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#### A Case–Driven Methodology for Applying the MNM Service Model

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# Motivation

- MNM Service Model
  - Customer-oriented conceptual meta model
  - Defines common view and terminology
  - Immediately useable for theoretical studies
  - Applicable for all kinds of concrete scenarios
- Applying the model includes
  - Identifying and collecting relevant information
  - Deriving concrete classes in appropriate order
  - In-detail specification of classes
- But: By now no guidelines available
  - Reasonable order of steps
  - Adequate information representation
- $\Rightarrow$  Methodology for easier model application needed



#### MNM Service Model: Basic Service Model

- Gives overview over the service environment
- Specifies:
  - Roles of participating entities
  - Participating services
- Separates service from customer and provider side
- Recursive application shows hierarchies





#### MNM Service Model: Service View



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#### MNM Service Model: Realization View



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## **Basic Modeling Cases**

#### Reverse engineering:

- Gain formal description of existing service infrastructures
- Demanded for internal restructuring or outsourcing decisions

#### Bid invitation:

- Future customer requests offers from providers
- Unambigous and complete specification needed
- Independence from realization for comparable offers

#### Offering:

- Offer new services to potential customers
- Presenting only customer relevant parts
- Specifying in a customer understandable way
- Modeling cases form basis for methodology



## Methodology: Overview

- Inspired by software engineering
- Workflow based
- Actions deliver objects step-by-step
- Artifacts
  - Input/output of actions
  - Used for in-detail specification of objects
  - Deliver structuring and refinement
- Two basic processes
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  - Bottom-up: reverse engineering
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## Basic Service Model's Workflow

- Role identification
  - Transparencies define depth of modeling
  - Modeling case influences availability of information







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## Basic Service Model's Workflow

- Service naming
  - Naming of all identified services
  - Associations between roles and services







bottom-up

real. view's

bottom-up WF

realization view

bottom-up WF

service view

service view's top-down WF

service view

real. view's

top-down WF



### Basic Service Model's Workflow

- Finished deriving Basic Service Model
- Next in top-down process: Service View







- Functionality definition:
  - Defines usage and management functionality
  - Use cases refined by activity diagrams





- QoS definition: •
  - Begin/end of activities as reference points
  - QoS dimensions: duration, capacity, correctness





- Client and access point (AP) definition
  - Ability to fulfill QoS parameters
  - Access points must match corresponding clients





- Service agreement definition
  - Include information from all artifacts
  - Specify concrete boundaries







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- Finished deriving Service View •
- Next: Realization View •

basic service model





- Provider's service management (SM) process
  - TOM / ITIL as structured starting points
  - Activities and use cases extended by internal processes





- Outsourcing decision
  - Every process marked as either internal or outsourced
  - Former Basic Service Model refined/extended





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- Resource and basic management functionality identification
  - Analysis of every single internal activity
  - Logics extended by collaboration diagrams modelling interactions





- Finished deriving Realization View
- Finished applying whole MNM Service Model to specific scenario





### Conclusion

- Basic modeling cases identified:
  - Reverse engineering
  - Bid invitation
  - Offering
- Modeling case determines basic decisions
- Methodology
  - Simplifies model application in all modeling cases
  - Delivers step-by-step guidelines
  - Artifacts for in-detail class specification
  - Ensures comparable results
- Creation of all views supported
- MNM Service Model with methodology serve as a checklist in all modeling cases

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# **Current Work**

- Development of integrated tool support
  - Incorporates workflow and document management component
  - Implementation by extension of existing CASE tool
- Design Patterns for model application
  - Underlines relations to software engineering
  - Similarities in structures were found
  - Rapid model application
  - Delivers design decision support
- Investigations on impact of context-awareness
  - Modeling of mobile service scenarios
  - Basis for automatic service composition