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EC Solution Pack Overview

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The Agile EC Solution Pack allows Agile PLM customers to automate the following business processes across the entire PLM suite:

- Mapping Design attributes to Item attributes
- Mapping Item attributes to Design attributes
- Mapping Design attributes to Design attributes
- Design Revision Control

Using Java Process Extensions deployed on the Agile application server, a customer can use the EC Solution pack to perform these specific functions through event management in the Agile PLM Java Client and by configuring an XML file and the supporting events.

Design to Item Mapping

The EC solution pack can automatically copy values on a Design object to a Part object. It is not limited to the values entered by the user. You can map Design attributes to change controlled Item attributes. You can also map different attribute types, including numeric attributes.

These events are triggered by updates to the Design Title Block, Page Two and Page Three, Create Object, Check In, Check Out, and Relationships.

Item to Design Mapping

You can automatically copy values entered on a Part object to the related Design object. It is not limited to values entered by the user. You can map different attribute types, like Money to Text, as well as change controlled Item attributes to Design attributes.

These events are triggered by updates to the Item Title Block, Page Two and Page Three, Create Item, Attachments, or Relationships.

Design to Design Mapping

You can automatically copy values from a Model design to the parent Drawing design object and from a Drawing design to a child Model design which keeps information consistent between related Models and Drawings.

These events are triggered by updates to the Design Title Block, Check In, or Check Out.

Design Revision Control

After check in or check out of a Design, the revision number of the Design and its related Items is automatically increased.

Enabling the EC Solution Pack with the Java Client

You can enable the EC Solution Pack through the event management framework of the Agile PLM Java Client.

The basic steps to enable the EC Solution Pack through the Java Client are as follows:

1. Create an event.
2. Create the corresponding event handler from the event action.

There are five event actions supported by the EC Solution Pack:

1. **Com.agile.ec.ChangeMapping:** Starts with a Change object and allows mapping change or related item attributes to Design objects. The supported event trigger are Change Status and Change affected items update.
 2. **Com.agile.ec.ItemMapping:** Starts with an Item object and allows mapping to item and pending changes attributes to Design objects. The supported event triggers are Item create, Item Title Block, Page Two, Page Three update or redline, Attachment, and Relationships tab update.
 3. **Com.agile.ed.DesignMapping:** Starts with a Design object and allows mapping of Design attributes to Item objects or its related Change objects. The supported event triggers are Design Title Block, Page Two and Page Three update, Design create, Check In, Check Out, and Design Relationships tab update.
 4. **Com.agile.ec.DesignSync:** Starts with a Design object and allows sync attributes between Design objects. This helps to keep information consistent between this Design and its parents or children. The supported event triggers are Design Title Block update, Check In, and Check Out.
 5. **Com.agile.ec.SyncRevision:** Starts with an Item object and syncs the revision number of the relation Design objects.
3. Create a subscriber, Synchronous or Asynchronous, to bind the handler to an event.

After configuring the event, start the action from the Web Client, Java Client, SDK, or EC connector.

For example, when updating the title block of an Item, you want to copy the Item description to a Design. When you update the Item title block in the Web Client and after the edit action is complete, the event you created is run.

Configuring the Property File

This chapter includes the following:

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The XML file maintains all of the information related to attribute mapping. After configuration, save the file in a Design or File Folder object named MCAD_SOLUTION_PACK that can be checked in and out.

The configuration property file, ec-solution-mapping-config.xml, is used to define the rules for mapping actions and is stored in MCAD_SOLUTION_PACK. With the configuration file, you can:

- Identify the attribute to map from and to (source and target)
- Identify which trigger event applies to mapping
- Allow additional criteria to control mapping
- Allow string modification of attribute values

The following XML example shows how attributes are mapped from Item to Design when a change is released:

```
<MappingEntry type="changeMapping" name = "changeStatusMapping">
  <EventTrigger eventType="changeStatus" workFlow="Default Change
Orders" statusFrom="CCB" statusTo="Released" />
  <AttributeMapGroup>
    <AttributeMap type = "setValue">
      <SourceValue>[Change.Affected Items.Lifecycle Phase]
Rev [Change.Affected Items.New Rev] </SourceValue>
      <TargetAttribute>Design.Title
Block.Label</TargetAttribute>
    </AttributeMap>
  </AttributeMapGroup>
</MappingEntry>
```

Defining Source and Target Attributes

The source value specifies from where you want to copy to the target attribute. It can be dynamic, constant, or a combination of both. A dynamic value is flagged [Type.Table.Attribute Name], such as <SourceValue>[Change.Affected Items.Lifecycle Phase] Rev [Change.Affected Items.New Rev]</SourceValue>.

The target attribute specifies the attribute you are copying to. The target attribute is also flagged Type.Table.Attribute Name, such as <TargetAttribute>Item.Page Two.Design Latest

Version</TargetAttribute>.

Defining Relationships

The first step in configuring the property file is to define the relationships which will apply to all of the subsequent mapping actions. You can define an Item to Design or Design to Item relationship.

Item to Design

Items with Related Designs will have a Relationship connection. You can define a criteria within the element `RelatedDesignCriteria` to configure this relationship. The following example shows a related design from item relationship where the attribute on the Item Relationships tab Link type is equal to CAX-ITEM:EMPTY.

```
<RelatedDesignCriteria>
  <Condition attributeName = 'Item.Relationships.Link Type'
operator='equal to'>CAX-ITEM:EMPTY</Condition>
</RelatedDesignCriteria>
```

Design to Item

Designs with Related Items have a Relationship connection. You can define a criteria within the element `RelatedItemCriteria` to configure this relationship. The following example shows a related items from design relationship where the attribute on the Design Relationships tab Link type is equal to CAX-ITEM:EMPTY:

```
<RelatedItemCriteria>
  <Condition attributeName = 'Design.Relationships.Link Type'
operator='equal to'>CAX-ITEM:EMPTY</Condition>
</RelatedItemCriteria>
```

Configuring Criteria

Criteria is a global setting that defines how to find the related items from a specific design, or the related designs from a specific item. The criteria must be either in a `Condition` or `ConditionGroup` node. the condition is a final element which cannot include any child nodes. The `ConditionGroup` is a collection of `Condition` or `ConditionGroup` nodes combined with `Or` or `And` operators. The following criteria example specifies that the Change Cover Page Number is not null:

```
<Condition attributeName = "Change.Cover Page.Number" operator="is not
null"></Condition>
```

An example of a combination of multiple conditions specifying a change whose part category is not null and a lifecycle phase not equal to Inactive:

```
<ConditionGroup join = "and">
  <Condition attributeName = "Change.Cover Page.Part Category"
operator=" is not null "> </Condition>
  <Condition attributeName = "Change.Cover Page.Lifecycle Phase "
operator=" not equal to "> Inactive </Condition>
</ConditionGroup>
```

An example of a `ConditionGroup` that includes one `ConditionGroup` and one `Condition`:

```

<ConditionGroup join = "or">
  <ConditionGroup join = "and">
    <Condition attributeName = "Change.Cover Page.Part Category"
operator=" is not null "> </Condition>
    <Condition attributeName = "Change.Cover Page.Lifecycle
Phase " operator=" not equal to "> Inactive </Condition>
  </ConditionGroup>
  <Condition attributeName = "Change.Page Two.Notes" operator="start
with">TNS</Condition>
</ConditionGroup>

```

The attribute name of Condition specifies the left value of the condition which is read from the Agile data object. The value of this Condition can be constant or dynamic.

The following table contains a list of supported operators for each attribute type:

Attribute Type	Operator
String	is null, is not null, equal to, not equal to, contains, not contains, start with, does not start with, end with, does not end with
Date	is null, is not null, equal to, not equal to, greater than, greater than or equal to, less than, less than or equal to
Money	is null, is not null, equal to, not equal to, greater than, greater than or equal to, less than, less than or equal to
Numeric (Integer/Double)	is null, is not null, equal to, not equal to, greater than, greater than or equal to, less than, less than or equal to
List/Multilist	is null, is not null, equal to, not equal to, in, not in

Configuring Mapping

The mapping configuration tells what the source value and target attribute are. The element MappingEntries is a collection of MappingEntry elements, so you can define more than one mapping entry. The available values of attribute type for MappingEntry are as follows:

1. changeMapping

Change mapping starts with a Change object and allows mapping of Change or related Item attributes to Design objects. The supported event triggers are Change Status and Change Affected Items update.

You can copy attributes between Changes (Cover Page, Page Two, and Page Three), Change Affected Items rows, Items (Title Block, Page Two and Page Three, or the Redline tab), Item Relationship rows, and Design Objects.

2. itemMapping

Item mapping starts with an Item object and allows the mapping of Item and pending changes attributes to Design objects. The supported event triggers are Item Create, Item Title Block, Page Two, Page Three update or redline, Attachment and Relationships tab update.

When you are updating or creating an Item Title Block, you can map attributes between Items,

Pending Changes, Change Affected Items rows, Item Relationship rows, and Design objects.

When you are updating the Item Attachment tab, you can map attributes between Pending Changes, Change Affected Items rows, Items, Attachment rows, and the current File Folder.

When you are updating the item Relationship tab, you can map attributes between Pending Changes, Change Affected Item rows, Items, Relationships and the Design object.

3. **designMapping**

Design mapping allows you to automatically copy from a Design object to an Item object or Pending Change. The supported event triggers are Design Title Block, Page Two and Page Three update, Design Create, Check-in, Check-out and Design Relationships tab update.

When updating a Design Title Block, creating a Design or checking in or checking out a Design, you can map attributes between Designs, Design Relationships, Items, Pending Changes, and Change Affected Item rows.

When updating a Design Relationship tab, you can map attributes between the current Design, Design Relationship rows, Items, Pending Changes and Change Affected Items rows.

4. **designSync**

Design Sync mapping starts with a Design object and allows sync attributes between Design objects which helps to keep information consistent between this design and its parents or children. The supported event triggers are Design Title Block update, Check-in and Check-out.

When updating a Design Title Block, creating a Design or checking in or checking out a Design, you can sync attributes between the current Design, parent Design, or child Design.

For a single MappingEntry, it contains an AttributeMapGroup element and a set of EventTriggers. The AttributeMapGroup is a set of AttributeMaps. The available attribute types of AttributeMap are `setValue` and `clearValue`. The `setValue` specifies setting the source value to the target attribute. The `clearValue` is only supported for a list attribute and removes the source value from the target attribute.

Configuring Events

EventTrigger is used to identify which trigger event applies to the mapping. EventTrigger is a direct inner element of MappingEntry. So, only when the expected event trigger is triggered, then mapping happens. In the following example, mapping happens only when updating the Item Title Block:

```
<MappingEntry type="itemMapping" >
  <EventTrigger eventType="update" objectType="Items"
  tableName="Title Block" />
  More elements
</ MappingEntry>
```

The attribute `eventType` indicates what event type is expected. The available values are as follows:

- `createObject`
- `checkIn`
- `checkOut`
- `changeStatus`

- add
- remove
- update

The object type is the base class name, class name or subclass name of Item, Design, or Change. It is case sensitive and can be obtained from the Java Client.

The EventTrigger must correspond to the mapping type of MappingEntry. For example, with a `changeStatus` event, the mapping type can only be `changeMapping`. The following example shows a `changeStatus` event:

```
EventTrigger eventType="changeStatus" workflow="Default Change Orders"
statusFrom="CCB" statusTo="Released" />
```

The `statusFrom` and `statusTo` can be a single status or a combination of more than one status. If you do not indicate a particular status, you can specify the value as `Any`.

Configuring Design Revision Control

After check in or check out of a Design, the revision number of the Design and its related Items is automatically increased, based on the values of the XML file.

In MCAD, revision logic must be disabled in order for revision control to work with the EC Solution Pack. Revision Logic can be disabled in the CAXConfig.xml file for MCAD. The value for the DesignRevisionLogic setting must be empty.

The ec-solution-revision-config.xml file is used to configure revision control in the EC Solution Pack:

```
<RevisionMappingConfig
xmlns="http://www.oracle.com/Agile/RevisionMappingConfig">
  <!--Global Settings-->
  <ItemInitialRevision>Introductory</ItemInitialRevision>
  <RevisionSequences>
    <RevisionSequence>
      <Name>RevisionSequence</Name>
      <Value>Introductory,A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K</Value>
    </RevisionSequence>
  </RevisionSequences>
  <DesignRevisonLogic>
    <increment>true</increment>
  </DesignRevisonLogic>
  <VersionSeparator>.</VersionSeparator>
  <DesignInitialValue>1</DesignInitialValue>
</RevisionMappingConfig>
```

