



The NASA STEP Testbed **Pan Galactic Engineering Framework (PGEF)**

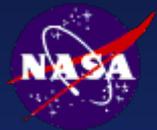
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PGEF Overview

- **A framework for systems knowledge integration, systems engineering, and collaboration**
 - **Server: VGER** (Virtual Galactic Entropy Reverser)
 - **Client: PanGalaxian**
- **Goals:**
 - Make **STEP** accessible to enterprise developers
 - Integrate **STEP**, **UML**, and **OWL** data, tools, and capabilities
 - Provide a robust, scalable, extensible, open-source, standards-based platform for engineering tool interoperability and knowledge integration
- **Implemented in Python (<http://python.org>)**



PGEF Ingredients

PGEF is being built using robust open-source frameworks and libraries:

- PostgreSQL (<http://postgresql.org>) - RDBMS
- Twisted (<http://twistedmatrix.com>) - asynchronous networking framework
- wxPython (<http://wxpython.org>) - cross-platform GUI toolkit
- Elementtree (<http://effbot.org/downloads/#ElementTree>) - XML library
- RDFlib (<http://rdflib.net/latest/>) - RDF library (OWL)
- OpenSSL (<http://www.openssl.org>) - Secure Sockets Layer (protocol encryption)
- Zope Interface (<http://www.zope.org/Products/ZopeInterface>) - interface metaobjects
- Zope Object Database (<http://www.zope.org/Products/StandaloneZODB>) - client object cache
- SimpleParse (<http://simpleparse.sourceforge.net/>) - a fast, regexp-based tagging parser
- PyParsing (<http://pyparsing.wikispaces.com/>) - a package of intelligent parsing objects (good at complex and/or recursively structured grammars)

Pan Galactic Engineering Framework

PanGalaxian (GUI Client)

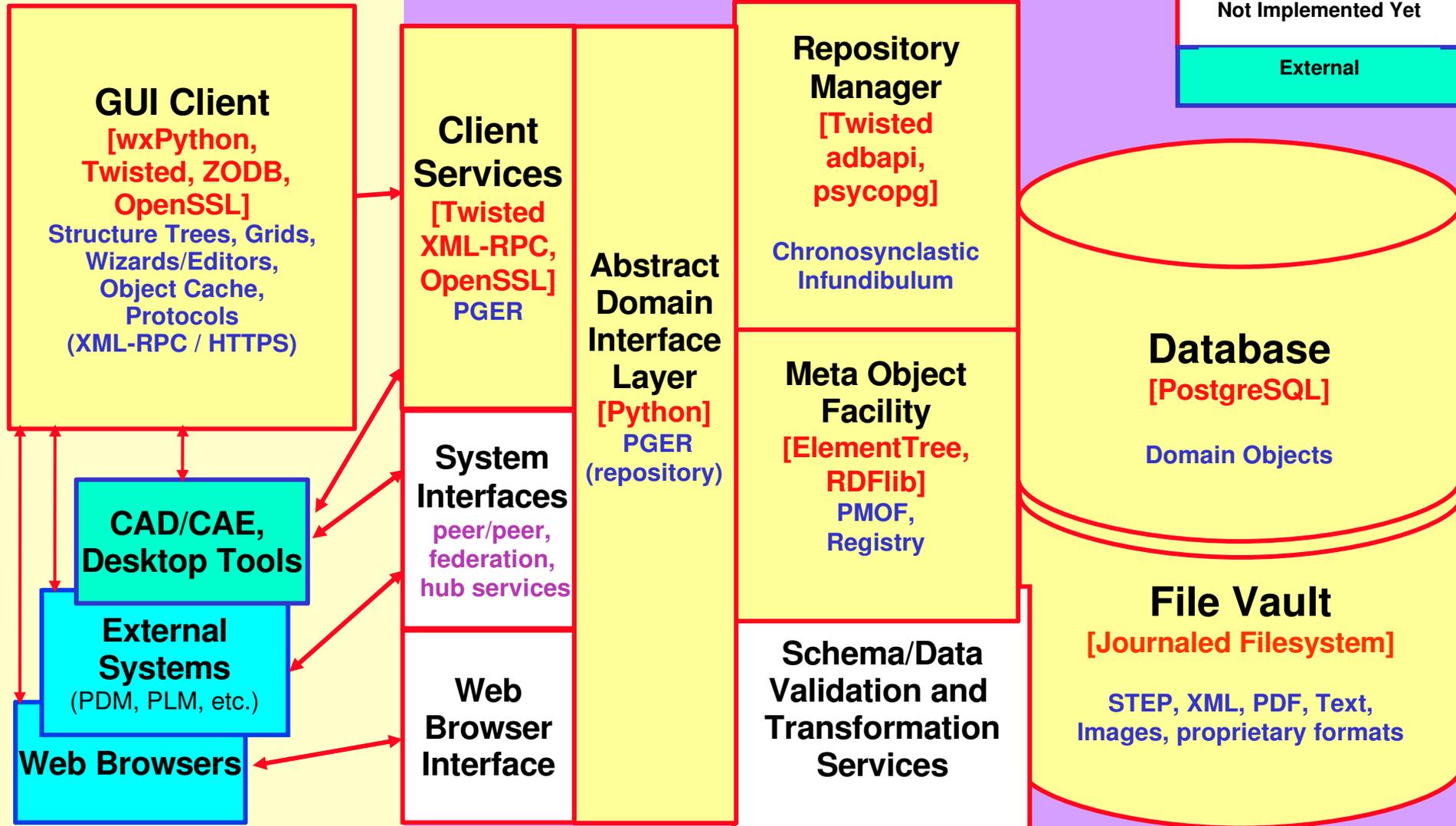
Pan Galactic Server

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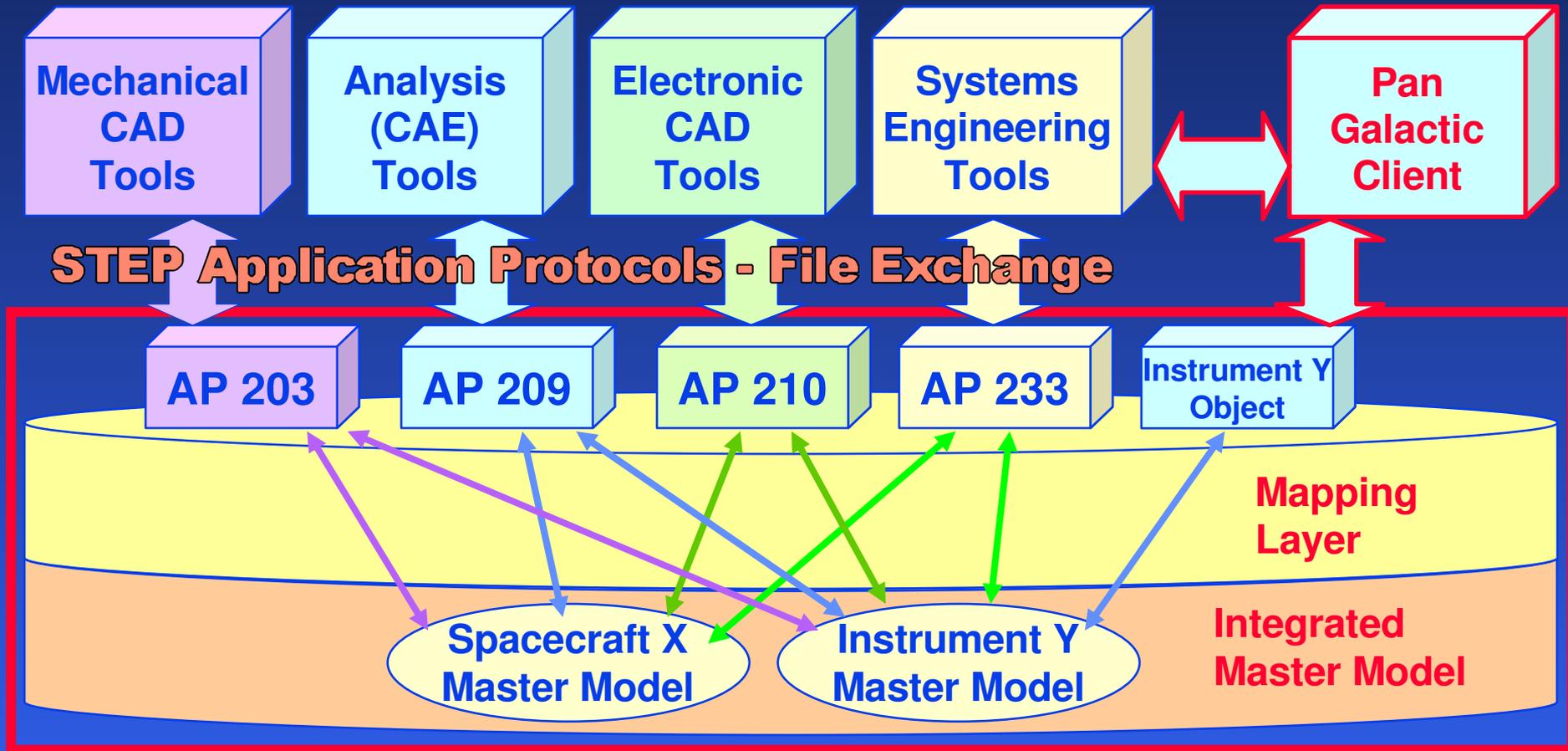
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PGEF Model-Based Enterprise

Master Model Integration Using STEP



Pan Galactic Server



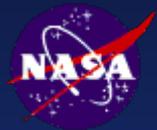
PGEF Core Ontology

- **A generic metamodel + a systems domain ontology**
 - In STEP parlance, an “ARM-like” schema
 - Both an “Upper Ontology” (Class, Property, DataSet) and a Domain Ontology
 - PGEF Core Classes are intended to be common to all engineering domains
- **Meta: PGEF Ontology, ObjectSchema, Property**
 - PGEF Ontology ~ [Express Schema, OWL Ontology, UML Model]
 - PGEF ObjectSchema ~ [Express Entity, OWL Class, UML Class]
 - PGEF Property ~ [Express Attribute, OWL Property, UML Attribute]
- **Versioned Objects: Parts, Models, Documents**
 - A Versioned Object can have any number of Representations and Files
 - Different Representations for different viewers, editors, exchanges, etc.
- **Models**
 - A Model can represent a discipline “view” of a Part (e.g., CAD/CAE model)
 - But is also an independently managed entity unto itself
- **Parts and Models**
 - A Part can have any number of Models (“views”) - Mechanical, Electrical, etc.
 - Assemblies consist of Models (physical instances are considered Models)



Current PanGalaxian Capabilities

- **General**
 - Local persistent cache, implemented using Zope Object Database (ZODB)
 - User preference settings
 - Remote repository selection from list
- **Communications and Security**
 - HTTP Basic Authentication
 - SSL encryption
 - XML-RPC interface to PGEF Repository (“PGER”)
 - Repository Service interface operations (possible area for “standardization”):
 - get object(s)
 - add object(s)
 - search for objects by criteria
- **Structured Product Documents**
 - Creation, Editing, Publishing (PDF, simple XML)
 - Initial document types: Alerts, Advisories (documentation of part problems)
- **Parts and Models**
 - Assembly tree display
 - Simple assembly mock-up
 - Editing of simple PDM data



Current VGER Capabilities

- **Object-Relational Mapping**
 - PGEF Objects are mapped into a relational database backend (PostgreSQL)
 - Robust and scalable storage capability
- **Communications and Security**
 - XML-RPC over HTTPS is currently used between client and server
 - Userids and passwords are maintained in the database (passwords are stored securely in 160-bit SHA-1 encrypted digest form)
- **XML-RPC Repository Interface**
 - Ease of interop -- **XML-RPC** is widely available (C, Java, Perl, Python, etc.)
 - **XML-RPC** is simple; useful for prototyping and experimentation
 - Interface (procedure calls):
 - **Get Objects**
 - get a collection of objects, with referenced objects, etc.
 - **Add Objects**
 - commit new objects to the repository, along with files, etc.
 - **Upload [file] (this is actually a CGI function)**
 - files are stored in structured “vault”; referenced from objects
 - **Checkout / Update / Commit**
 - CVS or SVN-like operations on Projects and/or sets of objects
 - **Search**
 - search for objects by class (Part, Model, Document) and attribute values
 - search can include all subclasses of the specified class



Additional Target Capabilities for PGEF 1.0 Release

- **VGER and PanGalaxian**

- [****] Application object types definable by OWL ontology
- [***] Administrative functions (add/modify/delete users and projects)
- [**] EXPRESS model import (via XMI using the MEXICO EXPRESS metamodel)
- [**] STEP data import
- [*] UML / XMI data import
- [*] QVT-style maps {AP203, AP209, AP210} <-> PGEF Ontology
- [**] Unit tests, integration tests, and stress tests
- [*] Basic role-and-class-based access control for repository objects
- [*] Structured Product Document search (parameters + full-text)

- **PanGalaxian**

- [**] Display of search results with “links” to related objects
- [*] Asynchronous network interfaces (i.e., “non-blocking”) using Twisted

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Target PGEF 1.1 Capabilities

- **Collaborative applications**
 - Collaborative structured object creation (documents, system models)
 - Real-time peer-to-peer collaborative object grid (“spreadsheet”)
- **Model creation, mapping, and integration tools (PanGalaxian)**
 - Basic ontology visualization and modeling canvas
 - QVT mapping creation and visualization canvas
 - EXPRESS, UML, XMI, and OWL (etc?) import and export
- **Interfaces to 3D viewers (PanGalaxian)**
(e.g. Adobe 3D and other tools)
- **SysML modeling and import/export capability**
(requirements, parameters, parts, systems)
- **Active notification service**
 - new project data, objects
 - events (changes/impacts) in subscribed areas of interest
 - new versions of versioned objects
 - analysis results
 - rule condition fulfillments



Future Target PGEF Capabilities

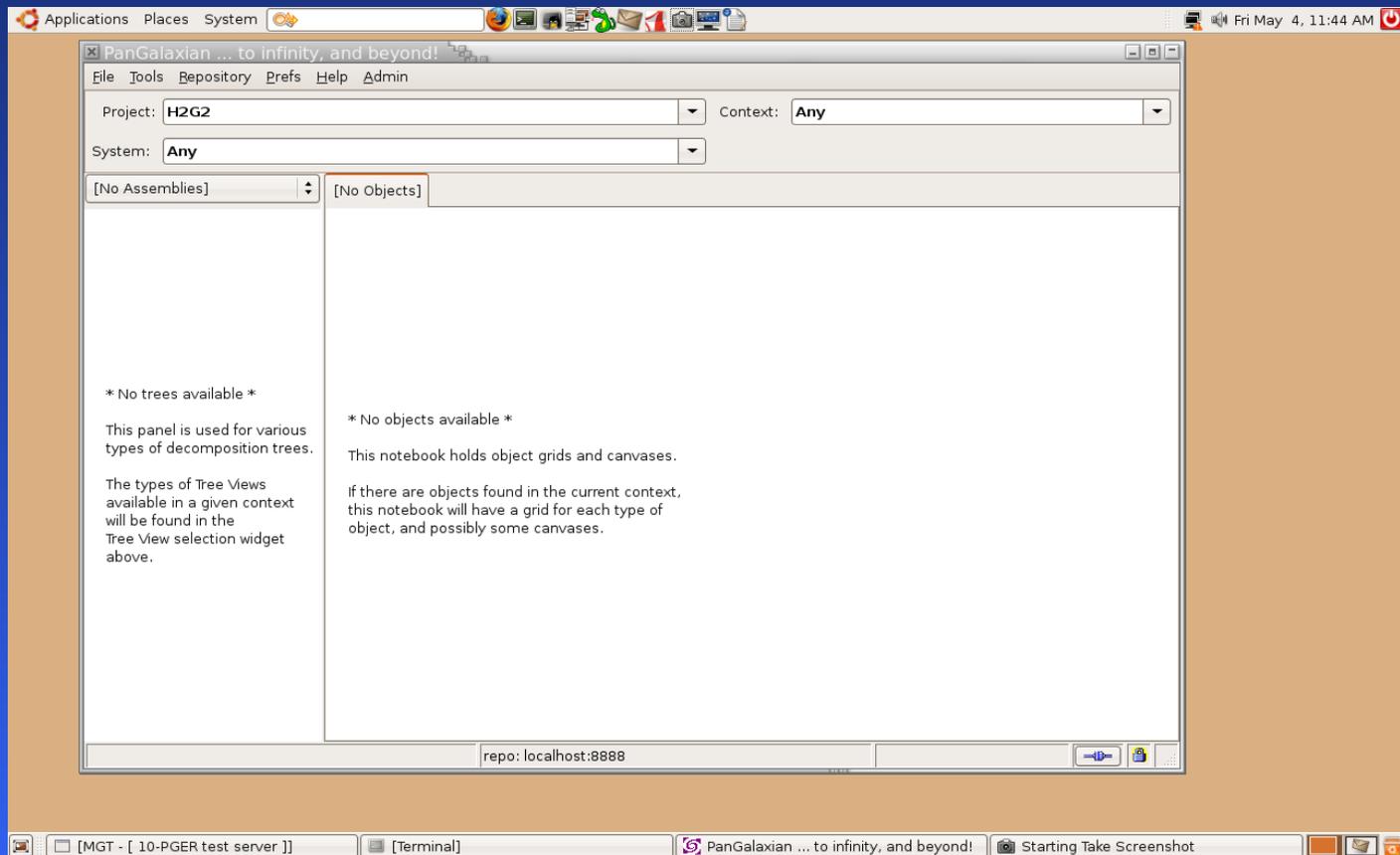
- **Systems Engineering Collaboration Environment**
(shared systems modeling space and whiteboard)
- **Structured Product Document* Production Service**
(Client with wizards, live repository links to models and validation)
- **Standard Model Library and Repository Services**
(in-house and COTS parts and systems models for CAD/CAE/Sim.)
- **CAX Model Linkage, Generation, and Transformation**
(Model parametric relationship tracking and validation)
- **Ontology, Knowledge, and Rules Management Services**
(Rule definition, real-time validation and notification)
- **Long-Term Systems Knowledge Archiving Service**

* **Structured Product Documents:** documents of which some portion is linked to (and should be validated against) product data. Examples: Requirements, ICD, Drawings, ECR, ECO, Specifications, Alerts, Analysis Reports, Technical Papers.



PGEF Demo (1)

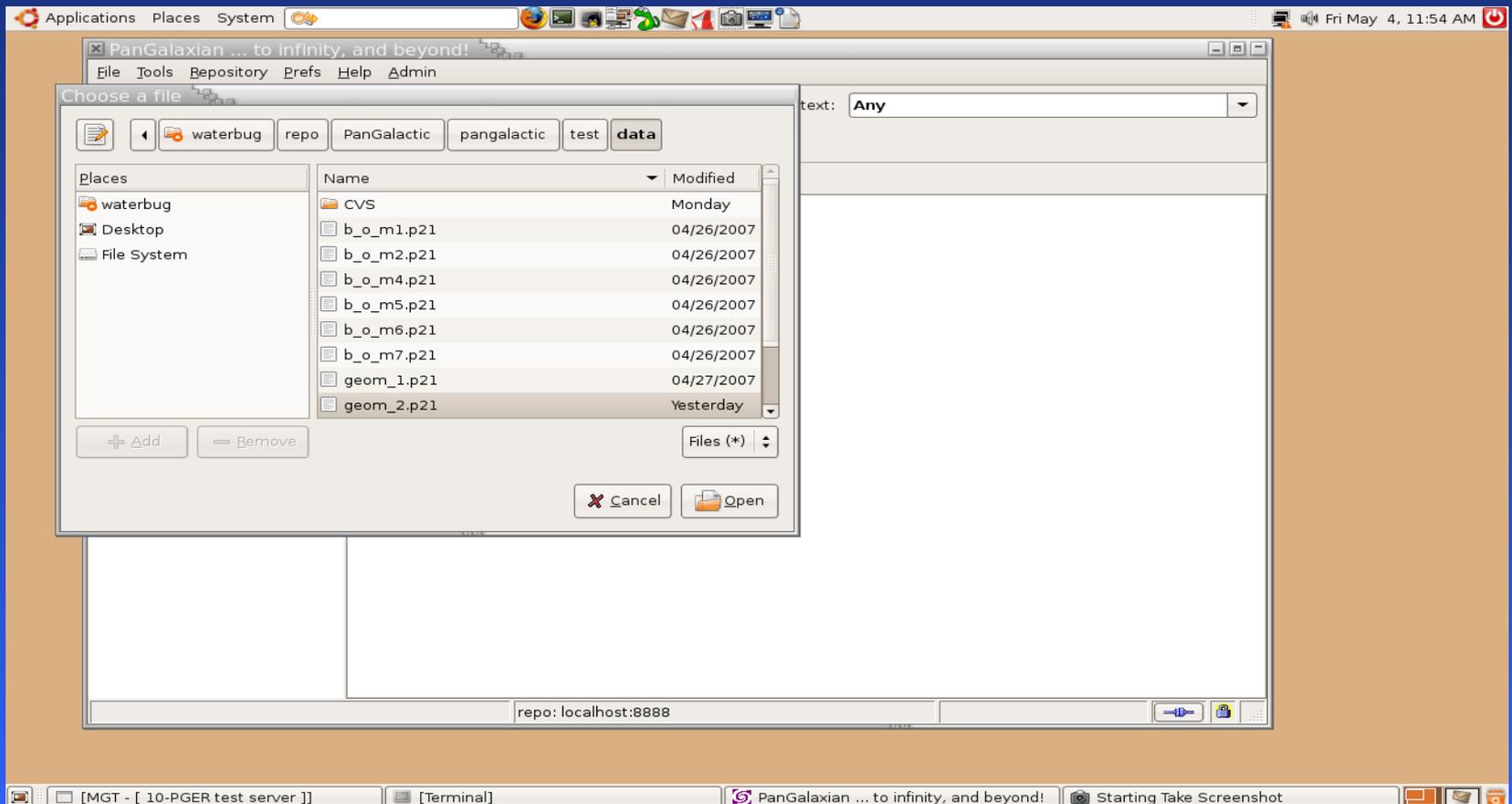
PanGalaxian's main window, showing a project with no objects.





PGEF Demo (2)

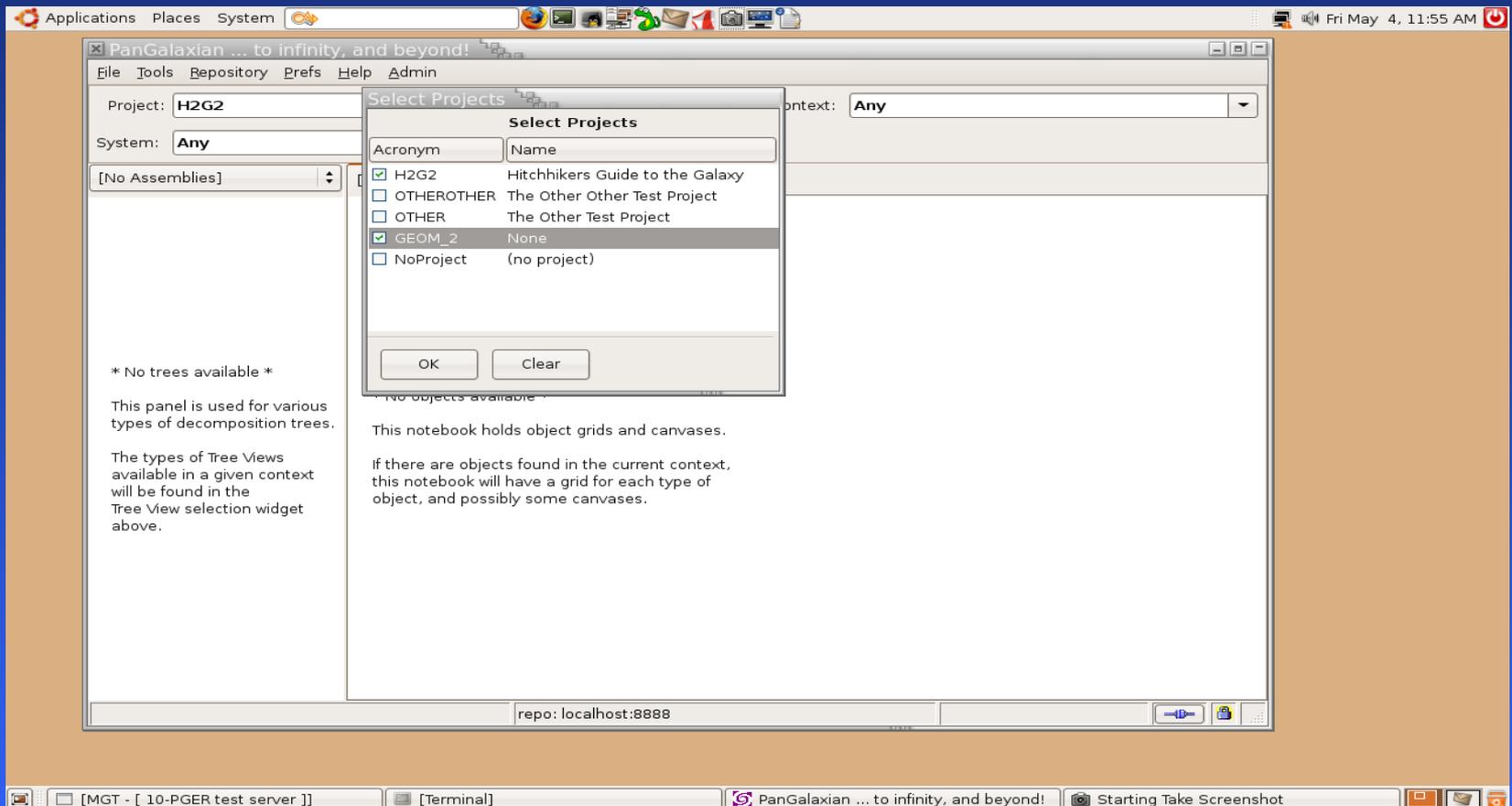
- Menu item “File / Import STEP Data” opens a file selection dialog ...





PGEF Demo (3)

- Importing the STEP file creates a project that has the same name as the file (this was done for the demo -- an "Import Wizard" is being developed that will have options ...)





PGEF Demo (4)

- Selecting the STEP file's project (GEOM_2) displays its assembly structure (the tree on the left) and its components, with their names and version info (the table on the right) ...

The screenshot shows a software interface with a tree view on the left and a table on the right. The tree view shows a hierarchy of components under the project 'A7959_ASM_24173_8'. The table on the right lists 18 components with their IDs, names, versions, and CM Auth values.

| ID | Name | Version | CM Auth |
|----|----------------------------|---------|-------------|
| 1 | CHIP_SET_5_ASM_23511_2 | 2 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 2 | CARRIER_V2_TOP_23442_4 | 4 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 3 | CHIP_1_1462_5 | 5 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 4 | OPC-125-G-D-M-A_20909_8 | 8 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 5 | CHIP_SET_4_ASM_1499_2 | 2 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 6 | CARRIER_V2_BASE_1080_3 | 3 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 7 | BGA_SOCKET_173_6 | 6 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 8 | CARRIER_V2_TOP_ASM_23546_2 | 2 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 9 | CHIP_SET_3_ASM_22496_2 | 2 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 10 | CARRIER_V2_BASE_ASM_1534_2 | 2 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 11 | STRAP_V2_24144_3 | 3 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 12 | CARRIER_V2_MID_22363_4 | 4 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 13 | ROUTER_PLATE_3884_3 | 3 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 14 | CHIP_SET_2_ASM_22432_2 | 2 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 15 | CARRIER_V2_MID_ASM_22531_2 | 2 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 16 | SUBSTRATE_1271_5 | 5 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 17 | A7959_ASM_24173_8 | 8 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 18 | ROUTER_PLATE_ASM_21037_3 | 3 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |



PGEF Demo (5)

- Double-clicking an item in the grid (in this case, a “Model” object) brings up an object widget that displays the object's type (the frame title), ID, version information, and properties ...

The screenshot displays the PanGalaxian software interface. The main window is titled "PanGalaxian ... to infinity, and beyond!". The interface is divided into several panes:

- Project Tree (Left):** Shows a hierarchical view of the project "GEOM_2". The selected item is "CARRIER_V2_BASE_1080_3" under "CHIP_SET_4_ASM_1499_2".
- Model Grid (Center):** A table listing model objects. The selected row is highlighted in blue.
- Object Widget (Right):** A detailed view of the selected model object, "CARRIER_V2_BASE_1080_3". It shows the following properties:
 - Base ID: CARRIER_V2_BASE (#1080) Version: 3 Iteration:
 - ID: CARRIER_V2_BASE_1080_3
 - ID Namespace: None
 - URL: None
 - Name: CARRIER_V2_BASE v. 3 (#1080)
 - Description: None
 - Comment: None
 - Representations: [Empty Set]
 - CM Auth: GEOM_2
 - Frame Of Reference: None
 - Definition Context: None
 - Life Cycle Stage: None

The bottom status bar shows the repository path: "repo: localhost:8888".



PGEF Demo (6)

- If an object has a property that is another object – such as the “CM Auth” property of the object on the previous slide – clicking on its value brings up that object (a Project, GEOM_2) ...

The screenshot displays a CAD application window titled "PanGalaxian ... to infinity, and beyond!". The interface includes a menu bar (File, Tools, Repository, Prefs, Help, Admin), a toolbar, and a main workspace. On the left, a tree view shows a project hierarchy under "A7959_ASM_24173_8", including components like "BGA_SOCKET_173_6", "CARRIER_V2_BASE_ASM_1534_2", "CHIP_SET_4_ASM_1499_2", "SUBSTRATE_1271_5", "CARRIER_V2_MID_ASM_22531_2", "CARRIER_V2_TOP_ASM_23546_2", "ROUTER_PLATE_ASM_21037_3", and "STRAP_V2_24144_3". The "CARRIER_V2_BASE_ASM_1534_2" component is expanded, showing a sub-project "Project :: GEOM_2".

The "Project :: GEOM_2" window is open, showing a form with the following fields:

- ID:
- ID Namespace:
- URL:
- Name:
- Description:
- Comment:

The "Model :: CARRIER_V2_BASE 1080 3" window is also open, showing a form with the following fields:

- Base ID:
- Version:
- Iteration:

The "CARRIER_V2_BASE 1080 3" window is open, showing a form with the following fields:

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The terminal window at the bottom shows the command prompt: `waterbug@ubuntu:~/docs/steptestbed/slides/demo_1$`



PGEF Demo (7)

- Object creation in PanGalaxian:
Menu item “File / New Object” brings up the Object Wizard. First step: select a Class ..

The screenshot shows the PanGalaxian Object Wizard interface. The main window displays a project tree for 'GEOM_2' with various components like 'A7959_ASM_24173_8', 'BGA_SOCKET_173_6', and 'CARRIER_V2_BASE_ASM_1534_2'. A 'Class Selection' dialog is open, prompting the user to select a class. The dialog shows a dropdown menu with 'Identifiable' selected and a text area with the definition: 'Having a name or identifier (a.k.a., ID, OID, etc.).' Below the dialog, a table lists available classes:

| | Name | Version | CM Auth |
|----|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| 15 | CARRIER_V2_MID_ASM_22531_2 | CARRIER_V2_MID_ASM v. 2 (#22531) | 2 DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 16 | SUBSTRATE_1271_5 | SUBSTRATE v. 5 (#1271) | 5 DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 17 | A7959_ASM_24173_8 | A7959_ASM v. 8 (#24173) | 8 DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 18 | ROUTER_PLATE_ASM_21037_3 | ROUTER_PLATE_ASM v. 3 (#21037) | 3 DEMO_GEOM_2 |

The bottom of the window shows a terminal window with the command 'waterbug@ubuntu:~/docs/steptestbed/slides/demo_1\$' and a status bar with 'repo: localhost:8888'.



PGEF Demo (8)

- When a Class is selected, its definition is displayed, and the “Next” button is enabled ...

The screenshot shows the PanGalaxian Object Wizard interface. A dialog box titled "Class Selection" is open, displaying the class definition for "Model". The definition states: "A constructed realization of the properties and/or behaviors of a concept or a real-world thing. A pgef:Model instance can be used for analysis, simulation, description, specification, or presentation of some aspect(s) of a domain object." Below the definition, it notes that "pgef:Model generally maps to step:product_definition, but there may be other mappings for particular STEP Application Protocols and other types of models." The "Next" button is highlighted in orange, indicating it is enabled.

The background shows a tree view of the project structure under "A7959_ASM_24173_8". The tree includes folders like "BGA_SOCKET_173_6", "CARRIER_V2_BASE_ASM_10", "CHIP_SET_4_ASM_149", "CHIP_1_1462_5", "SUBSTRATE_1271_5", "CARRIER_V2_MID_ASM_2", "CARRIER_V2_TOP_ASM_2", "ROUTER_PLATE_ASM_210", and "STRAP_V2_24144_3".

| Name | Version | CM Auth |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------------|
| SET_5_ASM v. 2 (#23511) | 2 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| ER_V2_TOP v. 4 (#23442) | 4 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| . v. 5 (#1462) | 5 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 25-G-D-M-A v. 8 (#20909) | 8 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| SET_4_ASM v. 2 (#1499) | 2 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| ER_V2_BASE v. 3 (#1080) | 3 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| OCKET v. 6 (#173) | 6 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| ER_V2_TOP_ASM v. 2 (#23546) | 2 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| SET_3_ASM v. 2 (#22496) | 2 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| ER_V2_BASE_ASM v. 2 (#1534) | 2 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| V2 v. 3 (#24144) | 3 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| ER_V2_MID v. 4 (#22363) | 4 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| ER_PLATE v. 3 (#3884) | 3 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 14 CHIP_SET_2_ASM_22432_2 | 2 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 15 CARRIER_V2_MID_ASM_22531_2 | 2 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 16 SUBSTRATE_1271_5 | 5 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 17 A7959_ASM_24173_8 | 8 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 18 ROUTER_PLATE_ASM_21037_3 | 3 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |

repo: localhost:8888

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PGEF Demo (9)

- Next, select a namespace (within which the new object's ID will be unique) and an identifier for the new object (the wizard will check for uniqueness within the namespace) ...

Project: **GEOM_2**

System: **Any**

A7959_ASM_24173_8

New Object Identification

Select a namespace:
space_mission

Specify a new identifier:
Item-0

| | Name | Version | CM Auth |
|----|----------------------------|---------|-------------|
| 14 | CHIP_SET_2_ASM_22432_2 | 2 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 15 | CARRIER_V2_MID_ASM_22531_2 | 2 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 16 | SUBSTRATE_1271_5 | 5 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 17 | A7959_ASM_24173_8 | 8 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
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repo: localhost:8888



PGEF Demo (10)

- The wizard ends, bringing up the new object ready for editing, saving, and committing to a repository ...

The screenshot shows a software interface with a window titled "Model :: Item-0 (working version)". The window is divided into two main sections. The left section is a form for editing the model's metadata, and the right section is a table of items.

Model Metadata Form:

- Base ID: Item-0 Version: working Iteration:
- main admin
- ID:
- ID Namespace: ...
- URL:
- Name:
- Description: [None]
- Comment: [None]
- Representations: [Empty Set]
- CM Auth: [None]
- Frame Of Reference:
- Definition Context:
- Life Cycle Stage:

Table of Items:

| ID | Name | Version | CM Auth |
|----------------|----------------------------------|---------|-------------|
| SM_23511_2 | CHIP_SET_5_ASM v. 2 (#23511) | 2 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| OP_23442_4 | CARRIER_V2_TOP v. 4 (#23442) | 4 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 5 | CHIP_1 v. 5 (#1462) | 5 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| M-A_20909_8 | OPC-125-G-D-M-A v. 8 (#20909) | 8 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| SM_1499_2 | CHIP_SET_4_ASM v. 2 (#1499) | 2 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| ASE_1080_3 | CARRIER_V2_BASE v. 3 (#1080) | 3 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 173_6 | BGA_SOCKET v. 6 (#173) | 6 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| OP_ASM_23546_2 | CARRIER_V2_TOP_ASM v. 2 (#23546) | 2 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| SM_22496_2 | CHIP_SET_3_ASM v. 2 (#22496) | 2 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| ASE_ASM_1534_2 | CARRIER_V2_BASE_ASM v. 2 (#1534) | 2 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 44_3 | STRAP_V2 v. 3 (#24144) | 3 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| ID_22363_4 | CARRIER_V2_MID v. 4 (#22363) | 4 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 3884_3 | ROUTER_PLATE v. 3 (#3884) | 3 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| SM_22432_2 | CHIP_SET_2_ASM v. 2 (#22432) | 2 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| ID_ASM_22531_2 | CARRIER_V2_MID_ASM v. 2 (#22531) | 2 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 71_5 | SUBSTRATE v. 5 (#1271) | 5 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| 173_8 | A7959_ASM v. 8 (#24173) | 8 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |
| _ASM_21037_3 | ROUTER_PLATE_ASM v. 3 (#21037) | 3 | DEMO_GEOM_2 |