

This presentation will demonstrate how to create a Data Transformation Map.



The presentation will give an overview of the mapping objects, review Data Transformation mapping process, and cover some common mapping functions.



Data Transformation maps have no "real" direction association. There is a source document and a target document. The Data Transformation processing flow is deenvelope, translate or transform, envelope. The source message is deenveloped and transformed to the target message. The target message is enveloped.

With WDI Client mapping you have the choice to select which document type you want to use for the mapping commands.



In a source based Data Transformation Map, the map is constructed based on the order elements are defined in the source document definition. The Source document is presented for mapping in the mapping window. The mapping commands appear under the Source document elements. Elements can be simple or compound. Simple elements are any element that contains a single piece of data, such as a Data Format Field, EDI Standard Data Element, or XML simple elements. Examples of compound elements are Data Format Records and EDI Standard Segments.



The source document is parsed and an abstract message is created. The parser constructs the input message into the hierarchical representation using the source document definition. The Abstract Message Model (AMM) basically represents messages as a tree of elements. All element have a name. Elements may be compound or simple. If an element has child element it is a compound element. If an element has no child elements, then it is a simple element and will have a type and a value. The model of a message presented to a message processing node is that of a parse tree of syntax elements. Translation occurs with execution of mapping commands based on the hierarchy and order of the elements as defined in the source document definition (which was used during the mapping process).



In a target based Data Transformation Map, the map is constructed based on the order elements are defined in the target document definition. The Target document is presented for mapping in the mapping window. The mapping commands appear under the Target document elements. Elements can be simple or compound. Simple elements are any element that contains a single piece of data, such as a Data Format Field, EDI Standard Data Element, or XML simple element. Compound elements are elements that contain other elements. Examples of compound elements are Data Format Records and EDI Standard Segments.



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The WebSphere Data Interchange (WDI) Client Mapping Functional Area. For general help you can click the question mark at the top, right or select Help->Contents.

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Select the Source document syntax type Data Format or Application Data, EDI, or XML and click on Next. This selection will affect what you will see in the next window.



A list of Source Document Dictionaries is displayed. This selection is for the Source dictionary and document type and is based on your selection on the previous window. In this example, data formats was selected which displays a list of application data metadata definitions. This selection is for the Source dictionary and document type. Select the Source dictionary and click on Next.

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Confirm the Source and Target metadata definitions and click Finish.



The mapping window displays with the Source document in the top left window and the Target document in the top right window. Mapping commands are located in the lower left window. In this example data format was identified as the Source and Source based mapping was selected as the map base. The Mapping commands window displays the Source document metadata definition because this is a source based map. Variables are located in the lower right window. Records, segments, and loops may be expanded by clicking on the plus sign or right click and select expand all.



The General Tab shows the source and target metadata definitions. This may be modified which is useful for map creation and migration.



Some common Data Transformation mapping functions include: drag/drop, supplying literal values not found in the data, conditional mapping, formatting and validating values, and loop qualification.



Drag and Drop is the most common mapping function. With Data Transformation mapping, you can drag and drop using any direction that will result in a source element mapping to a target. A target can be a Target document element, variable, mapping command, or expression.



To map a source element to a target element, select the source or target element and drag/drop it on the source or target element. With this example the target element was selected in the Target window (upper right window) and was dropped on the source element in the mapping window (lower left window). The result is a MapTo() command displayed in the lower left window.



With this example the source element was selected in the Source window (upper left window) and was dropped on the source element in the mapping window (lower left window). This will NOT result in a source element to target mapping and is not allowed because this is a source based map and you cannot map a source element to a source element. You can however drag the source element to the Target window (upper right window).



This is an example using the same source and target metadata definitions but the mapping is Target based. The source element was selected in the Source window (upper left window) and was dropped on the target element in the mapping window (lower left window). The result is a MapFrom() command displayed in the lower left window.



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You can modify the mapping commands in the mapping window by selecting the command and using double click. In this example you can assign a different source element by simply selecting the source element in the source window (upper left window) and drag the element to the target with is the MapFrom() command.



Mapping commands may be moved and deleted. To delete a command select the command and press the Delete button on the keyboard. To move a command select the command and drag/drop the command to the new location. You may move the mapping to any other locating within the mapping window. You can also copy a command by selecting the command, press Shift key on the keyboard, then drag and drop within the mapping window. Automatic scrolling is a feature provided by WDI Client. To scroll in the mapping window during a drag/drop action, simply continue with the drag action and move to the bottom of the mapping window.



The WDI Client mapping wizard provides some automatic controls for expanding compound elements which can be useful. During a drag and drop action if the target element has not been expanded, you can continue the drag to the compound element containing the target element. This will cause the compound element to expand.



The Assignment command can be used to assign a value to a target. A target can be a Target document element, variable, mapping command or expression.



To add an Assignment command, right click an element in the mapping window. Select where you want the command to go before the current element, after the current element, or within the current element. Select Command and a list of available commands will be displayed for selection.



The format of the Assignment command looks simple but can contain complex commands and functions to achieve your results. Path is the target and expression is the source. A target can be a Target document element, variable, mapping command, or expression. To view the list of command options, right click the "path" parameter. To assign a value to a target element, select the target element and use drag/drop. To assign a value to a variable, select the variable and use drag/drop.



This is the results of using drag and drop for the target element.



The source value is an expression. An expression can be as simple as a source document element, literal value, or a variable, but can contain any number of functions, operators, and delimiters. To select a mapping function, select the function and the expression will be replaced with the function and format.



With this example the Date function was selected which will return the system date and assign the system date to the target element.



This presentation is a demonstration on creating Data Transformation Maps. The other common mapping functions are considered Advanced techniques and are reviewed in the Advanced mapping presentation.



More information can be found in the WebSphere Data Interchange Version 3.3 Mapping Guide.

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