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# Introduction

A product line is a set of products that together address a particular market segment or fulfill a particular mission. Product lines are, of course, nothing new in manufacturing. Airbus builds one, and so do Ford, Dell, and even McDonald's. Each of these companies exploits commonality in different ways. Boeing, for example, developed the 757 and 767 transports in tandem, and the parts lists for these very two different aircraft overlap by about 60%, achieving significant economies of production and maintenance. But software product lines based on interproduct commonality are a relatively new concept that is rapidly emerging as a viable and important software development paradigm. Product flexibility is the anthem of the software marketplace, and product lines fulfill the promise of tailor-made systems built specifically for the needs of particular customers or customer groups. A product line succeeds because the commonalities shared by the software products can be exploited to achieve economies of production. The products are built from common assets in a prescribed way.

Organizations are finding that this practice of building sets of related systems from common assets can yield remarkable quantitative improvements in productivity, time to market, product quality, and customer satisfaction. They are finding that a software product line can efficiently satisfy the current hunger for mass customization. Organizations that acquire, as opposed to build, software systems are finding that commissioning a set of related systems as a commonly developed product line yields economies in delivery time, cost, simplified training, and streamlined acquisition.

But along with the gains come risks. Using a product line approach constitutes a new technical strategy for the organization. Organizational and management issues constitute obstacles that are critical to overcome and often add more risk, because they are less obvious. Building a software product line and bringing it to market require a blend of skillful engineering as well as both technical and organizational management. Acquiring a software product line also requires this same blend of skills to position the supplier organizations, so they can effectively exploit the commonality of the incoming products, as well as lend sound technical oversight and monitoring to the development effort. These skills are necessary to overcome the pitfalls that may bring failure to an unsophisticated organization.

This bibliography lists SEI and non-SEI resources that have informed the SEI Product Lines efforts. It includes examples of real software product lines listed in the Catalog of Software Product Lines. The examples cover diverse domains and show the kind of improvements your organization can achieve using a product line approach.

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# **Catalog of Software Product Lines**

| Description                                    | Cited Improvements  |
|--|---|
| AKVAsmart ASA                                  |   |
| Fish farm feed control and management software | <ul> <li>Reduction of code size by more than 70%.</li> <li>Uniform look and feel.</li> <li>Common technological platform and code style.</li> </ul> |

| Description   | Cited Improvements  |
|---|---|
|   | <ul> <li>Easier reuse, maintenance and integration</li> </ul>   |
|   | Reference   |
|   | Frank van der Linden, Klaus Schmid, & Eelco<br>Rommes. Software Product Lines in Action,<br>Springer, 2007, Ch. 8.  |
| Argon Engineering   |   |
| Design and development of communica-<br>tion systems that search, identify, and<br>capture signals. Sensor development,<br>data collection and decision support,<br>analysis and design of information re-<br>trieval and visualization technique | <ul> <li>Shorter development schedules</li> <li>Lower development and upgrade costs</li> <li>Lower total ownership costs</li> <li>Support for an incremental development<br/>model</li> <li>Shared technology costs</li> <li>Best-in-class COTS/government off-the-shelf<br/>(GOTS) components</li> <li>Continuous technology insertion</li> </ul> <i>Reference</i> John Bergey, Sholom Cohen, Lawrence Jones, & Dennis Smith. Software Product Lines: Experiences from the Sixth DoD Soft- |
| Asea Brown Boveri (ABB)   |   |
| Gas turbines, train control, Semantic<br>Graphics Framework   | <ul> <li>Shorter development time, higher code qual-<br/>ity, cost savings</li> </ul>   |
|   | Reference   |
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| Computer printer servers, storage servers, network camera and scanner servers.  | <i>Reference</i><br>Jan Bosch. Design & Use of Software Archi-<br>tectures, Addison Wesley, 2000.   |
| Boeing  |   |
| Bold Stroke Avionics<br>Boeing is a member of the Product Line<br>Hall of Fame. | <ul> <li>Improved affordability, quality, and system timeliness</li> <li><i>References</i></li> <li>David C. Sharp. "Reducing Avionics Software Cost Through Component Based Product Line Development," Patrick Donohoe (ed.) Proceedings SPLC1, Kluwer Academic Publishers, 2000.</li> <li>Bryan S. Doerr &amp; David C. Sharp. "Freeing</li> </ul>  |
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| Cummins  |   |
| Diesel engine controls<br>Cummins is a member of the Product<br>Line Hall of Fame. | <ul> <li>Greatly reduced time to market (~1 year vs.<br/>~1 week).</li> </ul>   |
|  | Ability to quickly and effectively enter new markets.   |
|  | Increased productivity.     Higher quality  |
|  | Higher responsiveness to customer needs.  |

| Description                                      | Cited Improvements   |
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|  | Springer 2005, ch. 21.   |
| Danfoss Drives                                   |  |
| Frequency converters                             | <ul> <li>Simplified product production</li> <li>Rapid introduction of new features; greater development efficiency</li> </ul>  |
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|  | wards," Proceedings SPLC 2009, San Fran-<br>cisco, August 2009.  |
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| Financial global transaction and settle-         | • \$4M/year cost savings   |
| ment   | Reference  |
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| Dialect Solutions                                |  |
| Internet payment gateway infrastructure products | <ul> <li>Quality and predictability, development effi-<br/>ciency.</li> <li>Defect fixes only developed ence</li> </ul>  |
|  | <ul> <li>More rapid improvements in product quality.</li> </ul>  |

| Description   | Cited Improvements   |
|---|--|
|   | Configuration control branching reduced,   |
|   | productivity increased.  |
|   | Customers upgraded to new major versions     more efficiently.   |
|   | <ul> <li>New functionality added across whole family</li> </ul>  |
|   | Reference  |
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| DNV Software  |  |
| Software products and customized solu-<br>tions for transportation industries | <ul> <li>Reduction of service needs.</li> <li>Elimination of administrative tasks.</li> <li>Uniform look and feel.</li> <li>Easier reuse, maintenance and integration.</li> </ul>  |
|   | Reference  |
|   | Frank van der Linden, Klaus Schmid, & Eelco<br>Rommes. Software Product Lines in Action,<br>Springer, 2007, Ch. 10.  |
| E-COM Technology Ltd.   |  |
| Medical imaging workstations  | <ul> <li>Improved cost, time to market, productivity</li> <li>Developing and deploying a system in a week</li> </ul>   |
|   | Reference  |
|   | Liang Liang, Zhiqiang Hu, & Xiangyun Wang.<br>"An Open Architecture for Medical Image<br>Workstation," Progress in Biomedical Optics<br>and Imaging - Proceedings of SPIE, v 5748,<br>Medical Imaging 2005 - PACS and Imaging In-<br>formatics, 2005, p. 470-479, ISSN: 1605-7422. |
| Enea  |  |
| OSE real-time operating system for tele-                                      |  |
| com and automotive applications and El-                                       | Reterence  |
| ement middleware  | J. Andersson & J. Bosch. "Development and<br>Use of Dynamic Product-Line Architectures,"<br>IEE Proceedings-Software 152, 1, 7 Feb.<br>2005, pp. 15-28 ISSN: 1462-5970.  |

| Description   | Cited Improvements  |
|---|---|
| Ericsson  |   |
| AXE family of Telecommunications<br>Switches                              | <ul> <li>Adaptability to change and evolution.</li> </ul>   |
| Ericsson is a member of the Product<br>Line Hall of Fame.                 |   |
| Ericsson  |   |
| Telecom network nodes providing packet data services for mobile net-      | <ul> <li>Significantly lower number of defects and<br/>code modifications</li> </ul>  |
| WOIKS   | Reference   |
|   | Parastoo Mohagheghi & Reidar Conradi. "An<br>Empirical Investigation of Software Reuse<br>Benefits in a Large Telecom Product," ACM<br>Transactions on Software Engineering and<br>Methodology 17, 3, 2008. |
| Ericsson Mobile Data Design   |   |
| DPE systems for packet based mobile<br>communication                      | Reference   |
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| Eurocopter  |   |
| Avionics software for multi-role NH90 helicopter                          | <ul> <li>Ability to cope with high number of software<br/>variants and technology (platform) variations</li> </ul>  |
|   | Reference   |
|   | F. Dordowsky & W. Hipp. "Adopting Software<br>Product Line Principles to Manage Software<br>Variants in a Complex Avionics System," Pro-<br>ceedings SPLC 2009, San Francisco, August<br>2009               |
| General Motors Powertrain   |   |
| Software for engines, transmissions,                                      | <ul> <li>Supporting product variation</li> </ul>  |
| and controllers   | Reduced time to market     Eliminating redundant resources  |
| General Motors Powertrain is a member<br>of the Product Line Hall of Fame |   |
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|   | Cheryl Williams. "Algorithms, Algorithm Model-<br>ing, Software, and Software Architecture."  |

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| Hewlett Packard   |  |
| Firmware for computer peripherals<br>Hewlett Packard is a member of the<br>Product Line Hall of Fame. | <ul> <li>Products built with 1/4 of the staff, in 1/3 of the time, and with 1/25 the number of bugs of earlier products.</li> <li>Complexity up 10x, number of products up 10x, time to market decreased by factor of 2.</li> </ul>  |
|   | References   |
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|   | Mebane, H., Ohta, J. "Dynamic Complexity<br>and the Owen Firmware Product Line Pro-<br>gram," Proceeding, SPLC 2007, Kyoto, Sep-<br>tember 2007, IEEE Computer Society.  |
| Hitachi   |  |
| Clinical analyzer product line, plus prod-<br>uct lines across various divisions                      | <ul> <li><i>Reference</i></li> <li>Y. Takebe, N. Fukaya, M. Chikahisa, T. Hanawa, &amp; O. and Shirai. "Experiences with Software Product Line Engineering in Product Development Oriented Organization,"</li> <li>Proceedings SPLC 2009, San Francisco, August 2009.</li> <li>Van der Linden, F, Schmid, K., Rommes, E. Software Product Lines in Action, Springer-Verlag, 2007.</li> <li>Yoshimura, K., Shimabukuro, J, Atarashi, Y., Koizumi, S., Watanabe, S., Funakoshi, K. "Key Activities for Introducing Software Product</li> </ul> |
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|   |   |
| HomeAway  |   |
| Vacation property rental<br>HomeAway is a member of the Product<br>Line Hall of Fame. | <ul> <li>Smaller footprint</li> <li>Better performance</li> <li>Higher test coverage</li> <li>Improved quality</li> <li>Faster time to market</li> <li>Lower cost maintenance</li> <li><i>References</i></li> <li>Charles W. Krueger. HomeAway: A Software<br/>Product Line Case Study, BigLever Technical<br/>Report 20070630, June 2007, BigLever Software, www.biglever.com</li> <li>Charles W. Krueger, Dale Churchett, &amp; Ross<br/>Buhrdorf. "HomeAway's Transition to Software<br/>Product Line Practice: Engineering and Busi-</li> </ul> |
|   | 2008, Limerick, pp. 297-306.  |
| LG Industrial Systems   |   |
| Elevator control systems  | <ul> <li>Decreased complexity of software base;<br/>functions reduced by half</li> <li>Reduced cost of making changes</li> </ul>  |
|   | Reference   |
|   | Klaus Pohl, Günter Böckle, & Frank van der<br>Linden. Software Product Line Engineering,<br>Springer 2005, ch. 21.  |
| LSI Logic - Engenio Storage Group   |   |
| RAID controller firmware product line for disk storage units                          | <ul><li> Product variation</li><li> Rapid time to market</li></ul>  |
| LSI Logic - Engenio Storage Group is a<br>member of the Product Line Hall of<br>Fame. | References  |
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| Lucent Technologies   |  |
| Lucent Technologies<br>5ESS telecommunications switch<br>Lucent Technologies is a member of the<br>Product Line Hall of Fame.   | <ul> <li>Productivity improved 3x-5x</li> <li>High reliability and performance</li> <li><i>References</i></li> <li>M. Ardis, N. Daley, D. Hoffman, H Siy, &amp; D.</li> <li>Weiss. "Software Product Lines: A Case</li> <li>Study," Software - Practice and Experience 30, 7, June 2000, 825-47 ISSN: 0038-0644</li> <li>CODEN: SPEXBL Publisher: Wiley, UK.</li> <li>W. Howard, editor. "The 5ESS Switching System," AT&amp;T Technical Journal 64, July-August, 1985, Special Issue on the 5ESS Switch.</li> <li>Klaus Pohl, Günter Böckle, &amp; Frank van der</li> </ul>   |
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| Integrated sets of services for airline op-<br>erations   | <i>Reference</i><br>Chastek, G., Donohoe, P., McGregor, J.,<br>Muthig, D. "Engineering a Production Method<br>for a Software Product Line," Proceedings<br>SPLC 2011, Munich, pp. 277-286.   |
| Market Maker Software AG  |  |
| Stock market data and financial news<br>management<br>Market Maker Software AG is a member<br>of the Product Line Hall of Fame. | <ul> <li>Time to market improvement - systems installed in a few days.</li> <li>Small development team able to support entire product line.</li> <li>Reduction of time to market: 2-4.</li> <li>Break-even: after about five products.</li> <li>Reduction of maintenance costs: ~60%.</li> <li>Reduced cost of quality (reliability in the field).</li> </ul> <i>References</i> Paul Clements & Linda Northrop. Software Product Lines: Practices and Patterns, Addison Wesley, 2001. Martin Verlage & Thomas Kiesgen. "Five Years of Product Line Engineering in a Small Company." 27th International Conference on |

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| Mondragón Sistemas de Información (N   | NSI)   |
| Metal processing   | <ul> <li>Reduction in development time</li> <li>Reduction in product heterogeneity</li> <li>Better controlled product evolution</li> <li>Improved product understanding by stake-<br/>holders</li> </ul>   |
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| Mobile phones<br>Nokia is a member of the Product Line<br>Hall of Fame. | <ul> <li>"Nokia Mobile Phones is the world's largest<br/>mobile phone manufacturer, and they believe<br/>that software product line engineering has<br/>helped it to reach that position."</li> <li>Unprecedented feature variation and product<br/>to market capability.</li> </ul>  |
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| Nokia   |   |
| Nokia: Mobile Browsers  | "increased efficiency through reuse as well<br>as accelerated product implementation, low-<br>ered cost, and increased quality."  |

| Description  | Cited Improvements  |
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|  | <ul> <li>"We could not have developed four different products and six annual releases with our given resources without a product line."</li> <li>Led to improved working conditions - less than 3% turnover, product line highly rated in Nokia's internal survey of working conditions.</li> </ul>   |
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| Industrial supervisory control and busi-<br>ness process management systems | <ul><li>Server platform extended to other markets.</li><li>Introduction of run-time variability.</li></ul>  |
|   | <ul><li>Improved Reference process framework.</li><li>Centralised roadmaps for platforms.</li></ul>   |
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| Testo   |   |
| Climate, emission, and flue gas meas-<br>urement devices                    | <ul> <li>Ability to develop more complex products addressing new market segments.</li> <li>"these products would not have been possible without product line engineering."</li> <li>Increased developer satisfaction.</li> <li>All projects on time and of high quality.</li> </ul>   |
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| U.S. Army  |  |
| Command and control simulator for<br>Army fire support | <ul> <li>Time to add a mission reduced from about<br/>one month to about 3 days.</li> <li>Able to add, remove, replace missions inde-<br/>pendently of each other.</li> <li>Reduced code complexity.</li> </ul>  |
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