

# The Shlaer-Mellor Metamodel

Here is an overview map of the model subsystems defining the Shlaer-Mellor Metamodel.

Taken together, these subsystems define executable, platform independent modeling semantics that can be expressed with a variety of notations including, but not exclusive to Executable UML and SysML.

The content here is maintained and described in the github [modelint/shlaer-mellor-metamodel](#) repository

You'll find all of the documentation in the repository wiki

Underneath each subsystem rectangle is a brief description with a list of its key classes to the right

## DOMAIN MODEL

Domain

How we organize an entire system and identify subsystem and spanning model elements

System  
Modeled Domain  
Realized Domain  
Subsystem  
Element

## CLASS MODEL

Class and Attribute

How we define classes and attributes

Class definition  
Attributes and Identifiers  
Other Attribute roles

Relationship

The different kinds of relationships among classes

Relationship definition  
Types of relationships:  
  
Association with Perspective, and Association Class  
Generalization with Facet and Lineage  
Ordinal  
  
Constrained Loop

Formalization

How we use referential attributes to formalize Association and Generalization Relationships

## STATE MODEL

State

How we define a state model

Lifecycle and Assigner  
State  
Transition  
Event Reponse

Event

How an event is specified

Event Specification  
Monomorphic event (normal events)  
Polymorphic event

## ACTION MODEL

Activity

How Activities are defined and associated with model elements

State Activity  
Method  
Signature  
Parameter

Action

All of the Action building blocks that can be assembled to define an Activity as well as the flow dependencies forming the flow graph of that Activity

Action  
Instance / Relation Action  
Flow Dependency  
Wave

Flow

Types of data and control that flows in an Activity

Control Flow  
Instance Flow  
Relation Flow  
Scalar Flow

Navigation

Defines the Traverse Action and the anatomy of a Path through the Relationships of a class model

Traverse Action  
Path  
Hop

Signal Action

Defines the Signal Action which emits a signal to various kinds of destinations

Signal Action  
Initial Signal Action  
Signal Assigner Action  
Interaction Signal Action  
Delivery Time

Create Delete

Defines actions to create and delete an instance of a Class

Create Action  
Attribute Initialization  
Delete Action

External Service

How we define operations and events triggered in an external domain

External Service  
External Event  
External Operation

Select Action

Defines the Select Action which selects one or more instances of a Class

Select Action  
Identifier Select  
Many Select

Method Call

Defines an Action that invokes a Method on some instance

Method Call  
Method Call Output  
Method Call Parameter

Relational Action

Defines the supported Relational Actions

Restrict Action  
Project Action  
Restriction Condition  
Rename Action  
Set Action  
Extend Action

Type

Type definition is outside the scope of Shlaer-Mellor semantics, but here we do register the externally defined names of types as well as supported type operations along with any invocations of those operations

Type  
Type Action  
Type Operation  
Scalar  
Table Attribute

Iteration

Defines an action that iterates through a sequence of model elements (no, these are not for loops!)

Iteration Action  
Sequence  
Sorting Attribute

## EXECUTION

Execution

All of the other subsystem specify static model elements, but here is where execution on all of those elements is defined

With all the hard work done in those in that multitude of semantic specification subsystems, our work here is greatly simplified to the point we need only one small subsystem to define the platform independent execution mechanics.

State Machine  
Instance  
Activity Execution  
Dispatched Event

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