

DashThings

Project in Software Customization Ubiquitous Computing

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1 Introduction

The first step towards automatization of buildings and homes with Internet of Things is to understand the data provided. Through this understanding it is then possible to decide actions to take based on one or more sensor input given. Making decisions and taking action for one building is not generalizable enough to apply to other buildings without customization. Further are actions rooted in a problem that needs to be solved. This means that customization is needed whenever one of the following is true:

- Problems that needs to be solved might differ from one building to another building
- The buildings infrastructure might not be the same between buildings meaning that the solution might differ
- Context of the environment have changed

In general there is a great need for customization or customizable application in building automatization through Internet of Things.

Using charts or graphs to visualize large amounts of complex data is easier than poring over the data itself. Data visualization is a quick, easy way to convey concepts in a universal manner. Data visualization can be used for different purposes. Some of these are:

- Decision making
- Identify areas that need attention or improvement
- Clarify which factors influence behaviour
- Identify behaviour or patterns

The problem is that a visualisation is not universal in sense of the purposes it can be used for. Therefore, there are a great need for customized or customizable visualizations that supports the different purposes.

The purpose for the project is to have a website, with responsive design, which can be viewed on any browser like Mobile, Desktop, Laptop and tablet. The pages on the website will contain Links between the pages on the webpage. It will also be possible to link to external webpages. Additionally the pages will contain graphs and tables which shows data. The data will either be fetched from external sources or external sources will have the possibility to post data to a data source given a predefined data schema.

Data in data sources can be transformed using formula expressions and have to go through at least 1 formula expression in order to be displayed on a graph. This expression will be on the graph.

In order to enable the user to create the above in a easy customizable way three self made language will be used.

2 Tools

- Explain which tools and languages we have used (R, which R packages, Emils python/java code etc)

3 section1

4 The Domain Specific Language, DSL

4.1 Overview

The DSL is divided into three components, a arithmetic expressions language, a language for specifying a web site and a language for specifying input sources for the system. The expression language is a utility language which is included by the two others. This language defines how a user can create arithmetic expressions in either of the other two languages. The Web visualizer is a language to create dynamic web sites, like the sample page shown on the front page. This language lets the user create pages on a site, link different pages to each other

and visualize information through the use of graphs. The Datasources language, which is still to be developed, will be used to specify different data sources, like for instance a external databases or APIs. In addition this language will also be used to specify internal persistence and a API for other systems to use for posting data to the Dashk system.

4.2 The Formula Expression Language

The Formula Expressions DSL is responsible for understanding mathematical formulas, which will be applied to tables of data.

Meta model The formula metamodel consist of multiple elements for an overview seen in Figure 2. The types include in the elements included in the model are:

1. Formula: The overall Structure Element
2. Variable: The variable names included in the formula, appears both left and right side of the equation
3. Expression: The right side of the equal sign in a formula. The Expression collects the parts which is connected with plus(+) and minus(-).
4. Factor: A semi-structure of the expression, Factors collects the parts connected with multiplication(.) and division(/).
5. Op1: Identifies a addition or subtraction operation
6. Op2: Identifies a multiplication or division operation
7. Primitiv: Identifies as either a number or a Variable

Given the following the example:

$$f(x, y) = 5 + x \cdot 3 - y$$

The rules for the grammar is explained as below also referring to Figure 1:

A Formula Contains a name which is defined as the letter/word in front of the paranthesis also underlined in the following formula: $\underline{f}(x, y) = 5 + x \cdot 3 - y$. In Figure 1 “f” is defined as “name” seen as an attribute for the overall Formula. It also contains a list of variables, defined within the paranthesis seperated by “,” as underlined: $\underline{f}(x, y) = 5 + x \cdot 3 - y$. The variables is saved as a list under formula as “vars” seen at List of Variables. Finally the expression of the formula is everything on the right side of the equal-sign(“=”), here follows the rule that every variable used in the expression has to appear

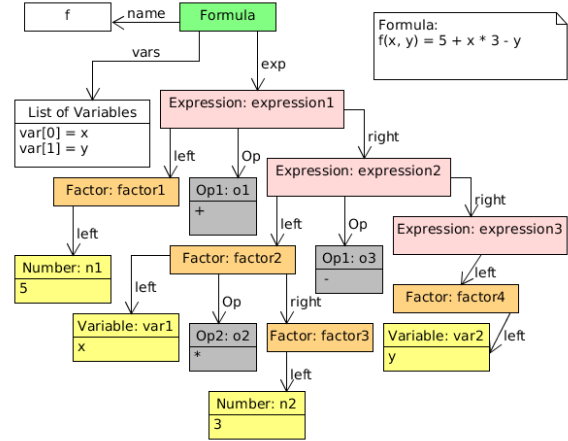


Figure 1: Instance of Formula

inside the paranthesis on the left side of the formula as well, as it works as a function, the expression part underlined: $\underline{f}(x, y) = 5 + x \cdot 3 - y$ referred to as “exp” and seen as “expression1” in Figure 1.

Looking at the expression(“expression1”): $5 + x \cdot 3 - y$ it is broken down by continuously working from the left to the right. the left part of the expression is defined as a factor until it meets an addition or subtraction sign. For the formula example this would put only the number “5” into the left side factor as “factor1” in Figure 1, further containing “5” in the Number object “n1”. Expression2 is then the rest of the equation after $5 +$. The new expression contains again one factor which is the left side($x \cdot 3$) separated by the subtraction sign. The factor “factor2” contains on the left “var1” which is x, and on the right another factor is spawned seen as “factor3” in Figure 1, only containing a left side being the number seen in “n2” as 3. Coming back up to the expression. it contains the last part of y as “expression3” which only a left side being a factor(factor4) and that factor also only contains a left side which is the variable “var2” being the y.

For the variables “var1” and “var2”, both is included in the List of Variables in as seen in Figure 1

Language Validation has been achieved partly by the BNF¹ using Xtext, but also using Xtend to write additional validation code, where the Xtext language was not sufficient to validate that the structure did indeed not violate any rules.

Xtext could only validate the general structure of the model. what xtext was not achieved was to have xtext validate that the only variables used on the right side of the equation sign was declared on the left side. In order to validate that the vari-

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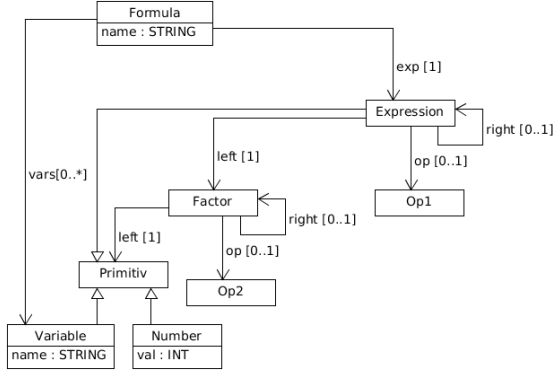


Figure 2: Model of the formula module

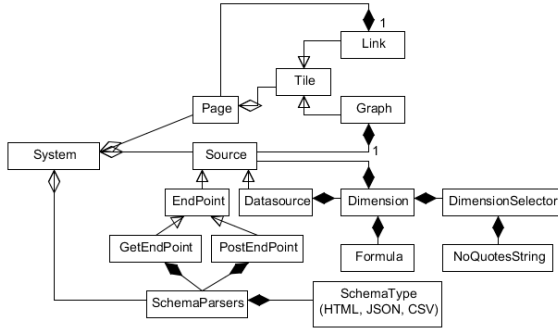


Figure 3: Model of the language

ables on the right was declared on the left a collection containing the declared variables on the left was matches against all the variables on the right fetched using recursion with depth first search.

4.3 The Web visualizer Language

For generating dashboards custom language have been created. This language specify:

- Which pages the web-interface consist of
- The navigation between pages
- Which data to display and where
- Where and how to obtain the data
 - Internal data streams
 - External data streams
- How to manipulate the data streams

The following subsection will look into detail of how the language is structured and the syntax and grammar of the language.

```

System :
    (pages += Page | sources += Source
     | schemas += SchemaParser)*
;
Page :
    'Page' name=ID
    '{'
    (tiles += Tile)*
    '}'
;
Tile :
    Link | Graph
;
Link :
    'Link' name=ID 'to' page=[Page]
;
Graph :
    'Graph' name=ID source=[
        Datasource] ('label=' label=
        STRING)?
;

```

Figure 4: Sample grammar definition, For a complete view of the grammar, see Appendix

The Grammar Figure 3 shows the structure of the language. This model shows that the language defines of a system containing three parts:

- Pages
- Sources
- Schemas

The Pages, is what the language in turns will use to create web pages in a system defined in the language. A page is a collection of tiles. Each tile is an extendible definition of a visual object on a page. In the current version, there are two types of Tiles, Links and Graphs. A Link definition contains a pointer to a page. A Graph however, has a reference data *source* from witch it needs to fetch data from. Figure 4 shows a sample code snippet from the grammar definition. The Figure shows how the grammar is defined for the Pages, Tiles, Links and Graphs. Similar does Figure 5 show and example use of this grammar. This example creates a system object with two pages inter connected by links and with a number of graphs.

The Sources, can be of two different types, an *EndPoint* or a *Datasource*. An *EndPoint* is intended to function as interface towards external systems or data sources. Whereas a *Datasource* is an internal definition intended for filtering, data manipulation or data grouping. This Source, Endpoint, Datasource-Dimension

```

Page index
{
  Link toPageOne to pageOne
  Graph testGraph a
}

Page pageOne
{
  Link toHomePage to index
  Graph testGraph a
  Graph testGraph1 c
}

```

Figure 5: Example language use, defining pages

```

Datasource temperatureRaw {
  Dimensions:
    Formula x20508a1(x) = x using
      temperature[x20508a1] as x,
    Formula x205101(x) = x using
      temperature[x205101] as x,
    Formula x205111(x) = x using
      temperature[x205111] as x
}

```

Figure 6: Example language use, defining data sources

structure have been defined as a compositional pattern, with source as the component, the Endpoint as a leaf and the Datasource as the composite. This pattern makes it possible to compose any number of different structures. In addition every defined dimension comes with a formula, which will be applied to the data. Since Source can have multiple dimensions (data streams) when specifying a how a Source an additional dimension selector can be specified to select a subset of the dimensions. Figure 6 shows an example of a Datasource created through the language. The first line creates a Datasource and declares a list of dimensions. Each declaration of a dimension starts by declaring a formula. After the formula follows a declaration of Sources to use in the formula.

Figure 7 is an example of the use of Endpoints. In this, a GetEndPoint is created. This Endpoint type contains a url, a header and a schema parser. In addition.

The Schemas, or SchemaParsers are a global way of defining how to parse data from an external source. This is both needed when defining a source to request data from and when external sources post data to the system.

```

GetEndPoint temperature {
  url "http://10.123.3.12:8079/api/query"
  json "select _data_in ('{(datetime.datetime.fromtimestamp(time.time()) - datetime.timedelta(1)).strftime('%m/%d/%Y')}'), _{'datetime.datetime.fromtimestamp(time.time()).strftime('%m/%d/%Y')}') _where _Path_like _ '/1 _ _Ground/%/Temperature'"
  Headers {
    "type" : "application/json"
  }
  use Schema schemaB
}

```

Figure 7: Example language use, defining endpoints

Meta model Below is the first meta model of the system. This model matches the language specification one to one. The System once again is a collection of pages, which again consists of a number of tiles which can be of the two previous described types.

Language Validation of the entire vizualizer project containing validating the following items:

1. [XText] The page linked to from one page to another existed
2. [XText] Graphs contains an existing reference to a Datasource
3. [XText] GetEndpoints contains a Schema
4. [XText] Schemas contain at least 1 Selector
5. [XText] Datasources contains at least one Dimension
6. [XText] Dimension contains at least one reference to a Source
7. [XTend] Datasources have no cyclic dependencies
8. [XTend] All the variables declared on the left side of a formula is also declared under one of the DimensionSelectors listed for that Dimension.
9. [XTend] All Datasources is directly or indirectly connected to an Endpoint

It was not achieved to validate all the rules in the grammar strictly using XText and a few of the rules had to be checked in the syntax tree. XText

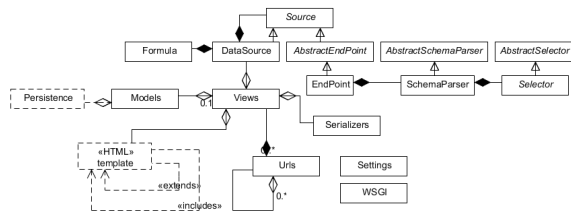


Figure 8: Model of the Website

can make checks like that a reference is existing and that the overall grammar structure is correct. The things that XTend can do is that after the initial grammar, the instance of the grammar is built and that gives some additional possibilities to validate the program from XTend. Here only the full validation should be possible, given that the language is not turing complete². As listed previously cyclic dependencies can be checked a long with more advanced type checking. Maybe a language would contain an odd rule that the number 5 would not be allowed. This could be put into the XText document, but would be much easier to validate using XTend. Here we could also extend the Formula projects language validation rules within the Vizualizer language futher using XTend by checking that declared variables on the left side of a formula was supported by a declared variable from a DimensionSelector.

Code generation To create the website the project uses the Django framework. This framework uses an MVC architecture which is extended with a template pattern with HTML documents. In order to make the output easy readable and customizable for a user, the first meta model needs to be mapped to a second meta model with more explicit information which matches the MVC architecture better. This second model can be seen in below diagram.

The first step of mapping the previous model into the second meta model, is to create a system with a configuration. Secondly a default controller is added with the default Django Admin configuration pages. This controller gets a number of URLs and default views. After this a second controller gets added, this controller is used for the pages defined in the language. Each page gets transformed into a url entity, view entity, model and a template HTML-file. The HTML file holds a easy customizable structure of the content added to the page. The view and model will in time be connected to the Data sources from the previous specified language. In addition will the view of a page be responsible of

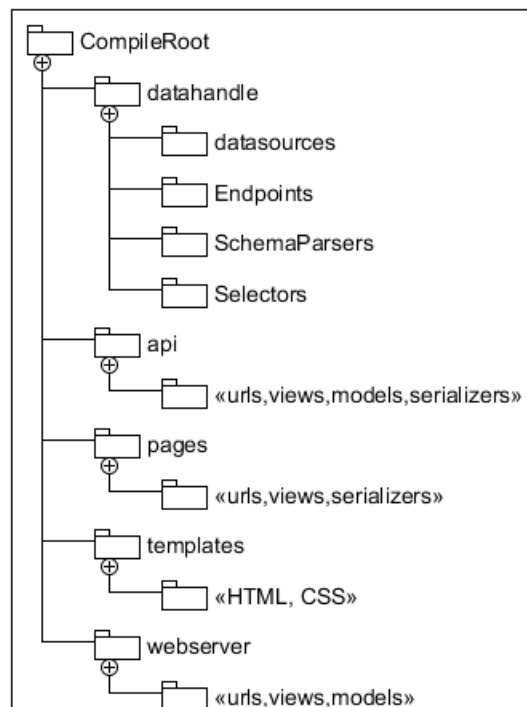


Figure 9: Package diagram of generated sources

rendering the template with context and data from a datasource. After this model have been created each entry in the model is looped through and generated into a file.

Pages

Data sources

Api

5 section3

6 Conclusion

- Concussion

A Author Contributions

All participants of the project has contributed equally to the entire report, in addition to that all participants has additionally .

B The Grammar

```
grammar org.xtext.sdu.  
    iotvizualizerlanguage.Vizualizer
```

²make ref to turing completeness

```

with org.xtext.sdu.
    formularzlanguage.Formular

generate vizualizer
    "http://www.xtext.org/sdu/
    iotvizualizerlanguage/
    Vizualizer"

System:
    (pages += Page | sources += Source
     | schemas += SchemaParser)*
;
Page:
    'Page' name=ID
    '{'
    (tiles += Tile)*
    '}'
;
Tile:
    Link | Graph
;
Link:
    'Link' name=ID 'to' page=[Page]
;
Graph:
    'Graph' name=ID source=[
        Datasource] ('label=' lael=
        STRING)?
;
Datasource:
    'Datasource' name=ID
    '{'
    'Dimensions' ':'
    dimensions+=Dimension ('',
        dimensions+=Dimension)*
    '}'
;
Dimension:
    'Formula' name=Formula
    sourceSelectors+=
    DimensionSelector ('and'
    sourceSelectors+=
    DimensionSelector)*
;
DimensionSelector:
    'using' source=[Source] '['
    selectVar=NoQuotesString ']'
    as' name=ID
;
NoQuotesString:
    name=ID
;
Source:

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EndPoint | Datasource
;
EndPoint:
    GetEndPoint | PostEndPoint
;
PostEndPoint:
    'PostPoint' name=ID
    '{'
    'url' url=STRING
    'useSchema' parser=[SchemaParser]
    '}'
;
GetEndPoint:
    'GetPoint' name=ID
    '{'
    'url' url=STRING
    ('json' json = STRING)?
    'Headers' '{'
        headers+=Header ('', headers+=
        Header)*
    '}'
    'useSchema' parser=[SchemaParser]
    '}'
;
Header:
    keyword=STRING ':' value=STRING
;
// A SchemaParser is used to parse a
    schema(data structure) into a
    time series
SchemaParser:
    'Schema' name=ID
    '{'
    'SchemaType' '=' schemaType=
        SchemaType
    selectors+=Selector+
    '}'
;
enum SchemaType:
    XML='XML' | CSV='CSV' | JSON='JSON'
;
// Select the path to a specific
    dimension of the data
Selector:
    'SelectorAs' name=ID '{'
    steps+=STRING ('->' steps+=
        STRING)+
    '}'
;

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