MBSE Working Group Round Robin
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Product Line Engineering WG

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Product Line Engineering:

Product Line:
a family of similar products or systems with variations in features and functions

Product Line Engineering:
engineering of a product line using a shared set of engineering assets, a managed set of features, and an automated means of production
Separation of Concerns in PLE Solutions

Multi-discipline

Multi-baseline

Multi-product
Feature-based Product Line Engineering

FEATURE CATALOGUE

BILL-OF-FEATURES PORTFOLIO

PLE FACTORY CONFIGURATOR

PRODUCT ASSET INSTANCES

SHARED ASSET SUPERSETS
We Do Cool Stuff

- Systems Product Line Engineering Handbook
- INSIGHT August 2019: Product Line Engineering
- INCOSE Feature-Based Product Line Engineering

2019 INCOSE Product of the Year

2018 INCOSE Working Group Award for Sustained Performance
ISO 26580 - Methods and Tools for the Feature-based Approach to Systems and Software PLE
Call for Articles

Exploring Cyber Secure and Resilient Approaches for Feature Based Variation Management

**Mission:** The Systems Security Engineering Working Group and the Product Line Engineering Working Group is working a joint project to explore cyber secure and resilient approaches for feature based variation management. This call for articles focuses on the intersection between systems security engineering and product line engineering including:
- Techniques for implementing systems security as part of product line design
- Patterns for product line architectures that address systems security
- Variation management approaches for secure and resilient product line assets

**Approach:** The Theme Issue will accommodate ten ~2,000 word articles, preceded by a theme introduction and overview. The INSIGHT audience is the Systems Engineering community, who are concerned with systems of multiple engineering domains. Articles should not speak exclusively to a single engineering domain; but rather to a systems engineering audience concerned with the application and adoption of system security engineering and product line engineering concepts across a wide variety of project types.

**Schedule**
- **2019 Nov 15:** Abstracts Due
  - Submit declarations of intent and working title, with one paragraph working abstract.
- **2020 Jan 1:** Draft Paper Due
  - Theme Editor will review for alignment with mission
  - Live review at IW20 (in attendance or GlobalMeet)
  - Detailed comments provided to authors for improvement by March 1
- **2020 Apr 15:** Final Paper Due
  - Formatted for required style, with author-company release if necessary.
  - INSIGHT editors will contact authors directly with copy-editing suggestions.
- **2020 September:** INCOSE INSIGHT publication

**General guidance**
- Articles must speak meaningfully to systems engineers
- The INSIGHT style and citation guides will be sent to all authors.
- These are not journal articles. Approximately 2000 words is the target. Reference lists should be minimal.
- Do not use the MS Word reference tool, make them standard text in "Chicago Style", per INSIGHT style guide.
- Acceptance of an abstract does not guarantee publication of an article. Final decision for publication will be made by the Editorial Board based on the final article

**Submissions:** All submissions should be MS Word, 12 point Times New Roman, single spaced, with minimal or no (preferred) use of styles. With 1 inch margins on 8½ x 11 inch layout this is about 4 pages of text, exclusive of graphics. Graphics are highly encouraged and do not take away from word-count. NO PDF. Send submissions to Theme Editor pilsorge@incose.org attached as an MS Word document. Be sure to include a title, and also your name and email address in your by-line underneath the article title.
Product Line Engineering in Context

The contexts supporting and surrounding the practical application of Product Line Engineering

- PLE & engineering methodologies:
  - PLE & MBE, PLE & DevOps, PLE & Agile, PLE & Lean Six Sigma, ...
- PLE & quality needs and engineering concerns:
  - PLE & Security, PLE & IP protection, PLE & QA (e.g., traceability), PLE & Temporal Management, ...
- PLE & the business:
  - PLE & customer relationships, PLE & field maintenance, PLE & portfolio management, PLE & market research, PLE & digital twins, ...

The systems engineering literature contains a great deal of material concerning the fundamentals of Product Line Engineering, its history, rationale, and formulation. The community has also done a superb job of explaining how PLE can be implemented and realized in technology and tools, and there are many examples of PLE’s successful use in mainstream practice. The Product Line Engineering Special Edition of INCOSE INSIGHT (August 2019) covers many of these topics. However, PLE is never applied in isolation, but rather in the context of an organizational and engineering environment that may deeply affect its application. Therefore, we want to examine and understand the interactions with, and effects on, the enterprise—before, during, and after adoption of PLE. We want to share proven techniques and patterns with our INCOSE colleagues to promote successful, pragmatic adoption in their environment and in their organization.

Specific topics we would like to cover include:
- PLE and other chosen methodologies - PLE and DevOps, PLE and Agile, PLE and Lean Six Sigma, PLE and MBE, ...
- PLE and specific quality needs and engineering concerns, - PLE and Security, PLE and IP protection, PLE and QA (e.g., traceability), PLE and temporal management, ...
- PLE and the business - PLE and customer relationships, PLE and field maintenance, PLE and portfolio management, PLE and market research, PLE and digital twins ...

Schedule & Submissions
- 28 February 2020  Abstracts due
- 1 April 2020  Draft papers due
- 1 July 2020  Final papers due
- December 2020  Publication

Format
The special issue will include an introduction to PLE and an overview of the articles. Final articles should be 2,000 to 3,000 words, plus figures.

Submit abstracts (with a title) to the Theme Editor Drew Stovall <dstovall@biglever.com>
The INCOSE Product Line Engineering (PLE) Working Group is soliciting papers to explore the contexts supporting and surrounding the practical application of PLE. The INCOSE Product Line Engineering: A Primer (August 2019) covers many of these topics, however, PLE is never applied in isolation, but rather in the context of an organizational and engineering environment and may deeply affect its application. Therefore, we want to examine and understand the interactions with, and effects on, the enterprise - before, during, and after adoption of PLE. We want to make sure techniques and patterns with our INCOSE colleagues to promote successful, pragmatic adoption in their environment and in their organization.

Specific topics we wish to learn more about include:

1. PLE and chosen methodologies: PLE and DevOps, PLE and Agile, PLE and Lean Sigma, PLE and Six Sigma
2. PLE and specific quality needs and engineering concerns: PLE and Security; PLE and IP protection; PLE and EACM, traceability, PLE and interop management
3. PLE and the business: PLE and customer relationship, PLE and demand management, PLE and portfolio management, PLE and market research, PLE and digital twin

**Schedule & Submissions**

- **Abstract deadline:** February 20
- **Final articles due:** December 2020
- **Publication:** January 2021

**Formatting:**

- The special issue will include an introduction to PLE and an overview of the articles.
- Abstracts and papers due in 2,000 words, plus figures.

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The call for articles closes in February 2020.
# PLE WG Events at IW 2020

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