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The Publish/Subscribe paradigm implemented by Notification Systems, plays an important role

in the context of distributed systems development, allowing the decoupling of the participants

due to its anonymous and asynchronous communication. Although this characteristic assures

greater flexibility, it is not transparent. The application code tend to include sections to handle

the interaction with the Notification System used, creating dependencies. Distributed systems

development can be also simplified by architectural modeling implemented by configuration

systems. In this paradigm, the application components are divided between functional, related

to the application domain and non-functional, related to application's support aspects, like

communication tasks for instance. We propose in this work an adaptation of the Rebeca

Notification System, making it possible to execute over the AC configuration system. With this

adaptation, communication support configuration points are exposed and, using the

interception capabilities of the AC system, we could isolate the interactions among application

modules, what decreases code dependencies related to the Notification System. We also

could turn event composition and mobility transparently supported. The proposed model is

analyzed by the qualitative view, making evident the facilities that becomes available when

compared to the original Rebeca system.

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