EAAT User Manual

A guide how to use the *Class Modeler*

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This document is a user manual for the Enterprise architecture Analysis tool (EAAT). For more information about the tool project, please consider http://www.ics.kth.se/eaat.

1 Background

The discipline of enterprise architecture advocates the use of models to support decision-making on enterprise-wide information system issues. In order to provide such support, enterprise architecture models should be amenable to analyses of various properties, as e.g. the availability, performance, interoperability, modifiability, and information security of the modeled enterprise information systems. This manual describes a software tool for such analyses. EAAT is an acronym for Enterprise Architecture Analysis Tool and is a software system for modeling and analysis of enterprises and their information systems.

The EAAT tool supports analysis of enterprise architecture models. The tool guides the creaation of enterprise information system scenarios in the form of enterprise architecture models and generates quantitative assessments of the scenarios as they evolve. Assessments can be of various quality attributes, such as information security, interoperability, maintainability, performance, availability, usability, functional suitability, and accuracy.

The EAAT tool consists of two parts, the Class modeler for defining the underlying theory for the assessment and the *Object modeler* for modeling enterprises and performing assessments. Theory definition is the activity of identifying which phenomena are relevant for achieving the system For instance, security analysis requires modeling components such as firewalls, intrusion detection systems, anti malware functions, access right definition and implementation, training personnel, the existence of business continuity plans and much more. In the Class modeler, the structure and importance of these phenomena is modeled. The Class modeler is thus mainly aimed to be used by researchers. The second part of the tool is the Object modeler, which is used to model concrete instances of system scenarios. The Object modeler uses the theoretical framework developed in the Class modeler. The Object modeler is mainly intended to be used by the industry. While this manual focuses on the Class modeler, information about the Object modeler be obtained from the can project webpage at http://www.ics.kth.se

1.1 P2AMF: Predictive, Probabilistic Architecture Modeling Framework

The Object Constraint Language (OCL) is a formal language typically used to describe constraints on UML models. These expressions typically specify invariant conditions that must hold for the system being modeled, pre- and post conditions on operations and methods, or queries over objects described in a model.

P2AMF, the Predictive, Probabilistic Architecture Modeling Framework is an extension of OCL for probabilistic assessment and prediction of system qualities. The main feature of P2AMF is its ability to express uncertainties of objects, relations and attributes in the UML-models and perform probabilistic assessments incorporating these uncertainties.

A typical usage of P2AMF would thus be to create a model for predicting, e.g., the availability of a certain type of application. Assume the simple case where the availability of the application is solely dependent on the availability of the redundant servers executing the application; a P2AMF expression might look like this,

context APPLICATION:

ATTRIBUTE AVAILABLE: Boolean = SELF.SERVER->EXISTS(S:SERVER|S. AVAILABLE)

This example demonstrates the similarity between P2AMF and OCL, since the expression is not only a valid P2AMF expression, but also a valid OCL expression. The first line defines the context of the expression, namely the application. In the second line, the attribute **available** is defined as a function of the availability of the servers that execute it. In the example, it is sufficient that there exists one available server for the application to be available.

In P2AMF, two kinds of uncertainty are introduced. Firstly, attributes may be stochastic. When attributes are instantiated, their values are thus expressed as probability distributions. For instance, the probability distribution of the instance myServer.available might be

P(MYSERVER . AVAILABLE)=0.99

The probability that a myServer instance is avail- able is thus 99%. For a normally distributed attribute operatingCost of the type Real with a mean value of \$ 3 500 and a standard deviation of \$ 200, the declaration would look like this,

P(MYSERVER.OPERATINGCOST) = NORMAL(3500,200)

i.e. the operating costs of server is normally distributed with mean 3500 and standard deviation 200.

Secondly, the existence of objects and relationships may be uncertain. It may, for instance, be the case that we no longer know whether a specific server is still in service or whether it has been retired. This is a case of object existence uncertainty.

Such uncertainty is specified using an existence at-tribute E that is mandatory for all classes (here using the concept class in the regular object-oriented aspect of the word), where the probability distribution of the instance myServer.E might be

```
P(MYSERVER.E) = 0.8
```

i.e. there is a 80% chance that the server still exists.

We may also be uncertain of whether myServer is still in the cluster servicing a specific application, i.e. whether there is a connection between the server and the application. Similarly, this relationship uncertainty is specified with an existence attribute E on the relationships.

In this manual the reader will be confronted with P2AMF in three ways: (i) in the form of metamodel attribute specifications, (ii) as metamodel invariants which constrain the way in which the model may be constructed and (iii) as operations which are methods that aid the specification of invariants and attributes.

An example metamodel attribute expression is shown below:

```
context USAGERELATION
```

```
ATTRIBUTE SELF . APPLICATIONWEIGHT : Real = GETFUNCTIONALITY 0/ISAFFECTED_1_INV .USE_5_INV . FUNCTIONALITY
```

This is referring to the class UsageRelation in Figure 2 and specifies that getFunctionality() operation should be utilized. The operation getFunctionality() is specified as follows:

```
context USAGERELATION
```

```
OPERATION GETFUNCTIONALITY (): Real = SELF. ISAFFECTED_2.
ASSIGNED_INV->SELECT (
```

 ${\tt OCLISKINDOF\,(APPLICATIONFUNCTION\,)\,.\,\,OCLASTYPE\,(APPLICATIONFUNCTION\,)\,.}$ ${\tt FUNCTIONALITY->SUM()}$

where it says that getFunctionality() requires no input, and generates a Real as output according to a statement.

An example invariant, noWriteAndRead, can be found below:

```
context InternalBehaviorElement invariant noWriteAndRead = not (
READ_FUNCTION_INV->E X I S T S ( DO :
```

```
PASSIVECOMPONENTSET | WRITE_FUNCTION-> I N C L U D E S (DO)))
```

This specifies that objects of the class InternalBehaviorElement from Figure 2 are not allowed to both write and read the same data object.

A full exposition of the P2AMF language is beyond the scope Sufficient to say here that the EAAT tool now implements P2AMF using the EMF-OCL plug-in to the Eclipse Modeling Framework and has been employed to implement the metamodels of this paper. The probabilistic aspects are implemented in a Monte Carlo fashion: In every iteration, the stochastic P2AMF variables are instantiated with instance values according to their respective distribution. This includes the existence of classes and relationships, which are sometimes instantiated, sometimes not, depending on the distribution. Then, each P2AMF statement is transformed into a proper OCL statement and evaluated using the EMF-OCL interpreter. The final value returned by the model when queried is a weighted mean of all the iterations.

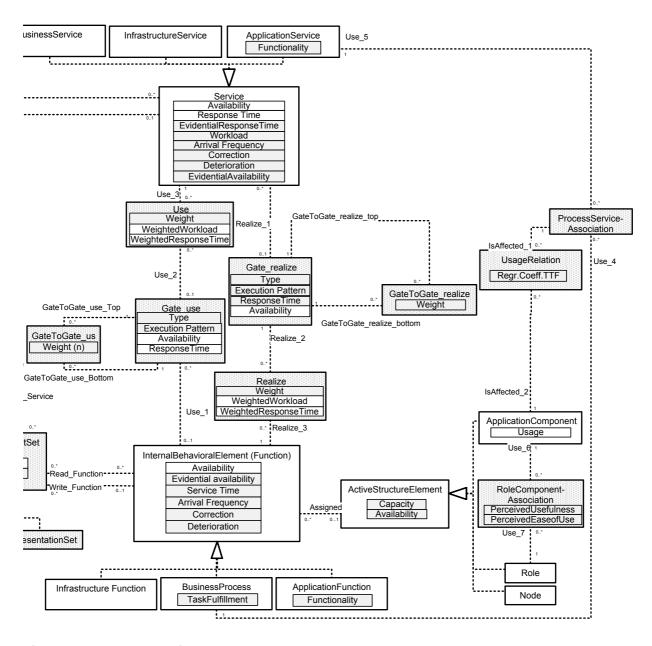


Figure 1 P2AMF Example

In this manual the historic name POCL will be used as a synonym to P2AMF. The wording will be unified with the next major release of the tool and its describing documentation.

1.2 Probabilistic relational models (PRMs)

A PRM Π specifies a probability distribution over all instantiations I of the metamodel M. As a Bayesian network (Jensen 2001) it consists of a qualitative dependency structure, and associated quantitative parameters.

The qualitative dependency structure is defined by associating attributes X.A with a set of parents Pa(X.A). Each parent of X.A has the form $X.\tau.B$ where $B \in At(X,\tau)$ and τ is either empty, a single reference slot φ or a of reference slots $\varphi_1,...,\varphi_k$ such that $Range[\phi_i] = Dom[\phi_{(i+1)}]$. We call τ a slot chain. For example, the attribute class Conversation may Conversation.carrier.dropsMessage, meaning that the probability that a certain conversation is dropped depends on the probability that message passing systems that transmit the conversation drop messages. Note that X.T.B may reference a set of attributes rather than a single one. In these cases, we let X.A depend probabilistically on an aggregated property over those attributes. In this paper, we use the logical operations AND and OR as aggregate functions. Considering the quantitative part of the PRM, these aggregated properties are associated with a probability distribution for the case when $X.\tau.B$ is an empty set in the architecture instantiation. For example, if $V(X.B) = \{True, False\}$, the aggregation function AND could return $X.B = \{True = 0, False = 1\}$ if no parents are present in architecture instantiation.

Given a set of parents for an attribute, we can define a local probability model by associating a conditional probability distribution with the attribute, $P(X.A \mid Pa(X.A))$. For instance, $P(Conversation.isDropped=True \mid MessagePassingSystem.dropsMessage=False)=10%$ specifies the probability that a conversation is dropped, given the quality of the message passing system.

We can now define a PRM Π for a metamodel M as follows. For each class X and each descriptive attribute $A \in At(X)$, we have a set of parents Pa(X.A), and a conditional probability distribution that represents $P_{\Pi}(X.A|Pa(X.A))$.

Given a relational skeleton σ_r (i.e. a metamodel instantiated without attribute values), a PRM Π specifies a probability distribution over a set of instantiations I consistent with σ_r (cf. Equation 1).

$$P(I|\sigma_r,\Pi) = \prod_{x \in \sigma_r(x)} \prod_{A \in At(x)} P(x.A|Pa(x.A))$$
 (Equation 1)

$$P(I|\sigma_r, \Pi) = \Pi_{x \in \sigma_r(X)} \Pi_{A \in At(X)} P(x. A|Pa(x. A))$$

Here $\sigma_r(X)$ are the objects of each class as specified by the relational skeleton σ_r . Hence, the attribute values can be inferred.

1.3 The theory behind the tool

Enterprise architecture models serve several purposes. Kurpjuweit and Winter identify three distinct modeling purposes with regard to information systems, viz. (i) documentation and communication, (ii) analysis and explanation and (iii) design. The present article focuses on the analysis and explanation (which is not to denigrate the usefulness of the others). The reason is that analysis and explanation are closely related to the notion of proper goals for enterprise architecture efforts. For example, a business goal of decreasing downtime costs immediately leads to an analysis interest in availability. This, in turn, defines the modeling needs, e.g. the need to collect data on mean times to failure and repair. In this sense, analysis is at the core of making rational decisions about information systems. An analysis-centric process of enterprise architecture is illustrated in Figure 2. In the first step, assessment scoping, the problem is described in terms of one or a set of potential future scenarios of the enterprise and in terms of the assessment criteria with its theory (the PRM in the figure) to be used for scenario evaluation. In the second step, the scenarios are detailed by a process of evidence collection, resulting in a model (instantiated PRM, in the figure) for each scenario. In the final step, analysis, quantitative values of the models' quality attributes are calculated and the results are then visualized in the form of e.g. enterprise architecture diagrams.

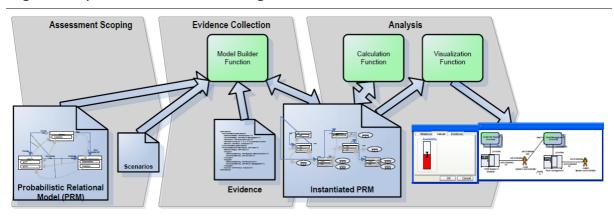


Figure 2 The process of enterprise architecture analysis with three main activities: (i) setting the goal, (ii) collecting evidence and (iii) performing the analysis.

More concretely, assume that a decision maker in an electric utility is contemplating changes related to the configuration of a substation. The modification of a new access control policy would reduce the probability that someone installs malware on a system and thereby reduce the risk that this type of unwanted software is executed. The question for the decision maker is whether this change is feasible or not. As mentioned in the first step assessment scoping the decision maker identifies the available decision alternatives, i.e. the enterprise information system scenarios. In this step, the decision maker also needs to determine how the scenario should be evaluated, i.e. the goal of the assessment. One such goal could be to assess the security of an information system. Other

goals could be to assess the availability, interoperability or data quality of the proposed to-be architecture. Often several quality attributes are desirable goals. In this paper, without loss of generality, we simplify the problem to the assessment of security of an electric power-station. Information about the involved systems and their organizational context is required for a good understanding of their data quality. For instance, it is reasonable to believe that a firewall would increase the probability that the system is secure. The availability of the firewall is thus one factor that can affect the security and should therefore be recorded in the scenario model. The decision maker needs to understand what information to gather and also ensure that this information is indeed collected and modeled. Overall, the effort aims to understand which attributes causally influence the selected goal, viz. data quality. It might happen that the attributes identified do not directly influence the goal. If so, an iterative approach can be employed to identify further attributes causally affecting the attributes found in the previous iteration. This iterative process continues until all paths of attributes and causal relations between them, have been broken down into attributes that are directly controllable for the decision maker (cf. Figure 3).

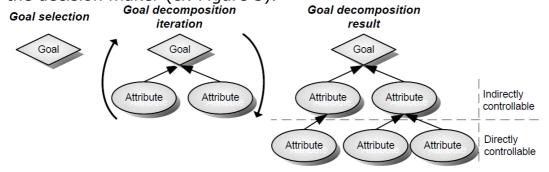


Figure 3 Goal decomposition method.

In the second step collecting evidence the scenarios need to be detailed with actual information to facilitate their analysis of them. Thus, once the appropriate attributes have been set, the corresponding data is collected throughout the organization. In particular, it should be noted here that the collected data will not be perfect. Rather, it risks being incomplete and uncertain. The tool handles this by allowing the user to enter the credibility of the evidence depending on how large the deviations from the true value are judged to be. In the third and final step, performing the analysis, the decision alternatives are analyzed with respect to the goal set e.g. security. The mathematical formalism plays a vital role in this analysis. Using conditional probabilities and Bayes' rule, it is possible to infer the values of the variables in the goal decomposition under different architecture scenarios. By using the PRM formalism, the architecture analysis accounts for two kinds of potential uncertainties: that of the attribute values as well as that of the causal relations as such. Using this analysis framework, the pros and cons of the scenarios can be weighted

against each other in order to determine which alternative ought to be preferred.

2 Specifying Theory in EAAT using the Class Modeler

The theory that should be used to perform analysis on is specified with the Class Modeler of the EAAT. This is generally performed by a researcher whereas practitioners generally employ a predefined theory.

2.1 Starting EAAT

The EAAT is written in Java to enable platform independence and thus requires Java JRE® to run (if missing, it can be downloaded at http://www.java.com). For windows users the program is started by

executing the runClassModeler.bat

on MAC please use the ClassModeler application

2.1.1 Getting familiar with the user interface

When starting the Class modeler the following window is displayed

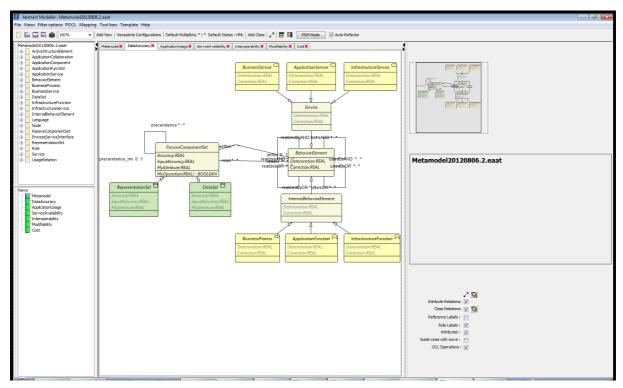


Figure 4: The main window of the EAAT Class modeler with modeling pane, menu bar, tool bar and status bar.

This view is dominated by the large modeling area, the white part of the window. Apart from this there is the menu bar and the tool bar at the top

of the screen and the info palette at the right side. Following is a short description of the menu choices and buttons in the tool bar, as well as the info palette.

2.1.2 Menu bar

The menu offers several options. The file menu offers to create new class models, open existing ones, save a model to file (including Save As ...) to adjust the used colors, to modify the type of an attribute, to connect a class, to validate the modeled attribute relatiosn, to export to XML and import to XML as well as to configure viewpoints. on the one hand and to "Import From XML" on the other hand. Finally the tool can be closed from the file menu too.

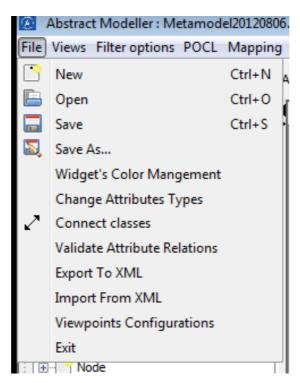


Figure 5: The File menu of the Class Modeler.

The views menu shows the views that are part of the currently opened model.

The filter options allows specifying the visualization of the opened model. Here it can be decided whether Attribute Relations, Class Relations, Reference Labes, Role Labels, Attributes, Guide Lines, and OCL Operations should be shown in the current view. Furthermore it can be selected if the modeled classes should automatically adjust themselves to an underlying visual grid.

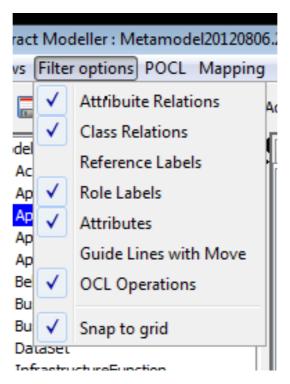


Figure 6 The Filter options menu of the Class Modeler

The POCL menu offers various POCL related tasks. The OCL-Code that has been added to the model can be validated. For the Model the corresponding Java code can be stored and finally the model can be exported as an Ecore file.

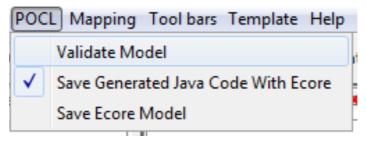


Figure 7 The POCL options menu

From the Mapping menu a mapping between an XSD (XML Schema) file and the currently opened class model can be specified. This mapping can be used to auto generate models.

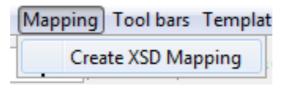


Figure 8 The Mapping menu of the Class Modeler

From the tool bars menu the different menus that the Class Modeler can be shown.

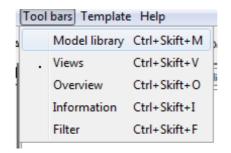


Figure 9 The Tool bars menu of the Class Modeler

The template menu allows to define templates on Class level. These templates can later on be reused during the creation of the object diagrams.

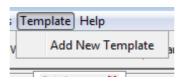


Figure 10 The Template menu of the Class Modeler

2.1.3 Tool bar

The toolbar, as displayed below, allows for easy access to the most common functions of the tool

| Add View | Viewpoints Configurations | Default Multiplicity *: * Default States : HML | Add Class | PRM Mode | PRM Mode

Figure 11 : The toolbar of the EAAT Class modeller, containing the most common commands.

Starting from the left there is a possibility to clear the scene and thereby to start with a new model. The second function allows opening of an existing model. These are followed by both save and save as ... functionality. Thereafter an option to take screenshots is offered. Followed by zooming and the possibility to add views. Thereafter viewpoints, defined upon the class model can be created. The next item allows to configure the default behavior of the relations. Followed by a functionality to add classes. Thereafter connections can be added. This is followed by layout options offering alignment of the modeled classes and switching the appearance from PRM to POCL adopted layout and back. Finally auto refactoring can be turned on in order to propagate changes immediately.

2.1.4 Info palette

Information on the current model is presented in the information area on the left-hand side of the modeling pane.

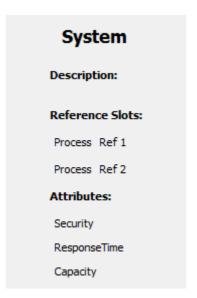


Figure 12: The Info Palette. It shows the information about selected object.

At the top of the info palette a satellite-view can be found. This presents an overview of the model and is meant to help orienting and navigating within large models. Below information panel can be found. Here a short summary of the selected model-element is presented. In the lowest part of the info palette several filters can be switched on or off. They are:

- To show the connections on top of the classes
- To show the relations between attributes
- To show the relations between classes
- To show the labels of the relationships
- To show attributes
- To show reference lines
- To show PRM Classes as Shape Images

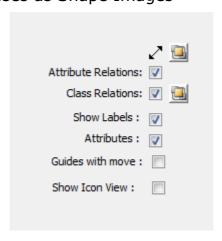


Figure 13: The Filter Panel.

2.1.5 Model library

The model library, located to the upper left of the Class modeler, summarizes the classes that have been defined in the currently opened class model. The information for each class can be expanded in order to show attributes and relations.

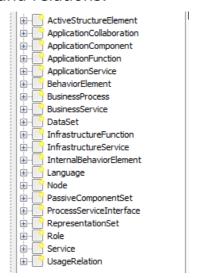


Figure 14 The Model library of the Class modeler

2.1.6 View explorer

The view explorer is located to the lower left of the Class modeler. This component allows to change between the defined views and to add new ones.

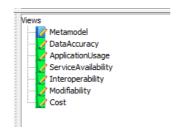


Figure 15 The View explorer of the Class modeler

2.2 Adding Classes

Classes can be added either from the already described button in the tool bar or from the context menu (available through a right-click). Classes describe the central parts of the model. They can be derived from real objects, such as "person" or "system". Also a more abstract level is possible, such as "function" or "process", which have no physical real world counterpart. They are depicted like classes in a class diagram as a rectangle with the name of the class at the top of the box and a line separating it from the rest of the box.

Classes can inherit properties from already existing classes, which can be selected from their context menu, therefore the option "Set Superclass" needs to be used.

Classes can be attributed (see description below). It is also possible to use the "bring to front" function, so that they get visible even in complex models. A description might be add from the context menu too.

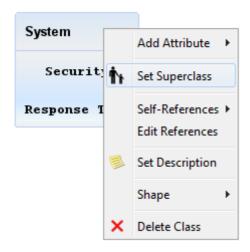


Figure 16: Context menu for a Class. Set Super Class option will lead to following dialog.

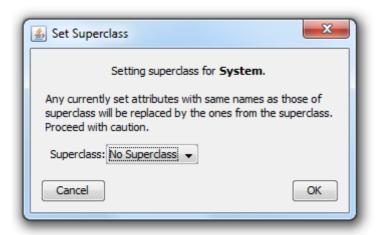


Figure 17: Set Super Class Dialog.

2.2.1 Definition of the shape

Visual Configurations presents a dialog to the user to select Icon for PRM Class as well as user will have the option to select Image shape illustrating the functionality. So when user will select the "Show icon view" in the filter panel then PRM class will be shown as selected shape image.

2.2.2 Setting of icon/image

After selecting the Visual Configurations option, a dialog will appear with two tabs. The first tab ("Define Icon") presents two options to user. First user can select the icon from currently available icons library and second option is to upload a new icon image.

The second tab ("Define Shape") presents similar options for shape image. The user can select shape images from the existing library and also has the option to upload new shape images.

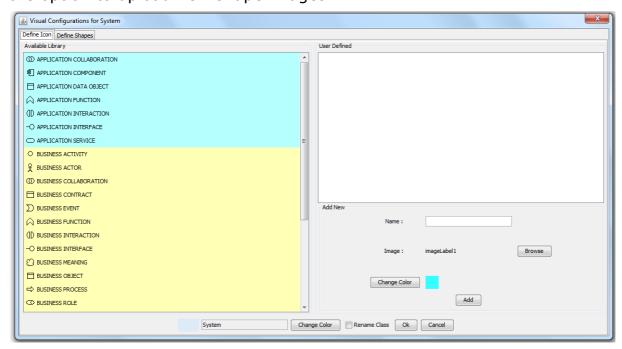


Figure 18: Define Shape Tab.

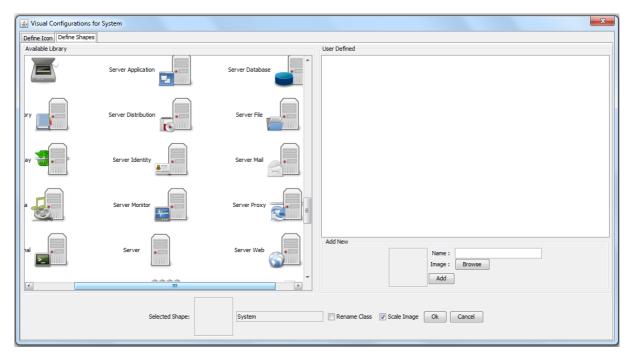


Figure 19: Define Icons Tab.

2.3 Adding Slots

Classes can be related to each other via slots. This is done by holding the ctrl-key and drawing a relation from one Class to another one. Afterwards those slots can be configured from their context menu (available through a right-click).

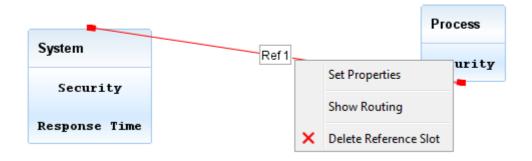


Figure 20: Context menu for Slot Reference.

Three options are possible at first the properties of the slots can be set, second the routing can be adjusted and third they can be deleted. The properties that can be adjusted are multiplicities, role-names and the name of the slots in general. If the routing is activated than a double-click

on a slot allows to either set or remove a control point (which is a fixed point that is part of a slot and guides its visual appearance).

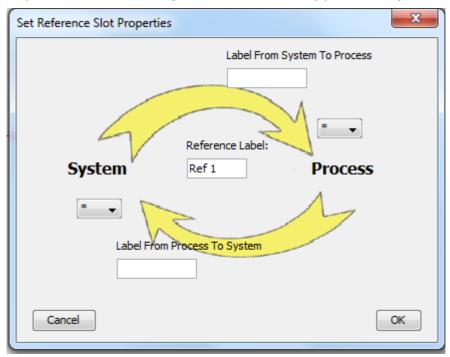


Figure 21: Slot Reference Properties.

It is also possible to add a slot from a certain Class to the same again. This is done via the "Self-References" menu of the Class' context menu.

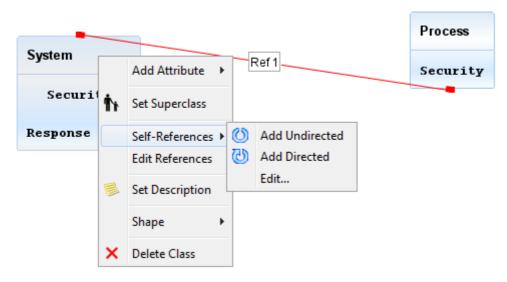


Figure 22: Self Reference menu.

Either undirected or directed self-references can be used.

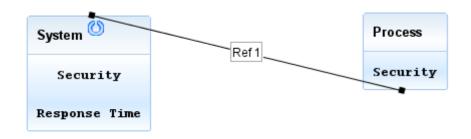


Figure 23: Undirected Self Reference.

The difference is that undirected self-references can be used to relate attributes of an object of Class A to a second one and the other way around, whereas directed one only allow relations from one object to another one.

Slots determine which and how many relations are possible in the instantiations (see below).

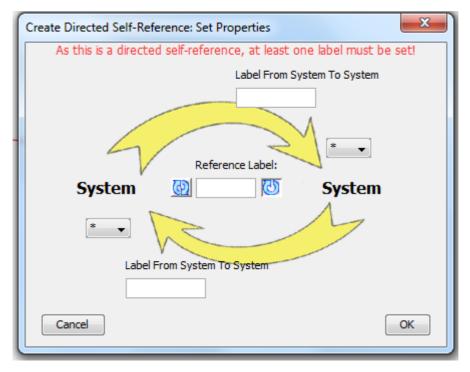


Figure 24: Directed Self Reference and Properties of Self Reference.

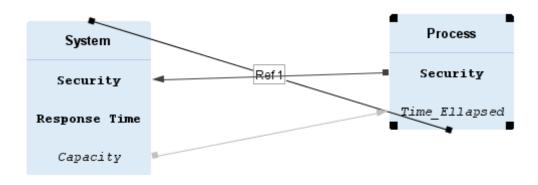


Figure 25: Directed Self Reference will be shown by directed self reference icon on top of class.

2.4 Adding Attributes

Attributes are used to describe Classes. They can be added from the context menu of a certain class. Several types of Attributes are supported, which are explained in detail below.

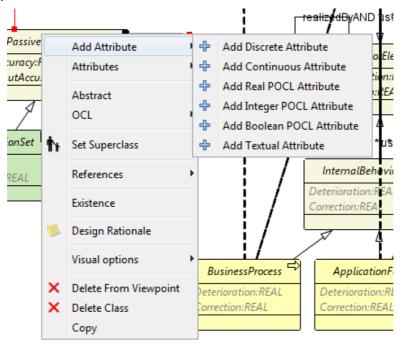


Figure 26: Adding New Attribute.

A description can be added to all Attributes, this function is executed from the attribute's context menu.

2.4.1 Adding Discrete Attributes

Discrete Attributes allow the description of classes in terms of states. On default the used states are high, medium, and low. But this can be changed through the "Attribute Configurations" function. It is also possible to use 1,2,3,4, and 5 or true and false. Additionally even customized states are possible. This can be figured in the upper part of the Set CPM dialog.

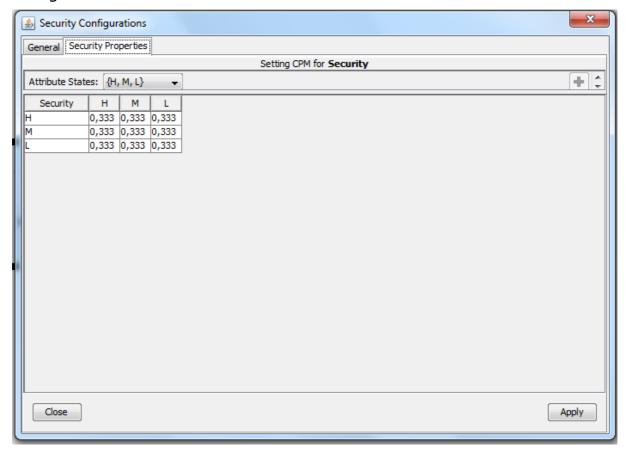


Figure 27: Setting CPM for Discrete Attribute.

In case of customized states the plus-button allows the adding of additional states. The probabilities that the considered variable is in a certain state (on a scale from 0 to 1) based on its potential parents can be set in this dialog.

2.4.2 Adding Continuous Attributes

Continuous Attributes allow the description of classes in terms of mathematical equations (which even can be probability distribution functions). The "Set Attribute Properties" function opens a dialog that allows these equations to be set.

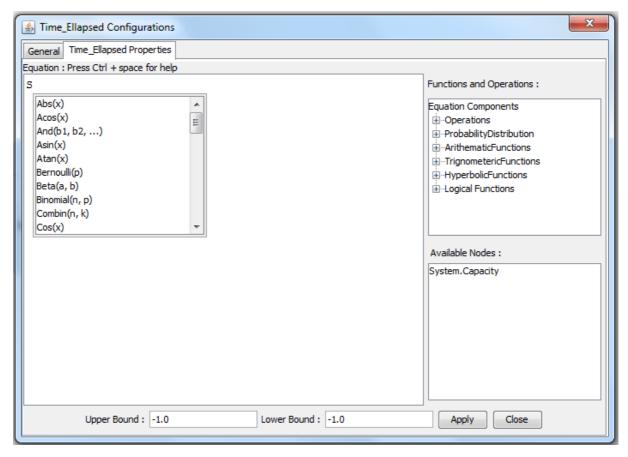


Figure 28: Properties Dialog for Continuous Attributes.

The supported functions and operations are shown in the Functions and Operations list (on the right) and can be added to the equation via either drag & drop or by hand. The attributes of nodes that can be used to creaate a certain equation are shown in the list Available Nodes. If the mouse-pointer is over a node in that list, the reference slot, that a certain attribute is taken from, is shown. The attributes can be inserted into an equation via drag & drop too. The largest part of this dialog is the box that allows the creaation of equations, that can be built based upon the already described concepts. If ctrl and space are pressed, auto-completion is performed or the user is presented with possible candidates for completion.

Finally in the lower part of the dialog the bounds can be set, which are used in case that functions are used.

2.4.3 Adding POCL Attributes

POCL/P2AMF attribute allows describing classes and the structures they are part of in a set theory-based manner. The tool, as OCL, defrentiates between Boolean, Integer and Real as attribute types.

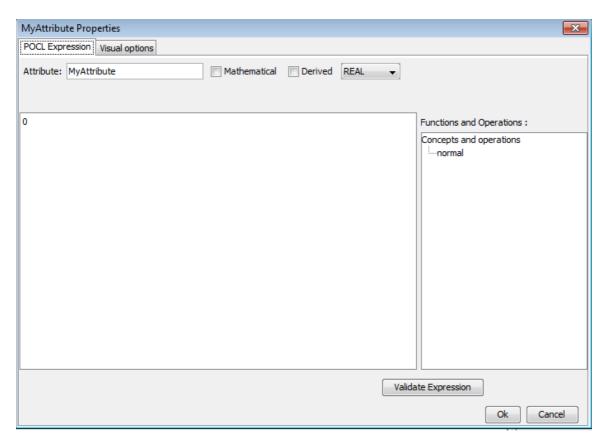


Figure 29 Properties dialog for OCL Attributes

POCL-Attributes can be modified from the properties menu opening on double-click. POCL-Attributes can either be derived (calculated based on other attributes) or prior attributes, set by either the one defining the class model or the one instantiating a class in a object model. To specify an attribute the OCL syntax as specified by OMG needs to be applied. Additionally probability functions, describing Normal or Bernoulli distributions can be used. Once a specification has been made it can be validated.

2.4.3.1 Adding POCL Operations and Invariants

To support the specification of POCL-Attributes POCL-Operations can be used allowing code-reuse, structuring and recursion. POCL invariants allow defining constraints that must hold during the creation of Object models.

POCL-Operations and Invariants can be added from a class' context menu.

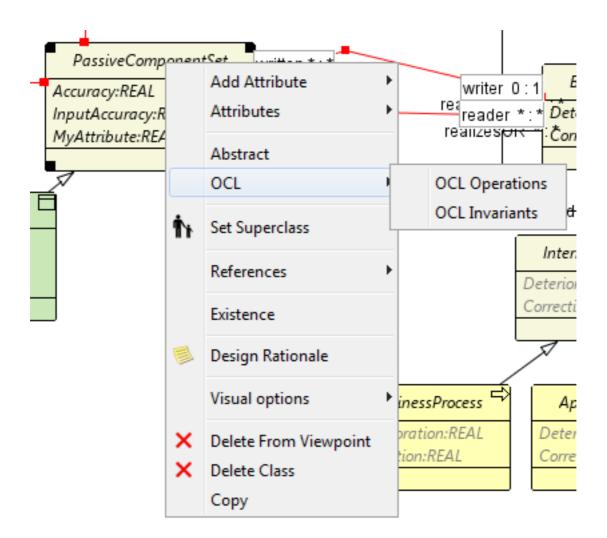


Figure 30 Adding POCL Operations and Invariants

Double-clicking an operation opens its properties dialog.

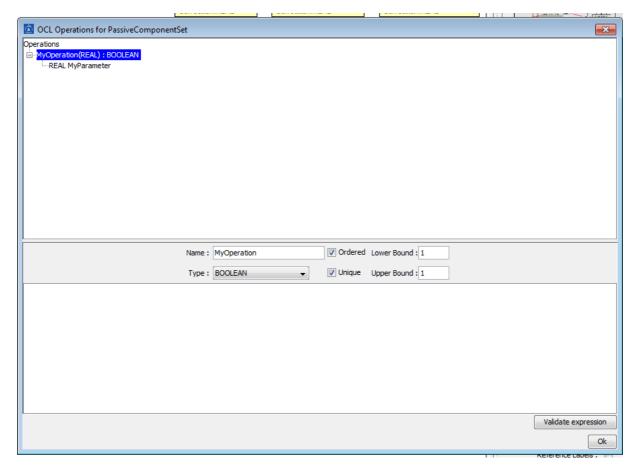


Figure 31 POCL Operations properties dialog

For each operation the input parameter and result can be defined through a combination of:

Variable	LowerBound	UpperBuond
Single Value	1	1
Collection	0	-1
Array	0	Finite value e.g. 5, 10

Collection	Ordered	Unique
Set	False	true
OrderedSet	True	true
Sequence	True	false
Bag	false	false

Parameters can be added by right-clicking the name of the considered operation

Double-clicking on an invariant shows a dialog allowing its specification.

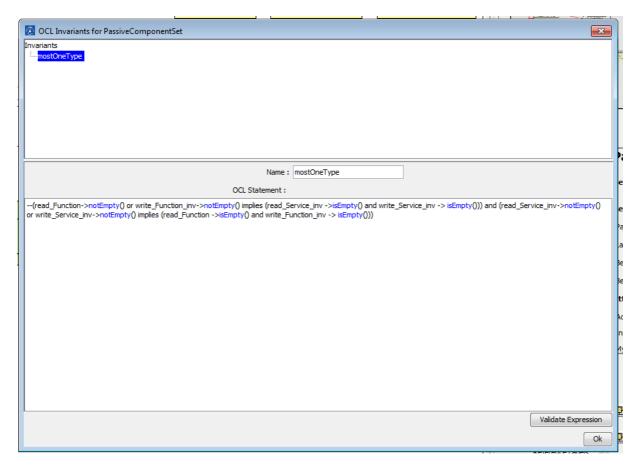


Figure 32 POCL Invariants properties dialog

2.4.4 Adding Self Reference

If the user wants to connect two different instantiation of the same PRM class in the model then the PRM Class should have a self reference. Undirected self reference will result into connection between attributes of both instantiations. Directed self reference will result into connection between attributes as well but attributes of one instantiation will be parents and other instantiation will be child.

2.4.5 Edit Reference

Edit reference option will lead to a dialog where all the references will be presented and user can do the desired changes to references in one place.

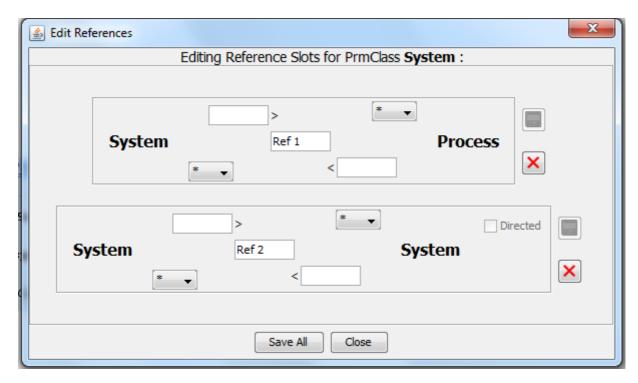


Figure 33: Edit Reference Dialog.

2.5 Adding Attribute Relationships

As already described above, Attributes can be affected by other attributes. The type of attribute influences which attributes can affect which other attributes (i.e. only continuous Attributes can be related to continuous attributes and only discrete attributes are allowed to get linked to discrete ones). Attribute Relations need to be based on Slots (where an internal Attribute relationship is an exception (see below)). Therefore, at first slots need to be present, before Attributes can be related. This can also be done iterative.

When slots are present, holding the ctrl key and drawing a connection from the first to the second one can relate two attributes. Once this is done a dialog is shown that allows selecting the slots that the attribute relationship is based on.

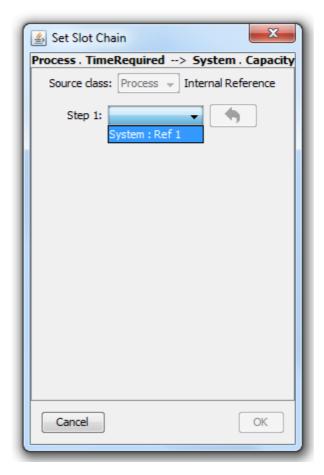


Figure 34: Path Determination Dialog for Attributes Relation.

In this dialogue the user selects which slots the attribute relationship is associated with. When the target is reached green icons symbolize that the relation is valid. Yellow arrows allow reverts the last action.

Attributes need to be related in order to serve as input to each other. This means that in case that discrete Attributes are used, the states of the Attributes only appear, when the Attributes have been related previously. For continuous variables it means that before Attributes can be used in equations they need to be related.

2.5.1 Adding of internal Attribute Relationships

Attributes of the same class might also be related without the usage of slots, so that they are related on each instantiation of that Class automatically. The relation is creaated as all others are. In the dialog that is presented the box "Internal Reference" needs to be checked afterwards.

2.5.2 Setting of aggregation functions

Aggregation functions describe how several instances of the same Attribute are combined during the calculation. The usage of aggregation functions is needed as during the theory-modeling the amount of linked instances is unclear (i.e. aggregation functions make the theory prepared to handle dynamic aspects of the instantiations).

As aggregation functions are used to handle dynamic aspects they are only used when several nodes need to be aggregated. This means that in case only one parent is allowed (through multiplicities), no aggregation is necessary. If the number of parents is unclear (* multiplicity) they are utilized. To overcome the fact that there also might be zero parents modeled a "Default CPT" can be set (the option is available in an Attribute Relationship's context menu), which serves as alternative input in case of nothing else being available.

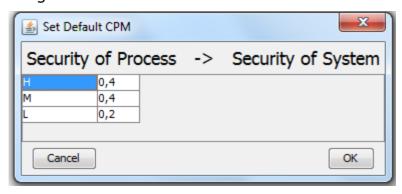


Figure 35: Default CPT Dialog for Attributes Relation.

1.1.1.1 Setting of discrete aggregation functions

Discrete attributes can be aggregated through Max, Min or Average CPTs. The states of the default CPT match the states of the attribute they are supposed to replace.

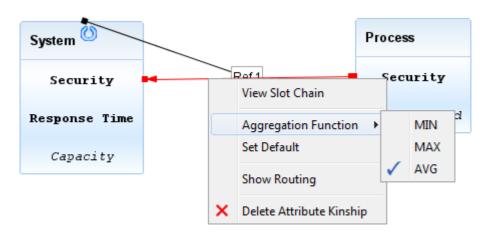


Figure 36: Aggregation Functions for Attributes Relation.

1.1.1.2 Setting of continuous aggregation functions

Continuous attributes can be aggregated through summation, product or calculation of average.

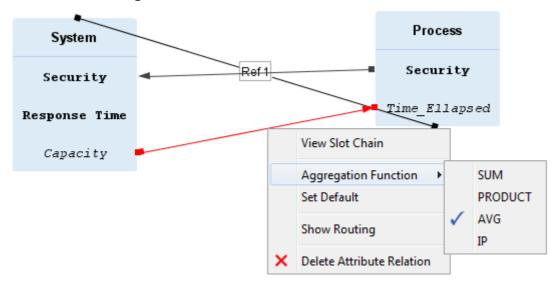


Figure 37: Aggregation function for continuous attributes.

A default equation can be set as well. The dialog is similar to the one for setting Attribute properties; the only difference is that no variables in terms of other Attributes can be used.

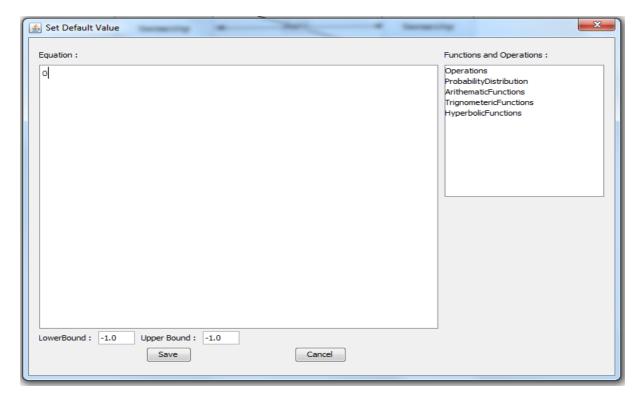


Figure 38: Default Equation for continuous Attribute.

3 Quick reference

Class modeler. The Class modeler is the part of the EAAT where the underlying theory for enterprise architecture assessments is specified. Here, the concepts and relationships relevant for different kinds of analysis is defined, thus enabling the users of the Object modeler to perform advanced assessments in an automatic, easy fashion.

Bayesian network. A Bayesian network is a probabilistic graphical model that represents a set of variables and their probabilistic dependencies. Bayesian networks combine a rigorous mathematical handling of uncertainty with a graphical and intuitive depiction of causal relationships between different phenomena. Bayesian calculations are at the heart of enterprise architecture analysis using the EAAT.

Class. A class is a category that modeled elements can belong to. When a modeled element in a object model belongs to a class, it means that it has assigned the attributes associated with that class as defined in the class model. For instance, the class "system" might contain attributes such as "information security" or "performance" whereas for the class "process" might have attributes such as "efficiency" or "cycle time".

Credibility. Different data have different credibility, depending on whether the source is reliable, whether it is recently collected etc. When conducting enterprise architecture analyses, it is of great importance that models and decisions are not based on flawed or biased data. By requiring the user to specify the credibility of the data used, the EAAT tool manages this aspect of data collection.

Enterprise architecture. The discipline of advocates the use of models to support decision-making on enterprise-wide information system issues. By analyzing the relevant data in a structured, and preferably quantitative, way, better management decisions can be made.

Evidence. Evidence is the data about real world circumstances, collected for the purpose of enterprise architecture analysis. Such evidence is never certain, but rather has a level of credibility that can be taken into account when performing the analysis. The EAAT Objecy modeler allows the user to provide evidence(s) regarding the states of every attribute, including the more complex ones, should such knowledge be available.

Model. A model is a simplified representation of the real world, specifically designed to capture the aspects relevant for a certain purpose, and leave other aspects out. Enterprise architecture models try to incorporate those feaatures relevant to decision making on enterprise-wide information system issues. The EAAT tool distinguishes two types of models: the class model that speaks of general relationships such as availability and maintenance organizations, and object models that speak of particular companies and situations, such as the availability of system X on company Y. The idea is that the class models are provided by researchers as support for the industry that deals primarily with object models.

Model Library Tree. Represents the model as a whole and describes the hierarchy of different objects in the model.

Object. An object is a modeling concept, usually referring to something that is part of the real world. Enterprise, CRM system, computer, and project team are all examples of possible objects. Objects have attributes and belong to classes

Object modeler. The Object modeler is used to model instances of system scenarios. The Object modeler uses the theoretical framework developed in the Class modeler to direct and enable complicated enterprise architecture analyses, without a need for the user to be a theoretical expert. The Object modeler is mainly intended to be used by enterprise architects in the industry.

Relationship. Relationships describe how different classes relate to each other. Observable regularities in the real world are modeled as relationships, such as when the "reliability of components decreases, the maintenance costs increase". Relationships based on research are created in the Class modeler, where they serve as templates for analyses in the Object modeler.

View. Represents sub set of model designed to have specialized visualizations. There can be two types of views. First type is normal views which are creaated by user to have some specific visualization and second type views are called analysis view which comes into being to show analysis for a specific attribute.

4 Appendix

4.1 The structure of the CSV exports

The following schema describes how the resulting excel files are structured:

Name Meaning

Object-name	The name of the object
Attribute-name	The name of the attribute
Class	The class that the object is an instance of
Attribute-type	The type of the attribute (which right now is either discrete or continuous)
Continuous- value	If the attribute is continuous than the continuous value (after calculation)
State1-name	If the attribute is discrete than the name of the fist state
State1-value	If the attribute is discrete than the probability for that state (after calculation)
	If the attribute is discrete than the name of the next state
	If the attribute is discrete than the probability for that state (after calculation)
Staten-name	If the attribute is discrete than the name of the n th state
Staten-value	If the attribute is discrete than the probability for tha state (after calculation)