

## Bachelorprojekt: Feature-based and Scenario-based Comparative Analysis of Multi-level Modeling Tools

**Semester:** Sommersemester 2020

**Sprache:** Deutsch/English

### Motivation:

The term multi-level modeling refers to modeling approaches aiming at representing multiple classification levels within a single body of model content. Different multi-level modeling approaches have been proposed, among them: potency-based multi-level modeling, multi-level object and relations, MultEcore, DeepTelos, MetaDepth, DeepJava, DeepRuby, as well as the Flexible Meta-Modeling and Execution Language (FMMLx).

There is a core set of ideas, which are common to all multi-level modeling approaches, such as, e.g.: (1) support for arbitrary-depth classification hierarchies, (2) relaxing the type/instance dichotomy, and (3) offering a deferred instantiation mechanism. However, each approach has (on purpose) a different focus. As a result, the approaches differ when it comes to, among others, (1) level of modeling discipline, (2) the way deferred instantiation mechanism has been designed and implemented, and (3) additional mechanisms and software tool support.

Regarding the latter, there are various modeling tools and frameworks that support multi-level modeling, such as Melanee, DeepTelos, MetaDepth, DeepJava, DeepRuby, Totem and XModeler. All of those tools, even if supporting the same family of approaches, pursue a different strategy with respect to, among others, creating and modifying a multi-level model, code generation and supporting model execution.

### Beschreibung:

The main aim of this bachelor project is to conduct a feature and scenario-based comparison of selected existing tools supporting multi-level modeling. To this aim the students should:

1. Make themselves familiar with basic ideas of multi-level modeling.
2. Identify existing tools and check their availability/development status.
3. Prepare testing environment.
4. Select a set of features to be used to compare existing tools (encompassing, e.g., such criteria as: a way of modeling, support for modifiability and change propagation, support for definition of graphical notation, intuitiveness of user interface, persistency mechanism, code generation, code execution, multi-level features supported).

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5. Conduct a scenario-based comparison of the existing tools. The initial version of the scenario may be provided by a supervisor.
6. Perform a critical analysis of the maturity of the currently available tools.

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**Erwartete Ergebnisse:** A report pointing to identified tools and rationale for selection, description of configuration/testing environment, the description and justification of designed comparison framework, results of the feature-based comparison, description of the scenario and assumptions taken as well as results of the scenario-based comparison, final assessment of the maturity of the tools as well as recommendation regarding their further development. Testing environment set up at a remote virtual machine. A set of models implementing the scenario. In addition, a final presentation of the project results is expected.

**Gruppengröße:** 2-4

**Bewerbung:** Please apply via email to the supervisor. Please attach a short letter of motivation (app. ½ A4 page) and a recent performance record ('Leistungsnachweis'). You can apply individually or in a group of 2-4 participants (in this case each person should still send a separate e-mail, however point to the other members of the group).

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