OSLC MBSE INTEGRATION
Successfully Integrating MBSE Data Using OSLC
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- About PROSTEP
- MBSE Integration Needs and Challenges
- What is OSLC and What Can it Do?
- Connecting PLM, ALM, SDM with OSLC
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Company Overview

A vendor neutral / independent engineering services and software company since 1993

Over 24 years experience with engineering interoperability, migration, intelligent documents, benchmarking, more

Approximately 250 employees and consultants based from international locations throughout Europe and in North America

More than 500 Customers that are leading companies across most industries
# PROSTEP - 100% PLM

Consulting and Solution Portfolio

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- PLM System Selection
- PLM Implementation
- PLM Process Optimization
- Digitalization
- Industry 4.0
- IoT
- Merger & Acquisitions
- Joint Venture
- Project Consortia
PROSTEP Technology Partners
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Conceput Meets Reality

Enabling MBSE

- Data is mastered in multiple sources
- One solution is not desired or preferable
- MBSE needs the impact of system changes across multiple sources
- The manual maintenance of traceability is a huge time investment in the process.
- Integration is the solution to providing complete and comprehensive information
Integration Solves a Lot of Challenges

A Business Case

- Efficiency from Modern Engineering Practices
  - Traceability in Systems Engineering (MBSE)
  - Configuration Lifecycle Management
  - Digital Twin / Digital Thread / Digital Master

- Manual integration of data can be quantified by the operation of synchronization
  - Speed that the data is available
  - Time the manual process takes for the data to be synchronized
  - Accuracy of the duplicated data and costs of failures (wrong production revision?)

- Elimination of software licenses for integrated systems
  - Data is available in the primary system of that user and additional license not needed
  - Duplicate functionality only needs to be utilized in one system
  - Integration can enable migration and eliminate other system entirely

- Consolidation, Quality, Training, Maintenance, Support and Knowledge
  - Less utilization of different systems means less overhead
Integration Comes With Challenges

- **Point-to-point solutions** do not scale and typically become unmanageable
- **Full centralization** is neither feasible nor desirable
- **Data Duplication** comes with data model compatibility issues, data mastery issues and synchronization processing time.
- **Remastering** data means duplication.
- **MBSE only requires reference** not data mastery!

Point-to-point Integrations don’t scale

Monocultures lock you in

Maintenance, management, and change costs go up over time

Ongoing and unexpected costs drain resources

Creating new integrations is unpredictable

Past choices restrict present action and future vision

More limited ability to respond to change
Constrained by exhausted IT budget and lower productivity

* Commissioned study conducted by Forrester Consulting on behalf of IBM.

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“An Introduction to OSLC and Linked Data”
Standards Enable Integration at a Cost

Hub-and-Spoke vs Point-to-Point

- **Point-to-Point Integration** at MBSE scale is unmaintainable
- Standards are introduced to have a “neutral format” to read from and write to
- Many need to **pre-define all semantics beforehand** in a closed world approach (like STEP 10303 AP 214)
- **Traditional standards** everything is known ahead of time.
- **OSLC** allows for a standard **simplified** interface (mix of both)
Model the Internet for “Just Enough” Integration

OSLC

- Open Services for Livecycle Collaboration
- Open Standard, Open Community
- Proposed by IBM et. al. in 2008
- Motivated by Rational Team Concert (RTC)
- Data is stored at single location and simply linked. No replication!
- Emerging standard for Tool integrations in ALM domain
- Loosely Coupled
- Semantic Web Linked Data
- Based on Architecture of Web – HTTP, RDF

- RDF (Resource Description Framework)
- JSON / XML for transfer
- REST Service for requests
- OAuth for authorisation
- UI Integration

- Slim Data model
  - Granular to one attribute at a time
- Enhanced Data models available for Change- and Document Management
- Easy to define your own data types

“Just Enough” integration

http://open-services.net

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OSLC Linked Data Solution

OSLC’s Simple Solution

- Architecture of the Web
- Linked Data
- Increased reuse
- Decreased maintenance costs
- Standard Interfaces
- Automation
- “Just Enough” integration
- Increased traceability
- MBSE Visibility

**OSLC is an open and scalable approach to lifecycle integration. It simplifies key integration scenarios across heterogeneous tools.**

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Everything is Represented as an RDF Triple

Subject – Predicate - Object

**Subject** = Resource = always a URI

**Predicate** = Relationship or property = Always a URI

**Object** = Could be a URI (which could refer to a resource) or a literal value (value to work with and show users)

Triple

«http://...requirement28465_improve_remote_steering»  «http://...validatedby»  «http://...testcase35645_test_steering»

«http://...priority»  «High»
Use Actual Data for MBSE, Not Just Words

Integrating Data in Different Silos

Which requirements are related to test cases that failed?

Does every requirement have a test to validate it?

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How Does OSLC Work?

1. Discovery of capabilities
2. HTTP C.R.U.D. for resources
3. Standard resource representations
4. Querying for resources
5. Delegated UI for Create and Select
6. UI Previews for Resource Links

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1. Discovery of Capabilities

example: IBM Rational Team Concert
example: IBM Rational Team Concert project area
example: Change Management capability

Resource

Query Resources

Delegated UI Dialog

Query Capability

Creation Factory

Resource

Service Provider Catalog

Service Provider

Lists

May reference others

May offer Selection UI

May offer Creation UI

May provide

May provide

May provide

Provides base URI for

Creates

Links to

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example: work item (bug, defect, enhancement request)
2. HTTP CRUD for Resources

- OSLC allows manipulation of resources using standard HTTP C.R.U.D

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3. Standard Resource Representations

```
<http://example.com/TestCases/1> a oslc_qm:TestCase ;

{ }
    "rdf:about": "http://example.com/TestCases/1",
    "rdf:type": [ { 
        "rdf:resource": "http://open-services.net/ns/qm#TestPlan"
    } ],
    "oslc_qm:validatesRequirement": { 
        "rdf:resource": "http://example.com/Requirements/1"
    }

<oslc_qm:TestCase rdf:about="http://example.com/TestCases/1">
    <oslc_qm:validatesRequirement rdf:resource="http://example.com/Requirements/1"/>
</oslc_qm:TestCase>
```
4. Query for Representations

- Query capability has base URI
- Clients form query URI and HTTP GET the results
- OSLC services MAY support OSLC Query Syntax
  » [http://open-services.net/bin/view/Main/OSLCCoreSpecQuery](http://open-services.net/bin/view/Main/OSLCCoreSpecQuery)

5. Delegated UI for Create or Select

A delegated UI renders the source application UI in the target application. This example shows the contributed/delegated Rational Team Concert Work Item search dialog being rendered in an OSLC Quality Management application.

1. Click to launch delegated UI

2. iframe’s src set to delegated UI's URL

3. Selection made

4. Click OK. Sends message (link+label) to parent window
6. UI Previews for Resource Links

Hover over link

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How Can I Leverage OSLC for MBSE?

- OSLC UI integration is OOTB for many ALM and MBSE solutions
  - Enterprise Architect Pro Cloud Server
  - IBM Rational Rhapsody (and all of RTC)
  - PTC Integrity Modeler
  - PROSTEP OpenCLM (The Future!)

- OpenPDM offers OOTB Connectors for all types of systems

- Low complexity Standards Based COTS solution
  - Install connectors
  - Generate the mappings
  - Data is federated to your MBSE system
MBSE Integration Utilizing OSLC with OpenPDM
OpenPDM OSLC Adapter

- The OpenPDM OSLC Adapter enables OSLC access for none-OSLC systems:
  - Authentication against backend
  - Query UI / Properties Display UI
  - REST Resources and resource links
  - Local Document Download from the backend system via OpenPDM
  - Query Service maps OSLC queries onto backend

- Supports Change Management 2.0 + custom attributes
- Support for modern schema (new 2017)
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OpenPDM Use Cases

- DOORS – Agile e6 – SAP Integration
  - Linking requirements to documents and materials
- Process Improvement
  - Traceability
  - Impact Analysis (RFQ Assessment)
  - Integrated change management
  - Integrated release management
  - reuse
  - Improved auditability (SPICE)
  - quality management
Questions?
THANK YOU!