

Graph-Based Modeling

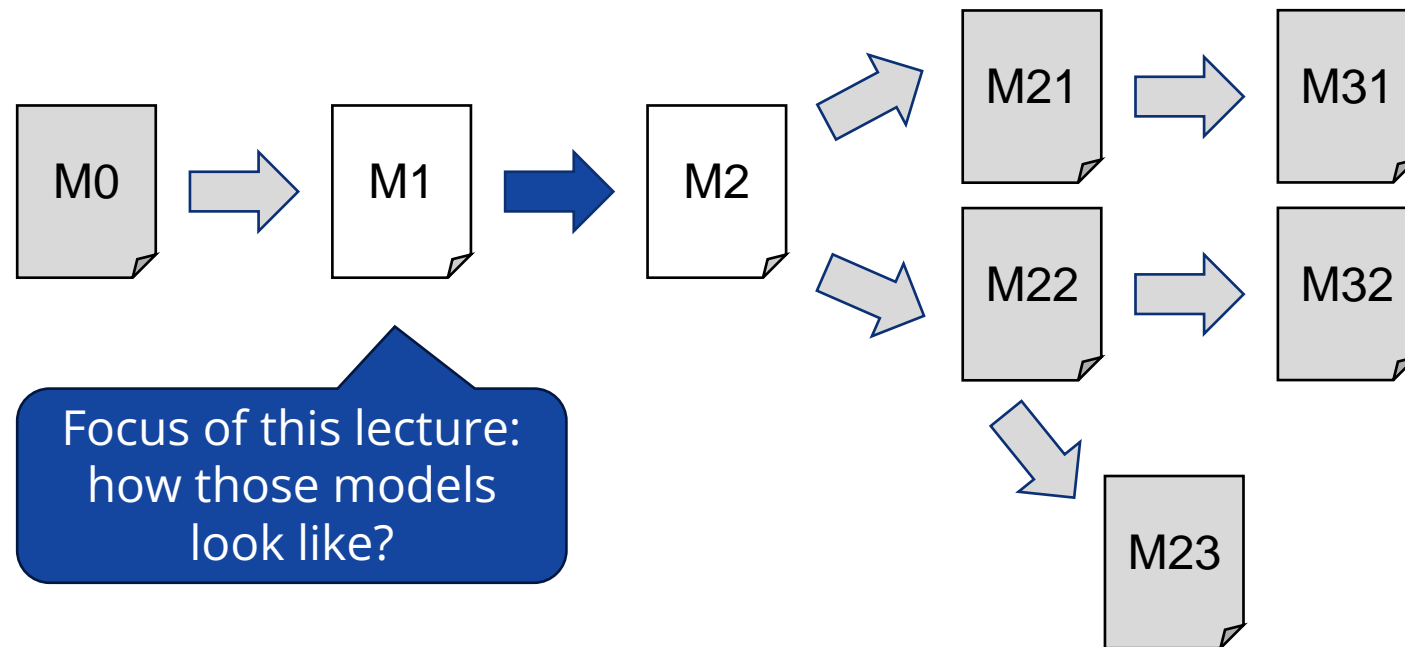
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Reminder: development processes

- We create models and automate their processing
- Software is constructed by a chain of transformations



Structure of models

Documents in development

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- Textual documents

Source Code

- General purpose language
- Available Compilers / Interpreters

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- Typically, the main development artifacts.
- Low-code / No-code: replace coding with modeling
- Model-Driven Software Development: models are the main artifacts. Code / Documentation is generated.

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- General / Domain-Specific
- Custom editors
- Transformations

SysML v2 example

```
part def HubAssembly;  
part def Tire;  
part def Vehicle;  
  
part def Chassis {  
    part hubAssembly : HubAssembly[3..4];  
    part tire : Tire[3..4];  
}  
  
connection def WheelConnection {  
    end : HubAssembly[1];  
    end : Tire[1];  
}
```

- Custom editors and transformations can introduce
 - Advanced code generators
 - Mathematical algorithms
- SysML v2 is developed in ftsrg

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Structured textual data formats

- Standard formats and tools to describe data
- E.g., xml, json, csv, ...

note.xml

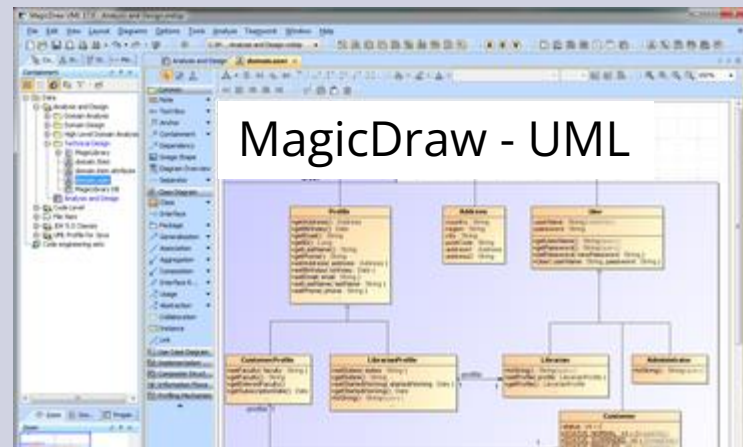
```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding=  
"UTF-8"?>  
<note>  
    <to>Tove</to>  
    <from>Jani</from>  
    <heading>Reminder</heading>  
    <body>Don't forget me this  
weekend!</body>  
</note>
```

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- Graphical documents

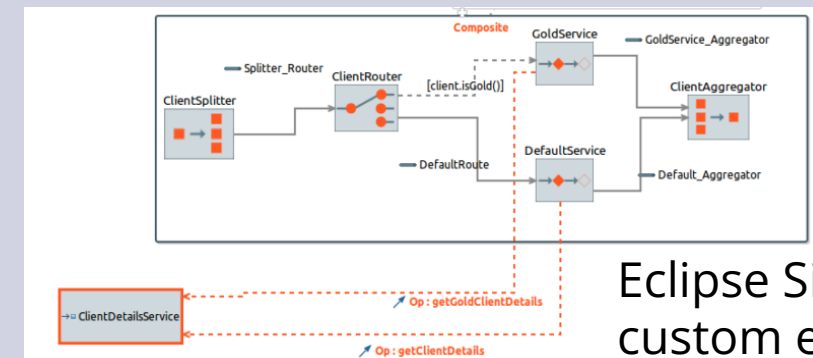
General Purpose Modeling tools

- Covers wide array of problems
- Non-specialized tools



Textual modeling languages

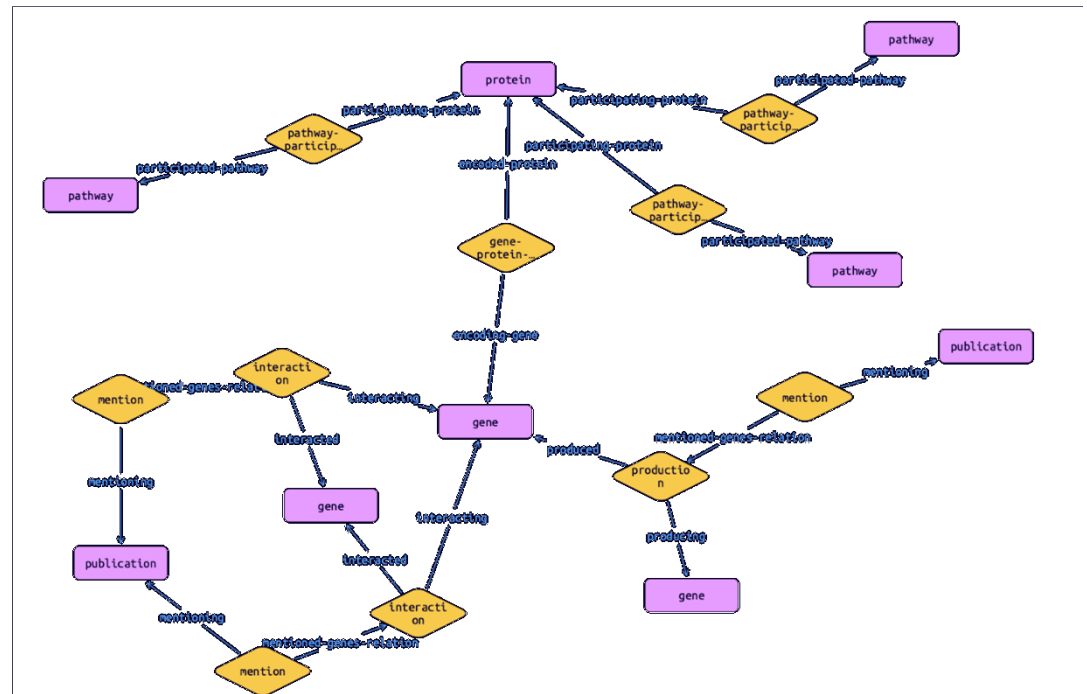
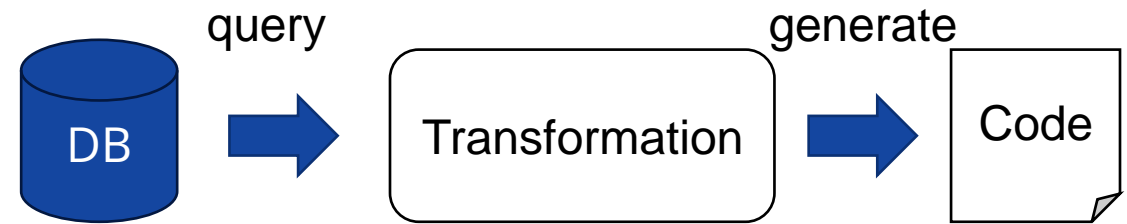
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Eclipse Sirius –
custom editors

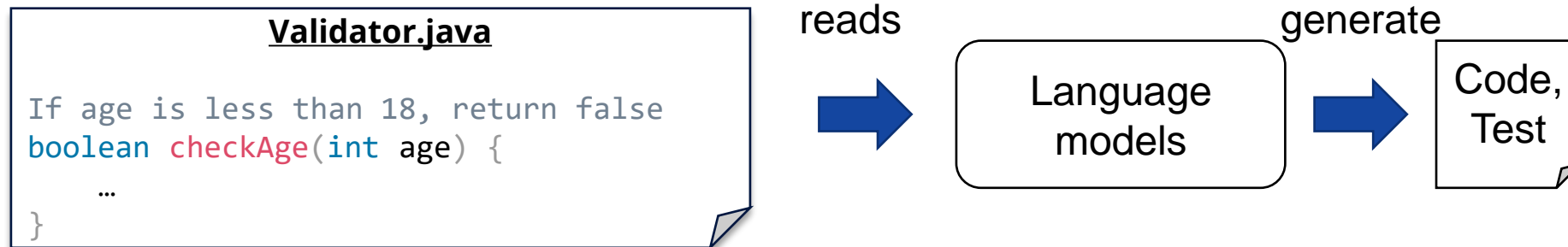
Documents in development

- What kind of documents are used during development?
- Model queries
 - Database (relational or no-sql)
 - Knowledge base or Ontologies
- example: TypeDB
- More and more frequent



Documents in development

- What kind of documents are used during development?
- Natural language, new opportunities



Documents in development

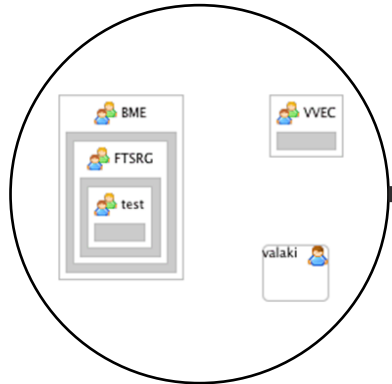
- What kind of documents are used during development?
- Textual documents
 - source code
 - textual modeling languages
 - structured textual documents: csv, xml, json
- Graphical documents
 - General Purpose modeling languages (e.g., UML)
 - or Domain-Specific
- Model queries
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- Natural language

How to **capture** all those information?

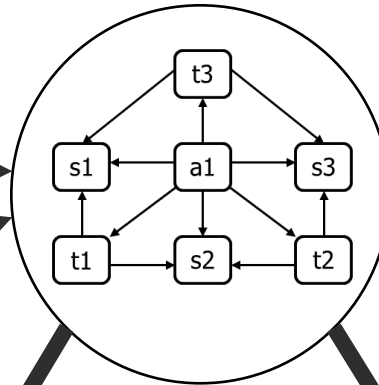
Logic Structures + Graphs

Common understanding of models

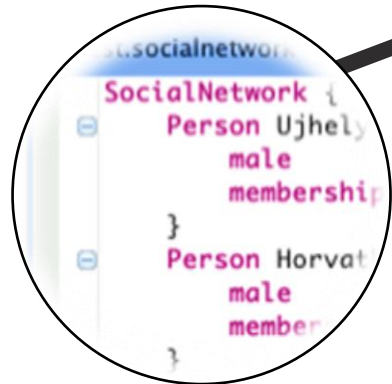
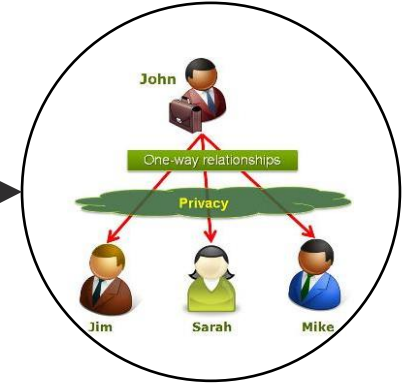
Graphical syntax



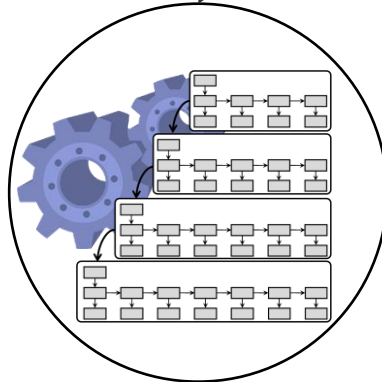
Models



View



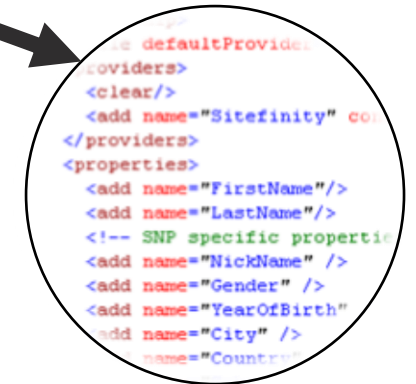
Textual syntax



Simulation



Validation

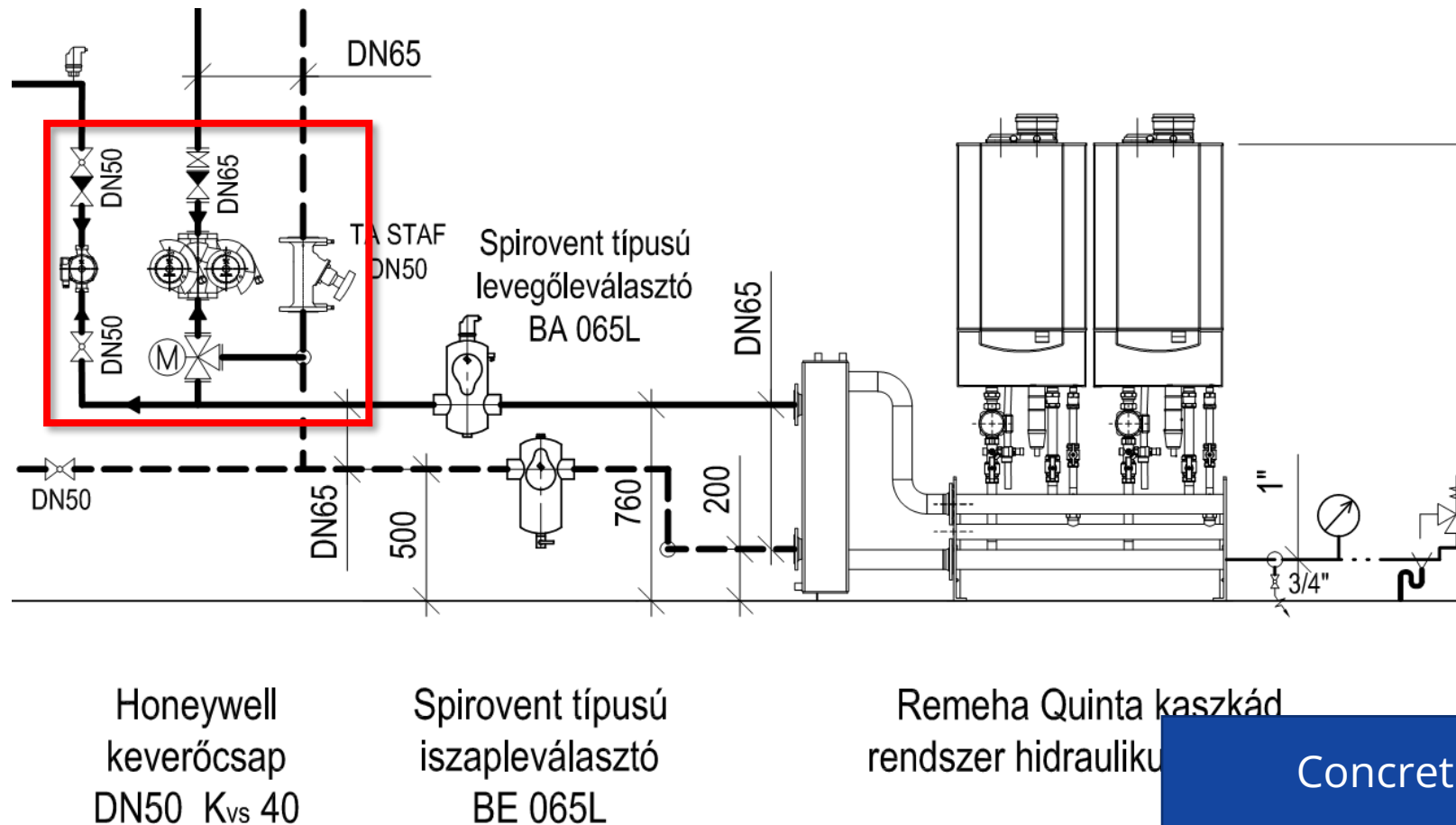


Code Generation

Concrete & Abstract syntax

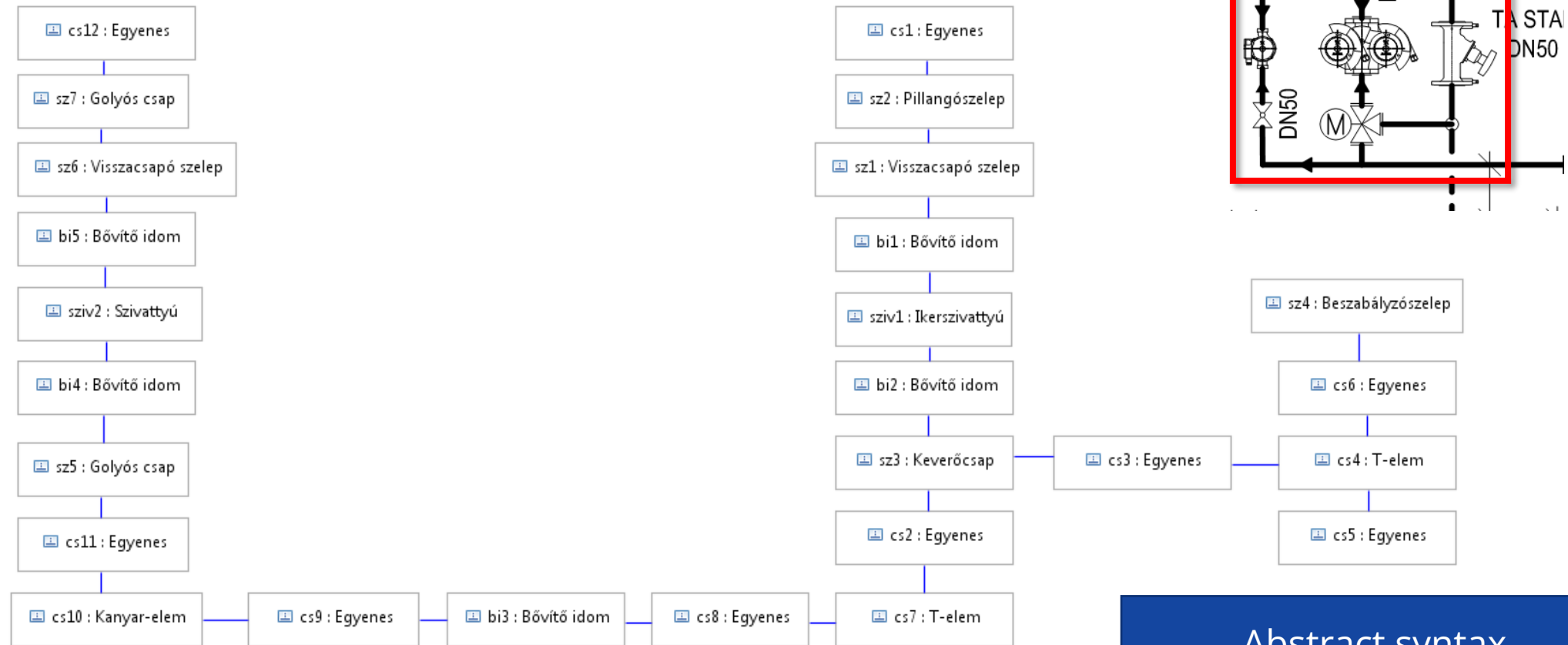
Instance model, concrete syntax

- How models look like?



Instance model, abstract syntax

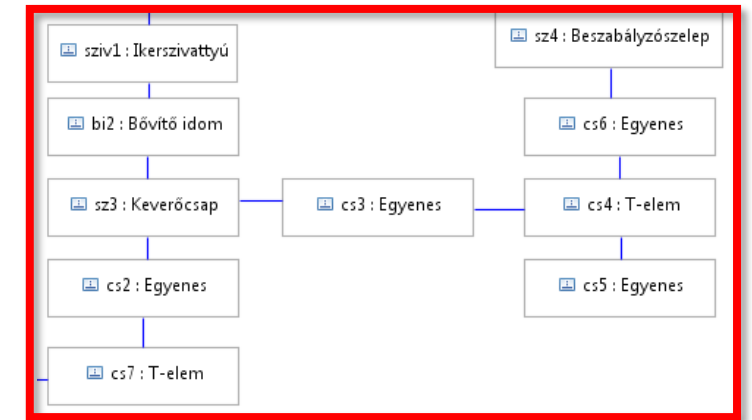
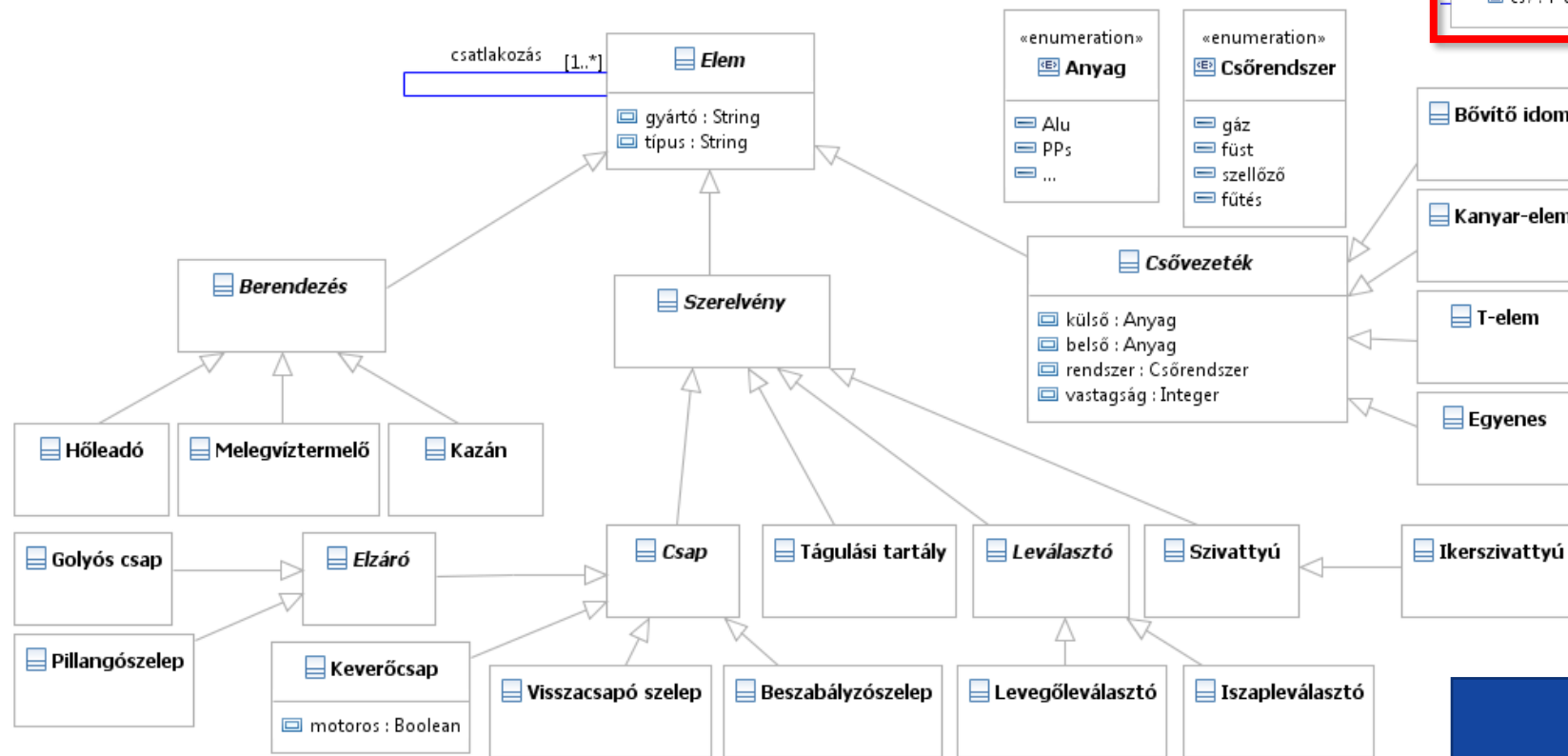
- How to represent models in a computer?



Abstract syntax

Example metamodel

- How to describe the data structure?



Metamodel

Definitions

- Separate models to **representation-independent** and **representation-specific** parts.

Definition

Abstract syntax is the (abstract) data structure of a model, which excludes representation-specific details.

Definition

Concrete syntax is the complete representation of a model (which includes representation-specific details).

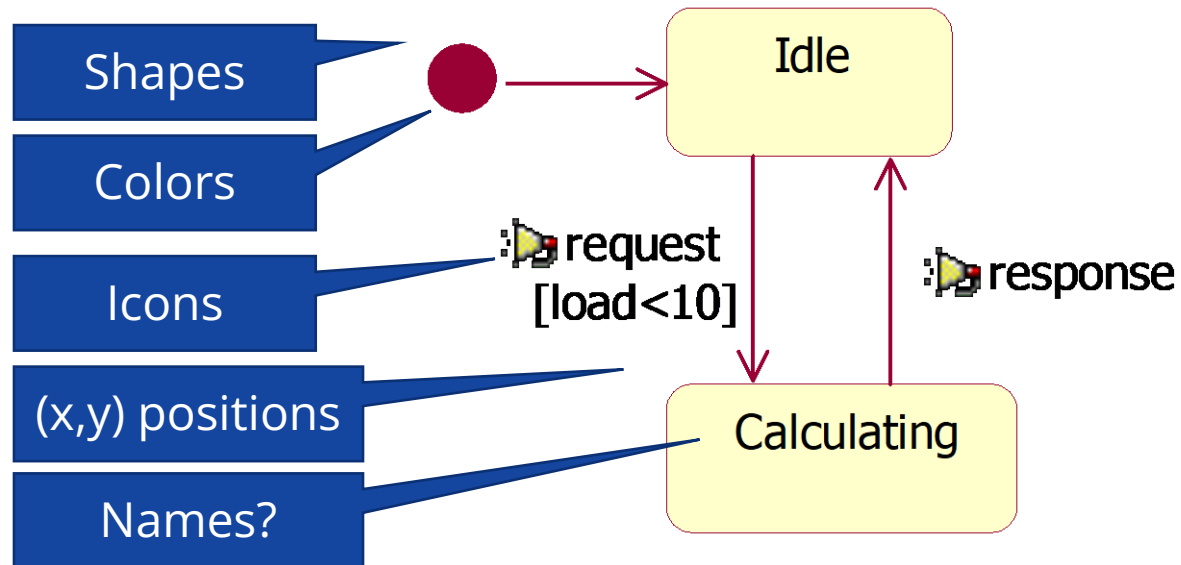
- Abstract and concrete syntax may also denote the representation technique of a modeling language.

*“concrete syntax of UML” →
The way that UML represents models in its editor.*

Concrete syntax example

- What is part of the concrete syntax, but not part of the abstract?

Concrete graphical syntax



Concrete textual syntax

```
String state = "idle";  
request() {  
    if (state == "idle" &&  
        this.load<10)  
        state = "calculating";  
}  
response() { /* ... */ }
```

On the right, four blue callout boxes point to specific elements: 'Formatting' points to the semicolon at the end of the first line, 'Keywords' points to the 'if' keyword, 'Grammar' points to the state assignment line, and 'Comments' points to the multi-line comment in the response function.

Textual vs. Visual

Textual notation

- + **Easy to write:**
Able to capture complex expressions
- **Difficult to read:**
Difficult to comprehend and manage after certain complexity (e.g what refers me?)

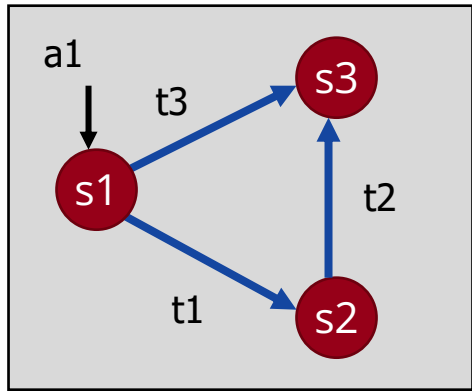
Visual notation

- + **Easy to read:**
Able to express (selected / subset of) details in an intuitive, understandable form
- + **Safe to write:** Able to construct syntactically correct models
- **Difficult to write:** graphical editing is slower

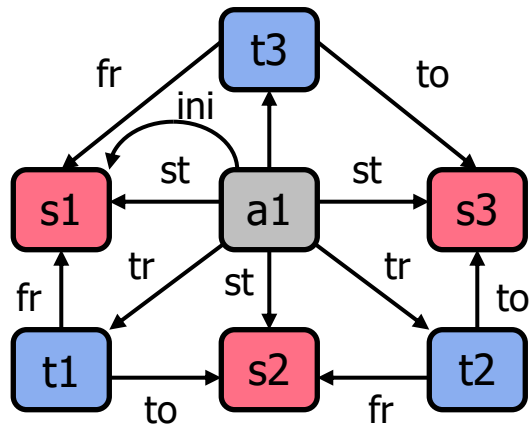
Abstract syntax example

- How to capture the abstract syntax of a model?
- What to include to abstract syntax?
(semantics, version control, abstract syntax to concrete syntax traf)

Concrete syntax



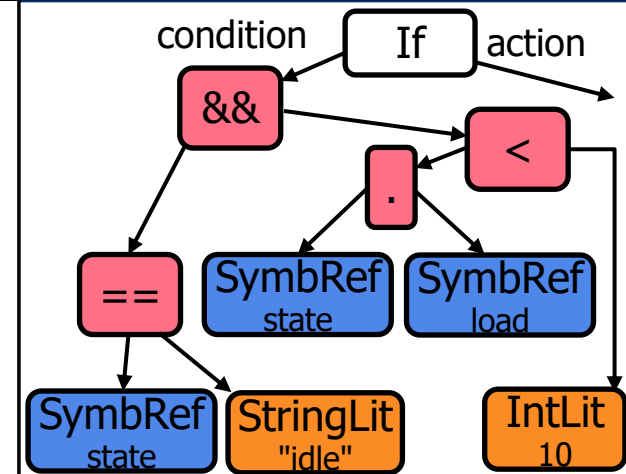
Abstract syntax



Concrete syntax

```
if (  
  state ==  
  "idle" &&  
  this.load < 10)  
  ...
```

Abstract syntax



- Abstract syntax: typically a graph-based structure.

Multiplicity of Notations

- 1 abstract syntax → many textual and visual notations
 - Human-readable-writable textual or visual syntax
 - Textual syntax for exchange or storage (typically XML)
 - In case of UML, each diagram is only a partial view
- 1 abstract model → many concrete forms in 1 syntax!
 - Whitespace, diagram layout
 - Comments
 - Syntactic sugar
- 1 semantic interpretation → many abstract models
 - e.g. UML2 Attribute vs. one-way Association

Metamodels and Instance Models

Metamodels

- How to describe the range of valid models?

Definition

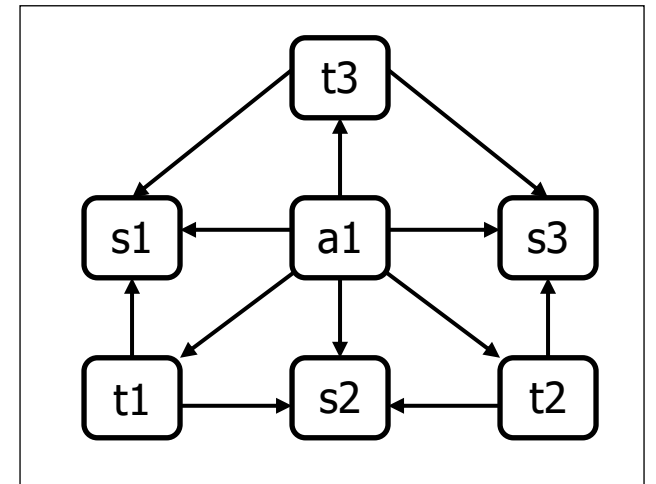
A **metamodel** defines the most important concepts and relations of a modeling language and defines the basic structure of the models.

Goal: to define...

- Basic concepts
- Relations between concepts
- Attributes of concepts
- Abstraction / refinement (Taxonomy, Ontology) between model elements
- Aggregation
- Multiplicity restrictions
- ...

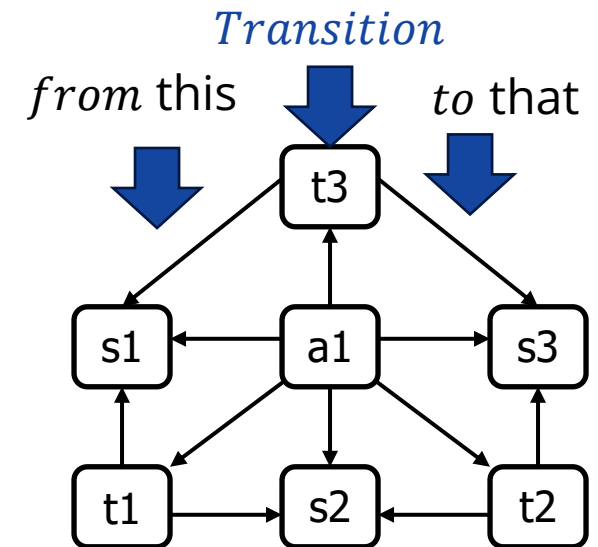
How to model with graphs?

- Directed graphs: $G = \langle V_G, E_G \rangle$, where:
 - V_G : finite set of **nodes** (of G)
 - $E_G: V_G \times V_G \rightarrow \{true, false\}$: **edges** between the nodes (in G)
 - Loop edges supported, parallel edges to the same direction not
- Example: statechart model S
 - $V_S = \{a_1, s_1, s_2, s_3, t_1, t_2, t_3\}$
 - $E_S(a_1, s_1) = true$, but $E_S(s_1, a_1) = false$
- Question: How to add labels?



Problem: too simple

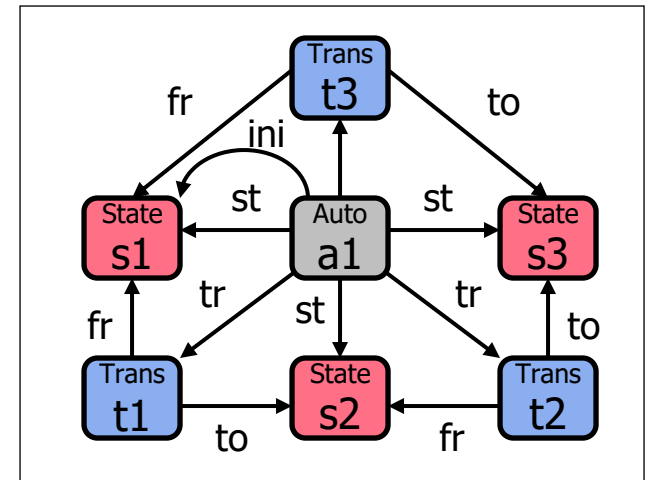
- We want to add some more information
- Add labels to the nodes and the edges!
- How to define the set of labels?



How to model with labelled graphs?

Dictionary: $\langle \Sigma, \alpha \rangle$

- Σ : Set of labels
 - For example, if we want to write the words “Automaton”, “State”, “Transition”, ... on the graph, then:
 $\Sigma = \{Automaton, \textit{State}, \textit{Transition}, states, transitions, from, to, init\}$
- Node and edge labels are separate by the Arity
- Arity $\alpha: \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ specifies the role of the labels
 - Node labels $\alpha: Automaton, \textit{State}, \textit{Transition} \mapsto 1$
 - Edge labels: $\alpha: states, transitions, from, to, init \mapsto 2$
 - Other arity is rare.



How to model with labelled graphs?

Labelled graphs: $G = \langle O_G, I_G \rangle$, where:

- O_G : finite set of **nodes** or **objects** (of G)
- $I_G(s): V_G^{\alpha(s)} \rightarrow \{true, false\}$: **interpretation function** for each $s \in \Sigma$
 *I_G tells whether a node **label** or **type** is true for a node or there is an **edge** or **link** between two nodes with a label.*

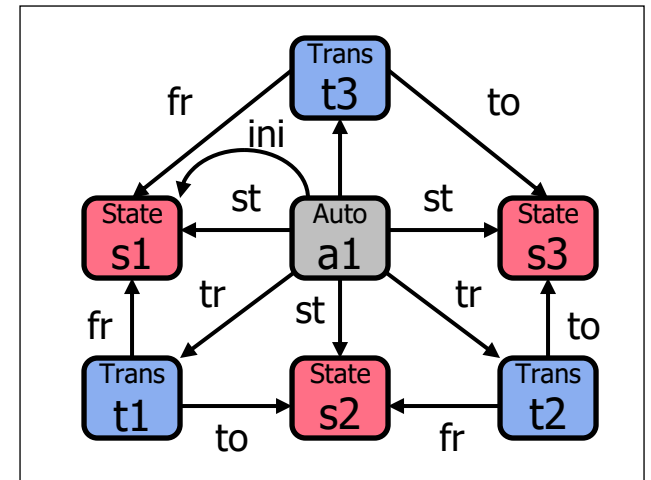
Example: statechart model S

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$I_S(\text{State})(s_1) = true$, or simply $\text{State}(s_1) = true$, $\text{Transition}(t_1) = true$
 $\text{State}(t_1) = false$, $\text{Transition}(s_1) = false$

Similarly: $from(t_1, s_1) = true$, $to(t_1, s_2) = true$, but $from(s_1, s_1) = false$

This will be very simple after LAB!

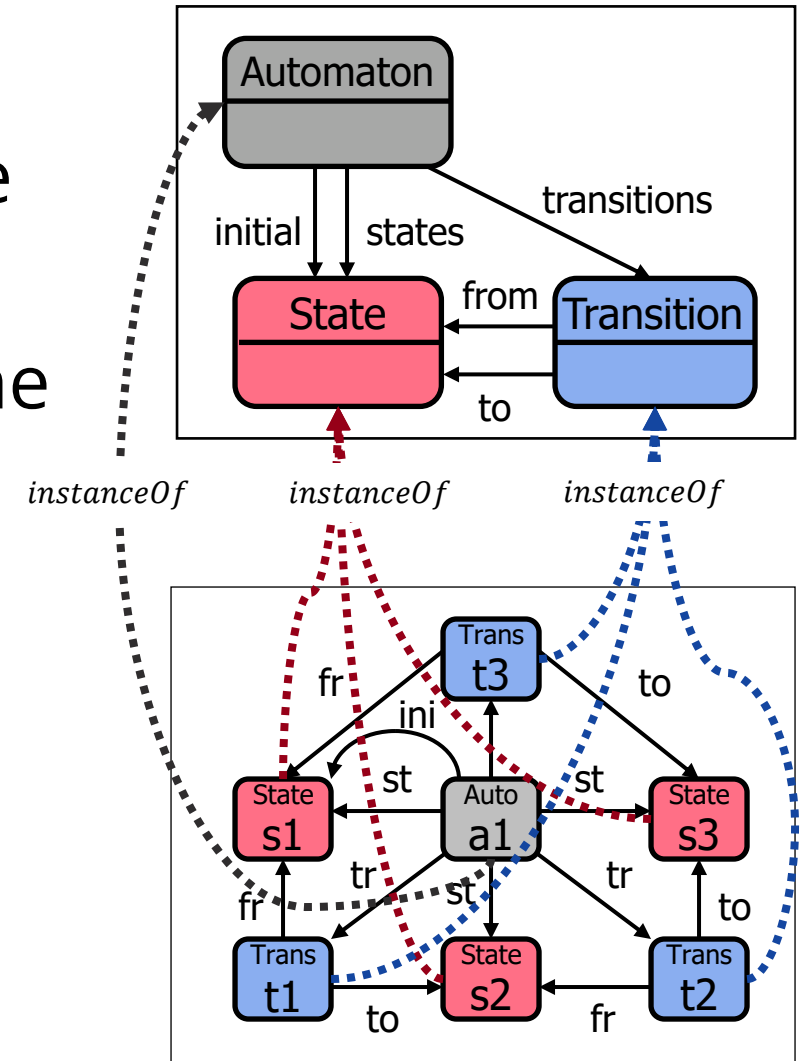


Basic Structure

- Labels used as types

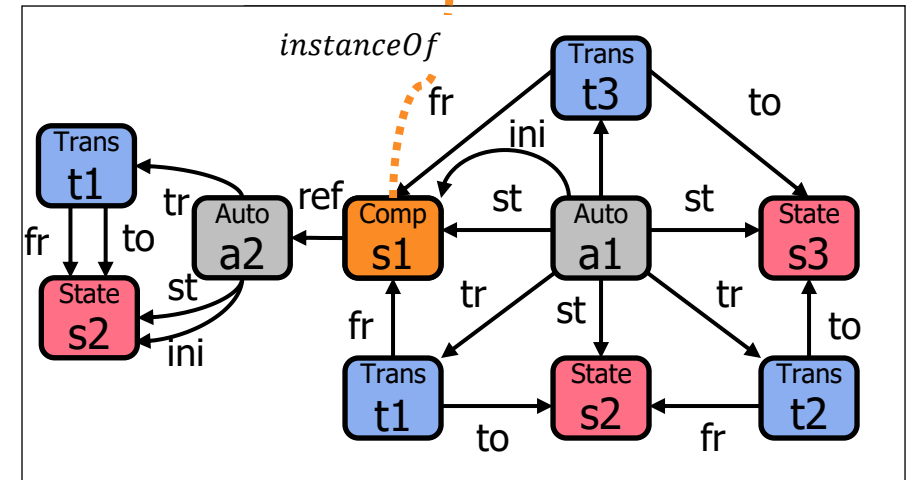
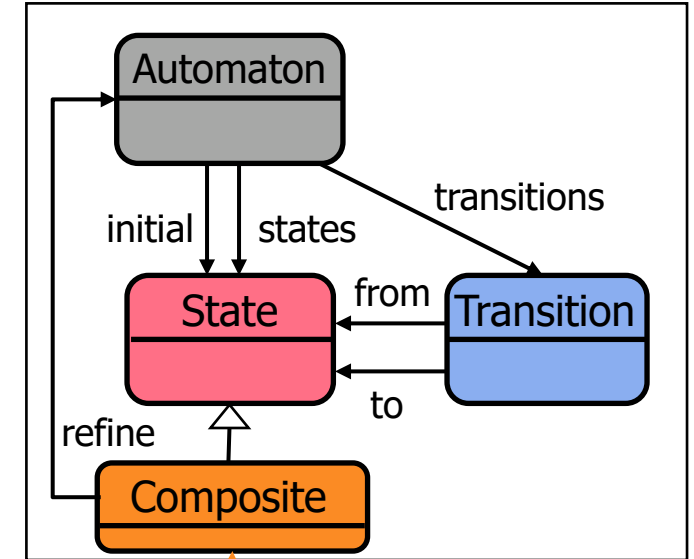
Basic Structure

- We want to assign labels more clearly
- We can use a “class diagram” to define the valid labeling.
- Edges are allowed if they are allowed in the metamodel



Supertypes and subtypes

- Create more complex types:
supertype relation (inheritance)
- Type system can be extended with subtypes.
A graph G is type conformant, if:
 - every node in G has a type in T defined by *instanceOf*,
 - for each every edge with label S between s and t if there is an edge with S between a **supertype of** *instanceOf*(s) and a **supertype of** *instanceOf*(t) in T .
- **Direct type:** *instanceOf*
- **Indirect type:** *instanceOf* + *supertype**
- **Abstract type:** cannot be direct type



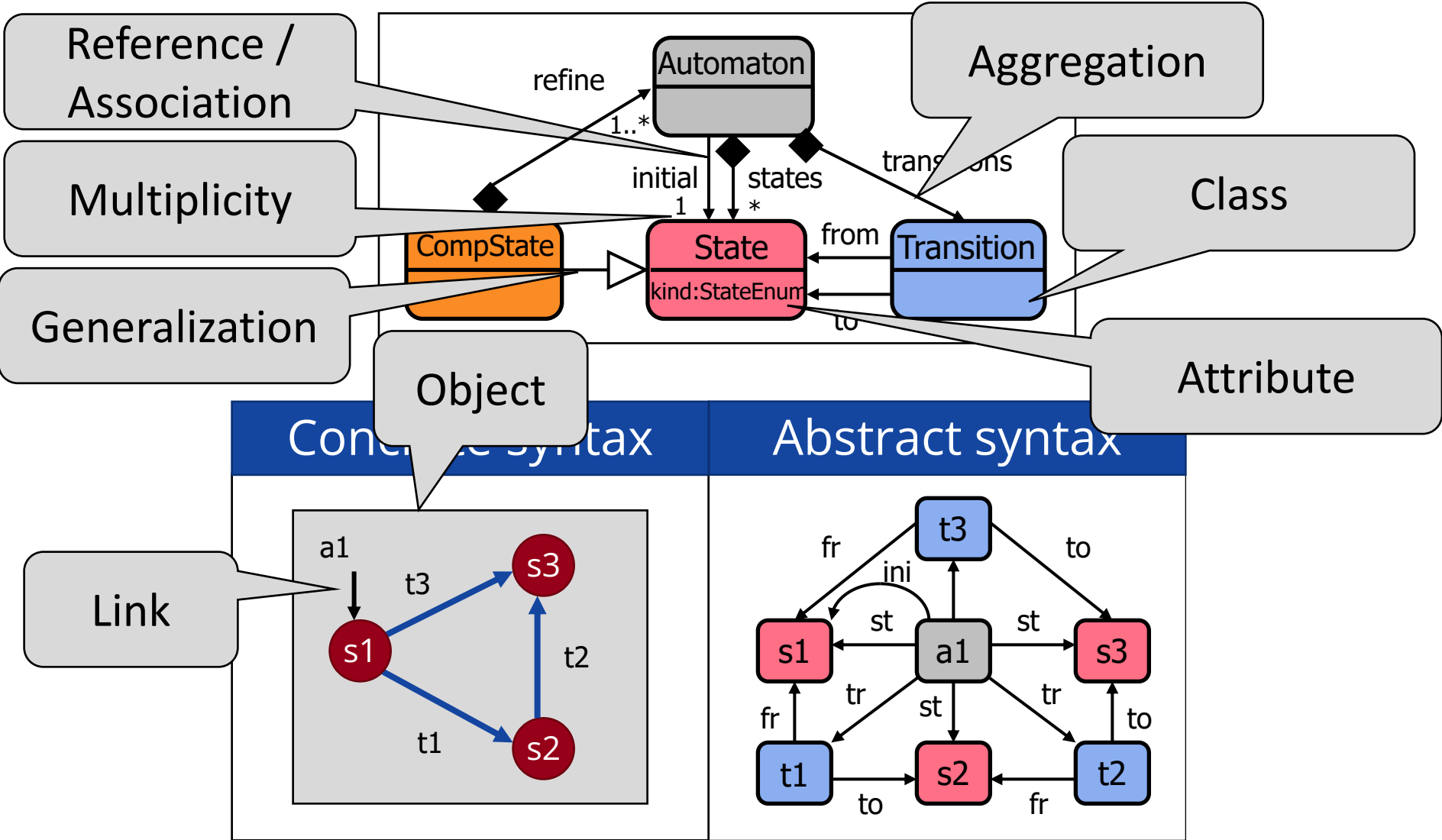
Exercise: Classification vs. Generalization

1. Fido is a Poodle
2. A Poodle is a Dog
3. Dogs are Animals
4. Poodle is a Breed
5. Dog is a Species

- ✓ 1+2 = Fido is a Dog
- ✓ 1+2+3 = Fido is an Animal
- ! 1+4 = Fido is a Breed
- ! 2+5 = A Poodle is a Species

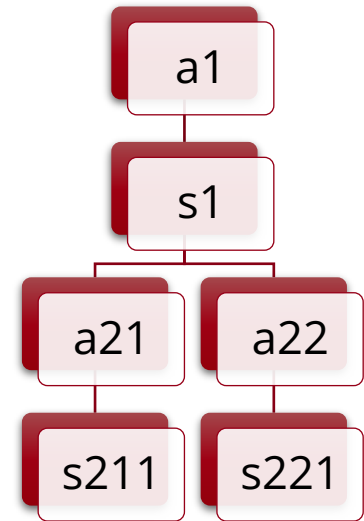
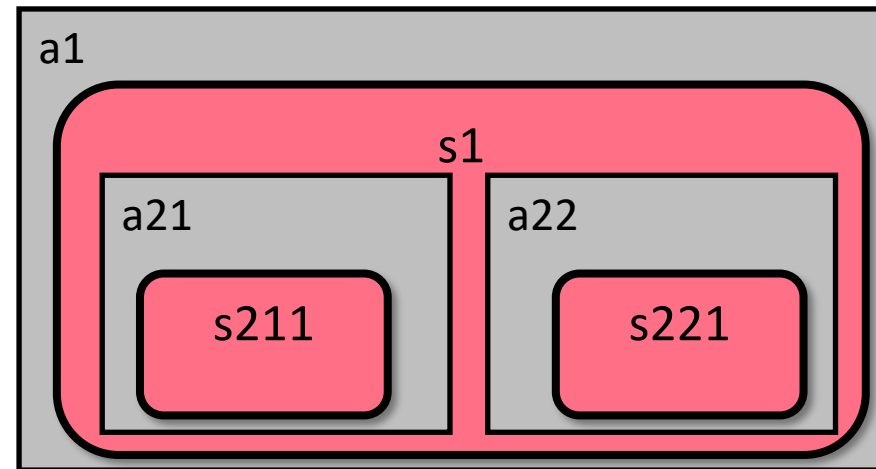
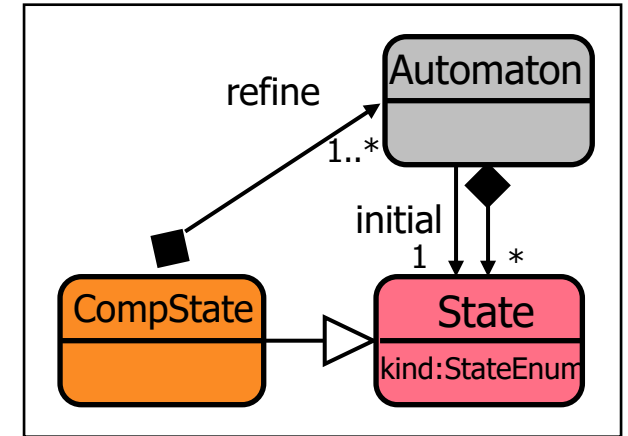
- Generalization (SupertypeOf) is transitive
- Classification (InstanceOf) is NOT transitive

Additional structural elements



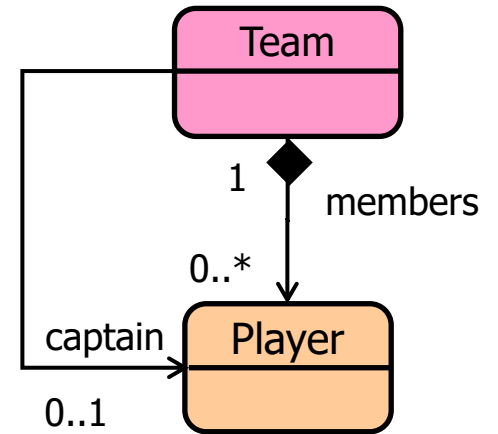
Containment

- Each model element has a unique parent
 - N children → 1 parent
 - Single root element
- Aggregation as relationship:
 - Defined in the metamodel along reference edges
 - Provides restriction for instance models
- Circularity
 - No circular containment (in the model)
 - Aggregation relations in the metamodel may be circular (hierarchy)



Multiplicity

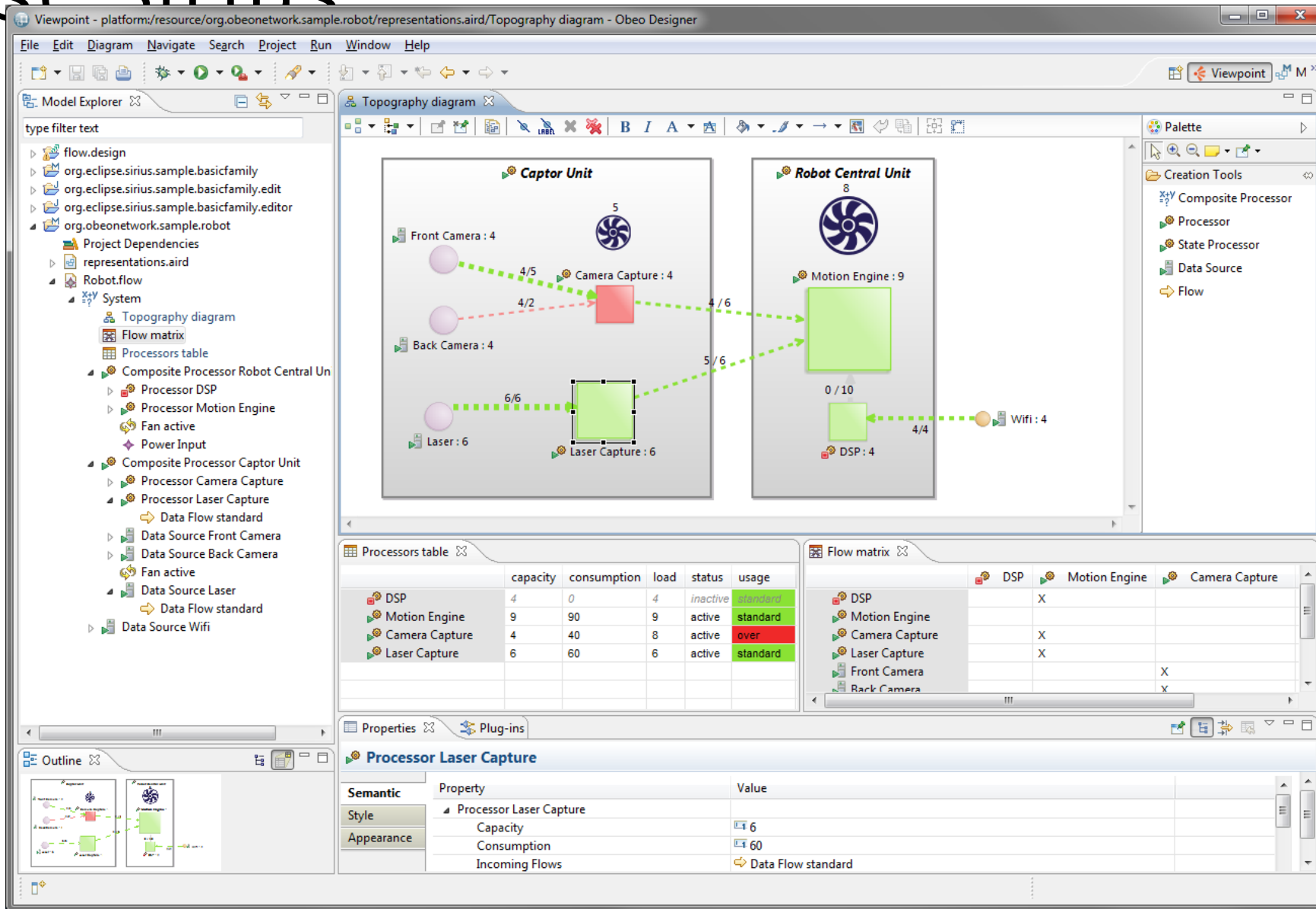
- Definition: Lower bound .. Upper bound
 - Lower bound: 0, 1, (non-negative integer)
 - Upper bound: 1, 2, ... * (positive integer + any)
- Scope:
 - References: allowed number of links between objects of specific types
 - Attributes: e.g. arrays of strings (built-in values)



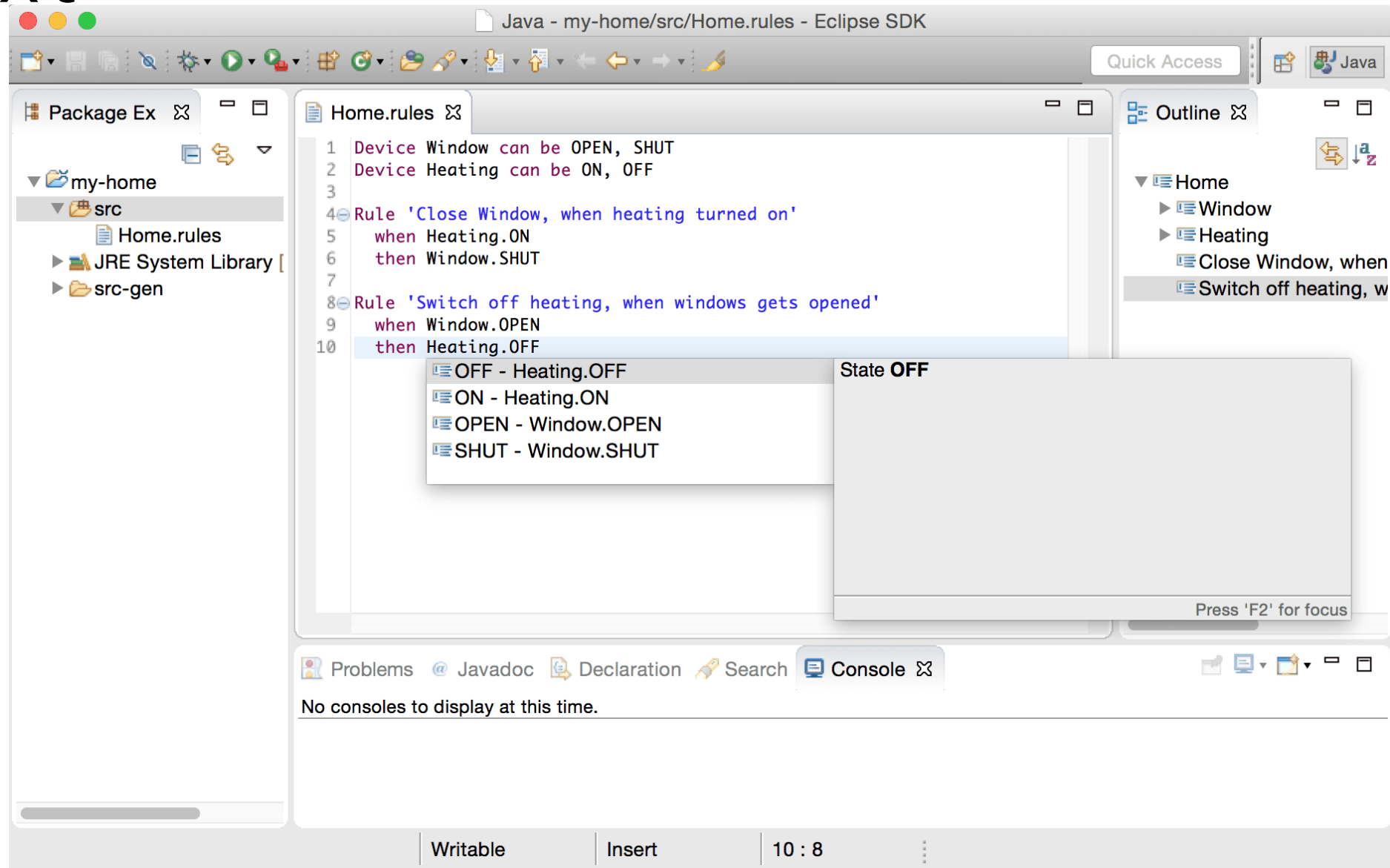
Which are the most common multiplicity definitions in practice?

Modeling tools

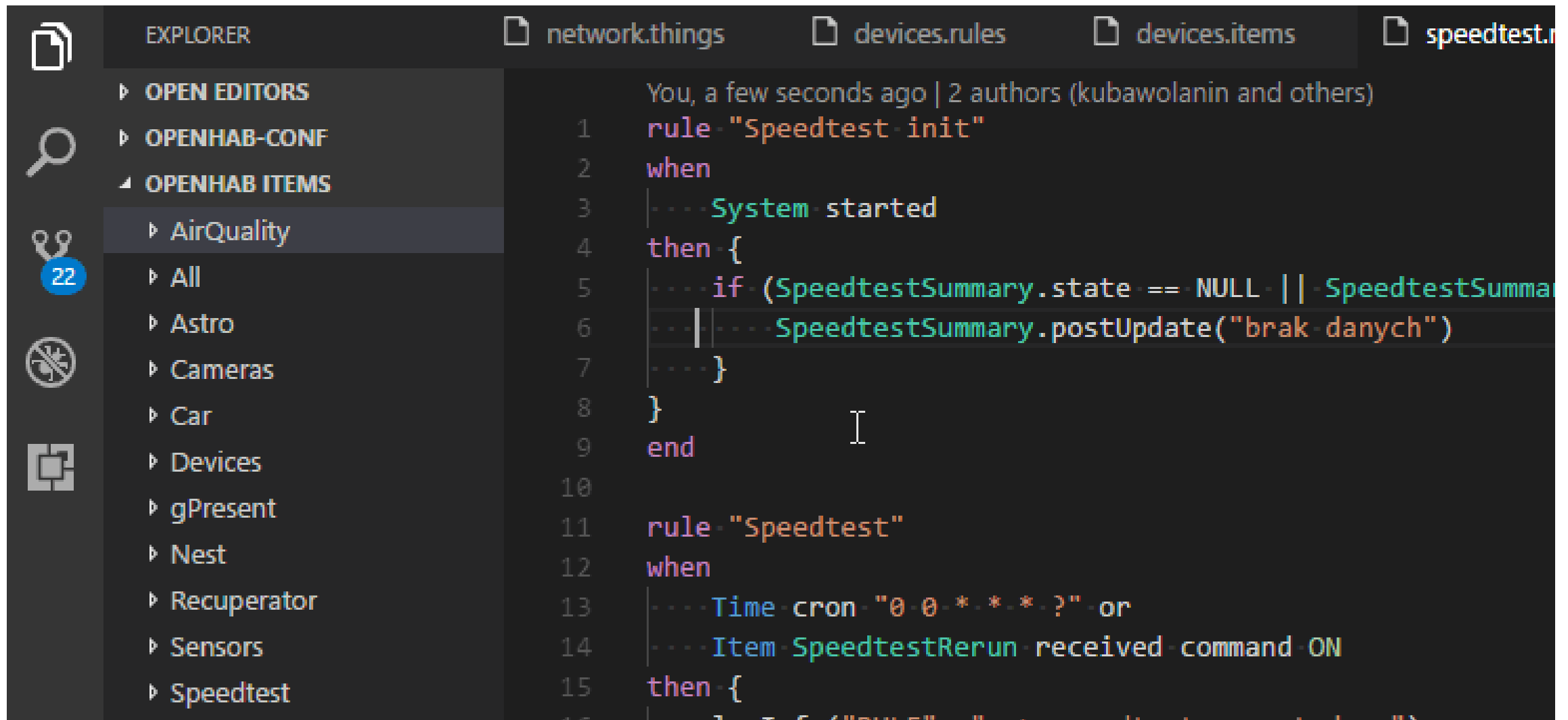
Eclipse Sirius



Xtext



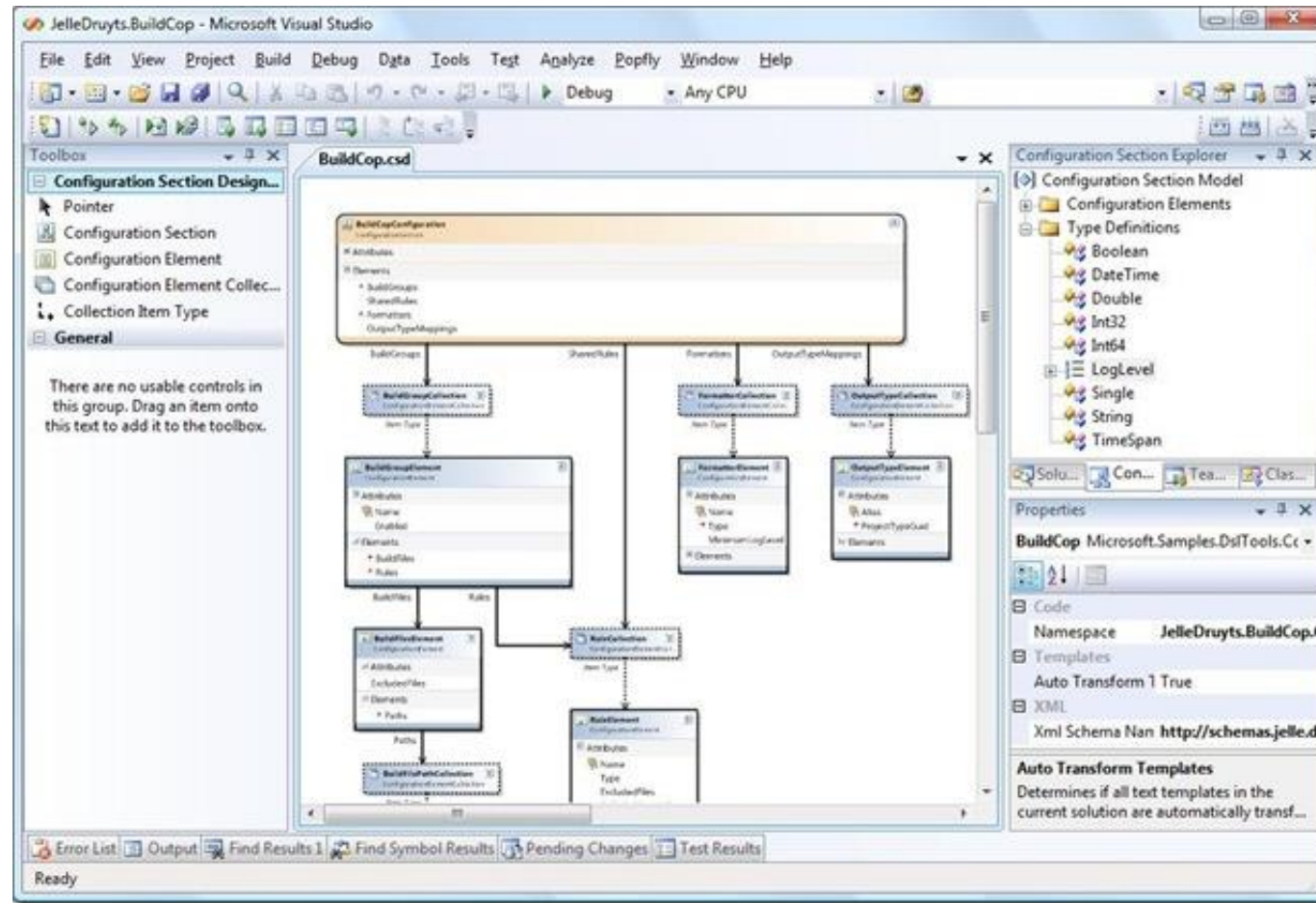
Xtext - Theia



The screenshot shows the Theia IDE interface with a dark theme. On the left is the Explorer sidebar with icons for Explorer, Search, Recent, and Extensions. The Explorer sidebar is expanded to show 'OPENHAB ITEMS' with a sub-item 'Speedtest' selected. The main editor area displays two files: 'network.things' and 'devices.rules'. The 'devices.rules' file is open, showing Xtext code for two rules. The first rule, 'Speedtest-init', is a 'when' rule that triggers when the system starts and updates the 'SpeedtestSummary' item. The second rule, 'Speedtest', is a 'when' rule that triggers on a cron schedule or a command and updates the 'SpeedtestSummary' item. The code is syntax-highlighted with colors: keywords in blue, strings in orange, and identifiers in green. A cursor is visible on line 9 of the 'Speedtest-init' rule.

```
1 You, a few seconds ago | 2 authors (kubawolanin and others)
2 rule "Speedtest-init"
3 when
4 |--- System started
5 then {
6 |--- SpeedtestSummary.postUpdate("brak-danych")
7 |--- }
8 }
9 end
10
11 rule "Speedtest"
12 when
13 |--- Time cron "0 0 * * * ?" or
14 |--- Item SpeedtestRerun received command ON
15 then {
16 |--- logToConsole("RULES" + " -> speedtest executed")
```

Microsoft DSL Tools



MPS / mbeddr

HelperFunctions

model test.ex.core.external0File

constr
import

```
void foo() {
```

```
} foo (function)
```

```
module ADemoModule imports nothing {
  enum MODE { FAIL; AUTO; MANUAL; }
  statemachine Counter (initial = start) {
    in start() <no binding>
    [step(int[0..10] size) <no binding>] trace R2
    out started() <no binding>
    resetted() <no binding> {resettable}
    incremented(int[0..10] newVal) <no binding>
    vars int[0..10] currentVal = 0
    int[0..10] LIMIT = 10
    state start {
      on start [ ] -> countState { send started(); }
    }
    state step ^inEvents (cdesignpaper.screenshot.ADemoModule)
      on step [currentVal + size > LIMIT] -> start { send resetted(); }
      on step [currentVal + size <= LIMIT] -> countState {
        Error: wrong number of arguments
        send incremented();
      }
      on start [ ] -> start { send resetted(); } {resettable}
    }
  }
}

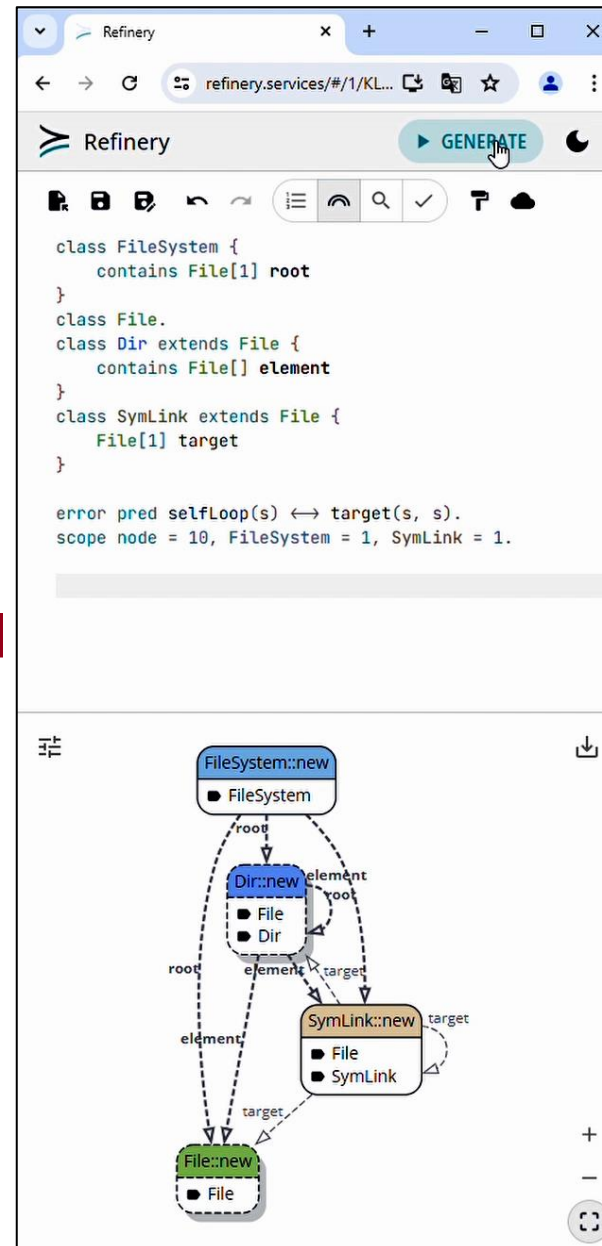
System.out.println(String.valueOf(( $\sum \begin{bmatrix} 1 & k & 0 \\ 0 & 1.0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ )));
System.out.println(exp(a + i * b) - exp(a) * (cos(b) + i * sin(b)));

matrix<Double> s =  $\begin{bmatrix} 3.0 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sin(1) \\ 1 \\ 7 - \frac{1.0}{2} + 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 + \frac{1.0}{2} \\ \exp(1) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ;
```

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8BjganpKT6U>

Modern tools from ftsrg

- We are experts in **tool development**
- Interactive state-of-the-art **web-based editors**
- Generation algorithms **deployed on server**
- Various domains, e.g.,
*blockchain architecture | chemical reaction
railway topology | modeling environment,
satellite network | video game maps*
- **Goal:** support **engineers** and **experts** solving complex problems



Recent Results

-  Refinery
Continuously deployed:
<https://refinery.tools/>

- Amazon
Research Award
First in the region

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How to encode those documents to graphs?

- Textual documents

- source code
- textual modeling languages

Next lecture

- structured textual documents: csv, xml, json

Inherent graph structure, tools

- Graphical documents

- General Purpose modeling languages (e.g., UML)
- or Domain-Specific

Typically uses xml

- Model queries

- Database (relational or no-sql)
- Knowledge base or Ontologies

We are using a relational logic structure

- Natural language

Later lecture