





# Modeling All the Way Up...

# Modeling All the Way Down

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### **People Share Design with Models**

Models—abstractions—are ancient in
Engineering
Architecture
Ship-building
Traffic control
Workflow
Maintenance



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### People Talk to Computers with Symbols

while (x < 10) {
 printf (stdout, array[x]);
 X++;
}</pre>

*What's wrong with this (non)-picture?* Let's look at Enterprise IT as an example.



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## **Enterprise IT Must Deal With**

### Business Factors:

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### The integration picture is always changing



Executive decisions, mergers & acquisitions have a way of surprising us...





### Roadkill on the Info Highway



...and doing things "the way we always do them" isn't the answer.





### How Can We Deal with This?

# Make adaptability the design center for your architecture.





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# Modeling is the Focus

 Modeling, especially graphical modeling is
 A natural human approach to design
 Thousands of years old
 Allows expression of design separate from implementation, as implementations change
 Allows for long-term maintenance & integration
 Is an *accelerator* of implementation
 Is technology-independent





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### **OMG's Mission Since 1989**

Develop an architecture, using appropriate technology, for modeling & distributed application integration, guaranteeing:

 reusability of components
 interoperability & portability
 basis in commercially available software

 Specifications *freely available* Implementations exist
 Member-controlled not-for-profit



# Who Are OMG?



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Adaptive	Fujitsu	klocwork	SAP
BEA	General Electric	MITRE	SAS Institute
Borland	Harris	NASA	Select
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CA	Hitachi	NIST	Softeam
Citigroup	IBM	NTT DoCoMo	Sun
Compuware	IONA	Northrop Grumman	Unisys
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EDS	Kennedy Carter	Oracle	W3C







### OMG's Best-Known Successes

- Common Object Request Broker Architecture
  - CORBA® remains the only language- and platform-neutral interoperability standard
- Unified Modeling Language
  - UML<sup>TM</sup> remains the world's only standardized modeling language
- Common Warehouse Metamodel
  - CWM<sup>TM</sup>, the integration of the last two data warehousing initiatives
- Meta-Object Facility
  - MOF<sup>TM</sup>, the repository standard
- XML Metadata Interchange
  - XMI<sup>TM</sup>, the XML-UML standard





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### **Protecting Software Investment**

The problem remains Tracking the next best thing, retaining staff; Protecting your investment in existing software base; Integrating what you've built, With what you're building, With what you will build! Architectures ought to be Stable descriptions lasting decades Capable of communicating the designers' vision Testable, simulatable, executable



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## The Model Driven Architecture

- OMG's Model Driven Architecture (MDA<sup>TM</sup>) initiative is aimed precisely at this problem
- You have an opportunity to increase your bottom line by integrating your assets
- Industry standards support that goal by future-proofing your application design
- The MDA will help you integrate the mix you have today, and give you an architecture to support the unexpected
- Focus on integrating legacy applications
- Ensure smooth integration of COTS applications
- Models are *testable* and *simulatable*
- The aim: a 20-year software architecture



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### What is Model Driven Architecture?

 A Better Way to Specify and Design & Develop
 Based on modeling standards like UML, MOF
 Is extensible to all modeling problems
 Supports full lifecycle: analysis, design, implementation, deployment, maintenance, evolution & integration with later systems
 Builds in Interoperability and Portability
 Lowers initial cost and maximizes ROI





# Modeling: Key Concepts

### Emphasis on transformation techniques Based on a standard metamodeling framework; there will be many metamodels, and plenty of modeling languages (including UML) Clear semantics, expressed consistently Potentially many levels of abstraction Enduring architectures are the focus Maintenance and integration aren't pretty, but they are the main job of IT Graphical languages as well as textual ones Some generic, some domain-specific, just like the textual language world



### Model Driven Architecture







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# Leveraging UML is Critical

- The Unified Modeling Language is the successor to the dozens of OO A&D notations of the early '90s
- Result of an OMG standardization completed in '97
- Complemented with metadata (MOF) and XML interoperability specifications (XMI)
- Venture-neutral worldwide certification easily available
- Standardization primed the market
  - Hundreds of books
  - Dozens of commercial tools
  - Widely available training
- Supported by an open process
  - UML 2.0 updates came from 54 companies







## **Generating Implementations**



MDA Tool generates all or most of the implementation code for deployment technology selected by the developer.





### Data Integration Works Too

### MOF is the key here, behind the UML scene

- With one modeling language
  - Anything can be modeled
  - User must map (code) from domain to modeling language constructs
- MOF enables definition of multiple modeling languages
  - Specific to various domains
  - Semantics captured in metamodels
  - User no longer needs to "map", tools do





# UML Myths

MDA is just about code generation
MDA is just programming with UML
MDA and DSL are different things
UML is too big & complex



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### Code Generation is just one feature

Sometimes we'll be able to generate all the ■ Code Schemas Deployment descriptors Sometimes we won't; but we'll still have the modeling values of Clear, sharable graphical expression Flexible transformation for agile retargeting An enduring description of the system Architecture matters (that's why MDA)



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### MDA is more than UML!

MDA is a meta-design pattern:

- Discover multiple syntaxes for one semantic
- Capture that semantic in a machine-readable model
- Standardize the transformations to multiple syntaxes

UML is a good general design and implementation language, but MOF provides the integration across languages



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### MDA and DSL are the Same!

Domain-Specific Languages (DSL's) are a way to capture design semantics in languages closely fitted to specific problem areas (application domains)

Do we really want every programmer using a different language

- It pays to have a central way to query, view and transform languages (MOF)
- MDA actually offers two routes to standardized DSL's: MOF-defined languages and UML profiles



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### UML is a Toolbox!

If all you've got is a hammer, every problem looks like a nail
But if you have a whole toolbox of tools, you can choose the tool that best fits the problem

A big toolbox is an asset



# MDA is Fractal

There is a general pattern to MDA:
 Discover multiple syntaxes for a single semantic
 Derive & design a model which underlies that semantic

Develop transformations between those models.









### Shifting Gears: Business Modeling

Model the Business

**Optimize Business Processes** 

### Operate the Business

Design the Systems

**IT Modeling** 

**Business Modeling** 

Implement the Systems

Test & Deploy Systems





## Can We Integrate Modeling?

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**Optimize Business Processes** 

► Operate the Business

Design the Systems

Test & Deploy Systems

Implement the Systems





# Integrating the Modeling Jobs

Model the Business

**Optimize Business Processes** 

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Design the Systems

Test & Deploy Systems

Implement the Systems



# **Business Operation Model**







## Modeling is Pervasive









### **Business Modeling Work Under Way**

Business Motivation Metamodel Completed by BRG; fast-tracked at OMG Business Process Modeling Notation Complete by BPMI; fast-tracked at OMG Organization Structure Metamodel In process; expected completion early '06 Business Process Definition Metamodel In process; expected completion mid '06 Semantics of Business Vocabulary and Rules Evaluation complete; adoption vote underway Production Rule Representation In process; expected completion mid '06 **Business Process Maturity Model?** 







# An Underlying MOF Model





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# Enterprise IT: Adding MDA

### Business Factors:

- Architectural viewpoint (service orientation—SOA) brings out how your applications work with each other, and with those on the outside
- Capture changing business requirements and shifting enterprise boundaries in editable models
- Define the business functionality and Behavior of each application as a technology-independent model
- Focus your IT investment in your core business

### Technological Factors:

- Concentrate on the business process, speeding development
- Interoperability and portability are built in
- Move easily to the "next best thing"



### MDA Benefits



- Full support for your "20 year architecture" across the application lifecycle
- Smooth integration across intra- and inter-business boundaries (across deployment technologies)
- Reduced costs from beginning to end
- Reuse of applications, code, training and people
- Technology-independent representation of the business
- Scalability, robustness & security via generated code
- Stable model-based approach maximizes ROI
- Rapid inclusion of the next best thing

### The CIO Problem Solver



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