Lecture 16
Common Information Model

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Intra-utility Information Exchange
Deregulated Power Industry

Cross-utilities Information Exchange for planning and operation
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Classes, Objects and Attributes

- Object-Oriented modelling
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- Object diagram
Classes, Objects and Attributes
Object-oriented programming

- **Object**
  - Data structure
    - Data fields
    - Methods
  - Often used to represent real-world “thing”

Classes, Objects and Attributes
Object-oriented programming II

- **Class**
  - Template for an object - blueprint
- **Instance**
  - Actual object created at run-time
- **Method**
  - Set of procedural statements for achieving a result
- **Message passing**
  - Interfacing – an object sends data or invokes a method
- **Abstraction**
  - Grouping of common behaviours - *inheritance*
- **Encapsulation**
  - Conceal the functional details of a class from other objects that send messages to it
Classes, Objects and Attributes

UML – Class diagrams I

- Class
  - Name
  - Attributes
  - Methods/Functions/Operations

- Attributes have data types can be assigned default values

- Methods have parameters and the parameters also have data types

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Classes, Objects and Attributes

UML – Class diagrams III

- Class
  - Name
  - Attributes
  - Methods/Functions/Operations

- Visibility
  - Public
  - Private
  - Protected
  - Package
  - Derived
  - Static
**Classes, Objects and Attributes**

**UML – Class diagrams IV**

*Association*
- Role names
- Ownership
- Multiplicity
- Bi-directional, uni-directional
- Static relationship shared among objects of two classes

![Class Diagram Example](attachment:diagram.png)

**UML – Class diagrams V**

*Aggregation*
- "has a" relationship
- Represents a "part-whole" or "part-of"
- Can also specify:
  - Role names
  - Ownership
  - Multiplicity
- Can occur where class is a collection or container of other classes

![Class Diagram Example](attachment:diagram.png)
• Composition
  - “owns a” relationship
  - Strong object life-cycle dependency

• Generalization
  - “is a” relationship
  - One class is a sub-type of specialized form of the parent class
  - Also known as inheritance
  - Sub-type is “child” class and super-type is the “parent” class
Classes, Objects and Attributes

Object diagram

- Instance specification
  - Instance name
  - "Link" represents an instance of an association
  - "Slots" represent attributes and may specify a value

Information modelling of power systems
Fundamentals for UML - Class Diagram

Class Hierarchy of people at a University

Object Associations

Class hierarchy of students, staff and subjects
Aggregation and Composition (Association)

Aggregation

Composition

Classes, Associations, Aggregations and Compositions
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Background

• International Electrotechnical Commission is the main international body for electrotechnical standardization
• Technical Committee number 57 works in the area of "Power System Management and related Information Exchange"
• The working groups within TC57 specifies:
  - Communication protocols for wide area communication
  - Information models for substations, Distributed Energy Resources and hydropower stations
  - Security and management profiles for protocols
• And the Common Information Model – the CIM
What is the CIM?

- A Unified Modeling Language (UML) based information model representing real-world objects and information entities exchanged within the value chain of the electric power industry
- A tool to enable integration and information exchange to enable data access in a standard way
- A common language to navigate and access complex data structures in any database
- It is not tied to a particular vendor’s view of the world
- It also provides consistent view of the world by operators regardless of which application user interface they are using

Courtesy of T. Saxton TC57 WG13 chairman

We could achieve....

- Information modelling without mapping
  - the value (data type, e.g., floating point)
  - the scale (offset and factor- if applicable)
  - the engineering unit (e.g. SI unit)
  - names of the aforementioned items

- Information exchange without mapping
  - service to access data
  - addressing for information
  - the encoding of the information while “on the wire”
IEC 61970-301

• Semantic model that describes the components of a power system and the relationships between each component

• Exchange of data between transmission system operators

• Enabling power flow calculation/state estimation on neighbouring transmission systems

Not yet for dynamic calculations

IEC 61968-11

• Extend the semantic model to cover other aspects of power system software data exchange (such as distribution level assets, asset management, metering, planning...)

• Focus on intra-utility information exchange and integration of distribution management systems

• Specification of message exchange
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The Role of the 61970 CIM- Example
Power system model transfer between TSOs
Step 1: (Static Model)

Step 2: Schedules (fixed values)
Step 3: Real-time information

CIM UML example

Class Name usually describes things in the real world.

Class Attributes describe significant aspects about the thing.

This Specialization indicates that a "Pole" is a type of "Structure." Since a "Structure" is a type of "Asset," the Pole inherits all of the attributes from both Structure and Asset.

Associations connect classes and are assigned a role that describes the relationship.

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Example Hierarchy in the Breaker Class

Conducting Equipment and Connectivity

Conducting Equipment and Connectivity class diagram
Modeling the real-world

Representing transformers
Note: Use this Modelling Convention For Assignment
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Power system model transfer between TSOs
Serialisation of the Data model

- To transfer information between two systems, the data needs to be converted into some type of file.
- XML (just as is used in 61850) is a suitable type of file.
- XML file structure recap
  \(<tag>...contained\ data...</tag>\)
- CIM serialisations are exchanged using files that are formatted according to the CIM RDF schema.

RDF : Recourse Document Framework

With a XML document there is no way to denote a link between two elements besides the relationship of Generalization. **RDF is the language used for expressing the metadata that machines can process simply.** RDF is expressed as a special kind of XML document. It is used to provide a framework for data in an XML format by allowing relationships to be defined between XML nodes. Each element can be assigned a unique ID attribute under the RDF namespace. Adding a resource attribute to an element allows references to be made between elements by having its value refer to another element’s ID.
Example

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Example

CIM/XML/RDF

<cim:ACLineSegment rdf:ID="_XX">
  <cim:Conductor.gch>0</cim:Conductor.gch>
  <cim:Conductor.bch>.0004256</cim:Conductor.bch>
  <cim:Conductor.r>4.973</cim:Conductor.r>
  <cim:Conductor.x>40.542</cim:Conductor.x>
  <cim:Conductor.length>0</cim:Conductor.length>
  <cim:IdentifiedObject.name>XXXXX</cim:IdentifiedObject.name>
  <cim:IdentifiedObject.localName>XXXX</cim:IdentifiedObject.localName>
  <cim:Equipment.MemberOf_EquipmentContainer rdf:resource="#_XXXXXX"/>
</cim:ACLineSegment>
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Questions