Seminar Configurable Systems

Prof. Zeller / Christian Lindig   Recursive Make Considered Harmful

Assignment

1. Read *Recursive Make Considered Harmful*.

2. Prepare a one-page document that summarizes the paper. You should devote about half of your document to the summary of the paper *in your own words*. The rest you can use to judge the paper's strengths and weaknesses, and to offer some opinion.

   Here are some generic questions that you might want to answer in your summary:

   (a) What is the problem being solved or discussed?

   (b) What is the main idea of the solution?

   (c) Do you find the paper convincing? What are the main claims of the author and does he provide evidence for them?

   All writing assignments may be completed in German or English. You will receive extra credit for writing in a foreign language.

   Your summary is always due the Tuesday before the next meeting, 11:30am at my office (307/45). Please provide me with a printout of your summary and don't forget to put your name on it.

3. In general, I do not accept submissions by email. However, if you cannot stop by my office and therefore decide to send me an email with your submission, send it as a PDF or plain text file.

4. Some trivia: You will find many papers in computer science with a title "*x* Considered Harmful". They are all imitating a famous paper—do you know which one? Today this title has become so much a cliche that one cannot use it any longer.