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The Systems Modeling Language (SysML) is a general-purpose graphical modeling language for specifying, analyzing, designing, and verifying complex systems. This thesis presents a tool called SysFlow Workflow Engine (SWE) that is being developed to execute a domain workflow defined using SysML’s Activity Diagram. The thesis also describes extensions added to the SysML semantics to make them SWE executable. SWE focuses on grid computing, cyberinfrastructure and related domains; however, support for other domains can be easily added. SWE aims to provide a common interface to grid, cyberinfrastructure and other domain-specific software by abstracting their complexity and idiosyncrasies. To create a workflow, users can use SysML modelers such as Topcased, which allow them to create and validate SysML models. Before submitting a workflow to SWE for execution, users have to ensure that their workflow is not only a valid SysML model but also a valid SWE executable model. SWE receives a SysML workflow in XML Metadata Interchange (XMI) format and after performing certain validation checks, it parses and executes the workflow.
DEDICATION

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1.1. SysFlow Workflow Engine (SWE)

SysML, an extension of UML 2.0 and a standard defined by the Object Management Group (OMG), is a general-purpose graphical modeling language for specifying, analyzing, designing, and verifying complex systems [1]. In this thesis, the activity diagram of SysML is used to compose workflows for grid computing [26] and related domains. These workflows are executable by the SysFlow Workflow Engine (SWE). The outcome of executing these workflows could be something as simple as printing “Hello World” on the screen or something like instantiating a virtual machine on the AmazonEC2 cloud, depending upon the composition of the workflow.

The Grid infrastructure allows large-scale scientific applications to run on

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**Fig. 1.1.** SysFlow Workflow Engine (SWE)
distributed resources. However, grid resources are not very easy to use and the software and middleware used to access them are diverse and intricate [27]. SWE provides a layer of abstraction over the supported domain software and provides a common and consistent way for workflow modelers to use these services and operations in their workflows. A workflow consists of multiple steps connected by control/data flow wherein every step represents an operation or computation. The notion of workflow is a popular and natural method of modeling complex scientific applications [25]. The SysML Block Definition Diagram (BDD) provided by SWE for every supported domain serves as an Application Programming Interface (API) for the workflow modeler. A BDD describes the system hierarchy and system/component specification [1]. This helps the workflow modeler identify the operations (behaviors) and attributes associated with a domain or its components, which they can use to model their workflows.

1.2. Related Work

There have been several investigations into the use of UML/SysML to describe simulation models and executable domain workflow models. References [7], [11] discuss extending SysML to include domain-specific details and then transform them to arrive at simulation models. Reference [12] and [13] describe tools to transform UML models to simulation models. Similarly, reference [16] and [23] define extensions to the UML Activity diagram and then transform them to executable workflows. In the SWE approach, extensions are added to the SysML Activity Diagram to model executable
workflows for the grid-related domains. The workflow models are directly executed by SWE, unlike other approaches that transform SysML models into simulation or executable models and other approaches which generate code from the system model. This work also involves abstracting various grid-related software/services and providing a common interface to the workflow modeler.

Reference [28] proposes the design of “Cyberaide Shell”, a system shell, to allow easy access to advanced Cyberinfrastructure [24] resources by abstracting the complexities associated with resource, task and application management through a scriptable command-line interface. In this thesis, workflows described by SysML Activity Diagrams are used instead of command-line scripts, because activity diagrams provide an effective visual notation, facilitate easy analysis of workflows composition, and deliver functionality in a more natural way for a human user [16]. There are several articles such as [5], [6] and [15] that discuss the effectiveness of the UML Activity diagram as a workflow. The SysML Activity Diagram extends the Activity model from UML; therefore the aforementioned advantages of Activity Diagrams hold true for SysML Activity Diagrams. SysML is used because it supports more general description of systems and domains compared to UML which is software oriented.

SysFlow has an interface to some of the cloud-computing web API’s like AmazonEC2 and Eucalyptus that allows users to create complex executable workflows involving these cloud technologies. In recent years cloud computing has emerged as a hot technology that promises to simplify problems associated with maintaining large business applications and IT infrastructure by providing on demand access to hardware, software,
and data resources as a service [38]. Amazon EC2, VMware vCloud Express, Eucalyptus, and OpenNebula are some of the popular cloud computing solutions for building private and public clouds. One of the most important enablers of cloud computing is virtualization, which provides infrastructure and management layer for the cloud. Virtualization allows running multiple virtual-machine instances simultaneously on a single machine and greatly increases resource utilization [21]. VMware and Citrix are the

![Fig 1.2 Virtualization: VMware ESX Server](image)
biggest providers of virtualization solutions, with 85 percent (as of August 2009) of all
installed enterprise virtual machines being VMware based [39]. Fig 1.2 shows a
simplified architecture of VMware’s enterprise level virtualization technology called
VMware ESX Server, which is bundled as a part of VMware vSphere. ESX Server is a
bare metal hypervisor i.e. it runs directly on the physical hardware and partitions it into a
number of virtual machines. Each of these virtual machines has its own processor,
memory, networking etc., and can run simultaneously, completely unaware of each other.

The Amazon Web Services (AWS) offering, Elastic Cloud (EC2) is based on Citrix
XenServer technology whereas the VMware vCloud Express is based on the VMware
vSphere virtualization technology. Both VMware vCloud Express and AmazonEC2 have
similar pricing but vCloud has more options related to instance provisioning such as
amount of RAM or number of processors assigned per instance of a virtual machine. At
present, vCloud Express offers more choices for operating system instances, in
comparison, AWS has other offerings like Amazon Simple Storage Service (S3), Virtual
Private Cloud and Simple Queue Service for which vCloud has no equivalent offerings
[40]. Cloud services are usually exposed as web services and follow industry standards
such as Web Services Description Language (WSDL), Simple Object Access Protocol
(SOAP) and Universal Description Discovery and Integration (UDDI) [38]. Since most
cloud services provide a web API, support for them can be easily added in SysFlow,
which in turn enables straight forward executable workflow composition and cloud
service orchestration.
1.3. Thesis Organization

The rest of the thesis is organized as follows. The next chapter includes topics on some of the prerequisites (SysML, XML, XPath, XQuery, Grid Computing, Cloud Computing, and Condor Batch Scheduler). In chapter 3 we discuss the SWE architecture and some of the important extensions added to the abstract semantics of SysML Activity Diagram to make it executable by SWE. The chapter also includes sections that present examples from the grid computing domain in order to discuss the steps required to orchestrate a SWE executable workflow in SysML and discuss some of the internal details of SWE. In chapter 4 conclusions are drawn and future work is discussed.
CHAPTER TWO
PREREQUISITES

2.1. Systems Modeling Language (SYSML)

SysML (Systems Modeling Language), a standard defined by the Object Management Group (OMG), is a general-purpose graphical modeling language for specifying, analyzing, designing and verifying complex systems [1]. OMG’s XMI 2.1 format and ISO’s 10303 STEP AP233 data interchange standard are the two main options for storing and exchanging SysML models. SysML is mainly designed for System Engineering applications, unlike Unified Modeling Language (UML) which focuses on

Figure 2.1: Venn Diagram, showing relationship between UML 2.0 and SysML
Software Engineering. SysML is a profile of UML 2.0 and adds its own diagrams as highlighted by the Venn diagram in the figure 2.2.

The Requirement Diagram and the Parametric Diagram are the two new diagram types added by SysML. SysML reuses Sequence Diagram, State Machine Diagram, Use Case Diagram and Package Diagram from UML 2.0 without any changes. The Activity Diagram, Block Definition Diagram and Internal Block Diagram are also reused from UML 2.0 but with certain modifications.

The SysML taxonomy is shown in the figure 2.2. Behavior Diagram, Requirement Diagram, Structure Diagram and Parametric Diagram types are the four pillars of OMG SysML.

![OMG SysML Diagram Taxanomy](http://www.omgsysml.org/)

Figure 2.2: OMG SysML Diagram Taxonomy. Picture credit :http://www.omgsysml.org/

*Behavior Diagrams:*
• **Activity Diagram**: An Activity Diagram shows the flow from one activity to another. An Activity consists of one or more actions. An action may include calling an operation, sending a signal, any kind of computation, such as evaluating an expression [30].

• **Sequence Diagram**: A Sequence Diagram mainly shows interaction between objects in the order in which they occur i.e. in sequential order. A sequence diagram focuses on the time ordering of messages. In a typical sequence diagram the objects are arranged along the X-axis and messages are ordered in terms of increasing time along the Y axis.

• **State Machine Diagram**: A State Machine Diagram shows the flow of control from one state to another. A state is a situation or condition in the behavior of a system when a condition holds true.

• **Use Case Diagram**: Use Case Diagrams shows a set of use cases and actors and their relationships [30].

**Structure Diagram**

• **Block Definition Diagram**: A BDD describes the system hierarchy and system/component specification. It describes the relationship between blocks such as composition, association, and specialization.

• **Internal Block Diagram**: An Internal Block Diagram shows the internal structure of a block or the relationship between its constituent parts.
• **Parametric Diagram**: Parametric Diagrams show the parametric constraints between the structural elements. They use the constraint blocks of Block Definition Diagram to constrain the properties of other blocks.

• **Package Diagram**: A Package Diagram shows the organization of a model in terms of packages, views and viewpoints.

*Requirement Diagram*

A Requirement Diagram shows system requirements and their relationship with other elements [1].

### 2.2. Extensible Markup Language

Extensible Markup Language (XML) is a subset of Standard Generalized Markup Language (SGML). XML is a simple, very flexible text format and its goal is to enable generic SGML to be served, received and processed on the web in the way that is now possible with HTML [31]. XML is useful not only for describing documents for the web but also for describing structured data. XML can easily represent tabular data as well as semi-structured data such as web page or business document. XML is platform independent and not limited to any programming language, operating system, or software [32].

An XML document that satisfies all the syntax rules provided in the specification is called well-formed. In addition, a well-formed XML document is said to be valid if it has a reference to a valid DTD/XML schema and it conforms to the referenced DTD/XML
schema. Below is the example of a well-formed and valid XML. The XML schema called

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<SoftwareRepository xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
soft.xsd"
         xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
  <Software>
    <Author>Vikas Patel</Author>
    <Title>Sysflow Workflow Engine</Title>
    <Type>Free</Type>
  </Software>
  <Software>
    <Author>Vikas Patel</Author>
    <Title>SiteWriter for Pegasus Workflow Engine</Title>
    <Type>Free</Type>
  </Software>
</SoftwareRepository>
```

Listing 2.1: An XML document

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
    xmlns:ns1="http://www.vikaspatel.org/vp"
    targetNamespace="http://www.vikaspatel.org/vp"
    elementFormDefault="qualified" attributeFormDefault="unqualified">
  <xs:element name="SoftwareRepository">
    <xs:annotation>
      <xs:documentation>The Software Repository holds the list of software and their authors</xs:documentation>
    </xs:annotation>
    <xs:complexType>
      <xs:sequence>
        <xs:element name="Software" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
          <xs:complexType>
            <xs:sequence>
              <xs:element name="Author"/>
              <xs:element name="Title"/>
              <xs:element name="Type"/>
            </xs:sequence>
          </xs:complexType>
        </xs:element>
      </xs:sequence>
    </xs:complexType>
  </xs:element>
</xs:schema>
```

Listing 2.2: An XML Schema for XML document in listing 2.1
“soft.xsd” given in listing 2.2 defines the elements of the xml document in the listing 2.1.

XML supports the use of Unicode characters other than the characters that are reserved by XML itself such as >, <, etc. Therefore, the XML containing Hindi characters in the listing 2.3 is well-formed.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<hindi-gaan>
  <gaana>दिल है की मानता नहीं।</gaana>
  <gaana>मेरा नाम जोकर</gaana>
</hindi-gaan>
```

Listing 2.3: A well formed XML document with Hindi Unicode characters.

### 2.3. XML Path Language (XPath)

XML Path Language (XPath) is used to search and retrieve elements or attributes from an XML document. XPath includes numerous built-in functions that can be used for comparison and manipulation of strings, numbers and booleans. Xpath conforms to the XQuery/XPath Data Model (XDM) [9].

The XPath expressions below operate on the XML in listing 2.4. The results are given below the expressions and also highlighted in the listing 2.4. The prefix aws refers to the “http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2009-04-04/” namespace

- **XPath Expression**: /aws:DescribeInstancesResponse
  - **Result**: Selects the root element Selects DescribeInstancesResponse. The selected node is highlighted in blue in the listing 2.4.
• **XPath Expression**: /aws:DescribeInstancesResponse/aws:requestId/text()

**Result**: Selects text value of the requestId element which is the child of DescribeInstancesResponse. The selected text value “f1402336-220c-47c2-87b6-d50675a03d25” is highlighted in red in the listing 2.4.

```xml
  <requestId>f1402336-220c-47c2-87b6-d50675a03d25</requestId>
  <instancesSet>
    <item>
      <instanceId>i-b957dad2</instanceId>
      <imageId>ami-cb13fe2</imageId>
      <instanceState>
        <code>16</code>
        <name>running</name>
      </instanceState>
      <privateDnsName>domU-12-31-39-0F-85-17.compute-1.internal</privateDnsName>
      <dnsName>ec2-184-73-100-202.compute-1.amazonaws.com</dnsName>
    </item>
    <item>
      <instanceId>i-bf57dad4</instanceId>
      <imageId>ami-cb13fe2</imageId>
      <instanceState>
        <code>16</code>
        <name>running</name>
      </instanceState>
      <privateDnsName>domU-12-31-39-0B-25-87.compute-1.internal</privateDnsName>
      <dnsName>ec2-204-236-201-84.compute-1.amazonaws.com</dnsName>
    </item>
  </instancesSet>
</DescribeInstancesResponse>

Listing 2.4: An XML document, highlighting element/values selected by the XPath expressions in section 2.3.

• **XPath Expression**:

/aws:DescribeInstancesResponse/aws:instancesSet/aws:item[2]/aws:instanceState/aws:code/text()
Result: Selects the text value of “instanceState” element which is the child of the second “item”. The result text “16” is highlighted in green in the listing 2.4.

2.4. XML Query Language (XQuery)

XQuery is a language used to query XML data. The queries in XQuery are concise and easy to understand; it can also a query broad range of XML information sources, including both databases and documents. XQuery operates on the abstract, logical structure of an XML document known as a data model defined in XQuery/XPath Data Model (XDM) [10]. XQuery is compatible with other W3C standards such as XML, Namespaces, XSLT, XPath and XML Schema. Listing 2.5 shows an example involving XQuery usage. The content of file vp2.xml used by the XQuery expression is shown in

```xml
  <dns>{ for $x in doc("vp2.xml") return $x/aws:DescribeInstancesResponse/aws:privateDnsName}</dns>
  <firstImageId/></firstImageId>
</InstanceInfo>
```

Listing 2.5: XQuery Example

```xml
  <dns>
    <privateDnsName xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2009-04-04">domU-12-31-39-0F-85-17.compute-1.internal</privateDnsName>
    <privateDnsName xmlns="http://ec2.amazonaws.com/doc/2009-04-04">domU-12-31-39-0B-25-87.compute-1.internal</privateDnsName>
  </dns>
  <firstImageId/>
</InstanceInfo>
```

Listing 2.6: XML obtained as a result of evaluating XQuery in listing 2.5
2.5. Grid Computing

Grid computing is a combination of computer resources from multiple administrative domains, shown in figure 2.3. The grid infrastructure allows large scale scientific applications to run on distributed resources. A grid consists of a number of Virtual Organizations (VO). A set of individuals and/or institutions defined by certain sharing rules form a VO. The sharing includes not only file exchange but rather direct access to computer, software, data and other resources as required by a range of collaborative
problem solving and resource-brokering strategies. The sharing is usually highly controlled by resource providers and consumers who clearly define what can be shared, who can share and under what conditions. [26]. There are number of grid middleware such as Globus Toolkit [26] and NoduGrid Middleware [35]. The Open Science Grid (OSG) [36] and TeraGrid [37] are some of the popular grid initiatives in the United States.

2.6. Cloud Computing

Cloud computing provides on-demand access to computational resources; it allows users to scale up and scale down their capacity as requirements change. Users don’t have to invest in a new infrastructure, bother about maintenance or license new software.

Fig 2.4 Comparison of Cloud Computing & Grid Computing in Google Trends
Since cloud computing is dynamically scalable, it allows users to draw as much computing power required on a per hour basis and therefore as demand for computational power, storage, or network capacity increases or diminishes, these resources can be easily added or subtracted. Cloud computing has incorporated the basic technologies of grid computing, utility computing, elastic computing and software as a service [33]. Cloud computing has become a popular technology in recent years due to its ability to provide on demand access to computational and storage resources. Fig 2.4 shows that in recent years, the popularity of cloud computing has surpassed grid computing. One of the main concerns associated with cloud computing is security. Many users are unwilling and unsure about hosting their data and applications on third-party infrastructure. In some cases, users are concerned about the location where their applications/data are hosted, since the laws of the host country applies to data/application hosted in that country.

Some of the popular Cloud computing providers are Amazon Elastic Cloud, Google App Engine, Eucalyptus, VMware vCloud and Windows Azure from Microsoft.

### 2.7. Condor Batch Scheduling System

Condor is a high-throughput distributed batch-scheduling system. Condor provides job management, scheduling policy, priority scheme, resource management and resource monitoring [34] Condor is designed for high throughput and opportunistic computing. High throughput computing involves the use of computational resources over long periods of time to solve a computational problem, whereas opportunistic computing
ensures the effective utilization of resources whenever they are available, without requiring one hundred percent availability.

Condor helps to make use of idle resources; it allows submission of multiple jobs at once allowing tremendous amounts of computation to be done with very little intervention from the user. Condor can be used on networks of various sizes, on a single machine. Condor executes the submitted job when the machine is idle, saves the state of the job when the machine becomes busy due user interaction and resumes the execution once resources are available again. It also restarts the job if the machine reboots. On a dedicated cluster condor behaves as a cluster submission tool.
3.1. Architecture of the SysFlow Workflow Engine

SWE is a Java-based Workflow Engine that executes workflows modeled in SysML. Figure 3.1 shows the general architecture of SWE, the dashed boxes indicate the domains for which support is planned but currently not implemented. Users create workflow models using modeling tools such as Topcased. Topcased is an open source visual modeling tool and supports many modeling languages including UML and SysML.

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Fig. 3.1. A simplistic architecture of the SysFlow Workflow Engine (SWE)
Topcased supports limited validation of SysML Activity Diagrams and can save models in OMG XMI [3] format. OMG’s XMI 2.1 format and ISO’s 10303 STEP AP233 data interchange standard are the two main options for storing and exchanging SysML models. The majority of the SysML/UML modeling tools such as Topcased, IBM Rational Software Architect, and ARTiSAN Studio support the XMI format. The workflow in XMI format is then passed to SWE, where it is first parsed and validated before being executed.

SWE is extensible and support for related or new domains can be easily added.

Fig. 3.2. Block definition diagram of the Cloud Comuting Domain (SWE). The block diagram does not show all the operations for brevity.
The supported domains can be seamlessly integrated into a single workflow. Consider a scenario, wherein a researcher has a local Condor [18] pool of 50 nodes and requires another 300 nodes to finish the submitted jobs in a reasonable time. Also assume that the results of the jobs should be saved on a local database. The researcher can make use of the AmazonEC2 [19] cloud from the Cloud Computing [21] domain to add another 300 nodes to his Condor pool and use the database adapter from the general purpose computing domain to save the results onto a local database. All this can be done seamlessly in the same workflow.

The domain systems and features supported by the SysFlow Workflow Engine (SWE) are modeled and available to the users as Block Definition Diagram (BDD). The users modeling the workflow use these predefined block definition diagrams to discover the services and operations available to them. Fig. 3.2 shows the BDD for the Cloud Computing Domain. At present SWE includes limited support for the cloud computing domain, in particular it supports the AmazonEC2 cloud and Eucalyptus [20] based private computing clouds. The general purpose computing domain support includes features such as reading/writing files, logging and database support, which do not fit into any particular domain.

### 3.2. SWE Workflow Semantics

The abstract semantics of the SysML Activity diagram are not sufficient to accurately describe a domain specific executable workflow. Extensions are added and constraints are imposed on the actual semantics of the activity diagram to make it a
suitable executable model for SWE. Some of these extensions and constraints are listed below.

- Every Action node of an Activity should have a unique name. Furthermore an Action node can have at most one input pin and one output pin excluding the target pin, in the case of a Call Operation Action node. The UML 2.0 specification defines a pin as a typed element and multiplicity element that provides values to actions, and accepts result values from them. An input pin is a pin that holds the input values to be consumed by an action, whereas an output pin is a pin that holds the values produced by an action [2].

- An output pin can send only Extensible Markup Language (XML) data and similarly an input pin can receive only XML. If an action does not have an input or output pin, the corresponding input or output is null.

- An Action node is considered as an execution step. The input and output of an Action node are treated as XML variables and are created when the Action node receives a token (XML data) and when it returns a result respectively. The scope of these variables is limited to the current activity.

- The Call Operation Action is used to call an operation or invoke a service in a specific domain system. The predefined BDD defines the domain systems and services currently supported by SWE. However, the BDD does not describe the XML structure of the input or the output. This is taken care by the XML schema’s, which are made available to the user along with the BDD.
• XPath [9] or XQuery [10] expressions can be used to select element or attribute from an XML variable.

• XQuery Boolean expressions can be used as a guard condition for edges and as decision input for decision nodes.

• Every SWE SysML model should have one Activity Diagram with name “Main”. When a SysML model is executed with SWE, it starts with the Main activity and then executes the other activities as required.

A call operation action uses the target pin to specify the target object to which the request is sent; this object constitutes the context of the execution of the operation [2].

The type of target pin should be same as the type that owns the operation. In Fig. 3.3 the nodes DescribeImages and RunInstances are call operation actions. The target pins are of the type AmazonEC2; this indicates that the DescribeImages and RunInstances requests are sent to the AmazonEC2 domain.

3.3. SWE Workflow Example 1

In this section, an example that involves running virtual machine (VM) instances on the Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (AmazonEC2) is introduced. This example demonstrates the behavior of SWE and discusses the steps required to compose a workflow for SWE. AmazonEC2 is a web service that provides elastic compute capacity in the computing cloud; it allows users to quickly scale up or scale down their computing capacity as requirements change [19].
Fig. 3.3. A simple SWE executable workflow using OMG SysML Activity Diagram. The workflow fetches the list of images owned by a user and then runs an instance of the first image on AmazonEC2 cloud.

Fig. 3.3. shows a very simple SWE executable workflow modeled using SysML Activity diagram. The only thing the workflow does is to fetch a list of VM images owned by a user and then send a request to AmazonEC2 to boot the first VM image in the list. In this workflow, the initial node and the final node, like the name suggests, indicate the start and end of the workflow. Opaque actions are type of actions that include implementation specific information. The opaque action, CreateInputDescribeImages, creates XML input for the DescribeImages action. The DescribeImages action is a Call Operation action, which invokes the DescribeImages operation of the AmazonEC2 domain.

On seeing an AmazonEC2 DescribeImages operation call, SWE composes a request message using the XML input and sends a request to the AmazonEC2 server to get a list of images owned by the user. SWE then stores the XML version of the response in the output variable of DescribeImages action. The input variable of DescribeImages is
referred to as $DescribeImagesRequest, the output as $DescribeImageResponse and the special variable which is created on error and holds an error response is referred to as $DescribeImageErrorResponse. The RunInstances Operation runs one or more instances of an image on the cloud. To start one or more instances, it requires the id of the image to launch (ImageId), the minimum number of instances to launch (MinCount), and the maximum number of instances to launch (MaxCount). The Opaque action CreateInputRunInstances is responsible for providing this information. The user enters this information in the Body property of CreateInputRunInstances action, below is the sample XML data.

```xml
<Input>
  <ImageId>
    {($DescribeImagesResponse//ImageId)[1]/text()}
  </ImageId>
  <MinCount>1</MinCount>
  <MaxCount>1</MaxCount>
</Input>
```

In the above XML, the curly braces indicate that the value of /Input/ImageId element is not a literal but an expression to be evaluated. The XQuery expression “($DescribeImagesResponse//ImageId)[1]” first searches for the list of ImageId elements in the $DescribeImagesResponse variable and then picks the first “ImageId” element.
from the list and returns its text value. When SWE finishes the execution of
CreateInputRunInstances, it wraps the above XML in

```
<CreateInputRunInstancesResponse> </CreateInputRunInstancesResponse>
```

and copies it into the $CreateInputRunInstancesResponse variable. The XML below shows the
possible contents of the $CreateInputRunInstancesResponse variable.

```
<CreateInputRunInstancesResponse>
 <Input>
  <ImageId>ami-dd59b8b</ImageId>
  <MinCount>1</MinCount>
  <MaxCount>1</MaxCount>
 </Input>
</CreateInputRunInstancesResponse>
```

Currently, there is a limited support for XQuery built into SWE. However SWE
has a number of inbuilt functions that can be used for simple to complex data
manipulations. For instance, SWE has a function called
cirg:GetElementData(variableName, Xpath-Expression) that could have been used to
retrieve the required ImageId value from $DescribeImagesResponse. The SWE custom
function support, allows users to create and make available to SWE at runtime almost
anything they can code in Java as SWE functions.
3.4. SWE Workflow Example 2

In this section, an example that involves starting Condor [18] worker nodes on the Amazon EC2 cloud and adding them to the local Condor pool is introduced. Fig. 3.4 shows a Condor pool which has worker nodes on the local network as well as on Amazon EC2 cloud. The SWE workflow to achieve the configuration shown in Fig 3.4 consists of three SysML Activity Diagrams as shown in Figs. 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7.

Fig. 3.4. A Condor pool with some worker nodes on the cloud. All the worker nodes report to the Condor Collector.

Fig 3.5. A SysML SWE workflow which starts VMs on the AmazonEC2 cloud, waits for them to boot and then calls the sub-process in figure 3.7.
The workflow discussed in this section is fairly simplified and does not include

Fig. 3.6. A SysML SWE executable activity, which checks a specified number of times, every few minutes, if all virtual machines have finished booting or not.

Fig. 3.7. A SysML SWE executable activity diagram responsible for setting up Condor on virtual machines on the Amazon EC2 cloud.

The workflow discussed in this section is fairly simplified and does not include
any kind of error checking or error handling. The Activity Diagram in Fig. 3.5 is the “Main” activity diagram of the workflow and therefore the entry point with which SWE begins execution. In this Activity Diagram, the createRunInstancesInput opaque action and RunInstances call operation action are responsible for starting VMs on the AmazonEC2 cloud.

The createRunInstancesInput node creates an XML message for RunInstances node, which in turn is responsible for composing a SOAP request, using this message and sending a webservice request to AmazonEC2 cloud to start virtual machine instances. The flow then reaches the createDelayActivityInput opaque action node which creates an xml variable containing the following information.

```xml
<Input>
  <retryCount>10</retryCount>
  <delay>120000</delay>
  <instanceIdList>{$RunInstancesResponse/item/instanceId}</instanceIdList>
</Input>
```

This XML variable is then passed to the Delay CallBehaviorAction node which calls the DelayActivity activity, with the xml variable it received as the input parameter. The DelayActivity activity first waits for “x” seconds, as specified by delay element of the input parameter and then sends a DescribeInstances request (which specifies the instanceId’s of virtual machine instances which were started by the Main activity) to the AmazonEC2 cloud. It then checks if the total number of instances returned by the previous call is equal to the total number of instances whose status is set to “running”. If
this is true, all virtual machine instances have finished booting and are ready to use; otherwise, the activity decrements the retry count and repeats the process again until retry count becomes zero or all virtual machine instances reach the running state. The Delay node is a OpaqueAction node, which uses the custom XPath function cirg:sleep(milliseconds) to make the process sleep for specified number of milliseconds. The body of the Delay node is as below:

```
<Input>
  <delay>{cirg:sleep($DelayActivityInputXML/delay/text())}</delay>
</Input>
```

The setupCondor node is a Call Behavior Action node and it calls the Activity Diagram setupCondorActivity shown in Fig.3.6. The setupCondorActivity Activity Diagram uses the DescribeInstancesInput and DescribeInstances to fetch the information about the instances running on the cloud. The createSFTPInput Opaque action and the startSFTPSerialConnection CallOperationAction nodes are responsible for copying the Condor setup and configuration script files to the VMs, information about which was obtained from the previous callOperationAction call. Below is a sample input to the startSFTPSerialConnection.

```
<Input>
  <Host>ec2-184-73-6-96.compute-1.amazonaws.com</Host>
  <Host>ec2-184-73-7-93.compute-1.amazonaws.com</Host>
</Input>
```
The startSFTPSerialConnection node can transfer files to multiple VMs provided they are instances of the same image or use the same credentials. The createSSHInput and startSSHSerialConnections nodes are responsible for establishing SSH connections to the VMs and running the setup and configure scripts which were copied to the VMs by the previous action nodes. After this step the Condor daemons on the VMs report to the Condor Collector and are ready to accept jobs. The Final node marks the end of the sub-process and the control is transferred back to the Main Activity Diagram which terminates following the Final node.
CHAPTER FOUR

CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORK

This thesis introduced SWE to execute workflows related to the Grid Computing domain and described in SysML. SWE provides a common interface to all the supported grid/cyberinfrastructure software and resources; it saves the users from the intricacies and quirks associated in dealing with multiple grid software. The thesis also demonstrated that by adding simple extensions to the SysML Activity Diagram, it could be made executable by SWE. Steps required to create and execute a simple workflow on SWE were illustrated with two examples.

Currently, better support for error handling, XQuery, parallel execution and validation needs to be added. Work is also under way to improve the support for the Cloud Computing domain and adding support for the VMware vCloud, Globus Toolkit and the Condor batch scheduler. Future work includes adding support to more grid-related software and extending the support to other domains. Future work also includes developing a SWE plugin for Topcased that can determine the input required by a node by referring to the corresponding XML schema and provide a user interface for the user to enter the values. This would save the user from typing XML. The SWE plugin would also support creating complex XML transformation by drag and drop feature. This would minimize the need to write complex XPath/XQuery expressions. Another feature planned is to develop a web-based visual monitoring tool or a plugin for Topcased, which would show the current execution in real time. The tool will also display the workflow being
executed with suitable annotation and coloring, highlighting the parts that finished
execution (with input and output data received, time consumed at each node) and parts
that are pending execution
APPENDICES
Appendix A

SWE Miscellaneous Topics

Figure A-1.1: Screenshot of the Topcased Modeler.

Figure A-1.2: SWE output on the console, on executing a workflow.
A sample SWE Workflow in XMI format is given below. This workflow is parsed and executed by SWE.

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<uml:Model xmi:version="2.1" xmlns:xmi="http://schema.omg.org/spec/XMI/2.1"
xmlns.ecore="http://www.eclipse.org/emf/2002/Ecore"
xmlns:sysML="http://www.topcased.org/2.0/sysML"
xmlns:uml="http://www.eclipse.org/uml2/3.0.0/UML"
xmi:id="idModel" name="test3Model">
  <ownedComment xmi:type="uml:Comment" xmi:id="_98OjIBYHEd-nTpeT6OuvbQ">
    <body>SSH inputXML
      <HostName>
        {($DescribeInstancesResponse//PublicDnsName)[2]}
      </HostName>
      <HostName>
        {($DescribeInstancesResponse//PublicDnsName)[1]}
      </HostName>
      <ShellCommand>
        unzip condor.zip && amph; ./condor2.sh
      </ShellCommand>
      <KeyFile>
        D:/vikas/891 RESEARCH/condor.pem
      </KeyFile>
      <LocalFileName>
        D:/vikas/891 RESEARCH/condor-ec2/condor.zip
      </LocalFileName>
      <RemotePath>
        /root
      </RemotePath>
      <Permissions>
        0777
      </Permissions>
      <User>
        root
      </User>
      </body>
    </ownedComment>
  </ownedComment>
  <packageImport xmi:type="uml:PackageImport" xmi:id="_MdKiMBX2Ed-nTpeT6OuvbQ">
    <importedPackage href="/pathmap://UML_LIBRARIES/UMLPrimitiveTypes.library.uml#0"/>
  </packageImport>
  <packagedElement xmi:type="uml:Activity" xmi:id="idActivity" name="Main">
    <body>Comment1</body>
  </ownedComment>
  <variable xmi:type="uml:Variable" xmi:id="_HbD2EBX9Ed-nTpeT6OuvbQ" name="var1">
    <type xmi:type="uml:PrimitiveType"
      href="/pathmap://UML_LIBRARIES/UMLPrimitiveTypes.library.uml#String"/>
  </variable>
  <node xmi:type="uml:InitialNode" xmi:id="_3rZH8BXrEd-nTpeT6OuvbQ" name="InitialNode1"
    outgoing="_d2dNcBXvEd-nTpeT6OuvbQ"/>
  <node xmi:type="uml:ActivityFinalNode" xmi:id="_6QQRyYBxrEd-nTpeT6OuvbQ"
    name="ActivityFinalNode1" incoming="_F7gVkBvCEEd-nTpeT6OuvbQ"/>
  <node xmi:type="uml:OpaqueAction" xmi:id="_IPuoBXrEd-nTpeT6OuvbQ"
    name="createRunInstancesInput" incoming="_d2dNcBXvEd-nTpeT6OuvbQ"/>
  <outputValue xmi:type="uml:OutputPin" xmi:id="_aqhAeBXwEd-nTpeT6OuvbQ"
    name="outputXML" outgoing="_aqhAeBXwEd-nTpeT6OuvbQ"/>
</body>
</uml:Model>
```
<type xmi:type="uml:PrimitiveType" href="pathmap://UML_LIBRARIES/UMLPrimitiveTypes.library.uml#String"/>
<upperBound xmi:type="uml:LiteralUnlimitedNatural" xmi:id="_Xr2P4RXwed-nTpeT6OuvbQ" value="***"/>
</outputValue>
<body>&lt;ImageId" pathmap://UML_LIBRARIES/UMLPrimitiveTypes.library.uml#String"/>
<argument xmi:type="uml:InputPin" xmi:id="_PVJDoBXwed-nTpeT6OuvbQ" name="inputXML" visibility="public" incoming="_aqhAeBXwed-nTpeT6OuvbQ"
<type xmi:type="uml:PrimitiveType" href="pathmap://UML_LIBRARIES/UMLPrimitiveTypes.library.uml#String"/>
<upperBound xmi:type="uml:LiteralUnlimitedNatural" xmi:id="_OkebsRXwed-nTpeT6OuvbQ" value="**"/>
</argument>
</node>
< nodes xmi:type="uml:CallOperationAction" xmi:id="_f2rYwBXvEd-nTpeT6OuvbQ" name="RunInstances" operation="_T7YckBXvEd-nTpeT6OuvbQ">
<argument xmi:type="uml:InputPin" xmi:id="_PVJDoBXwed-nTpeT6OuvbQ" name="inputXML" visibility="public" incoming="_aqhAeBXwed-nTpeT6OuvbQ"
<type xmi:type="uml:PrimitiveType" href="pathmap://UML_LIBRARIES/UMLPrimitiveTypes.library.uml#String"/>
<upperBound xmi:type="uml:LiteralUnlimitedNatural" xmi:id="_OkebsRXwed-nTpeT6OuvbQ" value="**"/>
</argument>
</node>
<inputValue xmi:type="uml:InputPin" xmi:id="_UYpqcRaYEd--GfqQ0FyhCA" name="inputXML" incoming="_xJ28gBYKEd-nTpeT6OuvbQ"/>
<type xmi:type="uml:PrimitiveType"
href="pathmap://UML_LIBRARIES/UMLPrimitiveTypes.library.uml#String"/>
<upperBound xmi:type="uml:LiteralUnlimitedNatural" xmi:id="_UYpqchaYEd--GfqQ0FyhCA" value="/LocalFileName condor.zip"/>
</inputValue>

<outputValue xmi:type="uml:OutputPin" xmi:id="_UYpqcxYaYEd--GfqQ0FyhCA" name="outputXML" outgoing="_6cWg4BbhEd-apKQ1plajsw"/>
<type xmi:type="uml:PrimitiveType"
href="pathmap://UML_LIBRARIES/UMLPrimitiveTypes.library.uml#String"/>
<upperBound xmi:type="uml:LiteralUnlimitedNatural" xmi:id="_UYpqdBaYEd--GfqQ0FyhCA" value="/KeyFile RESEARCH/condor.pem"/>
</outputValue>

<body>&lt;HostName&gt;{($DescribeInstancesResponse//PublicDnsName)[1]/text()}&lt;/HostName&gt;&amp;xD;&amp;xA;&lt;HostName&gt;{($DescribeInstancesResponse//PublicDnsName)[2]/text()}&lt;/HostName&gt;&amp;xD;&amp;xA;&lt;ShellCommand&gt;unzip condor.zip &amp;amp;&amp;amp;amp;amp;amp;&lt;/condor2.sh.&lt;/ShellCommand&gt;&amp;xD;&amp;xA;&lt;KeyFile&gt;D:/vikas/891 RESEARCH/condor.pem&amp;lt;/KeyFile&gt;&amp;xD;&amp;xA;&lt;LocalFileName&gt;D:/vikas/891 RESEARCH/condor-ec2/condor.zip&amp;lt;/LocalFileName&gt;&amp;xD;&amp;xA;&lt;RemotePath&gt;/root&amp;lt;/RemotePath&gt;&amp;xD;&amp;xA;&lt;Permissions&gt;0777&amp;lt;/Permissions&gt;&amp;xD;&amp;xA;&amp;lt;User&gt;root&amp;lt;/User&gt;&lt;/body&gt;

</node>
<node xmi:type="uml:CallOperationAction" xmi:id="_bi6cQBaZEd--GfqQ0FyhCA" name="startSFTPSerialConnections" operation="_B9zQQBYKEEd-nTpeT6OuvbQ"
<xmi:id xmi:id="_fA1UoBaZEd--GfqQ0FyhCA" name="inputXML" incoming="_6cWg4BbhEd-apKQ1plajsw"/>
<type xmi:type="uml:PrimitiveType"
href="pathmap://UML_LIBRARIES/UMLPrimitiveTypes.library.uml#String"/>
<upperBound xmi:type="uml:LiteralUnlimitedNatural" xmi:id="_fA1UoRaZEd--GfqQ0FyhCA" value="/LocalFileName condor.zip"/>
</argument>

<result xmi:type="uml:OutputPin" xmi:id="_fA3J0BaZEd--GfqQ0FyhCA" name="outputXML" outgoing="_up1CyBaZEd--GfqQ0FyhCA"/>
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href="pathmap://UML_LIBRARIES/UMLPrimitiveTypes.library.uml#String"/>
<upperBound xmi:type="uml:LiteralUnlimitedNatural" xmi:id="_fA3J0RaZEd--GfqQ0FyhCA" value=""/>
</result>
<node xmi:type="uml:OpaqueAction" xmi:id="_GWgNcBbcEd-apKQ1plajsw" name="createDescribeInstancesInput" incoming="_67caEBYEEEd-nTpeT6OuvbQ"
<xmi:id xmi:id="_6AqcsBbcEd-apKQ1plajsw" name="outputXML" outgoing="_QMflsBbdEd-apKQ1plajsw"/>
<type xmi:type="uml:PrimitiveType"
href="pathmap://UML_LIBRARIES/UMLPrimitiveTypes.library.uml#String"/>
<upperBound xmi:type="uml:LiteralUnlimitedNatural" xmi:id="_6AqcsRbcEd-apKQ1plajsw" value=""/>
</outputValue>
</node>
&lt;KeyFilePass&gt;&amp;#xD;
&amp;lt;ShellCommand&gt;&lt;/body&gt;
  &lt;/ownedComment&gt;
  &lt;ownedParameter xmi:type="uml:Parameter" xmi:id="_t8kBcBYHEd-nTpeT6OuvbQ"
name="inputXML"&gt;
    &lt;type xmi:type="uml:PrimitiveType"
href="pathmap://UML_LIBRARIES/UMLPrimitiveTypes.library.uml#String"/&gt;
  &lt;/ownedParameter&gt;
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name="outputXML" direction="out"&gt;
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href="pathmap://UML_LIBRARIES/UMLPrimitiveTypes.library.uml#String"/&gt;
  &lt;/ownedParameter&gt;
&lt;/ownedOperation&gt;
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name="startSFTPSerialConnections"&gt;
  &lt;ownedParameter xmi:type="uml:Parameter" xmi:id="_B9zQQRYKEd-nTpeT6OuvbQ"
name="inputXML"&gt;
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href="pathmap://UML_LIBRARIES/UMLPrimitiveTypes.library.uml#String"/&gt;
  &lt;/ownedParameter&gt;
  &lt;ownedParameter xmi:type="uml:Parameter" xmi:id="_B9zQQhYKEd-nTpeT6OuvbQ"
name="outputXML" direction="out"&gt;
    &lt;type xmi:type="uml:PrimitiveType"
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  &lt;/ownedParameter&gt;
&lt;/ownedOperation&gt;
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name="startSSHParallelConnections"&gt;
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name="inputXML"/&gt;
  &lt;ownedParameter xmi:type="uml:Parameter" xmi:id="_YDoishZ9Ed--GfqQ0FyhCA"
name="outputXML" direction="out"/&gt;
  &lt;/ownedOperation&gt;
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&lt;/packagedElement&gt;
&lt;/profileApplication xmi:type="uml:ProfileApplication" xmi:id="idProfileApplication"&gt;
  &lt;/eAnnotations xmi:type="ecore:EAnnotation" xmi:id="idProfileAnnotation"
source="http://www.eclipse.org/uml2/2.0.0/UML"&gt;
  &lt;references xmi:type="ecore:EPackage"
href="/.../plugin/org.topcased.modeler.sysml/templates/activitydiagram/profile/SysMLActivityExtensionsProfile.uml#ProfileContentId"/&gt;
&lt;/eAnnotations&gt;
<appliedProfile xmi:type="uml:Profile" href="../..../plugin/org.topcased.modeler.sysml/templates/activitydiagram/profile/SysMLActivityExtensionsProfile.uml#ActivityProfileId"/>
</profileApplication>
</uml:Model>
Appendix B

SWE Java Classes

This section contains some of the important classes of the SysFlow workflow Engine.

Main.java

```java
package edu.clemson;
import java.io.IOException;
import org.jdom.JDOMException;
import org.jdom.input.SAXBuilder;
import org.jdom.Document;
import org.jdom.Element;
import org.jdom.Namespace;
import org.jdom.Attribute;
import java.util.List;
import java.util.Iterator;
public class Main extends SysMLFlowModel{
    private SAXBuilder builder=null;
    private Element activityList[]=null;
    private Element blockList[]=null;

    public static void main(String[] arg) {
        try {
            Main mainProcess=new Main();
            String filename;
            if(arg!=null && arg.length>0)
                filename=arg[0];
            else
                System.out.println("ERROR: SWE Workflow not specified");
            return;
        }
        mainProcess.startProcessing(filename);
    }
    catch(JDOMException e) {
        e.printStackTrace();
    }
    catch(IOException e) {
        e.printStackTrace();
    }
```
catch(Exception e) {
    e.printStackTrace();
}

private void startProcessing(String filename) throws JDOMException, IOException, Exception {
    SAXBuilder builder = new SAXBuilder();
    Document doc = builder.build(filename);
    Element rootElement = doc.getRootElement();
    setCorrectXMIVersion(rootElement);
    blockList = getPackagedElement(rootElement, "sysML:Block");

    activityList = getPackagedElement(rootElement, "uml:Activity");

    if (activityList == null && blockList == null) System.out.println("Severe Error: Workflow is in incorrect format");
    else System.out.println("Success");

    SysMLFlowBlock blockAnalysis = new SysMLFlowBlock(blockList, getXMIVersion());
    SysMLFlowActivity activityAnalyzer = new SysMLFlowActivity(activityList, getXMIVersion());

    activityAnalyzer.startProcessing(blockAnalysis.getOperationHashMap());

    //activityAnalyzer.startProcessing(activity);

    // listChildren(rootElement, 0);
    // System.out.println("The element is " + rootElement.getText());
}

private Element[] getPackagedElement(Element rootElement, String nameWithNamespace) {
    List list = rootElement.getChild("packagedElement").getChildren("packagedElement");
    Iterator iterator = list.iterator();
    Element result[] = new Element[list.size()];
    int resultCounter = 0;

    while (iterator.hasNext()) {
        Element child = (Element) iterator.next();
        result[resultCounter++] = child;
    }
    return result;
}
if(child.getAttributeValue("type",getXMINamespace()).equals(nameWithNamespace))
{
    //System.out.println("Found PackagedElement");
    result[resultCounter]=child;
    resultCounter++;
}
return result;

SysMLFlowActivity.java

package edu.clemson;
import org.jdom.Document;
import org.jdom.Element;
import org.jdom.Namespace;
import org.jdom.JDOMException;
import edu.clemson.eucalyptus.EucalyptusWrapper;
import edu.clemson.AmazonEC2.AmazonEC2Wrapper;
import edu.clemson.ssh.SSHManager;
import com.amazonaws.ec2.AmazonEC2Exception;
import java.util.List;
import java.util.HashMap;
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.Iterator;
import java.util.Map;
import java.io.IOException;
public class SysMLFlowActivity extends SysMLFlowModel
{
    private Element activityList[]=null;
    private HashMap<String,ArrayList<Element>> activityMap=new HashMap<String,ArrayList<Element>>()
    private HashMap<String,String> operationHashMap=null;
    private SysmlFlowActivityUtility activityUtility;
    private CurrentOutput currentOutput=new CurrentOutput();
    //private Map<String,String> outputValueMap=new HashMap<String,String>();
    //private String currentOutputKey;
SysMLFlowActivity(Element[] activityList, String XMIversion)
{
    System.out.println("Activity Analysis...");
    this.activityList=activityList;
    this.setXMIVersion(XMIversion);
    activityUtility=new SysmlFlowActivityUtility(getXMIVersion());
    handleMultipleActivityIntances();
}

public void handleMultipleActivityIntances()
{
    for(Element activity:activityList)
    {
        if(activity==null) break;
        //To ensure that only the activity having the name "Main" is indexed.
        //if(activity.getAttributeValue("name").equals("Main"))
        indexNodes(activity);
    }
}

/* nodes (elements) indexed against their "incoming" property */
public void indexNodes(Element activity)
{
    String activityName=activity.getAttributeValue("name");
    List list= activity.getChildren();
    Iterator iterator=list.iterator();

    //String initialNodeOutgoing=null;
    boolean first=true, isMainActivity=false;
    if(activityName.equals("Main")) isMainActivity=true;

    while(iterator.hasNext())
    {
        Element element=(Element)iterator.next();
        String incoming=element.getAttributeValue("incoming");
        String type=element.getAttributeValue("type",getXMINamespace());

        if(!isMainActivity &&
           type.split("::")[1].equals("InitialNode"))
        {
            ArrayList<Element> arrayList=new ArrayList<Element>();
            arrayList.add(element);
        }
    }
}
activityMap.put(activity.getAttributeValue("id",getXMINamespace()), arraylist);
    activityMap.put(incoming, arraylist);
}

// Detect initial node of main activity
if (incoming==null && element.getName().equals("node")
    && isMainActivity
    && type!=null && type.split(":")[1].equals("InitialNode")
    )
{
    // first=false;
    incoming="InitialNode";
    ArrayList<Element> arraylist=new ArrayList<Element>();
    arraylist.add(element);
    activityMap.put(incoming, arraylist);
    String nodeType=element.getAttributeValue("type", getXMINamespace());
    String temp[]=nodeType.split(":", 2);
    //System.out.println("(index nodes)node name is: "+temp[1]);

    // initialNodeOutgoing=element.getAttributeValue("outgoing");
    }
else if (incoming==null && element.getName().equals("edge")
    )
{
    String id=element.getAttributeValue("id", getXMINamespace());

    // if(initialNodeOutgoing!=null &&
    initialNodeOutgoing.equals(id))
    // id="InitialNode";

    String edgeId="(edge)"+id;
    ArrayList<Element> arraylist=new ArrayList<Element>();
    arraylist.add(element);
    activityMap.put(edgeId, arraylist);
}
else //other nodes
{
    if (incoming!=null)
    {
        String tempIncomings[]=incoming.split(" ");
        int size=tempIncomings.length;


for(int i=0; i<size; i++)  // if there are 2 incomings for a single element, make them 2 separate keys
{
    ArrayList<Element> storedArrayList=activityMap.get(tempIncomings[i]);
    if(storedArrayList==null)  // key is not already existing, so create a new key a element to the map
    {
        ArrayList<Element> arrayLst=new ArrayList<Element>();
        arrayLst.add(element);
        activityMap.put(tempIncomings[i], arrayLst);
    }
    else
    {
        storedArrayList.add(element);
        activityMap.remove(tempIncomings[i]);
        activityMap.put(tempIncomings[i], storedArrayList);
    }
}

// If we detect a subprocess ... index its contents
if(element.getName().equals("ownedBehavior") &&
element.getAttributeValue("type", getXMINamespace())!=null &&
(element.getAttributeValue("type", getXMINamespace())).split(":")[1].equals("Activity") )
{
    System.out.println("inside owned");
    indexNodes(element);
}

/**
 * get inside callOperation action to index
"inputPin" (argument), "outputPin (result)"
*/
String nodeType=((element.getAttributeValue("type", getXMINamespace())).split(":", 2))[1];
if(nodeType.equals("CallOperationAction"))
{
    List<Element> argList=element.getChildren("argument");
    if(argList==null) return;
    for(int i=0; i<argList.size(); i++)
    {
        Element arg=(Element)argList.get(i);
        String argIncoming=arg.getAttributeValue("incoming");
        if(argIncoming==null)
continue;

String temp[] = argIncoming.split(" ");
for (int j = 0; j < temp.length; j++)
{
    ArrayList<Element> arrayList = activityMap.get(temp[j]);
    if (arrayList == null)
        arrayList = new ArrayList<Element>();
    arrayList.add(arg);
    arrayList.add(element); // for every input pin, we also send its parent callOperationAction
    activityMap.put(temp[j], arrayList);
}
} //end of while
public void startProcessing(HashMap operationHashMap)
{
    this.operationHashMap = operationHashMap;
    String incoming = "InitialNode";
    startProcessing2(incoming);
}

private void startProcessing2(String incoming)
{
    String outgoing = null;

    //step 1: Get the nodes(elements) mapped against the incoming (key) and process it
    ArrayList<Element> elementArray = activityMap.get(incoming);
    ArrayList<String> outgoingArray = new ArrayList<String>();
    for (int i = 0; i < elementArray.size(); i++)
    {
        Element element = (Element) elementArray.get(i);
        //only node and input node can have "incoming"
        if (activityUtility.isArgumentInputPin(element) ||
            activityUtility.isInputValuePin(element))
        {
            i++;
            //because for every Input pin, we store its parent CallOperationAction in the next location.
            Element parent = (Element) elementArray.get(i);
            outgoing = elementHandler(parent);
        }
        else
        {
            outgoing = elementHandler(element);
            //System.out.println("outgoingId:" + outgoing);
        }
    }

    if (outgoing != null)
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String temp[] = outgoing.split(" ");
for (int j = 0; j < temp.length; j++)
    outgoingArray.add(temp[j]);

// step 2: look for outgoing property to select the next node,
for (int i = 0; i < outgoingArray.size(); i++)
{
    outgoing = outgoingArray.get(i);
    incoming = outgoing;
    if (incoming != null)
        startProcessing2(incoming);
}

private String elementHandler(Element element)
{
    String name = element.getName();
    String outgoingId = null;
    if (name.equals("node"))
        outgoingId = nodeHandler(element);
    /*
    else if (name.equals("ownedParameter"))
    {
        System.out.println("[%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%]");
        ownedParameterHandler(element);
    }
    else if (name.equals("edge"))
    {
        System.out.println("[%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%]");
        edgeHandler(element);
    }
    else if (name.equals("argument"))
    {
        System.out.println("[%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%]");
        argumentHandler(element);
    }
    else if (name.equals("result"))
    {
        System.out.println("[%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%]");
        resultHandler(element);
    }*/
    else
    {
        System.out.println("Error: Token "+name+" not found missed analysis.....");
    }
}
```
return outgoingId;

private String nodeHandler(Element node)
{
    String nodeType=node.getAttributeValue("type",
    getXMINamespace());
    String outgoingId=node.getAttributeValue("outgoing");
    String childNodeOutgoingId=null;

    String temp[]=nodeType.split(":", 2);
    String prefix=temp[0];
    String nodeName=temp[1];

    if(nodeName.equals("InitialNode"))
        initialNodeHandler(node);
    else if(nodeName.equals("CallOperationAction"))
        childNodeOutgoingId=callOperationActionHandler(node);
    else if(nodeName.equals("ActivityFinalNode"))
        ActivityFinalNodeHandler(node);
    else if(nodeName.equals("OpaqueAction"))
        childNodeOutgoingId=OpaqueActionNodeHandler(node);
    else if(nodeName.equals("DecisionNode"))
        DecisionNodeHandler(node);
    else if(nodeName.equals("CallBehaviorAction"))
        CallBehaviorActionHandler(node);
    else if(nodeName.equals("ownedBehavior"))
        System.out.println("Owned Behavior...not implemented");

    if(childNodeOutgoingId==null)
        return outgoingId;
    else
        return childNodeOutgoingId;
}

private void ownedParameterHandler(Element ownedParameter)
{
    String nodeType=ownedParameter.getAttributeValue("type",
    getXMINamespace());
    String temp[]=nodeType.split(":", 2);
    String prefix=temp[0];
    String nodeName=temp[1];

    if(nodeName.equals("Parameter"))
        parameterHandler(ownedParameter);
}

private void edgeHandler(Element edge)
{
    String nodeType=edge.getAttributeValue("type",
    getXMINamespace());
    //System.out.println("node type"+nodeType);
String temp[] = nodeType.split(":", 2);
String prefix = temp[0];
String nodeName = temp[1];

if (nodeName.equals("ControlFlow"))
    EdgeControlFlowHandler(edge);
else if (nodeName.equals("ObjectFlow"))
    EdgeObjectFlowHandler(edge);

private void argumentHandler(Element inputPin)
{
}

private void resultHandler(Element inputPin)
{
}

private void initialNodeHandler(Element node)
{
    System.out.println("[ACTIVITY]: starting initial node analysis:");
}

private String callOperationActionHandler(Element node)
{
    // Get the input argument information from the callOperationActionNode
    List<Element> argumentNodeList = node.getChildren("argument");
    Map<String, String> valueArgumentMap = new HashMap<String, String>();
    for (Element argument: argumentNodeList)
    {
        if (argument.getAttributeValue("type", getXMINamespace()).equals(getUMLNamespace().getPrefix() + ":" + "ValuePin"))
        {
            String name = argument.getAttributeValue("name");
            Element valueTmp = argument.getChild("value");
            if (valueTmp == null)
                break;
            String value = valueTmp.getAttributeValue("value");
            valueArgumentMap.put(name, value);
        }
    }

    String nodeName = node.getAttributeValue("name");
    System.out.println("[CallOperationAction]: Call operation action handler " + nodeName);
    String operationId = node.getAttributeValue("operation");
String operationFullNaName=operationHashMap.get(operationId);

if(operationFullNaName==null)
{
    System.out.println("\nError: Could not find the operation name in block definition diagram.\n");
    return null;
}

String[] temp=operationFullNaName.split(":",2);
String blockName=temp[0];
String operationName=temp[1];

Object obj=getExecutingObject(blockName,operationName,valueArgumentMap);
//ArrayList result=null;
String result;

if(obj instanceof EucalyptusWrapper)
{
    try
    {
        System.out.println("Eucalyptus wrapper");
        result=((EucalyptusWrapper)obj).runEucalyptusCommand(operationName);
        System.out.println("The result is:\n"+result);
    }
    catch(Exception e)
    {
        e.printStackTrace();
    }
}
else if(obj instanceof SSHManager)
{
    System.out.println("SSH Manager...");
    try
    {
        ((SSHManager)obj).startSession();
    }
    catch(JDOMException e)
    {
        e.printStackTrace();
    }
    catch(IOException e)
    {
        e.printStackTrace();
    }
catch(Exception e)
{
    e.printStackTrace();
}

else if(obj instanceof AmazonEC2Wrapper)
{
    String amazonEC2Output = null;
    System.out.println("Amazon EC2 processing");
    try
    {
        String name=node.getAttributeValue("name");
        amazonEC2Output=((AmazonEC2Wrapper)obj).runAmazonService();
        if(amazonEC2Output!=null)
            currentOutput.putOutputValue(name,amazonEC2Output);
        else
            System.out.println("Warning: recieved NULL response from Amazon Service");
    }
    catch(JDOMException e)
    {
        e.printStackTrace();
    }
    catch(IOException e)
    {
        e.printStackTrace();
    }
    catch(AmazonEC2Exception e)
    {
        e.printStackTrace();
    }
    catch(Exception e)
    {
        e.printStackTrace();
    }
    if(amazonEC2Output==null)
        System.out.println("WARNING: The output variable is NULL");
}

//If the outgoing node exists, get the outgoing id
List<Element> allchildrenList=node.getChildren();
for(Element child:allchildrenList)
{
    System.out.println(child.getName()+" +child.getAttribute("type",getXMINamespace())");
}
if(child.getAttributeValue("type",getXMINamespace()).equals("uml" /*getUMLNamespace().getPrefix()*/ +":" +"OutputPin"))
{
    String outgoing=child.getAttributeValue("outgoing");
    return outgoing;
}
}
return null;

private void CallBehaviorActionHandler(Element node)
{
    System.out.println("[ACTIVITY]: Call Behavior action
..implementation pending");
    String behavior=node.getAttributeValue("behavior");
    startProcessing2(behavior);
}
private void ActivityFinalNodeHandler(Element node)
{
    System.out.println("[ACTIVITY]: Workflow finished
execution");
}
private String OpaqueActionNodeHandler(Element node)
{
    System.out.println("[ACTIVITY]: Call opaque action
handler");
    String name=node.getAttributeValue("name");
    Element body=node.getChild("body");
    if(body!=null)
    {
        String xmlData=body.getText();
        xmlData=xmlData.replaceAll("<", "<");
        xmlData=xmlData.replaceAll("\n", "");
        xmlData="<"+name+"">"+xmlData+"</"+name+"";

        XPathParser xpathParser=new XPathParser(currentOutput);
        try{
            Document doc=xpathParser.getDocumentObject(xmlData);
            Element root=doc.getRootElement();
            xmlData=xpathParser.processXMLData(root);
            // System.out.println(xmlData);
        }
        catch(Exception e)
        {
        }
System.out.println("ERROR: Check if your input XML is correct for opaque action ");
e.printStackTrace();
}
currentOutput.putOutputValue(name, xmlData);
}
else
System.out.println(" warning: Empty opaque action");

String outgoing=null;

//Ideally there will be just one outputValue. However taking care of situation where there are multiple output value.
List<Element> outputValueList=node.getChildren("outputValue");
for(Element outputValue:outputValueList)
{
    outgoing=outputValue.getAttributeValue("outgoing");
    if(outgoing!=null)
        return outgoing;
}
if(outgoing==null)
{
    outgoing=node.getAttributeValue("outgoing");
    if(outgoing!=null)
        return outgoing;
}

return null;

private void DecisionNodeHandler(Element node)
{
    System.out.println("[ACTIVITY]: Decision node");
}

private void parameterHandler(Element parameter)
{
}

private void EdgeControlFlowHandler(Element element)
{
    System.out.println("[EDGE]: Control Edge "+element.getAttributeValue("name"));
}

private void EdgeObjectFlowHandler(Element element)
{
    System.out.println("[EDGE]: Object Edge "+element.getAttributeValue("name"));
}

private Object getExecutingObject(String blockName,String operationName,Map<String,String> valueArgumentMap)
if (blockName.equals("Eucalyptus"))
{
    EucalyptusWrapper eucalyptus = new EucalyptusWrapper();
    return eucalyptus;
}
else if (blockName.equals("AmazonEC2"))
{
    AmazonEC2Wrapper amazonEC2 = new AmazonEC2Wrapper(operationName, valueArgumentMap, currentOutput);
    return amazonEC2;
}
else if (blockName.equals("SSH-SFTP"))
{
    SSHManager sshManager = new SSHManager(operationName, currentOutput);
    return sshManager;
}
return null;

SysmlFlowActivityUtility.java

package edu.clemson;
import org.jdom.Element;

/**
 * This class holds the utility methods for a Activity
 * @author vikasp
 */

public class SysmlFlowActivityUtility extends SysMLFlowModel
{
    SysmlFlowActivityUtility(String XMIversion)
    {
        this.setXMIVersion(XMIversion);
    }

    public boolean isCallOperationAction(Element element)
    {
        String name = element.getName();
if(!name.equals("node"))
    return false;

String nodeType=element.getAttributeValue("type",
    getXMINamespace());

String temp[]=nodeType.split(":", 2);
String nodeName=temp[1];
if(nodeName.equals("CallOperationAction"))
    return true;

return false;

public String
getOutgoingFromResultNodeOfCallOperationAction(Element element) throws
NullPointerException
{
    if(!isCallOperationAction(element))
        return null;

    Element result=element.getChild("result");
    String outgoing=result.getAttributeValue("outgoing");
    return outgoing;
}

public boolean
isArgumentInputPin(Element element)
{
    String name=element.getName();
    if(!name.equals("argument"))
        return false;

    String nodeType=element.getAttributeValue("type",
        getXMINamespace());

    String temp[]=nodeType.split(":", 2);
    String nodeName=temp[1];

    if(nodeName.equals("InputPin")||nodeName.equals("ValuePin"))
        return true;

    return false;
}

public boolean
isInputValuePin(Element element)
{
    String name=element.getName();
    if(!name.equals("inputValue"))
        return false;

    String nodeType=element.getAttributeValue("type",
        getXMINamespace());

    String temp[]=nodeType.split(":", 2);
    String nodeName=temp[1];
String temp[] = nodeType.split(":", 2);
String nodeName = temp[1];
if (nodeName.equals("InputPin"))
    return true;

return false;

SysMLFlowBlock.java

package edu.clemson;
import org.jdom.Element;
import org.jdom.Namespace;
import java.util.HashMap;
import java.util.Iterator;
import java.util.List;
public class SysMLFlowBlock extends SysMLFlowModel {
    private Element blockList[] = null;
    private HashMap<String, String> hashMap = new HashMap<String, String>();
    SysMLFlowBlock(Element[] blockList, String XMIVersion) {
        this.blockList = blockList;
        this.setXMIVersion(XMIVersion);
        startProcessing();
    }
    public HashMap<String, String> getOperationHashMap() {
        return hashMap;
    }
    private void startProcessing() {
        for (Element block : blockList) {
            if (block == null) break;
            String blockName = block.getAttributeValue("name");
List list = block.getChildren();
Iterator iterator = list.iterator();

while (iterator.hasNext()) {
    Element element = (Element) iterator.next();
    String name = element.getName();
    // System.out.println(element.getName() + "\n");

    if (element.getAttributeValue("type", getXMINamespace()).equals("uml:Operation")) {
        String id = element.getAttributeValue("id", getXMINamespace());
        String operationName = blockName + ":" + element.getAttributeValue("name");
        hashMap.put(id, operationName);
    }
}
}

SysMLModel.java

package edu.clemson;

import org.jdom.Namespace;
import org.jdom.Element;

public class SysMLFlowModel {
    private String XMIversion;
    private final String STRING_NAMESPACE_XMI_2_1 = "http://schema.omg.org/spec/XMI/2.1";
    private final String STRING_NAMESPACE_XMI_2_0 = "http://www.omg.org/XMI";
    private final String STRING_NAMESPACE_SYSML_2_0 = "http://www.topcased.org/2.0/sysML";
    private final String STRING_NAMESPACE_UML_2_1 = "http://www.eclipse.org/uml2/2.1.0/UML";
    private final Namespace NAMESPACE_XMI_2_1 = Namespace.getNamespace("http://schema.omg.org/spec/XMI/2.1");
    private final Namespace NAMESPACE_XMI_2_0 = Namespace.getNamespace("http://www.omg.org/XMI");
    private final Namespace NAMESPACE_SYSML_2_0 = Namespace.getNamespace("http://www.topcased.org/2.0/sysML");
private final Namespace NAMESPACE_UML_2_1_0 = Namespace.getNamespace("http://www.eclipse.org.uml2/2.1.0/UML");

/*
private String STRING_NAMESPACE_UML;
private String STRING_NAMESPACE_XMI;
private String STRING_NAMESPACE_SYSML;
private Namespace NAMESPACE_UML;
private Namespace NAMESPACE_XMI;
private Namespace NAMESPACE_SYSML; */

public void setCorrectXMIVersion(Element root) {
/**
 * Old code, perhaps sometime in future I'll remove it to support all XMI version.
 * */

String version = null;
version = root.getAttributeValue("version", NAMESPACE_XMI_2_1);
if (version == null)
    version = root.getAttributeValue("version", NAMESPACE_XMI_2_0);
if (version == null)
{
    System.out.println("XMI Version not supported. This version of sysml is not supported by this product. " + "Please contact vikasp@clemson.edu for further details");
} else
    XMIversion = version;
}

public void setXMIVersion(String XMIVersion) {
    this.XMIVersion = XMIVersion;
}

public String getXMIVersion() {
    return this.XMIVersion;
}

public Namespace getXMINamespace() {
    if (this.XMIVersion.equals("2.0"))
        return NAMESPACE_XMI_2_0;
    else
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return NAMESPACE_XMI_2_1;
}
public Namespace getSYSMLnamespace()
{
    return NAMESPACE_SYSML_2_0;
}
public Namespace getUMLNamespace()
{
    return NAMESPACE_UML_2_1_0;
}
```

**XPathParser.java**

```java
package edu.clemson;
import org.jdom.input.SAXBuilder;
import org.jdom.xpath.XPath;
import org.jdom.Document;
import org.jdom.JDOMException;
import org.jdom.Element;
import org.jdom.Namespace;
import org.jdom.output.XMLOutputter;
import org.jdom.Text;
import java.io.ByteArrayInputStream;
import java.io.IOException;
import java.io.InputStream;
import java.util.List;
import java.util.Iterator;
import java.util.ArrayList;
import edu.clemson.CurrentOutput;
import edu.clemson.cirgmethods.CirgMethodManager;
public class XPathParser
{
    SAXBuilder saxBuilder = new SAXBuilder();
    CurrentOutput currentOutput = null;

    /*The class asks for currentOutput so that it has capability to refer to the output of any "action". As the xpath may need not always refer to the current output variable.
    */
```
public XPathParser(CurrentOutput currentOutput)
{
    this.currentOutput = currentOutput;
}

public Document getDocumentObject(String inputString)
{
    //get the inputStream from String
    byte[] byteArray = inputString.getBytes();
    ByteArrayInputStream byteArrayInputStream = new ByteArrayInputStream(byteArray);
    InputStream inputStream = byteArrayInputStream;
    //get the document object
    Document doc = null;
    try
    {
        doc = saxBuilder.build(inputStream);
    }
    catch (JDOMException e)
    {
        System.out.println("JDOM Exception");
        e.printStackTrace();
    }
    catch (Exception e)
    {
        System.out.println("An unknown exception occurred");
    }
    return doc;
}

private List<Object> getXpathResult(String inputString, String xpathString) throws JDOMException
{
    if (inputString == null || xpathString == null)
    {
        return null;
    }
    Document doc = getDocumentObject(inputString);
    XPath xpath = null;
    try
    {
        xpath = XPath.newInstance(xpathString);
        //xpath.addNamespace(Namespace_AmazonEC2);
    }
    catch (JDOMException e)
    {
        System.out.println("ERROR: Invalid xpath expression");
        //e.printStackTrace();
    }
    catch (Exception e)
    {
    }
System.out.println("An unknown exception occurred");

List<Object> list = xpath.selectNodes(doc);
return list;

public List<String> getElementName(String inputString, String xpathString) throws JDOMException, IOException {
List<String> elementValueList = new ArrayList();
List<Object> list = getXpathResult(inputString, xpathString);
for (Object el : list) {
    String val = null;
    if (el instanceof Element) {
        XMLOutputter xmlOutputter = new XMLOutputter();
        val = xmlOutputter.outputString((Element) el);
    } else if (el instanceof Text) {
        val = ((Text) el).getText();
    }
    if (val == null || val.equals("")) {
        continue;
    } else if (val != null & !val.equals("")) {
        elementValueList.add(val);
    } // If the element value has a xpath expression (enclosed in {}), handle it here
    if (val.charAt(0) == '{' & val.charAt(val.length() - 1) == '}') {
        String xpathInner = val.substring(1, val.length() - 1);
        String[] result = getVariableAndPath(xpathInner);
        String xmlVariableToProcess = result[0];
        String xpathToProcess = result[1];
        if (xmlVariableToProcess == null || xpathToProcess == null) {
            return null;
        }
        List<String> innerList = getElementName(xmlVariableToProcess, xpathToProcess);
        for (String strVal : innerList) {
            elementValueList.add(strVal);
        }
    } // In the normal case
    else if (val != null & !val.equals("")) {
        elementValueList.add(val);
    }
}
public String[] getVariableAndPath(String xpathInner)
{
    String[] result = new String[2];
    String xmlVariableToProcess = null;
    String xpathToProcess = xpathInner;
    String xmlVariableName = null;
    String xpathInnerTmp = xpathInner;
    int paranthesisCount = 0;
    while (xpathInnerTmp.charAt(0) == '(
    {
        xpathInnerTmp = xpathInnerTmp.substring(1);
        paranthesisCount++;
    }
    // The user did not specify the name of the output element
    so assuming it is the previous element
    if (xpathInnerTmp.startsWith("//") || xpathInnerTmp.startsWith("/"))
    {
        xmlVariableToProcess = currentOutput.getPreviousValue();
    }
    else if (xpathInnerTmp.startsWith("$"))
    {
        int pos1 = xpathInnerTmp.indexOf('/', 1);
        int pos2 = xpathInnerTmp.indexOf('"');
        int pos = 0;

        if (pos1 == -1 && pos2 == -1)
            System.out.println("Possible error in xpath expression\n");
        else if (pos2 == -1)
            pos = pos1;
        else if (pos1 == -1)
            pos = pos2;
        else if (pos1 < pos2)
            pos = pos1;
        else
            pos = pos2;

        xpathToProcess = xpathInnerTmp.substring(pos1); // If there are ')' for which there are no corresponding '(' in xpathToProcess, this will produce an invalid xpath
        xmlVariableName = xpathInnerTmp.substring(1, pos); // to ignore the $ sign at the start of the string
xmlVariableToProcess=currentOutput.getOutputValue(xmlVariableName);
}

for(int k=0;k<xmlVariableName.length();k++)
    if(xmlVariableName.charAt(k)=='')
        paranthesisCount--;

for(int k=0;k<paranthesisCount;k++)
    xpathToProcess="("+xpathToProcess;

result[0]=xmlVariableToProcess;
result[1]=xpathToProcess;
return result;
}

public String processXMLData(Element current) throws JDOMException
{
    XMLOutputter xmlOutputter=new XMLOutputter();
    //System.out.println(xmlOutputter.outputString(current));

    listChildren(current);
    String updatedXml=xmlOutputter.outputString(current);

    return updatedXml;
}

private void listChildren(Element current) throws JDOMException
{
    // System.out.print(current.getName());
    // System.out.println("\"+current.getAttributeValue("type",Namespace.getNamespace("http://schema.omg.org/spec/XMI/2.1"));
    String value=current.getText();
    if(value!=null && value.length()!=0)
    {
        System.out.println(value);
        if(value.charAt(0)=='{' && value.charAt(value.length()-1)=='}')
        {
            String xpathInner=value.substring(1,value.length()-1);
            if(xpathInner.startsWith("cirg:"))
            {
                String fnName=xpathInner.substring(xpathInner.indexOf(":")+1);
                CirgMethodManager cirgmm=new CirgMethodManager(fnName,this);
            }
        }
    }
}
String result=Integer.toString(cirgmm.processMethod());
    current.setText(result);

    } else {
        String[] result=
        getVariableAndPath(xpathInner);
        String xmlVariableToProcess=result[0];
        String xpathToProcess=result[1];

        List<Object> list=getXpathResult(xmlVariableToProcess,xpathToProcess);

        int elementPos=0;
        for(Object el:list) {
            String val=null;
            if(el instanceof Element) {
                List listContent=current.getContent();
                //Still need to fix this one !!!
                /*listContent.add(el);
                current.addContent(listContent);*/
            } else if(el instanceof Text) {
                current.setText(((Text)el).getText());
        } else if(el instanceof String) {
            current.setText(((Text)el).getText());
        }
    }
}

List children = current.getChildren();
Iterator iterator = children.iterator();
while (iterator.hasNext()) {
    Element child = (Element) iterator.next();
    listChildren(child);
}
}
CurrentOutput.java

package edu.clemson;
import java.util.HashMap;

public class CurrentOutput
{
    private String currentKey=null;
    private String currentValue=null;
    private String previousKey=null;
    private String previousValue=null;
    private HashMap<String,String> map=new HashMap<String,String>();

    public String getcurrenOutputKey()
    {
        return currentKey;
    }

    public String getCurrentOutputValue()
    {
        return currentValue;
    }

    public String getPreviousValue()
    {
        return previousValue;
    }

    public String getPreviousKey()
    {
        return previousValue;
    }

    public String getOutputValue(String key)
    {
        return map.get(key);
    }

    public void putOutputValue(String key,String value)
    {
        key=key+"Response";
        if(!value.startsWith("<"+key))
        {
            value="<"+key+"">"+value+"</"+key+">");

        map.put(key, value);

        previousKey=currentKey;
        previousValue=currentValue;
        currentKey=key;
        currentValue=value;
    }
}
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