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Foreword

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Introduction

The major purpose of this International Standard is to deal with the capabilities of tools and methods of software and systems product line (SSPL) requirements engineering. This International Standard defines how the tools and methods can support for the software and systems product line-specific requirements engineering processes.

Decision for the initial boundaries of domain is conducted in advance by defining a product line scope before initiating domain requirements engineering processes. Domain requirements engineering will be carried out in a comprehensive manner because common and variable requirements and captured variabilities have consequential impacts on member products in a product line. The outcomes of domain requirements engineering processes are transferred into the requirements of a family of products at the application requirements engineering processes. Therefore requirements engineering tools and methods should consider both engineering processes namely domain requirements engineering and application requirements engineering.

Product line requirements engineering can be differentiated from a single product requirement engineering because of the following aspects:

- There are two core processes in requirements engineering: domain requirements engineering and application requirements engineering. The major aims of the domain requirements engineering processes are to analyze commonality and variability for a family of products, and to prepare necessary variability information for variability modelling. The major aims of the application requirements engineering processes are to define application specific requirements and bind variability defined in domain requirements engineering processes.
- It is essential to analyse the costs and benefits estimation of a product line and thereby an organization can make a go/no-go decision. Moreover, the costs and benefits estimation plays a pivotal role as an indicator for assessing the effectiveness and efficiency of a product line.

This International Standard can be used in the following modes:

- By the users of this International Standard – to benefit people who develop, operate, and manage requirements engineering for software and systems product lines.
- By a product line organization – to provide guidance in the evaluation and selection for tools and methods for product line requirements engineering.
- By providers of tools and methods – to provide guidance in implementing or developing tools and methods by providing a comprehensive set of the capabilities of tools and methods for product line requirements engineering.

ISO/IEC 26550 (ISO/IEC 26550, Software and systems engineering — Reference model for product line engineering and management) addresses both engineering and management processes and covers the key characteristics of product line development. ISO/IEC 26550 provides an overview of the consecutive international standards (i.e., ISO/IEC 26551 through ISO/IEC 26556) as well as the structure of the model:

- Processes and capabilities of methods and tools for product line scoping, domain requirements engineering, and application requirements engineering are provided as ISO/IEC 26551, *Software and systems engineering — Tools and methods for product line requirements engineering*.
- Processes and capabilities of methods and tools for domain design and application design are provided as ISO/IEC 26552, *Software and systems engineering — Tools and methods for product line architecture design*.

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- Processes and capabilities of methods and tools for domain realization and application realization are provided as ISO/IEC 26553, *Software and systems engineering — Tools and methods for product line realization*.
- Processes and capabilities of methods and tools for domain verification and validation and application verification and validation are provided as ISO/IEC 26554, *Software and systems engineering — Tools and methods for product line verification and validation*.
- Processes and capabilities of methods and tools for technical management are provided as ISO/IEC 26555, *Software and systems engineering — Tools and methods for product line technical management*.
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