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Introduction

Software and systems product line (SSPL) engineering and management creates, exploits, and manages a common platform to develop a family of products (e.g. software products, systems architectures) at a lower cost, with reduced time to market and better quality. As a result, it has gained increasing global attention since the 1990s.

SSPL engineering and management maintain changes of commonality and variability of a product line as well as multiple different products derived from the product line. The impacts of the changes in commonality and variability are on each product of a product line, and they are different for each product. Thus, the complexity of configuration management in SSPL is high, and configuration management for a single system that is not aware of these aspects cannot manage configurations of a product line. This document deals with configuration management methods and tools that are aware of these aspects.

This document can be used in the following modes:

- to provide guidance on how to identify, control, report, and evaluate configurations of a product line by organizations that want to adopt SSPL for producing their products;
- to provide guidance on the evaluation and selection for methods and tools for product line configuration management by a product line organization;
- to provide guidance on implementing or developing methods and/or tools by specifying a comprehensive set of methods and tools capabilities for supporting product line configuration management by either providers of methods or tools, or both.

The ISO/IEC 26550 family of standards addresses both engineering and management processes and capabilities of methods and tools in terms of the critical characteristics of product line development. This document provides processes and capabilities of methods and tools for configuration management in product lines.

Other standards in the ISO/IEC 26550 family are as follows: ISO/IEC 26550, ISO/IEC 26551, ISO/IEC 26552, ISO/IEC 26553, ISO/IEC 26554, ISO/IEC 26555, ISO/IEC 26556, ISO/IEC 26557, ISO/IEC 26558, ISO/IEC 26559, ISO/IEC 26560, ISO/IEC 26561, ISO/IEC 26562 and ISO/IEC 26564.

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Software and systems engineering — Methods and tools for product line configuration management

1 Scope

This document, within the context of methods and tools that support the configuration management (CM) capability of software and systems product line engineering:

- specifies processes for product line CM (the processes are described in terms of purpose, inputs, tasks, and outcomes);
- specifies method capabilities to support the defined tasks of each process;
- specifies tool capabilities that automate or semi-automate tasks and methods.

This document does not concern the processes and capabilities of tools and methods for a single system but rather deals with those for a family of products.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.