



The Eclipse/GMT MoDisco Component



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Introduction

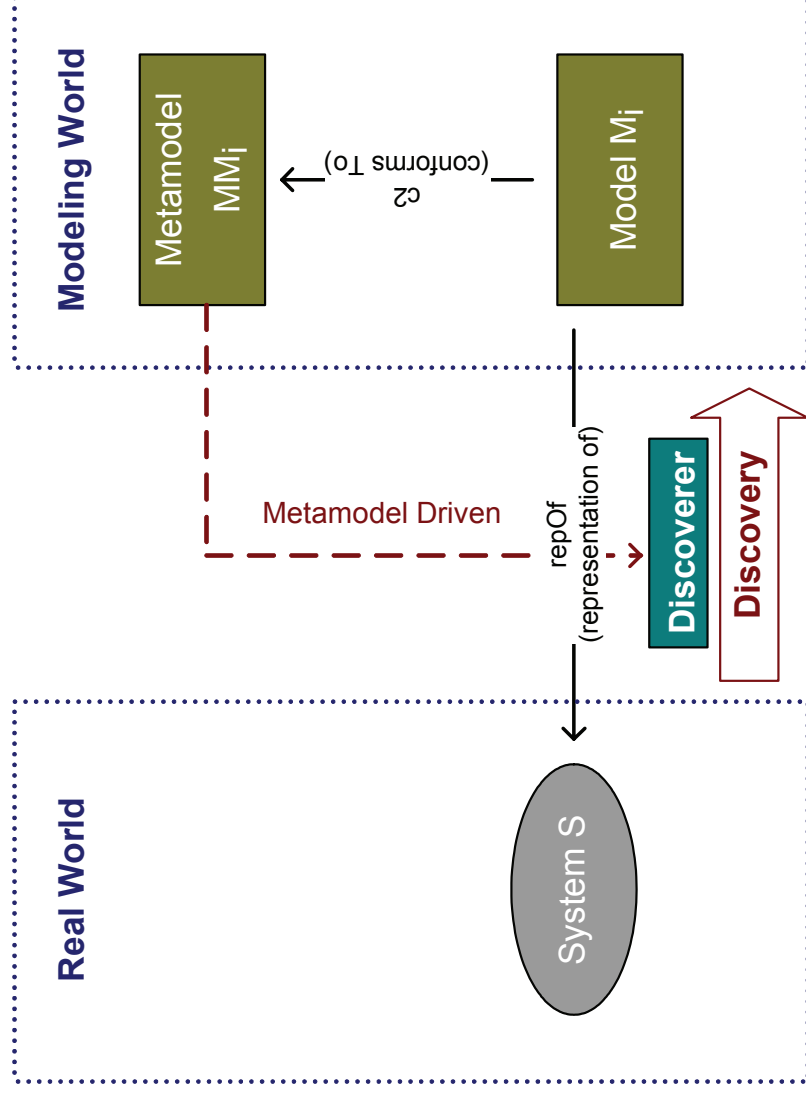
- MoDisco for "Model Discovery"
- Eclipse GMT component for model-driven reverse-engineering (MDRE)
- Extraction of models from legacy systems
 - Different natures and technologies
- A Generic and extensible metamodel-driven approach to model discovery



Background

- Develop and manage systems becoming more and more complex
- Important issue:
 - Reverse-engineering of legacy systems
- **MoDisco** component's goal:
 - Provide an extensible base framework for performing metamodel-driven reverse engineering (MDRE)
- The key to success:
 - Adoption by leading industrials
 - Development of a wide user community in different application domains

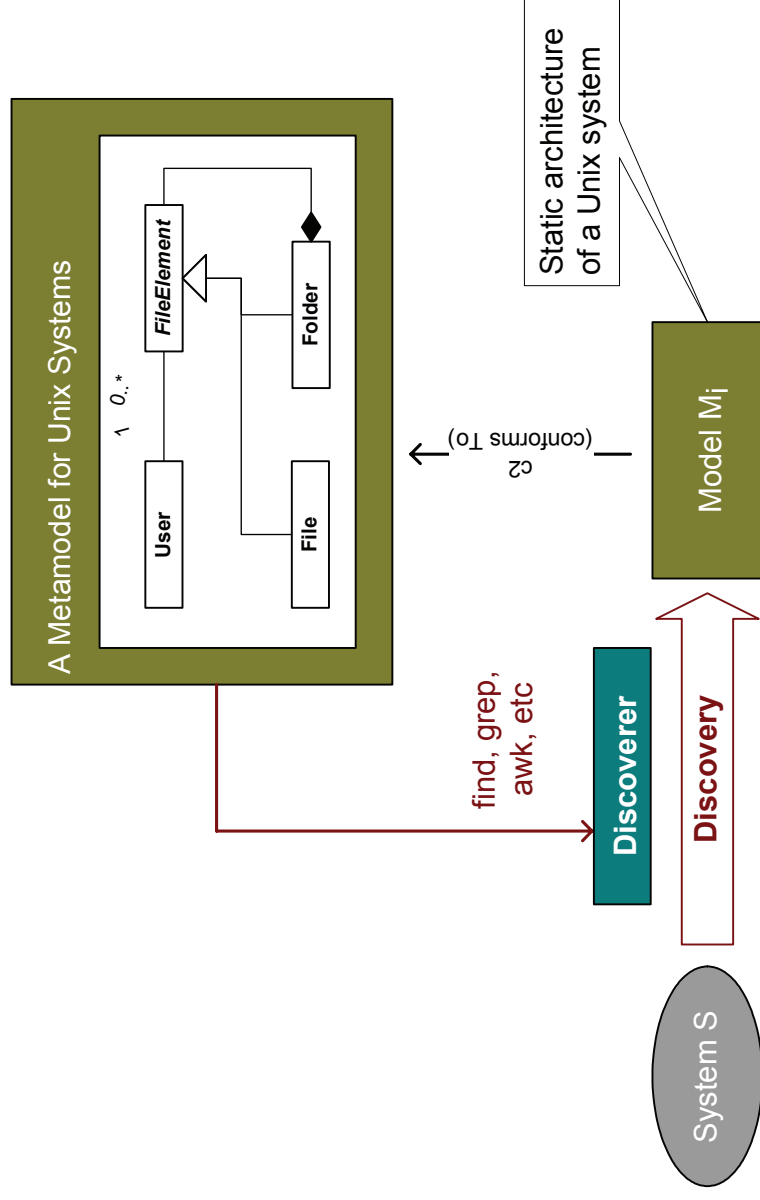
Discovery Principles



- **Step 1:**
 - Define the metamodel
- **Step 2:**
 - Create the "discoverer"
- **Step 3:**
 - Build the model

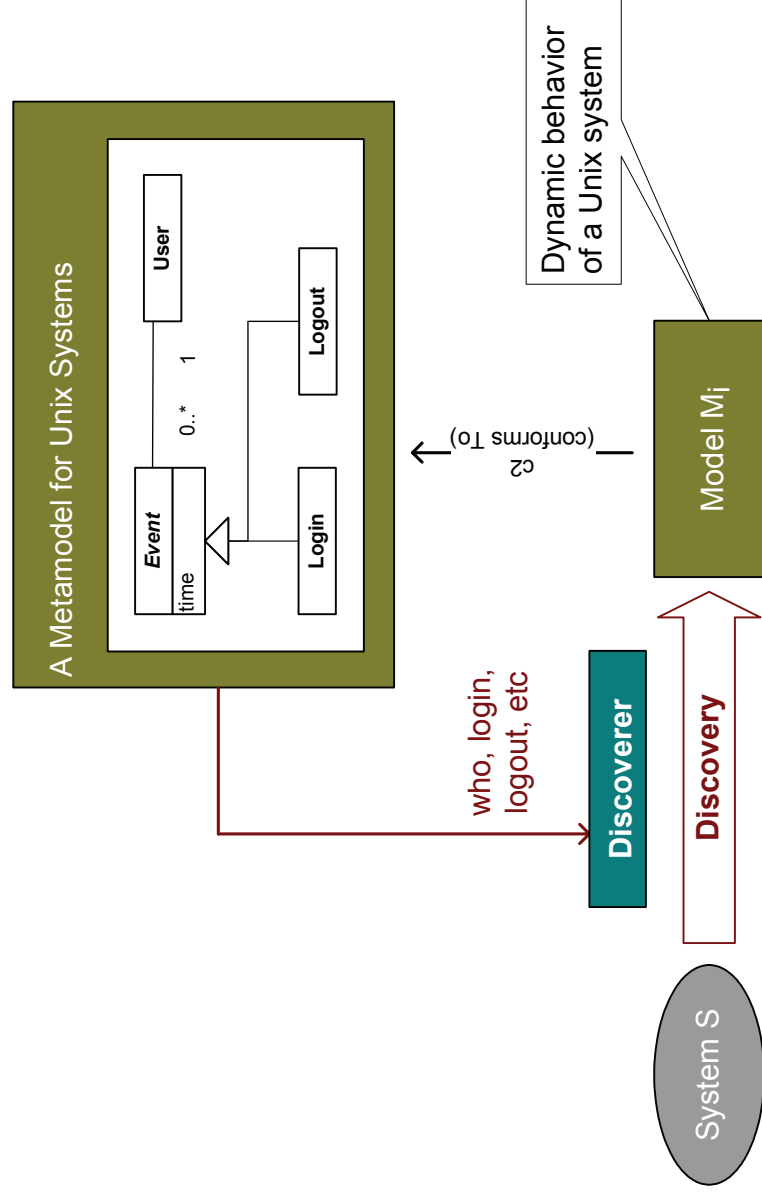
Motivating Examples (1/4)

- Example of the Unix file system
- Study of a static view on the system
 - Snapshot of the system at time t



Motivating Examples (2/4)

- Example of the Unix users' actions
- Study of the **dynamic** behavior of the system
 - Execution trace of the system

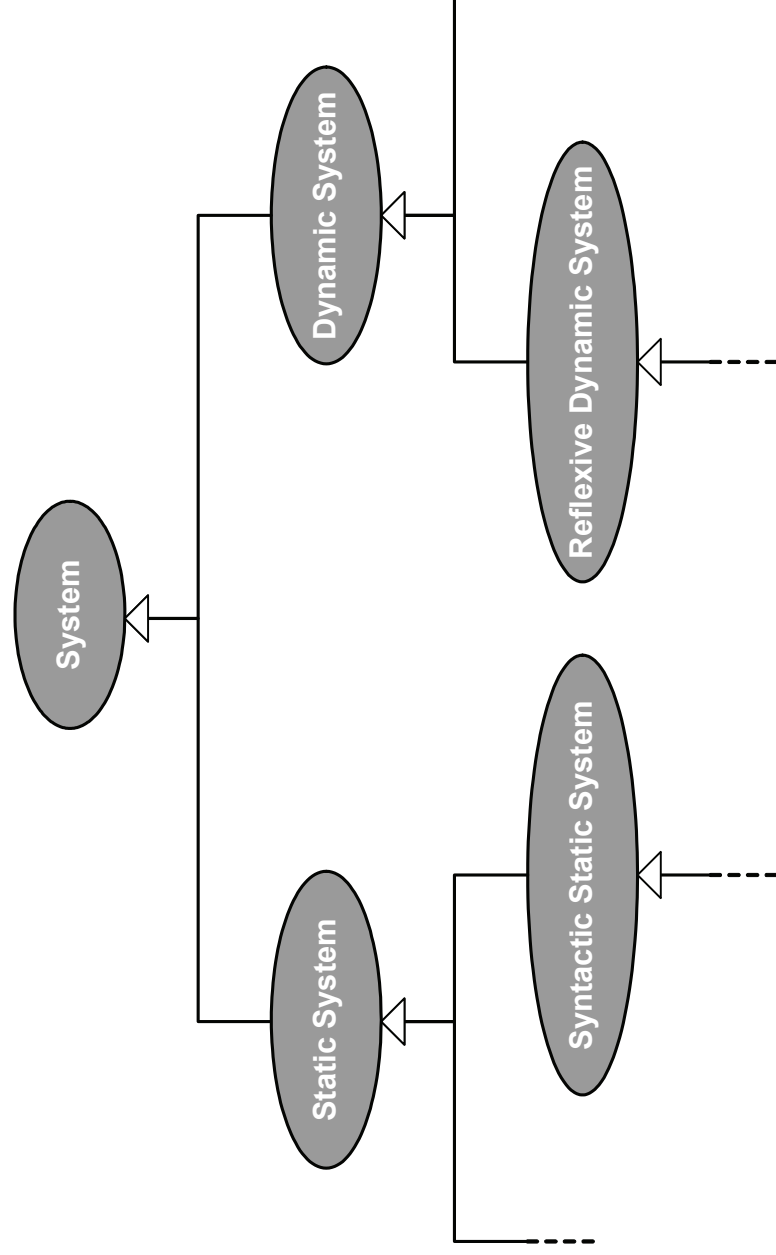


Motivating Examples (3/4)

- Conclusions:
 - The same general discovery process is applied in both examples
 - Only the nature of the "discoverers" is changing
 - Need of a system classification
 - A decision tree more than an absolute classification
 - Different points of view are possible on a same system
 - A support and methodology for facilitating the development of the "discoverers"
 - For instance, encouraging the use of the introspection capabilities in the case of a reflexive system

Motivating Examples (4/4)

- A possible system classification (basic very first version):

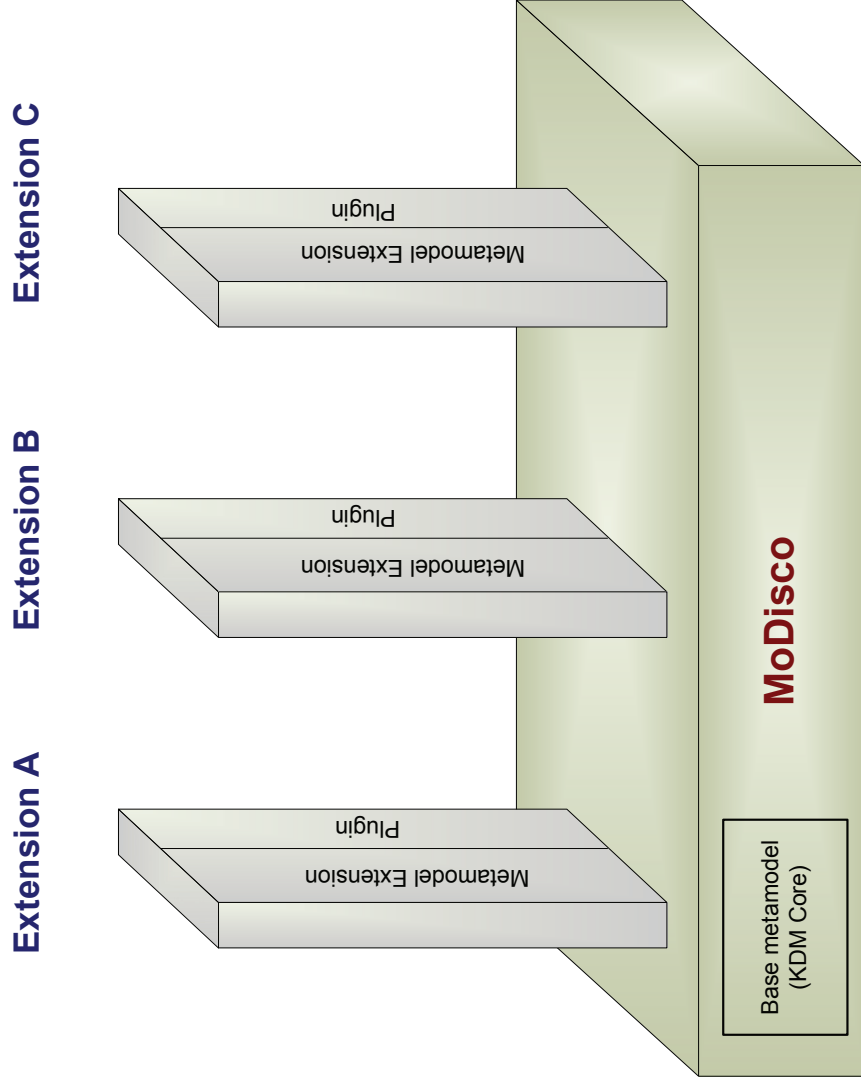


Component Description (1/2)

- A base generic and extensible framework
 - A core metamodel (based on the OMG™ KDM specification)
 - A metamodel extension's mechanism
 - Facilities for manipulating models
 - A methodology for designing extensions of this framework
 - An extension (or “blade”) is a couple: extension of the core metamodel + plugin
 - Different extensions for different domains in various fields

Component Description (2/2)

- Overall vision of MoDisco:



Benefits of the Approach

- A unified model-based approach and a metamodel-driven methodology:
 - Work in the homogeneous world of the models
 - Match different requirements
 - Data integration, tools interoperability, systems migration, etc
 - Use models properties and facilities
 - Transformations, weavings, extractions, etc
- A possible wide user community

Organization (1/2)

- Creation of MoDisco supported by the **ModelPlex European Integrated Project** (FP6-IP #034081)



- Initial committers & contributors :

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Organization (2/2)

- Contributors and/or interested parties (industrials and academics):

- INRIA



- University of Nantes



- MIA Software



- Sodius



- Obeo

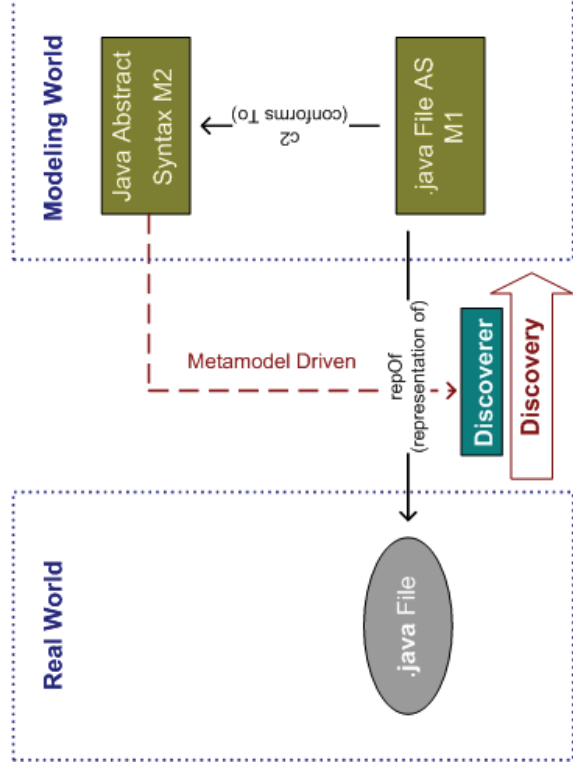


Roadmap

- 1. Creation and initialization of the project (general description, web site, newsgroup, etc).
- 2. Elaboration of several use cases provided by different partners. A use case is usually composed of a specification and an implementation.
- 3. Consolidification of the common toolbox and of the initial framework for building model discoverers. Improvement of the guidelines, methodological support and basic documentation.
- 4. Improvement of the framework as additional use cases are built and contributed.

First Use Cases Descriptions (1/3)

- Java Abstract Syntax

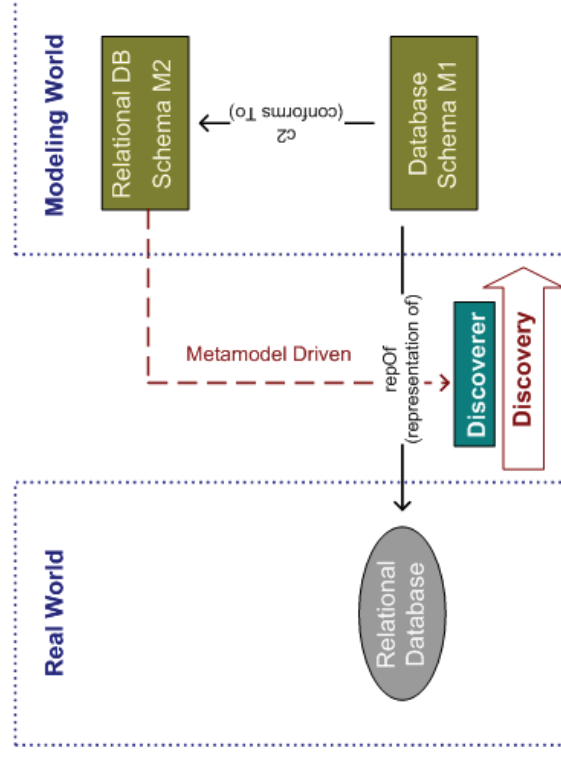


- Example of produced model (in XMI):

```
<statements xsi:type="java.ast.ExpressionStatement">
  <expression xsi:type="java.ast.MethodInvocation">
    <arguments xsi:type="java.ast.StringLiteral" escapedValue="&quot;Done !&quot;" literalValue="Done !"/>
    <expression xsi:type="java.ast.QualifiedName" fullyQualifiedName="System.out">
      <name fullyQualifiedName="out" identifier="out"/>
      <qualifier xsi:type="java.ast.SimpleName" fullyQualifiedName="System" identifier="System"/>
    </expression>
    <name fullyQualifiedName="println" identifier="println"/>
  </expression>
</statements>
```


First Use Cases Descriptions (1/3)

- Relational Database Schema



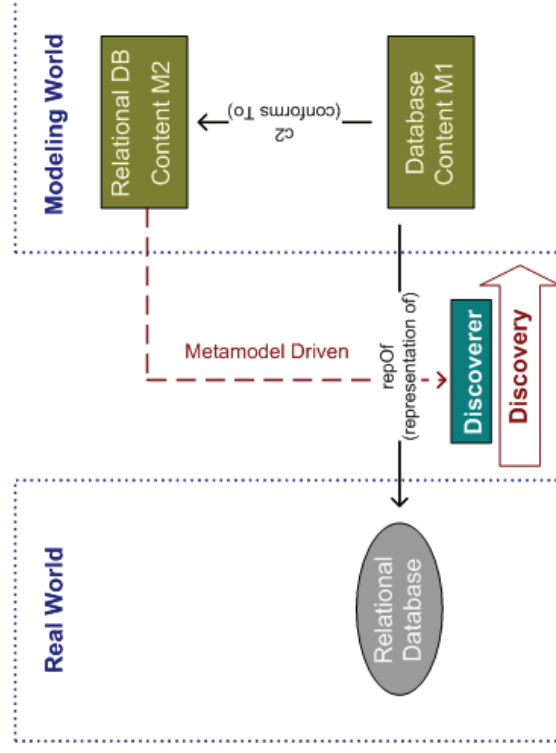
- Example of produced model (in Ecore):

```

<tables name="employees" key="#//@tables.1/@columns.0">
  <column name="employeeNumber" dataType="int(1)" defaultValue="" keyOf="#//@tables.1"/>
  <column name="lastName" dataType="varchar(50)" defaultValue="" />
  <column name="firstName" dataType="varchar(50)" defaultValue="" />
  <column name="extension" dataType="varchar(10)" defaultValue="" />
  <column name="email" dataType="varchar(100)" defaultValue="" />
  <column name="officeCode" dataType="varchar(10)" defaultValue="" />
  <column name="reportsTo" dataType="int(1)" null="true" />
  <column name="jobTitle" dataType="varchar(50)" defaultValue="" />
</tables>
  
```

First Use Cases Descriptions (1/3)

- Relational Database Content



- Example of produced model (in Ecore):

```
<tables name="employees">
- <tuples>
  <elements value="1002"/>
  <elements value="Murphy"/>
  <elements value="Diane"/>
  <elements value="x5800"/>
  <elements value="dmurphy@classicmodelcars.com"/>
  <elements value="1"/>
  <elements/>
  <elements value="President"/>
</tuples>
```

End

- Thank you
 - Questions?
 - Comments?
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 - <http://www.eclipse.org/gmt/modisco>
- MoDisco newsgroup
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