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1. ATL Transformation Example

1.1. Example: Microsoft Office Excel Extractor

The Microsoft Office Excel extractor's example describes a transformation from an Excel model to an Excel workbook. 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 XML file which can be directly opened by Microsoft Excel 2003. This file describes a workbook with the same content that the one of the Excel model in entry of the transformation.

1.1.1. Transformation overview

The aim of this extractor (transformation) is to generate an Excel workbook (contained in a valid and well-formed XML file) from an Excel model that conforms to the SpreadsheetMLSimplified metamodel. As an example of the transformation, Figure 1 provides a screen capture of a Microsoft Office Excel workbook generated, in the XML format, by the extractor. This workbook is very simple: it is only composed of one single worksheet which contains the raw data. Note that the Excel model used for this example has been generated by the Table2MicrosoftOfficeExcel transformation (see [1]).

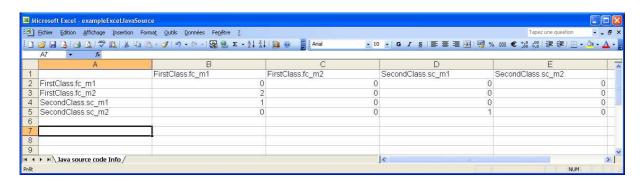


Figure 1. The generated MS Office Excel workbook



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

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

These two steps are summarized in Figure 2.

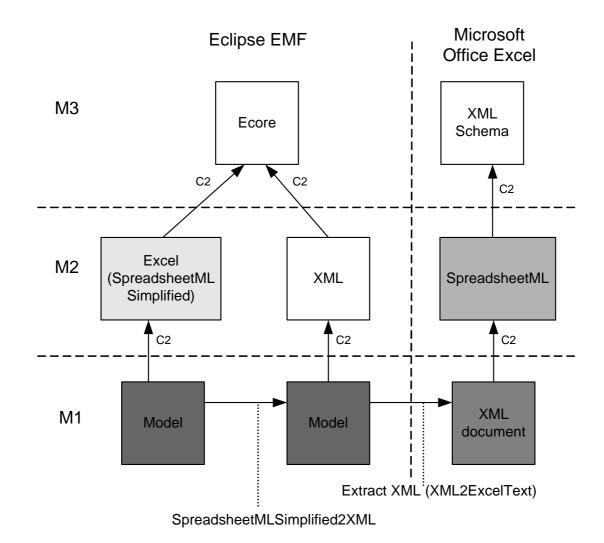


Figure 2. Microsoft Office Excel extractor's (transformation's) overview



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1.2. Metamodels

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 [2]). The metamodel considered here is described in Figure 3 and provided in Appendix I 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).

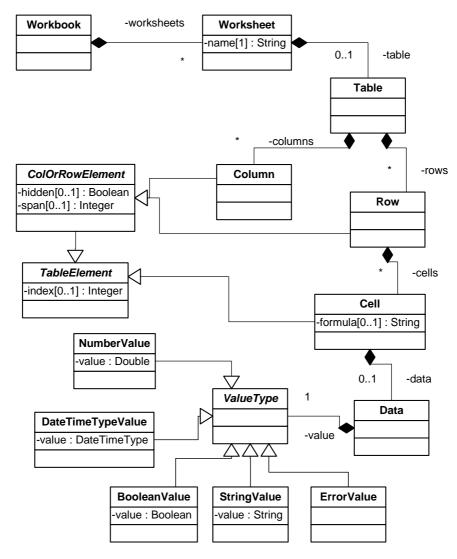


Figure 3. The SpreadsheetMLSimplified metamodel

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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The second metamodel used by this transformation is a simple XML metamodel which is necessary to export models into XML files. This metamodel is presented in Figure 4 and provided in Appendix II in km3 format.

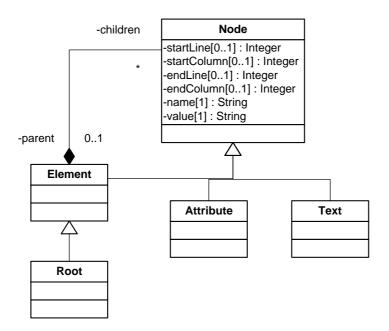


Figure 4. A simple XML metamodel

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.



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1.3. Rules Specification

There is a set of rules for the two transformations that constitute the global transformation. The input XML model of the second transformation is the output XML model generated by the first transformation. Note that the SpreadsheetMLSimplified model, which is the input model of the global transformation, has been previously generated in our example by the Table2MicrosoftOfficeExcel transformation (see [1]).

1.3.1. SpreadsheetMLSimplified to XML

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

- For the root *Workbook* element, the "workbook" *Root* element is created.
- For each Worksheet element, a "worksheet" Element is added as a child of the "workbook" Root.
- For each Table element, a "table" Element is created and set as a child of the corresponding "workbook" Element.
- For each *Column* or *Row* element, a "column" or "row" *Element* is generated and positioned as a child of the corresponding "table" *Element*.
- For each *Cell* element, a "cell" *Element* is created and added as a child of the corresponding "row" *Element*.
- For each *Data* element, a "data" *Element* is engendered and associated to the right "cell" *Element*.
- For each *NumberValue*, *StringValue*..., an *Attribute* element is generated with the name "ss:Type" and the value corresponding to the type of the rule's "from" part's element ("Number", "String",...); a *Text* element containing the data's value is engendered. These two *Nodes* are set as children of the corresponding "data" *Element*.

1.3.2. XML to Excel text (Extract XML)

There are no rules defined for this step but only an ATL query (and the associated ATL helpers) that allows generating an Excel valid and well-formed XML text file from an XML model. The aim of this query is to extract each of the elements that compose the input XML model into an output XML file. Look at the "ATL Code" following section to get more details about this ATL query.



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1.4. ATL Code

There is one ATL file coding a transformation for each of the two steps previously detailed. In this part we will present and describe more precisely the ATL code associated to each implemented transformation.

1.4.1. SpreadsheetMLSimplified2XML

The ATL code for this transformation consists of 1 helper and 12 rules.

The <code>getDateTimeStringValue</code> helper returns the string value corresponding to the SpreadsheetMLSimplified!DateTimeType argument. The format of this date/time string for the SpreadsheetML XML dialect is "yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss.000".

Each implemented rule follows the same principle: an XML!Element (with sometimes some associated XML!Attribute elements) is allocated for each element of the SpreadsheetMLSimplified model. These generated XML elements are correctly linked from the ones to the others (thanks to "resolveTemp(...)" method's calls) in order to preserve the global structure of the Excel workbook and to construct an XML model whose content conforms to the SpreadsheetML XML schemas [2].

As an example, the *WorksheetTable* rule allocates an XML!Element and an XML!Attribute (which is a child of the XML!Element) for each Table element of the input SpreadsheetMLSimplified model. This XML!Element is linked to the other XML!Element elements that will be created, by other rules, to represent table's rows and columns during the transformation. It is also linked to another XML!Element created by the *Worksheets* rule in order to represent the worksheet that contains the table in the input model...

The only specificity of this transformation concerns the rule *CellData* and the *DataXXXValue* ones. Indeed, the link between an XML!Element representing a SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Data and another one representing a SpreadsheetMLSimplified!XXXValue is made by the corresponding *DataXXXValue* rule and not by the *CellData* one. Since the type of data contained in a cell is still not known when the SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Data element is parsed (by the *CellData* rule), it is the SpreadsheetMLSimplified!XXXValue element that determines its parent (in the *DataXXXValue* rule).

```
module SpreadsheetMLSimplified2XML; -- Module Template
1
     create OUT : XML from IN : SpreadsheetMLSimplified;
3
4
5
     -- This helper permits to obtain the string associated
6
7
     -- to a DateTimeType value.
8
     -- CONTEXT: n/a
     -- RETURN: String
9
    helper def: getDateTimeStringValue(dtv : SpreadsheetMLSimplified!DateTimeType) :
10
11
       dtv.year.toString() + '-' + dtv.month.toString() + '-' + dtv.day.toString() + 'T'
12
        + dtv.hour.toString() + ':' + dtv.minute.toString() + ':' + dtv.second.toString()
13
     + '.000';
14
15
16
17
18
     -- Rule 'DocumentRoot'.
19
     -- This rule generates the root element of an Excel xml file
    -- which is the "Workbook" element
20
    rule DocumentRoot {
```



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```
22
         from
23
           wb : SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Workbook
24
         to
           r : XML!Root(
              name<-'Workbook',
26
              value <- '',</pre>
2.7
28
              children <- Sequence{att1,att2,</pre>
                               wb.wb_worksheets->collect(e | thisModule.resolveTemp(e,
29
30
     'wsElt')) }
31
           ),
           att1 : XML!Attribute (
32
              name <- 'xmlns',</pre>
33
              value <- 'urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:spreadsheet'</pre>
34
35
           ) ,
           att2 : XML!Attribute (
36
37
              name <- 'xmlns:ss',</pre>
              value <-'urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:spreadsheet'</pre>
38
39
     }
40
41
42
     -- Rule 'Worksheets'.
43
     -- This rule generates the different "Worksheet" elements
44
45
     -- contained in a "Workbook" element
     rule Worksheets {
46
47
        from
           ws : SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Worksheet
48
49
50
           wsElt : XML!Element (
51
              name <- 'Worksheet',</pre>
52
53
              children <- Sequence{nameAtt,Sequence{ws.ws_table}->collect(e |
54
     thisModule.resolveTemp(e, 'tElt'))->first()}
55
           ),
56
           nameAtt : XML!Attribute (
             name <- 'ss:Name',</pre>
57
              value <- ws.name,</pre>
59
              parent <- wsElt
           )
60
61
     }
62
63
     -- Rule 'WorksheetTable'.
64
     -- This rule generates the "Table" element
65
     -- contained in a "Worksheet" element
66
67
     rule WorksheetTable {
68
        from
           t : SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Table
69
70
71
        to
72
           tElt : XML!Element (
73
              name <- 'Table',
74
              children <- Sequence{
75
                               t.t_cols->collect(e | thisModule.resolveTemp(e, 'colElt')),
                               t.t_rows->collect(e | thisModule.resolveTemp(e, 'rowElt'))
76
77
78
           )
     }
79
80
81
82
     -- Rule 'TableColumn'.
83
     -- This rule generates the "Column" elements
```



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```
-- contained in a "Table" element
 84
 85
      rule TableColumn {
 86
         from
            col : SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Column
 87
 88
 89
         using {
 90
            widthOrNot : Sequence(String) =
              let wdh : Real = col.width
 91
 92
 93
                  if wdh.oclIsUndefined()
 94
                 then
 95
                    Sequence { }
 96
                  else
 97
                    Sequence{wdh.toString()}
 98
         }
 99
100
101
            colElt : XML!Element (
102
              name <- 'Column',
103
               children <- Sequence{colWidth}</pre>
104
105
            ) ,
106
            colWidth : distinct XML!Attribute foreach(widthValue in widthOrNot)(
107
               name <- 'ss:Width',
               value <- widthValue</pre>
108
109
      }
110
111
112
      -- Rule 'TableRow'.
113
      -- This rule generates the "Row" elements
114
115
      -- contained in a "Table" element
      rule TableRow {
116
117
118
            row : SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Row
119
120
            rowElt : XML!Element (
121
122
              name <- 'Row',
               children <- Sequence{row.r_cells->collect(e | thisModule.resolveTemp(e,
123
      'cellElt'))}
124
125
            )
126
      }
127
128
      -- Rule 'RowCell'.
129
      -- This rule generates the "Cell" elements
130
      -- contained in a "Row" element
131
      rule RowCell {
132
133
         from
134
            cell : SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Cell
135
136
137
            cellElt : XML!Element (
              name <- 'Cell',</pre>
138
139
               children <- Sequence{
                          Sequence{cell.c_data}->collect(e | thisModule.resolveTemp(e,
140
      'dataElt'))->first()
141
142
143
            )
144
      }
145
```



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```
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```

```
147
      -- Rule 'CellData'.
      -- This rule generates the "Data" element
148
      -- contained in a "Cell" element
150
      rule CellData {
151
        from
152
           data : SpreadsheetMLSimplified!Data
153
154
           dataElt : XML!Element (
155
156
              name <- 'Data'
157
158
159
160
      -- Rule 'DataStringValue'.
161
      -- This rule generates the string value
162
163
      -- associated to a "Data" element
      rule DataStringValue {
164
165
         from
            strVal: SpreadsheetMLSimplified!StringValue
166
167
168
169
            strValAtt : XML!Attribute (
              parent <- Sequence{strVal.vt_data}->collect(e | thisModule.resolveTemp(e,
170
171
      'dataElt'))->first(),
172
              name <- 'ss:Type',
              value <- 'String'</pre>
173
174
            ) ,
            strValTxt : XML!Text (
175
              parent <- Sequence{strVal.vt_data}->collect(e | thisModule.resolveTemp(e,
176
177
      'dataElt'))->first(),
178
              value <- strVal.value</pre>
179
      }
180
181
182
      -- Rule 'DataNumberValue'.
183
      -- This rule generates the number value
184
185
      -- associated to a "Data" element
      rule DataNumberValue {
186
187
         from
188
            numVal: SpreadsheetMLSimplified!NumberValue
189
190
           numValAtt : XML!Attribute (
191
              parent <- Sequence{numVal.vt_data}->collect(e | thisModule.resolveTemp(e,
192
      'dataElt'))->first(),
193
194
              name <- 'ss:Type',
              value <- 'Number'</pre>
195
196
           numValTxt : XML!Text (
197
198
              parent <- Sequence{numVal.vt_data}->collect(e | thisModule.resolveTemp(e,
199
      'dataElt'))->first(),
200
              value <- numVal.value.toString()</pre>
201
202
203
204
      -- Rule 'DataBooleanValue'.
205
206
      -- This rule generates the boolean value
207
      -- associated to a "Data" element
```



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```
208
      rule DataBooleanValue {
209
           boolVal: SpreadsheetMLSimplified!BooleanValue
210
211
212
           boolValAtt : XML!Attribute (
213
214
              parent <- Sequence{boolVal.vt_data}->collect(e | thisModule.resolveTemp(e,
215
      'dataElt'))->first(),
              name <- 'ss:Type',
216
              value <- 'Boolean'</pre>
217
218
            ),
219
           boolValTxt : XML!Text (
220
              parent <- Sequence{boolVal.vt_data}->collect(e | thisModule.resolveTemp(e,
      'dataElt'))->first(),
221
222
              value <- boolVal.value.toString()</pre>
            )
223
      }
224
225
226
      -- Rule 'DataErrorValue'.
227
      -- This rule generates the error value
228
      -- associated to a "Data" element
229
230
      rule DataErrorValue {
231
           errVal: SpreadsheetMLSimplified!ErrorValue
232
233
234
           errValAtt : XML!Attribute (
235
236
              parent <- Sequence{errVal.vt_data}->collect(e | thisModule.resolveTemp(e,
      'dataElt'))->first(),
237
              name <- 'ss:Type',
238
239
              value <- 'Error'</pre>
240
            )
241
      }
242
243
      -- Rule 'DataDateTimeValue'.
244
245
      -- This rule generates the date/time value
      -- associated to a "Data" element
246
247
      rule DataDateTimeValue {
248
         from
249
           dtVal: SpreadsheetMLSimplified!DateTimeTypeValue
250
251
252
           dtValAtt : XML!Attribute (
              parent <- Sequence{dtVal.vt_data}->collect(e | thisModule.resolveTemp(e,
253
254
      'dataElt'))->first(),
              name <- 'ss:Type',
255
              value <- 'DateTime'</pre>
256
257
            ),
258
           dtValTxt : XML!Text (
              parent <- Sequence{dtVal.vt_data}->collect(e | thisModule.resolveTemp(e,
259
      'dataElt'))->first(),
260
261
              value <- thisModule.getDateTimeStringValue(dtVal.value)</pre>
262
263
```



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1.4.2. XML2ExcelText

The ATL code for this transformation consists in 4 helpers and 1 query.

Contrary to rules that are implemented to generate a model from another model, a query allows calculating output text files from an input model (see [3]). This is the reason why we need to use queries for this type of transformation: generating an XML file from an XML model. The implemented query gets the XML!Root of the XML model and calls the *ExcelFile* helper on it. It recovers the string value returned by this helper (corresponding to the generated XML text) and writes it into an XML file located in the path passed in argument. The parsing of all input model's elements is recursively made from the *ExcelFile* helper.

The *ExcelFile* helper returns a string which is composed of the specific Excel XML file's header and of the Excel XML file's content. This content is generated by the *toString2* helper called on the XML!Root element of the XML model.

There are three *toString2* helpers with different contexts. The XML!Attribute one simply returns the name and the value of an attribute in the correct string format. The XML!Text one only returns the string value contained in a text node. The XML!Element one returns the valid and well-formed content of the output XML file by parsing recursively all the elements of the input XML model (note that it sometimes calls the XML!Attribute and XML!Text *toString2* helpers).

```
query XML2Text = XML!Root.allInstances()
1
2
           ->asSequence()
           ->first().ExcelFile().writeTo('C:\\ ... path to be completed before using the
3
     transformation ... \\exampleExcelJavaSource.xml');
5
6
7
     helper context XML!Root def: ExcelFile() : String =
8
        '<?xml version="1.0"?>'+'\n'+'<?mso-application proqid="Excel.Sheet"?>'+'\n'
9
10
        + self.toString2('');
11
12
     helper context XML!Element def: toString2(indent : String) : String =
13
       let na : Sequence(XML!Node) =
14
          self.children->select(e | not e.oclIsKindOf(XML!Attribute)) in
15
        let a : Sequence(XML!Node) =
16
17
          self.children->select(e | e.oclIsKindOf(XML!Attribute)) in
        indent + '<' + self.name +</pre>
18
        a->iterate(e; acc : String = '' |
19
20
          acc + ' ' + e.toString2()
21
        ) +
        if na->size() > 0 then
22
23
          + na->iterate(e; acc : String = '' |
2.4
25
             acc +
             if e.oclIsKindOf(XML!Text) then
26
2.7
28
             else
29
                '\r\n'
             endif
30
31
             + e.toString2(indent + ' ')
32
          if na->first().oclIsKindOf(XML!Text) then
33
             '</' + self.name + '>'
35
             else
```



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```
'\r\n' + indent + '</' + self.name + '>'
36
          endif
37
38
       else
          '/>'
       endif;
40
41
42
     helper context XML!Attribute def: toString2() : String =
43
       self.name + '=\"' + self.value + '\"';
44
45
46
47
     helper context XML!Text def: toString2() : String =
       self.val
48
```



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I. SpreadsheetMLSimplified metamodel in KM3 format

```
-- @name
          SpreadsheetMLSimplified
-- @version 1.2
-- @domains Microsoft Office Excel, XML
-- @authors Hugo Bruneliere (hugo.bruneliere@gmail.com)
         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.
-- @see 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 {}
```



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```
-- @end MS Office - Special Types definition
-- @begin MS Office - Excel workbook basic definition
  -- @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;
  }
```



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-- @comment Defines the formatting and properties for a row

```
class Row extends ColOrRowElement {
     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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II. XML metamodel in KM3 format

```
-- @name
         XML
-- @version 1.1
-- @domains XML
-- @authors
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-- @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:
<xml></xml>. 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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