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Note

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Introduction

1.1 Purpose

This document is intended to be a practical handbook for developers who are using the Cúram Evidence Generator. The document gives examples of how to use the generator to implement evidence, and provides troubleshooting tips. It is intended that the document be used in conjunction with the Cúram Evidence Generator Modeling Guide and Cúram Evidence Generator Specification document.

1.2 Content Summary

This guide presents all aspects of evidence generation from entity development to screen options. It starts with a quick overview of the generator.

Following on from this, Chapter 3 works through the required steps in configuring an existing product to use the evidence generator and Chapter 4 gives a detailed example of implementing an evidence type from start to finish using the evidence generator.

The execution of the generator is described in chapter 5. This goes through the targets that will be used by developers when generating / building evidence.

After execution of the generator, a certain amount of handcrafted code needs to be written by a custom developer. Example code is shown from in Chapter 6 relating to the earlier example.

If a solution is built in-house using the generator, and customers want to override any aspect of it, it must support customizations of the entity itself, the server functionality and the client side pages. How they go about doing this is covered in the chapter 'Customizing a Product'.

Chapter 8 looks at identifying patterns and relationships that fit into the generator as well as describing the metadata that needs to be configured to support these patterns on both the server and client side.

In order to aid developers to track down any obvious mistakes that can be made, a chapter has been dedicated to identifying and resolving problems. This details common errors that can occur due to the non-setting or nonconfiguration of properties and the resolution to each.

It is hoped that this cookbook will not only prove a useful guide to developers to get them up and running with evidence generation but also a useful reference for finding resolutions to common problems.

1.3 Intended Audience

This document is aimed at those intending to use the generator to develop evidence based solutions using the Cúram Enterprise FrameworkTM.

1.4 Prerequisites

To make best use of this guide, you should have a good knowledge of XML, data modeling and temporal evidence solutions. Ideally, readers should be familiar with the Cúram Temporal Evidence Solutions Guide and Cúram Temporal Evidence Developers Guide before embarking upon the exercise of evidence generation.

Quick Overview

2.1 Introduction

The evidence generator caters for all of the high level, repeatable patterns that have been identified across a number of large evidence based solutions provided by the application. These patterns are outlined in detail in the Cúram Evidence Generator Specification guide. Custom solutions may identify patterns not catered for by the generator. In these instances it will be necessary for the solution to develop the entities manually, i.e. outside of the generator. It is believed that such patterns are in the minority.

The evidence generator is run as part of the standard Cúram build targets. It iterates through every evidence folder under each component. It initially looks for one specific file, evidence.properties. This should define the paths to a number of files and folders required during generation. If evidence.properties does not exist, the generator moves onto the next folder.

2.2 Sample Component

A sample directory of the finished componenet will have the following details:.

- 1. A model directory, as usual, which would contain any model files used for the evidence entity modelling.
- 2. An 'evidence' directory containing 'evidence.properties'.
- 3. The 'evidence.properties' would then define locations for:

Any server, evidence metadata

Any integrated case, client, evidence metadata

Any product delivery, client, evidence metadata

The required properties files for common client display text

2.3 Inputs and Outputs

2.3.1 Generator Inputs

The following are the list of resources used by the generator as input data.

evidence.properties

This is a resource for configuring the Evidence Generator and contains all the product/component specific properties such as naming conventions, directory locations and product-wide settings. Some of these properties are also passed onto the generation itself. These properties are defined once per product.

general.properties and employment.properties

These resources are for generating the client screens. They contain generic text labels that are used on many client screens as well as descriptions of these fields are used in the application online help. These properties are defined once per product.

Server Metadata File(e.g. Expenses.xml)

This defines your entities name and it's relationships to other evidence entities.

Client Metadata File(e.g. Expenses.euim)

This defines the client screens used to maintain your evidence entity.

Client Properties File(e.g. Expenses.properties)

This is required by your EUIM file and defines the text labels that are used, as well as descriptions of these fields used for the application online help.

and a modeled entity.

2.3.2 Generator Outputs

The following is the list of outputs generated by the generator.

- 1. Facade and Service Layer Model
- 2. Java Code
- 3. Client UIM/VIM
- 4. Wizard Data APPRESOURCE.dmx
- 5. Tab Configurations

Configure an Existing Product

3.1 Introduction

This chapter will summarize the steps involved in configuring an existing product to use the Evidence Generator. Completing these steps will mean the product will be ready for its first generatable evidence implementations.

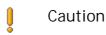
- 1. Create an Evidence Directory
- 2. Create and Configure Evidence Properties File
- 3. Create General Properties File (general.properties)
- 4. Create Product Employment Properties File (employment.properties)
- 5. Configure the Module

3.2 Step 1: Create an Evidence Directory

Create directory evidence under product root directory in EJBServer. For the example, SampleEGProduct will be used as the Product name. Therefore the evidence directory would be EJBServer/components/SampleEGProduct/evidence.

3.3 Step 2: Create and Configure Evidence Properties File

Create an evidence.properties file. This file is used to configure various mandatory product parameters including locations of input files such as EUIMs and locations of output files such as generated UIMs.



The location of the evidence.properties is important. This *must* be located within a directory called evidence, however this directory may be located anywhere within your component. For convenience the following location is suggested:

EJBServer/components/ SampleEGProduct/evidence/evidence.properties

The developer is then free to specify within this properties file the location of the remaining mandatory files in arbitrary locations. Again, for convenience, sub-directories under the evidence directory would be the logical choice.

The following is a sample of the product parameters required. For the complete list see *Cúram Evidence Generator Specification - Appendix A evidence.properties*

product.name=SampleEGProduct

This setting would result in the generated evidence files being copied to ../components/SampleEGProduct.

product.ejb.package=seg

Following on from the product name in the previous example, the code package name here could be seg, so generated classes would have a package structure like curam.seg.evidence

It should be noted that setting this property to evidence will result in a generated package structure of curam.evidence and not curam.evidence.evidence

product.prefix=SEG

The prefix is prepended to the name of all generated UIM pages and certain generated classes, such as the façade. In this case the façade class generated would be SEGEvidenceMaintenance

product.webclient=\${webclient.dir}/components/\${product.name}

The root directory for client product is located at webclient/components/SampleEGProduct.



Note

\${webclient.dir} is a property that is set in the Evidence Generator itself and points to the webclient/components directory. The user is free to use it or not.

3.4 Step 3: Create General Properties File (general.properties)

This file contains all generic client page properties, client message properties and online help properties for this product.

All of the keys (properties) specified in Cúram Evidence Generator Specification - Appendix B general.properties are mandatory. Omission of any keys is likely to break the build or cause compilation errors.

3.5 Step 4: Create Product Employment Properties File (employment.properties)

This file contains all generic employment specific client page properties, client message properties and online help properties for this product.

As with the general.properties, all of the keys (properties) specified in *Cúram Evidence Generator Specification - Appendix C employment.properties* are *mandatory*. Omission of any keys is likely to break the build or cause compilation errors.

3.6 Step 5: Configure the Module

The evidence generator will generate a single registrar module for all the generated evidence types. This registers the implementations of the evidence interface and the evidence comparison interface. Add the fully qualified class name to the Module Class Name initial data.

The class generated in our example would be

• curam.seg.evidence.service.impl.SEGRegistrarModule

Asset Example

4.1 Introduction

This chapter outlines how to implement a sample evidence type, Asset, as generated evidence. This covers the metadata and the modeling required to successfully generate the server-side and client-side artefacts for the evidence entity.

4.2 Step 1: Model Evidence Entity

This part of the process is totally removed from the evidence generator. The evidence entity is modeled in the standard way following the guidelines in Cúram Evidence Generator Modeling Guide and will be picked up in the standard Cúram build. The modeling of entities, structs and aggregations is well described in that guide, and the standards, naming conventions etc. described must be adhered to. All the metadata defined is used to support and connect to this via the service layer, façade layer or client.

4.2.1 Asset Entity and Aggregations

The Asset entity has the following attributes:

- Value
- Asset Type
- Start Date
- End Date

The primary key of the entity must be called 'evidenceID' as the generator expects this. All other attributes may be named as required. Optimistic locking is enabled on the entity. The entity should have the standard read, insert and modify operations generated automatically.

There are a number of conventions outlined in the Cúram Evidence Generator Modeling Guide that must be adhered to. These include the naming of structs and aggregations required for each entity, as well as multiplicities for the aggregations and code packages matching the product.ejb.package property.

4.2.2 Asset Modeling Diagram

Once the entity's attributes have been defined and the necessary structs and aggregations modeled, it's possible to put it all together. Our Asset entity is modeled in Fig 4.1 below:

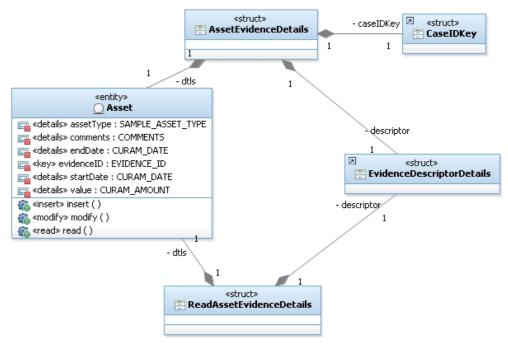


Figure 4.1 Asset entity diagram

4.3 Step 2: Create Evidence Metadata

The evidence generator has been configured to look in the configured directories for server XML metadata files, Integrated Case EUIM metadata files and their corresponding properties files and Product Delivery EUIM metadata files and their corresponding properties files. Each entity will have one server XML file and one pair of EUIM and properties files defining it.

4.3.1 Asset Server XML

The following is the server XML metadata file for Asset:

```
<EvidenceEntity>
<Entity
```

4.3.2 Asset Client EUIM

The following is the client EUIM metadata file for Asset:

```
<Entity name="Asset" displayName="Asset">
  <UserInterface>
    <Clusters>
      <Cluster label="Cluster.Title.AssetDetails"
        numCols="2">
        <Field label="Field.Label.AssetType"
          columnName="assetType" mandatory="Yes"
          use_blank="true"/>
        <Field label="Field.Label.StartDate"
          columnName="startDate" mandatory="No"
          use_default="false"/>
        <Field label="Field.Label.AssetValue"
          columnName="value" mandatory="Yes"
          use_default="false"/>
        <Field label="Field.Label.EndDate"
          columnName="endDate" mandatory="No"
use_default="false"/>
      </Cluster>
      <Cluster label="Cluster.Title.Comments">
        <Field columnName="comments" mandatory="No"
          metatype="COMMENTS" label=""/>
      </Cluster>
    </Clusters>
  </UserInterface>
</Entity>
```

Note

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EUIM is similar in nature to UIM. For example, data is described in terms of 'fields' and the layout is described in terms of 'labels', 'clusters' and 'fields'. The idea behind the introduction of 'EUIM' (Evidence UIM) was to use a format that developers would be familiar with.

The following is the associated properties file for Asset.euim:

```
Cluster.Title.AssetDetails=Asset Details
Field.Label.AssetType=Type
Field.Label.AssetType.Help=The type of the asset
Field.Label.AssetValue=Value
Field.Label.AssetValue.Help=The value of the asset
Field.Label.StartDate=Received
Field.Label.StartDate.Help=The date the asset was received
Field.Label.EndDate=Disposed
Field.Label.EndDate.Help=The date the asset was disposed
```

```
Cluster.Title.Comments=Comments
Cluster.Title.Comments.Help=Additional information
```

4.4 Step 3: Standard Evidence Configuration

There are a number of steps involved when configuring a new evidence type. Here is a checklist.

Configuration before generating Asset

- Name the Asset evidence type by adding an entry to Evidence Type Code Table.
- Optionally, create a static description for Asset evidence via a new entry in the Text Translation initial data. Link this Text Translation to a new entry in the Localizable Text initial data. This step can be defered until later. It's only visible to the user on the New Evidence screen.
- Add a new entry in the Evidence Metadata initial data linking it to the the Evidence Type and, optionally for now, the Localizable Text.
- Link the Evidence Metadata to either an integrated case or a product by adding an entry to the Admin IC Evidence Link or the Product Evidence Link initial data respectively. If the evidence is to belong to an Evidence Category (e.g. Resources) set the category attribute here.
- If the Asset Evidence Business Object Tab is to be utilised in a given Section of the application, contribute to the section definition (e.g. DefaultAppSection.sec). Without this contribution the Asset Evidence Business Object page will simply load in the current content panel.

A sample section file is generated for each product including all the evidence tabs. This sample is located at EJBServer/components/EvGen/tab/BusinessObjectTab/cproduct.prefix>GeneratedAppSection.sec

```
<sc:section
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns:sc=
"http://www.curamsoftware.com/curam/util/client/section-config"
id="DefaultAppSection"
>
<sc:tab id="AssetObject"/>
</sc:section>
```

📍 Note

There is one handcrafted implementation that **must** be completed after running the generator, as without it, some evidence screens will not be accessible. See Section 6.2, *Asset Hook::getDetailsForListDisplay()*.

Executing the Generator

5.1 Introduction

This chapter looks at the evidence generator targets that the user can call on and the expected outcome.

5.2 Generator Targets

5.2.1 Standard Generator Targets

The evidence generator has been designed to be transparent to the developer, i.e. it integrates into the standard build targets so no additional environment variables need to be set nor do any new targets need to be called to generate evidence. Once the steps outlined in the preceding chapters have been fulfilled, the standard build targets will suffice to generate or clean the metadata driven evidence along with the standard files.

build generated

Calling this target in EJBServer will generate the evidence inf and impl layers as well as the normal server layers.

build client

Calling this target in webclient will generate and build the client screens as well as the standard client screens.



As is the case with a normal build, if the build client is called prior to a build generated after model / metadata changes have been made, the client build can fail. Normally the failure would be the result of the changes made in the client UIMs / VIMs to use new features implemented on the server and then rebuilding the client without first rebuilding the server.

With evidence generation, any change made to the EUIMs / server XMLs will be automatically generated the next time the client generation occurs. This is why it is important to generate the server first if those changes affect the façade layer in any way.

build clean

The target to clean generated evidence is incorporated into the standard target and is therefore transparent to the developer. The target here is the same on both the server and the client, build clean.



Customized generated code (see Chapter 6, *Asset Handcrafted Code*) will be not be deleted.

5.2.2 Evidence Generator Specific Targets

As well as incorporating the evidence generator build targets into the standard targets, there are two optional targets the developer may use to provide more granular control over evidence generation. These are intended for cleaning of generated evidence without removing any of the standard generated files, thereby speeding up the development process. Both of these targets exist within the EJBServer/build.xml.

build egtools.clean

This target will clean all server related evidence files. A clean will only occur if the prerequisites have been met and will occur regardless of new EU-IM and server XML files being added, or existing ones having been updated since the last build.

build egtools.client.clean

This target will clean all client related evidence files. A clean will only occur if the prerequisites have been met and will occur regardless of new EU-IM and server XML files being added, or existing ones having been updated since the last build.

5.3 Generator Output

On completion of evidence generation, there will be a number of new directories in the locations specified in the evidence.properties file.



All entity, service and façade level generated code is written directly to the build directory and so will not appear within your components source directory

Asset Handcrafted Code

6.1 Introduction

The generated server output contains some stubs in which custom code may be written, i.e. placeholders for customers to add their own code. These add a degree of flexibility when a generated evidence pattern is not a perfect fit for an evidence entity.

See Cúram Evidence Generator Specification - Chapter 6, Adding Functionality for the full list of generated stub classes and their methods.

6.2 Asset Hook::getDetailsForListDisplay()

All evidence entities **must** implement the Hook method, getDetailsForListDisplay. This method creates the text description for a particular Asset Business Object on the evidence workspace pages. As this is link text used on the client screens, it must be populated in order to access all the screens.

The following is the getDetailsForListDisplay implementation for Asset:

```
/**
   Get evidence details for the list display
    *
   Get evidence details for the list display
    *
   @param key Key containing the evidenceID and evidenceType
   *
   @return Evidence details to be displayed on the list page
   //
   public EIFieldsForListDisplayDtls getDetailsForListDisplay(
    EIEvidenceKey key)
     throws AppException, InformationalException {
        // Return object
        EIFieldsForListDisplayDtls eiFieldsForListDisplayDtls =
        new EIFieldsForListDisplayDtls();
        // Asset entity key
        final AssetKey assetKey = new AssetKey();
        assetKey.evidenceID = key.evidenceID;
    }
}
```

```
// Read the Asset entity to get display details
final AssetDtls assetDtls =
  AssetFactory.newInstance().read(assetKey);
\ensuremath{{\prime}}\xspace // Set the start / end dates
eiFieldsForListDisplayDtls.startDate = assetDtls.startDate;
eiFieldsForListDisplayDtls.endDate = assetDtls.endDate;
LocalisableString summary = new LocalisableString(
    BIZOBJDESCRIPTIONS.BIZ_OBJ_DESC_ASSET);
summary.arg(
  CodeTable.getOneItem(SAMPLEASSETTYPE.TABLENAME,
    assetDtls.assetType));
// Format the amount for display
TabDetailFormatter formatterObj =
  TabDetailFormatterFactory.newInstance();
AmountDetail amount = new AmountDetail();
amount.amount = assetDtls.value;
summary.arg(formatterObj.formatCurrencyAmount(amount).amount);
eiFieldsForListDisplayDtls.summary =
  summary.toClientFormattedText();
return eiFieldsForListDisplayDtls;
```

}

Customizing a Product

7.1 Introduction

An 'out-of-the-box'(OOTB) evidence solution is provided with some of the Cúram solutions, the customer may decide to extend and customize this OOTB evidence solution to better fit their business requirements.

7.2 Setting up a Custom Product

This section deals with setting up a custom product which will override an OOTB product.

7.2.1 Custom evidence properties

The OOTB product will come pre-configured with an evidence.properties file - see Section 3.3, *Step 2: Create and Configure Evidence Properties File* for details. For the purposes of overriding an OOTB product, the custom product will require its own, thin version of evidence.properties.

The crucial property here is 'override.product'. If this is not set, the evidence generator will assume that this evidence product is brand new. If it is set, it must be set to the 'product.name' of an existing evidence generation product. All the other properties have already been defined in *Cúram Evidence Generator Specification - Appendix A evidence.properties*.

```
# Unique name (product.name) of the OOTB product to override
override.product=SampleEGProduct
# Prefix used to specify where all metadata files are copied to
product.prefix=SEG
# Other Mandatory Properties in an Overriding Product
product.build.option=true
evidence.properties.dir
```

```
= %SERVER_DIR%/components/custom/EvGenComponents/SEG/evidence
properties.home=${evidence.properties.dir}/properties/
server.metadata=${evidence.properties.dir}/server/metadata
caseType.integratedCase.metadata
= ${evidence.properties.dir}/integrated/metadata
caseType.product.metadata
= ${evidence.properties.dir}/product/metadata
```

Example 7.1 Sample custom evidence.properties

Caution

The location of the evidence.properties is not optional. This *must* be located in a directory named 'evidence' which resides in any subdirectory of:

EJBServer/components/custom

As the custom directory may eventually contain many of these overridden products (and evidence directories), it is recommended that some sort of naming scheme be devised. e.g.

EJBServer/components/custom /EvGenComponents/<ProductName>/evidence

7.2.2 Overview of Build Process and Generated Files

The evidence generator build process looks for evidence subdirectories in all the components listed in the SERVER_COMPONENT_ORDER. For each of these the first step is to gather the product's metadata (and display properties) to the build directory. Next, a search across the custom directory is performed to find any evidence.properties that overrides the queued product. It is at this point in the build that any overriding gets done. This is done by gathering the customized metadata (and display properties) and *copying them over* (not merging them with) the queued product's metadata in the build directory. The product's evidence is then generated from this super-set of metadata.

It is worth noting that most artefacts generated by an OOTB product are not modifiable. Nor are they placed under source control. The only artefacts that are modifiable, are the handcrafted Java® classes provided for customizable hook points called to throughout the non-modifiable generated codebase. These are only generated where they previously did not exist. Thereafter, they must be maintained under source control.

Therefore, by overwriting the metadata before the build, all the generated custom artefacts get generated as if they belonged to the OOTB product (i.e. to the OOTB product's directories). The only exception to this is these hand-crafted classes which will be described in more detail later on.

7.3 Overriding Display Text

Display text is defined in the properties files associated with an EUIM, the general properties file and the employment properties file. These can all be overridden in the custom directory.

7.4 Overriding an OOTB Evidence Entity

For this example it is assumed that the Expense entity has been provided as part of a Cúram evidence solution. The customer has decided that the entity does not provide the fields required to fully meet the business requirements. To meet their requirements, the customer has decided to add two additional attributes to the entity. The first attribute is the username of the user who creates / modifies the record. The second is the number of children that the case participant has (if any).

7.4.1 Modeling

In keeping with the guidelines set out in the Cúram Evidence Generator Modeling Guide (Section 2.1.5) and the Cúram Server Modeling Guide (Section 30.2), an Extension class will be created and this class will be linked to the provided Expense entity.

л «entity» 🔘 Asset easetType : SAMPLE_ASSET_TYPE 💼 «details» comments : COMMENTS 💼 «details» endDate : CURAM_DATE 📴 «key» evidenceID : EVIDENCE_ID 💼 «details» startDate : CURAM_DATE 📴 «details» value : CURAM_AMOUNT 🐔 «insert» insert () 🐔 «modify» modify () «read» read () 1 «extension» 1 «extension» 🐌 Asset 🚘 «details» username : USER_NAME education and ended and

The modeled extension is shown below:

7.4.2 Metadata

The metadata for a customized entity is almost identical to the standard metadata. It is captured in two files, <Entity-Name>.xml and <Entity-Name>.euim. To begin customization of an entity, it is recommended to copy all of the OOTB entity's metadata and make any modifications as appropriate.

Server-side Metadata

As the changes to Asset only relate to additional fields, the server-side metadata should be identical to the metadata of the entity that is being overridden with one exception. An additional node, Override, is required. This additional node specifies whether or not the entity is brand new and which custom handcrafted classes need to be generated. For more information, see the Cúram Evidence Generator Specification - Appendix E.1.1 Override Node.

The following is the custom server XML metadata file for Asset:



Client-side Metadata

The client-side metadata should be identical to the metadata of the entity that is being overridden except for the inclusion of any additional fields where appropriate. In the presented example, the developer will want to include the 'reference text' field on the screen as the user will be populating this themselves. The developer will not want to expose the username on the screen.



Similar to any other customization within the application, it is not possible to remove any attributes from an entity.

The following is the custom client EUIM metadata file for Asset:

```
<Field label="Field.Label.StartDate"
          columnName="startDate" mandatory="No"
          use default="false"/>
          <Field label="Field.Label.ReferenceText"
          columnName="referenceText" mandatory="No"
          use_default="false"/>
          <Field label="Field.Label.AssetValue"
          columnName="value" mandatory="Yes"
          use_default="false"/>
        <Field label="Field.Label.EndDate"
          columnName="endDate" mandatory="No"
          use_default="false"/>
      </Cluster>
      <Cluster label="Cluster.Title.Comments">
        <Field columnName="comments" mandatory="No"
          metatype="COMMENTS" label=""/>
      </Cluster>
    </Clusters>
  </UserInterface>
</Entity>
```

The following is the associated properties file for Asset.euim:

```
Cluster.Title.AssetDetails=Asset Details

Field.Label.ReferenceText=Reference Name

Field.Label.ReferenceText.Help=Reference Name to help the user

differentiate similar records.

Field.Label.AssetType=Type

Field.Label.AssetType.Help=The type of the asset

Field.Label.AssetValue=Value

Field.Label.AssetValue=Value

Field.Label.AssetValue.Help=The value of the asset

Field.Label.StartDate=Received

Field.Label.StartDate.Help=The date the asset was received

Field.Label.EndDate=Disposed

Field.Label.EndDate.Help=The date the asset was disposed

Cluster.Title.Comments=Comments

Cluster.Title.Comments.Help=Additional information
```

7.4.3 What is Generated

As stated earlier, everything except the handcrafted code is generated as it would be if the entity had been defined OOTB.

In the case of a custom extension of an OOTB entity, these handcrafted implementations will already exist. The generator creates handcrafted classes in the custom source package which are modeled using the replace superclass option, where the superclass is the existing OOTB implementation. These will only contain method stubs each of which will, by default, begin by calling the superclass implementation.

In the current example, the handcrafted preCreate function will need to be updated by the developer to assign the value of the username attribute to the creation struct. Also, the handcrafted validateDetails function may need to be updated to ensure the 'reference text' field is not left blank.

7.5 Adding a Brand New Custom Entity

Adding a brand new custom entity to a custom evidence product that overrides an OOTB product is exactly the same as developing one in any other product with one exception. The Override node must be used and the newEntity attribute must be set to Yes.



Note

The codepath is the same as it would be in the OOTB product.

7.5.1 What is Generated

In this case, there will be no OOTB implementation of the handcrafted code. In order to keep the code as straightforward as possible, a dummy OOTB implementation of these is generated inside the build source directory underneath the OOTB's code package. Also, the derived custom version is generated into the custom source directory and should be placed under source control.

Identifying Entities, Patterns and Relationships

8.1 Identifying Evidence Entities

Evidence is the data collected by an organization to facilitate the delivery of services to the organization's clients. In the application, evidence is typically used in the determination of eligibility and entitlement for clients. For the evidence generator, it is any entity which implements the standard evidence interface and is maintained using the temporal evidence solution.

8.2 Identifying Patterns

A pattern is a piece of functionality that is used by an evidence entity. This functionality might be features on a maintenance screen or additional code specific to an entity. The evidence generator provides the functionality to specify which patterns apply to which entities via metadata captured in XML. This metadata is then read, during generation, and converted to the appropriate feature, e.g. button on a client page or callout class stub in which a developer can then implement business logic.

8.3 Identifying Relationships

Relationships in evidence are ways to describe how evidence entities interact and exist in relation to each other. The generator provides the functionality to specify these relationships. It then generates all of the associated server-side code and client page functionality to facilitate the maintenance of the relationships. The most common relationship is the Parent-Child relationship. The other relationships the generator caters for are Pre-Associations, Multiple Mandatory Parents and the Related relationship.

8.3.1 Parent-Child Relationship

Parent-Child is one of the most common logical relationships between evidence entities. Typically this is a one-to-many relationship where the Parent can have many children and each Child must belong to a Parent. Parent-Child relationships should be used to capture the logical relationship between two entities where the Child entity cannot live without the Parent entity and the details on the Child are logically related to the details captured on the Parent. For example, student details may be held on a Student entity and student expenses on a Student Expenses entity. It this instance, Student Expenses could not exist without Student being present but Student could exist on its own.

8.3.2 Pre-Associated Relationship

Pre-Associations are non-hierarchical relationships between evidence entities which can exist independently of each other. The association is known before creating the evidence. This means the developer can access data from the associated entity at create time.

8.3.3 Multiple Mandatory Parents Relationship

Where an entity must simultaneously be the child of more than one parent entity, the pattern for multiple mandatory parents should be used.

8.3.4 Related Relationship

Related relationships are again non-hierarchical in nature and are used to relate an evidence record to a non-evidence record. The primary example of this, which has occurred in all evidence based modules built by the application, is the relation of evidence based employment records to the Core Employment record. Examples of evidence based employment entities would be Self Employment and Paid Employment. This is a key functional area in a lot of solutions hence the decision to treat it as a separate pattern.

Identifying Problems

9.1 Introduction

When running the Evidence Generator, problems can occur if any of the setup steps outlined in the preceding chapters are carried out incorrectly.

9.2 Configuration (Evidence Properties)

9.2.1 Generation Errors

Evidence will not build / clean

Symptom:

No new evidence is generated when the target is generated. No evidence is deleted when the target is clean.

Cause:

product.build.option is set to false or missing.

Solution:

Set product.build.option=true if this evidence is to be generated. If it is missing from the evidence.properties, add it with this value.

Evidence not found.

Symptom:

Cause:

The property product.name in evidence.properties does not match that in the codebase.

Solution:

Set product.name=correct Product Name as it appears under EJBServer/ components/ <ProductName>

'<EntityName>Details' is not present in the model

Symptom:

Error when build generated is called from EJBServer: Parameter 'dtls' (of operation ...) has type <EntityName> EvidenceDetails', but '<EntityName>Details' is not present in the model.

Cause:

The property product.ejb.package in evidence.properties does not match part of the CODE_PACKAGE on the model.

Solution:

Set product.ejb.package=Model CODE_PACKAGE up to first "." delimiter. For example

```
CODE_PACKAGE = seg.evidence.entity
```

product.ejb.package=seg

No source files matching the extensions XML

Symptom:

Error when build generated is called displayed in the XML Digestor output: The source location <\$server.metadata> was found to contain no source files matching the extensions XML

Cause:

server.metadata does not match physical root directory for Product's evidence directory

Solution:

Set server.metadata to point to the correct directory.

The general properties file was not found

Symptom:

Error when build generated is called displayed in the XML Digestor output: The general properties file was not found at the location \$properties.home\

Cause:

properties.home does not match physical properties directory.

Solution:

Set properties.home=Directory where general.properties was created.

<\$server.metadata> was found to contain no source files matching the extensions XML

Symptom 1:

Error when build generated is called on EJBServer: Error # The source location <\$server.metadata> was found to contain no source files matching the extensions XML

Cause 1:

The property server.metadata in evidence.properties does not point to the location of server XML files.

Solution 1:

Set server.metadata=<correct location of server metadata>;

Symptom 2:

Error when build client is called on Webclient: Error # The source location <\$server.metadata> was found to contain no source files matching the extensions XML

Cause 2:

The property product.name in evidence.properties does not match that in the codebase.

Solution 2:

Set product.name=correct Product Name as it appears under EJBServer/ components/ <ProductName>

No EUIM source files

Symptom 1:

Error when build generated is called on EJBServer: No EUIM source files were found within the EUIM source directory <\$caseType.integratedCase.metadata>

Cause 1:

The property caseType.integratedCase.metadata in evidence.properties does not point to the location of integrated EUIM files.

Solution 1:

Set caseType.integratedCase.metadata=<correct location of integrated metadata>

Symptom 2:

Error when build generated is called on EJBServer: No EUIM source files were found within the EUIM source directory <\$caseType.product.metadata>

Cause 2:

The property caseType.product.metadata in evidence.properties does not point to the location of product EUIM files.

Solution:

Set caseType.product.metadata=<correct location of product metadata>

9.2.2 Runtime Errors

HTTP Status 404 Error Message

Symptom:

Page not found error when trying to access generated evidence work-space.

Cause:

product.codetable is set incorrectly, i.e. not pointing at product codetable directory.

Solution:

Set product.codetable=<product_Root_CodeTable_directory>.

9.3 Model

9.3.1 Generation Errors

Invalid Mandatory Field

Symptom:

Error when build generated is called from EJBServer: The mandatory field 'dtls.<fieldName> specified for parameter 'dtls' of operation '<EntityName>.create<EntityName>Evidence' is invalid.

Cause:

The "dtls" association between the <EvidenceEntity>Details struct and the EvidenceEntity entity is missing. This association is mandatory for all evidence entities.

Solution:

Create an association as described between the two structs. See Section 4.2.1, *Asset Entity and Aggregations* for more details.

9.3.2 Compilation Errors

<EntityName>Details' is not present in the model.

Symptom:

Error when build generated is called: <EntityName>Details' is not present in the model.

Cause 1:

The first element (i.e. up to first delimiter ".") in CODE_PACKAGE does not match evidence property product.ejb.package in evidence.properties.

Cause 2:

The second and third elements in CODE_PACKAGE are not evidence.entity.

Solution 1:

Set first part of CODE_PACKAGE=product.ejb.package (or vice versa)

Solution 2:

Set second part of CODE_PACKAGE=evidence. Set third part of CODE_PACKAGE=entity.

details.parEvKey cannot be resolved or is not a field

Symptom:

Compilation error in generated code: details.parEvKey cannot be resolved or is not a field

Cause:

The "parEvKey" association between the <EvidenceEntity>Details struct and the EvidenceKey struct is missing. This association is necessary if the evidence entity in question is a child of another evidence entity.

Solution:

Create an association as described between the two structs. See Section 4.2.1, *Asset Entity and Aggregations* for more details.

evidenceDetails.parEvKey cannot be resolved or is not a field

Symptom:

Compilation error in generated code: evidenceDetails.parEvKey cannot be resolved or is not a field

Cause:

This error is also a result of the "parEvKey" association between the <EvidenceEntity>Details struct and the EvidenceKey struct missing and should be dealt with in the same manner.

Solution:

Create an association as described between the two structs. See Section 4.2.1, *Asset Entity and Aggregations* for more details.

dtls.selectedParent cannot be resolved or is not a field

Symptom:

Compilation error in generated code: dtls.selectedParent cannot be resolved or is not a field

Cause:

The "selectedParent" association between the <EvidenceEntity>Details struct and the ParentSelectDetails struct is missing. The ParentSelectDetails is present and the association between this and the entity details struct is necessary if the entity is a child of another evidence entity.

Solution:

Create an association as described between the two structs. See Section 4.2.1, *Asset Entity and Aggregations* for more details.

dtls.caseIDKey cannot be resolved or is not a field

Symptom:

Compilation error in generated code: dtls.caseIDKey cannot be resolved or is not a field

Cause:

The "caseIDKey" association between the <EvidenceEntity>Details struct and the CaseIDKey struct is missing. This association is mandatory for all evidence entities.

Solution:

Create an association as described between the two structs. See Section 4.2.1, *Asset Entity and Aggregations* for more details.

evidenceDetails.caseIDKey cannot be resolved or is not a field

Symptom:

Compilation error in generated code: evidenceDetails.caseIDKey cannot be resolved or is not a field

Cause:

This error is also a result of the "caseIDKey" association between the <EvidenceEntity>Details struct and the EvidenceKey struct missing and should be dealt with in the same manner.

Solution:

Create an association as described between the two structs. See Section 4.2.1, *Asset Entity and Aggregations* for more details.

readEvidenceDetails.descriptor cannot be resolved or is not a field

Symptom:

Compilation error in generated code: readEvidenceDetails.descriptor cannot be resolved or is not a field

Cause:

The "descriptor" association between the Read<EvidenceEntity>Details struct and the EvidenceDescriptorDetails struct is missing. This association is mandatory for all evidence entities.

Solution:

Create an association as described between the two structs. See Section 4.2.1, *Asset Entity and Aggregations* for more details.

details.descriptor cannot be resolved or is not a field

Symptom:

Compilation error in generated code: details.descriptor cannot be resolved or is not a field

Cause:

The "descriptor" association between the <EvidenceEntity>Details struct and the EvidenceDescriptorDetails struct is missing. This association is mandatory for all evidence entities.

Solution:

Create an association as described between the two structs. See Section 4.2.1, *Asset Entity and Aggregations* for more details.

evidenceDetails.descriptor cannot be resolved or is not a field

Symptom:

Compilation error in generated code: evidenceDetails.descriptor cannot be resolved or is not a field

Cause:

This error is also a result of the "descriptor" association between the <EvidenceEntity>Details struct and the EvidenceDescriptorDetails struct missing and should be dealt with in the same manner.

Solution:

Create an association as described between the two structs. See Section 4.2.1, *Asset Entity and Aggregations* for more details.

readEvidenceDetails.dtls cannot be resolved or is not a field

Symptom:

Compilation error in generated code: readEvidenceDetails.dtls cannot be resolved or is not a field

Cause:

The "dtls" association between the Read<EvidenceEntity>Details struct and the <EvidenceEntity> entity is missing. This association is mandatory for all evidence entities.

Solution:

Create an association as described between the two structs. See Section 4.2.1, *Asset Entity and Aggregations* for more details.

readEvidenceDetails.caseParticipantDetails cannot be resolved or is not a field

Symptom:

Compilation error in generated code: readEvidenceDetails.caseParticipantDetails cannot be resolved or is not a field

Cause:

The "caseParticipantDetails" association between the ReadCaseParticipantDetails struct and the <EvidenceEntity> entity is missing. This association is mandatory for all evidence entities.

Solution:

Create an association as described between the two structs. See Section 4.2.1, *Asset Entity and Aggregations* for more details.

9.4 Metatypes

Specifying metatypes on fields is a way to force certain additional behavior on the field, e.g. turning the stored value into a link or having a text area rather that field displayed. It is possible that a developer might incorrectly specify a metatype. Examples of the common mistakes are outlined below.

9.4.1 Incorrect Participant Metatype

Symptom:

The primary case participant's name does not appear on the evidence maintenance screens as a link to the case participant home page.

Cause:

One of CASE_PARTICIPANT_SEARCH or PAR-ENT_CASE_PARTICIPANT_ROLE_ID was not specified as the metatype on the field that stores the case participant role ID.

Solution:

Set the metatype of the of the field that stores the case participant role ID to be one of CASE_PARTICIPANT_SEARCH or PAR-ENT_CASE_PARTICIPANT_ROLE_ID.

9.4.2 Incorrect Date Metatype

Symptom:

The "start" and "end" dates on the evidence workspace screen are not

being populated.

Cause:

In the metadata for the fields storing the "start" and "end" dates, the metatype of START_DATE or END_DATE was not specified.

Solution:

Specify the metatype of START_DATE or END_DATE to the appropriate field.

9.4.3 Incorrect Comments Metatype

Symptom:

Comments field on an evidence screen has field height of one row and spans only half the screen.

Cause:

In the metadata for the field storing the Comments data, the metatype of COMMENTS was not specified.

Solution:

Specify the metatype of COMMENTS to the appropriate field.

9.5 Properties

9.5.1 Generation Errors

The general properties file was not found at the location \$properties.home\

Symptom:

Error when build generated is called displayed in XML Digestor output: The general properties file was not found at the location \$properties.home\

Cause:

general.properties does not exist.

Solution:

If general.properties does not exist, create and set properties.home to point to it.

The employment properties file was not found at the location \$properties.home\

Symptom:

Error when build generated is called displayed in XML Digestor output:

The employment properties file was not found at the location $properties.home \$

Cause:

employment.properties does not exist.

Solution:

If employment.properties does not exist, create and set properties.home to point to it.

No such property exists

Symptom:

Error when build client is called: The text property <evidence property> used in the file <generated evidence VIM or UIM > could not be resolved as no such property exists in the properties file <generated evidence properties file >.

Cause:

The property key above is missing from either the general.properties or employment properties file.

Solution:

See Cram Evidence Generator Specification - Appendix B general.properties and Chram Evidence Generator Specification - Appendix C employment.properties for mandatory property keys. The missing key should be in one of these. The generated properties file that is required to have it should give an indication whether this property is from the general or employment.properties.

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