

Object Constraint Language (MDT OCL) 1.3 Galileo Simultaneous Release Review

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Talking Points

- OCL 1.3 Themes
 - End-to-End MDSD
 - Improved Usability
- The component lead certifies that the requirements for Eclipse Quality APIs have been met for this release
- End-of-life issues
 - No significant deprecations, deletions, or other end-of-life changes.
- 4 committers from 4 companies (Borland, OBEO, OpenCanarias, Thales) in 4 countries (France, Russia, Spain, UK)
- 6 contributors



Features

•1.3 development plan available at

http://www.eclipse.org/projects/project-plan.php?planurl= http://www.eclipse.org/modeling/mdt/ocl/project-info/plan.xml&component=OCL

10 committed, 5 deferred

New & Noteworthy documentation at

http://wiki.eclipse.org/MDT/OCL/New_and_Noteworthy/Galileo

Release notes available at

http://www.eclipse.org/modeling/mdt/news/relnotes.php?project=ocl&version=1.3.x



Features - Details

- End-to-End MDSD
 - Extensibility. Refactored OCL type checking system, evaluation visitor and standard library for extensibility.
 Escape-sequences in String Literals. Control characters like '\n' or '\r' are now supported by OCL.
- Improved Usability
 - Error Recovery in OCL Grammar. Backtracking-parser based error recovery allows to report multiple errors in the OCL input.
 - Enhanced Tracing. Finer-grained control is available using system properties named according to the OCL plug-in's trace options.



Non-Code Aspects

- Documentation hosted at MDT Web site, Wiki
- Documentation (FAQ, Javadoc, articles, etc.) available
- Example feature/plug-in available; a more powerful example of OCL console is being developed



APIs

- The component lead certifies that the requirements for Eclipse Quality APIs have been met for this release
- Non-API in "internal" namespace
- Some 'discouraged access' warnings in cases of metamodel extension (plug-in compatibility restricted to minor version)
 - Ecore and UML bindings extend corresponding metamodel implementations
- Previously internal API for the OCL evaluation visitor refactored for extensibility and published for consumption by QVT and other consumers.



Architectural Issues

- Grammar/parser supports language extensibility
- Extensible validation provided by EValidators for the abstract syntax model
- Evaluation visitor supports exception propagation for exception support in extending languages such as QVTO
- OCL type system made extensible to introduce new types in languages such as QVTO
- OCL standard library made extensible



Tool Usability

 OCL is used for model validation as a constraint definition language as well as in downstream projects like QVTO were it is used for model navigation and extended for model updates.



End-of-Life

• No end-of-life concerns



Bugzilla (as of May 28, 2009)

Severity		NEW	ASSIGNED	REOPENED	RESOLVED	VERIFIED	CLOSED	Total
	critical				<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>		2
	major		1		3	2		<u>6</u>
	normal	<u>24</u>		2	<u>28</u>	<u>13</u>	1	<u>68</u>
	minor	<u>1</u>				1		2
	trivial				2	<u>1</u>		<u>3</u>
	enhancement	<u>23</u>			<u>13</u>	<u>8</u>		<u>44</u>
	Total	<u>48</u>	1	2	<u>47</u>	<u>26</u>	1	<u>125</u>

Status



Standards

 Object Constraint Language (OCL) 2.1 revision underway; MDT OCL 1.3 compliant (with extensions) with 2.0 formal version



UI Usability

• No significant changes over previous release.



Schedule

- MDT OCL is a "+1" component in the simultaneous release
 - ✓ M1 8/13/2008
 - ✓ M2 9/24/2008
 - ✓ M3 11/5/2008
 - ✓ M4 12/18/2008
 - ✓ M5 2/5/2009
 - ✓ M6 3/18/2009 API freeze
 - ✓ RC1 5/20/2009
 - ✓ RC2 5/27/2009



Communities

- Steady interaction in Bugzilla and on newsgroup
- Collaboration with QVT projects at Eclipse (M2M QTV Operational, M2M QVT Declarative, GMT UMLX, M2T MTL (Acceleo)) and elsewhere (OpenCanarias)



IP Issues

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Project Plan

• Draft development plan for MDT OCL 1.4 is not yet available



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