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Model Transformation Rule for generating Database Schema

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Abstract— The previous researches had developed business process frameworks for easily integrating the separating data processing and managing, and decision-support systems built by different times in different places, but never mentioned how to develop this complex business process structures, that is, six-layer architecture. This paper suggests how automatically to develop a whole database schema of business process framework. To do this, we apply with Model-To-Text transformation based on metamodel to automatically build the schema based business process model. This procedure is follows: 1) defining each meta-model of the entire structure and of database schema, and 2) also defining model transformation rules for it. With of model transformation rules of this procedure, we can automatically transform through meta-modeling of an integrated information system to the schema based model information table specification defined of the entire layer.

Keywords—*Model Driven Architectur (MDA); UML; Metamodel; Model Transformation; Business Process Framework (BPF); Query Language; BPSQL; Model-To-Text Transformation Language*

I. INTRODUCTION

An enterprise needs to provide with a business-integrated system framework to quickly change and adapt new business. It is to use the framework possible to easily integrate the system by different teams at different time in different places [1]. Most enterprises have a computer system to efficiently operate systematic information, and also to appropriately preserve/manage it, which consists of closed layer architecture [2]. The closed architecture is based on the layer mechanism, and directly access right under the layer. Seo and Kim[3] suggested and defined five layer structure based on the closed architecture. Seo[1] also suggested to reuse the existing software component for reducing development time and cost with mapping CBD(component based development) and BPM(Business process modeling)[2]. On the previous proposed business process framework based on closed

architecture, we defined BPSQL(Business Process Structured Query Language)[6], and showed to retrieve and access information between each layer with the simple associated query statements. In this moment, we need to store each data, but manually develop the structure of each layer on BPF until now. With this database schema, we can create a whole business process framework. Therefore, we suggest how to generate the schema-based business process model with the complex business process framework based on a closed architecture. To do this, we study automatically to generate database schema with BPF modeling information, which 1) defines metamodel of the whole structure for Business process framework, 2) models our own target business based on the metamodel, 3) and also needs M2T (model-to-text)transformation rules for automatic BPF schema creation. In this time, it is limited that this research represents Business process framework with just XMI data without UI and visualization

This paper describes as follows: chapter 2 mentions related work, chapter 3 describes how to design BPF with a metamodel chapter 4 describes transformation rule with ACCELEO and shows M2T transformation rules for creating automatic BPF schema, and conclusion.

II. THEORY

A. M2T(Model To Text Transformation Language)

MOF Model to Text Transformation Language(Mof2Text or MOFM2T) is an Object Management Group(OMG) specification for a model transformation language. Specifically, it can be used to express transformations that transform a model into text (M2T), for example a platform-specific model into source code or documentation. MOFM2T is one part of OMG's Model-driven architecture (MDA) and reuses many concepts of MOF, OMG's metamodeling architecture. Whereas

MOFM2T is used for expressing M2T transformations, OMG's QVT is used for expressing M2M transformations [5].

1) Acceleo

Acceleo is an open-source code generator from the Eclipse Foundation that allows people to use a model-driven approach to building applications. It is an implementation of the "MOFM2T" standard, from the Object Management Group (OMG), for performing model-to-text transformation [4].

III. BUSINESS PROCESS FRAMEWORK METAMODEL

The A BPF is comprised of five layers: business rules, business processes, services, components, and data modeling. A repository like DB tabulization is present at each layer [1]. A BPF is a closed architecture where each layer is directly connected to the next layer.

The layered structure can quickly produce new services by reusing existing components when business demands exist. New businesses can be configured with this service. The repository at each layer is tabulated, and a layer generates data query using BPSQL [2]. Finally, the required data are extracted.

A BPF metamodel defines the essential elements, grammar, and structure of UML metamodel which creates the business process framework model. For model transformation, Source Metamodel is designed based on BPF Metamodel. Figure 1 is the Business Process Framework Metamodel. It is a detailed description of the BPF metamodel as follows.

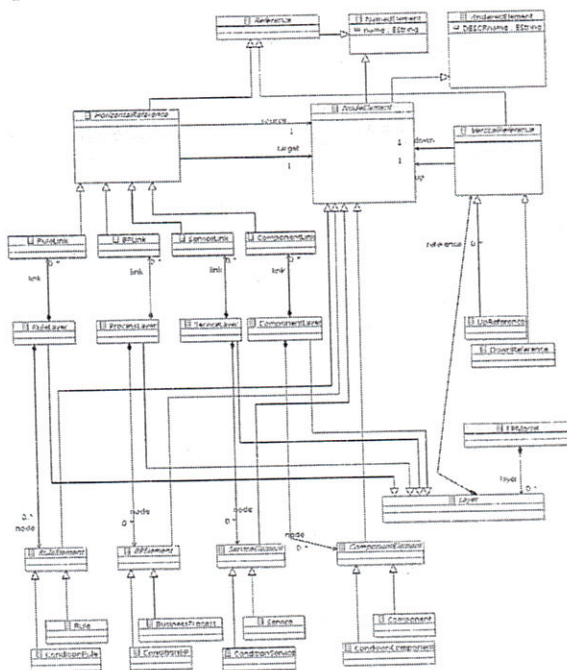


Fig. 1. Business Process Framework Metamodel

Transformation model, the appropriate Source Model produces the XMI data. Table1 is the XML data of the BPF metamodeling about Rule Layer, Process Layer, Service Layer, and Component Layer.

XMI elements "<layer xsi:type='bpmetamodel:_ Layer'>" in each layer are separated. The DownReference is associated with the sub-layer, the UpReference is connected with the upper layer. <link> is connected within the equivalent layer, the source and target is distinguished as input and output respectively. <node> is the name of each layer, which describes the role of <node>.

IV. TRANSFORMATION RULE WITH ACCELEO

We transformed the XML data (which is obtained from the result value of Modeling) into SQL schema with a conversion tool, and use transformation rule with the Acceleo. Figure 2 shows Transformation rule with Acceleo. We store SQL transformation with each model by the elements in XMI data.

```
[comment encoding = UTF-8 /]
[module generate('http://www.eclipse.org/emf/2002/Ecore')]
[template public generateElement(aEPackage : EPackage)]
[comment @main/]
[file (aEPackage.name.concat('.sql'), false, 'UTF-8')]
[for (eClassFier : EClassifier | aEPackage.eClassifiers)]
[if (eClassFier.eClass().name = 'EClass')]
[if (eClassFier.oclassType(EClass).name = 'RuleLayer' or
eClassFier.oclassType(EClass).name = 'ProcessLayer' or
.....)]
create table [eClassFier.oclassType(EClass).name /]
(
[comment Attribute /]
[if (eClassFier.oclassType(EClass).eStructuralFeatures->select(e
e.name='node')->first().eType.eClass().name = 'EClass')]
[generateAttribute( eClassFier.oclassType(EClass).eStructuralFeatures-
>select(e | e.name='node')->first().eType.oclassType(EClass) ) /]
[/if]
[comment link /]
[if(eClassFier.oclassType(EClass).eStructuralFeatures->select(e
e.name='link')->first()->size() = 1) ]
[generateAttribute( eClassFier.oclassType(EClass).eStructuralFeatures->select(e
e.name='link')->first().name /] varchar(100) NULL
[/if]
[comment Layer /]
[for ( eLayerClass : EClass | eClassFier.oclassType(EClass).eSuperTypes)
]
[for (eFeature:EStructuralFeature | eLayerClass.eStructuralFeatures) ]
[if (eFeature.eClass().name = 'EReference')]
[for ( vClass : EClass | eFeature.eType.siblings().oclassType(EClass) ) ]
[if (vClass.eSuperTypes->first().name = 'VerticalReference')]
[vClass.name /] varchar(100) NULL
[/if] [/for] [/if] [/for] [/for]
)
[/if] [/if] [/for] [/file] [/template]
[template public generateAttribute(eClass : EClass)]
[if (eClass.eStructuralFeatures->size() = 0) ]
[for (
loopClass : EClass
eClass.eSuperTypes)] [generateAttribute(loopClass) /] [/for]
[else]
[for (eFeature:EStructuralFeature | eClass.eStructuralFeatures) ]
[if (eFeature.eClass().name = 'EAttribute')]
[if (eFeature.name = 'name')]
[eFeature.name /] varchar(100) NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY
[else]
[eFeature.name /] varchar(100) NULL
[/if] [/if] [/for] [/if] [/template]
```

Fig. 2. Transformation Rule with Acceleo

This approach automatically generates SQL schema structure with the modeled BPF structure is generated. All layer information is automatically stored in schema structure.

V. CONCLUSION

Our previous approaches do not focus on how to automatically develop the whole Business process framework. In this paper, nobody we suggest ModelToText transformation based on metamodel to automatically build the schema based business process model. This procedure is follows: 1) defining each meta-model of the entire structure and of database schema, and 2)also defining model transformation rules for it. With of model transformation rules of this procedure, we can automatically transform through meta-modeling of an integrated information system to the schema based model information table specification defined of the entire layer. Therefore, we can easily and automatically build the whole DB schematic with Model transformation technique.

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