

Eclipse Finance Day 2013

Eclipse technology in IFMS Interface Management System

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A story today about Eclipse and IFMS

- SOA at Credit Suisse
- The construction of a System
- MDD in the large
- Leveraging assets for Modernization
- Outlook



SOA at Credit Suisse

- Introduced for three major reasons
 - distributed computing (using CORBA technology)
 - standardize how services are documented and reviewed
 - centralize service documentation, foster re-use
- Overcome ongoing Challenges
 - People come and go, know-how gets lost
 - Application Landscape is aging
 - Technology diversifies
 - Manage complexity





Decomposition into Components

- IT landscape decomposed into business domains
- These coarse-grained components are (de)coupled through services

Services expose a business view







Services and Interfaces











IFMS makes SOA scale

- Interface Management System = central Service Repository
- Service and Data Type Catalog
- Service Contracts, Dependencies, Reviews
- Lifecycle Management
- Governance Enforcer
- Code Generator
- > 3'000 services in IFMS
 > 7'000 operations in IFMS







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Construction – the Data Layer

- Domain Modeling with EMF/ecore model
- Generate scaffolding for model-to-model transformation between Persistence Layer and EMF model
- XMI serialization for transferring model data
 - Interface to Import/Export and Code Generator
 - Used for troubleshooting



ServiceLandscap



Construction – Code Generator

- Code Generator part of Service Repository (centrally managed)
- Based on IFMS service models, generates:
 - PL/1
 - CORBA IDL
 - WSDL&XSDs
 - Java code
- Built on oaw (xtend, xpand, check, mwe)
 - Express model validation consicely: check
 - M2M functional transformation language: xtend
 - M2T polymorphic template engine: xpand
 - Reusing Abstract Syntax Tree and Java code serialization from Eclipse JDT



Construction – Import/Export and ModelHub

- Import/Export of model data expressed in terms of the domain model
 Built using EMF Compare
- ModelHub for transforming from and to UML models
 - Xtend and ATL based transformations
 - Supports for RSM and Enterprise Architect XMI dialects



Scaling – Quality and Stability

Special needs for testing Code Generator

- Create test data (Builder Pattern on top of EMF model)
- Execute test
 - Normalize generated artifacts (remove differences due to moment of execution)
- Verify results
 - Normal JUnit asserts
 - File comparisons
 - Source code compilation
- Check model coverage
 - Annotations
 - Equivalence class matrix





Scaling – Performance

- Large user base (ca 400 in 2013)
- Generator started 2'600 times in 2013 (up to 150 per day)
- Limitations of oaw (xtend 1)
 - Slow, Java interpreted
 - Needs huge stack
- M2M vs M2T
 - Flexibility vs Readability
 - Fine vs Coarse granular objects
 - Generator in separate Server/JVM
 - Generator as a Service
- Migrate to xtend 2









Leveraging existing assets

- IFMS central in CORBA to WebService migration
- Import existing CORBA IDLs
- Generate diff models describing IDL vs WSDL
 - Leveraged for automatic testing
- Xtext based IDL Parser
 - Simplifies parser writing
 - EMF based models
- Groovy for intermediate transformations
 - Concise and elegant syntax
 - Mind the troubles when searching for errors





Outlook

There are many MDD styles (bold = IFMS style)

- Metamodel/Language: generic vs. specific (UML vs. DSL)
- Modeling Tool: trim existing case tool vs. build specific one
- Editor: graphical vs. textual vs. forms-based vs. combination
- Build overall system vs. build specific parts of a system
- Tool deployed centrally vs. available within the IDE
- Model transformations
- Store and manage models **centrally** vs. decentralized
- Physical model representation/store: RDB, XMI, Other

Thank you!

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