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Subject: Re: railML 3.x: Data Modelling Patterns  
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Dear all,

thank you very much for your feedback on the Modelling Design Patterns. As we are breaking new ground with these modelling design rules, we are thankful for every single feedback, no matter whether pro or con.

As an intermediate result of the discussion, we can conclude that the defined Modelling Design Patterns will be handled as guidelines and not as written law. This means for the modelling that we try to follow these patterns whenever it makes sense, but for sure there will be cases, when we will deviate from these patterns for certain reasons. These reasons must not be single schema internal ones, but shall be analyzed and discussed cross-schema wide. By doing so, we want to ensure that deviations from the Modelling Design Patterns are not schema specific, but have reasons that are considered by other developers, too.

As someone said at the last Conference in Prague: "You are not going to design modelling rules, but harvest them." Following this approach we want the modelling design patterns to learn and to evolve over time in parallel to our data model. Consequently, every feedback is highly appreciated and will make the railML 3.x better step by step.

Thank you very much and best regards  
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