

# Fully Communication Oriented Information Modeling

chronological overview

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## 1 Fully Communication Oriented Information Modeling

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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



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## 2 FCO-IM Formalisation

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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

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Available books on FCO-IM methodology

- 1994 Volledig Communicatiegeoriënteerde  
Informatiemodellering en Relationeel 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

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## 4 FCO-IM repository

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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



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## 5 FCO-IM tools

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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

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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



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## 7 FCO-IM Large Projects

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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 Achten  
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 Rained  
Dons model (new)  
Peter Alons  
Ongoing project



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## 8 FCO-IM Conversion

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The content rich FCO-IM repository allows conversion to other methodologies since they are usually poorer in information content. Off course in these cases the cost of loosing 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



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## 9 Business Rules Automation, Application Generation

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### **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