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Code Generation Notes

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Code Generation Notes

B2MML and BatchML are used in a wide variety of code generation tools. Experience shows that *namespace and include/imports* are treated differently by different tools. The current model used in B2MML & BatchML was developed to accommodate as many of the more common tools as possible. It appears that no one *namespace and include/imports* model will work well with all tools. MESA recognizes that some changes may be needed to the schemas for them to work in certain environments.

This document has been created to allow users to document changes to the schemas required for specific environments. This document will be updated as input is received for each release.

The following notes on code generation using B2MML V0600 and BatchML V0600 are from members of the MESA XML committee members.

WEBMETHODS

In our environment, we use WebMethods and many developers use OxygenXML or XMLSpy.

One challenge discovered is when developers attempt to extend files individually, the broader impact/use across the entire model is not well understood. To this end, in other functional areas, a logical data model (UML equivalent) is used to implement business concepts and definitions that maintain the relationship between XMLSchemas and the model.

MS VISUAL STUDIO

A validity check with MS Visual Studio .net has been performed. Valid XSD's are a prerequisite for code-generation.

Comments solicited from users indicate satisfaction with the C#-code generation from the B2MML-xsd's using MS Visual Studio .net. Feedback indicates that the "actioncode", in the data area of the message erroneously is being translated by MS Visual Studio in an array type. Visual Studio users also have to manually change "actioncode" in the C#-code every time that the classes are generated, which is once per B2MML release. The problem occurred in the ProcessProductionSchedule scheme and any other scheme that contained the actioncode.

XSD.EXE

Verified class generation in .NET using xsd.exe based on this blog:

<http://www.west-wind.com/WebLog/posts/10402.aspx>

re: XSD.EXE and included schemas?

by Lukash September 11, 2008 @ 2:51 am

I had the same kind of issue so I implemented a custom tool linked to XSD that just loops inside the XSD file and retrieve all the sub xsd file imported inot the imported or included sub xsd files... and then call xsd with the list of sub xsd files :

```
xsd.exe sub1.xsd sub2.xsd sub3.xsd main.xsd...
```

One of the main benefits of V0400 was the incorporation of the BatchML schemas. However, the list of schema dependencies also increased. Depending on future developments, the maximum file name length limitation could become an issue.

One annoying thing about xsd is that it doesn't allow the user to specify the output file name, just the directory. Since all of the imported and included schemas have to be passed as command line parameters, the generated file name is a concatenation of the entire schema file name delimited with an underscore.

File Name Too Long with xsd.exe

The filename becomes too long when using the xsd.exe tool.

There appears to be a work-around for this though (see Stackoverflow - <http://stackoverflow.com/questions/906093/xsd-exe-output-filename>).

To apply this method use the following procedure:

- 1) Use the AllSchema.xsd file included with the B2MML release.
- 2) Run the following command (pay attention to the path character in the last filename):

```
xsd AllSchema.xsd /c
```

The resulting file generated is named AllSchema.cs

The AllSchema.xsd file includes all of the B2MML schemas definitions.

The only purpose of the "AllSchemas.xsd" file is to get a friendly filename.

CODEXS

CodeXS is currently unable to generate the schemas, but as long as there is at least one tool that works with .NET, this is no longer a critical issue.

XMLBEANS, JAXP, XERCES

One user has done testing using several Java tools, and was able to use the schemas with XMLBeans 2.3.0. However, the user had various issues using JAXP 1.3.x inside JDK 1.5, JAXP 1.4.x inside JDK 1.6, and Xerces j 2.9.1

BIZTALK 2006

To make a valid BizTalk project remove the "include of

B2MML-V0600-CoreComponents.xsd

from

B2MML-V0600-CommonExtensions.xsd

This does not work in BizTalk because B2MML-V0600-CoreComponents.xsd is being included in different contexts (targetNamespace).

It's included in B2MML-V0600-CommonExtensions.xsd where it becomes part of <http://www.mesa.org/xml/B2MML-V0600-AllExtensions>. Then subsequently in B2MML-V0600-Common.xsd, and others, as part of <http://www.mesa.org/xml/B2MML-V0600>.

This is because it has no targetNamespace of its own so once it inherits *-AllExtension first, the subsequent schemas complain because the namespace is now different.

The B2MML-V0600-CommonExtensions.xsd file is designed to be user editable (it is where you put extensions to the common types). So this is one of the 2 files that users are encouraged to change as necessary.

This change does prevent the use of the core component types in extensions to the common types (Value, Result, Parameter, ...). However, this may have a minor impact because most user extensions are in the complex types defined in the B2MML-V0600-Extensions.xsd file (ProductionSchedule, MaterialLot, MaterialActual, ...).



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