

SHACL is for LBD what mvdXML is for IFC

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Introduction



HOW TO **MINIMISE DATA LOSS AND ERRORS** WHEN DATA IS CONVERTED INTO LINKED BUILDING DATA HOW UNIT TESTS CAN IMPROVE THE **LINKED DATA QUALITY** WHEN IT IS BOUGHT INTO THE SYSTEM HOW **MODEL VIEW DEFINITION** CAN BE FORMED

Image: http://www.w3.org/RDF/icons/rdf_flyer.64,





BIM for Renovation: BIM4Ren

- Online framework for renovation-oriented BIM (H2020)
- Interconnecting heterogeneous information sources and tools represented as services
- Toolchains for real-world renovation scenarios
- 23 partners across Europe
- Practitioners, Developers, Researchers, SMEs
- One Stop Access Platform (Common Data Environment)



BIM4REN One Stop Access Platform





Model View Definition (MVD)

"Currently, **MVD**s are encoded in a format called **mvdXML**, and define allowable values at particular attributes of particular data types. For example, an MVD may require that a wall provide a fire rating" *SMART*.





Image source: Baldwin 2017, The BIM-Manager: A Practical Guide for BIM Project Management



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Unit testing in a software development

LBD/RDF

BOT

OPM

BPO

to avoid unwanted errors in code when introducing new features.

Convert

- sample guided software design
- the output-based unit tests



the unit test is to check that the translator keep **the relations and the attributes**



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Listing 1. SHACL rule for checking BOT class alignment

- inst:shapeBOTClasses a sh:NodeShape ; sh:targetClass ife:IfeSite_ife:IfeBuilding
- sh:targetClass ifc:IfcSite, ifc:IfcBuilding, ifc:Store;
- sh:property [

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- sh:sparql [
 - a sh:SPARQLConstraint ;
 - sh:message "GUIDs of the aligment instances should match." ;
 - sh:prefixes inst:prefixes;
 - sh:select """
 - SELECT \$this (?guid as ?value){
 - \$this ifc:globalId_IfcRoot/express:hasString ?guid .
 - FILTER NOT EXISTS { ?b props:globalIdIfcRoot_attribute_simple ?guid }
- }
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Unit testing: Compare with existing outputs



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Listing 3. SHACL rule to check checksum of properties

- inst:shapeBOTChecksum a sh:NodeShape ;
- sh:targetNode inst:stairflight_ca457005-aa0d-4679-92c1-5067d702c9f3;
- sh:property [
- sh:sparql [
 - a sh:SPARQLConstraint ;
- sh:message "The checksum of the properties is not valid." ;
- sh:prefixes inst:prefixes;
- sh:select """
- SELECT \$this ?ResultSetHash WHERE {
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- SELECT \$this (MD5(GROUP_CONCAT(CONCAT(STR(?p)); separator=' ')) as ?hash)
- WHERE {
- SELECT *
- WHERE {
- \$this ?p ?o.
- ORDER BY ?s ?p ?o
- } GROUP BY \$this
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 - FILTER (?hash != "82c7dc90fcb57319f2bb7ead58ead1de")
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- Checksum-based solution
- Also, examplebased SHACL generation







Model View Definition (MVD)

buildingSMART International has defined a **Model View Definition (MVD)** as a subset of IFC schema for a specific use case.



Graph image: Martin Grandjean







Model View Definition (MVD)



inst:HasGeometry sh:path bot:hasSimple3DModel; sh:minCount 1. inst:RuleFilterWindowsWithGeometryShape a sh:NodeShape ; sh:targetClass bot:Element ; sh:property inst:HasGeometry ; sh:rule [a sh:SPARQLRule; rdfs:label "Construct a Geometry MVD"; sh:prefixes inst:prefixes ; sh:construct """ CONSTRUCT { \$this ?p ?o . WHERE { \$this ?p ?o . FILTER (regex (STR(\$this),"window_")). 1.

Listing 5. Sample SHACL Filter for Window elements

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Conclusions

- So far, there have not been unit tests that focus on the ontology translation process of an LBD model.
- This study presents a couple of unit test methods to improve conversion quality.
- Besides validation, model views can be created for LBD data using SHACL

Future work

- More extensive analysis
- Standard model view creation.







Thank you for your attention!









Data Validation











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Open-Source Data Validation Approaches





IFCDoc - creates XML rulesets preloads all the IFC schema releases.

- enables checking the existence of a value/entity/attribute
- accuracy
- Cardinality
- complex nature of IFC
- only considers IFC schema
- MVD-based view constructors are not flexible and dynamic

domain end-user to have knowledge of IFC, mvdXML and *IFCDoc*





- verbosity and flexibility to define a constraint in multiple ways
- high threshold for learning
- user to enter queries according to SPARQL syntax







Model View Definition (MVD)



@prefix owl: <http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#> .
@prefix rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#> .
@prefix rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#> .
@prefix xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#> .

<https://ldc.de/window_6f010293-ddb7-4fe4-8ffd-c144d8444cde>

- <http://lbd.arch.rwth-aachen.de/props#globalIdIfcRoot_attribute_simple> "10GAJtRTFv8\$zmKJOH4pU";
- <http://lbd.arch.rwth-aachen.de/props#nameIfcRoot_attribute_simple> "M_Fixed:2800mm x 2410mm:2800mm x 2410mm:181096";

- <http://lbd.arch.rwth-aachen.de/props#overallWidthIfcWindow_attribute_simple>
 "2.8"^^xsd:double ;
- <http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#hasGeometry>
 - [];
- owl:sameAs <https://ldc.de/IfcWindow_22123> ;
- <https://linkebuildingdata.org/LBD#containsInBoundingBox> <https://ldc.de/space_0b74b3fa-1a92-405e-9ac9-d59067be1d66>

<https://ldc.de/window_6b61ce71-1a7a-473c-8f87-4262e0bdcfa0>

rdf:type <https://pi.pauwel.be/voc/buildingelement#Window> , <https://w3id.org/bot#Element> ;
<http://lbd.arch.rwth-aachen.de/props#batid_attribute_simple>

- <http://lbd.arch.rwth-aachen.de/props#nameIfcRoot_attribute_simple> "M Fixed:2800mm x 2410mm:2800mm x 2410mm:149278";
- <http://lbd.arch.rwth-aachen.de/props#objectTypeIfcObject_attribute_simple> "2800mm × 2410mm";
- <http://lbd.arch.rwth-aachen.de/props#overallWidthIfcWindow_attribute_simple> "2.8"^^xsd:double ;
- <http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#hasGeometry>
 - [];
- owl:sameAs <https://ldc.de/IfcWindow_7740> ;
- <https://linkebuildingdata.org/LBD#containsInBoundingBox>
 - <https://ldc.de/beam_98d604b7-4c6f-4ae8-b5f3-0187bb53f31b> .



