

STAR*MT³

STAR*MT Information Document

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What is STAR*MT?

STAR*MT is a business modeling tool which enables the creation, maintenance and reporting of Requirements, Rules, Groups, Business Elements and Issues and the concurrent association of these Business Architecture objects to each other. STAR*MT 3 is developed and supported by STA Group, LLC.

The primary value provided by STAR*MT is to enable business users to leverage the information gathered throughout the Business Architecture process. Business Areas can use STAR*MT to establish greater control over their business needs by providing a common approach and repository for identifying, describing and communicating Business Requirements, Rules and Business Elements.

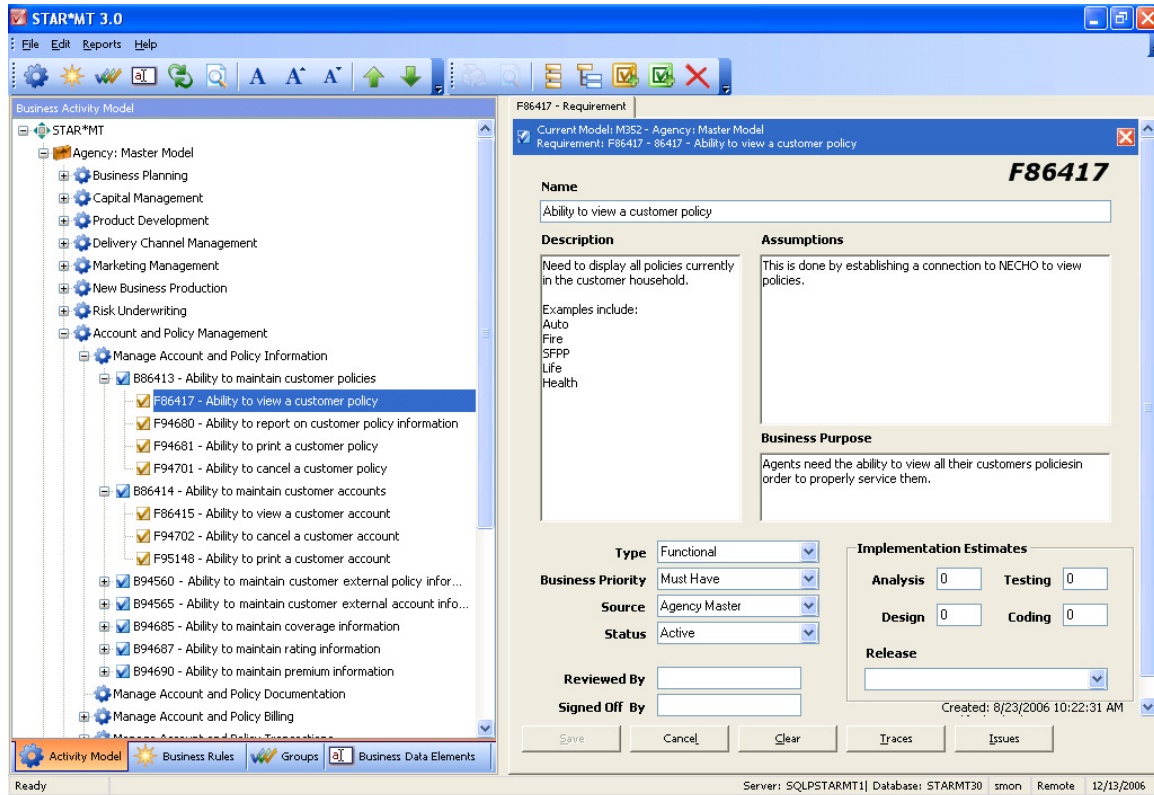
Capabilities

STAR*MT 3 provides the following capabilities to support the Business Architecture process:

- Multi-user capabilities (SQL Server based database)
- Security by Model
- Ability to view multiple models simultaneously
- Rich text (eg: ability to change fonts, colors, and sizes of descriptions)
- N-Levels of requirements in the hierarchy
- Trace Support
- Integrated Business Information Library (BIL)
- Issues tracking and reporting
- Off-line capability
- Easy navigation for use during facilitation sessions

Requirements

Requirements describe business capabilities and are one of four types: Business, Functional, Non-Functional or Technical. Once a Requirement is created, a description, assumptions, traces and other attributes can be captured to provide further clarification.



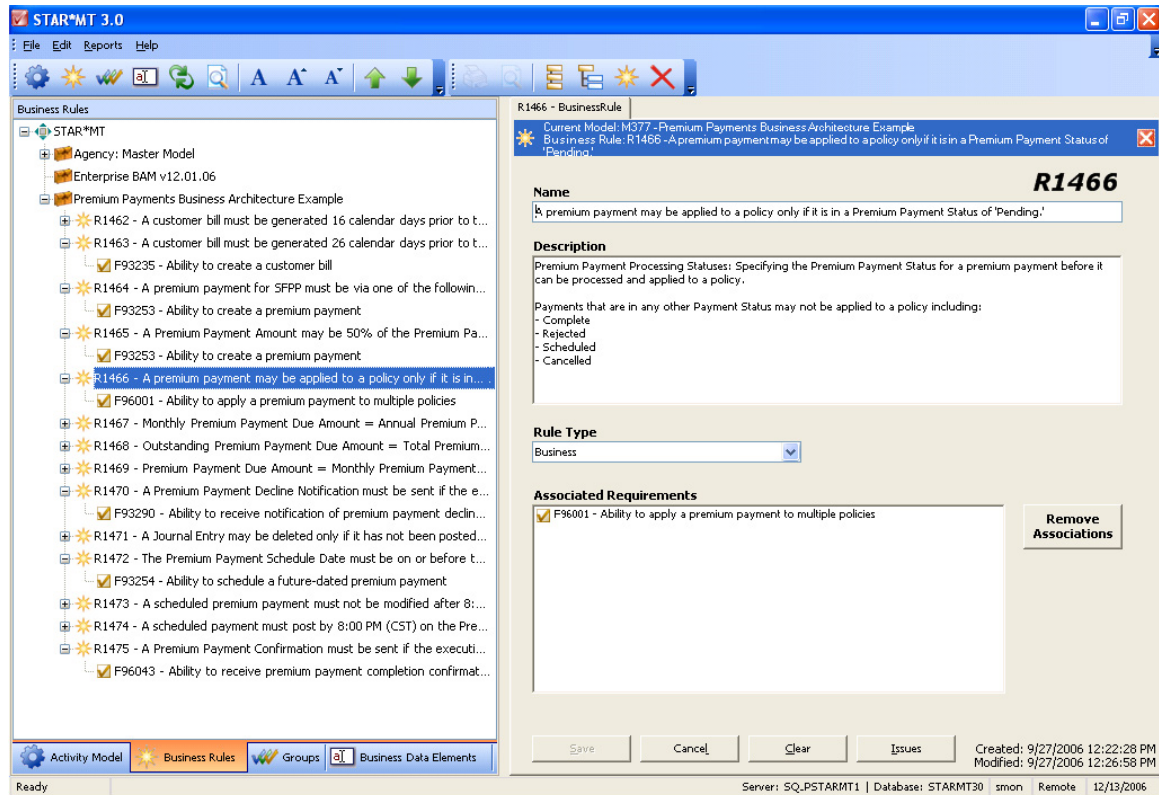
Abilities

- Unlimited levels of Requirements can be created
- Captures Requirement information such as Business Purpose, Assumptions and Release
- Captures the following Requirement Types: Business, Functional, Non-Functional, Technical
- Requirements can be copied across Models, allowing for re-usability of Business Architecture
- Captures Requirement attributes (called Traces) on various subjects, allowing data to be filtered and sorted

For example, Requirements can capture the Business Area(s) that it impacts. A report can then be run to identify all the Requirements impacting a certain Business Area.

Business Rules

A Business Rule is a statement that defines or constrains some aspect of the business. It is intended to assert business structure, or to control or influence the behavior of business.

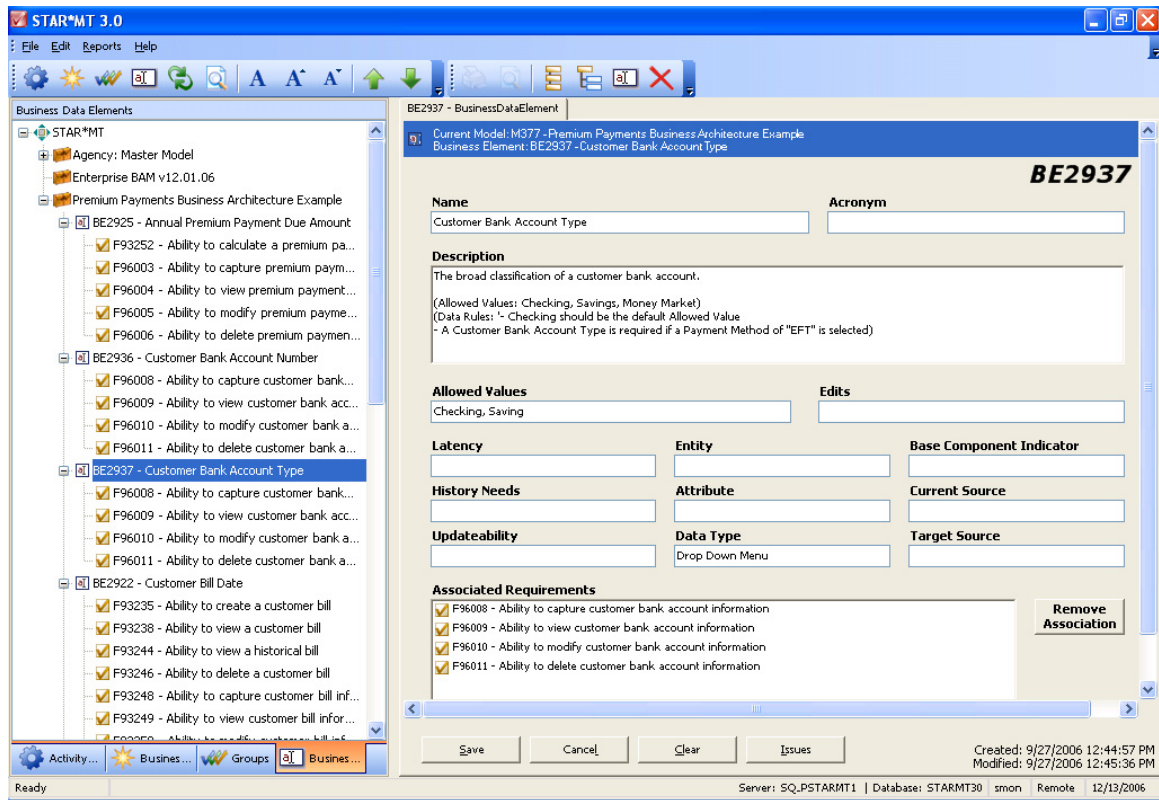


Abilities

- Captures Business Rule information such as Rule Name and Rule Statement
- Associated to one or more Requirements (Business, Functional, Technical, and Non-Functional)
- Business Rules can be copied, allowing for re-usability of business architecture
- Displayed in a separate view from other Business Architecture elements, creating a Business Rules repository
- Associations display in the Business Rules view to provide easier access to the information

Business Elements

Business Elements define a piece of business information. They are owned by the business and can be associated to one or more Requirements.



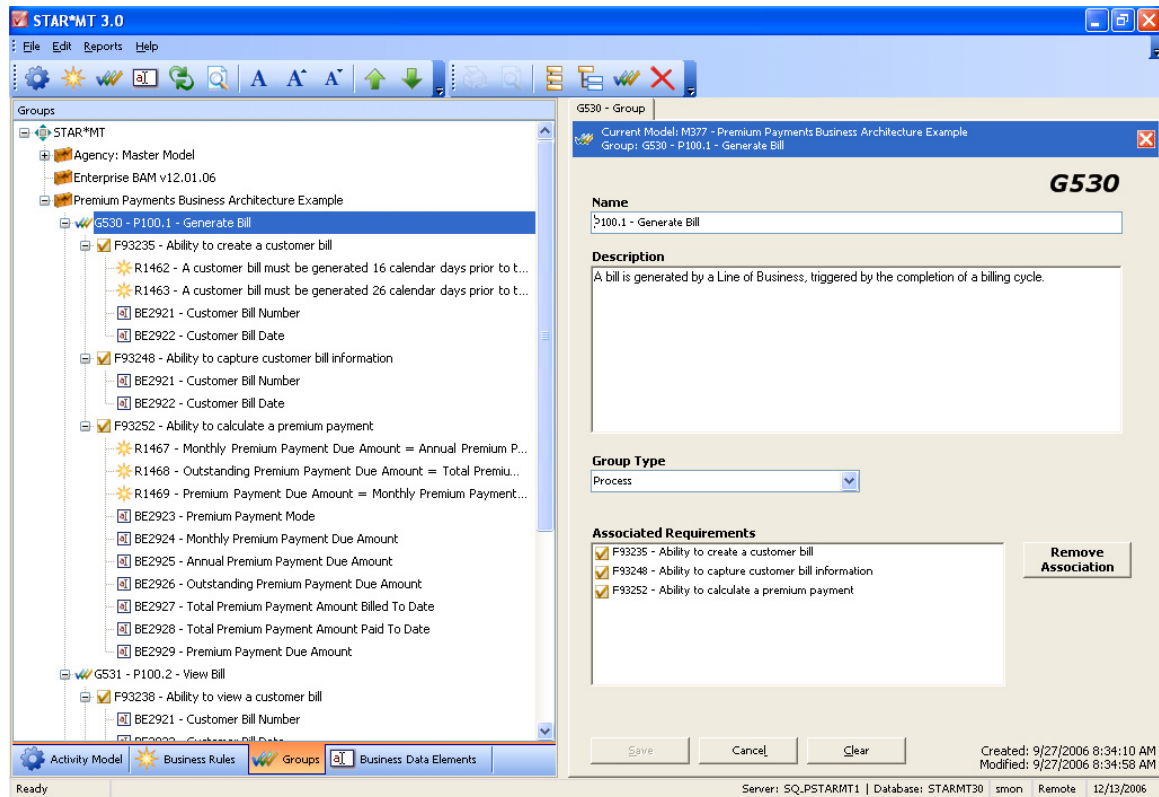
Abilities

- Captures Business Element information such as Acronyms (for the Business Element), Allowed Values and Data Type
- Associated to one or more Requirements (Business, Functional, Technical, and Non-Functional)
- Business Elements can be copied, allowing for re-usability of business architecture
- Displayed in a separate view from other Business Architecture elements, creating a Business Element repository
- Associations display in the Business Elements view to provide easier access to the information

Groups

A Group is a logical collection of Requirements and their associated Business Rules and Business Elements.

Groups can be useful for a variety of activities related to a Business Architecture effort. For example, Requirements and other objects can be grouped to support the packaging and transition of Business Architecture information to a solution provider. The Group concept can also be applied when identifying and communicating high level business capabilities, business processes, use cases, etc.

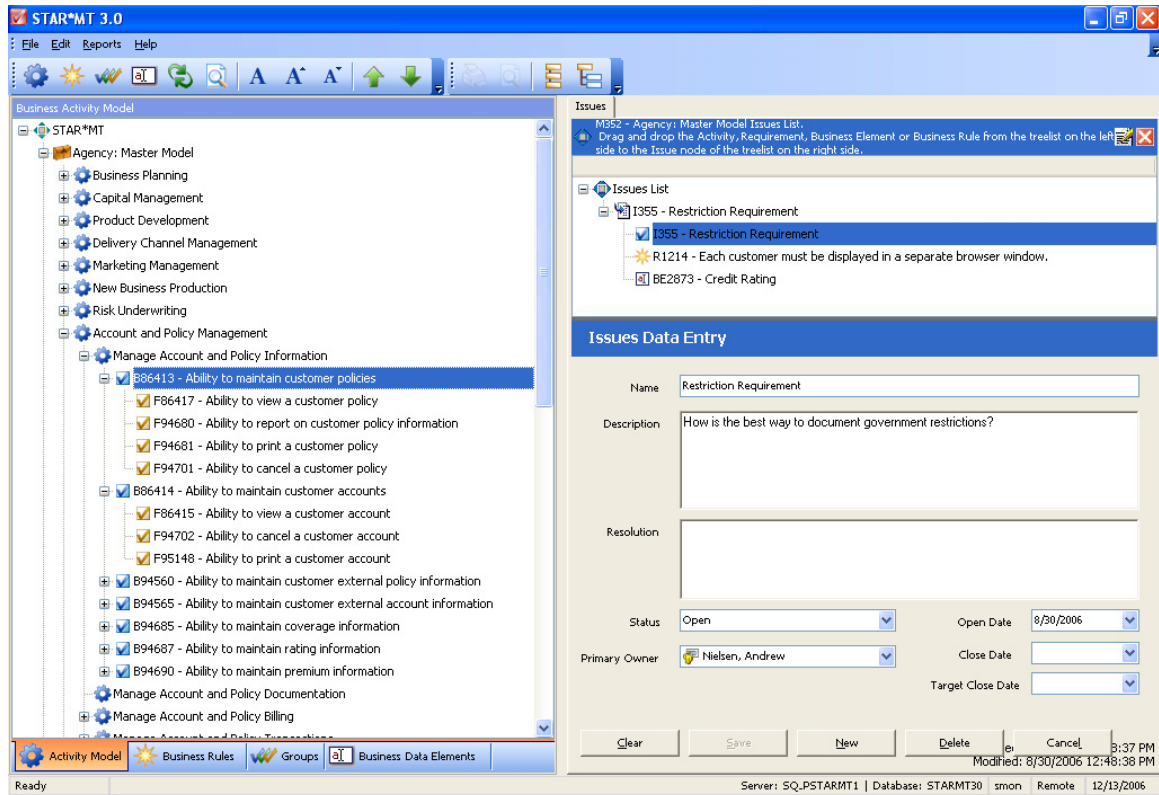


Abilities

- Captures Group information such as Description (description can include any information pertinent to the Group) and Group Type
- Associated to one or more Requirements (Business, Functional, Technical, and Non-Functional)
- Groups can be copied, allowing for re-usability of business architecture
- Displayed in a separate view from other Business Architecture elements
- Groups provide a view of a collection of requirements combined with all their associated Business Rules and Business Elements
- Groups can be used to categorize requirements for High Level Business Capabilities, Process, Use Cases, etc.

Issues

STAR*MT 3 allows Issues to be created and maintained for any object in STAR*MT. The Issue allows for tracking what the issue is, issue owner, target resolution date, the resolution information, and the issue close date.

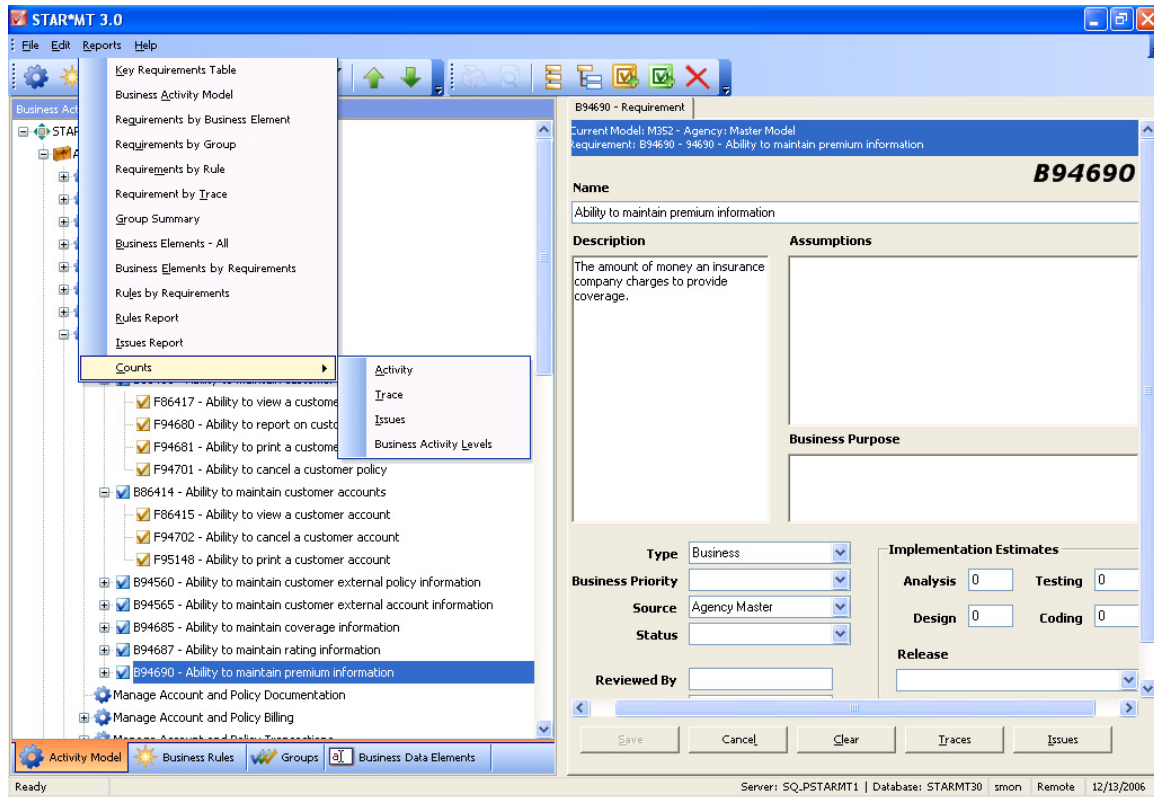


Abilities

- Captures Issue information such as Description, Status, Target Close Date and Primary Owner
- Associated to one or more Requirements (Business, Functional, Technical, and Non-Functional), Business Rules or Business Elements
- Displayed in a separate view from Business Architecture elements, creating an Issues List

Reports

Reporting allows you to view, analyze and communicate the Business Architecture information that is created in STAR*MT. Sixteen standard reports are available in STAR*MT 3.



Abilities

- Most reports allow filtering based on various parameters
- Reports can be exported to either a PDF or Excel format
 - Reports exported to excel can be modified to create a custom report*
- Reports can be attached to a Microsoft Outlook email directly from the tool in either a PDF or Excel format
- Reports provide an easy way to share information with various resources regarding Business Architecture information and each entities (Requirements, Business Rules, Business Elements, Groups and Issues) associations