

Unedic, France and Acceleo

UNEDIC INDUSTRIALIZES ITS DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES AND METHODOLOGY WITH OW2 ACCELEO

Key Words:

- MDA
- Code Generation
- Public Sector



Organization

Unedic

Market

Public Sector

Status

Association

Mission

Manage and pay unemployment benefits

Objective

Decrease projects duration and risks
Manage sub-contracting issues

Country

France

OW2 Project

Acceleo

The Unedic chose Obeo to help them to industrialize their development processes and methodology, in order to achieve the goals of decreasing projects duration and risks as well as managing sub-contracting issues.

The Company: UNEDIC

Founded in 1958, UNEDIC is the central organization managing unemployment benefits for all branches.

Unedic is continuously developing and maintaining its IT system, improving its processes and aligning its systems with new government laws regarding unemployment. Although the company was used to carry out its IT developments in-house, Unedic is now in the process of outsourcing them.

The Need to Optimize Outsourcing

From a technical point of view, the UNEDIC needs to make sure that the software developed by different sub-contractors will fit together as a whole from a technical and a functional point of view and that it will run properly with the existing applications.

UNEDIC is using Java EE technologies to develop its business applications, and has developed a set of architecture frameworks and a methodology to ensure those applications meet their business needs. Developing Java EE applications is quite challenging and development at UNEDIC was essentially done without the help of advanced tools.

UNEDIC expectations were the followings:

- Improve productivity and reliability as well as communication between analysis, design and development teams;
- Leverage current design methodology and architecture;
- Minimize investment and optimize ROI.

How UNEDIC Implemented Acceleo

This project is carried out by a third party company which uses the toolset that was developed before the project started. The toolset was deployed on a UNEDIC large project (>5000 man days).

It is first used by Business Analyst who do high level modelling, and then reused for the design and development phases.



The project was completed in five months, including a one month Proof of Concept phase.

- Study of current methodology and design practices with the Unedic architecture teams;
- Design of 3 Domain Specific Modelers based on the Unedic DSL (Domain Specific Language);
- Design of Acceleo code generator modules automating code generation for the Unedic JEE architecture;
- Knowledge transfer for the generation part to the Unedic architects.

Key Benefits In conclusion, the Acceleo toolset proved to be a great asset to:

- Decrease costs on the whole project including technical knowledge transfer between the UNEDIC and the sub-contractor;
- Ensure that functional target is met using a new validation input: design models;
- Ensure those design models are properly aligned with the actual application using Acceleo Pro Traceability features;
- Ensure that technical targets are matched and that technical quality meets the UNEDIC requirements.

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About ACCELEO

- Acceleo is an OW2 project created to provide source code generators.
- Acceleo uses the Eclipse platform and the MDA methodology (Model Driven Architecture).



More information about Acceleo is available at <http://www.acceleo.org>

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