Requirements Development in the Automotive Industry: Challenges and Opportunities

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ISO 26262 Safety Life Cycle



Outline

Introduction

- Requirements Development for Automotive SW Product Lines
- GM R&D Experiences with Requirements Development for the SuperCruise Feature
- Summary





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Automotive Industry 25+ years

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- Research, Advance Development, Product Development
- Model-Based Sys. & SW Development, Safety-Critical Systems, Cyber Security, By-Wire Systems, Vehicle Control Systems, VLSI Design & Tools, Testing
- ISO Technical Expert ISO 26262 Automotive Functional Safety Standard
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Warren, MI

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General Motors Electrical, Controls and Software









 GM has one of the most complex systems and software product line engineering challenges in the world

- 3000 contributing engineers
- 300 hierarchical subsystems
- Thousands of variant features
- 100 Million lines of code
- Millions of product instances per year
- Tens-of-thousands of unique product variants
- Dramatic increase in variation due to new propulsion systems and active safety
- Global diversity in legislative regulations
- Extreme economic and competitive pressures
- Product line and feature set evolves annually
- 15 concurrent development streams









GM Enables massive Reuse through Software Product Lines

 A Product Line is a set of systems sharing a common, managed set of features that are developed from a common set of core assets in a prescribed way

•Why Product Line over Products for GM Embedded Software?

- As much as an 85% reduction in effort for a second (third, fourth, etc.) application
- As much as a 70% reduction in field claims overall



Software Product Line - Single Vehicle View



Software Product Line - Single Component View



Vehicles

Software Product Line - Components X Vehicles



Example Product Line Requirements Challenges

- Traceability of requirements to vehicles deployments
 - Which requirements apply to a specific vehicle?
 - What tests need to be run?
 - Why do we have this requirement?
- Product line development
 - Which deployments need to be supported?
 - Which combination of features need to be tested?
- Can a design element be modified?
 - Why does this design element exist?
 - What is the impact of changing the design element?



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THE OPPORTUNITY

Crashes / Human Errors



Aging / Disabled



Congestion / Time



CADILLAC DRIVER ASSISTANCE / ACTIVE SAFETY

Safety Alert Seat



- Lane Departure Warning
- Forward Collision Alert
- Side Blind-Zone Alert
- Rear Cross-Traffic Alert
- Haptic Safety Alert Seat Feedback

Also includes:

- Rear Vision Camera
- Front & Rear Park Assist



 Low-Speed Front/Rear Automatic Braking (Emergency Braking to Avoid Contact)

DRIVING AUTOMATED (IN NON-AUTOMATED VEHICLES!)

















NEXT STEP: SUPERCRUISE





Requirements Development Challenges

VTS

Vehicle Technical Specification

Not a focus, as vehicle integrates features from product line

Subsystem Technical Specification

- Requirements / Specifications for multiple features
- Very large documents, requirements for individual feature dispersed
- Difficult to comprehend
 - individual features
 - how features relate to one another
 - Intent of requirements

CTS

Component Technical Specification

- e.g., controller or sensor specifications
- Relevant during later phases of the project

SSTS

SuperCruise Requirements Development Strategy

Use Cases

> Feature Technical Specification

> > (FTS)

Describe how system should handle various key driving scenarios

User Requirements

- High-level, capture key behavior aspects
- Implementation independent

Functional Requirements

- Detailed. all behavior described
- Comprehends interfaces with other features

Non functional Requirements

Capture intent of functional requirements

> SSTS & CTS

Example User Requirements

The Cruise Control (CC) feature shall assist the driver to maintain the vehicle at a constant speed, without the need for driver acceleration through the accelerator pedal.

U -1 CC shall work for speeds between V Low Speed Inhibit and V High speed inhibit miles per hour.

U -2 CC shall allow the driver to set the desired vehicle speed, when the vehicle current speed is between V Low Speed Inhibit and V High speed inhibit mph.

U -2.1 CC shall maintain the vehicle speed at the speed set by the driver.

U - 3 CC shall allow the driver to increase and decrease the current CC speed,

U- 3.1 CC shall allow driver to increment or decrement the current CC speed by a fixed value of TBD mph.

U – 3.2 CC shall allow driver to accelerate or decelerate from the current CC speed until a maximum limit of TBD mph is reached.

Example Functional Requirements

• F-1.0 CC shall transition between the following states:

- Control_Off (default state)
- Disabled (not ready to control).
- Performing_Diagnostics (Waiting for diagnostics results)
- Standby_Disabled (feature chosen but the enable criteria is not fulfilled)
- Standby_Enabled (feature is chosen and the enable criteria is also fulfilled)
- Engaged (regulating the speed of the vehicle at the driver set speed)

• F-2.0 CC must receive the following information

- VehicleSpeed
- BrakePedalStatus (indicating when pressed)
- AcceleratorPedalStatus (indicating when pressed)
- ClutchPedalStatus (indicating when pressed)
- F- 3.0 CC shall transition from *Control_off* to *Disabled* state, when System_Power_Mode is in the ON mode.
- F- 4.0 CC shall first perform diagnostic tests when the driver requests for CC.
 - F-4.1 CC shall inform the driver when CC functionality has some problem.
 - F- 4.2 The diagnostic tests failed message shall be sent to the Driver Display Console when CC is not functional.
- F-5.0 CC shall transition from *Disabled* to *StandBy_Disabled*, if CC passes diagnostic tests
 - F- 5.1 CC shall inform the driver when CC is ready to operate.
 - F-5.2 The CCOperatingIndicator shall light up when CC is operational (Which means that the diagnostic tests were passed).

SuperCruise Requirement Development Strategy (Cont.)



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- Automotive product line challenges addressed by requirements & product line management
- Active safety and semi autonomous driving present new challenges
 - Complex interacting features
 - Highly depending on vehicle operating environment
 - To learn more
 - http://spectrum.ieee.org/transportation/safety/the-crashproof-car
- Challenges addressed by rigorous requirements development process
 - Implementation independent requirements vs. functional specification
 - Requirements management,
 - Design reviews and formal analysis
 - Validation activities: model-based, HIL bench, in-vehicle
- Next steps: System of Systems and feature interaction methods

Thank You!

