



ATL Transformation

Catalogue of Model Transformations

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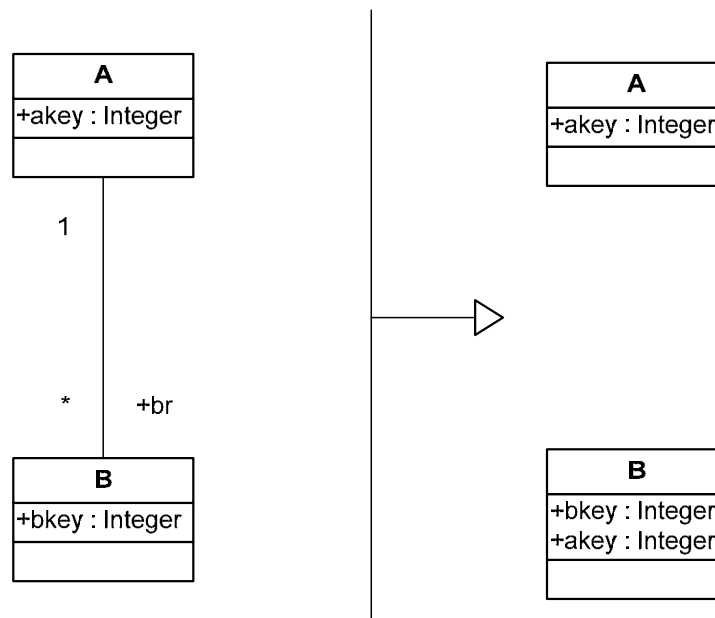
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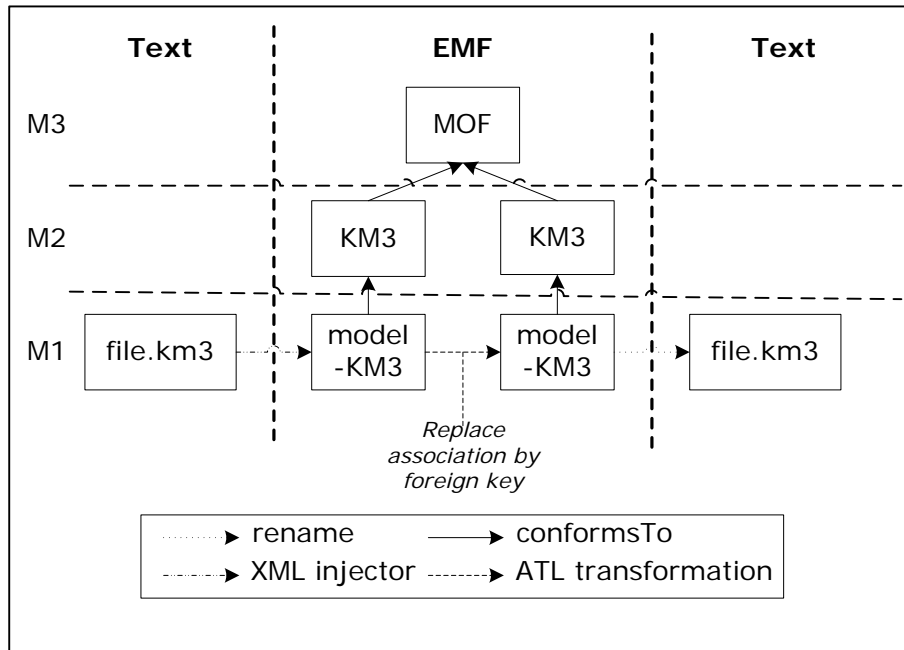
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1. ATL Transformation Example: replace association by foreign key

This example is extract from [Catalogue of Model Transformations](#) by K. Lano.
Section 1.6: replace association by foreign key, page 7.





2. ATL Transformation overview

2.1. Description

This transformation applies to any explicit many-one association between persistent classes. It assumes that primary keys already exist for the classes linked by the association. It replaces the association by embedding values of the key of the entity at the one end of the association into the entity at the many ends.


2.2. Purpose

This is an essential step for implementation of a data model in relational database.

2.3. Rules specification

Our transformation has the same source and the target metamodel, KM3. We use 2 different names (KM3 and KM3target), but they refer to the same metamodel.

- For a Metamodel element, another Metamodel element is created :
 - with the same name and location,
 - Linked to the same contents.
- For a Package element, another Package element is created :
 - with the same name,
 - Linked to the same contents.

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- For a Class element, another Class is created :
 - with the same name,
 - Abstract if the source class is abstract,
 - Linked the same structural feature.

- For a DataType element, another DataType is created :
 - With the same name and location.

- For a Reference element, a Attribute element is created :
 - with the name '<name of the class> + ForeignKey', isOrdered <- false,
 - isUnique <- false,
 - location is empty,
 - lower <- 1,
 - upper <- 1,
 - type <- Integer (defined in the package Primitive Type).

- For a Attribute element, another Attribute is created
 - with the same name, location, and type,
 - With the same properties isUnique,
 - With the same values upper and lower.

2.4. ATL Code

```


-- @name      Replacing association by foreign key
-- @version   1.0
-- @domains   Catalogue of Model Transformations
-- @authors   Baudry Julien (jul.baudry<at>gmail.com)
-- @date      2006/08/02
-- @description The purpose of this transformation is to replace an association by a foreign
key
-- @see http://www.dcs.kcl.ac.uk/staff/kcl/tcat.pdf
-- @see section 1.6, page 7
-- @see author of article : K. Lano

module ForeignKey; -- Module Template
create OUT : KM3target from IN : KM3;

--@begin rule Metamodel
rule Metamodel {
  from
    inputMm:KM3!Metamodel
  to
    outputMm:KM3target!Metamodel (
      location <- inputMm.location,
      contents <- inputMm.contents
    )
}
--@end rule Metamodel

--@begin rule Package
rule Package {

```

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from
  inputPkg:KM3!Package
to
  outputPkg:KM3target!Package (
    name <- inputPkg.name,
    contents <- inputPkg.contents
  )
}
--@end rule Package


--@begin rule Class
rule Class {
  from
    inputA:KM3!Class
  to
    outputA:KM3target!Class (
      name <- inputA.name,
      isAbstract <- inputA.isAbstract,
      structuralFeatures <- inputA.structuralFeatures
    )
}
--@end rule Class

--@begin rule datatype
rule DataType {
  from
    inputData:KM3!DataType
  to
    outputData:KM3target!DataType(
      name <- inputData.name,
      location <- inputData.location
    )
}
--@end rule datatype

--@begin foreignkey
rule reference2Key {
  from
    r:KM3!Reference (
      r.upper = 1
    )
  to
    key:KM3target!Attribute (
      name <- r.type.name.toLower()+'ForeignKey',
      isOrdered <- false,
      isUnique <- false,
      location <- '',
      lower <- 1,
      upper <- 1,
      type <- KM3!DataType.allInstances()->select(a|a.name = 'Integer')->first(),
      owner <- r.owner
    )
}
--@end foreignkey

--@begin rule attribute
rule attribute {
  from
    inputAtt:KM3!Attribute
  to
    outputAtt:KM3target!Attribute(
      name <- inputAtt.name,
      isOrdered <- inputAtt.isOrdered,
      isUnique <- inputAtt.isUnique,

```

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location <- inputAtt.location,
lower <- inputAtt.lower,
upper <- inputAtt.upper,
type <- inputAtt.type,
owner <- inputAtt.owner
)
}

```

3. References

- [1] Catalogue of Model Transformations
<http://www.dcs.kcl.ac.uk/staff/kcl/tcat.pdf>