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## 1. ATL Transformation Example: Table to TabularHTML

The Table to TabularHTML example describes a transformation from a Table model to an HTML file containing HTML tables.

#### 1.1. Transformation Overview

The aim of this transformation is to generate an HTML file from the input data contained in a Table model. This file can next be read with an HTML viewer or Internet browser.

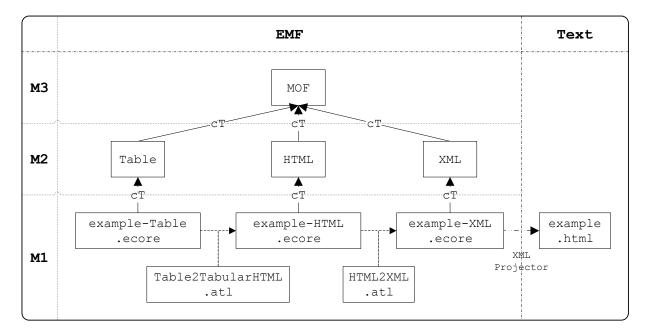


Figure 1: Overview of the transformation

The generation of the output HTML file is realized by a first transformation from Table to HTML, followed by the usage of a projector. The projector consists in a transformation from HTML to XML and the predefined XML extractor (HTML is a XML-like language). The output .html file contains HTML tables for each kind of model element measured.





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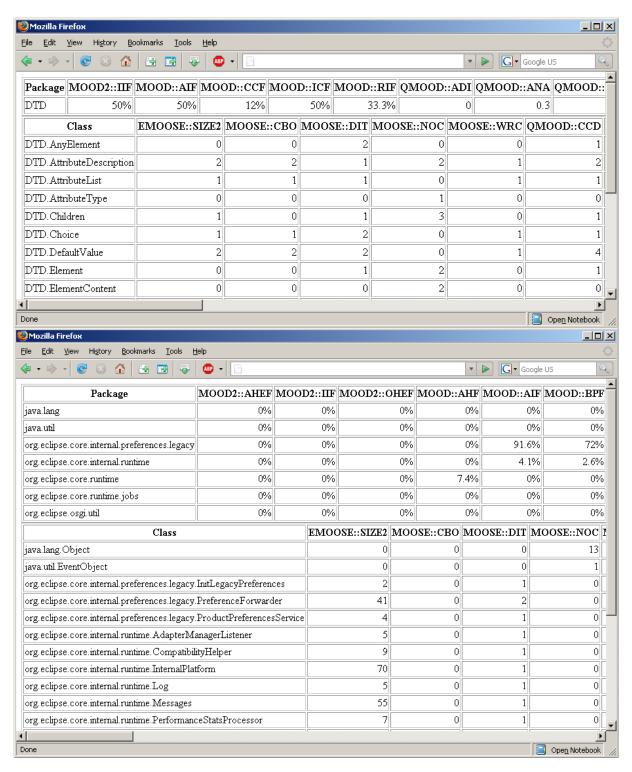


Figure 2: Samples of output HTML file



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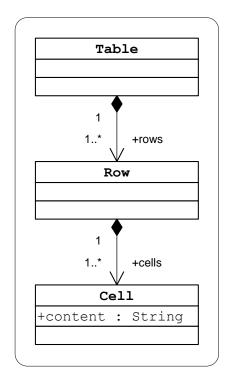
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### 2. Metamodels

### **2.1.** Table

The source metamodel of Table is described in Figure 3 and can be found in the Atlantic Zoo Error! Reference source not found.



**Figure 3: Table Metamodel** 

Within this metamodel, a Table is associated with a Table element. Such an element is composed of several Rows that, in their turn, are composed of several Cells.

### 2.2. HTML

This transformation uses only a subset of the HTML metamodel which represents the HTML language. The HTML metamodel can be found in the Atlantic Zoo [2].



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### 3. Transformation from Table to TabularHTML

### 3.1. Rules specification

These are the rules to transform a Table model to a HTML model.

- For the whole model, the following elements are created:
  - o An HTML element composed of a HEAD element and a BODY element.
  - o A HEAD element, linked to the HTML element, composed of a TITLE element.
  - o A TITLE element, linked to the HEAD element. The value of the title is set to an empty String because the HTML specifications say that "Every HTML document must have a TITLE element in the HEAD section.".
  - o A BODY element, linked to the HTML element.
- For each Table element, the following elements are created:
  - o A TABLE element, linked to the unique BODY element, with border attribute set to "1" and composed of several TR elements.
  - o A TR element, linked to the TABLE element, for the first Row element and composed of several TH elements.
  - O A TH element, linked to the TR element, for each Cell element of the first Row element. The value is set to the content of the Cell element.
- For each Row element, the following elements are created:
  - O A TR element, linked to the TABLE element, composed of several TD elements.
- For each Cell element, the following elements are created:
  - o A TD element, linked to the TR element. The value is set to the content of the Cell element.

#### 3.2. ATL code

This ATL code for the Table2TabularHTML transformation consists in 1 helper and 7 rules.

The attribute helper *html* is used to store the HTML tag for the whole document.

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The entrypoint rule HTML() allocates the structure of the HTML file. The rule creates an HTML element ("html") which is composed of a HEAD element ("head") and an empty BODY element ("body"). A TITLE element ("title"), with an empty String value, is also created and associated to the HEAD element.

The called rule Table2TABLE allocates a TABLE for each Table element. The rule creates a TABLE element ("table") and calls a rule for the first row and collects the result for other rows.

The lazy rule Row2TRWithTH allocates a TR for the first Row element. The rule creates a TR element ("tr") which is composed of the elements allocated for each of his Cell elements.

The lazy rule Cell2TH allocates a TH for a cell. The rule creates a TH element ("th") with the content of the cell.

The lazy rule Row2TRWithTD allocates a TR for the each other Row element. The rule creates a TR element ("tr") which is composed of the elements allocated for each of his Cell elements.

The lazy rule Cell2TD allocates a TD for a cell. The rule creates a TD element ("td") with the content of the cell.

The lazy rule Cell2TDRightAlign allocates a TD for a cell. The rule creates a TD element ("td") with the content of the cell and an attribute align set to *right*.

## 4. ATL Library TableHelpers

### 4.1. ATL code

This ATL code for the TableHelpers library consists in 9 helpers.

The helpers is Integer, is Real and is Percentage format a raw value.

The helpers *value* are used to format the value of a cell (adding a unit for a percentage value, truncating a too long real, etc...).

The helper *realValue* is used to convert a percentage value into a real (remove the '%' unit and a real between 0 and 1).

The helper *seqWithoutFirst* returns a sequence without the first element.

The helper *allValidTables* is not used in this transformation.

The helper *valueNotNull* is used to check if the content of a cell (converted as a real) is null or not.



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## 5. HTML Projector

The HTML projector is a transformation from HTML to XML followed by the predefined XML extractor.

This can be done in this way, because HTML is a XML-like language.

The HTML element is mapped to the XML Root element.

Other HTML mark-up are mapped to XML Element element.

Each attribute of a HTML mark-up is mapped as a XML Attribute element.

The HTML CDATA or PCDATA are mapped to XML Text element.

## 6. References

- [1] ATLAS (ATLantic dAta Systems) Official Webpage: <a href="http://www.sciences.univ-nantes.fr/lina/ATLAS/">http://www.sciences.univ-nantes.fr/lina/ATLAS/</a>
- [2] The Atlantic Zoo: http://www.eclipse.org/gmt/am3/zoos/atlanticZoo/