

Lessons Learned on using Execution Model Implementation in Sparx Enterprise Architect for Verification of the Topological Functioning Model

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Abstract: The execution model can improve analysis, testing and verification of software systems and their features right from the early stages of development. It helps to decrease risks and the possibility of future defects. One of the main goals and challenges for modern modeling tools is the ability to generate usable source code using the modeling approach. The system functionality can be shown as Topological Functioning Model and this functionality can be validated with the help of modeling tools. The paper presents an overview of modeling tools for the execution of models and the ways that they can aid software development. Four modeling tools are reviewed and compared based on their features and documentation – Cameo Simulation Toolkit, Enterprise Architect, Papyrus with Moka and BridgePoint. Two of them – Cameo Simulation Toolkit and Enterprise Architect, are analyzed and compared in practice. Results of the overview are the base for future work, where the tools will be applied for case studies.

1 INTRODUCTION

One of the first steps of software development is requirements analysis, where the goal is to specify the system structure and behavior. Usually at this stage requirements are represented in the form of unstructured text and structured descriptions that later become the system documentation. Both the creation and reading of such documentation is a time-consuming process. Modeling approaches can be used to help decrease this time since they can serve as a blueprint and the documentation simultaneously. Either way, the specification must bridge the problem and the solution domains. The Topological Functioning Model (TFM) can be used to achieve this goal (see Section 2.2).

However, if we put effort into modeling, the result must be trustable. To save resources the model needs to be automatically or manually verified before implementation. The verification can be performed by using execution models, which can also be transformed to source code. The execution models and the supporting modeling tools aim to perform the generation without writing a single line of actual code.

The research hypothesis is that the execution of models and mentioned modeling tools can help in model (especially the TFM) verification and decrease future risks of implementation errors, while not severely complicating the resulting model or requiring significantly more time and other resource investments.

The main goal is to study the main approaches of model verification and overview the characteristics of modeling tools that support execution of models and can be potentially used for verification of TFM (through transformations to UML at this stage of research). Four tools that support execution of models have been selected - Cameo Simulation Toolkit, Enterprise Architect, Papyrus with Moka and BridgePoint. To accomplish this goal the following tasks need to be done: review execution models and their purpose; research information about modeling tools available as well as the official websites of these tools; summarize the results and analyze benefits and the usability of selected modeling tools in the software system development process.

The current work is focused on the tool Enterprise Architect that is examined in practice in section 3. Cameo Simulation Toolkit has been

previously analyzed in practice in (Ovchinnikova & Nazaruka, 2016) and the remaining tools (Papyrus with Moka and BridgePoint) are left for further research. Their descriptions and characteristics are based only on documentation and other available information.

Section 2 presents the background of the research and related work – the TFM within the Model Driven Paradigm, execution UML in brief and modeling tools for execution models. Section 3 reviews tools for execution models and current results. Section 4 discusses the results and states further research tasks.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Related Work

Different techniques of model checking and verification exist and have been researched in the related works.

The authors of (Donini et al., 2006) use techniques of model checking for performing automated verification of UML design of a web application. The focus is on black-box verification. They propose a UML design checking method to check the correctness of the design. The method automates the checking of a system model with its specifications, which is expressed in a logical formalism. Model checking in this case is automated and does not need any user interaction, while tests or other formal methods can require user interaction. Finally, a system to automatically build the Symbolic Model Verifier (SMV) model was implemented, which can be verified according to system specifications. Specifications are presented as Computation Tree Logic (CTL) formulas. Formal verification helps to ensure the correctness and accuracy of software system. It is based on static analysis. As authors explained, the CTL can be used to verify properties of the graph of the web application, in which arcs are state transitions and nodes are states.

The statistical approach is surveyed and its advantages: simplicity, uniformity and efficiency, are analyzed in (Legay et al., 2010). For verifying quantitative properties of stochastic systems, the numerical and simulation-based approaches can be used. The model checking of stochastic systems can be done by a numerical approach to compute or approximate an exact measure of paths by using formulas and a specific algorithm. Another approach is to use simulation of the system to have a large

number of executions and use hypothesis testing to know whether results provide a statistical evidence to check the compliance of requirements to the specification. Only systems with certain structural properties can be checked by using numerical algorithms. The authors suggest that simulation-based approach cannot get a definitely correct result in comparison with numerical approach. Statistical model checking approach can be used for getting estimates of the probability measure on executions. Statistical model checking can be applied to the greater number of systems in comparison with numerical approach, but it provides only probabilistic results and does not guarantee the correctness of the answer received from the executed algorithm.

Authors in (Milewicz & Pirkelbauer, 2017) tried to produce a categorical and quantitative model of thread behaviors. Different threads can produce different combinations due to concurrency and it is complicated for a tester to repeat or determine concurrency bugs. They define a thread as a sequence of the blocks of instructions that are related. Their aim is to determine potential concurrency bugs which can happen during execution of parallel threads. The model checking can precisely define and find how, where and when violations can occur. The authors used heuristics to detect the potential bugs (e.g. deadlock detection, count of times that the current thread has been scheduled and count of other possible threads that can be scheduled instead). The approach allows to analyze and detect possible bugs quicker and at a reduced cost.

Combined logics and approaches involving different dimensions are considered by authors of (Konur et al., 2013). They do not introduce a new logic for model checking of multi-agent systems. Instead they show a modular approach, created from the combined logics, that introduces a generic method of model checking and presents different aspects similar to other approaches for multi-agent systems. They combine temporal, real-time and probabilistic logics and provide some expressions in the paper.

The design of a composite web service is verified by authors in (Bentahar et al., 2013). They divide behaviors into two abstraction levels: control and operational. Control is application-independent and monitors the progress of execution of the operational behavior (it identifies the actions and constraints). Operational is application-dependent and defines the business logic, specifies functions, which should be performed by the Web service. Both of them are

linked together in order to check that the sequence of actions called by operational behavior is always synchronized with the control behavior.

Methods analyzed in (Donini et al., 2006), (Legay et al., 2010), (Milewicz & Pirkelbauer, 2017), (Konur et al., 2013) and (Bentahar et al., 2013) are based on heuristics, probabilities and use formulas – it is not suitable for the goal of the current paper, where all traceable paths must be traced.

Model-checking can be used in the next step of verification, when more complex logic must be checked, such as concurrent threads. For model design and for analytical models, simulation models and techniques are sufficient. Execution model can provide this simulation and simple verification of these models (See Section 2.3).

Various authors describe their experience with modeling tools that support execution models. The author of (Cabot, 2017) shows tools that support execution models – some of them implement the fUML standard. The authors of (Micskei et al., 2014) review open source tools which use fUML and Alf for execution models. They summarize their experience of using various open source tools (fUML Ref. Impl., Moka, Moliz, Alf Ref. Impl. and Papyrus Alf Editor). Authors of (Seidewitz & Tatibouet, 2015) describe how to combine Alf with UML and showcase this combination with a working example in Papyrus. They suggest that Moka can be used for successful execution of the obtained model. The information can help in the future research when all the compared tools will be reviewed in action - (Micskei et al., 2014) demonstrates advantages and drawbacks of various modeling tools by example, while information from (Seidewitz & Tatibouet, 2015) can help to familiarize with Alf semantics.

2.2 The Topological Functioning Modeling within Model Driven Paradigm

The TFM can be presented as a Computation Independent Model (CIM) in Model-Driven Architecture (MDA) (Asnina & Osis, 2011). It is able to provide the continuous mappings between TFMs of the solution and problem domain in the CIM level (Asnina & Osis, 2010), (Osis & Asnina, 2015).

It can be visualized as a directed graph with vertices (functional features) and edges (cause-and-effect relations) between them. Names in human understandable language are assigned to the functional features and they define the system processing and characteristics. The process of the TFM obtainment from the software system description is overviewed and described by examples in (Osis & Donins, 2010). The IDM toolset (Osis & Donins, 2010), (Fernandez Cespedes et al., 2015) gives opportunity to obtain TFM automatically from the business use case descriptions (Osis & Slihte, 2010), (Slihte et al., 2011) and to supplement it. Also, TFM is compared with another business model such as Business Process Model and Notation (BPMN) in (Osis & Solomencevs, 2016).

The global context of the research is the co-use of agile methods, model-driven methods and the TFM (Figure 1). The main goal of the agile methods is running code. System usability is achieved by incremental development with short iterations and close cooperation with customers.

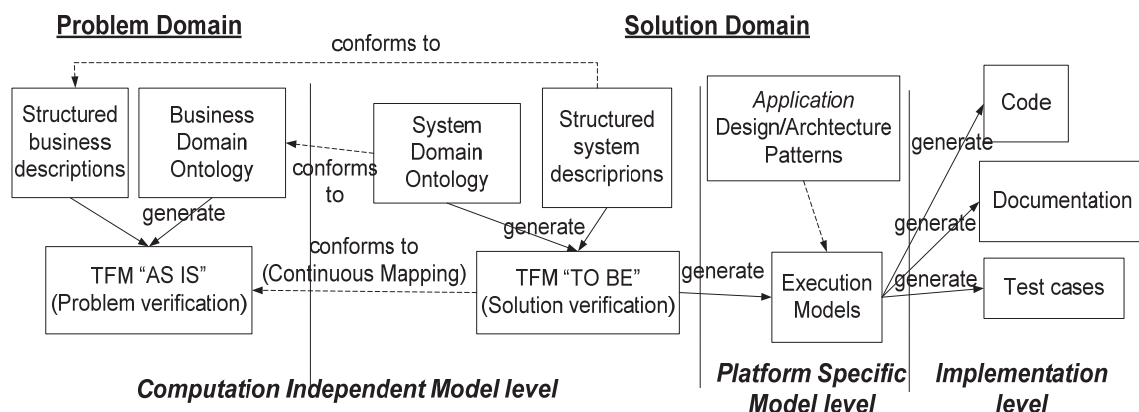


Figure 1: The TFM and Execution Models within Software Development.

The model-driven methods allow design models simulation as well as code and documentation generation. Application of the TFM and execution models with agile principles should increase system usability and decrease development costs.

As authors in (Osis & Donins, 2010), (Donins et al., 2011), (Solomencevs & Osis, 2015) suggest, the topological diagrams (supplemented UML diagrams) transformed from the TFM can be presented as a Platform Independent Model (PIM) in the MDA. The authors provide stepwise transformation mappings between TFM and topological UML diagrams elements. This transformation is the basis for the TFM transformation to Execution Models described.

The survey of TFM evolution history is available in (Solomencevs, 2016).

2.3 Execution Models in Brief

There are two similar terms – “execution model” and “executable model”. Authors want to distinguish both terms and define their meanings as they are used in this research.

In the authors’ opinion, executable models are models that execute by themselves or automatically without any human interaction during execution. Its execution logic can be presented at the beginning before execution. It helps to analyze and test software system logic and traceability as an executable model. The 100% working target source code can be generated from the executable model, without adding any lines of source code to it. It is the future of software system development and the future plan of executable models. The main aim for executable model is the development of software systems using only modeling.

The execution models are models that execute with human help, for example, by choosing the next step (guard) in the model during execution. Target source code can be generated from execution model, but it will not be complete and needs to be supplemented. In many situations the software systems are complex systems with difficult to understand logic. Currently, execution models can represent only simple logic of software systems, for example: tracing objects through operations, set and get object data, declare and instantiate the object. This is the type of models that this research is focused on and there are currently no tools for executable models publicly available.

In a real software system human interaction is necessary, for example to enter input data or to choose the next step (by clicking a computer mouse

button in the graphical user interface or in some other way). It is also possible to write some automatic tests for automatically checking the behavior of some functionality in this software system without any human interaction. It can be said that automatic tests have similar meaning as executable models have, because it executes without human action during its execution.

Modeling using execution models can be used as a form of agile modeling, using the Agile Methodology (Atlassian, 2017). Execution models provide creation templates of executed systems allowing testing (independent of the user interface) and verification according to system requirements at the early stages of system analysis. The processes can be modeled and become traceable before their actual implementation. Defects, unused objects and other problems can be noticed early on and resolved. Two types of the execution models exist - Executable UML (xUML) (also known as Executable and Translatable UML (xtUML)) (xtUML, 2012) and Foundational subset for the execution UML models (fUML) (OMG, 2016). They use simplified UML diagrams (e.g. in the class diagram some types of relationships are not used), but with formal action semantics. State machine and activity diagrams are used for specifying the behavior of the system. The Object Action Language (OAL) is used in xtUML and the action language for fUML (Alf) is used in fUML for modeling the processes in the system.

3 COMPARISON OF MODELING TOOLS FOR EXECUTION MODELS

Modeling tools that support execution of models aim to represent the executable and traceable behavior of the system. The tools try to decrease the need for writing code and represent all the necessary behavior, objects and instances as an execution model.

3.1 Modeling Tools for Execution Models

In order to understand mandatory conditions for the target model content and presentation format in the transformation algorithm from the TFM to an execution model, Cameo Simulation Toolkit (NoMagic, 2017), Enterprise Architect (SparxSystems, 2017), Papyrus with Moka (Rivet et

al., 2014), and BridgePoint (xtUML, 2017) tools are compared with each other using criteria that have been defined by the authors as necessary for successful integration into the software development process and the potential verification of the TFM:

- Integration with the Eclipse framework. Eclipse is one of the most used modeling and programming frameworks (Hamilton, 2014). The author considers this an opportunity, because the TFM toolset (Slihte, 2015) is also implemented on the same platform and the tools can be potentially used together.
- Import/Export capabilities. Which information can be imported to and exported from the tool? This criterion is important if one needs to move information from one tool to another, which is necessary both to the software development process and the verification of TFM.
- Supported diagrams in the execution model. It is necessary to know which diagrams of UML can be used as the execution models in these tools for further analysis. In the context of TFM this means which diagrams the TFM can be transformed into.
- Manual enhancement of UML diagrams. Adding additional information or behavior of some actions required for execution is not always possible using standard UML diagrams.
- Source code generation. Can be source code generated directly in this tool? This criterion is important both for the software development process and the verification of TFM if the tool generates usable code that is potentially more complete than the code generated from non-execution models.
- Execution process. How the execution process is represented? How to provide the objects and its instances traceability through the diagrams? How

to determine and choose the next action, when the current action is completed?

Table 1 shows comparison results of tools by the criteria “Integration with Eclipse”, “Import”, “Export”, “Supported UML diagrams” and “Source code generation”. Manual enhancement and execution process is compared under Table 1.

Cameo Simulation Toolkit uses the fUML standard. The additional inside activity diagrams or scripts needs to be created or written for some activity in the diagram in order to manage objects. In Enterprise Architect scripts written in JavaScript need to be presented for providing the behavior of actions, choosing the next step (action) and managing objects. Papyrus with Moka uses fUML standard and behavior of actions is provided in the form of activity diagrams. BridgePoint uses xtUML standard and OAL execution rules. Behavior of any type of action needs to be written in OAL language.

Simulation of model execution is visualized in the mentioned tools. The execution process can be manual, during debugging (using breakpoints) or automated, choosing the appropriate decision for the next step if necessary. The information of execution (e.g. object data, an executing action name) is shown in the console during execution. It is possible to define one main input (execution start) and output (execution end). Objects can be managed and traced through the model and their values can be changed.

Cameo Simulation Toolkit and Enterprise Architect are commercial tools and provide more possibilities for import and export. They also provide the possibility of generating a template of the user interface (with buttons, windows), using only the execution model without writing any actual code and execute the model using this generated user interface.

The UML activity diagram is used to provide the behavior of actions in Cameo Simulation Toolkit

Table 1: Tool comparison.

Tools\ Criteria	Integration with Eclipse	Import	Export	Supported UML diagrams	Source code generation
Cameo Simulation Toolkit	Standalone tool	UML, XMI, CSV and other	UML, CSV and other	Sequence, state machine, class and activity diagrams	Not documented
Enterprise Architect	Standalone tool	XMI, CSV	XMI, CSV	State machine, activity and sequence diagrams	Not documented
Papyrus with Moka	Integrated with Eclipse	Only Papyrus models	Not documented	Activity diagram	Not documented
BridgePoint	Standalone tool	Only BridgePoint projects	Only BridgePoint projects	Component, class and state machine diagrams	Can be translated if behavior is in OAL

and Papyrus with Moka, because they both use fUML standard. The UML state machine diagram with defined behavior is used for execution models in BridgePoint which uses xtUML standard and OAL language to define the behavior of actions. Tools provide a visual simulation of the execution process and the possibility to log the process information to the console. Documentation of the tools only provides the basic introductory information - it is challenging to present all necessary information for all kinds of users with different aims and goals.

In summary, all of the tools reviewed make modeling safer by aiding in the early discovery of potential mistakes. Cameo Simulation Toolkit, Enterprise Architect and Papyrus with Moka tools also provide a debugging mode, which allows interactive viewing of the system functionality using a step by step approach. Object management can help to determine, discover and correct the weak spots in the system before the actual implementation.

3.2 Comparison of Execution UML Diagrams

The current work further focuses on the tool Enterprise Architect. For more information about Cameo Simulation Toolkit, with figures and examples, see (Ovchinnikova & Nazaruka, 2016).

3.2.1 TFM of the Problem Domain

A part of a sport event organization process called "Registration at the sport event" is taken as an example from (Ovchinnikova & Nazaruka, 2016). A short version of the system description is as follows: "The visitor can visit and leave the sport event website after doing some tasks in the sport event website. He can request sport event data and after that the website returns the requested data (price, date, description and place) to the visitor. The visitor can request the list of participants and see all participants in the list or can request a registration form, register to the sport event and fill participant

data (name, surname, gender, birthday, e-mail, mobile phone number, country, name of the team, distance). When participant's data is added, it needs to be checked. If participant's data is correct and all mandatory fields are filled, then the price of participation needs to be automatically determined and provided, according to the distance, count of participants and the date of registration. After that the visitor needs to pay for participation. When the sport event website receives the payment, the visitor becomes a participant. The participants are added to the participants list, unique identifiers and existing groups are assigned for each participant. Registration confirmation is sent by the e-mail. After that the visitor receives the registration confirmation".

Functional features and TFM of the problem domain "Registration at the sport event" are taken from (Ovchinnikova & Nazaruka, 2016). Figure 2 provides the TFM with functional features and cause-and-effect relationships between them. The TFM is separated from the created topological space, where external functional features (some inputs and outputs), without direct relations (cause-and-effect) with internal functional features is considered, but not considered in the TFM.

The cycles in the TFM are the following: checking data (9 - 10 - 9); requesting sport event website information (2 - 3 - 5 - 6 - 2 and 2 - 3 - 7 - 8 - 2); and the main one is registration process (3 - 7 - 8 - 9 - 10 - 11 - 12 - 14 - 15 - 16 - 17 - 3).

TFM functional feature is a 7-tuple $\langle A, R, O, PrCond, PostCond, Pr, Ex \rangle$, where A is the object's action, R - the set of results of the object's action, O - the object set, PrCond and PostCond - the pre- and post-conditions, Pr - the provider, Ex - the set of executors (Osis and Asnina, 2011). Table 2 represents functional features information. Others 7-tuple elements are empty or similar (Postcond is empty, Action is similar to functional feature name, Object is similar to result, Provider for 1 and 4 functional feature is Visitor and for others Sport event website).

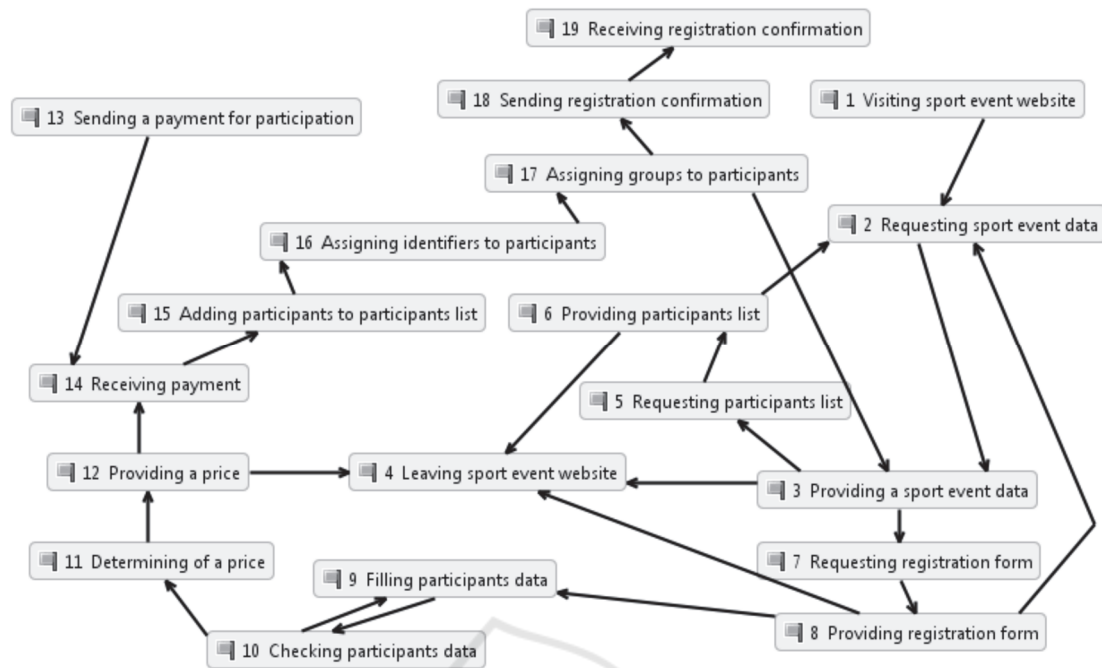


Figure 2: TFM of the problem domain (borrowed from (Ovchinnikova & Nazaruka, 2016)).

Table 2: Functional features of the problem domain (borrowed from (Ovchinnikova & Nazaruka, 2016)).

Id	Name	Result	Executer	Precondition
1	Visiting sport event website		Visitor	
2	Requesting sport event data		Visitor	
3	Providing a sport event data	Sport event data	Sport event website	
4	Leaving sport event website		Visitor	
5	Requesting participants list		Visitor	
6	Providing participants list	Participants list	Sport event website	
7	Requesting registration form		Visitor	
8	Providing registration form	Registration form	Sport event website	
9	Filling participants data	Participant data	Visitor	(If registration is available)
10	Checking participants data		Sport event website	
11	Determining of a price	Price	Sport event website	(All mandatory fields are filled) (Entered data are correct)
12	Providing a price		Sport event website	
13	Sending a payment for participation	Payment	Visitor	
14	Receiving payment		Sport event website	
15	Adding participants to participants list		Sport event website	(If payment is received)
16	Assigning identifiers to participants	Participant id	Sport event website	
17	Assigning groups to participants	Participant group	Sport event website	
18	Sending registration confirmation	Registration confirmation	Sport event website	
19	Receiving registration confirmation		Participant	

3.2.2 TFM to UML Activity Diagram

Functional features are related with each other by cause-and-effect relationships. Between cause-and-effect relationships there can be logical relationships (Donins, 2012).

Mappings between TFM and UML activity diagram elements are provided by (Donins, 2012):

- Action from TFM is used as an action in UML activity diagram;
- Cause-and-effect relationship (TFM) - as an edge (UML);
- Preconditions (TFM) - guards on edges outgoing from the decision node (UML);
- Logical relationship (TFM) - as merge, decision, join or fork nodes or their combination (UML);
- Input and output (TFM functional features) - as final and initial nodes (UML) accordingly.

In our case the TFM of the problem domain is transformed to an activity diagram. It is not divided into several activity diagrams. That is why it is necessary to determine the initial node (main entry),

final node (main exit) in the activity diagram. Optionally end of flows can also be determined.

3.2.3 Execution of UML Activity by Enterprise Architect

For simulation and possible execution of the UML activity diagram authors selected the tool Enterprise Architect version 13.0. User guide for this version is available in (SparxSystem, 2016).

The obtained UML activity diagram from the TFM during manual transformation by mappings rules is exported from the Cameo Simulation Toolkit (see results in (Ovchinnikova & Nazaruka, 2016)) and imported into Enterprise Architect. All elements of activity diagram were imported as actions (see Figure 3). Figure 4 represents the console output, while Figure 5 and Figure 6 show currently active parts of the simulation and the possible choices of next steps.

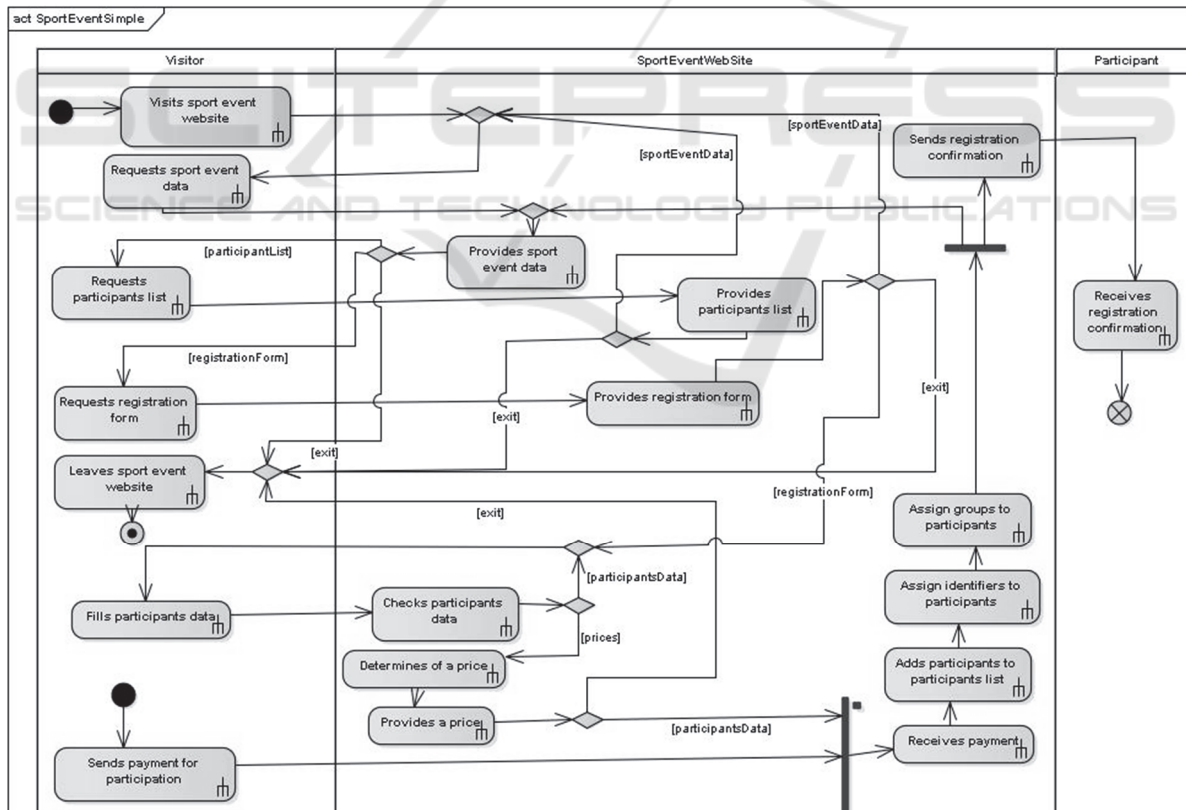


Figure 3: The imported UML activity diagram in Enterprise Architect.

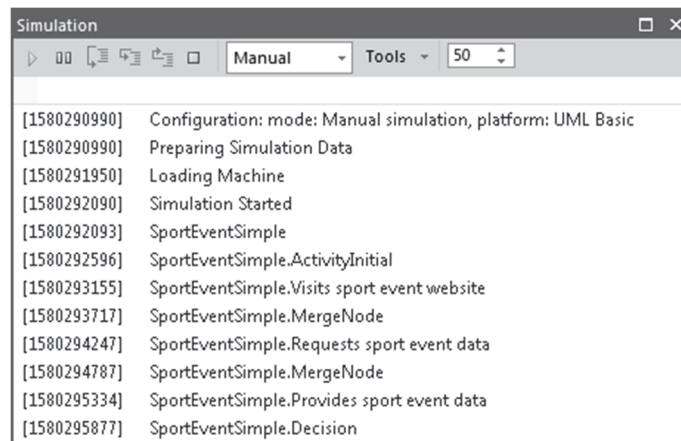


Figure 4: The console output during simulation.

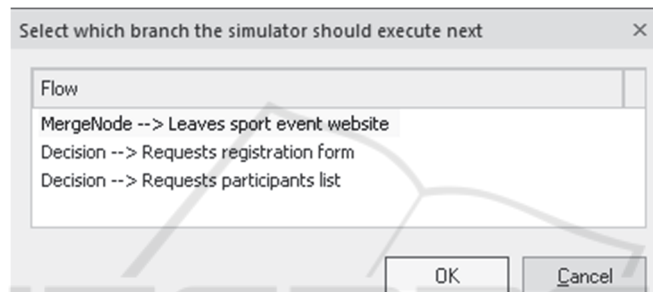


Figure 5: The choice of next step.

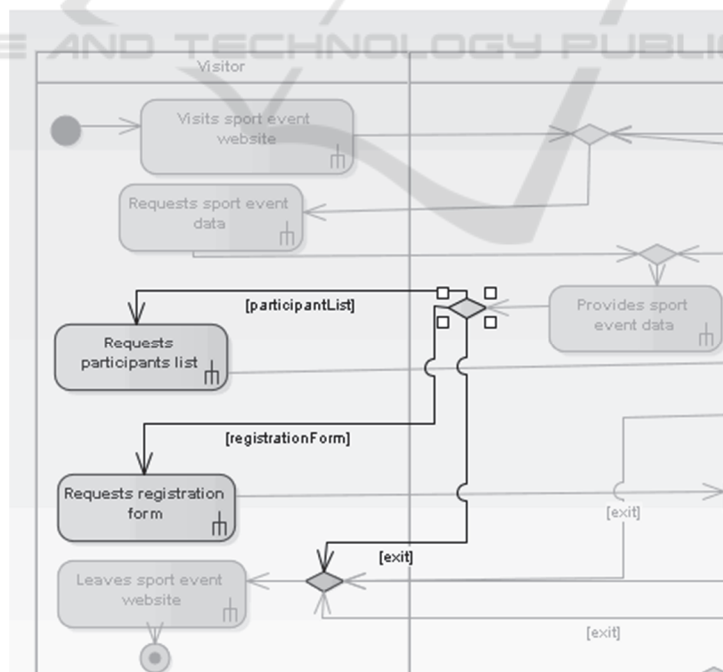


Figure 6: The part of the simulation during choice of next step.

The authors were not able to find how to add behavior written in JavaScript to the activity diagram for action or for activity. Authors of Enterprise Architect state that for state machines and activity graphs are enabled JavaScript. The difference between action and activity is (OMG, 2015a):

- The activity specifies sequence of behavior and can consists of actions.
- The action is a step within the activity.

The documentation of Enterprise Architect states that it is possible to do automatic simulation by providing more suitable next step in decision nodes. It can be used, when diagram is not complex, yet with a large number of paths it is hard to trace all of them visually – manual analysis of information in the console must be done in this situation. Alternatively, an automatic check could be done to make sure that all paths are traced.

Authors found it is difficult to follow the simulation visually in the Enterprise Architect tool when only the current action is shown and passed actions are not indicated. The usage of simulation capabilities of the program is hardly understandable for person with basic modeling experience. The user manual also does not provide any tutorials or examples for execution models.

3.2.4 Comparison Results

The authors found Cameo Simulation Toolkit to have a more user-friendly interface and to be more understandable for persons with basic modeling experience than Enterprise Architect. In Cameo Simulation Toolkit, it is possible to choose the scripting language (e.g. JavaScript, Groovy, Ruby, Python and BeanShell) in which the user can provide behavior (e.g. print some information to the console). In Enterprise Architect is possible to use only one scripting language – JavaScript. The authors were not able to find in the tool how to provide simple outputs to the console (in the form of behavior), using JavaScript.

The simulation process is visually traceable in Cameo Simulation Toolkit, because it shows the current location of execution and passed actions with different colors. Enterprise Architect shown only currently executed action while graying out other parts of the model.

Cameo Simulation Toolkit gives possibility to use instances with defined values for objects and these instances can be traced during execution and simulation of the model. In Enterprise Architect this feature is not available. In both tools it is possible to

use inside activity diagrams, which describe inside behavior of an activity.

While both tools do provide the basic functionality needed for execution models it is not enough to fully adopt it in practice. Still code needs to be written and very little code is generated automatically. The model execution itself is functional, but it is hard to measure if it provides extra benefits and does not consume additional time resources as it is very basic in both tools and will need additional investments to make it useful. The documentation for both tools should also feature more concrete examples and tutorials in order to more easily adopt the execution model for real software projects.

The authors also encountered some problems with Enterprise Architect – the execution sometimes would loop in the inside activity diagram and not continue execution, while the same model in Cameo Simulation Toolkit executed without any problems.

4 DISCUSSIONS AND CONCLUSION

The implementations of the execution model are still in their early stages. The analyzed tools cannot completely cover the execution process and require further improvements. The practical testing of execution model capabilities of Enterprise Architect and Cameo Simulation Toolkit has shown that not all capabilities described in documentation of the tools is ready for practical use in the software development process.

The main goal of all these tools is to provide modeled system behavior and automatically generate source code from this model without any coding. The later part of the goal is not yet realized, because all of the tools reviewed use programming languages for providing the execution of system behavior and actions: Cameo Simulation Toolkit and Papyrus with Moka use Alf language, Enterprise Architect uses JavaScript and BridgePoint uses OAL language.

The research hypothesis stated at the beginning needs to be checked by using the tools Papyrus with Moka and BridgePoint for case studies. At present, the obtained results of Papyrus with Moka and BridgePoint are only documentation-based. Currently the hypothesis is checked on commercial tools Cameo Simulation Toolkit and Enterprise Architect and is partially true. It is partially true, because some information can be lost during manual transformation from TFM to the UML activity

diagram. It is planned to automate transformation or provide synchronization between TFM and activity diagram. It is time-consuming process to write scripts for providing behavior and create it inside of the activity diagram for activity to be executed. It is planned to analyze in the future work if it is necessary to store object characteristics (attributes) in TFM. By comparing TFM and the UML activity diagram it is possible to see that TFM has a lower count of elements in graph than UML activity diagram (join, fork, merge and decision). A large count of elements can complicate the reading of the graph, model or diagram.

Theoretically, execution models can help to determine the weak places in the software system during model execution and to fix them, yet it is still not clearly proven in practice. The early error correction can save time and money in the future, yet it is necessary to weight in the additional efforts needed to create and maintain such execution models. Templates of the user interface (in Cameo Simulation Toolkit or Enterprise Architect) can be demonstrated to the customer before the implementation to help them properly specify their needs and wishes, which is not a trivial task in most cases (Chunka, 2011).

Further verification of the results requires the detailed analysis in action of two additional tools – Papyrus with Moka and BridgePoint. This will allow to gain a deeper insight in the benefits these tools provide as well as their usability in various situations in conjunction with the TFM.

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