
Subject: [railML3] Request for feedback on changes of our deprecation policy
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Dear all,

Following an issue [1] and presentation at the conference [2] railML.org is to change a deprecation policy for railML3. Please answer if you have anything against or anything is missing.

Current state: In order to remove an element or attribute we currently need an intermediate minor version of railML where we deprecate this attribute or element.

railML's suggestion:

- Changes from one minor version to the next will be allowed without a deprecation phase. This allows changes that cannot have a deprecation phase, such as:
 - o Renaming elements, attributes or enumeration values
 - o Changing the minOccurs or maxOccurs of an element
 - o Changing the use of an attribute (optional or mandatory)
 - o Changing between xs:sequence, xs:choice and xs:all
- Remodelling may also be done without including both the old and new implementation in the new version, reducing the complexity.
- Removals that are not replaced by something new may still have a deprecation phase.

[1] <https://development.railml.org/railml/version3/-/issues/535>

[2]

https://download.railml.org/events/conferences/railml_45th_virtual/2024-06-06_railml-nygreen_common.pdf

Sincerely,

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