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Concretization of UML Models based on Model Transformation for Windows Phone Application

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Abstract. In this paper, we propose model transformation based on a message sequence diagram with a class diagram, which makes it possible to give a structural & behavioral expression to generate the detailed codes. This approach can perform more specific design than the previous model transformation based on only static structure [2,3,4]. We show a case study to illustrate our model transformation for the Windows Phone application.

Keywords: Model Transformation, Windows Phone, UML(Unified Modeling Language), MDD(Model Driven Development)

1 Introduction

The e-MDD (Embedded Model Driven Development) is a method for developing these heterogeneous platforms, adapted with the existing MDD [1]. The existing model transformation based on e-MDD expresses the model with only the class diagram, which can give effective expression to the static structure of software [2,4]. And it can provide various characteristics in terms of heterogeneous platforms [5,6]. However, the previous method with the class diagram is to express the static structure of software without the related detail information, so to result only in skeleton codes. This paper extends the behavior model to solve some problems of the existing structure-based model transformation. That is, it uses the message sequence diagram to express the dynamic behavior of software. We apply both class diagram and message sequence diagram in the process of model transformation to develop heterogeneous software. As a result, it finds out that our proposed model transformation expresses more characteristics than the previous model transformation [2,3,4].

This paper is organized as follows. Chapter 2 explains the method of model transformation for Windows Phone. Chapter 3 addresses the case study. Chapter 4 mentions the conclusion.
2 Model Transformation based on UML Models

The model transformation method based on UML models for windows phones is involved with a static structure of class diagram, and a dynamic interactive structure of the message sequence diagram. Our proposed model transformation focuses on these two diagrams on TIM (target independent model), which should transform into two converted models on TSM (target specific model). It generates each code with the converted diagrams on TSM for each particular platform. In this paper, the proposed method also uses the class diagram for changing the static structure of a system, and expresses & transforms the parts of the behavioral sequences in the message sequence diagram. On model transformation, it transforms both the class diagram and message sequence diagram simultaneously. To perform model transformation, it is to define the stereotype used on each diagram. And it shows the model transformation rule of the class diagram and message sequence diagram.

3 Case Study

Fig. 1 shows model transformation based on the class diagram. Three classes in fig.1 (a) are necessary to load a picture, and then move it on the screen. View is a class that shows the screen; Timer is a class that calls in a method periodically; Character is a class that includes a picture. What to transform should be expressed in a stereotype.

Fig. 1. Model Transformation of Class Diagram

Fig. 2 shows model transformation used message sequence diagram. This diagram indicates when an object should be created, and expresses the order in which a method is called.
Fig. 2. Model Transformation of Message Sequence Diagram

The model transformation is performed depending on Windows Phone platform based on both class diagram and message sequence diagram. The class diagram can reflect the characteristics of class, method and attribute; the message sequence diagram can reflect the order of methods called. This result shows that when it is necessary to have the sequence of execution in order to perform a particular method, it is more effective to apply the message sequence diagram.

4 Conclusion

In this paper, we show concretization of the class diagram and message sequence diagram based on model transformation. And it shows the result for the Windows Phone platform. The result indicates that the class diagram can reflect the characteristics of class, method and attribute, while the message sequence diagram can reflect only the order of methods. This result also shows that when the order of execution is performing a particular method, it is more effective to apply the message sequence diagram. In addition, because it is important on the message sequence diagram to express the order of methods, the creation of the objects, and the time of performance, it can express the more specific characteristics of the platforms.

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