

Module Guide for ECA Rules for Ampersand

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1 Introduction

1.1 Description

The document outlines the design decision for the EFA project. EFA is responsible for generating SQL from ECA rules that will be used to fixed any data inconsistencies in the Ampersand Database.

This document follows the principle set by Parnas and Clements(D.L. Parnas, 1986). EFA is currently in development where changes occur frequently, a commonly accepted practice for this situation is to decompose modules based on the principle of abstraction, where unnecessary information in hidden for the benefit of designers and maintainers(D.L. Parnas, 1984; Parnas, 1972).

Our design follows the principles layed out by (D.L. Parnas, 1984), as follows:

- Unnecessary design details are omitted for simplicity
- Each data structure is only in one module
- Any other program that requires information stored in a module's data structures must obtain it by calling access programs belonging to that module. Additionally:
- Each module is broken down based on hierarchy
- Reference material are provided for external libraries but details of its use will not be provided within the module break-down

1.2 Scope

This project aims to improve upon the current Ampersand system by providing a permanent replacement for the exec-engine. EFA automatically restores system invariants according to ECA rules with no manual maintenance required.

1.2.1 Intended Audience

This document is designed for:

New project members: This document designed to be a guide to introduce new Ampersand users to EFA (ECA rules for Ampersand). It provides a basic structure that allows individuals to quickly access what they are looking for.

Maintainers & Designers: The structure of this module guide will help maintainers rationalize where changes should be made in order to accomplish their intended purpose. Furthermore, the design document will act as a guide to EFA for future designers of Ampersand.

2 Anticipated and Unlikely Changes

2.1 Anticipated Changes

It is likely that EFA will require changes to the front-end interface and an addition that will connect the front-end interface to back-end functions, which will give the user more control. In addition, ECA rules are not static and may change over time, if changes do take place those changes will need to be incorporated into EFA's future versions.

Thus far anticipated changes include:

AC1: New front-end interface.

AC2: Addition or elimination of ECA rules.

AC3: The algorithm used for EFA.

AC4: The format of output.

AC5: The format of input parameters.

AC6: The format of initial input data and associated markers for data association.

AC7: Integration of front-end interface to back-end modules.

AC8: Implementation of SQL data structure

AC9: Testing for individual modules and internal systems

AC10: Software requirements for running Ampersand and by extension EFA

2.2 Unlikely Changes

These unlikely changes include the things that will remain unchanged in the system, and also changes that would not affect EFA.

- UC1:** There will always be a source of input data external to the software.
- UC2:** Results will always be provably correct.
- UC3:** The goal of EFA is to automatically correct system invariants
- UC4:** Output data must exist
- UC5:** The implementation language must be the same as that which is used for building the Ampersand system
- UC6:** The format of initial input data and associated markers for data association.
- UC7:** Type of output data will always be SQL.

3 Module Hierarchy

This section provides an overview of the module design. Modules are decomposed based on their hierarchy from top to bottom. The modules are broken down into three sections, the first section consists of the main module used for EFA, the second section contains support modules and finally the last section contains external libraries.

M1: eca2SQL

M2: TypedSQL

M3: Equality

M4: Singletons

M5: Utils

M6: Trace

M7: Combinators

M8: Pretty

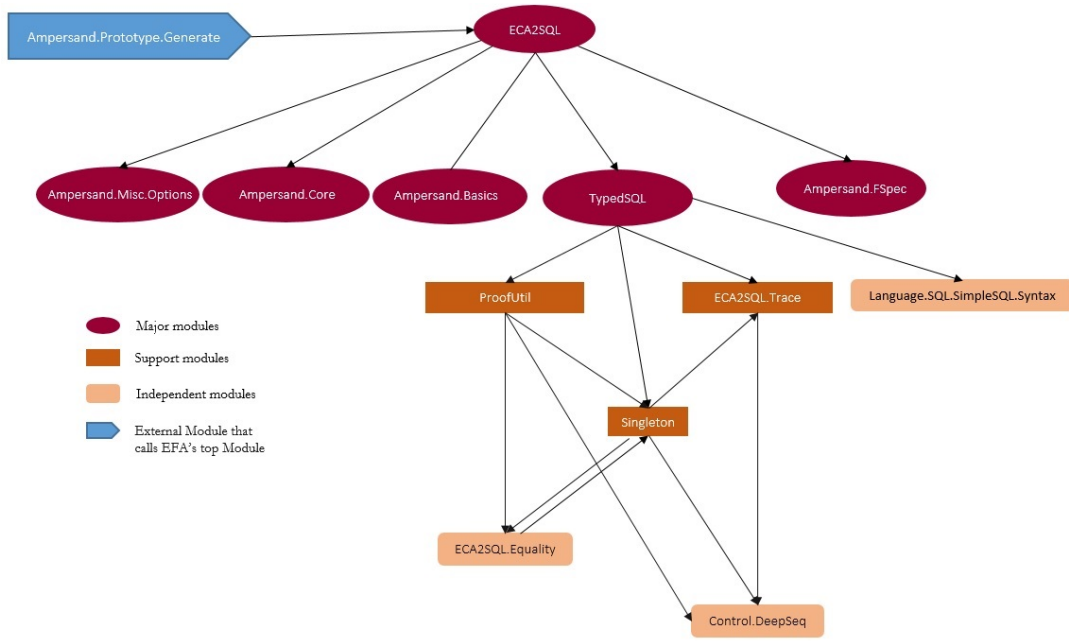


Figure 1: Dependency graph of EFA modules

4 Connection Between Requirements and Design

5 Module Decomposition

Modules are located in their respective subsections (i.e. main module, support modules and external library modules). Each module is decomposed based on their use while hiding implementation details.

Please see glossary for math references and clarification of uncommon terms

5.1 Main Module

M1	eca2SQL
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Main function	eca2SQL
Input	Options, FSpec, ECARule
Output	Doc
Secrets	The algorithm and data structures used to implement ECA Rules.
Services	Produces the final product by using supporting modules as tools in translating ECA rules to SQL statements which can be applied to a database.

Internal Description

$\text{eca2SQL} :: \text{Options} \rightarrow \text{FSpec} \rightarrow \text{ECARule} \rightarrow \text{Doc}$

5.2 Support Modules

M2	eca2SQL
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Requires Modules	ProofUtils, Trace, Singleton
Secrets	Implements a type language for SQL through pattern matches where the representation of SQL references types which can appear in SQL statements.
Services	Contains Base which implements a typed SQL query language and a type SQL statement.

Internal Description

Read as: $function: input \rightarrow input2 \rightarrow output$

Where a function may require multiple inputs of different types to produce the necessary output type.

function (type and value level): $(x:A) \rightarrow output$ This indicates the function of a certain type and its value level, this is seen on SQL types. $(x:A)$ is used to indicate a variable x of type A (e.g. $x=9$, $(x:A)$ is a type of integer). $(function::)$ is used to define a function and its input types
 $(::) : Symbol \rightarrow SQLType \rightarrow SQLRecLabel$

$SQLSizeVariant : Kind$
 $SQLSmall, SQLMedium, SQLNormal, SQLBig : SQLSizeVariant$

$SQLSign : Kind$
 $SQLSigned, SQLUnsigned : SQLSign$

$SQLNumeric : Kind$
 $SQLFloat, SQLDouble : SQLSign \rightarrow SQLNumeric$

$SQLInt : SQLSizeVariant \rightarrow SQLSign \rightarrow SQLNumeric$
 $SQLRecLabel : Kind$

$SQLType : Kind$
 $SQLBool, SQLDate, SQLDateTime, SQLSerial : SQLType$

$SQLNumericTy : SQLNumeric \rightarrow SQLType$
 $SQLBlob : SQLSign \rightarrow SQLType$

$SQLVarChar : N \rightarrow SQLType$ $SQLRel : SQLType \rightarrow SQLType$

$SQLRow : [SQLRecLabel] \rightarrow SQLType$ $SQLVec : [SQLType] \rightarrow SQLType$

$SQLRef, SQLUnit: SQLType$
 $SQLRefType: Kind$

SQLMethod: [SQLType] → SQLType → SQLRefType

SQLVal: SQLType → Type

SQLScalarVal: IsScalarType a ≡ True → Sm.ValueExpr → SQLVal a

SQLQueryVal: IsScalarType a ≡ False → Sm.QueryExpr → SQLVal a

SQLValSem: SQLRefType → Type

Ty: SQLType → SQLRefType

IsScalarType: SQLType → Bool

isScalarType: (x:SQLType) → IsScalarType x

IsScalarTypes: [SQLType] → Bool

isScalarTypes: (X:[SQLType]) → IsScalarTypes x

typeOf: SQLVal a → a

argOfRel: SQLRel a → a

Unit: SQLValSem SQLUnit

Val:: SQLVal x → SQLValSem ('Ty x)

M3 Equality

Contains functions

Input

Output

Secrets

Services

M4 Singleton

Main function

Input

Output

Secrets

Services

M5 Utils

Main function

Secrets

Services

M6 Trace

Main function

Secrets

Services

M7 Combinators

Main function

Secrets

Services

M8 Pretty

Main function

Secrets

Services

5.3 External Libraries

Library	Reference
item 21	item 22
item 21	item 22
item 21	item 22
item 21	item 22

6 Traceability Matrix

7 Use Hierarchy Between Modules

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