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Subject: [railML3] Suggested extension for RBC

Posted by [Karl-Friedemann Jerosch](#) on Wed, 13 May 2020 16:06:32 GMT

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Dear all,

first let me introduce myself: I am Karl Jerosch and I am working in the ETCS trackside engineering department of Siemens Mobility Germany and I am participant of the railML workgroup "ETCS Track Net".

To extend the schema of railML.interlocking for RBC (Radio Block Center), the work group "ETCS Track Net" suggests to add the following information to be implemented in railML 3.2:

1.) new element <RBCs> as container for elements of kind <RBC>

2.) new element <RBC> providing information of one RBC with attributes:

- NID\_C [integer 0, ..., 1023] according to UNISIG SUBSET-026 Section 7.5.1.86
- NID\_RBC [integer 0, ..., 16382] according to UNISIG SUBSET-026 Section 7.5.1.96
- NID\_RADIO [16 digits, each digit is a hex value with range of 0 to 9 or F] to provide the telephone number according to UNISIG SUBSET-026 Section 7.5.1.95
- NID\_MN [6 digits, each digit is a hex value with range of 0 to 9 or F] to provide the GSM-R network id according to UNISIG SUBSET-026 Section 7.5.1.91.1

To detect automatically the RBC controlled area by software tools, information about the RBC border shall be provided in railML 3.2, either as new elements <RBCborders> and <RBCborder> or by using (and extending) the already existing infrastructure elements <borders> and <border>.

3.) a new element <RBCborders> as container for elements of kind <RBCborder> (or use of existing element <borders>)

4.) new element <RBCborder> with attributes (or use of extension of existing element <border>):

- reference to an element <RBC>
- location (relativ position in relation to a netElement)
- direction
- kind of transition with a list of 4 different values: "entry/exit/handover/accepting"

See also the following attachment which illustrates the suggestion:

[https://forum.railml.org/userfiles/2020-05-08\\_siemens-railml-3-illustration-rbc-border.pdf](https://forum.railml.org/userfiles/2020-05-08_siemens-railml-3-illustration-rbc-border.pdf)

Does the community agree with the suggested extension of the data model in railML 3.2?

best regards

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Subject: Re: [railML3] Suggested extension for RBC  
Posted by [Henrik Roslund](#) on Thu, 14 May 2020 13:11:24 GMT  
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Hello,

Very good inputs, Karl.

I agree with your suggestions, but I would like to have an optional attribute connected to "NID\_RBC", "RBC Name", and there is the real name of the RBC written, e.g. "Gotthard".

Unfortunately doesn't the link work for me.

Kind regards,

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Subject: Re: [railML3] Suggested extension for RBC  
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Hi,

I would see the suggested new element <radioBlockCentre> in the interlocking part of railML as it is a more functional item of train control which has not a representation at a particular track.

If derived from class "SystemAsset" it would inherit @id for any railML internal referencing (not NID\_RBC), <designator> and <assetName>. The latter one can be used to store the real name even in different languages. In that way it would be in parallel to the elements of <controllers> (HMI, TMS) and <signalboxes> (interlocking module).

The proposed additional attributes (NID\_C, NID\_RBC, NID\_RADIO, NID\_MN) can be attached to the <radioBlockCentre> element. However, the naming should be more reflect their function than the ETCS variable name. In XML they would be of type NonNegativeInteger but the limitations as coming from ETCS spec is not that straight forward. Are there any suggestions as to how model this?

The proposed element <radioBlockCentreBorder> I would see as a new entry in the list <assetsForInterlocking>. Although there is the issue of defining a position on a netElement for it. If placed only in IS part the referencing between IS and IL elements might become a little bit weird, refer post "[railML3]: Referencing

between IS and IL".

Best regards,

Joerg v. Lingen - Interlocking Coordinator

Am 14.05.2020 um 15:11 schrieb Henrik Roslund:

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Subject: Re: [railML3] Suggested extension for RBC

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Dear all,

railML 3.2 shall contain an option to model Radio Block Centers (RBC). After we discussed required parameters in the ETCS use case working group, we now face the central question: shall we add RBC in infrastructure or interlocking/signalling domain? What does the community think about it?

Any comments are highly appreciated...

Best regards

Christian

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