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Subject: [railml3.1] cleanup of empty sequences

Posted by [Thomas Nygreen JBD](#) on Thu, 03 Jan 2019 19:39:33 GMT

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Dear all,

There are a lot of (=124) empty <sequence/>s in the 3.1-RC. They have no function, are annoying when viewing the schemas in a tree view, and they conceal bad constructs. In most cases the empty sequences can simply be removed, but in some others, the construct should also be changed.

One example:

In common3.xsd:

```
<xs:element name="Metadata" type="rail3:Metadata"/>
<xs:complexType name="Metadata">
  <xs:annotation>
    <xs:documentation>This is the top level element for file metadata
information.</xs:documentation>
  </xs:annotation>
  <xs:complexContent>
    <xs:extension base="dc:elementContainer">
      <xs:sequence/>
    </xs:extension>
  </xs:complexContent>
</xs:complexType>
```

Referenced by the subelement of <railML> in rail3ml.xsd:

```
<xs:element name="metadata" type="rail3:Metadata" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
```

This is equivalent to simply:

In common3.xsd:

```
<xs:element name="metadata" type="dc:elementContainer">
  <xs:annotation>
    <xs:documentation>This is the top level element for file metadata
information.</xs:documentation>
  </xs:annotation>
</xs:element>
```

In rail3ml.xsd (note that I also changed to the normal Salami Slice way):

```
<xs:element name="metadata" ref="rail3:metadata" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
```

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Subject: Re: [railml3.1] cleanup of empty sequences

Posted by [Thomas Nygreen JBD](#) on Thu, 03 Jan 2019 21:03:21 GMT

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An example:

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Subject: Re: [railml3.1] cleanup of empty sequences  
Posted by [Vasco Paul Kolmorgen](#) on Sun, 13 Jan 2019 15:31:10 GMT  
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Dear Thomas,

many thanks for the attention and support of railML development.

Am 03.01.2019 um 20:39 schrieb Thomas Nygreen:

- > There are a lot of (=124) empty <sequence/>s in the 3.1-RC.
- > They have no function, are annoying when viewing the schemas
- > in a tree view, and they conceal bad constructs. In most
- > cases the empty sequences can simply be removed, but in some
- > others, the construct should also be changed.

We have already opened ticket #314 (see <https://trac.railml.org/ticket/314>) because of this problem and keep an eye on it during development of Release Candidate 2 of railML 3.1. I also added your post to the corresponding ticket.

Best regards,

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