
Subject: stop probability

Posted by [Susanne Wunsch railML](#) on Tue, 31 May 2011 09:31:02 GMT

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Hallo,

ich suche eine Möglichkeit, den Wert "Haltewahrscheinlichkeit" für "Bedarfshalte" entweder in <ocpTT> oder besser noch <stopDescription> zu definieren. Der Wert könnte in Prozent (0 .. 100 %) angegeben werden. Er stellt kein Ergebnis einer statistischen Analyse dar, sondern eher einen Erwartungswert auf Grundlage von Erfahrungswerten oder empirischen Untersuchungen.

Ich würde dafür ein eigenes anyAttribute definieren, aber das ist im Element <stopDescription> derzeit nicht valide.

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Dankeschön im voraus...

Susanne

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Subject: Re: stop probability

Posted by [Joachim Rubröder railML](#) on Tue, 31 May 2011 12:31:30 GMT

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If there is anyone else with the same request, we could prepare a new field for a future version.

Kind regards,
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Subject: Re: stop probability

Posted by [Susanne Wunsch railML](#) on Tue, 31 May 2011 13:24:25 GMT

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Hi Joachim,

coord@timetable.railml.org (Joachim Rubröder) writes:

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> field for a future version.

Thanks for the quick response.

It would be nice to define the anyAttribute in <stopDescription>. That's
the best place for the needed attribute, I think.

There are further attributes which could be defined in
<stopDescription>:

* (serviceSectionRef) if platforms, ramps or other facilities are
defined as "serviceSection"s in IS [1]

* (stopPosition) if serviceSectionRef is used and the train is shorter
than the service section length

Kind regards...
Susanne

[1] <http://trac2.assembla.com/railML/ticket/122>

Subject: "stop post" / "platform edge" reference from ocpTT (was: stop probability)
Posted by [Susanne Wunsch railML](#) on Tue, 06 Nov 2012 11:29:22 GMT
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Hi Joachim and others,

Sorry for responding to my own posting. The time and implementation changed. ;-)

Susanne Wunsch <coord@common.railml.org> writes:

- > There are further attributes which could be defined in
- > <stopDescription>:
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Now the 'platformEdges' and 'stopPosts' are implemented in the infrastructure sub-schema. Christian already opened a new Trac ticket for not forgetting the reference from within a timetables <ocpTT> to the appropriate <platformEdge> or <stopPost>. [1]

Is there the need for more than one reference to either a 'platformEdge' or a 'stopPost'? I mean a 'trainPart' may only have one planned stop position. No matter that it may change due to operational reasons.

- * The <ocpTT> may already refer to the appropriate <track> where the <platformEdges> and <stopPosts> may be defined.
- * The <stopPost> itself may refer to a certain <platformEdge>.
- * A reference from the <ocpTT> to either a certain <stopPost> or a certain <platformEdge> is currently missing.

Both attributes ('stopPostRef' and 'platformEdgeRef') may be introduced into the sub-element <stopDescription>.

If the 'stopPostRef' is used the 'platformEdgeRef' should be omitted, it would be redundant to the infrastructure definition.

Both attributes are needed for different modeling levels. Some software tool handles platforms without stop posts another tool may only accept stop posts but no platforms.

* The current 'trackInfo' attribute in <ocpTT> would be marked deprecated.

Any comments appreciated.

Kind regards...
Susanne

[1] <http://trac.assembla.com/railML/ticket/171>

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Susanne Wunsch
Schema Coordinator: railML.common

Subject: Re: "stop post" / "platform edge" reference from ocpTT (was: stop probability)

Posted by on Thu, 08 Nov 2012 20:31:31 GMT

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Dear Susanne and Joachim,

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> certain <platformEdge> is currently missing.

But they would be a kind of redundant to "the way via the track" which you described above.

The 'platformEdgeRef' alone would not be redundant for the very special case if there are two platform edges at the same track and the train is scheduled to open the doors at one of them only...

I do not know this case from practice. So, I think we should wait until it happens, if ever...

- > Both attributes are needed for different modeling levels. Some
- > software tool handles platforms without stop posts another tool
- > may only accept stop posts but no platforms.

In other cases of that kind, RailML forces the user to use the one and only way "in a wider sense". For instance, we force to create OCPs to describe a timetable even for programmes which do not handle OCPs (stations) themselves. We force to create <trainParts> to describe arrival/departure times even for programmes which do not handle parts of trains. I could name much more examples of that kind.

So why not "forcing" to use <ocpTT>.trackRef to come from a train to platformEdges and stopPosts?

To reduce redundancy, I would prefer this way. I totally agree with Andreas Tanners arguments on redundancy in an earlier. Andreas, now we can avoid new redundancy here, I hope you also plead so.

- > * The current 'trackInfo' attribute in <ocpTT> would be marked
- > deprecated.

Generally: I understand and tend to agree. But: Do we possibly need the "trackInfo" for additional (plain-text) info on the stop? Possibly remarks for the passengers to be printed by a passenger information system? Possibly for the difference between the railway-internal (IM's) track number and a published platform number (think about Czech platforms - there is a platform name additionally to the track number).

For the moment, I would leave the 'trackInfo' for individual plain-text use like "remarks".

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I don't think so. I would provide only one way and wait until somebody claims and explains why there is a need for another one which is not redundant.

Best regards,
Dirk.

Subject: Re: "stop post" / "platform edge" reference from ocpTT
Posted by [Susanne Wunsch railML](#) on Thu, 08 Nov 2012 21:38:38 GMT

Dear Dirk, Joachim and others,

Dirk Bräuer <dirk.braeuer@irfp.de> writes:

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I'm totally with you. There are enough examples from the practice for meaningful filling this attribute.

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Susanne Wunsch
Schema Coordinator: railML.common

Subject: Re: "stop post" / "platform edge" reference from ocpTT
Posted by [Andreas Tanner](#) on Fri, 09 Nov 2012 09:32:07 GMT
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Dear all,

I would tend to separate commercial aspects of a stop description from operational ones. The Czech timetables, e.g., publish only platforms but no tracks. It should be possible to express this in railML. Now we /could/ say that for the sake of publication, the trackInfo attribute is what you have to use. But this being purely textual, we would loose reference to the infrastructure model.

That's why I would, with caution, pledge for being flexible here: allow for an ocpTT to refer to a platform without referring to a track or stop post, as well as referring via the track.

By the way, now that we are going to support delay infos, what about changes in tracks and platforms? Well, maybe an issue for 3.0 and a dedicated scheme for operation...

Best, Andreas

Am 08.11.2012 22:38, schrieb Susanne Wunsch:

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Subject: Re: "stop post" / "platform edge" reference from ocpTT
Posted by _____ on Fri, 09 Nov 2012 11:48:47 GMT
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Please note that currently there is no <platform> in RailML in the "Czech sense". We do have <platformEdges> but even _one_ "Czech" platform would have _two_ <platformEdges>. There is, as far as I see, currently no possibility to "refer to a platform".

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> attribute is what you have to use. But this being purely textual, we

> would loose reference to the infrastructure model.

I agree: A non-plaintext possibility would be much better. But that would mean to further expand RailML in this direction in advance - before we have practical need. Since we cannot do everything at the same time, I think it's better to postpone this and wait.

Let's remember that the current discussion was only about "trackInfo" to declare obsolete or not.

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It is not common to do so in timetables because the operational rules clarify which stop post to take and would always have "higher priority" over any timetable information of that kind.

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Conclusion:

Since Andreas does not plead against this redundancy, I also would accept a "shortcut" from <trainPart> with a "stopPostRef" or "platformEdge" or both.

I think it is necessary to introduce the two "ocpRefs" at <platformEdge> and <stopPost> because we cannot expect that the programmes always refer to the stop posts.

Best regards,
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Subject: Re: "stop post" / "platform edge" reference from ocpTT
Posted by on Fri, 09 Nov 2012 11:49:28 GMT
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Dear Andreas and all others,

> By the way, now that we are going to support delay infos, what about
> changes in tracks and platforms? Well, maybe an issue for 3.0 and a
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This is a much more general question: To take a train to a different track in a station can be generalised to redirect a train not only in a station. At least, the topic of 'actual' train information in contrary to 'timetable' information is much wider (redirecting trains, replacing trains, replacing vehicles, wrong formation order, splitting trains...). We cannot possibly provide alternative 'actual' attributes for each 'timetable' attribute.

We should provide a solution for 'actual' train information in general later (earliest in 3.0). This should start with providing a solution to specify a certain operating day out of the scheduled days as you already have claimed in another tread. Until that, we should keep discussions on 'actual' information out of the 'timetable' scheme. In my opinion this includes the delay information.

Best regards,
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Subject: Re: "stop post" / "platform edge" reference from ocpTT
Posted by [Susanne Wunsch railML](#) on Fri, 09 Nov 2012 14:09:32 GMT
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Dear Dirk, Andreas and others,

Dirk Bräuer <dirk.braeuer@irfp.de> writes:

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But the 'platform edge' at least has a 'name' that could be the platform name and should be duplicated in the Czech example for both platform edges in a short-term solution.

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> to take) into RailML. If we deem it necessary, we should provide the
> "stopPostRef". Again, it would be a kind of redundant.

OK, I thought of some kind of simulating software. There is no driver to stop at the appropriate position. It can be done with the now introduced stopPost element.

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It may be defined by the
operationControlPoints/ocp/propEquipment/trackRef elements. An ocp
defines which tracks belong to itself.

But there are problems with _really long_ tracks through several
ocps. With the help of the
tracks/track/trackTopology/crossSections/crossSection/@ocpRef one may
determine where the ocp is located along the "long track".

By traversing from ocp/./trackRef to the track one may detect several
stopPosts and platformEdges valid for multiple ocps that may be distinct
by their positions. But that's a really awful model.

Maybe we need the somewhat redundant reference from stopPost and
platformEdge to the ocp for the sake of "long tracks".

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Thanks for pointing this out. At least for the "long tracks" we probably need these attributes. We should include Christian in this discussion, he will probably not follow each timetable thread.

We quite forgot the 'serviceSection'! It is really similar to the 'platformEdge' element. But nevertheless we should provide the appropriate reference attributes for this element, too.

Should stop posts also refer to service sections, such as parking/fueling/cleaning/... areas? I don't think so, but have too less experiences in this field.

> --> A <trainPart><ocpTT> already refers to an <ocp> and a
> <track>. With this information one can find the <platformEdges> and
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Not at all, there may be several stop posts and platform edges at a certain track for a certain ocp. If the platform height varies there have to be several platform edges for each height at the same track.

All these thoughts are only to find the best fitting model, I'm sure that only rare software tools handle these detailed information.

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An attribute can only occur once per element. If we need multiple information of the same type, we may allow lists in attribute (currently only practiced for 'coordinates') or define repeatable elements (common way in railML).

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> implementing the schemes.

I'm really keen on your implementation experiences.

Kind regards...
Susanne

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Susanne Wunsch
Schema Coordinator: railML.common

Subject: "Actual" train data (was: "stop post" / "platform edge" reference from ocpTT)

Posted by [Susanne Wunsch railML](#) on Fri, 09 Nov 2012 14:20:46 GMT

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Dear Dirk, Andreas and others,

Dirk Bräuer <dirk.braeuer@irfp.de> writes:

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> discussions on 'actual' information out of the 'timetable' scheme. In
> my opinion this includes the delay information.

Thank you, Dirk, for separating this part of discussion.

I filed a Trac ticket for this issue:

<http://trac.assembla.com/railML/ticket/188>

Kind regards...
Susanne

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Susanne Wunsch
Schema Coordinator: railML.common

Subject: Re: "stop post" / "platform edge" reference from ocpTT
Posted by [Susanne Wunsch railML](#) on Mon, 12 Nov 2012 19:34:41 GMT
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Susanne Wunsch <coord@common.railml.org> writes:

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If filed a Trac ticket for this issue:

<http://trac.assembla.com/railML/ticket/195>

Kind regards...
Susanne

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Susanne Wunsch
Schema Coordinator: railML.common

Subject: Re: "stop post" / "platform edge" reference from ocpTT
Posted by [Joachim Rubröder railML](#) on Tue, 20 Nov 2012 16:04:41 GMT
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Hello everybody,
the references from 'stopDescription' to 'stopPost', 'platformEdge' and
'serviceSection' are now available:

- * 'serviceSectionRef' as referencing sub element (as decided at the railML meeting in Zurich)
- * 'platformEdgeRef' as referencing sub element (as decided at the railML meeting in Zurich)
- * 'stopPostRef', as referencing attribute

<http://trac.assembla.com/railML/changeset/495>
<http://trac.assembla.com/railML/changeset/492>

<http://trac.assembla.com/railML/changeset/480>

Please check if this level of detail is sufficient!

Kind regards,
Joachim

Joachim Rubröder
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Subject: 'trackInfo' deprecated? (was: "stop post" / "platform edge" reference from ocpTT)

Posted by [Susanne Wunsch railML](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2012 21:12:22 GMT

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Dear all,

Dirk Bräuer <dirk.braeuer@irfp.de> writes:

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>> attribute is what you have to use. But this being purely textual, we
>> would loose reference to the infrastructure model.
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> would mean to further expand RailML in this direction in advance -
> before we have practical need. Since we cannot do everything at the
> same time, I think it's better to postpone this and wait.
>
> Let's remember that the current discussion was only about "trackInfo"
> to declare obsolete or not.

I filed a Trac ticket for this issue:

<http://trac.assembla.com/railML/ticket/214>

Any comments appreciated.

Kind regards...
Susanne

Subject: Re: 'trackInfo' deprecated?

Posted by [Andreas Tanner](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2012 08:20:41 GMT

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The ticket suggests a "remarks" attribute. I'm not so convinced by that since this is quite generic. The more specific an attribute is, the less explanation is needed in the documentation.

We (IVU) currently use the trackInfo attribute to store a formatted string that encodes platform and section. We use our private "decoding" to map to our infrastructure model. Now the proper references to infrastructure elements were added and of course, this is much better. Still, possibly a formatted version of the track info could be useful as a "commercial" attribute for printouts and displays in case that it cannot be deduced from the infrastructure references.

Best regards

--Andreas.

Am 28.11.2012 22:12, schrieb Susanne Wunsch:

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Subject: Re: 'trackInfo' deprecated?

Posted by [Andreas Tanner](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2012 11:21:53 GMT

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Am 29.11.2012 13:44, schrieb Joachim Ruböder:

> This means you are pleading for keeping the 'trackInfo' for commercial
> purposes?

Yes, along with a clarifying text in the wiki, like
"Textual description of station track for information purposes."

Maybe in a more formatted way like the internationalized
> 'messageText' of a 'connection'?

Well, I cannot currently think of a need for an internationalized
platform description, but one never knows..

--Andreas.

Subject: Re: 'trackInfo' deprecated? (was: "stop post" / "platform edge" reference
from ocpTT)

Posted by [Joachim Ruböder railML](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2012 12:29:51 GMT

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Hello Susanne,

I agree that declaring the 'trackInfo' as deprecated in connection with
providing a more unspecific 'remarks' as substitute is leading the user in
the desired direction to use the specific infrastructure elements.

If there are no objections from other sides, I tend to implement it that
way.

Kind regards,
Joachim

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Subject: Re: 'trackInfo' deprecated?

Posted by [Joachim Ruböder railML](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2012 12:44:21 GMT

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Hello Andreas,

Andreas Tanner wrote:

- > We (IVU) currently use the trackInfo attribute to store a formatted
- > string that encodes platform and section.

For encoding platforms and sections, the use of infrastructure references is clearly recommended.

- > Still, possibly a formatted version of the track info could be useful as
- > a "commercial" attribute for printouts and displays in case that it
- > cannot be deduced from the infrastructure references.

This was exactly the original meaning of the attribute, to be used as information for printouts. Like the 'published times', this commercial track information may differ from the real infrastructure values.

This means you are pleading for keeping the 'trackInfo' for commercial purposes? Maybe in a more formatted way like the internationalized 'messageText' of a 'connection'?

Kind regards,
Joachim

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Subject: Re: stop probability
Posted by [Joachim Ruböder railML](#) on Mon, 02 Dec 2013 11:00:25 GMT
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Hi,
we created a ticket in order to plan this enhancement for a future railML
version: <https://trac.assembla.com/railML/ticket/234>

Kind regards,
Joachim

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Susanne Wunsch wrote:

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> Hi Joachim,
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> coord@timetable.railml.org (Joachim RubrÄ¶der) writes:
>
>> I would suggest to use an "anyAttribute" within the <stopDescription>.
>> This is the right place, because "stopOnRequest" is already there.
>>
>> If there is anyone else with the same request, we could prepare a new
>> field for a future version.
>
> Thanks for the quick response.
>
> It would be nice to define the anyAttribute in <stopDescription>. That's
> the best place for the needed attribute, I think.
>
> There are further attributes which could be defined in
> <stopDescription>:
>
> * (serviceSectionRef) if platforms, ramps or other facilities are
> defined as "serviceSection"s in IS [1]
>
> * (stopPosition) if serviceSectionRef is used and the train is shorter
> than the service section length
>
> Kind regards...
> Susanne
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> [1] <http://trac2.assembla.com/railML/ticket/122>
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