

Introduction to .NET Naming Rules

Consulting Services, SmartPlant 3D



Agenda



- Overview
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- Creation of Naming Rules
- Generic Property and Relationship Access
- Modification of Naming Rules
- Deployment and Guidelines
- Debugging your code
- Open Discussion / Follow up Questions

Naming Rules: Overview

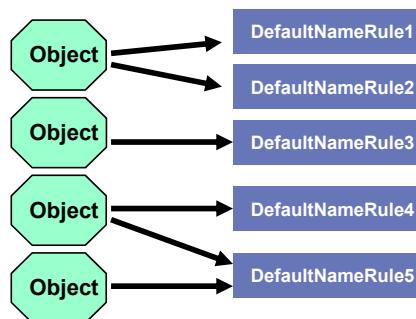


- Customized program that creates custom names of business objects
- Name can be comprised of the following:
 - Object type
 - Object properties
 - Primary organizational relationships
 - System
 - Space
 - Assembly
 - Work Breakdown
 - Other relationships
 - Connection

Naming Rules: Overview



- Naming rules are associated to an object class
- Multiple rules can be defined for each class of object
 - If multiple rules are provided in the catalog, the user must select the rule to apply when objects are created
- A rule can also be shared by multiple object classes



Naming Rules: Reference Data



- Mapping of rules to object classes

Example: GenericNamingRules.xls

[Installation]\CatalogData\BulkLoad\Datafiles

Object Type	Name in GUI	VB or NET ProgID
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Head	TypeName	Name	SolverProgID
Start			
	CPMPipeRun	DefaultNameRule	RouteRunNameRules.PipeRunNameRule
	CArea	DescriptionRule	SpaceRules.AreaDescRule
	CArea	SpaceRule	SpaceRules.AreaSpaceRule
	CZone	DescriptionRule	SpaceRules.ZoneDescRule
	CZone	SpaceRule	SpaceRules.ZoneSpaceRule
	CPInterferenceVolume	DescriptionRule	SpaceRules.IFVolumeDescRule
	CPInterferenceVolume	SpaceRule	SpaceRules.IFVolumeSpaceRule
	CHgrSupportComponent	DefaultNameRule	HgrSupNameRule.CompNameRule
	CHgrSupport	Tag NameRule	HgrSupNameRule.TagNameRule
	CSPGElevationPlane	Index	GSNamingRules.IndexNameRule
	CSPGElevationPlane	Position	GSNamingRules.PositionNameRule
	CSPGGridPlane	Index	GSNamingRules.IndexNameRule
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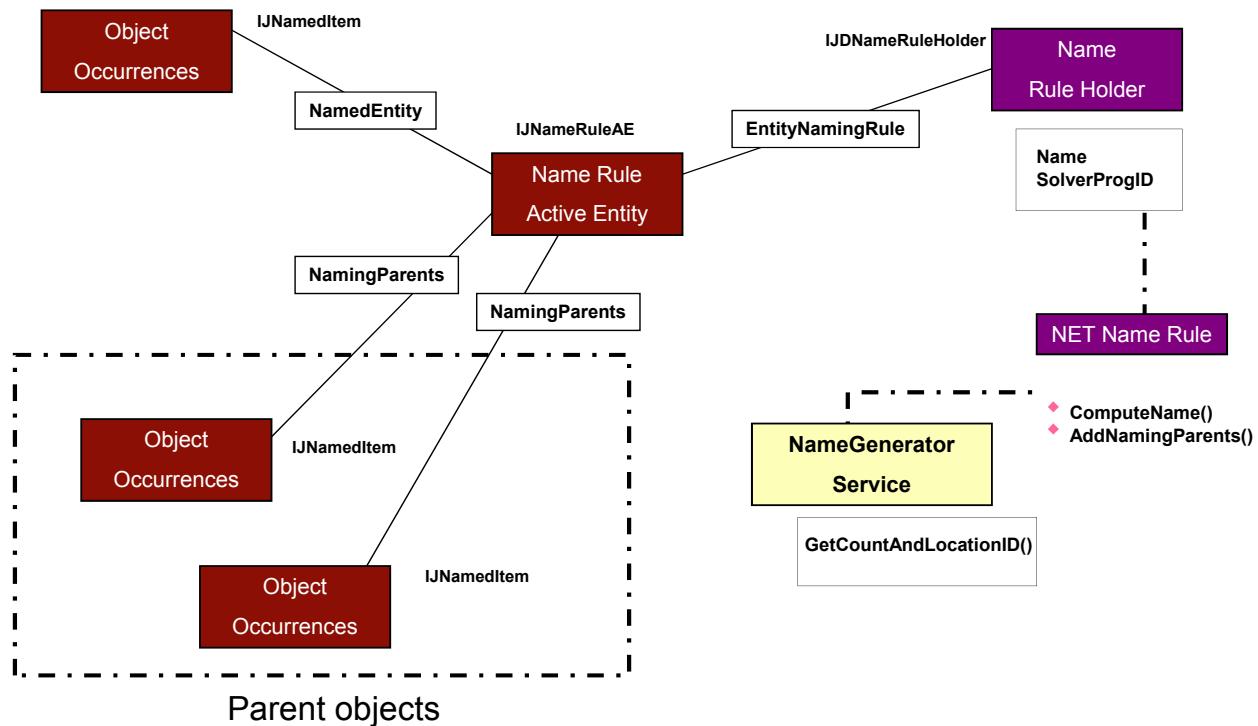
Naming Rules: Re-Compute



- Naming rule semantic is responsible for calling the ComputeName Method when the following actions occur:
 - A property on the named object is modified.
 - A property on the naming parent object is modified.
 - System parent or assembly parent is changed.
- Use the Update Name to re-fire the naming rule semantic to all objects in the select set



Naming Rules: Data Model



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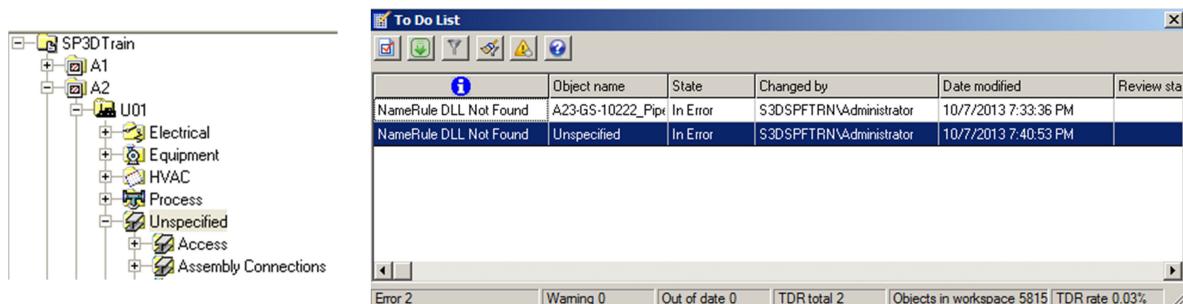
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Naming Rules: Error Handling



If a name rule returns an error, the generic semantic will trap the error

- Set the name to “unspecified”
- Add the object to the To Do list



```

*** Error ***
Time   : 10/05/13 08:58:17
ID     : 0x80004005(-2147467259)(16389)
Source  : NameRuleCompute.cpp
Desc    : SymbolConfig map files do not contain an entry for name rule with SolverProgId :
NetNaminRuleTraining,Ingr.SP3D.Content.NamingRule.CPipeline
Help   : NameRuleCompute.cpp;482
  
```

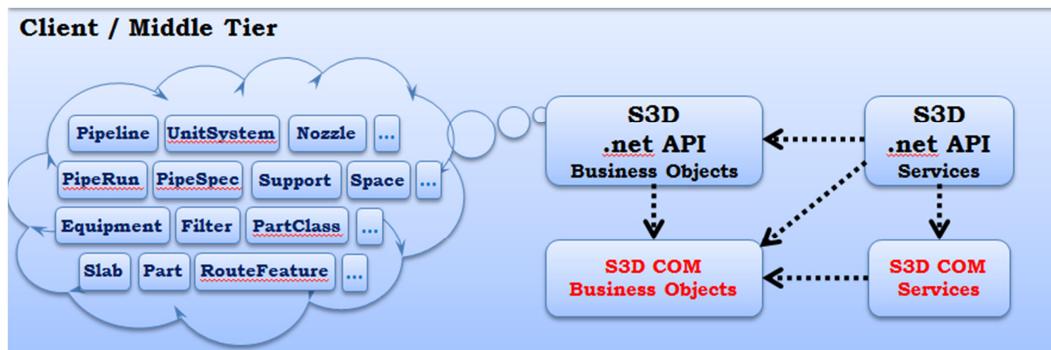
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Naming Rules: Business Object



- Abbreviated as **BO**. BusinessObjects are the engineering things like Equipment, PipeRun, PipeFeature, ControlPoint and so on
- A .net BusinessObject is also referred to as **Wrapper**, as it essentially wraps the Business Object and provides property/method access
- Provides many useful methods and properties, including generic access to properties and relationships



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Naming Rules: Business Object

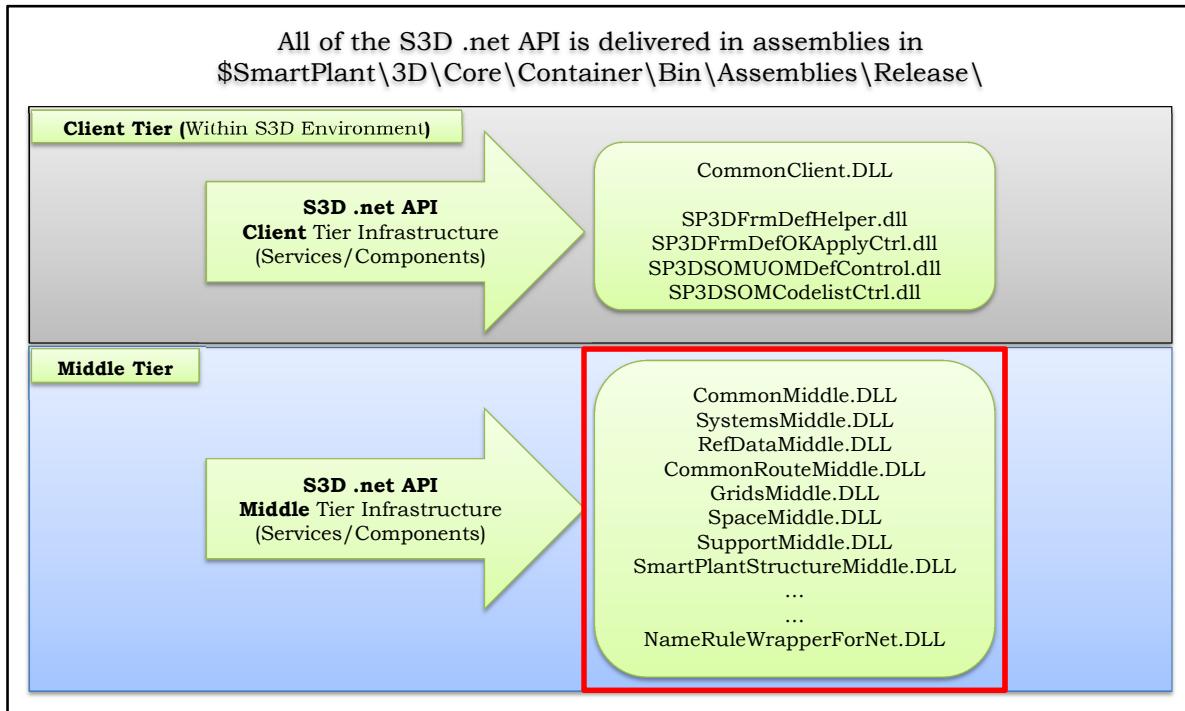


Business Object		
Equipment	AccessControl	Gets AccessControl to current user
PartClass	ApprovalStatus	Gets ApprovalStatus of the object
Filter	ClassInfo	Gets ClassInfo (Metadata) of this object
Part	DBConnection	Gets Connection to which this BO belongs.
Nozzle	Delete()	Deletes the Object (if permissions allow)
Note	GetAllProperties	Gets PropertyValue ReadOnlyCollection of all properties
WBSItem	GetPropertyValue()	Gets PropertyValue given Property Details
...	SetPropertyValue()	Sets PropertyValue given Property Details and value
	GetRelationship()	Gets RelationshipCollection given RelationshipInfo.
	IsTypeofBOC()	Checks if this BO is of given BO Classification type.
	Notes()	Gets Notes associated with this BO (as ReadOnlyCollection).
	RemoveAllNotes()	Removes all Notes associated with this BO.
	RemoveNote()	Removes a given Note object associated with this BO.
	ObjectID	Gets OID of the Object
	PermissionGroup	Get/Set the PermissionGroup to which this object belongs
	Relationships()	Gets read only collection of RelationCollection.
	SupportsInterface()	Check if the BO supports a given interface name
	ToString()	Gets name if BO is IJNamedItem, OID if not Named Item.
	UserClassInfo()	Gets ClassInfo (Metadata) for user bulkloaded partclass occs

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Naming Rules: S3D.net API delivered Assemblies



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Naming Rules: Creation



- Can be defined using
 - **.NET** (the new way using S3D .NET API – VB or C#)
 - **VB6.0** (The old way – COM API)
- A base class from which any customized name rule should be derived
- This class "**NameRuleBase**" exists in CommonMiddle.dll
- It has 2 abstract methods which must be implemented in any customized name rule
 - **GetNamingParents()** - Specify Parents which drive the name of the object in question.
 - **ComputeName()** – Compose the name using
 - This objects attributes.
 - Attributes of Object's Parents.

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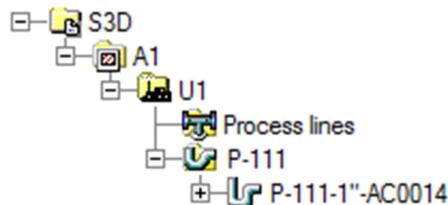
- **NameRuleBase** has helper methods which can be used in their customized name rules code when needed.
 - **GetPart** method returns a part if the object passed in is a part occurrence.
 - **GetPartNumber** is to get the part number of a part.
 - **GetTypeString** to get its class name of the object if the object is not a PartOccurrence.
 - **GetCountAndLocationID** returns a unique count from name generator and locationID for the name string passed in.
 - **Get/SetNamingParentsString** takes name rule ActiveEntity as input and allows you to get/set the namebasis for the active entity passed in.
 - **TypeString** returns the type string for catalog and model items.
 - **Get/SetName** allows to get or set the name of the business object passed in.
 - **GetParent** returns the parent of the given object based on the enumerated hierarchy types
(System/WBS/Space/Assembly/PG/VolumeNamedSpace/Analysis)

Create a VB.net Class Library Project

- Use Microsoft Visual Studio 2010
 - Choose a .net language → VB.net / C#
 - VB.net is preferred. Most samples are in VB.net. Our examples will be VB.net.
- Project Type
 - Use a Windows “Class Library” project template
 - Create the new naming rule in a **new Class Library Project**.
 - Choose File → New Project

Lab 1 – Pipeline Naming Rule

Pipeline Object:
Fluid Code + Sequence Number

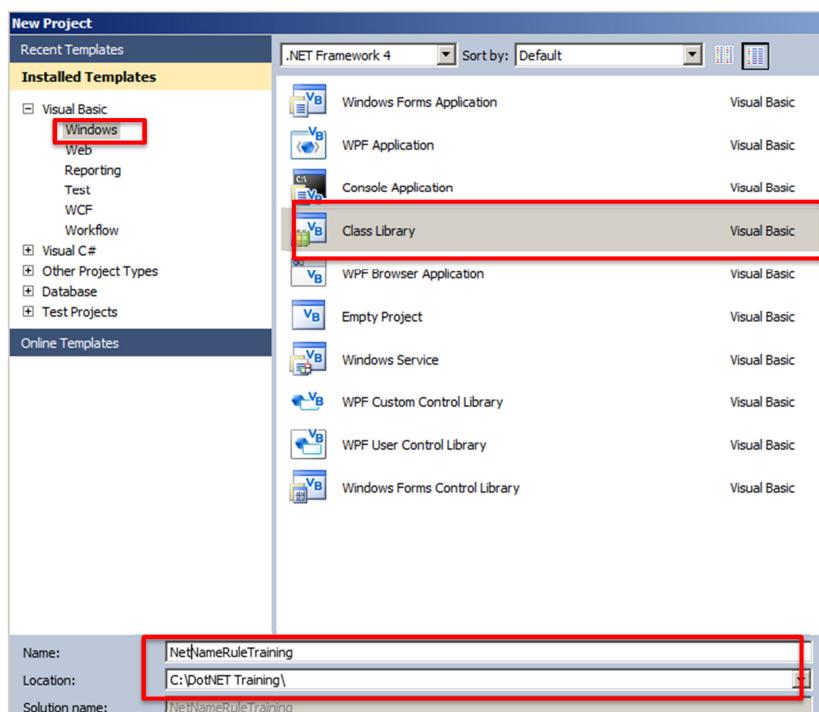


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Create a VB.net Class Library Project

- Choose **File > New Project**
- Use **Visual Basic > Windows** from Project Types
- Pick **Class Library** template
- Specify **Name** of Project
- “NetNameRuleTraining”
- Hit **OK**
- Project gets created



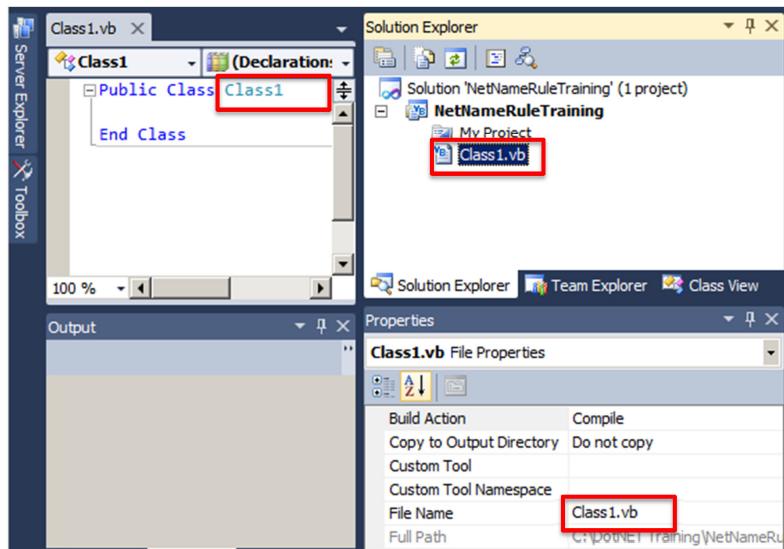
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Create a VB.net Class Library Project



- It creates a **Class1.vb** which has an empty class named **Class1**.
- Rename the Name of the class from **Class1** to a **name of your choice** and also rename the filename accordingly.
- Lets say we change it to “CPipeline”, for the Naming Rule we will be writing here.



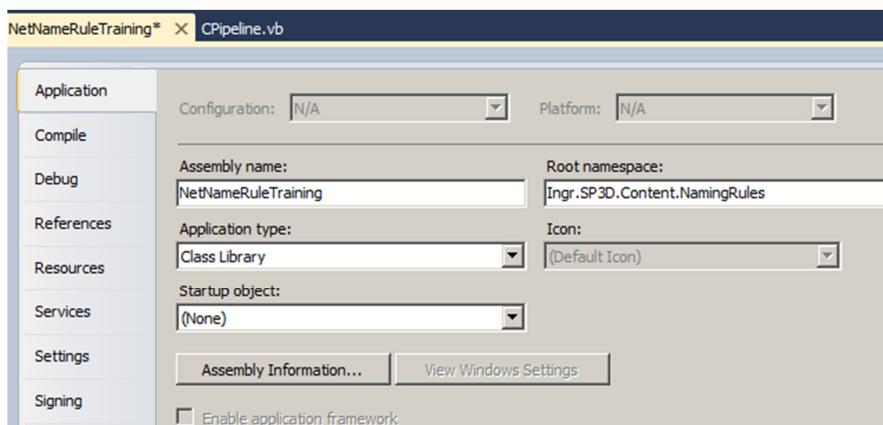
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Create a VB.net Class Library Project



- Right Click the Project > Properties
- On the **Properties > Application** set the **Root Namespace** for this project
- Rename the **Root namespace**: from *ClassLibrary1* to *Ingr.SP3D.Content.NamingRules* for this class.
- Intergraph recommends the following format for your company to follow
`<CompanyName>.SP3D.Content.<Specialization>`



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Attach Required References



The screenshot shows the Visual Studio interface. On the left, the Solution Explorer displays a project named 'NetNameRuleTraining' with a 'References' node highlighted by a red box. A context menu is open over this node, with the option 'Add Reference...' highlighted by a red box. To the right, the 'Add Reference' dialog is open, showing a list of files under the 'Release' folder. A green box labeled '4. Select required References' highlights the list. Below the dialog, a large green box contains the following text:

Select:
C:\Program Files (x86)\SmartPlant\3D\Core\Container\Bin\Assemblies\Release\
CommonMiddle.dll
SystemMiddle.dll
which are required for writing a NameRules. You can choose other assemblies as needed for the functionality of the symbol.

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References: Copy Local Setting



- Typically, Visual Studio adds references with "**Copy Local : True**" setting, i.e. it is copied locally for the project's use.
- Change it as "**Copy Local : False**" in the Properties tab of the assembly reference.
- Otherwise, when you install updates of the S3D product(s), your projects may continue using old copies of the references copied at the time of adding the reference.

The screenshot shows the Visual Studio interface with the 'Properties' tab selected for the 'CommonMiddle' reference. A red box highlights the 'Copy Local' property, which is set to 'False'. The properties table shows:

(Name)	CommonMiddle
Copy Local	False
Culture	

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Import Required Namespaces



- Add the required “Imports” statements at the top of the file to enable you use the types in that namespace without using the full name of the class when needed.

```
CPipeline.vb* X
(General)
Option Explicit On
Imports Ingr.SP3D.Common.Middle
Imports System.Collections.ObjectModel
Imports Ingr.SP3D.Systems.Middle

Public Class CPipeline
End Class
```

- This lets you just use

Dim oBO As BusinessObject

instead of :

Dim oBO As Ingr.SP3D.Common.Middle. BusinessObject

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Base NameRuleBase Class



- To be a symbol you must **inherit** from the class **NameRuleBase**



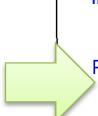
```
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Imports System.Collections.ObjectModel
Imports Ingr.SP3D.Systems.Middle

Public Class CPipeline
    Inherits NameR
End Class
```

The 'NameR' class is highlighted in yellow, and the 'NameRuleBase' class is also highlighted in yellow. A dropdown menu shows 'Common' and 'All' options.

- We then provide the **override implementation** for the properties/methods

ComputeName() and
GetNamingParents()
methods.



```
Public Class CPipeline
    Inherits NameRuleBase

    Public Overrides Sub ComputeName(ByVal oEntity As BusinessObject, _
        ByVal oParents As ReadOnlyCollection(Of BusinessObject), _
        ByVal oActiveEntity As BusinessObject)
    End Sub

    Public Overrides Function GetNamingParents(ByVal oEntity As BusinessObject) As Collection(Of BusinessObject)
    End Function
End Class
```

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Definition of GetNamingParents() Function



- This method is used to return the related parent object or objects that are used in forming a name

```
Public Overrides Function GetNamingParents(ByVal oEntity As  
BusinessObject) As Collection(Of BusinessObject)
```

```
End Function
```

- All the Naming Parents that need to participate in an objects naming are added here to the Collection

Definition of GetNamingParents() Function



```
Public Overrides Function GetNamingParents(ByVal oEntity As Ingr.SP3D.Common.Middle.BusinessObject) _  
As System.Collections.ObjectModel.Collection(Of Ingr.SP3D.Common.Middle.BusinessObject)
```

```
GetNamingParents = Nothing
```

Return an Empty Collection

```
End Function
```

Definition of ComputeName() Sub



This method is used to format the name of an object

```
Public Overrides Sub ComputeName()
(
    ByVal oEntity As BusinessObject, _ 'Object being named
    ByVal oParents As ReadOnlyCollection(Of BusinessObject), _ 'Naming Parents collection
    ByVal oActiveEntity As BusinessObject _ 'Naming rules active entity
)
```

```
Dim oBO As BusinessObject
strObjName As String
oBO = oEntity
'.....
'Add code here to format the name....
'.....
oEntity.SetPropertyValue(strObjectName, "IJNamedItem", "Name")
```

Generic Property Access – Get/Set Properties



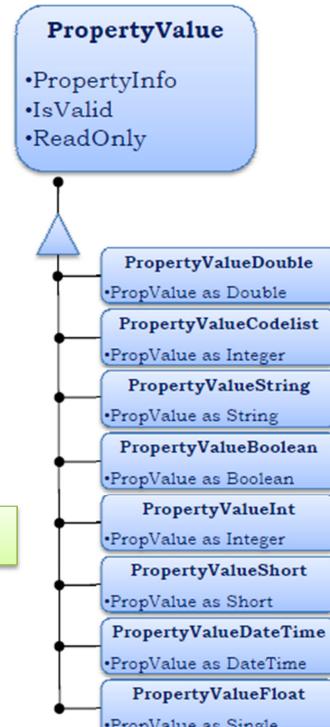
- The base class of all the Smart 3D Objects provides **Generic Property Access** mechanism to access any property on it
- To access a property, you need to know its InterfaceName and AttributeName
- GetPropertyValue() is the method to get object property value

```
BusinessObject.GetPropertyValue("InterfaceName", "Name")
```

- SetPropertyValue() is the method to modify object property value

```
BusinessObject.SetPropertyValue(Value, "InterfaceName", "Name")
```

- PropertyValue Class is the BaseClass of different propertyValueXXX classes supported by S3D, i.e. String, Double, Codelist, etc...



Definition of ComputeName() Sub



```

Public Overrides Sub ComputeName(ByVal oEntity As BusinessObject,
    ByVal oParents As ReadOnlyCollection(Of BusinessObject),
    ByVal oActiveEntity As BusinessObject)
    Dim strSeqNumber As String
    Dim strFluidCode As String
    Dim oStrPropValue As PropertyValueString
    Dim oCLPropValue As PropertyValueCodelist

    oCLPropValue = oEntity.GetProperty("IJPipelineSystem", "FluidCode")
    strFluidCode = oCLPropValue.PropertyInfo.CodeListInfo.GetCodelistItem(oCLPropValue.PropValue).Name

    oStrPropValue = oEntity.GetProperty("IJPipelineSystem", "SequenceNumber")
    strSeqNumber = oStrPropValue.PropValue

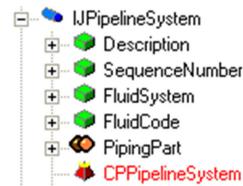
    Dim strPipelineName As String = strFluidCode & "-" & strSeqNumber
    oEntity.SetPropertyValue(strPipelineName, "IJNamedItem", "Name")

End Sub

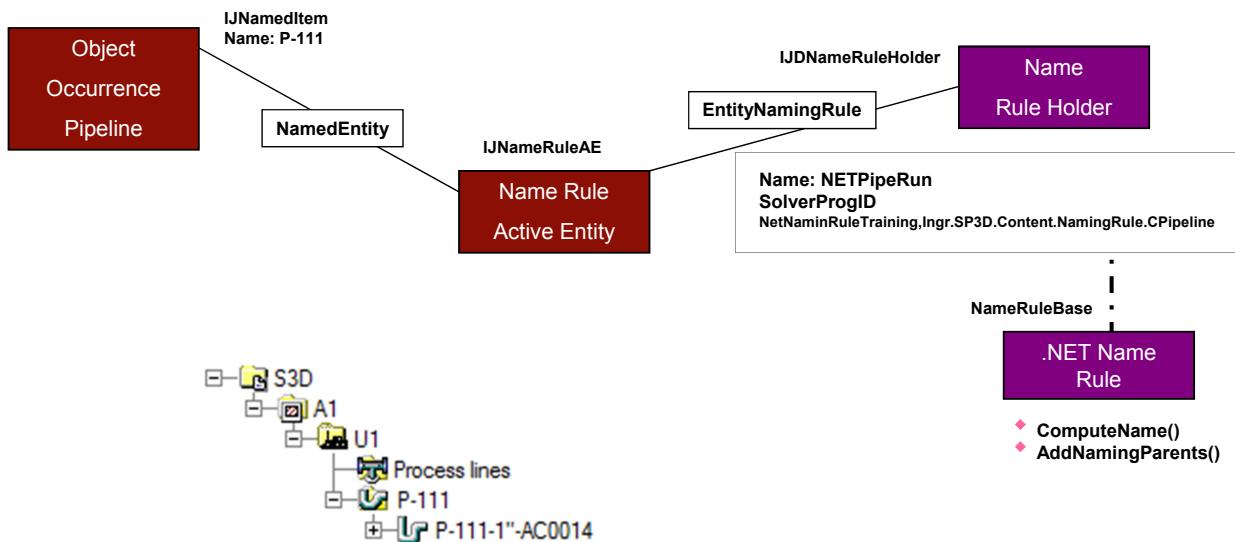
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Define local variables

Use the Generic Property Access



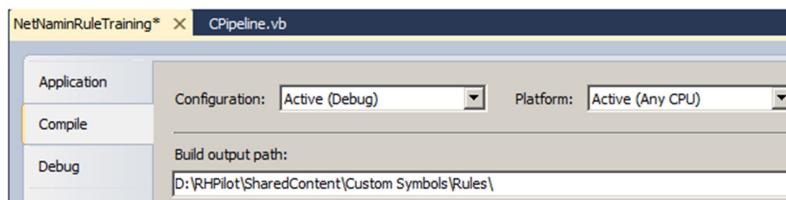
Naming Rule Data Model



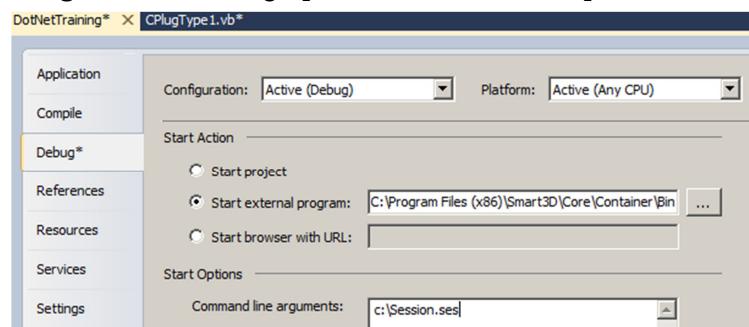
Build and Save Project



- On the **Properties > Compile** page set **Build output path:** to the **[SharedContent Directory]\Custom Symbols** folder



- On the **Properties > Debug** page under **Start Action** select **Start external program:** and assign **[Product Directory]\3D\Container\Bin\TaskHost.exe** or **S3DHost.exe**. Optionally you can assign a Session file to start up with. Under the **Start Options** select **Command line arguments:** assign **[Path to Session file]\Session.ses**



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Deploying & Testing the NamingRule



- Save the Custom Symbol DLL to the **[SharedContent Directory]\Custom Symbols** folder
- In Project Management Task, select the catalog you want to update then invoke menu item
 - Tools > Update Custom Symbol Configuration**
 - The command creates or updates the file called **CustomSymbolConfig.xml** in the **[SharedContent Directory]\Xml** folder
 - CustomSymbolConfig.xml** contains entries of ProgID, CLSID, and DLL name for each class in the custom DLLs. After **CustomSymbolConfig.xml** is created, the software uses the custom DLLs from the **[SharedContent Directory]\Custom Symbols** folder.

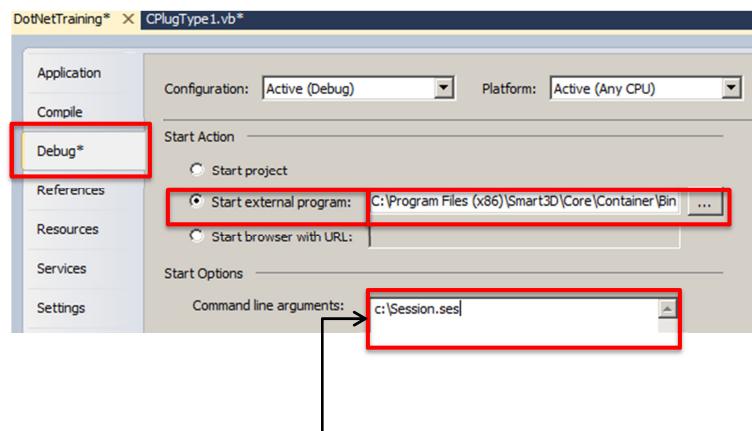
- .NET is not like COM in many respects.
- When you open a Project in a new machine, if the 3D installation folder in the new machine is not the same as that of the machine where the project was originally saved, you will encounter broken references.
- This is due to the fact that the references added to the project from the original machine are not found at those folder locations in the new machine.
- Whereas, in COM, the system goes by the registry to auto correct the DLL file references.
- To solve this situation, You will have to open and fix the project files in the new machine to use the corrected paths.
- Using Standard installation paths for the developers in your automation team is a good idea to avoid this problem.

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Debugging

- Add the full **Core\Runtime** and **GeometryTopology\Runtime** paths to your Path Environment Variable first.
- Inside Visual Studio 2010, **Project > Project Properties**
- Choose the following settings and **save**.
- Now select **Debug>Run menu item in Visual Studio**.



TIP : You can also specify the session file name in the **Command line arguments** field, with which the application will start in that session file directly instead of the normal open session file dialog.

For Developer Studio Express Edition:

- Setup by specifying the details of the Executable in the <project>.vbproj.user file. Optionally you can also specify the Session File name in StartArguments section.

```
<Project xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/developer/msbuild/2003">
<PropertyGroup>
  <StartAction>Program</StartAction>
  <StartProgram>C:\Program Files (x86)\Smart3D\Core\Container\Bin\S3DHost.exe</StartProgram>
  <StartArguments>C:\session.ses</StartArguments>
</PropertyGroup>
</Project>
```

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NamingRules sheet

- Open the [Install Product]\ CatalogData\BulkLoad\Datafiles\GenericNamingRules.xls
- Make sure to remove the Read-Only setting on the file
- Add a new record in the NamingRules sheet as shown below:

Head	TypeName	Name	SolverProgID
Start a	CPPipelineSystem	NET Pipeline	NetNameRuleTraining.Ingr.SP3D.Content.NamingRule.CPipeline

- Save the file
- Use the Bulkload utility, load the workbook file into the catalog using the Add/Modify/Delete mode

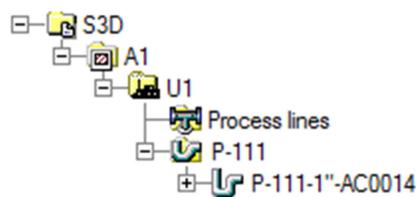
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Lab 2 – PipeRun Naming Rule

PipeRun Object:

Parent Name + NPD + NPD Units + Spec Name

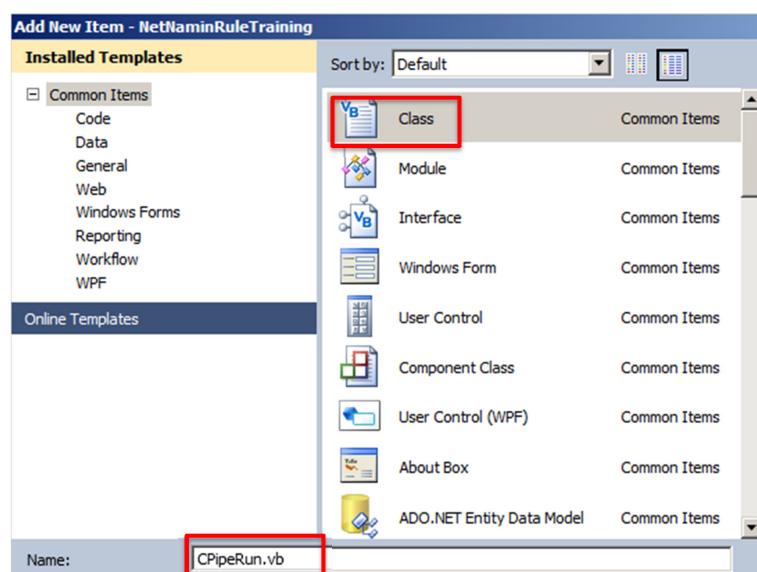


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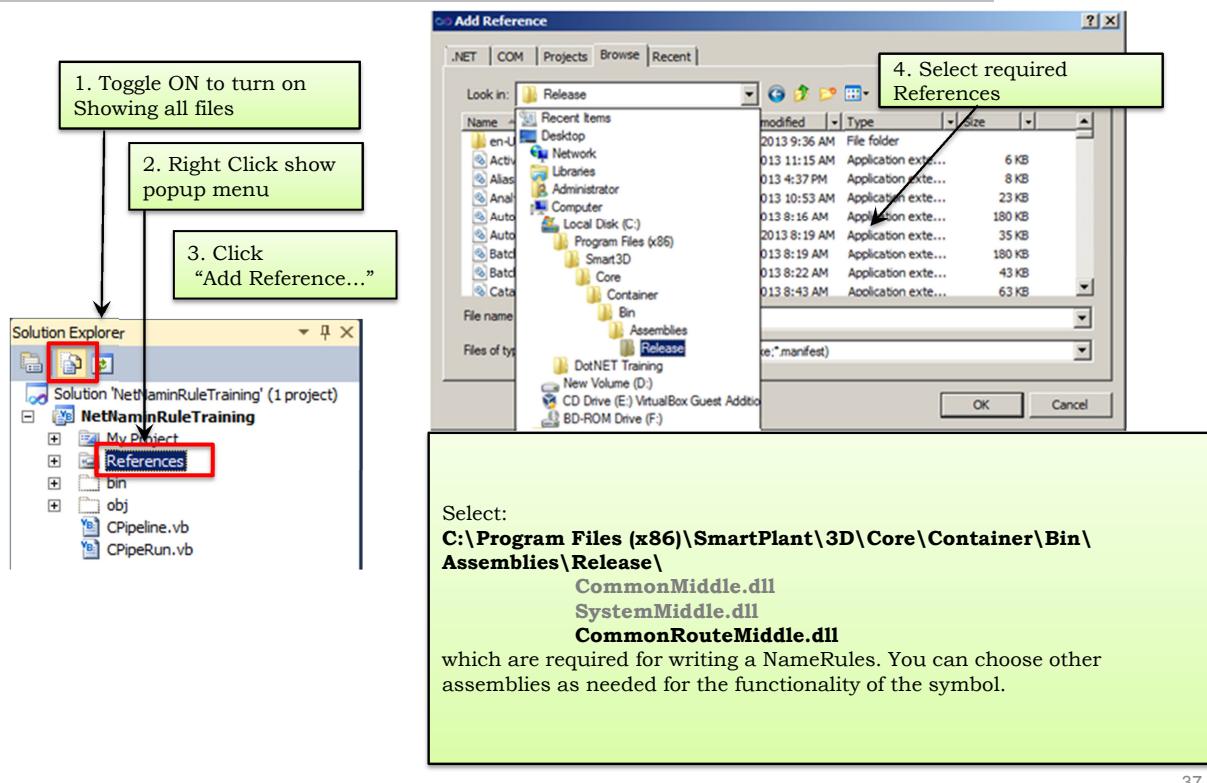
- Choose **Project > Add Class**
- Pick **Class Library** template
- Specify **Name** of Class
- **CPipeRun**
- Hit **OK**.



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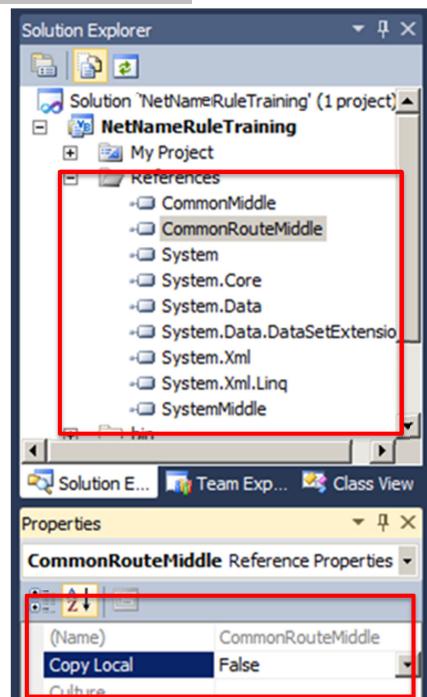
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Option Explicit On
Imports Ingr.SP3D.Common.Middle
Imports Ingr.SP3D.Route.Middle
Imports System.Collections.ObjectModel

Public Class CPipeRun
End Class
```

- This lets you just use

```
Dim oBO As BusinessObject
```

instead of :

```
Dim oBO As Ingr.SP3D.Common.Middle.BusinessObject
```

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Base NameRuleBase Class



- To be a symbol you must **inherit** from the class **NameRuleBase**

```
Option Explicit On
Imports Ingr.SP3D.Common.Middle
Imports Ingr.SP3D.Route.Middle
Imports System.Collections.ObjectModel

Public Class CPipeRun
    Inherits NameRuleBase
End Class
```

- We then provide the **override implementation** for the properties/methods

ComputeName() and
GetNamingParents()
methods.

```
Public Class CPipeRun
    Inherits NameRuleBase

    Public Overrides Sub ComputeName(ByVal oEntity As BusinessObject, _
        ByVal oParents As ReadOnlyCollection(Of BusinessObject), _
        ByVal oActiveEntity As BusinessObject)
    End Sub

    Public Overrides Function GetNamingParents(ByVal oEntity As BusinessObject) As Collection(Of BusinessObject)
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End Function
```

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Definition of GetNamingParents() Function



```
Public Overrides Function GetNamingParents(ByVal oEntity As BusinessObject) As Collection(Of BusinessObject)  
  
    Dim oParent As BusinessObject  
    Dim oParentColl As New Collection(Of BusinessObject) ← Define local variables  
  
    GetNamingParents = Nothing  
  
    oParent = GetParent(HierarchyTypes.System, oEntity)  
    oParentColl.Add(oParent)  
    GetNamingParents = oParentColl ← Use GetParent method  
  
End Function
```

Protected Function GetParent(ByVal oHierarchyType As [Ingr.SP3D.Common.Middle.HierarchyTypes](#), ByVal oChild As [Ingr.SP3D.Common.Middle.BusinessObject](#)) As [Ingr.SP3D.Common.Middle.BusinessObject](#)

Member of [Ingr.SP3D.Common.Middle.NameRuleBase](#)

Summary:

Gets a parent BusinessObject in the hierarchy specified for a child BusinessObject. "Volume_NamedSpace" is not implemented.

Parameters:

oHierarchyType: Hierarchy to use for finding the parent. PermissionGroup hierarchy is not supported.
oChild: BusinessObject that is a child in the specified hierarchy.

Return Values:

BusinessObject that is the parent.

Definition of ComputeName() Sub



```
Public Overrides Sub ComputeName(ByVal oEntity As BusinessObject, _  
    ByVal oParents As ReadOnlyCollection(Of BusinessObject), _  
    ByVal oActiveEntity As BusinessObject)  
  
    Dim strNPD As String  
    Dim strNPDUnt As String  
    Dim strSpecName As String  
    Dim StrParentName As String  
  
    Dim oPipeRun As PipeRun  
  
    oPipeRun = oEntity  
    strNPD = CStr(oPipeRun.NPD.Size)  
    strNPDUnt = oEntity.GetProperty("IJRtePipeRun", "NPDUntType").ToString  
  
    If LCase(strNPDUnt) = "in" Then  
        strNPDUnt = Chr(34)  
    End If
```

Define local variables

Use Route API

Use the Generic Property Access



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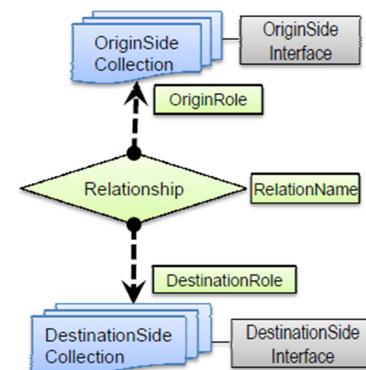
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Generic Relationship Access – Traverse Relationships



- **BusinessObject**, the base class of all the SmartPlant Objects, provides **Generic Relationship Access** mechanism to access any related Object
- To access related objects, all you need to know is the **RelationshipName** and the **RoleName** collection you are interested to access

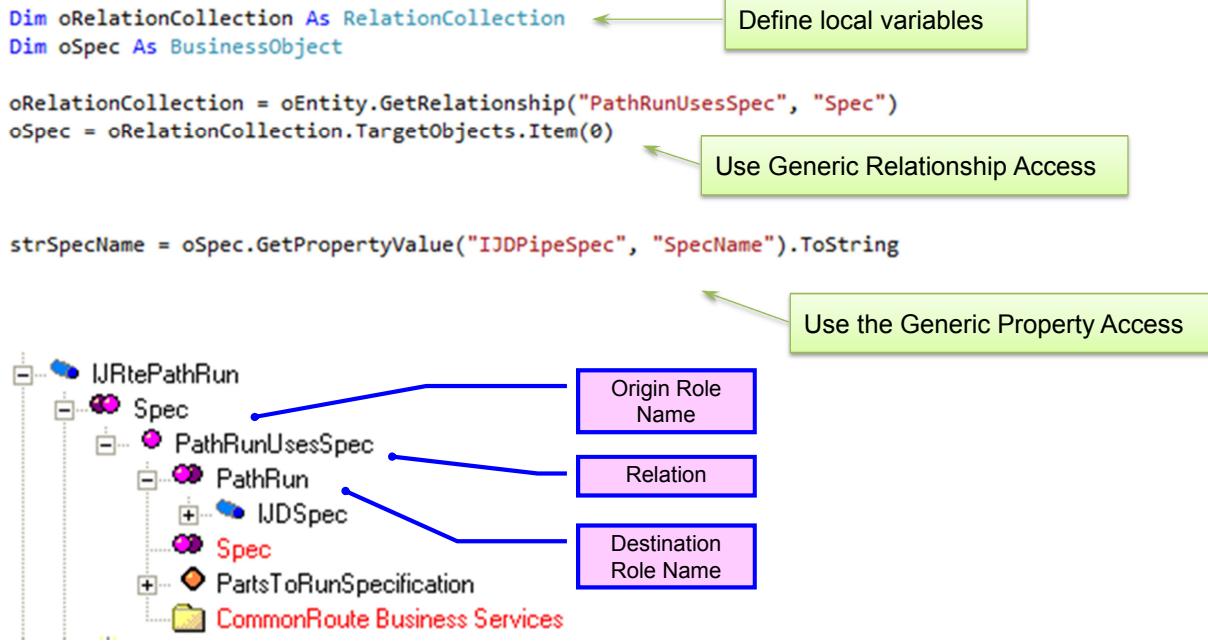
BusinessObject.GetRelationship(RelationName, RoleName)



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Definition of ComputeName() Sub



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Definition of ComputeName() Sub



```
StrParentName = oParents.Item(0).GetPropertyValues("IJNamedItem", "Name").ToString
```

Use the Generic Property Access

```
oEntity.SetPropertyValues(StrParentName & "-" &
                           strNPD & strNPDU & "-" & strSpecName, "IJNamedItem", "Name")
```

End Sub

Use the Generic Property Access

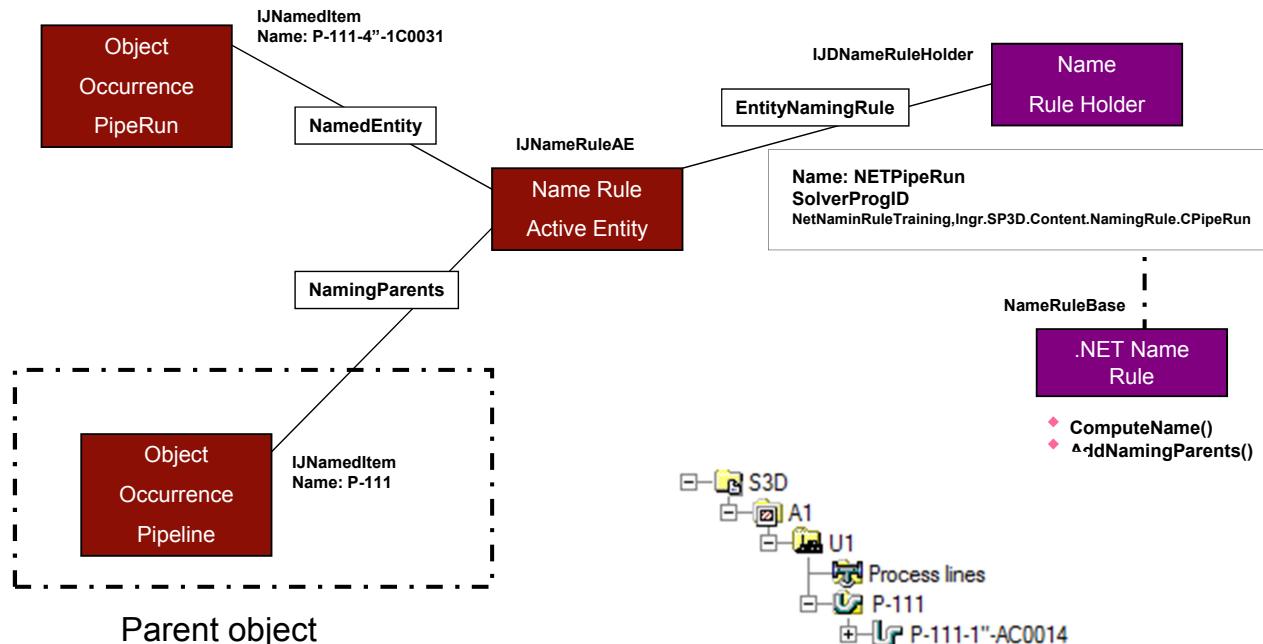
Public Overrides Function ToString() As String

Returns PropertyValue as string. For PropertyValueString, returns the string value as it is. For PropertyValueCodelist, returns the ShortString value. For PropertyValueBoolean, returns "True" or "False" string. For PropertyValueDateTime, returns string as per system's current locale. For PropertyValueDouble, returns the formatted value if the UOMType is not undefined. For PropertyValueInt, PropertyValueShort, and PropertyValueFloat, returns the value formatted as string as it is.

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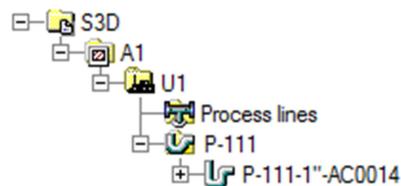
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Naming Rule Data Model



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NamingRules sheet



- Open the GenericNamingRules.xls
- Add a new record in the NamingRules sheet as shown below:

A	B	C	D
Head	TypeName	Name	SolverProgID
Start			
a	CPMPipeRun CPPipelineSystem	NET PipeRun NET Pipeline	NetNameRuleTraining.Ingr.SP3D.Content.NamingRule.CPipeRun NetNameRuleTraining.Ingr.SP3D.Content.NamingRule.CPipeline

- Save the file
- Use the Bulkload utility, load the workbook file into the catalog using the Add/Modify/Delete mode

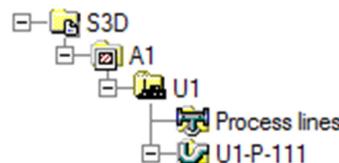
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Lab 3 - Modification - Pipeline Naming Rule

Pipeline Object:

Unit System Name + Fluid Code + Sequence Number



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Modification – GetNamingParents() Function

```
Public Overrides Function GetNamingParents(ByVal oEntity As BusinessObject) As Collection(Of BusinessObject)
    GetNamingParents = Nothing
    Dim oChild As BusinessObject
    Dim oParent As BusinessObject
    Dim oParentColl As New Collection(Of BusinessObject)
    oChild = oEntity
    Do
        oParent = GetParent(HierarchyTypes.System, oChild)
        oChild = oParent
    Loop Until TypeOf oChild Is UnitSystem Or Not TypeOf oParent Is ISystemChild
    If oChild Is Nothing Then
        GetNamingParents = Nothing
    Else
        oParentColl.Add(oChild)
        GetNamingParents = oParentColl
    End If
End Function
End Class
```

Define local variables

Get Parent System

Loop until Parent is a Unit System or Plant

Modification of ComputeName() Sub



```

Dim strUnitName As String ← Define local variable

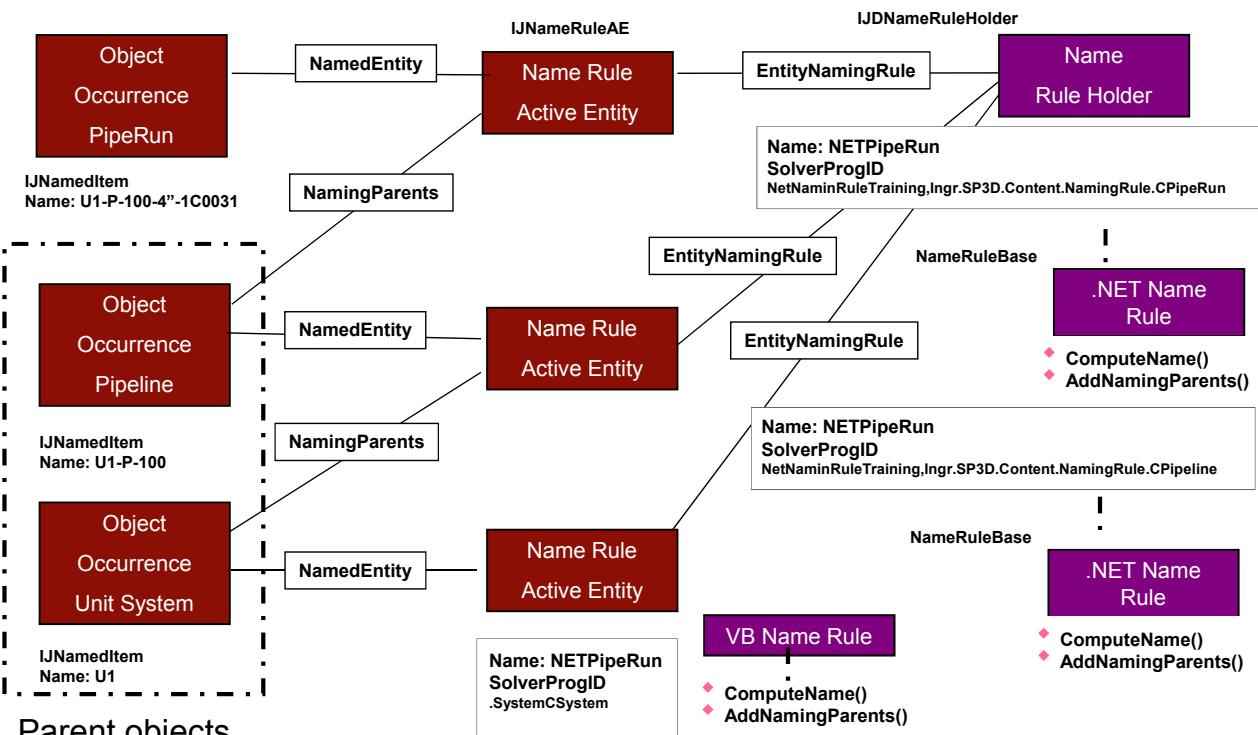
If TypeOf oParents.Item(0) Is UnitSystem Then
    oStrPropValue = oParents.Item(0).GetProperty("IJNamedItem", "Name")
    strUnitName = oStrPropValue.PropValue
Else
    strUnitName = "----"
End If ← Use the Generic Property Access

Dim strPipelineName As String = strUnitName & "-" & strFluidCode & "-" & strSeqNumber
oEntity.SetPropertyValue(strPipelineName, "IJNamedItem", "Name")

```

Add Unit Name to the string

Naming Rule Data Model



Lab 4 – Member Part Naming Rule

Member Part Object:

Short Description of the Member Category Select List + Section Name + Location
+ IndexCounter

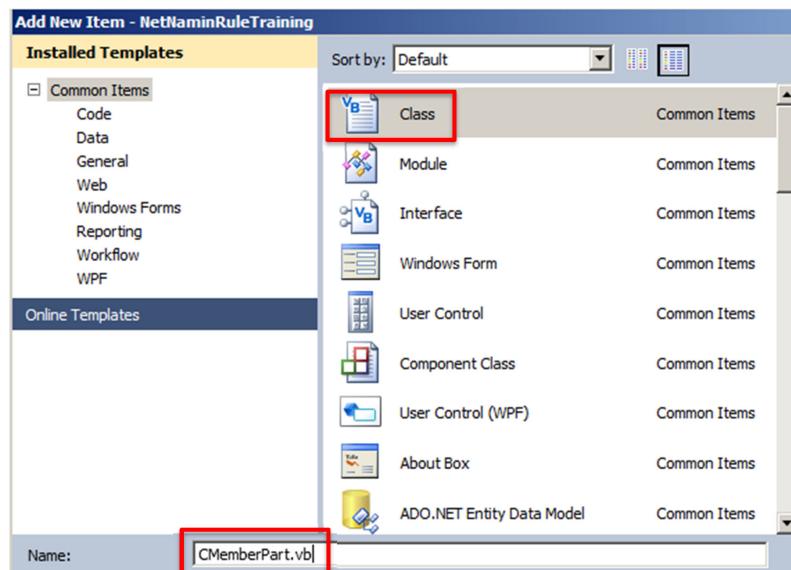


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Create a VB.net Class Library Project

- Choose **Project > Add Class**
- Pick **Class Library** template
- Specify **Name** of Class
- CMemberPart
- Hit **OK**.



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Attach Required References



The screenshot shows the Visual Studio interface. On the left, the Solution Explorer window displays a project named 'NetNameRuleTraining' with a 'References' node highlighted and a red box around it. A context menu is open over the 'References' node, with the 'Add Reference...' option highlighted and another red box around it. To the right, the 'Add Reference' dialog is open, showing a list of files under the 'Release' folder. A fourth red box highlights the 'SmartPlantStructureMiddle.dll' file in the list. A callout box labeled '4. Select required References' points to this file. Below the dialog, a text box contains the path 'C:\Program Files (x86)\SmartPlant\3D\Core\Container\Bin\Assemblies\Release\' followed by a list of assembly names: CommonMiddle.dll, SystemMiddle.dll, CommonRouteMiddle.dll, and SmartPlantStructureMiddle.dll. A note below states: 'which are required for writing a NameRules. You can choose other assemblies as needed for the functionality of the symbol.'

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References: Copy Local Setting



- Typically, Visual Studio adds references with “**Copy Local : True**” setting, i.e. it is copied locally for the project’s use.
- Change it as “**Copy Local : False**” in the Properties tab of the assembly reference.
- Otherwise, when you install updates of the S3D product(s), your projects may continue using old copies of the references copied at the time of adding the reference.

The screenshot shows the Visual Studio interface with the 'Solution Explorer' window displaying a project named 'NetNameRuleTraining' with its 'References' node selected. A red box highlights the 'SmartPlantStructureMiddle' reference. In the 'Properties' window, a table shows the settings for this reference:

(Name)	SmartPlantStructureMiddle
Copy Local	False
Culture	

A red box highlights the 'Copy Local' row in the properties table.

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Import Required Namespaces



- Add the required “Imports” statements at the top of the file to enable you use the types in that namespace without using the full name of the class when needed.

```
CMemberPart.vb* X CPipeRun.vb CPipeline.vb
(General)
Option Explicit On
Imports Ingr.SP3D.Common.Middle
Imports System.Collections.ObjectModel
Imports Ingr.SP3D.Structure.Middle

Public Class CMemberPart
End Class
```

- This lets you just use
Dim oBO As BusinessObject
instead of :
Dim oBO As Ingr.SP3D.Common.Middle. BusinessObject

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Base NameRuleBase Class



- To be a symbol you must **inherit** from the class **NameRuleBase**



```
CMemberPart
Option Explicit On
Imports Ingr.SP3D.Common.Middle
Imports System.Collections.ObjectModel
Imports Ingr.SP3D.Structure.Middle

Public Class CMemberPart
    Inherits NameRuleBase
End Class
```

- We then provide the **override implementation** for the properties/methods



ComputeName() and
GetNamingParents()
methods.

```
Public Class CMemberPart
    Inherits NameRuleBase

    Public Overrides Sub ComputeName(ByVal oEntity As BusinessObject, _
        ByVal oParents As ReadOnlyCollection(Of BusinessObject), _
        ByVal oActiveEntity As BusinessObject)

    End Sub

    Public Overrides Function GetNamingParents(ByVal oEntity As BusinessObject) As Collection(Of BusinessObject)

    End Function
End Class
```

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Definition of GetNamingParents() Function



- This method is used to return the related parent object or objects that are used in forming a name

```
Public Overrides Function GetNamingParents(ByVal oEntity As  
BusinessObject) As Collection(Of BusinessObject)
```

```
End Function
```

- All the Naming Parents that need to participate in an objects naming are added here to the Collection

Definition of GetNamingParents() Function



```
Public Overrides Function GetNamingParents(ByVal oEntity As Ingr.SP3D.Common.Middle.BusinessObject) _  
As System.Collections.ObjectModel.Collection(Of Ingr.SP3D.Common.Middle.BusinessObject)  
  
GetNamingParents = Nothing ← Return an Empty Collection  
  
End Function
```

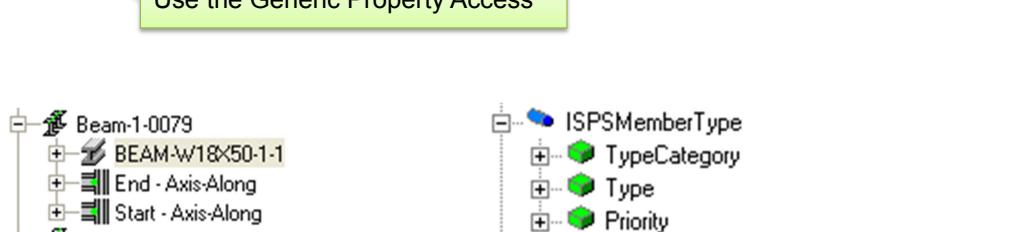
Definition of ComputeName() Sub



```
Public Overrides Sub ComputeName(ByVal oEntity As BusinessObject, _
    ByVal oParents As ReadOnlyCollection(Of BusinessObject), _
    ByVal oActiveEntity As BusinessObject)

    Dim strMemType As String
    Dim oCLPropValue As PropertyValueCodelist

    oCLPropValue = oEntity.GetProperty("ISPSMemberType", "TypeCategory")
    strMemType = UCase(oCLPropValue.PropertyInfo.CodeListInfo.GetCodeListItem(oCLPropValue.PropValue).Name)
```



Definition of ComputeName() Sub

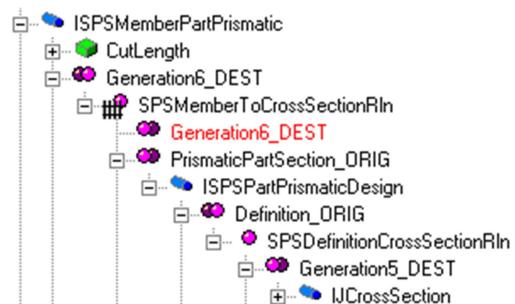


```
Dim strSectionName As String
Dim oBO As BusinessObject
Dim oRelationCollection As RelationCollection
Dim oStrPropValue As PropertyValueString

oRelationCollection = oEntity.GetRelationship("SPSMemberToCrossSectionRln", "Generation6_DEST")
oBO = oRelationCollection.TargetObjects.Item(0)

oRelationCollection = oBO.GetRelationship("SPSDefinitionCrossSectionRln", "Definition_ORIG")
oBO = oRelationCollection.TargetObjects.Item(0)
```

Use the Generic Property Access



Definition of ComputeName() Sub



```
Dim strBaseName As String  
strBaseName = strMemType + "-" + strSectionName
```

Set BaseName

```
Dim lCount As Long  
Dim strLocation As String = vbNullString  
GetCountAndLocationID(strBaseName, lCount, strLocation)
```

Get Location and a Counter

```
oEntity.SetPropertyValue(strBaseName + "-" + strLocation + "-" + Format(lCount, "0000"), "IJNamedItem", "Name")
```

Use the Generic Property Access

▲ 1 of 2 ▼ GetCountAndLocationID(**sBaseName As String**, ByRef lCount As Long, ByRef sLocationID As String)

Gets count and location ID from the NameGeneratorService.

sBaseName: *BaseNameString for which next counter is requested.*

Naming Counter Service



Naming counter service - generates a unique counter given a basis string

GetCountAndLocationID(**sBaseName As String**, ByRef lCount As Long, ByRef sLocationID As String)

Gets count and location ID from the NameGeneratorService.

sBaseName: *BaseNameString for which next counter is requested.*

```
Dim strBaseName As String  
strBaseName = strMemType + "-" + strSectionName
```

```
Dim lCount As Long  
Dim strLocation As String = vbNullString  
GetCountAndLocationID(strBaseName, lCount, strLocation)
```

GetCountAndLocationID(**sBaseName As String**, iRange As Integer, ByRef lCount As Long, ByRef sLocationID As String)

Gets count and location ID using the range specified from NameGeneratorService.

sBaseName: *BaseNameString for which next counter is requested.*

```
Dim strBaseName As String  
strBaseName = strMemType + "-" + strSectionName
```

```
Dim lCount As Long  
Dim strLocation As String = vbNullString  
GetCountAndLocationID(strBaseName, 5, lCount, strLocation)
```

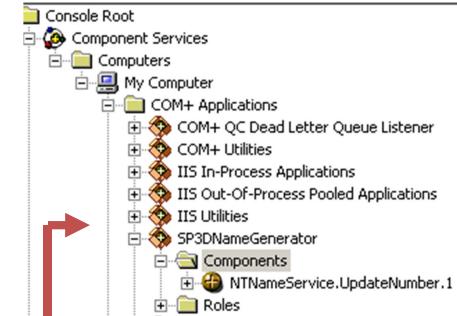
Naming Counter Service Architecture



S3D (S3DHost.exe)

Property	Value
Name	U1-S-111
Name Rule	NETPipeline
Type	Pipeline System
Parent System	U1
Description	
Sequence Number	111
Fluid Requirement	Steam
Fluid Type	S, Steam
Correlation Status	Not correlated

SP3DNameGenerator
COM+ Application on the
Administrator machine



GetCountAndLocation()

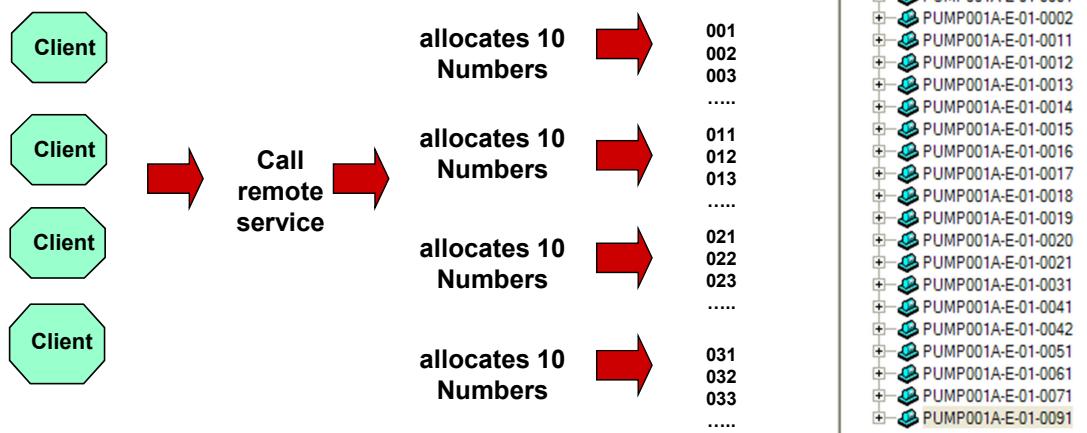
NameGeneratorService

UpdateNumber

Naming Counter Service



Default Range is 10



NamingRules sheet



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Start			
a	CSPSMemberPartPrismatic	NET MemberPart	NetNameRuleTraining.Ingr.SP3D.Content.NamingRule.CMemberPart
	CPMPipeRun	NET PipeRun	NetNameRuleTraining.Ingr.SP3D.Content.NamingRule.CPipeRun
	CPPipeline System	NET Pipeline	NetNameRuleTraining.Ingr.SP3D.Content.NamingRule.CPipeline

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