

Dagstuhl Beauty Contest

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- German saying:

“Schönheit liegt im Auge des Betrachters”

- Two Betrachter/Observer roles w.r.t. benchmark implementation: developer, user
- Our submission contributes:
 - Meta-Beauty: conceived beautiful by the software developer
 - Beauty: conceived beautiful by the software user

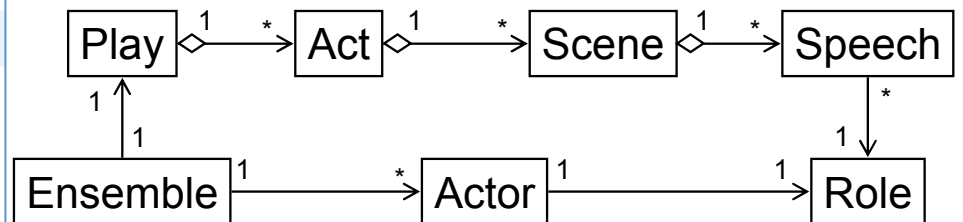
Data Model in Ecore:

- Metamodeling in Eclipse EMF
- no explicit roles concept
- but means to declare references (uni-, bidirectional, derived relationships)

```
class Act {
    attribute EString name;
    containment reference Scene scenes (1..-1) opposite act;
}
```

```
class Scene {
    attribute EString name;
    containment reference Element elements (1..-1) opposite scene;

    reference Act act (1..1) opposite scenes;
}
```



Functions in OCL:

- set-based language to navigate/query object structures
- used to specify derived references answering benchmark questions

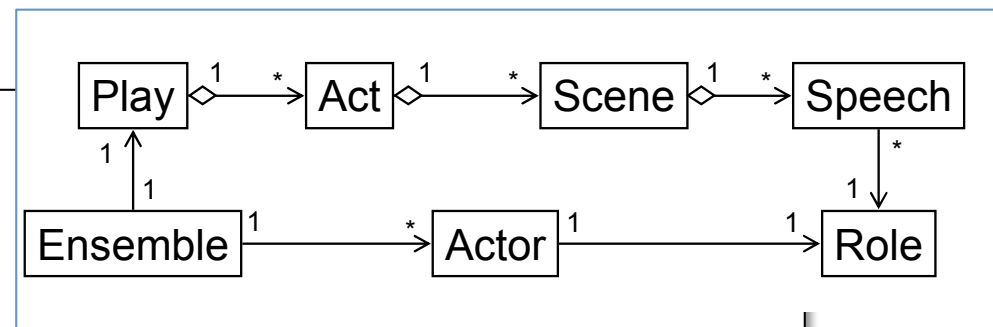
```

class Actor {
  attribute EString name (1..1);
  reference Role plays (1..1);

  @"http://www.eclipse.org/ocl/examples/OCL"
  ("derive"="plays->speeches->scene->act")
  derived unchangeable transient volatile reference Act appearsIn (0..-1);
}

class Role {
  attribute EString name;
  reference Speech speeches (0..-1) opposite playedBy;
  @"http://www.eclipse.org/ocl/examples/OCL"
  ("derive"="speeches->collect(roleSpeech |
    let index:Integer=roleSpeech.scene.elements->indexOf(roleSpeech) in
    roleSpeech.scene.elements->select(candidate |
      candidate.scene.elements->indexOf(candidate) = index-1
      and candidate.scene.elements->indexOf(candidate) = index+1  ))")
  derived unchangeable transient unique volatile reference Speech roleScript (0..-1);
}

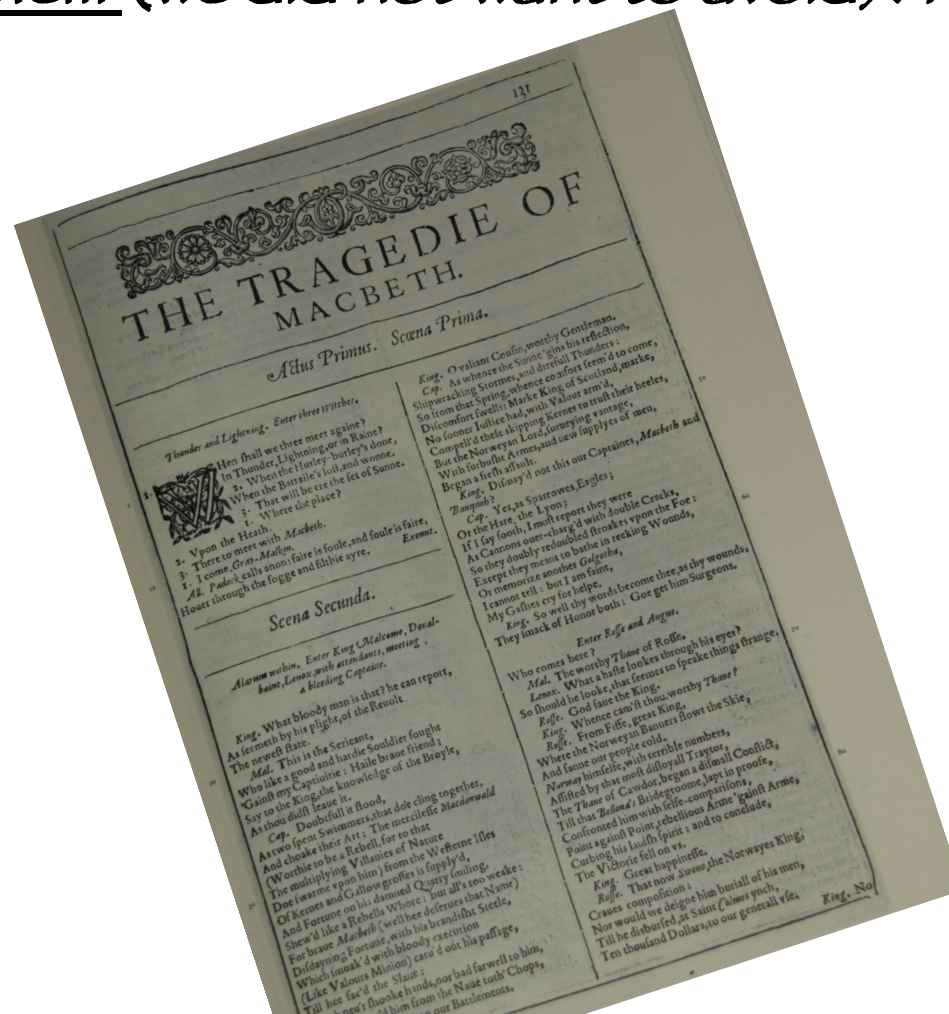
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Test-driven development

- JUnit for testing
- input data: Macbeth script by project Gutenberg

Problem (we did not want to avoid): Parsing

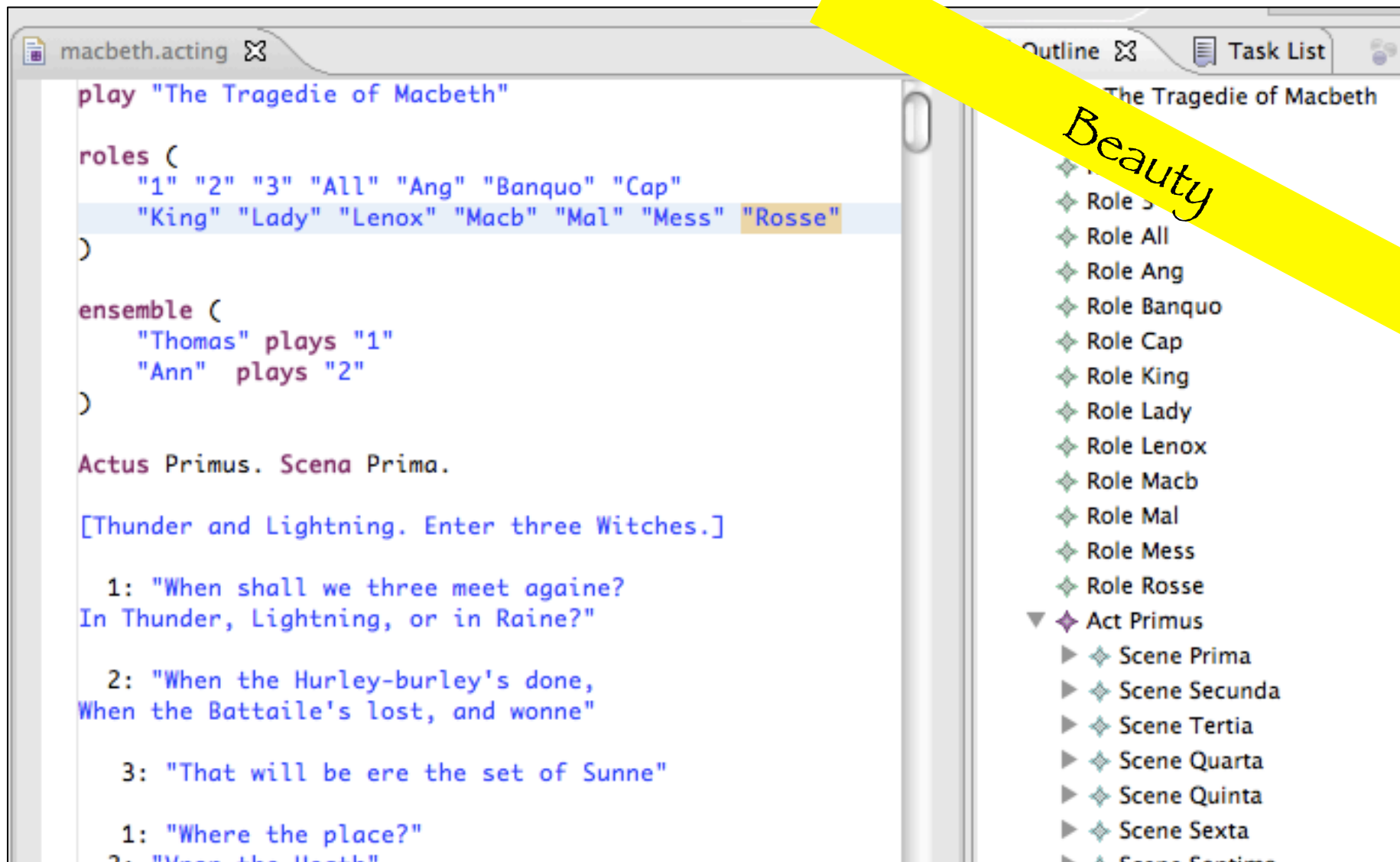


- Domain Specific Syntax:
 - Provide concrete textual syntax for theater scripts
 - Declarative Specification using EMFText

```
RULES{  
    Play ::= "play" name['', ''] "roles" "(" declaredRoles* ")" ensemble acts*;  
    Ensemble ::= "ensemble" "(" actors* ")";  
    Actor ::= name['', ''] "plays" plays['', ''];  
    Role ::= name['', ''];  
    Act ::= "Actus" name[NAME] "." scenes*;  
    Scene ::= "Scena" name[NAME] "." elements*;  
    Speech ::= playedBy[NAME] ":" text['', ''];  
    Direction ::= text['[', ']'];  
}
```

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Findings:

Script uses harmful:

- role-overloading ("1" could be witch one or murderer one)
- role-aliasing ("Lady", "La", "Lad" all refer to Lady)

Machine Readable Script help human interpretation:

- who has the last words in what Scene?
- How does roles collaborate?
- Speech Flow Analysis

Beauty

```
macbeth.actin
play "The
roles (
  "1" "
  "King
)
ensemble (
  "Thom
  "Ann"
)
Actus Pri
[Thunder
1: "Whe
In Thunde
2: "Whe
When the
3: "That will be ere the set of Sunne"
1: "Where the place?"
2: "Near the Heath"
```


```
► ◆ Scene Quarta
► ◆ Scene Quinta
► ◆ Scene Sexta
► ◆ Scene Septima
```


Data	Modelled in Ecore, used references, bidirectional if necessary
Functions	Defined using OCL
Evolution (chorus roles, double roles, tenary references)	adapted cardinalities of references, OCL unchanged slightly adapted concrete syntax specification Ternary references not supported
Evaluation Criteria	Unary, binary, derived references are language feature Binary relationships have minimal runtime overhead No “higher-order” references, no support for role types
Selling points	<u>Meta-Beauty</u> : fully declarative specification of data, functions and textual syntax semantics of “->” in OCL eased evolution <u>Beauty</u> : Advanced editing facilities for theater scripts

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Decide yourself.

emftext



```
Claudia.model X
1/**
2 * Defines top model prototype
3 */
4prototype "Claudia" [90, 60, 90] {
5    // pretty face
6    blond hair;
7    blue eyes;
8    red lips;
9
10   // amazing body
11   endless legs;
12}
13
```

Textual syntax for your models.