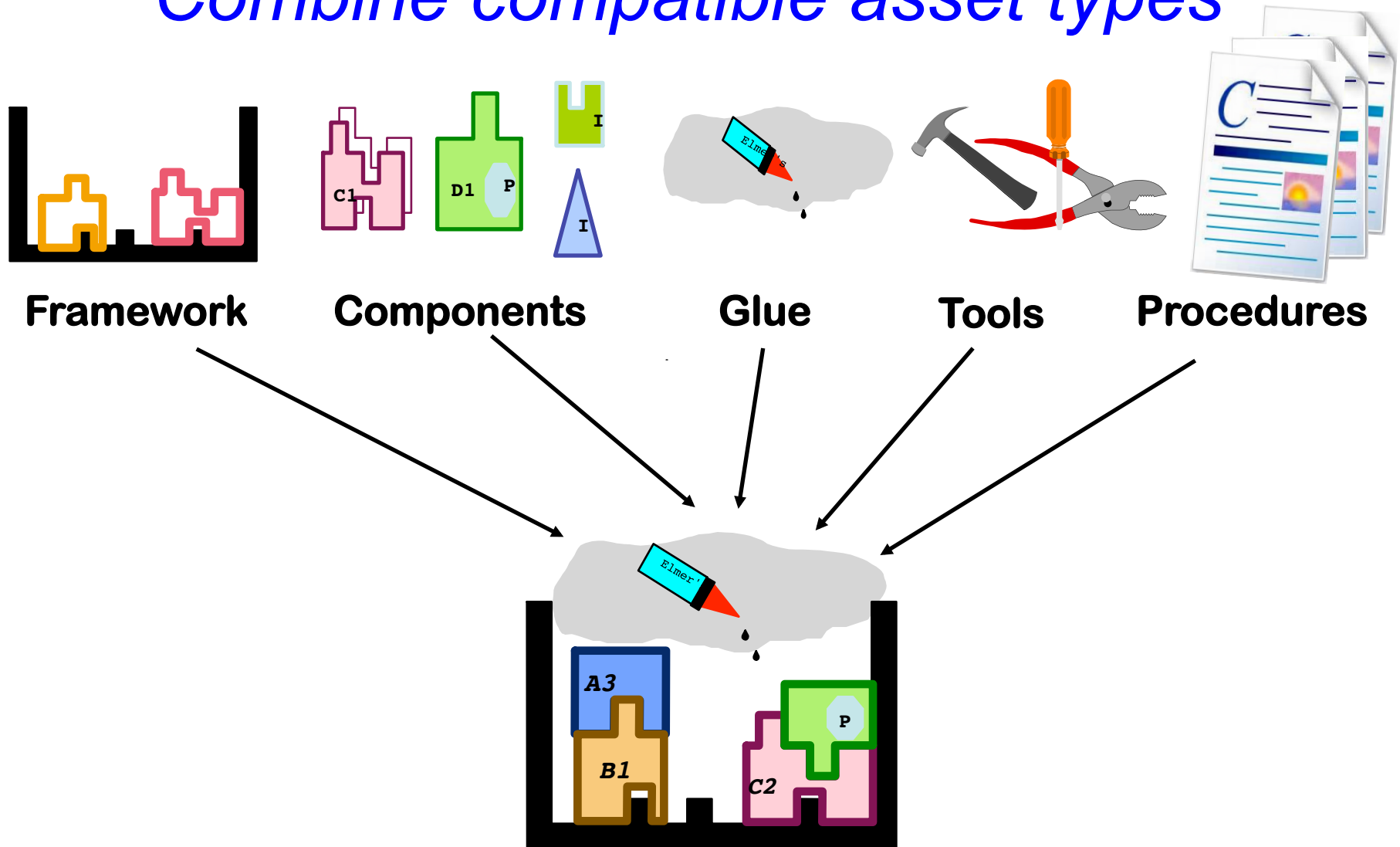


# From LEGO “components” to “kits”

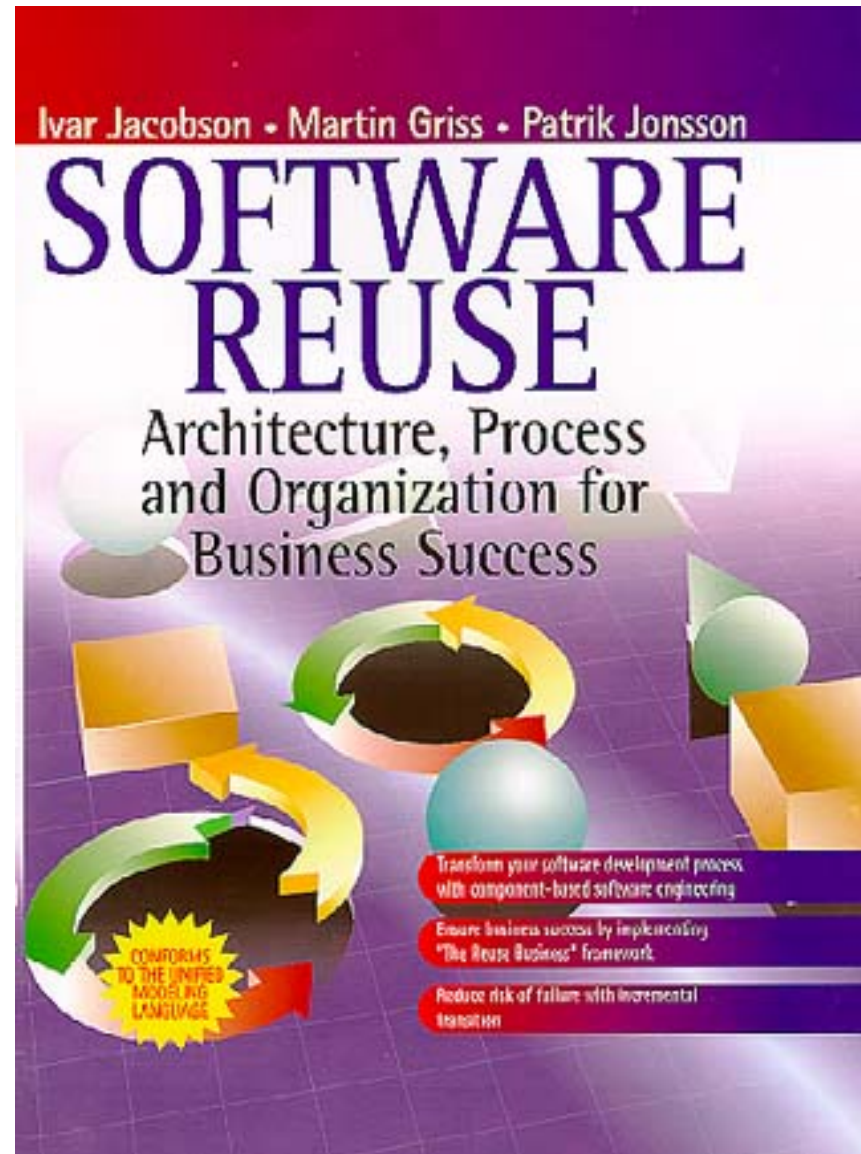
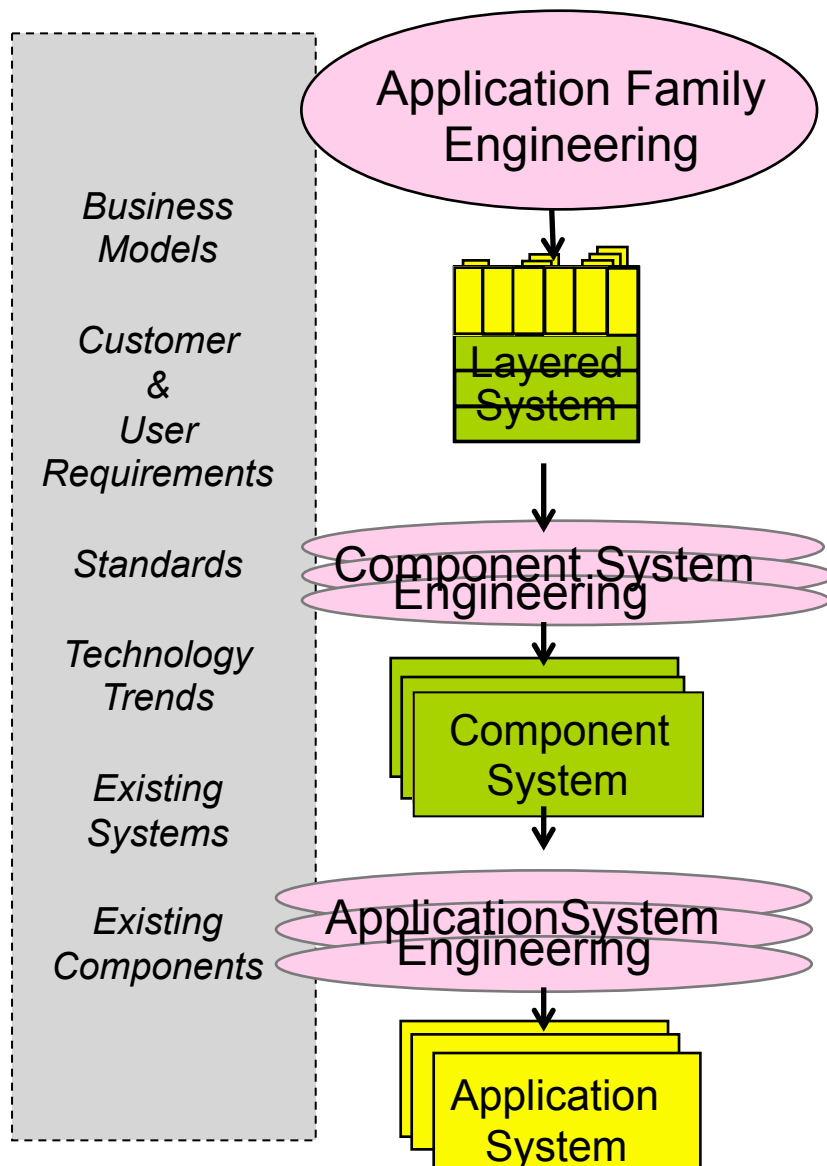


# (Hybrid) Domain-Specific “Kit”

*Combine compatible asset types*

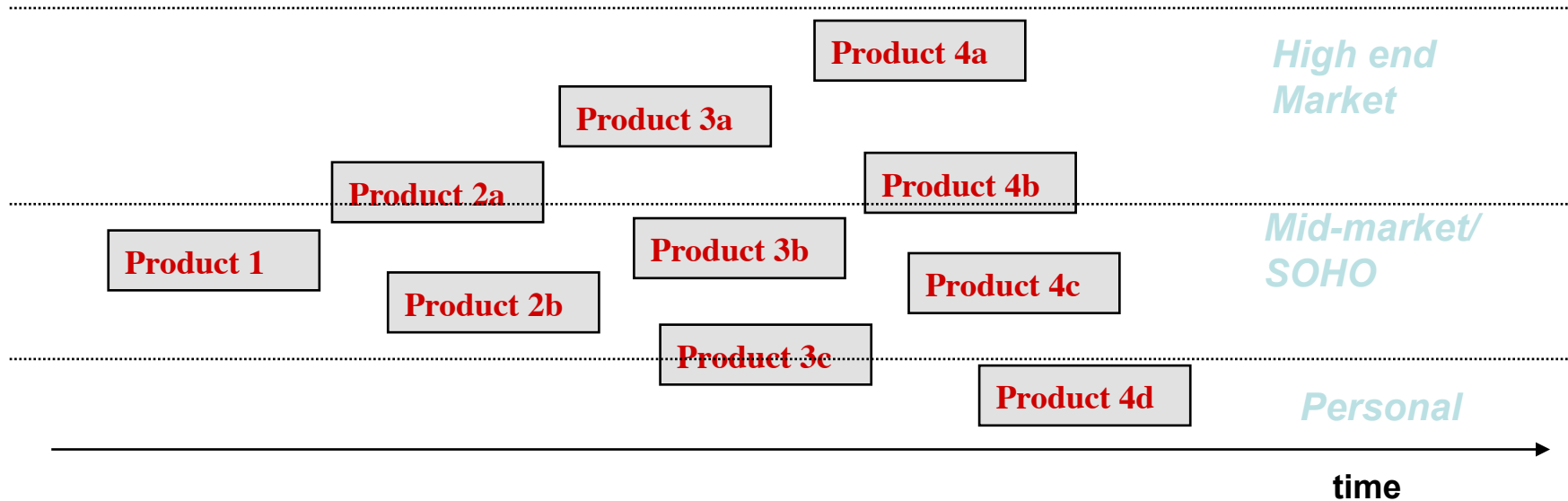


# RSEB





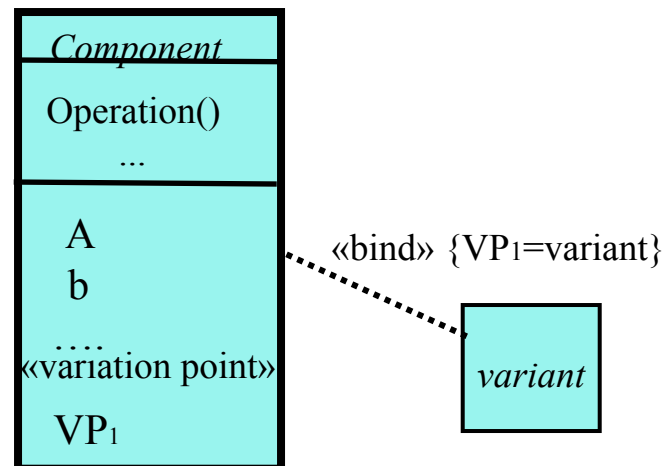
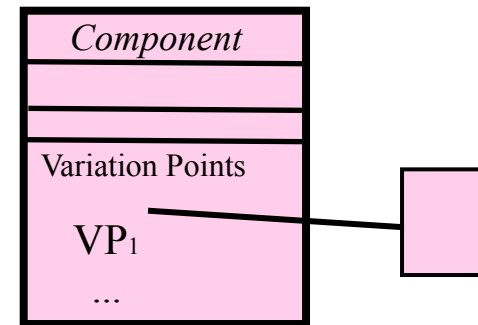
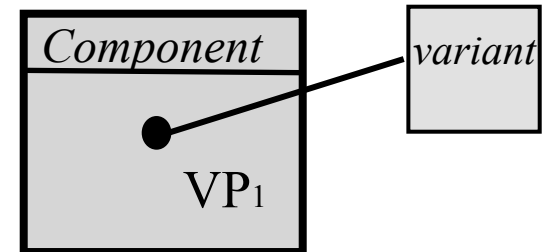
# Product Lines



- A set of products sharing common set of requirements (*or features*), with significant variability
- **Feature** = product characteristic users, customers & developers use in describing/distinguishing members of product-line.

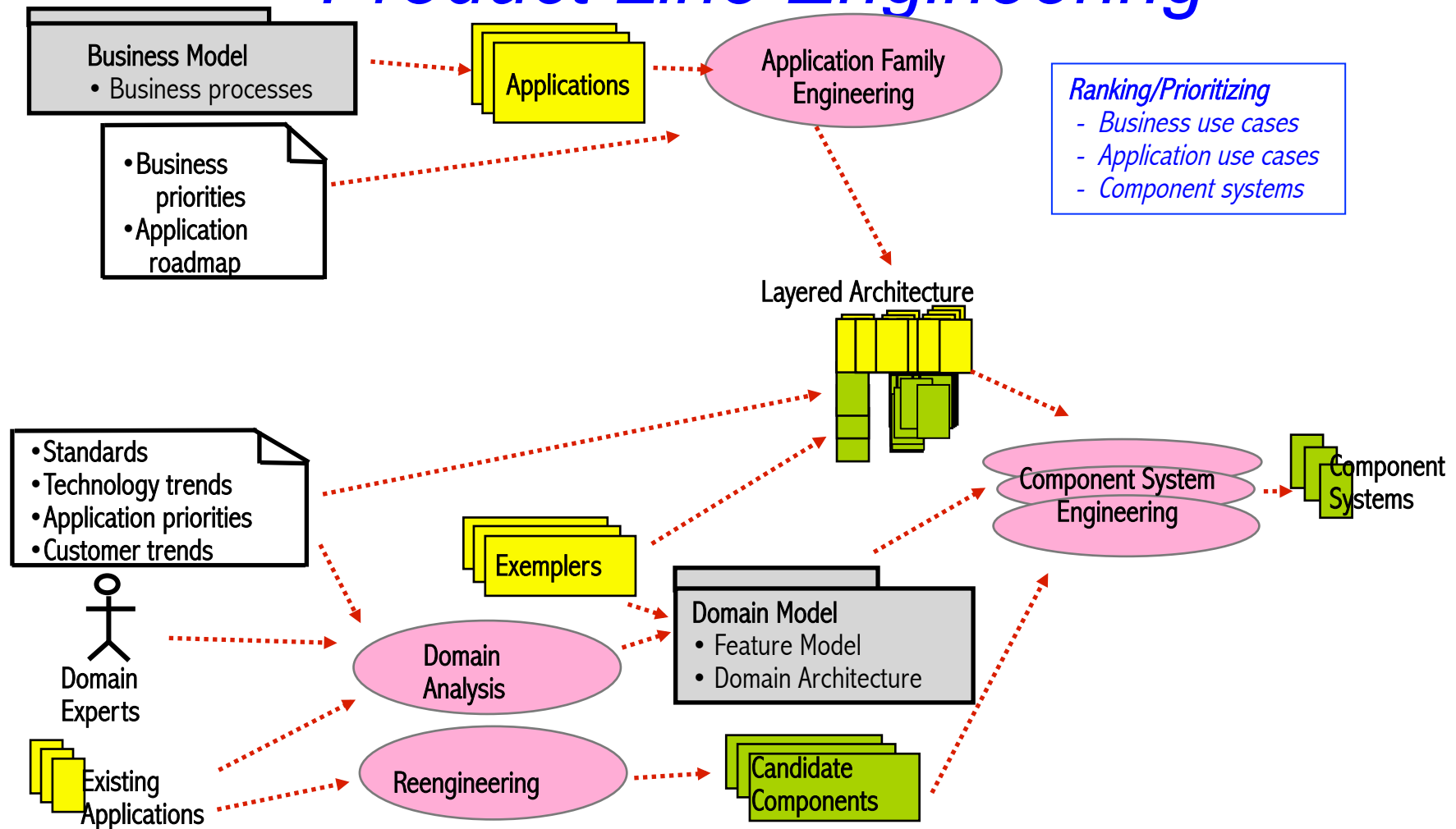
# Expressing Variability

Components have *Variation Points* where they can be customized with *variants* using various mechanisms



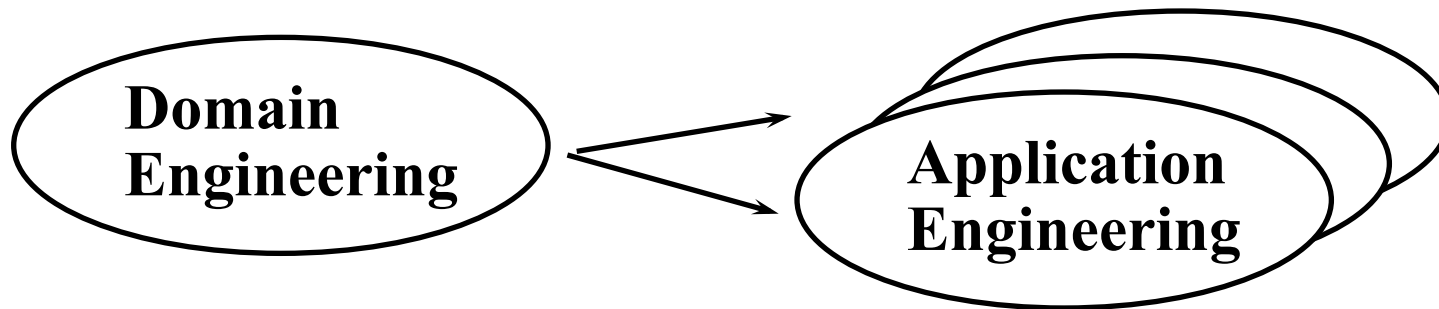
# RSEB

## Product Line Engineering



# Developing for Application Family

*Domain-specific, architected, product-line*



## Provide: *Develop For Reuse*

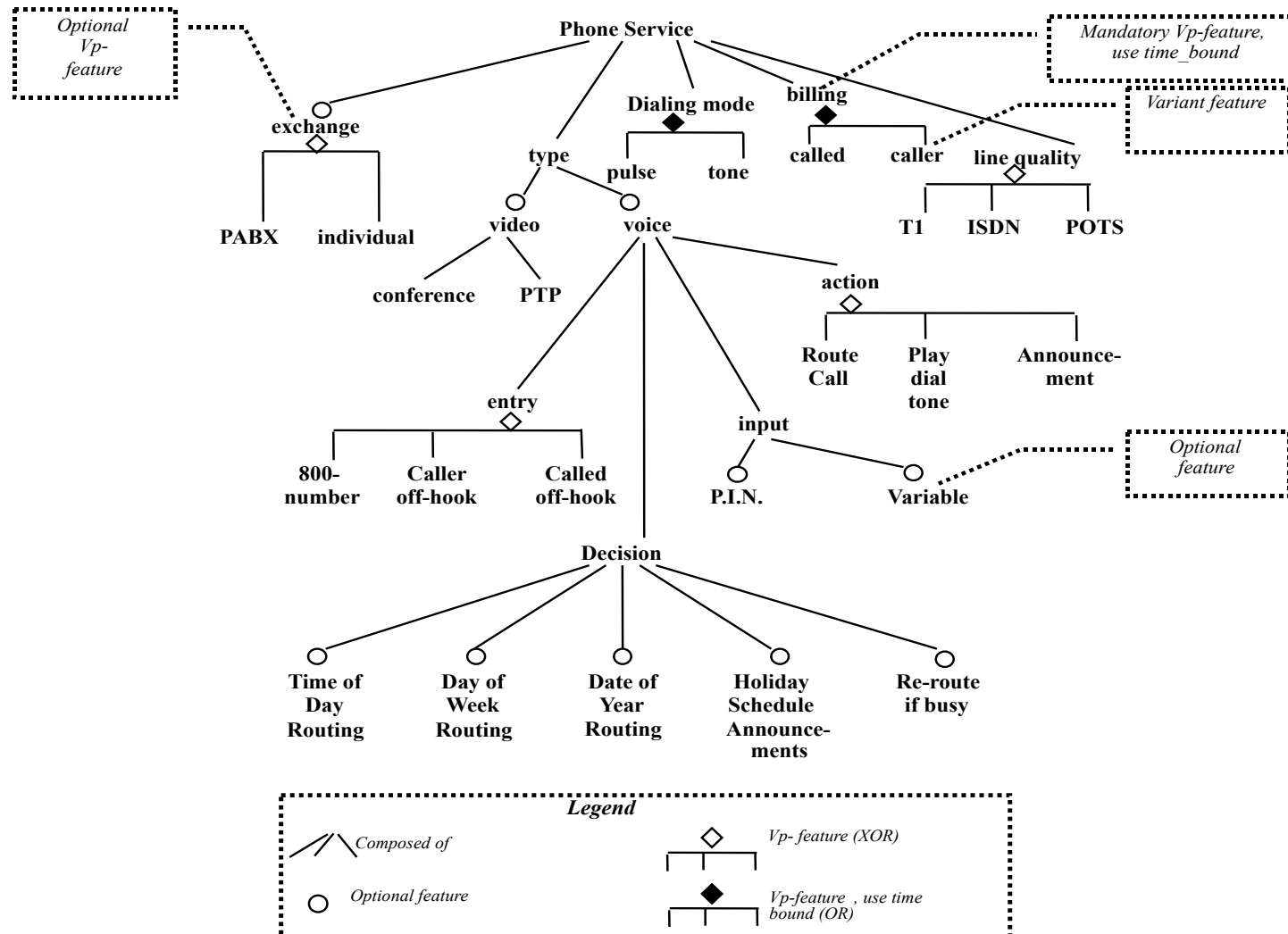
- scope domain
- variability
- architecture
- components & frameworks
- DSL & generators

## Utilize: *Develop With Reuse*

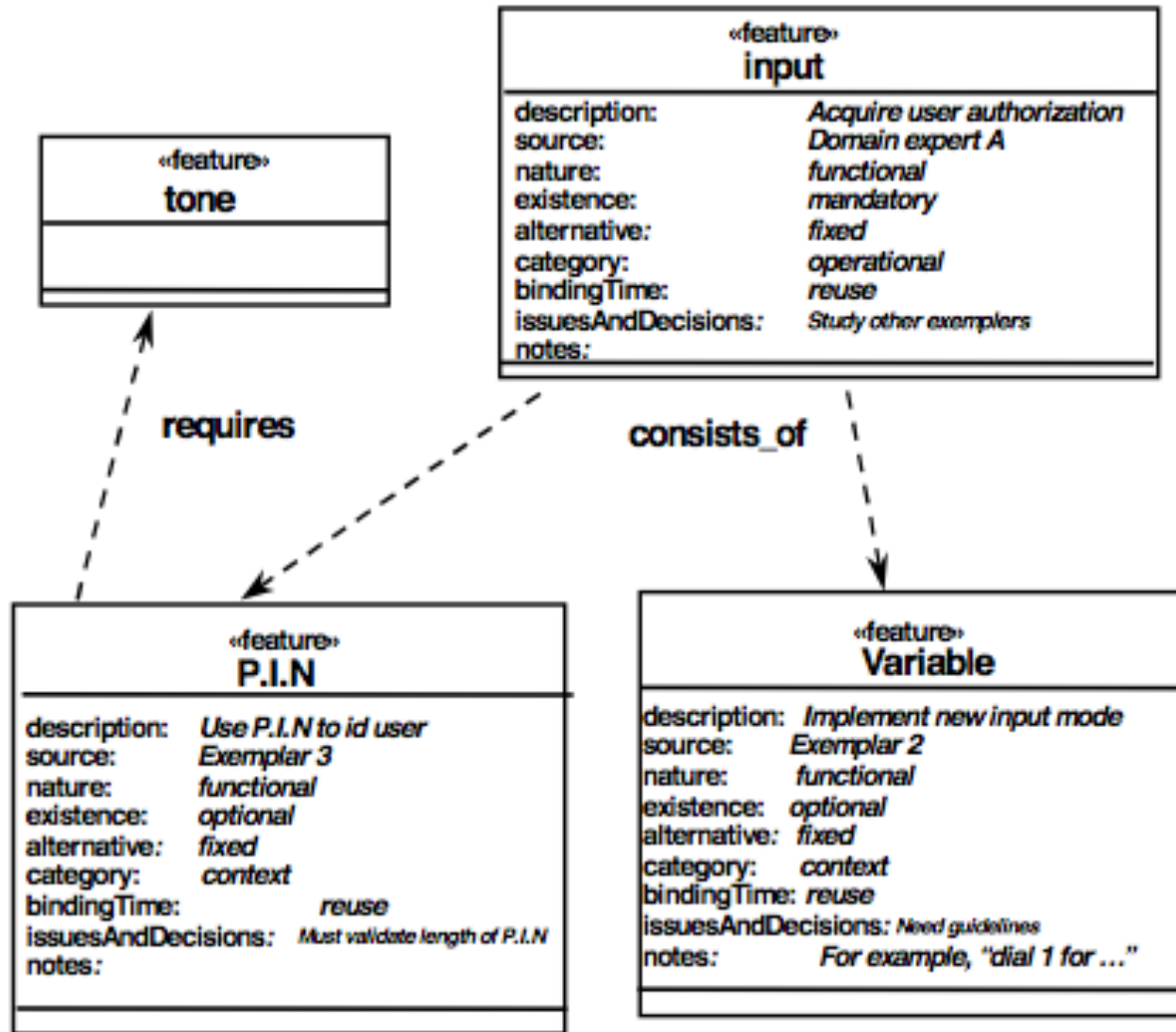
- match to domain
- delta analysis
- select, adapt, integrate

# FeatuRSEB

## Combine RSEB, FODA, UML



# FeatuRSEB



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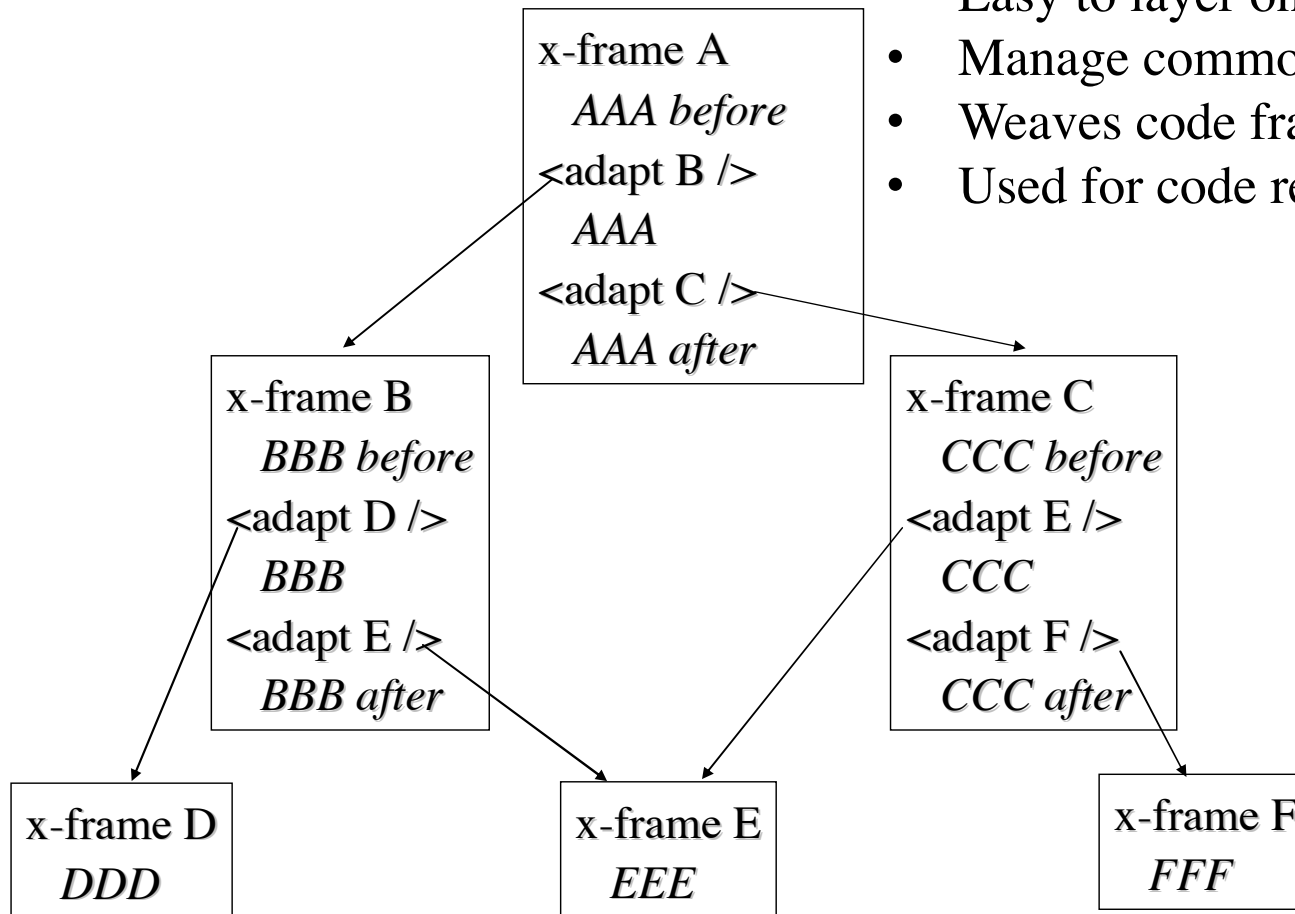


# Generative Approaches

- Built-in to Language
  - C/C++ macros, LISP macros, C++ templates, Java Generics, ...
- General Purpose Macro Preprocessor
  - GPM, STAGE2, M4, Basset Frames (NETRON), XVCL, VCL, ..
- Extensible Languages
  - LISP, BALM/MBALM, Algol-68, EL1, ...
- Domain Specific Languages/Kits
  - Via YACC, MetaLISP, BALM ,,,, (e.g., PictureBALM), Visual Programming kit, OO Instrument Kits)
- Model-driven Generators
  - GenVOCA; MetaCASE; OMG MDA (UML for PSM/PIM), ...
  - Aspects, ...

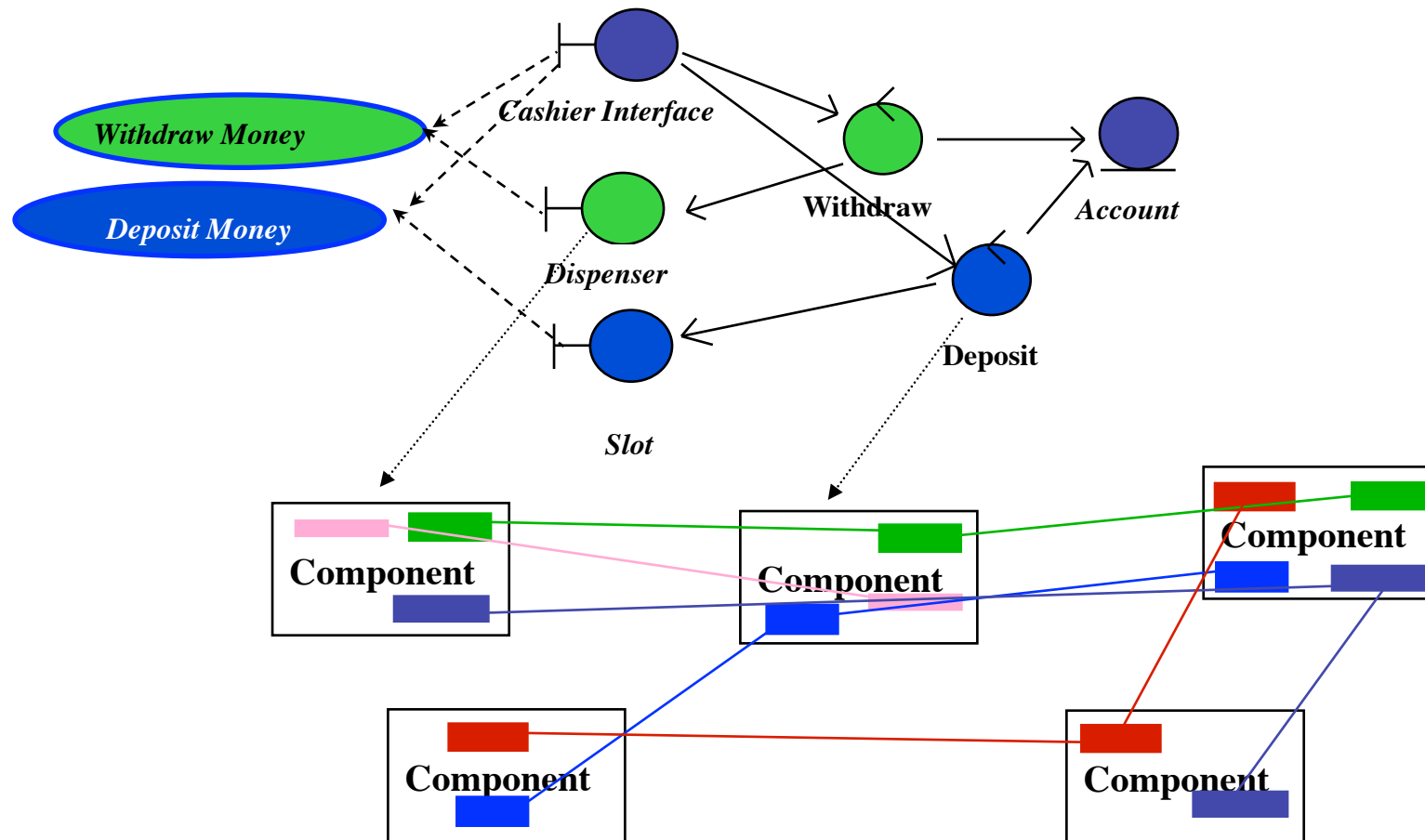
# XVCL/Bassett Frame Generator

- XML-based generator
- Template-based DSL
- Easy to layer onto existing software
- Manage commonality and variability
- Weaves code fragments (“aspects”)
- Used for code reuse and product lines



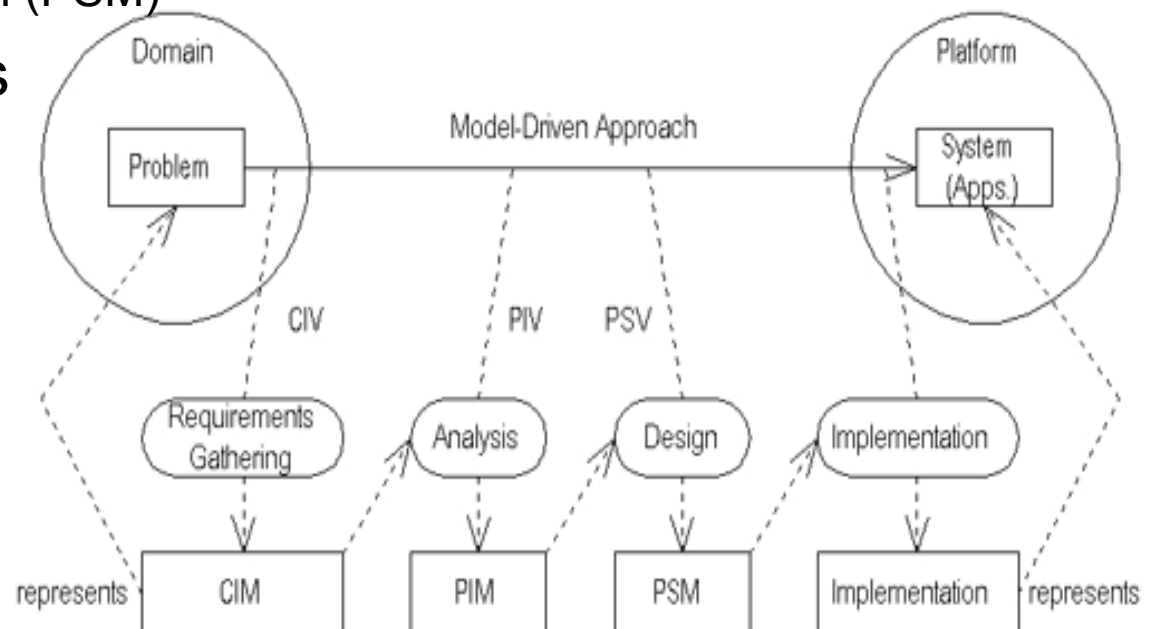
# Aspect-Oriented MDD

*AOP, SOP, FOP, XVCL*



# OMG/UML Model Driven Architecture

- Use UML + <<stereotypes>> + OCL
- Create
  - Problem Independent Model (PIM)
- Generate
  - Problem Specific Model (PSM)
- Transformation rules



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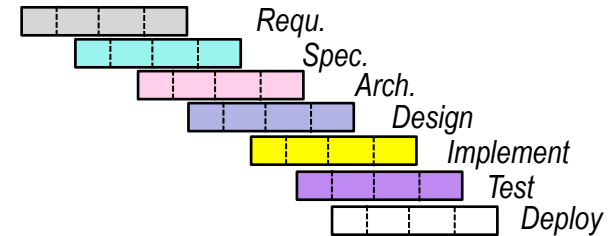


# Agile in the Enterprise

## *Plan-driven vs Agile vs Hybrid*

- Conventional plan-driven process

- Large teams
- Standardized models, architecture, documents and process

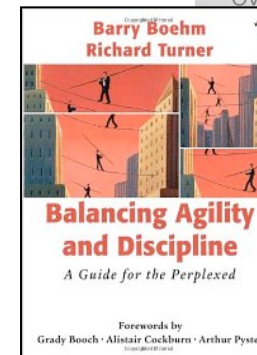


- Feature-oriented agile process

- Small teams
- Rapid development
- Customer-oriented release and evolution
- Expertise and tacit knowledge
- Emergent architecture

- Hybrid approaches

- Address scale, reuse, architecture



# Approaches to “Agile” Reuse

## *Oxymoron? - YAGNI*

### **Incremental Feature-Oriented Reuse**

- Leverage agile feature/story cards, SCRUM backlog
- Feed incremental Feature-Oriented Domain Engineering (FODA, FeatuRSEB)

### **Leverage Management of Technical Debt**

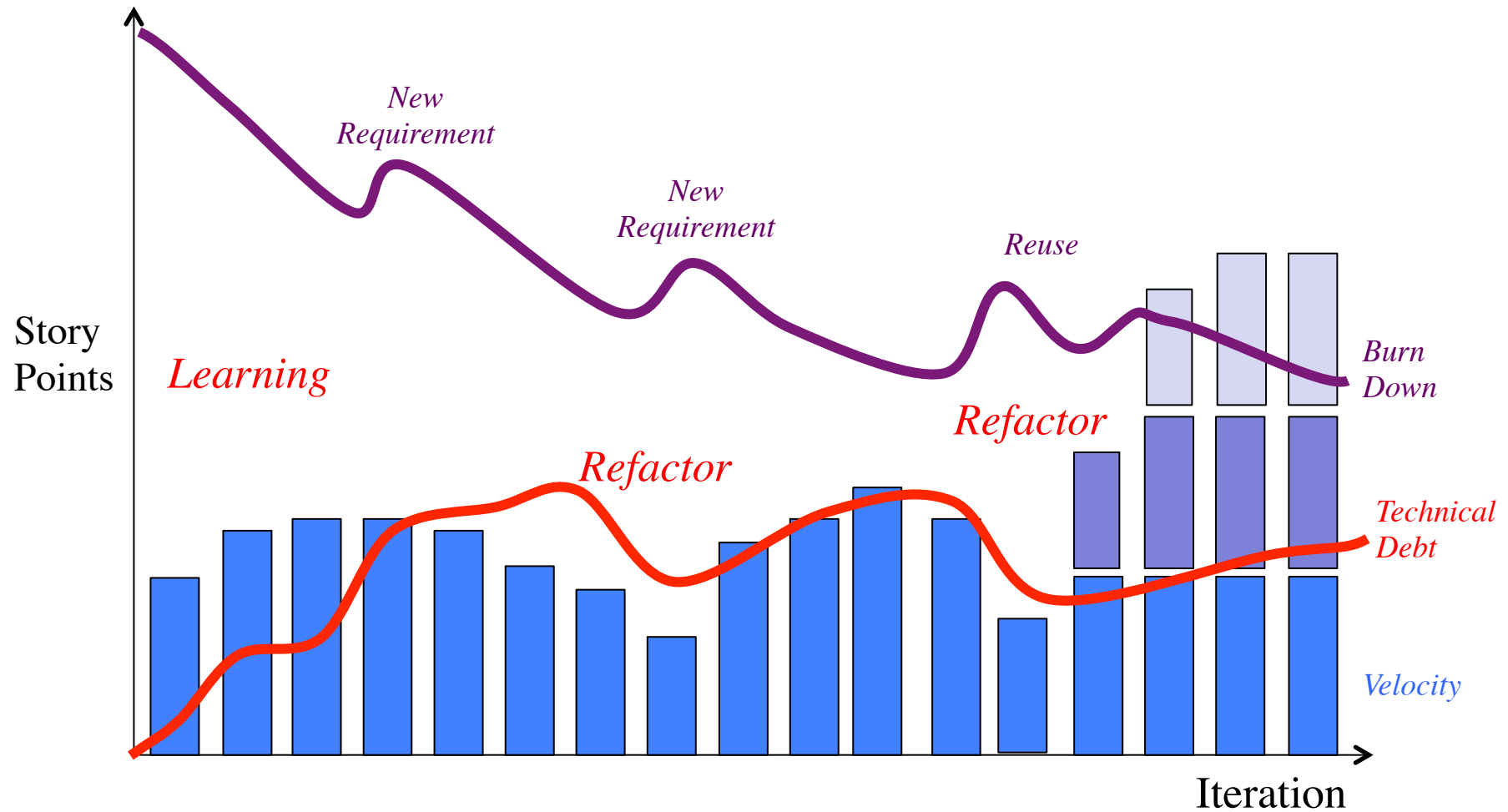
- Technical Debt accumulates with deferred decisions and work, coding shortcuts
- Incrementally pay off debt by re-factoring, re-engineering, re-architecting
- Economic/metrics models to help make decisions

### **Domain Specific Languages**

- Various levels of model-driven development

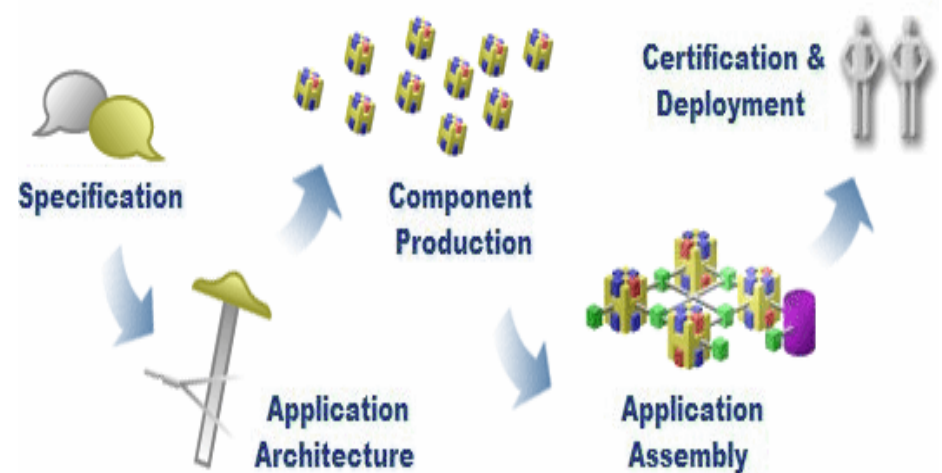
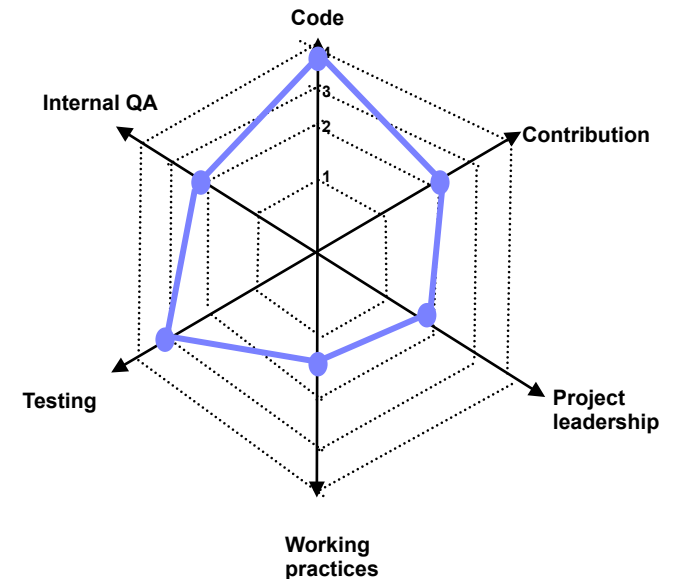


# Manage Technical Debt



# (New) Sourcing Models

- Open Source
  - Varying community and process management
- Corporate Source
  - Foster open source “style” in companies
- Crowd Source
  - Deliberate engagement of community



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# Assess Reuse Readiness

1. Business goals that motivate reuse
  - Time, cost, quality, integration, agility, standards, ...
  - Urgency, importance, champion ...
2. Domain(s) readiness for reuse
  - Stability and variability, standards
  - Obvious, pervasive product line
3. Organizational readiness
  - Culture, process maturity, autonomy, standards
  - Conflicting initiatives, prior history, technology shifts,
4. Reuse experience
  - Current stage or flavor of (systematic) reuse
  - Reuse level, technology use, library use

# Conclusions

- Software reuse approaches keep evolving
- Assess reuse readiness before selecting reuse goal and flavors
- Identify opportunities for small DSL/MDD, generators and product-lines
- More work on agile reuse, SEMAT/reuse, open source/crowd source

