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Subject: Re: Ideas for the future development

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Hello,

thanks to Volker for this detailed information and outlook!

- > 1) Collect features
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- > 2) Assign features to versions ("roadmap", "feature freeze")
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- > 3) Implement; parallel: start again with (1)

This strategy seems reasonable to me. At least it's worth trying it out :-)

Only remark: I think, this strategy is not fully "compatible" with the

(~"Development process for railML partial Schemes"),

[http://www.railml.org/documents/general/developmentprocess\\_g er.pdf](http://www.railml.org/documents/general/developmentprocess_g er.pdf) (only available in German?)

But facing the fact that this development process was never fully applied in past, it might not be a big problem, or what do you think?

- > To help railML spreading, we should update the documentation. We should
- > provide the following documents
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- > \* An Overview about railML-infrastructure (exists, needs update)

Do you mean the schema documentation which was generated with XMLSpy?  
( [http://www.railml.org/genesis/infrastructure/v100/Reference/ HTML/Infrastruc ture\\_V100\\_Reference\\_EN.html](http://www.railml.org/genesis/infrastructure/v100/Reference/ HTML/Infrastruc ture_V100_Reference_EN.html))

This is good for reference, but I think we also need some more detailed specifications, which cannot be covered by the schema.

Or is there anything like

[http://www.railml.org/schemes/timetable/timetable\\_1.00\\_en.pd f](http://www.railml.org/schemes/timetable/timetable_1.00_en.pd f) available for infrastructure?

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- > V) Perspective
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- > Finally, I want to give you an example how the development of the next
- > versions can look like if we use the above described development process.
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- > Roadmap:
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- > Version 1.01: Bugfixes, updated documentation
- > Version 1.02: Introduction of complex types, harmonization
- > Version 1.1x: First introduction of new features or elements  
> (development versions)
- > Version 1.20: First introduction of new features or elements  
> (stable version)

Have you any ideas of time horizons? E.g. What should be done until september (next meeting)?

- > Tasks:
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- > \* Report and collect bugs
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- > \* Collect ideas and contents for the documentation

In my opinion, the documentation of the timetable schema ([http://www.railml.org/schemes/timetable/timetable\\_1.00\\_en.pdf](http://www.railml.org/schemes/timetable/timetable_1.00_en.pdf)) is a good example.

I propose that we define the format/structure of the documentation first, and then it can be filled with contents from (I hope) several developers.

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Best regards  
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