

The paper titled " [DEVSMML 2.0: The Language and the Stack](#) " was presented at DEVS Symposium, Spring Simulation Multiconference 2012 at Orlando, FL.

The [earlier version of DEVSMML](#) stack [1,2] developed models in Java and in platform independent DEVS Modeling language that used XML as a means for transformation. The model semantics were bound together by XML. The latest version of the DEVSMML, the language, is based on EBNF grammar and is supported by DEVS middleware API. The middleware is based on DEVS M&S Standards compliant (under evaluation) API and interfaces with a net-centric DEVS simulation platform such as a service oriented architecture (SOA) that offers platform transparency. With the maturation of technologies like Xtext [3] and Xpand [4] we have now extended the concept of XML-based DEVSMML to a much broader scope wherein Domain Specific Languages (DSL) can continue to be expressed in all their richness in a platform independent manner that is devoid of any DEVS and programming language constructs. The key idea being domain specialists need not delve in the DEVS world to reap the benefits of DEVS framework.

The DEVSMML 2.0 stack in figure below adds three transformations at the top layer:

1. Model-to-Model (M2M)
2. Model-to-DEVSMML (M2DEVSMML)
3. Model-to-DEVS (M2DEVS)



The end-user as indicated in figure above will develop models in their own DSL and the DEVS

expert will help develop the M2M and M2DEVSMML transformation to give a DEVSMML backend to the DSL models. While M2DEVSMML transformation delivers an intermediate DEVSMML DSL (the DEVSMML DSL), the M2DEVSMML transformation directly anchors any DSL to platform specific DEVSMML. There are many DEVSMML DSLs that implement a subset of rigorous DEVSMML formalism. One example of DEVSMML DSL is XML-based Finite Deterministic DEVSMML ([XFD-DEVSMML](#)) [5]. DEVSMMLSpecML [6] built on BNF grammar is another example of DEVSMML DSL. DSLs can be created using many available tools and technologies such as: Generic Modeling Environment ([GME](#)) [7], [Xtext](#), Ruby, Scala and many others. DSL writing tools like Xtext, Ruby, etc. focusing directly on the EBNF grammar provide a much easier foundation to develop the Abstract Syntax Tree (AST) for M2M transformations. The rich integration and code generation capabilities with open source tools like Eclipse give them strong acceptance in the software modeling community.

The addition of M2M, M2DEVSMML and M2DEVSMML transformations to the DEVSMML stack adds true model and simulator transparency to a net-centric M&S SOA infrastructure. The transformations yield models that are platform independent models (PIMs) that can be developed, compared and shared in a collaborative process within the domain. Working at the level of DEVSMML DSL allows the models to be shared among the broad DEVSMML community that brings additional benefits of model integration and composability. The extended DEVSMML stack allows DSL-s to interact with DEVSMML middleware through an API. This capability enables the development of simulations that combine and execute DEVSMML and non-DEVSMML models [7]. This hybrid M&S capability facilitates interoperability.

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