

Who should participate?

The community needs visionaries, modellers, reviewers, writers, software developers, and evangelists.

If you know an industry inside-out, you can help by making suggestions for new models and by reviewing existing models.

If you know how to create process, data, or object models, you can help by creating new models and by refining existing models.

If you like to code, you can help by designing and implementing model versioning, in-browser model reviews, and other necessary tools.

If you consult with others, you can help by promoting the use of open models and by using open models in your work.

Additional Information

For further information, please access the project's website at www.openmodels.org or contact

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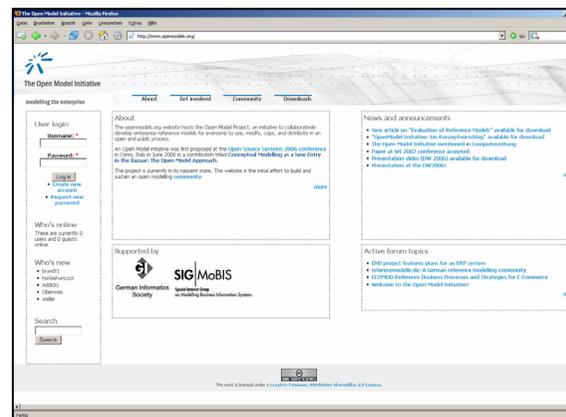
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The Open Model Initiative

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Vision and goals

The primary goal of the Open Model Initiative is to collaboratively develop reference models for everyone to use, modify, copy, and distribute in an open and public process.

A long-term vision is to build a repository of reference models for use in organisational planning, enterprise modelling, and information systems development. As enterprise resource planning (ERP) systems are the prime example of the need for and use of reference models, the vision is to eventually cover many different aspects of the enterprise, e. g. accounting, finance, and marketing.

The Open Model Initiative is inspired by the successes of open source software development projects as an example of collaborative community processes by geographically dispersed participants. The artefacts created by the Open Model Initiative are "open reference models" or "open models" for short.

The initiative also aims at developing a software infrastructure for collaborative modelling which includes version management of models and associated documentation, facilities for model review, and more.

Project's state

The Open Model Initiative is currently initialized by a group of researchers, who proposed a first vision of a future open model project at the Open Source Systems 2006 conference (see related publications).

The website openmodels.org serves as a first step to build an open modelling community and to initiate an open modelling process.

Please use the website to express your opinion about the project's goals and vision, its alleged issues, success factors, and to plainly state your ideas about an Open Model Initiative.

Related publications

Stefan Koch; Stefan Strecker; Ulrich Frank: *Conceptual Modelling as a New Entry in the Bazaar: The Open Model Approach*, in: Ernesto Damiani; Brian Fitzgerald; Walt Scacchi; Marco Scotto; Giancarlo Succi (Hrsg.): *Open Source Systems*, Springer, Heidelberg ea., Band 203, IFIP International Federation for Information Processing, 2006 (Proceedings of the Second International Conference on Open Source Systems, June 8-10 2006, Como, Italy).

Stefan Koch; Stefan Strecker; Ulrich Frank: *Conceptual Modelling as a New Entry in the Bazaar: The Open Model Approach*, Slides from the presentation at The Second International Conference on Open Source Systems, June 8-10 2006, Grand Hotel, Como, Italy.

Ulrich Frank: *Evaluation of Reference Models*, in: Fettke, P. and Loos, P.: *Reference Modeling for Business Systems Analysis*, Idea Group 2007.

See <http://openmodels.org> for related publications.