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1. ATL Transformation Example

1.1. Example: Microsoft Office Excel Injector

The Microsoft Office Excel injector's example describes a transformation from an Excel workbook to an Excel model. The transformation is based on a simplified subset of the SpreadsheetML XML dialect which is the one used by Microsoft to import/export Excel workbook's data in XML since the 2003 version of Microsoft Office. This transformation produces an Excel model from an Excel XML file which can be directly opened by Excel 2003. This Excel model describes a workbook with the same content that the one stored into the Excel XML file in entry of the transformation.

1.1.1. Transformation overview

The aim of this injector (transformation) is to generate an Excel model that conforms to the SpreadsheetMLSimplified metamodel from an Excel workbook (contained in a valid and well-formed Excel XML file). As an example of the transformation, Figure 1 provides a screen capture of a simple Microsoft Office Excel workbook that may be transformed into a SpreadsheetMLSimplified model by the injector. Note that the Excel models generated by the injector will be able to be reused by other transformations that need input Excel models.

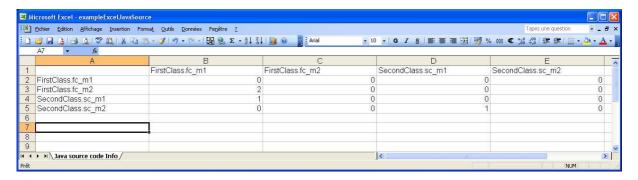


Figure 1. The injected MS Office Excel workbook



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To make the Microsoft Office Excel injector, we proceed in two steps. Indeed, this transformation is in reality a composition of two transformations:

- from Excel XML file to XML (XML injection)
- from XML to SpreadsheetMLSimplified

These two steps are summarized in Figure 2.

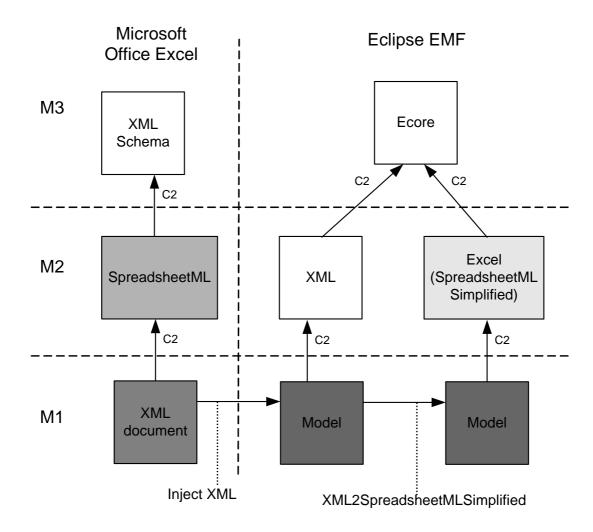


Figure 2. Microsoft Office Excel injector's (transformation's) overview



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1.2. Metamodels

The first metamodel used by this transformation is a simple XML metamodel which is necessary to import XML files into XML models. This metamodel is presented in Figure 3 and provided in Appendix I in km3 format.

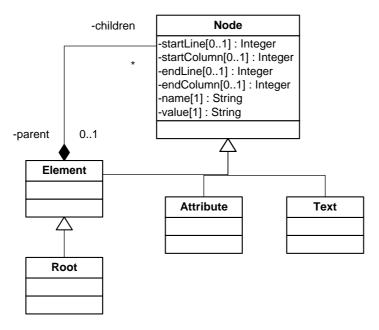


Figure 3. A simple XML metamodel

Each element of an XML document is a *Node*. The root of a document is a *Root* element which is an *Element* in our metamodel. Each *Element* can have several children (nodes) that can be other *Element*, *Attribute* or *Text* elements. An *Element* is usually identified by its name and defined by its children. An *Attribute* is characterized by its name and its value whereas a *Text* is only assimilated to a single value.

The transformation is based on the "SpreadsheetMLSimplified" metamodel which is a subset of the Microsoft SpreadsheetML XML dialect defined by several complex XML schemas (they can be downloaded at [1]). The metamodel considered here is described in Figure 4 and provided in Appendix II in km3 format (note that some attributes of the metamodel have voluntarily not been mentioned in this figure in order to keep the diagram clear and easily readable).



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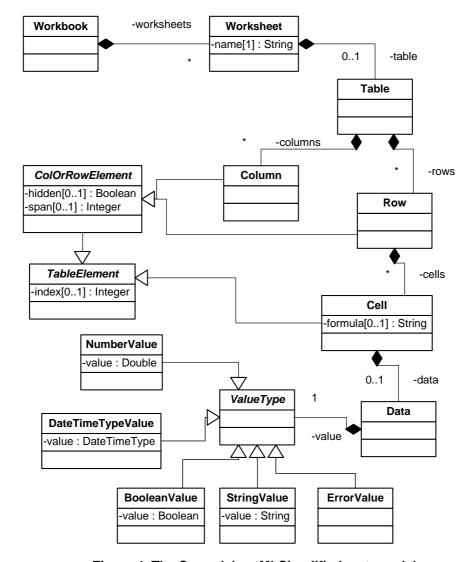


Figure 4. The SpreadsheetMLSimplified metamodel

Within this metamodel, a workbook is associated with a *Workbook* element. Such an element can contain several worksheets. A table is most of the time associated to each worksheet. A table is composed of a set of *TableElement*: columns and rows are contained in the table; cells are contained in the rows. Each cell can store a data in a particular type which can be "Number", "DateTime", "Boolean", "String" or "Error".



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1.3. Rules Specification

The input of the global transformation is an Excel XML file whose content conforms to the SpreadsheetML schemas; the output is an Excel model which conforms to the SpreadsheetMLSimplified metamodel (described in Figure 4). The input XML model of the second transformation is the output XML model generated by the first transformation.

1.3.1. Excel XML file to XML (i.e. XML injection)

The XML injector (i.e. the "XML file to XML model" transformation) is already implemented by an ATL plug-in which is included in the ATL environment under Eclipse. This plug-in gives the possibility to inject the content of an XML file into an XML model which conforms to the simple XML metamodel presented in Figure 3. This is the reason why we will not spend to much time to detail this transformation in this documentation.

1.3.2. XML to SpreadsheetMLSimplified

These are the rules to transform an XML model into a SpreadsheetMLSimplified model:

- For the "workbook" XML!Root, the SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Workbook element is created. It
 will be linked to the corresponding SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Worksheet elements that will be
 generated during the transformation by the following rule.
- For each "worksheet" XML!Element (which is a child of the "workbook" XML!Root), a SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Worksheet element is generated. Each Worksheet element will be linked to the associated SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Table element that will be created during the transformation by the following rule.
- For each "table" XML!Element (which is a child of a "worksheet" XML!Element), a SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Table element is created. Each Table element will be linked to the corresponding SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Column and SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Row elements that will be generated during the transformation by the following rule.
- For each "column" or "row" XML!Element (which is a child of a "table" XML!Element), a SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Column or SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Row element is generated. Each Row element will be linked to the corresponding SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Cell element that will be created during the transformation.
- For each "cell" XML!Element (which is a child of a "row" XML!Element), a SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Cell element is created.
- For each "data" XML!Element (which is a child of a "cell" XML!Element), a SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Data element is engendered and linked to the right SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Cell element. A SpreadsheetMLSimplified!XXXValue element (corresponding to the value of the "ss:Type" XML!Attribute of the "Data" XML!Element) is also created and linked to this SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Data element.



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1.4. ATL Code

Since the XML injector is already integrated into the ATL environment, there is only one ATL file coding the transformation: "XML2SpreadsheetMLSimplified.atl". In this part we will present and describe more precisely the implementation of this transformation.

The ATL code for the "XML2SpreadsheetMLSimplified" transformation consists of 10 helpers and 11 rules.

The *getStringAttrValue* helper returns the string value of the XML!Attribute (of the XML!Element on which the helper is called) that has got as name the value of the "attrName" parameter. If there is no XML!Attribute named "attrName", an empty string is returned by this helper.

The *getChildrenByName* helper offers the possibility to recover a set of XML!Element that are all the children of the XML!Element on which the helper is called. All the returned children have got as name the value of the "name" parameter. This helper may return an empty set if there are no children of the XML!Element type and named "name".

The *getOptIntAttrValue* helper returns the integer value of an optional XML!Attribute which has got as name the value of the "attrName" parameter. This helper uses the *getStringAttrValue* one to recover the string value of the sought XML!Attribute. The result is converted into an integer value by a "String toInteger(): Integer" method's call only if the returned value is not an empty string (i.e. if the XML!Attribute exists). In the contrary case, the "void" value is assigned to the value returned by the helper.

The *getOptBoolAttrValue* helper is quite similar to the previously detailed *getOptIntAttrValue* one. However, instead of returning an integer value, it returns a boolean one (or the "void" value if the sought XML!Attribute does not exist).

The *getOptRealAttrValue* helper is also quite similar to the *getOptIntAttrValue* one. The only difference is that it returns a real value obtained thanks to a "String toReal(): Real" method's call. Obviously, the "void" value is also returned if the sought XML!Attribute does not exist.

The *getOptStringAttrValue* helper can be considered as an extension of the *getStringAttrValue* one. Indeed, instead of returning an empty string if the XML!Attribute does not exist, it returns the "void" value.

The *getStringDataValue* helper returns the string value of the data contained in an XML!Element. This data may be sometimes stored into several XML!Text children of this XML!Element. This is the reason why the helper makes a loop on all these XML!Text elements and reconstructs the string data by using the "String concat(String): String" method with the XML!Text values.

The *getSimpleStringDataValue* helper also returns the string value of the data contained in an XML!Element. But when we use this helper in the "to" part of an ATL rule, we are sure that the data we seek is only contained in one XML!Text; so the string data's value can be directly returned (without making any loop on XML!Text elements).

The *getNumberDataValue* helper returns the real value of the data contained in an XML!Element. It calls the *getSimpleStringDataValue* helper in order to recover the data's string value and converts this value into a real one thanks to the "String toReal(): Real" method. If the data does not exist (i.e. if the *getSimpleStringDataValue* helper returns an empty string), the returned value is "0.0".

The *getBooleanDataValue* helper is quite similar to the previously described *getNumberDataValue* one. The only difference is that, instead of returning a real value, it returns a boolean value. Note that



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the "false" value is returned by the helper when the *getSimpleStringDataValue* helper's call returns an empty string.

The 6 first rules of the ATL file follow the principle exposed in this paragraph. For each XML!Element encountered, the corresponding SpreadsheetMLSimplified element is allocated. Each type of SpreadsheetMLSimplified element has its proper rule: for example the *Workbook* rule creates a SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Workbook element from an XML!Element whose name is "Workbook"... The attributes' values of each SpreadsheetMLSimplified model's element are initialized (or not if it is not necessary) thanks to the helpers previously described. The generated SpreadsheetMLSimplified elements are correctly linked the ones to the others, by using "resolveTemp(...)" method's calls, in order to preserve the global structure of the Excel workbook and to ensure that the created model conforms to the SpreadsheetMLSimplified metamodel. Thus, in the generated model, the workbook can contain several worksheets and each of these can store a table...

The 5 XXXData rules are a little different. In all cases, a SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Data element is created (from an XML!Element whose name is "Data") and linked to the corresponding SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Cell element by a call to the "resolveTemp(...)" method. But other elements also have to be allocated. The type of these SpreadsheetMLSimplified elements depends on the value of the "ss:Type" XML!Attribute of the XML!Element (in the rule's "from" part): for example if the "ss:Type"-named XML!Attribute's value is "String", a SpreadsheetMLSimplified!StringValue element is created and directly linked to its parent's SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Data element...

```
1
     module XML2SpreadsheetMLSimplified; -- Module Template
2
     create OUT : SpreadsheetMLSimplified from IN : XML;
4
     -- This helper permits to recover the value of a string attribute thanks to its
5
6
     -- It returns an empty string if the attribute doesn't exist.
7
     -- CONTEXT: XML!Element
8
     -- RETURN: String
9
     helper context XML!Element def: getStringAttrValue(attrName : String) : String =
10
       let eltC : Sequence(XML!Attribute) =
          self.children->select(a | a.oclIsTypeOf(XML!Attribute) and a.name = attrName)-
11
12
     >asSequence()
13
       in
          if eltC->notEmpty()
14
15
          then
16
             eltC->first().value
17
          else
18
          endif;
19
20
2.1
22
     -- This helper permits to recover the element's set of children thanks to their
23
     name.
     -- CONTEXT: XML!Element
2.4
     -- RETURN: Set(XML!Element)
25
     helper context XML!Element def: getChildrenByName(name : String) : Set(XML!Element)
26
27
28
        self.children->select(e | e.oclIsTypeOf(XML!Element) and e.name = name);
29
30
31
     -- This helper permits to recover the value of an optional integer attribute
32
     -- if it exists
     -- CONTEXT: XML!Element
33
     -- RETURN: Integer
34
     helper context XML!Element def: qetOptIntAttrValue(attrName : String) : Integer =
35
        let val : String = self.getStringAttrValue(attrName)
36
37
        in
```



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```
if val <> ''
38
39
40
             val.toInteger()
41
42
             Integer
           endif;
43
45
46
     -- This helper permits to recover the value of an optional boolean attribute
47
     -- if it exists
     -- CONTEXT: XML!Element
48
49
     -- RETURN: Boolean
     helper context XML!Element def: getOptBoolAttrValue(attrName : String) : Boolean =
50
51
        let val : String = self.getStringAttrValue(attrName)
52
           if val <> ''
53
54
           then
55
             if val = '0'
56
             then
57
                   false
58
             else
59
                   true
60
             endif
61
           else
             Boolean
62
           endif;
63
64
65
66
     -- This helper permits to recover the value of an optional real attribute
     -- if it exists
67
     -- CONTEXT: XML!Element
68
69
     -- RETURN: Real
70
     helper context XML!Element def: getOptRealAttrValue(attrName : String) : Real =
71
        let val : String = self.getStringAttrValue(attrName)
72
73
           if val <> ''
74
           then
75
             val.toReal()
76
           else
77
             Real
78
           endif;
79
80
     -- This helper permits to recover the value of an optional string attribute
81
     -- if it exists
82
     -- CONTEXT: XML!Element
83
     -- RETURN: String
84
85
     helper context XML!Element def: getOptStringAttrValue(attrName : String) : String =
       let val : String = self.getStringAttrValue(attrName)
86
87
88
           if val <> ''
           then
89
90
             val
91
           else
             String
92
           endif;
93
94
95
     -- This helper permits to recover the value of a string data.
     -- The string have to be sometimes reconstructed.
97
     -- It returns an empty string if the value doesn't exist.
98
99
     -- CONTEXT: XML!Element
```



-- RETURN: String

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```
helper context XML!Element def: getStringDataValue() : String =
101
         let eltC : Sequence(XML!Text) =
102
           self.children->select(d | d.oclIsTypeOf(XML!Text))->asSequence()
103
104
         in
           if eltC->notEmpty()
105
106
            then
                 eltC->iterate(txt; res : String = '' |
107
108
                    res.concat(txt.value)
109
            else
110
111
            endif;
112
113
114
      -- This helper permits to recover the value of a simple string data.
115
      -- It returns an empty string if the value doesn't exist.
116
117
      -- CONTEXT: XML!Element
      -- RETURN: String
118
119
      helper context XML!Element def: getSimpleStringDataValue() : String =
120
         let eltC : Sequence(XML!Text) =
            self.children->select(d | d.oclIsTypeOf(XML!Text))->asSequence()
121
122
123
            if eltC->notEmpty()
124
125
              eltC->first().value
126
            else
127
128
            endif;
129
130
131
      -- This helper permits to recover the value of a number data.
      -- It returns 0.0 if the value doesn't exist.
132
      -- CONTEXT: XML!Element
133
      -- RETURN: Real
134
      helper context XML!Element def: getNumberDataValue() : Real =
135
         let val : String = self.getSimpleStringDataValue()
136
137
         in
138
            if val <> ''
139
            then
              val.toReal()
140
            else
141
142
              0.0
            endif;
143
144
145
      -- This helper permits to recover the value of a boolean data.
146
      -- It returns false if the value doesn't exist.
147
      -- CONTEXT: XML!Element
148
149
       -- RETURN: Boolean
      helper context XML!Element def: getBooleanDataValue() : Boolean =
150
         let val : String = self.getSimpleStringDataValue()
151
152
            if val <> ''
153
           then
154
              if val = '0'
155
156
              then
157
                 false
              else
158
159
                 true
160
              endif
161
            else
```



162

false

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```
163
            endif;
164
165
166
      -- Rule 'Workbook'
167
168
      -- This rule generates the workbook which is the
169
      -- root container of a SpreadsheetML document
      rule Workbook {
170
171
         from
172
            rw : XML!Root (
173
              rw.name = 'Workbook'
174
175
176
         to
            wb : SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Workbook (
177
              wb_worksheets <- Sequence{rw.getChildrenByName('Worksheet')->collect(e |
178
179
      thisModule.resolveTemp(e, 'ws'))}
180
            )
      }
181
182
183
184
      -- Rule 'Worksheet'
185
      -- This rule generates the worksheets that are contained
      -- in a workbook.
186
      rule Worksheet {
187
188
        from
           ew : XML!Element (
189
190
              ew.name = 'Worksheet'
191
192
193
         to
194
            ws : SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Worksheet (
              name <- ew.getStringAttrValue('ss:Name'),</pre>
195
              ws_table <- Sequence{ew.getChildrenByName('Table')->first()}->collect(e |
196
      thisModule.resolveTemp(e, 'tab'))->first()
197
198
           )
      }
199
200
201
      -- Rule 'Table'
202
      -- This rule generates the table for a worksheet.
203
204
      -- It's the table which contains the columns and rows.
      rule Table {
205
206
         from
            et : XML!Element (
207
              et.name = 'Table'
208
209
210
211
         to
212
            tab : SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Table (
              t_cols <- Sequence{et.getChildrenByName('Column')->collect(e |
213
214
      thisModule.resolveTemp(e, 'col'))},
              t_rows <- Sequence{et.getChildrenByName('Row')->collect(e |
215
      thisModule.resolveTemp(e, 'row'))}
216
217
218
219
220
      -- Rule 'Column'
221
      -- This rule generates the columns contained in a table.
```



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```
223
      -- They don't store the data but they give some specific information about columns
224
225
      rule Column {
         from
226
227
            ec : XML!Element (
               ec.name = 'Column'
228
229
230
231
            col : SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Column (
232
233
               index <- ec.getOptIntAttrValue('ss:Index'),</pre>
               hidden <- ec.getOptBoolAttrValue('ss:Hidden'),</pre>
234
235
               span <- ec.getOptIntAttrValue('ss:Span'),</pre>
               autoFitWidth <- ec.getOptBoolAttrValue('ss:AutoFitWidth'),</pre>
236
237
               width <- ec.getOptRealAttrValue('ss:Width')</pre>
            )
238
      }
239
240
241
      -- Rule 'Row'
242
      -- This rule generates the rows contained in a table.
243
244
      -- They store the data (in the cells) and give some specific information about rows
245
      format.
246
      rule Row {
247
         from
248
            er : XML!Element (
249
               er.name = 'Row'
250
251
252
253
            row : SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Row (
254
               r_cells <- Sequence{er.getChildrenByName('Cell')->collect(e |
      thisModule.resolveTemp(e, 'cell'))},
255
256
               index <- er.getOptIntAttrValue('ss:Index'),</pre>
257
               hidden <- er.getOptBoolAttrValue('ss:Hidden'),</pre>
               span <- er.getOptIntAttrValue('ss:Span'),</pre>
258
               autoFitHeight <- er.getOptBoolAttrValue('ss:AutoFitHeight'),</pre>
259
260
               height <- er.getOptRealAttrValue('ss:Height')</pre>
            )
261
262
      }
263
264
      -- Rule 'Cell'
265
      -- This rule generates the cells of the table.
266
      -- They are contained in the rows and they store the data.
267
268
      rule Cell {
         from
269
            ece : XML!Element (
270
               ece.name = 'Cell'
271
272
273
274
275
            cell : SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Cell (
276
               index <- ece.getOptIntAttrValue('ss:Index'),</pre>
               arrayRange <- ece.getOptStringAttrValue('ss:ArrayRange'),</pre>
2.77
278
               formula <- ece.getOptStringAttrValue('ss:Formula'),</pre>
279
               hRef <- ece.getOptStringAttrValue('ss:Href'),
280
               mergeAcross <- ece.getOptRealAttrValue('ss:Href'),</pre>
               mergeDown <- ece.getOptRealAttrValue('ss:Href')</pre>
            )
282
283
      }
284
```



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```
286
      -- Rule 'StringData'
      -- This rule generates the string data of the table.
287
      -- They are contained in the cells.
289
      rule StringData {
290
        from
291
           esd : XML!Element (
              esd.name = 'Data' and esd.getStringAttrValue('ss:Type')='String'
292
293
294
295
         to
           sdata : SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Data (
296
297
              d_cell <- Sequence{esd.parent}->collect(e | thisModule.resolveTemp(e,
      'cell'))->first(),
298
299
              value <- sv
300
            ),
           sv : SpreadsheetMLSimplified!StringValue (
301
302
              value <- esd.getStringDataValue()</pre>
303
      }
304
305
306
      -- Rule 'NumberData'
307
      -- This rule generates the number data of the table.
      -- They are contained in the cells.
308
      rule NumberData {
309
310
         from
311
           end : XML!Element (
312
              end.name = 'Data' and end.getStringAttrValue('ss:Type')='Number'
313
314
315
316
           ndata : SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Data (
              d_cell <- Sequence{end.parent}->collect(e | thisModule.resolveTemp(e,
317
318
      'cell'))->first(),
319
              value <- nv
320
            ) ,
           nv : SpreadsheetMLSimplified!NumberValue (
321
322
              value <- end.getNumberDataValue()</pre>
            )
323
324
      }
325
      -- Rule 'BooleanData'
326
      -- This rule generates the boolean data of the table.
327
      -- They are contained in the cells.
328
      rule BooleanData {
329
330
         from
           ebd : XML!Element (
331
              ebd.name = 'Data' and ebd.getStringAttrValue('ss:Type')='Boolean'
332
333
            )
334
335
           bdata : SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Data (
336
              d_cell <- Sequence{ebd.parent}->collect(e | thisModule.resolveTemp(e,
337
338
      'cell'))->first(),
339
              value <- bv
340
            ),
341
           bv : SpreadsheetMLSimplified!BooleanValue (
342
              value <- ebd.getBooleanDataValue()</pre>
343
      }
344
345
346
      -- Rule 'DateTimeData'
```



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```
-- This rule generates the "DateTime" data of the table.
347
348
      -- They are contained in the cells.
      rule DateTimeData {
349
         from
350
351
           edtd : XML!Element (
              edtd.name = 'Data' and edtd.getStringAttrValue('ss:Type')='DateTime'
352
353
            )
354
         using {
355
           dateTimeString : String = edtd.getSimpleStringDataValue();
356
357
358
359
            dtdata : SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Data (
360
              d_cell <- Sequence{edtd.parent}->collect(e | thisModule.resolveTemp(e,
361
      'cell'))->first(),
362
              value <- dttv
363
364
           dttv : SpreadsheetMLSimplified!DateTimeTypeValue (
365
              value <- dt
366
367
            ),
            -- The format for date/time fields in Excel is : yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ssZ
368
           dt : SpreadsheetMLSimplified!DateTimeType (
369
370
              year <- dateTimeString.substring(1,4).toInteger(),</pre>
              month <- dateTimeString.substring(6,7).toInteger(),</pre>
371
372
              day <- dateTimeString.substring(9,10).toInteger(),</pre>
373
              hour <- dateTimeString.substring(12,13).toInteger(),</pre>
              minute <- dateTimeString.substring(15,16).toInteger(),</pre>
374
375
              second <- dateTimeString.substring(18,19).toInteger()</pre>
            )
376
      }
377
378
      -- Rule 'ErrorData'
379
      -- This rule generates the "error" data of the table.
380
      -- They are contained in the cells.
381
      rule ErrorData {
382
383
         from
384
           eed : XML!Element (
              eed.name = 'Data' and eed.getStringAttrValue('ss:Type')='Error'
385
386
387
388
389
            edata : SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Data (
              d_cell <- Sequence{eed.parent}->collect(e | thisModule.resolveTemp(e,
390
391
      'cell'))->first(),
392
              value <- ev
393
           ) .
           ev : SpreadsheetMLSimplified!ErrorValue ()
394
      }
395
```



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I. XML metamodel in KM3 format

```
-- @name
         XML
-- @version 1.1
-- @domains XML
-- @authors Peter Rosenthal (peter.rosenthal@univ-nantes.fr)
-- @date 2005/06/13
-- @description This metamodel defines a subset of Extensible Markup Language (XML)
and particulary XML document. It describes an XML document composed of one root
node. Node is an abstract class having two direct children, namely ElementNode and
AttributeNode. ElementNode represents the tags, for example a tag named xml:
<ml></mml>. ElementNodes can be composed of many Nodes. AttributeNode represents
attributes, which can be found in a tag, for example the attr attribute: <xml
attr="value of attr"/>. ElementNode has two sub classes, namely RootNode and
TextNode. RootNode is the root element. The TextNode is a particular node, which
does not look like a tag; it is only a string of characters.
package XML {
   abstract class Node {
     attribute startLine[0-1] : Integer;
     attribute startColumn[0-1] : Integer;
     attribute endLine[0-1] : Integer;
     attribute endColumn[0-1] : Integer;
     attribute name : String;
     attribute value : String;
     reference parent[0-1] : Element oppositeOf children;
  class Attribute extends Node {}
  class Text extends Node {}
  class Element extends Node {
     reference children[*] ordered container : Node oppositeOf parent;
  class Root extends Element {}
}
package PrimitiveTypes {
  datatype Boolean;
  datatype Integer;
  datatype String;
}
```



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II. SpreadsheetMLSimplified metamodel in KM3 format

```
SpreadsheetMLSimplified
-- @name
-- @version 1.2
-- @domains Microsoft Office Excel, XML
-- @authors Hugo Bruneliere (hugo.bruneliere@gmail.com)
-- @date 2005/07/01
-- @description This metamodel describes a simplified subset of SpreadsheetML, an
XML dialect developed by Microsoft to represent the information in an Excel
spreadsheet. The root element for an XML spreadsheet is the Workbook element. A
Workbook element can contain multiple Worksheet elements. A Worksheet element can
contain a Table element. It holds the row elements that define a spreadsheet. A row
holds the cell elements that make it up. A Cell element holds the data. In
addition, Column elements (children of the Table element) can be used to define the
attributes of columns in the spreadsheet.
         excelss.xsd; Microsoft Office 2003 XML Reference Schemas;
http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?familyid=FE118952-3547-420A-A412-
00A2662442D9&displaylang=en
package SpreadsheetMLSimplified {
-- @begin MS Office - Special Types definition
   -- @comment The format for date/time fields is yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ssZ. (This format
can be described as follows: a four-digit year, hyphen, two-digit month, hyphen,
two-digit day, uppercase letter T, two-digit hour, colon, two-digit minute value,
colon, two-digit seconds value, uppercase letter Z.).
  class DateTimeType {
     attribute year : Integer;
     attribute month : Integer;
     attribute day : Integer;
     attribute hour : Integer;
     attribute minute : Integer;
     attribute second : Integer;
   -- @comment Office manages five types of value : String, Number, DateTime,
Boolean and Error.
  abstract class ValueType {
     reference vt_data : Data oppositeOf value;
  class StringValue extends ValueType {
     attribute value : String;
  class NumberValue extends ValueType {
     attribute value : Double;
  class DateTimeTypeValue extends ValueType {
     reference value container : DateTimeType;
  class BooleanValue extends ValueType {
     attribute value : Boolean;
  class ErrorValue extends ValueType {}
-- @end MS Office - Special Types definition
```



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-- @begin MS Office - Excel workbook basic definition

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-- @comment Defines a workbook that will contain one or more Worksheet elements.
  class Workbook {
     -- @comment At least one instance of the Worksheet element is required for a
valid spreadsheet but the XML schema permit having no instance.
     reference wb_worksheets[*] ordered container : Worksheet oppositeOf
ws_workbook;
  -- @comment Defines a worksheet within the current workbook.
  class Worksheet {
     reference ws_workbook : Workbook oppositeOf wb_worksheets;
     -- @comment Only one instance of a Table element is valid for a single
worksheet.
     reference ws_table[0-1] container : Table oppositeOf t_worksheet;
     -- @comment Specifies the name of a worksheet. This value must be unique
within the list of worksheet names of a given workbook.
     attribute name : String;
  -- @comment Defines the table to contain the cells that constitute a worksheet.
  class Table {
     reference t_worksheet : Worksheet oppositeOf ws_table;
      -- @comment A table contains columns and rows.
     reference t_cols[*] ordered container : Column oppositeOf c_table;
     reference t_rows[*] ordered container : Row oppositeOf r_table;
  -- @comment Defines a table element, that is to say a column, a row or a cell.
  abstract class TableElement {
    -- @comment Specifies the position of the element in the table. For a cell, it
specifies the column index.
     attribute index[0-1] : Integer;
  -- @comment Defines a row or a column.
  abstract class ColOrRowElement extends TableElement {
     -- @comment Specifies whether a row or a column is hidden.
     attribute hidden[0-1] : Boolean;
     -- @comment Specifies the number of adjacent columns/rows with the same
formatting as the defined column/row. This integer mustn't be negative.
     attribute span[0-1] : Integer;
  -- @comment Defines the formatting and properties for a column
  class Column extends ColOrRowElement {
     reference c_table : Table oppositeOf t_cols;
     -- @comment Specifies whether a column is automatically resized to fit numeric
and date values. Columns are not resized to fit text data.
     attribute autoFitWidth[0-1] : Boolean;
     -- @comment Specifies the width of a column in points. This value must be
greater than or equal to zero.
     attribute width[0-1] : Double;
  -- @comment Defines the formatting and properties for a row
```



class Row extends ColOrRowElement {

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reference r_table : Table oppositeOf t_rows;
     -- @comment A row contains zero or more cells.
     reference r_cells[*] ordered container : Cell oppositeOf c_row;
     -- @comment Specifies whether the height of a row is automatically resized to
fit the contents of cells.
     attribute autoFitHeight[0-1] : Boolean;
      -- @comment Specifies the height of a row in points. This value must be
greater than or equal to zero.
     attribute height[0-1] : Double;
  -- @comment Defines the properties of a cell in a worksheet.
  class Cell extends TableElement {
     -- @comment A cell is contained in a row.
     reference c_row : Row oppositeOf r_cells;
     -- @comment Specifies the range of cells to which an array formula applies.
     attribute arrayRange[0-1] : String;
     -- @comment Specifies a formula for a cell.
     attribute formula[0-1] : String;
     -- @comment Specifies a URL to which to which a cell is linked.
     attribute hRef[0-1] : String;
     -- @comment Specifies the number of adjacent cells to merge with the current
cell. The cells to merge will be to the right of the current cell unless the
worksheet is set to display left-to-right.
     attribute mergeAcross[0-1] : Double;
     -- @comment Specifies the number of adjacent cells below the current cell that
are to be merged with the current cell.
     attribute mergeDown[0-1] : Double;
     -- @comment A cell can contain a data.
     reference c_data[0-1] container : Data oppositeOf d_cell;
  -- @comment Specifies the value of a cell. The value should be specified in the
format and type appropriate for (String, Number, DateTime, Boolean or Error).
  class Data {
     reference d_cell : Cell oppositeOf c_data;
     -- @comment Defines the value of the cell in the correct type
     reference value container : ValueType oppositeOf vt_data;
-- @end MS Office - Excel workbook basic definition
package PrimitiveTypes {
  datatype Integer;
  datatype String;
  datatype Boolean;
  datatype Double;
}
```



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