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Subject: Infrastructure semantics

Posted by [tuomas.tiihonen](#) on Fri, 06 May 2011 09:33:56 GMT

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Hi,

I would appreciate some infrastructure semantics explanations.

Are the translations only supported in OCP (in additionalName)?

Is there possibility to define language code for OCP's default name?

Is there possibility to give timezone for OCP?

Is there possibility to define OCP (if it is a station) to have platforms and those platforms different segments?

How about side of a platform in relation to train?

Could OCP have different heads (heads could be used for resolving orientation of the train in relation to stop)? So that line would link from ocpA head1 to ocpB head2.

Is the OCP->number unique?

How to get distance between OCPs, is it with trackend/trackbegin->pos?

What is the relation of pos to ocpTT->SectionTT->distance in timetable?

Kindest Regards,  
Tuomas Tiihonen

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Subject: Re: Infrastructure semantics

Posted by [coordination](#) on Mon, 09 May 2011 14:31:00 GMT

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Dear Mr. Tiihonen,

Thank you for your enquiries to RailML.infrastructure.

Tuomas Tiihonen wrote:

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On behalf of the infrastructure coordinator I will try to answer some of

> Are the translations only supported in OCP (in additionalName)?

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> Is there possibility to define OCP (if it is a station) to have platforms  
> and those platforms different segments?

We added a ticket in our SVN (<http://trac2.assembla.com/railML/ticket/122>) and had an intense discussion about this. To avoid an incompatible extension of RailML due to the wide range of facilities beside a track,

version 2.1. We will see the discussion and remarks of the users within the next weeks.

> How about side of a platform in relation to train?

The platforms are defined with their properties (e.g. with platformsidess)

in RailML.timetable. The reading programme may combine this information

> Could OCP have different heads (heads could be used for resolving  
> orientation of the train in relation to stop)? So that line would link  
> from ocpA head1 to ocpB head2.

Would you be so kind to specify this question?

> Is the OCP->number unique?

No. Please do not use this value anymore, because it's deprecated. You may use OCP->code instead of this.

Best regards,

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Subject: Re: Infrastructure semantics

Posted by [tuomas.tiihonen](#) on Tue, 10 May 2011 07:03:14 GMT

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>> orientation of the train in relation to stop)? So that line would link  
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If two OCPs are linked together how can you know which side of the OCP the train enters the OCP?

I will try to illustrate:

Track: "="

Station OCP: /////OCP/////

H1 = Head1

H2 = Head 2

=====H1////////OCP1////////H2=====H1////////OCP2 /////H2===== (this connects back to OCP1/H1)

Now if I make connection from OCP1 to OCP2 the connection would know that it starts from OCP1->Head2 and ends at OCP2->Head1. This way the data tells the exact orientation of the train when it arrives from OCP1 to OCP2. But I could also make connection from OCP1 head1 to OCP2 head2 and again I know which side of the OCP the train comes from (if illustrated, this example would make loop).

If in other hand you do not specify whether the train comes from head 1 side or head 2 side you can't know the orientation of the train in relation to the stop. In essence when you make connection between two OCP it can be interpreted as the train would arrive the station from two different sides and you can't know which.

I use term "connection" loosely here as I am not quite sure what is the correct term in RailML in this context.

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Subject: Language-sensitive names

Posted by [Susanne Wunsch railML](#) on Thu, 12 May 2011 09:15:26 GMT

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coordination@railml.org (Vasco Paul Kolmorgen) writes:

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I committed this change according to mentioned ticket.

All elements with id/code/name/description will include the optional xml:lang attribute for defining the defaults language code.

All theses elements offer the optional element "additionalName" for defining further names/descriptions with its language codes.

Current ocp element "ocp/propOther/additionalName" is marked "deprecated" for better using above mentioned structure starting with railML 2.1.

Is there any need for attribute "type" in "additionalName"? Or is there any other attribute which is needed in addition to the now provided ones.

Please, checkout/download current development version and check, if it works for your needs.

Thank you for revising and improving railML.

Kind regard...  
Susanne

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Susanne Wunsch  
Schema Coordinator: railML.common

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Subject: Re: Language-sensitive names  
Posted by [tuomas.tiihonen](#) on Thu, 12 May 2011 12:55:40 GMT  
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than in IETF BCP 47? If those are different, it can cause problems, at least changes in the software if extra mapping is needed between the two language standards.

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Tuomas

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Subject: Re: Language-sensitive names

Posted by [Susanne Wunsch railML](#) on Thu, 12 May 2011 21:11:03 GMT

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Hi Tuomas,

thanks for your quick followup.

tuomas.tiihonen@mitron.com (Tuomas Tiihonen) writes:

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ISO 639-1 defines the alpha-2 language code. There are already another  
alpha-3 language codes defined in ISO639-2. IETF BSP 47 mostly recycles  
ISO 639-1 codes. For mapping hints see:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IETF\\_language\\_tag](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IETF_language_tag)  
("Relation to other standards")

639-1   639-2   IETF

German: 'de'   'ger'   'de', 'de-AT', 'de-CH', 'de-DE'

English: 'en'   'eng'   'en', 'en-US', 'en-GB'

Finnish: 'fi'   'fin'   'fi', 'fi-FI', 'fi-SE'

Swedish: 'sv'   'swe'   'sv', 'sv-SE', 'sv-FI'

N. Sami: 'se'   'sme'   'se'

Sorry for the disappointing answer.

Kind regards...

Susanne

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Susanne Wunsch

Schema Coordinator: railML.common

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Subject: Re: Language-sensitive names

Posted by [tuomas.tiihonen](#) on Fri, 13 May 2011 05:49:10 GMT

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Hi Susanne,

thanks for the reply and the link. Yes, perhaps little disappointment, but not impossible one to overcome ;)

Br,  
Tuomas

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Subject: Ocp Timezones

Posted by [Christian Rahmig](#) on Mon, 16 May 2011 07:24:25 GMT

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Hello Tuomas,

hello railML-Community,

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> We added a ticket in our SVN (<http://trac2.assembla.com/railML/ticket/120>)

> and will integrate time zones on short notice in RailML's version 2.1.

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I implemented a new attribute "timezone" within the ocp's datatype <tOperationControlPoint>. It has an enumerator type <tOcpTimeZone>, which contains all the various timezones on earth based on UTC and the offset. The values range from "utc-12" via "utc+0" to "utc+14". Some timezones differ from others by fractions of hours, e.g. "utc-9.30".

Time changes that are only temporarily, e.g. daylight saving time, are not considered in this list and shall not be used in the infrastructure schema.

See the changes in <http://trac2.assembla.com/railML/changeset/390>  
Comments and questions on this topic are always appreciated.

Best regards  
Christian

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Christian Rahmig  
railML.infrastructure coordinator

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Subject: Re: Ocp Timezones

Posted by [tuomas.tiihonen](#) on Mon, 16 May 2011 12:58:11 GMT

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Hi Christian,

Great to see that my comments were quickly adapted! Thanks!

> Time changes that are only temporarily, e.g. daylight saving time, are  
> not considered in this list and shall not be used in the infrastructure  
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Subject: Re: Ocp Timezones

Posted by [Christian Rahmig](#) on Mon, 16 May 2011 19:34:04 GMT

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That is a difficult question. In my understanding the daylight saving time resp. the boolean you suggested is a changing parameter and not fixed like the timezone information of an ocp. Therefore, I would not consider it within the infrastructure schema, but somewhere in the timetable schema, since it is relevant for operation and depends on the current date/time.

However, I want to hear Joachim's opinion on this first before implementing it.

Best regards  
Christian

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Christian Rahmig  
railML.infrastructure coordinator

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Subject: Re: Ocp Timezones

Posted by [Joerg von Lingen](#) on Tue, 17 May 2011 05:07:59 GMT

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Hi everybody,

although it is not relevant for rolling stock I would add some thoughts on daylight saving time.

1) A simple flag (boolean) can only be used in timetable as it has a meaning only in relation to a

certain date.

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But do we really need that information?

Regards,  
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Christian Rahmig wrote:

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> Christian Rahmig

> railML.infrastructure coordinator

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Subject: Re: Ocp Timezones

Posted by [Susanne Wunsch railML](#) on Wed, 18 May 2011 07:43:06 GMT

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Hi,

Joerg von Lingen <[coord@rollingstock.railml.org](mailto:coord@rollingstock.railml.org)> writes:

- > 1) A simple flag (boolean) can only be used in timetable as it has a meaning only in relation to a certain date.

I would interpret the flag as "the ocp is located in an area, where daylight saving is used". This is an geographical feature which is independent from actual date and time.

It is a very political issue whether DST is used or not. Countries' time offset to UTC do also change by some reasons.

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These data are already collected and active maintained in the "tz database". [1] It also hosts the history of time zone/DST regulations for each region.

- > But do we really need that information?

We already offer time zone dependent date and time tags in "timetable" subschema.

You could fill the timetable with UTC values and the software transforms it to the actual time according to the regional time zone specified in ocp.

I think it's a proper enhancement which is worth implementing as flexible and reliable as possible.

How about the W3C Guideline for "Working with time zones"? [2]

I hope it helps...  
Susanne

[1] [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tz\\_database](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tz_database)

[2] <http://www.w3.org/International/wiki/WorkingWithTimeZones>

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Susanne Wunsch  
Schema Coordinator: railML.common

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Subject: Re: Ocp Timezones

Hi,

good comments.

In our implementation timezone is specified like "Europe/Vienna", from this it is possible to determine the rules of daylight saving time (of course you would have to know the rules for Vienna).

If we define the timezone with +2/-2 and so on, we can't interpret if there is daylight saving time in use or not.

Of course if OCP would know the area where it stands, the interpretation can be made. However I am not sure what is the semantically correct place to put location information as the location information should be in similar format as in timezone definitions (usually capital city). Now if I consider OCP->area that is not quite suitable for this.. (A <area> specifies the region, an operation control point is responsible for. )

- 1) I could use ocp->area anyway
- 2) OCP->timezone could have also optional field to define timezone like "Europe/Vienna"
- 3) or the idea Joerg introduced
- 4) Or I will just not consider daylight in relation to OCP

Br,  
Tuomas

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Subject: Re: Ocp Timezones  
Posted by [Christian Rahmig](#) on Sat, 21 May 2011 10:44:13 GMT

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The entry, e.g. "Europe/Paris" or "America/New\_York", does not refer to  
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Best regards  
Christian

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Christian Rahmig  
railML.infrastructure coordinator

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Subject: Re: Ocp Timezones  
Posted by [tuomas.tiihonen](#) on Mon, 23 May 2011 05:40:18 GMT  
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Br,  
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