

Reuse for the Reuse-Agnostic

– Adding Modularity to Your Language of Choice

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Bierkasten Research

– or: how to get rid of the C preprocessor

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Bierkasten - An Old One

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Bierkastens Talk about Reuse

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Getting Rid of the CPP

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Which Kind of Language is That?

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```
#ifdef _mymod_h  
  
#define _mymod_h  
  
#include mymod.h
```

```
#define max
```

```
#ifdef SUN
```

```
#define REGI
```

```
#else
```

```
#define REGWINDOW 0
```

```
#endif
```

```
#endif
```

Why do we use the C preprocessor?

The Vision: Heterogenous Programs

Reuse for the Reuse-Agnostic

- What is reuse code? What is algorithmic code?

use SQL.5.0 for query

use Modula.2.0 for scopes

use C++.2040 for class templates

use BETA for slots

template class S, DB {

IMPLEMENTATION MODULE WebServer<S>;

PROCEDURE <<..>> END;

BEGIN

S: servletGenerator = DB.init;

R: relation = select all from DB
 where Person == "Assmann";

END

A Language Uses Different Sublanguages (Language Components)

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RL
Reuse languages

import
module
< >
extends

Data languages (DL)

DML
data manipulation languages

DCL
data constraint languages

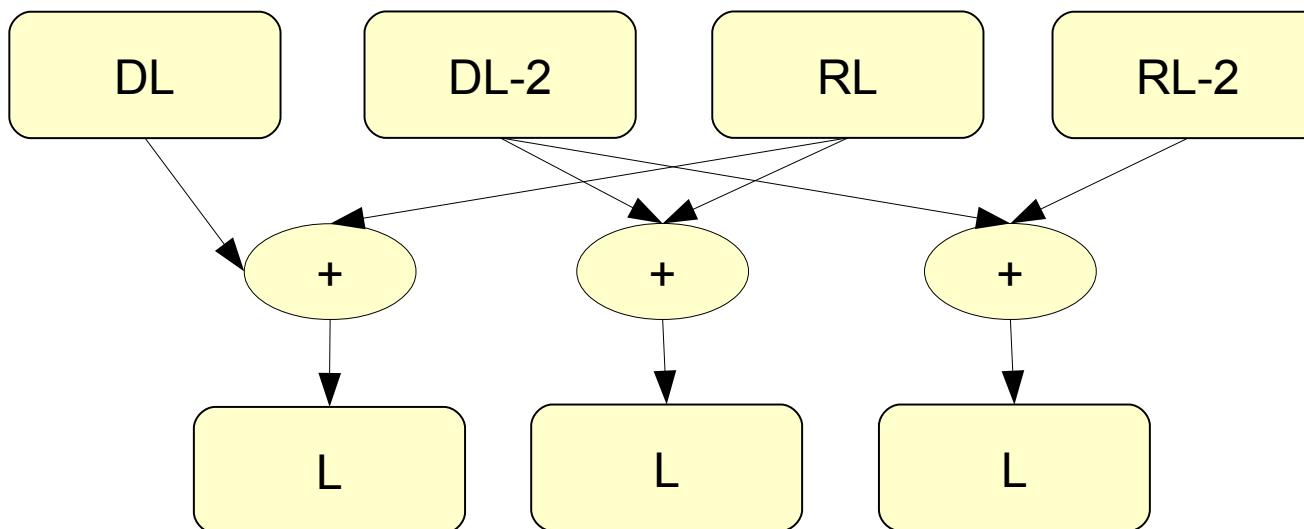
DQL
data query languages

DDL
data definition languages

Reuse Language

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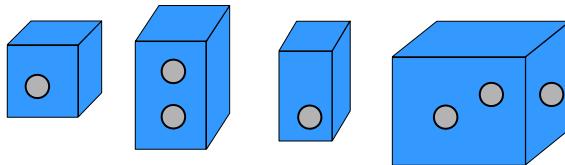
- A **(program) reuse language** is a language that describes how programs written in a DL should be reused
 - As a component, it can be composed with DL language components
 - possible in language variations



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- But I thought, architectural description languages (ADL) were about reuse...

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Components

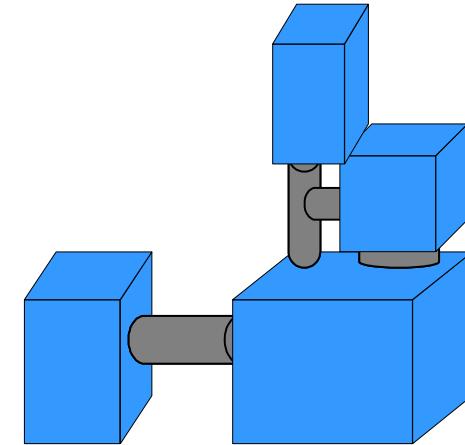


Basic composition
technique
(Composers)



Composition
recipe

Black-box
composition

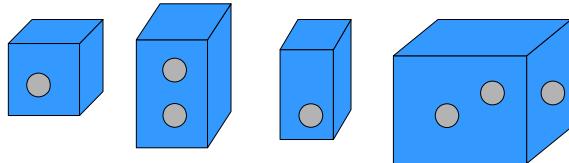


System constructed in a
component- and
composition-based
architecture

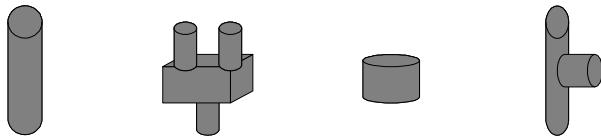


Invasive Software Composition (ISC) Construct Grey-Box Systems

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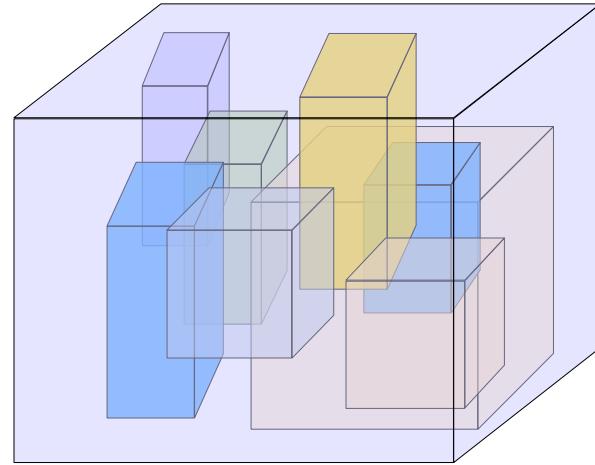


Components



Composition Operators

Invasive
Software
Composition
→
(Grey-box
Composition)



System with an Integrated
Architecture

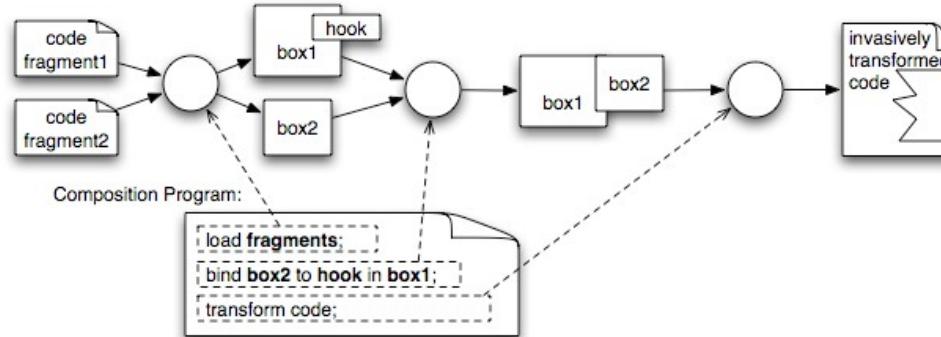


Reuse Skript
(Composition script)

ISC is not so easy
to use

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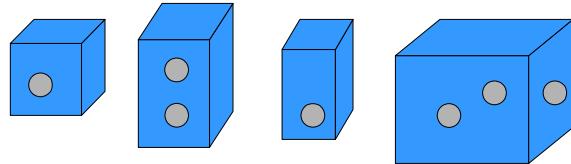
- Fragment-based grey-box composition technique
- Variation points
 - **Slots** for genericity
 - **Hooks** for extensibility
- **Primitive** composition operators
 - **Bind()** operating on slots
 - **Extend()** operating on hooks
- Models ADL and other programming paradigms



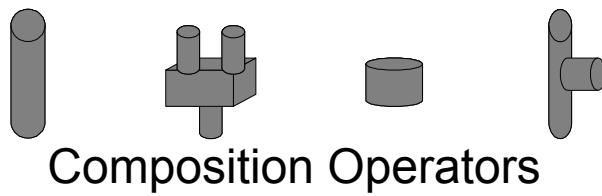
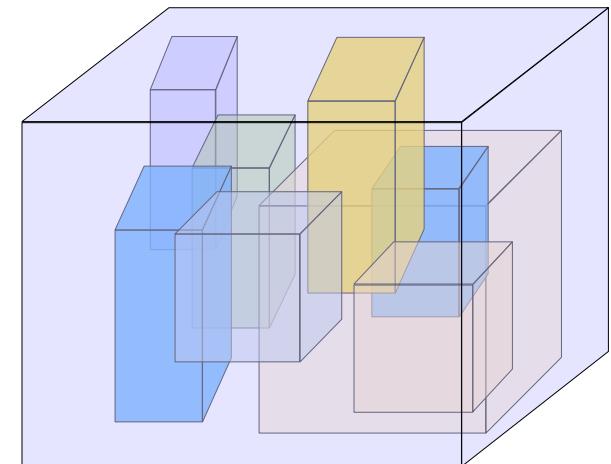
Hypothesis: RL are a special form of ISC

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...but reuse programs are embedded, to make it simpler



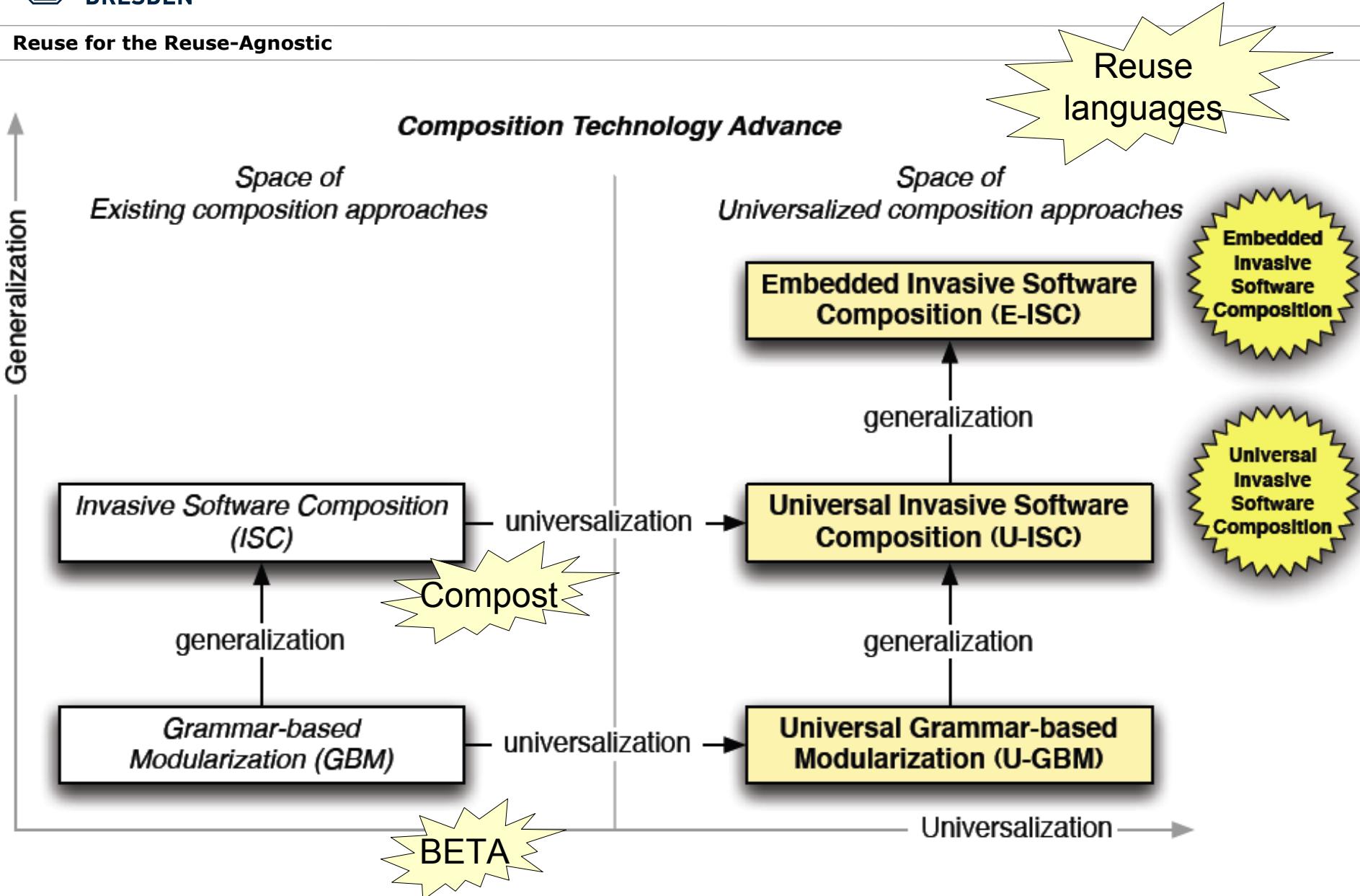
Components with
embedded reuse scripts
(embedded composition
scripts)



System with an Integrated
Architecture

Universal Invasive Composition

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Example

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Xcerpt,

a Module-Agnostic Query Language,

gets Modules

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- Data Query and Transformation Language for XML and RDF/OWL
[Schaffert et al., 2004]
- Data terms
 - Represent XML documents

```
<book><title>T</title><author>A</author></book>  
book [ title [ "T" ], author [ "A" ] ]
```
- Query terms
 - Patterns matching data terms resulting in answer substitutions

```
book [ title [ var X ], author [ var Y ] ] → { X / "T", Y / "A" }
```
- Construct terms
 - Data terms with variables to be instantiated
 - Builds data terms by applying answer substitutions

Xcerpt programs:

- A set of rules of the form:

```
CONSTRUCT
  head
  FROM
    body
  END
```

```
GOAL
  head
  FROM
    body
  END
```

- **head** is a construct term
- **body** is a set of query terms connected using connectives:
 - **AND** or **OR**

A Language without Reuse: Xcerpt

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```

CONSTRUCT
  results {
    all result {
      var Title,
      all var Author
    }
  }
FROM
  bib {{
    book {{
      var Title → title ,
      authors {{
        var Author → author
      }}
    }}
  }}
END
  
```

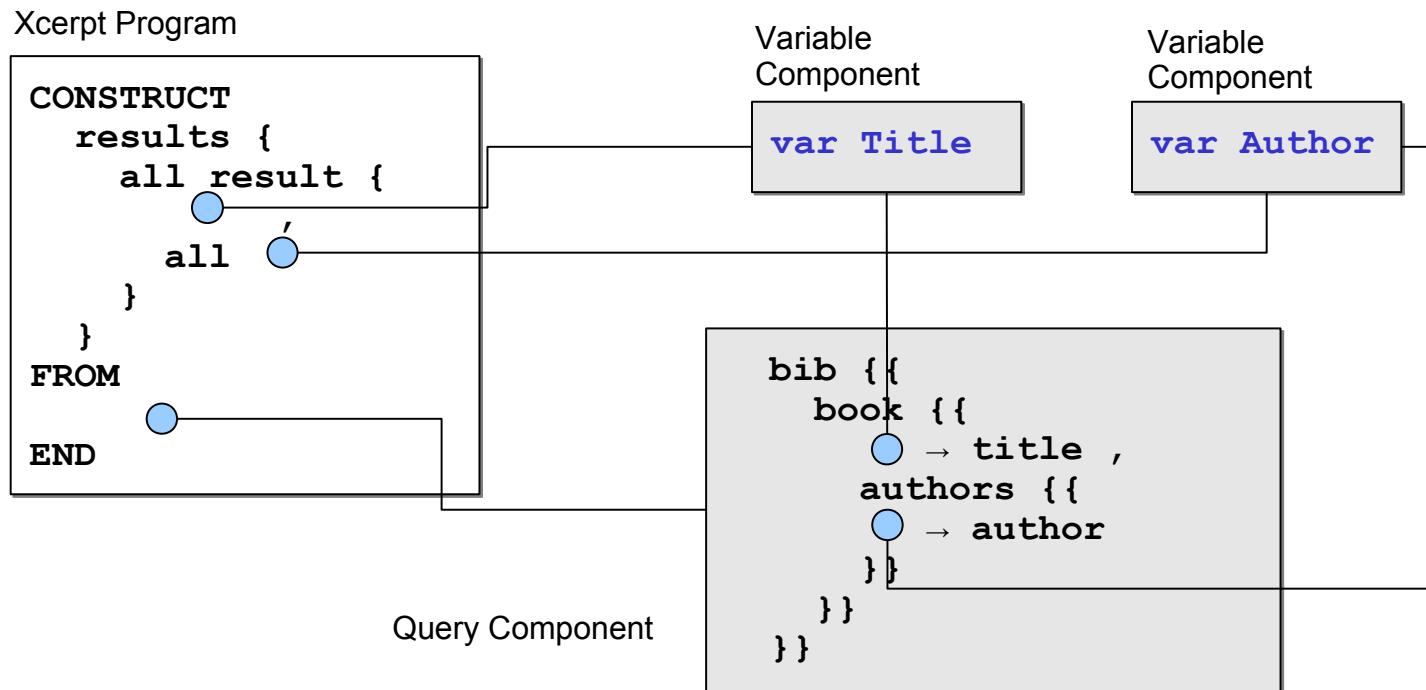
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  results {
    all result {
      all var Title,
      var Author
    }
  }
FROM
  bib {{
    book {{
      var Title → title ,
      authors {{
        var Author → author
      }}
    }}
  }}
END
  
```

Possible Reuse in Xcerpt

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- Overlapping fragments could be factored out



 = variation point

Grammatical Types for Grammar-Based Modularization

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- BETA style: separate compilation of all parts of a program

Xcerpt Program (P1)

```

CONSTRUCT
  results {
    all result {
      all var Title,
      var Author
    }
  }
FROM
  bib {{ book {{ var Title → title ,
  authors {{ var Author → author
}}}
}}}
END
  
```

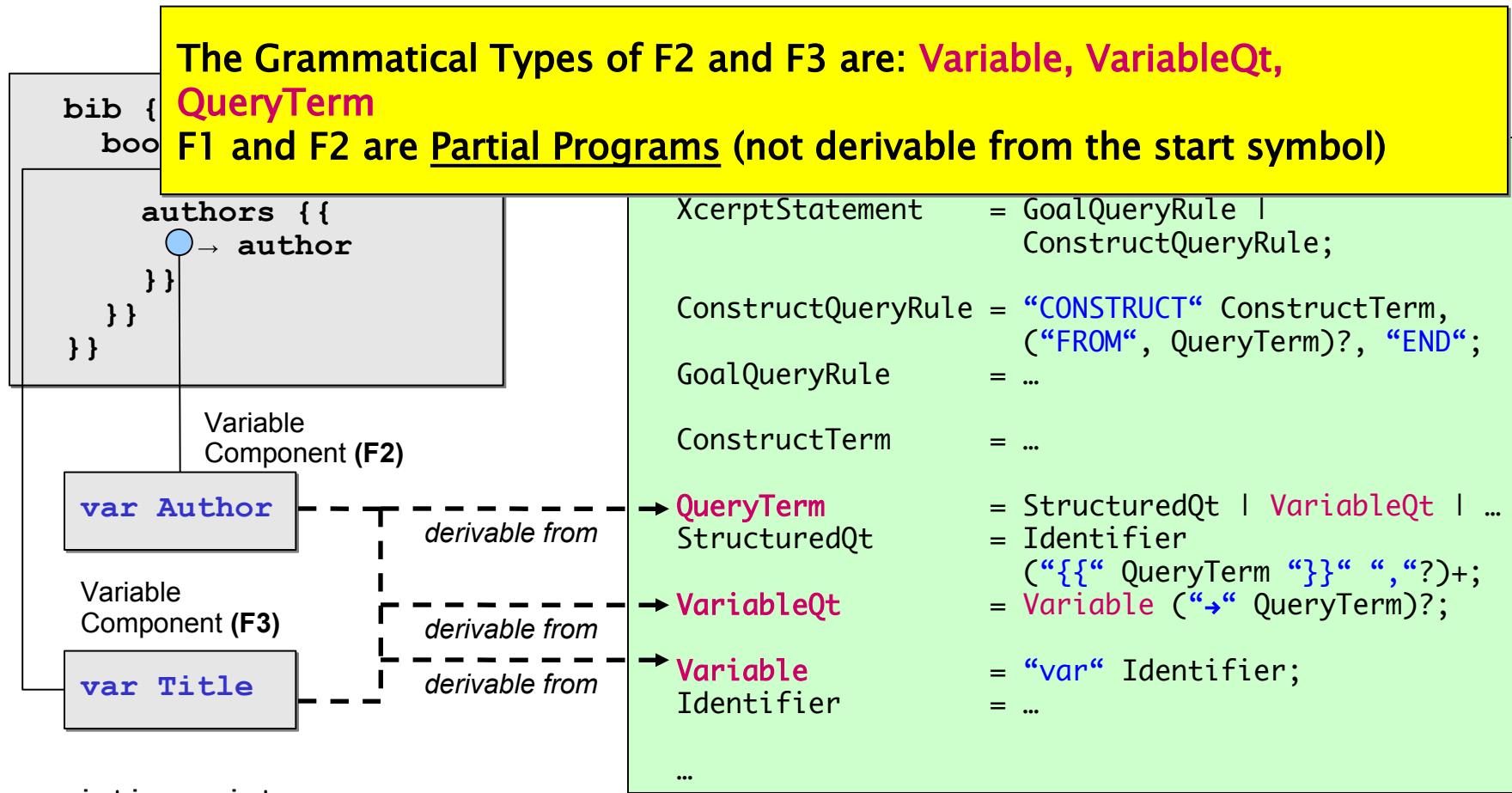
Context-free Grammar of Xcerpt

<i>derivable from</i>	Program	= XcerptStatement+;
<i>derivable from</i>	XcerptStatement	= GoalQueryRule ConstructQueryRule;
<i>derivable from</i>	ConstructQueryRule	= "CONSTRUCT" ConstructTerm, ("FROM", QueryTerm)?, "END";
	GoalQueryRule	= ...
	ConstructTerm	= ...
	QueryTerm	= StructuredQt VariableQt ...
	StructuredQt	= Identifier ("{{" QueryTerm "}}", ",")?; +;
	VariableQt	= Variable ("→" QueryTerm)?;
	Variable	= "var" Identifier;
	Identifier	

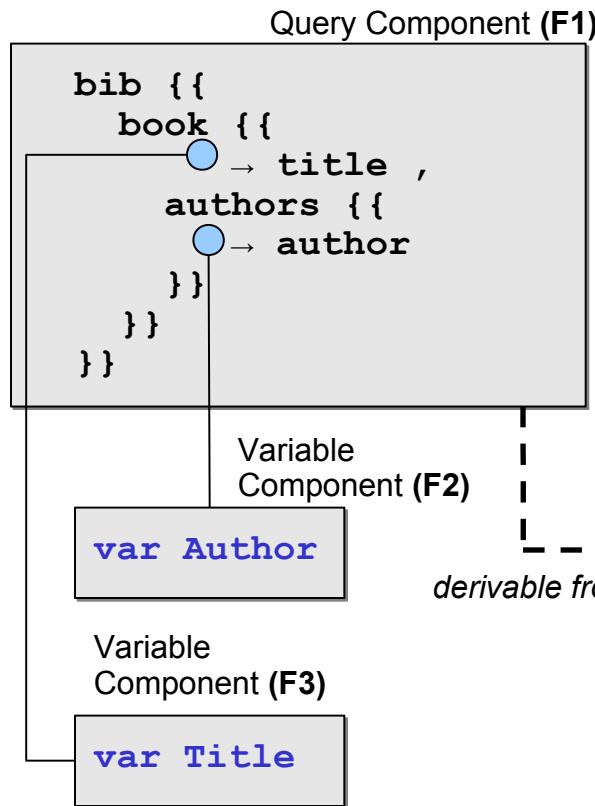
The Grammatical Types of P1 are: **Program, XcerptStatement, ConstructQueryRule**

Partial Programs (Fragments)

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Underspecified Partial Programs (Generic Fragments)



Is **QueryTerm** a grammatical Type of F1?

No! F1 is underspecified and can not be derived from **QueryTerm**

But we want to allow for underspecification!

ConstructTerm	= ...
→ QueryTerm	= StructuredQt VariableQt ...
→ StructuredQt	= Identifier (“{{“ QueryTerm “}}” “,” “?”)+;
VariableQt	= Variable (“→“ QueryTerm)?;
Variable Identifier	= “var“ Identifier;
	= ...
	...

○ = variation point

Variation Points in Generic Fragments

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Query Component (F1)		Variation Points have a Grammatical Type				
		Context	Context	Grammatical Type	Reuse	Grammar of Reuse
bib {{	book {{				Xcerpt	Xcerpt
<<titleSlot>> → title ,		Program	= XcerptStatement+;			
authors {{		XcerptStatement	= GoalQueryRule			
<<authorSlot>> → author	}		ConstructQueryRule;			
}	}					
		ConstructQueryRule	= “CONSTRUCT” ConstructTerm,			
			(“FROM”, QueryTerm)?, “END”;			
		GoalQueryRule	= ...			
		ConstructTerm	= ...			
		QueryTerm	= StructuredQt VariableQt ...			
		StructuredQt	= Identifier			
		VariableQt	(“{“ QueryTerm “}” “,” “?”)+;			
			= (Variable v(Variable, I))			
			(“→” QueryTerm)?;			
		Variable	= (“var” Identifier)			
		v(Variable, I)	= “<<”, I, “>>”;			
		Identifier	= ...			

● = variation point

!
derivable from 

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- Reuse Grammars specify Reuse Languages
- The

A Reuse Grammar G_r is the result of a transformation of a Core Grammar G :
 This transformation is...

...preservative: Any String derivable from a non-terminal in G can still be derived from the same non-terminal in G_r ,

...type preservative: In production rules, variation points are only introduced as alternatives to their types

Underspecified and/or partial programs wrt. G that are valid programs wrt. G_r are valid Fragments wrt. G

Variable = (“var“ Identifier)

$v(Variable, I)$ = “<<“, I, “:“ “Variable“ “>>“;
 $v(QueryTerm, I)$ = “<<“, I, “:“ “QueryTerm“ “>>“;

Identifier = ...

...

Slotify – a Grammar Transformer

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- Slotify is a grammar transformer, designating nonterminals for the creation of slots in reuse grammars
- Slotify adds a reuse language to a language

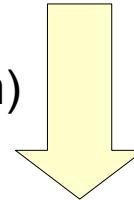
```

Program           = XcerptStatement+;
XcerptStatement   = GoalQueryRule | ConstructQueryRule;

ConstructQueryRule = "CONSTRUCT" ConstructTerm,
                     ("FROM", ( QueryTerm ) )?, "END";
  
```

Language

slotify(G,QueryTerm)



```

Program           = XcerptStatement+;
XcerptStatement   = GoalQueryRule | ConstructQueryRule;

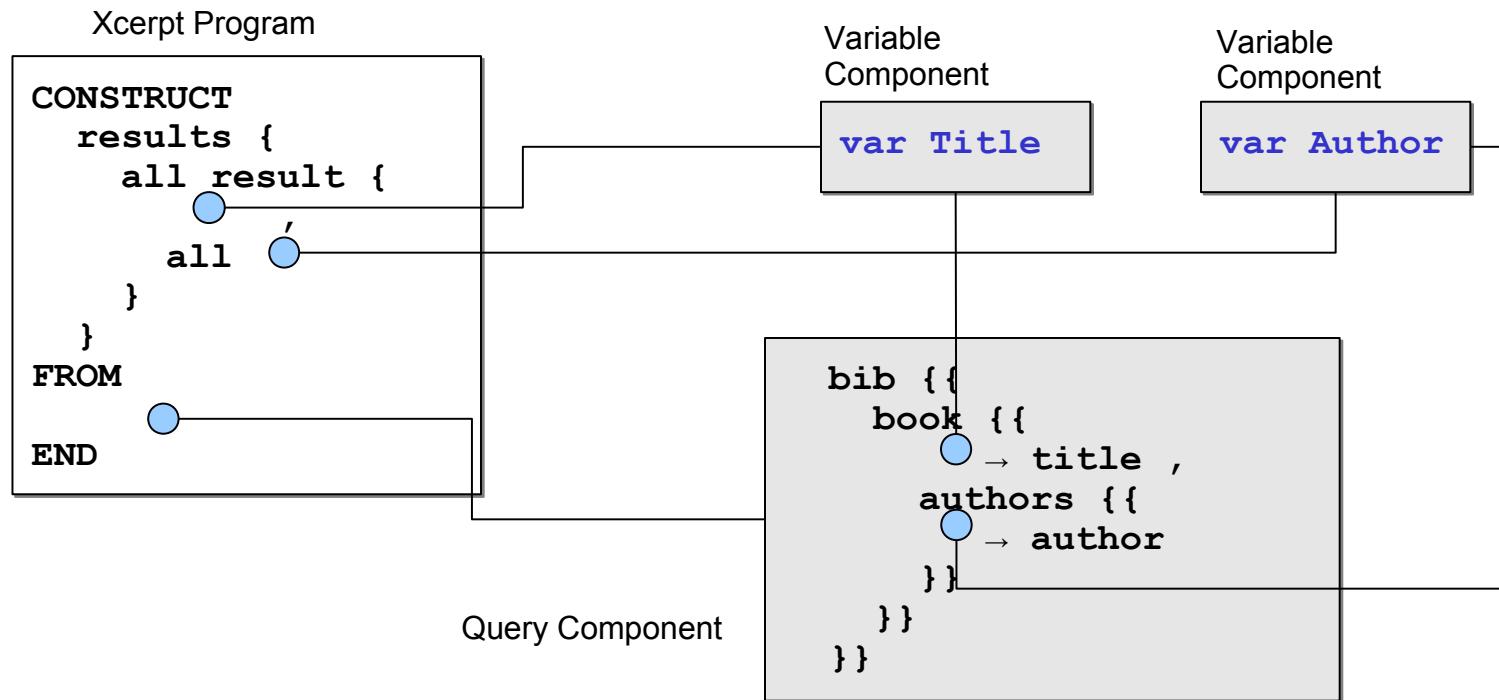
ConstructQueryRule = "CONSTRUCT" ConstructTerm,
                     ("FROM", ( QueryTerm | v(QueryTerm,I) ) )?, "END";
  
```

v(QueryTerm,I) = "<<", I, ":" "QueryTerm" ">>";

Language
+
RL

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- Slots are bound *type-safe*



○ = variation point

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Primitive Composition Operators:

- Take two fragments (F1 & F2) and an variation point (authorSlot) in F1 as argument
- replace authorSlot with F2 (type-safe)
- replace authorSlot in F1 with F2 (type-safe)

Xcerpt Program (P1)

```
CONSTRUCT
  results {
    all result {
      <<titleSlot:Variable>>,
      all <<authorSlot:Variable>>,
    }
  }
FROM
  <<querySlot:QueryTerm>>,
END
```

bind querySlot on P1 with F1

Variable Fragment (F3)

var Title

Variable Fragment (F2)

var Author

Query Fragment (F1)

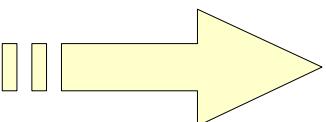
```
bib {{
  book {{
    <<titleSlot:Variable>> → title ,
    authors {{
      <<authorSlot:Variable>> → author
    }}
  }}
}}
```

bind authorSlot on F1 with F2

Active Syntax for Embedded Reuse Languages

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- How to embed compositions (reuse statements) into a core language?
- Answer: by active syntax
 - Keywords trigger compositions
 - Parser starts compositions

IMPORT m;  compose(this[slot,...], m);
where compose is
a composition operator

A Module System for Xcerpt with Active Syntax

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- Reusing a module for transitive closure for OWL transitive closure

Configurable Xcerpt Module:

/subClassOf.mxcerpt

```
CONSTRUCT // Transitive closure query
inferredSubClassOf [
    all subClassOf [ var Subclass, var Superclass ]
]
FROM
```

```
or {
    declsubclasseof [ var Subclass, var Superclass ],
    and {
        declsubclasseof [ var Subclass,
        declsubclasseof [ var Z, var S ] ]
    }
}
END
```

```
CONSTRUCT // Constructing base relation
declsubclasseof [ var Subclass, var Superclass ]
FROM
```

```
<<rootNode>> [[
    Class {
        id { var Subclass },
        subClassOf {
            about { var Superclass }
        }
    }
]]
END
```

Xcerpt Program with IMPORT

```
IMPORT /subClassOf.mxcerpt [ bind(rootNode, 'owl') ]
END
```

GOAL result [all var X]
FROM var X -> inferredSubClassOf [[]]
END

CONSTRUCT // Using transitive closure on OWL classes
owl [
 Class [id ["SportsEquipment"]],
 Class [id ["TennisRacket"]],
 subClassOf [about ["SportsEquipment"]],
 Class [id ["WilsonTennisRacket"]],
 subClassOf [about ["TennisRacket"]]
]

Active Syntax Expands to Composition Scripts

Reuse for the Reuse-Agnostic

Configurable Xcerpt Module:
`/subClassOf.mxcerpt`

```

CONSTRUCT
  inferredSubClassOf [
    all subClassOf [ var Subclass, var Superclass ]
  ]
FROM
  or {
    declsubclasseof [ var Subclass, var Superclass ],
    and {
      declsubclasseof [ var Subclass, var Superclass ],
      declsubclasseof [ var Z, var S ]
    }
  }
END

CONSTRUCT
  declsubclasseof [ var Subclass, var Superclass ]
FROM
  <>rootNode>> [[
    Class {
      id { var Subclass },
      subClassOf {
        about { var Superclass }
      }
    }
  ]]
END
  
```

COMPOSITION SCRIPT BEGIN

```

    include(subClassOf.mxcerpt [ bind(rootNode, 'owl') ]);
END

GOAL
  result [ all var X ]
FROM
  var X -> inferredSubClassOf [[]]
END

CONSTRUCT
  owl [
    Class [ id [ "SportsEquipment" ] ],
    Class [ id [ "TennisRacket" ] ],
    subClassOf [ about [ "SportsEquipment" ] ],
    Class [ id [ "WilsonTennisRacket" ] ],
    subClassOf [ about [ "TennisRacket" ] ]
  ]
END
  
```

Xcerpt Program
with IMPORT

Composition Scripts Compose Modules as Fragments

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```

CONSTRUCT
  inferredSubClassOf [
    all subClassOf [ var Subclass, var Superclass ]
  ]
FROM
  or {
    declsubclasseof [ var Subclass, var Superclass ],
    and {
      declsubclasseof [ var Subclass, var Z ],
      declsubclasseof [ var Z, var Superclass ]
    }
  }
END

CONSTRUCT
  declsubclasseof [ var Subclass, va
FROM
  owl [[
    Class {
      id { var Subclass },
      subClassOf {
        about { var Superclass }
      }
    }
  ]]
END
  
```

Just a preprocessor?

NO -
type-safe !

```

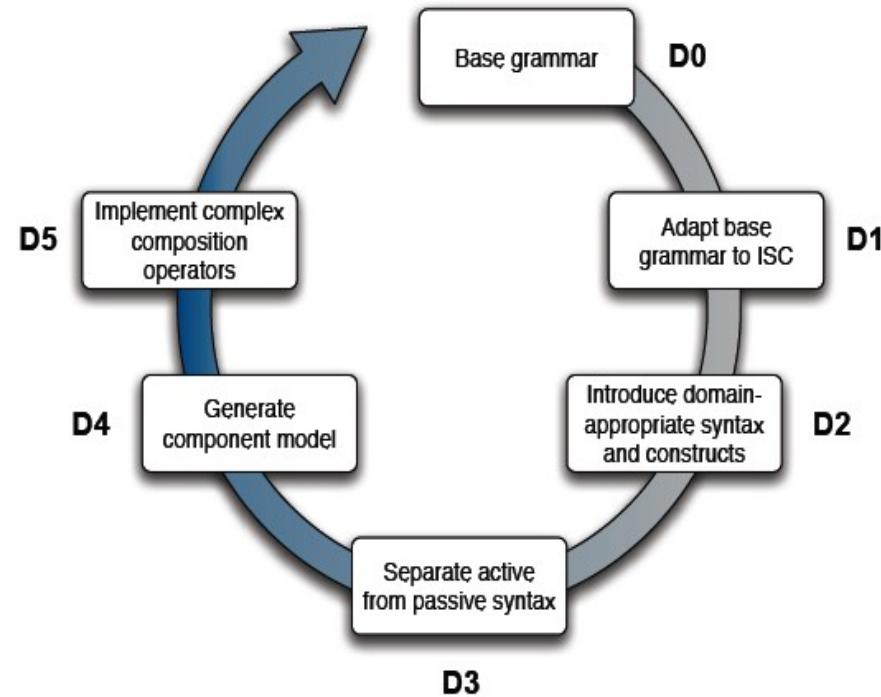
GOAL
  result [ all var X ]
FROM
  var X -> inferredSubClassOf [[ ]]
END

CONSTRUCT
  owl [
    Class [ id [ "SportsEquipment" ] ],
    Class [ id [ "TennisRacket" ] ],
    subClassOf [ about [ "SportsEquipment" ] ] ],
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    subClassOf [ about [ "TennisRacket" ] ] ]
  ]
END
  
```

How to do this universally?

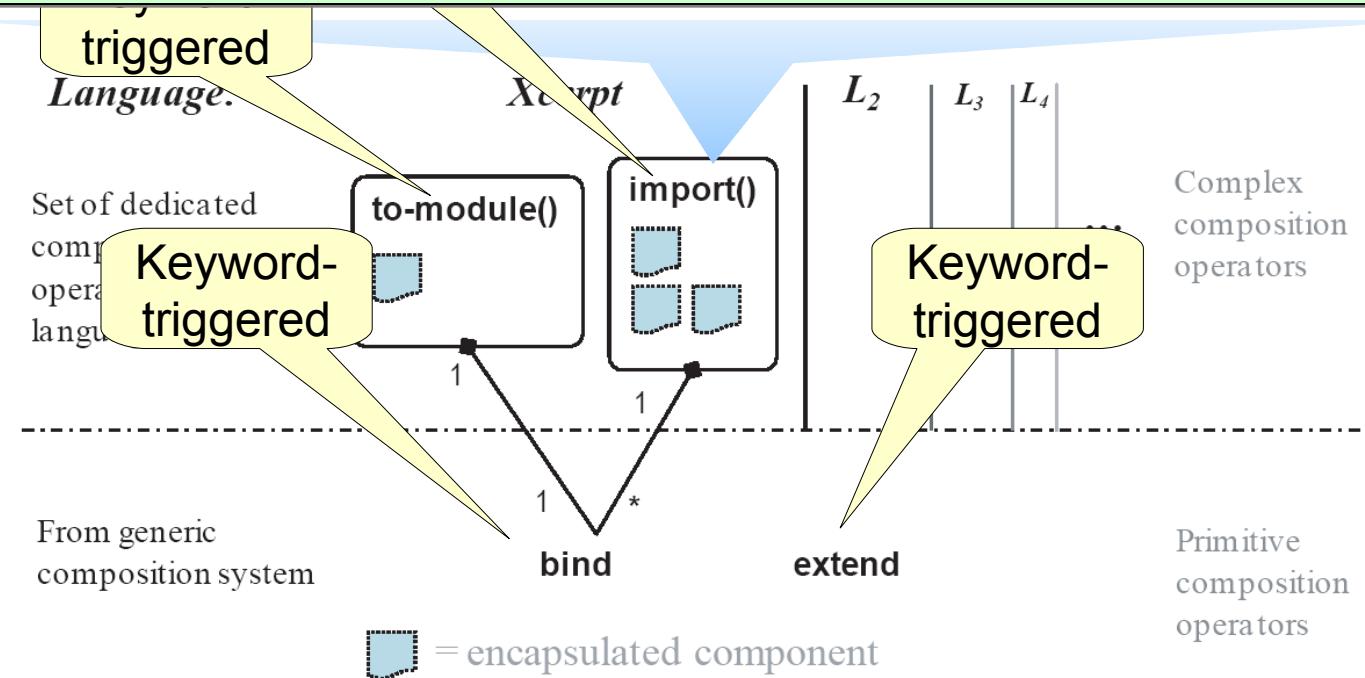
Reuse for the Reuse-Agnostic

- Given a grammar of a language
- Construct a reuse grammar for the reuse language
- Generate a composition system from it
- Define active syntax for it
- \Rightarrow a type-safe reuse-language preprocessor



Complex Composition Operators Triggered by

```
define composer modularxcerpt.ImportComposer(moduleLocation, args) {  
    fragmentlist xcerpt.XcerptProgram module = ->moduleLocation;  
  
    foreach(element : args) {  
        bind ->element.slot on module with element.value;  
    }  
  
    return module.statements;  
}
```



```
define composer modularxcerpt.ImportComposer(moduleName) {  
  
    fragmentlist componentmodel.Location uri      = ->moduleName;  
    fragmentlist xcerpt.XcerptProgram module = ->uri;  
  
    if (module.statements[first] instanceof modularxcerpt.ModuleDefinition) {  
  
        foreach (r : module.statements[first].xcerptProgram.statements) {  
  
            if (r instanceof xcerpt.ConstructQueryRule) {  
  
                fragmentlist xcerpt.ConstructTerm ct = r.construct;  
  
                if (ct instanceof modularxcerpt.VisibilityConstructTerm) {  
                    // specific visibility  
                    fragmentlist modularxcerpt.Visibility visibility = ct.visibility;  
                }  
                else {  
                    // default visibility of the module  
                    fragmentlist modularxcerpt.Visibility visibility =  
                        module.statements[first].defaultVisibility;  
                }  
  
                if (visibility instanceof modularxcerpt.PublicVisibility) {  
                    // visibility public  
                    fragmentlist xcerpt.ConstructTerm ctWrapper =  
                        'store [ modul [' + uri + ''], visibility ["public"], <<cTerm>> ]'.mxcerpt;  
                }  
                else {  
                    // visibility private  
                    fragmentlist xcerpt.ConstructTerm ctWrapper =  
                        'store [ modul [' + uri + ''], visibility ["private"], <<cTerm>> ]'.mxcerpt;  
                }  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

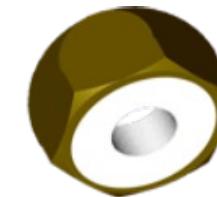
Reuse for the Reuse-Agnostic

- Common reuse tools for reuse-agnostic core languages
 - Forget about reuse constructs in your language, use slotification and embedded active syntax
 - hide the reuse constructs behind keywords
- Domain application engineers, language design and development becomes much simpler
 - DSL with reuse language can grow out of a core DSL, adding reuse constructs
- Embedded ISC behaves like a type-safe, language-specific preprocessor
 - normalizing the reuse language extension to the core language
 - CPP is untyped and language-agnostic
- Embedded ISC can be used to replace unsafe reuse languages
 - tailor language-specific ones

An Implementation: The Reuseware Composition Framework

Reuse for the Reuse-Agnostic

- Implements slotification and the production of reuse grammars
- Framework and GUI to extend languages for reuse
- GUI integration into Eclipse
- Grammar-based language descriptions
 - Oriented at standard EBNF
 - Separation between abstract and concrete syntax
 - Wizards for language extension
- Composition environment generation
 - Generation of a complete composition environment for an extended language from the grammars only
 - + Composition engine utilizable as pre-processor
 - + Parser for extended languages (utilizing ANTLR3)
 - + Eclipse-IDE including Editors with
 - syntax-checking and -highlighting for extended languages



Reuse for the Reuse-Agnostic

- Reuse for plain, module-less languages
 - Xcerpt
 - Prolog, Datalog
- Role models for non-role languages
 - Role models for OWL
- ... many more to come...

Example 2: Role Models for Ontologies in OWL

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- OWL is an ontology language based on set expressions

Student ⊑ Person ∩ (= 1hasAge) ∩ (= 1hasGender) ∩ ∀hasGender.{male, female}

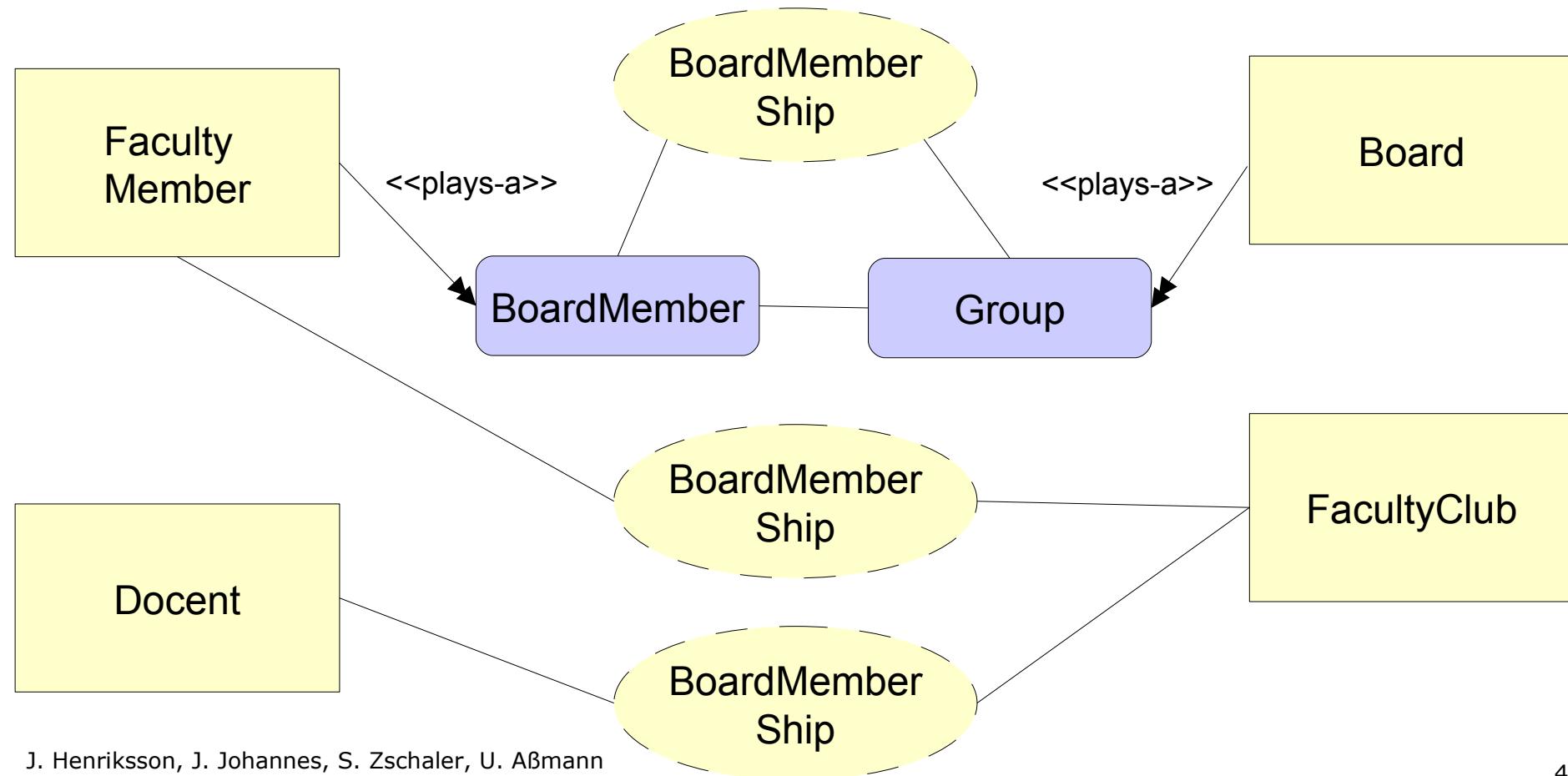
Manchester syntax for OWL

```
1 Class: Student
2     SubClassOf: Person
3         and hasAge exactly 1
4         and hasGender exactly 1
5         and hasGender only {male, female}
```

Role Models

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- Role Models are a reuse concept to isolate collaborations of classes
- They can be reused over many classes



Slotification of the OWL Grammar for an OWL Reuse Grammar

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```
1 extends file:owlm.gr @ o as file:rowlm.gr .  
2  
3 % slots  
4 slotify o.NamedType .  
5  
6 % passive syntax  
7 RoleModel = modelID:o.NamedType, stmts:RoleStatement* .  
8 RoleStatement = RoleDefinition | RoleObjectProperty .  
9 RoleDefinition = roleID:o.NamedType, descriptions:o.Description* .  
10 RoleObjectProperty = roleprop:o.ObjectProperty.  
11  
12 % active syntax  
13 ImportRoles = rolemodel:RoleModel [ @ Location ] .  
14 ImportRoles <> o.OntologyStatement .  
15 ImportRoles -> @Composer .  
16  
17 CanPlay = roleID:o.NamedType .  
18 CanPlay <> o.Description .  
19 CanPlay -> @Composer .  
20  
21 fragtypes { o.Ontology, o.OntologyStatement, o.ClassDescription,  
22 o.ClassExpression, o.ObjectProperty, o.Description, o.NamedType,  
23 RoleModel, RoleDefinition, CanPlay }
```

Slot definition

Fragment definition

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- Triggering role compositions under the hood
 - ImportRoles imports role models
 - CanPlay binds roles to classes

```
1 Ontology: http://ex.org/Company
2 ImportRoles: http://ex.org/Board
3 Class: President
4   CanPlay: ChairMan'
5 Class: VicePresident
6   CanPlay: Secretary'
7 Class: CompanyAdvisor
8   CanPlay: BoardMember'
9 Individual: donald
10   Types: President, Chairman'
11 Individual: jane
12   Types: VicePresident, BoardMember'
```

Reuse for the Reuse-Agnostic

- In Reuse-OWL, core modules can refer to role models
 - and use roles, to be played by natural types
- Role models can be reused

```

1 Ontology: http://ex.org/Faculty
2 ImportRoles: http://ex.org/Board
3 Class: FacultyMember
4   CanPlay: BoardMember'
5 Class: Professor
6   SubClassOf: FacultyMember
7   CanPlay: Chairman'
8 Class: PhDStudent
9   SubClassOf: FacultyMember
10 Individual: smith
11   Types: Professor, Chairman'
12 Individual: mike
13   Types: PhDStudent, BoardMember'
```

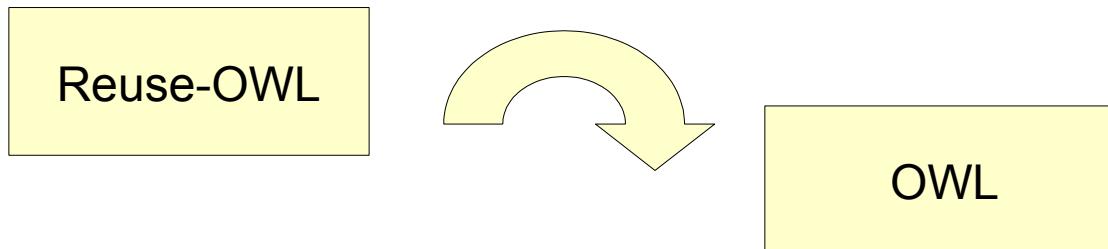
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1 RoleModel: http://ex.org/Board
2   Role: BoardMember'
3   Role: Chairman'
4   SubClassOf: BoardMember' and
5     electedBy' some BoardMember'
6   Role: Secretary'
7   SubClassOf: BoardMember'
8   ObjectProperty: electedBy'
9     Domain: Chairman'
10    Range: BoardMember'
11   ObjectProperty: appointedBy'
12     Domain: Secretary'
13     Range: Chairman'
```

Reuse-OWL Preprocessor

Reuse for the Reuse-Agnostic

- Reuse-OWL preprocessor translates to plain OWL



```

1 Ontology: http://ex.org/Faculty
2   Class: FacultyMember
3   Class: Professor
4     SubClassOf: FacultyMember
5   Class: PhDStudent
6     SubClassOf: FacultyMember
7   Class: BoardMember'
8     SubClassOf: FacultyMember
9   Class: Chairman'
10    SubClassOf: BoardMember' and
11      electedBy' some BoardMember'
12      and Professor
13
14   Class: Secretary'
15     SubClassOf: BoardMember' and
16                           owl:Nothing
17   ObjectProperty: electedBy'
18     Domain: Chairman'
19     Range: BoardMember'
20   ObjectProperty: appointedBy'
21     Domain: Secretary'
22     Range: Chairman'
23   Individual: smith
24   Types: Professor, Chairman'
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```

Result of the Embedded Invasive Composition

Reuse for the Reuse-Annotic

```
1 Ontology: file:Base.owlm
2   ImportRoles: file:Products.rowlm
3
4   Class: Computer
5   Class: Laptop
6     SubClassOf: Computer
```

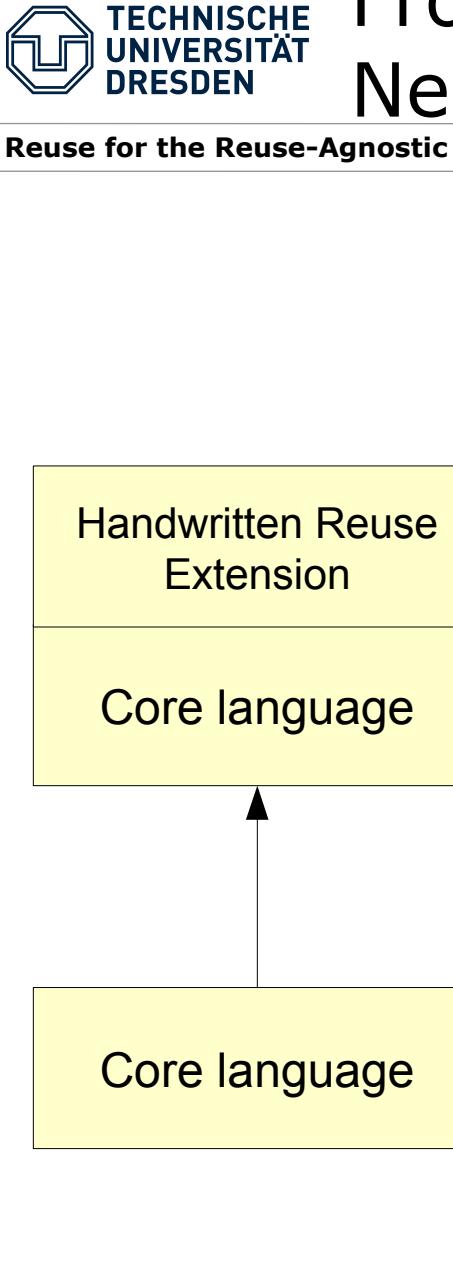
```
1 RoleModel: file:Products.rowlm
2   Role: Product
3   Role: Warehouse
4   ObjectProperty: storedIn
5     Domain: Product
6     Range: Warehouse
```

LISTING 6.7: *Base ontology.*

LISTING 6.8: *Role model.*

```
1 Ontology: file:Base.owlm
2   Class: Product
3     SubClassOf: owl:Nothing
4   Class: Warehouse
5     SubClassOf: owl:Nothing
6   ObjectProperty: storedIn
7     Domain: Product
8     Range: Warehouse
9   Class: Computer
10  Class: Laptop
11    SubClassOf: Computer
```

Conclusion

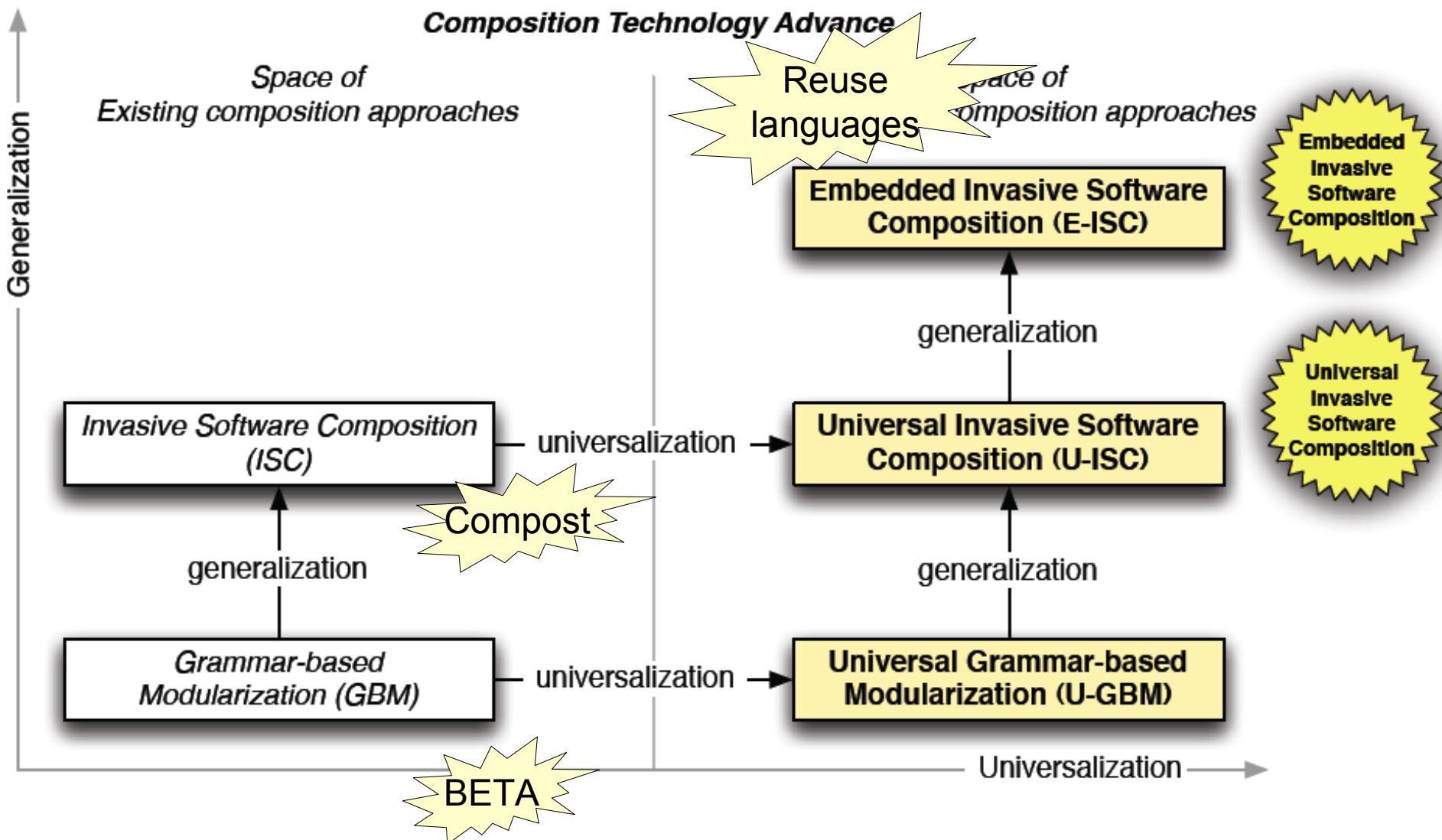


From Old-Style Languages to New-Style Languages

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Grammar-controlled Invasive Composition

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The Vision: Heterogenous Programs

Reuse for the Reuse-Agnostic

- Reuse statements can be imported from reuse language components
- Embedded ISC offers type-safe, language specific reuse languages

```

use SQL.5.0 for query

use Modula.2.0 for scopes

use C++.2040 for class templates

use BETA for slots

template class S, DB {

IMPLEMENTATION MODULE WebServer<S>;

PROCEDURE <<...>> END;

BEGIN

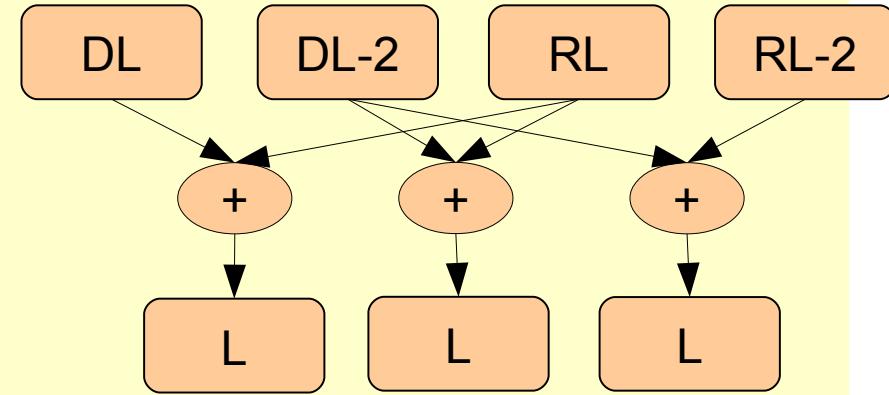
S: servletGenerator = DB.init;

R: relation = select all from DB
      where Person == "Assmann";

END

}

```



Get rid of your CPP!

Replace it by a
Reuse Language Preprocessor!

Reuse for the Reuse-Agnostic

- **Modern software development requires lots of new languages**
 - Often developed specifically for one objective
 - More technical issues—e.g., reuse—not covered
- **Reuseware provides a generic mechanism for implementing reuse and components for arbitrary languages**
 - Formalism for language extension to improve variability and extensibility
 - Mechanism for language extension with first-class constructs for composition
- **Future work**
 - Ensuring semantic correctness of composition
 - Defining the formalism for metamodels
 - Applying our work on the meta-level for language composition (grammar/metamodel languages)

Bierkasten Research is about Reuse Languages

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The End

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