



# MODELLING METHOD INTEGRATION: SEMANTIC LIFTING APPROACH

Scenario: Supply Chain Management

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- ▶ **SCM Scenario**
- ▶ Hybrid Modelling Approach Introduction
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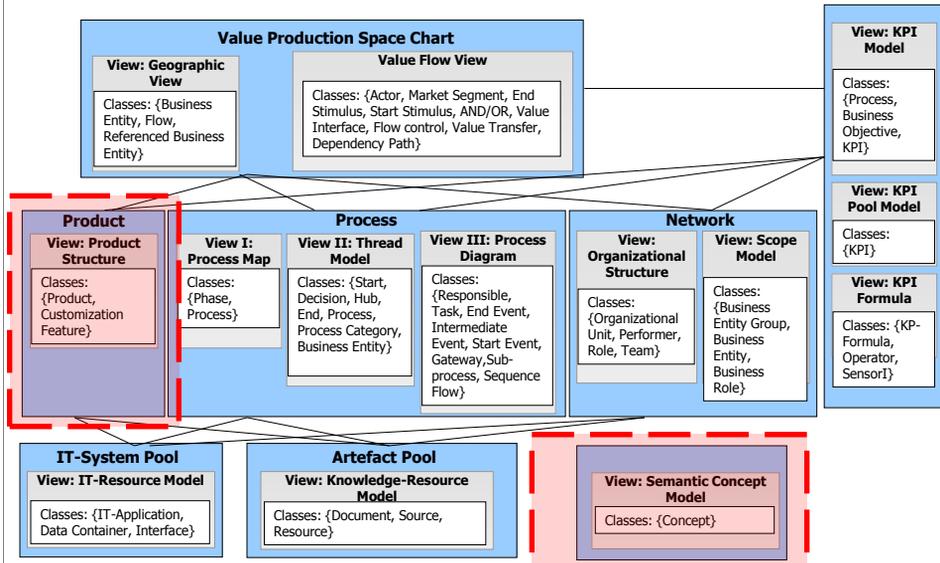
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## Characteristics of SCM Models

- ▶ Interplay of different actors:
  - ▶ directly involved (e.g. producers, suppliers)
  - ▶ semi-directly involved (e.g. customers)
  - ▶ indirectly involved (e.g. government)
- ▶ Obeying to different rules:
  - ▶ imposed rules (e.g. law – privacy issues)
  - ▶ "lived" rules (e.g. management decisions)
- ▶ Importance of Interoperability
  - ▶ many different standards for all aspects (e.g. SCOR, VRM)
  - ▶ importance of "leveled" semantics (e.g. understanding current status)

# Supply Chain Management Scenario



**Focus of Practice Slot**

## Supply Chain Management Scenario



### Goals

1. Define Model Structure using ADOxx for describing Product Model
2. Apply Semantic Lifting approach to extend the Product Model with an external Semantic Meta Model
3. Implement functionality to apply Semantic Lifting:
  1. Using an ADOxx Interref
  2. Using Direct Textual Annotation within Model Object
  3. Using Semantic Transit Model (simple and using WebService Interface)
  4. Using Model Objects as a Whiteboard

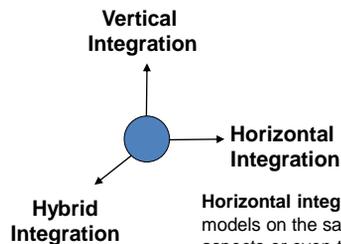
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## Integration Approaches

**Vertical integration** represents a top-down or bottom-up integration approach. Metamodels and models with different level of details are integrated.



**Hybrid integration** is the combination of the vertical and horizontal integration approach.

**Horizontal integration** integrates enterprise models on the same level of details. Different aspects or even the same aspects but from different viewpoints are integrated.

Source: Kühn H. (2004). Methodenintegration im Business Engineering, PhD Thesis, University of Vienna, April 2004.

## Heterogeneity Dimensions



- ▶ **Syntactical**
  - ▶ Heterogeneity of formats
  - ▶ Unstructured, semi-structured and structured formats
  - ▶ Example: Serialization formats: XML-based, object-oriented, relational formats, etc.
- ▶ **Structural**
  - ▶ Representational heterogeneity (different modelling primitives available – expressive power of language may vary) - Example: Some languages support multiple inheritance, others are restricted to single parent class.
  - ▶ Schematic heterogeneity (concepts are described differently, while seen from different viewpoints) - Example: the concept "Performer" is defined as a simple attribute of a class, whereas the same concept can be described with two classes: the "Worker" and its generalisation "Processor".
- ▶ **Semantic**
  - ▶ differences in the meaning of the concepts under consideration
  - ▶ Semantically equivalent concepts (e.g. synonyms)
  - ▶ Semantically related concepts (relation types such as "is-a", "has-a", "type-of" and "associate" etc)
  - ▶ Unrelated concepts (completely orthogonal semantics – homonyms?)

**Heterogeneity dimensions occur on all level of metamodeling hierarchy**

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## How can we realize Semantic Lifting (1/2)



- ▶ **RS1 – Non-supported direct linkage:** in this scenario the meta models that are utilized in the applied setting are not changed or adapted. The stakeholder responsible for performing the semantic lifting achieves the desired result by manually entering the semantic concept in an existing attribute field in the target meta model. In case such attribute is not required a minor change of the target meta model may be required. Functional support of the underlying meta modeling platform for the semantic lifting process is not essential.
- ▶ **RS2 – Supported direct linkage:** this realization scenario depicts a use case where two meta models – Source, and Target (possibly residing in two different tools/components of the distributed application) are connected using the scripting functionality provided by the underlying meta modeling platform. The linkage is established by selecting a modeling object from the source meta model and establishing a connection to the target meta model through so-called semantic-tunnel. Additional context information may be made available to the process by employing attributes in either hidden or non-instantiated modeling objects. This scenario relies heavily on the functionality provided by the utilized meta modeling platform.

## How can we realize Semantic Lifting (2/2)



- ▶ **RS3 – Indirect linkage:** this scenario makes use of so-called Semantic Transit Models (STM). This depicts an approach where objects from source model required for the semantic lifting are introduced in the target platform as STM – thus enabling light version of the strong integration pattern. This gives advantage of a redundant concept storage – which is then managed by e.g. write protecting the STM and allowing only import of new concepts from the source meta model. The complexity introduced by the redundant storage (subset applicable to the specific model that is to be lifted) is handled either by mechanisms of the meta modeling platform or by external tools and services (e.g. notification on changes of the source/target to keep the semantic lifting consistent)
- ▶ **RS4 – Loose coupling:** is a specialization of the indirect linkage, given that the referenced are not the modeling objects from target (or vice versa the source) but instead a reference from both is made to a reference ontology. A similar approach is applied when using pivot approach when integrating domain ontologies.
- ▶ **RS5 – Direct/Indirect linkage:** is a combination of the two approaches by providing a support in terms of a fixed core set of concepts that can be used for the semantic lifting, as well as allowing the agile approach to allow import of new or changed concepts in the applied set.

## Realization of the Semantic Lifting in the Hands On Session



### Scenarios

- ▶ SL1 - Model to Model Instance with Interref
- ▶ SL2 - Textual Annotation within Model
- ▶ SL3 - Model to Model Instance through the Semantic Transit Model
- ▶ SL4 - Model to Text File with AdoScript
- ▶ SL5 - Model to Web Service with AdoScript
- ▶ SL6 - Graphical Annotation within Model (Whiteboard)
- ▶ SL7 - Model to Web Service through the Semantic Transit Model

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## Prerequisites for Semantic Lifting



- ▶ **ADOxx v 1.3**  
download at [www.adoxx.org](http://www.adoxx.org)
- ▶ **GnuWin32 Wget**  
download at <http://downloads.sourceforge.net/gnuwin32/wget-1.11.4-1-setup.exe>
- ▶ **Apache Tomcat 7.x and Java JDK 1.7**  
download at <http://tomcat.apache.org> and  
<http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/index.html>

## Prerequisites for Semantic Lifting



### Setup

- ▶ After installing the required prerequisites:
  - ▶ Deploy SemanticLiftingWS1 to WS4.war to Tomcat
  - ▶ Store the SemLift.bat file at C:\ drive\*.
  - ▶ Store the test.txt file at C:\ drive\*.
  - ▶ If required change your installation path for the GnuWin32 Wget.
  - ▶ Check if you are using a proxy to access the internet and adapt the SemLift.bat accordingly

\* If you do not have access rights to write/read from C drive then place it somewhere else and adapt the scripts accordingly

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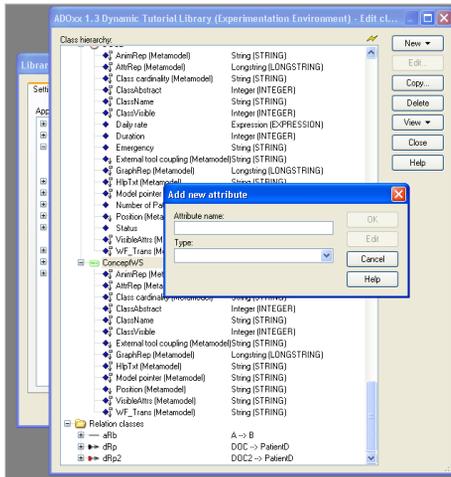


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## Definition of Modelling Language on ADOxx

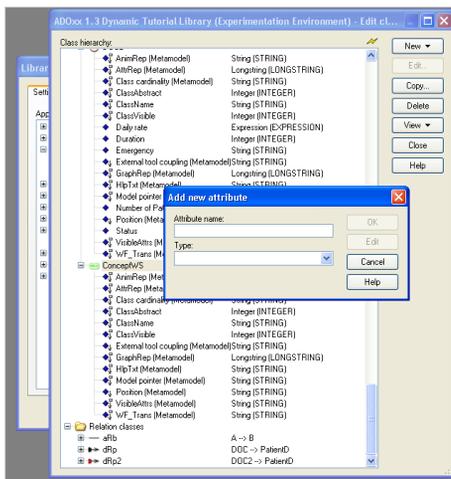
Define Classes,  
Attributes and Model  
Types



1. For Class "Product"
2. Select New Attribute
3. Create following Attributes:
  1. Name (STRING)
  2. Description (STRING)
  3. Cost (DOUBLE)
  4. Price (DOUBLE)
  5. Status (ENUMERATION)
  6. Notify (STRING)
  7. Send Mobile Notification (PROGRAMCALL)

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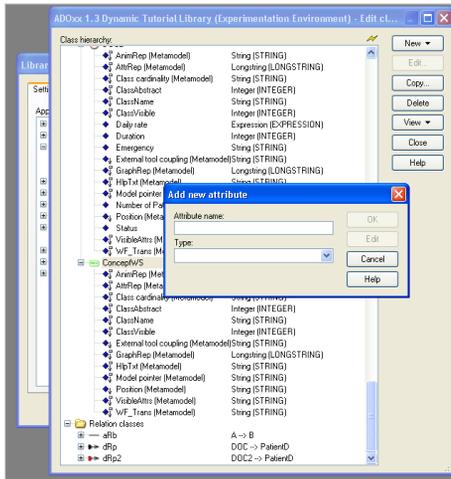


1. For Class "Customization feature"
2. Select New Attribute
3. Create following Attributes:
  1. Name (STRING)
  2. Description (STRING)
  3. Type (ENUMERATION)
  4. Quantity (DOUBLE)
  5. Measurement (ENUMERATION)
  6. Cost (DOUBLE)
  7. Price (DOUBLE)
  8. Is a product (INTERREF)
  9. Annotation (INTERREF)
  10. SL2 Annotation I (ENUMERATIONLIST)
  11. SL2 Annotation II (STRING)

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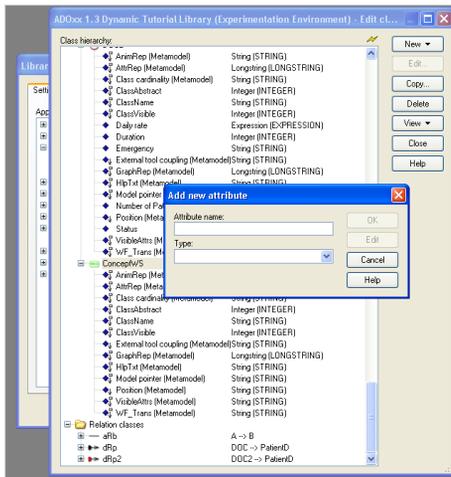


12. Semantic Transit Model (INTERREF)
13. Select Concept (PROGRAMCALL)
14. Detailed Annotation (INTERREF)
15. Text File (STRING)
16. Load Concepts (PROGRAMCALL)
17. Detailed Annotation 2 (STRING)
18. WebService (STRING)
19. Load WebService Concepts (PROGRAMCALL)
20. WS Annotation (STRING)
21. SL6 Annotation (STRING)
22. Semantic Transit Model - WS (INTERREF)
23. WS Annotation II (STRING)

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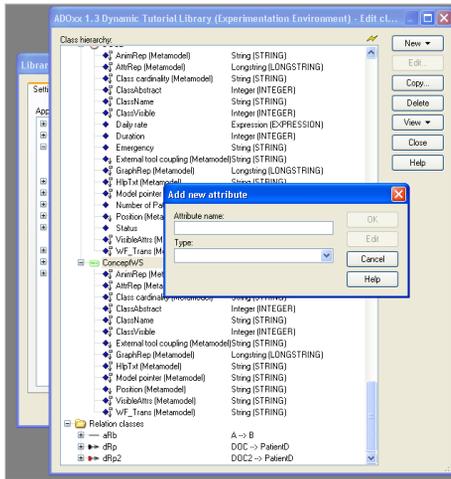
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1. For Class "Concept"
2. Select New Attribute
3. Create following Attributes:
  1. Concept type (INTERREF)

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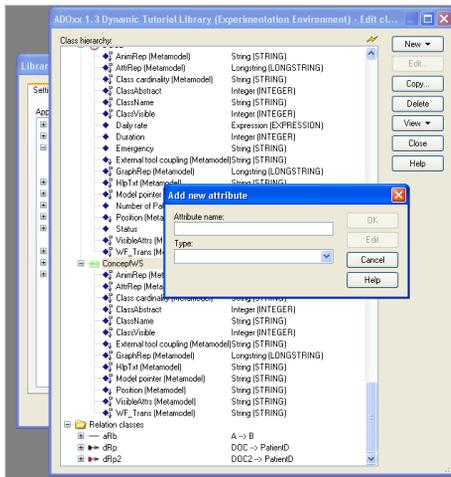
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1. For Class "ConceptWS"
2. Select New Attribute
3. Create following Attributes:
  1. WS Endpoint (STRING)

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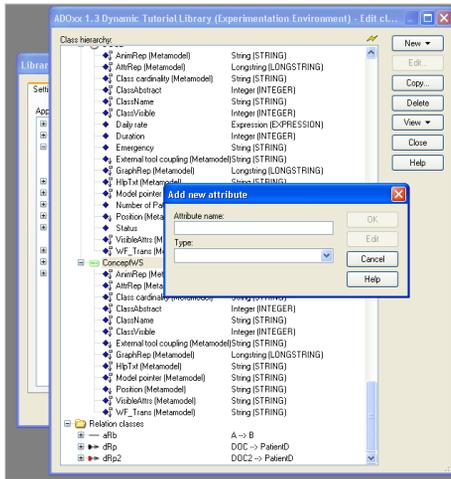
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1. For Class "Instance"
2. Select New Attribute
3. Create following Attributes:
  1. Concept type (INTERREF)
  2. Description (STRING)

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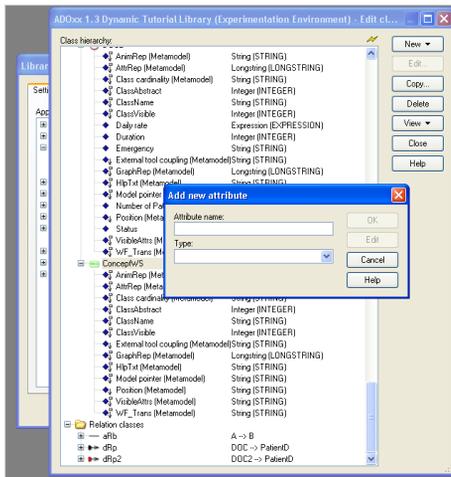
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1. For Class "Root concept"
2. Select New Attribute
3. Create following Attributes:
  1. Description (STRING)

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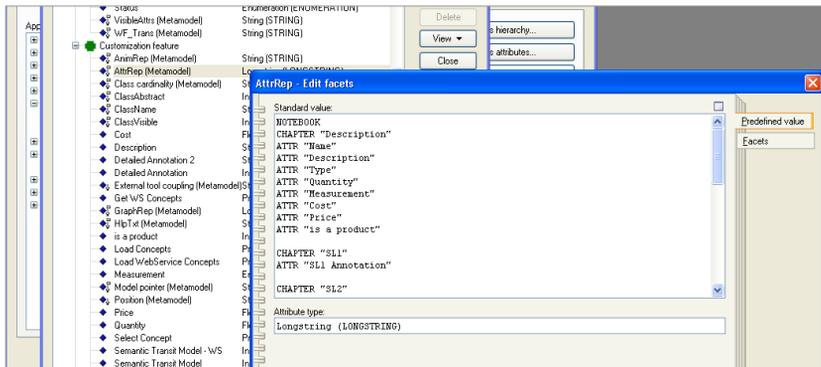
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1. For Class "Note"
2. Select New Attribute
3. Create following Attributes:
  1. Note
  2. Annotated

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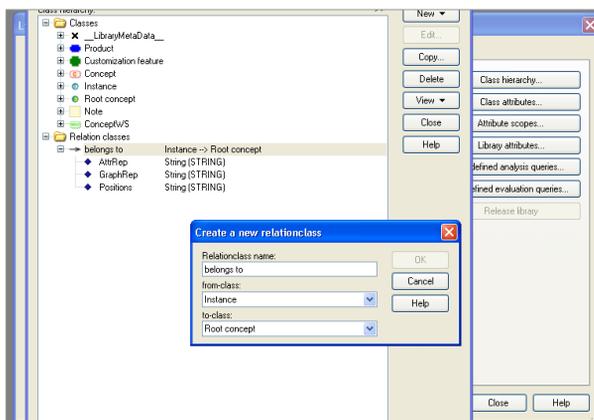
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1. Select AttRep Attribute of created classes
2. Write AttRep code to make created attributes visible in the Notebook

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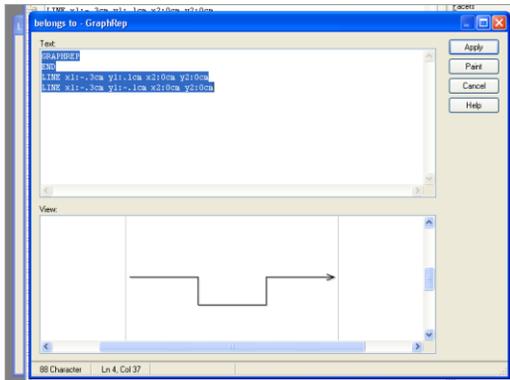
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1. Define a Relationclass
2. "belongs to" between Instance -> Root concept

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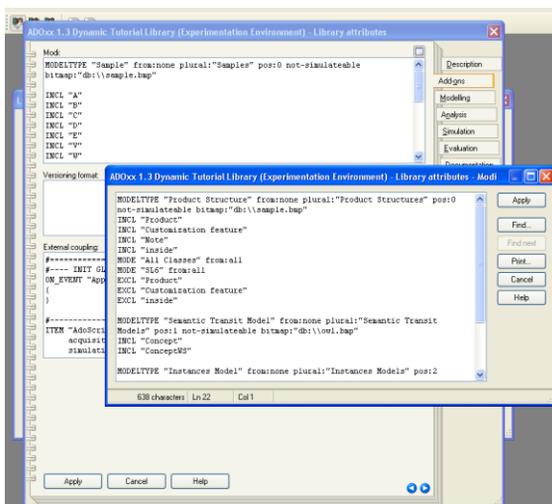
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1. Select GraphRep Attribute
2. Open Dialog
3. Write GraphRep code to visualise the Relationclass

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1. Select Library attributes
2. Click on tab Add-ons
3. Expand the "Modi"
4. Write the Model Type definition Code for "Product Structure, Instances Model, Semantic Transit Model"



## SL1 - Model to Model Instance with Interref: Code

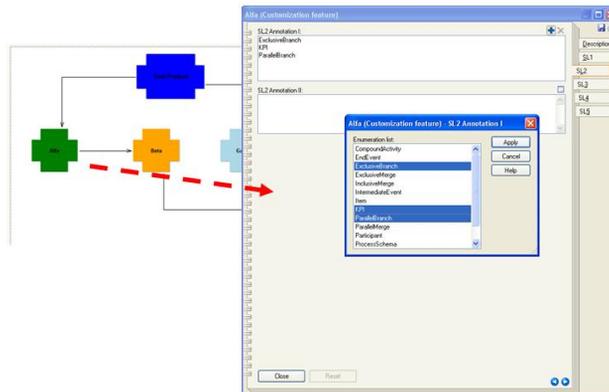
ALL Code

```
ATTRIBUTE <SL1 Annotation>
TYPE INTERREF
  FACET <MultiLineString>
  VALUE 0
  FACET <AttributeHelpText>
  VALUE "This SL approach is realized by providing an INTERREF connection to a one or
more concepts/instances"
  FACET <AttributeRegularExpression>
  VALUE ""
  FACET <AttributeInterRefDomain>
  VALUE "REFDOMAIN"

OBJREF
  mt:"Instances Model"
  c:"Instance"
"
```

## SL2 - Textual Annotation within Model: Scenario

This scenario provides a functionality to annotate desired modelling object with either predefined set of concepts (hard-coded/selected by an expert) or to add a new previously non existing annotation by using a free text input field



## SL2 - Textual Annotation within Model: Code

ALL Code

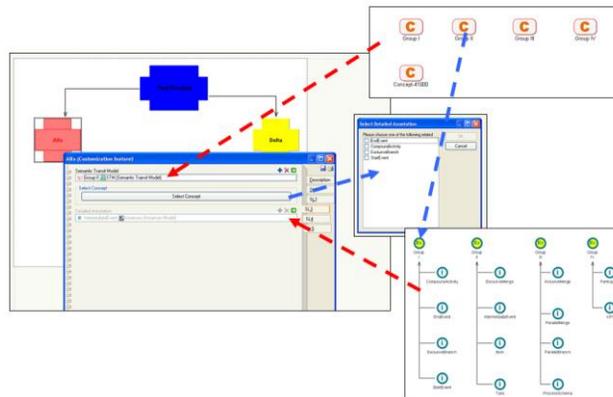
```
ATTRIBUTE <SL2 Annotation I>
TYPE ENUMERATIONLIST

    FACET <EnumerationDomain>
    VALUE
"CompoundActivity@EndEvent@ExclusiveBranch@ExclusiveMerge@InclusiveMerge@IntermediateEvent@Item@KPI@ParallelBranch@
ParallelMerge@Participant@ProcessSchema@StartEvent@Task"
    FACET <MultiLineString>
    VALUE 0
    FACET <AttributeHelpText>
    VALUE **
    FACET <AttributeRegularExpression>
    VALUE **

ATTRIBUTE <SL2 Annotation I>
VALUE **
```

## SL3 - Model to Model Instance through the Semantic Transit Model: Scenario

This scenario provides a functionality to annotate desired modelling object with a set of concepts (available as a model/modelling objects) that can be connected through a Semantic Transit Models and used as annotation concepts.



## SL3 - Model to Model Instance through the Semantic Transit Model: Code (1/2)

AdoScript Code

```
ITEM "Select Concept"
SET my_objid: (STR objid)
SET myobjid: (VAL my_objid)
CC "Modeling" GET_ACT_MODEL
SET myModelID: (modelid)

CC "Core" GET_CLASS_ID objid: (myobjid)
CC "Core" GET_ATTR_ID classid: (classid) attrname: ("Semantic Transit Model")
CC "Core" GET_INTERREF objid: (myobjid) attrid: (attrid) index: 0
CC "Core" GET_CLASS_ID objid: (tobjid)
CC "Core" GET_ATTR_ID classid: (classid) attrname: ("Concept type")
CC "Core" GET_INTERREF objid: (tobjid) attrid: (attrid) index: 0

SET
aql_str: ((("\\""+(tobjname)+("\":"")+ (tclassname)+("\":"")+ (tmodelname)+("\":"")+ (tmodeltype)+("\")
<-\"belongs to\""))
CC "AQL" EVAL_AQL_EXPRESSION expr: (aql_str) modelid: (tmodelid)

SET conceptIDs: (objids)

CC "AdoScript" TLB_CREATE title:"Select Detailed Annotation" oktext:"OK" canceltext:"Cancel"
boxtext:"Please choose one of the following related concepts" no-help:1 button-w:60 max-w:500 max-
h:367 min-w:200 min-h:150 sorted: 1 checklistbox:1
FOR conceptID in: (conceptIDs)
{
CC "Core" GET_OBJ_NAME objid: (VAL conceptID)
SET conceptName: (objname)
```

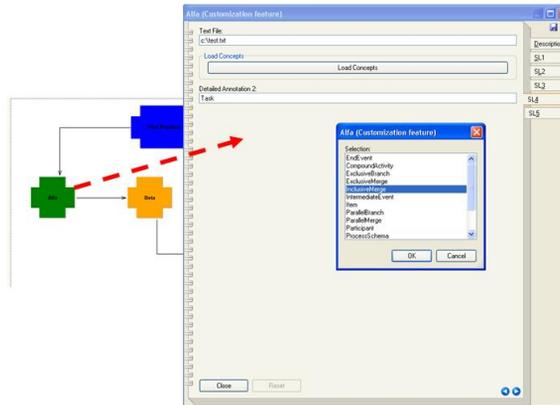
## SL3 - Model to Model Instance through the Semantic Transit Model: Code (2/2)

AdoScript Code

```
CC "AdoScript" TLB_INSERT id: (VAL conceptID) text: (conceptName)
}
CC "AdoScript" TLB_SHOW
IF (ecode = 0)
{
    CC "Core" GET_CLASS_ID classname: ("Customization feature")
    SET myclassid: (classid)
    CC "Core" GET_ATTR_ID classid: (myclassid) attrname: "Detailed Annotation"
    SET myattrid: (attrid)
    CC "Core" GET_INTERREF_COUNT objid: (myobjid) attrid: (myattrid)
    IF ((count)>0)
    {
        CC "Core" REMOVE_INTERREF objid: (myobjid) attrid: (myattrid) index: 0
    }
    FOR mySelectedID in: (selectedids)
    {
        CC "Core" ADD_INTERREF objid: (myobjid) attrid: (myattrid) tobjid: (VAL mySelectedID)
        EXIT
    }
}
ELSE
{
    CC "AdoScript" INFOBOX ("You cancelled the dialog without selecting detailed annotation!")
}
}
```

## SL4 - Model to Text File with AdoScript: Scenario

This scenario provides a functionality to annotate desired modelling object with a set of concepts available in a flat file format (e.g. .txt)



## SL4 - Model to Text File with AdoScript: Code

AdoScript Code

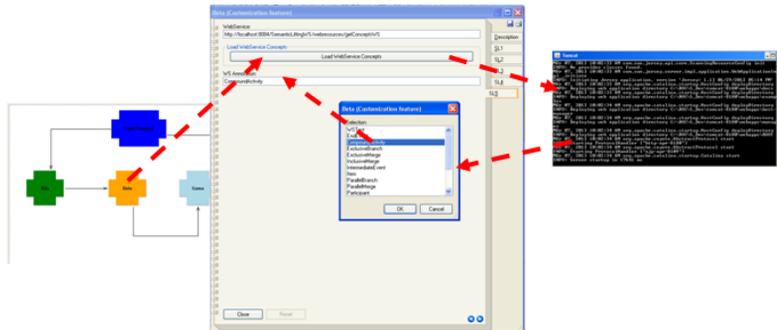
```

ITEM "Load Concepts"
SET my_objid: (STR objid)
SET my_objid: (VAL my_objid)
CC "Modeling" GET_ACT MODEL
SET myModelID: (modelId)
CC "Core" GET_ATTR_VAL objid: (myobjjid) attrname: ("Text File")
SET txt: (val)
CC "AdoScript" FREAD file: (txt)
SET text_new: (text)
CC "AdoScript" LISTBOX entries: (text_new) toksep: "@"
IF (endbutton = ("ok"))
{
    CC "Core" GET_CLASS_ID objid: (myobjjid)
    SET myclassid: (classid)
    CC "Core" GET_ATTR_ID classid: (myclassid) attrname: "Detailed Annotation 2"
    SET myattrid: (attrid)
    FOR mySelectedID in: (selection)
    {
        CC "Core" SET_ATTR_VAL objid: (myobjjid) attrid: (myattrid) val: (mySelectedID)
        EXIT
    }
}
ELSE
{
    CC "AdoScript" INFOBOX ("You cancelled the dialog without selecting detailed annotation!")
}

```

## SL5 - Model to Web Service with AdoScript: Scenario

This scenario provides a functionality to annotate desired modelling object with a set of concepts available from a Webservice API (REST), thus enabling dynamic availability of the required concepts



## SL5 - Model to Web Service with AdoScript: Code

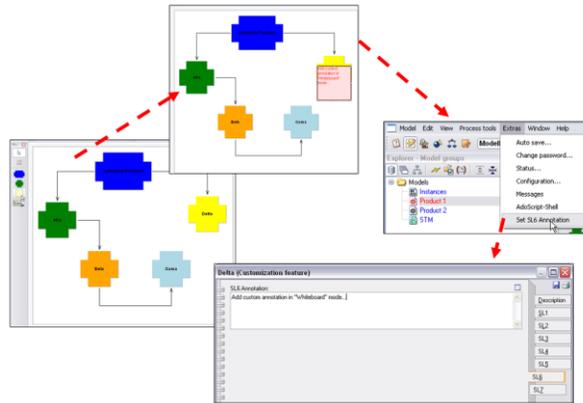
AdoScript Code

```

ITEM "Load Webservice Concepts"
SET my_objid: (STR objid)
SET myobjjid: (VAL my_objid)
CC "Modeling" GET_ACT_MODEL
SET myModelID: (modelid)
CC "Core" GET_ATTR_VAL objid:(myobjjid) attrname:("WebService")
SET txtWS: (val)
SYSTEM ("C:\\SemLift.bat \"\"+txtWS+"\"")
SET txt: ("C:\\getConceptsWS")
CC "AdoScript" FREAD file: (txt)
SET text_new: (text)
CC "AdoScript" LISTBOX entries: (text_new) toksep: "@"
IF (endbutton = ("ok"))
{
    CC "Core" GET_CLASS_ID objid:(myobjjid)
    SET myclassid: (classid)
    CC "Core" GET_ATTR_ID classid: (myclassid) attrname: "WS Annotation"
    SET myattrid: (attrid)
    FOR mySelectedID in: (selection)
    {
        CC "Core" SET_ATTR_VAL objid:(myobjjid) attrid:(myattrid) val: (mySelectedID)
        CC "AdoScript" FILE_DELETE file: ("C:\\getConceptsWS")
        EXIT
    }
    CC "AdoScript" FILE_DELETE file: ("C:\\getConceptsWS")
}
ELSE
{
    CC "AdoScript" INFOBOX ("You cancelled the dialog without selecting detailed annotation!")
    CC "AdoScript" FILE_DELETE file: ("C:\\getConceptsWS")
}
CC "AdoScript" FILE_DELETE file: ("C:\\getConceptsWS")
    
```

## SL6 - Graphical Annotation within Model (Whiteboard): Scenario

This scenario provides a “whiteboard” functionality to annotate a desired modelling object with previously non existing concepts by using an object that functions as a post-it on a whiteboard.



## SL6 - Graphical Annotation within Model (Whiteboard): Code (1/3)

AdoScript Code

```

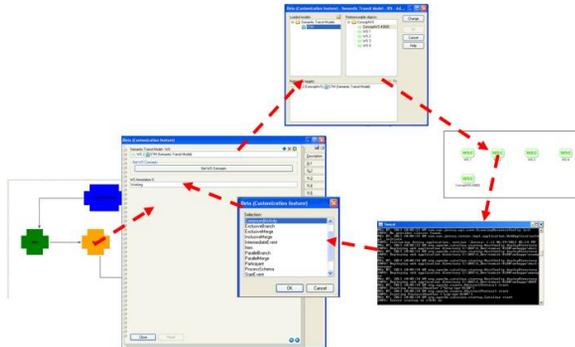
-----
ITEM "Set SL6 Annotation"
  acquisition:"Extras" modeling:"Extras" analysis:"Extras"
  simulation:"Extras" evaluation:"Extras" importexport:"Extras"
-----
CC "Modeling" GET_ACT_MODEL
CC "Core" GET_ALL_OBJS modelid: (modelid)
SET str_objids: (objids)
SET id_noteids: (-1)
FOR id_objectid in: (str_objids)
{
  CC "Core" GET_CLASS_NAME classid: (VAL(id_objectid))
  IF (classname = "Note")
  {
    SET id_noteid: (VAL(id_objectid))
    CC "Core" GET_ATTR_VAL objid: (id_noteid) attrname: "Annotated"
    IF ( (val) = "no")
    {
      CC "Core" GET_CLASS_ID objid: (id_noteid)
      CC "Core" GET_ATTR_ID classid: (classid) attrname: "Position"
      CC "Core" GET_ATTR_VAL objid: (id_noteid) attrid: (attrid)
      SET str_notePosition: (val)
      SET n_xnote:0
      GET_PARAM_VAL main_string:(str_notePosition) idx_param:1 param_val:n_xnote
      SET n_ynote:0
      GET_PARAM_VAL main_string:(str_notePosition) idx_param:2 param_val:n_ynote
      SET n_wnote:0
      GET_PARAM_VAL main_string:(str_notePosition) idx_param:3 param_val:n_wnote
      SET n_hnote:0
      GET_PARAM_VAL main_string:(str_notePosition) idx_param:4 param_val:n_hnote
    }
  }
}

```



## SL7 - Model to Web Service through the Semantic Transit Model: Scenario

This scenario provides a functionality to annotate desired modelling object with a set of concepts available as an external resource which are accessed over a Web Service API. These concepts are then accessible through the Semantic Transit Models and can be used as annotation concepts.



## SL7 - Model to Web Service through the Semantic Transit Model: Code

AdoScript Code

```

ITEM "Get WS Concepts"
SET my_objid: (STR objid)
SET myobjid: (VAL my_objid)
CC "Modeling" GET_ACT_MODEL
SET myModelID: (modelid)
CC "Core" GET_CLASS_ID objid: (myobjid)
CC "Core" GET_ATTR_ID classid: (classid) attrname: ("Semantic Transit Model - WS")
CC "Core" GET_INTERREF objid: (myobjid) attrid: (attrid) index: 0
CC "Core" GET_ATTR_VAL objid: (objid) attrname: ("WS Endpoint")
SET txtWS: (val)
SYSTEM ("C:\\SemLift.bat \"\"+txtWS+\"\"")
SET txt: ("C:\\getConceptsWS")
CC "AdoScript" FREAD file: (txt)
SET text_new: (text)
CC "AdoScript" LISTBOX entries: (text_new) toksep: "@"
IF (endbutton = ("ok")) {
  CC "Core" GET_CLASS_ID objid: (myobjid)
  SET myclassid: (classid)
  CC "Core" GET_ATTR_ID classid: (myclassid) attrname: "WS Annotation II"
  SET myattrid: (attrid)
  FOR mySelectedID in: (selection)
  {
    CC "Core" SET_ATTR_VAL objid: (myobjid) attrid: (myattrid) val: (mySelectedID)
    CC "AdoScript" FILE_DELETE file: ("C:\\getConceptsWS")
    EXIT
  }
  CC "AdoScript" FILE_DELETE file: ("C:\\getConceptsWS")
}
ELSE {
  CC "AdoScript" INFOBOX ("You cancelled the dialog without selecting detailed annotation!")
  CC "AdoScript" FILE_DELETE file: ("C:\\getConceptsWS")
}
CC "AdoScript" FILE_DELETE file: ("C:\\getConceptsWS")

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## Agenda

- ▶ SCM Scenario
- ▶ Hybrid Modelling Approach Introduction
- ▶ Semantic Lifting
- ▶ Hands On Sessions:
  - ▶ Prerequisites
  - ▶ Definition of Model Structure on ADOxx
  - ▶ Semantic Lifting
- ▶ **Q&A**

## Further Questions?

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