

Model Driven Architecture

All you need are models

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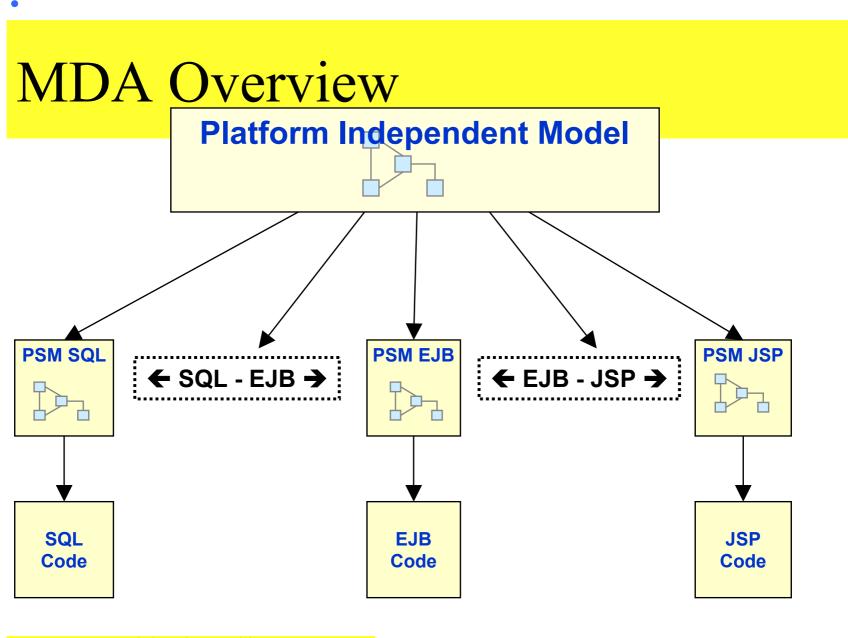


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MDA in a Nutshell

- Automatic transformation from
- Platform Independent Model (PIM) to
- Platform Specific Models (PSM).
 - PIM usually written in UML.
 - PSM can be diverse:
 - Java, J2EE, SQL, C++, .NET, COBOL, C#, CORBA, XML, etc. etc.
 - Bridges between PSMs generated as well.
- Automatic transformation from PSM to Code



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Why Model Driven?

- Productivity?
- Portability?
- Interoperability?
- Maintenance and documentation?
- Raising the level of abstraction!

– Handling more complex systems

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Part 0: Modeling Maturity Levels

Modeling Maturity Levels

- **MML 0: No specification**
- **MML 1: Textual Specification**
- **MML 2: Text with Diagrams**
- **MML 3: Diagrams with Text**
- **MML 4: Precise Models**
- MML 5: Models only



MML 0: No Specification

 Specification of software is kept in the heads of the developers.





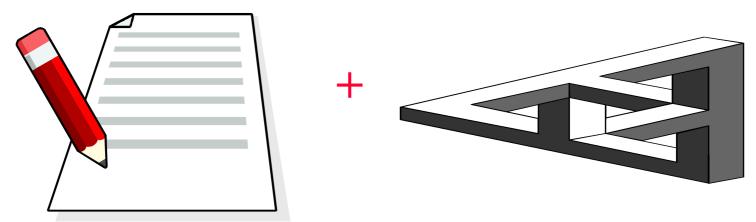


MML 1: Textual

 Specification of software is written down in one or more natural language documents.

MML 2: Text with Diagrams

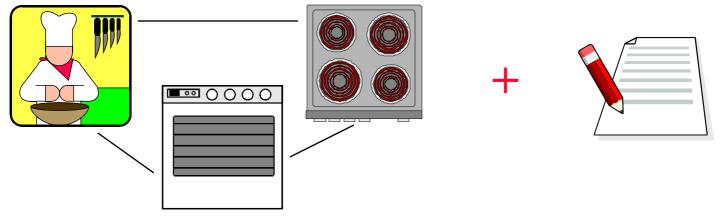
 Specification of software in one or more natural language documents...



• ... plus several high-level diagrams to explain the overall architecture.

MML 3: Diagrams with Text

• Specification of software is written down in one or more models.

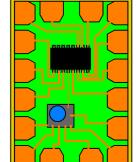


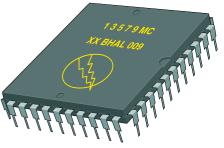
 Additional natural language text is used to explain the background and motivation of the models.

MML 4: Precise Models

- Specification of software is written down in one or more models.
 - Natural language text is used only to explain the background and motivation of the models.
- The models are precise enough to be directly transformed to actual code.
- This level models neccessary for OMG's Model Driven Architecture.







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MML 5: Models Only

- The models are precise and detailed enough to allow complete codegeneration.
- The code is invisible (as assembler is today).
- Modeling language
 → High level
 programming language.
- This is future technology (8).

UML/OCL in the MMLs

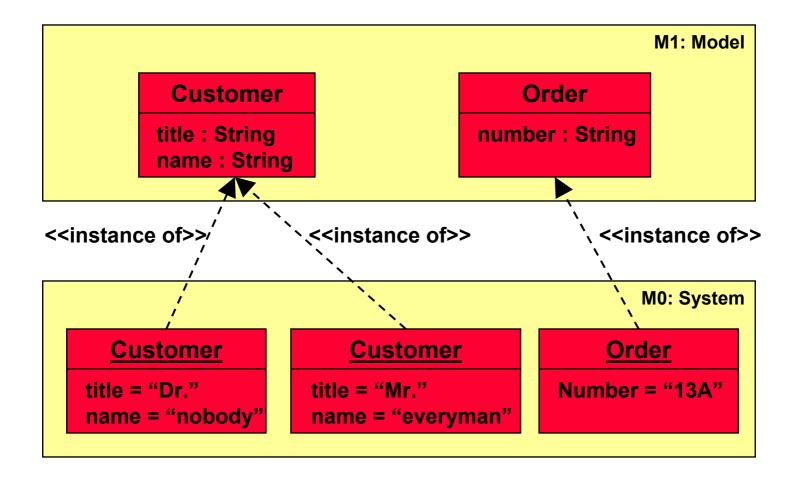
- MML 0: No use of UML
- MML 1: No use of UML
- MML 2: Moderate use of UML
- MML 3: Extensive use of UML, light use of OCL
- MML 4: Extensive use of UML, extensive use of OCL
- MML 5: ???

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Part 1: Models

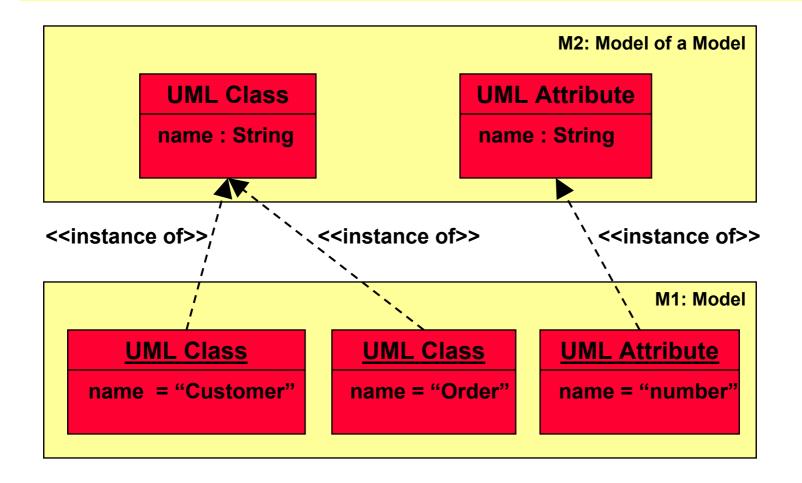
Model and System



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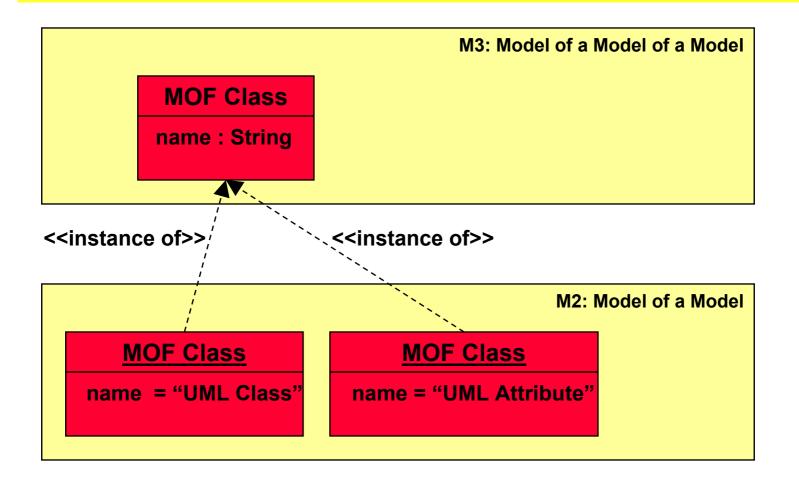
Model and Meta-model



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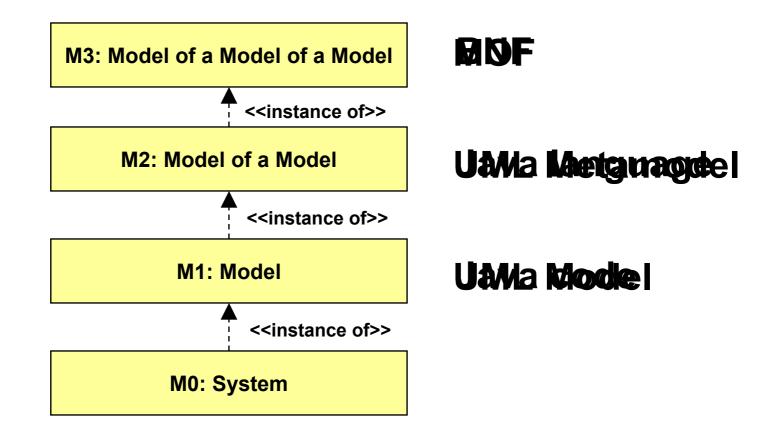
Metamodel and Meta-metamodel



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Meta-modeling Overview



MDA

MDA is defined around:

- Models
- Model Transformations

Important model types:

- PIM : Platform Independent Model
- PSM : Platform Specific Model
- Code

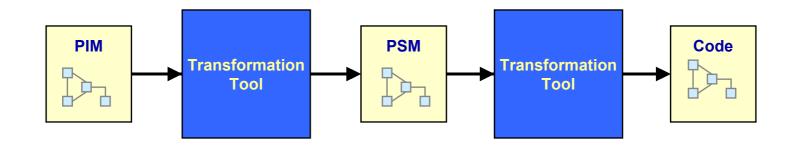


 \H do the right thing: conform to your metamodel \H

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Part 2: Model *Driven* Software Development

MDA Transformations



MDA Framework

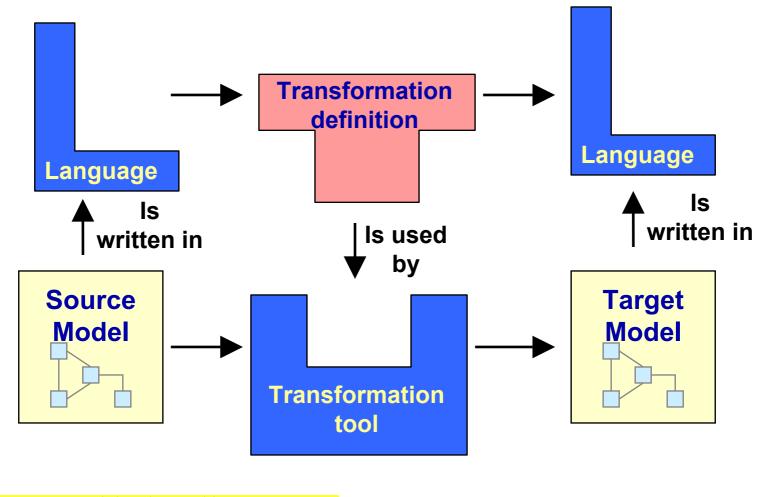


MDA

To enable MDA we need

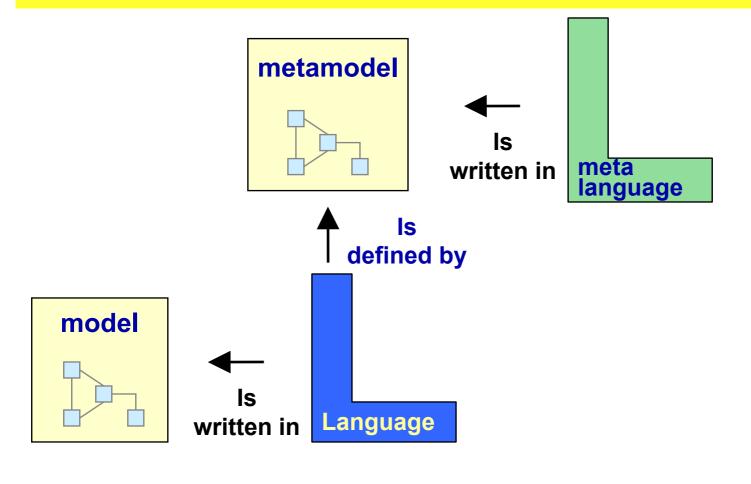
- Modeling languages
- Transformation definitions
- Tools

MDA Framework

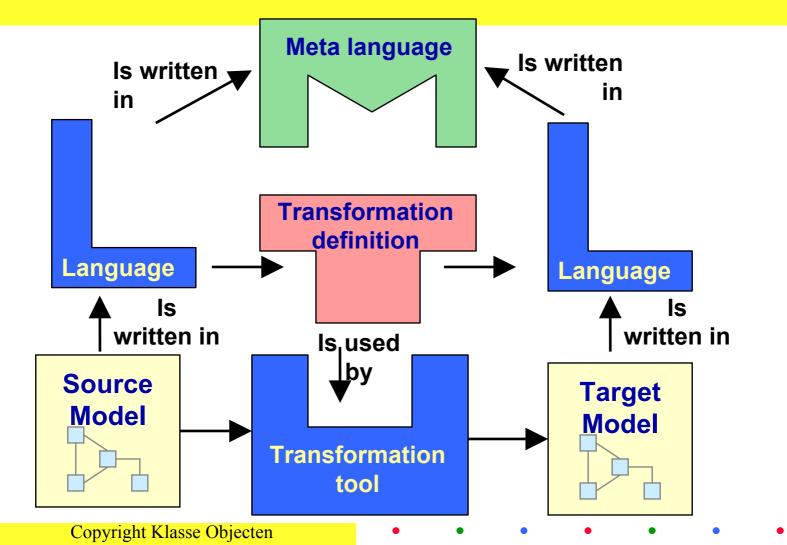


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Defining Languages

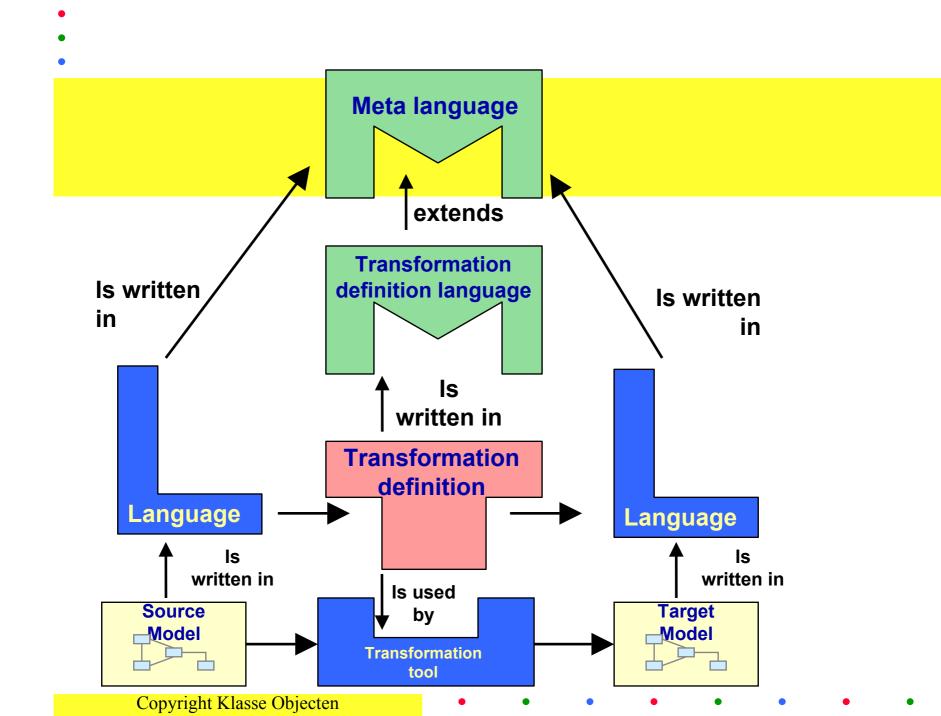


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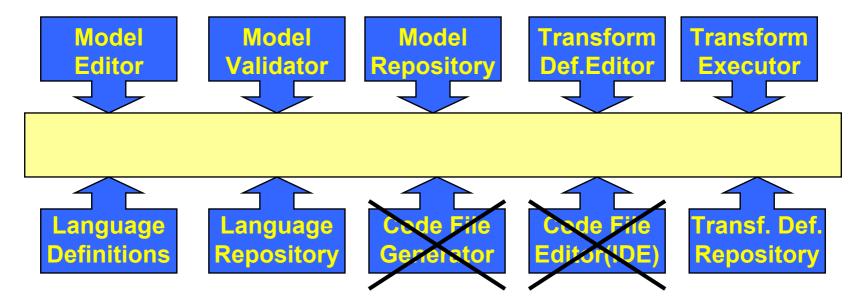
Defining Transformations

- A transformation definition maps
 - Element(s) from the source language
 - to
 - Element(s) from the target language
- based on the respective language definitions



Tools

What type of tools are there



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Part 3. Model Driven

Architecture

Where is the Architecture?

MDA defines architecture of software development environment

- Interoperability of tools

Filling the MDA Framework

Modeling Languages

- OMG: UML, OCL, CWM, CORBA, EDOC
- Non-OMG: Java, C#, SQL, Petri-nets, DFD, etc.
- UML Profiles
- Meta-modeling Languages
 - MOF is the OMGs meta-modeling language
 - BNF is a meta-language for defining textual languages

Transformation Definition Languages

- OMG: MOF QVT
- Many scripting languages

Current Status of MDA

Modeling Language: UML

- Static description is ok
- Dynamic specification is lacking
 - Much manual coding at PSM or Code level

Transformations

- Scripting languages: don't scale
- Template based: works better
- Declarative: upcoming OMG-QVT

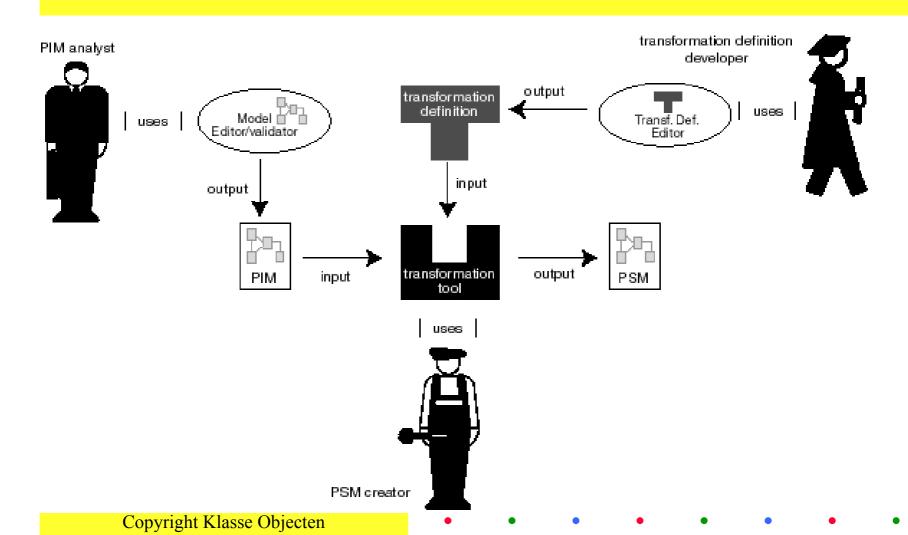
• Tools

- Support is not optimal, although claims are different
- ArcStyler, OptimalJ, AndroMDA

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Part 4: A Look into the Crystal Ball

Software Development in 2015



So What's Different?

 Software development at higher level of abstraction!!!

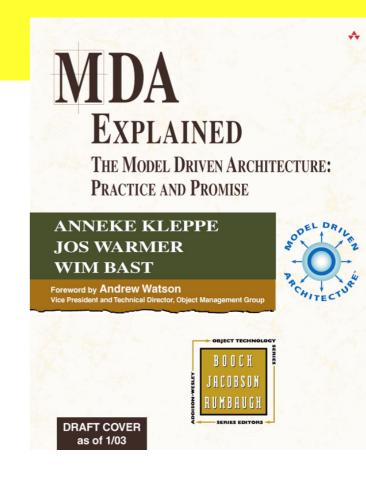


MDA: a Revolution

- 1960-1970: from assembler to functional languages
- 2000-2010: from functional languages to modeling languages

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