



Wiki Automation

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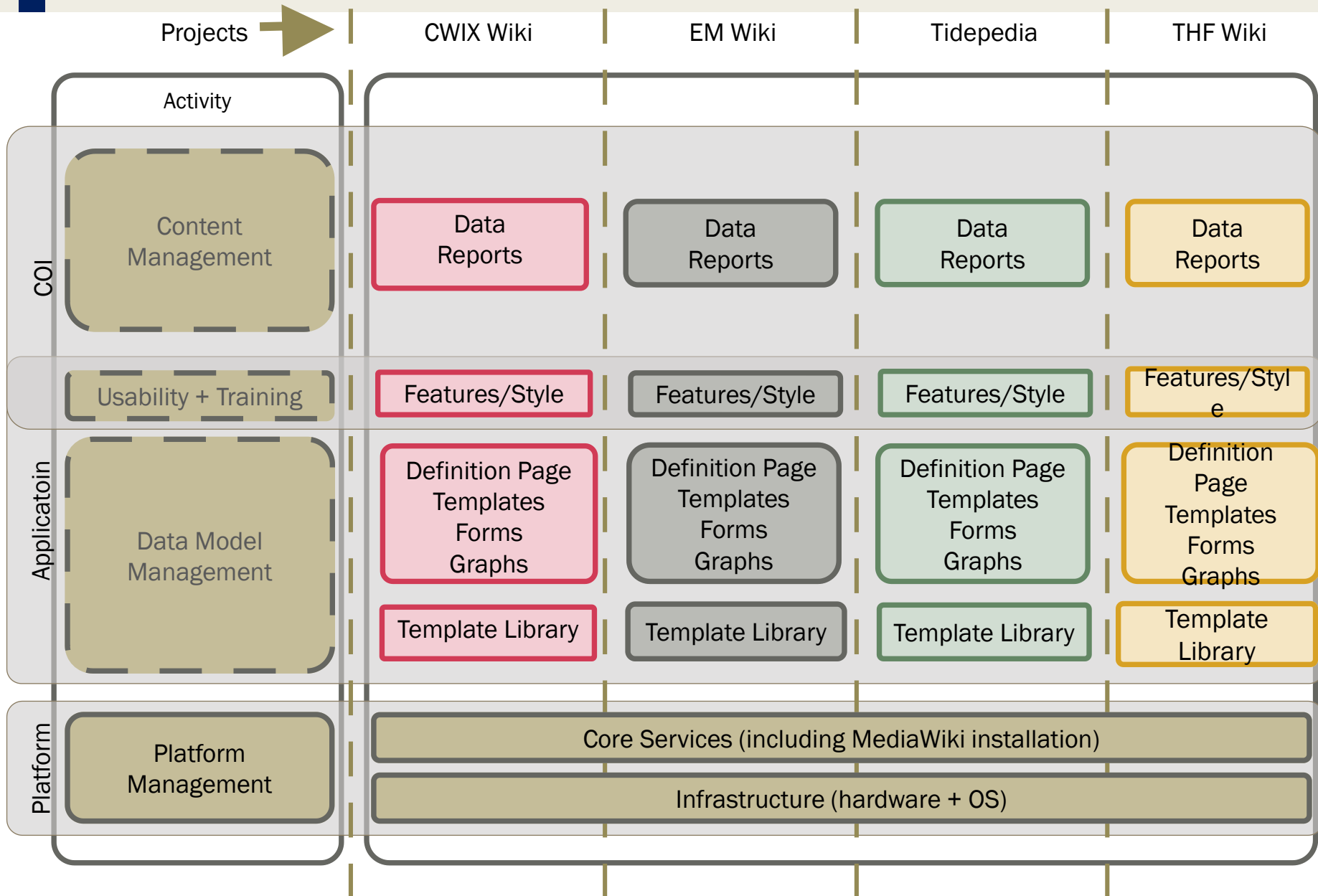
Disclaimer

This project is under development.

While first results look very promising, and while we have the ambition to roll out this methodology within months, it is possible that the final version is significantly different from what you see next.

Also, credits go to my colleague Tomasz, who is the great mind to make this all work.

Today : all wikis are significantly different



Challenge:

Separate teams maintaining different Wikis, using different styles, building different template libraries (features), documenting the code in different way, makes it difficult:

- *to understand the data model/code across Wikis*
- *to share features/code across the Wikis*
- *to share work/support each other*

Challenge:

Each Wiki was developed over years, new features were being added along the way, but very often not in all places

- *to ensure consistency within one Wiki*

Challenge:

Requests for new Wikis (CP Wiki)

- *to allocate new resources*

Requests for new Wikis to be maintained by external users (IP Cat)

- *to educate and support external users*

Conclusion:

*In the long run this situation is
unsustainable*

Solution:

Automate the way Wikis code is developed and provide a common way to define and present the Data Model (Concepts) behind each Wiki.

(Model Driven Architecture approach)

Provide a **Wiki Automation Tool** to:

- define single common code base (Wiki Template Library) to be shared by all Wikis
- to generate ALL code used to manipulate (enter, display) the Concepts (Forms, Templates, Graphs, Concept Definition pages, etc.) based on defined Data Models
 - *Automation shall allow us to use any available features in all Wikis*
 - *Automation shall enforce general common styles across Wikis, allowing for customizations required in specific cases*

Wiki Coordinator



Define

(no coding required, just XML)

Model Definition

- Data structure
- Style Preferences

Read

Wiki Automation Tool

Macros

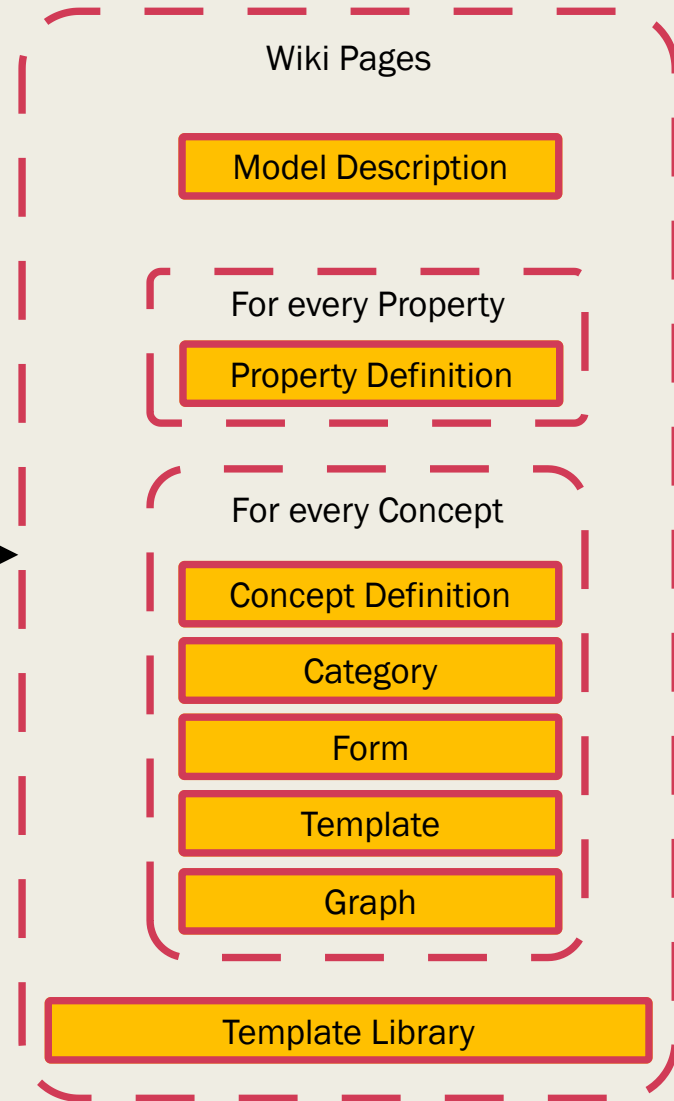
Implemented through

Features
Styles

Generate
& Deploy

Implement

Platform Coordinator



Model

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    .....
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      type="Static"
      parent="Reference">
      <description>An "ACO Directive" is an official
      <structure>
        <property name="Reference code" />
        <property name="Title" mandatory="true"/>
        <property name="Description" mandatory="true"/>
        <property name="Publisher" />
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    </concept>
  </concepts>
</model>
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Generated Concept Template Page

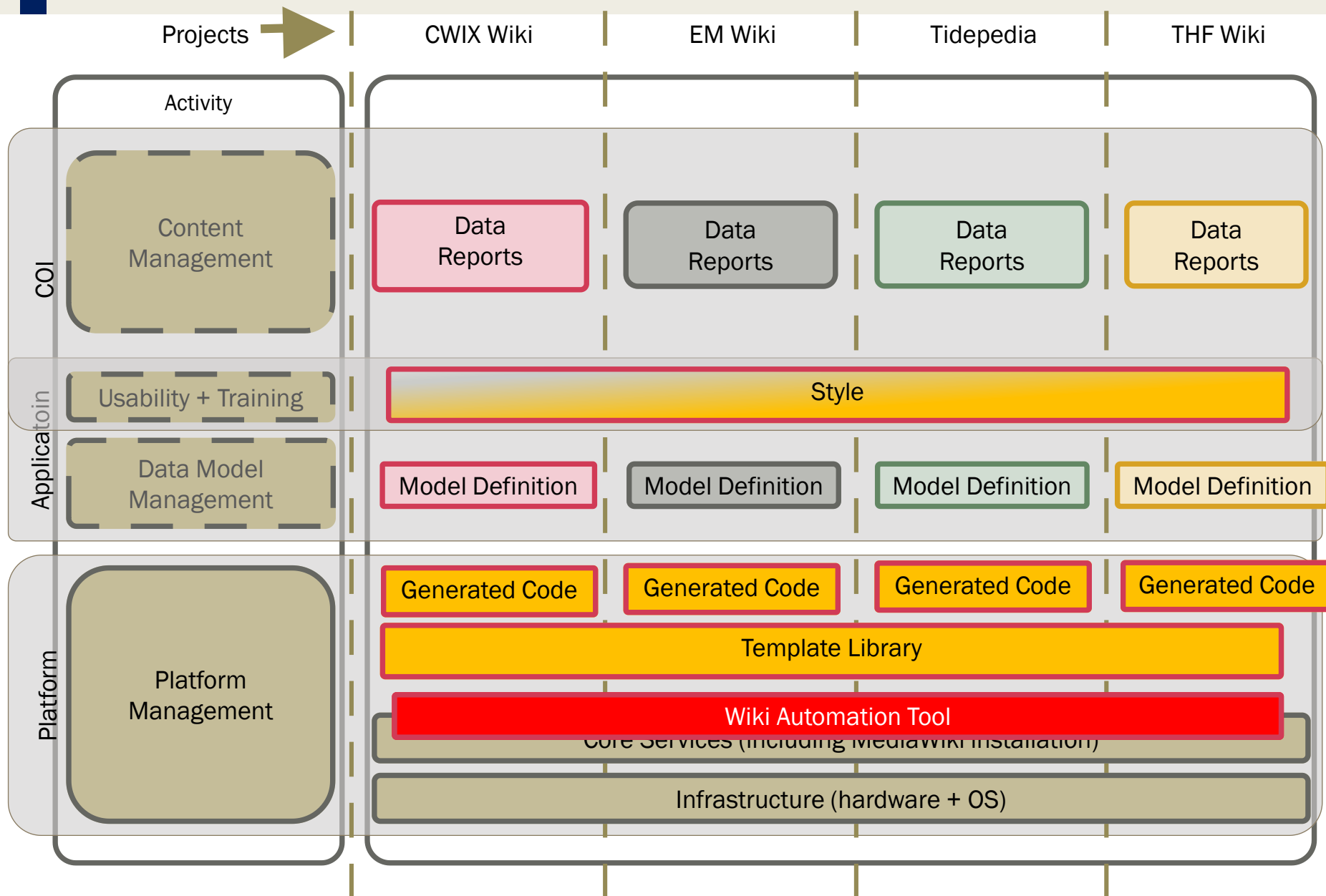
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==Related Information==

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\n}}
}}
```

Future situation: consistent and coherent



Anticipated possibilities:

- To automate development of Import/Export scripts (via Model document)
- To automate development of Reports/Perspectives (via Model document)
- To integrate with specialized tools to generate Reports (Word/PowerPoint/)
- To integrate with CASE tools via automated export to XMI files
- To implement Search function (based on the Data Model)
- To quickly define new Wikis

