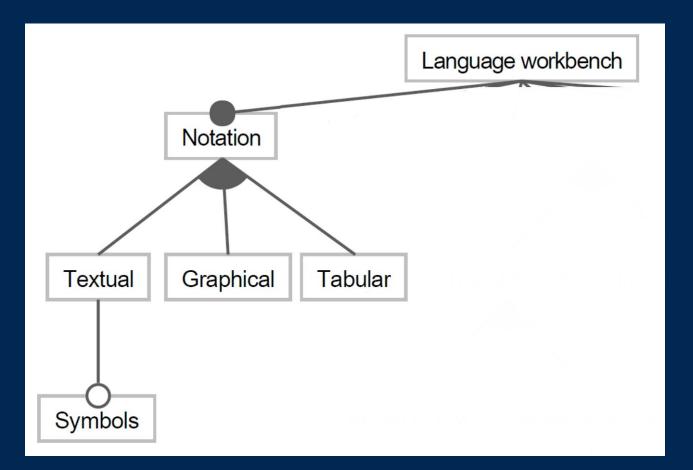
Projectional Forms

Using HTML forms as model input interface

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```
ince_1d
                                   $role_details['id'].
                   'resource id'
                                   $resource_details['id'];
                   );
if ( $this->rule_exists( $resource_details['id'], $role_details['id']
         // Remove the rule as there is currently no need for it
         $details['access'] = !$access;
         $this->_sql->delete( 'acl_rules', $details );
     } else {
         // Update the rule with the new access value
         $this->_sql->update( 'acl_rules', array( 'access' ap facces
     }
     foreach( $this->rules as $key=>$rule ) {
         if ( $details['role_id'] == $rule['role_id'] && $details['f
              if ( $access 🚥 false ) {
                  unset( $this->rules[ $key ] );
              } else {
                  $this->rules[ $key ]['access'] = $access;
              }
```

Code: textual input



User interfaces matter



Quest for online language workbenches

EXAMPLE	
Name	
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Hobbies	🗹 Cricket 🗌 Football
Gender	○ Female ○ Male
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HTML form input interface

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My special case never fits



Not bad for programming...

React Form Hooks DOCS

Nested Fields

GETTING STARTED			
API	Firstname	John	
EXAMPLES	Lastname	Doe	
Getting Started Form	Email		
Basic Form			
Field Types	ltems	Item 0	Delete
Nested Fields		Item 1	Delete
RECIPES		Add	
FormField.js		Add	
ArrayFormField.js	Items Object	Title 0	Delete
FormFooter.js		Description 0	
Components.js		Title 1	Delete
GITHUB			Delete
		Description 1	
		Add	
	{	Form Dirty Fo	rm Invalid

• compact definition

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?> <form> <field name="message" type="text" label="Enter message" size="40" class="inputbox" required="true" /> <field name="email" type="email" label="Enter email" required="true" size="40" class="inputbox" /> <field name="telephone" type="tel" label="Enter telephone number" required="true" size="40" class="inputbox" validate="tel" /> </form>

Developments in online-forms

sample_form.xml File containing the XML for the form definition

compact definition
nested fields

An example XML field definition for single mode:

<field name="field-name" type="subform"
formsource="path/to/exampleform.xml"
label="Subform Field" description="Subform Field Descripti</pre>

An example XML field definition for multiple mode:

<field name="field-name" type="subform"

formsource="path/to/exampleform.xml" multiple="true"
label="Subform Field" description="Subform Field Descripti

Example XML of exampleform.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
```

<form>

```
<field name="example_text" type="text" label="Example Text
  <field name="example_textarea" type="textarea" label="Exam
  </form>
```

• compact definition

nested fields

• custom fields

Туре	Description
accessiblemedia	provides modal access to the media manager for insertion of images with uploa permissions and a text field for adding a alternative text.
accesslevel	provides a drop down list of viewing access levels.
cachehandler	provides a list of available cache handling options.
calendar	provides a text box for entry of a date. An icon next to the text box provides a lin also be used to enter the date value.
captcha	provides the use of a captcha plugin.
category	provides a drop down list of categories for an extension.
checkbox	provides a single checkbox to be checked or unchecked
checkboxes	provides unlimited checkboxes that can be used for multi-select.
Chrome Style	provides a list of template chrome style options grouped by template.
color	provides a color picker when clicking the input box.

compact definition

- nested fields
- custom fields
- multilingual

field	
	<pre>name="name"</pre>
	<pre>type="text"</pre>
	label="COM_ <u>EXTENGEN_PROJECTFORM_LANGUAGEENTITY_</u> FIELD_NAME_LABEL"
	size="40"
	<pre>class="languageEntityName"</pre>
5	

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- compact definition
- nested fields
- custom fields
- multilingual
- drag&drop ordering

	+	Show/Hide
+	Feature Name: name	
+	Feature Name: id	
+	Feature Name: fileExtension	
+	Feature Name: document	

Developments in online-forms

Features

compact definition

- nested fields
- custom fields
- multilingual
- drag&drop ordering
- form validation

use Joomla\CMS\Form\FormRule; class LetterRule extends FormRule * **@var** string * **@var** string protected \$modifiers = 'i';

compact definition

- nested fields
- custom fields
- multilingual
- drag&drop ordering
- form validation
- JSON output

```
},
"feature2": {
  "key": "ER1 Entity fields",
  "is_optional": "1",
  "feature_type": "Link",
  "property": {
    "typeReference_key": "",
    "LIonWeb_key": ""
  "link": {
    "type": "ER1_Field",
```

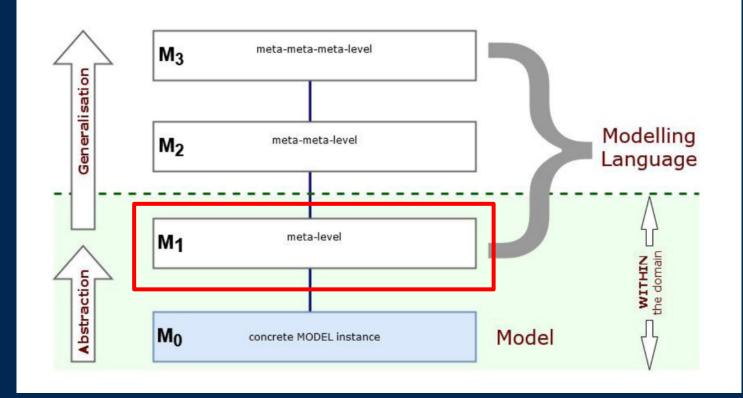
```
"is_multiple": "1",
"link_type": "Containment",
```

```
"containment": {
"extends": "",
"LIonWeb key": ""
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"LionWeb_ke
```

},





M1: language to input the model.

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Home Browse Extensions - Search	Community 🗸 🗧	Support - Vulnerable Extensior	ns ▼ Log in Register		
🕞 e-Commerce	256	📀 Contacts & Feedbac	k (207)	6 Core Enhancements	194
Payment Gateway	75	Contact forms	62	Performance	66
e-Commerce Integrations	60	Testimonials & Suggestions	39	Coding & Scripts Integration	57
Shopping Cart	31	Forms	27	File Management	25
Donations	23	Contact Details	15	Data Reports	20
Paid Downloads	13	Email	13	Libraries	5
Membership & Subscriptions	12	Articles comments	11	Multiple Sites	4
Billing & Invoices	9	Polls	11	Installers	3
Payment systems	9	Opening Hours	7	Flash Management	2
Gifts & Coupons	6	Surveys	7		
View All		View All			
C Authoring & Content	191	Structure & Navigat	ion (177)	Communication	156
Content Construction	63	Menu Systems	102	Chat	39
Custom Fields	58	Site Navigation	38	Live Support	33
Content Submission	12	Site Map	16	Live Support - hosted	22
Article Preview	9	Content Links	14	Forum	(11)
Timed Content	9	Sections & Categories	5	Video conference	8
Blog	8	Multi Categorization	2	Question & Answers	7
Admin Publishing	4			Forum Bridges	5
Archive	3			Instant Messaging	5
Microblogging	2			Online Status	5

MDE-project: extensions for Joomla 3, 4 and 5.



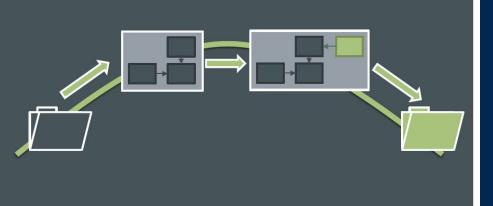


(JOOMLA 4 COMPONENT WITH JOOMDD (JOOMLA 4 COMPONENT BOUWEN MET JOOMDD)

DENNIS PRIEFER, WOLF ROST

JDNL '18, EINDHOVEN, THE NETHERLANDS

- I. CHALLENGES
- 2. JOOMDD
- 3. DEVELOPMENT USE CASES WITH JOOMDD
- 4. DEMO



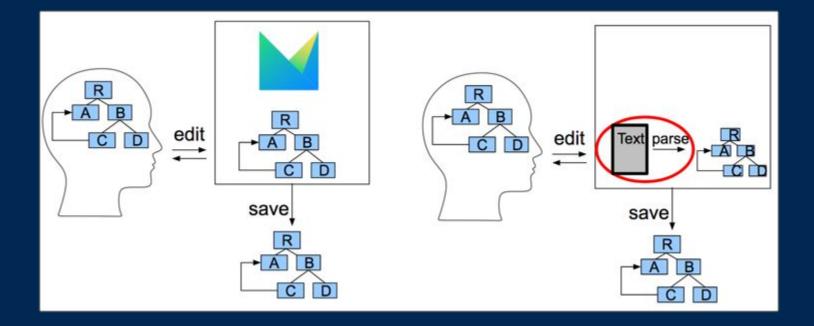
JooMDD, an XText-project.

```
Entity returns Entity:
    {Entity}
    'Entity' name=MYID ('extends' supertype=[Entity|QualifiedName])? (preserve?='@preserve')?
    '{'
        ('attributes' '{' (attributes+=Attribute)* '}')?
        // Kardinalität
        ('references' '{' (references+=Reference)* '}')?
    11
;
Attribute returns Attribute:
    {Attribute}
    //'Attribute' name=ID ':' ((dtype=[Datatype|QualifiedName]) | ('jvmtype' jvmtype=[jvmTypes::JvmType|QualifiedName])
    'Attribute' name=MYID (preserve?='@preserve')? '{'
        'type =' (type=Type)
        (isunique ?= 'Unique attribute' ('with' (withattribute=[Attribute|QualifiedName] | id?='ID'))?)?
        (isprimary ?= 'Primary attribute')?
    '}'
```

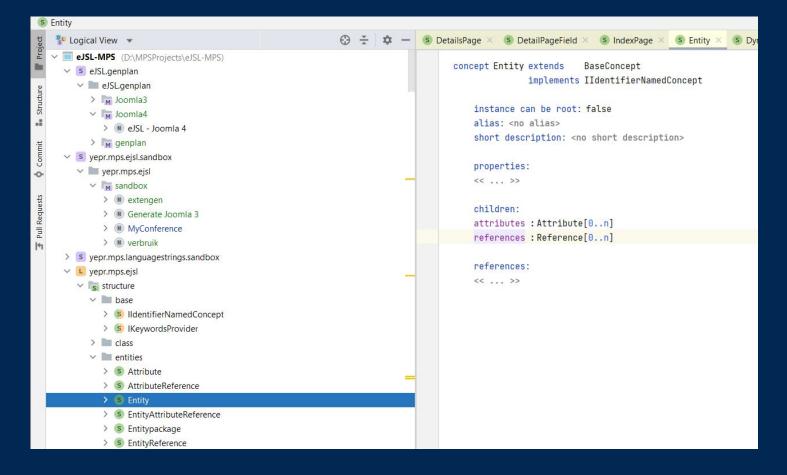
So, based on a DSL-grammar (eJSL).

1 (eJSLModel "Conference" {
<mark>2</mark> ∘	eJSL part: CMS Extension {
3∘	entities {
4 ®	<pre>Entity Participant {</pre>
5	attributes {
<mark>6</mark> ∘	Attribute name {
7	type = Short_Text
8	}
9∘	Attribute affiliation {
10	type = Text
11	}
<mark>12</mark> ∘	<pre>Attribute nationality {</pre>
13	type = Text
14	}
1 5∘	Attribute address {
16	type = Text
17	}
18	}
19	}
<mark>20</mark> ∘	Entity Talk {
21	attributes {
<mark>22</mark> ∘	Attribute title {

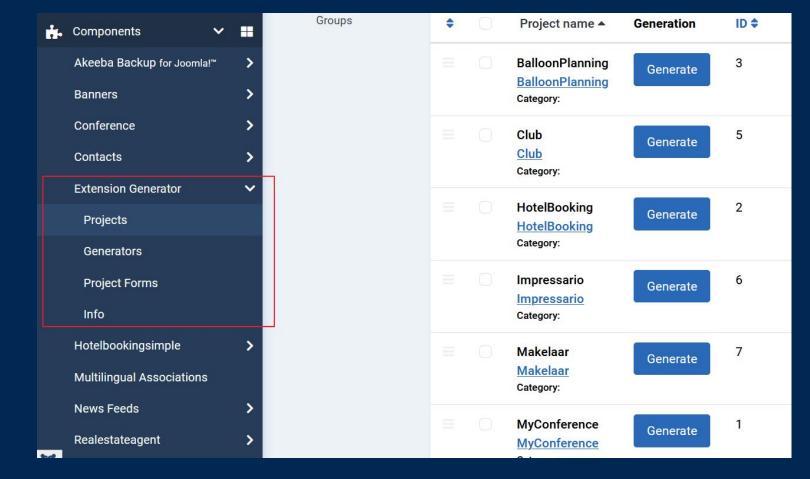
Resulting in an Eclipse editor, generating Joomla 3 & 4 code.



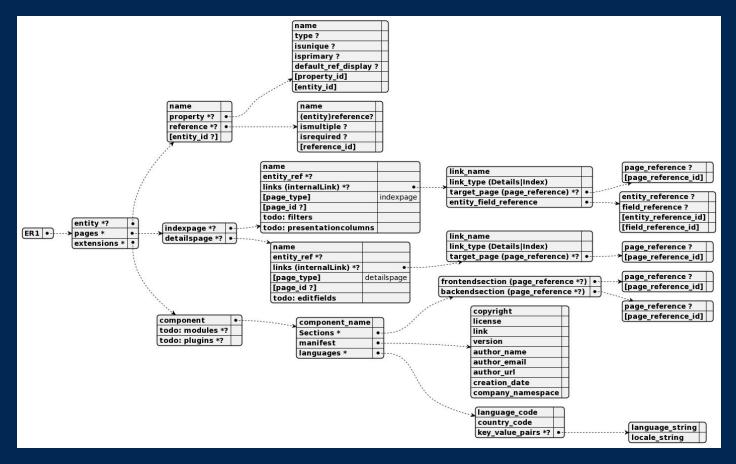
I've ported JooMDD to MPS: projectional editing.



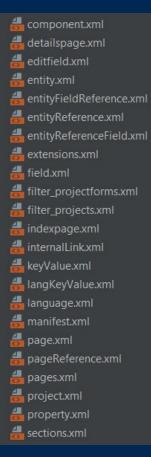
So, defining concepts in MPS



And finally to Extension Generator (a Joomla component).



So, based on (nested) forms.



Forms defined in xml-files.

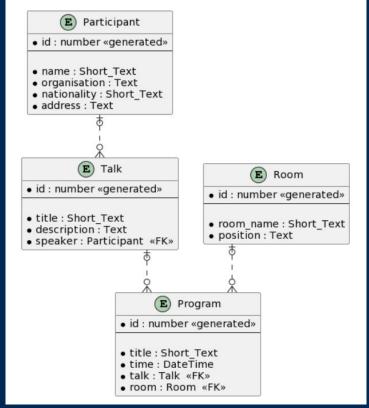
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Entities Pages Extensions					
Entity Relationship Diagram	H			٥	Show/Hide
Entities					-
	Entity name	Participant			
	Fields	+		 Sho 	w/Hide
		Field name Property or reference?	name Property Reference Is this field native property or a reference 	ice to another entity?	
		Property	Туре	Short Text	
			Is unique?		

Resulting in forms to input the model

Project name *	MyConference					
Entities Pages Extension	ons -					
Entity Relationship Diagra	m					
Entities	+					
	Entity name *	Participant				
	A STREET AND A STREET					
	Properties	Property name *	Туре	Is unique?	Is primary?	Default ref display?
	Properties	Property name *	Type Short Text		Is primary?	Default ref display?
	Properties				Is primary?	
	Properties ◆	name	Short Text 🗸		Is primary?	۵

Model (project) in 3 parts: data, interaction, extensions.

Entity Relationship Diagram for MyConference



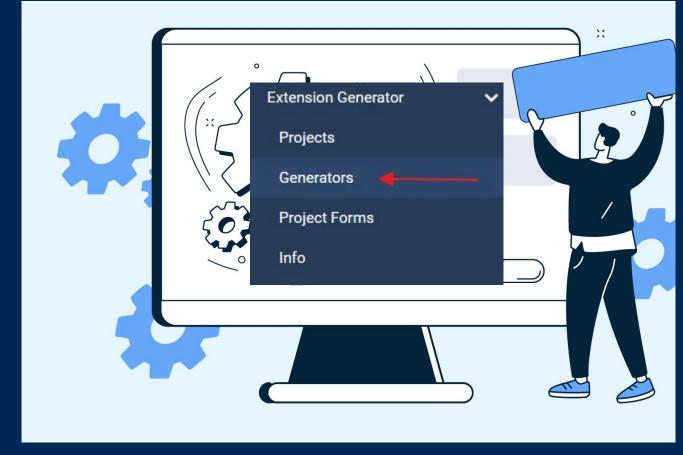
Example in JooMDD: conference.

Field name speaker Property or reference? Property O Reference Is this field native property or a reference to another entity? Reference Reference Participant V Multiple? Not yet available in this version! See roadmap for more information. Required? At least 1 item required?

Conference example: a speaker references to a Participant

```
public function save($data)
{% if foreign|length > 0 %}
       // Add foreign key column names
{% for reference in foreign %}
       $data['{{ reference.columnName }}'] = $data['{{ reference.fieldName }}'];
{% endfor %}
{% endif %}
       return parent::save($data);
   // Override getTable to be sure the right table name is used (especially when page name is dif
     name).
   public function getTable($name = '{{ entityName }}', $prefix = '', $options = [])
   return parent::getTable($name, $prefix, $options);
```

Generator is mostly mapping of AST to (Twig)templates.



Mapping is now still (PHP-)scripted, will be forms-based

Generation log

=== BACK-END === access.xml generated config.xml generated LICENSE.txt generated conference.xml generated provider.php generated ConferenceComponent.php generated generated install.mysgl.utf8.sgl sgl-file generated uninstall.mysgl.utf8.sgl sgl-file generated CREATE TABLE sol statement for # conference participant in sol-file ParticipantTable.php generated generated CREATE TABLE sgl statement for #_conference_talk in sgl-file TalkTable.php generated generated CREATE TABLE sql statement for #__conference_room in sql-file RoomTable.php generated generated CREATE TABLE sgl statement for #__conference_program in sgl-file ProgramTable.php generated ParticipantsController.php generated ParticipantsModel.php generated HtmlView.php generated default.php generated ParticipantController.php generated ParticipantModel.php generated HtmlView.php generated edit.php generated TalksController.php generated TalksModel.php generated HtmlView.php generated default.php generated TalkController.php generated TalkModel.php generated HtmlView.php generated

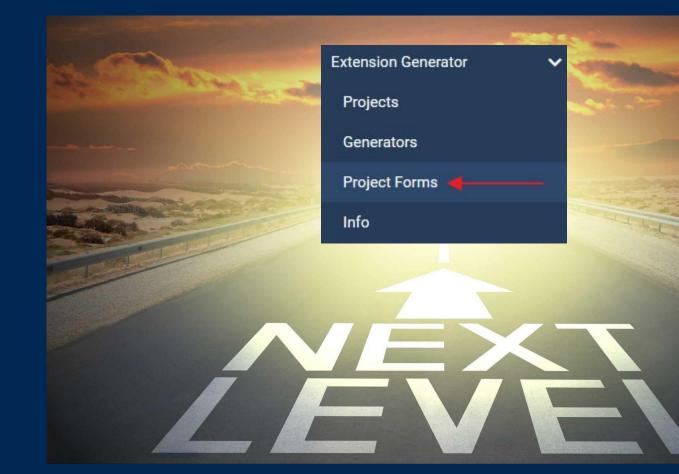
edit.php generated DisplayController.php generated

=== FORM FILES === participant.xml generated talk.xml generated room.xml generated session.xml generated

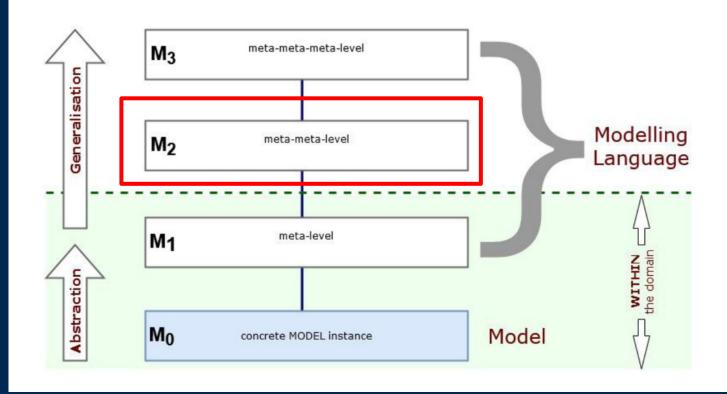
=== LANGUAGE FILES ===

administrator/components/com_conference/language/en-GB/com_conference.ini generated administrator/components/com_conference/language/nl-NL/com_conference.ini generated administrator/components/com_conference/language/en-GB/com_conference.sys.ini generated administrator/components/com_conference/language/nl-NL/com_conference.sys.ini generated components/com_conference/language/en-GB/com_conference.ini generated components/com_conference/language/en-GB/com_conference.ini generated

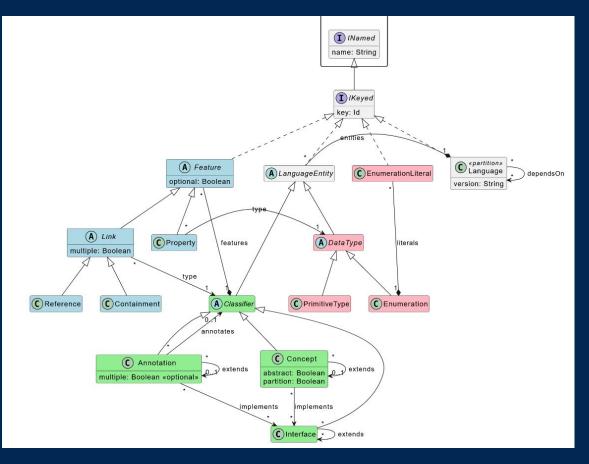
Files for the Joomla extension are generated.



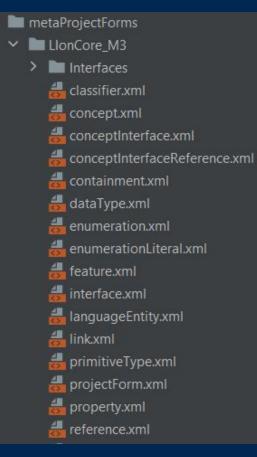
Project forms can be defined with forms!



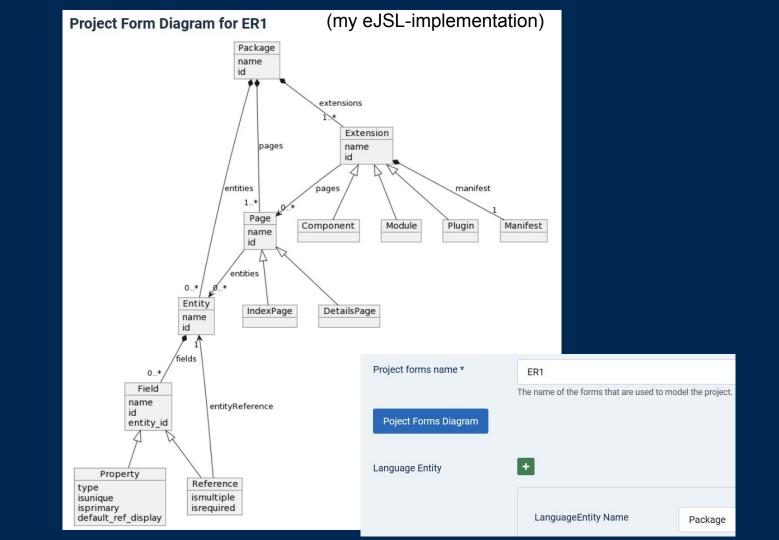
M2: language to input the model for the language to input the model (meta-meta-level)



I use LlonCore_M3 as M3-language



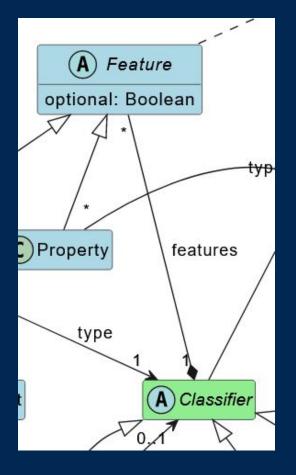
Forms defined in xml-files



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LanguageEntity Name	XmlDocument			
LanguageEntity Key	XmlDocument			
Type of Language Entity?	O Classifier			
	DataType			
	Classifier or DataType?			
Classifier	Classifier Type	O Concept		
		ConceptInterface		
		Annotation		
		A Classifier is either a Concept, a Concept	Interface or an Annotation	
	Concept	Concept is abstract?		
		Concept can be root?		
		Concept can be root?		
		Extends		~
				Show/Hide
		Implements	4	Show/Fide
	Features			Show/Hide
	reatures	M		C chonyr nae
		Feature Name	prolog	
		Feature Key	XmlDocument-prolog	
		Optional?		
		optional:	Can we have zero of this?	
		Property or link?	Property	

Implementation: from M2-AST to M1-form

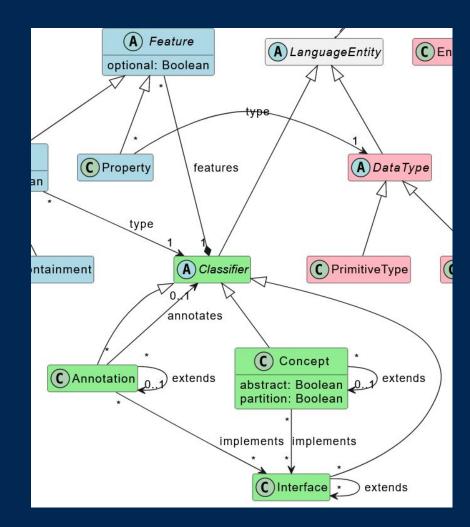
• feature / containment



Feature Name	
fields	
Feature Key	
ER1_Entity_fields	
Optional?	
Can we have zero of this?	
Property or link?	
Property	
O Link	
Is this feature a native property or a link to another co	oncept?
Link	
Type (Classifier)	
Field	~
Multiple?	
0	
Link Type	
O Containment	
Reference	
Containment (child) or Reference	

Implementation: subform always visible

• inheritance



inheritance: switch + subform show

uageEntity Key	ER1_Entity			
of Language Entity?	Classifier DataType Classifier or DataType?			
ifier	Classifier Type Concept ConceptInterface			
	Annotation A Classifier is either a Concept, a ConceptInterface or an Annotation Concept Concept is abstract?			
	Concept can be root?			
	Extends	~		
	Implements	w/Hide		
	Features			

Implementation: top-down in hierarchy, no substitution

Lang

Type

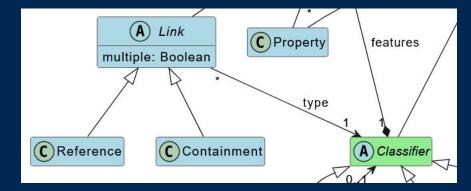
Class

inheritance: switch + subform show

LanguageEntity Key	ER1_Entity	
Type of Language Entity?	Classifier DataType Classifier or DataType?	
Classifier	Classifier Type Concept ConceptInterface Annotation A Classifier is either a Concept, a ConceptInterface or an Annotation ConceptInterface Extends	
	Features	

Implementation: top-down in hierarchy, no substitution

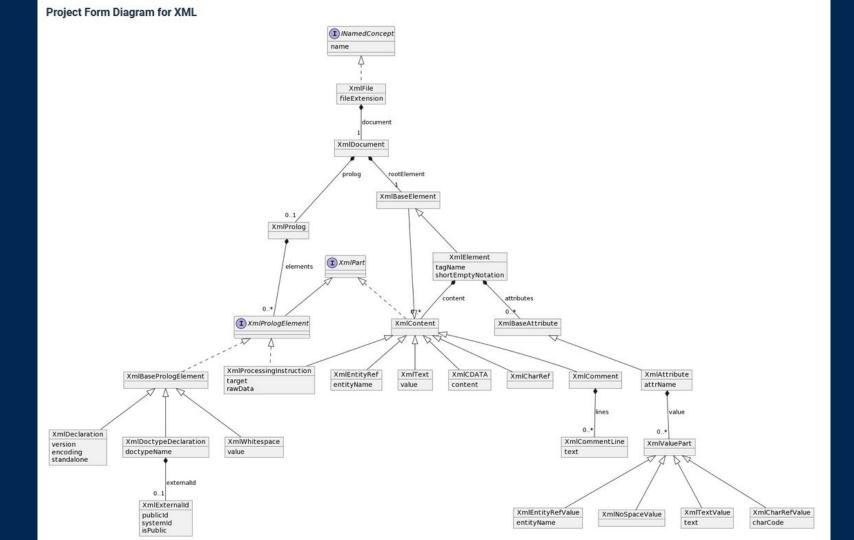
- feature / containment: subform
- inheritance: switch + subform show
- link / reference

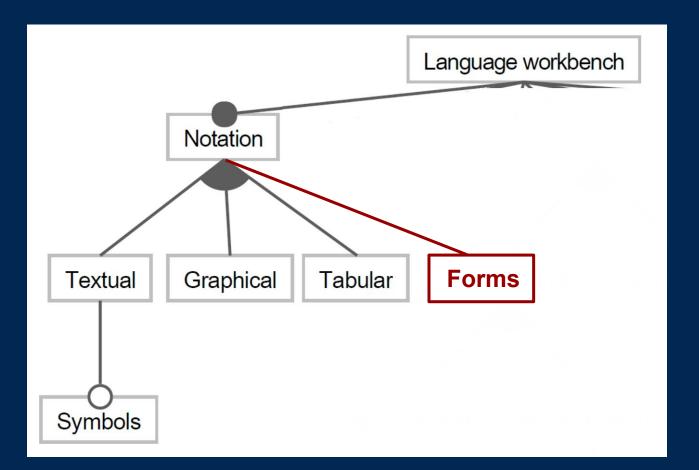


- inheritance: switch + subform show
- link / reference: dropdown

Link					
Type (Classifier)					
Field	~				
Type (Classifier)					
Field	~				
Package					
Entity					
Field					
Property					
Reference					
Page					
IndexPage					
DetailsPage					
Extension	+				
Component					
Module					
- Plugin					
Manifest					

Implementation: select from possibilities





Towards a forms based language workbench

Until proven otherwise, anything that can be done with code, can be done with forms. 2

forms have a lot of possibilities as input interface



forms have a lot of possibilities as input interface
forms give structure and limitation of input



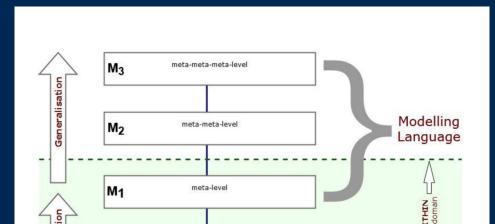
- forms have a lot of possibilities as input interface
- forms give structure and limitation of input
- forms are widely used and familiar for online input

There's no place like 127.0.0.1

forms have a lot of possibilities as input interface forms give structure and limitation of input forms are widely used and familiar for online input forms can be used to input a model (AST)

anguageEntity Name	XmlDocument					
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	Concept	Concept is abstract?			1	
		Concept can be root?			/ .	
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		Feature Key	XmlDocument-prolog			
		Optional?	Can we have zero of this?			14
		Property or link?	Property			

- forms have a lot of possibilities as input interface
- forms give structure and limitation of input
- forms are widely used and familiar for online input
- forms can be used to input a model (AST)
- forms can be used on higher meta-levels



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Forms can be a good addition to (online) input interfaces

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sites: Extension Generator <u>extengen.yepr.nl</u> Projectional Forms Playground <u>pro-forms.yepr.nl</u>

> repo: github.com/HermanPeeren/Extengen