

ReDSeeDS User Guide

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1 Introduction

The main characteristic of ReDSeeDS is the construction of software, driven by requirements models. This changes proportions in which the analysts and programmers participate in software development – reducing the need for direct programming in e.g. Java. ReDSeeDS uses familiar notation of use cases, scenarios and domain models (vocabulary). Assuming correct structure of the requirements model it becomes possible to generate automatically a significant amount of application code. This results in reducing the role of programmers to updating the code generated by ReDSeeDS.

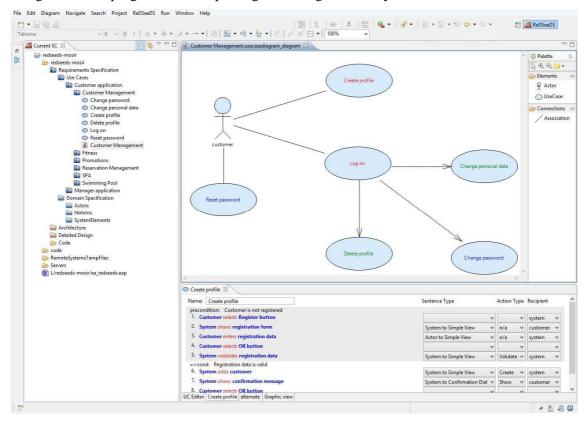


Figure 1: Main ReDSeeDS screen

Requirements are specified within ReDSeeDS in a comprehensible yet formally precise language called RSL (Requirements Specification Language). ReDSeeDS contains a sophisticated editor of RSL. The fundamental structure of the language can be summarized by the following informal formula:

RSL = actors + use cases +scenarios + notion vocabulary

RSL is the first language that coherently embeds vocabulary and domain (notion) modeling into use case modeling. This way it assures much better coherence and comprehensibility of specifications. RSL allows for defining relations between domain elements and their visualization in diagrams. It also determines ways to denote various phrases and notions to be able to generate good quality architectures of the target applications. The basis for this are simple Subject-Verb-Object sentences that define the application logic. RSL has several common points with UML but it defines its own specific constructs and concentrates on requirements modelling.

RSL is defined using a so-called metamodel. Metamodels are models that describe other models at an abstract level. In practice, such models are represented as a set of related metaclasses with textual de-

scriptions. Appropriate definition of relations between metaclasses allows for defining the grammar of a given modelling language.

Models and metamodels form a 4-level framework:

- M0 model instances (concrete objects of model elements like classes or use cases),
- M1 models (e.g. UML class models or use case models),
- M2 metamodels (metaclasses that represent language elements, e.g. classes and use cases),
- M3 metametamodels (metaclasses that represent elements of the language at level M2).

An example of a metamodel at level M2 (left), a model at level M1 (right) and concrete syntax at level M0 (bottom) are presented in Figure 2.

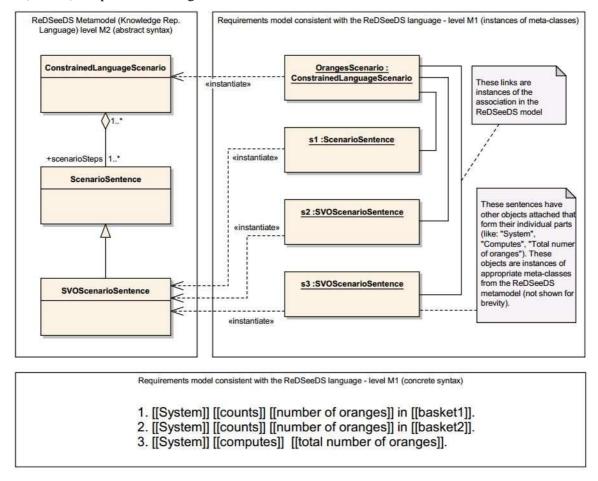


Figure 2: RSL metamodel fragment

An important feature of the ReDSeeDS system is that is can generate Java code from RSL models. This code complies with the Model-View-Presenter architectural pattern. Based on the requirements models, ReDSeeDS creates the majority of the application logic (Presenter) and the user interface (View), compliant with the Echo3 web technology. It also generates DAOs (Data Access Objects) and DTOs (Data Transfer Objects). Figure 3 presents the general schema of this transformation with an example RSL specification transformed into code. Many details are presented further in this guide.

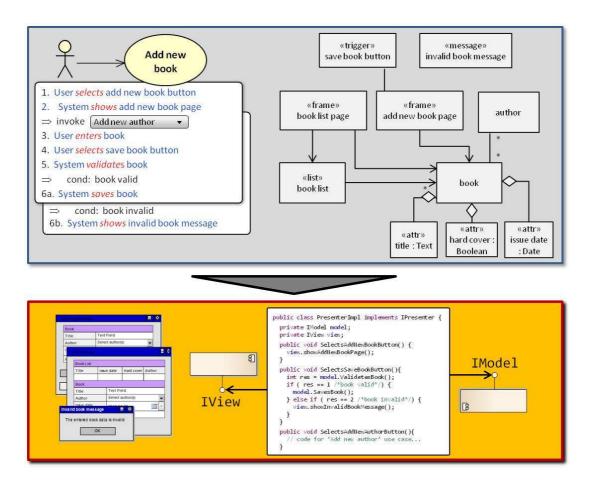


Figure 3: Example translation into code

To generate code, ReDSeeDS uses standard code generators of UML tools: Enterprise Architect [x] or Modelio [y]. After performing a transformation from RSL to UML, the UML models are transferred to one of the UML tools and then their code generator executed. The transformation is written in a special model transformation language MOLA [z], according to the rules that are discussed further in this guide. This process is presented in Figure 4.

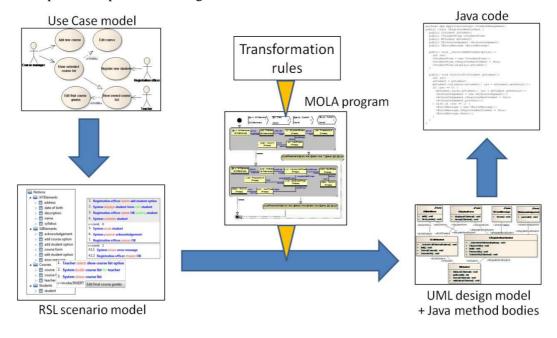


Figure 4: Schema of the transaltion process

2 Working with ReDSeeDS

This chapter presents important aspects of working with the software requirements using the ReDSeeDS tool. We will present such issues as: creating a new project, conventions for writing use case scenarios, adding and managing notions, validation of models and generation of code. All these elements are illustrated with an example specification for a Public Sport and Recreation Centre system (PSRC).

2.1 Running the tool and managing projects

We can run the ReDSeeDS tool by selecting the batch file "redseeds.bat". This file first runs the so-called JWGNL terminology server and then – the actual application ("redseeds.exe"). The terminology server can be minimized but it has to be running at all times. The server is responsible for terminology management that is used within requirements specifications. This is used for the requirements reuse features of ReDSeeDS, not covered by this guide.

After running the application, we need to select a new workspace. It is a folder to which ReDSeeDS will save the specifications we create. In order to copy our work to another computer we need to copy this whole workspace folder. For easier handling, it is recommended to use a compression (ZIP) facility to place the folder in a single compressed file. Apart from the workspace, we also need to move the terminology file "wordnetgraph.tg" from the JWGNL folder. This file contains all the new terms that we have added in our requirements.

To create a new project we need to select **File** \rightarrow **New Project**, then select **New Software Case Project** and enter the project name. This creates a new project where we can create requirements packages using **Requirement Specification** \rightarrow **New** \rightarrow **Requirements Package** in the tree browser context menu. To structure our model we can create many requirements packages. In our example project we divide the functional requirements specification into logical sub-packages. At the first level – by the user (client, manager) and at the second level – by the functionality area (fitness club, swimming pool, promotions, reservation management etc.). Such a division introduces order which facilitates further work with the project. The effect of this can be seen in Figure 5.



Figure 5: Division of requirements into packages

2.2 Creating use cases

After creating packages, we can add requirements – use cases. To add a use case, we can first create a use case diagram using $New \rightarrow Use$ Case Diagram in the tree browser context menu. This creates a new blank page where we can arrange use cases and associated actors. To add one of these elements we can drag them from the Palette tool bar or use a context menu option (Add \rightarrow Use Case or Add \rightarrow Actor). Adding a new use case in a diagram places it also in the current package in the tree browser. Adding an actor automatically places it in the Domain Specification \rightarrow Actors package.

After placing actors and use cases on a diagram we can relate them through dragging relationship lines. This is possible only for actor – use case relationships. To relate two use cases we need to modify one of the use case's scenarios. We should add an «invoke» sentence and choose the invoked use case from a drop-down list (more about this later in this chapter). This will automatically create a directed relationship between that use case and the invoked one. The relationship is depicted by a dashed arrow. It should be emphasized that RSL does not contain the standard «extend» and «include» relationships known from UML. Instead, it introduces the new «invoke» relationship which is much more semantically precise.

Figures 6 and 7 present two example use case diagrams for the PSRC system. More diagrams and the full model can be downloaded from **www.redseeds.eu** (tutorials section).

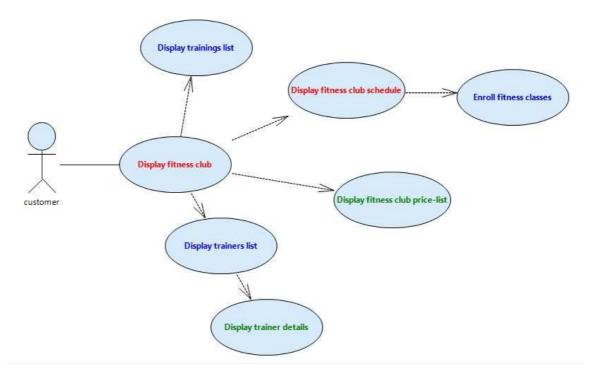


Figure 6: Using the fitness club by the client

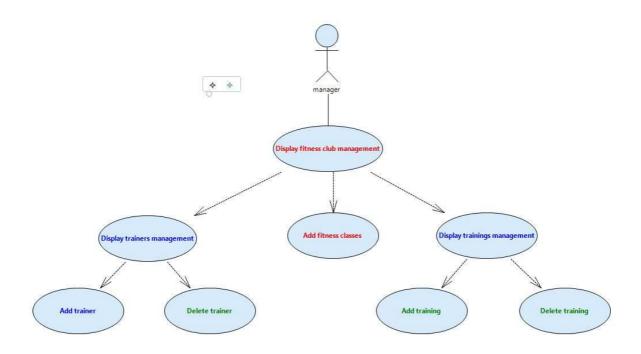


Figure 7: Managing the fitness club

2.3 Creating scenarios and vocabulary notions

After defining use cases we can proceed to writing their scenarios. For this purpose we need to select (double-click) a use case and go to the scenario tab in the use case details window. In order to start writing a scenario we first need to click at the **Create SVO Sentence** button, which will add the first sentence. After this we can write consecutive sentences which will have numbers assigned, after pressing Enter or clicking the create sentence icons. Above the first sentence, we can find the **Precondition** section where we can introduce the conditions under which the use case can be started. The preconditions have no specific syntax and can be entered as free text.

The main scenario sentences have to follow a specific syntax with additional conventions. The basic syntax is Subject – Verb – Object (<u>noun</u> <u>verb</u> <u>noun</u>), for example: "<u>System</u> <u>saves</u> <u>book</u>". Normally, articles ("a", "the") are not used. It is also possible to add a second (indirect) object with a preposition but this is not recommended due to that it is not supported by code generation facilities. A general rule is to build the simplest and shortest possible sentences. This prevents from generating redundant application logic code. It has to be also noted that the words used in sentences are reflected in code, so it is not advised to use non-latin (country-specific) characters.

For every use case, many alternative scenarios can be created. To do this, we need to select the **Fork scenario** button when writing any of the scenarios. This will effect in adding a condition sentence in the current scenario and another condition in a newly created alternative scenario. The new scenario will be available in an additional tab. I should be noted that the newly created scenario shows all the sentences from the main scenario that are prior to the fork. For instance, if the main scenario has 4 sentences, after which a fork was made (adding a condition sentence), also the alternative scenario will show the same 4 sentences but with a different condition sentence that follows them. After the alternative condition, we can enter the alternative scenario sentences. They will be numbered according to the number of the last sentence before the fork (e.g. 4.1.1, 4.1.2). After the alternative scenario is finished, it can return to the main scenario. This can be done by selecting **Create rejoin sentence**. After creating such a sentence, we need to select a specific sentence in another scenario to which the rejoining is to be made.

When the scenario finishes use case execution we should specify the final status for that scenario. There are two possible options to choose: **Create final/success sentence** (for positive endings) and **Create final/failure sentence** (for negative – e.g. erroneous – endings). This creates the final status

statement of either **success** or **failure** and a **Postcondition** section. In the postcondition we can specify the desired state of the system at the end of the specific scenario. It can be noticed that a use case can have only one precondition (at the beginning) and several postconditions (for each alternative scenario). Entering these conditions is not necessary for code generation but it is worth doing for two reasons. Fists, it makes the requirements specification more clear and facilitates understanding. Second, it can clarify the generated code because the conditions are transformed into comments at relevant places within the generated code.

After writing scenario sentences, we need to mark their parts. It is recommended to first write the scenario text if full and only then mark sentence parts. This helps in detecting possible logical errors in scenario flow and does not distract from determining meritorious correctness of the scenarios. To mark a sentence part, we need to select the given word or phrase and choose the appropriate part of speech from the context menu. After this, the sentence part is denoted with colour – nouns in blue and verbs in red. An example for sentence part marking is shown in Figure 8.

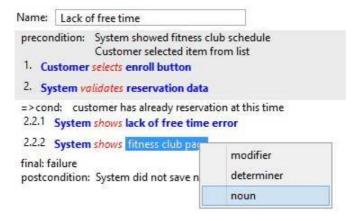


Figure 8: Marking sentence parts

After the sentences are marked, we need to add notions and their so-called senses. This process has to be performed to build the domain specification. Adding senses is needed mostly for requirements reuse and we will not discuss it in this guide. To add a notion from a scenario sentence, we need to double-click the appropriate sentence part. This will open the **Domain Statement Editor** window. In this window, the appropriate sentence part is shown. If we click it, we will be able to define its sense. This is shown in Figure 10. We can select one of the available senses from a list. For common words, their senses are taken from the WordNet database. If none of the senses is suitable, or no sense is available, we can add our own sense by selecting **Add sense** which opens a separate window. This is shown in Figure 9.

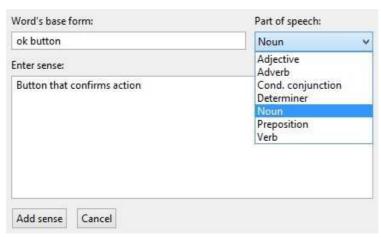


Figure 9: Adding a nes sense for a word/phrase

In the domain editor, the phrases that are not yet turned into domain notions, are highlighted in red. If we don't want to play with adding senses by hand, we can use an automatic option. This is available through pressing the **Add all** button. This automatically adds all the senses (generates new ones or selects the first ones from the lists) and inserts notions and verb phrases to the domain model. We can then find them under **Domain Specification** → **Notions** in the project tree browser. Figure 10 illustrates a typical domain editor window during the process of adding a new notion to the domain model.

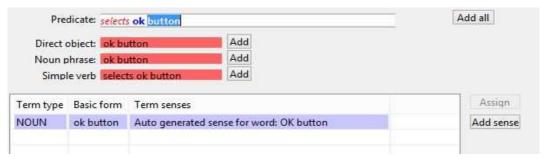


Figure 10: Assigning a sense to a notion

According to the Subject – Verb – Object syntax, the first part of each sentence is automatically detected as an actor or a system element. Thus, when we select the first part of a sentence, instead of the domain statement editor we will see another window. This window offers just a single selection between an actor and a system element. As for the domain elements, the actor or the system element can have their sense assigned automatically by the system. This is illustrated in Figure 11.

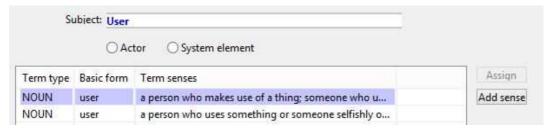


Figure 11: Selecting actors and system elements

As a summary of the above guidelines we can study Figures 12 and 13 which show two well-formed scenarios, ready for potential code generation.



Figure 12: Example main use case scenario



Figure 13: Example alternative scenario

2.4 Notion management

After the notions were created from use case scenarios, they need to be organized. We need to specify which notions denote elements of the user interface (widows, messages, forms, etc.), which denote elements of the business domain, and which are their attributes. To make the distinction clear, we should preferably place each of the notion types in separate packages. This can be done by selecting $New \rightarrow Notions Package$ in the project browser context menu.

The package containing user interface elements can be named with a name starting with "!UI" (e.g. "!UIElements"). Elements in this package will be various windows and buttons for which specific UI classes will be generated in code. It is recommended to place all the buttons in a sub-package of !UIElements, called "!Buttons".

All the business domain elements can be placed under the package called simply "Notions". A separate package is recommended for notion attributes, called "!Attributes". It is a characteristic feature of RSL, that the attributes are kept as separate entities in the model. A single attribute (e.g. "name") can be assigned to different domain notions (e.g. the "name" of a "person" and the "name" of a "club facility").

To add an attribute to a domain notion, we need to make two operations. First, we need to mark an element as an attribute (and preferably place it under "!Attributes"). This is done by selecting "Attribute" as the element type in the domain element editor. In addition to this, we need to add a special marker <at> in the Description field. This is needed for older versions of the ReDSeeDS code generator and will not be needed in the future. The effect of this marking is illustrated in Figure 14.



Figure 14: Attribute marking

The second operation is to drag the attribute and add it to another domain element. This should be done in the project browser field. We need to drop an attribute at the domain element. Then, we need to select **Add as attribute**, and the dropped attribute will be shown on the attribute list of the domain elements. An example of this is shown in Figure 15.

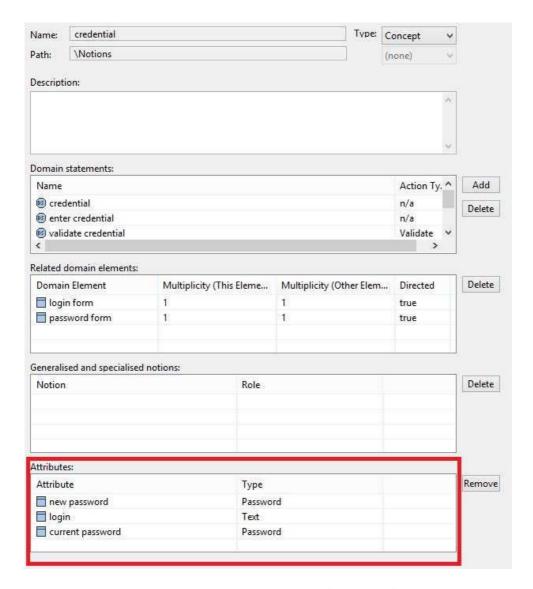


Figure 15: Attrributes assigned to the "credential" notion

RSL provides the capability to add our own markers to domain elements. For the current code generator, several markers are predefined. The marker should be selected from the drop-down list and/or (depending on the generator version) entered in the Description field. The following table summarizes the predefined markers.

Notion type	Marking	Remarks
Domain notion	None	Domain notions can be related with other domain notions, attributes, lists and screens.
List	<	A List has to be related to just single Domain notion – the list element type. Multiplicity at the list element side has to be set to "*". A list can be related to a screen.
Attribute	<at></at>	An Attribute has to have a primitive type assigned (String, Integer, Boolean, Date, etc.). An Attribute can be related with any number of Domain notions.
Screen (Frame)	<fr></fr>	A Screen can be related with any number of Domain notions or Lists.

Button (Trigger)		Buttons can be (optionally) related to Screens.
Message	<ms> Contents </ms>	

Figure 16 presents an example of mapping between the above notion types and elements of the user interface.

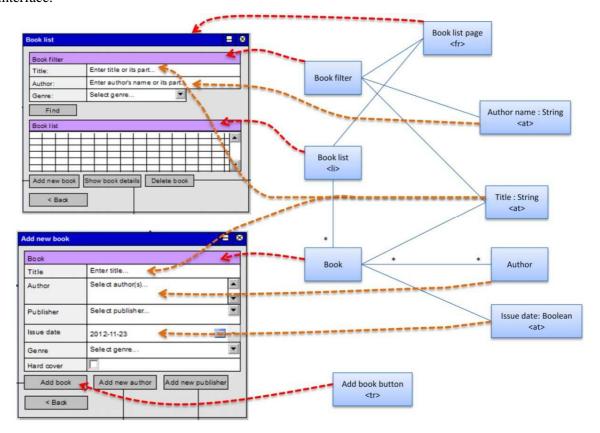


Figure 16: Example mappings between notions and UI elements

While tidying up the notions in the Notions package, the user can create a notions diagram. This diagram can help in presenting clearly the relationships existing in the domain vocabulary. For this purpose, we need to select the option $New \rightarrow Notions Diagram$. Then, we can drag all the necessary notions from the project browser tree. We can also create new notions by selecting them from the toolbar. We need to remember not to place too many notions on one diagram because it reduces its comprehensibility. An example notions diagram, presenting notions related to the "Create profile" use case is presented in Figure 17.

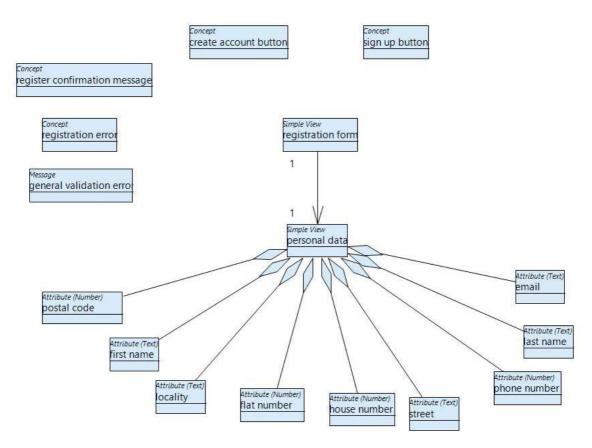


Figure 17: Diagram pojęć dla przypadku użycia "Create profile"

2.5 Validation and code generation

Before we start generating Java code, it is a good idea to validate the requirements specification. For this purpose we should open the context menu for the **Requirements Specification** package and choose the **Validate** option. This will invoke a validation procedure which will detect errors and issue warnings. When there are no errors, we can try generating code. To do this, we again need to select the context menu for the **Requirements Specification** package and then choose the **Generate Implementation** option. This starts the transformation process. The transformation exports the generated models and code to either Enterprise Architect or Modelio. Selection of the tool and some parameters of the target code (like folders) can be set in the configuration window (**Window** \rightarrow **Preferences** \rightarrow **ReDSeeDS/Generation**).

The transformation process can take some minutes and it finishes with an appropriate message. This creates new elements in the project browser tree, under Architecture or Detailed Design. In case for generation using Enterprise Architect, also the Code folder will be created and an appropriate EAP file will appear, which is illustrated in Figure 18. For generation to Modelio, the generation will update the workspace according to the parameters (folders) set in the configuration window.



Figure 18: Structure of the generated implementation

3 Working with the generated code

This chapter presents a detailed description of how to implement a system, based on our PSRC system example. We will use the code generated by ReDSeeDS and update it to obtain a fully working system. We will present which code was automatically generated and which needs modification.

3.1 Overview of the generated code

The generated code is placed in the "App" folder in the target workspace. It contains classes and interfaces grouped into appropriate packages. The structure of this Java code follows the Model-View-Presenter (MVP) pattern. MVP is a popular architectural pattern used to separate the application logic from presentation and domain logic. This way, the UI code is clearly distinguished from the data processing code and the code that controls the application. This results in better clarity of code and easier maintenance. MVP application can be also subject to relatively easy shifts in the applied technology.

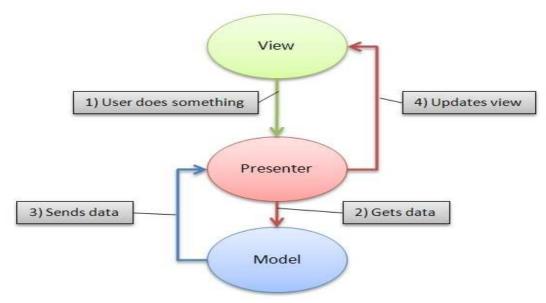


Figure 19: Graphical presentation of the MVP parttern

Each of the three MVP layers is responsible for specific tasks, illustrated in Figure 19. The View layer is responsible for displaying data that is passed by the Presenter layer from the Model layer. The View also handles passing data from the user, down to the Presenter. This is normally done using event handlers. The main role of the Presenter is to control the sequence of updates made to the Model and to the View. The Presenter can request data from the Model and then pass it to the View, and vice-versa. It is thus an intermediary between these two layers. What is important, the View and the Model do not communicate directly and have no knowledge of themselves. The Model layer is responsible for executing the domain logic. It processes data and persists it (usually using a database).

The "App" folder has to be placed within the workspace of a programming IDE. For instance, in Eclipse, we need to create a new project and import code into it. If the transformation in ReDSeeDS is configured correctly, code can be placed under the appropriate project automatically. Figure 20 presents the code structure for the PSRC system, imported into Eclipse.

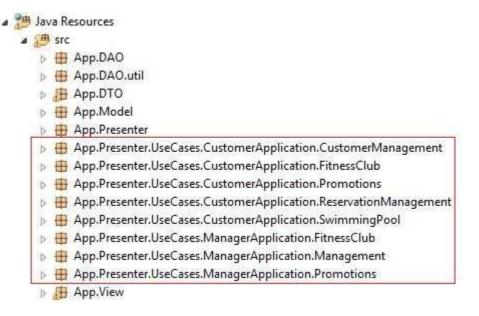


Figure 20: Example of the generated package structure

Appropriately named packages realize the above described layers of the MVP pattern. It can be also noted that besides the three layers, the transformation generates Data Transfer Objects (DTO) and Data Access Objects (DAO) which will be explained in the next sections.

3.2 Data Transfer and Data Access Objects

We will start by explaining the supportive packages of "App.DTO", "App.DAO" and "App.DAO.util". As it was already mentioned, data flows between the three layers. To handle this data, we can group it into special classes that are called Data Transfer Objects. ReDSeeDS generated DTOs from the domain notions (not UI elements). All the DTO classes have the "X" prefix added and placed in the "App.DTO" package. Figure 21 presents some example contents for our example system.

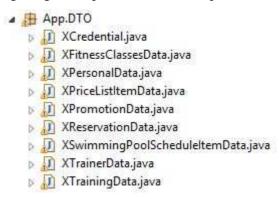


Figure 21: Example contents of "App.DTO"

When the domain notions have appropriately assigned attributes, the DTO classes will have these attributes generated, together with a default constructor and "get" and "set" operations.

```
public class XTrainerData {
    private String description;
    private String email;
    private String specialization;
    private String trainerFullName;
    private int xTrainerDataID;
    private int yearsOfExperience;
```

```
public XTrainerData(){

}
...
public String getDescription(){
    return description;

}
...
public void setDescription(String description){
    this.description = description;

}
}
```

The above code fragment shows part of the DTO structure generated for the Trainer Data notion. The first part contains declarations of all the attributes and the standard constructor. This is followed by the getters and setters, here presented only for the "description" attribute. Similar methods are generated for other attributes. This illustrates the advantage of assigning all the attributes in the requirements model. In such situation, the code is ready to be used and needs no manual changes.

Further helpful elements generated by ReDSeeDS are the Data Access Objects. They provide an interface for communication with the data source, which in this case is the H2 database. They separate the domain logic from the data access part. All the DAOs are generated from the same domain notions as the DTOs. Their name has the "DAO" suffix added and they are placed in the "App.DAO" package. Example contents of this package is presented in Figure 22.



Figure 22: Example contents of "App.DAO"

All the classes shown in Figure 22 implement the **IObjectDAO** interface. This interface contains declarations of key operations for managing the data in the database. These operations allow for writing, reading, modifying and deleting database elements. For this code to work correctly, some manual changes are needed. This is illustrated in the following code fragment which presents the method that writes a new Promotion object to the database.

```
public int savePromotion(XPromotionData p) {
    int res = 0;
    Statement stm = null;
    try {
        stm = this.connection.createStatement();
        int id = getRowCount("PROMOTION");

        String sql = "INSERT INTO PUBLIC.PROMOTION "
             +"(ID, NAME, DESCRIPTION, DISCOUNT, EXPIRATION_DATE, TYPE)"
             +" VALUES ("+ id +", '"+ p.getPromotionName() +"', '"
             + p.getDescription() +"', "+ p.getDiscount() +" , '"
             + p.getExpirationDate() +"', '"+ p.getType() +"');";
```

```
res = stm.executeUpdate(sql);
} catch (SQLException e) {
    e.printStackTrace();
} finally {
    if (stm != null) {
        try {
            stm.close();
        } catch (SQLException e) {
            e.printStackTrace();
        }
    }
} return res;
}
```

The DAO code has to be aligned with the database structure which is currently not generated by ReDSeeDS. For the above code, the structure is illustrated in Figure 23. The database has to be designed and implemented in an external tool.

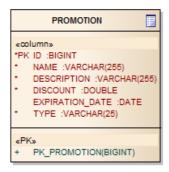


Figure 23: Example database table

DAO classes are supported by the code generated in the "App.DAO.utils" package. An important class which is part of this package is **ConnectionFactory**, and its fragment is shown below.

```
public class ConnectionFactory {
       private String dbDriver = "org.h2.Driver";
       private static ConnectionFactory factory = null;
       private String password = "";
       private Properties prop = new Properties();
       private
                  String
                             url
                                           "jdbc:h2:file:C:\\Studia\\Sem
                                                                             7\\Praca
dyplomowa\\Baza\\mosir.db";
       private String user = "sa";
(…)
       public ConnectionFactory(){
                  Class.forName(dbDriver);
                  prop.setProperty("user", user);
                  prop.put("password", password);
              } catch (ClassNotFoundException e) {
                  e.printStackTrace();
       }
(\ldots)
       public Connection getConnection(){
              Connection conn = null;
              try {
                  conn = DriverManager.getConnection(url, prop);
              } catch (SQLException e) {
                  e.printStackTrace();
```

```
return conn;
}
}
```

The important parameter is "dbDriver", which points to the name of the database controlled for the H2 database. The "url" parameter refers to the path where the database file resides. By default, this address is seen as the user's home catalogue with its name beginning with "test". The *getConnection()* method is responsible for establishing connection with the indicated URL.

3.3 The View layer

The "App.View" package contains all the code responsible for interaction of the user with the application. The current ReDSeeDS transformation generates classes that conform to the Echo 3 web UI technology. All the View classes have the "V" prefix. They are created from the respectively typed notions from the domain model written in RSL. Typically, it involves the notions placed previously in the "UI" packages like !UIPages, !UIForms or !UIMessages. The generator creates various components of the user interface code like web pages, forms, message windows. Thus, the "App.View" package is vast. Its main interface is called IView. The main classes are EchoApp and EchoServlet. IView contains declarations of operations that are responsible for displaying respective UI elements. The EchoApp class implements the IView interface. Its implementation is generated in its entirety by ReDSeeDS and does not necessitate any manual changes. The following fragment presents the code for the method that displays the application's main page. The methods that display other UI elementa have similar structure.

```
public void showCustomerApplicationPage(){
    if (currentPage != null)
        pageStack.push(currentPage);
    VCustomerApplicationPage page = new VCustomerApplicationPage();
    page.init(presenter);
    show(page);
}
```

Pages are responsible mainly for presenting data to the users. They also enable navigation through various buttons and associated event handlers. For example the **VHomePage** class represents the application's start page. From this point, the user can decide to navigate to one of the client or manager subpages by pressing a button. The following fragment presents an example of code for rendering buttons and defining the associated event handlers.

```
public class VHomePage extends ContentPane implements ActionListener {
       private MutableStyle buttonStyle;
       private Column column;
       private IPresenter presenter;
       private Button customerApplicationButton;
       private Button managerApplicationButton;
      public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e){
              if (e.getActionCommand().equals("customerApplicationButton")) {
                  presenter.SelectsCustomerApplicationButton();
              }
              if (e.getActionCommand().equals("managerApplicationButton")) {
                  presenter.SelectsManagerApplicationButton();
              }
       }
        private void addContent(){
              customerApplicationButton = new Button("Customer application");
```

```
customerApplicationButton.setStyle(buttonStyle);

customerApplicationButton.setActionCommand("customerApplicationButton");
    customerApplicationButton.addActionListener(this);
    column.add(customerApplicationButton);

managerApplicationButton = new Button("Manager application");
    managerApplicationButton.setStyle(buttonStyle);

managerApplicationButton.setActionCommand("managerApplicationButton");
    managerApplicationButton.addActionListener(this);
    column.add(managerApplicationButton);
}
```

The *addContent()* method generates two buttons to be placed on the respective web page. The role of the "customerApplicationButton" is to navigate to the client subpage, and the role of the "managerApplicationButton" – to the manager subpage. The *actionPerformed(ActionEvent e)* method defines the events after pressing one of the buttons. In both cases, the code invokes an appropriate Presenter layer operation. In our case, the method of this Presenter operation will further call an operation to display a relevant page (see further description). This code is generated automatically and does not necessitate any manual changes.

A special kind of pages are those containing forms. They allow presenting and entering data that can be further handled by the Presenter. The whole structure is constructed during code generation which significantly speeds-up work. The programmer is not concerned with defining appropriate labels and text fields because this is done automatically by the code generator. The result is illustrated using code for the registration form.

```
public class VRegistrationForm extends ContentPane implements ActionListener {
       private Button _closeButton;
       private MutableStyle buttonStyle;
       private Column;
       private Button createAccountButton;
       private Label emailLabel;
       private TextField emailTextField;
       private Label firstNameLabel;
       private TextField firstNameTextField;
       private Label flatNumberLabel;
       private TextField flatNumberTextField;
       private Grid grid;
       private GridLayoutData gridLayout;
       private Label houseNumberLabel;
       private TextField houseNumberTextField;
       private Label lastNameLabel;
       private TextField lastNameTextField;
       private Label localityLabel;
       private TextField localityTextField;
       private Label newPasswordLabel;
       private TextField newPasswordTextField;
       private Label personalDataHeadingLabel;
       private Label phoneNumberLabel;
       private TextField phoneNumberTextField;
       private Label postalCodeLabel;
       private TextField postalCodeTextField;
       private IPresenter presenter;
       private Label streetLabel;
       private TextField streetTextField;
       private Label confirmNewPasswordLabel;
       private TextField confirmNewPasswordTextField;
}
```

The above code shows a fragment of the **VRegistrationForm** class, that contains a list of attributes. It is worth noting that ReDSeeDS generates two elements (Label and TextField) for each attribute in the domain vocabulary for a given domain notion.

```
/* Add controls for personal data notion */
// Add notion heading spanning two columns
personalDataHeadingLabel = new Label("personal data");
gridLayout = new GridLayoutData();
gridLayout.setColumnSpan(2);
gridLayout.setBackground(new Color(105, 89, 205));
personalDataHeadingLabel.setLayoutData(gridLayout);
personalDataHeadingLabel.setFont(new Font(Font.HELVETICA, Font.ITALIC,
                                                                            new
                                                                                 Fx-
personalDataHeadingLabel.setForeground(Color.WHITE);
grid.add(personalDataHeadingLabel);
//Add control for notion attribute
firstNameLabel = new Label("first name: ");
gridLayout = new GridLayoutData();
gridLayout.setAlignment(Alignment.ALIGN_RIGHT);
firstNameLabel.setLayoutData(gridLayout);
grid.add(firstNameLabel);
firstNameTextField = new TextField();
firstNameTextField.setWidth(new Extent(75, Extent.PERCENT));
grid.add(firstNameTextField);
```

The above code shows a fragment of the *addContent()* method, required for all window classes. It illustrates the way the form title and labels with text fields are initialized. As we can see, most of the elements are ordinary text fields. However, in certain situations (like for the "password" attribute) the code needs slight manual modification. The following code shows the appropriately modified part of code (highlighted).

```
//Add control for notion attribute
newPasswordLabel = new Label("password: ");
gridLayout = new GridLayoutData();
gridLayout.setAlignment(Alignment.ALIGN_RIGHT);
newPasswordLabel.setLayoutData(gridLayout);
grid.add(newPasswordLabel);
newPasswordTextField = new PasswordField();
newPasswordTextField.setWidth(new Extent(75, Extent.PERCENT));
grid.add(newPasswordTextField);
```

The last issue is the collection of data from the form fields and passing it to the Presenter. This is done in the event handler code. By default, the appropriate code looks like the one shown below which pertains to the "Create account" button.

The current ReDSeeDS transformation does not generate the code for getting the data from the fields and passing it to the Presenter. Thus, this part has to be added manually. The following code fragment shows the necessary changes made to the *actionPerformed()* method.

```
public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e){
...

if (e.getActionCommand().equals("createAccountButton")) {
    boolean is_correct = true;
    is_correct = validateRegistrationData();
```

```
if(is correct){
       XPersonalData rd = new XPersonalData();
       rd.setFirstName(firstNameTextField.getText());
       rd.setLastName(lastNameTextField.getText());
       rd.setStreet(streetTextField.getText());
       rd.setHouseNumber(Integer.parseInt(houseNumberTextField.getText()));
       if (!flatNumberTextField.getText().equals("")){
rd.setFlatNumber(Integer.parseInt(flatNumberTextField.getText()));
       rd.setPostalCode(Integer.parseInt(postalCodeTextField.getText()));
       rd.setLocality(localityTextField.getText());
      rd.setPhoneNumber(Integer.parseInt(phoneNumberTextField.getText()));
       XCredential c = new XCredential();
       c.setLogin(emailTextField.getText());
       c.setNewPassword(newPasswordTextField.getText());
       c.setCurrentPassword(newPasswordTextField.getText());
       presenter.SelectsCreateAccountButton(rd, c);
       }else{
              presenter.wrongData();
       }
```

The user data is read into two DTOs: **XPersonalData** and **XCredential**. It is worth noting that ReDSeeDS generates all the validation operations in the Model layer. However, often it is necessary to validate if the entered data is in proper format and complete. In such cases, validation within Presentation seems more optimal. This necessitates writing manually an appropriate method (here: *validateRegistrationData()*). This, however, means that part of the application logic is transferred to the Presenter which should normally be avoided.

personal data	
first name:	Jan
last name:	Kowalski
street:	Ogrodowa
house number:	30
flat number:	4
postal code:	01476
locality:	Warszawa
phone number:	678543678
email:	k.kowalski@gmail.com
password:	•••••
confirm password:	•••••
Create profile	
< Back	

Figure 24: Registration form

Figure 24 shows the final form which was produced with the above presented code. The form shows also some example data transferred from the database (see further description).

Forms can also present the data, which was passed by the Presenter from the Model. An example is shown in code below which is a fragment of the **VPromotionDetailsPage** class. The initial code was generated by ReDSeeDS just as shown previously. To present data, we need to pass an appropriate

DTO. This necessitates certain manual changes. The first step is to add a parameter to the default constructor.

We also need to remember to change the **IView** interface and the **EchoApp** class. Next, we need to write code to transfer data from the**XPromotionData** DTO to the form's fields. We also need to block edition capabilities of the respective text fields. The code pertaining to "promotion name" is shown below (see the highlighted lines).

```
//Add control for notion attribute
promotionNameLabel = new Label("promotion name: ");
gridLayout = new GridLayoutData();
gridLayout.setAlignment(Alignment.ALIGN_RIGHT);
promotionNameLabel.setLayoutData(gridLayout);
grid.add(promotionNameLabel);
promotionNameTextField = new TextField();
promotionNameTextField.setText(promotion.getPromotionName());
promotionNameTextField.setEnabled(false);
promotionNameTextField.setWidth(new Extent(75, Extent.PERCENT));
grid.add(promotionNameTextField);
```

After running the application, the screen looks as in Figure 25.

promotion name:	Crazy fridays!
description:	20 percent discount for all trainings on fridays.
expiration date:	2014-06-30
type:	FITNESS CLUB
discount:	20%

Figure 25: Promotion details screen

The last element from the View layer that we will discuss is the message window. They can be used to communicate short texts. Classes that implement such windows extend the **WindowPane** class. These elements don't need any specific improvements from the programmer. However, a proper message should be specified in the appropriate source RSL element.

```
public class VCancelReservationConfirmationMessage extends WindowPane implements
ActionListener {
    private Button _okButton;
    private MutableStyle buttonStyle;
    private Column column;
    private Label messageText;
    private IPresenter presenter;
```

```
public VCancelReservationConfirmationMessage(){
    }
...
public void init(IPresenter presenter){
...

// Add message content
    setTitle("Message");
    setModal(true);
    messageText = new Label("Reservation has been cancelled successfully.");
    column.add(messageText);
...
}
```

The above code presents a fragment of the **VCancelReservationConfirmationMessage class**, which informs the user about successful cancellation of a reservation. The structure of this class is very simple. It contains the "messageText" field one button ("_okButton"). The presented fragment of the *init()* method is responsible for placing the title and the message inside the window. The result of this code is presented in Figure 26.



Figure 26: Okno komunikatu o pomyślnym anulowaniu rezerwacji

The last fragment is to handle the button event. As it can be noticed, after clicking "OK", the window should be closed and usually the previous window should be shown. This necessitates an update to the generated code, as shown below (see the highlighted line).

```
public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e){
    if (e.getActionCommand().equals("_okButton")) {
        userClose();
        ((EchoApp) ApplicationInstance.getActive()).closeCurrentPage();
    }
}
```

The default constructor of the message window has no parameters and in most cases this is satisfactory. In some situations we need to show some more information to the user. An example is the following code where an additional parameter (reservation number) is passed and displayed.

```
public class VConfirmationToEnrollForFitnessClassesMessage extends WindowPane im-
plements ActionListener {

    private Button _okButton;
    private MutableStyle buttonStyle;
    private Column column;
    private Label messageText;
```

After these manual changes, the window looks in Figure 27.

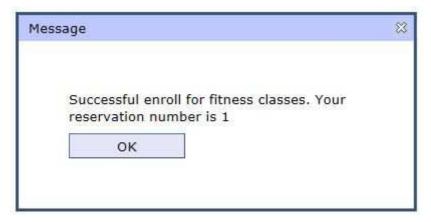


Figure 27: Okno komunikatu o pomyślnym zapisaniu się na zajęcia fitness

3.4 The Presenter layer

The Presenter manages the whole application. It is an intermediary in communication between the Model and the View. It controls the behavior according to the use case scenarios. The contents of the main "App.Presenter" package is shown in Figure 28.



Figure 28: Zawartość pakietu 'App.Presenter'

It consists of two elements. **IPresenter** is the interface that defines all the application logic operations. It is implemented by the **PresenterImpl** class.

```
public interface IPresenter {
    public void SelectsAddFitnessClassesButton();
    public void SelectsAddNewFitnessClassesButton();
    public void SelectsAddPromotionButton();
    public void SelectsAddTrainerButton();
    public void SelectsAddTrainingButton();
    public void SelectsCancelReservationButton();
```

```
public void SelectsChangeButton();
public void SelectsChangePasswordButton();
public void SelectsChangePersonalDataButton();
public void SelectsCreateAccountButton();
...
}
```

The above code show part of the **IPresenter** definition directly after its generation. All the methods represent actions performed after a UI event (pressing buttons).

```
public class PresenterImpl implements IPresenter {
       private IModel model;
       int res;
       private IView view;
       public PresenterImpl(){
. . .
       public void SelectsAddFitnessClassesButton(){
              res = model.ValidatesFitnessClassesData();
              if ( res == 1 /*fitness classes data valid*/) {
              res = model.SavesFitnessClassesData();
              view.showNewFitnessClassesConfirmationMessage();
              } else if ( res == 2 /*day or time invalid*/) {
              view.showNewFitnessClassesError();
              }else if( res == 3 /*incorrect or missing data*/) {
              view.showGeneralValidationError();
       }
}
```

The above fragment is generated automatically. The *SelectAddFitnessClassesButton()* method is called while processing the "Add fitness classes" use case. This is done after the manager fills-in the form and presses the appropriate button. The first step is to call the validation method from the Model. Next, based on the results of this validation, one of alternative actions is taken. If the data is correct, it is saved and then confirmation message is displayed. In other cases, an error message is displayed. This logic reflects exactly the logic expressed in respective use case scenarios.

It can be noted that the **IPresenter** operations have not parameters. Thus, a key modification is to add appropriate DTO parameters. This is explained using the "Create profile" use case. When the user data is entered, it has to be transferred to the Presenter. The following code presents the appropriate method updated with the parameters.

```
public void SelectsCreateAccountButton(XPersonalData rd, XCredential c){
    res = model.ValidatesRegistrationData(c);
    if ( res == 1 /*registration data is valid*/) {
        res = model.SavesPersonalData(rd, c);
        view.showRegisterConfirmationMessage();
    } else if ( res == 2 /*registration data is not valid*/) {
        view.showRegistrationError();
    }
}
```

The two paratmers are of types: **XPersonalData** oraz **XCredential**, which were generated automatically. The data is transferred from the View to the Model using DTOs of these two types. It is worth noting that the methods in the View layer have necessary parameters generated and also the related

procedure calls in the Presenter have these parameters present. This is illustrated in the following code.

```
public void SelectsSwimmingPoolScheduleButton(){
    List<XSwimmingPoolScheduleItemData> swimmingPoolSchedule = null;
    swimmingPoolSchedule = model.DownloadsSwimmingPoolSchedule();
    view.showSwimmingPoolSchedulePage(swimmingPoolSchedule);
}
```

3.5 The Model layer

The Model layer contains all the data processing and data storage operations. Just like for the Presenter, the structure of the Model is very simple. This is illustrated in Figure 29.



Figure 29: Zawartość pakietu "App.Model"

The **IModel** interface declares all the data processing operations, and the **ModelImpl** class implements it.

The above fragment shows some of the operations of the **IModel** interface for our example system. The related methods consist in validating, reading, modifying and saving objects and lists of objects. They are also generated without any parameters. ReDSeeDS does not generate any code of the Model methods. This is entirely left to the programmer. However, for vast majority of the methods this task is quite simple. It is mostly equivalent to calling appropriate methods from the "App.DAO" package, already presented previously in this guide. All the generated operations return an integer value which

might be used for passing some result statuses of the operations. The code fragment below illustrates how one of the methods was manually updated with necessary code.

This method serves retrieving lists of available excercises from the database. It creates and initiates two objects of types **ConnectionFactory** and **Connection**. Then, it initiates a **TrainingDataDAO** object. To retrieve the list, the previously defined *getTrainings()* method is used. Another example presents the method to save the new promotion data.

```
public int SavesPromotionData(XPromotionData p){
        ConnectionFactory f = new ConnectionFactory();
        Connection connection = f.getConnection();
        PromotionDataDAO p_dao = new PromotionDataDAO(connection);
        int res = p_dao.savePromotion(p);
        return res;
}
```

In this case, an input parameter (**XPromotionData**) had to be added. This schema can be used to implement all other methods in the Model layer.