

Fully Communication Oriented Information Modeling

chronological overview

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1 Fully Communication Oriented Information Modeling

The following articles were published and handed out at conferences. They describe the steps made advancing from traditional NIAM towards the current FCO-IM. In chronological order:

- 1992 Objecten zijn in feite feiten
Harm van der Lek, Guido Bakema
internal Atos Origin publication
Dutch article
- 1992 De unificatie van objecttypen en feittypen, een praktisch en didactisch vruchtbare theorie
Harm van der Lek, Guido Bakema, Jan Pieter Zwart
Dutch article
published in Informatie
- 1993 The unification of object types and fact types, a practical and didactical fruitfull theory
Harm van der Lek, Guido Bakema, Jan Pieter Zwart
English article (translated)
handed out at NIAM-ISDM conference
- 1993 Het groeperingsalgoritme in een communicatiegeoriënteerde aanpak
Harm van der Lek
Dutch article
written for HAN University
- 1994 Fully Communication Oriented NIAM'
Harm van der Lek, Guido Bakema, Jan Pieter Zwart
English article
(working papers of NIAM-ISDM conference)
- 1992 Natuurlijke taal Informatie Analyse Methode: een overzicht
Harm van der Lek
Dutch article
written for HAN University
(also published in Handboek Database Systemen, 1993)
- 1994 Label type extensions
Han Schouten
Several articles



2 FCO-IM Formalisation

The articles describe formalisations in respect to the FCO-IM methodology.

1993 On the structure of an Information Grammar
Harm van der Lek
English article
HAN University
(also published in working papers of NIAM-ISDM conference, 1994)

1997 Formalisation of FCO-IM
Emile ter Horst
English report
KUN University graduation project at Atos Origin uso
Harm vd Lek



3 FCO-IM Books

Available books on FCO-IM methodology

- 1994 Volledig Communicatiegeoriënteerde Informatiemodellering en Relationale Database Ontwerp
Susanne Willemsen
Draft
HAN University graduation project uso Guido Bakema
- 1996 Volledig Communicatiegeoriënteerde Informatiemodellering
Guido Bakema, Jan Pieter Zwart, Harm van der Lek
Dutch book
TenHagenStam
- 1999 Fully Communication Oriented Information Modeling
Guido Bakema, Jan Pieter Zwart, Harm van der Lek
English syllabus
FCO-IM Consultancy
- 1996 FCO-IM opgavenbundel
Jan Pieter Zwart
Dutch
HAN University in Dutch
- 1999 'FCO-IM exercises'
Jan Pieter Zwart
Translated
HAN University in English
- 2000 Fully Communication Oriented Information Modeling
Guido Bakema, Jan Pieter Zwart, Harm van der Lek
Special course edition for Albania
Publishing House 'Camaj-Pipa, Albania'
- 2001 Volledig Communicatiegeoriënteerde Informatiemodellering, Opgaven en casussen
Marco Engelbart, Rob Arntz, Jorg Janssen
Dutch book
TenHagenStam



4 FCO-IM repository

The repository storing all FCO-IM related information has had some work in the years to complete. (Note it'll never be really complete since theory progresses every day and push the methodology and repository forward.)

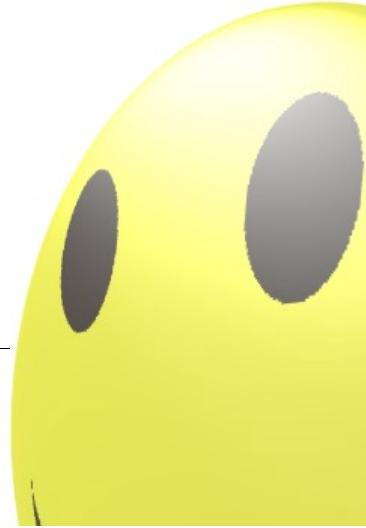
- ? Communicatiegeoriënteerde Informatiemodellering en CASE-architectuur
Frank Borghans, Michel Teunissen, Susanne Willemsen, Henri Heijltjes
successive versions of course material
as HAN University student assistants uso Guido Bakema
- 1994 Proposal for an FCO-IM Generic Meta Grammar
Guido Bakema, Han Schouten
English paper
NIAM-ISDM group
- 1995 Inventarisation of constraints on the FCO-IM Generic Meta Grammar
Henri Heijltjes
as HAN University student assistant
- 1995 FCO-IM Casetool repository
Guido Bakema, Jeanot Bijpost
implemented in Ascaris FCO-IM Casetool
Ascaris Software + FCO-IM Consultancy
- 1997 FCO-IM automodel
Guido Bakema, Joost Nunnink
FCO-IM Consultancy



5 FCO-IM tools

All tools in overview created from prototypes up to full commercially available editions.

- 1991 FCO-IM CASE-tool version 0
Harm van der Lek, Harm Brumsen
for VPT-project
- 1992 FCO-IM CASE-tool version 1
Guido van Bommel, Frank Borghans, Michel Janssen,
Jean Paul Koster
as HAN University student assistants uso Guido Bakema
- 1993 FCO-IM CASE-tool version 2
Frank Borghans, Michel Teunissen
documentation in Dutch
HAN University graduation project uso Guido Bakema
- 1994 FCO-IM CASE-tool version 3
Jeanot Bijpost, Michel Hoek
documentation in Dutch
HAN University graduation project uso Leo Wiegerink
and Guido Bakema
- 1996 FCO-IM Casetool version 4.0
Ascaris Software
- 1997 Commit
TLO Holland Controls
Partial FCO-IM support
- 1997 FCO-IM Casetool version 4.1
Ascaris Software
- 2002 CaseTalk
Successor of FCO-IM Casetool, 32 bit
Supported by HAN and FCO-IM Consultancy
BCP Software
- 2002 Infagon
Successor of FCO-IM Casetool, 32 bit
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6 FCO-IM courses

During the years of development FCO-IM was educated at the HAN university and many other educational institutes. However the mainstream education causing research in this area, is at the HAN.

1994+ Bachelors-level FCO-IM courses
HAN University

1995+ Post-bachelors program MSc in Information Systems development
HAN University

1995+ FCO-IM course materials and case studies
KUN University and other universities

1998+ Course 'Hands on FCO-IM'
HAN Business and Competence Centre,
Atos Origin BMS Academy

2002+ Course 'Advanced Modeling'
HAN Business and Competence Centre,
Atos Origin BMS Academy



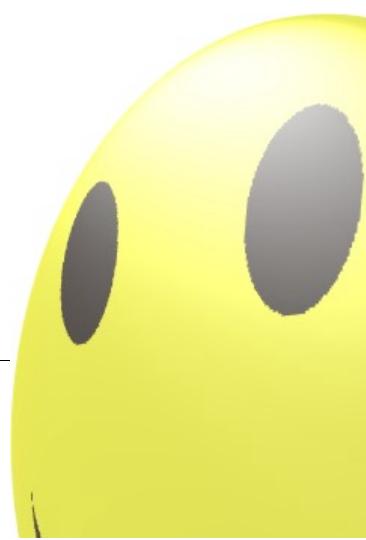
7 FCO-IM Large Projects

A few large and succesfull projects are done by HAN and Atos Origin related employees. Many others exist but are not yet named in this list.

- 1990 NS (Dutch Railways)
VPT Model
Harm van der Lek
Ended in 1993
- 1993 CVI
Peter Alons
Ended in 1995
- 1994 Several graduation project
HAN students
HAN University uso Guido Bakema, Jan Pieter Zwart,
Marco Engelbart, Deny Smeets
- 1996 Railned
Dons model
Micha Nabben, Mark Achter
HAN graduation project uso Guido Bakema, Peter Alons
- 1998 KLM
Passage model
Karel Duran, Peter Alons
Ongoing project
- 2000 Sandia National Labs
Datawarehouse models
Gary Rivord
Ongoing projects
- 2000 HAN University
FIS2000 model
Claudine van den Aardweg
Ongoing project
- 2000 ING Group
HRM Datawarehouse
Jan Kruijdenberg
Ended in 2003



2002 Railned
Dons model (new)
Peter Alons
Ongoing project



8 FCO-IM Conversion

The content rich FCO-IM repository allows conversion to other methodologies since they are usually poorer in information content. Of course in these cases the cost of losing information is defendable. Conversion for ER, OO-related methods or Datawarehouse implementations are possible.

8.1 Meta Data Framework

The Meta Data Framework is the basis for transforming the FCO-IM repository into other methodology repositories or models.

2000 Single Point of Definition Meta Data
Peter Alons
Dutch magazine article (2 parts)
Published in DB/M

2002 DWH life cycle toolsupport
Elton Manoku
HAN University graduation project at KLM
uso Karel Duran

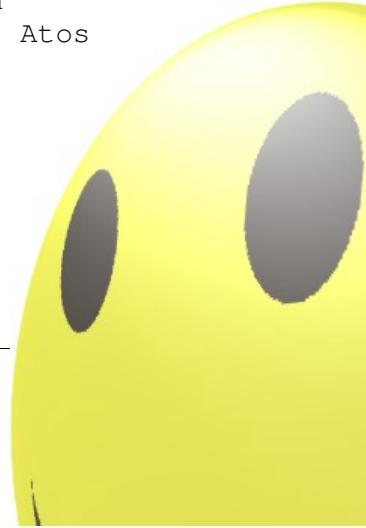
8.2 Entity Relationship Model

1998 FCO-IM and ERM
Guido Bakema, Jan Pieter Zwart
Paper with heuristic algorithm
For HAN University, in Dutch and English
Finalized in 2001

2000 FCO-IM to DWH Converter
Benon Paloka
Prototype + documentation
HAN University student assistant uso Guido Bakema

2000 FCO-IM to ERwin Converter
InfoShkodra
Tool
For Atos Origin uso Guido Bakema + Peter Alons

2001 Genci Berati, Jetmir Karini: tool 'FCO-IM to ERM
Converter' (HAN University graduation project at Atos
Origin uso Guido Bakema + Rob Arntz)



2002 FCO-IM to ERM Converter
Elton Manoku
Tool + documentation
HAN University student assistant uso Guido Bakema,
Claudine van den Aardweg

8.3 Object Orientation Conversions

1997 C++ generator
Ascaris Software
FCO-IM Casetool version 4.1 plug-in

2001 FCO-IM to C++ Converter
Chiel Boon
Prototype + documentation
OU University graduation project uso Guido Bakema

2001 Objectgeoriënteerde Domeinanalyse
Frank Peters, Frens Vonken
Dutch book
Academic Service

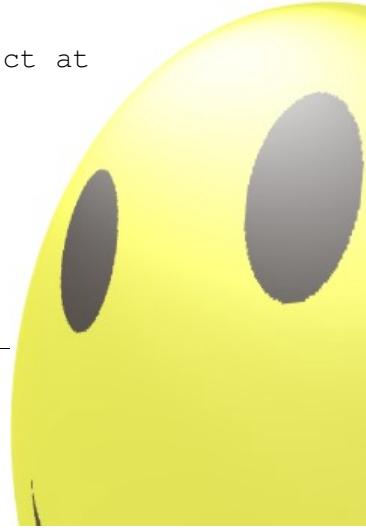
2002 FCO-IM to UML Converter
Elton Manoku
Tool + documentation
HAN University student assistant uso Guido Bakema

8.4 Datawarehouse conversion

1999 Overdekkende Bos Stelling
Harm van der Lek
Dutch article
Published in DB/M

1999 FCO-IM Datawarehouse wizard
Jorg Janssen, Egi Rodriguez
Global heuristic algorithm + prototype
HAN University graduation project at Summa EST uso
Guido Bakema

2000 Detailed heuristic algorithm
Rob Arntz
HAN University / KUN University graduation project at
Atos Origin uso Guido Bakema, Peter Alons



- 2001 StarBridge
Titus Nachbauer, Norbert de Jonge
Partial implemented tool
HAN University graduation project at Atos Origin uso
Guido Bakema, Rob Arntz
- 2002 StarBridge
Elton Manoku
FCO-IM to Dimensional tool + documentation
HAN University graduation project at KLM uso Guido
Bakema, Karel Duran, Rob Arntz

8.5 Generic Repository transformations

- 2002 New transformation architecture
Elton Manoku
HAN University graduation project at KLM



9 Business Rules Automation, Application Generation

Theory development

- 1991 Idea's with respect to repository extension and application generation based on negative and positive selects
Guido Bakema
Not published
- 1994 Handle business rules related to FCO-IM
Han Schouten
Papers NIAM-ISDM conference

Implementation

- 1996 Application generator
Ascaris
FCO-IM Casetool version 4.1 Plug-in
- 1997 Constraint storage based on negative selects
Intermediate tool
HAN graduation project at Railned uso Guido Bakema,
Harm van der Lek

