

AOV-graph Modeling to the HealthWatcher

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Health Watcher's description

The Health Watcher's goals are collect and control the complaints and notifications, and provide important information to the people about the Health System. The citizen can access the system through the internet or dialing 1520, making his/her complaint or asking information about the health services. In the event of a complaint, it will be registered on the system and addressed by a specific department which will be able to carry out the procedure and return an answer when the analysis is accomplished. This solution will be registered on the system, being available for queries. The product will be put to public usage in kiosks in several strategic points, on which the citizen itself will make its complaints and information requests.

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1. Activities

This modeling was made as follows: Firstly I read the HealthWatcher's documentation. After that, I modeled a first version of the v-graph using the structure of the documentation. Next, I specified this first version in XML and added some concerns reused from other case studies, such as Persistence, Security, Reliability and Usability.

After that I had to change them in order to attend the Health Watcher System, including and excluding some goals, softgoals and tasks. Therefore, I analyzed the relationships in V-graph and identified crosscutting relationships. Next, I specified these crosscutting relationships in XML, applied the composition mechanism and generated some views (automatically using XLST). These views were used in order to help me to identify mistakes or trade-offs, so the cycle Specify in XML → Composition → Generate views → Analyze views happened many times. When I found a stable version I began to format the documentation, but some changes in modeling again happened. In summary, these activities are listed below:

- Reading the HW's documentation (30 minutes)
- **Modeling the HW using V-graph – Identifying goals, softgoals and tasks, and the relationships (55 minutes writing from scratch plus 55 minutes rewriting in XML)**
- **Analyzing the relationships and identifying crosscutting relationships**
- **Specifying the crosscutting relationships (in XML)**
- **Investigating trade-offs and early aspects interaction**
- **Formatting the specification document and fixing some mistakes**

Date	Start	Stop	Total	Number of people	Activity
05/Sept/2006 06/Sept/2006	21:20 18:00	22:15 18:55	110 m	1	Modeling the HW using V-graph – Identifying goals, softgoals and tasks, and the relationships
11/Sept/2006	10:00	10:45	45 m	1	Analyzing the relationships and identifying crosscutting relationships (the first version)
11/Sept/2006	11:55	12:40	45 m	1	Specifying the crosscutting relationships (the first version, in XML)
11/Sept/2006 12/Sept/2006	14:30 20:00	15:15 22:00	165 m	1	Investigating trade-offs and early aspects interaction
12/Sept/2006 13/Sept/2006	22:00 9:30	23:55 11:00	205 m	1	Formatting the specification document and fixing some mistakes

Table 1 - LOG OF ACTIVITIES

2. Glossary

Complaint information

A complaint information consists on these data: Date; Complaint data: description (mandatory) and observations (optional); Complainer data: name, street, complement, district, city, state/province, zip code, telephone number and e-mail (All these information are optional); Complaint situation (mandatory), which might be OPENED, SUSPENDED or CLOSED (in the event of a registration, its state must be OPENED);

After an analysis has been done, a complaint has also: technical analysis; analysis date; employee that made the analysis.

Animal Complaint – DVA

is related to: Animals apprehension; Control of vectors (rodents, scorpions, bats, etc.); Diseases related to mosquitos (dengue, filarirose); Animals maltreatment.

In addition to complaint information an animal complaint has its specific ones. They are: Kind of animal (mandatory), amount of animals (mandatory), disturb date (mandatory); Disturb location data: street, complement, district, city, state/province, zip code and telephone number. All these information are optional.

Food Complaint – DVISA

is related to: cases where it is suspicious the ingestion of infected food.

In addition to complaint information an animal complaint has its specific ones. They are: Victim's name (mandatory); Victim's data: street, complement, district, city (or closest one), state/province, zip code and telephone number (All optional); Amount of people who ate the food, amount of sick people, amount of people who were sent to a hospital and amount of deceased people (All mandatory); Location where the patients were treated, suspicious meal (All optional)

Diverse Complaint - DVISA

is related to: Cases related to several reasons, which are not mentioned above (restaurants with hygiene problems, leaking sewerage, suspicious water transporting trucks, etc.).

In addition to complaint information an animal complaint has its specific ones. They are: Age (mandatory), scholar level (optional), occupation (optional); Street, complement, district, city, state/province, zip code and telephone number of the closest location to the complaint location (All optional)

Health unit

consists on: unit code, unit description

Specialty

consists on: code and description

Health unit / Specialty

consists on: health unit and specialty

Employee

consists on: login, name and password

Type of disease

consists on: code, name, description, symptom and duration

Symptom

consists on: code and description

Type of disease / Symptom

consists on: type of disease and symptom

3. AOV-graph

This AOV-graph modeling consists on six goals models: Health watcher, Persistence, Realiability, Security, Usability and Performance. Some statistics about these goals models are in Table 2. Consider that the number of crosscutting relationships represents the number of specifications (of crosscutting relationship); in figures it is only possible see the number of

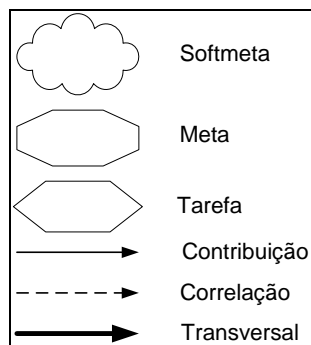
crosscutting links (before composition) and contributions (after composition). Therefore, 5 crosscutting relationships were represented by 11 links before composition, and after composition these 5 crosscutting relationships were represented by 38 contributions. Before composition, there were 84 relationships (crosscutting links + contributions) and after composition this quantity increased to 111 (contributions).

Elements	Quantity before composition	Quantity after composition
Goals	10	10
Tasks	70	77
Softgoals	11	11
Crosscutting relationships	5	5
Links crosscutting	11	38
Contributions	73+11=84	111
Correlations	11	11
Types	29	29
Topics	45	51
Attributes	0	0

Table 2 - Statistics of AOV-graph modeling

3.1 AOV-graph before composition

Figure 1 presents the AOV-graph modeling: each goal model is separated and the bold relationships represent the crosscutting links. Consider this legend to the models.



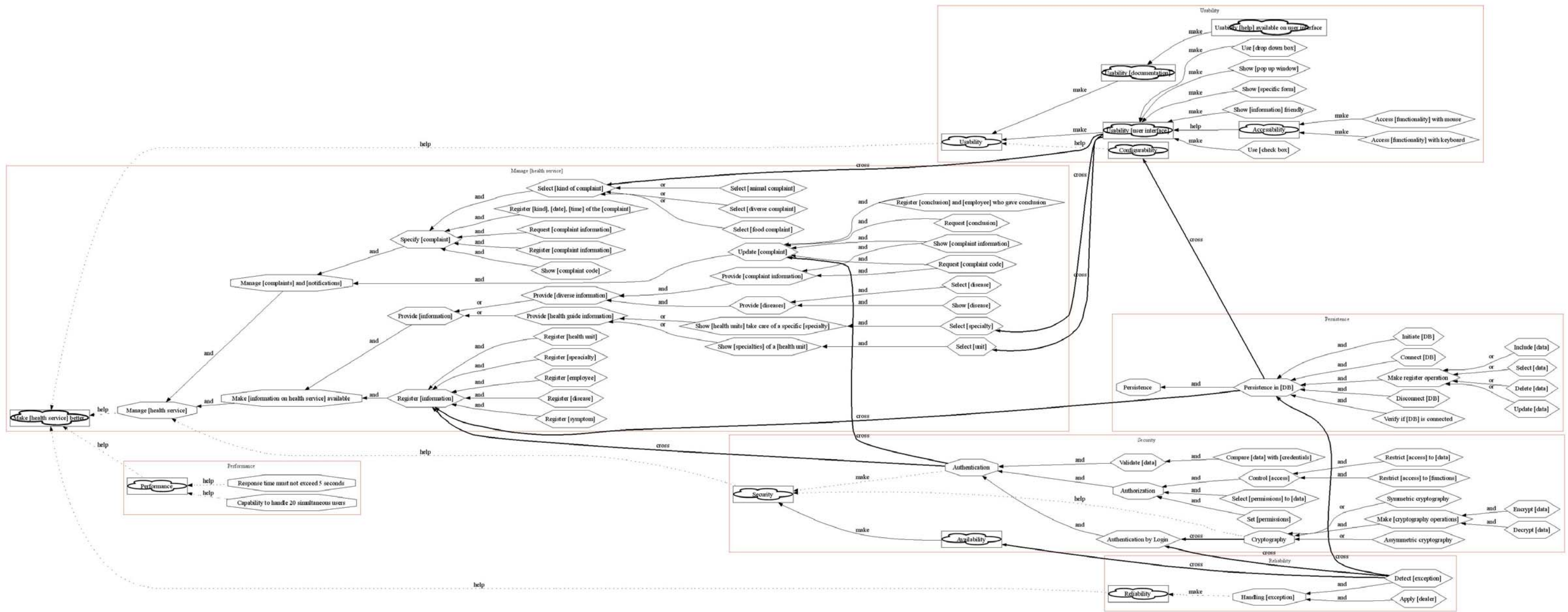


Figure 1 – AOV-graph of the Health Watcher System before composition

3.1.1 Descriptions of Crosscutting Relationships

1 - Source: Persistence in [DB]

```
crosscutting {
  source = Persistence in [DB]
  pointcut P15.1: include(Register.*; task; name) and not include(Register [information])
  pointcut P15.2: include(Configurability)
  advice (around): P15.1 { (Make register operation; and)}
  intertype declaration (element): P15.2 {
    task = (Set [DB]; make) {
      task = (Select [Microsoft Access]; or) {}
      task = (Select [Oracle]; or) {}
      task = (Select [MySQL]; or) {} }
  }
}
```

This crosscutting relationship is defined by two pointcuts, an advice and an intertype: the first pointcut uses regular expression, matching all tasks with Register (they are: (Register [kind], [date], [time] of the [complaint]) (Register [complaint information]) (Register [conclusion] and [employee] who gave conclusion) (Register [health unit]) (Register [speacialty]) (Register [employee]) (Register [disease]) (Register [symptom])), but not (Register [information]) because in this case Register information is only a way of group tasks; the second pointcut is only defined by Configurability; in first pointcut is added the Make register operation task defined in advice, this task is a task of Persistence in [DB]; the second pointcut is affected by a new task (Set [DB]), using intertype this task is added in source point (persistence in DB) and in the pointcut (as a decomposition).

2 - Source: Detect [exception]

```
crosscutting {
  source = Detect [exception]
  pointcut PC5.3: include(Persistence in [DB])
  pointcut PC5.4: include(Authentication by Login)
  pointcut PC5.5: include(Availability)
  intertype declaration (element): PC5.3 {task = (Detect [persistence exception]; and) {} }
  intertype declaration (element): PC5.4 {task = (Detect [authentication exception]; and) {} }
  intertype declaration (element): PC5.5 {task = (Detect [availability exception]; and) {} }
}
```

This crosscutting relationship has three pointcuts and one intertype for each one of them. In this case is the new tasks Detect [persistence exception], Detect [authentication exception] and Detect [availability exception] are added in Detect [exception], and in each pointcut is added the associated task.

3 - Source: Authentication

```
crosscutting {
  source = Authentication
  pointcut P9.3.1: include(Update [complaint]) and include(Register [information])
  advice (around): P9.3.1 { (Authentication by Login; and)}
}
```

Authentication by login affect two points (Update [complaint] and (Register [information])). The sense of around is, for example: Authentication by login is necessary to satisfy Update [complaint].

4 - Source: Cryptography

```

crosscutting {
  source = Cryptography
  pointcut PC9.3.5.1: include(Authentication by Login)
  advice (around): PC9.3.5.1 {(Symmetric cryptography; and)}
}

```

Cryptography only affects one point (Authentication by login). This crosscutting relationship was defined because other points can easily appear, but it can be excluded.

5 - Source: Usability [user interface]

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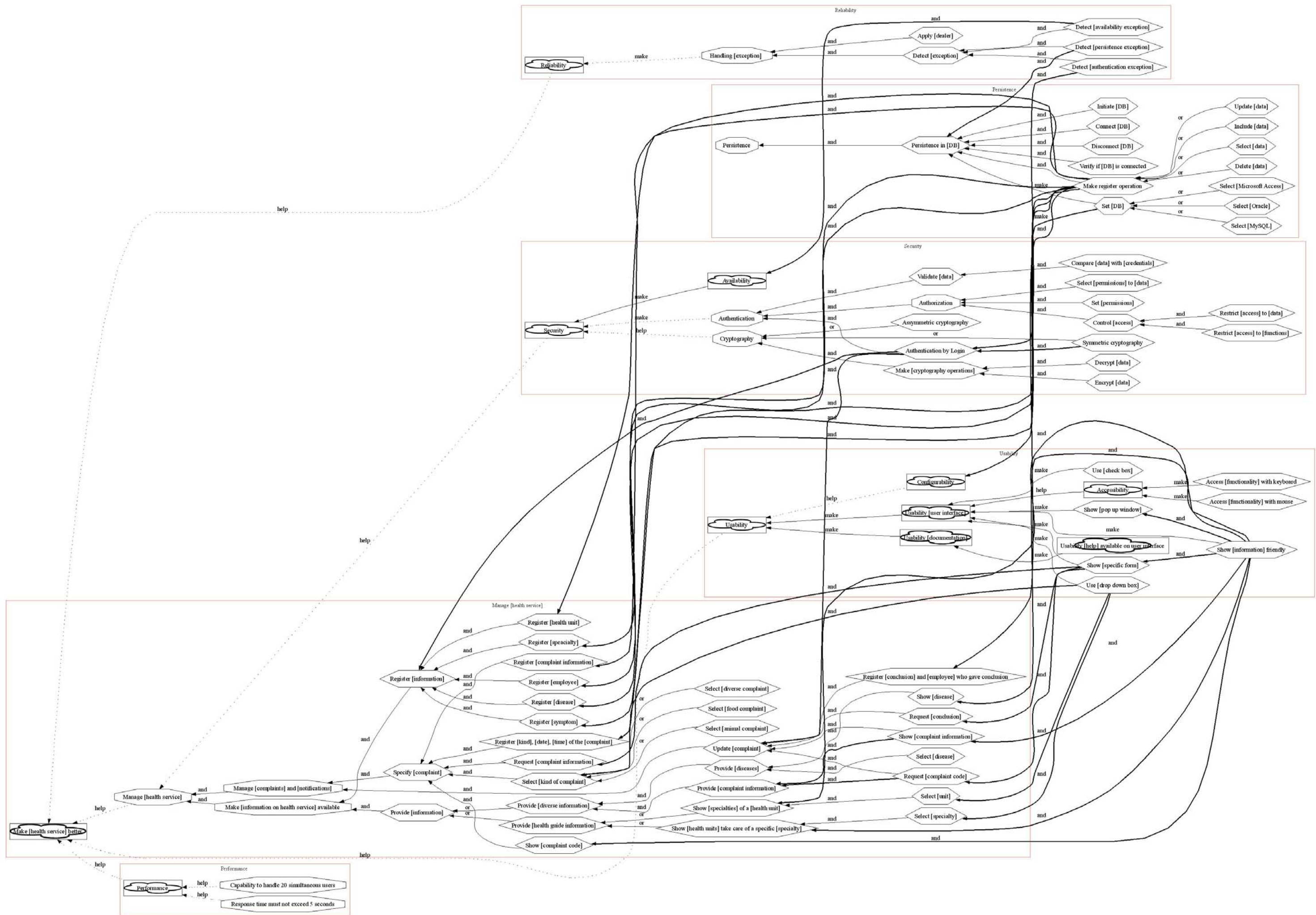
crosscutting {
  source = Usability [user interface]
  pointcut PC3.2: include(Select [kind of complaint]) and include(Select [specialty]) and
include(Select [unit])
  pointcut PC3.3: include(Request.*; task; name)
  pointcut PC3.4: include(Show.*; task; name)
  advice (around): PC3.2 {(Use [drop down box]; and)}
  advice (around): PC3.3 {(Show [specific form]; and)}
  advice (around): PC3.4 {(Show [information] friendly; and)}
}

```

This crosscutting relationship has two pointcuts defined by regular expression (Request.*={ (Request [complaint information]) (Request [complaint code]) (Request [conclusion])}) and Show.*={ (Show [complaint code]) (Show [complaint information]) (Show [health units] take care of a specific [specialty]) (Show [specialties] of a [health unit]) (Show [disease]) (Show [pop up window]) (Show [specific form]) }). Respectively, this pointcuts are affected by Show [specific form] and Show [information] friendly. The pointcut PC3.2 is affected by Use [drop down box] task.

3.2 AOV-graph after composition

Figure 2 – AOV-graph of the Health Watcher System after composition



4 Views of the AOV-graph

4.1 Colored AOV-graph

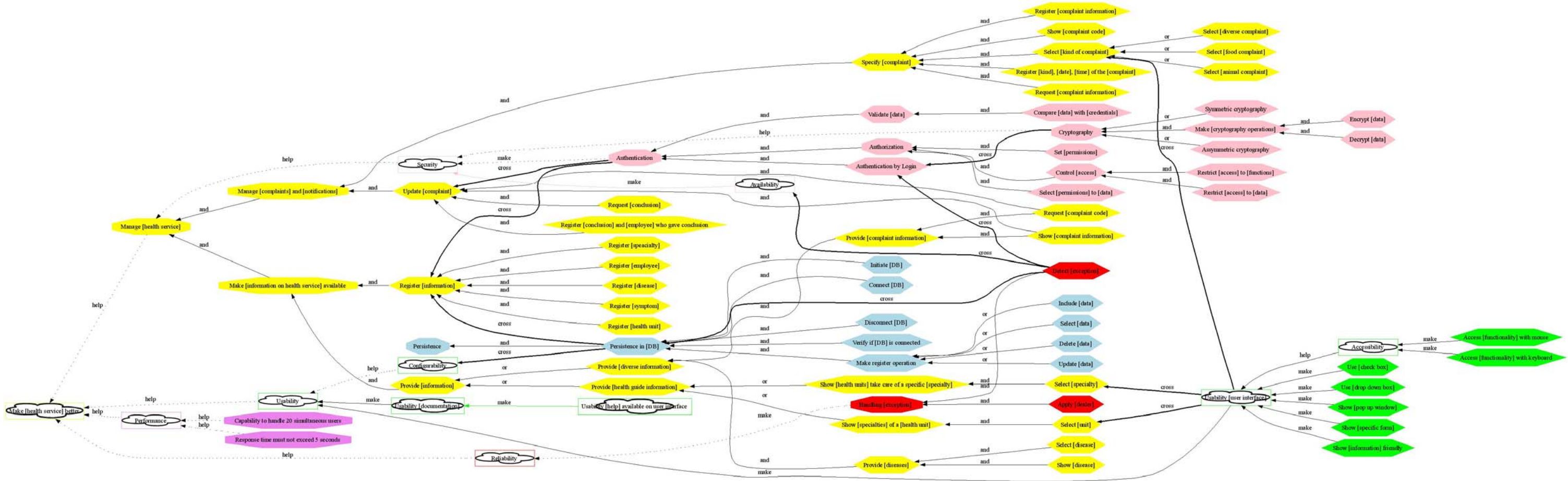


Figure 3 – AOV-graph of the Health Watcher System before composition

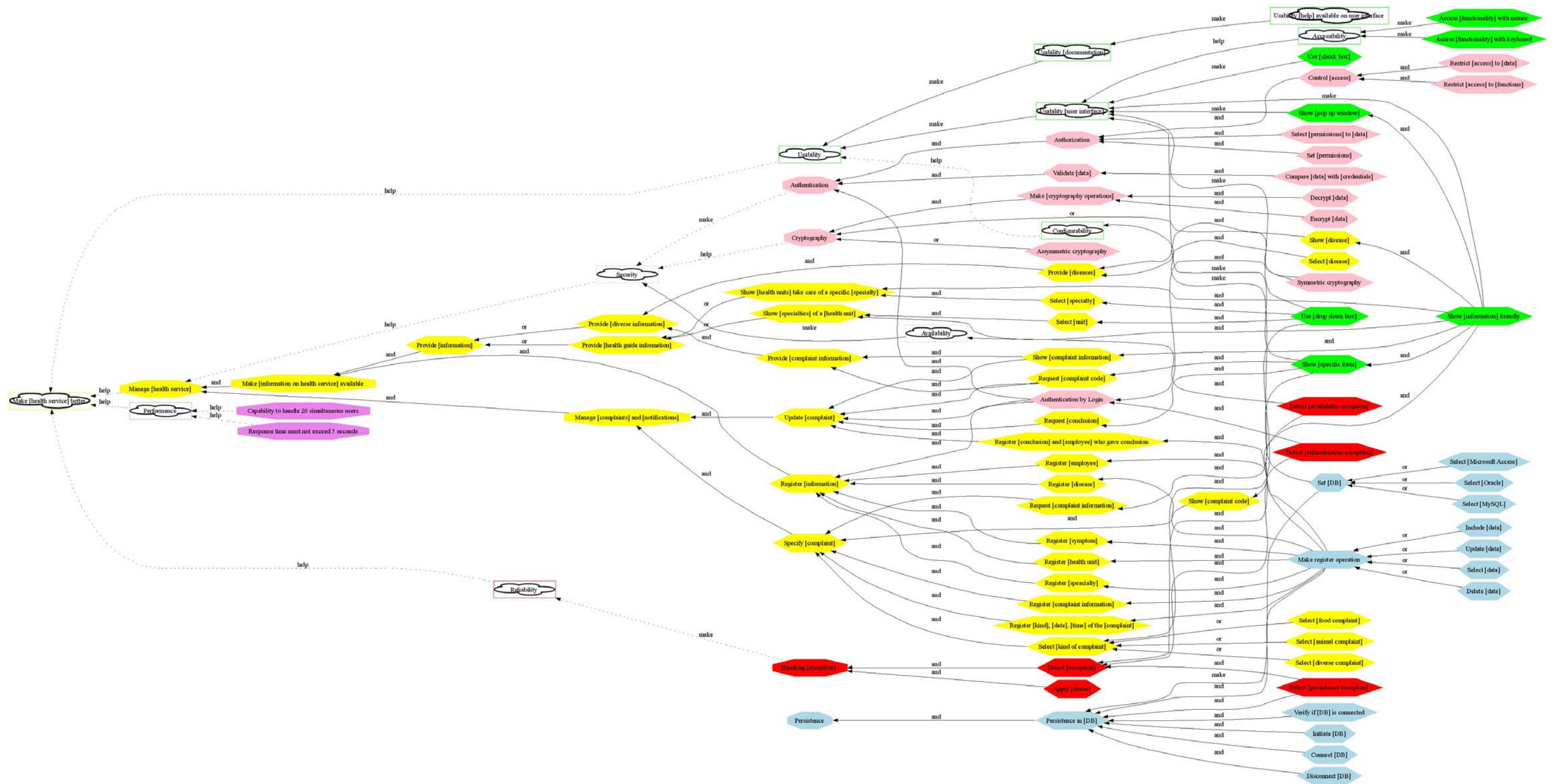


Figure 4 – AOV-graph of the Health Watcher System after composition

4.2 Hierarchy of softgoals, goals and tasks

In bold, we explicit new decompositions that were added by the composition.

4.2.1 Model: Manage [health service]

- Make [health service] better
- Manage [health service]
 - Manage [complaints] and [notifications]
 - Specify [complaint]
 - Select [kind of complaint]
 - Select [diverse complaint]
 - Select [food complaint]
 - Select [animal complaint]
 - **Use [drop down box]**
 - Register [kind], [date], [time] of the [complaint]
 - **Make register operation**
 - Request [complaint information]
 - **Show [specific form]**
 - Register [complaint information]
 - **Make register operation**
 - Show [complaint code]
 - **Show [information] friendly**
 - Update [complaint]
 - Request [complaint code]
 - **Show [specific form]**
 - Show [complaint information]
 - **Show [information] friendly**
 - Request [conclusion]
 - **Show [specific form]**
 - Register [conclusion] and [employee] who gave conclusion
 - **Make register operation**
 - **Authentication by Login**
 - Make [information on health service] available
 - Register [information]
 - Register [health unit]
 - **Make register operation**
 - Register [speacialty]
 - **Make register operation**
 - Register [employee]
 - **Make register operation**
 - Register [disease]
 - **Make register operation**
 - Register [symptom]
 - **Make register operation**
 - **Authentication by Login**
 - Provide [information]
 - Provide [health guide information]
 - Show [health units] take care of a specific [specialty]
 - Select [specialty]
 - **Use [drop down box]**
 - **Show [information] friendly**
 - Show [specialties] of a [health unit]
 - Select [unit]

- Use [drop down box]
 - Show [information] friendly
- Provide [diverse information]
 - Provide [complaint information]
 - Request [complaint code]
 - Show [complaint information]
 - Provide [diseases]
 - Select [disease]
 - Show [disease]
 - Show [information] friendly

4.2.2 Model: Persistence

- Persistence
 - Persistence in [DB]
 - Verify if [DB] is connected
 - Initiate [DB]
 - Connect [DB]
 - Make register operation
 - Include [data]
 - Select [data]
 - Delete [data]
 - Update [data]
 - Disconnect [DB]
 - Set [DB]
 - Select [Microsoft Access]
 - Select [Oracle]
 - Select [MySQL]
 - Detect [persistence exception]

4.2.3 Model: Reliability

- Reliability
- Handling [exception]
 - Detect [exception]
 - Detect [persistence exception]
 - Detect [authentication exception]
 - Detect [availability exception]
 - Apply [dealer]

4.2.4 Model: Security

- Security
 - Availability
 - Detect [availability exception]
- Authentication
 - Authentication by Login
 - Detect [authentication exception]
 - Symmetric cryptography
 - Validate [data]
 - Compare [data] with [credentials]
 - Authorization
 - Select [permissions] to [data]

- Set [permissions]
 - Control [access]
 - Restrict [access] to [functions]
 - Restrict [access] to [data]
- Cryptography
 - Asymmetric cryptography
 - Symmetric cryptography
 - Make [cryptography operations]
 - Encrypt [data]
 - Decrypt [data]

4.2.5 Model: Performance

- Performance
- Response time must not exceed 5 seconds
- Capability to handle 20 simultaneous users

4.2.6 Model: Usability

- Usability
 - Usability [documentation]
 - Usability [help] available on user interface
 - Usability [user interface]
 - Accessibility
 - Access [functionality] with mouse
 - Access [functionality] with keyboard
 - Use [check box]
 - Use [drop down box]
 - Show [pop up window]
 - **Show [information] friendly**
 - Show [specific form]
 - **Show [information] friendly**
 - Show [information] friendly
- Configurability
 - **Set [DB]**

5. Evaluating the HealthWatcher and the AOV-graph

We think the HealthWatcher is a good example, but it would be better if other functionalities were added in order to provide flexibility for exploring crosscutting concerns come from functional requirements (specific from the health domain). We only modeled HealthWatcher's AOV-graph based on the functionalities presented in Use Case Specification, and we only found the traditional crosscutting concerns, those come from Persistence, Usability, Security, Reliability.

With the AOV-graph was possible to model the HealthWatcher system, but some information is not properly captured, such as data types, actors for each goal/task and sequence of tasks:

- It is possible to refine the modeling in order to add more information about data types, but it can make the model very big and unmanageable, thus we prefer to use a glossary in order to define the information about the data types.

- It is possible to add the actors to tasks and goals by using intertype declarations (with attribute type) and would be necessary to define a new view showing these actors.
- It is possible to generate a scenarios view in order to show sequences of activities, but this view can only be generated by using the sequence of tasks defined in XML language.

Some advantages on using AOV-graph:

- The AOV-graph represents very well the interactions between functional and non-functional requirements.
- Using AOV-graph it is possible to generate different views, such as: partial views of the AOV-graph, scenarios, class diagram, entity-relationship, list of requirements.

Some drawbacks on using AOV-graph:

- The AOV-graph models tend to increase a lot (graphically), making the visualization (and printing) difficult. In these cases it is essential to have partial views of AOV-graph.
- There are no tools available for edition of AOV-graphs (XML) and for edition of the created views. Although, there are a set of XSLTs to generate views, they are not integrated and the transformations rules need to be improved. It is also necessary a semantic verification tool.