

Project Documentation

BPMVE XPDL Class Library

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Introduction

Objective

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Class Diagrams



Design Specification



Technical Specification



Unit Testing

This section describes the approaches I took to write test cases, aspects of the class library that have been tested, and the results of the testing.

Test cases were written using NUnit 2.4.8 Framework. The framework must be installed on the computer in order to run the test cases. Please refer to User Documentation section for more information.

Full Data Structure Testing

Test cases that have "Full" post-fixed to the method name are part of full data structure testing. For example:

```
[Test()]
public void ActivityFull() { }
```

This test method tests the input and output equality of the class library. It generates a file from pre-written static properties and creates an object by deserializing the file, after that the newly created object will be serialized to a file and deserialized to another object, and then the test method will compare the equality of the two objects.

Design of this test method is to ensure every classes can be serialized and deserialized to file correctly and maintain all the information as an object.

This test method assumes the classes do not check for XPDL specification conformance, because every properties of every classes need to be fully tested for serialization and deserialization, thus the files generated by this test method will fail when Validate() is called.

Test Results

Name of Test Case	Result	Name of Test Case	Result
Activity	Pass	ExternalPackage	Pass
BlockActivity	Pass	LayoutInfo	Pass
Join	Pass	Package	Pass
Loop	Pass	PackageHeader	Pass
LoopMulti	Pass	VendorExtension	Pass
LoopStandard	Pass	ActivitySet	Pass
Route	Pass	Application	Pass

Name of Test Case	Result	Name of Test Case	Result
Split	Pass	ProcessHeader	Pass
TransitionRestriction	Pass	WorkflowProcess	Pass
ApplicationType_BusinessRule	Pass	ArtifactInput	Pass
ApplicationType_EJB	Pass	Assignment	Pass
ApplicationType_Form	Pass	Author	Pass
ApplicationType_POJO	Pass	Category	Pass
ApplicationType_Script	Pass	Codepage	Pass
ApplicationType_WebService	Pass	Color	Pass
ApplicationType_XSLT	Pass	Condition	Pass
ApplicationType	Pass	Coordinates	Pass
Artifact	Pass	Cost	Pass
DataObject	Pass	CountryKey	Pass
Group	Pass	DataField	Pass
Association	Pass	DataMapping	Pass
MessageFlow	Pass	Date	Pass
Transition	Pass	Description	Pass
EndEvent	Pass	Documentation	Pass
Event	Pass	Duration	Pass
IntermediateEvent	Pass	ExprType	Pass
ResultError	Pass	ExtAttr	Pass
ResultMultiple	Pass	ExtRef	Pass
StartEvent	Pass	FormalParam	Pass
TriggerConditional	Pass	Input	Pass
TriggerIntMultiple	Pass	InputSet	Pass
TriggerMultiple	Pass	Limit	Pass
TriggerResultCancel	Pass	MessageType	Pass
TriggerResultCompensation	Pass	Output	Pass
TriggerResultLink	Pass	OutputSet	Pass

Name of Test Case	Result	Name of Test Case	Result
TriggerResultMessage	Pass	Page	Pass
TriggerResultSignal	Pass	Participant	Pass
TriggerRule	Pass	ParticipantType	Pass
TriggerTimer	Pass	Partner	Pass
CostStructure	Pass	PartnerLink	Pass
Deadline	Pass	PartnerLinkType	Pass
Icon	Pass	PartnerRole	Pass
IORules	Pass	Performer	Pass
ResourceCost	Pass	Priority	Pass
SimulationInformation	Pass	PropertyInput	Pass
Transaction	Pass	RedefinableHeader	Pass
ConnectorGraphicsInfo	Pass	Responsible	Pass
NodeGraphicsInfo	Pass	Role	Pass
Implementation	Pass	Script	Pass
Nolmplementation	Pass	Service	Pass
Reference	Pass	TimeEstimation	Pass
SubFlow	Pass	Time	Pass
TaskApplication	Pass	TransitionRef	Pass
Task	Pass	Unit	Pass
TaskManual	Pass	ValidFrom	Pass
TaskReceive	Pass	ValidTo	Pass
TaskReference	Pass	Vendor	Pass
TaskScript	Pass	Version	Pass
TaskSend	Pass	WebServiceFaultCatch	Pass
TaskService	Pass	WebServiceOperation	Pass
TaskUser	Pass	Lane	Pass



Visual Studio Generated XML Testing

Test cases that have "VSXML" post-fixed to the method name are part of Visual Studio generated XML testing. For example:

This test method tests the validity of the class library for serializing and deserializing Visual Studio generated XML files. Test files (in XML format) were pre-generated and put into the test directory (under TestArtifacts/). This type of test cases reads in the file and create an object corresponding to the file, after that the test case will generate another file using the newly created object and create another object using the output file. If this process can be run smoothly then the test case will compare the equality of both objects.

Design of this test method is to ensure XPDL (or compatible XML) files can be serialized and deserialized correctly and maintain all the information as an object.

Test files were generated using Visual Studio 2010 Ultimate Edition with the official XPDL 2.1 Schema file (bpmnxpdl_31.xsd). At the stage it is not known if the file conforms to XPDL 2.1 Specification but I assumed that it is, thus the test files can also be used to test XPDL 2.1 specification conformance at the later stage when all Validate() methods are fully implemented.

Test Results

Name of Test Case	Result	Name of Test Case	Result
Activity	Pass	LayoutInfo	Pass
BlockActivity	Pass	Package	Pass
Join	Pass	PackageHeader	Pass
Loop	Pass	VendorExtension	Pass
LoopMulti	Pass	ActivitySet	Pass
LoopStandard	Pass	Application	Pass
Route	Pass	ProcessHeader	Pass
Split	Pass	WorkflowProcess	Pass
TransitionRestriction	Pass	ArtifactInput	Pass
Artifact	Pass	AssignmentAuthor	Pass
DataObject	Pass	Category	Pass
Group	Pass	Codepage	Pass

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ResultError Pass ResultMultiple Pass StartEvent Pass TriggerConditional Pass TriggerIntermediateMultiple Pass TriggerMultiple Pass	DataField	Pass
ResultMultiple Pass StartEvent Pass TriggerConditional Pass TriggerIntermediateMultiple Pass TriggerMultiple Pass	DataMapping	Pass
StartEvent Pass TriggerConditional Pass TriggerIntermediateMultiple Pass TriggerMultiple Pass	Date	Pass
TriggerConditional Pass TriggerIntermediateMultiple Pass TriggerMultiple Pass	Description	Pass
TriggerIntermediateMultiple Pass TriggerMultiple Pass	Documentation	Pass
TriggerMultiple Pass	Duration	Pass
	ExprType	Pass
TriggerResultCancel Pass	ExtAttr	Pass
	ExtRef	Pass
TriggerResultCompensation Pass	FormalParam	Pass
TriggerResultLink Pass	Input	Pass
TriggerResultMessage Pass	InputSet	Pass
TriggerResultSignal Pass	Limit	Pass
TriggerRule Pass	MessageType	Pass
TriggerTimer Pass	Output	Pass
CostStructure Pass	OutputSet	Pass
Deadline Pass	Page	Pass
Icon Pass	Participant	Pass
IORules Pass	ParticipantType	Pass
ResourceCost Pass	PartnerLink	Pass
SimulationInformation Pass	PartnerLinkType	Pass
Transaction Pass	Performer	Pass
ConnectorGraphicsInfo Pass	1 0110111101	1 400
NodeGraphicsInfo Pass	Priority	Pass

Name of Test Case	Result	Name of Test Case	Result
Implementation	Pass	RedefinableHeader	Pass
Nolmplementation	Pass	Responsible	Pass
Reference	Pass	Script	Pass
SubFlow	Pass	TimeEstimation	Pass
TaskApplication	Pass	TransitionRef	Pass
Task	Pass	Unit	Pass
TaskManual	Pass	ValidFrom	Pass
TaskReceive	Pass	ValidTo	Pass
TaskReference	Pass	Vendor	Pass
TaskScript	Pass	Version	Pass
TaskSend	Pass	WebServiceFaultCatch	Pass
TaskService	Pass	WebServiceOperation	Pass
TaskUser	Pass	Lane	Pass
ConformanceClass	Pass	Pool	Pass
ExternalPackage	Pass		

TIBCO Files Testing

Test cases that have "TIBCO" post-fixed to the method name are part of TIBCO files testing. For example:

```
[Test()]
public void SimpleTIBCO() { }
```

This test method tests the validity of the class library for serializing and deserializing TIBCO generated files. Test files (in XPDL format) were pre-generated and put into the test directory (under TestArtifacts/TIBCO). This type of test cases reads in TIBCO generated XPDL file and create an object that holds the information. The newly created object will be serialized to an output file and another object will be created using the output file. The method will then test the equality of both objects.

Design of this test method is to ensure the class library is able to serialize and deserialize TIBCO generated XPDL files correctly and maintain all the information of the file as an object.



Test files were generated using TIBCO Business Studio 3.2 for Windows. Please note that the output files generated by the class library do not, and will not, include default value for attributes and elements. For example:

and

These two elements will be treated as exactly the same by the class library because IsVisible is defaulted to be true as specified in XPDL 2.1 Specification.

Mono for Mac/Linux developers be careful, the class library will sometimes generate empty elements in the output file, but rest assured that those elements will not have any negative impact of importing to TIBCO. For more information please look at *Platform Variations* section.

Test Results

Name of Test Case	Pass	Fail



User Documentation

This section provides technical information for future developers, as well as user guide for users who wish to use the library.

System Requirements

Windows Platform

- Microsoft Visual Studio 2008 or 2010 IDE (Professional or Express edition), or http://www.microsoft.com/express/ http://www.microsoft.com/visualstudio/en-us
- MonoDevelop 2.2.2 IDE (with GTK#) http://monodevelop.com/Download
- Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 http://www.microsoft.com/net/
- NUnit 2.4.8 Unit Testing Framework http://www.nunit.org/?p=download
- TIBCO Business Studio 3.2 for Windows (Optional) http://developer.tibco.com/business_studio/default.jsp
- Doxygen Documentation Generator (Optional) http://www.doxygen.org/
- GraphViz 2.26.3 Documentation Graph Generator (Optional) http://www.graphviz.org/Download_windows.php

Mac/Linux Platform

- MonoDevelop 2.2.2 IDE http://monodevelop.com/Download
- Mono Framework 2.4.3 http://www.go-mono.com/mono-downloads/download.html
- NUnit 2.4.8 Unit Testing Framework http://www.nunit.org/?p=download
- TIBCO Business Studio 3.2 for Linux (Optional, no Mac support) http://developer.tibco.com/business_studio/default.jsp
- Doxygen Documentation Generator (Optional) http://www.doxygen.org/
- GraphViz 2.26.3 Documentation Graph Generator (Optional)
 Mac: http://www.graphviz.org/Download_macos.php

Ubuntu: http://www.graphviz.org/Download_linux_ubuntu.php





Limitations

XPDL 2.1 Data Types Support

Future Directions

BPMN 1.2 and 2.0 Support

XPDL 2.1 Specification Conformance

MySQL Persistent Database Support



Platform Variations

Generations of Empty XML Elements

Mono developers please note that the class library will sometimes generate empty elements to the output file, but rest assured that those elements will not have any negative impact of importing to TIBCO. For example the following two elements are exactly the same with or without the empty <code>NestedLanes</code> because it is empty and also an optional element according to the specification.

Mono Framework	.NET Framework
<pre><xpdl2:lane id=""></xpdl2:lane></pre>	<pre><xpdl2:lane id=""> </xpdl2:lane></pre>

Example: Frameworks Variation

This is a design and implementation flaw of Mono framework, it works correctly on Windows with .NET framework 3.5. All class properties that implement the {name}Specified pattern will be serialized to file without empty elements. For more information about {name}Specified design pattern please refer to *Design Specification* section.



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Source Code Repository

Google Code Repository

http://code.google.com/p/bpmve-xpdl-library/

Application Programming Interface (API) Repository

000webhost Free Web Hosting

http://bpmve.comxa.com/

The repository is hosted at a free server, thus it would not be made available permanently. Please follow the instruction at User Documentation to generate the API using Doxygen.

Project Documentation Repository

Apple iWork.com (Online Viewer)

http://public.iwork.com/document/?a=p289467908&d=BPMVE_XPDL_Document.pages

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