## Istar in Practice: Scaling Up Model Acquisition and Other War Stories

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**Abstract.** In reflecting on experiences from practical applications of  $i^*$ , the hardest challenge we have had to face was that of scaling up model acquisition. I will describe a short-term fix that worked in the instance of a project with a government agency, and a more principled approach that we have examined in the past few years. I will also recount, time permitting, experiences from the use of  $i^*$  in a project that addressed the automation of strategic alignment checking.