Service Integration: Introduction to Code Generation

IIP-Ecosphere Platform

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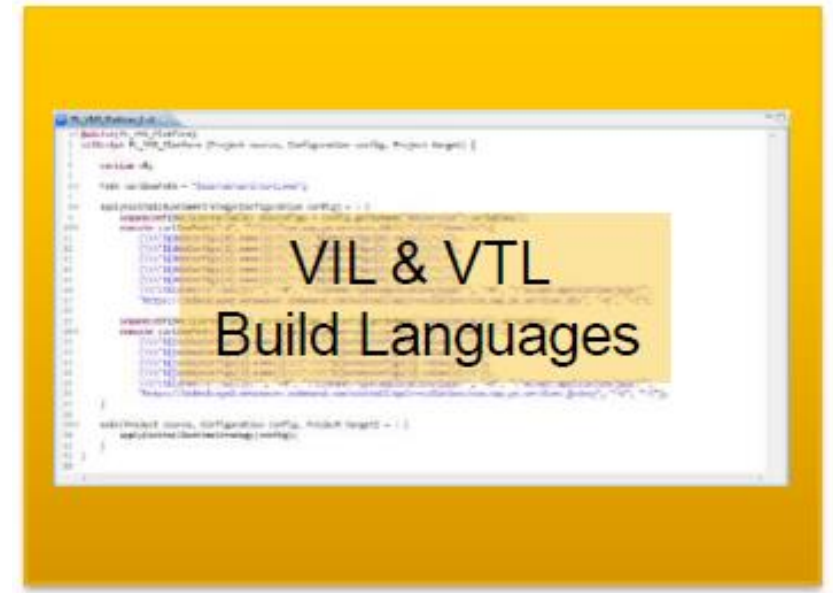
- Required:
  - None
- Optional:
  - None

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Code generation (1)

- Multiple levels
  - Describing the artifact to be build (IVML)
  - Transforming the description into an executable artifact (VTL/VIL)
- As user you will work mostly with IVML (in the future also reduced due to UI)

- IVML (Integrated Variability Modelling Language)
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Also a compound

Defines the type "PythonDependency"

Concrete instance of the PythonDependency

Code generation (3)

- VIL (Variability Instantiation Language/ .vil)
  - Defines the instantiation process of a given product
  - Defines how the process of instantiation would work
- VTL (VIL Template Language/ .vtl)
  - Focuses on specific instantiation of text artifacts
  - Executes the instantiation process for a specific configuration
  - Produces the finished generated .py/.java files
- These languages use the .ivml files as configuration for the instantiation
- You should not need to work with these files

Summary

- What we learned
  - What each file type is responsible for
  - The rough structure of defining and instantiating types in IVML
- How to go on
  - How to edit datatypes