

Improving Software Engineering with Ontologies



modom.io in the Field

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Our Client

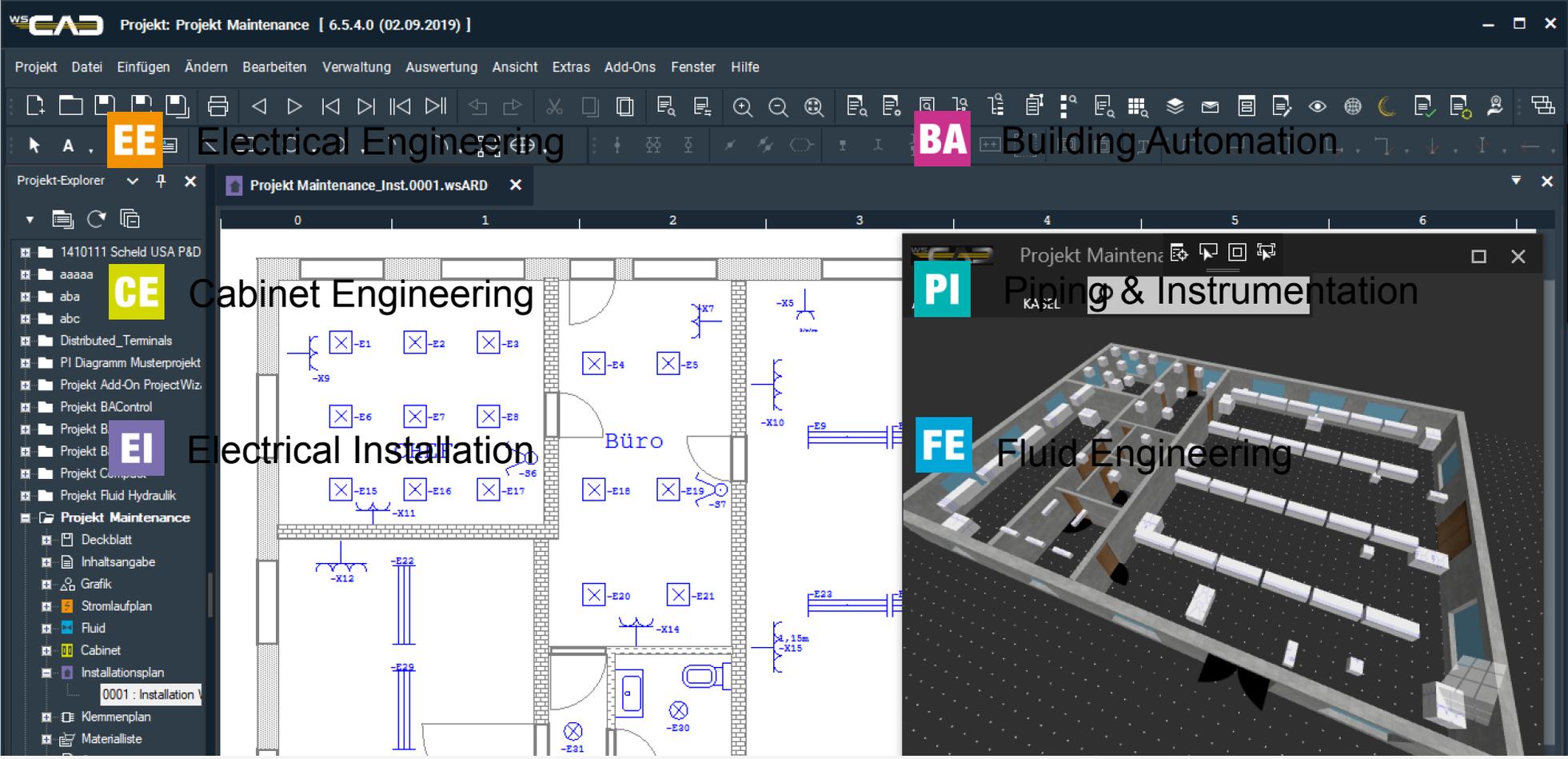


- CAD Solutions for Engineers
- Tools for Planning & Documenting
- Online Parts Platform
- 35.000 Customers

Available Technologies

EI

Electrical Engineering



EE

Electrical Engineering

BA

Building Automation

CE

Cabinet Engineering

EI

Electrical Installation

PI

Piping & Instrumentation

FE

Fluid Engineering

That's a lot of Domains

- Many different Standards
- Numerous Vendors with different Solutions
- Knowledge spread through the Company

Challenges

- Developers are specializing on certain domains

Risks:



Decreased Agility



Knowledge Loss

Challenges

- Developers are specializing on certain domains
- Coordination Overhead

Risks:



Unecessary Meetings



Slower Development

Challenges

- Developers are specializing on certain domains
- Coordination Overhead
- Existing Application

Risks:



**Implicit
Knowledge**



**Feature
Duplication**

Goals:

How to meet these challenges?



Consolidated Data Modeling



Defined Modeling Processes

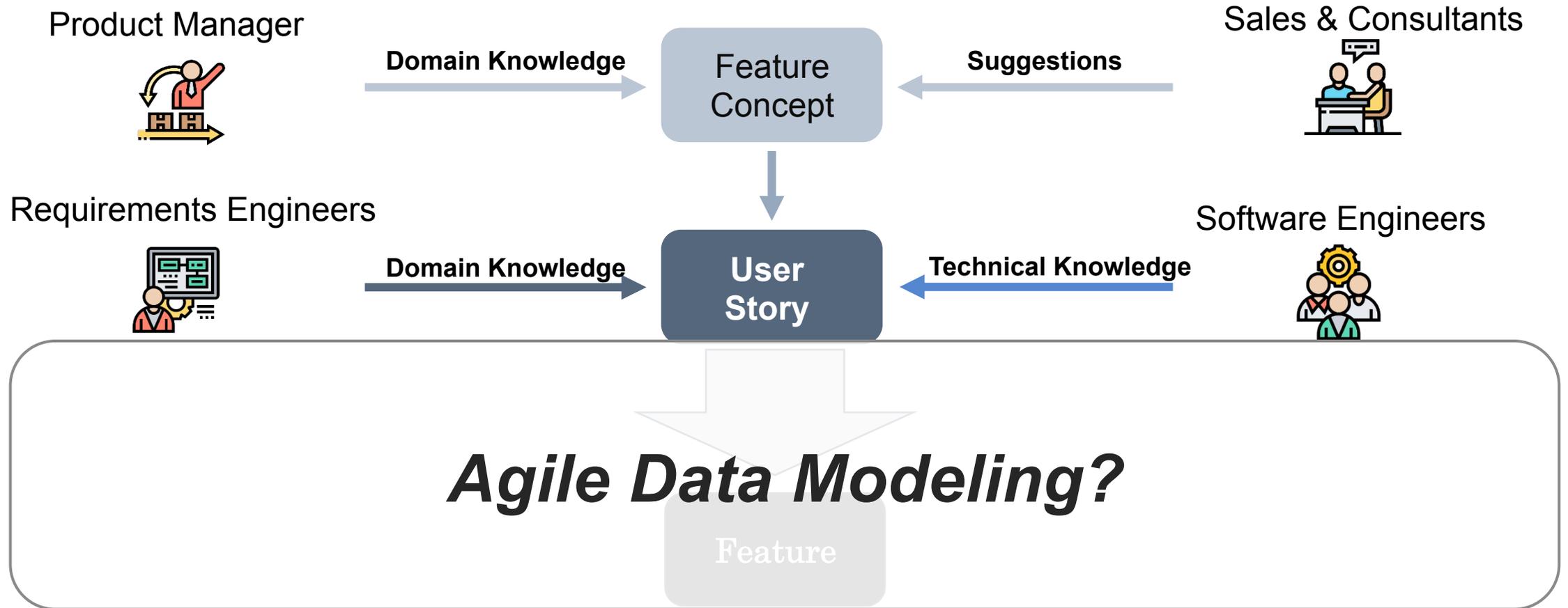


Documentation



Internationalization

Current Process



Possible Solutions



Conventional

- UML Modeling
- Wiki Documentation
- Manual adaptation to code

Problems:

- No single source of truth
- High Maintenance
- Internationalization problematic
- Provenance Data

Possible Solutions



Semantic

- Create Model in an Ontology
- Protégé as Tool
- Versioning through Git
- Manual adaptation to code

Problems:

- Limited modeling experience
- Adaptation into Code still requires manual effort

Our Solution



Modom.io

Web-Based Ontology Modeling Platform

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Modom.io application. The browser's address bar is empty. The application's header is blue and contains the Modom.io logo on the left, a grid icon, the username 'mo2' next to a profile picture, and a help icon on the right. The main content area is light gray and features a 'Welcome,' message followed by a paragraph of text: 'and thank you for participating in our pre-release programme for modom.io. Please take a look at our [getting started](#) guide and the list of [known issues](#). If you have any comments or questions, we are looking forward to receiving your [feedback](#)!'. Below this, there are two sections: 'Start' with links for 'New file' and 'Open file..', and 'Recently Used' which displays a file named 'WSCAD' with a document icon, the text '2 months ago', and a close button 'X'.



Features

The screenshot displays the modom.io web application interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Model', 'Documentation', 'Diagrams', 'Classes', and 'Properties'. The left sidebar shows a search bar and a tree view of the ontology, with 'Product' expanded to show 'Vehicle'. The main content area shows the 'Vehicle' class details, including a description, a list of properties, and a class diagram.

Vehicle Class Details:

- Product** (Status: dropdown)
- URI:** <http://schema.org/Vehicle>
- Synonyms:**
- Description:** A vehicle is a device that is designed or used to transport people or cargo over land, water, air, or through space.
- Properties:**

Name	Comment
cargoVolume	The available volume for cargo or luggage. For automobiles, this is usually the trunk volume. Typical unit code(s): LTR for liters, FTQ for cubic foot/feet. Note: You can use <code>minValue</code> and <code>maxValue</code> to indicate ranges.
dateVehicleFirstRegistered	The date of the first registration of the vehicle with the respective public authorities.
driveWheelConfiguration	The drive wheel configuration, i.e. which roadwheels will receive torque from the vehicle's engine via the drivetrain.
fuelConsumption	The amount of fuel consumed for traveling a particular distance or

Class Diagram:

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graph BT; Car --|> Vehicle; Vehicle --|> Product;
```

The diagram shows a hierarchy where 'Car' is a subclass of 'Vehicle', and 'Vehicle' is a subclass of 'Product'. The 'Vehicle' class is highlighted in blue, and its properties are listed below it: `dateVehicleFirstRegistered: date`, `numberOfAirbags: unsignedInt`, `numberOfAxles: unsignedInt`, `numberOfDoors: unsignedInt`, `purchaseDate: date`, and `vehicleIdentificationNumber: string`.



Features

The screenshot displays the modom.io web application interface. At the top, a blue navigation bar contains the 'modom.io' logo and menu items: 'Model', 'Documentation', 'Diagrams', 'Classes', and 'Properties'. On the right side of the navigation bar, there are icons for a grid, a user profile labeled 'mo2', and a help icon.

On the left side, a search bar is positioned above a tree view of classes. The tree view is expanded to show the 'Person' class under the 'Thing' category. The 'Person' class is highlighted in blue.

The main content area is divided into two tabs: 'Lookup' (selected) and 'Diagram'. The 'Lookup' tab shows a search bar with the text 'Person' and a list of search results. The results include various instances and related concepts, such as 'osoba', 'Person to Person', 'Person', and 'Chuck Person', each with a URL to a dbpedia.org page. A blue checkmark icon is visible at the bottom right of the search results panel.

The 'Diagram' tab shows a class diagram for 'Person'. The class is represented by a box with a small image icon. Below the class name, there is a URL 'http://schema.org/Person' and a section for 'Synonyms'. A description of the class is provided: 'A person (alive, dead, undead, or fictional)'. Below the description, there is a table of properties.

Name	Comment
additionalName	An additional name for a Person
affiliation	An organization that this person is affiliated with. For example, a school/university, a club, or a team.
alumniOf	An organization that the person is an alumni of.
birthDate	Date of birth.
birthPlace	The place where the person was born.
children	A child of the person.



Features



modom.io Model Documentation Diagrams Classes Properties mo2 ?

Title *
schema.org

Prefix schema Namespace http://schema.org/

Description

Translation Namespaces Deployment

You can generate source code for many different target languages from your data model.

Language	Target	Modom	
C Sharp	Classes	Modom	Generate
C Sharp	Nuget Package	Modom	Generate
C Sharp	Entity Framework 6	Modom	Generate
TypeScript	Classes	Modom	Generate
TypeScript	Interfaces	Modom	Generate



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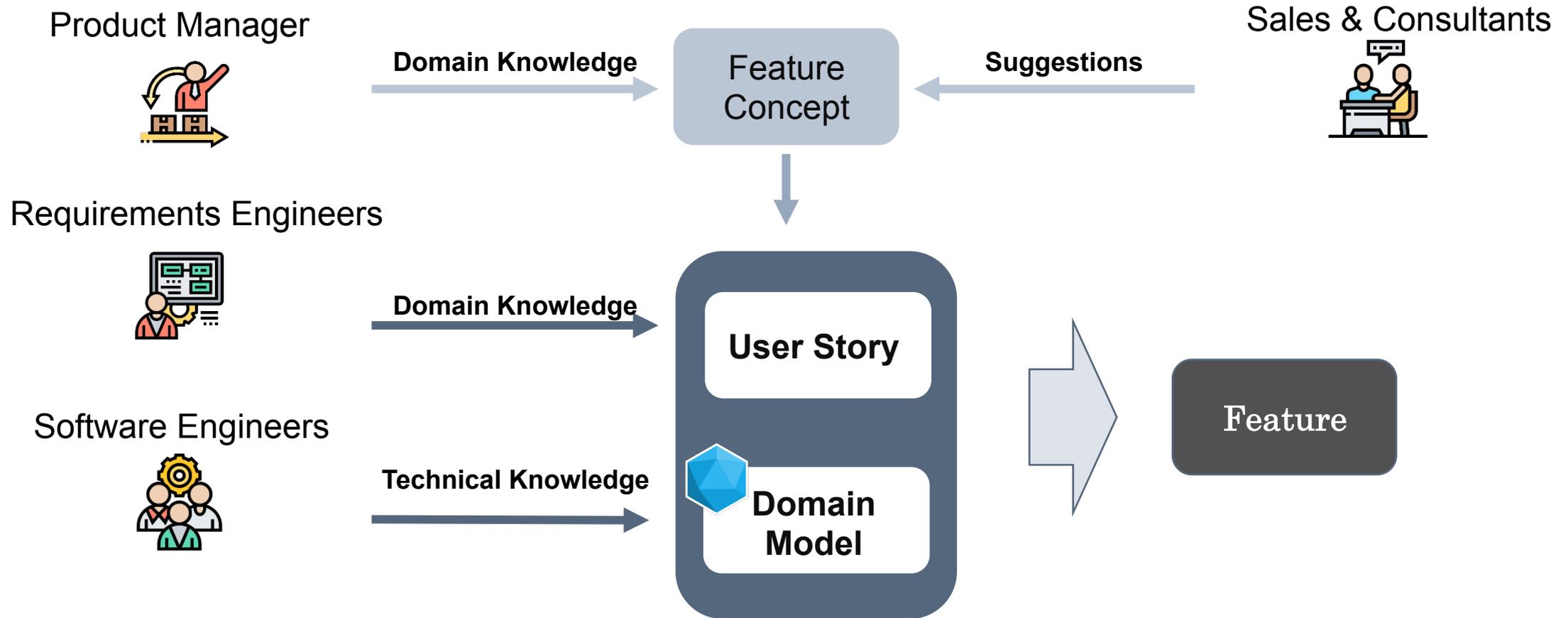
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ws:hasKey	schema:description	
ws:hasLanguage	rdfs:isDefinedBy	
ws:hasValue	@type	
ws:hasNewKey	rdfs:subClassOf	
	skos:prefLabel	
	dces:creator	
	vs:term_status	

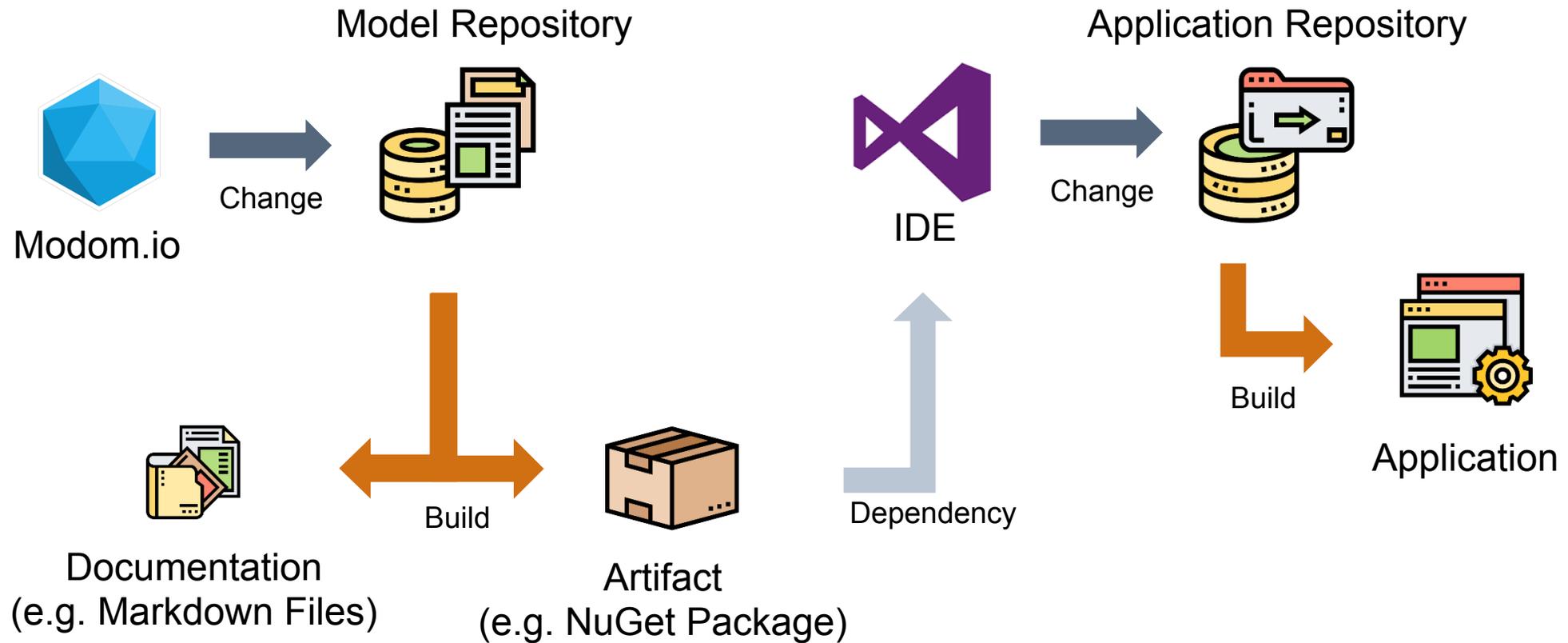
Cancel

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Resulting Process



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Conclusion

- Generated Artifacts were key for fast implementation
 - Code delivered a foundation
 - Documentation the right understanding
- Solid Data Migration Strategy still necessary
 - At least now changes are transparent
- Fewer Regressions
 - Testing can be directed
 - Conflicts are identified earlier



Outlook

- Loading & Linking of existing Concepts
 - AutomationML
 - ifcOWL
 - ...
- Generate all the boring code
 - Validations
- Improve usability
 - Visual Editor



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