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FROM MODEL EDITORS TO MODELLING TOOLS: OPERATIONALIZING MODELLING METHODS WITH ADOxx

Tutorial 2

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OMiLAB: Approach

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- A **research and experimental laboratory** for the conceptualization, development and deployment of modelling methods and the models designed with them.
- Project space for Engineering of modelling methods and **modelling tools**
- A space for a community of researchers and practitioners sharing a common understanding about **model value**

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OMiLAB: Environment

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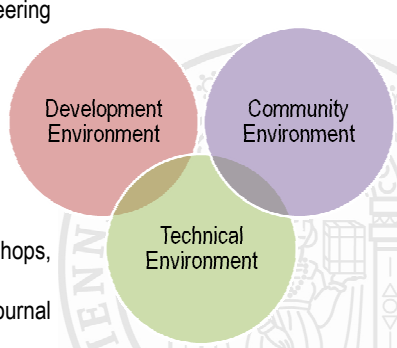
- Development environment consists of
  - Core (Open Use): ADOxx on OMiLAB
  - Add-Ons (Open Source): implemented community tools such as Model Annotator, GraphRep Generator, Model Publisher, Method Publisher, OM-Repository, Meta-Model Browser, MLEA – Modelling Language Engineering Assistant
- Technical environment supports
  - virtual and physical accessibility
  - packaging and deployment capabilities
- Community environment provides
  - Web-platform based on Liferay
  - Community events like conferences, workshops, summer schools
  - Publications like books, conference and journal papers
  - Project networking activities
  - Newsletters, media and OM-TV



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Agenda

- **Model Value**
- Definition of Model Structure on ADOxx
- Processing of Model Structure on ADOxx
  - Visualisation Functionality
  - Transformation Functionality
  - Analysis Functionality
- Conclusion

Model Definitions

- **Model as mappings of reality**
  …models as mappings of parts of reality for a particular purpose…

- **Model as a construction**
  ...the result of a construction of a modeler who declares for model users a representation of an original as significant at a given time using a language…

(Source: Schütte and Becker, 1998)

Model with Different Values

Representation Characteristic

"Models as a representation of natural or artifical originals, that again can be models." [1] (translated)

Abstraction Characteristic

"Models in general do not capture all attributes of the represented original, but only those that seem relevant to the modeller or model user."[1] (translated)

Pragmatic Characteristic

Models meet their substituion function for specific subjects, within a pre-determined time interval and with limitations on defined intellectual and/or real operations. [1] (translated)

Source: Stachowiak 1973

Introduction of Terms

- **Modelling Language:**
  Modelling constructs (object types) and their relations (relation types) to each other to declare a model.
- **Metamodel:**
  The model of the syntax of the modelling language
- **Meta^2 Model:**
  Model of abstract syntax of a language to describe meta models.
- **Modelling Technique:**
  A modelling language and proceeding instructions for creation of a model in this modelling language.
- **Mechanisms und Algorithms:**
  Provision of functionalities to process models such as manipulation, visualisation, query, transformation or simulation depending on the modelling language and modelling procedure.

Cf. (Karagiannis and Kühn, 2002; Karagiannis and Höfferer, 2006; Kühn 2004; Karagiannis and Visic, 2011)

Model Values: An Example

THE RESULTS OF MODELLING CAN BE USED

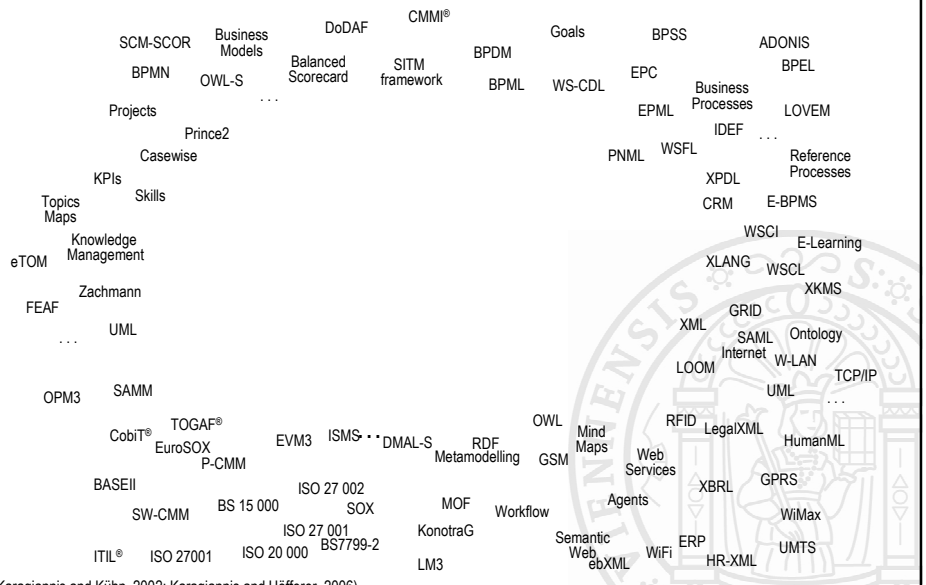
FOR GENERATING SOFTWARE, BUT ALSO ACT AS A BASIS OF

ENTERPRISE KNOWLEDGE PLATFORMS

MACHINE PROCESSABLE

Cf. (Karagiannis, 2012 – Presentation at FInES – "Translating Knowledge Into Growth: Views from ICT Research to Support Future Business Innovation")

Some machine-processable formats …



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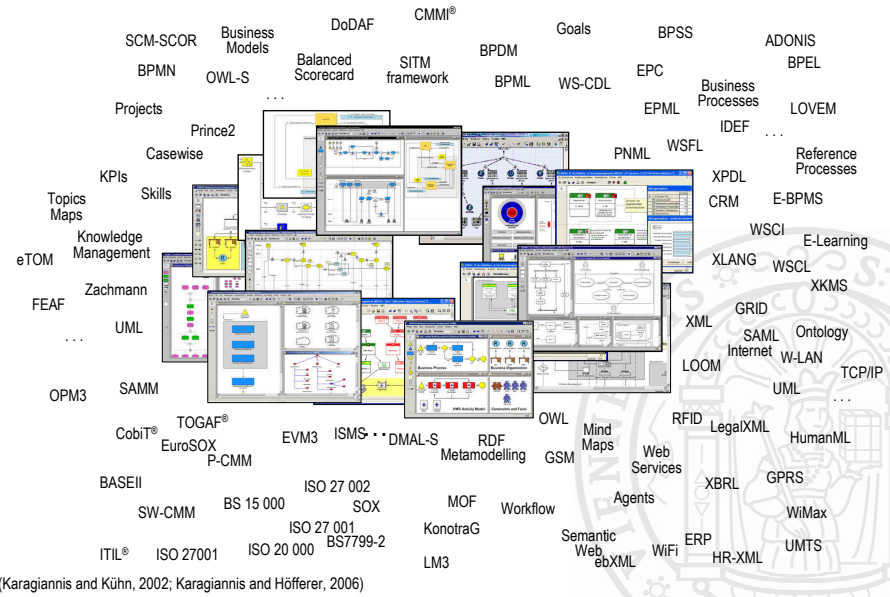

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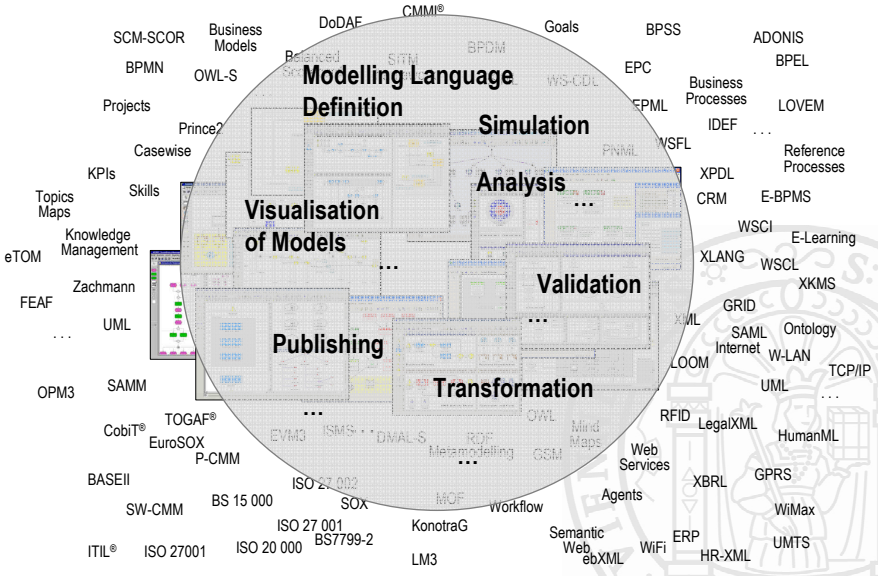
… to full-fledged modelling tool support.



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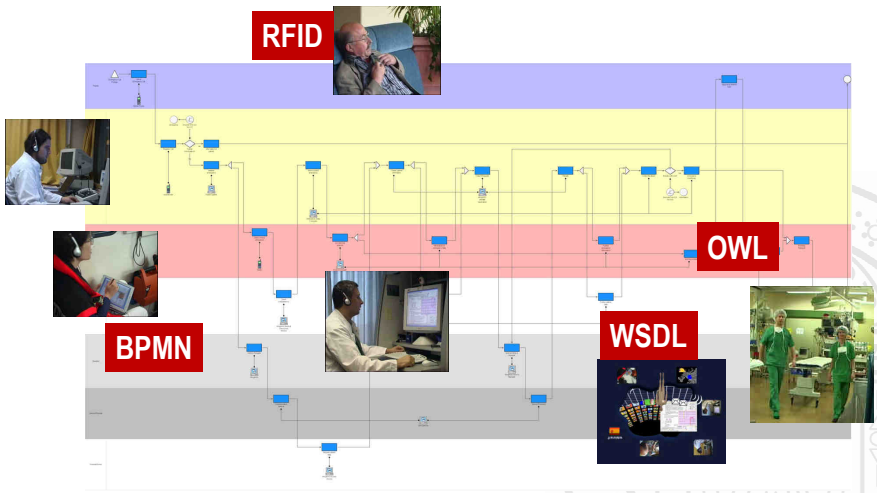
Scenario: Mobile eHealth Analysis and Simulation

AKOGRIMO Project

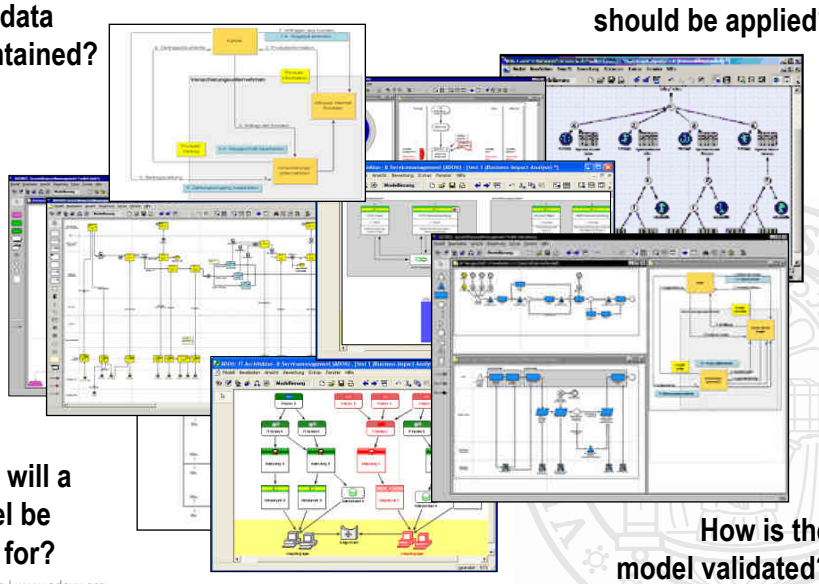


E-health scenario, for more information see video on http://www.mobilegrid.org

The necessary information for model processing

What data is contained?

Which algorithms should be applied?



What will a model be used for?

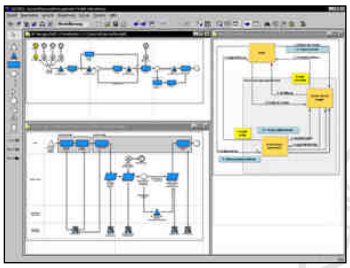
How is the model validated?

Some functionalities of modelling tools

Visualisation of models

User interaction like: drag and drop, zoom, grid snap, print, etc.

Simulation of models



Modelling language definition

Publishing in multiple formats

Transformation of models

Exchange of models

Analyse models and evaluate the results

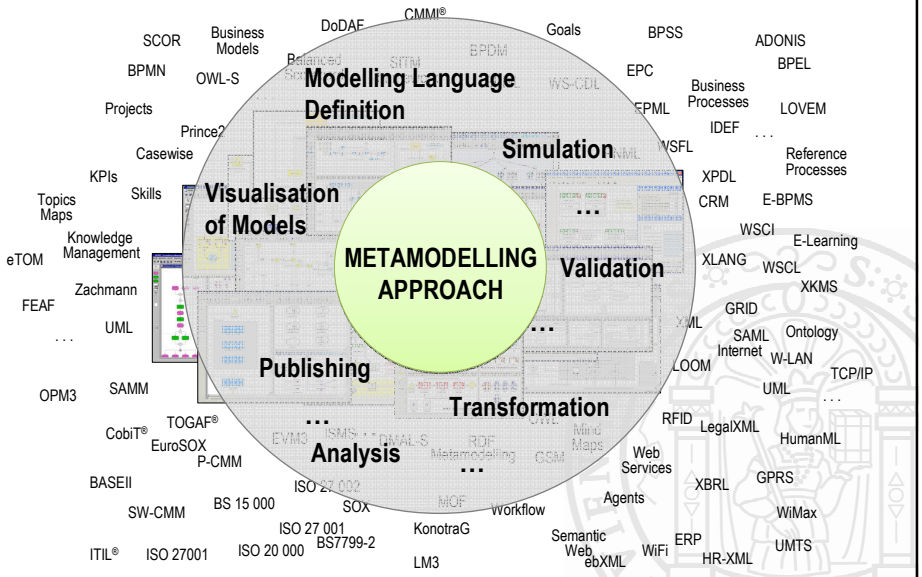
User access rights

Storage and Manipulation of Models

Security and Safety

Cf. (Karagiannis and Kühn, 2002; Karagiannis and Höfferer, 2006; Fill, 2009)

A Metamodel-based Realisation Approach



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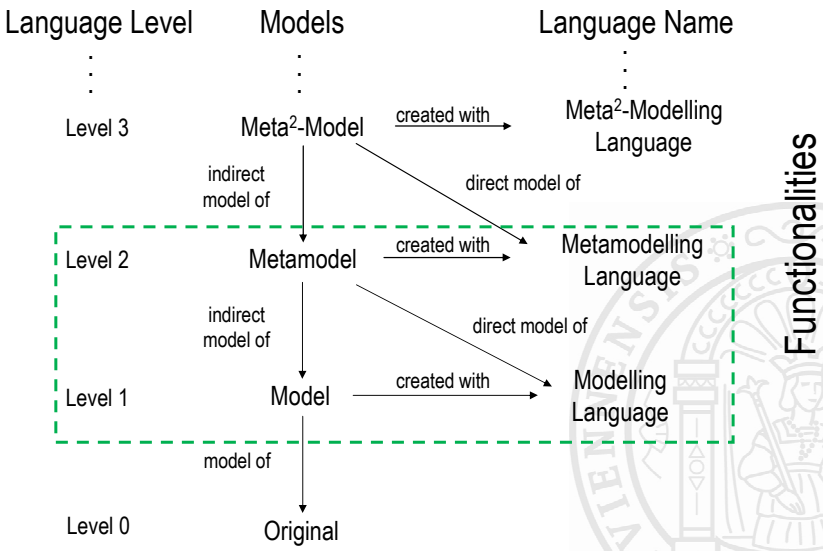
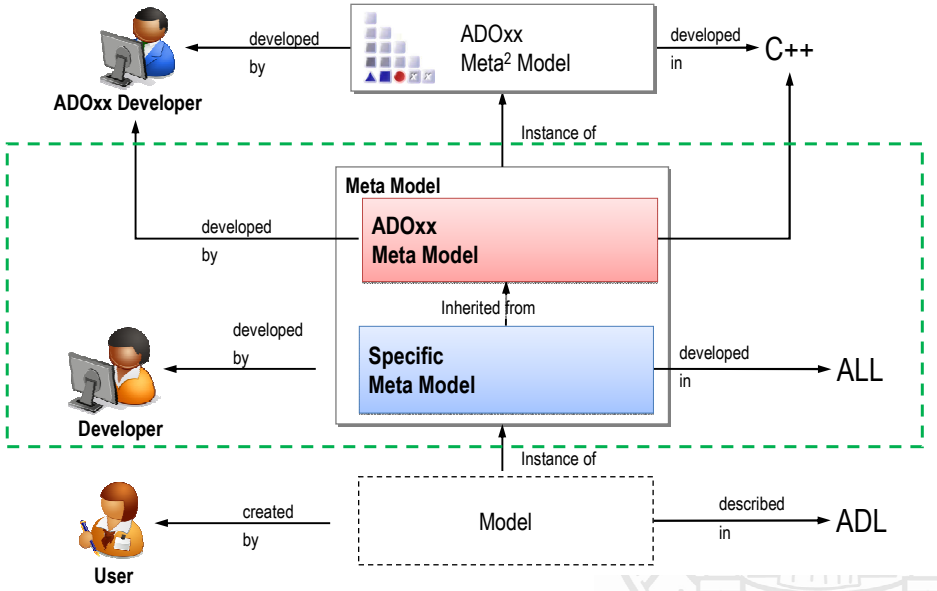
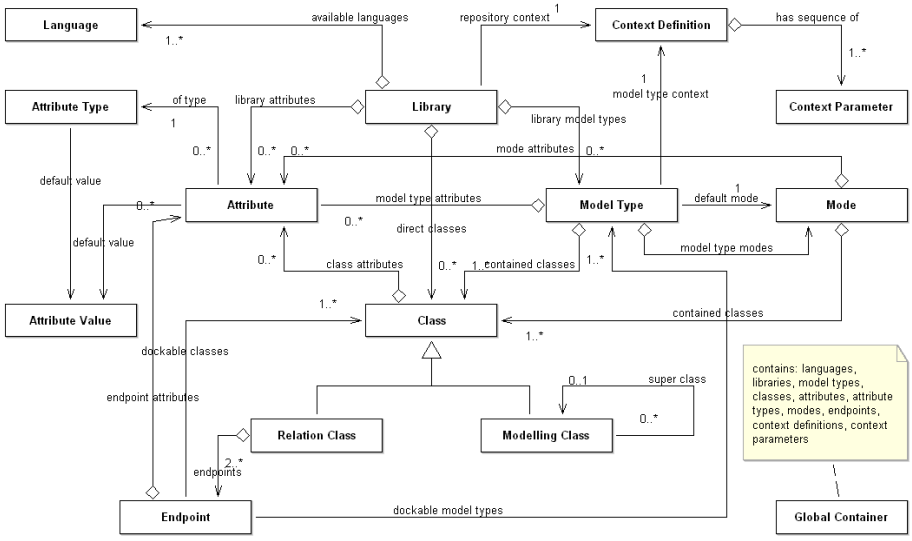
Definition of Model Structure and Functionalities



ADOxx Platforms Hierarchy

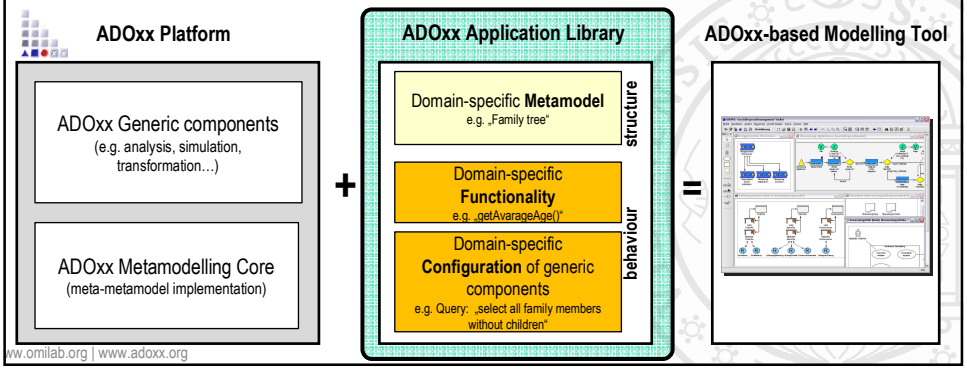


ADOxx Meta2-Model

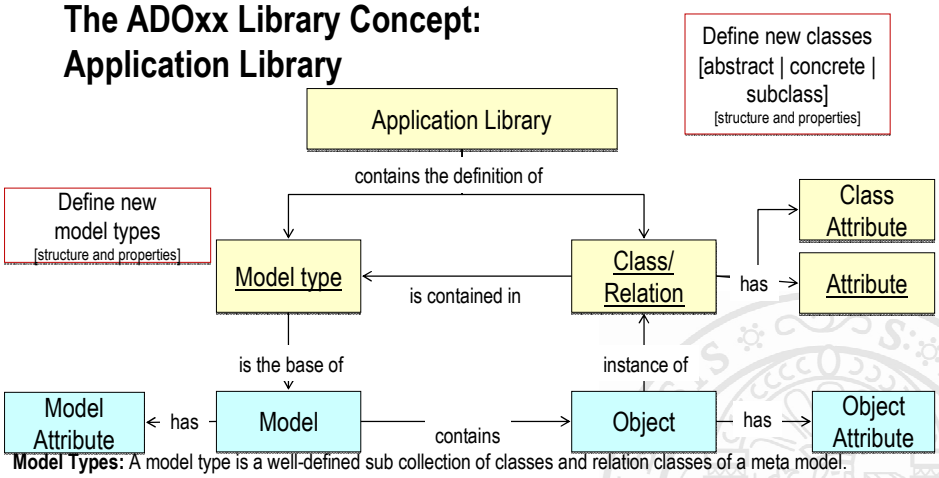


The ADOxx Library Concept:
More than a Metamodel

- The ADOxx Application Library is a concept which encapsulates both the structural and the behavioural aspects of metamodelling
- The ADOxx Application Library consists of:
  - Structural part: Metamodel definition
  - Behavioural part: Metamodel-specific functionality, Configuration of generic functionalities
- The ADOxx Application Library is a self-contained platform configuration package containing all neccessary artefacts to configure a fully-fledged modelling tool



The ADOxx Library Concept:
Application Library



Model Types: A model type is a well-defined sub collection of classes and relation classes of a meta model.

Classes: A class is a construct that is used as a template to create objects of that class. The objects of a class are alternatively called "instances"

Attributes: An attribute is a property of a modelling construct such as a model, object or relation. Each attribute has a type and a value.

Relations: A relation class is a construct that is used as a template to create relations between objects. A relation class is defined between classes. A relation is always a directed connection between objects, i.e. each relation has a from-side and a to-side.

Cf. (Junginger et al., 2000; Kühn, 2004; Fill, Redmond, Karagiannis, 2012)

Class Types in ADOxx

Define new classes [abstract | concrete | subclass] [structure and properties]

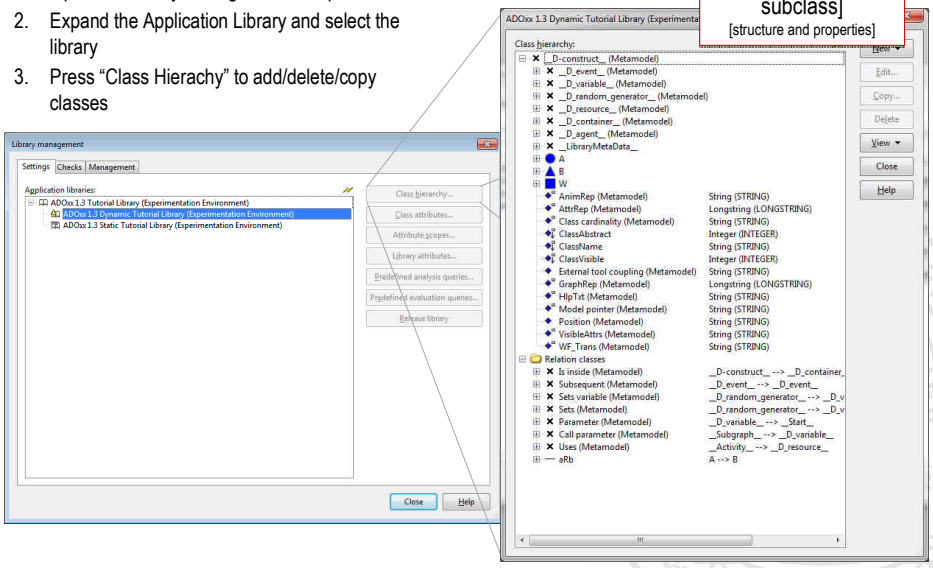
- **Abstract Classes**
  - Abstract classes are self-defined classes enabling to structure the meta model and define syntax in form of attributes and semantic, which is inherited by sub-classes.
  - Abstract classes either inherit from the root class of the meta model, or from any other class of the meta model. Hence, they inherit the behaviour from their super-class – which is often a pre-defined abstract class from the ADOxx meta model.
  - Abstract classes enable an efficient meta model, hence they may not be in every ADOxx meta model.
  - Nomenclature: _ Class Name _
- **(Concrete) Classes**
  - Classes are self-defined classes defining a concrete modelling class that can be used, when applying the corresponding modelling language. Hence all model objects in every model created on ADOxx is an instance of a class.
  - Classes inherit the semantic and the attributes from the Pre-defined abstract class and additionally - in case of inheriting - from the abstract class.
  - Classes enable the realisation of a concrete meta model.
  - Nomenclature: Class Name

Cf. (Fill, Redmond, Karagiannis, 2012)

Demonstration: Class Definition 1

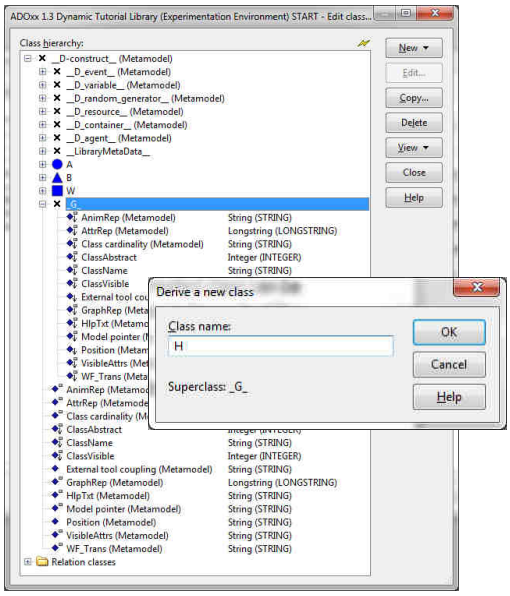
Define new classes [abstract | concrete | subclass] [structure and properties]

1. Open the Library Management Component
2. Expand the Application Library and select the library
3. Press “Class Hierachy” to add/delete/copy classes



Demonstration: Class Definition 2

Define new classes [abstract | concrete | subclass]
[structure and properties]



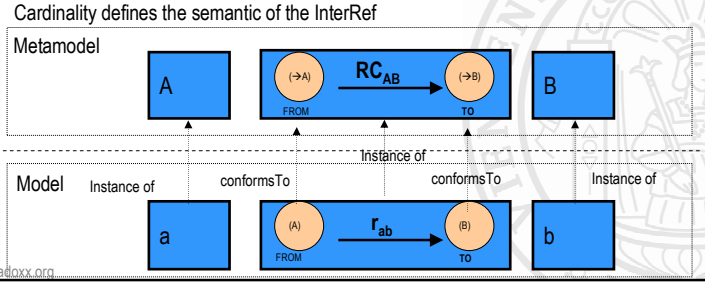
1. Add a new concrete class below the abstract element that is used to define a concrete class
2. Select the abstract class, click "New" -> "New class"
3. Name the new class

The new created class can be identified on instance level by the "Name" attribute. This attribute is automatically/implict available for each class

Relation Types

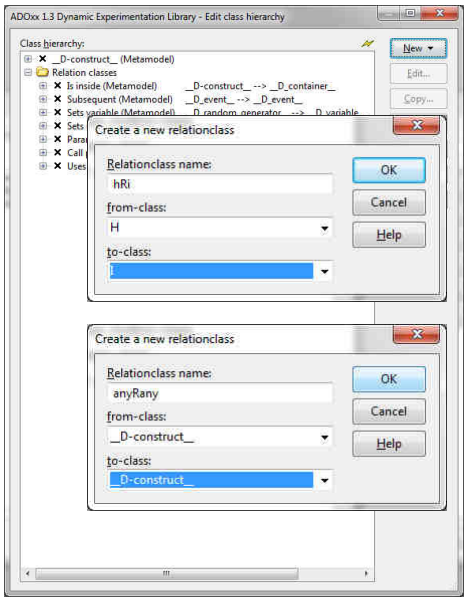
Define new classes [abstract | concrete | subclass]
[structure and properties]

- Relations in ADOxx are expressed either as a class "Relation Class" or as a pointer in form of an attribute called "InterRef".
- Relation as Class "RC"
  - describes relationship between two objects from two or more classes within one model.
  - has start and endpoints define which (abstract) classes a relation can connect
  - Cardinality and attribute defined the semantic of the relations class
- Relation as Attribute "InterRef"
  - Is a special configuration of a Relation Class and describes the relationship between two objects from two or more classes within or across models.
  - Is a pointer represented as an attributed in the class the relation starts from, with defined classes the relation can point to.
  - Cardinality defines the semantic of the InterRef



Demonstration: Relation Class Definition

Define new classes [abstract | concrete | subclass]
[structure and properties]



- Add two new relation classes to connect classes
  - Click “New” -> “New relation class”
  - Name new relation class
  - Define from-class
  - Define to-class

Definition of Attributes

Define new classes [abstract | concrete | subclass]
[structure and properties]

- Attributes for classes and relation classes have to b the definition section of the class/relation class with

- The following attribute types are possible:

INTEGER	**integer**
DOUBLE	**floating number**
STRING	**string – max. 3699 symbols**
LONGSTRING	string – max. 32000 symbols
ENUMERATION	enumeration for selecting a characteristic
ENUMERATIONLIST	enumeration for selecting one or several characteristics
TIME	time
DATE	date
DATETIME	date and time
PROGRAMCALL	***enumeration for selecting a program***
RECORD	a table of attributes
EXPRESSION	a formula
INTERREF	***reference on a model or an instance***
ATTRPROFREF	a preset set of attribuite values

Demonstration:
Attribute Types and their Appearance

Numerical Attributes: Integer (INTEGER)

Define new classes [abstract | concrete | subclass]
[structure and properties]

- An attribute of the type "Integer" is defined as an integer from -1,999,999,999 to 1,999,999,999.
- An ADOxx integer is limited to 10 digits plus an optional sign ('+' or '-')
- The standard value of attributes of this type is "0" or a value defined

Demonstration:
Attribute Types and their appearance

Numerical Attributes: Floating number (DOUBLE)

Define new classes [abstract | concrete | subclass]
[structure and properties]

- The amount of decimal places is defined by the attribute definition
- An attribute of the type "Double" is defined for a float within +/- 999,999,999,999,999 for an integer (without decimal places) or +/- 999,999,999.999999 for figures with 6 decimals.
- The corresponding attribute value is displayed to 6 decimal places. That means that a double value should not exceed a total of 15 significant digits with at last 6 decimal digits!
- The standard value of attributes of this type is "0.000000" or a value defined in the application library.

Demonstration:
Attribute Types and their appearance

String attributes: String (STRING)

Define new classes [abstract | concrete | subclass]
[structure and properties]

3_String:

- An attribute of the type "String" is defined for texts up to 3700 characters of any type.
  - Hint: The maximum number of characters is 250 for name. That concerns classes, relation, instances, attributes, application models, libraries and application libraries.
  - Model names have a special rule!
- The standard value of attributes of this type is "" (no entry) or a value defined in the application library.

Wrap Up: Definition of Model Structure on ADOxx

- Introduction of ADOxx Library Concept
- Demonstration of implementation of model structure

RESULT ACCOMPLISHED:

- Implemented model structure on ADOxx

```
//=========================================
CLASS <MyFirstClass> : <__LibraryMetaData__>
//=========================================

            CLASSATTRIBUTE <ClassAbstract>
            VALUE 0

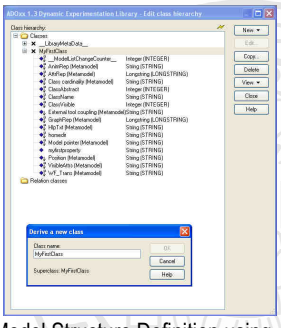

            CLASSATTRIBUTE <ClassVisible>
            VALUE 1


//--- Class <MyFirstClass> - Instance attributes-
            ATTRIBUTE <myfirstproperty>
            TYPE STRING
            VALUE ""

            FACET <MultiLineString>
            VALUE 0
            FACET <AttributeHelpText>
            VALUE ""
            FACET <AttributeRegularExpression>
            VALUE ""


//--- Class <MyFirstClass> - default values-
```

Model Structure Definition using ADOxx Library Language (ALL)



Model Structure Definition using Development Environment

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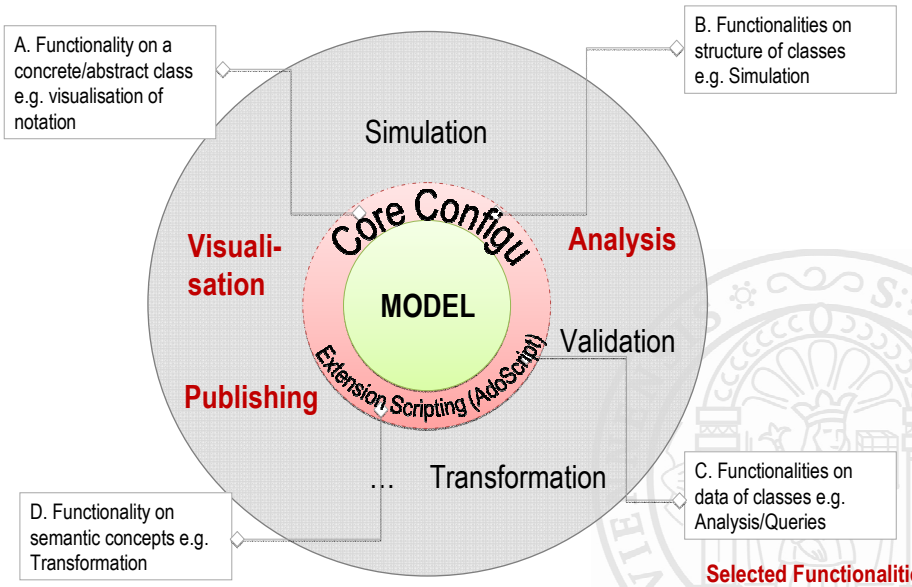
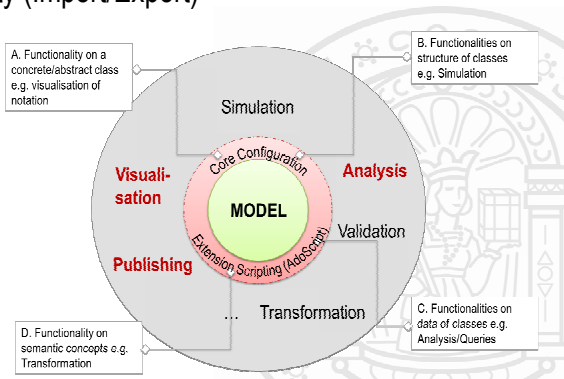
Model Processing Classification



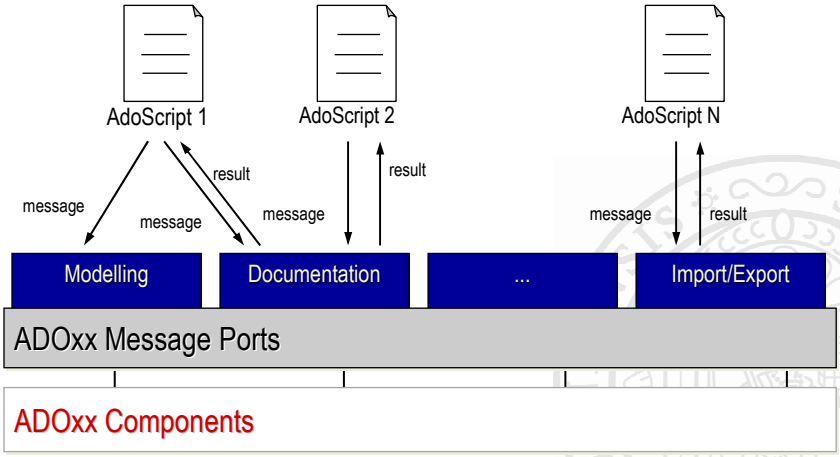
Core Configuration

- User and Access Right Management
- File Management
- Library Persistence (DB and File Persistence)
- Model Persistence (DB and File Persistence)
- Serialization Functionality (Import/Export)
- …



Extension Scripting (AdoScript)

AdoScript: The ADOxx DSL



Programmable through Scripting APIs

- Method-specific development of functionalities through scripting
- Function calls/APIs of the platform are possible through scripting.

Component APIs
Messageport **Acquisition**
Messageport **Modeling**
Messageport **Analysis**
Messageport **Simulation**
Messageport **Evaluation**
Messageport **ImportExport**
Messageport **Documentation**
Messageport **AQL**

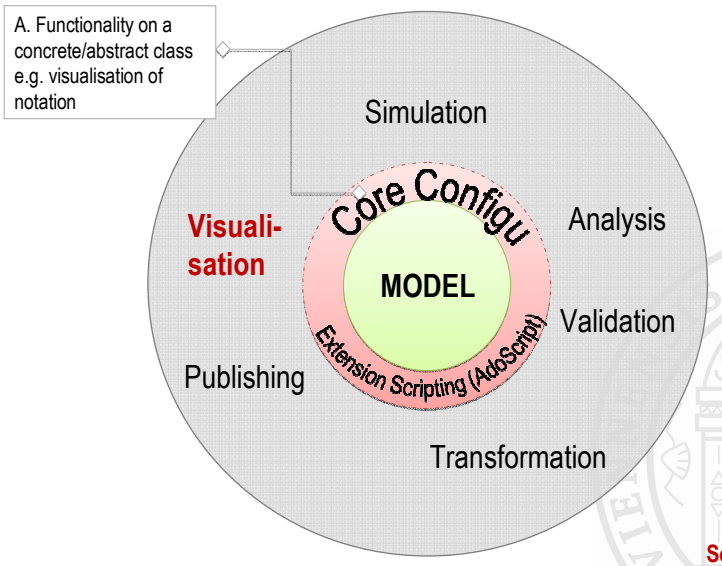
UI APIs
Messageport **AdoScript**
Messageport **CoreUI**
Messageport **Explorer**

Manipulation APIs
Messageport **Core**
Messageport **DB**
Messageport **UsrMgt**

Application APIs
Messageport **Drawing**
Messageport **Application**

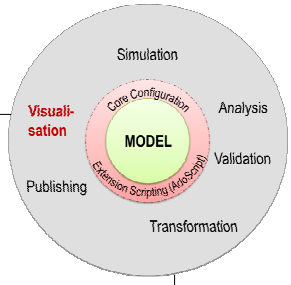
About 400 APIs are available.

Model Processing Functionality: Visualisation



Selected Functionalities for Tutorial

Object Visualisation



Platform Functionality

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- Model visualisation
  - Tabular view incl. view concept
  - Graphical view incl. view concept
  - Machine-generated models
    - Model analysis visualisation
    - Information visualisation
  - Human-generated models
    - Support functionality (automatic & user-defined)

OMiLAB Development Tools

- OMITool GraphRepGenerator
- OMITool AdoScript Syntax Highlighter

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Platform Technologies

- GraphRep
- AdoScript

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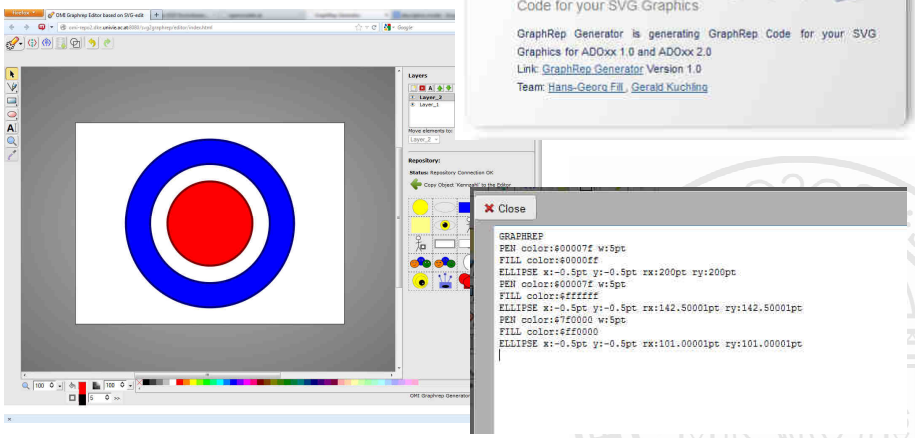
Demonstration: Implementation of Object Visualisation

USE OMiLAB Development Tool



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CONTRIBUTE to OMiLAB Development

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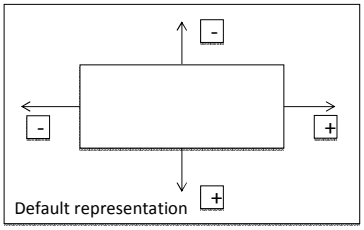
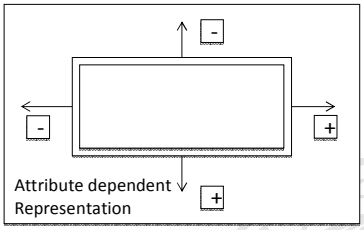
DEVELOPMENT on ADOxx Platform






```
GRAPHREP
AVAL t:"Type"
IF (t = "Weak entity")
  FILL color:whitesmoke
  RECTANGLE x:-2.15cm y:-.6cm  w:4.3cm h:1.2cm
ENDIF                                  Conditional representation
FILL color:white                       Default representation
PEN solid

RECTANGLE x:-2cm y:-.5cm w:4cm h:1cm
ATTR "Name" x:0cm y:0cm w:c:3.5cm h:c:1cm line-
break:rigorous                         Name representation
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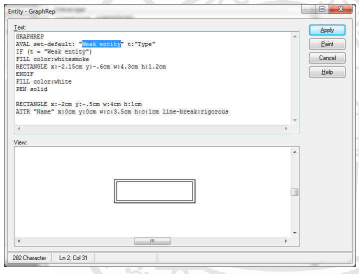
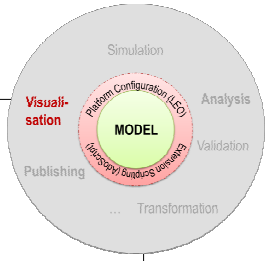


Model Analysis Visualisation



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Demonstration: Model Analysis Visualisation

DEVELOPMENT on ADOxx Platform

```
CC "Core" CREATE_MODEL modeltype:"Result-Type
1"
                       modelname:"My First own
result"
                       version:"1.0"
                       mgroups:(mgroupids)

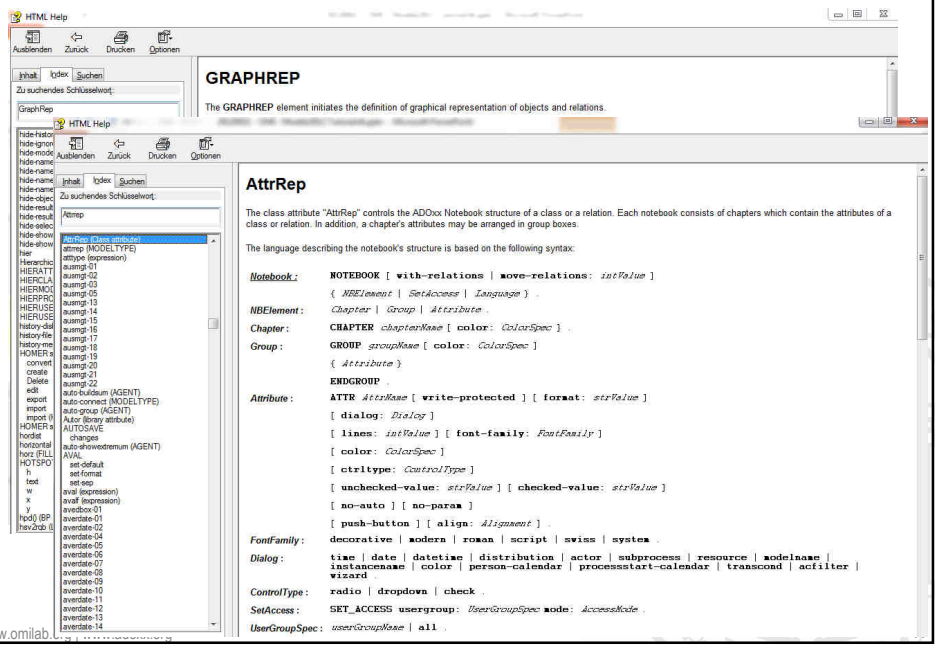
# open the new created model AND to make the
new model ACTIVE
IF (ecode = 0)
{
   CC "Modeling" CREATE_WINDOW_FOR_LOADED_MODEL
modelid:(modelid)
}

## Create objects in the new model

# get the model ide of the new model
CC "Modeling" GET_ACT_MODEL
SETL id_resultmodel:(modelid)

# make an info box for debuggin reasons -
convert value of id_actmodel into a string
CC "AdoScript" INFOBOX ("Hello " +
STR(id_resultmodel) + "!") title:"Result model
id!"
```

Summary: GraphRep & AttrRep Syntax



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GRAPHREP
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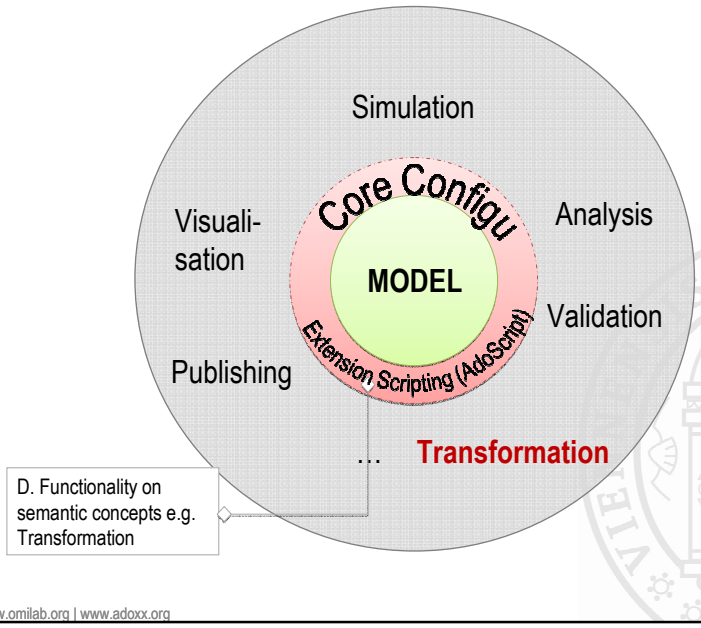
Wrap Up: Visualisation Functionality

- Introduction of visualisation platform functionality
- Definition of tools and services to support development
- Technology Overview to support visualisation functionality

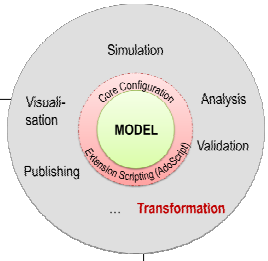
RESULT ACCOMPLISHED:

- Implemented Object Visualisation
- Implemented Script Functionality
- Modeltypes and View Definition
- Attribute Representation

Model Processing Functionality: Transformation



Model Transformation



Platform Functionality

- Objecttransformation
- Modeltransformation
  - SAME PLATFORM
  - DIFFERENT PLATFORM
    - Inbound Interfaces
    - Outbound Interfaces

OMiLAB Development Tools

- Model Publishing Engine
- AdoScript Syntax Highlighter

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Platform Technologies

- Platform configuration
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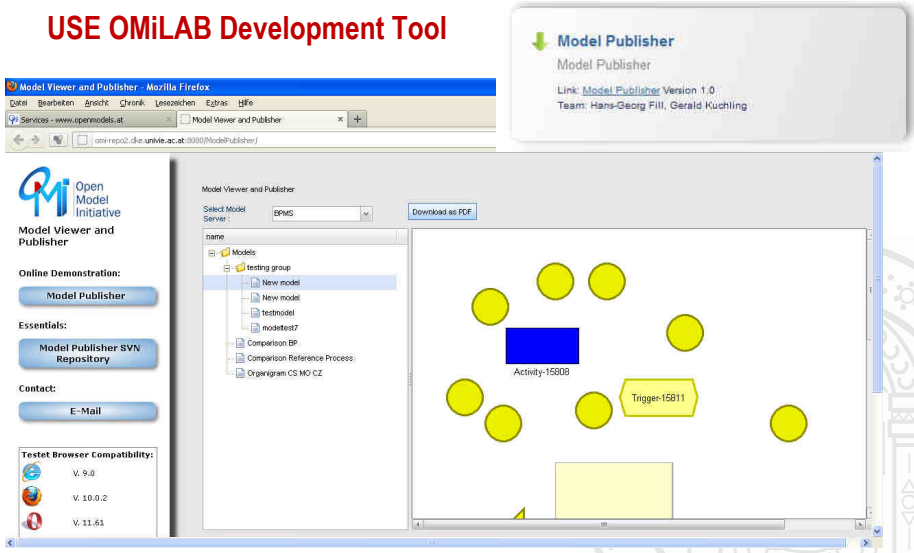
Demonstration: Implementation of Model transformation

USE OMiLAB Development Tool



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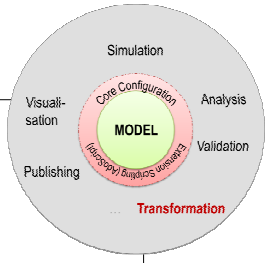
Model Transformation (Different Platform)



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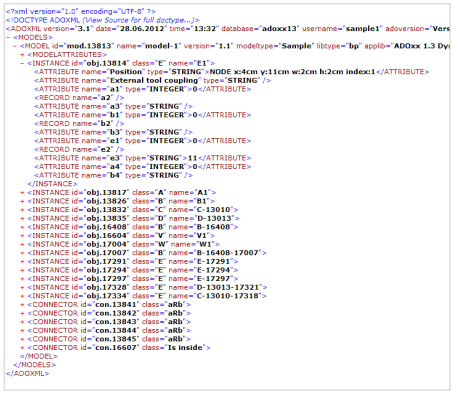
Demonstration:
Core Functionality for Serialisation as XML and ADL

USE functionality on ADOxx Platform

XML Export Sample



ADL Export Sample

```
INSTANCE <E1> : <E>
        ATTRIBUTE <Position>
        VALUE "NODE x:4cm y:11cm w:2cm h:2cm index:1"
        ATTRIBUTE <External tool coupling>
        VALUE ""
        ATTRIBUTE <a1>
        VALUE 0
        ATTRIBUTE <a2>
        VALUE
        ATTRIBUTE <a3>
        VALUE ""
        ATTRIBUTE <b1>
        VALUE 0
        ATTRIBUTE <b2>
        VALUE
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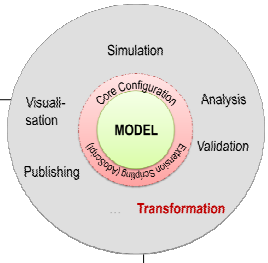
        VALUE 0
        ATTRIBUTE <e2>
        VALUE
```


Model Transformation (Same Platform)



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Demonstration: Implementation of Model transformation 1
DEVELOP on ADOxx Platform

```
## Open Model
CC "Modeling" GET_ACT_MODEL
SETL id_source_model:(modelid)

SETL s_classname_source:("A")
SETL s_classname_target:("E")

# BEGIN set new model
CC "CoreUI" MODEL_SELECT_BOX mgroup-sel without-models title:"Zielmodellgruppe"
                             boxtext:"Selektieren Sie die Ziel-Modellgruppe in der
    Datenbank:"

CC "Core" CREATE_MODEL modeltype:"Sample"
                       modelname:"My First sample"
                       version:"1.0"
                       mgroups:(mgroupids)
SETL id_target_model:(modelid)

# END set new model

CC "Core" GET_ALL_OBJS_OF_CLASSNAME modelid:(id_source_model)
    classname:(s_classname_source)
SETL id_objects:(objids)
```


Demonstration: Implementation of Model transformation 2
DEVELOP on ADOxx Platform

```
# BEGIN set x, y pos
SETL xoffset:5cm
SETL yoffset:5cm
SETL xpos:5.0cm
SETL ypos:5.0cm
SETL counter:1
FOR id_object in:(id_objects)
{
    # get class ID from class name
    CC "Core" GET_CLASS_ID classname:(s_classname_source)

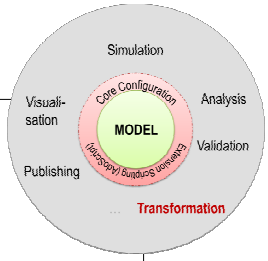
    # get all Notebook attributes
    CC "Core" GET_ALL_NB_ATTRS classid:(classid)

    # and show them
    CC "AdoScript" INFOBOX (attrids)
    CC "Core" GET_ATTR_VAL objid:(VAL (id_object)) attrid:(VAL ("9"))
    SETL s_attr_name:(val)

    # Make new model
    CC "Core" GET_CLASS_ID classname:(s_classname_target)
    SETL id_class_target:(classid)

    CC "Core" debug CREATE_OBJ modelid:(id_target_model) classid:(id_class_target)
    objname:(s_attr_name)
    CC "Modeling" debug SET_OBJ_POS objid:(objid) x:"5cm" y:"5cm"
}
```

Object Transformation



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Objecttransformation using CONVERSION

DEVELOP on ADOxx Platform

- If you define *__Conversion__* for the class "A" with

  CLASS "B"

  ATTR "ba1"

  ATTR "ba2" from: "aa3"

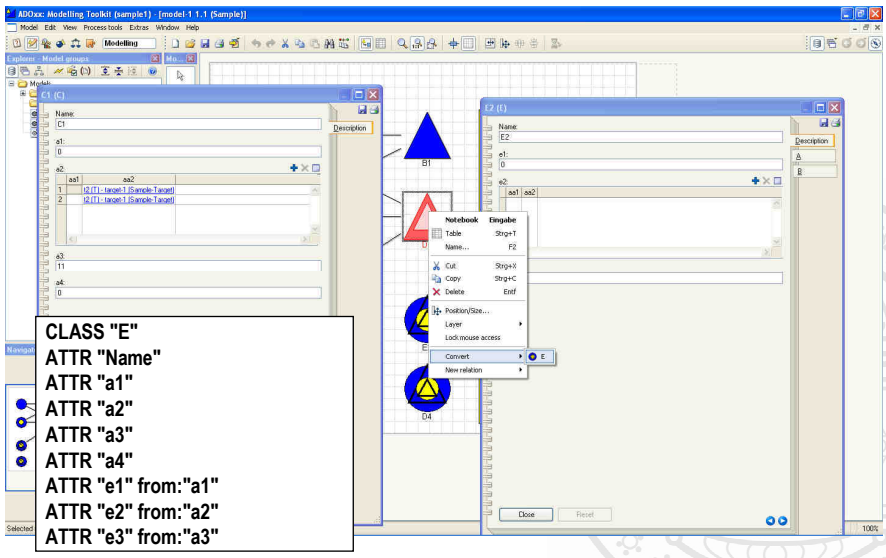
Conversion :	{ *ClassConversion* } .
ClassConversion :	**CLASS** *className* { *AttrConversion* } .
AttrConversion :	**ATTR** *attrName* [**from:***attrName*] .

- this means that
  - objects of class "A" can be converted to objects of class "B",
  - the aa1 is assigned from A to ba1 in B as the have the same name,
  - the aa3 from A is assigned to Ba2 from B as they have different names,

Demonstration: Objecttransformation

DEVELOP on ADOxx Platform

Instances of C->E



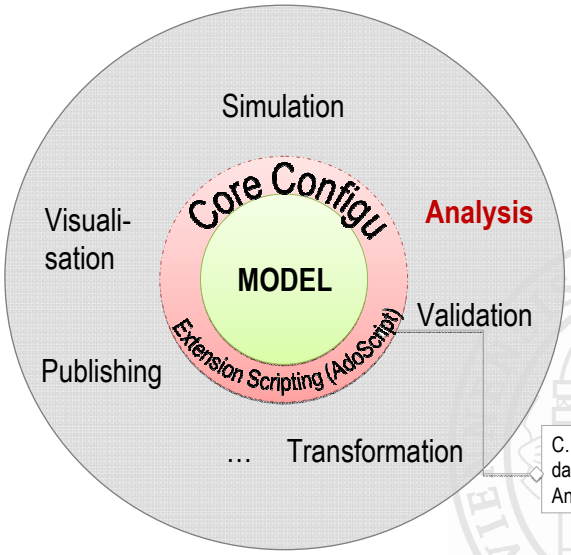
Wrap Up: Transformation Functionality

- Use the basic transformation mechanisms to use it for publishing
- Use scripting mechanisms for model transformation

RESULT ACCOMPLISHED:

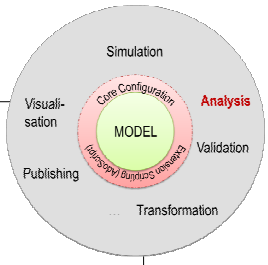
- Publishing example using the OMiLAB service
- Transformation of scripts

Model Processing Functionality: Analysis



Query of Model Content

Platform Functionality
- •Query of model content
- •Quality validation
- •Consistency checks
- •Population through analysis



OMiLAB Development Tools
- •ReST API

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Platform Technologies
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- •AdoScript

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Demonstration: Analysis Functionality

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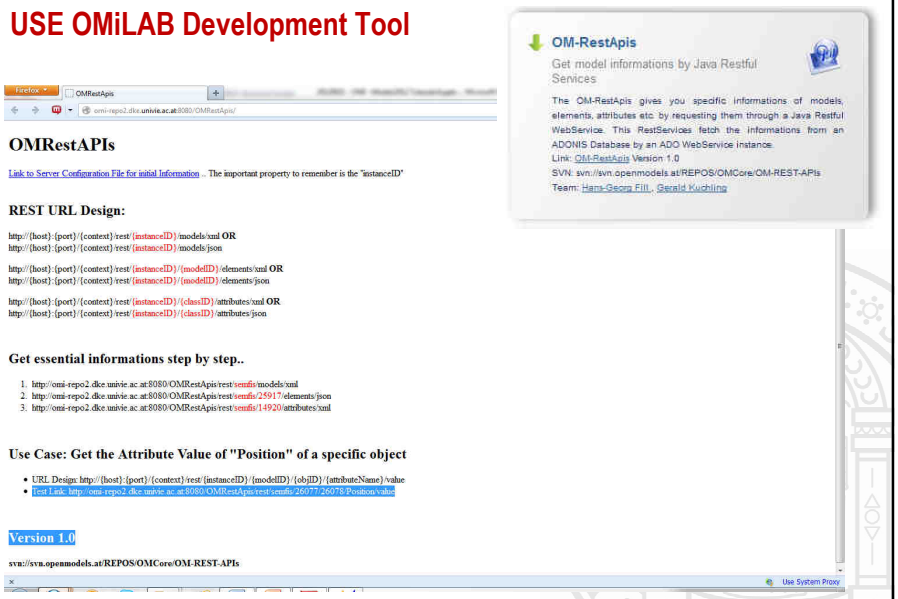

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Demonstration: Analysis Functionality

DEVELOP on ADOxx Platform

Example 1: Get all objects of class "A" in a certain model

```
CC "AQL" EVAL_AQL_EXPRESSION expr:"<\"A\">" modelid:(modelid)

IF (ecode = 0)
{
    CC "AdoScript" INFOBOX ("Found objects: " + objids)
}
ELSE
{
    CC "AdoScript" INFOBOX "An error has occured!"
}
```

Example 2: Get all models of modeltype "Working Environment Model"

```
CC "AQL" EVAL_AQL_EXPRESSION expr:"<\„Sample\">" modelscope
IF (ecode = 0)
{
    CC "AdoScript" INFOBOX ("Found models: " + objids)
}
ELSE
{
    CC "AdoScript" INFOBOX "An error has occured!"
}
```


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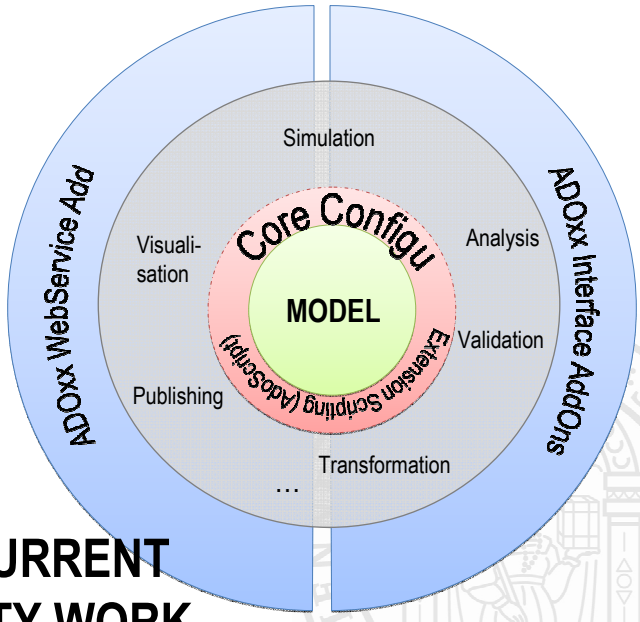
AQL

Wrap Up: Analysis Functionality

- ReST API for model analysis
- Script <-> AQL combination to run analysis

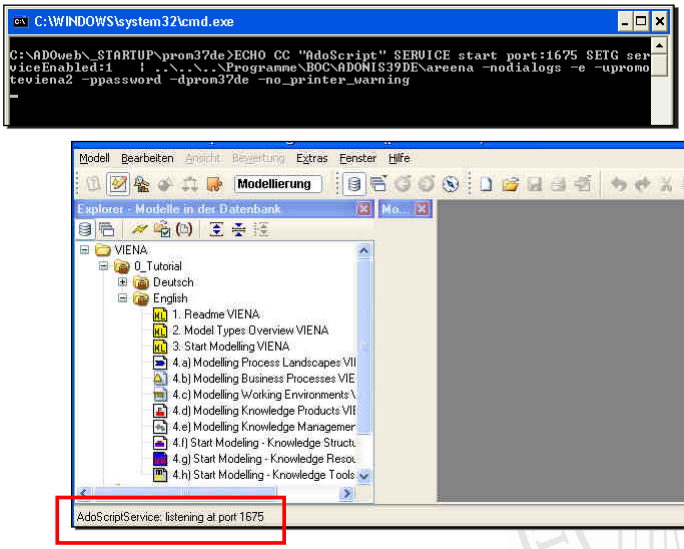
RESULT ACCOMPLISHED:

- Implemented API integration with demonstration environment
- AQL queries in script

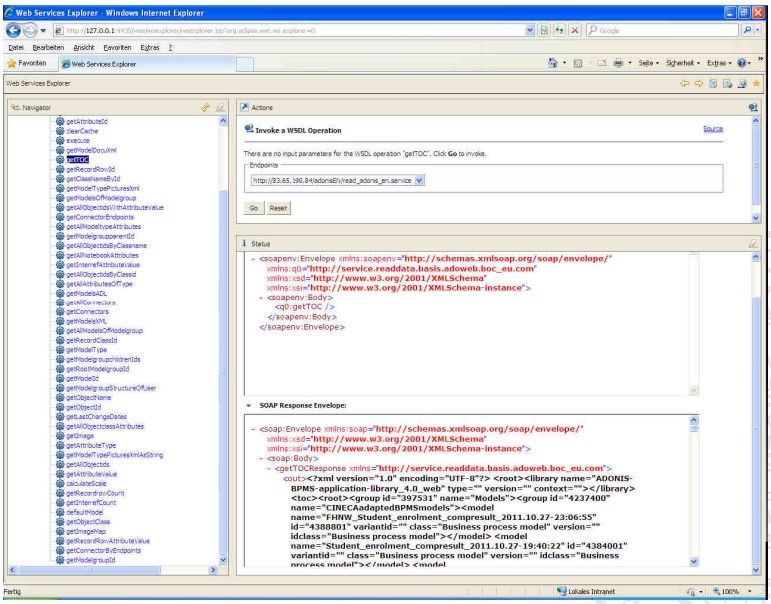


ADOXX
SELECT CURRENT
COMMUNITY WORK

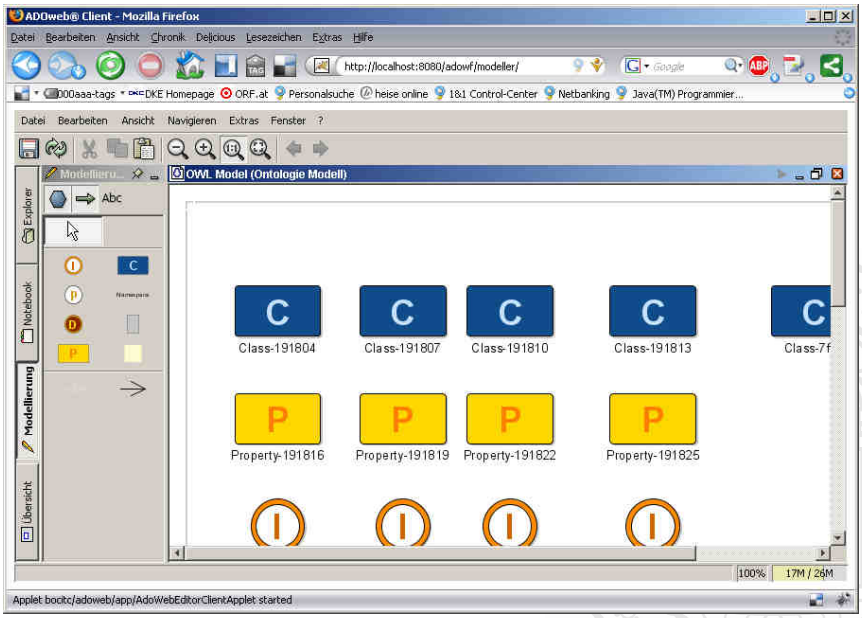
ADOxx WebService Port



ADOxx WebService Interaction



ADOxx Web Modeller



CONCLUSION

The Method Conceptualisation Process …

- Capturing of fundamental concepts, relationships in between and properties adhering to them, usually obtained through the analysis of a selected domain.
- Description of such conceptualisations varies depending on the addressed audience, with different expectations, like End User, Modeller, Developer, ….
- From a development perspective, a method conceptualization needs to be formal enough to enable developer continue along the life-cycle
- A model of the method (language)
  that facilitates a coherent view on the core concepts involved

…results in a Modelling Method Tool

- When the realisation of a modelling method is expected to result in an application software/tool, a domain expert's (i.e., method developer) viewpoint need to be "augmented" with the viewpoint of a software developer (i.e., method engineer).
- Typically, a method developer rarely considers design, implementation or deployment relevant artefacts when "conceptualising" a modelling method.
- A method engineer on the other hand is usually not an expert in the domain that is addressed by a certain modelling method.

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