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Editorial

Following the mission of e-Informatica Software Engineering Journal, we would like to present the 10th volume containing papers referring to testing, domain modelling and startup software companies.

The first one by Bansal et al. concentrates on generating test cases to uncover faults caused by the interaction of input parameters. An artificial intelligence algorithm based on a bee colony was elaborated. It reduces the exponential growth of the number of test cases. The conducted experiments have shown that the proposed approach gives better or similar results in comparison to the existing state-of-the-art algorithms.

A similar problem of overcoming the exponential explosion in the number of higher-order mutants is considered in the second paper by Ghiduk. The basic idea is to utilize a data-flow analysis to select points to seed mutation through the program under test. A set of experiments showed that the proposed technique is more effective than the earlier techniques in generating higher-order mutants without affecting the efficiency of mutation testing.

In the third paper by Hnatkowska, a programming tool extracting some knowledge from SUMO-like ontologies and transforming it into the UML class diagram is presented. The usage of the tool in the context of software modelling, especially in domain model construction, is considered.

The problem of testing is considered again in the fourth paper. A highly automated agile testing process is presented by Berłowski et al. The authors use their industrial experience in a medium size software project developed using Scrum. The main result of the paper is a set of recommendations related to the testing

process taking into account the employed principles of agility, specifically: continuous integration, responding to change, test automation and test-driven development. Additionally, an efficient testing environment that combines some testing frameworks with custom-developed simulators is presented.

The last, fifth paper, written by a group of 28 authors from 7 countries, is very special. Software engineering as scientific discipline suggests or recommends a set of rules, good practices, and methodologies for rational and efficient software development. How to apply these suggestions and recommendations in practice, especially in forming software companies? How to establish software startups? These are examples of the main questions stated in the paper. There are no final answers to these questions, but there is a systematic and rational review of some problems that should be considered and solved on the way to a software startup. Software startups are quite distinct from traditional mature software companies, but also from micro-, small-, and medium-sized enterprises, introducing new challenges relevant for software engineering research. The considerations take into account important human aspects and constraints imposed by the modern economy in the societies of today.

As Editors of the volume, we would like to thank all of the authors as well as reviewers, for their efforts. e-Infomatica Software Engineering Journal is now indexed, among others, by the Web of ScienceTM Core Collection (Emerging Sources Citation Index), Scopus, DBLP, DOAJ, and Google Scholar. We look forward to receiving high quality contributions from researchers and practitioners in software engineering for the next issue of the journal.

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