

# ICT for EU-India Cross Cultural Dissemination



## Summary of UPV activities and results



María Alpuente

# OUTLINE

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- General profile of our node:  
ELP and RFIA
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# General profile of the node

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## UPV - Public University

35,000 Students

**2,500 Academic Staff**

1,700 PhD Students

55 Degree Programs

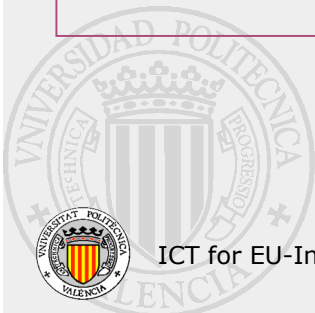
**50 PhD Programs**

**15** Schools, all Eng. areas

**45** Departments

**300** Research Groups at UPV

**35 Informatics** groups



# The UPV partnership



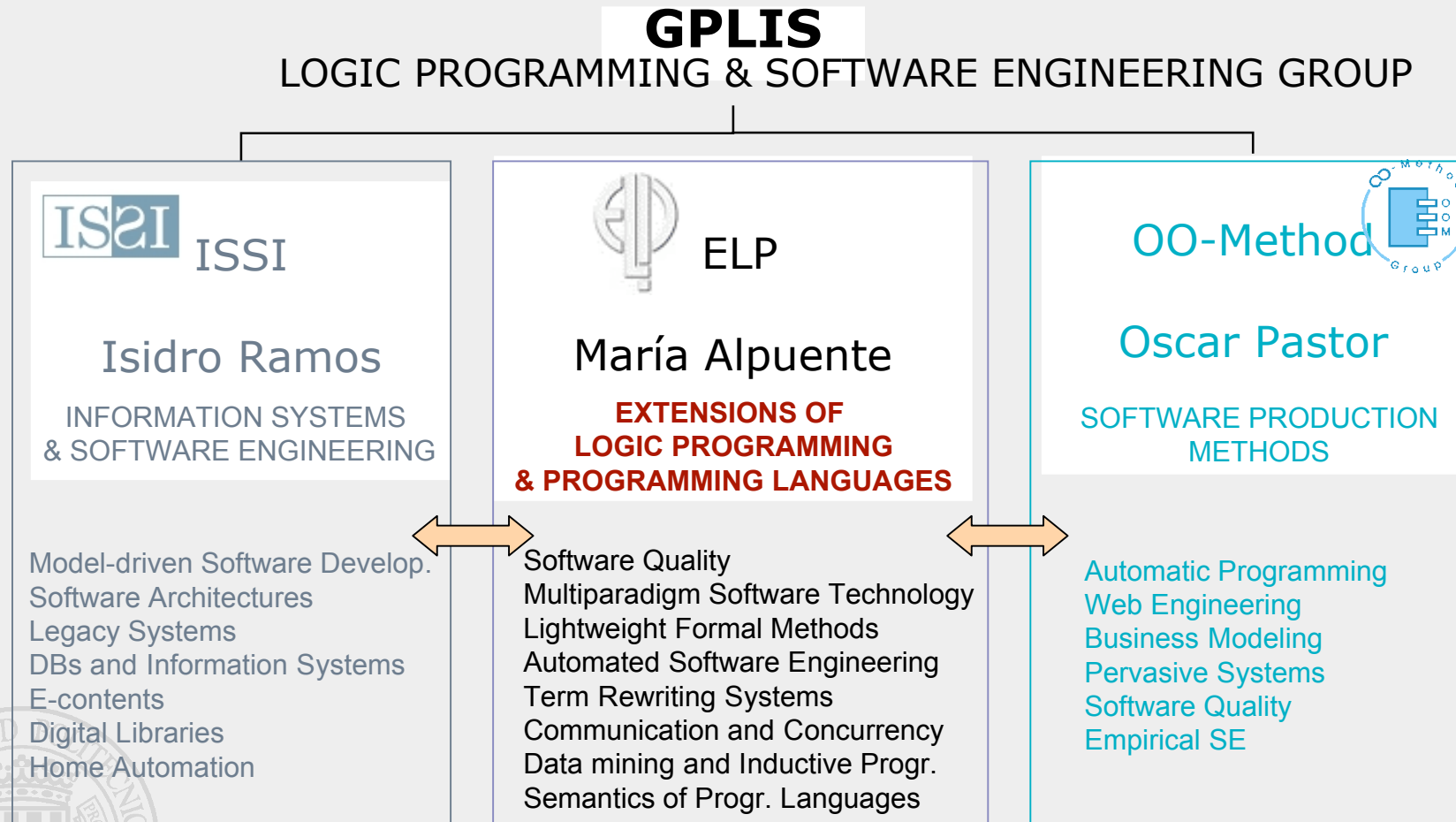
In this project, UPV is represented by two groups  $\subseteq$   
Dept. of **Information Systems and Computation (DSIC)**

- ELP:  
Extensions of Logic Programming &  
Programming Languages
- RFIA:  
Pattern Recognition &  
Artificial Intelligence

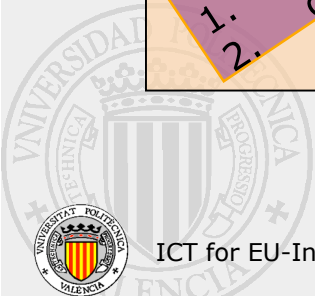
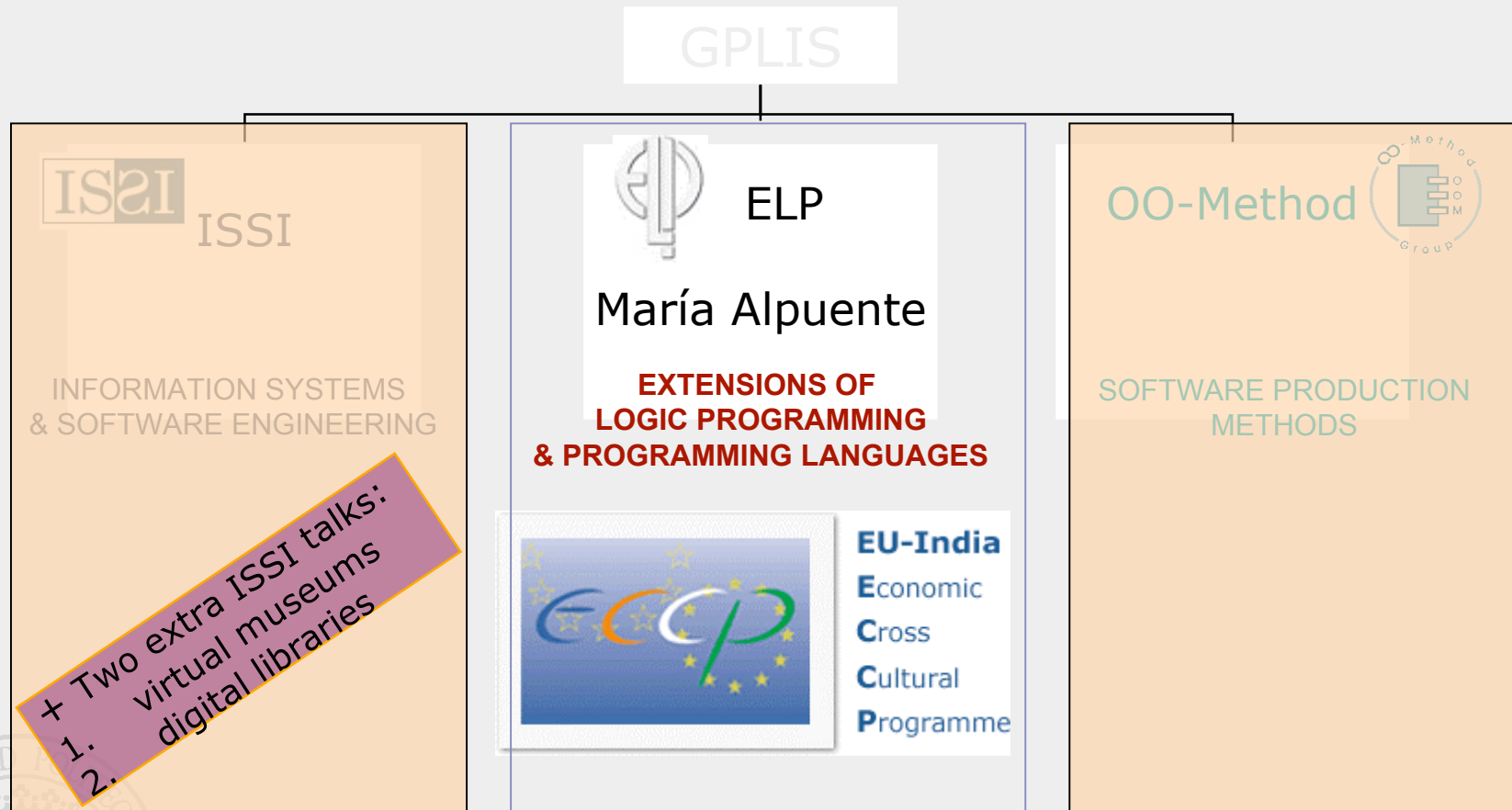


# ELP $\subseteq$ GPLIS Group (1986)

## 70 Researchers (25 PhDs)



# The ELP Group



# The ELP Group

## 25 Researchers (12 PhDs)



María Alpuente  
Germán Vidal  
Jose Hernández  
Salvador Lucas  
Javier Oliver  
M. José Ramírez  
Santiago Escobar  
Francisco Correa  
Cesar Ferri  
Marisa Llorens  
Alicia Villanueva

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### 10 PhD Students

Beatriz Alarcon, Gustavo Arroyo, Antonio Bella, Ricardo Blanco, Vicent Estruch, Javier Garcia-Vivó, Raul Gutierrez, Guadalupe Ramos, Josep Silva



# The RFIA Group (14 researchers, 9 PhDs)



Pattern Recognition  
Speech Technology

Natural Language  
Engineering

Information Extraction  
Question Answering



Emilio Sanchis - *group coordinator* -

Paolo Rosso - *project coordinator* -

Lidia Moreno

Antonio Molina

Ferrán Pla

Encarna Segarra

**5 PhD Students:**

Jose Manuel Gomez

Rafael Guzmán

David Pinto

Davide Buscaldi

Yassine Benajiba





# The UPV partnership

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**RFIA** participates in two WGs:  
(coordinated by Genoa)

**WG4** Clustering techniques for document  
organisation & **retrieval**

**WG8** Semantic Information Retrieval:  
**A Natural Language Processing Task**

*(Stefano Rovetta- Paolo Rosso )*

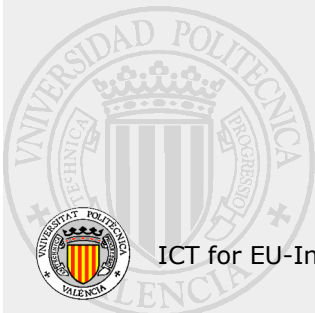


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(cooperation with Udine)

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of Web Sites

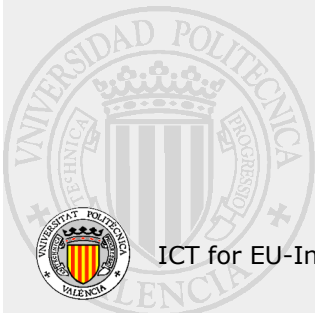
**WG7** Intelligent Tutoring Systems



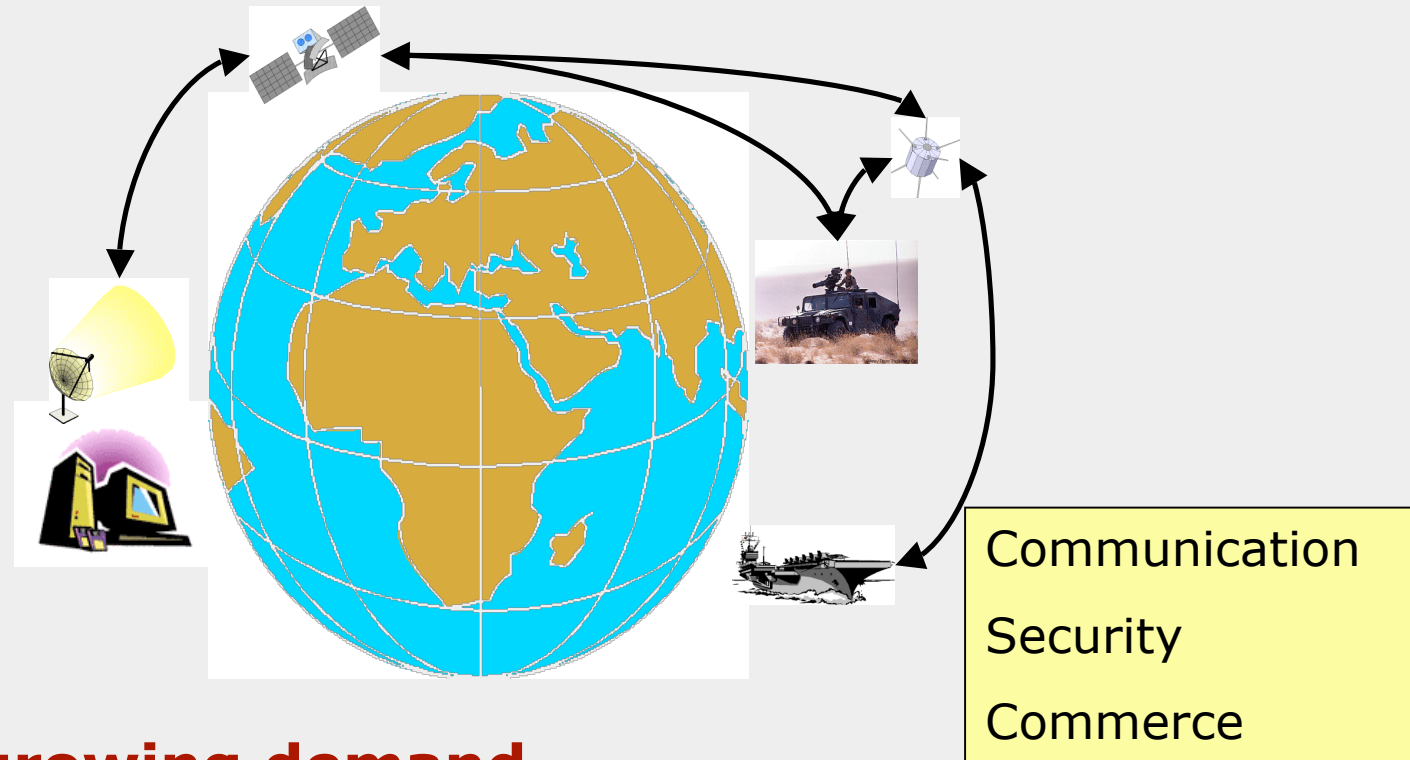
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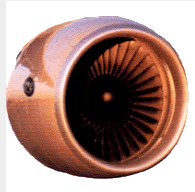


**The ever-growing demand**  
for *quality, safety, efficiency, ...*



# Strong Requirements

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Systems that must *never crash* and must *always meet their deadlines*.

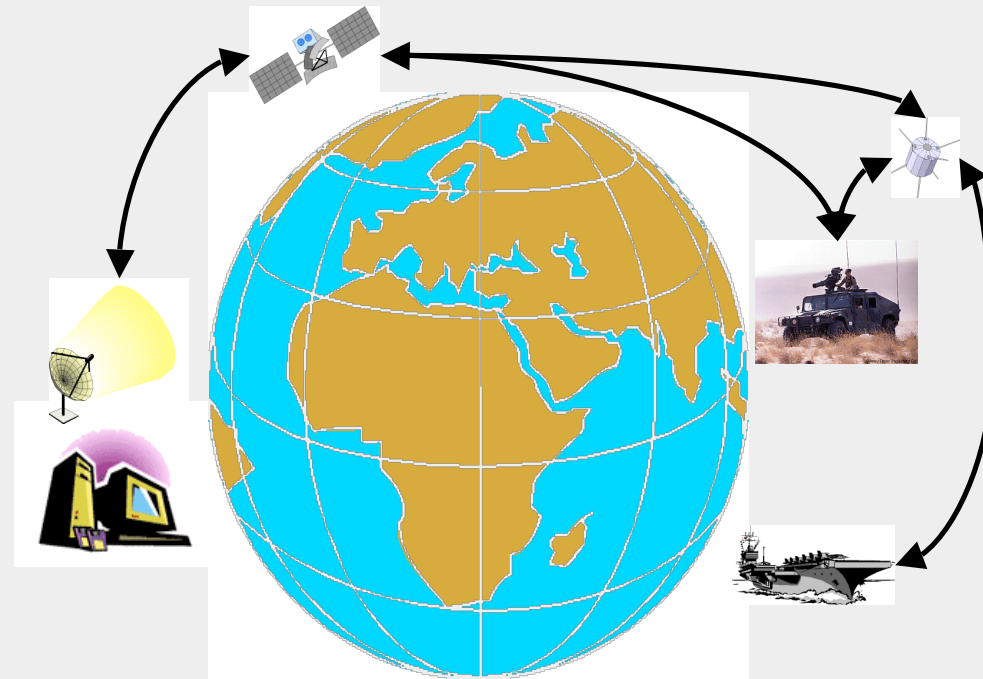
Systems that must be *robust, secure, trustworthy, and extensible*.



*Performance-critical open networking systems* that are costly to shut down.



# Research Motivation: IS



**The ever-growing demand**  
for *quality, safety, efficiency, ...*

**Lack of adequate S&T:**  
*fragility, unreliability, ...*





The **high costs and high failure rates** of current software systems call for **better Software Technologies**

... An **opportunity for Formal Methods** to provide a suitable scientific and technological framework needed for achieving the desired **qualitative leap**

*What is abstract interpretation?*

*"symbolic computation" with semantically meaningful tokens*

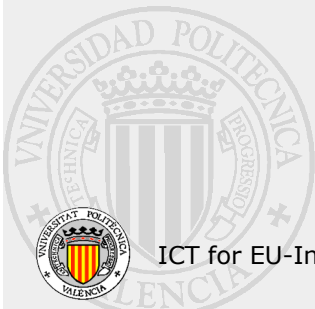
*Underlying correctness criterion:*

*includes  
iterative dfa,  
W-algorithm-like  
type inference,  
theorem-proving-driven  
symbolic execution*

*concrete ("official") semantics  $\xrightarrow{\text{homomorphism}}$  abstract ("symbolic") semantics*

Formal  
Methods  
& Tools

Fm





# The ELP Work Themes: “Quality” leit motiv

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GENERAL PURPOSE: **Formal methods, Tools and Techniques**  
for developing  
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*-reliable, evolvable, cost-effective-*





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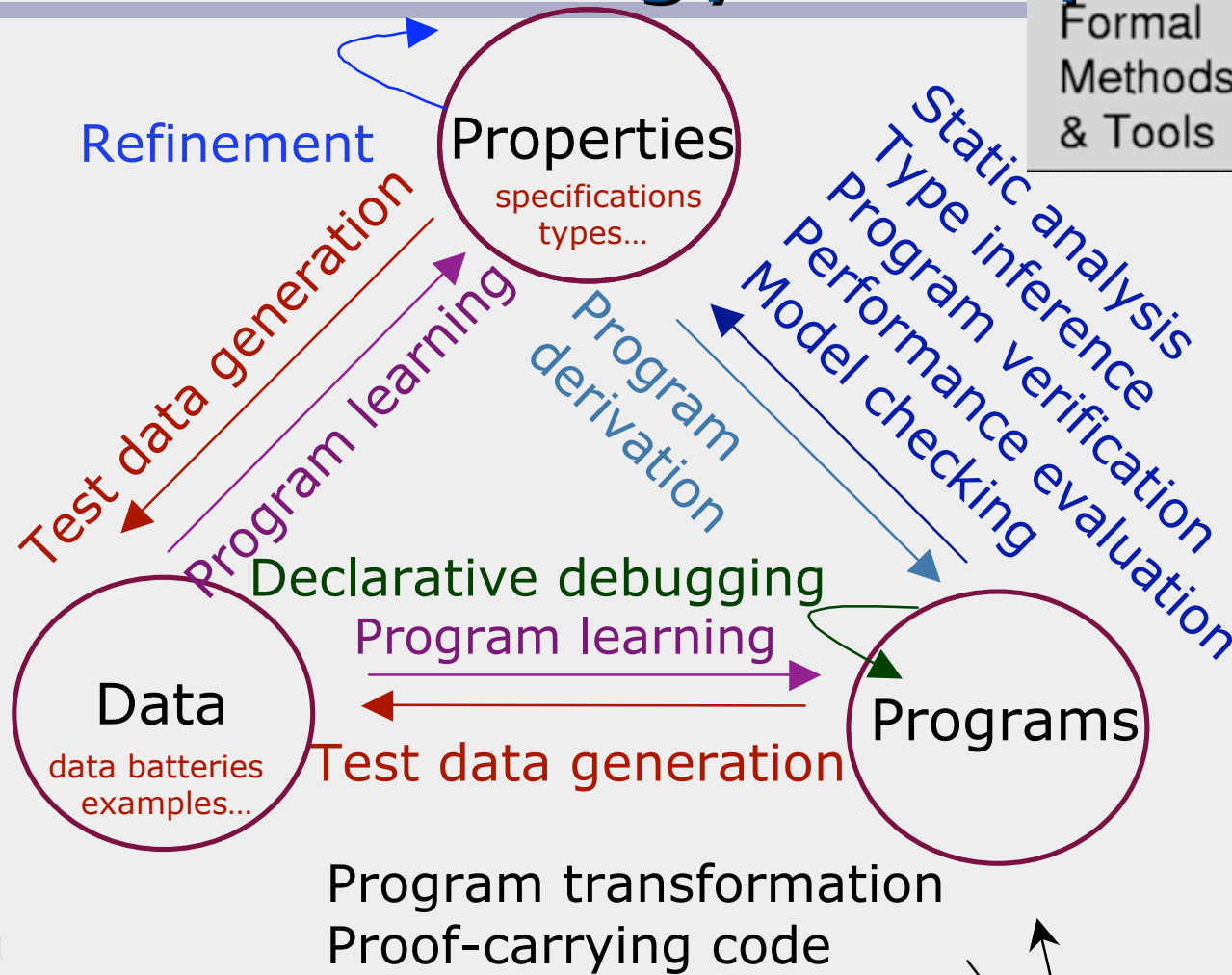
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KEY TECHNOLOGY: **Lightweight approach**  
based on  
**Multi-paradigm** Declarative Programming

# Overall view: Software Trilogy metaphor

Formal  
Methods  
& Tools

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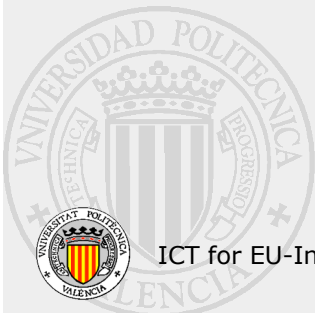
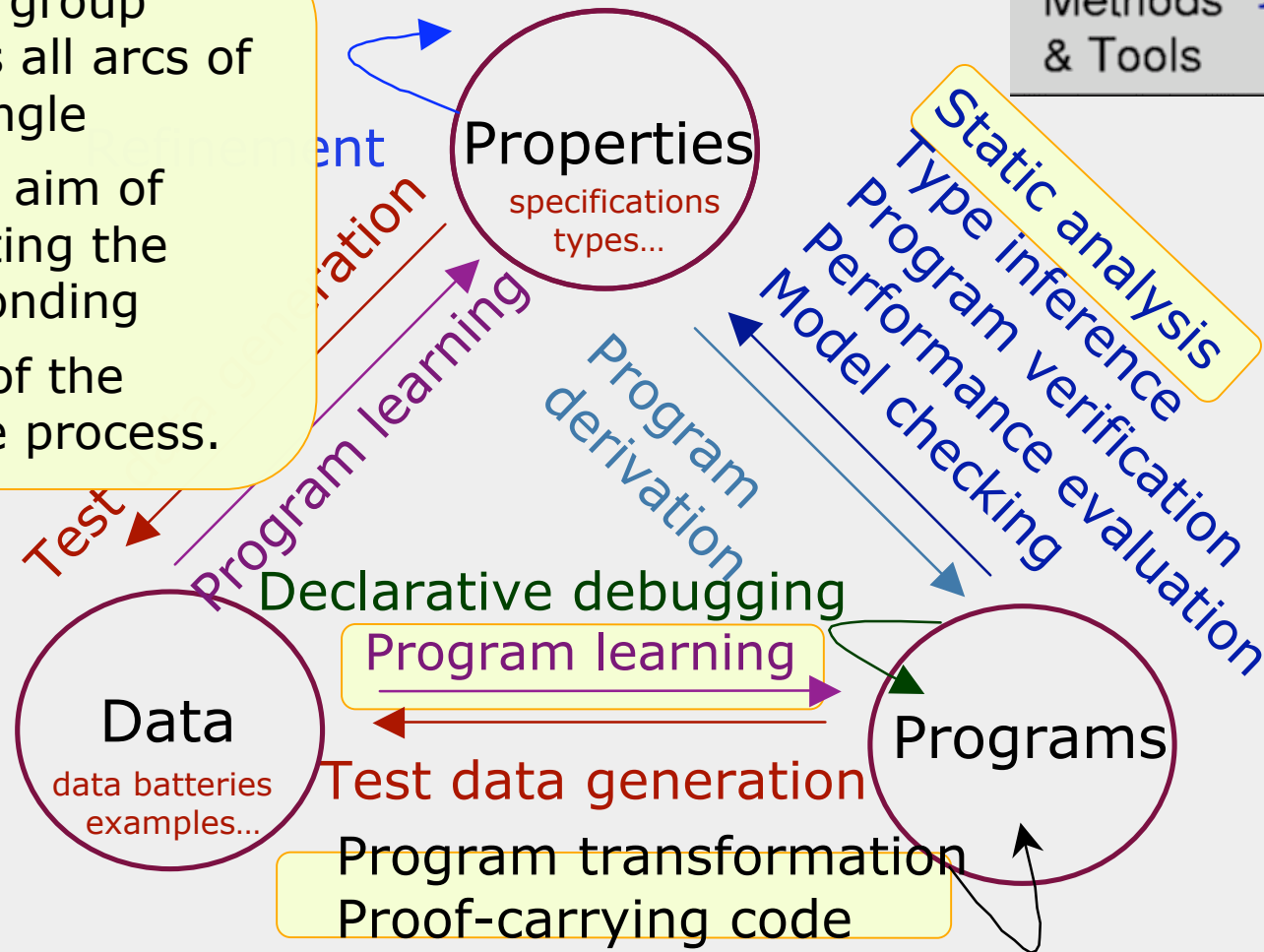


# Overall view: Software Trilogy

Formal  
Methods  
& Tools



The ELP group explores all arcs of this triangle with the aim of automating the corresponding phases of the software process.



# The ELP Work Themes :

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**Key lines:** Software quality, formal methods, multi-paradigm (declarative) programming, automated software engineering, semantics

**Topics:**

- i) Theories, languages, methods and tools to support automated *analysis, specification, verification, modeling, debugging, learning, optimization, certification, and transformation of software (components)*
- ii) Techniques for assembling provably reliable components into predictably reliable systems



# Focus of the project

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ELP coordinates two WGs:  
(cooperation with Udine)

**WG3** Specification and Verification  
of Web Sites

**WG7** Intelligent Tutoring Systems



# WG3 Specification and Verification of Web Sites (1)

**Starting Date:** Year 1, Month 5 (May 2004)

**Duration:** 9 months

**Partner responsible:** Valencia

**Other partners:** Udine, Hyderabad

## Exchanges related to WG3:

Udine-to-VLC: D. Ballis (10 days, March 05)  
VLC-to-Udine: J. García-Vivó -8 m. contract- (10 days, Nov 05)  
M. Alpuente (10 days, Oct 04 & Feb 05)  
VLC-to-Hyd: M. Alpuente & S. Escobar (15 days, Jan 05)  
M.J. Ramírez & L. Moreno (10 days, Nov 04)  
Hyd-to-VLC: S. Babu (5 days, March 05)

**Workshop:** Valencia – Year 2, Month 3

**People involved:** M. Alpuente, M. Falaschi, S. Escobar, S. Lucas, G. Vidal, M.J. Ramirez, J. Orallo, C. Ferri, V. Estruch, J. Silva, D. Ballis, J. García-Vivó, B. Alarcón, J.D. Llopis



# WG3 Specification and Verification of Web Sites (2)

KEY IDEA: "Term rewriting and machine learning machinery for developing and maintaining complex Web sites"

## Objectives of WG3:

1. To develop a declarative specification language (as well as a methodology) for the verification of the semantic properties of a Web site, related to **both the structure and the contents** (that is, to verify the data available in each page and determine how information can be browsed by following hyperlinks).
2. To define a correction methodology for repairing faulty web sites semi-automatically.  
This can help the user learn to fix any detected inconsistency.

Our medium-term goal is to repair Web sites automatically

As we understand 2, it is half-way between WG3 and WG7



## WG3 Specification and Verification of Web Sites (3)

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We have provided a rule-based specification language to **specify** integrity conditions for a given Web site and a verification technique to

- automatically **check** whether those conditions are fulfilled
- help to **repair** faulty Web sites

Our framework is based on a rewriting-like technique (**partial rewriting**), which is more suitable for dealing with semistructured data (eg. XML/XHTML documents)





# Web Specification Language

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In our proposal, **Web pages are seen as ground (terms)** and **Web specifications are sets of rules** that allow us to specify conditions in order to

- detect **forbidden** or **incorrect** information
- detect **missing** or **incomplete** Web pages

A Web specification is made up of

- a set of **correctness** rules  $I_N$
- a set of **completeness** rules  $I_M$
- a set of **rewrite rules** (i.e. a Term Rewriting System)  $R$



# A Web Specification Example

Consider a Web site containing some information about a research group (e.g. member group affiliation, personal data, publications,...)

## Correctness Rules $I_N$

```
hpage(X)  $\rightarrow$  error | X in [ : TextTag : ] * sex [ : TextTag : ] *  
blink(X)  $\rightarrow$  error
```

## Completeness Rules $I_M$

```
hpage(status(professor))  $\rightarrow$  #hpage(#status(#professor),  
teaching)  
member(name(X), surname(Y))  $\rightarrow$  #hpage(fullname(append(X,Y)),  
status)
```

Rewrite Rules  $R$  = Definition of function `append`



# WG3 Specification and Verification of Web Sites (4)

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In addition, we have developed 4 extra lines:

1. Produced and evaluated a graphical implementation of the tool GVerdi for the automatic verification of Web sites

M. Alpuente, D. Ballis, J. Garcia-Vivo, M. Falaschi

2. Explored rewriting logic as a basis for specifying and verifying dynamic properties of Web sites

S. Escobar, S. Lucas

3. Program slicing for web documents

J. Silva and G. Vidal

4. Web categorization by program learning (distance-based DTs)

V. Estruch, M.J. Ramirez, J. Hernandez-Orallo, C. Ferri





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SPANISH MEC SELF: Software Environments and Lightweight Formalisms

workshop website



WWV 2005, the 1st Int'l Workshop on Automated  
Specification and Verification of Web Sites  
March 14-15, 2005, Valencia

- Attended by 42 participants, from 11 countries
  - Austria, Canada, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Spain, UK, and USA -
- WWV'05 provided a common forum for researchers from the communities of:

Rule-based programming  
Automated Software Engineering  
Web-oriented research

to facilitate the cross-fertilization and the advancement of hybrid methods that combine the three areas.





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## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Maria Alpuente	Technical U. of Valencia, Spain
Sarat Babu	CDAC, India
Demis Ballis	U. of Udine, Italy
Gilles Barthe	INRIA Sophia-Antipolis, France
Thierry Despeyroux	INRIA Sophia-Antipolis, France
Wolfgang Emmerich	U. College London, UK
Santiago Escobar	Technical U. of Valencia, Spain
Moreno Falaschi	U. of Siena, Italy
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- **TECHNICAL PROGRAM**

2 invited talks:

A. Finkelstein

– U. College, London

S. Khrishnamurthi

– U. Brown, USA

10 regular papers

2 position papers

6 system descriptions/work in progress

**6 SESSIONS:**

- (1) Formal Models for describing and reasoning about Web Sites
- (2) Testing, Validation and Categorization of Web Sites
- (3) Accessibility Evaluation
- (4) XML transformation and optimization
- (5) Rule-based approaches to Web site analysis and verification
- (6) Model-checking and Static Analysis applied to the Web

- **POST-PROCEEDINGS** in the series Elsevier ENTCS



# WG7 Intelligent Tutoring Systems

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**Starting Date:** Year 2, Month 8 (Aug 2005)

**Duration:** 9 months

**Partner responsible:** Valencia

**Other partners:** Udine, Hyderabad

**Exchanges:**

Udine-to-VLC:

1 expert (2 months, Sept 2005, funded by UPV) - Marco Comini

1 expert (3 months, Apr 2006, funded by Spanish MEC) - Marco Comini

**Workshop:** Valencia – Year 3, Month 5

**People involved:** M. Alpuente, M. Falaschi, S. Escobar, S. Lucas, G. Vidal, G. Ramos, G. Arroyo, R. Blanco, J. Oliver, M.J. Ramirez, J. Orallo, A. Villanueva, M. Comini, D. Ballis, J. García-Vivó, B. Alarcón, A. Bella, J.D. Llopis, V. Estruch



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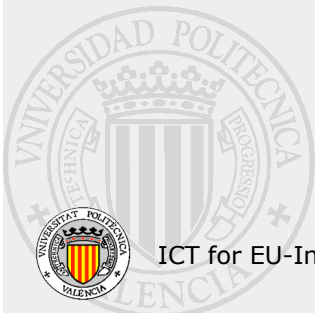
("Integrating new communication technologies in education")

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## Objective of WG7

To develop tools and techniques to support the learning of declarative programming languages.

The key idea is to help the students learn to recognize and fix program errors, by providing meaningful explanations and by suggesting possible ways to repair the bugs





# Intelligent Tutoring Systems

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Activities are organized in several lines:

- Modelling, analysis, and verification tools and techniques
- Diagnosis, tracing, and optimization of multiparadigm programs
- Declarative debugging and program learning

We have been working on preparatory methodologies to support the learning of declarative languages

Our medium-term goal is to develop educational tools as an outcome of some these works



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# The ELP achievements (i)

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## 1. Modelling, analysis, and verification tools and techniques

- Analysis tools for Maude (termination, strategy annotations, Maude.Net)
- A tool for the modeling and validation of concurrent systems subject to structural dynamic changes
- A symbolic (abstract) model checker for tccp
- A formal specification of popular security protocol analyzers



# The ELP achievements (ii)

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## 2. Diagnosis, tracing, and optimization of multiparadigm programs:

- Off-line partial evaluator for Curry programs and for the specification language Rose
- A PE-based, program slicing framework that is useful for debugging and code reuse
- A methodology for slicing XML documents
- A tool for removing redundant arguments



# The ELP achievements (iii)

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## 3. Declarative debugging and program learning:

- A generic bottom-up declarative debugging scheme
- Abstract debugger and program corrector for Maude
- An inductive system for the learning of decision multi-trees and application to Web categorization
- A term-rewriting framework for repairing Web sites

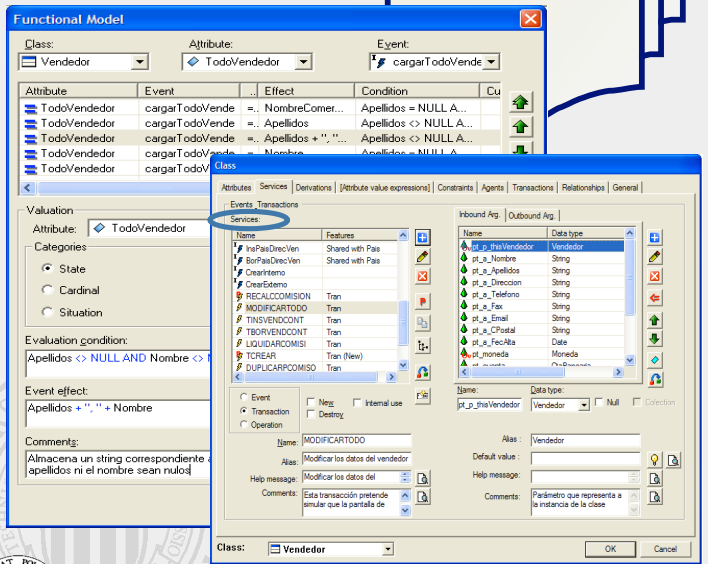


# ... on the practical side...

FORMALLY-BASED,  
PRACTICAL TOOLS  
Maude, Haskell, tcp, Curry & XHTML

Multi-  
Paradigm  
Declarative  
Programs

- program analyzers
- program transformers
- declarative debuggers
- model checkers
- web verifiers (filtering + categorization)
- inductive learning capabilities



# The GVERDI System

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The prototype GVERDI implements the rewriting-based language for the specification and the verification of integrity conditions of Web sites.

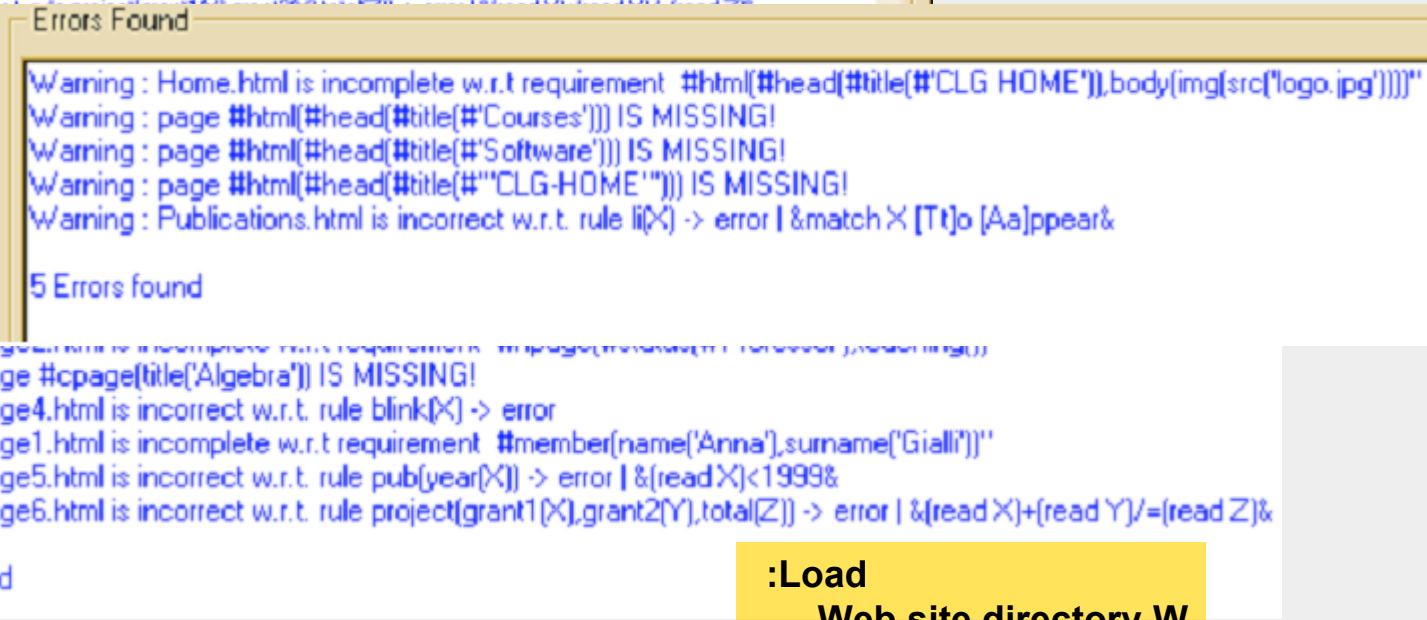
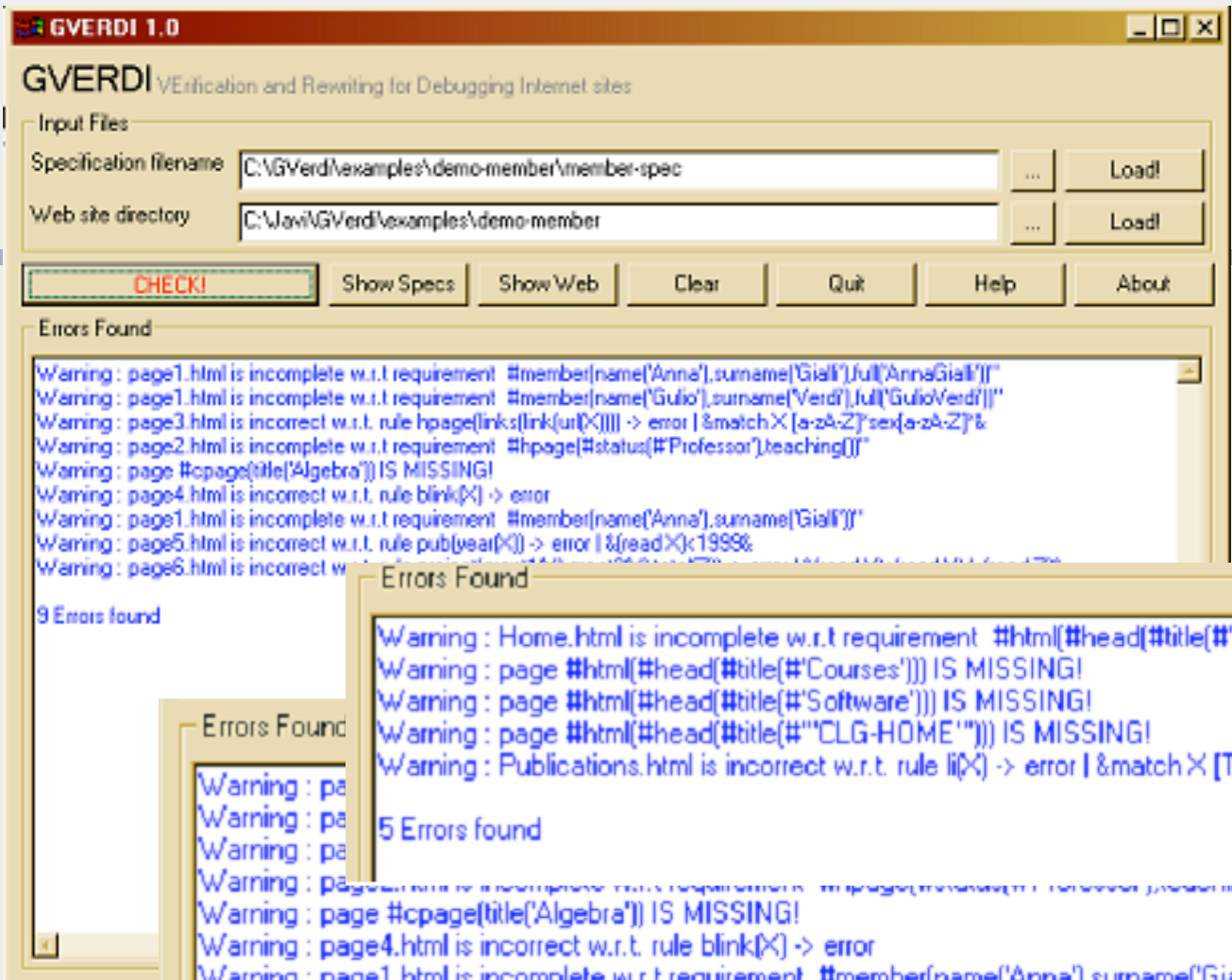
- Written in Haskell
- Intuitive Graphical User Interface
- Publicly available at

`http://www.dsic.upv.es/users/elp/GVerdi/`

- We tested the system on real Web sites, e.g.

`http://www.dimi.uniud.it/clg`

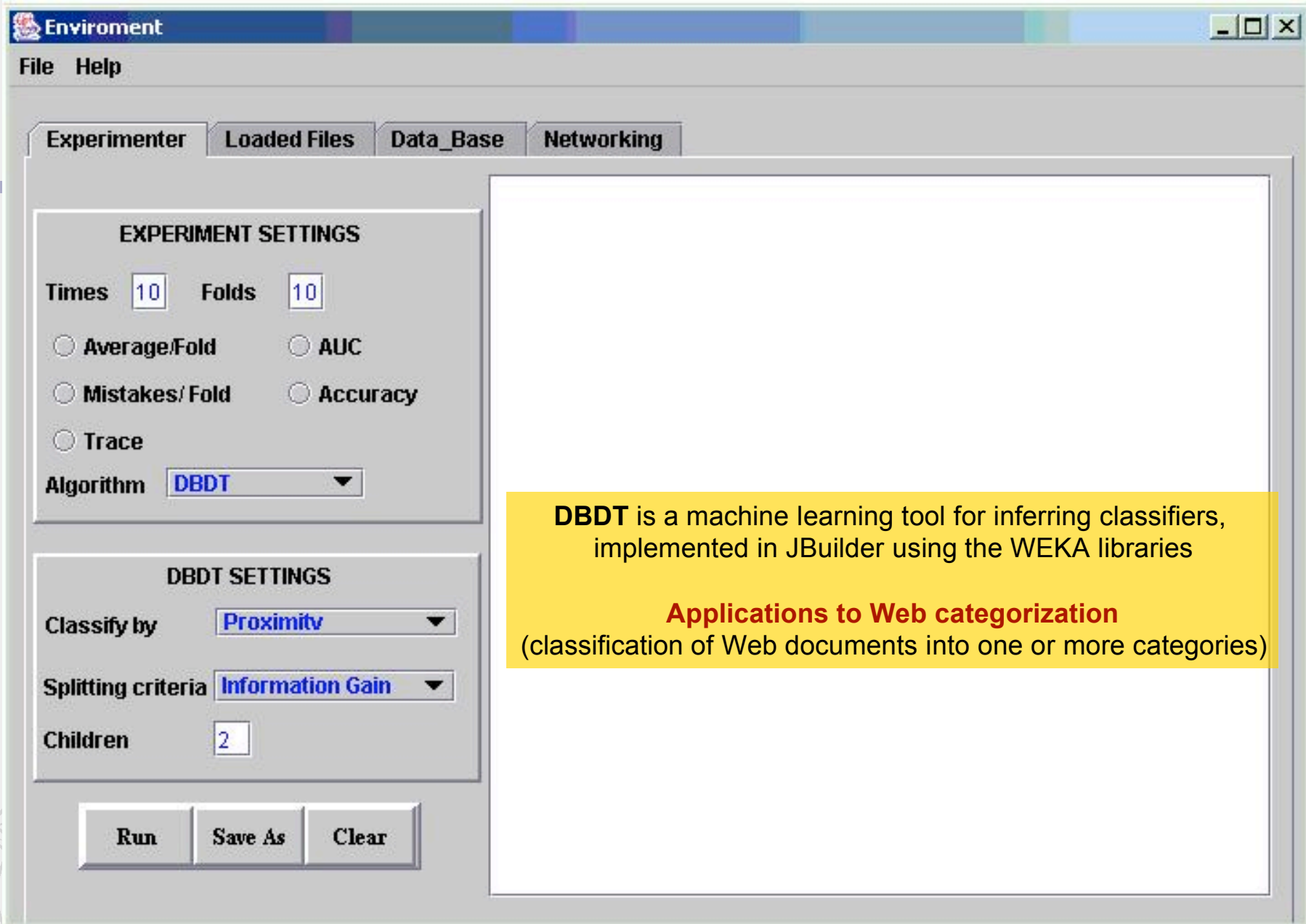


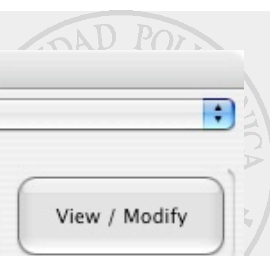


**:Load**  
**Web site directory W**  
**Web Specification S**









mu-term 4.1

SplitAtTR\_Z

REPLACEMENT MAP

Set

Least Canonical Join canonical Greatest View / Modify

DISPLAY FORMAT: Rules

```
natsFrom(N) -> cons(N,n_natsFrom(s(N)))
fst(pair(XS,YS)) -> XS
snd(pair(XS,YS)) -> YS
splitAt(0,XS) -> pair(nil,XS)
splitAt(s(N),cons(X,XS)) -> u(splitAt(N,activate(XS)),N,X,activate(XS))
u(pair(YS,ZS),N,X,XS) -> pair(cons(activate(X),YS),ZS)
head(cons(N,XS)) -> N
tail(cons(N,XS)) -> activate(XS)
sel(N,XS) -> head(afterNth(N,XS))
take(N,XS) -> fst(splitAt(N,XS))
afterNth(N,XS) -> snd(splitAt(N,XS))
natsFrom(X) -> n_natsFrom(X)
activate(n_natsFrom(X)) -> nat
activate(X) -> X
```

Termination of : SplitAtTR\_Z

The module { sel(V\_0,V\_2) -> head(afterNth(V\_0,V\_2)) } (1 rules) is CE-terminating by criterion with marks except on AC-syn the dependency graph has no strongly connected componer

The module { fst(pair(V\_2,V\_3)) -> V\_2 } (1 rules) is CE-terminating by criterion with marks except on AC-syn the dependency graph has no strongly connected componer

The module { take(V\_0,V\_2) -> fst(splitAt(V\_0,V\_2)) } (1 rules) is CE-terminating by criterion with marks except on AC-syn the dependency graph has no strongly connected componer

The module { tail(cons(V\_0,V\_2)) -> activate(V\_2) } (1 rules) is CE-terminating by criterion with marks except on AC-syn the dependency graph has no strongly connected componer

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SETTINGS:  
Proof mode: CiME termination expert  
Upper bound for coeffs: 5  
CiME termination expert: Minimal

Constraints Solve

Save Close

TERMINATION OF CSR (direct proof)

Proof with polynomials Linear

Rationals and integers Rational coefficients < 1 delta: 1/10

Max. value for coefficients: 1 5 100

Modular proofs

TRANSFORMATIONS

Termination of CSR:

Lucas' Zantema's Ferreira and Ribeiro's Giesl and Middeldorp's Complete Giesl and Middeldorp's

Innermost termination of CSR:

Giesl and Middeldorp's

Termination of Lazy Rewriting:

Lucas'

TERMINATION OF REWRITING

DP + Polynomials Proof with CiME

SCCs in Dep. Graph Minimal

:Load TRS (+ eval strategy)

# Implementation Status

Maude, Haskell, tcp, Curry, HTML/XML      Done      Ongoing

Web sites verifier (GVerdi) and repair tool	√	√
termination analyzer, strategies (MuTerm)		√
machine learner (DBDT)	√	
reconfig. nets verifier (MCRenNet)	√	
model checker for tcp		√
declarative debuggers (Debussy)		√
offline program specializer (OffPeVal)	√	
Curry and XML slicers	√	

*available at the ELP website*



# 13 Journal Articles (2004-2005)

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Theoretical Computer Science (3)	Elsevier Science
Information Processing Letters (2)	“
Theory and Practice of Logic Programming (3)	Oxford U. Press
J. Symbolic Computation (2)	Academic Press
RAIRO Theoretical Informatics and Applications	EDP Sciences
Software Tools for Technology Transfer	Springer-Verlag
Applicable Algebra in Engineering, Communication and Computing	“
Higher-Order and Symbolic Computation	Kluwer



# > 30 Conference Papers (2004-2005)

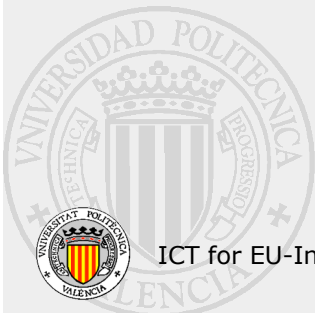
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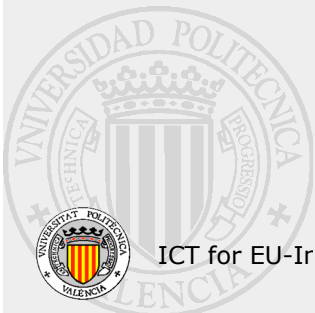




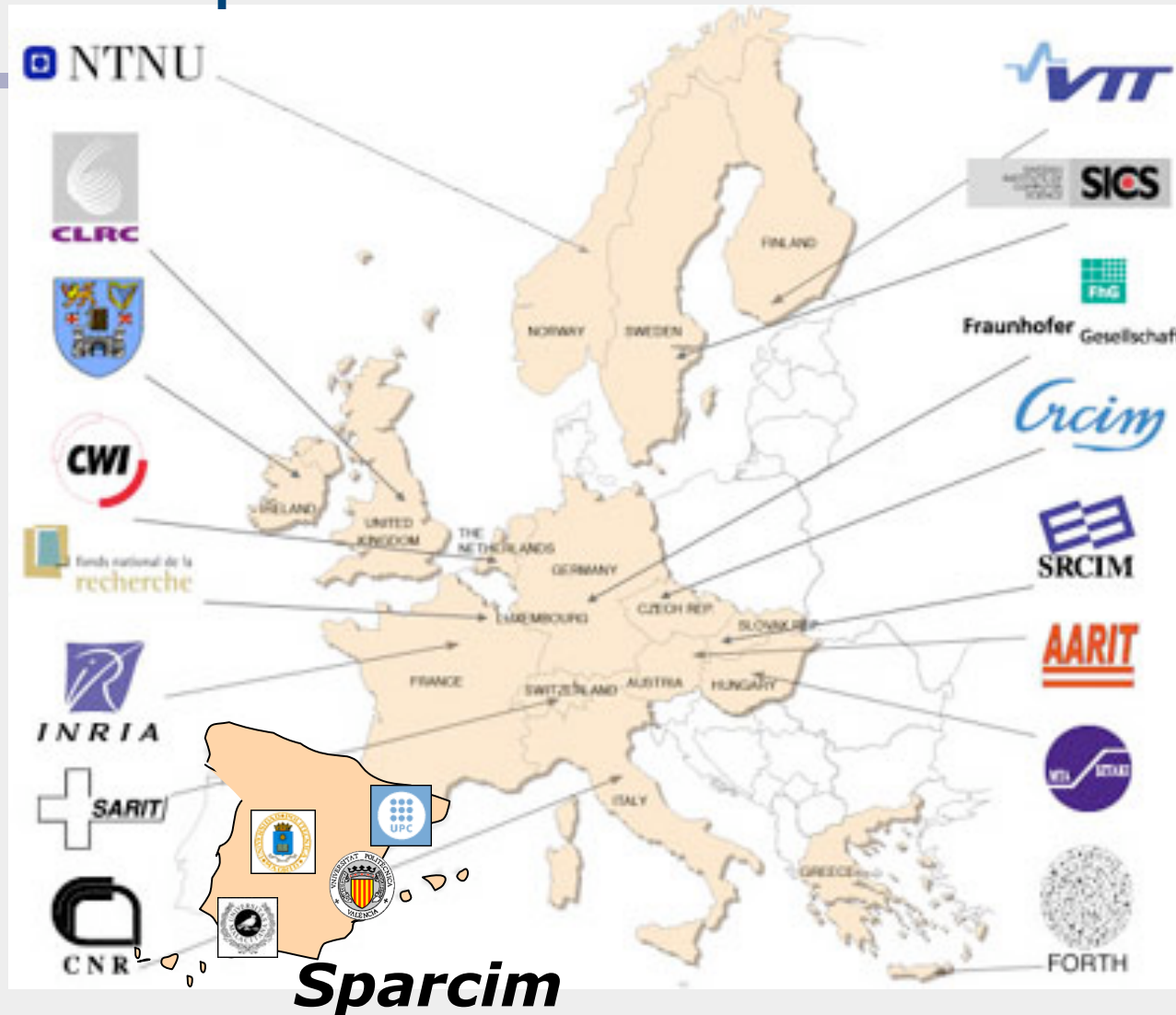
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JOINT PROJECTS  
 JOINT PUBLICATIONS  
 WORKSHOPS  
 CO-ORGANIZATION  
 STAYS



# Sparcim: Spanish arm of ERCIM





# ELP Int'l Cooperation

- Approval of the Joint **PhD programme** with:

Udine

Siena

Hyderabad

Sophia-Antipolis

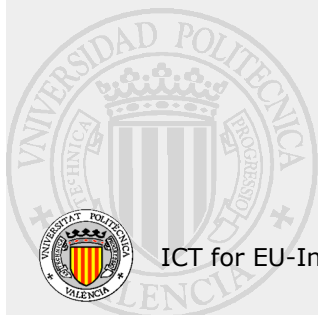
- WWV'06 is planned as a satellite event of ISOLA'06:

2nd Intl Symposium on Leveraging Applications of Formal Methods

Phapos, Chipre, Sep 2006







# 3. Other ELP activities

## PC members of:

2006: ICLP, ESOP, WRS, AISC, WRLA

2005: LOPSTR, LPAR, WRS, IFL, IJCAI, RULE, WCFLP, PKDD, PPDP, ECML

2004: LOPSTR, WRS, IFL, WRLA, WFLP, WLPE, ROCAI, COLOPS, STAIRS

## Organization of:

ROCAI 2004 (1st Workshop on ROC Analysis in AI)

STAIRS 2004 (2nd European Starting AI Researcher Symp.)

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**Applied** for a **joint PhD programme** with Udine, Siena, Hyderabad and Sophia-Antipolis

