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FRAMEWORK

Problem Design of the solution Implementation Use Cases

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Service Component Architecture (SCA)

Designing services using a component-based approach

- Design-time model for building service-based systems
- Technologically agnostic
- Multiple runtime implementations: IBM Websphere App Server, Fabric3, Apache Tuscany, Paremus, FraSCAti
- Specification does not consider dynamic evolution





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- Proper management of complex compositions
- Maintenance depends on different providers
- Several characteristics are less controllable (QoS)
- Need to timely react to unforeseen conditions, and with minimal perturbation



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MAPE Components Basic API for each component



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Monitoring: Example

Monitoring components connected through the application

- Monitoring backbone through the application
- Components collaborate to compute metrics
- Each component may implement the computation logic differently





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- Using the GCM/ProActive reference implementation
 - Based on asynchronous active objects, and *futures*
 - JMX-based instrumentation





Implementation

Implementación: SCA \rightarrow GCM

- MAPE components in the membrane of GCM componentes
- NF (non-functional) interfaces
- Implementation of each MAPE component
- Definition of an API to manipular los componentes MAPE





Implementation

Monitoring and Analysis Components

Collection, storage, computation of metrics

- Listeners JMX
- Insertion/removal of metrics. Push/pull access.
- Sending of Alarm objects
- ► SLO representation: ⟨metric, condition, threshold⟩





Implementation

Planning and Execution Components

Execution of planning algorithms (strategies)

- Alarms associated to one or more strategies
- Support for multiple strategies using multicast interfaces
 - Selection, parallel execution of strategies
- Delegation of actions to other components
 - GCMScript for executing reconfigurations





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Use Case: Mapping the lifecycle of services



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Additional work

- Non-Functional ADL
- Distributed reconfiguration of compoments
- Autonomic *deployment* on *cloud* environments
- Integration of the autonomic framework with skeletons
- Dynamic adaptation of workflows



Perspectives

Challenges on autonomic computing

- Implementation and experimentation of collaborative strategies
 - Division of goals in sub-tasks
 - Hierarchical planning
- Verification of (safety) of reconfiguration actions
 - Avoid *livelock* of adaptations
 - Avoid inconsistencies of the applications



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