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Subject: Validity times

Posted by [christian.rahmig](#) on Tue, 20 Mar 2018 14:49:27 GMT

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the information that a NetElement is valid (for operation) is currently modelled with the attributes @validFrom and @validTo. A resulting small example looks like this:

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This implementation of validity times has two drawbacks:

- \* It is not possible to model other infrastructure states, e.g. "under construction"
- \* It does not allow to model segmented validity times, e.g. before and after a construction blocking

The second point is really essential. Therefore, I propose to change the RTM modelling in the following way: instead of attributes @validFrom and @validTo, use a repeatable child element <valid> with attributes @from and @to to define the different segments of validity time. The resulting small example may look like this:

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  <valid from="2018-07-02" to="2018-12-31"/>  
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Any feedback is highly appreciated...

Best regards  
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Subject: Re: Validity times

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Dear all,

although there has not been an answer on that topic so far, we need to

find a solution for the problem, because it is essential for railML 3.1 and related "beta 2" version scheduled for end of August [1].

In particular, I already implemented the required RTM related change in railML 3.1. The latest version of railML 3.1 is available in the railML3 SVN trunk [2]. An overview of all the changes is provided in [3].

In this overview, replacing validity attributes by new Base class Validity to allow for multiple validity times is marked as issue number 3.

[1]

<https://www.railml.org/en/public-relations/news/reader/33rd-railml-conference-and-version-roadmap.html>

[2] <https://svn.railml.org/railML3/trunk>

[3]

[http://forum.railML.org/userfiles/2018-07-02\\_railml\\_railml3-induced-changes-to-rtm12.pdf](http://forum.railML.org/userfiles/2018-07-02_railml_railml3-induced-changes-to-rtm12.pdf)

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There is a twofold debate here:

- Whether we are discussing the operational availability of net elements or net entities (recent call with C. Rahmig rather pointed at the IT object lifecycle management);
- Whether the time intervals should be attributes (current case) or references to time interval objects (as proposed).

On the first aspect, there is a strong opinion that RTM, being a conceptual model describing the railway network, should not deal with IT object lifecycle details ; there are by the way many options to handle IT objects, depending on how much traceability is needed and how archiving is organized;

On the second aspect, the debate goes on.

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