MapleMBSE Virtual Features Guide

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Preface

MapleMBSE Overview

MapleMBSE[™] gives an intuitive, spreadsheet based user interface for entering detailed system design definitions, which include structures, behaviors, requirements, and parametric constraints.

Related Products

MapleMBSE 2019 requires the following products.

- Microsoft® Excel® 2010 Service Pack 2, Excel 2016 or Excel 2019.
- Oracle® Java® SE Runtime Environment 8.

Note: MapleMBSE looks for a Java Runtime Environment in the following order:

1) If you use the -vm option specified in **OSGiBridge.init** (not specified by default), MapleMBSE will use it.

2) If your environment has a system JRE (meaning either: JREs specifed by the environment variables JRE_HOME and JAVA_HOME in this order, or a JRE specified by the Windows Registry (created by JRE installer)), MapleMBSE will use it.

3) The JRE installed in the MapleMBSE installation directory.

If you are using IBM® Rational® Rhapsody® with MapleMBSE, the following versions are supported:

- Rational Rhapsody Version 8.1.5
- Teamwork CloudTM server 18.5 SP3 or 19.0 SP2

Note that the architecture of the supported non-server products (that is, 32-bit or 64-bit) must match the architecture of your MapleMBSE architecture.

Related Resources

Resource	Description
	System requirements and installation instructions for
MapleMBSE Installation	MapleMBSE. The MapleMBSE Installation Guide is available
Guide	in the Install.html file located either on your MapleMBSE
	installation DVD or the folder where you installed MapleMBSE.
MapleMBSE Applications	Applications in this directory provide a hands on demonstration of how to edit and construct models using MapleMBSE. They, along with an accompanying guide, are located in the Application subdirectory of your MapleMBSE installation.
MapleMBSE Configuration	This guide provides detailed instructions on working with
Guide	configuration files and the configuration file language.
MapleMBSE User Guide	Instructions for using MapleMBSE software. The MapleMBSE
	User Guide is available in the folder where you installed
	MapleMBSE.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Scope and Purpose of this Document

The purpose of the MapleMBSE Virtual Features Guide is to describe MapleMBSE virtual features and explain how to use them.

The intended audience for this document are users who are familar with UML, SysML and Model-based Systems Engineering concepts and who intend to create their own MapleMBSE configuration files.

1.2 Prequisite Knowledge

To fully understand the information presented in this document the reader should be familiar with the following concepts:

- The Eclipse Modeling Framework ecore serialization. In particular, knowing how to use any tool of your choice to track all the *eReferences* independently of the *eSuperTypes*
- Thus, some basic concepts of Meta Object Facilty like *eClassifiers* and *eStructuralFeatures*. A correct mse configuration file has within each qualifier a concrete UML *eClassifiers* and each dimension should be accessed using a non-derived *StructuralFeature* defined in the UML.ecore or a virtual one inside this guide.
- MapleMBSE Configuration Language elements, (especially dimension and qualifiers, and the syntax for importing the MapleMBSE ecore). For more information on the MapleMBSE Configuration language, see the **MapleMBSE Configuration Guide**.

1.3 Motivation for Using MapleMBSE Virtual Features

SysML provides a high level of abstraction to cover as many modeling scenarios as possible with the diagrams offered. It is a powerful and complex language that is extremely difficult to master because of its complexity (there are hundreds of pages of technical specifications for SysML).

Many different concrete and abstract *Classifiers*, with very specific semantics, are part of the SysML technical specifications. These *Classifiers* should not be used interchangeably. Even "linking" elements changes depending on the "linked" elements. For example, SysML *Associations* are to *Classes* as *Connectors* are to Ports, or, what *ControlFlows* can be for *ActivityNodes*. However, these elements are not interchangeable.

An end user, defined as a user who will be updating model information using the MapleMBSE spreadsheet interface but likely will not be involved in creating or editing configuration files, who interested in taking advantage of the modeling capabilities of SysML, should not need to know its complexities. MapleMBSE helps to hide this complexity from the end user, through virtual features. They are called virtual features because, although they extend the capabilities of native SysML, they themselves are not part of SysML.

With the right choice of labels within an Excel template and a well designed configuration (.mse) file that implements MapleMBSE virtual features, an end user can enter a couple of inputs in a spreadsheet and create *Blocks* and the Associations linking them, or Ports and Connectors, or other combinations of elements.

For example, consider the following code snippet from a MapleMBSE configuration file in the figure below. This figure illustrates the scenario where a configuration file is designed without the use of virtual features to represent SysML *Associations* between *Blocks*.

Notice in the generated Excel worksheet, the number of inputs required of the end user to represent the *Assocation* between **Customer** and **Product**. This requires knowledge of SysML on the part of the end user.



Now consider an example that represents the same Association between Customer and Product, as shown in the figure below. This time, the configuration file is designed using the MapleMBSE virtual features, specifically, the associatedProperty virtual feature. Notice, the only inputs required of the end user are the two SysML *Blocks*, **Customer** and **Product**. The cross-references need for the Association are completed automatically.



1.4 Importing the MapleMBSE Ecore

Loading MapleMBSE virtual features is analogous to the way you would load UML Structural Features using UML Ecore. The corresponding MapleMBSE Configuration language uses import-ecore.

The general syntax is

import-ecore "URI"

For example, to specify the NoMagic ecore:

"http://www.nomagic.com/magicdraw/UML/2.5"

To specify the MapleMBSE ecore:

"http://maplembse.maplesoft.com/common/1.0"

You must create an alias for the ecore using the syntax:

import-ecore "URI" as Alias

For example, to specify an alias for the MapleMBSE ecore:

import-ecore "http://maplembse.maplesoft.com/common/1.0" as
mse

This allows you to use the short form, mse, instead of the whole syntax.

1.5 General Syntax for the MapleMBSE Virtual Features

The general syntax for the virtual features is

[./]?alias::virtualfeature

The first character can be a dot, a forward slash, or a blank. There is no strict rule of thumb for this. For specific syntax, see the Syntax subsection for each virtual feature.

alias - This is the alias for the ecore import

virtualfeature - This is the virtual feature name you want to use, for example, associatedProperty.

1.6 List of Virtual Features

The MapleMBSE virtual features can be grouped into five categories:

Stereotypes (page 5). This group includes the metaclassName and featureName virtual features. Associations (page 11) This group includes the associatedProperty, directAssociatedProperty, and otherAssociatedEnd virtual features.

Connectors (page 21) This group includes the connected PropertyOrPort and otherConnectorEnd virtual features.

*Dependencies (page 25)*This group includes the clientDependencies and supplier-Dependencies virtual features.

Util (page 33) This group includes the multiplicity Property virtual feature.

2 Stereotypes

SysML can be explained as a subset of elements defined in the UML specifications plus some additional features not included in UML. One of these features is a *Stereotype. Stereotypes* are applied to those elements adding extra meaning or modeling semantics. MapleMBSE offers several virtual features to apply *Stereotypes* and navigate their extended modeling capacities.

2.1 metaclassName

Description

Use the **metaclassName** virtual feature to apply *Stereotypes* while creating elements using MapleMBSE. To use this virtual feature you need to identify the qualified name of the *Stereotype* that you want to apply and whether the element is compatible with that stereotype.

Syntax

Any *Element* of the *Model* can have a list of *appliedStereotype* but only certain *Stereotypes* should be applied to certain *Element*. This is one of the few virtual features that is used as a filter inside the qualifier and it does not require a dot or slash notation prior to the alias. The **metaclassName** virtual feature must be followed by an equals simbol and the qualified name of the *Stereotype* between quotation mark.

alias::metaclassName="qualified::name"

It is important to note that this qualified name is basically a path and the name that identifies uniquely each *Stereotype*, and each substring is concatenated with a double colon notation.

Using the metaclassName Virtual Feature

The following steps Illustrate what you need to do to use AssociatedProperty virtual feature:

- 1. The MapleMBSE ecore is imported and its alias is mse.
- 2. Two data-sources are used for this example with metaclassName to filter *Blocks* and *Requirements*. Note: both of those SysML concept are UML Classes but with different Stereotypes.
- 3. Defining synctable-schemas, one for *Blocks* and another for *Requirements*. Note: To avoid problems with MapleMBSE it is a good practice to use the same qualifier and *Stereotype* filter in the data-source and the first dimension of the schema.
- 4. Complete the rest of the configuration as usual: worksheet-templates, synctable and workbook.

The following example showcases how to use metaclassName to create *Classes* applying 2 different *Stereotypes*.

```
1 import-ecore "http://www.nomagic.com/magicdraw/UML/2.5"
2 import-ecore "http://maplembse.maplesoft.com/common/1.0" as mse
4 data-source Root[Model]
5 data-source blocks = Root/packagedElement[Class | mse::metaclassName="SysML::Blocks::Block"]
6 data-source requirements = Root/packagedElement[Class | mse::metaclassName="SysML::Requirements::Requirement"]
8 synctable-schema BlockSchema {
      record dim [Class | mse::metaclassName="SysML::Blocks::Block"] {
90
10
           key column /name as bName
11
       }
12 }
14 synctable-schema RequirementSchema {
150
      record dim [Class | mse::metaclassName="SysML::Requirements::Requirement"] {
           key column /name as rName
16
17
       }
18 }
19
20 worksheet-template BlockTemplate (bsc: BlockSchema) {
     vertical table tab1 at (1, 1) = bsc {
210
          key field bName: String
22
23
       }
24 }
25
26@ worksheet-template RequirementTemplate(rsc: RequirementSchema) {
27⊖ vertical table tab1 at (1, 1) = rsc {
           key field rName: String
28
       }
29
30 }
31
32 synctable blockTable = BlockSchema<blocks>
33 synctable requirementTable = RequirementSchema<requirements>
34
359 workbook {
36
      worksheet BlockTemplate(blockTable)
37
       worksheet RequirementTemplate(requirementTable)
38 }
39
```

Figure 2.1: metaclassName Example

2.2 featureName

Description

As mentioned in the introduction of this section, once you applied a *Stereotype* to any *Element*, you are changing its semantics and extending it. Use featureName to access those extended properties stored in *Slots* using their qualified names.

The class diagram in *Figure 2.2 (page 7)* shows the different *EClasses* that need to be queried in order to access those *Slots*, remember that *Element* is an abstract *EClass* and it should not be used as the qualifier. Basically all elements in a *Model* implement *Element*, thus *EClasses* like *Class* have the structural feature *appliedStereotypeInstance* to query *InstanceSpecification*.



Figure 2.2: A The appliedStereotypeInstance Structure

Syntax

Use featureName the same way metaclassName is used within a qualifier as a filter, meaning that no dot or slash notations are needed before the alias. It expected, following the virtual feature, an equal symbol and a string between quotation marks; this string is the qualified name of the property to access.

alias::featureName="qualified::name"

This qualified name is similar to the one used to identify the *Stereotype* but it differs slightly at the end with an extra information concatenated to identify a single extension. As mentioned before this virtual feature is usable while querying a *Slot* inside a *InstanceSpecification* inside an concrete *Element*, but you must also know that this *Element* must be filtered by meta-className with the qualified name that identifies the *Stereotype*.

Using the featureName Virtual Feature

To access extra Properties added after applying a Stereotype:

- 1. Import the MapleMBSE ecore.
- 2. Inside a syntable-schema navigate to a *MultiplicityElement*, in this case, /ownedAt-tribute[Property] within a Class.
- Within that dimension, define a regular column using /mse::multiplicityProperty.
- 4. Complete the rest of the configuration as usual: worksheet-templates, synctable and workbook.

The following example illustrates how to access extra *Properties* added after applying a *Stereotype*.

- 1. Import MapleMBSE ecore, for this example use mse as the alias.
- 2. Create a data-source using the metaclassName virtual feature mentioned before to filter *Requirements*.
- 3. Define a synctable-schema for *Requirements*. Note: use the same qualifier and *Stereotype* for the first dimension that for the data-source.
- 4. To access the SysML::Requirements::Requirement::Text *Property* added to a *Class* after applying the Requirement Stereotype you must:
 - 1. Navigate appliedStereotypeInstance to get an InstanceSpecification.
 - 2. Then slot to recover all the Slots within the InstanceSpecification
 - 3. Use featureName with the Slot qualifier to filter the Property that you want to access

Note: The qualified name of that *Property* is the name of the qualified *Stereotype* plus 2 colons and the name of the *Property*.

```
Stereotype: SysML::Requirements::Requirement
Property: SysML::Requirements::Requirement::Text
```

4. Complete the rest of the configuration as usual: worksheet-templates, synctable and workbook.

```
1 import-ecore "http://www.nomagic.com/magicdraw/UML/2.5"
 2 import-ecore "http://maplembse.maplesoft.com/common/1.0" as mse
4 data-source Root[Model]
5 data-source requirements = Root/packagedElement[Class | mse::metaclassName="SysML::Requirements::Requirement"]
80 synctable-schema RequirementSchema {
      record dim [Class | mse::metaclassName="SysML::Requirements::Requirement"] {
90
10
           key column /name as rName
110
           column /appliedStereotypeInstance[InstanceSpecification]/slot[Slot|mse::featureName=
12
              "SysML::Requirements::Requirement::Text"]/value[LiteralString]/value
13
                 as spec
14
       }
15 }
16
170 worksheet-template RequirementTemplate(rsc: RequirementSchema) {
180
      vertical table tab1 at (1, 1) = rsc {
19
           key field rName: String
20
           field spec: String
21
       }
22 }
23
24 synctable requirementTable = RequirementSchema<requirements>
25
26 workbook {
       worksheet RequirementTemplate(requirementTable)
27
28 }
29
```

Figure 2.3: featureName Example

3 Associations

An *Association* between two *Blocks* creates cross references for two UML *Classes* with SysML *Block Stereotypes* (<<block>>) to one *Association* using two properties and also makes some cross references, like *Type* and *Association*, within those properties.

3.1 associatedProperty

Description

In MagicDraw, with a couple clicks from one block to another, all of these elements are correctly created. Similarly in MapleMBSE, the associatedProperty virtual feature provides the ability to connect two SysML *Blocks*, creating a bidirectional *Association* at the same hierarchicallevel in the diagram as the source *Block*.



When MapleMBSE queries the model, the associatedProperty returns the target *Block* (the *Block* that is related to a *Property* through an *Association*).

Syntax

The general syntax for using the associatedProperty virtual feature is as follows:

.alias::associatedProperty

Where alias is the alias you assigned to the MapleMBSE ecore. For more information on assigning aliases, see *Importing the MapleMBSE Ecore (page 3)*.

The associatedProperty virtual feature must be used when querying the *Property* of a *Block*.

Using the associatedProperty Virtual Feature

The following example Illustrates what you need to do to use AssociatedProperty virtual feature.

- 1. In line two, the **maplembse ecore** is imported with an alias.
- 2. Use an ownedAttribute [Property] as the queried dimension.
- 3. Make a reference-query to a class using mse::associatedProperty.
- 4. Complete the reference-decomposition.

```
1 import-ecore "http://www.nomagic.com/magicdraw/UML/2.5"
 2 import-ecore "http://maplembse.maplesoft.com/common/1.0" as mse
 3
 4 data-source Root[Model]
 5 data-source structurePkg = Root/packagedElement[Package]
 6 data-source clss = structurePkg/packagedElement[Class]
 7
 8 synctable-schema ClassTableSchema {
90
       dim [Class] {
10
           key column /name as ClassName
11
       }
12 }
13
14 synctable-schema ClassTreeTableSchema(blocks: ClassTableSchema) {
150
       record dim [Class] {
16
           key column /name as className1
17
18<del>0</del>
       dim /ownedAttribute[Property].mse::associatedProperty[Class] @ cls {
190
           reference-decomposition cls = cts {
20
           foreign-key column ClassName as referredClassName
21
           }
22
       }
23 }
24
25 synctable classTableSchema = ClassTableSchema<clss>
26 synctable classTreeTableSchema = ClassTreeTableSchema<clss>(classTableSchema)
27
28@ worksheet-template ClassTable(cts: ClassTableSchema) {
29⊝
       vertical table tab1 at (6, 2) = cts {
30
           key field ClassName : String
31
           key field Name4 : String
32
       }
33 }
34
35@ worksheet-template ClassTreeTable(ctt: ClassTreeTableSchema) {
360
      vertical table tab1 at (6, 2) = ctt {
           key field ClassName1 : String
37
38
           key field referredClassName : String
39
        }
40 }
41
42 workbook{
43
       worksheet ClassTable(classTableSchema)
44
       worksheet ClassTreeTable(classTreeTableSchema)
45 }
```

```
Figure 3.1: associatedProperty Example
```

3.2 directedAssociatedProperty

Description

To create *Associations* with navigability in one direction MapleMBSE uses *directedAssociatedProperty*, using this virtual feature links two *Classes* and adds a *Property* to the source *Block* and other *Property* to an *Association*.

Based on the aggregation value we can use this virtual feature to create Association, Aggregation and Composition with direction.

Syntax

The general syntax for using the directedAssociatedProperty virtual feature is as follows:

.alias::directedAssociatedProperty

Where alias is the alias you assigned to the MapleMBSE ecore (hyperlink to above).

The directedAssociatedProperty virtual feature must be used when querying the *Property* of a *Block*.

Using the directAssociatedProperty Virtual Feature

The following example Illustrates what you need to do to use directedAssociated-Property.

- 1. In line two, the maplembse ecore is imported with an alias.
- 2. Use an ownedAttribute[Property] as the queried dimension.
- 3. Make a reference-query to a class using mse::directedAssociatedProperty.
- 4. Complete the reference-decomposition.

```
1 import-ecore "http://www.nomagic.com/magicdraw/UML/2.5"
 2 import-ecore "http://maplembse.maplesoft.com/common/1.0" as mse
 З
 4 data-source Root[Model]
 5 data-source structurePkg = Root/packagedElement[Package]
 6 data-source clss = structurePkg/packagedElement[Class]
 8 synctable-schema ClassTableSchema {
 90
       dim [Class] {
10
           key column /name as ClassName
11
       }
12 }
13
14 synctable-schema ClassTreeTableSchema(blocks: ClassTableSchema) {
150
       record dim [Class] {
16
           key column /name as className1
17
       }
180
       dim /ownedAttribute[Property].mse::directedAssociatedProperty[Class] @ cls {
19<del>0</del>
           reference-decomposition cls = cts {
20
           foreign-key column ClassName as referredClassName
21
           }
22
       }
23 }
24
25 synctable classTableSchema = ClassTableSchema<clss>
26 synctable classTreeTableSchema = ClassTreeTableSchema<clss>(classTableSchema)
27
29 vertical table tab1 at (6, 2) = cts {
30
           key field ClassName : String
31
           key field Name4 : String
32
       }
33 }
34
35@ worksheet-template ClassTreeTable(ctt: ClassTreeTableSchema) {
360
      vertical table tab1 at (6, 2) = ctt {
37
           key field ClassName1 : String
38
           key field referredClassName : String
39
       }
40 }
41
42 workbook{
43
       worksheet ClassTable(classTableSchema)
44
       worksheet ClassTreeTable(classTreeTableSchema)
```

Figure 3.2: directAssociatedProperty Example

3.3 otherAssociatedEnd

Description

otherAssociationEnd is used in the case when two classifiers has to be linked and the information about the properties of these classifiers are owned by the association and not the classifiers themselves, such as in the case of UseCase diagram where association exist between an actor and usecase and these two classifiers does not own any property that defines the other classifier.

Syntax

The general syntax for using the otherAssociationEnd virtual feature is as follows:

.alias::otherAssociationEnd

Where alias is the alias you assigned to the MapleMBSE ecore (hyperlink to above).

The otherAssociationEnd virtual feature must always be used when querying a Class

Using the otherAssociatedEnd Virtual Feature

The following example Illustrates what you need to do to use otherAssociationEnd.

- 1. In line two, the maplembse ecore is imported with an alias.
- 2. Use when a Class as the queried dimension.
- 3. Make a reference-query to a class using mse::otherAssociationEnd, unlike other virtual features in this section otherAssociationEnd should not be used when a property is querried.
- 4. Complete the reference-decomposition.

```
1 import-ecore "http://www.nomagic.com/magicdraw/UML/2.5"
 2 import-ecore "http://maplembse.maplesoft.com/common/1.0" as mse
 3
 4 data-source Root[Model]
 5 data-source useCasePkg = Root/packagedElement[Package]
 6 data-source actors = useCasePkg/packagedElement[Actor]
 7 data-source useCases = useCasePkg/packagedElement[UseCase]
 8
 90 synctable-schema ActorsTable {
       record dim [Actor] {
10<del>0</del>
11
           key column /name as Actor
12
       }
13 }
14
15@ synctable-schema UseCasesTable(ac:ActorsTable) {
160
       record dim [UseCase] {
17
           key column /name as Name
18
           reference-query .mse::otherAssociationEnd[Actor] @ actor
190
           reference-decomposition actor = ac {
           foreign-key column Actor as Actor
20
21
            }
22
        }
23 }
24
25
26 synctable actorsTable = ActorsTable<actors>
27 synctable useCasesTable = UseCasesTable<useCases>(actorsTable)
28
29@ worksheet-template Actors(ac: ActorsTable) {
300
       vertical table tab1 at (5, 3) = ac {
           key field Actor : String
31
32
        }
33 }
34
35@worksheet-template UseCases(auct: AssociatedUseCasesTable) {
360
       vertical table tab1 at (5, 3) = auct {
37
           key field Name : String
           key field Actor : String
38
39
        }
40 }
41
42 workbook {
43
       worksheet Actors(actorsTable)
44
       worksheet UseCases(useCasesTable)
45 }
```

Figure 3.3: otherAssociatedEnd Example

4 Connectors



A Connector is used to link ConnectableElements (for example, Ports or Properties) of a Class through a ConnectorEnd. A Connector has two ConnectorEnds.

Based on the connection between *Properties* of a *Class* the connection can be of two types: *Delegation* (connecting *Ports* or *Properties* from the system to *Ports* or *Properties* inside a *Class*) or *Assembly* (connecting *Ports* or *Properties* within a *Class*).

4.1 connectedPropertyOrPort

Description

To achieve this connection MapleMBSE uses ${\tt connectedPropertyOrPort}$ virtual feature.

The connectorPropertyOrPort virtual feature connects *Ports* or *Properties* of a *Class*. It automatically detects the kind of relation required between the *Properties* being connected and creates the appropriate connection.

When MapleMBSE queries the model, the connectedPropertyOrProt return the list of target properties.

Syntax

The general syntax for using the connectedPropertyOrPort virtual feature is as follows:

```
.alias::connectedPropertyOrPort
```

Where the alias is alias you assigned to MapleMBSE ecore.

When the connection is created through connectedPropertyOrPort, the owner of the connected *Property* is determined automatically by MapleMBSE, regardless of whether this is a *Delegation* or *Assembly* type connection.

Using the connectedPropertyOrPort virtual feature

In general, to use the connectedPropertyOrPort virtual feature:

- 1. First, import the MapleMBSE ecore with alias
- 2. Use an ownedAttribute [Property] as the queried dimension.
- 3. Make a reference-query to a property using mse::connectedPropertyOrPort.
- 4. Complete the reference-decomposition.

Example

A specific example of how to use the ConnectedPropertyOrPort virtual feature is shown below.

```
import-ecore "http://www.nomagic.com/magicdraw/UML/2.5"
1
 2 import-ecore "http://maplembse.maplesoft.com/common/1.0" as mse
 3
4 synctable-schema BlocksTable {
50
            record dim [Class|mse::metaclassName="SysML::Blocks::Block"] {
                    key column /name as BlockName
6
7
80
            dim /ownedAttribute[Property] {
9
                   key column /name as PropertyName
10
            }
11 }
12 synctable-schema ConnectedPropertyOrPortTable(bT: BlocksTable) {
           record dim [Class|mse::metaclassName="SysML::Blocks::Block"] {
13<del>0</del>
14
                   key column /name as className
15
           }
160
           record dim /ownedAttribute[Property] {
17
                   key column /name as ParentPort
           }
18
19<del>0</del>
           record dim .mse::connectedPropertyOrPort @ cls {
200
                    reference-decomposition cls = bT {
21
                    foreign-key column BlockName as referredClassName
22
                    foreign-key column PortName as referredPortName
23
                    }
           }
24
25 }
```

Figure 4.1: connectedPropertyOrPort Example

4.2 otherConnectorEnd

Description

To achieve this connection MapleMBSE also use otherConnectorEnd virtual feature. This virtual feature can connect between ports or properties of a class, otherConnectorEnd automatically create the relation required between the properties being connected and creates appropriate connection.

When MapleMBSE queries the model, the otherConnectorEnd return the list of connectorEnds which is associated with the property.

Syntax

The general syntax for using the otherConnectorEnd virtual feature is as follows:

.alias::otherConnectorEnd

Where the alias is the alias you assigned to the MapleMBSE ecore.

When the connection is created using otherConnectorEnd, the owner of the connected *Property* is determined automatically by MapleMBSE, regardless of whether this is a *Delegation* or *Assembly* type connection.

Using the otherConnectorEnd Virtual Feature

How to use the otherConnectorEnd virtual feature is shown in the example below:

- 1. First, import the MapleMBSE ecore with an appropriate alias
- 2. Use an ownedAttribute[Property] as the queried dimension.
- 3. Make a reference-query to a property using mse::otherConnectorEnd.
- 4. Complete the reference-decomposition.

Example

A specific example of how to use the otherConnectorEnd virtual feature is shown below.

```
1 import-ecore "http://www.nomagic.com/magicdraw/UML/2.5"
 2 import-ecore "http://maplembse.maplesoft.com/common/1.0" as mse
 3 synctable-schema BlocksTable {
           record dim [Class|mse::metaclassName="SysML::Blocks::Block"] {
 4⊝
 5
                     key column /name as blockName
 6
            }
 70
            dim /ownedAttribute[Property] {
 8
                     key column /name as propertyName
 9
            }
10 }
110 synctable-schema OtherConenctorEndTable(bt:BlocksTable){
            record dim[Class|mse::metaclassName="SysML::Blocks::Block"]{
120
13
                     key column /name as ownerBlockName
14
            }
15
160
            record dim /ownedAttribute[Property]{
17
                     key column /name as pname
18
            }
190
            record dim .mse::otherConnectorEnd[ConnectorEnd] {
20
                     key reference-query .role @ cls
21<del>0</del>
                      reference-decomposition cls = bt {
22
                               foreign-key column BlockName as refRoleBlock
                               foreign-key column PropertyName as refportName
23
24
                      }
25
                      reference-query .partWithPort @ pwp
260
                      reference-decomposition pwp = bt {
27
                               foreign-key column BlockName as refPropertyBlock
28
                               foreign-key column PropertyName as refPropertName
29
                      }
30
            }
31 }
```

Figure 4.2: otherConnectorEnd Example

5 Dependencies

A *Dependency* is used between two model elements to represent a relationship where a change in one element (the supplier element) results in a change to the other element (client element).

A *Dependency* relation can be created between any *namedElement*. Different kinds of *Dependencies* can be created between the model elements such as *Refine*, *Realization*, *Trace*, *Abstraction* etc.,

5.1 clientDependencies

Description

The clientDependencies virtual feature creates a relation between the client being the dependent and supplier who provides further definition for the dependent.

Syntax

The general syntax for using the clientDependencies virtual feature is as follows:

/mse::clientDependencies

This virtual feature is used while querying a Class that has to be assiged as client to the dependency that is being created and is used in a following dimension the class that is being querried.

Where alias is the alias you assigned to the MapleMBSE ecore.

Using the clientDependencies Virtual Feature

In general, the following steps outline how to use clientDependencies:

- 1. It should be used when a named element is queried
- 2. Information about the type of relationship is specified as [Dependency], [Abstraction] etc.,
- 3. When querying the model element with mse::clientDependencies, the reference decomposition should be to a supplier element.

Example

The example below is an illustration of how to use the clientDependencies virtual feature.

```
1 import-ecore "http://www.nomagic.com/magicdraw/UML/2.5"
2 import-ecore "http://maplembse.maplesoft.com/common/1.0" as mse
3
4 data-source Root[Model]
5 data-source package = Root/packagedElement[Package|name="Package"]
6 data-source act = package/packagedElement[Activity]
7 data-source cls = package/packagedElement[Class]
8
9 synctable-schema ActivityTableSchema {
      record dim [Activity] {
100
11
           key column /name as ActName
12
       }
13 }
14
15 synctable-schema ClassAbstractionTableSchema(acts:ActivityTable) {
160
      record dim [Class] {
17
           key column /name as ActName1
18
       }
190
     record dim /mse::clientDependencies[Dependency] {
20
          key reference-query .supplier @ refDecomp
21<del>0</del>
               reference-decomposition refDecomp = reqs {
22
               foreign-key column ActName as AbsName
23
               }
24
       }
25 }
26
27 synctable activityTableSchema = ActivityTableSchema<act>
28 synctable classAbstractionTableSchema = ClassAbstractionTableSchema<cls>(ActivityTable)
29
30@ worksheet-template ActivityTable(cts:ActivityTableSchema){
      vertical table tab1 at (4,5) = cts{
310
32
           key field ActName : String
33
       }
34 }
35
36@ worksheet-template ClassAbstractionTable(cds:ClassAbstractionTableSchema){
37 vertical table tab1 at (4,5) = cds{
38
          key field ActName1 : String
39
           key field AbsName : String
40
       }
41 }
42 workbook{
      worksheet ActivitiesTable(ActivityTable)
43
44
       worksheet ClassAbstractionTable(classAbstractionTableSchema)
45 }
46
```

Figure 5.1: clientDependencies Example

5.2 supplierDependencies

Description

Similar to clientDependencies, supplierDependencies is used to create a relation between two named elements. The only difference between the two virtual features is supplierDependencies is used when the relationship has to be made from supplier to client instead of client to supplier, as in the case of clientDependencies.

Syntax

The general syntax for using the supplierDependencies virtual feature is as follows:

```
/mse::supplierDependencies
```

This virtual feature is used while querying a Class that has to be assiged as supplier to the dependency that is being created and is used in a dimension following the class that is being querried.

Where alias is the alias you assigned to the MapleMBSE ecore.

Using the supplierDependencies Virtual Feature

The following example Illustrates what you need to do to use supplierDependencies

- 1. It should be used when a named element is being queried.
- 2. Information about the type of relationship is specified as [Dependency], [Abstraction] etc.,
- 3. When querrying the model element with mse::supplierDependencies the reference decomposition should be to a client element.

```
1 import-ecore "http://www.nomagic.com/magicdraw/UML/2.5"
 2 import-ecore "http://maplembse.maplesoft.com/common/1.0" as mse
4 data-source Root[Model]
5 data-source package = Root/packagedElement[Package|name="Package"]
 6 data-source cls = package/packagedElement[Class|mse::metaclassName="SysML::Requirements::Requirement"]
80 synctable-schema RequirementsTableSchema {
90
       record dim [Class|mse::metaclassName="SysML::Requirements::Requirement"] {
10
           key column /name as ReqName
11
       }
12 }
140 synctable-schema RequirementsDerivesTableSchema(reqs:RequirementsTable) {
150
     record dim [Class|mse::metaclassName="SysML::Requirements::Requirement"]
                                                                                  {
           key column /name as RegName1
16
17
       - 3
180
      record dim /mse::supplierDependencies[Abstraction|mse::metaclassName="SysML::Requirements::DeriveReqt"] {
19
         key reference-query .client @ reqDecomp
200
          reference-decomposition reqDecomp = reqs {
               foreign-key column ReqName as DeriveName
21
           }
22
     }
23
24 }
25
26 synctable requirementsTableSchema = RequirementsTableSchema<cls>
27 synctable requirementsDerivesTableSchema = RequirementsDerivesTableSchema<cls>(requirementsTable)
28
29 worksheet-template ReqClassTable(cts:RequirementsTableSchema){
       vertical table tab1 at (4,5) = cts{
300
           key field Name : String
31
       }
32
33 }
34
35@ worksheet-template ReqClassDependency(cds:RequirementsDerivesTableSchema){
     vertical table tab1 at (4,5) = cds{
360
           key field Name1 : String
37
           key field DeriveName : String
38
39
      }
40 }
41
42 workbook{
43
       worksheet ReqClassTable(requirementsTableSchema)
44
       worksheet ReqClassDependency(requirementsDerivesTableSchema)
45 }
```

Figure 5.2: supplierDependencies Example

6 Enumeration

Enumeration is a special *DataType* that can be compared to a list of possible values, the way that "colors" can be an enumeration and possible values can be: red, blue, green, etc. These *Enumerations* are composed of *EnumerationLiterals* which are the different values and the actual *Elements* to be referenced. MapleMBSE supports a couple virtual features that need to be used in conjuction to access and reference any *Enumeration* and its *EnumerationLiterals* independently of where in the TWCloud project those values are stored (for example, under *Model* or customized profile)

6.1 EnumerationName

Description

MapleMBSE, to simplify *Enumeration* identification, supports an enumerationName virtual feature that allows simpler acces to a specifc Enumeration while creating an mse configuration. Note that MapleMBSE, while using this virtual feature, will by default instantiate the accessed *Element* to the first *EnumerationLiteral* of the *Enumeration*. Nonetheless, *enumerationLabel* can be used to change to another *EnumerationLiteral*. See the next section for further details.

Syntax

The general syntax for using the enumrationName virtual feature is as follows: alias::enumrationName="qualified::name"

Where alias is the alias you assigned to the MapleMBSE ecore and qualified::name is the qualifiedName of the *Enumeration*. For more information on assigning aliases, see *Importing the MapleMBSE Ecore (page 3)*.

The enumrationName virtual feature must be used while querying an *Element* with a *Stereotype* that support some *Property* with an *Enumeration* type. For more information how to access a Slot, see the sections in the guide on the *metaclassName* and *featureName* virtualFeatures. Once you get the specific *Slot*, retrieve its *value* and within its *Qualifier* filter use enumrationName.

Using the VertexTransition Virtual Feature

The following example illustrates what you need to do to use the enumrationName virtual feature:

- 1. Import the maplembse ecore with an alias.
- 2. Create a schema that takes an Element with a Stereotype and navigate down to its InstanceValue for a Property with an Enumeration type. See lines 15 to 18 in the example code in the next section for an illustration.

- 3. Make sure you are using the right combination of qualified names for Stereotypes, Slot Properties and Enumeration.
- 4. Complete the /value[InstanceValue] navigation with an enumerationLabel (see next section for further details).

```
import-ecore "http://www.nomagic.com/magicdraw/UML/2.5"
 2 import-ecore "http://maplembse.maplesoft.com/common/1.0" as mse
 49 workbook {
 5
        worksheet EnumrationTemplate(enums)
 6 }
 8 data-source Root[Model]
 90 data-source regs = Root/packagedElement[Package[name="Enum"]
             /packagedElement[Class|mse::metaclassName="SysML::Non-Normative Extensions::Requirement::extendedRequirement"]
12<sup>©</sup> synctable-schema EnumSchema {
13⊖
       dim [Class|mse::metaclassName="SysML::Non-Normative Extensions::Requirement::extendedRequirement"] {
14
             kev column /name as rName
15<del>0</del>
             column /appliedStereotypeInstance[InstanceSpecification]
169
               /slot[Slot|mse::featureName="SysML::Non-Normatixe Extensions::Requirement::extendedRequirement::verifyMethod"]
/value[InstanceValue|mse::enumerationName="SysML::Non-Normatixe Extensions::Requirement::VerificationMethodKind"]
170
18
                  /mse::enumerationLabel as verificationMethod
19
       }
20 }
22 synctable enums = EnumSchema<reqs>
24 worksheet-template EnumrationTemplate (es: EnumSchema) {
       vertical table tab1 at (1, 1) = es {
25⊖
             key field rName
26
27
             field verificationMethod
∠ŏ }
29 }
```

6.2 EnumerationLabel

Description

As shown in the previous sections on EnumerationName, MapleMBSE allows you to make a reference to Enumeration using a qualifiedName. However, without the right mechanism to translate from String to EnumerationLiterals and viceversa, the end user will be forced to deal with strange Object references or unusable Excel cells. This is exactly the problem enumerationLabel was designed to solve. Using this virtual feature allows the end user to see the String name of the EnumerationLiteral without forcing any reference-decomposition and it allows also the end user to change the reference from the Slot Property using the String name of the disired EnumerationLiteral

Syntax

The general syntax for using the enumrationLabel virtual feature is as follows: /alias::enumrationLabel

Where alias is the alias you assigned to the MapleMBSE ecore. For more information on assigning aliases, see *Importing the MapleMBSE Ecore (page 3)*.

The enumrationLabel virtual feature must be used while querying an *InstanceValue* with a *Stereotype* that support some *Property* with a *Enumeration* type and its was filtered

with enumrationName. For more information how to access this kind of *InstanceValue* see previous section.

7 Util

This section contains all other virtual features that do not create elements but offer a better alternative to access and map model information.

7.1 multiplicityProperty

Description

The UML specification contains several *MultiplicityElements* like *Properties* that have *upper* and *lower* features to describe their multiplicity. Use the **multiplicityProperty** virtual feature to make a configuration that translates a string into those *upper* and *lower* values and the other way around.

This virtual feature recognizes the UML commonly used notation for multiplicity (e.g. 0..*). Supporting this notation makes MapleMBSE much easier to use without adding complexity and thus the final user has less to input into Excel.

Syntax

The general syntax for using the multiplicityProperty virtual feature is as follows:

/alias::multiplicityProperty

Where the alias is the alias you assigned to the MapleMBSE ecore.

This virtual feature can only be used while querying a concrete *EClass* implementing a *MultiplicityElement* like a *Property* or a *Pin*. A slash notation is needed prior to the alias, the 2 colons, and **multiplicityProperty**.

As mention previously multiplicityProperty uses a string to represent the multiplicity, meaning that this particular virtual feature cannot being used as a dimension with a qualifier. It is intended to be used only at a column declaration.

Using the multiplicityProperty Virtual Feature

The following example shows you how to map the multiplicity of a concrete *MultiplicityElement* like *Property* and a string.

- 1. Import the MapleMBSE ecore, as usual the alias used is mse
- 2. Inside a syntable-schema navigate to a *MultiplicityElement*, in this case /ownedAttribute[Property] within a Class
- 3. Within that dimension, define a regular column using /mse::multiplicityProperty

 Complete the rest of the configuration as usual: worksheet-templates, synctable and workbook

Example

```
1 import-ecore "http://www.nomagic.com/magicdraw/UML/2.5"
 2 import-ecore "http://maplembse.maplesoft.com/common/1.0" as mse
 3
 4 data-source Root[Model]
 5 data-source classes = Root/packagedElement[Class]
 6
 7 synctable-schema Schema {
 80
        record dim [Class] {
 9
            key column /name as cName
10
        }
11
12<del>0</del>
        record dim /ownedAttribute[Property] {
13
            key column /name as pName
14
            column /mse::multiplicityProperty as multiplicity
15
        }
16 }
17
18 worksheet-template Template(sch: Schema) {
19<del>0</del>
       vertical table tab1 at (2, 2) = sch {
20
            key field cName : String
21
            key field pName : String
22
            field multiplicity : String
23
            sort-keys cName, pName
24
        }
25
   }
26
27 synctable tableProperty = Schema<classes>
28
29 workbook {
30
        worksheet Template(tableProperty)
31 }
```

Figure 7.1: multiplicityProperty Example

8 Activity Diagrams

An Activity Diagram is a diagram with a direct connection, ActivityEdge that connects a node, ActivityNode to another ActivityNode. An Activity Diagram is useful to abstract behavioral information within a system. In order to improve MSE configurations, MapleMBSE supports control and object flow, the 2 kind of ActivityEdges, with 2 distinct virtual features.

8.1 ActivityControlFlow

Description

A *ControlFlow* is an *ActivityEdge* that is used to control the execution of *ActivityNodes* within an Activity. Note that MapleMBSE will fail to instantiate abstract classes like ActivityNode and it will be required to instantiate instead concrete classes like *CallActionBehavior*, *ActivityParameterNode* or *InitialNode*. Nonetheless, *ActivityNodes* can be used as a reference to create *ControlFlows*. See the example section for further details.

Syntax

The general syntax for using the activityControlFlow virtual feature is as follows: .alias:: activityControlFlow

Where alias is the alias you assigned to the MapleMBSE ecore. For more information on assigning aliases, see Introduction#LoadingVF

The activityControlFlow virtual feature must be used when querying the *ActivityNode* of Activity.

Using the ActivityControlFlow Virtual Feature

The following example illustrates what you need to do to use activityControlFlow virtual feature:

- 1. Import the maplembse ecore with an alias.
- 2. Create an schema that navigates till an *ActivityNode* or which first dimension is an *ActivityNode*.
- 3. Make a dimension reference-query to another *ActivityNode* using .mse::activityControlFlow.
- 4. Complete the reference-decomposition.

This example has extra schema, CallBehaviorActionSchema used to create concrete *ActivityNodes*. The other schemas in this example will fail to instantiate *Element* because *ActivityNode* is an abstract class.

Note: Some data sources specific to a fictional project were created to simplify the reference-decomposition. In a real life scenario you might need to identify the *Package*, the *Activity* and the *ActivityNode* that you want to connect to.

Example

```
1 import-ecore "http://www.nomagic.com/magicdraw/UML/2.5"
2 import-ecore "http://maplembse.maplesoft.com/common/1.0" as mse
3
4 data-source Root[Model]
5 data-source pkg = Root/packagedElement[Package|name = "controlflow"]
6 data-source activities = pkg/packagedElement[Activity|name="activity"]
7 data-source nodes = activities/node[ActivityNode]
8 data-source cba = activities/node[CallBehaviorAction]
9
10 synctable-schema NodeSchema {
      dim [ActivityNode] {
110
12
           key column /name as nName
13
       }
14 }
15
16 synctable-schema CallBehaviorActionSchema {
170
       dim [CallBehaviorAction] {
18
           key column /name as nName
       }
19
20 }
21
22 worksheet-template CallBehaviorActionTemplate (cbasc: CallBehaviorActionSchema) {
23 vertical table tab1 at (2, 1) = cbasc {
24
           key field nName
25
       }
26 }
27
28 synctable-schema Schema(nsc: NodeSchema) {
       dim [ActivityNode] {
290
30
          key column /name as nName
31
       }
32
330
     dim .mse::activityControlFlow[ActivityNode] @ tgtNode {
340
         reference-decomposition tgtNode = nsc {
35
              foreign-key column nName as tgtNode
36
           }
       }
37
38 }
```

Figure 8.1: ActivityControlFlow Example

8.2 ActivityObjectFlow

Description

An *ObjectFlow* is an *ActivityEdge* that is used to represent the flow of an object between *ActivityNodes* within an *Activity*. Due to some UML specifications, some *ActivityNodes* cannot be connected directly with an *ObjectFlow;* they required *Pins*. In parallel to those *Pins*, if one of those *ActivityNodes* is a *CallBehaviorAction* further detailed using another *Activity*, and then the following Objects must be synchronized in number and direction: Pins, ActivityParameterNode and Parameters. This synchronization is automatically supported by MapleMBSE so be aware of the creation of those Elements.

Syntax

The general syntax for using the activityObjectFlow virtual feature is as follows: .alias:: activityObjectFlow

Where alias is the alias you assigned to the MapleMBSE ecore. For more information on assigning aliases, see *Introduction (page 1)*.

The activityObjectFlow virtual feature must be used when querying the *ActivityNode* of *Activity*.

Using the ActivityObjectFlow Virtual Feature

The following example illustrates what you need to do to use activityObjectFlow virtual feature:

- 1. Import the maplembse ecore with an alias.
- 2. Create a schema that navigates till an *ActivityNode* or which first dimension is an ActivityNode.
- 3. Make a dimension reference-query to another *ActivityNode* using .mse:: activityObjectFlow.
- 4. Complete the reference-decomposition.

```
1 import-ecore "http://www.nomagic.com/magicdraw/UML/2.5"
2 import-ecore "http://maplembse.maplesoft.com/common/1.0" as mse
3
4 data-source Root[Model]
5 data-source pkg = Root/packagedElement[Package|name = "objectflow"]
6 data-source activities = pkg/packagedElement[Activity|name="activity"]
7 data-source nodes = activities/node[ActivityNode]
8
9@ synctable-schema NodeSchema {
00
       dim [ActivityNode] {
1
           key column /name as nName
2
       }
13 }
4
15@ synctable-schema Schema(nsc: NodeSchema) {
60
       dim [ActivityNode] {
.7
           key column /name as nName
.8
       }
19
20⊝
       dim .mse::activityObjectFlow[ActivityNode] @ tgtNode {
21⊖
           reference-decomposition tgtNode = nsc {
12
               foreign-key column nName as tgtNode
23
           }
24
       }
25 }
26
?7@worksheet-template Template (sc: Schema) {
280
       vertical table tab1 at (2, 1) = sc {
29
           key field nName
30
           key field tgtNode
31
       }
32 }
33
34 synctable nodeTable = NodeSchema<nodes>
35 synctable controlFlowTable = Schema<nodes>(nodeTable)
36
37 workbook {
       worksheet Template(controlFlowTable)
38
39 }
```

Figure 8.2: ActivityObjectFlow Example

9 StateMachines

StateMachine diagrams are used to define the different states that a system will exist in. This kind of diagram helps modelers to describe discrete, event-driven behaviors of the whole system or its parts.

9.1 VertexTransition

Description

MapleMBSE, in order to simplify *Transition* between *Vertexes*, supports a vertexTransition virtual feature that allows a better end user experience while inputting data.Note that MapleMBSE will fail to instantiate abstract classes like *Vertex* and it will be required to instantiate instead concrete classes like *Pseudostate*, *State* or *FinalState*. Nonetheless, *Vertex* can be used as reference to create *Transitions*. See the example section for further details.

Syntax

The general syntax for using the vertexTransition virtual feature is as follows: .alias:: vertexTransition

Where alias is the alias you assigned to the MapleMBSE ecore. For more information on assigning aliases, see *Importing the MapleMBSE Ecore (page 3)*.

The vertexTransition virtual feature must be used when querying the any kind of *Vertex* within a given *Region* of a *StateMachine*.

Using the VertexTransition Virtual Feature

The following example illustrates what you need to do to use the vertexTransition virtual feature:

- 1. Import the maplembse ecore with an alias.
- 2. Create an schema that navigates till an Vertex or which first dimension is an Vertex.
- 3. Make a dimension reference-query to another Vertex using .mse:: vertexTransition.
- 4. Complete the reference-decomposition.

This example has some extra schema, called StateSchema, used to create concrete *States*. The other schemas in this example will fail to instantiate *Element* because *Vertex* is an abstract class.

Note: some data sources specific to a fictional project were create in order to simplify the reference-decomposition, in a real life scenario you might need to identify the *Package*, the *StateMachine*, the *Region* and the *Vertex* that you want to connect to.

```
1 import-ecore "http://www.nomagic.com/magicdraw/UML/2.5"
 2 import-ecore "http://maplembse.maplesoft.com/common/1.0" as mse
 4 data-source Root[Model]
 6 data-source pkg = Root/packagedElement[Package|name="statemachine"]
6 data-source stm = pkg/packagedElement[StateMachine|name="stm"]
 7 data-source rg = stm/region[Region|name="rg"]
 8 data-source vertexes = rg/subvertex[Vertex]
9 data-source states = rg/subvertex[State]
10
11@ synctable-schema VertexSchema {
        dim [Vertex] {
120
             key column /name as vName
13
14
        }
15 }
16
17⊖ synctable-schema StateSchema {
       dim [State] {
key column /name as sName
180
19
20
        }
21 }
22
23@ worksheet-template StateTemplate(ssc: StateSchema) {
240
      vertical table tab1 at (2, 1) = ssc {
                 key field sName
25
26
        }
27 }
28
29 synctable-schema Schema(vsc: VertexSchema) {
300
       dim [Vertex] {
             key column /name as vName
31
32
       }
33
      dim .mse::vertexTransition[Vertex] @ tgtRef {
    reference-decomposition tgtRef = vsc {
340
350
36
                 foreign-key column vName as tgtVertex
            }
.05 }
39 }
40
37
41 worksheet-template Template(sc: Schema) {
42⊖ vertical table tab1 at (2, 1) = sc {
                 key field vName
key field tgtVertex
43
44
+5 }
46 }
47
48 synctable vertexTable = VertexSchema<vertexes>
49 synctable stateTable = StateSchema<states>
50 synctable transitionTable = Schema<vertexes>(vertexTable)
51
529 workbook {
       worksheet StateTemplate(stateTable)
53
54
        worksheet Template(transitionTable)
55 }
```

Figure 9.1: VertexTransition Example