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**SUMMARY AND NEXT STEPS**

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# Keynote: Search-Based Optimization Techniques in the Context of SOA and Cloud Computing

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- Dynamic composition and binding in SOA
- Service Level Agreement and negotiation
- Automatic reconfiguration of applications
- Optimizing the deployment of load in cloud infrastructure

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- Search-Based Software Engineering (SBSE)
  - Many possibilities – in testing, refactoring, prioritizing requirements
  - Choose the best solution based on a **fitness function** (quantitative evaluation)
- Techniques
  - hill climbing, simulated annealing, genetic algorithms (roulette wheel solution, crossover and mutate operators)
- SBSE in software maintenance
  - Software clustering, software refactoring, automatic bug fixing, concept location (related to reverse engineering), regression testing

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## • SBSE in SOA

- Automatic discovery, self-negotiation, composition, dynamic binding, self-healing / autonomic computing
- **Example: SLA negotiation** (automatic or partially automatic approaches)
  - ✦ Heuristics to generate SLA proposals
  - ✦ Fitness for getting feedback about them
  - ✦ Negotiation types: bargaining, tendering, auction, combined
  - ✦ Aggregating QoS attributes
  - ✦ Multi-objective negotiation
  - ✦ Automatic vs. human-centric
    - Ask humans; learn the fitness function from the humans

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- **SBSE in SOA Advantages**
  - easy to use, flexibility, good performance
- **Challenges for applying SBSE for SOA and CLOUD**
  - Determine automatic behavior at run-time
  - Load balancing
  - Run-time replacement of failing behavior
  - Run-time repairing and patching
- **Open problems**
  - Humans are not in the loop
  - Convergence of some algorithms is not guaranteed
  - Time needed to find a solution (for run-time applications)

# Session 1: Migration to SOA Environments

Chair: Mike Smit, Dalhousie University, Canada



- **Structuring SOA migration**
  - Pre-planning using concept-refining methodology to choose approach, tools, etc.
  - A defined process that reflects a decade of best practices in the literature
- **The next step in migration: workflow automation**
  - Moving workflow outside of application boundaries to do end-to-end workflow management on systems-of-systems
- **The value of case studies**
  - Used by all three papers to illustrate their contributions

# A Structured Legacy to SOA Migration Process and its Evaluation in Practice

Ravi Khadka, Amir Saeidi, Slinger Jansen and Jurriaan Hage (Utrecht University, The Netherlands)



- **Background**
  - > 100 academic papers on legacy to SOA migration
  - 2 categories: migration feasibility; supporting technology
  
- **A complete migration process**
  - Technological, organizational and business perspectives
    - ✦ Migration planning
    - ✦ Implementation and management
  - Six-phases that cover both planning and execution

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## • Challenges

- Business-IT alignment
- Componentization
- Infrastructure engineering
- Automated toolsets
- Determine optimal granularity
- Service versioning

## • Evaluation

- a migration process in a bank

## • Discussion

- Legacy system understanding: technical, or business and process perspectives?
- Bottom-up and top-bottom approaches



# Platform-Based Approach for Automation of Workflows in a System of Systems

Tarmo Ploom (Credit Suisse AG, Switzerland), Axel Glaser (PostFinance AG, Switzerland) and Stefan Scheit (Telstra Corporation, Australia)



- **Problems**
  - Processes evolve continuously: structuring and automation
  - The size of systems – business processes at large scale – workflows in systems of systems are hidden
  - Processes going through many applications – up to 200
- **Automated processes in a very large scale context**
  - Towards a centralized workflow platform
  - Combine SOA and BPM for a system of systems
- **Global platform**
  - New York, London, Zurich, Singapore

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## • Plans for the future:

- increase scalability
- leverage Credit Suisse SOA
- transform to software product line approach

## • Discussion topics

- Problems with databases
- Micro-flows and macro-flows
- Activities become smaller in time while the automation increases
- Emergence of SOA platforms

# Overhauling Legacy Enterprise Software Applications with a Concept Refinement Process Model

Daniel Knight, Gregory Knight and Nasseh Tabrizi (East Carolina University, Greenville, USA)



## • Concerns:

- ✦ Concept refinement - PRIOR to the development process for transforming legacy applications
- ✦ High level understanding
- ✦ Analyze research trends and technologies
- ✦ Identify, conceptualize and analyze remedies and solutions
- ✦ Rapid prototyping for a selected solution

## • Discussion

- Rewrite or reengineering the existing system? – in the prototype phase – reusing existing functionality
- Does it pertain to the development process (very early aspects of it) ?
- Case study – migrate a 10 years old system – 6 people involved - a prototype of a mobile application - timeline: 2 months

# Session 2: Web Services

Chair: Anca Daniela Ionita, University Politehnica of Bucharest,  
Romania



- **Reuse**
  - Reuse existing classes and methods in an existing object-oriented system as web services in a service-oriented architecture
  - Build the reused services into new business processes
- **Web services maintainability**
  - RESTful vs. SOAP-WSDL
- **Maintenance of Web services tests**
  - Automatic Web Service Change Management
  - Efficient regression testing of web services by selecting the relevant test cases to construct a reduced test suite from the existing one, built for a previous version of Web services

# Reusing Existing Object-Oriented Code as Web Services in a SOA

Harry M. Sneed (ANECON GmbH, Austria), Chris Verhoef (Free University, The Netherlands) and Stephan H. Sneed (MetaSonic AG, Germany)



- Bottom-up approach to collecting Web services
- Code mining: C++, C#, Java
- Generate WSDL interfaces, SOA diagram, documentation and test scripts
- Reuse services into new S-BPM business processes
  - Generated BPEL process
- Conclusions and discussion
  - ✦ Using existing code – quick, cheap, not extensively used
  - ✦ Legacy classes – potential services
  - ✦ Identify methods that include a business rule
  - ✦ A GUI software is not a candidate for a Web service

# Comparative Evaluation of the Maintainability of RESTful and SOAP-WSDL Web Services

Ricardo Ramos de Oliveira, Robson Vinícius Vieira Sanchez, Júlio Cezar Estrella, and Renata Pontin de Mattos Fortes (Universidade de São Paulo, São Carlos - SP, Brazil), and Valério Brusamolín (Centro de Telemática, Curitiba - PR, Brazil)



## Experiment with students

- University of Sao Paulo, Brazil
- Variables, e.g. programming language
- **Analysis results for adaptive maintenance:**
  - Modifiability sub-characteristics
  - Time spent on web services maintenance
  - RESTful web services are better on the server side –
  - SOAP-WSDL web services better on the client-side
- **Discussion**
  - What is the cause for this difference at the server side? WSDL is more rigid than REST.
  - Metric: Cyclomatic complexity

# A Tool-Supported Approach to Perform Efficient Regression Testing of Web Services

Animesh Chaturvedi and Atul Gupta (Indian Institute of Information Technology, Jabalpur, India)



- **Problems with regression testing**
  - detect changes in WSDL (XSD) or at code level
- **Construct a reduced test suite based on the old one**
  - Delete, insert and modify operations
  - New reduced test suite
- **Cost metrics proposed**
  - Number of operation in WSDL / changes / code lines
  - Effort required
- **Case studies**
  - Eucalyptus, Amazon WS, Bible WS, currency converting WS etc.

## Session 3: Migration to Cloud Environments

Chair: Grace A. Lewis, Carnegie Mellon Software Engineering Institute, USA



- Why migrate to cloud environments?
  - Business agility — deployment and configuration
  - Focus on higher-value activities
  - Cost — from capital expenditures to operating expenditures
- Remains challenging
  - Not all applications and all data are meant for the cloud
  - Not all applications and all data are ready for the cloud

### **Top 10 Enterprise Applications for Public Cloud**

1. *Development and testing*
2. *Development platform services*
3. *Training servers*
4. *One-time big data projects*
5. *Websites*
6. *Customer relationship management*
7. *Project management, expense reporting and time management*
8. *Email*
9. *Human resources*
10. *Cloud-based anti-spam and anti-virus services*

Source: <http://www.infoworld.com/d/cloud-computing/top-10-enterprise-applications-public-clouds-196147>



# Delegating Data Management to the Cloud: A Case Study in a Telecommunications Company

Qing Gu, Patricia Lago and Simone Potenza (VU University, The Netherlands)



- Availability, reliability, data integrity
  - Another potential benefit: energy efficiency
- Delegating data management to the Cloud
  - Determine energy waist due to data management
  - Value of energy metrics
  - Industrial case study: Dutch telecommunications provider
- Data classification criteria:
  - Retention
  - Frequency of usage
  - Modification
- Discussion: adding privacy to the criteria

# Cloud Modernization Assessment Framework: Analyzing the Impact of a Potential Migration to Cloud

Juncal Alonso, Leire Orue-Echevarria, Marisa Escalante (Tecnalia, Spain), Jesús Gorroñoigoitia (Atos, Spain) and Domenico Presenza (Engineering, Italy)



- **ARTIST project**
  - transforming legacy code to SaaS
  - Model-driven reverse engineering
- **Pre-migration phase**
  - Maturity assessment, technical & business feasibility analysis
  - Assess the risks of migration to Cloud
    - ✦ Cost, ROI, effort estimations
- **Case study: Java PetStore**

# Invited Presentation: Tales of Empirically Understanding and Providing Process Support for Migrating to Clouds

M. Ali Babar (Lancaster University, United Kingdom)



- **Case studies in industrial and academic environments**
  - Topics: decision support, processes, architecture
  - IT University of Copenhagen – the first migration to Cloud in the Danish Public Sector – e-mail system
  - Tools as a Service (TaaS) –large scale distributed teams of software developers
- **Challenges**
  - Location specific – domain and legal experts
  - Strategy for moving back
  - Migration education – lack of knowledge and skills

# Session 4: Architecture

Chair: Marin Litoiu, York University, Canada



- Autonomic support for Cloud systems
- Architectural issues
- Towards multi-clouds

# Design and Runtime Architectures to Support Autonomic Management

Etienne Gandrille, Catherine Hamon (Orange Labs, France) and Philippe Lalanda (Grenoble University, France)



- Architectural elements for autonomic computing
  - Dynamic composition at run-time
  - Resource availability is unpredictable
  - Administration difficulty: missing the documentation
  - The run-time architecture - conforming to the design one
  - IBM approach: MAPE-K
- Validation:
  - digital home services
  - **Use case:** pervasive health domain / Orange Labs – determine abnormal tracks indicating behavioral changes, which are signs of serious problems
- Cilia Framework

# Invited Presentation: Supporting Software Evolution to the Multi-cloud with a Cross-Cloud Platform

Mike Smit (Dalhousie University, Canada)



- **Types of migration**
  - From in-house to cloud resources
  - From one provider to another / or to multiple others
- **X-Cloud Application Management Platform**
  - Platform that enables developers to deploy and manage applications on cloud systems
  - Application-driven interfaces and language instead of specific provider terminology
  - Pattern-based deployment service
  - Built on stream processing

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## • Case studies:

- 3 Tiers Web application
  - ✦ Load average and response time
  - ✦ Management logic throughput
- Smart Applications on Virtual Infrastructure (SAVI)
  - ✦ Pan-Canadian network of researchers and systems

# Session 5: Cloud Monitoring and Processes

Chair: Muhammad Ali Babar, Lancaster University, United Kingdom



- **PaaS Migration: Architectural Concerns and Patterns**
  - Statelessness and data externalization are solutions for elasticity and performance
  - Relational to NoSQL – data migration and verification
  - Skill shortage can pose significant problems
- **Monitoring Adaptive Service-Level Agreements**
  - Monitoring infrastructure must adapt according to the changes in underlying environment
  - Multi-source monitoring for adaptive SLA following the evolution of the Cloud infrastructure



# PaaS Cloud Migration – Migration Process, Architecture Problems and Solutions

Claus Pahl and [Huanhuan Xiong](#) (Dublin City University, Ireland)



- **Layers**
  - ✦ Consultation
  - ✦ Infrastructure assessment and requirements
  - ✦ Software development
  - ✦ Provisioning
- A basic solution, then a scalable one
- **Techniques**
  - Stateless programming
  - Databases for state management
  - Data externalization for resiliency
- **Test case: 10 servers, 1000 users**

# Adaptive SLA Monitoring of Service Choreographies Enacted on the Cloud

Antonia Bertolino, Antonello Calabrò and Guglielmo De Angelis (Istituto di Scienza e Tecnologie della Informazione “A. Faedo”, Italy)



- Orchestration and choreography
- Adaptation of the monitoring infrastructure to keep track of the environment evolution
- Functional and non-functional service monitoring (check the SLA)
- Multi-source monitoring

## MESOCA 2013 – NEXT STEPS



- Proceedings available at: [icsm2013.tue.nl/MESOCA2013.pdf](http://icsm2013.tue.nl/MESOCA2013.pdf)
- Introduction and summary slides will be on the web site:  
<http://www.sei.cmu.edu/community/mesoca2013/>
- Presenters, please send us your presentations in PDF format so I can put them on the web site.
- Extended versions of selected accepted papers will be considered for publication in the Journal of Systems and Software by Elsevier!
- Get ready for MESOCA 2014!

# MESOCA 2014



- Co-located with ICSM 2014 in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, September 20 - 26, 2014
- Tentative date: September 21, 2014
- General Chair: Anca Daniela Ionita
- Program Chairs: Muhammad Ali Babar, Mike Smit
- Steering Committee: Grace A. Lewis, Marin Litoiu
- Name: 2014 IEEE 8<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on the Maintenance and Evolution of Service-Oriented Systems and Cloud-Based Environments
- Increase size of the event

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