

Delta Modeling Workflow

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- ▶ "Delta Modeling Workflow": The theory, an example
- ▶ "Delta Modeling in Practice": Industrial Case Study

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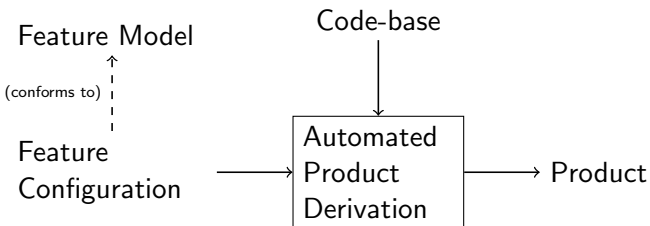
A (software) product line consists of a number of (software) products that differ in which features they support:

- ▶ Linux Kernel:
 - Loadable Module Support
 - Power Saving Support
 - Support for various hardware
- ▶ Payment System:
 - Chipknip Support
 - Creditcard Support
 - NFC Support
 - Cash Support
- ▶ Code Editor:
 - Syntax Highlighting
 - Error Checking
 - Printing

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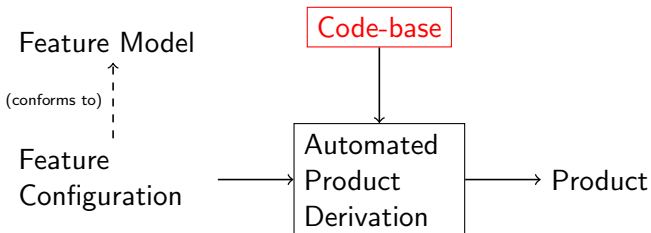
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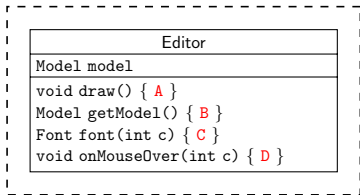


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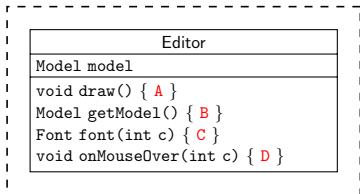
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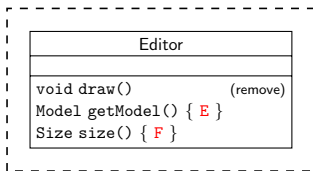




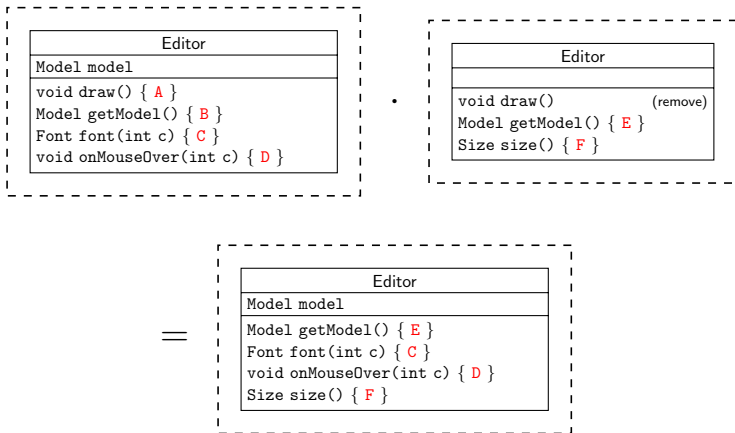
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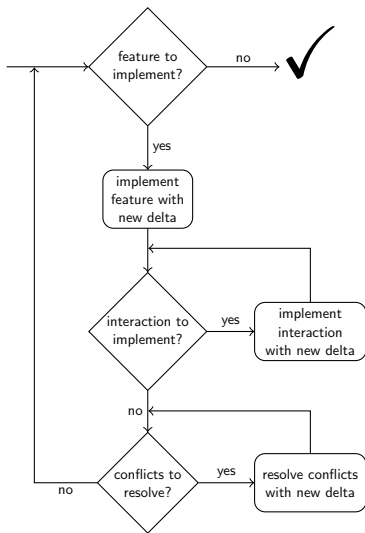
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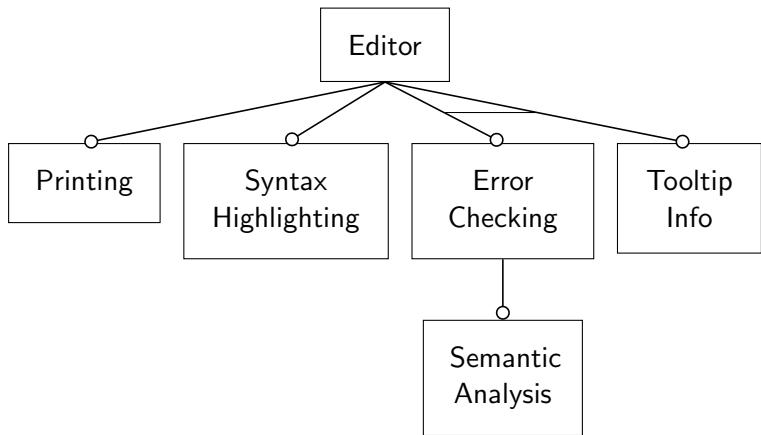
The Workflow



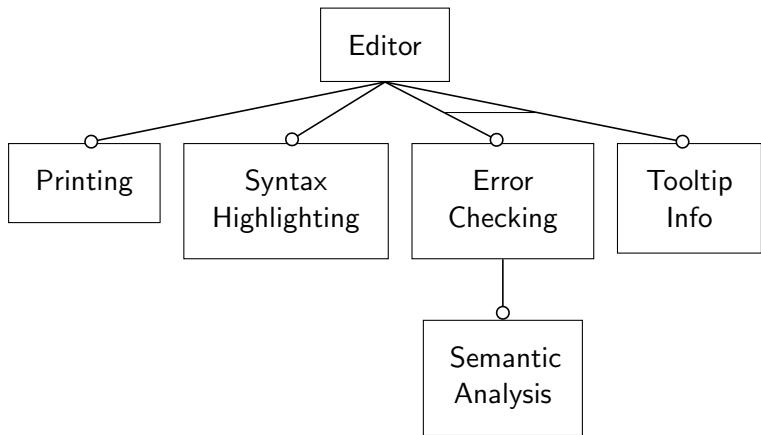
Workflow Properties

- ▶ The resulting product line is globally unambiguous (no conflicts).
- ▶ Every product will satisfy the specifications of its features.
- ▶ Features can be implemented concurrently and in isolation.
- ▶ Code duplication and overspecification will be minimized.

Example: Feature Model

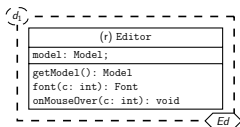


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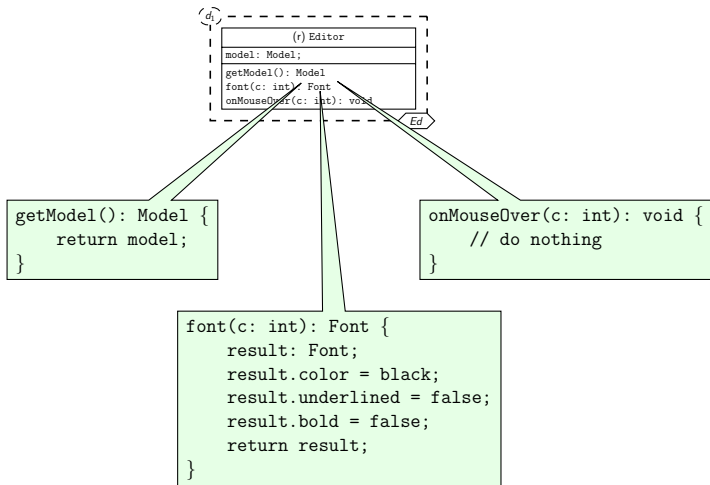


$2 \times 2 \times 4 = 16$ products

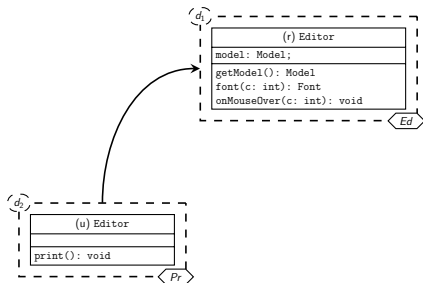
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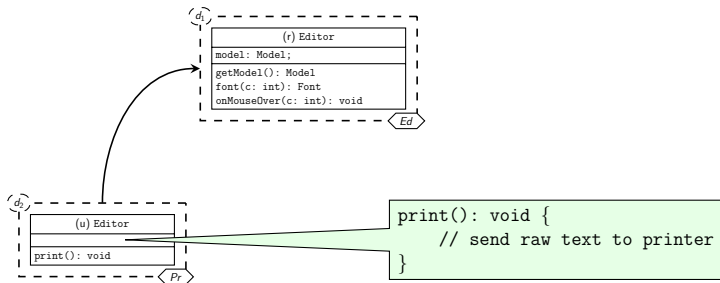
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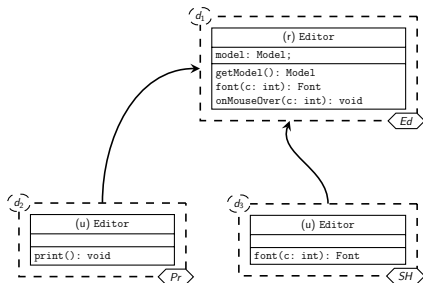
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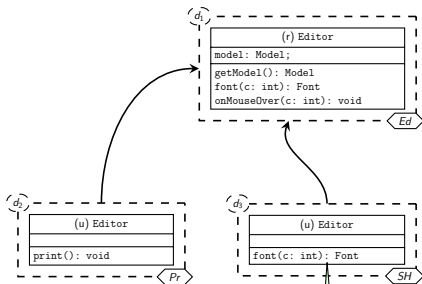
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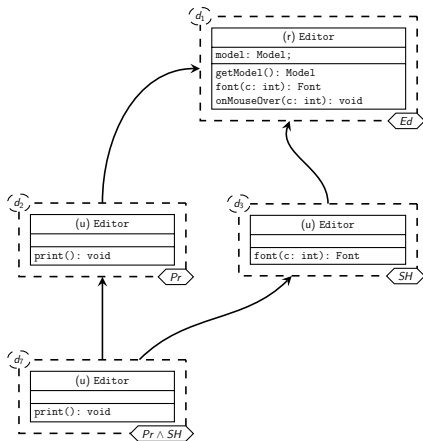


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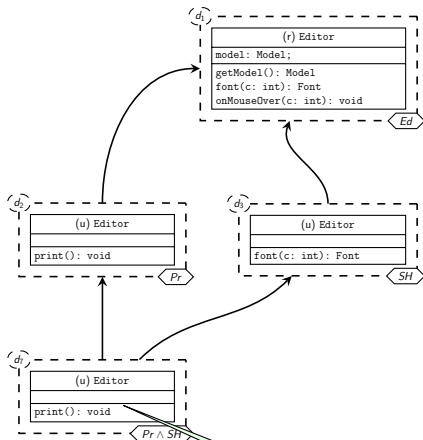


```
font(c: int): Font {  
    result: Font =  $d_1$ .font(c);  
    result.color = getModel().correctColorFor(c);  
    return result;  
}
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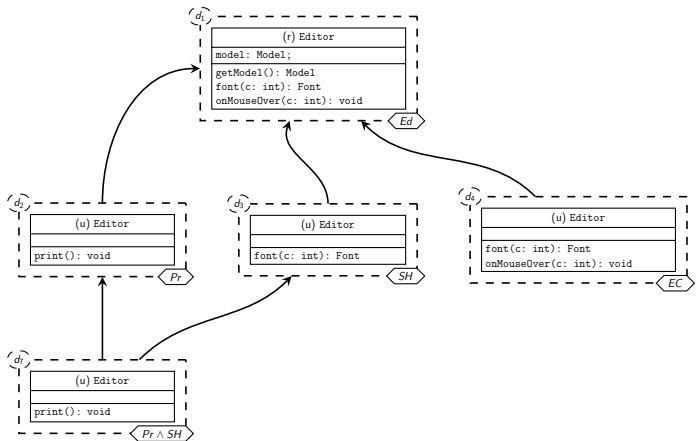


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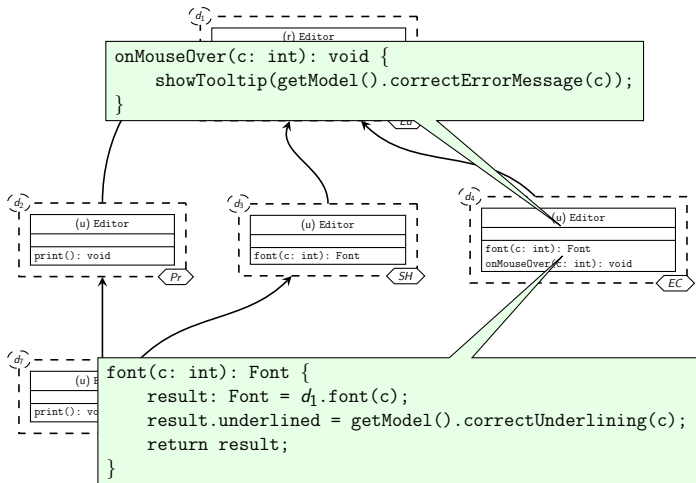


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print(): void {  
    // send text to printer, colored using  $d_3$ .font(c).color  
}
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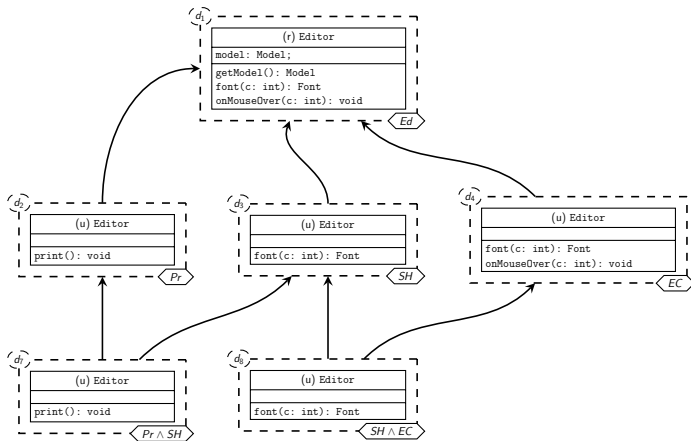
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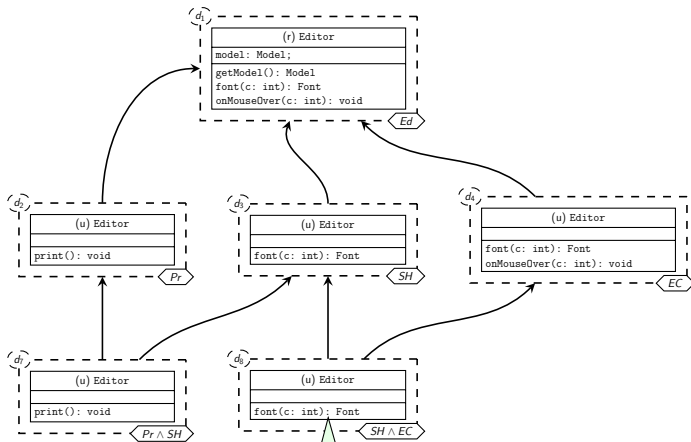
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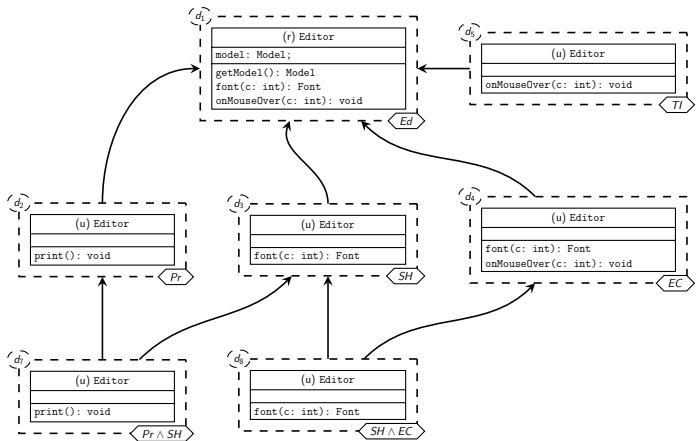


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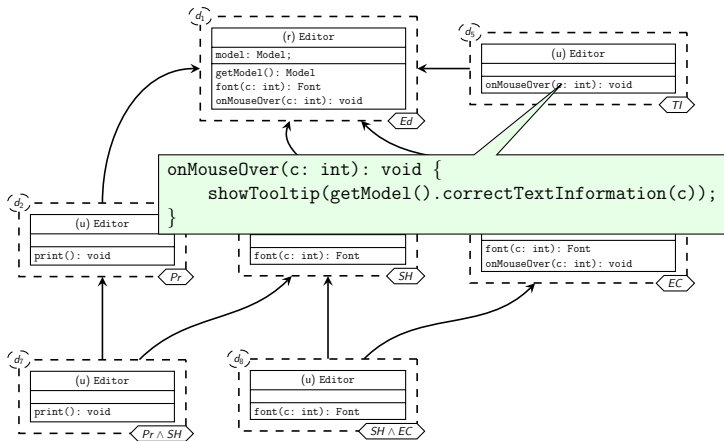


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font(c: int): Font {  
    result: Font;  
    result.color =  $d_3$ .font(c).color;  
    result.underlined =  $d_4$ .font(c).underlined;  
    return result;  
}
```

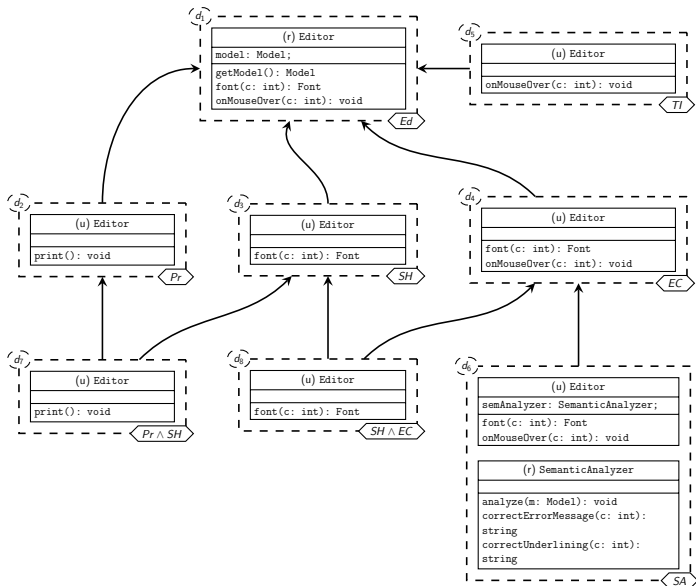

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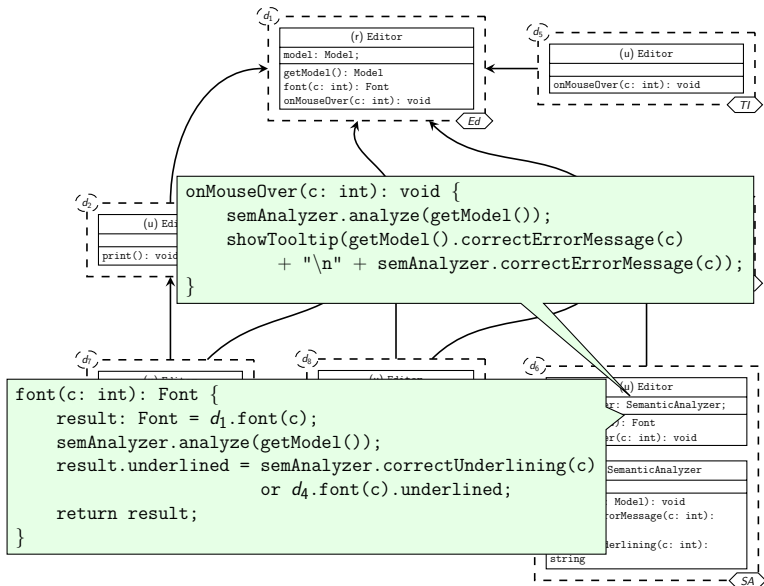
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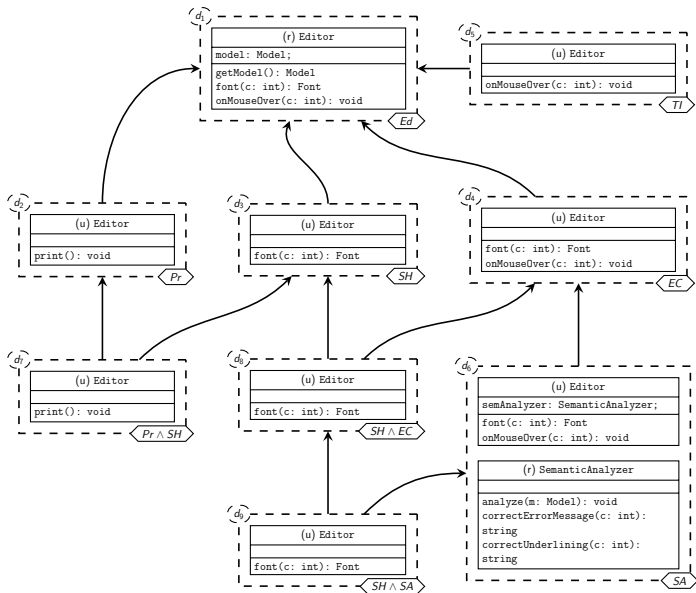
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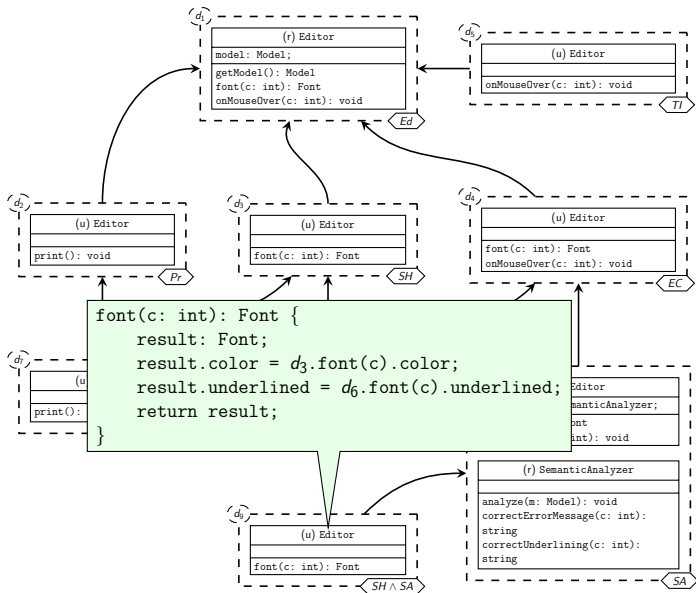
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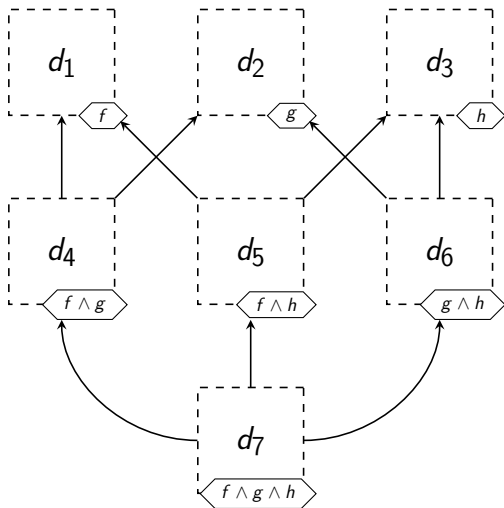
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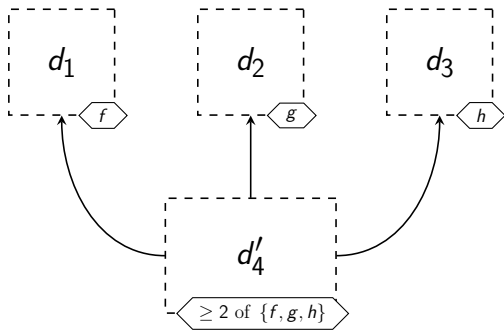
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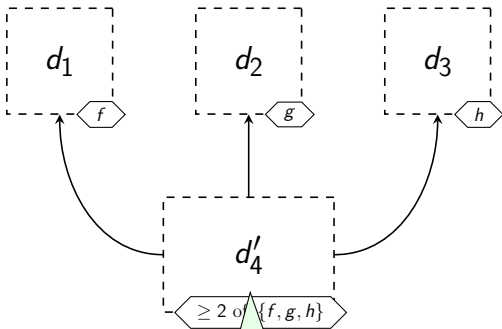
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```
if (f) // use  $d_1$  code  
if (g) // use  $d_2$  code  
if (h) // use  $d_3$  code  
// combine them somehow
```

Conclusions and Future Work

Conclusions

- ▶ The Delta Modeling Workflow is a step-by-step guide of how to build a product line from scratch, based on Abstract Delta Modeling.
- ▶ The workflow allows concurrent and isolated development.
- ▶ The product lines resulting from the workflow have some nice properties:
 - Global Unambiguity (no unresolved conflicts)
 - Completeness (every feature (combination) is implemented)
 - Minimal code duplication and overspecification

Future Work

- ▶ Full formal proofs of properties
- ▶ Support for dynamically changing feature models / specifications