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Additional Resources

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- Talend product documentation (help.talend.com)
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LESSON 1

Mapping the EDI Format

This chapter discusses the following.

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Overview

Lesson Overview

This lab provides an example of how to work with complex standards like EDI. It uses X12 Structures as an example.

ANSI X12 was originally conceived to support companies across different industry sectors in North America however today there are more than 300,000 companies worldwide using X12 EDI standards in daily business transactions. It is important to be able to read/write EDI formats, or map them to other standards like XML.

Objectives

After completing this lesson, you will be able to:

- Create an input Structure manually so it matches a sample data file
- Test the Structure on some sample data and check the elements are correctly described
- Reuse an existing EDI Structure for the output
- Create a Map between the manual input Structure and the existing output Structure
- Test the Map and check the results are the expected ones

Next Step

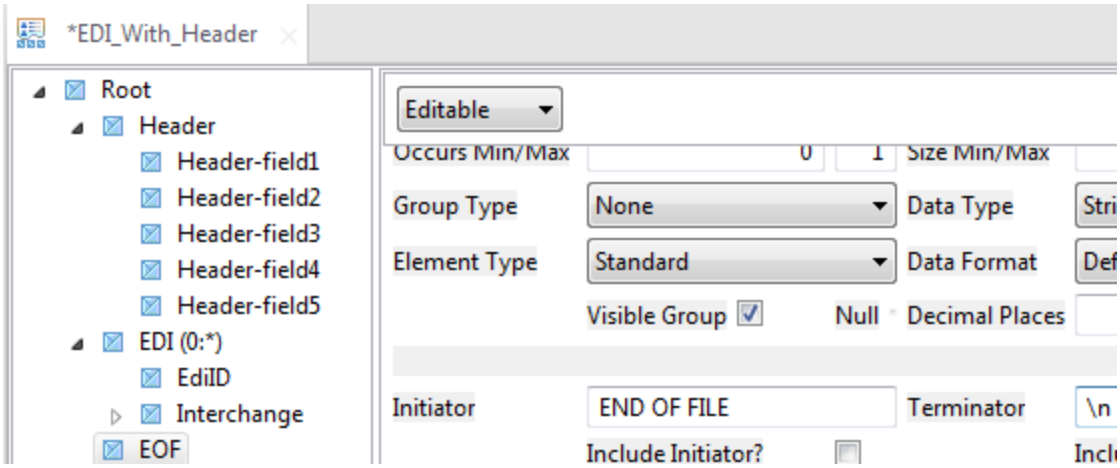
First, let's create the input Structure manually so it matches the available data file.

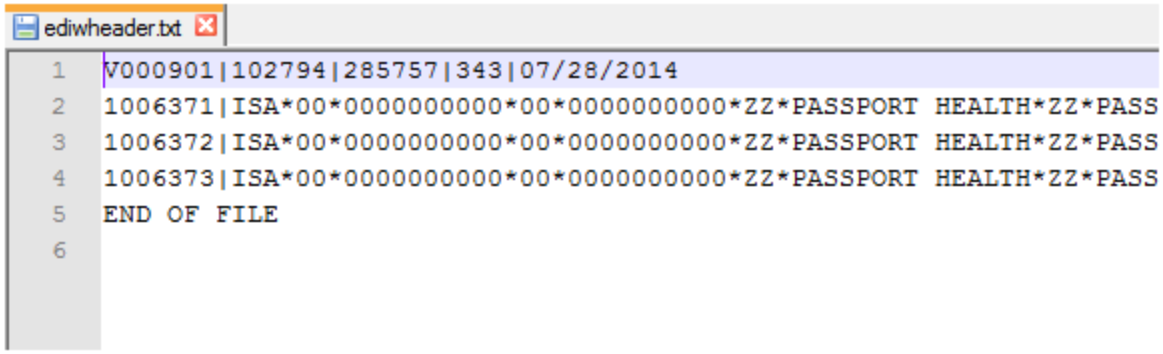
Creating the Input Structure

Overview

The objective is to create a Structure that matches the available data:

- The first line contains header information split across five fields
- Each field is separated by `|`
- The second line contains an ID, a `|` separator and then an EDI document
- The last line is the end of file indicator

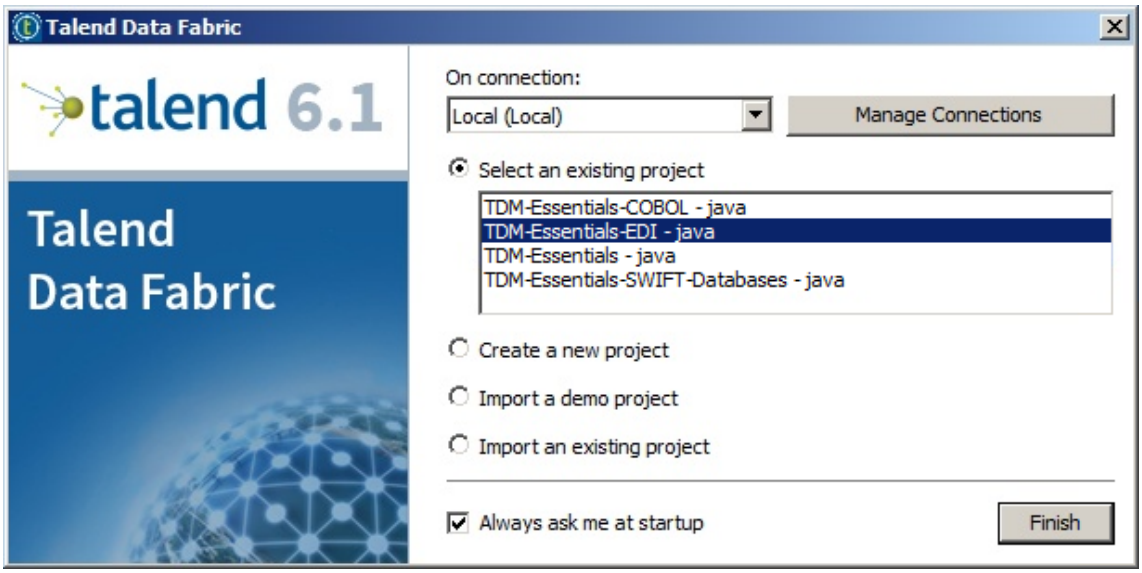




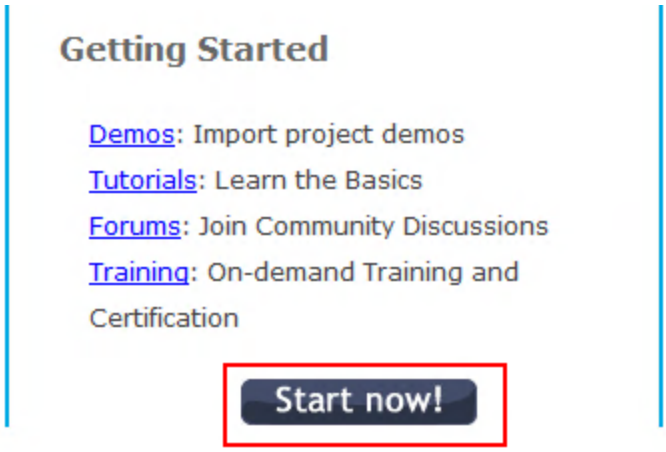
Starting Talend Studio

1. Click the **Talend Studio** link on the desktop.

2. Select the existing **TDM-Essentials-EDI** project and click **Finish**.

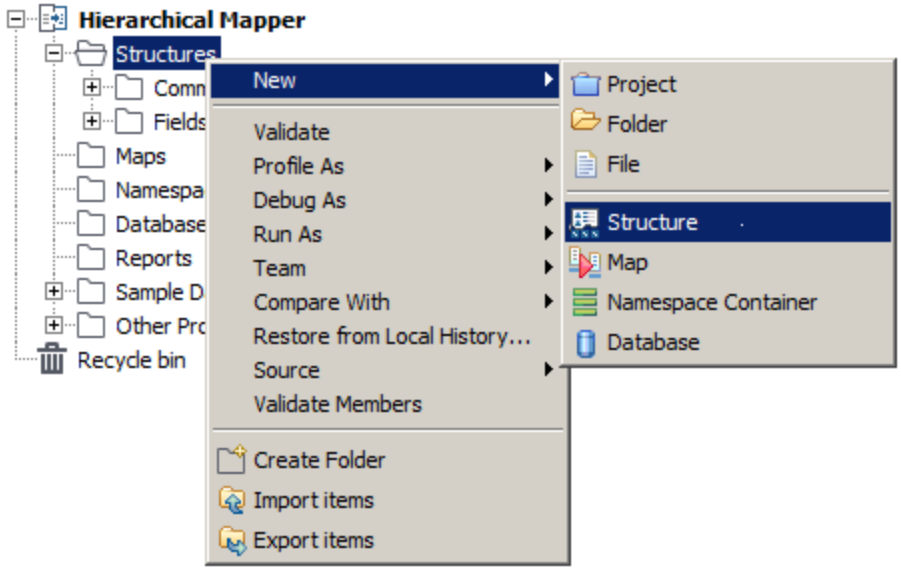


3. Click the **Start Now** button if the Welcome screen shows up. Otherwise, go to the next step.

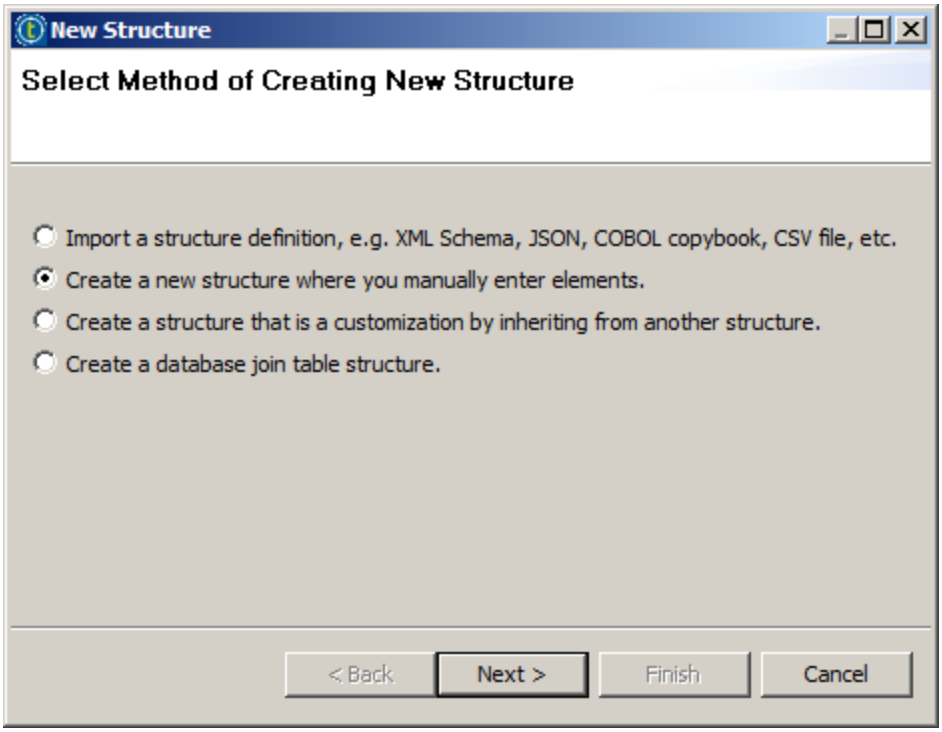


Creating the Input Structure Manually

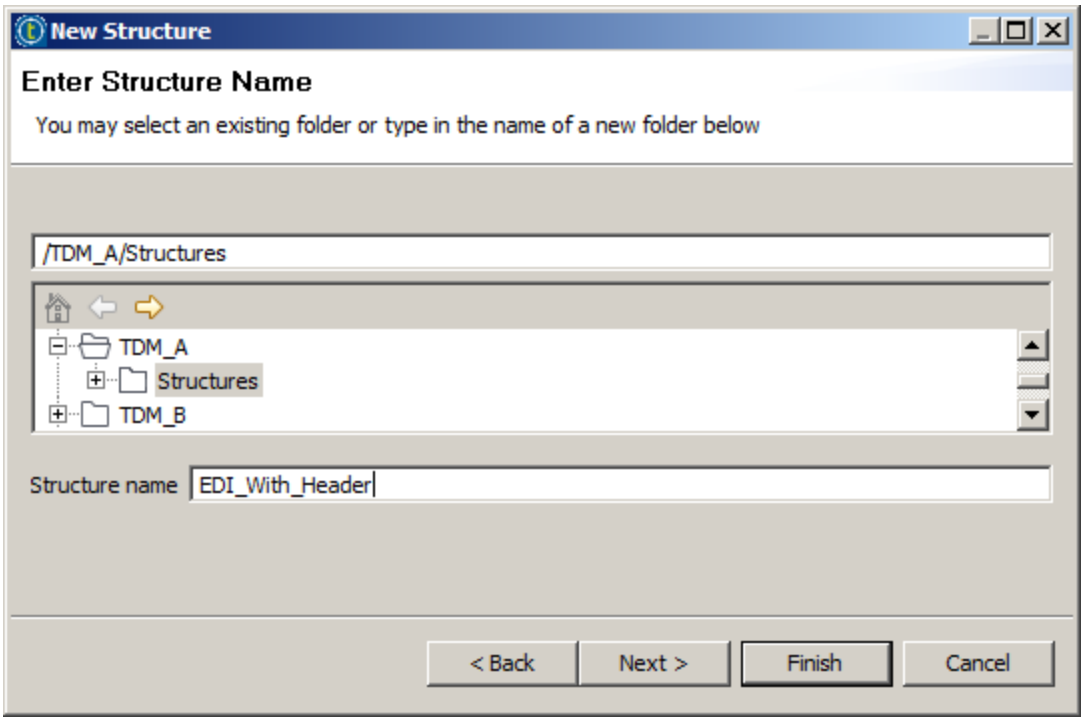
1. Right-click **Hierarchical Mapper > Structures** then select **New > Structure**.



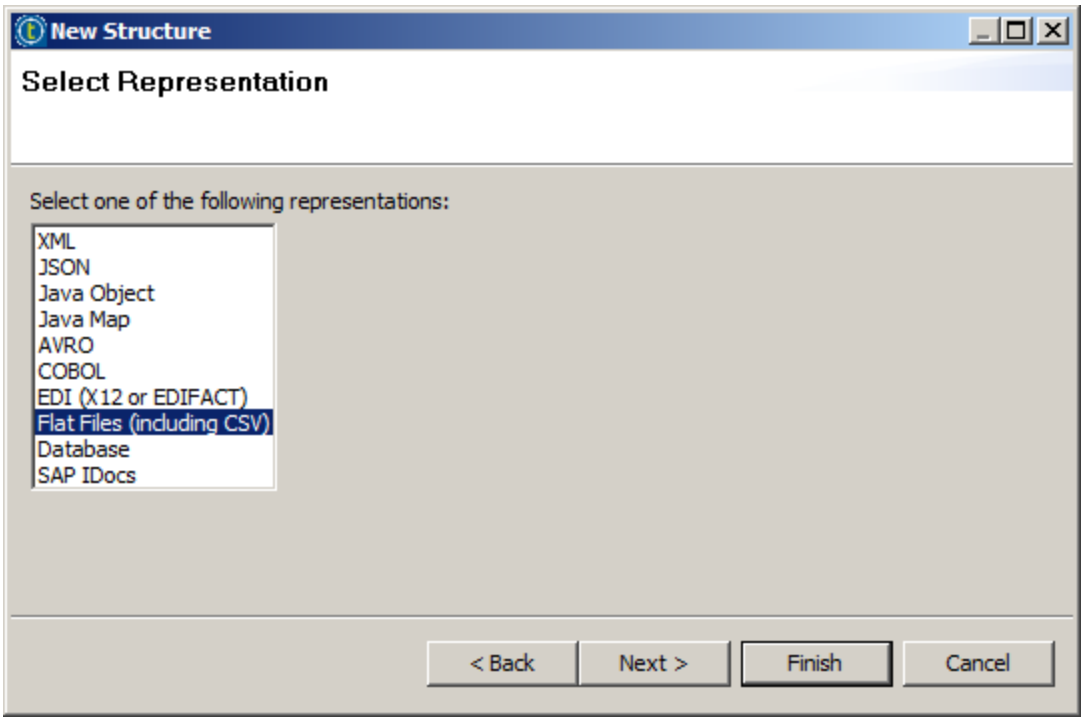
2. Select **Create a new structure where you manually enter elements** and click **Next >**:



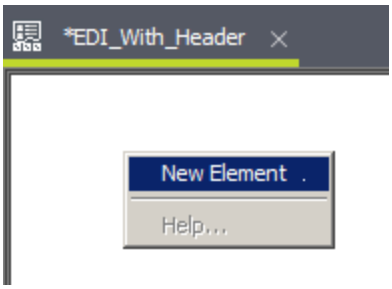
3. Enter **EDI_With_Header** in the **Structure name** field and click **Next >**.



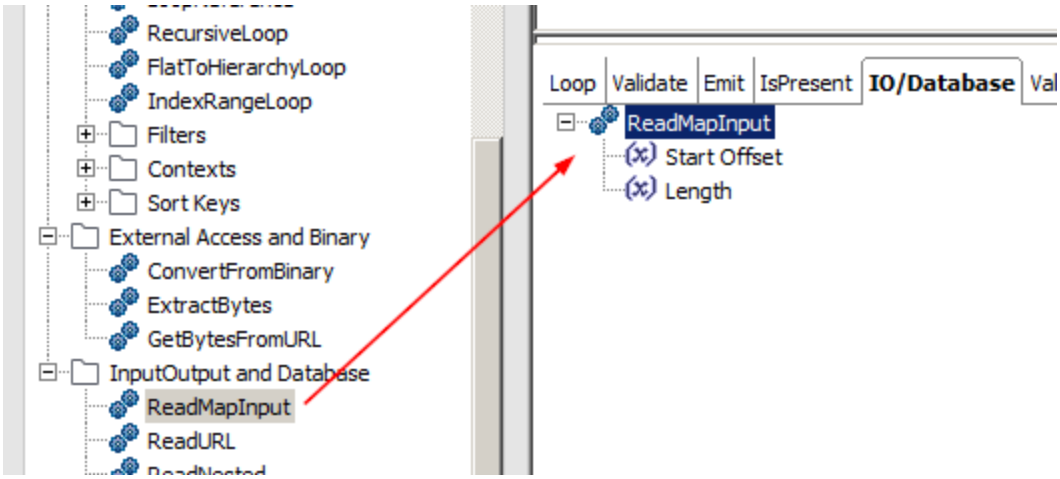
4. Select **Flat Files (including CSV)** and click **Finish**.



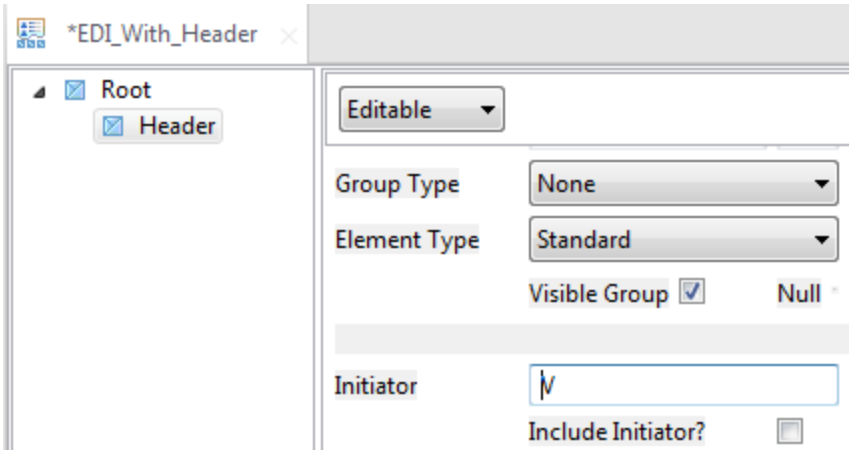
5. The new Structure opens in the editor. Right-click anywhere in the empty area and select **New Element**.



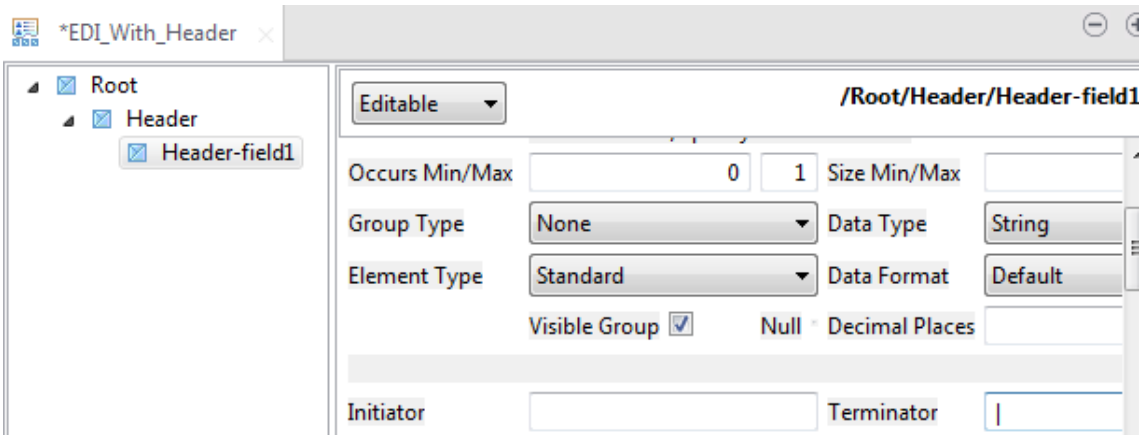
6. Name the new element *Root*. Switch to the **IO/Database** tab at the bottom of the Studio, then drag and drop a **Functions > InputOutput and Database > ReadMapInput** Function to it.



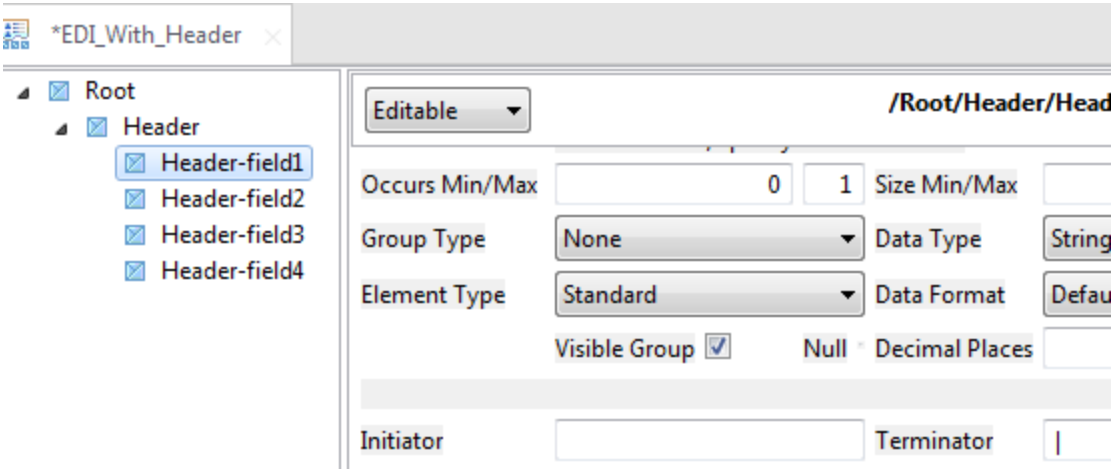
7. Right-click **Root** and select **New Element** to create a new child. Name the new element *Header*. Specify *V* in the **Initiator** field to let *Talend Data Mapper* know the actual header record begins with a *V* (like in the sample value *V000901* displayed on the first two screenshots of this section). Finally, make sure the **Include Initiator** option is not selected, as the *V* character is not part of the actual header field.



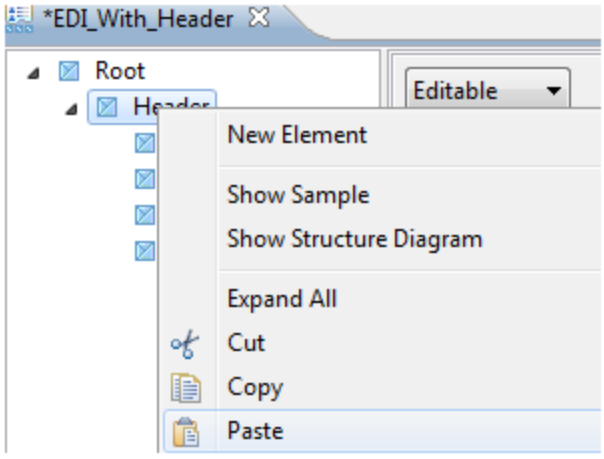
8. Right-click *Header* and select **New Element** to create a new child element. Name it **Header-field1** and specify | in the **Terminator** field.



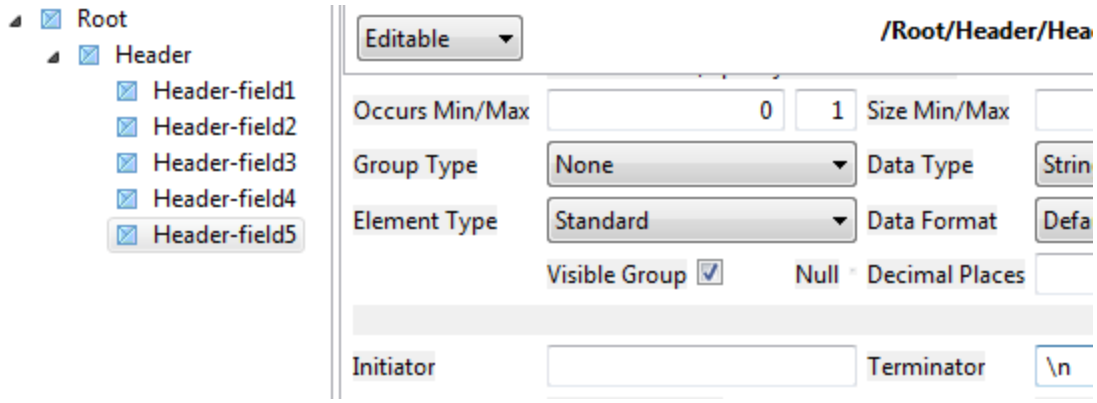
9. Now let's duplicate *Header-field1* to create three more children elements called *Header-field2* to *Header-field4*. Right-click *Header-field1* and select **Copy**. Then select *Header-field1*, right-click it again and select **Paste as Sibling** to duplicate the element. Repeat this last step twice and update the *Name* property of the new elements to match the following architecture:



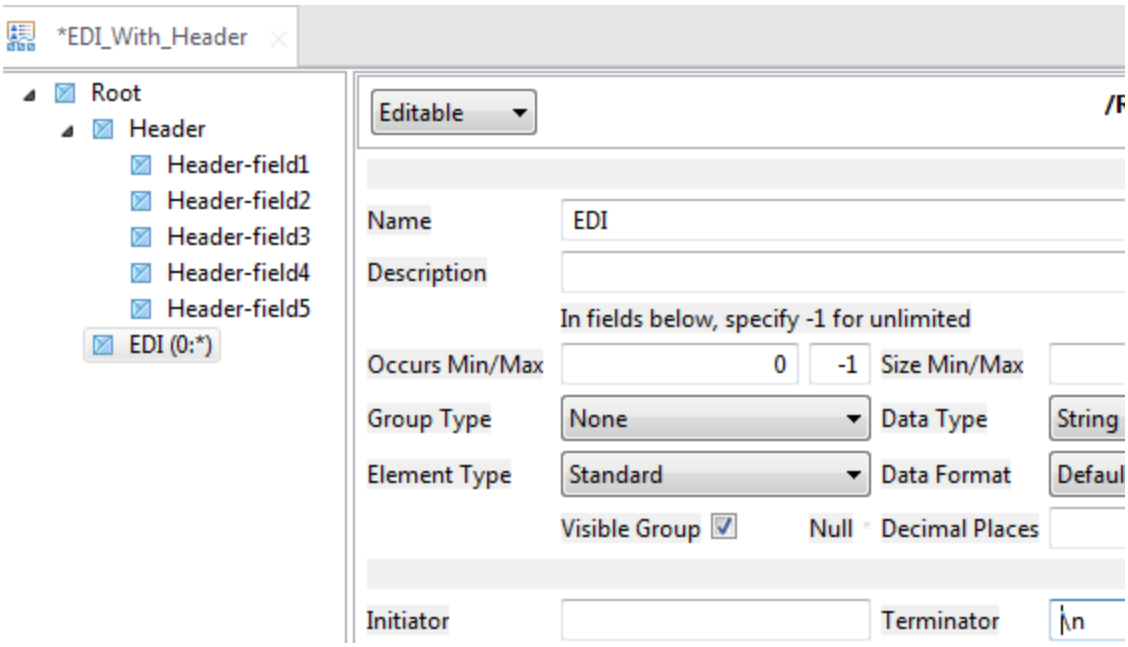
10. To create the last header field, right-click *Header-field4* and select **Copy**. Then right-click **Header** and select **Paste**:



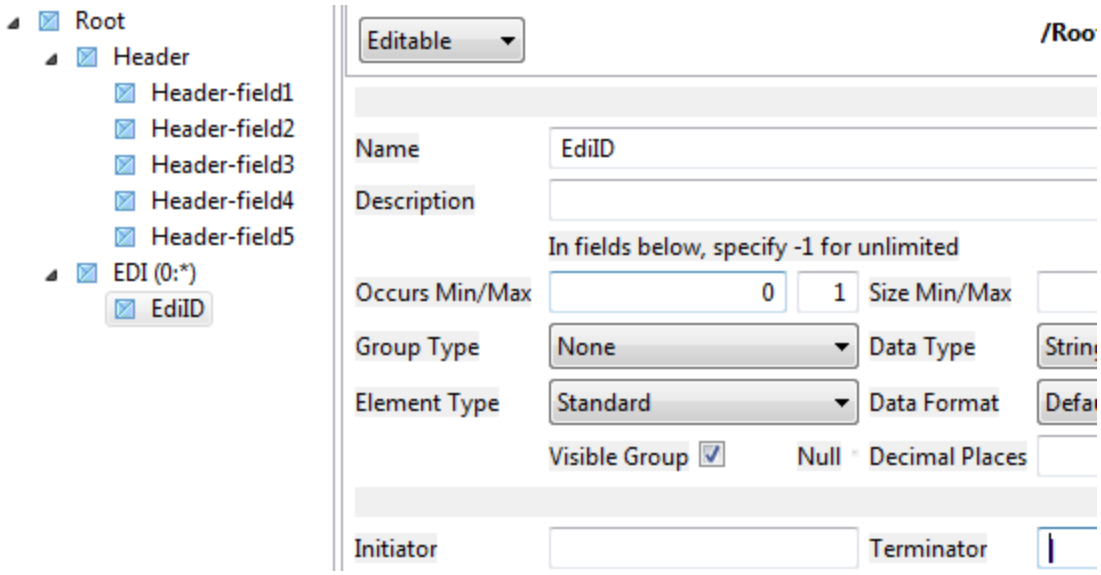
11. Change the **Name** property of the new element to *Header-field5* and the **Terminator** property to *\n* (meaning a new line):



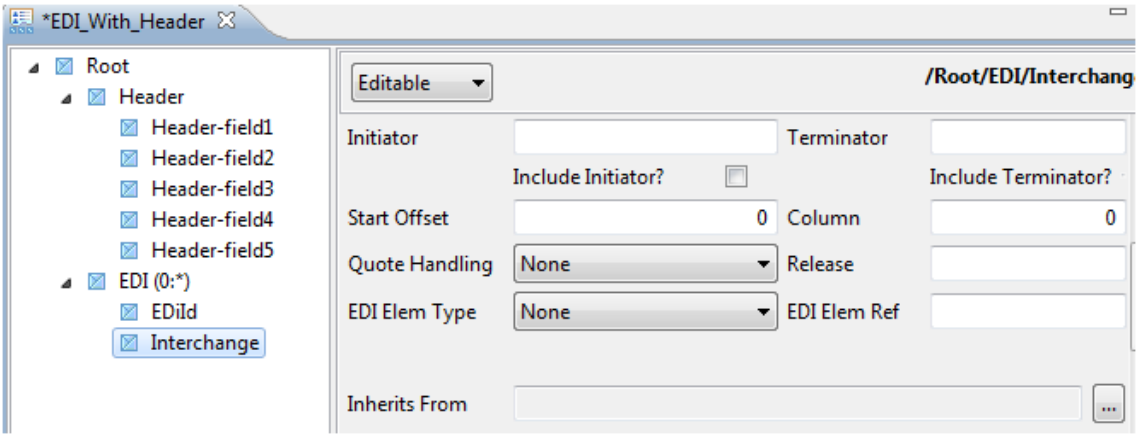
12. Add a new *EDI* element under *Root*. Specify *0* and *-1* in the **Occurs Min/Max** field to make it a looping element (confirmed by the updated *EDI (0:*)* label) then enter *\n* in the **Terminator** field:



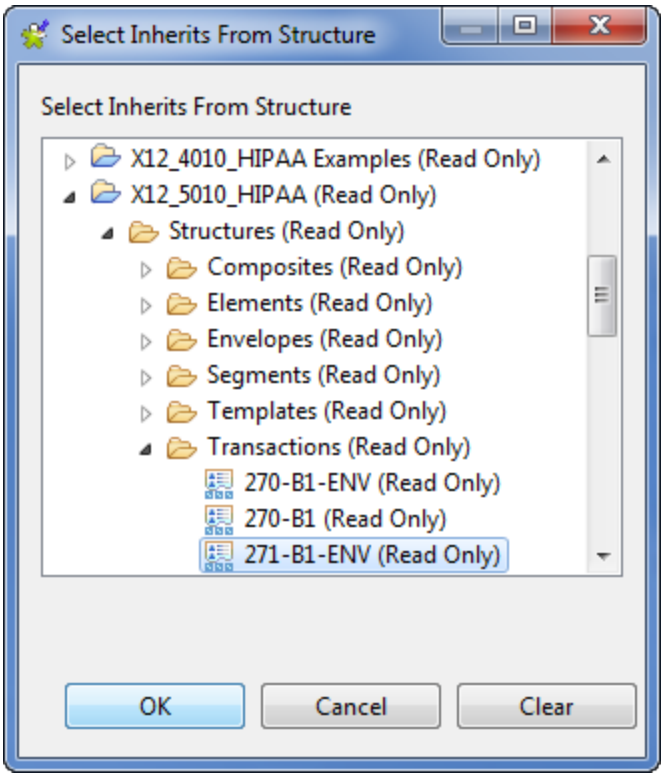
13. Create a new *EdiID* element under *EDI*. Enter | for the **Terminator**:



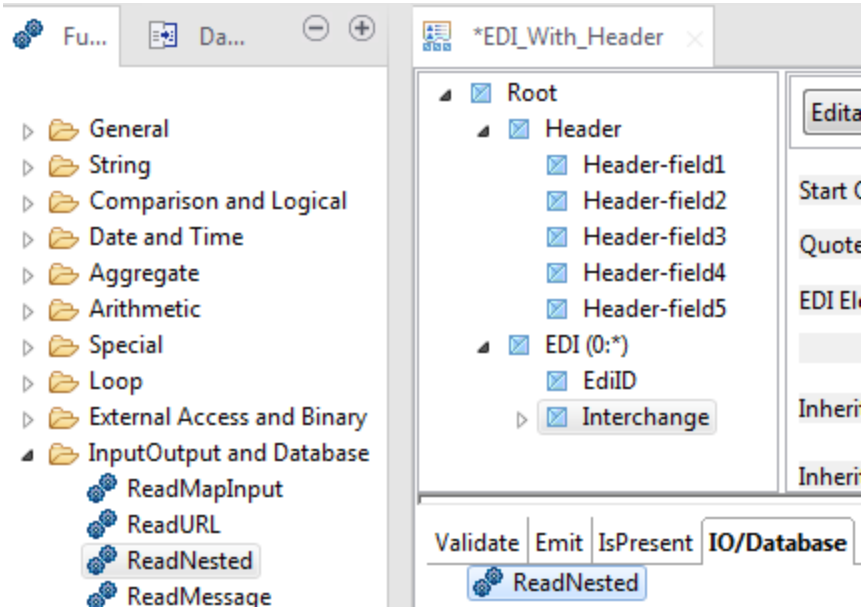
14. Create a new *Interchange* element under *EDI* and then click the **...** button next to the **Inherits From** field to select an existing Structure and let the new element inherit from it:



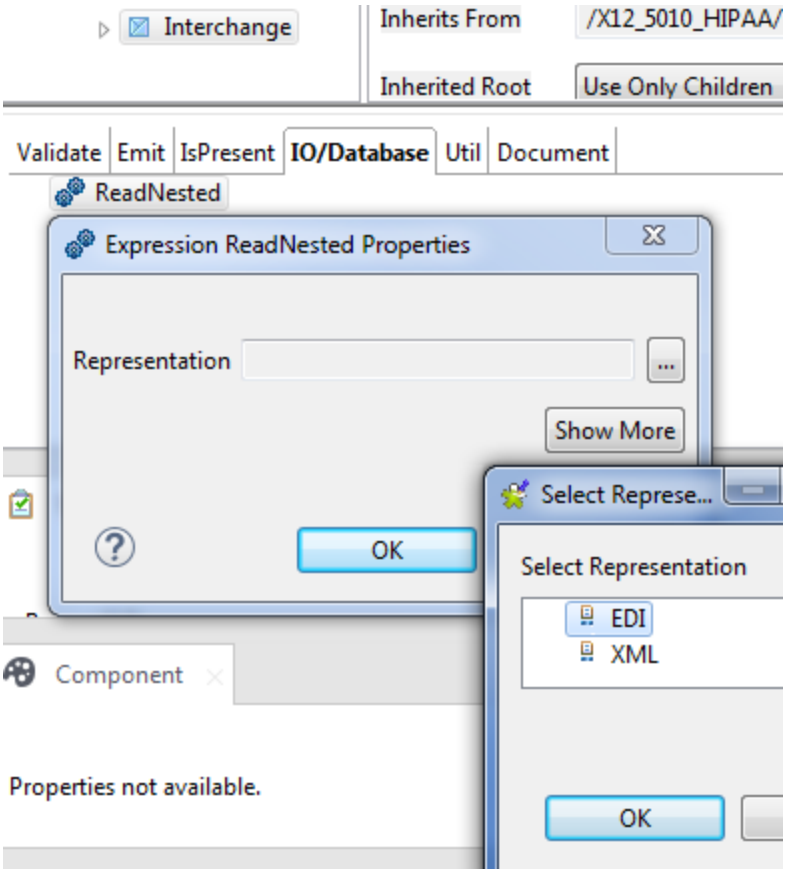
15. Select **X12_5010_HIPPAA (Read Only) > Structures > Transactions > 271-B1-ENV (read Only)** as the parent element to inherit from then click **OK**:



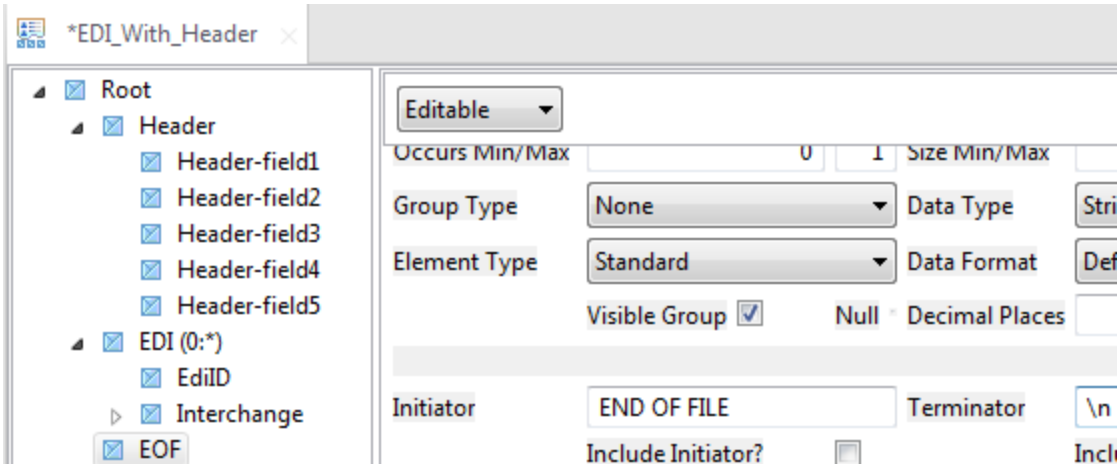
16. Switch to the **IO/Database** tab of the new *Interchange* node, then drag and drop a **Functions > InputOutput and Database > ReadNested**Function to it. Specifying this function will cause the data normally read for this element to be processed using the representation of the structure from which this element inherits.



17. Double-click the **ReadNested** Function, select *EDI* for the representation after clicking the **...** button then click **OK**:

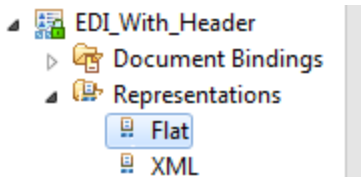


18. Finally, let's add the end of file indicator to the Structure. Create a new *EOF* child under *Root*, enter *END OF FILE* for the **Initiator** and *\n* for the **Terminator**. Again, make sure the Include Initiator option is not selected.

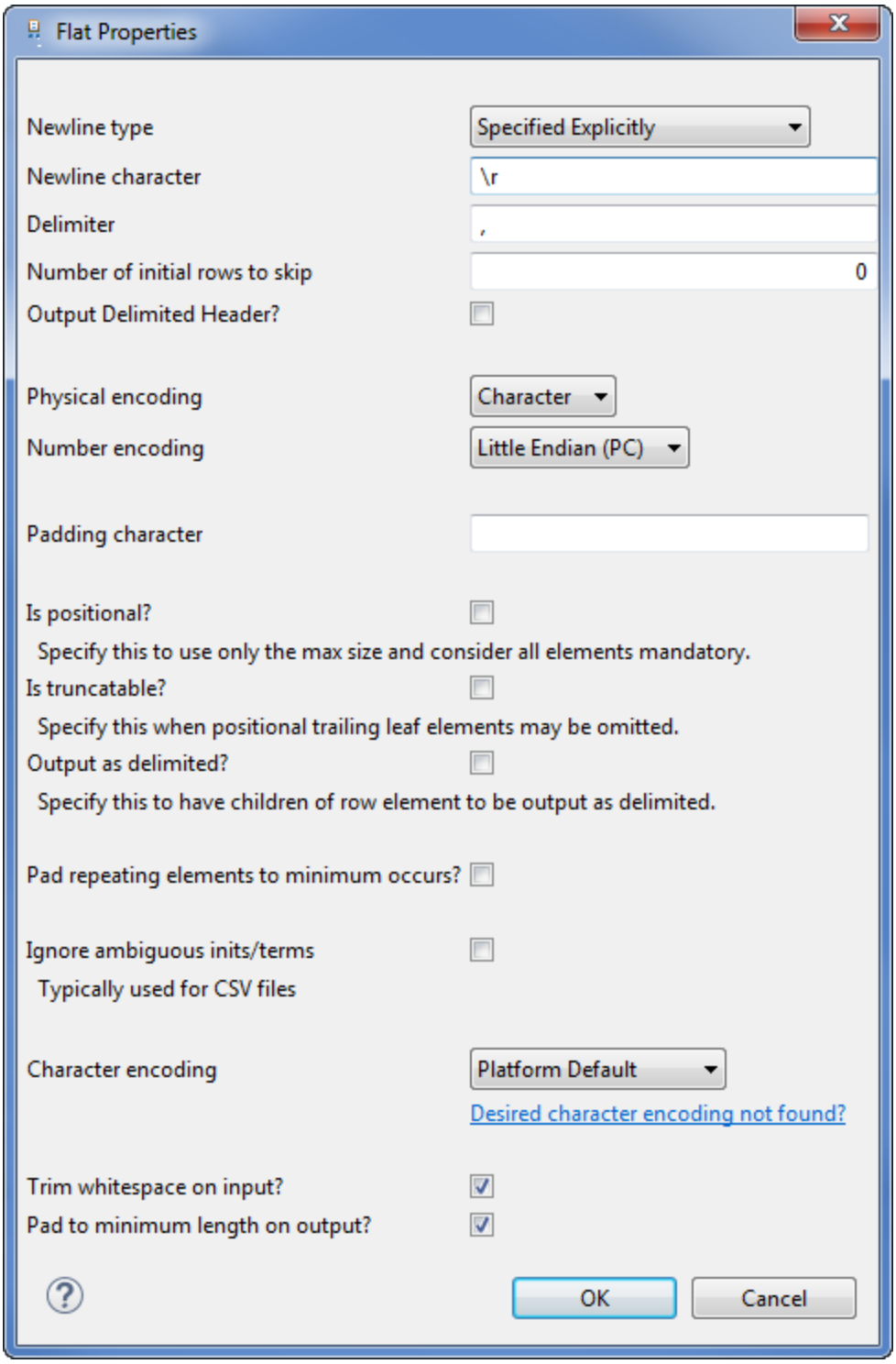


Setting the Representation Properties

1. Double click **Hierarchical Mapper > Structures > EDI_With_Header > Representations > Flat** to set the properties of the flat representation.



2. Set **Newline type** to *Specified Explicitly*, enter \r (meaning carriage return) in the **Newline character** field then click **OK**:



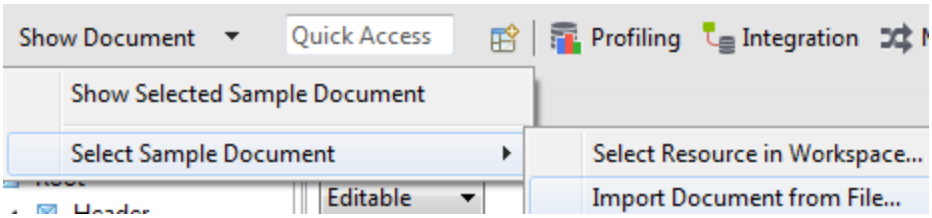
With these settings, TDM will always looks for a *\r* carriage return symbol to parse the data on each line, even if *\n* was specified in the **Terminator** field. It is necessary to differentiate a sequence of records from the rest of the file.

Next Step

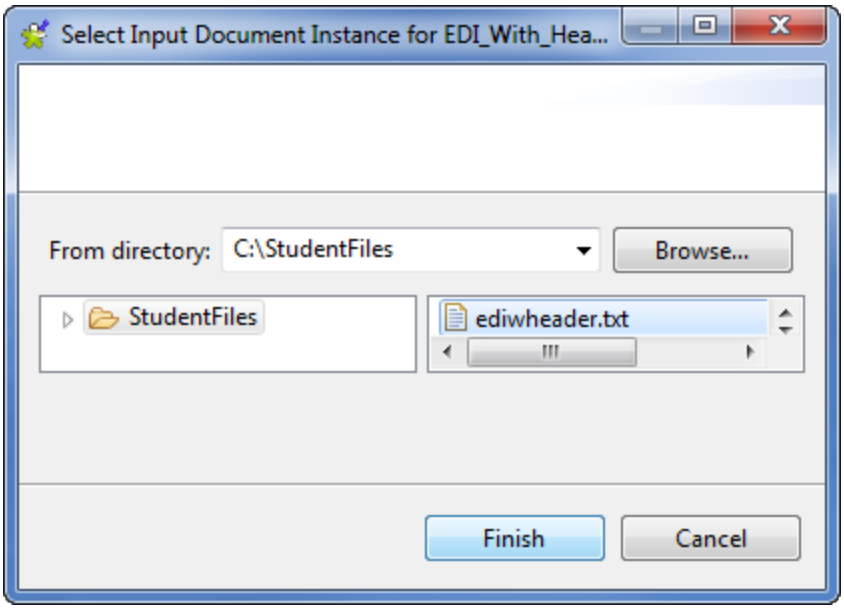
Let's test the new Structure by displaying a sample document from the available data.

Testing the Structure

1. Expand **Show Document** and click **Select Sample Document > Import Document from File...** to use an existing document and test the Structure definition on it.

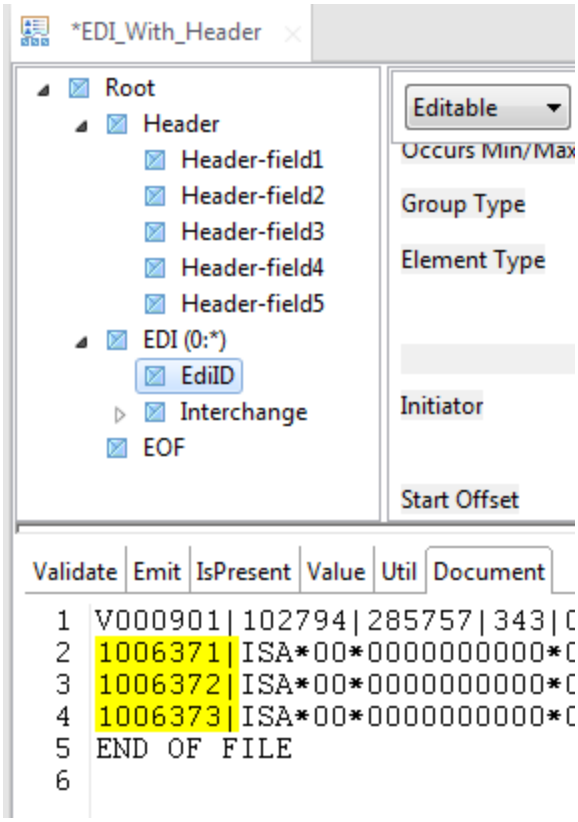


2. Click **Browse**, select the **C:\StudentFiles** folder then select the **ediwheader.txt** file and click **Finish**:



3. Select an element in the Structure, like *EdiID* for example. The matching input data should be highlighted in the **Document**

tab.

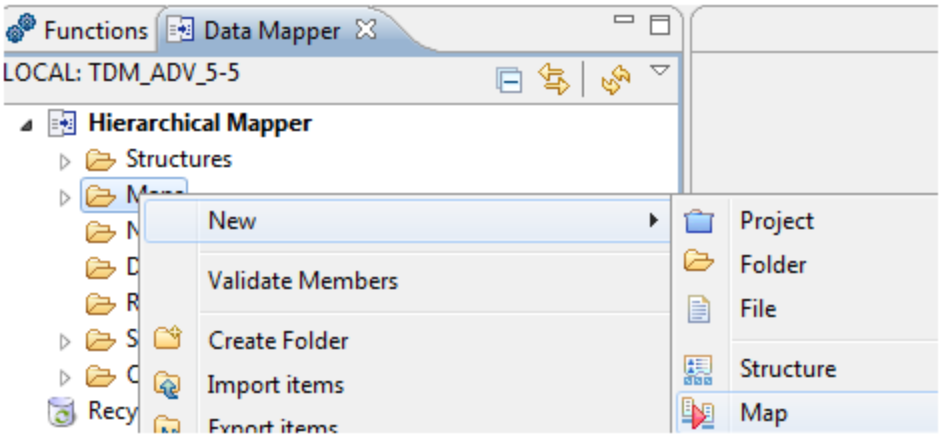


Next Step

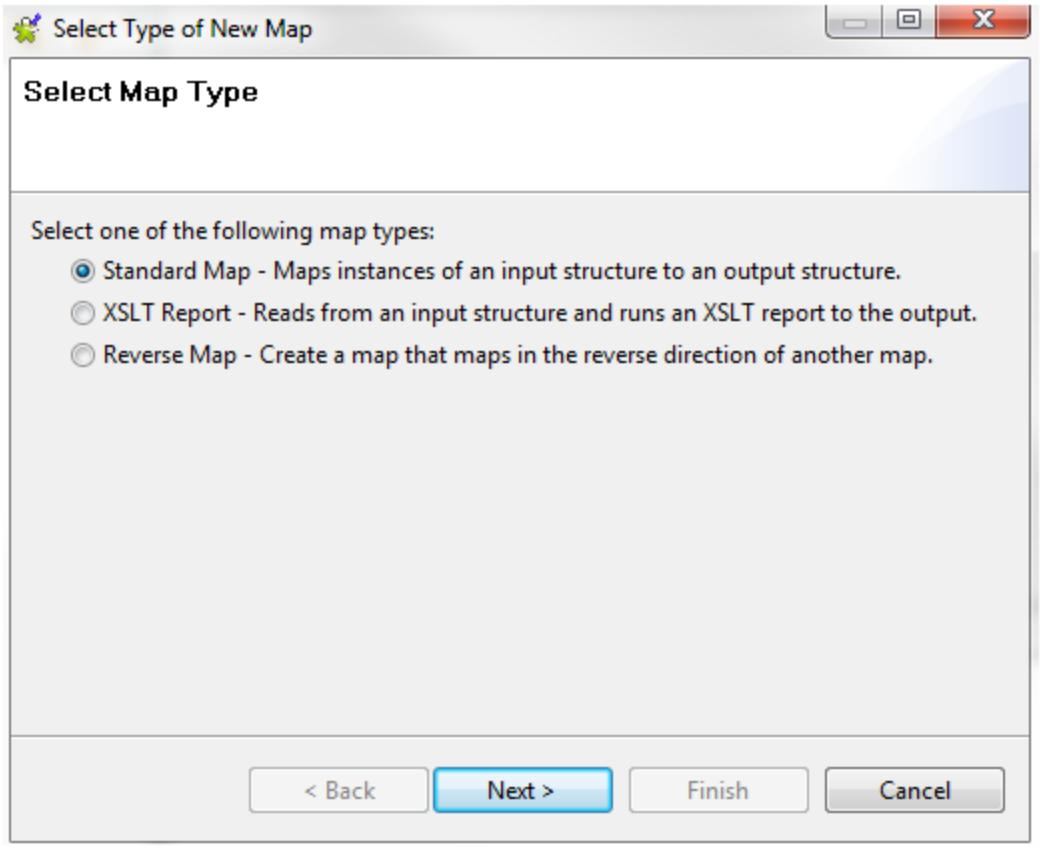
With the Structure created and validated, let's create the associated Map.

Creating the Map

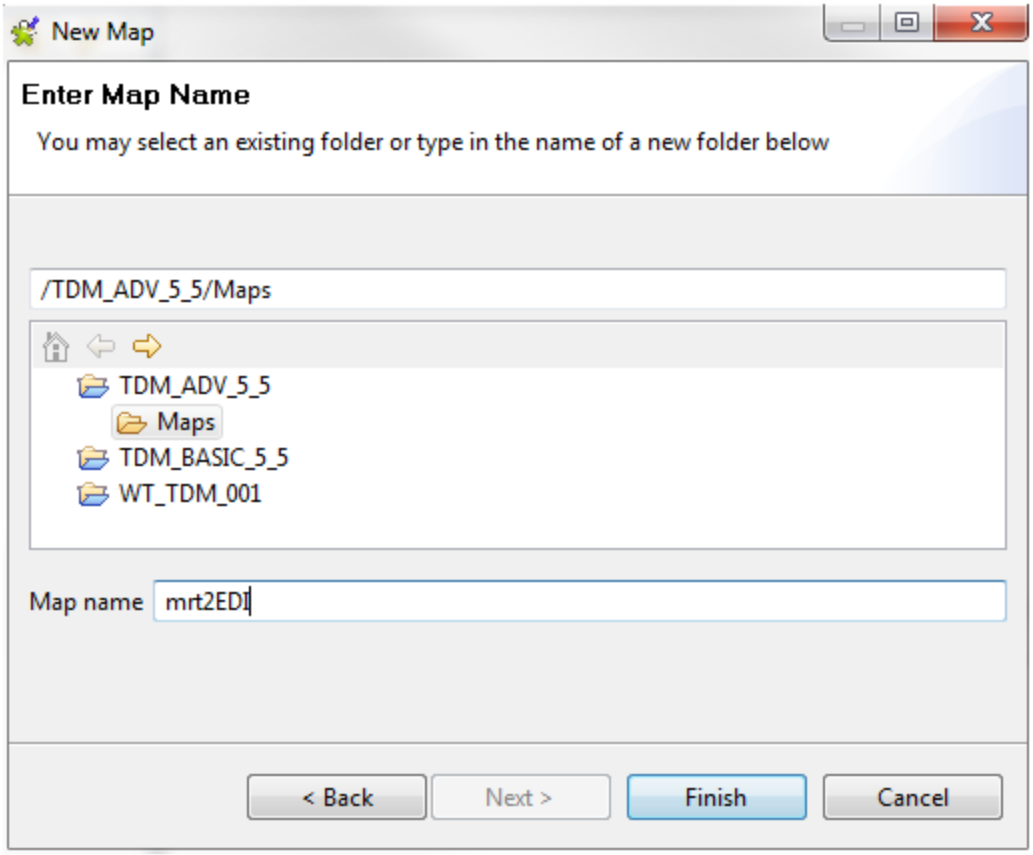
1. Right-click **Maps** and select **New > Map**:



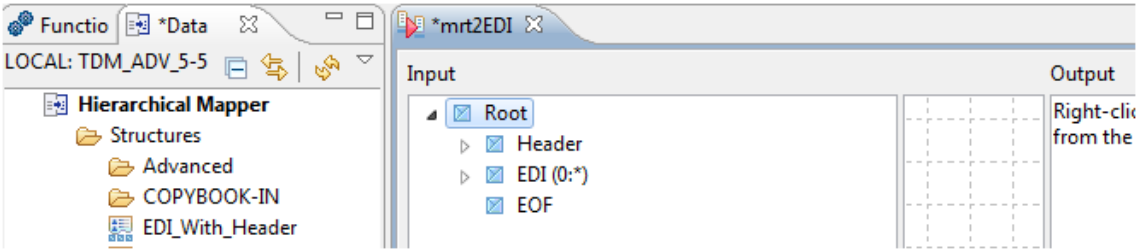
2. Select **Standard Map** and click **Next >**:



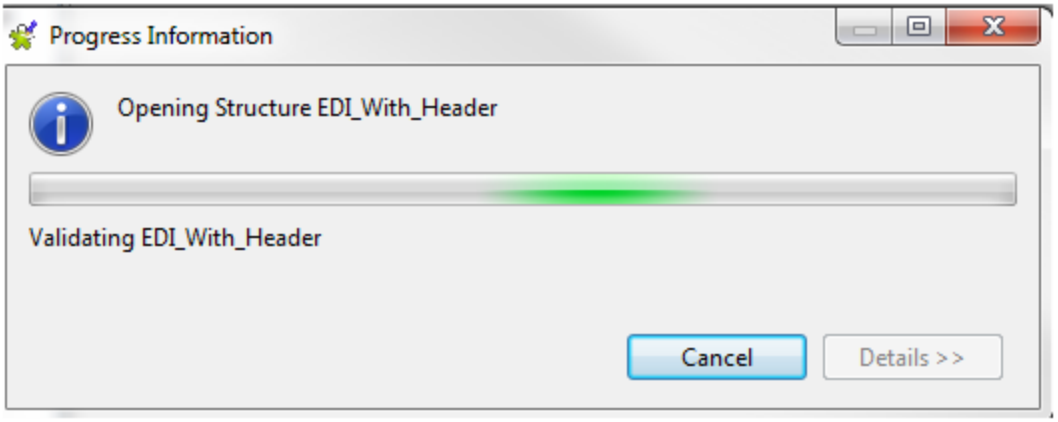
3. Enter **mrt2EDI** for the **Map Name** and click **Finish**.



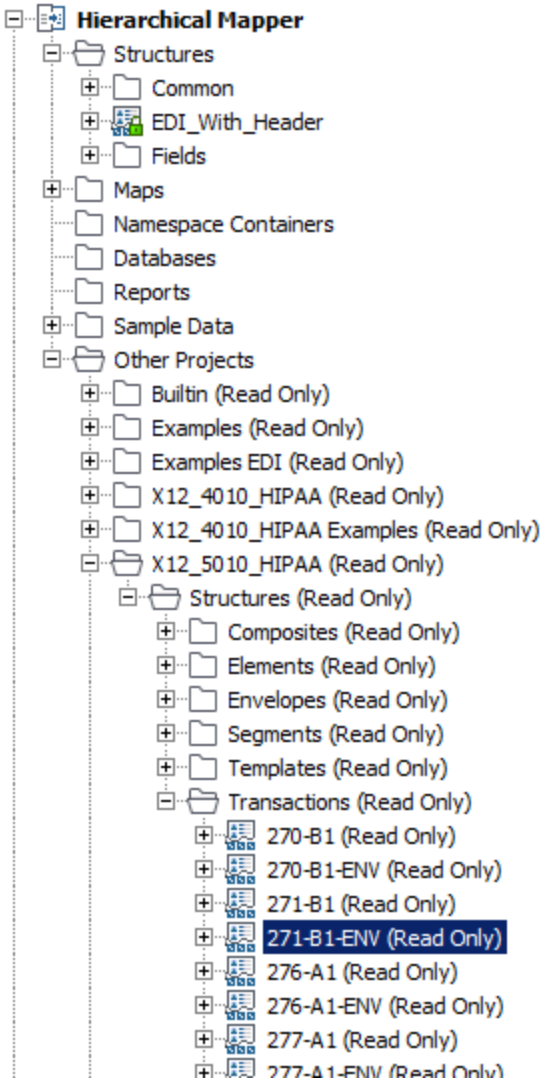
4. Drag & drop the **EDI_With_header** Structure created earlier to the **Input** area:



5. Wait for the validation process to complete.

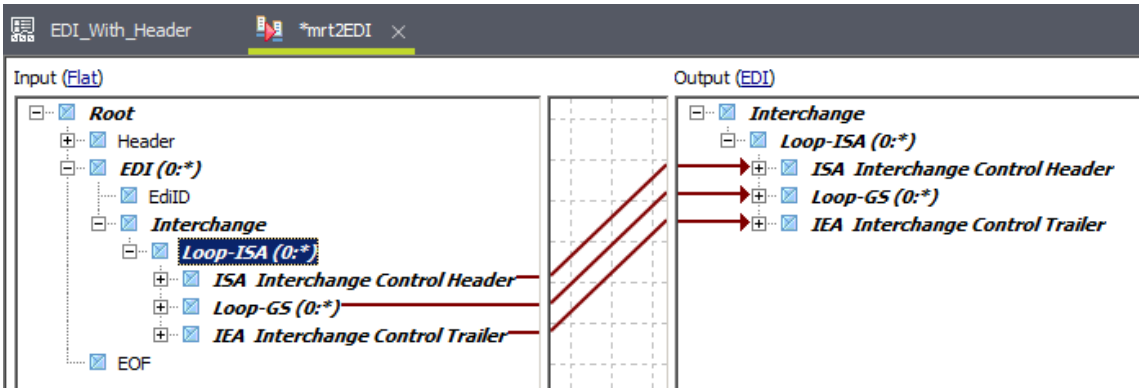


6. Drag & drop the **Hiearchical Mapper > Other Projects > X12_5010_HIPAA > Structures > Transactions > 271-B1-ENV** Structure to the **Output** area of the map.

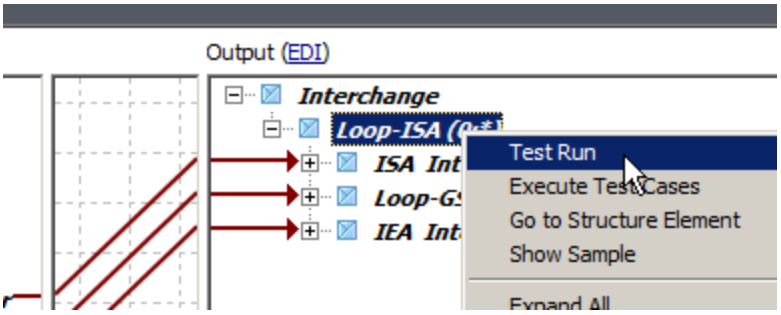


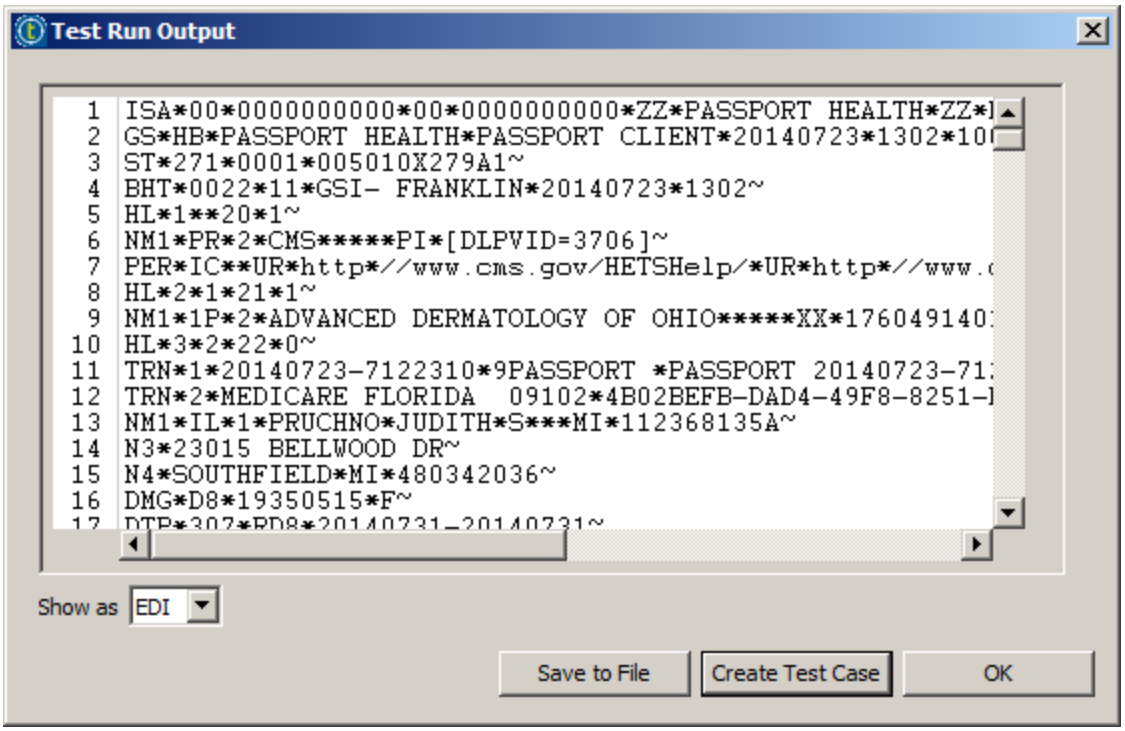
7. Expand the Structures on both sides and map **Root > EDI (0:*) > Interchange > Loop-ISA (0:*)** from the input to

Interchange > Loop-ISA (0:*) on the output.



8. Right-click **Loop-ISA (0:*)** in the **Output** area and select **Test Run** to test the Map and check the results:





Next Step

This lesson is almost over. Head to the Wrap-Up section for a summary of the concepts reviewed in this lesson.

Wrap-Up

In this lesson, you learned how to:

- Create an input Structure manually so it matches a sample data file
- Test the Structure on some sample data and check the elements are correctly described
- Reuse an existing EDI Structure for the output
- Create a Map between the manual input Structure and the existing output Structure
- Test the Map and check the results are the expected ones

Next Step

Congratulations, you successfully completed this lesson. Click the **Check your status with this unit** button below in order to save your progress. Then click **Completed. Let's continue >** on the next screen to jump to the next lesson.

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