

QC-N157 An XML DTD for Mapping Tables

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Motivation

There is no commonly agreed computerinterpretable format for Mapping Tables

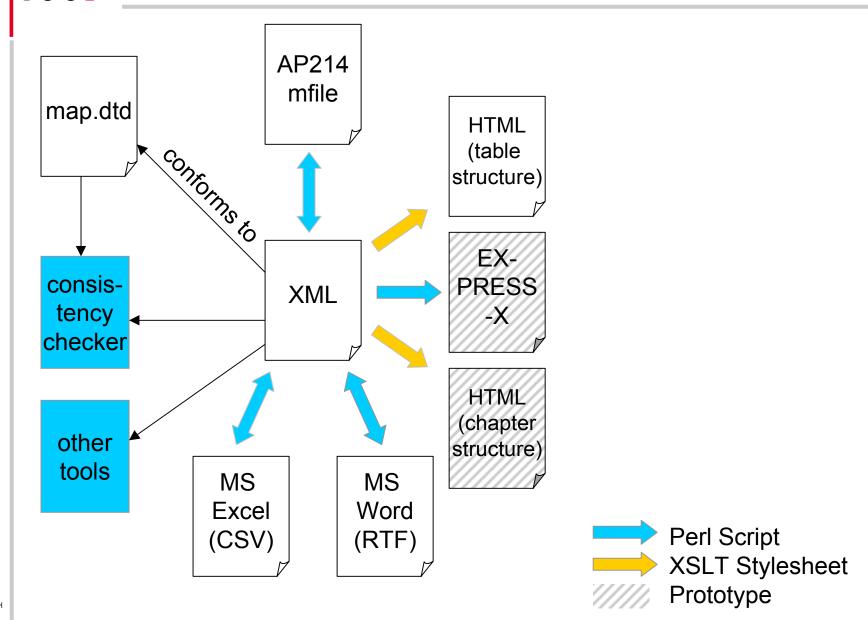
- each AP project uses its own tools for editing mapping tables and checking consistency
 - » AP210: SGML
 - » AP214: "mfile" format (SGML-like) + XML based
 - **>>**

Benefits of computer interpretable format:

- consistency checks
- generation of different output formats (HTML, RTF, ...)
- generation of EXRPESS-X mappings
- use of commonly available tools

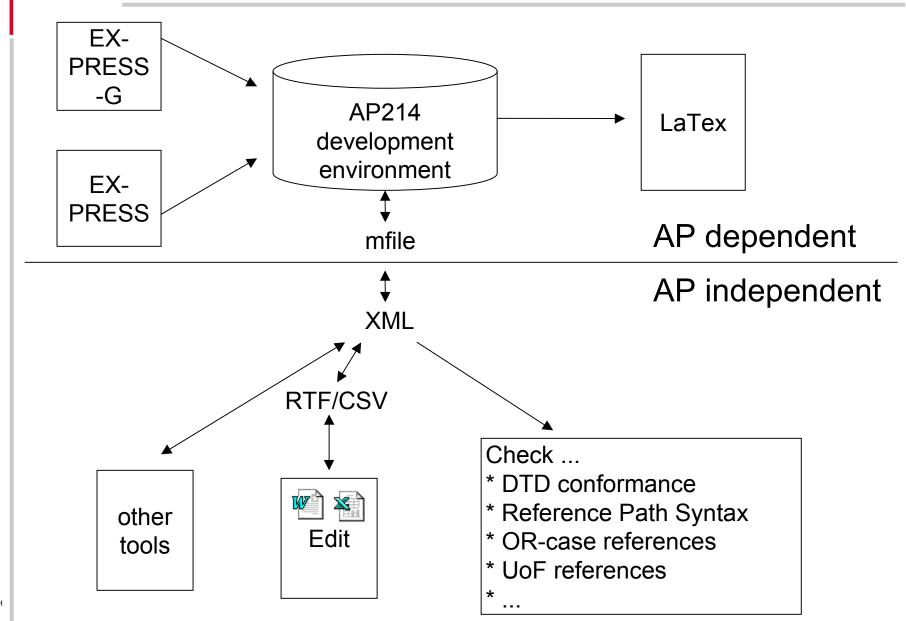
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What we have ...



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How it is used



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What the DTD does include

- Application Objects grouped by UoF
- Application Elements and Application Assertions grouped by Application Object
- OR-case documentation
 - OR-case identifier
 - explaining text
 - UoF-specific OR-cases
 - Conformance Class specific OR-cases

AIM Elements

- + references to OR-cases
- + reference to source part

Reference Paths

- + references to OR-cases
- + comments (-> footnotes)



What the DTD does not include

- References to ARM and AIM EXPRESS entities
- Markup of Reference Path Elements
- it does not defined the grammar of the reference paths
- Support for Mapping Templates



Todo

- Extend / Improve DTD
 - DTD is currently flavoured by the mfile SGML markup
 - Support AIM/ARM EXPRESS entity references
 - Add Clause 4 specific parts
 - Support for Mapping Templates
- Change conversion tools to support new syntax
- Tools for conversions to other data formats (LaTex, Postscript, ...)



EXPRESS-X MAPs for Mapping Specs.

- the new EXPRESS-X spec. contains "Path Operators" concept for MAPs, which is very close to the mapping table path syntax
 - this makes the tranformation of EXPRESS-X mapping tables into EXPRESS-X more straightforward
 - automatic generation of EXPRESS-X out of Mapping Tables is possible up to some extend
- The new syntax would also be useful for constraint specifications in EXPRESS
 - -> automatic generation of constraints specs. possible
 - would help AP-Developers and AP-implementers
 - EXPRESS-X tool support already available



Mapping Spec. -> EXPRESS-X (1)

SURFACE_CONDITION	representation	42	{representation <- property_definition_representation.used_representation property_definition_representation.definition -> represented_definition represented_definition represented_definition represented_definition property_definition derived_property_select = property_definition derived_property_select <- general_property_association.derived_definition general_property_association general_property_association.base_definition ->
			{general_property.name = 'surface condition'}}

```
MAP surface_condition_map AS surface_condition;
FROM r : representation;
WHERE
    r<-used_representation{property_definition_representation}
    ::definition{property_definition}
    <-derived_definition{general_property_association}
    ::base_definition{general_property | name = 'surface condition'}
    <> [];
SELECT
```



Mapping Spec. -> EXPRESS-X (2)

```
value determination
                       type qualifier.name
                                              45
                                                     representation
                                                     representation.items[i] ->
                                                     representation item =>
                                                     qualified representation item
                                                     qualified representation item.qualifiers[i] ->
                                                     value qualifier
                                                     value_qualifier = type qualifier
                                                     type qualifier
                                                     type qualifier.name
                                                      {(type qualifier.name)
                                                     (type qualifier.name = 'required')
                                                     (type qualifier.name = 'designed')
                                                     (type qualifier.name = 'calculated')
                                                     (type qualifier.name = 'measured')
                                                     (type qualifier.name = 'estimated')}
```



Mapping Spec. -> EXPRESS-X (3)

process_operation_occurrence (as is_caused_by) property_definition_representation.used_representation property_definition_representation.definition -> represented_definition represented_definition property_definition property_definition property_or_shape_select = property_definition property_or_shape_select <- process_property_association.property_or_shape process_property_association property_process <-> property_process <-> action	surface_condition to process_operation_occurrence (as is_caused_by)
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```
is_caused_by := action_map(
    r<-used_representation{property_definition_representation}
    ::definition{property_definition}
    <-property_or_shape{process_property_association}
    ::process{action}[1]);
END_MAP;</pre>
```



Path Operators: AP224 ed.2 example (1)

```
ENTITY document file
   SUBTYPE OF (characterized object, document);
   WHERE
wr1: (SIZEOF(QUERY(adr<* QUERY(dr <* USEDIN(SELF,</pre>
      'FEATURE BASED PROCESS PLANNING.DOCUMENT REFERENCE.ASSIGNED DOCUMENT')
      'FEATURE BASED PROCESS PLANNING.APPLIED DOCUMENT REFERENCE'
      IN TYPEOF(dr))
      'FEATURE BASED PROCESS PLANNING.EXTERNALLY DEFINED FEATURE DEFINITION'
      IN TYPEOF(adr.items)
      ))=1) OR
      (SIZEOF(QUERY (duc <* USEDIN(SELF,
      'FEATURE BASED PROCESS PLANNING.DOCUMENT USAGE CONSTRAINT.SOURCE')
      NOT
      (SIZEOF(QUERY(aduc<* QUERY(duca <* USEDIN(duc,
      'FEATURE BASED PROCESS PLANNING.DOCUMENT USAGE CONSTRAINT ASSIGNMENT.'+
      'ASSIGNED DOCUMENT USAGE')
      'FEATURE BASED PROCESS PLANNING.'+
      'APPLIED DOCUMENT USAGE CONSTRAINT ASSIGNMENT'
      IN TYPEOF (duca))
      'FEATURE BASED PROCESS PLANNING.EXTERNALLY DEFINED FEATURE DEFINITION'
      IN TYPEOF(aduc.items)
      ))=1)))=0);
 wr2: (SIZEOF (QUERY (drt <* USEDIN (SELF,
      'FEATURE BASED PROCESS PLANNING.'+
      'DOCUMENT REPRESENTATION TYPE.REPRESENTED DOCUMENT')
      (drt.name='physical')))=1);
END ENTITY;
```

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Path Operators: AP224 ed.2 example (2)

- much more readable
- ~ 60% less code
- type safe
- 100% upward compatible
- Mapping to EXPRESS ed.1 defined in EXPRESS-X