Diagram Definition: Implementation in Papyrus 1.1

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WHY DIAGRAM DEFINITION?

• Graphical modeling languages at OMG have been defined by their
  • Abstract syntax: formally using MOF
  • Concrete syntax: informally using text and example diagrams
    • Leads to ambiguity and inconsistency in specifications
    • Increases cost of developing and learning modeling tools
    • Hinders tool interoperability and promotes vendor lock-in

• Formal diagram definition is needed to
  • Enable the interchange of modeling diagrams among tools
  • Enable the consistent rendering of diagrams by tools
  • Enable the consistent interpretation of diagrams by users
WHAT IS DIAGRAM DEFINITION?

• Diagram Definition (DD) is an OMG specification that enables the formal specification of concrete graphical syntax of MOF-based languages
  • Version 1.0 has release July 2012
  • Version 1.1 is in progress

• DD provides two standard metamodels
  • Diagram Interchange (DI): enables the definition of diagram interchange syntax
  • Diagram Graphics (DG): enables the definition of diagram graphical syntax

• DD provides an architecture that allows for the definition and mapping of a language’s concrete graphical syntax to its abstract syntax
DIAGRAM INTERCHANGE (DI)

- Defines graphical syntax that users have control over
  - Examples: elements to visualize, diagram layout, notational choices, stylistic choices

- Provides a core **abstract** DI pattern that is realized by each modeling language
DIAGRAM GRAPHICS (DG)

- Defines graphical syntax that specifications have control over
  - Examples: shape and line notations for each abstract syntax element

- Provides extensive 2D graphics primitives (similar to SVG)
An implementation for DD has been added in Papyrus 1.1 consisting of:

- An implementation of DD 1.0
  1. Ecore-based API for DI metamodel (with changes to spec)
  2. Ecore-based API and editor for DG metamodel (with changes to spec)
  3. Model to text mapping from DG to SVG (potential contribution to spec)

- An implementation of UML DD 2.5
  4. Ecore-based API and editor for UML DI metamodel (with changes to spec)
  5. QVTO-based mapping from UML DI to DG metamodels (potential contribution to spec)

- An implementation of a diagram exporter from Papyrus
  6. QVTO-based mapping from Papyrus DI to UML DI metamodels
DIAGRAM DEFINITION IMPLEMENTATION
ARCHITECTURE IN PAPYRUS

- What has been implemented:

M3
- Ecore
- Papyrus

M2
- UML
- Notation

M1
- Model
- Diagram

*.uml
*.notation

DIAGRAM DEFINITION IMPLEMENTATION
ARCHITECTURE IN PAPYRUS

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1. DI METAMODEL

- Changes to DC metamodel
  - DC::Color is made a PrimitiveType (with literals in the form #RRGGBB)
  - DC::KnownColors enumeration literals have associated color literal values
  - All structured DataTypes become Classes (unique by reference)
1. DI METAMODEL

- **Changes to DI metamodel**
  - Replaced Element by DiagramElement in names of properties to avoid conflicts with UML
  - Made source/targetDiagramElement associations bi-directional
  - Made Edge::waypoint unique (Point is a Class now)
  - Added the property /DiagramElement::diagram
2. DG METAMODEL

- **Changes to DG metamodel (mostly alignment to SVG)**
  - Convert structured Datatypes into Classes
  - Refactored style support to be more CSS like (i.e., rule-based cascading style sheets)
  - Defined reusable concepts by specializing class Definition (with id property)
  - Added a Use graphical element to define reusable graphical templates
  - Added RootCanvas as a specialization of Canvas
  - Added the concept of Paint which can be color or a PaintServer (Pattern or Gradient)

- **Implemented DG multi-tab editor**
  - A tab to manipulate the DG model tree
  - A tab to see the XMI serialization of the model
  - Supports multiple roots of type RootCanvas
2. DG METAMODEL
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- Added an example project with DG models
3. DG TO SVG MAPPING

- Implemented a model (DG) to text (SVG) transformation
  - Used the EMF-generated visitor pattern: DGSwitch<Object> to read the model
  - Used the Batik 1.7 API to create a corresponding SVG DOM
  - Added a JS script to implement text wrapping and alignment

- Implemented DG multi-tab editor
  - A tab for displaying the corresponding SVG DOM
  - A tab for rendering the corresponding SVG Image
3. DG TO SVG MAPPING

```
<svg overflow="visible" xmlns:xlink="http://www.w3.org/1999/xlink">
  <script xlink:href="file:/Applications/eclipse-modeling-merge">
    <defs>
      <style type="text/css">[CDATA[
        * { fill: #0000FF; stroke: #FF0000; }
        text { font-family: "Times New Roman"; font-size: 40.0;
        ellipse { fill-opacity: 0.25; stroke-opacity: 0.5; stroke-width: 3; }
      ]]</style>
    </defs>
    <circle r="40.0" cx="50.0" cy="50.0"/>
    <ellipse rx="50.0" ry="40.0" cx="150.0" cy="50.0"/>
    <rect x="210.0" width="80.0" height="50.0" y="25.0"/>
    <rect x="10.0" ry="10.0" x="300.0" width="80.0" height="80.0"/>
    <line y1="2.0" x2="390.0" x1="390.0" y2="4.0" style="stroke: #000000;"/>
    <polyline style="fill: none; stroke: #000000;" points="450.0,500.0,550.0,250.0,580.0,40.0,580.0;"/>
    <path d="M10.0,100.0 L90.0,100.0 L50.0,150.0 Z"/>
    <path d="M140,100.0 L40,50.0 L-80,0,0 Z"/>
    <path style="fill: none; stroke: #000000;" d="M200,0,125.0"/>
    <path style="fill: none; stroke: #000000;" d="M300,0,150.0"/>
    <path d="M400,0,125.0 L-25,0,0 a25,0,25,0,0 1,0 25.0,0,0 Z"/>
    <text text-anchor="start" x="450.0" y="100.0">
      Hello World!
    </text>
  </script>
</svg>
```
4. UML DI METAMODEL

- Changes to UML DI metamodel
  - Replaced Element with umlElement in the name of the properties
  - Replaced redefinitions with subsetting across the board
  - UMLDI::Diagram does not inherit UML::PackageableElement
4. UML DI METAMODEL

- **Changes to UML DI metamodel**
  - Defined the basic building blocks:
    - Diagram (composes shapes and edges)
    - Shape (composes labels and compartments)
    - Edge (composes labels)
    - Label
    - Compartment
  - Adopted the approach of deeply specializing the building blocks as needed
    - Added building block compositions in the proper context only
    - Added normative options in the proper context only
  - Disadvantage: the metamodel is big
    - 14 labels
    - 30 compartments
    - 30+ edges
    - 80+ shapes
    - 14 diagrams
4. UML DI METAMODEL

- All UML diagrams are supported (except Interaction Overview)
  - Issues with the support for Interaction Overview diagrams in Papyrus
4. UML DI METAMODEL

- Implemented UML DI multi-tab editor
  - A tab to manipulate the UML DI model tree
  - A tab to see the XML serialization of the model
  - Supports multiple roots of type UMLDiagram
5. UML DI TO DG MAPPING

- Implemented a model (UMLDI) to model (DG) transformation
  - Transformation is specified in QVTO
    - Highly modular design: a module for every kind of building block
    - Leverage of rule composition, inheritance, and overriding for conciseness
    - Added a black box library to define some math and color functions
  - Non-normative styles used are: font name and font size (from UML DI)
  - Layout constraints (position/size) is copied from UML DI (no automatic layout in DG)
  - Text for all labels are derived in DG
  - Most important (but not all yet) normative options are captured

- Transformation is invoked from a UML DI editor by clicking this button
6. PAPYRUS DI TO UML DI MAPPING

- Implemented a model (Papyrus DI) to model (UML DI) transformation
  - Papyrus DI uses the GMF Notation metamodel
    - Highly abstract metamodel defining only the building blocks
    - The UML details are added with factories generated from other GMF models
  - Transformation is specified in QVTO
    - Highly modular transformation design
    - Leverage of rule composition, inheritance, and overriding for conciseness
    - Slight adjustments of Papyrus notations to improve export output
  - Added a black box library to perform the following:
    - Render a diagram at the beginning and dispose of it at the end
      - Get the exact rendered bounds of nodes and waypoints of edges
    - Map Papyrus view types (numbers) to corresponding UML DI ones
      - Papyrus assigns different view types to the same view in different diagrams
      - Retrieved this information form extension points augmented by other maps
6. PAPYRUS DI TO UML DI MAPPING

- Implemented an export wizard for a Papyrus DI model
  - Runs the transformation on all diagrams in the model
  - Produces a UML DI model with multiple root UMLDiagrams
6. PAPYRUS DI TO UML DI MAPPING

- **Added an example project consisting of**
  1. Papyrus DI models for all supported UML diagram kinds
  2. Corresponding UML DI models exported from 1
  3. Corresponding DG models transformed from 2
EXAMPLE: OBJECT DIAGRAM
EXAMPLE: PACKAGE DIAGRAM
EXAMPLE: PROFILE DIAGRAM
EXAMPLE: COMPOSITE STRUCTURE DIAGRAM
EXAMPLE: DEPLOYMENT DIAGRAM
EXAMPLE: USE CASE DIAGRAM
EXAMPLE: STATE MACHINE DIAGRAM
EXAMPLE: ACTIVITY DIAGRAM
EXAMPLE: SEQUENCE DIAGRAM
EXAMPLE: COMMUNICATION DIAGRAM
EXAMPLE: TIMING DIAGRAM
NEXT STEPS

- Support the Eclipse DD project through its inoccupation phase
  - Fix issues reported against it
  - Redefine the DG to SVG mapping using Acceleo MTL
  - Remove dependency on local copy of Batik and depend instead on one form Orbit

- Improve the specifications
  - Push most of the changes made to the standard metamodels to the specifications
  - Contribute the DG to SVG mapping to the DD specification
  - Contribute the UMLDI to DG mapping to the UML specification

- Work on possible extensions:
  - Improve DG to incorporate declarative layout support
  - Design a DSL that consolidates DI and DG mapping specification
  - Experiment with bi-directional transformations to support diagram-based model editing
  - Specify DD specification for a Profile (e.g., SysML)
  - Generalize DD into a View/Viewpoint architecture specification
    - Ability to describe diagram as well as form and other document-based viewpoints