

# System Generation for Time and Activity Management Product Lines

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# Modeling and Product Lines

## ❖ Modeling

- Stakeholder communication and documentation
- Modeling-driven development
- Automated processing and code generation

## ❖ Product Lines

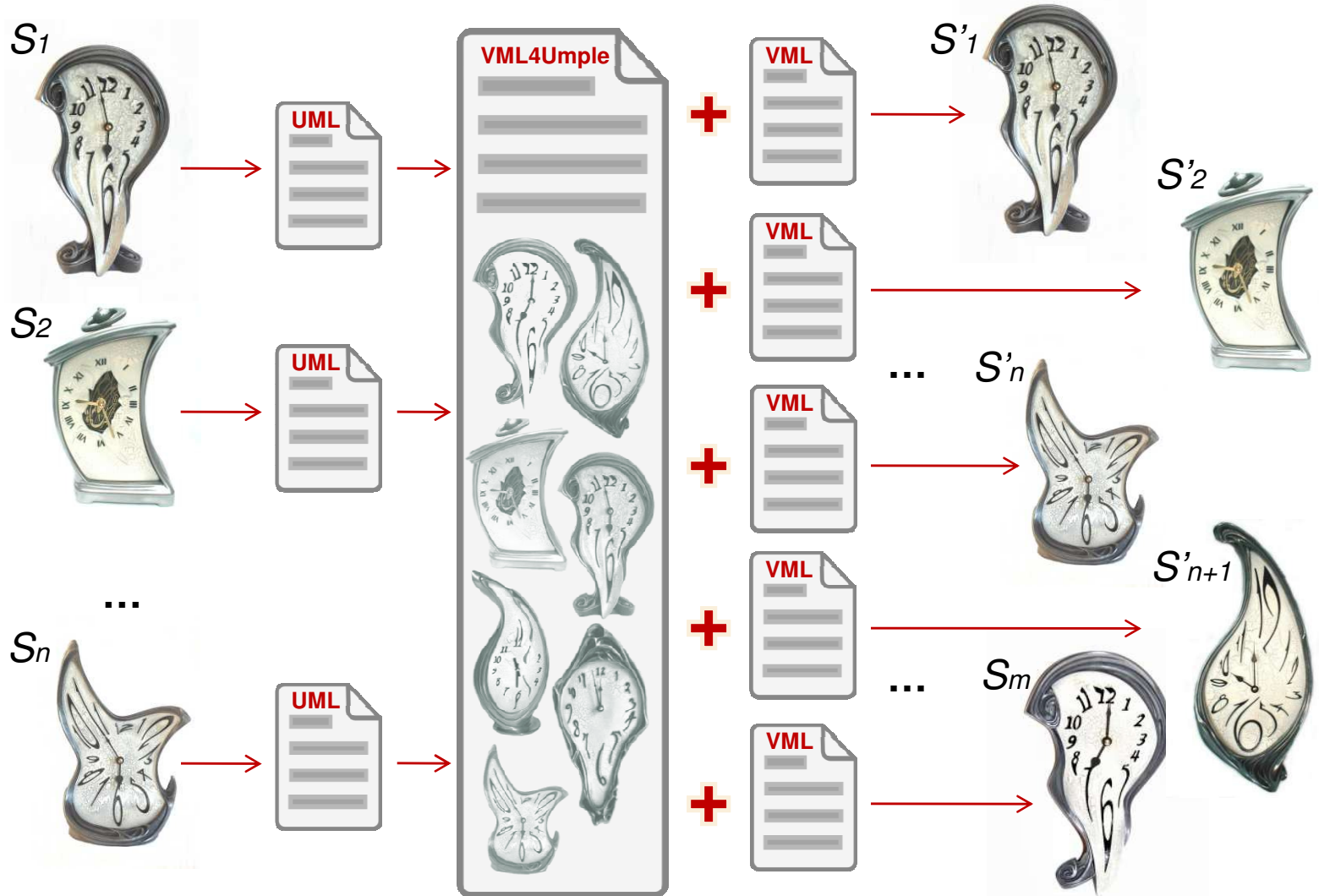
- Commonalities and variabilities
- Asset re-use and design for re-use
- Quality control and regression testing
- Documentation and traceability





# Product Line Derivation

Original systems  $\rightarrow$  System models  $\rightarrow$  Product line + Invocation files  $\rightarrow$  Variety of systems in the domain



# Technologies involved

- ❖ ERD - to extract application data structures
- ❖ UML - class and use case diagrams to model original systems
- ❖ UMLet - GUI tool for graphical UML modeling that uses XML-based file format
- ❖ Umple - textual language based on UML allowing for object-oriented code generation
- ❖ VML - language for modeling variabilities and invoking features to build individual systems
- ❖ VML4Umple - product line modeling language



# Case Studies

## ❖ Klok

- Free, single-user
- DB tables: N/A
- Classes: 2
- Clusters: 2

## ❖ Anuko Time Tracker

- Open source, multi-user
- DB tables: 16
- Classes: 15
- Clusters: 6

## ❖ Leia

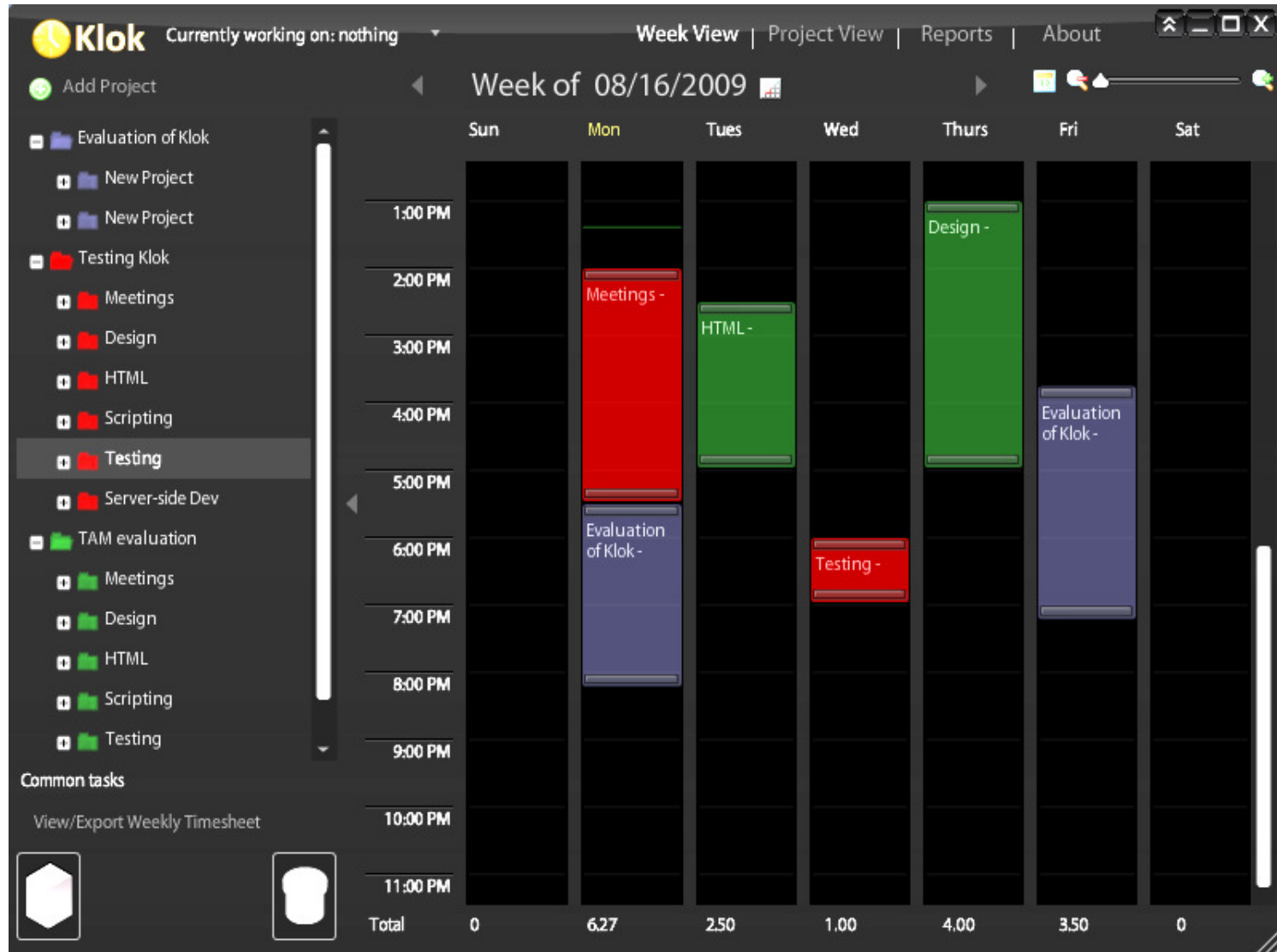
- Proprietary, multi-user
- DB tables: 55
- Classes: 54
- Clusters: 7

## ❖ TimeTrex

- Open source, multi-user
- DB tables: 99
- Classes: 122
- Clusters: 17



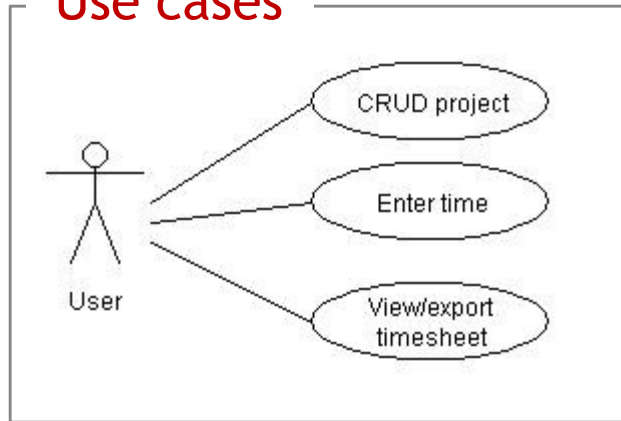
# Example - Klok - Screenshot



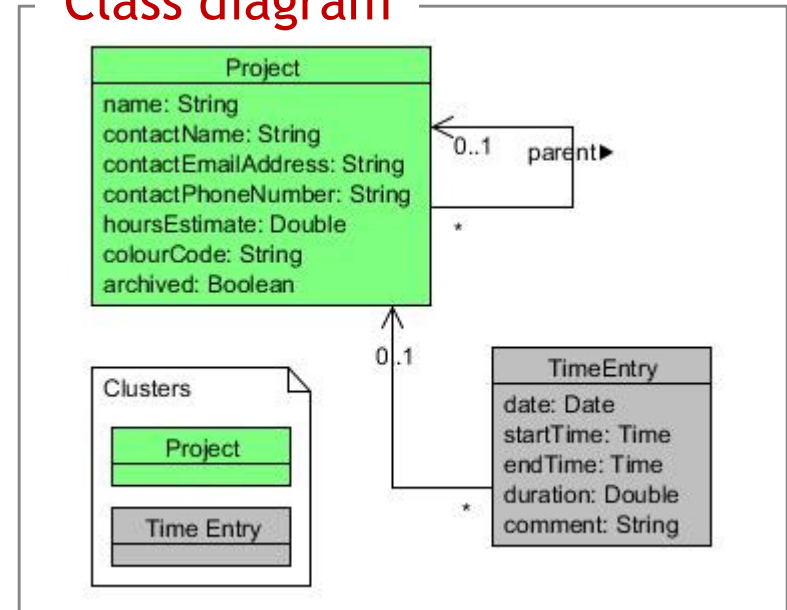
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# Example - Klok

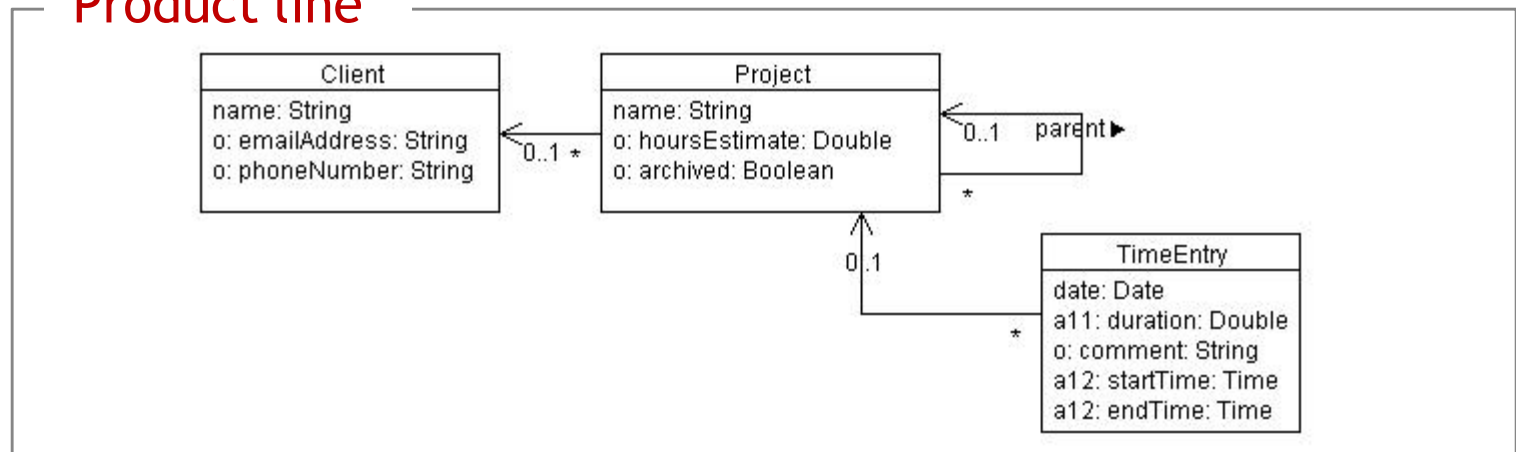
## Use cases



## Class diagram



## Product line





# Example - Klok - Umlle code

```
class Project{
    String name;
    Double hoursEstimate;
    Boolean archived;
}
class TimeEntry{
    Date date;
    Double duration;
    String comment;
    Time startTime;
    Time endTime;
}
class Client{
    String name;
    String emailAddress;
    String phoneNumber;
}
association {
    0..1 Project parent <- * Project;
}
association {
    0..1 Project <- * TimeEntry;
}
association {
    0..1 Client <- * Project;
}
```



# Example - VML4Uimple

```
Concern CTimeEntry{ // time entry can have a rejection comment
VariationPoint VPTimeEntryRejectedComment{
    Kind: Optional;
    class TimeEntry{
        String rejectedComment;
    }
}
// either duration or both start and end time are required
VariationPoint VPEnturyDuration{
    Kind: Alternative;
Variant VDuration{
    class TimeEntry{
        Double duration;
    }
}
Variant VStartTimeEndTime{
    class TimeEntry{
        Time startTime;
        Time endTime;
    }
}
}
```



# Example - Klok - Invocation file

```
// Invocation of a system similar to Klok
```

```
// Time Entry
```

```
// log time start and end times
```

```
invoke(CTimeEntry, VPEnturyDuration, VStartEndTime);
```

```
// Project
```

```
// enter time against projects (client-related work items)
```

```
invoke(CTimeEntryAgainstProject, VPEnturyAgainstProject, VProject);
```

```
// store optional comments for time entries
```

```
invoke(CTimeEntryAgainstProject, VPTimeEntryComment);
```

```
// allow projects to have parent projects
```

```
invoke(CTimeEntryAgainstProject, VPProjectParent);
```

```
// store project time estimates
```

```
invoke(CTimeEntryAgainstProject, VPProjectEstimate);
```

```
// allow archiving projects
```

```
invoke(CTimeEntryAgainstProject, VPProjectArchive);
```

```
// associate projects with clients
```

```
invoke(CTimeEntryAgainstProject, VPClient);
```

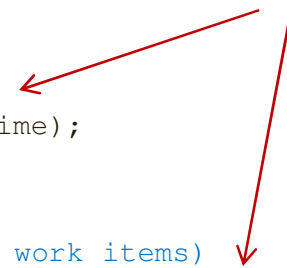
```
// store client email
```

```
invoke(CTimeEntryAgainstProject, VPClientEmail);
```

```
// store client phone number
```

```
invoke(CTimeEntryAgainstProject, VPClientPhoneNumber);
```

*alternative variation points*



*optional variation points*



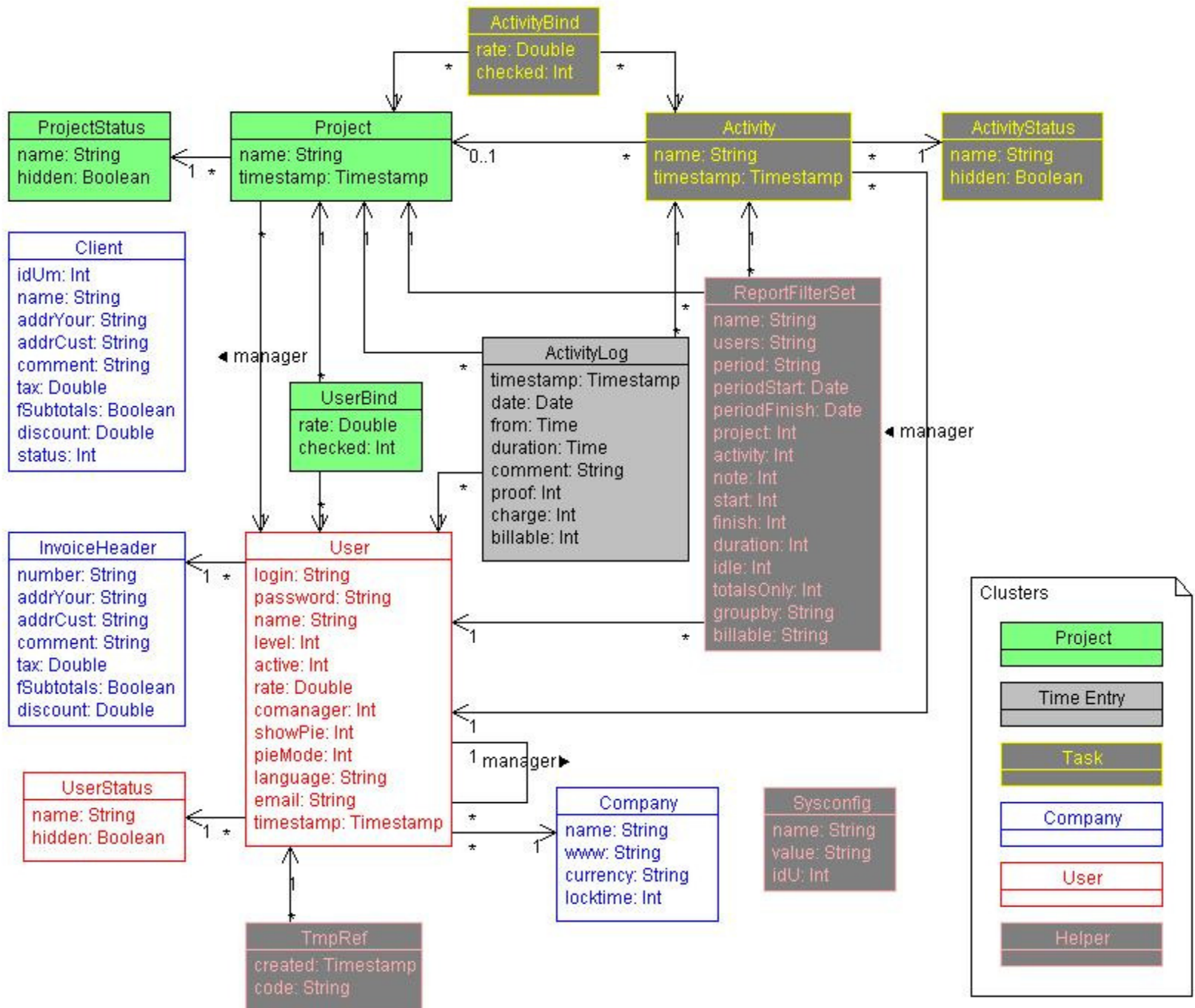
# Example - Klok - Original vs invoked

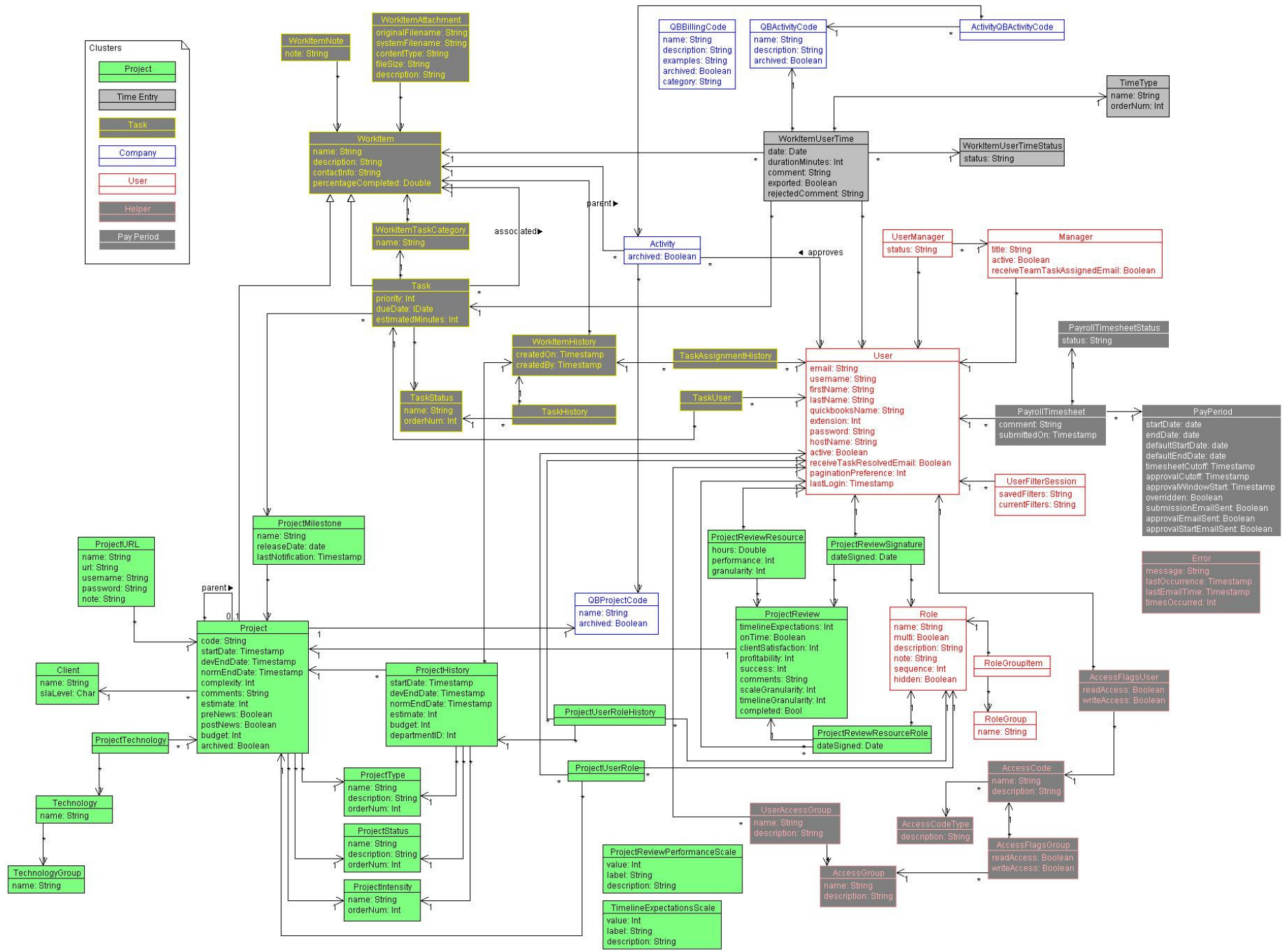
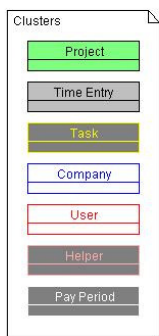
```
// Uml code for original system
class Project{
    String name;
    Double hoursEstimate;
    Boolean archived;
}
class TimeEntry{
    Date date;
    Double duration;
    String comment;
    Time startTime;
    Time endTime;
}
class Client{
    String name;
    String emailAddress;
    String phoneNumber;
}
association {
    0..1 Project parent <- * Project;
}
association {
    0..1 Project <- * TimeEntry;
}
association {
    0..1 Client <- * Project;
}
```

```
// Uml code for the system based on Klok
class TimeEntry{ Date date; }
class TimeEntry{
    Time startTime;
    Time endTime;
}
class Project{ String name; }
association {
    0..1 Project <- * TimeEntry;
}
class TimeEntry{ String comment; }
association {
    0..1 Project parent <- * Project;
}
class Project{ Double timeEstimate; }
class Project{ Boolean archived; }
class Client{ String name; }
association {
    0..1 Client <- * Project;
}
class Client{ String emailAddress; }
class Client{ String phoneNumber; }
```













# Methodology Analysis

- ❖ Domain-specific product line derivation:
  1. Analyze and model several existing applications
  2. Iteratively bring the systems to a common base
  3. Build product line from base case up
  
- ❖ Process automation
  - First two steps require human involvement
  - Mapping similar functionality elements
  - Annotations for original systems





# Future Work

- ❖ Generate original systems through annotations
- ❖ Feature selection via dependency tree
- ❖ GUI-driven invocation file adjustments
- ❖ GUI-driven system addition to product line
- ❖ Umple-based UI generation for CRUD functions
- ❖ Product lines for other domains
  - Registration systems
  - Shopping carts and point-of-sale systems
  - Blogs and forums
  - Task management and scheduling
  - Calendars
  - Budget applications



# Contributions

- ❖ General methodology for product line derivation
  - Thoroughly documented derivation process
  - Case study in TAM domain
  - VML4Uimple language
- ❖ Time and activity product line
  - Models and generated code
  - Suggestions on automation
  - Possible future extensions



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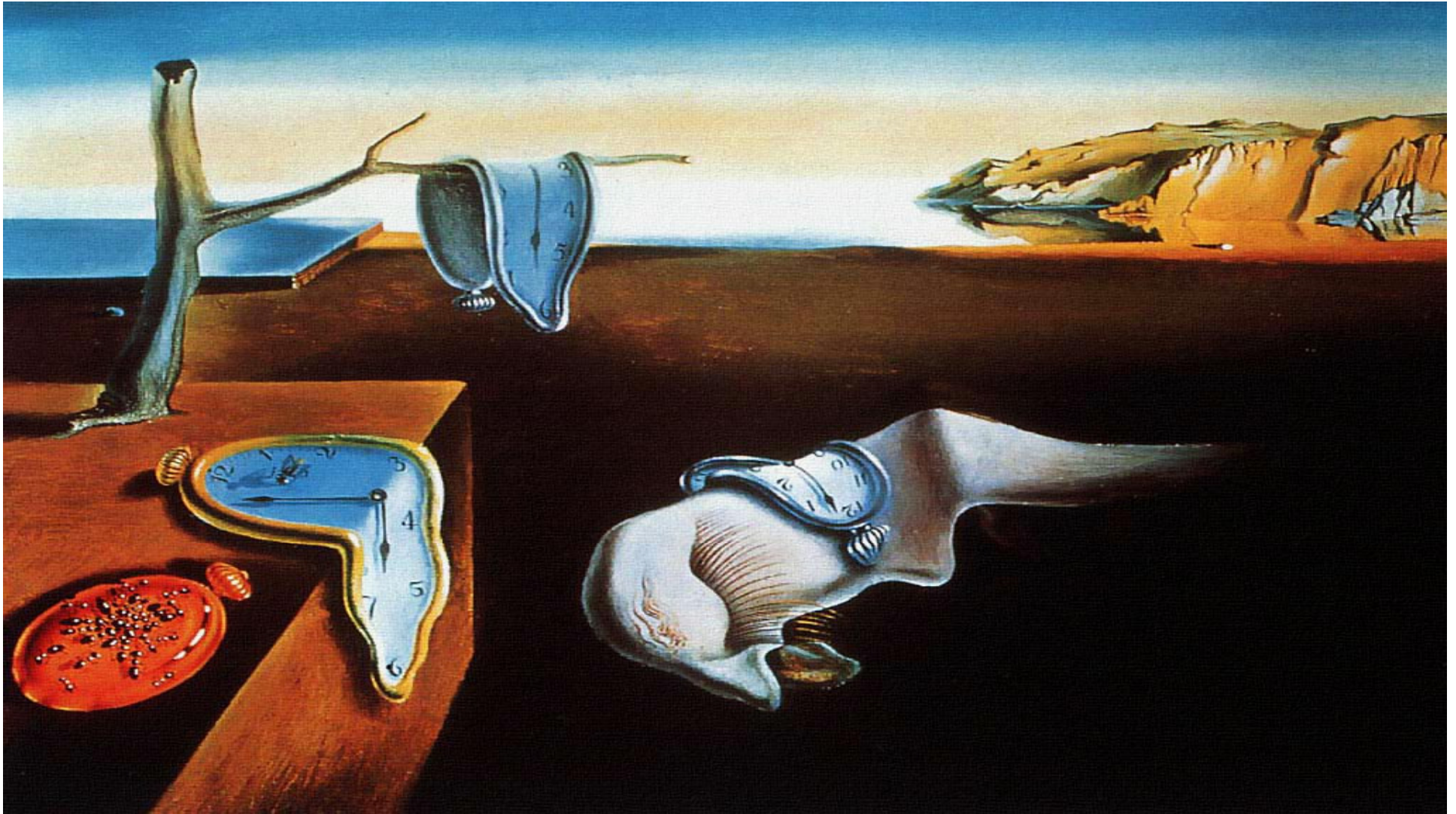


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