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Subject: Re: Timetable updates

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I think that should do it.

best regards  
Thomas Kauer

Joachim Rubröder wrote:

- > So I suggest to form a new group of attributes for the train:
  - > <dataSource> the former <source>
  - > <dataDateTime> the former <date>, now with expanded type "dateTime"
  - > <dataStatus> new data, changed data, deleted data, ...
  
- > in addition there will be the two new attributes
  - > <trainNumber> the train number (not unique)
  - > <trainStatus> planned train, canceled train, ...
  
- > I think this should solve the problems about "Timetable updates"?
- > best regards,
  
- > J.Rubröder
  
  
- > Thomas Kauer schrieb:
  - >> I agree that we need a technical trainID that is independent of the
  - >> "outside" used train number.
  - >> On european level there is a project in work to follow international
  - >> trains between NL and I passing the alps (Europtirails). For this there
  - >> will be introduced a global trainID over all the way the train runs (over
  - >> all companies and countries) to which the locally used train numbers have
  - >> to be associated.
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  - >> Actually the idea is to use a combination of:
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    - >> - the train number at the beginning of the train
    - >> - the departure station
    - >> - the departure day/time (important since such trains can run for
    - >> more than 24h)
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    - >> but there is no final format defined yet as far as I know.

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>> The <status> would be needed not to identify the train but as additional  
>> information.  
>> By the way, I see at least two kinds/groups of informations that could be  
>> treated as status:  
>> - information about the train (running, canceled, planned, ...)  
>> - information about the data (as suggested below: new data/train,  
>> changed data for an existing train, ...)  
>>  
>> best regards  
>> Thomas Kauer  
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>> Joachim Rubröder wrote:  
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>>> I agree that a trainID like "4712" is not enough to identify a train.  
>>> For german DB we use a combination of line number, train number,  
>>> operating period and the timetable period as trainID and there are still  
>>> some identification problems to solve.  
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>>> What about:  
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>>> <trainID> technical ID to identify a train, used by the programs  
>>> (most often based on the train number)  
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>>> <trainNumber> new element for the train number, as used by railways  
>>> like "4712"  
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>>> <status> as suggested below, like "changed"  
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>>> <date> with new ISO8601-format xsd:dateTime instead of  
>>> xsd:date (a date with optional time, fractional seconds up to  
>>> nanoseconds are possible like "19941105T08:15:00301")  
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>>> best regards,  
>>> Joachim Rubröder  
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>>> Tobias Bende schrieb:

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>>>> Thomas Kauer wrote:  
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>>>> >In respect to possible future use of the timetable-schema as an interface  
>>>> >for programs that treat with actual trains and not only with longtime  
>>>> >planning it should support the possibility to give delta-informations for  
>>>> >existing timetable data. So it would be useful to add the proposed  
>>>> >attribute <status>.  
>>>> >The <date> of the last change would be used in this respect to decide for  
>>>> >multiple changes which one is the last, that is to say which one is  
valid.  
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>>>> An example where one would definitely need delta-information is a  
>>>> day-of-operation system for railway companies. In such a system there  
>>>> would be several updates per second.  
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>>>> It has to be asked if the <status> attribute is adequate for indicating  
>>>> changes. It could be if there existed some identity for each train, but an  
>>>> artificial identity (like train number + date) is not enough. For example,  
>>>> how would I send the information that train number 4711 is now called  
>>>> 4712?  
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>>>>> Joachim Rubröder wrote:  
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>>>>>> This case is not especially treated in the schema. But you are free to  
>>>>>> put a whole big timetable with thousand trains in a file, or to send  
>>>>>> just a few update-trains. I think this is a task for the receiving  
>>>>>> program to identify the trains as new or known ones.  
>>>>>  
>>>>>> There is the <date> attribute in <train> which could be used as date of  
>>>>>> the last change and I thought about adding another optional attribute  
>>>>>> <status> in the <train> element (as used within SBB) wich could have  
>>>>>> values like "new", "changed", "omitted", ...  
>>>>>> Would this be helpful?  
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>>>>>> Joachim Rubröder  
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>>>>>> Tobias Bende schrieb:  
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>>>> >>>I have a question on updates of existing timetables. Given that a file  
>>>> >>>with a complete timetable (especially in a format like RailML) is very  
>>>> >>>large it is in practice often desirable to be able to send updates when  
>>>> >>>something changes as opposed to recreate and send the entire file. Is  
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>>>> this  
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>>>> >>>something that has been considered?  
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>>>> >>>Tobias Bende  
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