Comparative Assessment of a Collaborative ModelOps Platform

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Definition

- ModelOps = resemble DevOps and MLOps, but is specific as regards integrating modelling and operations
- ModelOps platform = a software platform aiming to service continued development, deployment and usage of models

Existing platforms, a.k.a. motivation

Functional Mockup Interface

- Free standard and specification to package models
- Modelica Association project
- Packaged models are called Functional Mockup Units (FMUs)
- Essentially a container of XML files, binaries and C-code
- Different interfaces for different purposes •

Open Simulation Platform

- More a library than a platform
- Aimed at the maritime industry
- Helps to create a Functional Mockup Unit
- Co-simulation capability main feature
- <u>https://opensimulationplatform.com/</u>

Towards a maritime ecosystem for efficient co-simulation





Insight Maker

- Free, open-source web-based software for creating dynamic and agentbased models
- Models are called Insights, which are easy to share and collaborate on
- All created Insights are public by default
- Limited by its usage of browser and JavaScript
- <u>https://insightmaker.com/</u>

Mathematica and Wolfram Demonstrations Project



- A symbolic computation program, Wolfram's flagship product
- Available for over a decade, aims to implement every known model, method and algorithm
- Wolfram Notebooks use the same technologies as Mathematica
- Wolfram Demonstrations Project is a collection of interactive Notebooks called Demonstrations
- <u>https://demonstrations.wolfram.com/</u>

Modelling Factory

Features and Technologies

- Generic integration and publishing platform for computer models
- Assists in creating a web-based GUI and an API for the simulation application
- Model management, version control system, co-simulation, scalability
- Based on GitLab, CI/CD pipelines, Helm charts and containerisation
- Simantics Platform provides one possible publishing pipeline
- <u>https://modellingfactory.org/</u>





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Evaluation and Comparison

- A versatile platform to quickly deploy computer models, static and dynamic
- If the model can be transformed into an FMU, it will work with Modelling Factory
- Not meant to be used with computationally extremely large or heavy models
- If the model is not self-contained, it can present challenges in the deployment
- Most other service are domain or technology specific, comparison is therefore difficult
- No other service exactly like it



Conclusion

- ML models are ever more popular, but traditional computer models will stay
- The disconnect between the modeller and the end user is real
- Popularity through accessibility, Modelling Factory might be able to help

Thank you! Questions?