



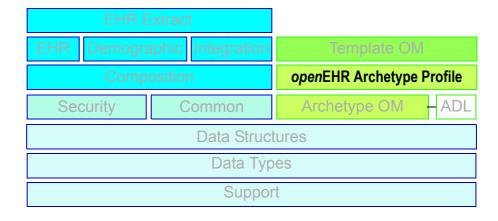
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### 1 Introduction

### 1.1 Purpose

This document describes the *open*EHR Archetype Profile (AP), which defines custom constraint classes for use with the generic archetype object model (AOM). The intended audience includes:

- Standards bodies producing health informatics standards
- Software development organisations using *openEHR*
- Academic groups using openEHR
- The open source healthcare community
- · Clinical and domain modelling specialists.

#### 1.2 Related Documents

Prerequisite documents for reading this document include:

• The *open*EHR Architecture Overview

Prerequisite documents for reading this document include:

- The *open*EHR Archetype Definition Language (ADL)
- The *open*EHR Archetype Object Model (AOM)

### 1.3 Status

This document is under development, and is published as a proposal for input to standards processes and implementation works.

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### 2 Overview

### 2.1 Background

An underpinning architectural feature of *open*EHR is the use of archetypes and templates, which are formal models of domain content, and are used to control data structure and content during creation, modification and querying. The elements of this architecture are twofold.

- The *open*EHR Reference Model (RM), defining the structure and semantics of information in terms of information models (IMs). The RM models correspond to the ISP RM/ODP information viewpoint, and define the data of *open*EHR EHR systems. The information model is designed to be invariant in the long term, to minimise the need for software and schema updates.
- The *open*EHR Archetype Model (AM), defining the structure and semantics of archetypes and templates. The AM consists of the archetype language definition language (ADL), the Archetype Object Model (AOM) and the *open*EHR Archetype profile (oAP).

The purpose of the ADL is to provide an abstract syntax for textually expressing archetypes and templates. The AOM defines the object model equivalent of ADL. It is reference model-neutral, meaning that it can be used to express archetypes for any reference model in a standard syntax. ADL and the AOM are brought together in an ADL parser, i.e. any tool which can read ADL archetype texts, and whose parse-tree (resulting in-memory object representation) is instances of the AOM.

The purpose of the *open*EHR Archetype Profile, the subject of this document, is to define custom archetype classes and in some cases, custom syntax equivalents (essentially shorthands) that can be used instead of the AOM generic classes for archetyping certain RM classes.

### 2.2 Package Structure

The openEHR Archetype Profile model is defined in the package am.openehr\_profile, illustrated in FIGURE 1. It is shown in the context of the openEHR am and am.archetype packages. The internal structure of the package mimics the structure of the reference model it profiles, i.e. the openEHR reference model. This is done to make software development easier, even though the package structure may be sparsely populated. Packages need only be defined where there are custom types to be defined; the only ones currently defined are in the data types package.

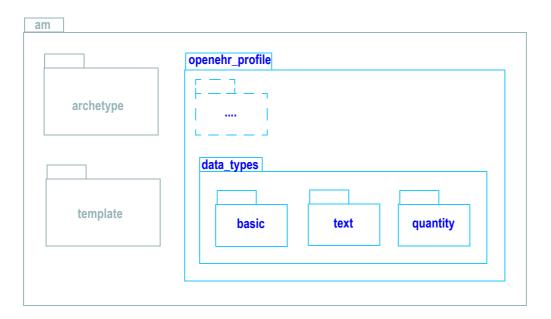


FIGURE 1 openehr.am.openehr\_profile Package

## 3 Data\_types.basic Package

The am.openehr\_profile.basic package, illustrated in FIGURE 2, defines custom types for constraining the RM type DV\_STATE.

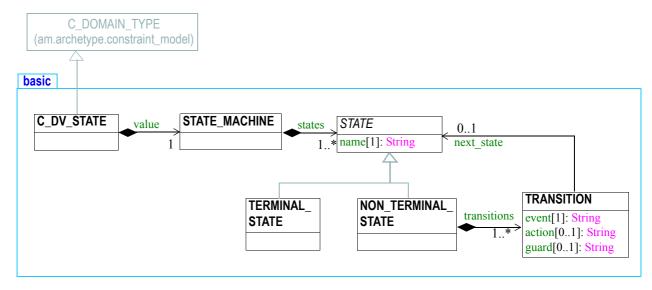


FIGURE 2 am.openehr\_profile.data\_types.basic Package

A example of a state machine to model the state of a medication order is illustrated in FIGURE 3. This state machine is defined by an instance of the class STATE\_MACHINE. (Note that for general modelling of states of medications and other interventions, the standard state machine defined in the EHR IM should normally be used).

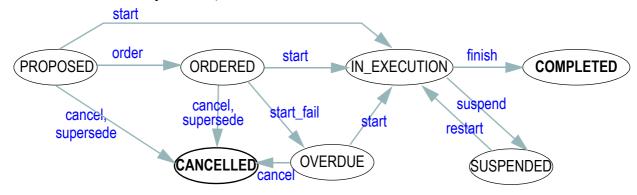


FIGURE 3 Example State Machine for Medication Orders

### 3.1 Class Descriptions

## 3.1.1 C\_DV\_STATE Class

CLASS	C_DV_STATE	
Purpose	Constrainer type for DV_STATE instances. The attribute <i>c_value</i> defines a state/event table which constrains the allowed values of the attribute <i>value</i> in a DV_STATE instance, as well as the order of transitions between values.	

CLASS	C_DV_STATE	
Inherit	C_DOMAIN_TYPE	
Attributes	Signature	Meaning
11	value: STATE_MACHINE	
Invariants	value_exists: value /= Void	

## 3.1.2 STATE\_MACHINE Class

CLASS	STATE_MACHINE	
Purpose	Definition of a state machine in terms of states, transition events and outputs, and next states.	
Attributes	Signature Meaning	
11	states: Set <state></state>	
Invariants	States_valid: states /= Void and then not states.is_empty	

### 3.1.3 STATE Class

CLASS	STATE (abstract)	
Purpose	Abstract definition of one state in a state machine.	
Attributes	Signature Meaning	
11	name: String name of this state	
Invariants	Name_valid: name /= Void and then not name.is_empty	

## 3.1.4 NON\_TERMINAL\_STATE Class

CLASS	NON_TERMINAL_STATE	
Purpose	Definition of a non-terminal state in a state machine, i.e. one that has transitions.	
Inherit	STATE	
Attributes	Signature	Meaning
11	<pre>transitions: Set <transition></transition></pre>	
Invariants	<i>Transitions_valid</i> : transitions /= Void and then not transitions.is_empty	

## 3.1.5 TERMINAL\_STATE Class

CLASS	TERMINAL_STATE	
Purpose	Definition of a terminal state in a state machine, i.e. a state with no exit transitions.	
Inherit	STATE	
Attributes	Signature Meaning	
Invariants		

### 3.1.6 TRANSITION Class

CLASS	TRANSITION	
Purpose	Definition of a state machine transition.	
Attributes	Signature Meaning	
11	event: String	Event which fires this transition
01	guard: String	Guard condition which must be true for this transition to fire
01	action: String	Side-effect action to execute during the firing of this transition
11	next_state: STATE	Target state of transition
Invariants	Event_valid: event /= Void and then not event.is_empty Action_valid: action /= Void implies not action.is_empty Guard_valid: guard /= Void implies not guard.is_empty Next_state_valid: next_state /= Void	

## 4 Data\_types.text Package

#### 4.1 Overview

The am.openehr\_profile.data\_types.text package contains custom classes for expressing constraints on instances of the types defined in the rm.data\_types.text package. Only one type is currently defined, enabling the constraining of CODE PHRASE instances. It is illustrated in FIGURE 4.

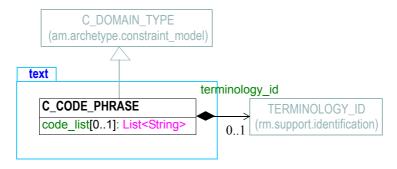


FIGURE 4 am.openehr\_profile.data\_types.text Package

### 4.2 Design

### 4.2.1 Standard ADL Approach

The generic kind of constraint that can be expressed for the DV\_CODED\_TEXT type can, like all standard archetype constraints, only include constraints on the attributes defined in the reference model type. This is illustrated by the following fragment of ADL:

```
DV_CODED_TEXT matches {
    defining_code matches {
        CODE_PHRASE matches {
            terminology_id matches {"xxxx"}
            code_string matches {"cccc"}
        }
    }
}
```

The standard approach allows the attributes <code>terminology\_id</code> and <code>code\_string</code> to be constrained independently, and would for example, allow <code>terminology\_id</code> to be constrained to <code>ICD10|Snomed-ct|LOINC</code>, while <code>code\_string</code> could be constrained to some particular fixed values. However, this makes no sense; codes only make sense within a given terminology, not across them. It also makes no sense to allow codes from more than one terminology, as terminologies generally have quite different designs - LOINC and Snomed-CT are completely different in their conception and realisation.

A more appropriate kind of constraint for CODE\_PHRASE instances is for *terminology\_id* to be fixed to one particular terminology, and for *code\_string* to be constrained to a set of allowed codes; an empty list indicates that any code is allowed. These semantics are formalised in the class definition, shown below.

#### 4.2.2 Inline dADL form

In an archetype, an instance of C\_CODE\_PHRASE can be included as inline dADL, as in the following example:

```
defining_code matches {
```

```
C_CODE_PHRASE <
    terminology_id = <
        value = <"icd10">
        code_list = <
        ["1"] = <"CF43.00"> -- acute stress reaction, mild
        ["2"] = <"F43.01"> -- acute stress reaction, moderate
        ["3"] = <"F32.02"> -- acute stress reaction, severe
        >
        >
        >
}
```

### 4.2.3 Custom Syntax Form

The same constraint as above can be expressed used a custom syntax extension to ADL. This form is most usually used for expressing value-set constraints within an archetype.

```
defining_code matches {
    [icd10::
        F43.00, -- acute stress reaction, mild
        F43.01, -- acute stress reaction, moderate
        F32.02] -- acute stress reaction, severe
}
```

### 4.2.4 Archetype-local Codes

In either of the constraint forms above, the special terminology name "local" is recognised. This is used to indicate that the listed terms come from the ontology section of the archetype itself, rather than an external terminology, as in the following example:

```
defining_code matches {
    [local::
        at1311, -- Colo-colonic anastomosis
        at1312, -- Ileo-colonic anastomosis
        at1313, -- Colo-anal anastomosis
        at1314, -- Ileo-anal anastomosis
        at1315] -- Colostomy
}
```

#### 4.2.5 Assumed value

The custom code syntax provides an equivalent of the assumed value notion from standard ADL by repeating the assumed value separated by the semi-colon (;) character, as in the following example:

```
defining_code matches {
    [local::
        at1311, -- Colo-colonic anastomosis
        at1312, -- Ileo-colonic anastomosis
        at1313, -- Colo-anal anastomosis
        at1314, -- Ileo-anal anastomosis
        at1315; -- Colostomy
        at1312] -- (assumed value)
}
```

## 4.3 Class Descriptions

## 4.3.1 C\_CODE\_PHRASE Class

CLASS	C_CODE_PHRASE	
Purpose	Express constraints on instances of CODE_PHRASE. The <i>terminology_id</i> attribute may be specified on its own to indicate any term from a specified terminology; the <i>code_list</i> attribute may be used to limit the codes to a specific list.	
Inherit	C_DOMAIN_TYPE	
Attributes	Signature	Meaning
01 (cond)	terminology_id: TERMINOLOGY_ID	Syntax string expressing constraint on allowed primary terms
01 (cond)	code_list: List <string></string>	List of allowed codes; may be empty, meaning any code in the terminology may be used.
Functions	Signature	Meaning
(effected)	<pre>any_allowed: Boolean ensure Result = terminology_id = Void and code_list = Void</pre>	True if any CODE_PHRASE instance allowed.
Invariants	List_validity: code_list /= Void implies (not code_list.is_empty and terminology_id /= Void) Any_allowed_validity: any_allowed xor terminology_id /= Void	

## 5 Data\_types.quantity Package

#### 5.1 Overview

The am.openehr\_profile.data\_types.quantity package is illustrated in FIGURE 5. Two custom types are defined: C\_DV\_QUANTITY and C\_DV\_ORDINAL.

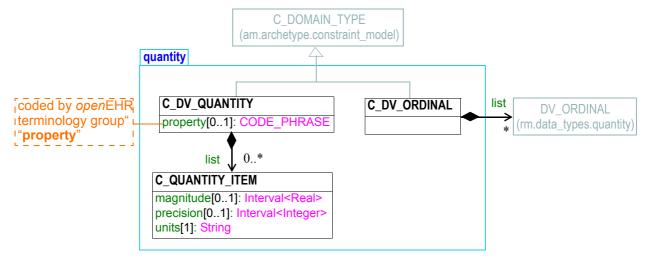


FIGURE 5 am. openehr profile.data types.quantity Package

### 5.2 Design - Ordinals

#### 5.2.1 Standard ADL

An ordinal value is defined as one which is ordered without being quantified, and is represented by a symbol and an integer number. The DV\_ORDINAL class can be constrained in a generic way in ADL as follows:

```
item matches {
  DV ORDINAL matches {
      value matches {0}
      symbol matches {
         DV CODED TEXT matches {
            defining code matches {[local::at0014]} -- no heartbeat
      }
  DV ORDINAL matches {
      value matches {1}
      symbol matches {
         DV CODED TEXT matches {
            defining code matches {[local::at0015]} -- less than 100 bpm
      }
  DV ORDINAL matches {
      value matches {2}
      symbol matches {
         DV CODED TEXT matches {
```

```
bpm

defining_code matches {[local::at0016]} -- greater than 100

}
}
}
}
```

The above says that the allowed values of the attribute value is the set of ORDINALS represented by three alternative constraints, each indicating what the numeric value of the ordinal in the series, as well as its symbol, which is a CODED TEXT.

#### 5.2.2 Inline dADL Section

The above constraint can be represented as an inline instance of the *openEHR* type C\_ORDINAL, as follows:

```
defining code matches {
    C DV ORDINAL <
       list = <
          ["1"] = <
             value = <0>
             symbol = <
                defining code = <[local::at0014]>
                                                     -- no heartbeat
          >
          ["2"] = <
             value = <1>
             symbol = <
                defining code = <[local::at0014]>
                                                  -- less than 100 bpm
          ["3"] = <
             value = <2>
             symbol = <
                defining code = <[local::at0014]>-- greater than 100 bpm
      >
}
```

## 5.2.3 Custom Syntax

A more efficient way of representing the same constraint is using the following ADL syntax:

```
item matches {
      0|[local::at0014], -- no heartbeat
      1|[local::at0015], -- less than 100 bpm
      2|[local::at0016] -- greater than 100 bpm
}
```

#### 5.2.4 Assumed Value

Assumed value is represented in the same way as in the custom code syntax, i.e. by adding a semicolon demarcated value at the end of the list, as follows:

```
item matches {
      0|[local::at0014], -- no heartbeat
      1|[local::at0015], -- less than 100 bpm
      2|[local::at0016]; -- greater than 100 bpm
      0|[local::at0014] -- (assumed value)
```

}

### 5.3 Design - Quantities

#### 5.3.1 Standard ADL

A typical need in clinical and demographic data containing an *age* attribute is to be able to constrain it to different ranges depending on whether it is expressed in months (as is normally the case with infants) or years (for adults). If the age value is expressed using the *openEHR DV\_QUANTITY*, this constraint can be expressed as follows:

```
age matches {
    DV_QUANTITY matches {
        property matches {"time"}
        units matches {"yr"}
        magnitude matches {|0.0..200.0|}
    }
    DV_QUANTITY matches {
        property matches {"time"}
        units matches {"mth"}
        magnitude matches {|3.0..12.0|}
    }
}
```

The above says that if units matches "years", the constraint on DV\_QUANTITY.magnitude is 0 - 200, while if units is "months" then the magnitude constraint is 3 - 12. This approach is not particularly efficient or clear, since it allows multiple instances of the constraint on the property attribute, when in fact property can only sensibly be the same for all branches of the constraint.

#### 5.3.2 Inline dADL Section

The above constraint can be represented as an inline instance of the type C\_QUANTITY, as below. Note that an assumed value has been included as well, just using normal dADL.

```
age matches {
    C DV QUANTITY <
       property = <[openehr::128]> -- time
       list = <
          ["1"] = <
             units = <"yr">
             magnitude = < |0.0..200.0| >
             precision = < |2| >
          ["2"] = <
             units = <"mth">
             magnitude = < |1.0..36.0| >
             precision = < |2| >
       >
       assumed value = <
          magnitude = <1.0>
          units = <"yr">
}
```

#### 5.4 Class Definitions

## 5.4.1 C\_DV\_ORDINAL Class Definition

CLASS	C_DV_ORDINAL	
Purpose	Class specifying constraints on instances of DV_ORDINAL. Custom constrainer type for instances of DV_ORDINAL.	
Inherit	C_DOMAIN_TYPE	
Attributes	Signature	Meaning
11	list: Set <dv_ordinal></dv_ordinal>	Set of allowed DV_ORDINAL values.
Functions	Signature	Meaning
(effected)	<pre>any_allowed: Boolean ensure Result = items = Void</pre>	True if any DV_ORDINAL instance allowed.
Invariants	Ordinals_valid: items /= Void xor any_allowed Items_valid: items /= Void implies not items.is_empty	

## 5.4.2 C\_DV\_QUANTITY Class Definition

CLASS	C_DV_QUANTITY	
Purpose	Constrain instances of DV_QUANTITY.	
Inherit	C_DOMAIN_TYPE	
Attributes	Signature Meaning	
01	<pre>list: List<c_quantity_item></c_quantity_item></pre>	List of value/units pairs.
01	property: CODE_PHRASE	Optional constraint on units property
Functions	Signature	Meaning
(effected)	<pre>any_allowed: Boolean ensure Result = list = Void and property = Void</pre>	True if any DV_QUANTITY instance allowed.
Invariants	<pre>List_valid: list /= Void implies not list.is_empty Property_valid: property /= Void implies terminol- ogy(Terminology_id_openehr).has_code_for_group_id (Group_id_property, property) Overall_validity: (list /= Void or property /= Void) xor any_allowed</pre>	

## 5.4.3 **C\_QUANTITY\_ITEM Class Definition**

CLASS	C_QUANTITY_ITEM	
Purpose	Constrain instances of DV_QUANTITY.	
Attributes	Signature	Meaning
01	magnitude: Interval <real></real>	Constraint on the <i>magnitude</i> of the DV_QUANTITY.
01	<pre>precision: Interval<integer></integer></pre>	Constraint on the <i>precision</i> of the DV_QUANTITY. A value of -1 means that precision is unconstrained.
11	units: STRING	Constraint on <i>units</i> of the DV_QUANTITY.
Functions	Signature	Meaning
	<pre>precision_unconstrained: Boolean ensure precision = -1 implies Result</pre>	True if no constraint on precision; True if <i>precision</i> = -1.
Invariants	units_valid: units /= Void and not units.is_empty	

## 6 Syntax Specification

The syntax described in this specification require some additions to the standard cADL grammar described in the *open*EHR ADL specification.

The additions to the grammar and lexical specifications for the standard cADL syntax are shown below. The actual grammar and lexical files used in the *open*EHR reference ADL parser (written in Eiffel) are available at <a href="http://my.openehr.org/wsvn/ref">http://my.openehr.org/wsvn/ref</a> impl eiffel/TRUNK/components/adl <a href="mailto:parser/src/syntax/cadl/parser/?rev=0&sc=0">parser/src/syntax/cadl/parser/?rev=0&sc=0</a>. The .l and .y files can be converted for use in other yacc/lex-based programming environments. The production rules of the .y file are available as an HTML document.

#### 6.1 Grammar

The following shows additions to the standard cADL parser production rules (yacc specification) as of revision 158 of the Eiffel reference implementation repository (http://svn.openehr.org/ref impl eiffel).

```
c object:
 c complex object
| archetype internal ref
| archetype slot
| constraint ref
| c code phrase
                         -- added
                         -- added
| c ordinal
| c_primitive_object
| V C DOMAIN TYPE
| ERR C DOMAIN TYPE
error
c ordinal:
 c ordinal spec
| c ordinal spec ; integer_value
| c ordinal spec ; error
c ordinal spec:
 ordinal
| c ordinal_spec , ordinal
  integer value SYM INTERVAL DELIM V QUALIFIED TERM CODE REF
c code phrase:
  V TERM CODE CONSTRAINT
| V QUALIFIED TERM CODE REF
```

## 6.2 Symbols

The following patterns are added to the lexical specification for the standard cADL grammar.

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