Design Document – Domain Model Component

TUGraz – T2.2B – Apache 2.0 – Client side

About this component

This component will be implemented as a client-side component. It is concerned with supplying a domain model for a certain game. Therefore a local stored domain model is loaded. The C# component architecture will prevent multiple component creation; only one client-side component of this type per game is needed.

Domain Model

A Domain Model is a structure, which consist of competences that should be learned with the respective game and dependencies between these competences. Furthermore, a domain model includes information about actions that can be performed during the game and how the competences are linked to them (i.e. which competences are covered/conveyed by performing an action). See http://css-kmi.tugraz.at:8080/compod/rest/getdomainmodel?id=isr2013 as an example for the XML representation of a Domain Model – the structure will be adopted during the development.

Component mechanics

This component uses XML de-serialization.

Component interfaces

- The client side component will return a serializable custom-type domain model. The information of which Domain model is delivered will be stored in the component settings. A C# representation in the component interface could be:

  DomainModel getDomainModel()

Component dependencies/requirements

- This component does not depend on any other components.

Milestones

Milestone 1

- t1.1: Creating the first version of the design document, defining the API and creating a dummy component with the API implemented

Milestone 2

- t2.1: Create Software component in line with Component-Manager infrastructure.
- t2.2: Implement Serializer/ Deserializer for the XML-structure.
- t2.3: Integrate the component settings.

Milestone 3

- t3.1: testing the component with a game
- t3.2: instructions and scripts for building and deploying

- Graphical representation

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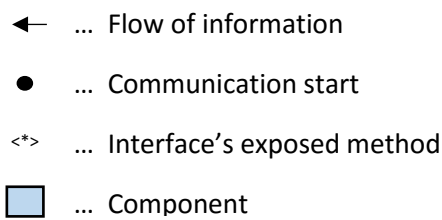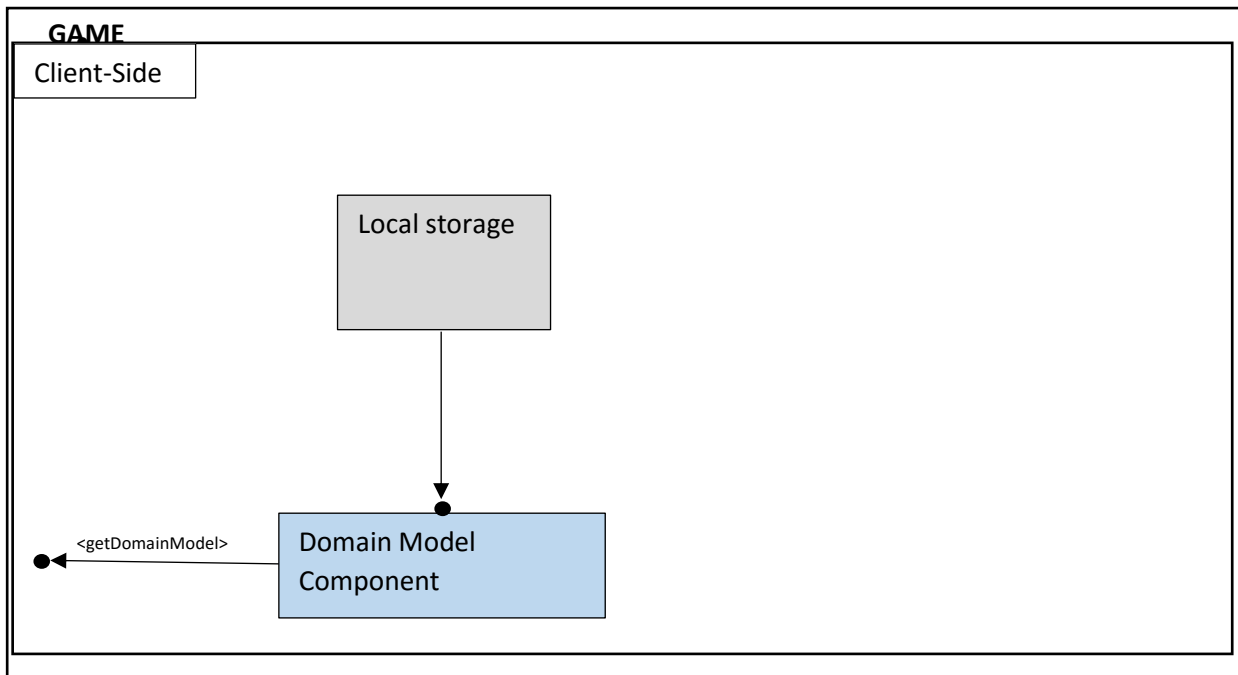
Set up the Component

The Domain Model Component is used to load a domain model either from a local source or from a web server. The data source needs to be stored in the domain model component settings.

- The settings need to be overwritten to change the data source. The C# code could look like the following, when specifying a local source with identifier 'domainmodel.xml':

```csharp
DomainModelAssetSettings dmas = DomainModelAssetSettings.Instance;
dmas.LocalSource = true;
dmas.Source = "domainmodel.xml";
dma.Settings = dmas;
```

Use the Component

To load the domain model a method is implemented. The data need to be supplied in a XML-file, created via a JS-HTML page (more information where to find and how to use this tool will be supplied at a later stage). To load this File, also an IDataStorage-Bridge or IWebServiceRequest needs to be implemented, dependent on the location of the data source. The following line of code can be used to load the domain model:

```csharp
DomainModel dm = dma.getDomainModel();
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Deployment

For the source code the following GitHub-link can be used https://github.com/RAGE-TUGraz/CompetenceBasedAssets - it contains the Visual Studio solution of the competence based component. Furthermore, the broken links to external component DLLs need to be fixed for each project and the Bridge code need to be adopted to the new environment, e.g. changing the IDataStorage path.

For integration into Unity, the resulting DLLs need to put into a folder in the Unity working-directory.

Unit test

For executing unit tests, the source code need to be open in visual studio and all links need to be fixed. In the test-explorer all tests can be executed.