Using Modeling & OMG’s Model Driven Architecture to Design & Build Distributed Applications

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What is OMG?

• Object Management Group - 15-year-old not-for-profit Computer Industry Standards Consortium
• Home of UML, the Industry’s Modeling Standard and the Model Driven Architecture (MDA)
• Open Membership and Adoption Process – One-member, One-vote
• Specifications Available Free on our Website
• Buy Implementing Products from Vendors – Vendors may be OMG members, or may not
• Over 500 members including Companies, Government Agencies, Universities
Enterprise IT Must Deal With

• Business Factors:
  – Defining/Meeting Business Requirements
  – Complex/Changing Business Processes
  – Shifting Enterprise/Application Boundaries
  – Semantic Integration with Customers/Suppliers/Partners

• Technological Factors:
  – Barriers to Interoperability/Integration
  – Development/Maintenance Obstacles
  – Evolving/Unstable Technology Suite
Behind the Scenes in WS

- For B2B, both client and server must connect to many legacy applications on many legacy middleware platforms
Because Modeling is the only way to ensure that enterprise IT systems deliver the functionality that a business requires, comprehensive and stable, yet able to evolve in a controlled manner as business needs change over time.
Why Focus on Modeling?

Models built in the Unified Modeling Language (UML) represent exactly what a business application - even a complex, multi-platform integrated application - can do, and record it with a clarity and stability that far exceeds that of the applications themselves.
Why Focus on Modeling?

Based on technology-independent representations of their business functionality and behavior, modeled applications last for decades and maximize IT return on investment.

From Design to Deployment

Modeling Environment:
- Data Model
- Appl Model
- Repository

Domain Frameworks:
- Mfg: PDM
- Fin: Acctg

Distributed Infrastructure:
- Platforms, Languages, Networks, Protocols, Middlewares, Messaging

Support for All your Business Computing
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OMG Modeling Support

- **MOF: Meta-Object Facility 2.0**
  - Integrated Repository
  - Standard MetaModel

- **Unified Modeling Language UML 2.0**
  - World Standard for A&D
  - Representation for Structure, Dynamics, Deployment

- **XMI: XML Metadata Interchange**
  - Model & MetaModel Interchange
  - XML-Based Format, including DTDs

- **CWM: Common Warehouse Metamodell**
  - Data Warehousing Integration
  - Record, Table formats; Data Loading & Transformation
MOF - Foundation for Modeling

- MOF standardizes the basis for the elements that modeling languages define for you to model with
- Based on MOF, all of these diverse model elements can share repositories and interchange models among compliant tools:
  - Interchange of models and metamodels among toolsets
  - UML, MOF Itself, CWM, SPEM, XMI, UML Profiles
- And Especially, MOF supports the MDA!
UML – The Modeling Standard

- Integrates all the modeling you need to do
  - Business Modeling
  - Architectural/Deployment Modeling
  - Application Structure and Behavior
  - Component-Based Applications
  - Classes and Objects
  - Data Structures
  - Behavior, as State Machines, Data and Control Flow, Use Cases, more
  - The Industry Standard for Modeling
Architectural View

- Veterans’ Hospital
- City Fire Dept
- Medic Alert
- Friendly HMO
- Acme Home Care
- Dr. Jones’ Office
- City Hospital
- Patriot Ambulance
- Internet
- VPN
Zoomed In, Still Architectural

Veterans’ Hospital
- Patient Database
- Emergency Room App
- Radiology Dept App

MedicAlert®
- Customer Database
- Web Interface
- Telecommms Folks’ App

Internet
Enterprise Architecture View

Veterans’ Hospital

- Patient Database
- Radiology Dept App
- Radiology’s Patient DB
- Admitting Dept App
- Billing Dept App
- Emergency Room App
- ER’s Patient DB
- Pharmacy Database
- Admitting’s Database
- Accounting App & DB

Server

Firewall

Internal Connectivity
Detail Suppressed

Internet
Then MDA 
*Generates* 
the application 
*and its connectivity* 
from this 
detailed model 

So you know 
that the application 
conforms to the 
model, 
connectivity works, 
and changes to 
any level model 
work in the 
real world
Work at Business Level

• MDA *Raises the Level of Abstraction* with full connection from modeling to development
• Start with an Architectural Viewpoint of all your networked applications, and zoom in to a single application
• Also work from Business Rules and Process Viewpoint
• Then, model structure and behavior
• MDA tools *generate* your applications from your detailed application models
MDA – Two Benefit Areas

• The Business Advantages:
  – Architectural Viewpoint brings out how your applications work with each other, and with those on the outside
  – Model changing business requirements and shifting enterprise boundaries
  – Define the Business Functionality and Behavior of each application as a technology-independent model
  – Focus your IT investment in your core business

• The Technological Advantages:
  – Interoperability and Portability are built into the MDA
  – MDA speeds development as it concentrates investment on the business side
  – Move easily to the “next best thing”, or interoperate with it, quickly and easily
What is the Model Driven Architecture™?

• A New Way to Specify and Build Systems
  – Focus on Business Needs First
  – Based on Modeling and UML
  – Supports full lifecycle: A&D, implementation, deployment, maintenance, and evolution
  – Builds in Interoperability and Portability
  – Lowers initial cost and maximizes ROI
  – Applies directly to the mix of hardware and software that you face:
    • Programming language
    • Operating system
    • Network
    • Middleware
MDA: Designed for Efficiency

- Structure is a Spectrum progressing from Modeling at the Top to Code development at the bottom
A Sensible Structure:

- Input and Investment concentrate at the business zone at the top
- Automated tools take over coding IT infrastructure towards the bottom
- Code draws from libraries written and assembled by the industry’s best minds
- Remote invocations, hard to program but hardly creative, are programmed by machines, not people
MDA Tools will generate cross-platform invocations connecting either instances of a single MDA application, or one application to another.

Standard *Pervasive Services* – directory, security, more – will also be accessed through cross-platform invocations where necessary.

MDA Tools combine application and platform knowledge to invoke across platforms.
Integrating Legacy & COTS

Tools for Reverse Engineering automate creation of models for re-integration on new platforms.

Reverse-engineer existing application into a model and redeploy.

- Platform-Independent Model
- Legacy App
- COTS App
- Other Model
- Other
MDA in Industry Standards

OMG (and other) Task Forces standardize Domain (Industry-Specific) Facilities as PIMs.

With implementations on multiple platforms, no technology or platform barriers prevent widespread adoption and use.

Interoperate cross-platform with other standard applications.

Both PIM and set of PSMs and interface code – on every mapped platform – become OMG standards.
The Middleware Company Study

- Two parallel implementations of Sun’s Pet Store example application
  - Typical 3-tier e-commerce application
  - Strictly specified for the study
- Two 3-person teams, “traditional” Java tools vs. MDA-based OptimalJ (Compuware)
- MDA team completed in 330 man-hours; traditional in 508
  - MDA team was 35% faster in spite of learning MDA tool
  - They estimated that their next effort would be 10-20% faster
- MDA version also had fewer bugs
- www.middleware-company.com/casestudy/MDA.pdf
Middleware Co. Conclusions

"Based on the results of this case study, The Middleware Company is impressed by the productivity gains our MDA team experienced using the Model-Driven Architecture. We encourage organizations that wish to improve their developer productivity to evaluate MDA-based development tools for their projects, especially those involving enterprise-class applications and web services. While a short introduction to the MDA approach and tools might be necessary for development teams, the productivity benefits gained from the approach—especially for work on subsequent applications—make the effort significantly worthwhile."
EDS MDA Study

- Also based on the Pet Store application
- Coded three ways:
  - J2EE using traditional hand-coding
    - 14,273 hand-coded lines
  - .Net/C#
    - 3,484 hand-coded lines
  - OptimalJ J2EE
    - 610 hand-coded lines, plus UML models
- Also converted MDA version from EJB 1.1 to EJB 2.0
  - Estimated several months by hand
  - Using MDA, took 30 minutes
- www.eds.com/thought/thought_leadership_agility_model_arch.pdf
Lines of Code Detail

[Bar chart showing lines of code for Total, User Intfce, Middle Tier, Data Tier, and Config for MDA, .Net, and J2EE.]
EDS Study Conclusions

• MDA helps organizations achieve agile and adaptable IT so they can overcome … business challenges. Through this evolutionary approach, collaborative teams can enjoy a wide range of compelling business benefits:
  – Reduced development time for new applications
  – Reduced cost throughout the application lifecycle
  – Improved application quality
  – Increased return on technology investments
  – Rapid inclusion of emerging technology benefits into existing systems
MDA Specifications

• MDA Architecture (June 2003)
• UML 2.0 and MOF 2.0
• UML Profiles (all complete):
  – Profile for EDOC
  – Profile for EAI
  – Profile for CORBA
  – More…
• Support from XMI, CWM (complete)
• Pervasive Services (coming)
• Domain Specifications
MDA Benefits

• Comprehensive architecture maximizes both business and technical advantages
• Technology-independent representation of business functionality and behavior
• Stable, model-based approach maximizes SW ROI
• Full support throughout the application life-cycle
• Reduced costs from beginning to end
• Reduced development time for new applications
• Optimized technical behavior - scalability, robustness, security – via generated code
• Smooth integration across middleware platform boundaries
• Rapid inclusion of emerging technologies into existing systems
OMG: Background

• About 500 member companies, world’s largest software consortium.

• Founded April 1989 - Twelve Years Old

• Small staff (22 full time); no internal development. Representatives in Germany, Japan, U.K, Australia, India.

• Home of the Model Driven Architecture and MDA-Based Standards, Maximizing IT ROI by Extending Software and Infrastructure Lifetime Across Technology Transitions
Worldwide Scope

Alcatel  Computer Assocs  Fraunhofer Fokus  NEC  Siemens
Artisan  Compuware  HP  NIST  Software AG
BEA Systems  Daimler-Benz AG  Hitachi  Nokia  Sony
Bank of America  Deere & Co.  IBM  Northrup  Sun
Boeing Corp.  EDS  IONA  Osellus  Telelogic
Borland  Ericsson  Lockheed  PrismTech  Thales
BAE Systems  Fair Isaac  MetaMatrix  Raytheon  Unisys
CBOE  Fujitsu  Mitre  Sandia  W3C
Charles Schwab  GCHQ  Motorola  SAP AG  Workflow Mgmt
Meetings, Meetings!

- OMG Specifications are adopted at our meetings
- Held Five times a year, at member companies’ sites around the world
- Lasts a week and attracts over 250 people
- Every subgroup meets; up to 30 simultaneous sessions on some days
- You’re invited to come as an observer! Just let me know (email: info@omg.org)
Adoption Process

- RFI (Request for Information) to establish range of commercially available software.
- RFP (Request for Proposals) to gather explicit descriptions of available software.
- Letters of Intent to establish corporate direction.
- Submissions entered and revised.
- Task Force evaluation & recommendation; simultaneous Business Committee examination.
- Board decision based on TC and BC recommendations.
Availability

Innovative approach for selection of standard interfaces to adopt:

1. OMG adopts & publishes MDA PIMs and PSMs, and Implementation Interface Specifications.

2. Implementations of the Interface Specifications must be available commercially from OMG Platform, Domain, or Contributing member.

3. MDA PIMs and PSMs, and Interface Specifications, are freely available to members and non-members alike.

4. MDA PIMs and PSMs, and Interface Specifications chosen from existing products or prototypes in a competitive selection process.
OMG  Links & Contacts

• OMG Homepage:
  – http://www.omg.org
• Download our specifications:
  – http://www.omg.org/specifications
• MDA Central:
  – http://www.omg.org/mda
• MDA Executive overview:
• Find out about UML:
  – http://www.omg.org/uml
• Find out about CWM:
  – http://www.omg.org/cwm
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