Subject: Re: New developer version V1.1.1 released Posted by Dr. Volker Knollmann on Thu, 30 Oct 2008 16:46:26 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

On 30/10/08 09:45, Susanne Wunsch wrote:

- > Changing "Elements and attributes that use xxx" to
- > "Elements, types and attributes that use xxx" because "tGeoCoord" is
- > used by type "tPlacesElement".

Ok, I'll insert the word "attribute" in the template.

- > I don't want to discuss about translations, term "Boundary Conditions"
- > means "Constraints", doesn't it?

Well, "Boundary conditions" is often used in a more mathematical sense, i. e. "things that have to be true / fulfilled" ("Randbedingungen").

The meaning of "constraints" refers IMHO more to "things you have to be aware of" ("Einschränkungen").

Discussing the difference here would end up in nit-picking, since both words are semantically very close together. And since we're are not in a mathematical context here, I don't mind changing the template from "boundary conditions" to "constraints", since I'm going to edit it anyway...;-)

- > Why didn't you integrate "Notes" in the default template?
- > [...]
- > -
- > Do we need such a template for elements, too? Why doesn't use it for
- > all, elements, types, attributes and attribute groups?

The current version of our wiki software does not support the usage of templates within templates. When I wrote the documentation, I tried to create "mini-templates" for links, tags, elements, etc. Would unfortunately, those references to templates are not interpreted when using from within another template.

Another thing that does currently not work is the setting of default values for template parameters. Imagine you don't have any "Notes" for an entry. This is probably the usual case. Then you don't want to insert "left blank" or "no entry" or something like that every time you create a new page. But instead you want to have a default value like "n/a" for ALL template parameters you don't set explicitly in your template instance. And exactly this handling of default values doesn't work with our quite old wiki version.

I asked our webmaster to update to a more recent version of the wiki software, which should solve the problems. He promised to apply the update within the next days.

After he applied the patches, I'll extend the documentation framework to use default parameters and "templates in templates".

In fact I spent half a day trying to get these two features working with our wiki version... but I failed... *sigh*

Best regards, Volker

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