Appendixes of "A Systematic Mapping Study on Software Product Line Evolution: from Legacy System Reengineering to Product Line Refactoring"

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1 Introduction

Software product lines (SPLs) are used in industry to develop families of similar software systems. Legacy systems, either highly configurable or with a story of versions and local variations, are potential candidates for reconfiguration as SPLs using reengineering techniques. Existing SPLs can also be restructured using specific refactorings to improve their internal quality. Although many contributions (including industrial experiences) can be found in the literature, we lack a global vision covering the whole life cycle of an evolving product line.

The mentioned study aims to survey existing research on the reengineering of legacy systems into SPLs and the refactoring of existing SPLs in order to identify proven approaches and pending challenges for future research in both subfields. A systematic mapping study was launched to find as much literature as possible, covering the diverse terms involved in the search string (restructuring, refactoring, reengineering, etc. always connected with SPLs) and filtering the papers using relevance criteria. The 74 papers selected were classified with respect to several dimensions: main focus, research and contribution type, academic or industrial validation if included, etc. A classification of the research approaches and their feasibility for use in industry is achieved.

This document collects the list of papers initially found and analyzed. Three groups are detailed: The selected papers (Apendix A), the papers refused because they are not peer-reviewed studies (Apendix B), and the papers refused because they do not cover all the required criteria about the subject of the paper (Apendix C).

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