Configuring in the Browser, Really!

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Our History

- Product configuration since 2002, with SAP since 2007
- Built and maintained
 - Models
 - Modeling environments
 - Configuration frameworks

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- See also CWG talks
 - Vienna 2010:
 ConfigModeler and VClipse languages and IDEs
 for product modeling
 - Cologne 2011:
 Domain-Specific Languages
 for Product Modeling
 - Berlin 2012:How to Build Your OwnProduct-Modeling Environment?

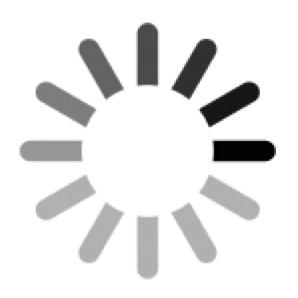
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- General purpose tools and languages
 - Maturity
 - Re-usable knowledge, may already be available
 - Large communities and "ecosystems"



Performance

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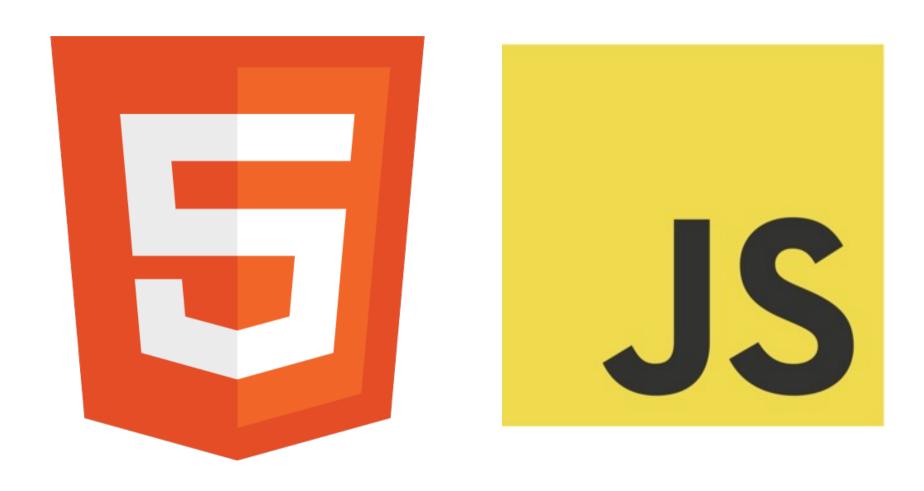
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Increasing gap:

Configurators ↔ Modern web applications



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... but the speed of light remained the same.

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A software ecosystem for web applications flourished:

- Web-application frameworks
- Preprocessors for JavaScript/HTML/CSS
- Libraries
- Build tools



















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And they are getting better and better.

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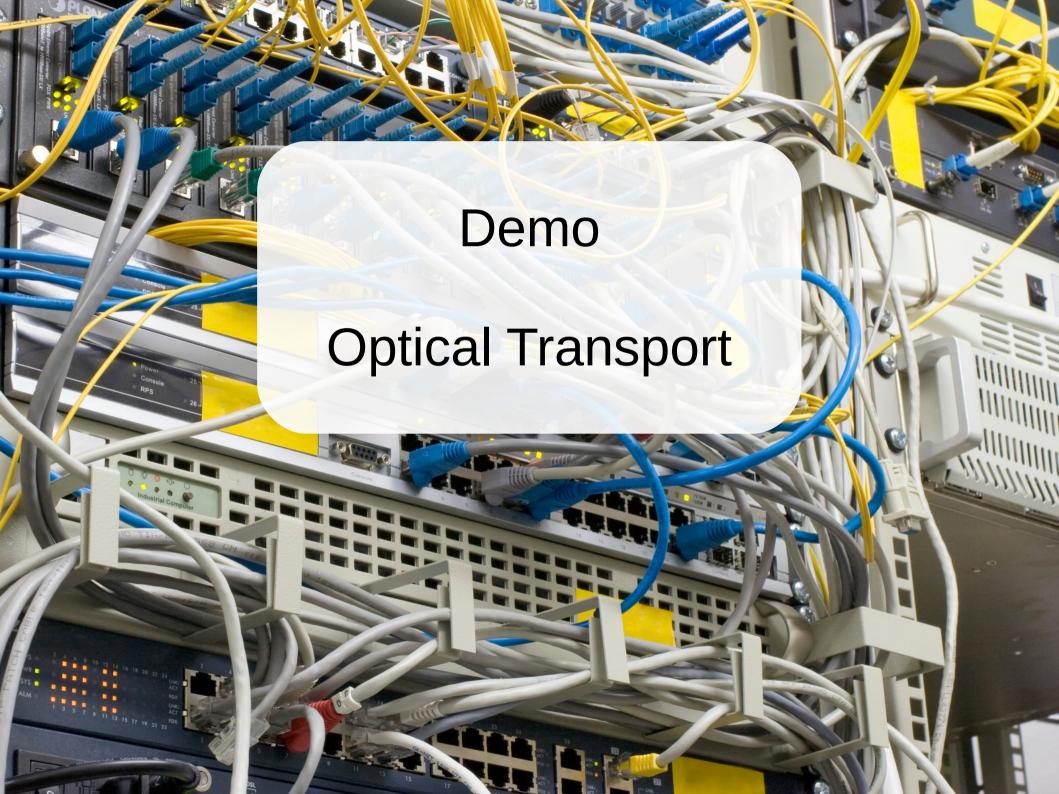
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JavaScript is also a reasonable choice for modeling.

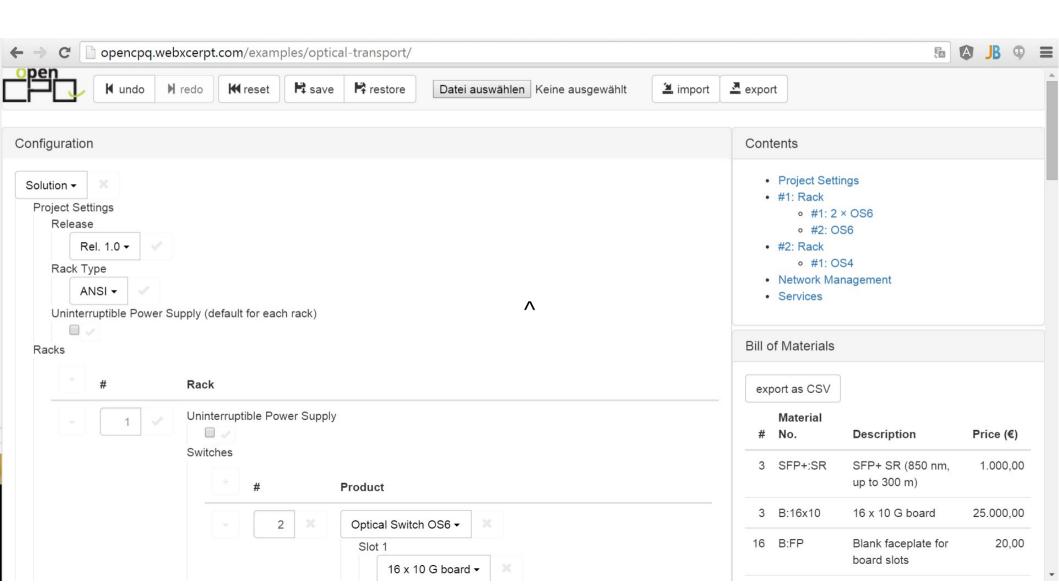


Demo Example: Hierarchical Configuration

(Module) Transceiver (Wavelength) Solution Rack Switch Board DDDDDDD

Demo

http://opencpq.webxcerpt.com/examples/optical-transport/







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Source code and links to live demos available on Github:

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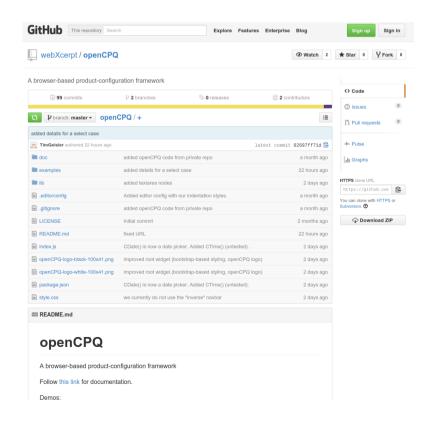




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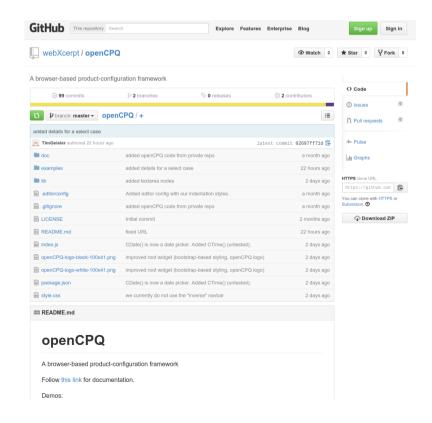


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Slot 1

16 x 10 G board 
Cases

SFP+ ports

Transceiver

CWDM (40 km) 
1471.00 nm 
4 Only 1 of 16 ports configured.

Slot 2
occupied
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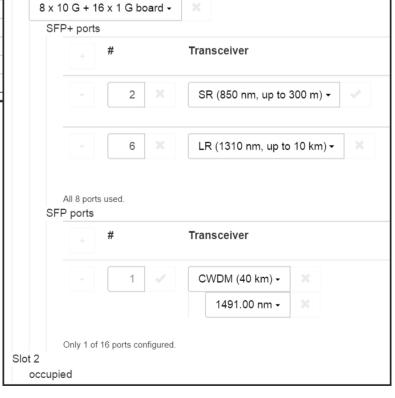
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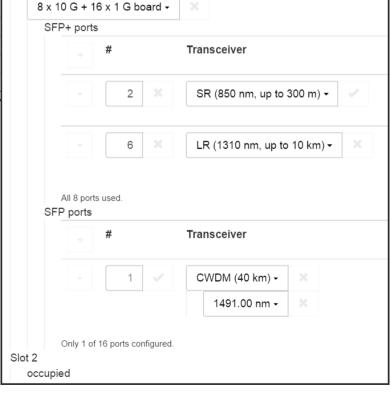
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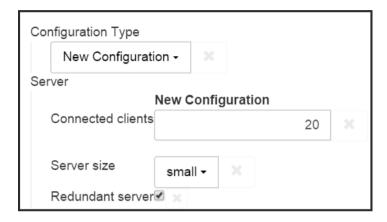
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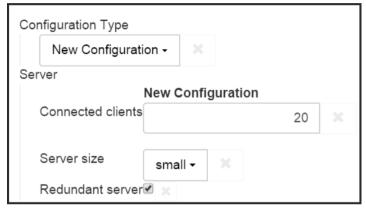
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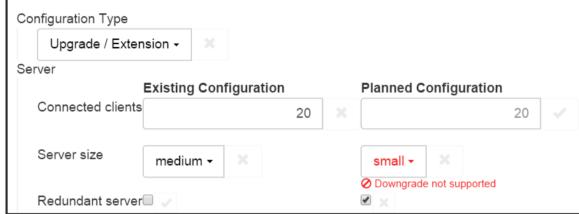




Concise specification of complex models







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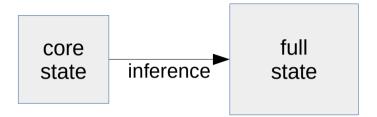
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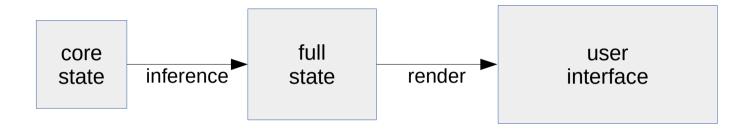
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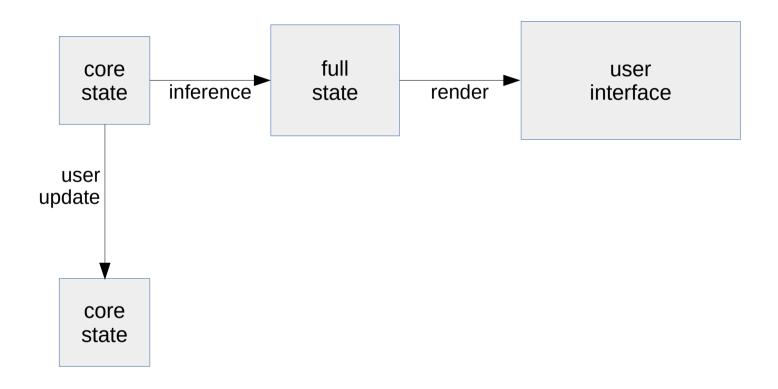
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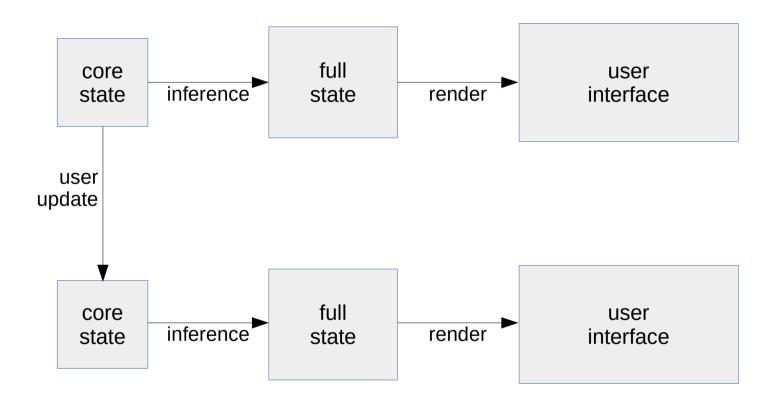
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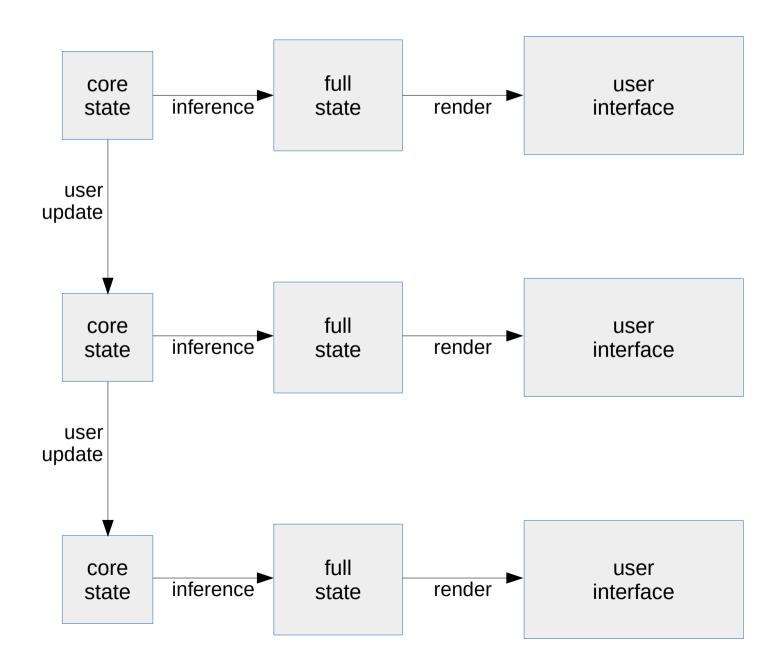


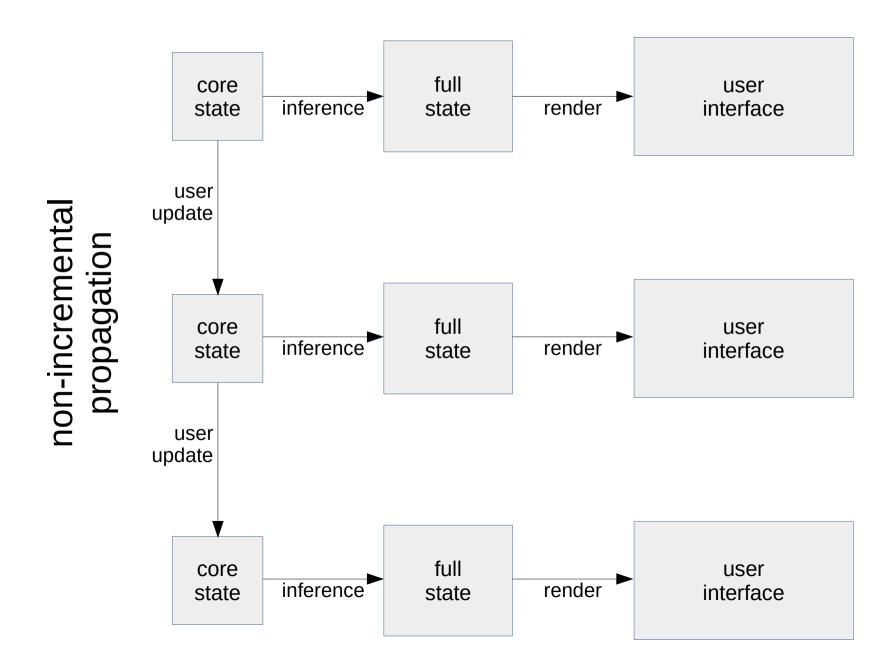
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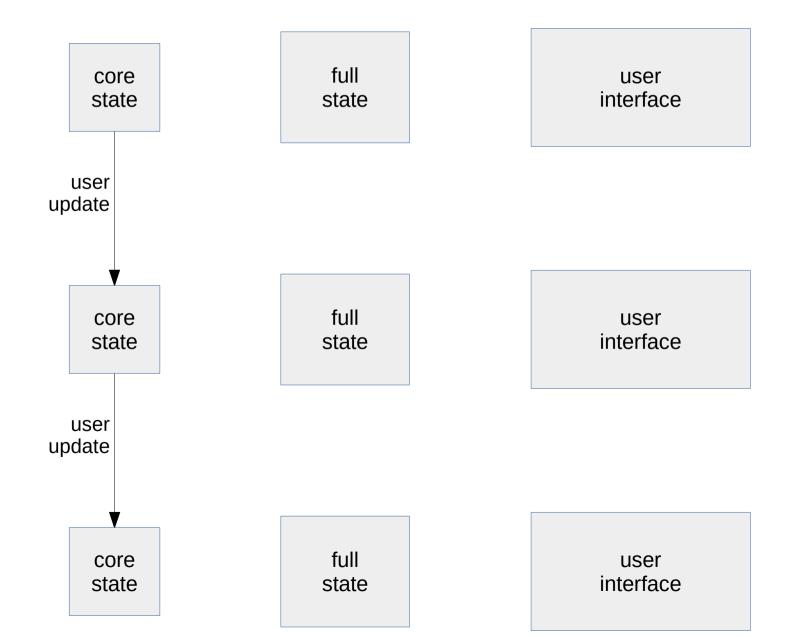


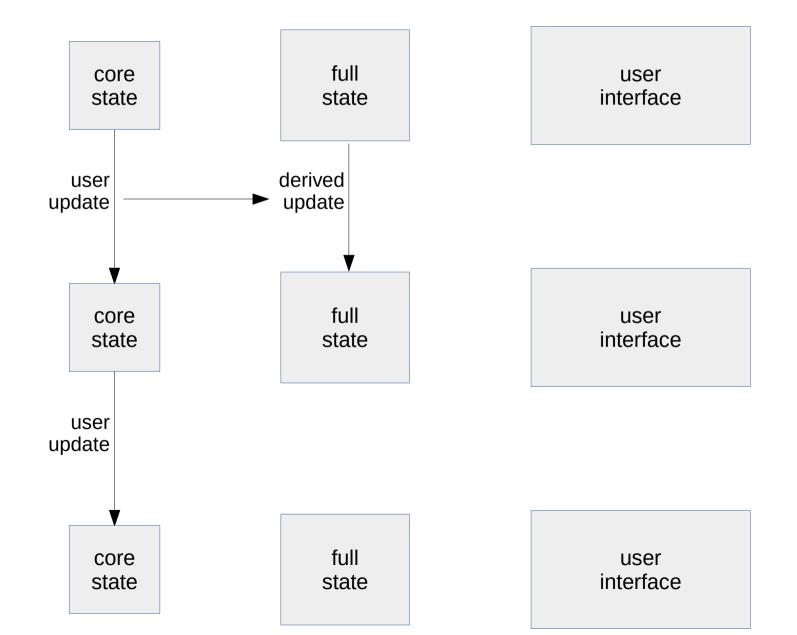


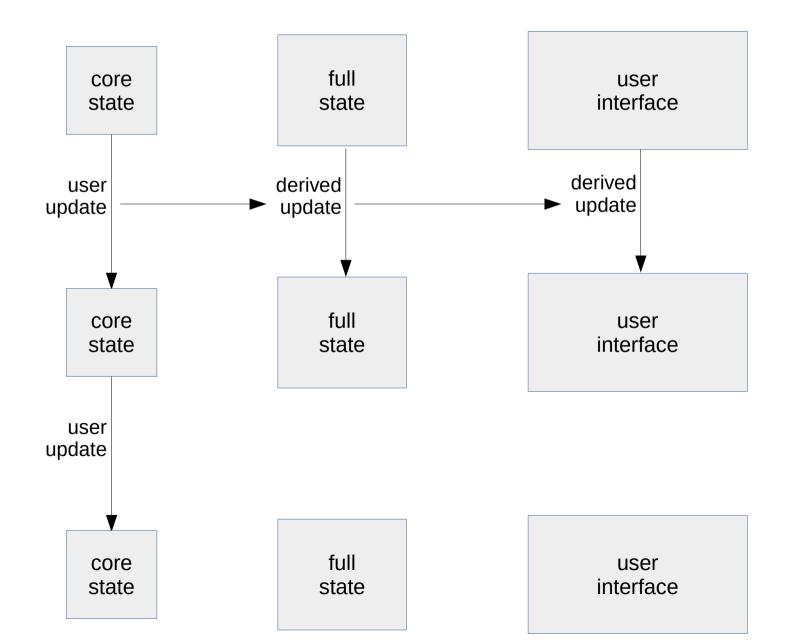


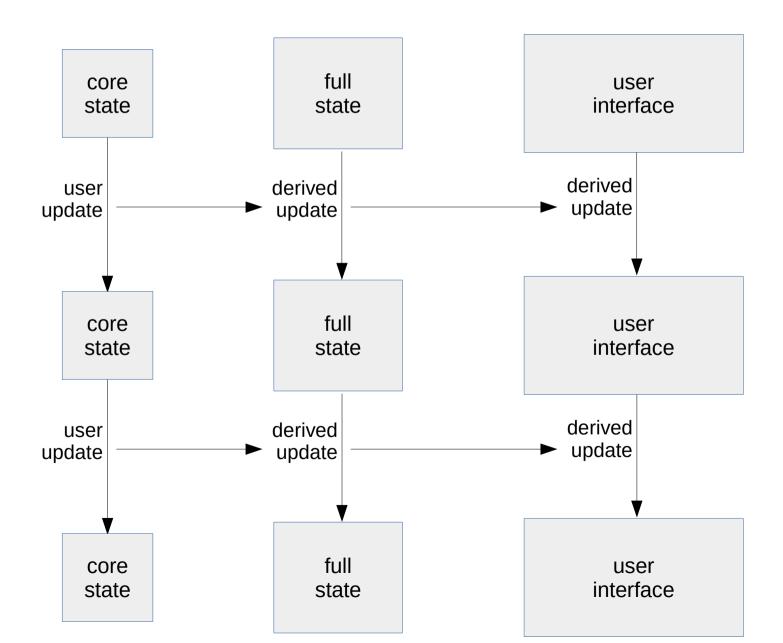


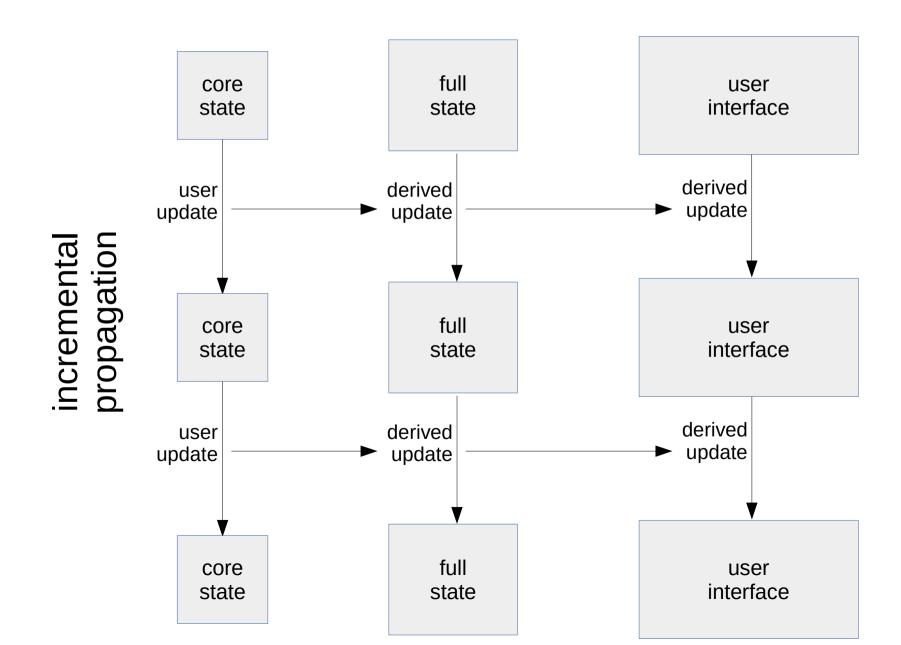












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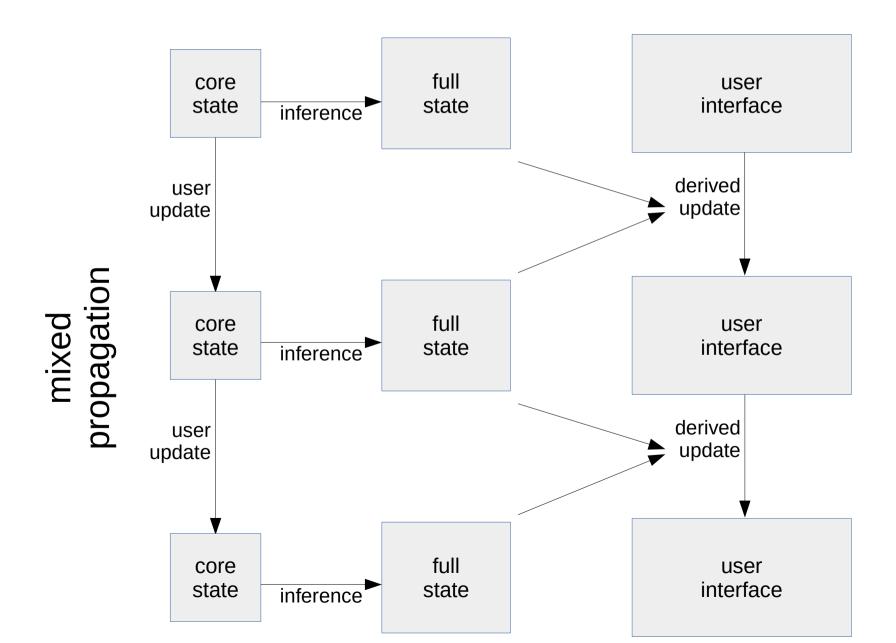
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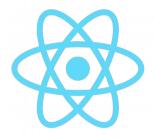
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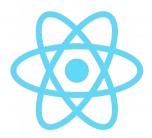
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 - Error-prone (unless completely shielded from the modeler)
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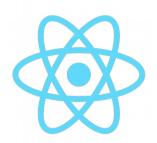


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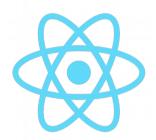
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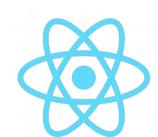
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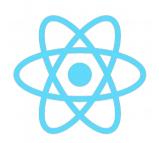


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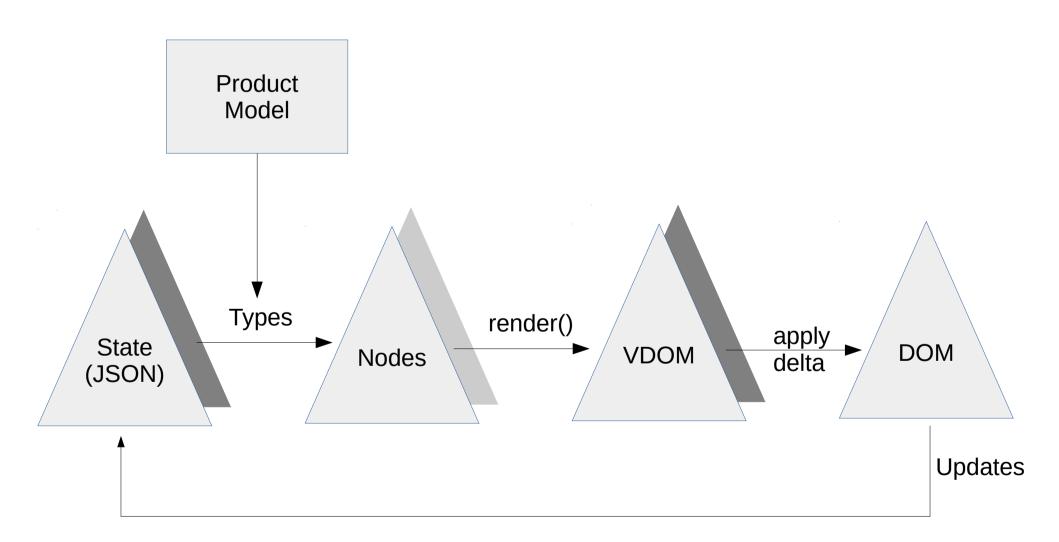
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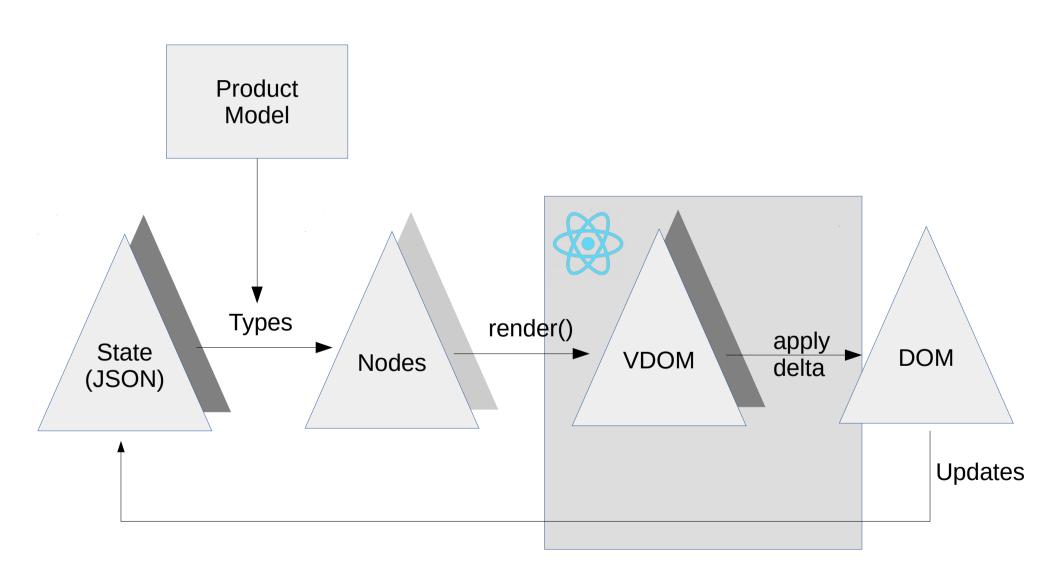
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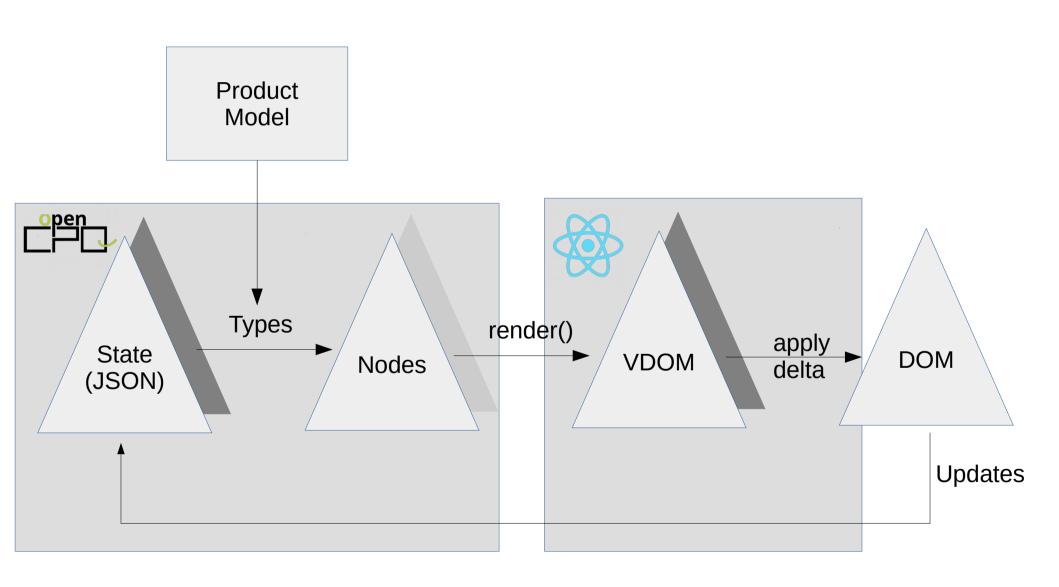
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Use, adapt, integrate, contribute! https://github.com/webXcerpt/openCPQ



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