



VISUALIZATION OF THE DESCRIPTION OF A CRYPTOCURRENCY (DOACC) ONTOLOGY WITH RELONTOUML

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Abstract. This article transforms the Description of a Cryptocurrency (DOACC) ontology OWL into RelOn-toUML model. The ontology (DOACC) can be downloaded from github, an open-source project. The RelOntoUML model is a combination of the relational database model, the ontology model, and the UML model. The relational model stores data in relations (tables). Ontology is a representation of knowledge and also has an inference engine. The UML model is a popular and frequently used model-ing by software developers. The article also presents the doacc ontology and the conversion of the ontology.

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1. Introduction

The purpose of this paper is to present a Description of a Cryptocurrency (doacc [1]) and convert it to the RelOntoUML model. RelOntoUML [2] combines relational database, ontology, and UML model-ing. In the relational model [3], the data is stored in tables, and the tables are named. Tables consist of rows and columns, where columns represent what property we store, and rows represent a specific piece of data. The intersections of the rows and columns are the fields, in which the elementary data can be found. Ontology [4] is the representation of the knowledge. Ontology consists of individuals and their classes. Classes are organized into a class-subclass hierarchy. Classes can have properties that can also be organized into a hierarchy. We distinguish between two types of properties, the object property, which connects two entities, and the data property, which connects an individual to an elementary type. The annotation property connects an individual to an annotation. UML (Unified Modelling Language) [5] is a popular modelling language for software

developers that includes many chart types. One of the best-known such diagrams is the class diagram, which includes the classes of the system, their properties and methods. In the following, I will present some publications investigating with relational model, ontology and UML modelling, their comparison and conversion. Ha, Y., & Lee, R. [6] investigated the ontology-UML conversion. The following have been reported: Ontology = Package; minCardinality, maxCardinality, inverseOf = Multiplicity; disjointWith, unionOf = disjointWith, cover; Domain, Range = Navigable, non-navigable; OneOf = Enumeration; Class, property = N-ary association; Subclass, Subproperty = Subclass, generalization; Property = ownedAttribute, binary association; Individual = Instance; Class = Class, property, ownedAttribute, type; Evermann, J. [7] also investigated the possibilities of ontology – UML conversion. The conversion result is the following: Multiple Constraint = FunctionalProperty, SameAs, DifferentFrom, AllDifferent; Mutual generalization = EquivalentProperty; Mutual generalization = EquivalentClass, Disjoint-With; Attribute variability and initial value = Data type property (DatatypeProperty) constraint: hasValue; Attribute typeFeature = Data type property (DatatypeProperty) value constraint: allValuesFrom, Data type property (DatatypeProperty) value constraint: someValuesFrom; Associationend changeability = Object property (ObjectProperty) value constraint: hasValue; AssociationEnd participant = Object property (ObjectProperty) value constraint: allValuesFrom, Object property (ObjectProperty) value constraint: someValuesFrom; Objects = OneOf (class definition with enums); AssociationEnd isNavigable = Inverse (InverseOf), Transitive Property (TransitiveProperty), Symmetric Property (SymmetricProperty); Generalization = IntersectionOf, ComplementOf; Generalization = UnionOf; Multiplicity = Cardinality; Generalization between associations = subPropertyOf; Generalization between classes = subclassOf; AssociationClass = Class and object property (ObjectProperty); Association = ObjectProperty; Attribute = DatatypeProperty; Class = Class; Pătraşcu, A. [8] also investigated with the equivalent of the UML and ontology: package = ontology; Multiplicity = minCardinality, maxCardinality; Enumeration = OneOf; Subclass = Subclass; Attribute, Binary association = Property; Individual = Individual; Class = Class; In the following, I present the Description of a Cryptocurrency (doacc [1]) system, the ontology model, and then the conversion of RelOntoUML, which is also based on the ontology-UML conversions mentioned above.

2. Modeling the Description of a Cryptocurrency (doacc) with ontology and RelOntoUML

The doacc (Description Of A CryptoCurrency) [1] ontology contains meta-data about cryptocurrencies. The ‘Thing’ is the first class level of the ontology, and it has a number of properties. These include ‘+ audience: string’, ‘+ block reward scheme’: string’, ‘+ block target time’: string’, ‘+ category: string’, ‘+ exchange trading symbol’: string’, ‘+ expiration: string’ etc. The ‘Thing’ has the following subclasses: ‘Approach to protecting the public ledger’, ‘Blockchain protocol’, ‘Collection’, ‘Concept’, ‘Concept Scheme’, ‘Cryptocurrency’, ‘Cryptographic hash function’.

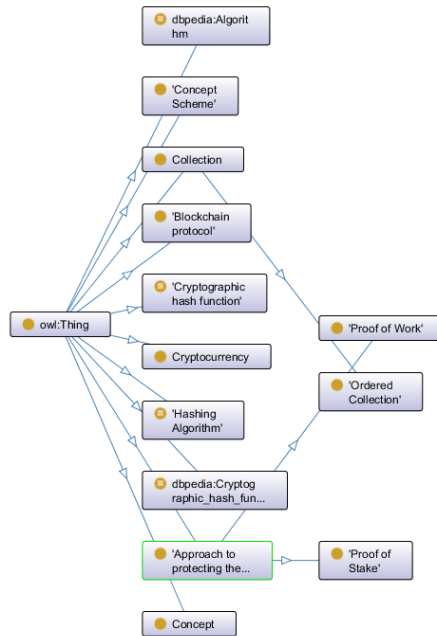


Figure 1. Visualization of the doacc ontology with ontograf

The ontology contains only classes and properties, but it does not contain individuals.

The VOWL [9] visualization is shown in Figure 2. The VOWL presentation is not very readable and does not contain all the ontological elements. Figure 3 illustrates the RelOntoUML [2] visualization, which contains all the ontological elements, in a way that is popular with software developers. Gray is the ‘Thing’ class, which is the ancestor of each class, with the classes below (children)

properties. RelOntoUML [2] is a relational model made from a combination of ontology and UML model, combining the advantages of the three models.

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