

1. ATL Transformation Example

1.1. Example: METAH → ACME

The ACME interchange format was originally conceived as a way to share tool capabilities rovided by a particular ADL with other ADLs, while avoiding the production of many pair wise language translators. The MetaH architectural description language (ADL) and associated toolset support architectural modeling of embedded real-time system applications.

1.1.1. Metamodels

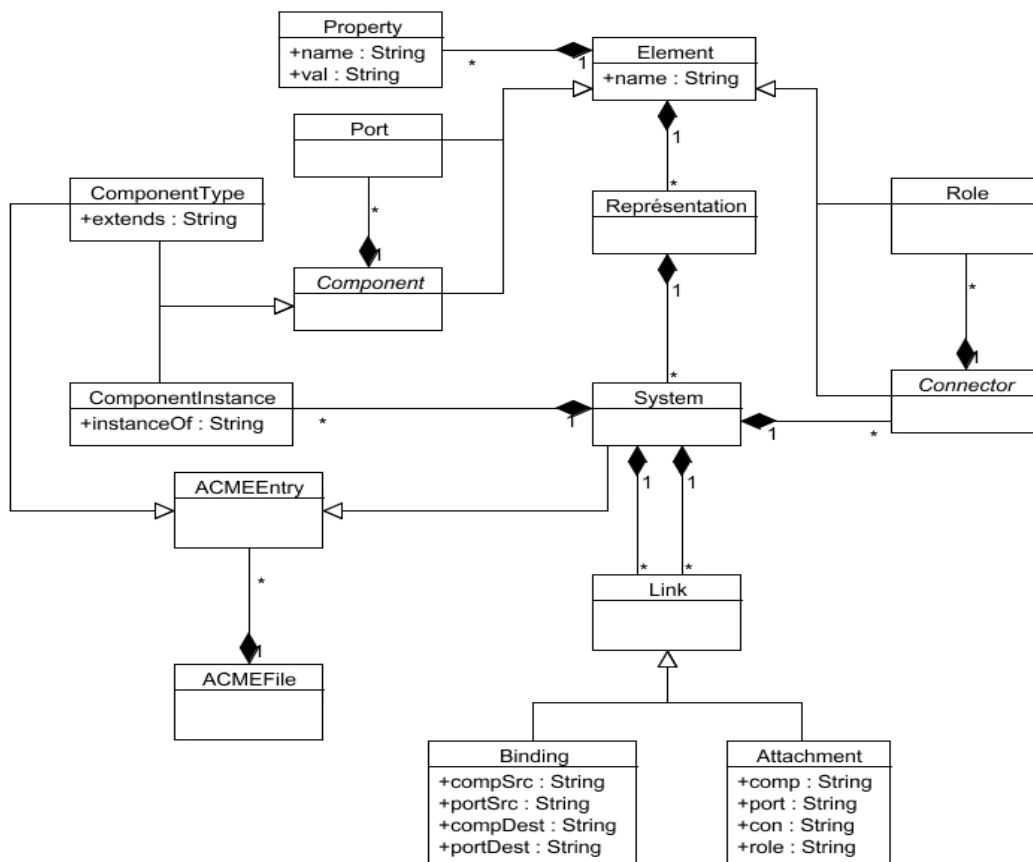


Figure 1 the ACME metamodel



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METAH2ACME

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This transformation is based on a simplified ACME metamodel. An ACME file is modeled by an ACME File element. This element is composed of ACME. All entries inherit, of the abstract ACME Entry element. There are 2 possible entry types: System and Component Type. The transformation also relies on a limited subset of the METAH language definition. The metamodel considered here is described in Figure 2, and provided in Appendix II in km3 format.

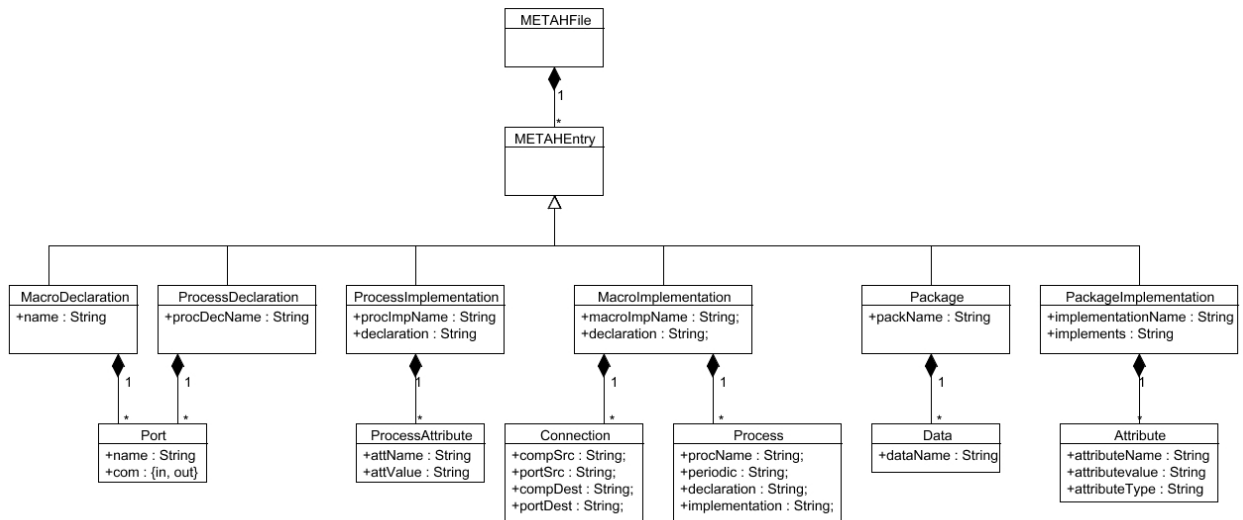


Figure 2 the METAH metamodel

Within this metamodel, a METAH File is associated with a METAHFile element. Such an element is composed of several METAHEntry. There are 2 possible entry types: Package, Package Implementation, Process Declaration, Process Implementation, Macro Declaration, Macro Implementation.


1.1.1 Rule Specification

To facilitate the translation to ACME we use the ACME Family construct to declare a collection of standard MetaH-related types, types used in any MetaH to ACME translation.

```
property type MH_mode_subclass =
  enum {MH_initial, MH_other};

property type MH_port_subclass =
  enum {MH_in, MH_out};

property type MH_process_subclass =
  enum {MH_periodic, MH_aperiodic};
```

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```

property type MH_event_subclass =
  enum {MH_interrupt, MH_signal, MH_nudge, MH_node};

property type MH_execution_path = sequence;

property type MH_error_path = sequence

property type MH_Implementation_name = string;

property type MH_Interface_name = string;

port type MH_port = {};

port type MH_event = {};

component type MH_mode =
  {port MH_event_port: MH_port
    = {property MH_port_subclass = MH_in;}};
component type MH_macro = {};

component type MH_monitor = {};

component type MH_package = {};

component type MH_subprogram = {};

component type MH_process =
  {port MH_event_port: MH_port
    = {property MH_port_subclass = MH_in;}};

component type MH_error_model = {};


component type MH_error_state = {};

connector type MH_connector =
  {roles {MH_source; MH_sink};
  property MH_port_identifier: string;};

```

These are the rules to transform a METAH model to a ACME model :


- For a root METAHFile element, an ACMEFile element is created. It contains the same entries.
- For a Process Declaration or a Macro Declaration element, a Component Type element is created :
 - with the same name,

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- linked to the same port,
- and extends a predefined ACME type “MH_process”.
- For a METAH Port element, an ACME Port element is created :
 - with the same name,
 - and contain 2 properties :
 - the first property ”MH_port_type” indicate its type,
 - the second property ”MH_port_subclass” indicate port direction, “MH_out” or “MH_In”
- For a Process Implementation element, a Component Type element is created :
 - The name contains the name of the process declaration and the name of the process implementation (a process implementation always refers to a process declaration),
 - The properties contains all available information on the process attributes,
 - The component type extends the component type created with the process declaration referring to him.
- For a Process Attribute element, a Property element is created :
 - With the same name,
 - The value of the attribute is the value of the process and the type of the value
- For a Macro Implementation element, several element are created :
 - A component type, with the same name, extending the component type created by Macro Declaration,
 - A representation, contained by the component type,
 - A system, contained by the representation. Its name is “MH_Little_System”. The component declaration contains all available information on the process and the attachments contains all available information on the connections.
- For a process element, an Component Instance element is created :
 - With the same name,
 - The field instanceOf contains the name of the process declaration and the name of the process implementation (a process implementation always refers to a process declaration),
 - The component contains a property to indicate if the process is periodic or not.
- For a connection element, there is two cases :
 - If the connection is between 2 processes, then we create a connector to connect the component created by the processes. The connector contains two roles, and two attachments are created to connect all these elements.
 - Else, we created a binding element.

1.1.3 ATL Code

This ATL code for the ACME to METAH transformation consists of 10 rules. The main rule is the first rule in the following code.

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```


module METAH2ACME;
create OUT : ACME from IN : METAH;

--@begin METAHFile2ACMEFile
--@comments METAHFile and ACMEFile are root element of ACME and
METAH metamodel
rule METAHFile2ACMEFile {
  from
    m : METAH!METAHFile
  to
    a : ACME!ACMEFile (
      entries <- m.entries
    )
}
--@end METAHFile2ACMEFile

--@begin ProcessDeclaration2ComponentType
rule ProcessDeclaration2ComponentType {
  from
    p : METAH!ProcessDeclaration
  to
    c : ACME!ComponentType (
      name <- p.procDecName,
      ports <- p.ports,
      extend <- 'MH_Process'
    )
}
--@end ProcessDeclaration2ComponentType

--@begin Port2Port
--@comments Transform a METAH port into an ACME port with two
properties
rule Port2Port {
  from
    p1 : METAH!Port
  to
    p2 : ACME!Port (
      name <- p1.portName,
      property <- Sequence {port_type,port_subclass}
    ),
    port_type : ACME!Property(
      name <- 'MH_port_type',
      val <- p1.portType
    ),
}

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        port_subclass : ACME!Property(
            name <- 'MH_port_subclass',
            val <- 'MH_'+p1.portCom
        )
    }
--@end Port2Port

--@begin ProcessImplementation2ComponentType
rule ProcessImplementation2ComponentType {
    from
        p1 : METAH!ProcessImplementation
    to
        p2 : ACME!ComponentType (
            name <- p1.declaration+'_'+p1.procImpName,
            property <- p1.processAttributes,
            extend <- p1.declaration
        )
}
--@end ProcessImplementation2ComponentType

--@begin ProcessAttribute2Property
rule ProcessAttribute2Property {
    from
        a : METAH!ProcessAttribute
    to
        p : ACME!Property (
            name <- 'MH_'+a.attName,
            val <- a.attValue.toString().concat(
'').concat(a.attValueType)
        )
}
--@end ProcessAttribute2Property

--@begin MacroDeclaration2ComponentType
rule MacroDeclaration2ComponentType {
    from
        m : METAH!MacroDeclaration
    to
        c : ACME!ComponentType (
            name <- m.name,
            ports <- m.ports,
            extend <- 'MH_macro'
        )
}
--@end MacroDeclaration2ComponentType

```

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--@begin MacroImplementation2ComponentType
rule MacroImplementation2ComponentType {
  from
    m : METAH!MacroImplementation
  to
    c : ACME!ComponentType(
      name <- m.macroImpName,
      extend <- m.declaration,
      representations <- Sequence {r}
    ),
    r : ACME!Representation (
      systems <- Sequence {s}
    ),
    s : ACME!System(
      name <- 'MH_little_System',
      componentDeclaration <- m.process,
      attachments <- m.connections
    )
}
--@end MacroImplementation2ComponentType

--@begin Process2Component
rule Process2Component {
  from
    p : METAH!Process
  to
    c : ACME!ComponentInstance (
      name <- p.procName,
      instanceOf <- p.declaration+'_'+p.implementation,
      property <- period
    ),
    period : ACME!Property (
      name <- 'MH_Process_subclass',
      val <- 'MH_'+p.periodic
    )
}
--@end Process2Component

--@begin Connection2Connector
rule Connection2Connector {
  from
    c1 : METAH!Connection (
      not((c1.compSrc.oclIsUndefined())or
        (c1.compDest.oclIsUndefined()))
    )
}

```


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to
    attach1 : ACME!Attachment (
        comp <- cl.compSrc,
        port <- cl.portSrc,
        con <- cl.compSrc+'_to_'+cl.compDest,
        role <- 'MH_sink',
        systemAttachment <-
thisModule.resolveTemp(METAH!MacroImplementation.allInstances()-
>asSequence()->first(),'s')
    ),
    attach2 : ACME!Attachment (
        comp <- cl.compDest,
        port <- cl.portDest,
        con <- cl.compSrc+'_to_'+cl.compDest,
        role <- 'MH_source',
        systemAttachment <-
thisModule.resolveTemp(METAH!MacroImplementation.allInstances()-
>asSequence()->first(),'s')
    ),
    c2 : ACME!Connector (
        name <- cl.compSrc+'_to_'+cl.compDest,
        roles <- Sequence {r1,r2},
        system <-
thisModule.resolveTemp(METAH!MacroImplementation.allInstances()-
>asSequence()->first(),'s')
    ),
    r1 : ACME!Role (
        name <- 'MH_sink'
    ),
    r2 : ACME!Role (
        name <- 'MH_source'
    )
}
--@end Connection2Connector

--@begin Connection2Binding
rule Connection2Binding {
    from
        b1 : METAH!Connection (
            ((b1.compSrc.oclIsUndefined())or(b1.compDest.oclIsUndefined()))
        )
    to
        b2 : ACME!Binding (
            compSrc <- b1.compSrc,
            compDest <- b1.compDest,

```


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        portDest <- b1.portDest,
        portSrc <- b1.portSrc,
        systemBinding <-
thisModule.resolveTemp(METAH!MacroImplementation.allInstances()-
>asSequence()->first(),'s')
    )
}
--@end Connection2Binding

```

1.1.4 Transformation example

Here is the METAH model we wanted to transform :

```

process P1 is
  p1_input : in port PORT_TYPE.ANY_TYPE;
  update : out port PORT_TYPE.ANOTHER_TYPE;
  feedback : in port PORT_TYPE.ANOTHER_TYPE;
end P1;

process implementation P1.EXAMPLE is
attributes
  self'Period := 25 ms;
  self'SourceTime := 2 ms;
end P1.EXAMPLE;


process P2 is
  p1_result : out port PORT_TYPE.ANY_TYPE;
  update : out port PORT_TYPE.ANOTHER_TYPE;
  feedback : in port PORT_TYPE.ANOTHER_TYPE;
end P2;

process implementation P2.EXAMPLE is
attributes
  self'Period := 50 ms;
  self'SourceTime := 5 ms;
end P2.EXAMPLE;

macro M is
  m_in : in port PORT_TYPE.ANY_TYPE;
  m_out : out port PORT_TYPE.ANY_TYPE;
end M;

macro implementation M.EXAMPLE is

```

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P2 : periodic process p2.example;
P1 : periodic process p1.example;
connections
p2.feedback <- p1.update;
p1.feedback <- p2.update;
m_out <- p2.p2_result;
p1.p1_input <- m_in;
end M.EXAMPLE;

```

And here is the result of the transformation :

```


Family MetaH_Family()=
{/ * BEGIN STANDARD METAH DECLARATIONS * /
.....
/ * BEGIN EXAMPLE SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS * /

component type P1 extends PH_Process with{
  port p1_input : MH_port
    = {
      property MH_port_type=ANY_TYPE;
      property MH_port_subclass=MH_in;}
  ;
  port update : MH_port
    = {
      property MH_port_type=ANOTHER_TYPE;
      property MH_port_subclass=MH_out;}
  ;
  port feedback : MH_port
    = {
      property MH_port_type=ANOTHER_TYPE;
      property MH_port_subclass=MH_in;}
  ;
};

component type P1_EXAMPLE extends P1 with{
  property MH_Period="25 ms";
  property MH_SourceTime="2 ms";
};

component type P2 extends PH_Process with{
  port p1_result : MH_port
    = {
      property MH_port_type=ANY_TYPE;
      property MH_port_subclass=MH_out;}
  ;
};

```

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port update : MH_port
= {
property MH_port_type=ANOTHER_TYPE;
property MH_port_subclass=MH_out;
}
;
port feedback : MH_port
= {
property MH_port_type=ANOTHER_TYPE;
property MH_port_subclass=MH_in;
}
;
};

component type P2_EXAMPLE extends P2 with{
property MH_Period="50 ms";
property MH_SourceTime="5 ms";
};

component type M extends MH_macro with{
port m_in : MH_port
= {
property MH_port_type=ANY_TYPE;
property MH_port_subclass=MH_in;
}
;
port m_out : MH_port
= {
property MH_port_type=ANY_TYPE;
property MH_port_subclass=MH_out;
}
;
};

component type EXAMPLE extends M with{
Representation{
system MH_little_system={
component P2=new p2_example extended with{
property MH_Process_subclass=MH_periodic;
};
component P1=new p1_example extended with{
property MH_Process_subclass=MH_periodic;
};
Connector p1_to_p2=new MH_connector extended with{};
Connector p2_to_p1=new MH_connector extended with{};
Attachments{
p2.feedback to p2_to_p1.MH_sink;
p1.feedback to p1_to_p2.MH_sink;
p2.update to p1_to_p2.MH_source;
p1.update to p2_to_p1.MH_source;
}
}
}
}

```


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```
-- @authors Julien Baudry (jul.baudry@gmail.com)
-- @date 2006/05/27
-- @description High-level software and hardware architecture
specification language
-- @see This metamodel has been extracted from information
available on this site :
http://www.sei.cmu.edu/pub/documents/98.reports/pdf/98sr006.pdf
```

```
package MetaH {


    --@begin METAHFile
    class METAHFile {
        reference entries[*] container : METAHEntry;
    }
    --@end METAHFile

    --@begin METAHEntry
    abstract class METAHEntry {
    }
    --@end METAHEntry

    --@begin Package
    --@comments MetaH package objects are used to describe
collections of subprograms and statically allocated
--@comments and persistent data. Package objects may be
shareable across processes and may contain ports.
    class Package extends METAHEntry {
        attribute packName : String;
        reference data [*] ordered container : Data;
    }
    --@end Package

    --@begin PackageImplementation
    class PackageImplementation extends METAHEntry {
        attribute implementationName : String;
        attribute implements : String;
        reference attributes [*] ordered container : Attribute;
    }
    --@end PackageImplementation

    --@begin Data
    --@comments Type define in a Package
    class Data {
        attribute dataName : String;
    }
}
```

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--@end Data

--@begin Attribute
class Attribute {
    attribute attName : String;
    attribute attValue : Integer;
    attribute attValueType : String;
    attribute attType : String;
}
--@end Attribute


--@begin ProcessDeclaration
--@comments A MetaH process describes a single, schedulable
thread of execution. There are two subclasses of
--@comments MetaH processes, periodic processes and aperiodic
processes
class ProcessDeclaration extends METAHEntry {
    attribute procDecName : String;
    reference ports [*] ordered container : Port;
}
--@end ProcessDeclaration

--@begin ProcessImplementation
class ProcessImplementation extends METAHEntry {
    attribute procImpName : String;
    attribute declaration : String;
    reference processAttributes [*] ordered container :
ProcessAttribute;
}
--@end ProcessImplementation

--@begin ProcessAttribute
class ProcessAttribute {
    attribute attName : String;
    attribute attValue : Integer;
    attribute attValueType : String;
}
--@end ProcessAttribute

--@begin Process
class Process {
    attribute procName : String;
    attribute periodic : String;
    attribute declaration : String;
    attribute implementation : String;
}

```

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--@end Process


--@begin Port
--@comments A port represents a point of contact between a
process/macro and its environment.
class Port {
    attribute portName : String;
    attribute portCom : String;
    attribute portPackage : String;
    attribute portType : String;
}
--@end Port

--@begin Connection
--@comments The connections part of an implementation
specification declares connections between the interface
--@comments elements of the various components in an
implementation.
class Connection extends METAHEntry {
    attribute compSrc : String;
    attribute portSrc : String;
    attribute compDest : String;
    attribute portDest : String;
}
--@end Connection

--@begin MacroDeclaration
--@comments A macro object is a hierarchical structuring
mechanism, largely a syntactic feature to help structure
--@comments large specifications that has little individual
semantic impact. A macro object may contain
--@comments process, macro, and connections between objects in
the interfaces of these components.
class MacroDeclaration extends METAHEntry {
    attribute name : String;
    reference ports [*] ordered container : Port;
}
--@end MacroDeclaration

--@begin MacroImplementation
class MacroImplementation extends METAHEntry {
    attribute macroImpName : String;
    attribute declaration : String;
    reference process [*] ordered container : Process;
    reference connections [*] ordered container : Connection;
}

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    --@end MacroImplementation
}

package PrimitiveTypes {
    datatype Boolean;
    datatype Integer;
    datatype String;
}


```

II. ACME metamodel in km3 format

```

-- @name ACME
-- @version 1.2
-- @domains developping new architectural design and analysis tools
-- @authors Julien Baudry (jul.baudry@gmail.com)

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```

-- @date 2006/05/21
-- @description ACME is a simple, generic software architecture
description language (ADL)
-- @see This metamodel has been extracted from information
available on the ACME site : http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~ACME/.

package ACME {

    --@begin ACME File
    class ACMEFile {
        reference entries[*] container : ACMEEntry;
    }
    --@end ACME FILE


    --@begin ACME Entry
    abstract class ACMEEntry {
    }
    --@end ACME Entry

    --@begin Element
    --@comments Generic element of ACME. Any element (port, role,
component, connector and system) has properties and representations.
    abstract class Element {
        -- identifier
        attribute name : String;
        reference representations [*] ordered container :
Representation;
        reference property [*] ordered container : Property;
    }
    --@end Element

    class Type extends Element {}

    --@begin System
    -- @comments A system in ACME is a set of components and
connectors. Systems are first order entities in ACME.
    class System extends Element, ACMEEntry {
        -- set of components
        reference componentDeclaration [*] ordered container :
ComponentInstance;
        -- set of connector
        reference connectorDeclaration [*] ordered container :
Connector oppositeOf system;
        -- set of attachment between component and connector
        reference attachments [*] ordered container : Link
oppositeOf systemAttachment;

```

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        reference bindings [*] ordered container : Link
oppositeOf systemBinding;
    }
    --@end System

    --@begin representation
    -- @comments A Representation is used to further describe an
    element in terms of the ACME system construct.
    -- @comments Elements in ACME may have more than one
    representation.
    class Representation {
        reference systems [*] ordered container : System;
    }
    --@end representation


    --@begin Component
    --@comments Components are the basic building blocks in an ACME
    description of a system.
    --@comments Components expose their functionality through their
    ports.
    --@comments A component may have several ports corresponding to
    different interfaces to the component.
    abstract class Component extends Element {
        -- set of port
        reference ports [*] ordered container : Port;
    }
    --@end Component

    --@begin Component Instance
    class ComponentInstance extends Component {
        attribute instanceOf : String;
    }
    --@end Component Instance

    --@begin Component Type
    class ComponentType extends Component, ACMEEntry {
        attribute extend : String;
    }
    --@end Component Type

    --@begin Port
    --@comments A port represents a point of contact between the
    component and its environment.
    class Port extends Element {
    }
    --@end Port

```

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--@begin Connector
--@comments Connectors define the nature of an interaction
between components.
--@comments A connector includes a set of interfaces in the
form of roles
class Connector extends Element {
-- set of role
reference roles [*] ordered container : Role;
reference system : System oppositeOf
connectorDeclaration;
}
--@end Connector


--@begin Role
--@comments A role represents a point of contact between the
connector and its environment.
class Role extends Element {
}
--@end Role

--@begin Property
--@comments Elements in ACME include properties which can be
used to describe aspects of its computational behavior or structure
class Property {
attribute name : String;
attribute val : String;
}
--@end Property

--@begin Link
abstract class Link {
reference systemBinding : System oppositeOf bindings;
reference systemAttachment : System oppositeOf
attachments;
}
--@end Link

--@begin Attachment
--@comments Each attachment represents an interaction between a
port of a component and a role of a connector
class Attachment extends Link {
attribute comp : String;
attribute port : String;
attribute con : String;
attribute role : String;

```

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    }
    --@end Attachment


    --@begin Binding
    --@comments For a component, a binding provides a way of
    associating a port on a component with some port within the
    representation.
    class Binding extends Link {
        attribute compSrc : String;
        attribute portSrc : String;
        attribute compDest : String;
        attribute portDest : String;
    }
    --@end Binding
}

package PrimitiveTypes {
    datatype Boolean;
    datatype Integer;
    datatype String;
}

```

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