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Daten für PSI*traffic*: Standardisiertes Datenmanagement mit railML<sup>®</sup> und dem UIC RailTopoModel

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#### railML.org and railML<sup>®</sup> files More than 10 years of developing and implementation

The **Problem** of nearby all railway planning and operating processes:

- Operation concepts, slot management, simulation or infrastructure planning will need infrastructure data (track geometry, signals, routes), timetables (departure/arrival times, intervals, slots) and rolling stock data.
- Mostly this data is available in digital, but there are a lot of different legacy formats. Exchange of these data is possible only with a lot of special developed interfaces with loss of time and cost problems for IM / RU.

The **Solution**, which fulfils the

- Technical case: easy and handy, self-describing format close to existing standards; must be tolerant towards changes and faults
- Business case: decrease the wide range of interfaces and the time/cost of development, speed up data exchange processes

was searched and developed since 2002: railML®.





#### **Data exchange by standardised XML interfaces** What is it needed for?

→ Data exchange between applications has to be carried out by hand or with manually-created interfaces → very expensive and time-consuming



✓ XML brings data to be machine-readable and easy automatable





#### Extendable Markup Language(s) – XML What is it and how does it work?

- → Presentation in plain text (no binary) → readable by every human
- → Definition by W3C → worldwide, open standard
- XML has to take shape via a document-type-definition (DTD) or a scheme-definition (XSD) => useable by computers
- → General example:

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<?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8' ?>
<note>
<heading>Wikipedia List of Cities</heading>
<entry>
<name>Geneva</name>
<description>Geneva is the seat of...</description>
</entry>
<entry>
<name>Cologne</name>
<description>Cologne is a city that ...</description>
</entry>
</note>
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#### railML<sup>®</sup> A type of XML-dokuments

- railML employs the systematic of XML for the description of rail-specific data; sub-areas use other XML-schemes such as *MathML* and *LandXML*
- ✓ Various types of data are described as railML-subschemes.
- ✓ At the moment the following subschemes are in productive use:
  - infrastructure for the (priority topological) description of tracks and signalling equipment
- railML-data is mainly used for the exchange between different computer programmes of various manufacturers
- railML-model is driven by the demands of the data exchange processes of railways, industry and authorities; not for defining a full railway model





#### railML<sup>®</sup> Subschemes at a glance

- - station facilities: On hold, currently no requirements from users.
  - crew rostering: Data is being gathered; railML.org-working group was established.
  - interlocking: railML.org-working group active with regular meetings, Compilation of elements, allowing connection to existing subschemes achieved. First use case: Interlocking data for ETCS.
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other schemes



## railML.org

How's the consortium working?

- Continuous development work based mainly internet based (discussion boards, SVN for development and *alpha* versions)
- Semi-annual conferences to exchange experience and discuss basics (next meeting: November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at UIC Paris/France)
- Project coordinators for the individual subschema moderate and establish *releases*
- Documentation with a railML-Wiki and HTML explanation files
- Discussions in German and English; Documentation is entirely in English
- → Coordination in Dresden & Zurich





**railML.org** Who is who in the railML-consortium?



- The railML-consortium is a "Development partnership of independent companies and establishments", established in 2002
  - → Costs of the work carried by each member
  - → no financial support from the Governments / EU / Railways
- → Currently:
  - app. 20 certified developer companies, predominant from Germany, Switzerland, France

  - over 50 supporting firms, research institutes und authorities from all over Europe, North America, Russia and Japan
- The use of railML<sup>®</sup> requires a membership at railML.org and licensing of the schemes (both currently free of charge).







#### railML.org Members in general (selection) **Software developers** init plan THALES SIEMENS **BAHN** sma Ο̈́́́́ВВ EB )DEG 💳 ailway traffic mobility logistics. VU TRAFFIC TECHNOLOGIES LIA TRANSDEV VEO **Jernbaneverket Network Rail Onamic** *G*TRENITALIA Keolys SOLUTIONS ProRail vbls **OPEN** TRACK RÉSEAU FERRÉ DE FRANCE HaCon Fraunhofer J-R•S Institut für Eisenbahnwesen und Verkehrssicherung Consulting & Development Traffic • Software • **TECHNISCHE** UNIVERSITÄT Deutsches Zentrum DLR für Luft- und Raumfahrt e.V. Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich DRESDEN Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich Universities and research institutes rallmL.org railML<sup>®</sup> > June 26<sup>th</sup> 2015 > Slide 9

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railML.org Members of the interlocking group



- The railML<sup>®</sup>-consortium established in 2012 a development group to incorporate the needs of the signalling industry (predominantly with the background of upcoming ETCS installations) in a future railML 3.x version
- Members: Industry Railways 7 SIEMENS INFR/ABEI **Right On Track** THALES SBB CFF FFS **ALSTOM** RÉSEAU FERRÉ DE FRANCE Research Signalling **Deutsches Zentrum** für Luft- und Raumfahrt e.V. rallML.org







#### railML.org

How to implement railML in your software/business?

- Registration as an railML-participant is required > support during tests
- ✓ Typical timeframes from first scratch to productive use app. 4-12 months









#### Maturity Level How good is railML®?

- → 2002 2005: initial work; beta version timetable
- ✓ December 2005: release of railML's first productive version: railML 1.0
- 2005 2009: first practical application; learning curve; alignment to existing schemes; processing of inconsistencies/ incompatibilities
- ✓ November 2009: release of *railML 2.0*
- ✓ July 2011: release of *railML 2.1*
- June 2013: release of *railML 2.2* (V2.1/V2.2 are downwardly compatible)
- railML achieves maturity in this process and is now in multiple productive use.
- The current and some previous schemes and examples may be downloaded from www.railML.org.









#### Maturity Level How good is railML<sup>®</sup>? (Detailed view)

Version and subscheme	railML V 0.x	railML V 1.0	railML V 1.1	railML V 2.0	railML V2.2	railML V 3.x
Year	2002 - 2005	December 2005	November 2007	November 2009	June 2013	expected 2014
Timetable	First test & use cases	Ready for daily use	Elements added	Total reor- ganisation	Elements added	No changes
Rolling stock	First test & use cases	Ready for daily use	Elements added	No Changes	No changes	No changes
Infrastructure macroscopic	Not imple- mented	First test & use cases	Ready for daily use	No changes	Elements added	Total reor- ganisation
Infrastructure microscopic	Ν	ot implemente	ed	First test & use cases	No changes	Total reor- ganisation
Infrastructure interlocking		N	ot implemente	ed		Ready for daily use



## XML/railML<sup>®</sup> as "open source"

What are its strong points and where is it weak?



- Utilization 1:1 or expansion by user or in third order possible
- → As many contributors as you like
- ✓ Utilization/revision free of charge
- → Shared cost of development
- Development understandable
- Sources are open and may be verified as quality criteria



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- Development success depends on commitment of coordinators and participants
- Development direction will be determined by majority
- Unstable continuity of the development or slowing down possible
- Know-how ist unprotected, making it difficult to earn money from it
- About 32% Market Share of IT-Services in EU<sup>[1]</sup>
- Open source projects save money, but require strong users

[1] UNU-MERIT: Study on the: Economic impact of open source software..., EU Commission, 2006, p.10





#### **Example from current projects and developments** RINF database of EU and UIC's RailTopoModel

- EU rules 881/2004 and 1335/2008 forcing the ERA to build an Register of INFrastructure
- All MS must deliver data to RINF from 2015 with updates every 2-3 months
- No specific railway model was used as basis for RINF and the structures
- → First tests 2014/15





The Executive Director

#### THE DIRECTOR,

HAVING REGARD to Regulation (EC) No 881/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 establishing a European Railway Agency<sup>1</sup> as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1335/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008<sup>2</sup> (Agency Regulation), and in particular Articles 2, 18(1)c) and 19 thereof,

HAVING REGARD to Directive 2008/57/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 2008 on the interoperability of the rail system within the Community<sup>3</sup> as amended by Commission Directive 2009/131/EC of 16 October 2009 amending Annex VII to Directive 2008/57/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the interoperability of the rail system within the Community<sup>4</sup> (Railway Interoperability Directive), and in particular Article 35 thereof,

#### Whereas:

(1) The Agency is tasked in Article 18(1)c) of the Agency Regulation to draw up a specification for the register of infrastructure (RINF) in accordance with Article 35(2) of the Railway Interoperability Directive, which states that "The Agency shall prepare draft specifications on this register regarding its presentation and format, its revision cycle and instructions for use [...] The Commission shall adopt the specifications in accordance with the regulatory procedure referred to in Article 29(3)".



#### **Current problem of data exchange for Railways/IM's**



- Absence of available standards: Each data exchange requires a specific data definition (model) and file format (interface) leading to a specific computer interface programme
- Consequences: Heavy IT development and high costs with long project times, no re-use of data and software development, less place for industrial approach





#### railML<sup>®</sup> proposal from the UIC-ERIM project



- Creation of a data exchange standard: Systemic approach describing only the infrastructure characteristics. The usage related data is added on top of this reference / "basic" infra data.
- ✓ <u>Advantages:</u> Opportunity for each IM to invest for future re-use of the IT development, the complete set of tools developed for data mapping and extract, quality check, formatting, would be re-usable for all future needs for exchange of infrastructure data, the "millions €" would then be an investment and not a one shot expense







#### **RINF** process with and without standard formats



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### UIC RailTopoModel (1/2)

- → Developed in 2013 in the UIC financed ERIM project
- → Basis for a common exchange format (e.g. railML)
- Systemic approach describing only core infrastructure characteristics
- → Data model supporting all railway business needs:
  - Topology: The logical representation of the railway network as a graph (Nodes, Edges) as well as the track geometry
  - ✓ Objects & Events location with the following types:
    - ✓ Spot (e.g. Signals, ...)
    - ✓ Linear (e.g. Speed limits, Platforms, ...)
    - ✓ Area (e.g. Locally controlled areas, Zones, ..
    - Paths: The possible movements on the network.







#### UIC RailTopoModel (2/2)

- → Data model which supports all railway business needs, including:
  - ✓ Multi-Referencing: Geo- and screen coordinates, Linear referencing, mileage posts and "rail addresses"





#### **First use case: RINF Project**



Country 1: Using of proprietary formats for gathering data and specific RINF XML format for transferring data to ERA
 Country 2: Using of railML<sup>®</sup> for the exchange towards ERA
 Country 3: Using of railML<sup>®</sup> as only exchange format for both processes



- The RINF project plan as designed in 2012 demands a **specific XML format** (*RINF XML by ED*) to be adopted by each IM / MS for the ERA data delivery
- railML is an additional format proposed by some IMs
- All MS / IMs can choose whether they want to use railML XML or the specific RINF XML format.
- Knowing that hundreds of IMs (nationals railways and smaller networks) will be subject to the RINF legislation, describing their infrastructure in a standard railway data format, the **potential savings** might arise **in millions of Euros.**



#### Programmes and the use of railML Who uses railML<sup>®</sup> and what for?

- At the moment more than 20 programmes are listed at www.railml.org, they are able to import and/or export railML<sup>®</sup>-data in different schemes.
- Present use cases: planning and simulation of railway operations; timetable construction and duty rostering; infrastructure planning
- **Example:** <u>Timetabling and duty rostering at German private railways</u>
  - → FBS (Institut f
    ür Regional- und Fernverkehrsplanung, Dresden)
  - → IVU.rail (IVU Traffic Technologies, Berlin)

  - ✓ Various railways (Veolia, BeNEX, Agilis, ODEG, EIB, ARRIVA)
  - 1. All railways compiles timetables using FBS (with railML-Interface)
  - 2. Exports from FBS  $\rightarrow$  railML-File  $\rightarrow$  Import to IVU.rail or Trapeze
  - 3. Railways 1, 2 und 3 compile duty shifts in IVU.rail; Railways 4, 5 und 6 compile duty shifts in Trapeze





**Working report: Who uses railML® and what for?** Case study Austria: ÖBB-Personenverkehr (1/6)

Example ÖBB-Personenverkehr (öвв-рv)
 Project Connection FBS-VISUM by railML<sup>®</sup>

Personenverkehr AG

 Partners: ÖBB-PV, Vienna iRFP, Dresden PTV, Karlsruhe

#### ÖBB-PV in figures (as of 2010):

Passengers Rail:209,8 Mio. p.a.Passenger kilometers:10,2 Mrd. p.a.Train kilometers:98 Mio. p.a.Local trains:4.150 per dayLong distance trains:300 per day1.400 Stations and local stops

11.000 km tracks, davon 7.900 electrified17.000 points, of which 11.000 remote contr.53.200 signals, of which 30.100 electric signals800 signal boxes, of which 130 electronic contr.







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#### **Working report: Who uses railML® and what for?** Case study Austria: ÖBB-Personenverkehr (2/6)

Modelling of passengers flow and appearance in future	Economic assessment of timetable concepts
Visualisation of data	Basis for business planning and offers
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	Train order plans
	Modelling of passengers flow and appearance in future Visualisation of data





#### **Working report: Who uses railML® and what for?** Case study Austria: ÖBB-Personenverkehr (3/6)







#### **Working report: Who uses railML® and what for?** Case study Austria: ÖBB-Personenverkehr (4/6)





#### **Working report: Who uses railML® and what for?** Case study Austria: ÖBB-Personenverkehr (5/6)



- Export takes only minutes for the whole network of ÖBB-PV
- Files may become large;
   but well to compress
- Due to the easy exchange timetable variants may be simulated very quick within VISUM





- → Export as railML-file from FBS
- railML-file via ÖBB-PV's server (or transfer via internet's FTP)
- ✓ Import as railML 2.0-file into VISUM

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Korrespondenz-Attribute fi	ir Streckeninformation			
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Für RailML-Attribut 'trackIn	fo'			

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#### **Working report: Who uses railML® and what for?** Case study Austria: ÖBB-Personenverkehr (6/6)



Working report: Who uses railML® and what for? Case study Saudi Arabia: Saudi Railways Organisation

- Example GPSinfradat and FBS for Saudi Railways Organisation Project Unique Infrastructure Database for Operation using railML<sup>®</sup>
- Partners: SRO, Dammam<sup>SA</sup> iRFP, Dresden<sup>DE</sup> Bahnkonzept, Dresden<sup>DE</sup>



المؤسسة الغامة للخطوط الحديدية Saudi Railways Organization

- $\checkmark$  Aims of the project:
  - ✓ Improve quality of Timetabling Services
  - → Less Delays for Passenger Trains, Real Time Train Management
  - ✓ Increase usage of existing Network of SRO
  - ✓ More trains without costs for line upgrade
  - ✓ Improved Safety due to less radio communication
  - → Base for Future Asset Manangement System







#### **Working report: Who uses railML® and what for?** Case study SRO (2/15): Problem for Planning/Operation





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#### **Working report: Who uses railML® and what for?** Case study SRO (3/15): Problem for Planning/Operation







#### **Working report: Who uses railML® and what for?** Case study SRO (4/15): Solution GPSinfradat





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#### **Working report: Who uses railML® and what for?** Case study SRO (5/15): Aim of the GPSinfradat project

- For the simulation of railway network operation and for training and documentation issues a lot of infrastructure data (track geometry, signals, track system / routes) is needed.
- If these data won't be available not just yet (new build lines) or not be avialable as digital data (existing or old lines), a manual input by experts is needed. For many lines in foreign countries no or only fragmentary data is available.

#### Engineering intention

adequate exact data for simulation of railway network operation and for training and documentation issues by mobile data recording with GPS-based hardware and specific analysis software

Business case

economic, easy to use solution with less post processing effort due to the use of optimised *GPSinfradat*-software





#### **Working report: Who uses railML® and what for?** Case study SRO (6/15): Use cases

- Infrastructure data for operation concepts and -simulation
  - » To avoid reading of secondary sources (actuality, errors, problem of synchronising of different sources)
  - » Gathering of data for railway operation tenders or to build an operating concept on infrastructure of other operators
- Infrastructure-Information-System (Video-GIS for railways)
  - » Overview over own or used infrastructure from computers in your office, e.g. to avoid business trips or meetings
  - » Basis for feasibility studies or decisions about variants
  - » Connection to other data (e.g. line data of FBS)
- Train drivers training and simulation of railway signals
  - » Training of line knowledge for drivers for new build or completely upgraded lines or stations
  - » Simulation of new signalling systems







#### **Working report: Who uses railML® and what for?** Case study SRO (7/15): Infrastructure data for operation

- For timetable planning (e.g. by FBS) infrastructure data is needed
  - » position and art of operational units
  - » numbers of stations- and main tracks
  - » speed, gradients, if necessary: curves and tunnels too
- Data isn't available or only available in a bad quality or only on paper plans (abroad; like CVRD, SETRAG)
- Operation concept variants causes changes of infrastructure; decision on versions is necessary in planning process









#### **Working report: Who uses railML® and what for?** Case study SRO (8/15): Infrastructure information system

- Infrastructure companies mostly planning very decidedly; construction and supervision / project control is contracted externally
- Transport companies or authorities may decide about infrastructure
- GPSinfradat as video based GIS / Infrastructure information system:
  - » Overview from office, no on-site visit necessary
  - » Basis for prompt decision
  - » Conjunction with line characteristics
- Viewing & printing mode with video or photo











#### **Working report: Who uses railML® and what for?** Case study SRO (9/15): Drivers training

- Acquisition of line knowledge for drivers for new and existing upgraded lines or in case of taking over of additional lines
- Fulfils requirements of German annex 8 "Triebfahrzeugführerscheinverordnung" (§ 6 (3) TfV) and DB-rule 492 (*Merkblatt-Film-Verfahren*)
- Use as computerprogramme (Windows), on the intranet via browser or via connection on Google Maps/Earth possible







#### Working report: Who uses railML<sup>®</sup> and what for? Case study SRO (10/15): Signal simulation for drivers

- Train drivers will be trained by theoretic lessons or by driving on the railway network in special/empty trains; runs are very expensive
- Replacement by simulation systems is state of the art today
- Line sections without exceptions can driven faster; saved time can be used to check/drive complex sections of the network (e.g. line changes, nodes, large stations, ...) more than one time or to train situations with exceptions (e.g. failure in signalling or radio system), where driver has to



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#### **Working report: Who uses railML® and what for?** Case study SRO (11/15): Simulators for staff and drivers

- Simulation and training of irregularity of daily operation (wrong line order, track works) or change of operation mode (foreign network)
- Interaction via trainer-trainee-interface & dispatcher workplace
- Driving in the video by user with real driving dynamic (FBS)
- Additional overlay / fade-in of 3D-graphics (signals, obstacles, fog, environment) possible
- Video may be gathered by regular operation areas
- Simple solution with PC and control via keyboard, mouse and joystick possible
- Driver training workplaces using (modified) video data are much cheaper than today's 3D-simulations







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#### **Working report: Who uses railML® and what for?** Case study SRO (12/15): Problem for Planning/Operation

- Use of the data in external databases, viewers or planning/simulation/construction tools
- Export via railML<sup>®</sup>-*infrastructure*
- Possibility of data use by railway operators, software manufacturers in the railML<sup>®</sup>-consortium railML<sub>org</sub>









#### Working report: Who uses railML® and what for?

Other customers (13/15) Selected large projects

- BEG Bavaria 2004-2014
- SBB Cargo Germany 2008-2012
- MGB (Suisse) 2006/2011
- CVRD (Brazil) 2006
- SETRAG (Gabon) 2007
- Deutsche Bahn 2012-2015







## **Working report: Who uses railML® and what for?** Case study SRO (14/15): GPSinfradat Outlook

Further development

- Kinetic envelope / distance measurement
- Mobile viewer (laptop) with video
- Mobile viewer (smartphone) without video
- Portable simulator with VIDINS technology

#### Survey technics

- Improved height measurement
- HD video
- Infrared for tunnels







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#### **Working report: Who uses railML® and what for?** Case study SRO (15/15): Usage in timetabling







#### **Summary and Outlook** What is it and how does it work?

- → railML<sup>®</sup> is an open standard for the exchange of railway data
- Three railML<sup>®</sup> Schemes for *infrastructure*, *rolling stock* and timetable have already been published; *interlocking* scheme in preparation
- The railML-consortium is a union of partners from industry, rail and research, who are working together on the development of the railML-schemes
- → 15 programmes are listed on the railML-website which use railML<sup>®</sup> data for exchange
- → Development of further subschemes under consideration
- ✓ Participation for additional members possible





## railML®: The standard interface for data exchange in railway business

Discussion / Examples & Demonstration / Questions



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