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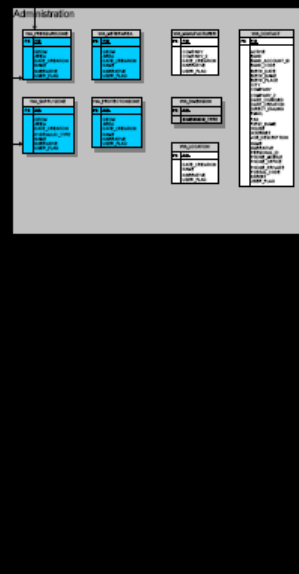
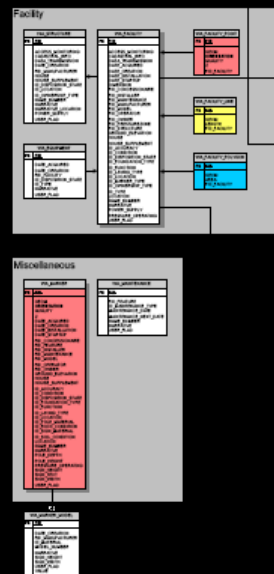
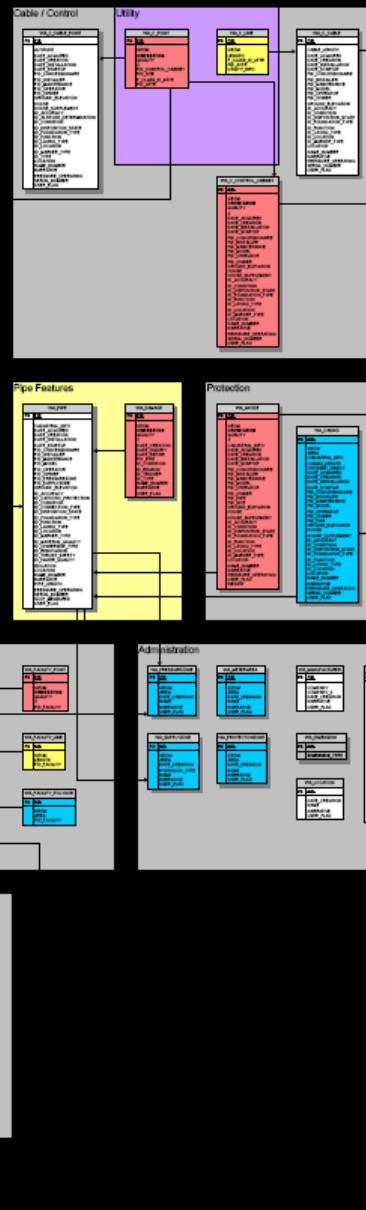
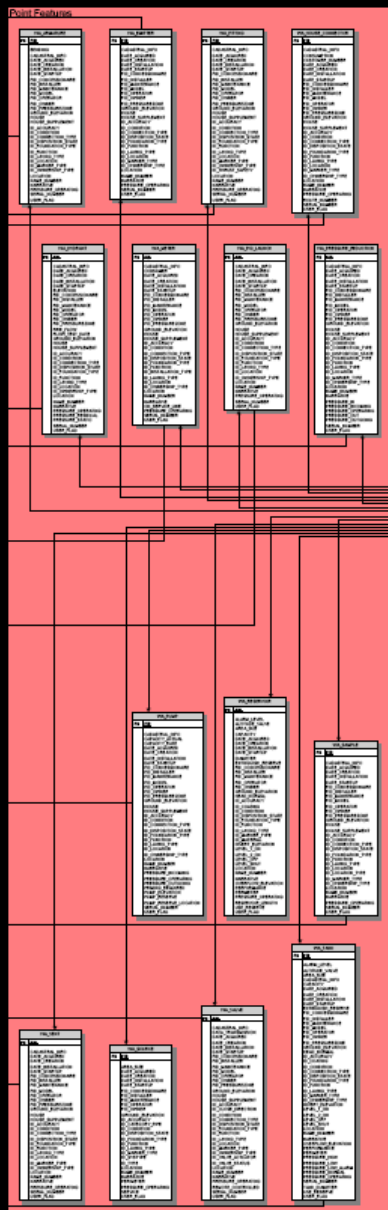
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Chapter Overview

- Chapter provides information on workflows and feature rules in Autodesk Topobase 2009.
 - Workflows and feature rules allow you to enforce business rules and maintain data consistency.

Workflows and Feature Rules

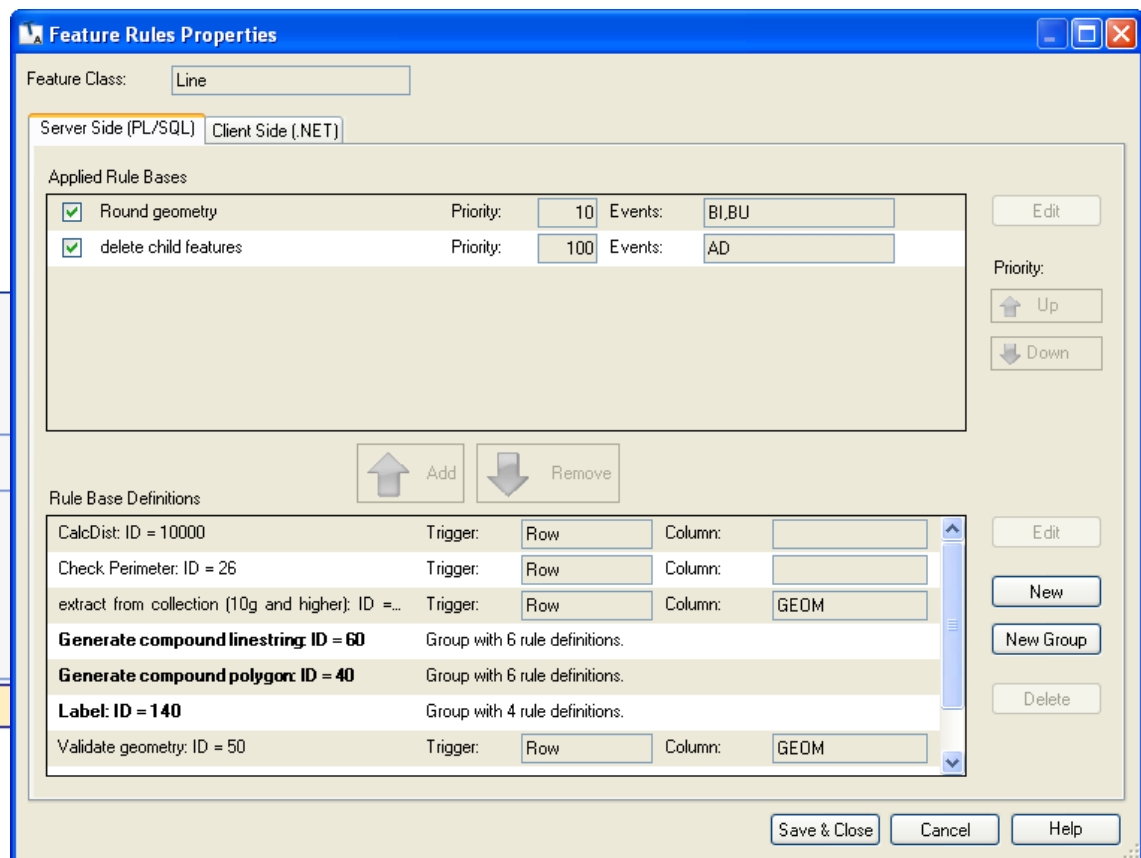
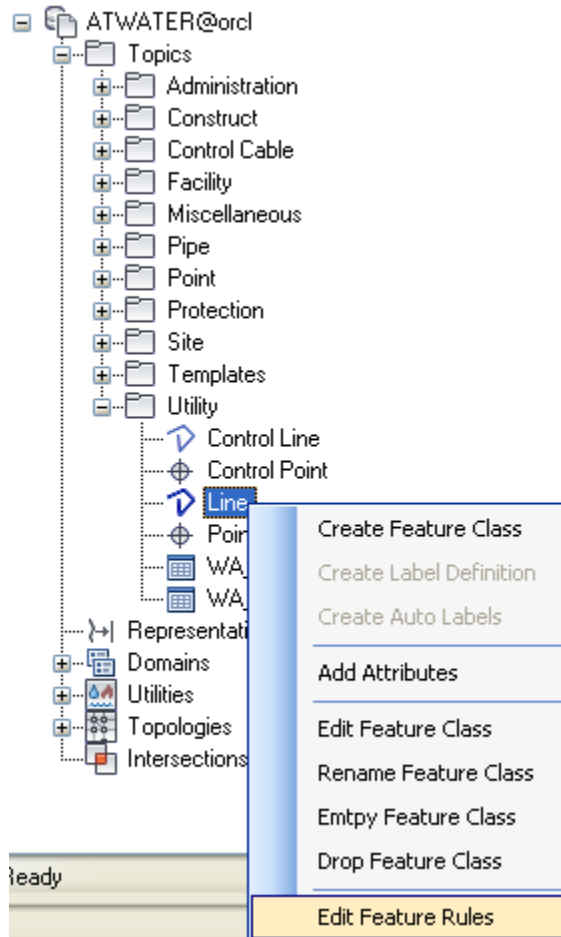
Chapter Objectives

- By the end of this chapter, you will be able to:
 - Understand the purpose of feature rules
 - Create a server-side feature rule
 - Understand the value of using workflows
 - Start a workflow and follow workflow guidelines

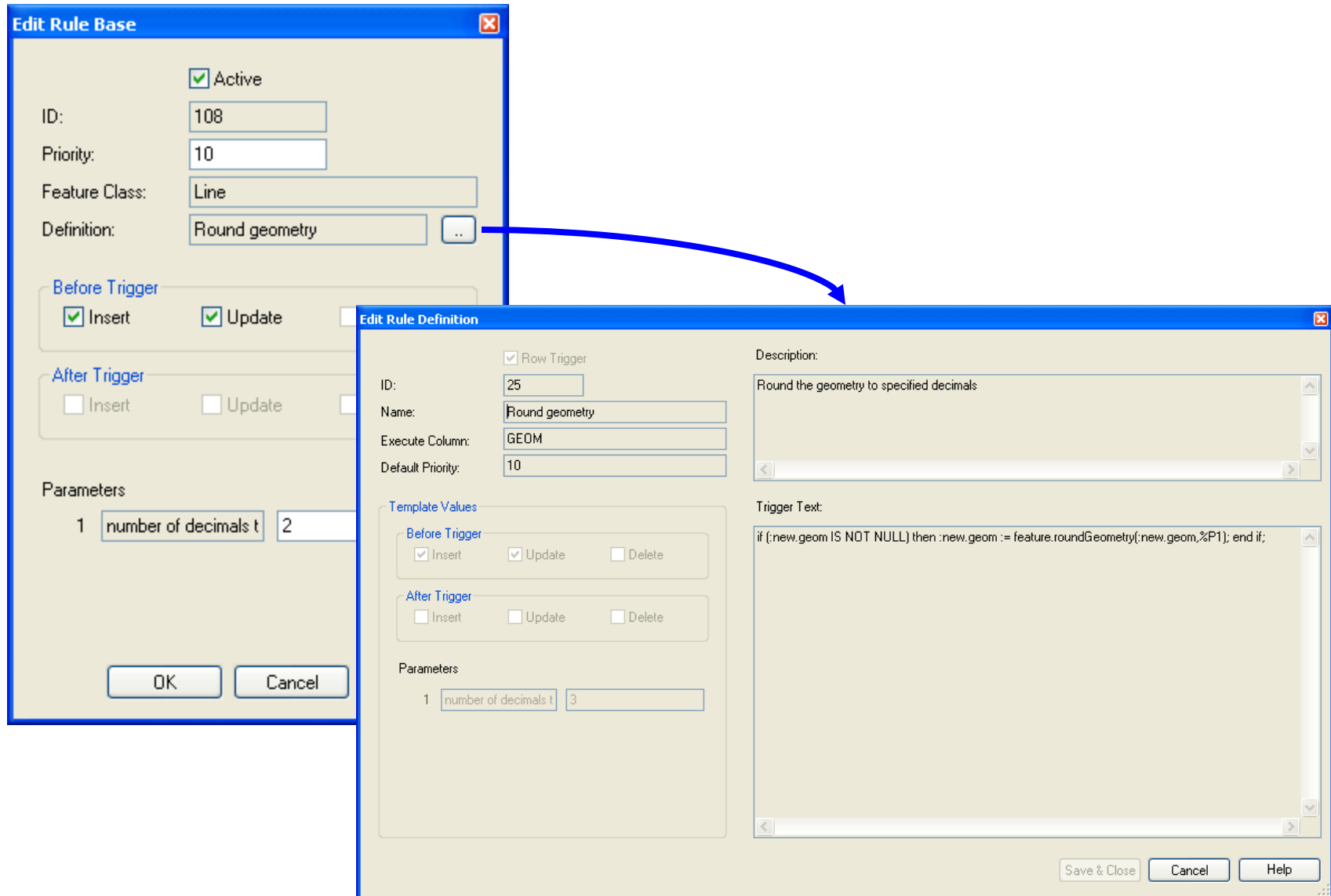
7.2 What Are Feature Rules?

- Feature rules are methods automatically executed when a change is made to the database.
 - They enforce *business rules*, which control the operation of an enterprise to ensure the quality of the data.
- Autodesk Topobase 2009 supports both server-side and client-side feature rules.

7.2.1 Browsing Feature Rules



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7.2.2 Triggers

Trigger events

The triggers are executed or fired in response to changes in the data or database events; these are the *triggering events*.

| Trigger event | Description |
|---------------|---|
| INSERT | It fires when a record is inserted in the table. |
| UPDATE | It fires when a change is made in any record in the database. UPDATE triggers can additionally specify an OF clause to restrict firing only when updating specific columns. (i.e. in the syntax when creating a trigger UPDATE OF <column1>, <column2>) |
| DELETE | It fires when a record is deleted from a table. Note that the trigger doesn't fire with a TRUNCATE of the table. |

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Types of execution

- Triggers can be executed BEFORE, AFTER or INSTEAD OF the triggering event.
 - BEFORE triggers can change the data in the affected rows.
 - AFTER triggers are more suited for data validation, they cannot change the new data.
 - INSTEAD OF triggers replace the triggering event.

Execution levels

- There are two levels: statement-level or row-level.
 - Row-level triggers fire once per each row affected.
 - Statement-level triggers are the default; they fire once for each triggering statement.

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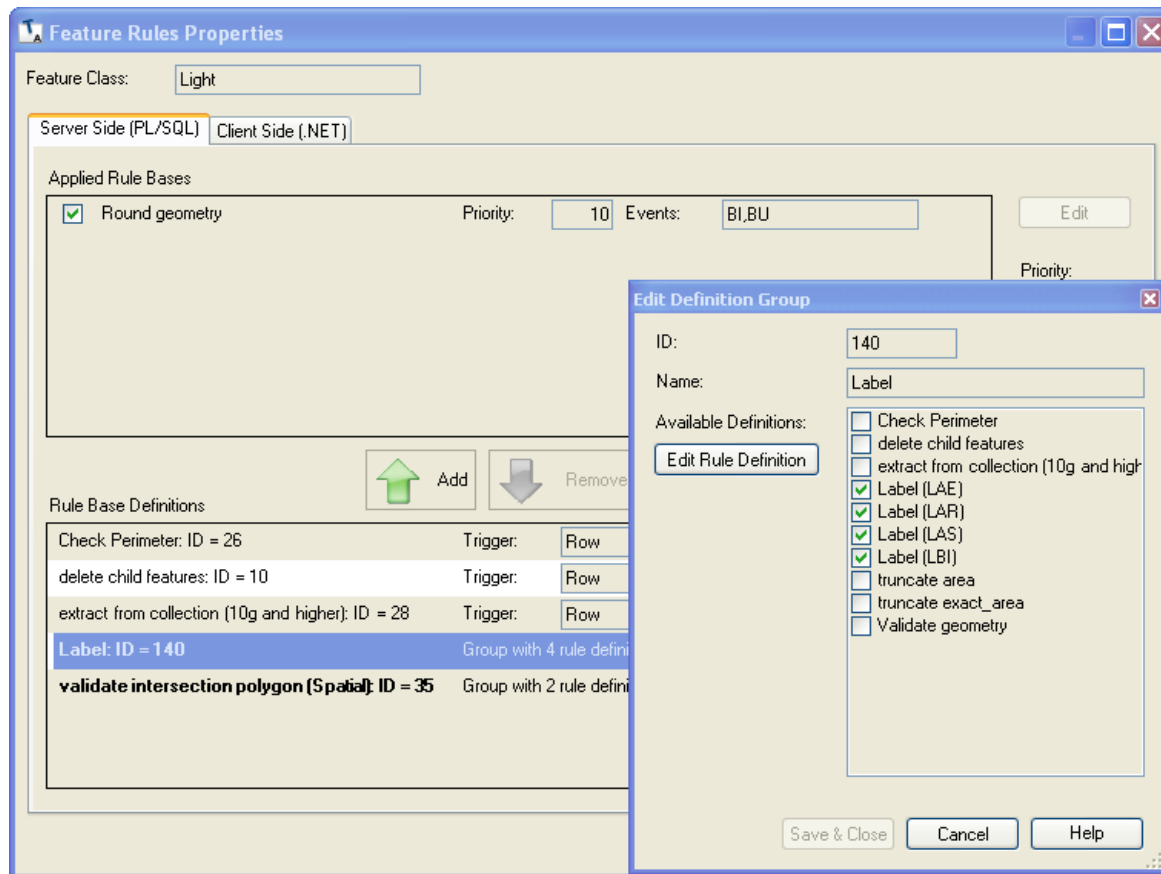
Syntax

- The general syntax to create a trigger on a DML event is:

```
CREATE [OR REPLACE] TRIGGER <trigger_name>
{BEFORE|AFTER|INSTEAD OF} <trigger_event>
ON <table_name>
[FOR EACH ROW] [WHEN <trigger_condition>]
<trigger_body>;
```

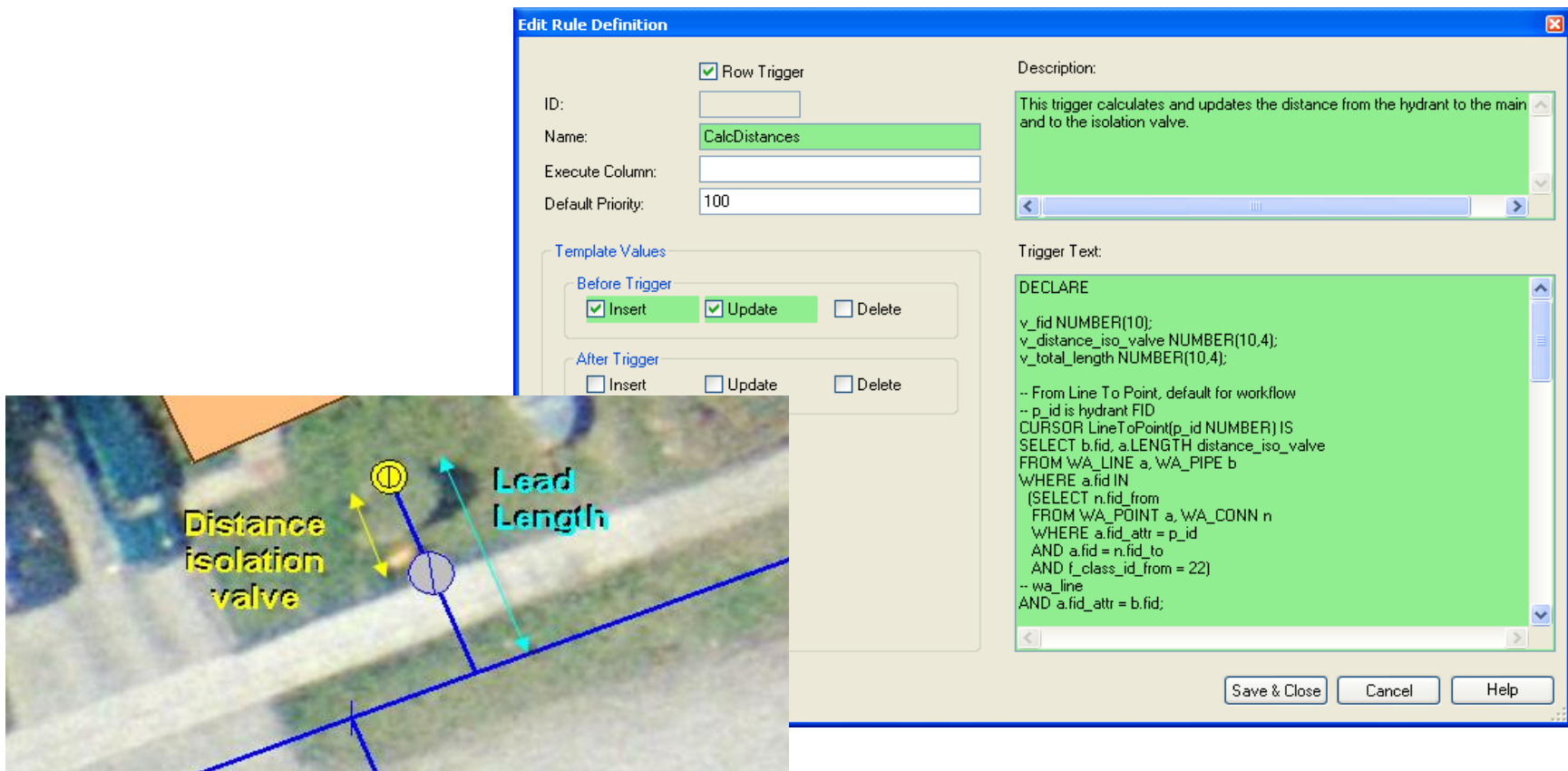
7.2.3 Groups of Feature Rules

- The feature rules can be grouped. It is possible to have a mixture of AFTER and BEFORE feature rules, and row and statement-level feature rules.



7.2.4 Server-Side Feature Rule Example

- You will create a new feature rule to fill out the LEAD_LENGTH, DISTANCE_ISO_VALVE attributes automatically whenever a hydrant is inserted or updated.



The screenshot displays the 'Edit Rule Definition' dialog box for a feature rule. The dialog is titled 'Edit Rule Definition' and has a blue header bar. It contains several sections:

- Row Trigger:** A checkbox labeled 'Row Trigger' is checked.
- ID:** A text field is empty.
- Name:** A text field contains 'CalcDistances'.
- Execute Column:** A text field is empty.
- Default Priority:** A text field contains '100'.
- Template Values:** A section with two sub-sections:
 - Before Trigger:** Three checkboxes: 'Insert' (checked), 'Update' (checked), and 'Delete' (unchecked).
 - After Trigger:** Three checkboxes: 'Insert' (unchecked), 'Update' (unchecked), and 'Delete' (unchecked).
- Description:** A text area containing the text: 'This trigger calculates and updates the distance from the hydrant to the main and to the isolation valve.'
- Trigger Text:** A text area containing the following SQL code:

```
DECLARE
v_fid NUMBER(10);
v_distance_iso_valve NUMBER(10,4);
v_total_length NUMBER(10,4);

-- From Line To Point, default for workflow
-- p_id is hydrant FID
CURSOR LineToPoint(p_id NUMBER) IS
SELECT b.fid, a.LENGTH distance_iso_valve
FROM WA_LINE a, WA_PIPE b
WHERE a.fid IN
(SELECT n.fid_from
FROM WA_POINT a, WA_CONN n
WHERE a.fid_attr = p_id
AND a.fid = n.fid_to
AND f_class_id_from = 22)
-- wa_line
AND a.fid_attr = b.fid;
```
- Buttons:** 'Save & Close', 'Cancel', and 'Help' buttons are at the bottom right.

Overlaid on the bottom left of the dialog is a map diagram. It shows a blue line representing a pipe. A yellow circle with a blue dot inside is labeled 'Distance isolation valve'. A blue circle with a blue dot inside is labeled 'Lead Length'. A yellow double-headed arrow indicates the distance between the two circles. A blue arrow points from the 'Lead Length' circle to the pipe line.

7.2.5 Use of Parameters

- For any feature rule (client or server-side), you can add parameters.
- The parameters of a feature rule are stored in the system table TB_RULE_PARAM.

The screenshot displays the 'Tb_rule_param - ATWATER' window with the 'Form' tab selected. The form contains the following fields:

- Id:** 31
- Rule_def_id:** 8043 (with a dropdown menu showing 'CreateStartEndNode')
- Name:** AttributeFCClass
- Default_value:** (empty)
- Position:** 1

Below the form, it indicates 'Record 1 of 1 (Filter active)' and shows a toolbar with various icons.

A 'Parameters' table is also visible, showing a single parameter:

| Parameter | Value |
|-----------|-------|
| 1 | %P1 |

The 'Description' field contains the text: 'This feature rule updates the DATE_CREATION attribute. It receives as parameter: T, for today's date M, for the first day of the month Y, for the first day of the year'.

The 'Trigger Text' field contains the following SQL code:

```
DECLARE
  v_date_creation DATE := NULL;
  v_param VARCHAR2(1);
BEGIN
  v_param := '%P1';
  IF v_param = 'M' THEN
    SELECT TRUNC(sysdate,'MM')
    INTO v_date_creation
    FROM DUAL;
  ELSIF v_param = 'Y' THEN
    SELECT TRUNC(sysdate,'YYYY')
    INTO v_date_creation
    FROM DUAL;
  ELSIF v_param = 'T' THEN
    SELECT sysdate
    INTO v_date_creation
    FROM DUAL;
  END IF;
END;
```

At the bottom right, there are buttons for 'Save & Close', 'Cancel', and 'Help'.

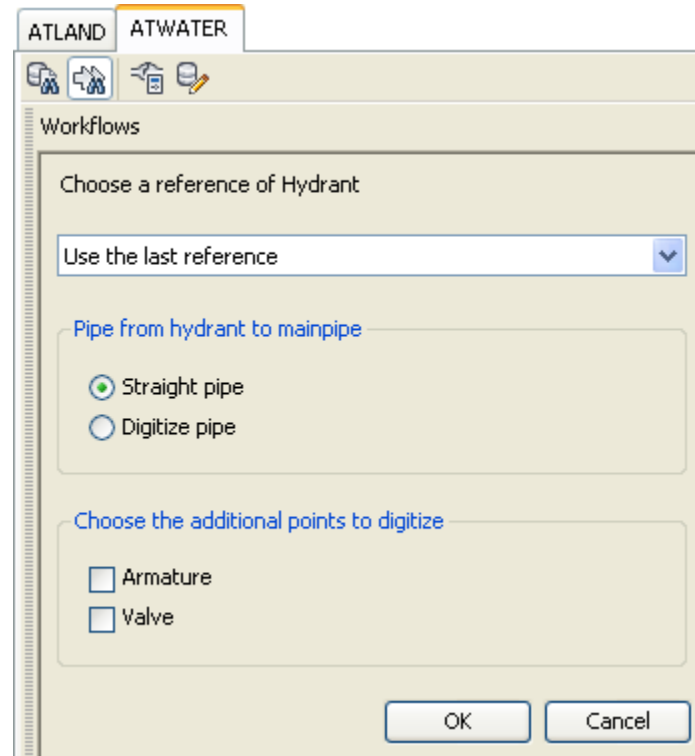
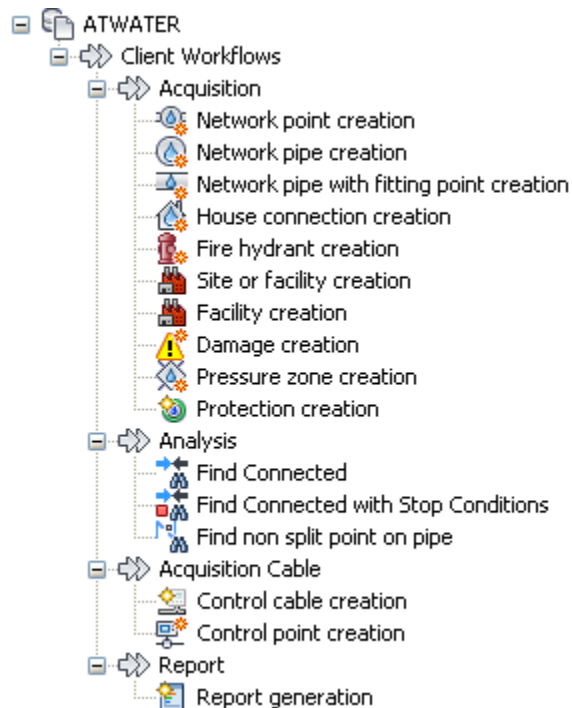
7.2.6 Triggers Naming Conventions

- The triggers are named in this way:
`<table_name>_XXX`
- Where XXX indicates the type of trigger:
 - The first character indicates if it is a before (B) or after (A) trigger
 - The second character indicates the type of DML operation: (I) Insert, (U) Update, (D) Delete
 - The third character indicates the execution level: (S) Statement, (R) Row

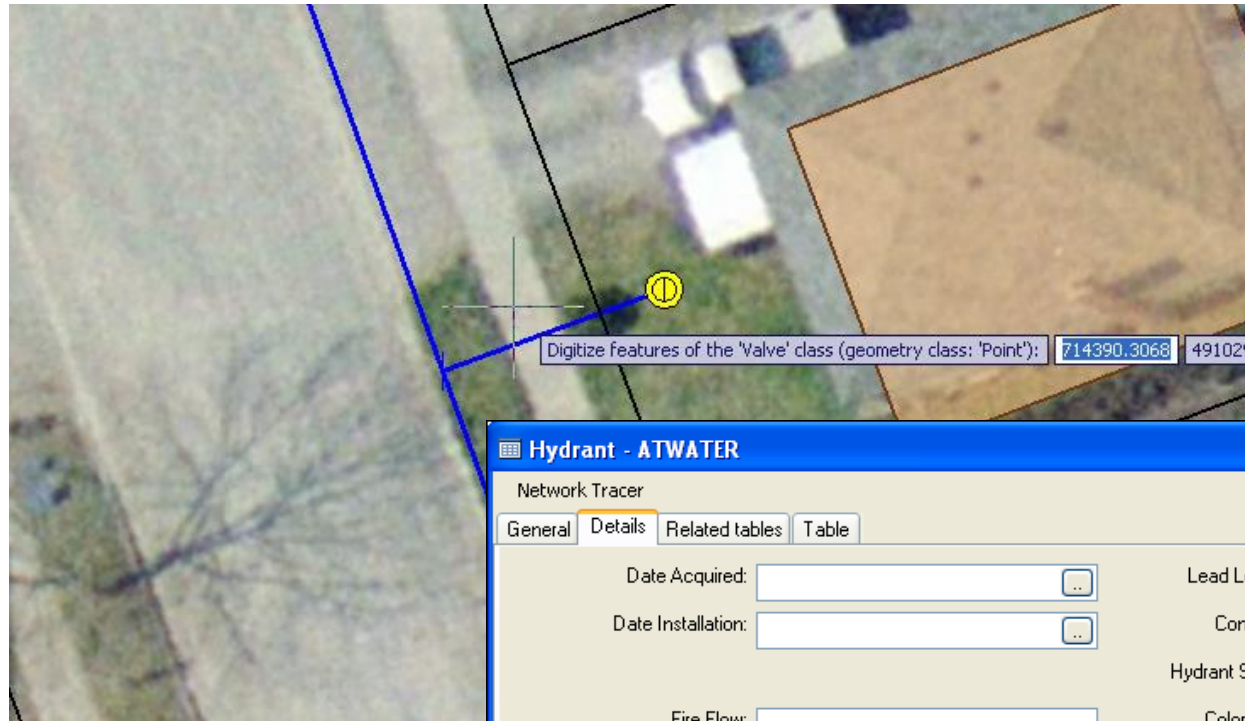
7.3 What Are Workflows?

- A workflow is an explicit prescription of how a process is to be structured and executed.
 - The value of a workflow is that it can increase the quality and repeatability of a task by controlling how the task is done.
- Topobase provides workflows to guide users through tasks like:
 - Acquisition
 - Analysis
 - Maintenance
 - Reports
- You can also create custom workflows

7.3.1 Using an Existing Workflow



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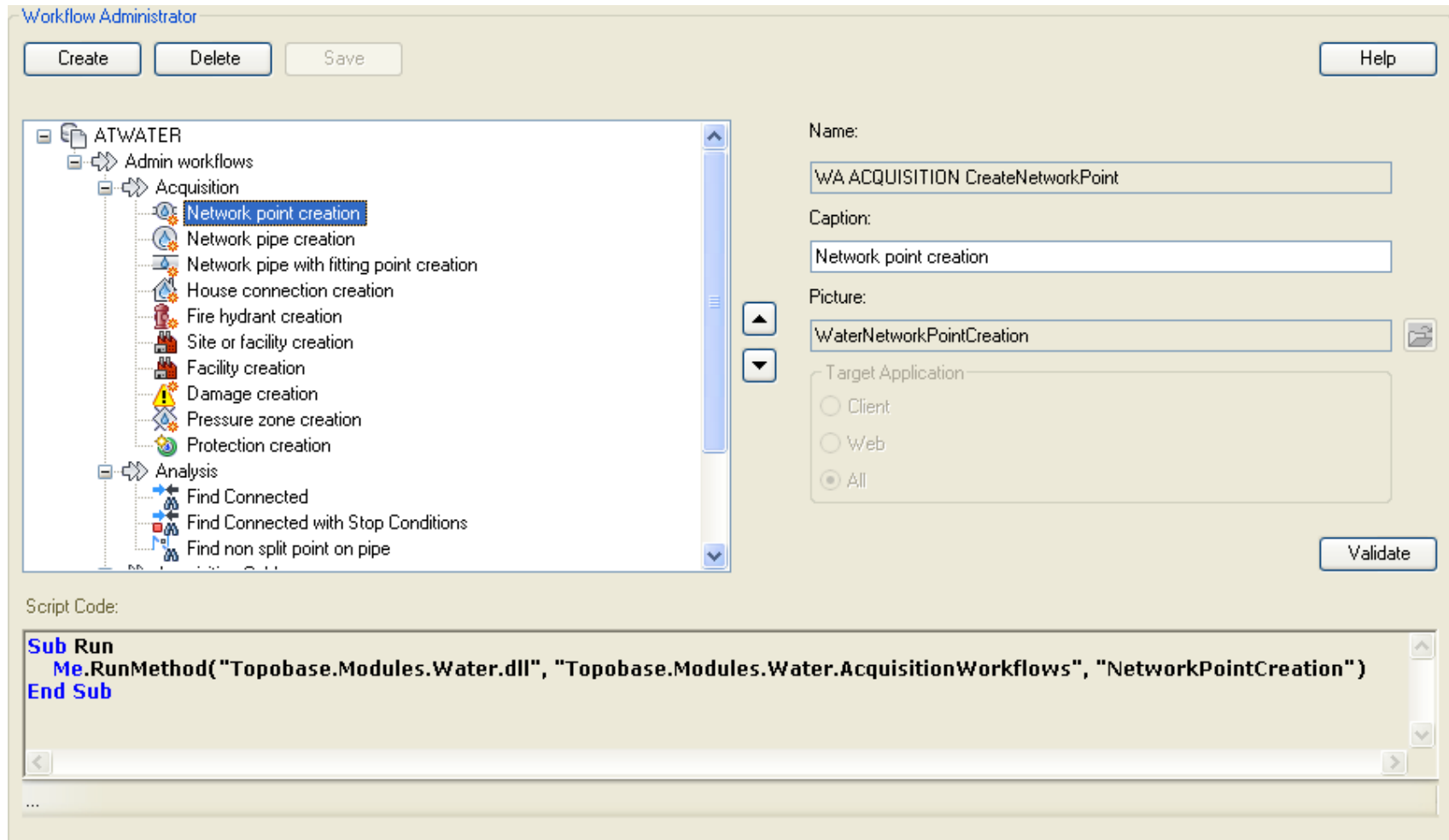
Hydrant - ATWATER

Network Tracer

General Details Related tables Table

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|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
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| Date Installation: | <input type="text"/> | Condition: | <input type="text"/> |
| Fire Flow: | <input type="text"/> | Hydrant Status: | <input type="text"/> |
| Flow Test Date: | <input type="text"/> | Color Rate: | <input type="text"/> |
| Cadastral Info: | <input type="text"/> | Self Drain: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Location: | <input type="text"/> | Function: | <input type="text"/> |
| House Supplement: | <input type="text"/> | Direction to open: | <input type="text"/> |
| House: | <input type="text"/> | Turns Spindle: | <input type="text"/> |
| Installer: | <input type="text"/> | Isolation Valve: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Operator: | <input type="text"/> | Distance to Iso Valve: | <input type="text" value="2.82"/> |

7.3.2 Browsing Predefined Workflows



7.5 Chapter Summary

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