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Subject: Child elements with one value vs. attributes  
Posted by [Joerg von Lingen](#) on Thu, 12 Apr 2018 03:39:36 GMT  
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  <rail3:overlapReleaseCondition>startTimerAfterVacating</rail3:overlapReleaseCondition >  
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Best Jörg.  
Interlocking coordinator

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Hello Joerg,

this question was discussed in the railML-TT-Telco on 13.06.2018. There was agreement that variant 2 should be used in the future. Variant 1 has not yet been used within railML-TT-2.x. In special cases, modeling with its own sub-element, but with an attribute, should also be possible:

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This may be the case if existing XSD types are to be used or if this modeling improves comprehensibility.

Many Greetings  
Christian Rößiger

Am 12.04.2018 um 05:39 schrieb Joerg von Lingen:

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