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Line Counting			
Lines of Code	481219	↗	✓
Source Lines Of Code	401326	↗	✓
Effective Lines Of Code	325196	↗	✓
Cyclomatic Complexity	12265	↗	✓
Comment Rate	16 %	↘	✗
Decision Making			
Business Value	1912	→	I
Technical Debt	3626	↗	I
Maturity Index	65 %	↘	C
Stability Index	84 %	↗	B
Reusability Index	44 %	↘	D

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Abstract

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1. Introduction

1.1. Foreword

This document was released by Squoring Technologies.

It is part of the user documentation of the Squore software product edited and distributed by Squoring Technologies.

1.2. About This Document

The Squore Configuration Guide provides a complete reference for the configuration and administration of Squore 17.0.2, with step-by-step instructions to customise the different models that define Squore behaviour.

This manual is intended for Squore administrators. It allows to fine-tune the Squore configuration to fit specific needs or contexts. Note however, that the default parameters work in most cases for most users, and that only experienced and technical-savvy users should try to modify those settings.

If you are already familiar with Squore, you can navigate this manual by looking for what has changed since the previous version. New functionality is tagged with **(new in 17.0)** throughout this manual. A summary of the new features described in this manual is available in the entry * **What's New in Squore 17.0?** of this manual's Index.

For information on how to use and configure Squore, the full suite of manuals includes:

- Squore Installation Checklist
- Squore Installation and Administration Guide
- Squore Getting Started Guide
- Squore Command Line Interface
- Squore Configuration Guide
- Squore Eclipse Plugin Guide
- Squore Reference Manual


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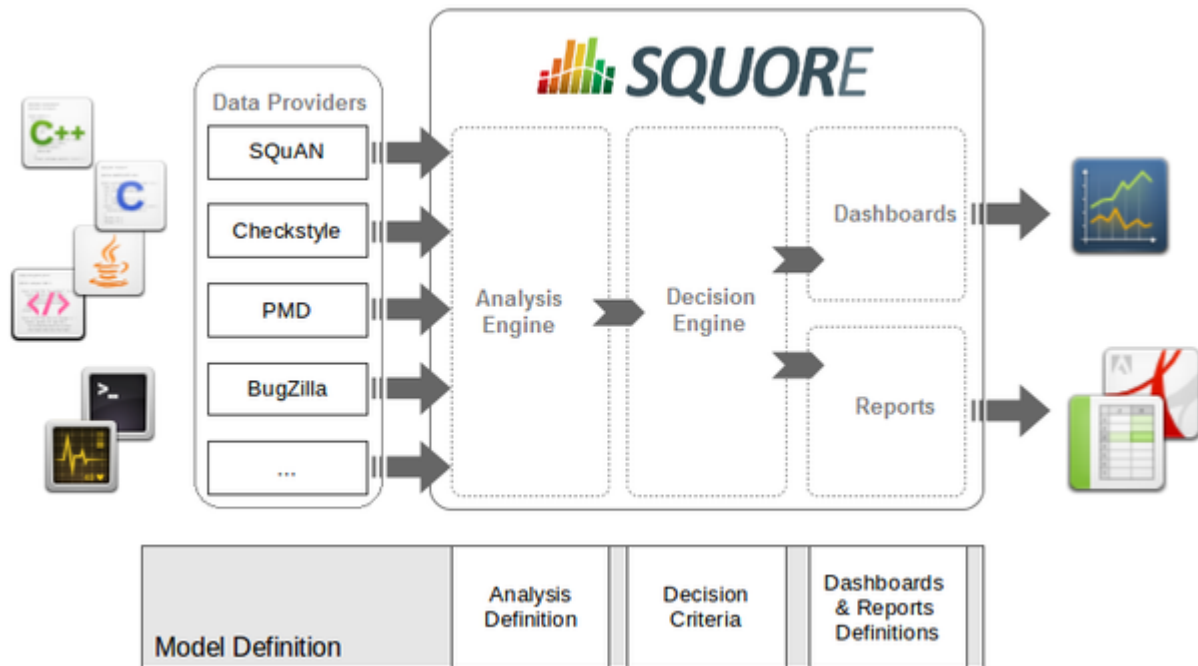
1.5. Getting the Latest Version of this Manual

The version of this manual included in your Squore installation may have been updated. If you would like to check for updated user guides, consult the Squoring Technologies documentation site to consult or download the latest Squore manuals at <http://support.squoring.com/documentation/17.0.2>. Manuals are constantly updated and published as soon as they are available.

2. The Squore Configuration

This chapter describes how to work with the default configuration and how to build on it to extend Squore.

2.1. Understanding the Squore Configuration



Squore process overview

The picture above shows the different components involved in the Squore process.

The main building blocks of the Squore configuration are:

- **SQuORE parser and other Data Providers** are the inputs for the process, providing base measures for the analysis model.
- **Analysis Models** define the transformation between base measures, which are retrieved from Data Providers and derived measures.
- **Decision models** define how to process raw data (i.e. base measures) and analysis data (i.e. derived measures) to raise action items.
- **Dashboards** present the overall results in a convenient way. They are deeply customisable and can show all the information needed in day-to-day usage of Squore.
- **Reports** extract information and present it in a document (PDF, Powerpoint or spreadsheet). They can be used for external reporting, e.g. when there is no access to the Squore interface.

2.2. Default Models and the Shared Folder

Models define how Squore computes metrics (analysis model), how action items are created (decision model), and how data is displayed (dashboards and reports).

All models are located in the `<SQUORE_HOME>/configuration/models` directory.

Each folder in `<SQUORE_HOME>/configuration/models` is a separate model. Each model has a wizard, i.e. a series of screens where users configure the options available for the model before launching an analysis, as described in Chapter 8, *Project Wizards*.

The `Shared` folder is different, since it is not a self-contained model, but rather a collection of components that are meant to be imported by other models in the configuration. This avoids creating redundancy, and redefining the same metrics or indicators every time.

The Shared Model is located in the same directory as other models: `<SQUORE_HOME>/configuration/models`. Its structure is similar to other models, but it does not appear in the user interface. To understand some of the common measures and rules used across Squore you can take a look at the common definitions available in `<SQUORE_HOME>/configuration/models/Shared/Analysis/product_quality/code`, especially:

- `artefact_rating`
- `call_relation`
- `cloning`
- `complexity`
- `control_flow_analysis`
- `line_counting`
- `rule_checking`
- `stability`

2.3. Customising the Squore Configuration

Squore is fully customisable and allows you to override the default models and add your own ones. Your modifications to the default configuration should never be made directly in `<SQUORE_HOME>/configuration`, but in your own configuration folder which you will make Squore aware of by editing `<SQUORE_HOME>/config.xml`. This allows you to create only the files that are needed for your modifications and minimise the amount of files to add to version control.

In order to add a configuration folder for your modifications:

1. Create a folder called `MyConfiguration`
2. Create two subfolders folder called `configuration` and `addons`
3. Edit Squore Server's `<SQUORE_HOME>/config.xml` to add `MyConfiguration/configuration` and `MyConfiguration/addons` as registered configuration and addons paths, as described in the Installation and Administration Guide in the section called **Adding a Configuration Folder**
4. As a Squore administrator, log in and click **Administration > Reload Configuration**

Squore now knows that it needs to load the models that exist in your custom configuration as well as the ones in the default configuration folder. If you want to override a file in the default configuration folder, recreate the folder structure in your custom configuration folder, copy the file from the default configuration folder and make the necessary modifications. Because the custom configuration folder is listed first in `<SQUORE_HOME>/config.xml`, the file in the custom configuration folder will be used instead of the file in the default configuration folder.

2.4. Creating a New Model

Creating a new model is as simple as creating a folder in your custom configuration folder and creating the various definition files needed for the Analysis Model, the Decision Model, the dashboard and reports you want to enable:

1. Create a new directory `MyModel` in the `MyConfiguration/configuration/models` directory.
2. In the `MyModel` folder, create the following sub-folders:
 - Analysis
 - Dashboards
 - Decision
 - Description
 - Exports
 - Analysis
 - Reports
 - Wizards
3. Log into Squore as administrator, reload the configuration and click **Models > Validator**. Your new model should be visible in the list of available models.

The following section of this manual will cover how to use existing packages from the Shared folder and how to display text in the web interface.

2.5. Building your Model

2.5.1. Bundle Files

A model is a collection of several `Bundle.xml` files where your entire model is described. A model folder normally contains the following bundles:

- `MyModel/Analysis/Bundle.xml`, where artefact types, metrics, indicators and rules are defined
- `MyModel/Dashboard/Bundle.xml`, where the charts displayed in the web interface are defined
- `MyModel/Decision/Bundle.xml`, where you define the action items for your model
- `MyModel/Description/Bundle.xml`, where you translate all the elements of your model into several languages
- `MyModel/Exports/Bundle.xml`, where you define the type of information that users can export from the web UI
- `MyModel/Highlights/Bundle.xml`, where the different types of highlight categories are defined
- `MyModel/Properties/Bundle.xml`, where optional properties about your model are defined
- `MyModel/Reports/Bundle.xml`, where you define the type of reports that can be created from the web UI
- `MyModel/Wizards/Bundle.xml`, where you define the parameters to be used when creating a project with your model

More information about each type of bundle is available in this manual. Note that a `Bundle.xml` file normally includes external files located elsewhere in the standard Squore configuration. This allows reusing modules between models.

The following is an (incomplete) example of a `Bundle.xml` file that includes other files from the Squore configuration. Note that the `xmlns:xi` declaration in the `Bundle` element is mandatory if you want to include external files.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" standalone="yes"?>
<Bundle xmlns:xi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XInclude" >
  <!-- Aliases -->
  <ArtefactType id="CODE" heirs="PACKAGES;FILES;CLASSES;MODULES" />
  <ArtefactType id="PACKAGES" heirs="APPLICATION;SOURCE_CODE;FOLDER" />
  <ArtefactType id="FILES" heirs="FILE" />
  <ArtefactType id="CLASSES" heirs="CLASS" />

  <xi:include href="../../Shared/Analysis/SQuORE_BasicScales.xml" />

  <!-- SQuORE Base Measures -->
  <xi:include href="../../Shared/Analysis/product_quality/code/line_counting/line_counting.xml" />
  <xi:include href="../../Shared/Analysis/Code/ObjectOrientation/square_java_oo_basemeasures.xml" />
  <xi:include href="../../Shared/Analysis/Code/ObjectOrientation/SQuORE_Inheritance.xml" />

  <!-- Rule Checking -->
  <xi:include href="../../Shared/Analysis/Code/RuleSet/SQuORE_Java_RuleSet.xml" />

  <!-- SQuALE Analysis Model -->
  <xi:include href="../../Shared/Analysis/Code/SQuALE/SQuALE_Characteristics.xml" />
  <xi:include href="SQuALE_Requirement.xml" />

  <RootIndicator indicatorId="SQuALE_INDEX_DENSITY"
  artefactTypes="APPLICATION;FOLDER;SOURCE_CODE" />
  <RootIndicator indicatorId="SQuALE_INDEX" artefactTypes="FUNCTION;CLASS;FILE" />
  <Measure measureId="COST" targetArtefactTypes="APPLICATION" defaultValue="0" />
</Bundle>
```

Tip

All paths in a `Bundle.xml` are relative to `Bundle.xml`.

Warning

The bundle file is an xml file, which means that you must respect the XML syntax, otherwise Squore will not be able to read it. This means for example that the following characters are forbidden, and must be replaced by their corresponding entity reference:

- `&` needs to be replaced by `&`;
- `<` needs to be replaced by `<`;
- `>` is preferably replaced by `>`, but this is not mandatory
- `"` needs to be replaced by `"`; (only when used inside an attribute value)
- `'` needs to be replaced by `'`; (only when used inside an attribute value)

To learn more about entities, visit en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_XML_and_HTML_character_entity_references

2.5.2. Descriptions

In order to provide a simple way to display dashboards in multiple languages in the Squore web interface, all strings have been externalised to .properties files. A .properties file contains translations for all the metrics, rules, action items, charts and other objects described in your model. A model contains a `Bundle.xml` that lists all the .properties files that need to be loaded for this model.

In your description bundle, include a .properties file by adding a `Properties` element. Squore will select the appropriate display language for this model according to the language options defined in the `available` and `default` attributes, as shown below:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" standalone="yes"?>
<Bundle available="fr,en" default="en">
  <Properties src="../../Shared/data_provider/squan_sources/descriptions" />
</Bundle>
```

In the example above, it is assumed that two files exist with the names `Shared/data_provider/squan_sources/descriptions_en.properties` and `Shared/data_provider/squan_sources/descriptions_fr.properties`, since you declared both languages in the `available` attribute. Users are free to switch between the English and French languages using the flag icons in the Squore web interface. By default, Squore will display the descriptions from `descriptions_en.properties`, since you set the default language to "en" using the `default` attribute.

Properties files are simple text files containing key-value pairs to associate text to a property of an element of your model.

For example, the metric SLOC is translated using this line in a .properties file:

```
SLOC.DESCR=The number of source line of codes
```

If we need the description of SLOC to be different for artefact of type `CPP_FUNCTION` and `APPLICATION`, we can use a more advanced definition:

```
M.SLOC.DESCR.APPLICATION=The number of source line of codes in the application
M.SLOC.DESCR.CPP_FUNCTION=The number of source line of codes in the function
```

The convention for this syntax is as follows:

```
[PREFIX.]IDENTIFIER.PROPERTY[.ARTEFACT_TYPE]=My localised text
```

where:

- **PREFIX** is a prefix used to indicate which type of object the localised text applies to. If no prefix is specified, then the localised text is used for all objects in the model with this identifier. The supported values for **PREFIX** are:
 - **M** for measures
 - **I** for indicators
 - **C** for charts
 - **EVO** for trend icons
 - **EX** for exports
 - **FA** for families

- **FI** for findings
- **G** for groups
- **HI** for highlights
- **LOP** for scale levels (levels of performance)
- **MO** for models
- **PERM** for permissions
- **PRO** for profiles
- **RO** for roles
- **RE** for reports
- **SC** for scales
- **ST** for action item statuses
- **T** for artefact types
- **TA** for tables
- **TA#IN** for links tables displaying inbound links
- **TA#OUT** for links tables displaying outbound links
- **TST** for action item tests
- **TUTO** for tutorial descriptions
- **WI** for wizards
- **MIL** for milestones
- **IDENTIFIER** is the ID of the object as described in the model.
- **PROPERTY** is the property being set. It is one of:
 - **MNEMO** to specify a mnemonic, i.e. a short representation of the object that is used where space needs to be preserved. Note that if no mnemonic is specified, the raw identifier will be used instead in the UI.
 - **NAME** to specify a name, i.e. the common, human-understandable representation of an object.
 - **DESCR** to specify a description for the object.
 - **JUSTIF** to specify a justification for a rule. This is displayed in the Findings pane and allows you to provide more details about why a rule is used.
 - **URL** to specify a URL associated with the object. This URL is displayed below the description of a rule on the Findings tab, or in any popup that shows the full description of a measure or indicator on the Dashboard. This URL is clickable and opens in a new browser window. This is usually useful if you want to link to the definition of a coding standard outside of Squore.
 - **ICON** to specify an icon for a scale level (LOP), a trend icon in the artefact tree (EVO) or a group icon (G) in the project portfolios.
 - **IMAGE** to specify an image for a scale level (LOP) when displayed as a KPI on the dashboard.
 - **COLOR** to specify the colour to represent a metric (M, I), a scale level (LOP) or a milestone (MIL) on a chart or a popup describing a scale. For more information about the supported colour formats, consult [colour syntax].
 - **NODATA** to specify a text to be displayed in a chart (C) on the dashboard when no data can be displayed on the chart.
 - **TREE_NAME** to specify a name for a chart (C) that is used in the Dashboard Editor's tree of charts.
- **ARTEFACT_TYPE** is used to restrict the scope of the property to the specified type of artefact. If no **ARTEFACT_TYPE** is specified, then the property applies for all artefact types.

Examples

1. Usual set of properties for a measure or an indicator:

```
STATUS.MNEMO=Status
STATUS.NAME=Requirement Status
STATUS.DESCR=Status (draft or final)
```

2. Usual set of properties for a rule to display in the Findings tab:

```
R_NOGOTO.MNEMO=NOGOTO
R_NOGOTO.NAME=No GOTO
R_NOGOTO.DESCR=A unconditional GOTO shall not be used to jump outside the
paragraph.
R_NOGOTO.JUSTIF=GOTO statements should be avoided because they complicated
the task of analyzing and verifying the correctness of programs
(particularly those involving loops).
R_NOGOTO.URL=https://xkcd.com/292/
```

3. Usual set of properties for a scale:

```
SC.STATUS.NAME=Requirement Readiness Assessment
LOP.UNKNOWN.MNEMO=Unknown
LOP.UNKNOWN.NAME=Unknown
LOP.UNKNOWN.DESCR=Unknown
LOP.UNKNOWN.IMAGE=../Shared/Images/images/questionmark.png
LOP.UNKNOWN.ICON=../Shared/Images/icons/questionmark.png
LOP.UNKNOWN.COLOR=#C11B17

LOP.DRAFT.MNEMO=Draft
LOP.DRAFT.NAME=Draft
LOP.DRAFT.DESCR=Draft
LOP.DRAFT.IMAGE=../Shared/Images/icons/wip.png
LOP.DRAFT.ICON=../Shared/Images/icons/wip.png
LOP.DRAFT.COLOR=#FFDB58

LOP.FINAL.MNEMO=Final
LOP.FINAL.NAME=Final
LOP.FINAL.DESCR=Final
LOP.FINAL.IMAGE=../Shared/Images/icons/final.png
LOP.FINAL.ICON=../Shared/Images/icons/final.png
LOP.FINAL.COLOR=#41A317
```

Tip

The path to an image or icon file is relative to the root of the folder containing the model.

4. Using a different description for a metric when using it on the Action Items tab with the TST prefix:

```
OVERPERFORMANCE.MNEMO=Over-Performance
OVERPERFORMANCE.NAME=Over-Performance
OVERPERFORMANCE.DESCR=You are over-performing at this time.
TST.OVERPERFORMANCE.DESCR=Your current progress of {2}% is exceeding your
objective for the next milestone by over 20% ({0}% in {1} days). /Either
you are pretty good, or you underestimated yourself when setting your goals.
Consider revising your objectives.
```


Tip

In the example above, / is used to indicate a new line in the description.

Note

{0}, {1} and {2} are parameters that are dynamically filled in when viewing the action item. For more information, consult Section 4.3, “Trigger-Based Action Plans”.

5. Overriding a name and description for a specific type of artefact:

```
RAM.MNEMO=RAM
RAM.NAME=Used RAM
RAM.NAME.APPLICATION=Sum of Used RAM
RAM.DESCR=Used RAM
RAM.DESCR.APPLICATION=Sum of Used RAM
```

Tip

Squore resolves properties from the more specific to the more abstract, as shown below:

- a. PREFIX.IDENTIFIER.PROPERTY.ARTEFACT_TYPE
- b. PREFIX.IDENTIFIER.PROPERTY
- c. IDENTIFIER.PROPERTY.ARTEFACT_TYPE
- d. IDENTIFIER.PROPERTY

Note that aliases are not supported, only real artefact types. If you want to specify a description for functions in all languages, you have to add a line for each of the function types: CPP_FUNCTION, C_FUNCTION, ADA_FUNCTION...

6. Setting a chart's name and description

```
C.PERFORMANCE_TREND.NAME=Performane Trend
C.PERFORMANCE_TREND.DESCR=<h1>Reading the Performance Trend Chart</h1><p>This chart shows a history of the performance trend for our application, as recorded nightly by our performance tests.</p><p>If you see any variation, you should perform the following three checks</p><ol><li>Is it a false positive, See if an error was reported in Jenkins</li><li>Check the machine logs for an explanation</li><li>Has someone already reported a bug? If not, <b>please do!</b></li></ol>
```

Tip

You can use the following HTML tags in chart descriptions: **h1, h2, h3, h4, h5, h6, p, span, div, br, i, b, u, a, pre, hr, ul, ol, li**

7. Setting help text for tutorials. Note that only .DESCR is supported:

```
TUTO.WELCOME_TUTORIAL_RISK.DESCR=Understanding the Risk Index Model
TUTO.WELCOME_TUTORIAL_RISK_DESCRIPTION.DESCR=This tutorial takes you around the dashboard of the Squore Risk Index model to explain the concepts behind the ranking and help you understand how to improve your project based on the specific action plan generated by this model.
TUTO.EXPLAIN_TRENDS.DESCR=<b>Warning!</b><br/>Pay attention to this trend icon: 
```

Tip

HTML is supported in help text, but not in the main description of the tutorial that appears in the tutorial selection popup. You can insert images in the help text, using the relative path to the image file from `Bundle.xml`.

2.5.3. Overriding Default Descriptions

Here are the locations of the default types, permissions, roles and profiles, and statuses:

- **Types:** `<SQUORE_HOME>/configuration/models/Shared/Analysis/Code/Types/rights_en.properties`
- **Permissions:** `<SQUORE_HOME>/configuration/models/Shared/Description/rights_en.properties`
- **Roles and profiles:** `<SQUORE_HOME>/configuration/models/Shared/Description/roles_en.properties`
- **Statuses:** `<SQUORE_HOME>/configuration/models/Shared/Description/status_en.properties`

You are free to override or extend these defaults in your own `.properties` file in your model.

Tip

In order to set an icon for a type, create an image called `identifier.png` (the identifier must be lowercase) in your configuration under `models/Shared/Images/icons/types`.

2.6. Creating your own Data Providers

You can create your own Data Providers by using the built-in frameworks included in Squore. Each solution uses a different approach, but the overall goal is to produce one or more CSV files that your Data Provider will send to Squore to associate metrics, findings, textual information or links to artefacts in your project.

This section helps you choose the right framework for your custom Data Provider and covers the basics of creating a custom configuration folder to extend Squore. If you need more flexibility than is offered by the default frameworks, this chapter also documents the XML format you can write so that Squore imports your data directly (new in 17.0).

2.6.1. Choosing the Right Data Provider Framework

The following is a list of the available Data Provider frameworks:

	Import Metrics	Import Textual Information	Import Findings	Import Links	Create Artefacts	Parse Subfolders
CSV	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓
csv_findings	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗
CSVPerl	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓
Generic	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
GenericPerl	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
FindingsPerl	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓
ExcelMetrics	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓

✓ Supported

✓ Your Perl script needs to handle subfolder parsing

✗ Not Supported

Data Provider frameworks and their capabilities

- Csv**
 The Csv framework is used to import metrics or textual information and attach them to artefacts of type Application or File. While parsing one or more input CSV files, if it finds the same metric for the same artefact several times, it will only use the last occurrence of the metric and ignore the previous ones. Note that the type of artefacts you can attach metrics to is limited to Application and File artefacts. If you are working with File artefacts, you can let the Data Provider create the artefacts by itself if they do not exist already. Refer to the full Csv Reference for more information.
- csv_findings**
 The csv_findings framework is used to import findings in a project and attach them to artefacts of type Application, File or Function. It takes a single CSV file as input and is the only framework that allows you to import relaxed findings directly. Refer to the full csv_findings Reference for more information.
- CsvPerl**
 The CsvPerl framework offers the same functionality as Csv, but instead of dealing with the raw input files directly, it allows you to run a perl script to modify them and produce a CSV file with the expected input format for the Csv framework. Refer to the full CsvPerl Reference for more information.
- FindingsPerl**
 The FindingsPerl framework is used to import findings and attach them to existing artefacts. Optionally, if an artefact cannot be found in your project, the finding can be attached to the root node of the project instead. When launching a Data Provider based on the FindingsPerl framework, a perl script is run first. This perl script is used to generate a CSV file with the expected format which will then be parsed by the framework. Refer to the full FindingsPerl Reference for more information.
- Generic**
 The Generic framework is the most flexible Data Provider framework, since it allows attaching metrics, findings, textual information and links to artefacts. If the artefacts do not exist in your project, they will be created automatically. It takes one or more CSV files as input (one per type of information you want to import) and works with any type of artefact. Refer to the full Generic Reference for more information.
- GenericPerl**
 The GenericPerl framework is an extension of the Generic framework that starts by running a perl script in order to generate the metrics, findings, information and links files. It is useful if you have an input file whose format needs to be converted to match the one expected by the Generic framework, or if you need to retrieve and modify information exported from a web service on your network. Refer to the full GenericPerl Reference for more information.

7. ExcelMetrics

The ExcelMetrics framework is used to extract information from one or more Microsoft Excel files (.xls or .xlsx). A detailed configuration file allows defining how the Excel document should be read and what information should be extracted. This framework allows importing metrics, findings and textual information to existing artefacts or artefacts that will be created by the Data Provider. Refer to the full ExcelMetrics Reference for more information.

The Data Providers that are not based on these frameworks can do a lot more than just import information from CSV files. Here is a non-exhaustive list of what some of them do:

- Use XSLT files to transform XML files
- Read information from microsoft Word Files
- Parse HTML test result files
- Query web services
- Export data from OSLC systems
- Launch external processes

If you are interested in developing Data Providers that go beyond the scope of what is described in the open frameworks, you can write your own scripts to produce data in a format that Squore can import directly, or consult Squoring Technologies to learn more about the available training courses in writing Data Providers.

2.6.2. Extending a Framework

After you choose the framework to extend, you should follow these steps to make your custom Data Provider known to Squore:

1. Create a new configuration `tools` folder to save your work in your custom configuration folder: `MyConfiguration/configuration/tools`.
2. Create a new folder for your data provider inside the new `tools` folder: **CustomDP**. This folder needs to contain the following files:
 - **form.xml** defines the input parameters for the Data Provider, and the base framework to use
 - **form_en.properties** contains the strings displayed in the web interface for this Data Provider
 - **config.tcl** contains the parameters for your custom Data Provider that are specific to the selected framework
 - **CustomDP.pl** is the perl script that is executed automatically if your custom Data Provider uses one of the *Perl frameworks.
3. Edit Squore Server's configuration file to register your new configuration path, as described in the Installation and Administration Guide.
4. Log into the web interface as a Squore administrator and reload the configuration.

Your new Data Provider is now known to Squore and can be triggered in analyses. Note that you may have to modify your Squore configuration to make your wizard aware of the new Data Provider and your model aware of the new metrics it provides. Refer to the relevant sections of the Configuration Guide for more information.

2.6.3. Creating a Freestyle Data Provider

Instead of using one of the Data Provider frameworks, you can directly produce your results in an XML format that can read and import (new in 17.0). The syntax to use is as follows:

```
input-data.xml :
```

```
<bundle version="2.0">
  <artifact [local-key=""] [local-parent="" |parent=""]>
    <artifact [id="<guid-stable-in-time-also-a-key>"] name="Component "
    type="REQ" [location=""]>
      <info name|n="DESCR" value="The description of the object"/>
      <key value="3452-e89b-ff82"/>
      <metric name="TEST_KO" value="2"/>
      <finding name="AR120" loc="xxx" p0="The message" />
      <link name="TEST" local-dst="" |dst="" />
      <artifact id="" name="SubComponent" type="REQ">
        ...
      </artifact>
    </artifact>
  </artifact>

  <artifact id="" local-key="" name="" type="" local-parent="" |
parent="" [location=""] />
  ...

  <link name="" local-src="" |src="" local-dst="" |dst="" />
  ...

  <info local-ref="" |ref="" name="" value="" />
  ...


  <metric local-ref="" |ref="" name="" value="" />
  ...

  <finding local-ref="" |ref="" [location=""] p0="" />
  <finding local-ref="" |ref="" [location=""] p0="">
    <location local-ref="" |ref="" [location=""] />
    ...
  <relax status="RELAXED_DEROGATION|RELAXED_LEGACY|RELAXED_FALSE_POSITIVE"><![
CDATA[My Comment]]></relax>
  </finding>
  ...
</bundle>
```

2.6.4. Data Provider Parameters

A Data Provider's parameters are defined in a file called `form.xml`. The following is an example of `form.xml` for a Data Provider extending the GenericPerl framework:

▼ CustomDP



ux

tests it

ut

ignore_missing_sources

input_file

old_results Exclude Include

password*

CustomDP parameters

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<tags baseName="GenericPerl" needSources="true" image="CustomDP.png"
projectStatusOnFailure="ERROR">
  <tag type="multipleChoice" displayType="checkbox" optionTitle=" " key="tests">
    <value key="ux" option="usability" />
    <value key="it" option="integration" />
    <value key="ut" option="unit" />
  </tag>
  <tag type="booleanChoice" key="ignore_missing_sources" defaultValue="false" />
  <tag type="text" key="input_file" defaultValue="myFile.xml" changeable="false" />
  >
  <tag type="multipleChoice" key="old_results" style="margin-left:10px"
displayType="radioButton" defaultValue="Exclude">
    <value key="Exclude" />
    <value key="Include" />
  </tag>
  <tag type="text" key="java_path" defaultValue="/usr/bin/java" hide="true" />
  <tag type="password" required="true" key="password" />
</tags>
  
```

The **tags** element accepts the following attributes:

- **baseName (mandatory)** indicates which framework you are basing this Data Provider on
- **needSources (optional, default: false)** allows specifying whether the Data Provider requires sources or not. When set to true, an error will be displayed if you try to select this Data Provider without adding any Repository Connector to your project.
- **image (optional, default: none)** allows displaying a logo in the web UI for the Data Provider
- **projectStatusOnFailure (optional, default: ERROR)** defines what status the project ends in when this Data Provider produces an error. The following values are allowed:
 - **IGNORE**

- **WARNING**
- **ERROR**
- **projectStatusOnWarning (optional, default: WARNING)** defines what status the project ends in when this Data Provider produces a warning. The following values are allowed:
 - **IGNORE**
 - **WARNING**
 - **ERROR**

Each `tag` element is a Data Provider option and allows the following attributes:

- **key (mandatory)** is the option's key that will be passed to the perl script, or can be used to specify the parameter's value from the command line
- **type (mandatory)** defines the type of the parameter. The following values are accepted:
 - **text** for free text entry
 - **password** for password fields
 - **booleanChoice** for a boolean
 - **multipleChoice** for offering a selection of predefined values

Note

Predefined values are specified with a `value` element with a mandatory `key` attribute and an optional `option` attribute that allows modifying the value of the option from the UI.

- **displayType (optional)** allows specifying how to display a `multipleChoice` parameter by using one of:
 - **comboBox**
 - **radioButton**
 - **checkbox**
- **defaultValue (optional, default: empty)** is the value used for the parameter when not specified
- **hide (optional, default: false)** allows hiding a parameter from the web UI, which is useful when combining it with a default value
- **changeable (optional, default: true)** allows making a parameter configurable only when creating the project but read-only for following analyses when set to true
- **style (optional, default: empty)** allows setting basic css for the attribute in the web UI
- **required (optional, default: false)** allows showing a red asterisk next to the field in the web UI to make it visibly required. Note that this is only a visual aid at the moment and cannot be used to force users to enter a value for the parameter.

2.6.5. Localising your Data Provider

In order to display your Data Provider parameters in different languages in the web UI, your Data Provider's `form.xml` does not contain any hard-coded strings. Instead, Squore uses each parameter's `key` attribute to dynamically retrieve a translation from a `form_xx.properties` file located next to `form.xml`.

When you create a Data Provider, it is mandatory to include at least an English version of the strings in a file called `form_en.properties`. You are free to add other languages as needed. Here is a sample `.properties` for for the CustomDP you created in the previous section:

```
-----
```

```
FORM.GENERAL.NAME = CustomDP
FORM.DASHBOARD.NAME = Test Status
FORM.GENERAL.DESCR = CustomDP imports test results for my project
FORM.GENERAL.URL = http://example.com/CustomDP

TAG.tests.NAME = Test Types
TAG.tests.DESCR = Check the boxes next to the types of test results contained in
the results

TAG.ignore_missing_sources.NAME = Ignore Missing Sources

TAG.input_file.NAME = Test Results
TAG.input_file.DESCR = Specify the absolute path to the file containing the test
results

TAG.old_results.NAME = Old Test Results
TAG.old_results.DESCR = If the previous analysis contained results that are not
in this results file, what do you want to do with the old results?
OPT.Exclude.NAME = discard
OPT.Include.NAME = keep

TAG.password.NAME = File Password
TAG.password.DESCR = Specify the password to decrypt the test results file
```

The syntax for the `.properties` file is as follows:

- **FORM.GENERAL.NAME** is the display name of the Data Provider in the project wizard
- **FORM.DASHBOARD.NAME** is the display name of the Data Provider in the Explorer
- **FORM.GENERAL.DESCR** is the description displayed in the Data Provider's tooltip in the web UI
- **FORM.GENERAL.URL** is a reference URL for the Data Provider. Note that it is not displayed in the web UI yet.
- **TAG.tag_name.NAME** allows setting the display name of a parameter
- **TAG.tag_name.DESCR** is a help text displayed in a tooltip next to the Data Provider option in the web UI
- **OPT.option_name.NAME** allows setting the display name of an option

Using the `form_en.properties` above for CustomDP results in the following being displayed in the web UI when launching an analysis:

▼ CustomDP

usability

Test Types integration

unit

Ignore Missing Sources

Test Results

Old Test Results discard keep

File Password *

If the previous analysis contained results that are not in this results file, what do you want to do with the old results?

CustomDP pulling translations from a `.properties` file

3. Analysis Models

3.1. Understanding Analysis Models

Analysis Models define how metrics data is computed and aggregated. You can browse and analyse models through the **Models > Viewer** menu in the Squore web interface.

Analysis Models define building blocks organised in a hierarchical structure. The following blocks can be used:

- **Artefact Types** define the types of artefacts that can be created in the Artefact Tree.
- **Measure elements** define the metrics, both base and derived, that are used and computed in the analysis model.
- **Rule elements** are similar to measures, except they represent a trigger: the rule is either respected or violated. They are associated to practices, and the number of violations for a single rule shows how the practice is applied in the development process.
- **Scale and ScaleLevel elements** define how the measures are expressed (units, ranges).
- **Indicator elements** associate a measure with a scale. They provide a human-readable format for the measures expressed.
- **Constant elements** define fixed values used in computations.

Blocks can refer to each others, for example computations use measures and rules. The syntax used for computations is documented in Chapter 5, *Computation Syntax*.

3.2. Artefact Types

In order to rate your project, you can define artefact types and aliases in Squore. The artefact types used in the default configuration for source code are all defined in `<SQUORE_HOME>/configuration/models/Shared/data_provider/squan_sources/artefact_types.xml` so you can include them easily in your model. Here is a selection of the most common ones:

```
<ArtefactType id="CODE"
  heirs="PACKAGES;FILES;CLASSES;MODULES;CODE_SPECIFICATIONS" />
<ArtefactType id="PACKAGES"
  heirs="APPLICATION;SUB_APPLICATION;SOURCE_CODE;FOLDER" />
<ArtefactType id="FILES" heirs="FILE;HEADER" />
<ArtefactType id="SUB_FILES" heirs="CLASSES;MODULES;CODE_SPECIFICATIONS" />
<ArtefactType id="CLASSES" heirs="CLASS;FORTRAN_MODULE;SQL_CLASS" />
<ArtefactType id="MODULES" heirs="FUNCTION" />
<ArtefactType id="CODE_SPECIFICATIONS"
  heirs="JAVA_INTERFACE;ADA_SPACK;ADA_STASK;ADA_SPROTOBJ;ADA_PROTOBJ;ABAP_CLASSDEF;VBNET_INTERFA
>
```

Note

The root node of a project is always of type **APPLICATION**. The **SUB_APPLICATION** type is used as the type for the root node of a project that is a component of a meta-project only.

You can define any artefact type in your model by declaring them in the `artefactTypes` attribute of your analysis model's `RootIndicator`, as shown below. The following definition of the `ROOT` main indicator declares the types `APPLICATION`, `FILE`, `CLASS`, `FUNCTION`, `REQUIREMENT`, `TEST_PLAN`, `TEST_SUITE` and `TEST`:

```
<RootIndicator
  artefactTypes="APPLICATION;FILE;CLASS;FUNCTION;REQUIREMENT;TEST_PLAN;TEST_SUITE;TEST"
  indicatorId="ROOT" />
```

In addition, you can define aliases to group types of artefacts together to use later when defining metrics in your analysis model. The `ArtefactType` definition below groups the artefacts defined above into `CODE` and `DOCUMENT` aliases:

```
<ArtefactType id="CODE" heirs="APPLICATION;FILE;CLASS;FUNCTION" />
<ArtefactType id="DOCUMENT" heirs="REQUIREMENT;TEST_PLAN;TEST_SUITE;TEST" />
```

This means that the long artefact declaration above can be rewritten as follows:

```
<RootIndicator artefactTypes="CODE;DOCUMENT" indicatorId="ROOT" />
```

Note

You can use aliases everywhere in your configuration, except in properties files.

You can also use the `ArtefactType` element with a `manual` attribute to declare that some artefacts can be added manually by the user, as shown below:

```
<ArtefactType id="TEST_SUITE" parents="APPLICATION;TEST_SUITE;TEST_PLAN"
  manual="true" />
<ArtefactType id="TEST" parents="TEST_SUITE" manual="true" />
<ArtefactType id="TEST_PLAN" parents="APPLICATION" manual="true" />
<ArtefactType id="REQUIREMENT" parents="APPLICATION" manual="true" />
```

Manual artefacts can be added by users with the required permissions via a context menu in the Artefact Tree

3.3. Measures

The `Measure` element defines the semantics of a single measure. From a technical standpoint, a measure is merely a mapping between the information provided by the Data Provider and known Squore elements.

Base Measures only define the measure name and identifier, whereas Derived Measures define how they are computed from other measures. A Measure without computation is a base measure. The following two examples show how the `SLOC` (Source Lines Of Code) base measure and the `COMR` (Comment Rate) derived measure are defined:

```
<Measure measureId="SLOC" targetArtefactTypes="APPLICATION;FILE"
  defaultValue="1" />
<Measure measureId="COMR" defaultValue="0">
  <Computation stored="true"
    targetArtefactTypes="APPLICATION;FOLDER;FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS;PROGRAM"
    result="(CLOC+MLOC)*100/(SLOC+CLOC)" />
</Measure>
```

The attributes allowed for the `Measure` element are as follows:

- **measureId (mandatory)** is the unique identifier of the measure, as used in the properties files¹. Any alphanumerical value is accepted for this attribute as long as it is at least two characters and starts with a letter.
- **targetArtefactTypes** is the type of artefact targeted by the measure. For more information about artefact types, consult Section 3.2, "Artefact Types".

¹See Section 2.5.2, "Descriptions" for more information about unique identifiers.

- **excludingTypes** allows refining `targetArtefactTypes` to exclude certain types that may have been included via an alias. You can for example specify that a metric exists for all JAVA types except for `JAVA_INTERFACE` with the following syntax:

```
<Measure measureId="TEST_COVERAGE" defaultValue="-1">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="PACKAGES;JAVA"
    excludingTypes="JAVA_INTERFACE" result="IF( IS_DP_OK( JACOCO ), TST_COV, -1) " />
</Measure>
```

- **defaultValue** (optional, default: not set) sets the default value to be used if no value is found for this metric.
- **usedForRelaxation** (optional, default: false) indicates that the measure is used in this model to indicate whether an artefact is relaxed or excluded. Note that only one measure per artefact type in your model can use this attribute.
- **stored** (optional, default: true) defines whether a base measure's value is stored in the database (true) or discarded (false) after an analysis.
- **suffix** (optional, default: empty) is the label displayed after the value of the metric in the UI (currently this applies to the Indicator Tree and the Measures tab only).
- **dataBounds** (optional, default: none) allows specifying which range of values should be considered valid for this measure (currently this applies to the Indicator Tree and the Measures tab only).
- **invalidValue** (optional, default: -) is the text that should be displayed when an invalid value is set for the measure (currently this applies to the Indicator Tree and the Measures tab only).
- **noValue** (optional, default: ?) is the text displayed when no value exists for this metric in the database (currently this applies to the Indicator Tree and the Measures tab only).
- **format** (optional, default: NUMBER) is the format used to display the value of the measure in the UI. Each supported format has additional parameters, as described below:

```
- format="NUMBER": (default)
  + pattern="Java Number Pattern"
  + decimals=""
  + roundingMode=""

- format="PERCENT":
  + decimals=""
  + roundingMode=""

- format="INTEGER":
  + roundingMode=""

- format="DATE|TIME|DATETIME":
  + pattern="Java Date Pattern"
  + dateStyle="" (only for DATE and DATETIME)
  + timeStyle="" (only for TIME and DATETIME)
```

- **pattern** accepts any Java DecimalFormat or SimpleDateFormat Pattern. Refer to <http://docs.oracle.com/javase/6/docs/api/java/text/DecimalFormat.html> and <http://docs.oracle.com/javase/6/docs/api/java/text/SimpleDateFormat.html> for more information.
- **decimals** (optional, default: 0) is the number of decimals places to be used for displaying values
- **roundingMode** (optional, default: HALF_EVEN) defines the behaviour used for rounding the numerical values displayed. The supported values are:
 - **CEILING** to round towards positive infinity.
 - **DOWN** to round towards zero.

- **FLOOR** to round towards negative infinity.
- **HALF_DOWN** to round towards "nearest neighbour" unless both neighbours are equidistant, in which case round down.
- **HALF_EVEN** to round towards the "nearest neighbour" unless both neighbours are equidistant, in which case, round towards the even neighbour.
- **HALF_UP** to round towards "nearest neighbour" unless both neighbours are equidistant, in which case round up.
- **UP** to round away from zero.

For more examples of rounding mode, consult <http://docs.oracle.com/javase/6/docs/api/java/math/RoundingMode.html>.

- **dateStyle (optional, default: DEFAULT)**: the date formatting style, used when the displayType is one of DATE or DATETIME.
 - **SHORT** is completely numeric, such as 12.13.52 or 3:30pm.
 - **MEDIUM** is longer, such as Jan 12, 1952.
 - **DEFAULT** is MEDIUM.
 - **LONG** is longer, such as January 12, 1952 or 3:30:32pm.
 - **FULL** is pretty completely specified, such as Tuesday, April 12, 1952 AD or 3:30:42pm PST.
- **timeStyle (optional, default: DEFAULT)**: the time formatting style, used when the displayType is one of DATETIME or TIME. See above for available styles.

The attributes allowed for the `Computation` element are as follows:

- **targetArtefactTypes** is the type of artefact targeted by this definition. For more information about artefact types, consult Section 3.2, "Artefact Types".
- **stored (optional, default: true)** defines whether a derived measure's value is stored in the database (true) or discarded (false) after an analysis.
- **result** specifies how the measure is computed from other metrics values. Identifiers used in the result are measureIds, and the syntax is described in Chapter 5, *Computation Syntax*.

The measure defined is then used with its identifier, prefixed with `B.` for base measures, or prefixed with `D.` for derived measures. The following example shows the use of a derived measure for a computation:

```
<Computation targetArtefactTypes="APPLICATION;FOLDER;FILE;CLASS;FUNCTION"  
  result="(D.MET_OKR+D.RULE_OKR)/2" />
```

Tip: Inheritance

Analysis models support inheritance and overriding of metrics according to the following rules:

- If a metric is defined twice for a type, the first definition takes priority for this artefact type. An INFO message is displayed in the Validator to inform you that a definition is overridden by another one.
- A metric definition for a specific type overrides a metric definition for a more generic type (typically an alias).

As a result, the following definitions are allowed in your `Bundle.xml`:

- Specifying a different computation for one sub-type

```

<ArtefactType id="MODULES" heirs="FUNCTION" />
<ArtefactType id="FUNCTION" heirs="C_MODULES;PHP_MODULES;JAVA_MODULES" /
>
<Measure measureId="VG" defaultValue="1">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="MODULES" result="CCN+TERN+OREL+ANTH
+CABL-(CASE+DEF)" />
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="PHP_MODULES" result="CCN+TERN+OREL
+ANTH" />
</Measure>

```

→ Overriding a computation imported from another file by specifying it before the file import

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<Bundle xmlns:xi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XInclude">
(...)
  <Measure measureId="COMR" defaultValue="0">
    <Computation targetArtefactTypes="CODE" result="IF(ELOC+CLOC=0,-1,
(CLOC+MLOC)/(ELOC+CLOC))" />
  </Measure>
  <xi:include href="../../../Shared/basic_definitions/comr.xml" />
</Bundle>

```

3.4. Rules

Rules are a specific type of measure. They do not return a numeric value like other measures, but the location within the source code where the rule was broken. Squore does not define any rule by itself, but requires a mapping between the rules defined in the external tools² that provide the compliance measure and internal concepts (and properties files).

An example of rule definition is provided below:

```

<Measure measureId="R_NOGOTO" type="RULE"
categories="SCALE_SEVERITY.REQUIRED;SCALE_PRIORITY.HIGH"
families="REQUIRED;ANALYSABILITY;MISRA;CF;STRP" targetArtefactTypes="FUNCTION"
defaultValue="0" />

```

The attributes allowed for the `Measure` element of type rule are as follows:

- **measureId** is the unique identifier of the rule, as used in the properties files.
- **type** is always set to `RULE` for rule measures.
- **toolName (optional, default: empty)** is the name of the tool, e.g. FindBugs, SQuORE, CPPTST that submitted this metric, to be displayed in the Findings tab. It is generally only specified when you are defining a metric as a rule that will trigger a finding.
- **toolVersion (optional, default: empty)** is the tool version displayed together with the `toolName` in the Findings tab.
- **categories** defines the scale level returned by Squore when the rule is violated.
- **families** puts tags on the measure. A common tag is `TAB`, which displays the rule in the user interface.
- **targetArtefactTypes** is the type of artefact targeted by this definition. For more information about artefact types, consult Section 3.2, "Artefact Types".
- **defaultValue** sets the default value to be used if no value is found for this metric.

² Many Data Providers provide rule compliance measures: Checkstyle, Checker, FindBugs, etc.

- **manual** (optional, default: false) is used when you want to define a rule that can be added manually to an artefact in the artefact tree. Manual findings can be added by users with the required permissions via a context menu in the Artefact Tree.

3.5. Scales

Scales define grades and boundaries for measures, in order to translate them into more understandable information. The ScaleLevel sub-element defines the ranges in the scale.

```
<Scale scaleId="SCALE_EC">
  <ScaleLevel levelId="UNKNOWN" bounds="];0[" rank="-1" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="LEVELA" bounds="[0;0]" rank="0" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="LEVELB" bounds="]0;1]" rank="1" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="LEVELC" bounds="]1;2]" rank="2" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="LEVELD" bounds="]2;3]" rank="3" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="LEVELE" bounds="]3;4]" rank="4" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="LEVELF" bounds="]4;5]" rank="5" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="LEVELG" bounds="]5;]" rank="6" />
</Scale>
```

In this example, the scale SCALE_EC associates different levels to a measured value:

- If the measured value is less than 0, the levelId is UNKNOWN with ranking -1.
- If the measured value is exactly 0, the levelId is A with ranking 0.
- If the measured value is between 0 (excluded) and 1 (included), the levelId is B with ranking 1.
- If the measured value is between 1 (excluded) and 2 (included), the levelId is C with ranking 2.
- If the measured value is between 2 (excluded) and 3 (included), the levelId is D with ranking 3.
- If the measured value is between 3 (excluded) and 4 (included), the levelId is E with ranking 4.
- If the measured value is between 4 (excluded) and 5 (included), the levelId is F with ranking 5.
- If the measured value is more than 5 (excluded), the levelId is G with ranking 6.

Warning

The use of unions in scale bounds has been deprecated since Squore 16.0. You now need to use two distinct scale levels, as shown in the following example:

Old syntax:

```
<Scale scaleId="SCALE_EC2">
  <ScaleLevel levelId="LEVEL_IN" bounds=" ]0;10[|]10;100[" rank="0"/>
  <ScaleLevel levelId="LEVEL_OUT" bounds="[10;10]" rank="1"/>
</Scale>
```

Current syntax:

```
<Scale scaleId="SCALE_EC2">
  <ScaleLevel levelId="LEVEL_IN_LOW" bounds=" ]0;10[" rank="0"/>
  <ScaleLevel levelId="LEVEL_OUT" bounds="[10;10]" rank="1"/>
  <ScaleLevel levelId="LEVEL_IN_HIGH" bounds=" ]10;100[" rank="0"/>
</Scale>
```

Scales can be overridden for a specific artefact type, as shown below:

```

<Indicator indicatorId="VG" measureId="VG" scaleId="VG"
  targetArtefactTypes="CODE" />
<Scale scaleId="VG">
  <ScaleLevel levelId="UNKNOWN" bounds="];0[" rank="-1" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="GREEN" bounds="[0;6]" rank="0" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="YELLOW" bounds="]6;10]" rank="1" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="RED" bounds="]10;[" rank="2" />
</Scale>

<Scale scaleId="VG" targetArtefactTypes="COBOL_PROGRAM">
  <ScaleLevel levelId="UNKNOWN" bounds="];0[" rank="-1" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="GREEN" bounds="[0;10]" rank="0" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="YELLOW" bounds="]10;20]" rank="1" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="RED" bounds="]20;[" rank="2" />
</Scale>
  
```

The scale **VG** applies to all artefacts of type **CODE**, however, for artefacts of type **COBOL_PROGRAM**, the scale levels have different bounds than for other types (as specified via the `targetArtefactTypes` attribute).

You can use scale macros in order to avoid duplicating a scale and use parameters (`{0}`, `{1}`...) to define the scale level thresholds:

```

<ScaleMacro id="RGB">
  <ScaleLevel levelId="UNKNOWN" bounds="];0[" rank="-1" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="GREEN" bounds="[0;{0}]" rank="0" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="YELLOW" bounds="]{0};{1}]" rank="1" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="RED" bounds="]{1};[" rank="2" />
</ScaleMacro>
  
```



Scales defined by a macro and its parameters are then specified as shown below:

```

<Scale scaleId="VG" macro="RGB" vars="6;10" />
<Scale scaleId="VG_REVERSED" macro="RGB" vars="10;6" />
  
```

Tip

The **UNKNOWN** level receives special treatment when it comes to showing a trend:

- When the rank goes from the UNKNOWN level to any other level, the trend is shown as: 
- When the rank goes from any level to UNKNOWN, the trend is shown as: 

The `Scale` element accepts the following attributes:

- **scaleId (mandatory)** the unique identifier of the scale
- **targetArtefactTypes (optional)** the specific artefacts that this scale applies to. If this attribute is omitted, then the value of `targetArtefactTypes` specified for the indicator using this scale is used.
- **macro (optional)** specifies the id of the `ScaleMacro` used to define this scale
- **vars (optional)** is a semicolon-separated list of parameters to pass to the `ScaleMacro` to define this scale
- **isDynamic (optional, default: false)** whether the scale levels are dynamic or not. Read more about the concept of dynamic scales in Section 3.11, "Dynamic Scales".

Scale levels are defined using one or more `ScaleLevel` sub-elements, with the following attributes:

- **levelId (mandatory)** the unique identifier of the scale level.
- **bounds (mandatory)** the value limits for this scale level. Infinite bounds can be specified by omitting the number, e.g.: [0;[or [0;] for any null or positive number.
- **rank (mandatory)** the weight of the scale which is used when aggregating values.

The levelIds are then mapped to their language-specific attributes in a properties file. For the previous example, the file `PerformanceLevels_en.properties` gives the following mapping:

```
LOP.LEVELA.MNEMO=A
LOP.LEVELA.NAME=Level A
LOP.LEVELA.COLOR=0,81,0
LOP.LEVELA.IMAGE=../Shared/Images/images/perfA.png
LOP.LEVELA.ICON=../Shared/Images/icons/perfA.png
```

The trend icons (new, improved, deteriorated and stable) that appear in the artefact tree and the dashboard tables can also be customised in a properties file as shown below:

```
EVO.TREE_NEW.ICON=Description/new.png
EVO.TREE_DOWN.ICON=Description/down.png
EVO.TREE_UP.ICON=Description/up.png
EVO.TREE_EQUAL.ICON=Description/equal.png

EVO.TABLE_NEW.ICON=Description/new.png
EVO.TABLE_DOWN.ICON=Description/down2.png
EVO.TABLE_UP.ICON=Description/up2.png
EVO.TABLE_EQUAL.ICON=Description/equal.png
```

3.6. Indicators

Indicators associate a measure with a scale.

```
<Indicator indicatorId="ROKR_REQ" measureId="ROKR_REQ" scaleId="SCALE_DECILE"
  families="TAB" displayTypes="VALUE;LEVEL" />
```

The attributes allowed in the `Indicator` tag are the following:

- **indicatorId (mandatory)** the unique identifier of the indicator being defined.
- **measureId (mandatory)** the unique identifier of the measure to map.
- **scaleId (mandatory)** the unique identifier of the scale to be used for the measure.
- **targetArtefactTypes (optional)** is the type of artefact targeted by this indicator. For more information about artefact types, consult Section 3.2, “Artefact Types”. If you do not define a target artefact type for an indicator, then the types specified for the measure or the scale associated with the indicator are used.
- **families (optional)** the families associated with the indicator.
- **displayTypes (optional, default: empty)** specifies which details relative to the indicator should be displayed in the Indicator tree on the left of the dashboard. The accepted values are
 - **LEVEL** to display the level name of the indicator after its name
 - **VALUE** to display the actual value of the metric associated to the indicator after its name
- **displayedScale (optional)** allows displaying an alternate scale in the indicator details popup in the Explorer instead of the real scale associated with the indicator. This is generally useful when you are using

a complicated scale internally but you want to show something simpler to your users instead (when using dynamic scales for example). This attribute accepts any valid scale ID from your model.

- **displayedMeasure (optional)** allows displaying an alternate measure in the indicator details popup in the Explorer instead of the real measure associated with the indicator. This is generally useful when you are using a measure internally that would not make sense to end users but you want to show something simpler instead (when using dynamic scales for example). This attribute accepts any valid measure ID from your model.

Tip

In order to quickly define an indicator using the same value for `indicatorId`, `measureId` and `scaleId` you can use this quick notation syntax:

```
<Indicator indicatorId="TEST_COVERAGE" />
```

Squore will automatically assume that `measureId` and `scaleId` for this indicator are also `TEST_COVERAGE`.

Advanced Examples

1. Defining a single indicator that uses different measures depending on the type of artefact:

```
<Indicator indicatorId="WEIGHTED_NCC" measureId="WEIGHTED_NCC"
  targetArtefactTypes="CLASSES;MODULES;CODE_SPECIFICATIONS" />
<Indicator indicatorId="WEIGHTED_NCC" measureId="WEIGHTED_NCC_DENSITY"
  targetArtefactTypes="PACKAGES;FILES" />
```

2. Defining a single indicator that uses different scales depending on the artefact type:

```
<Indicator indicatorId="COMPLEXITY"
  targetArtefactTypes="APPLICATION;SOURCE_CODE;FOLDER;FILES;CLASSES;MODULES;CODE_SPECIFICATIONS" />

<Measure measureId="COMPLEXITY"
  targetArtefactTypes="APPLICATION;SOURCE_CODE;FOLDER;FILES;CLASSES;MODULES;CODE_SPECIFICATIONS"
  defaultValue="-1">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="CLASSES;MODULES;CODE_SPECIFICATIONS"
    result="..." />
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="APPLICATION;SOURCE_CODE;FOLDER;FILES"
    result="..." />
</Measure>

<Scale scaleId="COMPLEXITY" macro="TRAFFIC_LIGHT" vars="5;30"
  targetArtefactTypes="APPLICATION;SOURCE_CODE;FOLDER;FILES" />
<Scale scaleId="COMPLEXITY" macro="TRAFFIC_LIGHT" vars="20;200"
  targetArtefactTypes="CLASSES;MODULES;CODE_SPECIFICATIONS" />
```

3.7. Root Indicators

An indicator must be specified as the root indicator for a each artefact type. The root indicator is the top-level mark displayed next to an artefact in the artefact tree.

```
<RootIndicator indicatorId="MAINTAINABILITY"
  artefactTypes="APPLICATION;FILE;FUNCTION" />
```

- **indicatorId** the unique identifier of the indicator chosen as root.

→ **artefactTypes** is the type of artefact for which this indicator is the root indicator. It is one or more of APPLICATION, SOURCE_CODE, FOLDER, FILE, CLASS, PROGRAM, FUNCTION, or any other type defined for your project. Note that the indicator must exist for all the types of artefacts specified.

Note

A root indicator must be based on a derived measure, not a base measure. If the measure you want to use as an indicator is a base, add a dummy derived measure as shown below.

Before:

```
<Measure id="ROOT" targetArtefactTypes="TYPE" defaultValue="0" />
```

After:

```
<Measure id="ROOT" targetArtefactTypes="TYPE" defaultValue="0">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="SOME_OTHER_TYPE" result="B.ROOT" />
</Measure>
```

3.8. Configuring Artefact Relaxation

In order to allow users to relax or exclude artefacts from the projects from the Artefact Tree, you need to reserve one measure that uses a special attribute used for relaxation and specify to which artefact types it applies.

The following is a basic example of how to allow users to relax folders and files in your model:

```
myModel/Analysis/Bundle.xml:
<ArtefactType id="RELAXABLE" heirs="FOLDER;FILES" />
<Measure measureId="RELAX" targetArtefactTypes="RELAXABLE" defaultValue="0"
usedForRelaxation="true" />
```

Warning

Only one measure in your model may use the `usedForRelaxation` attribute.

By adding these two lines in your model, you allow users whose role grant the **View Drafts of Projects** and **Modify Artefacts** privileges to use the relaxation mechanism. For more information about using artefact relaxation from the web UI, consult the Getting Started Guide or the online help.

Impact on computations

When an artefact is relaxed, its metrics are ignored when computing metrics for other artefacts. This makes sense for example when relaxing a folder full of third-party code, because you may not want the total number of software lines of code to include third-party code.

In other situations, it does not make sense to exclude all metrics from relaxed artefacts: If you are analysing components of a system and aggregate memory usage information up to the application level for example, third-party components for which you relax source code issues should still be part of the total memory usage for the system. In the latter case, you can use the `continueOnRelaxed` attribute to indicate that some or all measures should be included in computations even if the artefact has been relaxed. This is explained in the two examples below.

In the following code `continueOnRelaxed` is set to **true** for the metric used to mark artefacts as relaxed (`usedForRelaxation`). As a result, all measures of the relaxed artefact are included in computations for other artefacts:

```
<ArtefactType id="RELAXABLE" heirs="FOLDER;FILES" />
<Measure measureId="RELAX" targetArtefactTypes="RELAXABLE"
usedForRelaxation="true" continueOnRelaxed="true" defaultValue="0" />
```

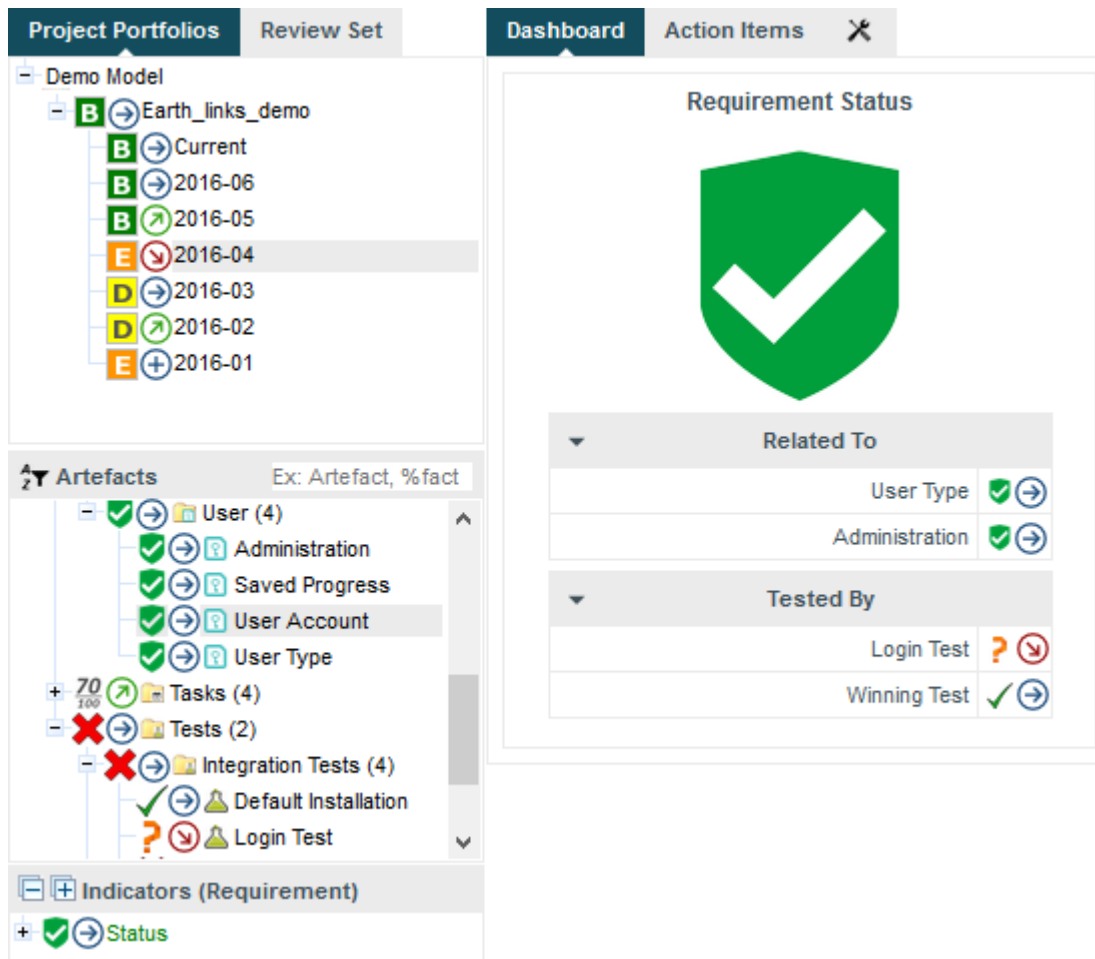
In the following code, `continueOnRelaxed` is set to **true** at computation-level. As a result, the measure **MEMORY** is included in computations even when the artefact is relaxed. No other measures are included in computations for relaxed artefacts, since `continueOnRelaxed` is omitted from the definition of **RELAX**:

```
<ArtefactType id="RELAXABLE" heirs="FOLDER;FILES" />
<Measure measureId="RELAX" targetArtefactTypes="RELAXABLE"
usedForRelaxation="true" defaultValue="0" />
<Measure measureId="MEMORY" defaultValue="0">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="APPLICATION;FODLER" result="SUM FILE.MEMORY
FROM DESCENDANTS" continueOnRelaxed="true"/>
</Measure>
```

Only artefacts of type **FOLDER** and **FILES** should be relaxable. If you need to find out if an artefact is relaxed in your model, you can use the `IS_RELAXED_ARTEFACT()` function described in Section 5.3.2, “Conditional and Level-Related Functions”.

3.9. Artefact Links

Squore allows you to define links between artefacts. The links are generally created by Data Providers in your model (see Section 2.6, “Creating your own Data Providers”), and are displayed automatically in tables on the dashboard, as shown below:



The screenshot shows the Squore interface. On the left, the 'Project Portfolios' tab is active, displaying a tree view of a 'Demo Model' with sub-items like 'Earth_links_demo', 'Current', and various dates from 2016-01 to 2016-06. Below this is the 'Artefacts' section, showing a tree of artefacts such as 'User (4)', 'Administration', 'Saved Progress', 'User Account', 'User Type', 'Tasks (4)', 'Tests (2)', 'Integration Tests (4)', 'Default Installation', and 'Login Test'. At the bottom left, 'Indicators (Requirement)' shows a 'Status' indicator with a green checkmark.

On the right, the 'Dashboard' tab is active, showing a 'Requirement Status' scorecard. The scorecard features a large green shield with a white checkmark. Below the shield, there are two sections: 'Related To' and 'Tested By'. The 'Related To' section lists 'User Type' and 'Administration', both with green checkmarks and right-pointing arrows. The 'Tested By' section lists 'Login Test' with a question mark and a red arrow, and 'Winning Test' with a green checkmark and a right-pointing arrow.

Links to related requirements and tests in the scorecard of a requirement

Links in the scorecard can be clicked to navigate to the target artefact directly.

Tip

For more information about advanced display options for links, consult the section called “Scorecard Tables”.

Basic links are declared in the analysis model using a `Links` element, which accepts the following attributes:

- **id (mandatory)** is the unique identifier for the link type in your model
- **srcArtefactTypes (optional, default: any)** is a list of possible artefact types that can generate inbound links for this type of link.
- **dstArtefactTypes (optional, default: any)** is a list of possible artefact types that this type of link can link create outbound links to.

The links shown in the picture above can be defined as follows:

```
<Link id="TEST" srcArtefactTypes="REQUIREMENT" dstArtefactTypes="TEST_CASE" />
<Link id="RELATED_REQ" srcArtefactTypes="REQUIREMENT"
dstArtefactTypes="REQUIREMENT" />
```

Tip

It is not strictly necessary to declare all your basic link types in the analysis model, but doing so allows you to use a condition in the `LINKS()` function, which you can read about in Section 5.3.2, “Conditional and Level-Related Functions”.

You can also create advanced links in your analysis model by declaring computed links (new in 17.0). Computed links allow you to add conditions to the source and destination artefacts and create links that follow artefacts recursively, which are a great way to implement traceability between artefacts. Here are a few examples of computed links:

1. Provide links to all complex functions at application level:

```
<ComputedLink id="COMPLEX_MODULES">
  <StartPath srcArtefactTypes="APPLICATION" scope="DESCENDANTS"
    dstArtefactTypes="MODULES" dstCondition="VG > 10" />
</ComputedLink>
```

You can then use this link to display a treemap of all complex functions at application level (new in 17.0) in your dashboard:

```
<chart type="TREEMAP" id="TREEMAP_LINK_EXAMPLE" linkType="COMPLEX_FUNCTIONS"
  colorFromIndicator="ROOT">
  <measure>SLOC</measure>
</chart>
```

2. Provide links at application level to all complex functions in files with over 100 lines of code:

```
<ComputedLink id="LARGE_FILES_WITH_COMPLEX_FUNCTIONS">
  <StartPath srcArtefactTypes="APPLICATION" scope="DESCENDANTS"
    dstArtefactTypes="FILE" dstCondition="SLOC > 100" />
  <NextPath scope="DESCENDANTS" dstArtefactTypes="MODULES" dstCondition="VG
    > 10" />
</ComputedLink>
```

3. Provide links from high level requirements to tests linked to lower level requirements: A data provider provides a basic link between requirements and tests, and a basic link between related requirements. The model recursively traverses the hierarchy of requirements to link the highest-level requirement artefact to the test artefact attached lower-level requirements.

```
<!-- Define basic link between requirement artefacts (REQUIREMENT) -->
<Link id="REQ" srcArtefactTypes="REQUIREMENT"
  dstArtefactTypes="REQUIREMENT" />
<!-- Define basic links between a requirement artefact (REQUIREMENT) and a
  test artefact (TEST) -->
<Link id="TESTED_BY" srcArtefactTypes="REQUIREMENT" dstArtefactTypes="TEST" /
>
<!-- Compute link from requirement to test recursively:
  1. Follow REQ links recursively
  2. Follow link from requirement to test
  Result:
  - A link is created from the top requirement to the test
  - Intermediate links are kept between all traversed artefacts -->
<ComputedLink id="REQ_TO_TEST">
  <StartPath link="REQ" recurse="TRUE" keepIntermediateLinks="TRUE" />
  <NextPath link="TESTED_BY" />
</ComputedLink>
```

4. Provide links at application level to requirements with failing tests in highly complex modules: A data provider provides a basic link between requirements and tests and a basic link between a test and the tested code. The model dynamically computes the requirements with failing tests and provides links at

application level to the unsatisfied requirements involving functions with a cyclomatic complexity greater than 10.

```

<!-- Define basic links between code/test and test/requirement -->
<Link id="TESTED_BY" srcArtefactTypes="MODULES" dstArtefactTypes="TEST" />
<Link id="SATISFIES" srcArtefactTypes="TEST" dstArtefactTypes="REQUIREMENT" />
</Link>

<!-- Compute link between complex code failing tests and associated
requirement:
1. Find all complex modules under application
2. Follow the link to the associated test if the test is failing
3. Follow the link to the associated requirement -->
<ComputedLink id="FAILING_REQ_RISK">
  <StartPath srcArtefactTypes="APPLICATION" scope="DESCENDANTS"
dstArtefactTypes="MODULES" dstCondition="VG > 10" />
  <NextPath link="TESTED_BY" dstCondition="IF(FAILED)" />
  <NextPath link="SATISFIES" />
</ComputedLink>
  
```

5. Provide links at application level to all change requests artefacts addressed in the git commit used for the analysis: A data provider parses git logs to create a basic link between a commit ID and the CR it fixes and another basic link between the commit ID and the code it impacts. The model then dynamically computes a changelog of CRs fixed in the commit ID specified for this analysis, with links to individual CR artefacts clickable at application level.

```

<!-- Available artefact types:
- a GIT_COMMIT is an artefact with textual information for COMMIT_ID
- APPLICATION was provided GIT_COMMIT as textual information
- each change request was imported in the project as a CR artefact

<!-- Define basic links based on git commit information -->
<Link id="FIXES" srcArtefactTypes="GIT_COMMIT" dstArtefactTypes="CR" />
<Link id="CHANGED_FILE" srcArtefactTypes="FILES"
dstArtefactTypes="GIT_COMMIT" />

<!-- Compute links between source code files and CRs:
1. If a commit ID was specified at application level, find all file
descendants
2. If the commit ID matches the one at application level, follow the link to
the commit
3. Reach the CR and use it as the endpoint for the link from the application
level -->
<ComputedLink id="CHANGELOG">
  <StartPath srcArtefactTypes="APPLICATION"
srcCondition="NOT(EQUALS(COMMIT_ID, ''))" scope="DESCENDANTS"
dstArtefactTypes="FILES" />
  <NextPath link="CHANGED_FILE" dstCondition="EQUALS(APP(COMMIT_ID),
COMMIT_ID)" />
  <NextPath link="FIXES" />
</ComputedLink>
  
```

A `ComputedLink` always has a starting point defined with a `StartPath` element and one or more optional `NextPath` elements designed to keep following links as needed.

The full syntax for `ComputedLink` is as follows:

→ **id (mandatory)** is the identifier for the type of link you are declaring

The full syntax for `StartPath` and `NextPath` is as follows:

- **link** or **scope (mandatory)** define the type of relationship between the artefacts to follow:
 - Use `link="BASIC_LINK_ID"` to follow a relationship already defined by a basic link (using a computed link inside the definition of another computed link is not supported)
 - Use `scope="CHILDREN|DESCENDANTS"` to follow a relationship between an artefact and its children only or all its descendants
- **srcArtefactTypes** and **dstArtefactTypes (optional for link, mandatory for scope in StartPath)** define the source and destination artefact types that should be used as endpoints for the computed link. When using `link="BASIC_LINK_ID"`, the source and target artefact types are taken from the definition of `BASIC_LINK_ID`. Note that these attributes are not necessary in a `NextPath` definition.
- **srcCondition** and **dstCondition (optional, default: no condition)** allow setting a condition for the source or destination artefact. You can use any computation that will be evaluated for each potential endpoint of the computed link to filter it out and skip creating a link when the condition is not met.
- **recurse (optional, default: false)** allows to keep looking for destination artefacts recursively to create more links. This attribute can only be used with `link` relationships.
- **keepIntermediateLinks (optional, default: false)** saves all links created between artefacts by following this path when set to true. By default or when set to false, only one link is created between the source and destination artefacts. This attribute is only taken into account when `recurse` is set to true.

3.10. Constants

Constants are used to resolve a symbol to a number. They are defined with the `Constant` XML tag.

```
<Constant id="HIS_MET" value="12" />
```

Two attributes are required to define a constant:

- **id** the unique identifier of the constant.
- **value** the value of the constant.

A constant can then be used in a computation by prefixing it with `C.`, e.g.:

```
<Computation targetArtefactTypes="APPLICATION;FOLDER;FILE;CLASS;FUNCTION"
  result="100*(1-(MET_KO/C.HIS_MET))" />
```

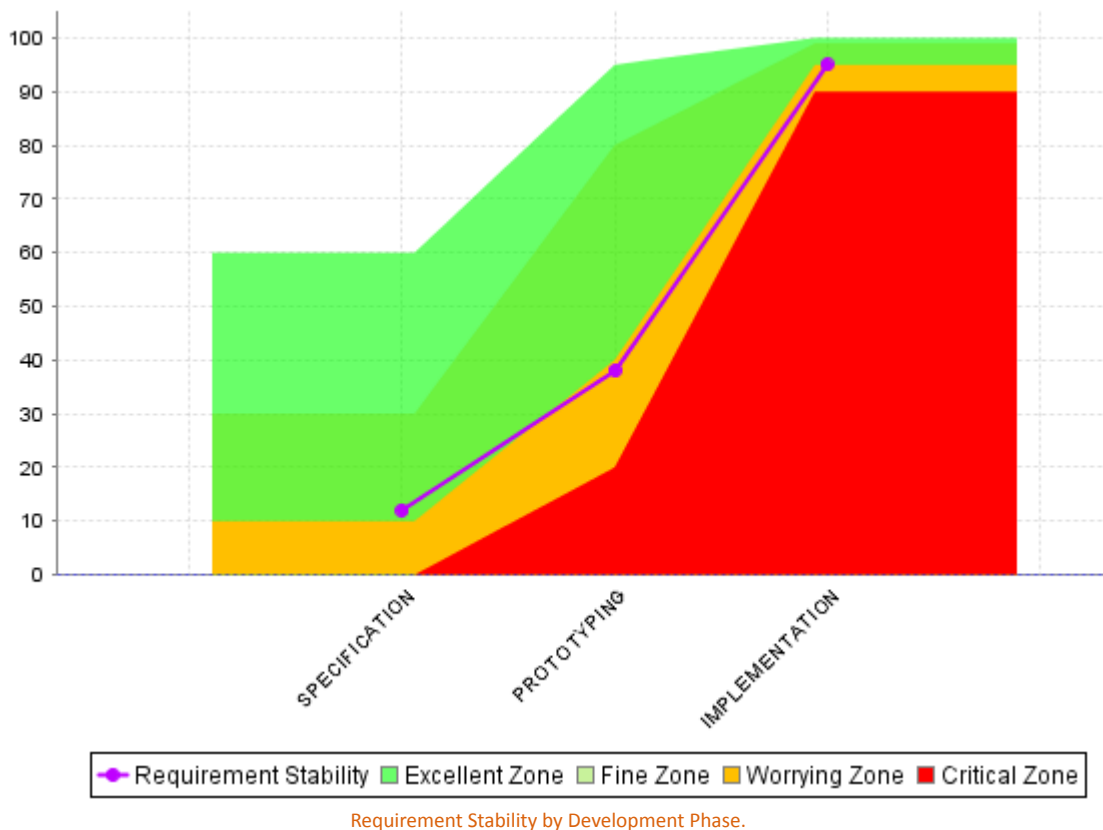
A constant can also be used in a scale level. Note that in this kind of usage, the constant ID does not require a prefix, as shown below:

```
<ScaleLevel levelId="LEVELG" bounds="]5;]" rank="HIS_MET" />
```

3.11. Dynamic Scales

Dynamic scales are scales whose levels use measures instead of absolute bounds. They are useful when one metric has a different meaning according to the context in which it is read. In software development for example, you may accept a certain amount of specification changes at one stage of the process, but completely want to prohibit it at another stage. This section takes you through an example that can be implemented easily in your model with the use of dynamic scales.

What we want to guarantee with our dynamic scale, is that during three different phases of development, our requirements stability indicator is evaluated differently, as represented below:



The following is an example of a dynamic scale definition for a KPI that evaluates the stability of requirements as excellent, fine, worrying, critical or unknown:

```
<Scale scaleId="DYN_SCALE_REQ_STABILITY" isDynamic="true">
  <ScaleLevel levelId="DYN_EXCELLENT" bounds="[APP(EXCELLENT_THRESHOLD);["
  rank="0" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="DYN_FINE"
  bounds="[APP(FINE_THRESHOLD);APP(EXCELLENT_THRESHOLD)][" rank="1" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="DYN_WORRYING"
  bounds="[APP(WORRYING_THRESHOLD);APP(FINE_THRESHOLD)][" rank="2" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="DYN_CRITICAL"
  bounds="[APP(CRITICAL_THRESHOLD);APP(WORRYING_THRESHOLD)][" rank="3" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="DYN_UNKNOWN" bounds="["];APP(CRITICAL_THRESHOLD)][" rank="4" /
  >
</Scale>
```

Note

Only measureId or APP(measureId) are allowed in the bounds attribute.

Compared with the examples of scales shown in Section 3.5, “Scales”, note the use of the isDynamic attribute and how the bounds are expressed with measures instead of actual values.

The threshold measures can vary for each analysis and/or for each artefact type, and the scale may therefore be different as time goes by. There are two ways they could be set:

1. By using attributes at application levels so that users define the values of the thresholds manually.

2. By computing the thresholds during the analysis with `IF()`, `CASE()` or other available functions described in Section 5.3, "Functions"

Here is an example setting the thresholds according to a `PHASE` attribute set by the user before running an analysis (more information about attributes is available in Section 8.2, "Attributes"):

```
<!-- Attribute Definition in Wizard -->
<tag type="multipleChoice" name="Development Phase: " measureId="PHASE"
defaultValue="SPECIFICATION" displayType="radioButton"
targetArtefactTypes="APPLICATION">
  <value key="SPECIFICATION" value="1" />
  <value key="PROTOTYPING" value="2" />
  <value key="IMPLEMENTATION" value="3" />
</tag>

<!-- Metrics Definition in Analysis Model -->
<Measure measureId="PHASE" targetArtefactTypes="APPLICATION" defaultValue="0" />
<Constant id="PHASE_SPECIFICATION" value="1" />
<Constant id="PHASE_PROTOTYPING" value="2" />
<Constant id="PHASE_IMPLEMENTATION" value="3" />

<!-- Thresholds Computation in Analysis Model -->
<Measure measureId="EXCELLENT_THRESHOLD">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="APPLICATION"
  result="CASE(PHASE,
  C.PHASE_SPECIFICATION:60,
  C.PHASE_PROTOTYPING:95,
  C.PHASE_IMPLEMENTATION:100,
  DEFAULT:-1)"/>
</Measure>
<Measure measureId="FINE_THRESHOLD">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="APPLICATION"
  result="CASE(PHASE,
  C.PHASE_SPECIFICATION:30,
  C.PHASE_PROTOTYPING:80,
  C.PHASE_IMPLEMENTATION:99,
  DEFAULT:-1)"/>
</Measure>
<Measure measureId="WORRYING_THRESHOLD">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="APPLICATION"
  result="CASE(PHASE,
  C.PHASE_SPECIFICATION:10,
  C.PHASE_PROTOTYPING:40,
  C.PHASE_IMPLEMENTATION:95,
  DEFAULT:-1)"/>
</Measure>
<Measure measureId="CRITICAL_THRESHOLD">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="APPLICATION"
  result="CASE(PHASE,
  C.PHASE_SPECIFICATION:0,
  C.PHASE_PROTOTYPING:20,
  C.PHASE_IMPLEMENTATION:90,
  DEFAULT:-1)"/>
</Measure>
```

The final `REQUIREMENTS_STABILITY` indicator is associated with a static scale that uses the same ranks as the dynamic one, and its value is assigned by retrieving the desired rank from the dynamic scale using the `FIND_RANK()` function:

```
<!-- Static scale to base the KPI on -->
<Scale scaleId="SCALE_REQ_STABILITY">
  <ScaleLevel levelId="EXCELLENT" bounds="[0;0]" rank="0" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="FINE" bounds="[1;1]" rank="1" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="WORRYING" bounds="[2;2]" rank="2" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="CRITICAL" bounds="[3;3]" rank="3" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="UNKNOWN" bounds="[4;4]" rank="4" />
</Scale>

<!-- Indicator definition -->
<Indicator indicatorId="REQUIREMENTS_STABILITY" measureId="REQ_STABILITY_RANK"
  targetArtefactTypes="APPLICATION;FOLDER;FILE" scaleId="SCALE_REQ_STABILITY" />

<!-- The base measure that holds the actual raw value of Requirement Stability -->
<Measure measureId="REQUIREMENTS_STABILITY_METRIC"
  targetArtefactTypes="APPLICATION;FOLDER;FILE" defaultValue="0" />

<!-- A temporary measure to compute the rank of the metric on the dynamic scale -->
<Measure measureId="REQ_STABILITY_RANK">
  <Computation stored="false" targetArtefactTypes="APPLICATION;FOLDER;FILE"
    result="FIND_RANK(DYN_SCALE_REQ_STABILITY, REQUIREMENTS_STABILITY_METRIC)" />
</Measure>
```

For more information about the `FIND_RANK ()` function, refer to Section 5.3, “Functions”.

Tip

When using dynamic scales, the scale and measure computed for an indicator may not make sense for the end user. In this case, you may want to change what the user sees via the use of the `displayedScale` and `displayedMeasure` attributes in your indicator definition. For more information about this syntax, consult Section 3.6, “Indicators”.

4. Decision Models

This chapter details the concept of the decision model, and the methods available for building an action plan in Squore.

4.1. Understanding Decision Models

A Decision Model defines how to build an Action Plan in Squore. The list of action items triggered during an analysis defines the to-do list that can be followed to improve the quality of a project.

There are two types of decision models available in Squore:

- If you have a precise idea of which actions items should be part of your action plan for your model, you can define a list of tests to run against the metrics generated when running an analysis to build an action plan. This type of action plan is described in Section 4.3, “Trigger-Based Action Plans”.
- If you prefer to build an action plan automatically based on the findings found during the analysis, you can let Squore build a prioritised action plan according to the categories of findings which are most important to you. This type of action plan is described in Section 4.2, “Dynamic Action Plans”.

Note

It is currently not possible to configure a decision model that uses both manually-set triggers and dynamic findings prioritisation.

4.2. Dynamic Action Plans

The easiest way to instruct Squore to build a dynamic action plan for your model based on the findings generated during an analysis is to ensure that your model folder contains no `Decision/Bundle.xml` file. A list of the **Top 40 valuable actions** will be created for the project. This list is shown to all users in the **Action Items** tab of the Explorer.

Dashboard
Action Items
✕

Top 40 valuable actions

Id: Type: >>

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Id ↕	Type ↕	Since ↕
▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	218655	Avoid Throwing Null Pointer Exception	15-A.2080-wk3 (828)
▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	218673	Override Both Equals And Hashcode	15-A.2080-wk3 (828)
▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	218677	Suspicious Equals Method Name	15-A.2080-wk3 (828)
▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	218648	Use Proper Class Loader	15-A.2080-wk3 (828)
▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	218662	AM: Creates an empty zip file entry	15-A.2080-wk3 (828)
▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	218675	Bx: Primitive value is boxed and then immediately unboxed	15-A.2080-wk3 (828)
▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	218656	CN: Class defines clone() but doesn't implement Cloneable	15-A.2080-wk3 (828)
▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	218657	CN: Class defines clone() but doesn't implement Cloneable	15-A.2080-wk3 (828)

Part of the Top 40 valuable actions dynamically generated for a source code project

By default, action items are created based on findings in the project using these criteria:

- Findings with the lowest remediation cost
- Findings with the highest severity
- Findings with the lowest number of occurrences

This can be specified in your `Bundle.xml` as follows:

```

$SQUORE_HOME/configuration/MyModelFolder/Decision/Bundle.xml :
<Bundle>
  <FindingsActionPlan limit="40">
    <CategoryCriterion type="COST" scaleId="SCALE_REMEDIATION"
  preferenceLevel="MEDIUM" excludeLevels="UNKNOWN;NONE" />
    <CategoryCriterion type="BENEFIT" scaleId="SCALE_SEVERITY"
  preferenceLevel="MEDIUM" excludeLevels="UNKNOWN;INFORMATION" />
    <OccurrencesCriterion type="COST" preferenceLevel="MEDIUM" />
  </FindingsActionPlan>
</Bundle>
  
```

Dynamic Action Plan Syntax

The `FindingsActionPlan` element accepts the following attributes:

- **limit (optional, default: 40)** defines how many action items to generate
- **priorityScaleId (optional, default: SC_DEFAULT_PLANNER_PRIORITY)** defines the priority scale used in the Action Items tab to distribute the action items. The default scale uses 20 levels to spread all the possible combinations of remediation costs, severities and number of occurrences evenly. You can define your own scale with more or less levels and even or uneven levels to distribute the combinations of possible action items.

There are three types of criteria that you can use to prioritise findings:

- A **CategoryCriterion** to generate action items for findings of a certain category
- An **OccurrencesCriterion** to prioritise generated action items according to the number of occurrences of corresponding findings
- A **VariableCriterion** to prioritise action items according to a specific indicator

Each type of criterion accepts the following attributes:

- **scaleId (mandatory, not supported for VariableCriterion)** is the scale to look up to build the criterion on.
- **indicatorId (mandatory, only supported in VariableCriterion)** is the indicator to specify a VariableCriterion
- **type (optional, default: COST)** defines which end of the scale to pull findings from in priority. Supported values are:
 - **COST** to get findings with the lowest rank on the scale turned into action items first. This makes sense on a remediation cost scale, where you want to fix findings with the lowest remediation cost first.
 - **BENEFIT** to get findings with the highest rank on the scale turned into action items first. This makes sense on a severity scale, where you want to fix findings with the highest severity first.
- **excludeLevels (optional, default: none)** allows excluding scale levels from the criterion. This attribute allows a list of scale levels, as shown in the example above.
- **preferenceLevel (optional, default: MEDIUM)** is used to weigh the criterion against the other criteria in the overall calculation of the action item's priority. Supported values are:
 - **VERY_LOW**
 - **LOW**
 - **MEDIUM**
 - **HIGH**
 - **VERY_HIGH**

Here is an example that expands on the default shown earlier to take into account the test coverage of artefacts and make sure that action items are generated mostly for artefacts with a high test coverage ratio. The scale used as well only contains five levels from P1 to P5 and will single out very high and very low priority items (the relevancy of an action item is a number between 0 and 100 that is measured against this scale to define the priority):

```

$SQUARE_HOME/configuration/MyModelFolder/Decision/Bundle.xml :
<Bundle>
  <FindingsActionPlan limit="40" priorityScaleId="SCALE_LEVEL_FIVE">
    <CategoryCriterion type="COST" scaleId="SCALE_REMEDIATION"
      preferenceLevel="MEDIUM" excludeLevels="UNKNOWN;NONE" />
    <CategoryCriterion type="BENEFIT" scaleId="SCALE_SEVERITY"
      preferenceLevel="MEDIUM" excludeLevels="UNKNOWN;INFORMATION" />
    <OccurrencesCriterion type="COST" preferenceLevel="MEDIUM" />
    <VariableCriterion type="BENEFIT" preferenceLevel="VERY_HIGH"
      indicatorId="TEST_COVERAGE" />
  </FindingsActionPlan>
</Bundle>

```

Where SCALE_LEVEL_FIVE is:

```

<Scale scaleId="SCALE_LEVEL_FIVE">
  <ScaleLevel levelId="P0" bounds="[0;5]" rank="0" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="P1" bounds="]5;15]" rank="1" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="P2" bounds="]15;65]" rank="2" />

```

```
<ScaleLevel levelId="P3" bounds="]65;85]" rank="3" />
<ScaleLevel levelId="P4" bounds="]85;95]" rank="4" />
<ScaleLevel levelId="P5" bounds="]95;100]" rank="5" />
</Scale>
```

4.3. Trigger-Based Action Plans

If you want to use a combination of metrics to trigger action plans instead of relying on prioritising findings, Squore allows building your own specification of triggers for action items. The following is an example of a Decision Bundle where an action item is based on specific triggers:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" standalone="yes"?>
<Bundle>
  <DecisionCriteria>
    <DecisionCriterion dcId="DR_FU_UNTESTABLE" categories="SCALE_PRIORITY.MEDIUM"
      roles="DEVELOPER;PROJECT_MANAGER" targetArtefactTypes="FUNCTION">
      <Triggers>
        <Trigger>
          <Test expr="VG" bounds="[20;[" descrId="UNTESTABLE_VG" p0="#{MEASURE.VG}" />
          <Test expr="NEST" bounds="[4;[" descrId="UNTESTABLE_NEST"
            p0="#{MEASURE.NEST}" />
          <Test expr="NPAT" bounds="[800;[" descrId="UNTESTABLE_NPAT"
            p0="#{MEASURE.NPAT}" />
          </Trigger>
          <Trigger>
            <Test expr="VG" bounds="[50;[" descrId="UNTESTABLE_VG" p0="#{MEASURE.VG}" />
          </Trigger>
        </Triggers>
      </DecisionCriterion>
    </DecisionCriteria>
  </Bundle>
```

A `DecisionCriterion` is an action item definition. At least one `trigger` must be true to trigger the automatic generation of an action item on an artefact whose type is defined in the `targetArtefactTypes` attribute of a `DecisionCriterion`. A trigger is true when all its tests evaluate to true.

Tip

When using the `role` attribute for a `DecisionCriterion`, you limit the visibility of the Action Items defined to the roles listed only. If the attribute is not present, then the action item is visible to all users who can view the project.

Note

Remember that a decision criterion will evaluate its Triggers using **OR**, whereas a trigger will evaluate its Tests using **AND**.

Writing a Test

Writing a test, requires using the following mandatory attributes:

- **expr** is the expression of the computation, see Chapter 5, *Computation Syntax* for more details.
- **bounds** is the interval within which the computation result evaluates to true. The syntax is the same as the one used for defining `scaleLevel` bounds (see Section 3.5, "Scales"), but you can also use some computations via the following syntax:
 1. For constants: C.<constantId>

2. For measures: <measureId>

3. For application-level measures: APP(<measureId>)

As an example, the following bound definition is valid to trigger an action item:

```
bounds=" [ APP ( LC ) ; C . CST_X [ "
```

The following optional attributes may also be used:

→ **descrId** is description identifier used to set the description of this test.

→ **p{x}** defines parameters of the description, use for example:

```
p0="#{MEASURE.VG}"
```

and the description:

```
TST.{descrId}=The complexity is too high (value={0})
```


5. Computation Syntax

Computation formulae are used in two contexts:

- In measure computations, when a derived measure is computed from other base or derived measures.
- In triggers for decision reports, to define when a action items should be created.

Basic examples of Computations and Trigger are shown below:

```
<Measure measureId="CLSTAB_DEBT" defaultValue="0">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FOLDER;APPLICATION" result="SUM
    CLASS.I.STABILITY FROM DESCENDANTS" />
</Measure>

<Trigger>
  <Test expr="COUNT RULE.OCCURRENCES FROM DESCENDANTS" bounds="[1;["
    descrId="PRESENTATION_COMPOUND" />
</Trigger>
```

A computation is built on operands, i.e. any element defined in the model (rules, indicators, measures, etc...) used with operators and optionally restricted to a predefined scope.

There are two ways to write the formula used to compute the results, depending on the results you are trying to achieve:

- **A simple calculation** to perform arithmetic operations on operands for the current artefact.
- **A query** to return a numerical value extracted from a hierarchy of artefacts.

The following sections will cover the use of operands and the syntax used for simple calculations and queries.

5.1. Operands

An operand is any element defined in the model, called with its unique identifier (ID).

Measures may be prefixed with **B** when a Base and a Derived measure share the same ID, and you want to make sure that Squore uses the base measure in your syntax.

The following example shows a computation that adds and divides the TOPD (Operand Occurrences), TOPT (Operator Occurrences), DOPD (Distinct Operands), DOPT (Distinct Operators) measures.

```
<Computation targetArtefactTypes="FUNCTION" result="(TOPD+TOPT)/(DOPD+DOPT)" />
```

Rules have different attributes that can be called in expressions.

- **RULE.OCCURRENCES** returns the number of violations for this rule for the selected artefact.
- **MEASUREID** is the ID of the rule. It is mostly used in selectors to filter the rules, e.g. **WHERE MEASUREID=R_NOFALLTHROUGH**.
- **FAMILY** is the family (tag) of the rule, as described in the measure definition **families** attribute, e.g. **WHERE FAMILY=REQUIRED**.

Below is an example of computation using rules attributes:

```
<Test expr="COUNT RULE.OCCURRENCES FROM DESCENDANTS WHERE FAMILY=CPRS"
  bounds="[10;[" descrId="PRESENTATION_CPRS" />
```

Indicators are prefixed with a I. The following example shows a computation which sums the values of the SDOC (Self-Descriptiveness), DFCX (Data Flow Complexity), and CFCX (Control Flow Complexity) indicators.

```
<Computation targetArtefactTypes="FUNCTION" result="I.SDOC+I.DFCX+I.CFCX" />
```

Examples of operands are: RULES.OCCURRENCES, FAMILY, MEASUREID, FUNCTION, PROGRAM.LEVEL, FUNCTION.I.HIS_LEVEL, etc.

5.2. Simple Calculation Syntax

In order to compute results for the current artefact, the basic operators +, -, * and / allow to respectively add, subtract, multiply and divide the values of two operands. Parentheses are allowed at any nesting level.

The following examples describe valid uses of the operators in Squore models. Note that spaces were added between operands to simplify reading the formulae, but they are not required.

Take the value of LC, subtract SLOC and add 10:

```
<Measure measureId="COMR" defaultValue="0">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS" result="LC - SLOC + 10" /
>
</Measure>
```

Using both base and derived measures (B.SLOC and SLOC respectively) in the same calculation:

```
<Measure measureId="COMR" defaultValue="0">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS" result="LC - B.SLOC +
(-04 - SLOC)" />
</Measure>
```

Multiplying operands:

```
<Measure measureId="COMR" defaultValue="0">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS" result="LC * SLOC *
6.0" />
</Measure>
```

Using the opposite value of an operand:

```
<Measure measureId="COMR" defaultValue="0">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS" result="0.1 * -LC + 2 * -
SLOC * 3" />
</Measure>
```

Dividing values:

```
<Measure measureId="COMR" defaultValue="0">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS" result="LC + 2 / 2" />
</Measure>
```

Using the ranking of a measure instead of its value:

```
<Measure measureId="COMR" defaultValue="0">
```

```
<Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS" result="I.LC + I.SLOC /
3.5" />
</Measure>
```

Using the ranking of the root indicator for the artefact:

```
<Measure measureId="COMR" defaultValue="0">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS" result="RANK + LC" />
</Measure>

or

<Measure measureId="COMR" defaultValue="0">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS" result="LEVEL + LC" />
</Measure>
```

Using the number of times the rule R_COMPOUNDIF was violated for the artefact:

```
<Measure measureId="COMR" defaultValue="0">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS" result="R.R_COMPOUNDIF *
2" />
</Measure>
```

Note: If an erroneous formula is used, the measure will use the default value instead of the result of the computation:

```
<Measure measureId="COMR" defaultValue="0">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS" result="LC / 0" />
</Measure>
```

5.3. Functions

5.3.1. Mathematical Functions

You can use the operators `MIN(param[,param,param...])`, `MAX(param[,param,param...])`, `ABS(param)`, and `AVR(param[,param,param...])` if you need to determine the minimum, maximum, absolute or average value in a set of parameters.

For more advanced calculations, the following functions are also available:

- `EXP(<Computation> value)` to calculate the exponential of a value
- `LN(<Computation> value)` to calculate the natural logarithm of a value
- `LOG(<Computation> value, <Computation> base)` to calculate the logarithm of a value
- `POW(<Computation> value, <Computation> power)` to calculate a power
- `SQRT(<Computation> value)` to calculate a square root
- `ROUND(<Computation> value)` to round a number to the nearest integer
- `FLOOR(<Computation> value)` to round down a number to the nearest integer
- `CEIL(<Computation> value)` to round up a number to the nearest integer
- `CENTROID(<Computation> value [| <computation> weight], ...)` to calculate the centroid of comma-separated pairs of value|weight. If no weight is specified, it is set to 1.

- `FCENTROID(<Computation> min, <Computation> max, <Computation> value [| <computation> weight], ...)` to calculate the filtered centroid of comma-separated pairs of value|weight. When using the `FCENTROID()` function, only the values within min and max are used to calculate a `CENTROID()`. To specify infinity as a bound, leave the value of min or max empty. If no values match the filter, the default value is returned.
- `FMIN(<Computation> min, <Computation> max, <Computation> value [, <Computation> value, <Computation> value...])` to calculate the filtered minimum of comma-separated values. When using the `FMIN()` function, only the values within min and max are used to calculate a `MIN()`. To specify infinity as a bound, leave the value of min or max empty. If no values match the filter, the default value is returned.
- `FMAX(<Computation> min, <Computation> max, <Computation> value [, <Computation> value, <Computation> value...])` to calculate the filtered maximum of comma-separated values. When using the `FMAX()` function, only the values within min and max are used to calculate a `MAX()`. To specify infinity as a bound, leave the value of min or max empty. If no values match the filter, the default value is returned.
- `FSUM(<Computation> min, <Computation> max, <Computation> value [, <Computation> value, <Computation> value...])` to calculate the filtered sum of comma-separated values. When using the `FSUM()` function, only the values within min and max are used to calculate a `SUM()`. To specify infinity as a bound, leave the value of min or max empty. If no values match the filter, the default value is returned.

Examples

Using a measure if it is above a threshold, else use the threshold:

```
<Measure measureId="EXAMPLE" defaultValue="0">  
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS" result="MAX(10,VG)" />  
</Measure>
```

Using the higher of two measures:

```
<Measure measureId="EXAMPLE" defaultValue="0">  
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS" result="MAX(LC,SLOC)" />  
</Measure>
```

Using lower of three indicators:

```
<Measure measureId="EXAMPLE" defaultValue="0">  
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS"  
    result="MIN(I.TESTABILITY, I.CHANGEABILITY, I.ANALISABILITY)" />  
</Measure>
```

Example preventing division by 0:

```
<Measure measureId="EXAMPLE" defaultValue="0">  
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS" result="LC / MAX(STAT,  
    1)" />  
</Measure>
```

Example retrieving the variation of a measure:

```
<Measure measureId="EXAMPLE" defaultValue="0">
```

```
<Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS"
result="ABS(DELTA_VALUE(LC))" />
</Measure>
```

Example using nested MIN and MAX functions:

```
<Measure measureId="EXAMPLE" defaultValue="0">
<Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS" result="MIN(MAX(SLOC
+(BLANK/2),1000),MAX(LC,1000))+2" />
</Measure>
```

Calculating the average of three indicators:

```
<Measure measureId="EXAMPLE" defaultValue="0">
<Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS"
result="AVR(I.TESTABILITY, I.CHANGEABILITY, I.ANALISABILITY)" />
</Measure>
```

Calculating the centroid of 3 with weight 3 and 2 with weight 100 (=2.03):

Note: this translates to $(3 \times 3 + 2 \times 100) / (100 + 3)$

```
<Measure measureId="MATH_CENTROID_3_3_2_100" defaultValue="0">
<Computation targetArtefactTypes="APPLICATION" result="CENTROID(3|3,2|100)" />
</Measure>
```

Calculating the filtered centroid of TESTABILITY/STABILITY/MAINTAINABILITY:

Given the scale:

- level: UNKNOWN, rank: -1
- level: LEVELA, rank: 0
- level: LEVELB, rank: 1
- level: LEVELC, rank: 2

and given that I.TESTABILITY is UNKNOWN, I.STABILITY is LEVELB, I.MAINTAINABILITY is LEVELC

```
<Measure measureId="MATH_FCENTROID" defaultValue="0">
<Computation targetArtefactTypes="APPLICATION"
result="FCENTROID(0,,I.TESTABILITY|3,I.STABILITY|2,I.MAINTAINABILITY)" />
</Measure>
```

I.TESTABILITY is filtered out as it is not between the specified minimum and maximum.

The value is then computed as $CENTROID(I.STABILITY|2,I.MAINTAINABILITY)$, which is $(1 \times 2 + 2) / (2 + 1)$.

Understanding filtered min, max and sum:

```
FMIN(,-2,4,11)
is equivalent to: FMIN(-Infinity,+Infinity,-2,4,11)
is equivalent to: MIN(-2,4,11)
```

```
FMIN(0,10,-2,4,11)
```

```
is equivalent to: MIN(4,11)
```

```
FMIN(0,1,-2,4,11)
```

is equivalent to: MIN(), which evaluates to null and leads to using the default value of the measure and marking it in the indicator tree with the status ERROR.

```
FMIN(2,,1,I.LC)
```

is equivalent to: FMIN(2,+Infinity,1,I.LC)

is equivalent to: MIN(I.LC)

resolves to: I.LC if LC >= 2, else default value

```
FSUM(,,1,2.5,2>1,3)
```

is evaluated as: 1 + 2.5 + 1 + 3

```
FSUM(2,4,1,2.5,2>1,3)
```

is evaluated as: 2.5 + 3

```
FSUM(6,,-1,I.LC,LC)
```

resolves to: I.LC if >= 6 or LC if >= 6

5.3.2. Conditional and Level-Related Functions

More advanced decisions can be made when using the following conditional and level-related functions:

- You can use the IF(*cond*, *val_yes*, *val_no*) function to assign different values based on the result of a condition. Note that nested IF constructions are allowed, and an IF block can contain OR or AND operators.

Tip

A condition is simply a computation that returns 1 if true and 0 if false. For example,

```
result="SLOC>50"
```

returns 1 or 0 depending on the value of SLOC for the current artefact.

- Use the CASE(*measureId*, *case1:value1*, *case2:value2*[, ...][, *DEFAULT:value*]) function to assign different values to a measure based on the value of another measure. A fallback can be specified by using the DEFAULT case.
- The NOT(*computation*) function returns 0 if the result of the computation is greater than or equal to 1, or 1 otherwise.
- The RANK(*scale_id*, *level_id*) function provides a way to retrieve rank values from your model.
- The FIND_RANK(*scale_id*, *measure_id*) function provides a way to retrieve a rank from your model by passing a measure and a scale.
- The APP(*measure_id*) function provides a way to retrieve the value of a measure at application level from any artefact:
- The PARENT(*measure_id*, [*type*]) and ANCESTOR(*measure_id*, [*type*]), functions provide a way to get a measure value for an artefact's parent or ancestor containing this measure. The concept is similar to that of the APP() function, but PARENT() only checks the artefact's direct parent and ANCESTOR() goes up the tree until finding an artefact (of the optionally specified type) that has the requested measure ID.

Both functions have an equivalent filtered function to limit the scope of the values included in the search, using the syntax FPARENT(*min,max,measure_id*, [*type*]) and

FANCESTOR(min,max,measure_id, [type]). Note that if min or max are omitted, they are automatically replaced by -Infinity and +Infinity respectively.

- The IS_DP_OK(data_provider_name) function provides a way to find out if a Data Provider was executed successfully or not during the analysis. If the data provider was not executed or failed, the function returns 0. If the Data Provider was executed successfully, then the function returns 1.
- The DP_STATUS(data_provider_name) function provides finer information about the execution status of a Data Provider than IS_DP_OK().
 - returns **-1** if the DP was **not run**
 - returns **0** if the DP was **successful**
 - returns **1** if the DP returned some **warnings**
 - returns **2** if the DP reported **errors**
 - returns **3** if the DP stopped with a **fatal error**
- The IS_META_PROJECT() function allows determining if the project is a meta-project, i.e. an aggregation of results from other Squore projects, and allows you to compute results differently if needed. The function returns 0 for regular projects and 1 for meta-projects. For more information about meta-projects, consult Section 8.1, “Understanding Wizards”.
- The IS_APPROVED_TEMPLATE() function returns 1 when the project uses an approved ruleset template, or 0 when it does not. Approved ruleset templates can be created by model managers using the Analysis Model Editor. Refer to the Getting Started Guide for more information about ruleset edition.
- The IS_ARTEFACT_TYPE(artefact_type) function provides a way to find out if an artefact is of the type specified. If the artefact is of the type specified, the function returns 1, else it returns 0.
- IS_NEW_ARTEFACT() tests whether the artefact is new for the current version of the project. It returns 1 if true, 0 if false.
- The IS_RELAXED_ARTEFACT() function provides a way to find out if an artefact's relaxation status. It returns 1 if an artefact is relaxed and 0 if it is not.
- IS_NEW_FINDING() allows determining if a finding is new in the latest analysis or not. It returns 1 if true, 0 if false.
- The LINKS(<linkTypeId> [, OUT|IN|IN_OUT] [, CONDITION]) function returns the number of links for an artefact. It requires defining the type of link to consider (linkTypeId) and optionally allows to specify an extra parameter to refine which link directions to consider:
 - **OUT** considers only outbound links (links from this artefact to other artefacts)
 - **IN** considers only inbound links (links from other artefacts to this artefact)
 - **IN_OUT** considers all links for this artefact and is the default value if none is specifiedThe function also allows defining a condition to filter out unwanted links when counting. The condition is verified against the target artefacts according to the specified link direction. In order for the condition to be taken into account, the link type and its supported IN and OUT artefacts must be declared in the analysis model, see Section 3.9, “Artefact Links” for more details.
- The LINKS_AGGREGATE(<aggregationType>, <computation>, <linkTypeId> [, OUT|IN|IN_OUT] [, CONDITION] [, default computation]) function allows aggregating metrics from linked artefacts. Its parameters are:
 - **aggregationType (mandatory)** defines how the values for the metrics are aggregated. The supported values are:
 - **MIN**
 - **MAX**
 - **OCC**

- **AVG**
- **DEV**
- **SUM**
- **MED**
- **MOD**
- **computation (mandatory)** is the computation to perform when encountering the desired type of link.
- **linkTypeId (mandatory)** is desired type of link to aggregate data from. The link type and its supported IN and OUT artefacts must be declared in the analysis model, see Section 3.9, "Artefact Links" for more details.
- The link direction, which is one of:
 - **OUT** considers only outbound links (links from this artefact to other artefacts)
 - **IN** considers only inbound links (links from other artefacts to this artefact)
 - **IN_OUT** considers all links for this artefact and is the default value if none is specified
- A computation used as a condition to filter out unwanted artefacts
- A default computation that is used to return a value in case no link exists

Examples

Set a measure to 6 if SLOC is above a threshold, else set it to 4:

```
<Measure measureId="EXAMPLE" defaultValue="0">  
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS"  
    result="2+IF(SLOC>50,4,2)" />  
</Measure>
```

Set a measure to 6 if SLOC is above a value and below another one, else set it to 4:

```
<Measure measureId="EXAMPLE" defaultValue="0">  
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS" result="2+IF(SLOC>50 AND  
    SLOC<100,4,2)" />  
</Measure>
```

A nested IF construction:

```
<Measure measureId="EXAMPLE" defaultValue="0">  
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS"  
    result="2+IF(I.LC>IF(SLOC>300,SLOC,MAX(250,300)),98,8)" />  
</Measure>
```

Example using NOT:

```
<Measure measureId="OLD_LARGE_FILE" defaultValue="0">  
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE" result="NOT(IS_NEW_ARTEFACT() AND  
    SLOC<500)" />  
</Measure>
```

An example of CASE () statement (on the metric :


```
<Measure measureId="EASE_OF_USE" defaultValue="0">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="APPLICATION"
    result="CASE(FEEDBACK,BAD:0,GOOD:50,EXCELLENT:80,DEFAULT:-1)" />
</Measure>
```

Retrieving rank values using `RANK ()`, given the following scale:

```
<Scale scaleId="SCALE_LINE">
  <ScaleLevel levelId="LEVELA" bounds="];10]" rank="0" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="LEVELB" bounds="]10;30]" rank="1" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="LEVELC" bounds="]30;60]" rank="2" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="LEVELD" bounds="]60;100]" rank="4" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="LEVELE" bounds="]100;[" rank="8" />
</Scale>
```

You can use the `RANK` function as follows to find the rank of `LEVELD`. The example below returns 4:

```
<Measure measureId="EXAMPLE" defaultValue="0">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS"
    result="RANK(SCALE_LINE,LEVELD)" />
</Measure>
```

For more information about scales, refer to Section 3.5, “Scales”.

Using `RANK` is useful when combined with conditions. The examples below are equivalent:

```
<Measure measureId="EXAMPLE" defaultValue="0">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS" result="IF(I.LC>4,1,0)" />
</Measure>
```

```
<Measure measureId="EXAMPLE" defaultValue="0">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS"
    result="IF(I.LC>RANK(SCALE_LINE,LEVELD),1,0)" />
</Measure>
```

```
<Measure measureId="EXAMPLE" defaultValue="0">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS"
    result="IF(I.LC>LEVELD,1,0)" />
</Measure>
```

In the last example, we use the short syntax for the `RANK` function: `>LEVELD` is only valid when used after an indicator. The rank retrieved is the rank of level `LEVELD` for the scale of the current artefact type for the indicator `LC`.

The `FIND_RANK ()` function is mostly useful when using dynamic scales (see Section 3.11, “Dynamic Scales”). The example below assigns to `TEST_COVERAGE_RANK` the value of the rank for the value of `COVERAGE` on the scale `DYN_SCALE_OK_KO`:

```
<Measure measureId="OBJECTIVE"
  targetArtefactTypes="APPLICATION;FODLER;FILE;CLASS" defaultValue="0" />
<Measure measureId="COVERAGE" targetArtefactTypes="APPLICATION;FODLER;FILE;CLASS"
  defaultValue="0" />
```

```

<Scale scaleId="DYN_SCALE_OK_KO">
  <ScaleLevel levelId="DYN_OK" bounds="[ ;APP(OBJECTIVE)]" rank="0" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="DYN_KO" bounds="[APP(OBJECTIVE);]" rank="1" />
</Scale>

<Scale scaleId="SCALE_OK_KO">
  <ScaleLevel levelId="OK" bounds="[1;1]" rank="0" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="KO" bounds="[0;0]" rank="1" />
</Scale>

<Measure measureId="TEST_COVERAGE_RANK">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="APPLICATION"
  result="FIND_RANK(DYN_SCALE_OK_KO,COVERAGE)" />
</Measure>

<Indicator indicatorId="TEST_COVERAGE" measureId="TEST_COVERAGE_RANK"
  scaleId="SCALE_OK_KO" />
  
```

Compute the percentage of lines of code present in the current artefact using the entire application as the reference, with APP () :

```

<Measure measureId="EXAMPLE" defaultValue="0">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS" result="(LC*100)/
  APP(LC)" />
</Measure>
  
```

Mark a method as risky if the parent class has changed, using PARENT () :

```

<Measure measureId="RISKY" defaultValue="0">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="FUNCTION" result="PARENT(CHANGED,CLASS)" />
</Measure>
  
```

Set an artefact as critical if one of its containing folder is critical:

```

<Measure measureId="IS_CRITICAL" defaultValue="0">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="FOLDER;CLASS;FUNCTION"
  result="ANCESTOR(IS_CRITICAL,FOLDER)" />
</Measure>
  
```

Filtering with FPARENT () :

```

IF(FPARENT(RANK(SCALE_LINE,LEVELG), RANK(SCALE_LINE,LEVELG), I.LC),1,2)
=> resolves as: IF(PARENT(I.LC)=RANK(SCALE_LINE,LEVELG),1,2)
=> return 1 if PARENT(I.LC) = LEVELG, otherwise 2
  
```

Filtering with FANCESTOR () :

```

FANCESTOR(500,, LC, FOLDER)
=> returns LC for the first folder ancestor where LC >= 500
  
```

Find out if the Checkstyle Data Provider was executed successfully with IS_DP_OK:

```

<Measure measureId="RAN_CHECKSTYLE" defaultValue="0">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="APPLICATION;FOLDER;FILE;FUNCTION"
  result="IS_DP_OK(Checkstyle)" />
  
```

```
</Measure>
```

Do something if the artefact is a CHANGE_REQUEST, with IS_ARTEFACT_TYPE:

```
<ArtefactType id="ISSUE" heirs="BUG;CHANGE_REQUEST;HOTLINE;REGRESSION" />
<Measure measureId="IS_CR" defaultValue="0">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="ISSUE"
    result="IS_ARTEFACT_TYPE("CHANGE_REQUEST")" />
</Measure>
```

Defining a measure whose value is set to 1 when the artefact is new, else 0:

```
<Measure measureId="EXAMPLE" defaultValue="0">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS"
    result="IS_NEW_ARTEFACT()" />
</Measure>
```

Using IS_NEW_ARTEFACT as a condition operator:

```
<Measure measureId="EXAMPLE" defaultValue="0">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS"
    result="IF(IS_NEW_ARTEFACT(),3,4)" />
</Measure>
```

Note: IF(IS_NEW_ARTEFACT(),val_yes,val_no) is equivalent to IF(IS_NEW_ARTEFACT(>0,val_yes,val_no)

Counting the number of new findings in this analysis:

```
<Measure measureId="COUNT_NEW_FINDINGS" defaultValue="-1">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="APPLICATION;FILE;FUNCTION" result="COUNT
    RULE.OCCURRENCES FROM TREE WHERE IS_NEW_FINDING()" />
</Measure>
```

Find the number of failing tests (link type: BLOCKS) for each requirement and requirement folder

```
<Measure measureId="NUM_FAILING_TESTS" defaultValue="-1">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="REQUIREMENT" result="LINKS(BLOCKS,IN)" />
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="REQUIREMENT_FOLDER" result="SUM
    REQUIREMENT.NUM_FAILING_TESTS FROM TREE" />
</Measure>
```

Find the number of failing tests for each requirement, excluding failing tests on relaxed code

```
<Link id="BLOCKS" inArtefactTypes="CODE" outArtefactTypes="REQUIREMENT" />
<Measure measureId="NUM_FAILING_TESTS_COND" defaultValue="-1">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="REQUIREMENT" result="LINKS(BLOCKS,IN,
    NOT(IS_RELAXED_ARTEFACT()))" />
</Measure>
```

Find out the average code coverage for code implementing requirements where tests are failing. Only consider code artefacts where there is test coverage. If there are no failing tests, set the metric to 0

```
<Link id="BLOCKS" inArtefactTypes="CODE" outArtefactTypes="REQUIREMENT" />
```

```
<Measure measureId="TCOV_FAILING_TESTS" defaultValue="-1" type="PERCENT">  
<Computation targetArtefactTypes="REQUIREMENT" result="LINKS_AGGREGATE(AVG,  
TCOV, BLOCKS,IN, TCOV != -1, 0)" />  
</Measure>
```

5.3.3. Temporal Functions

Temporal functions allow to retrieve and use values computed in the previous baseline. The available operators are:

- `PREVIOUS_VALUE(measureId)` to get the previous value of a measure or indicator (measureId). This function returns 0 when no previous value can be found.
- `DELTA_VALUE(measureId)` to use the computed difference between the current value of a measure or indicator (measureId) and its previous value. This function returns 0 if no delta can be calculated.
- `PREVIOUS_INFO(infoId)` allows retrieving the value of some artefact information (infoId) in the previous version so it can be compared with the current artefact information (This is useful when combined with the `EQUALS()` or `MATCHES()` functions, as described in Section 5.3.6, "String Matching Functions").
- `FIRST_VALUE(measureId [, <computation> min] [, <computation> max])` returns the first value ever assigned to a metric (measureId) in the current project, optionally within specific bounds (min, max).
- `AGGREGATE(aggregationType, measureId, [, <computation> minNb] [, <computation> maxNb] [, <computation> min] [, <computation> max])` returns the aggregated value of the previous values of a metric (measureId). You can optionally configure the minimum and maximum (minNb, maxNb) number of valid data points to be aggregated, and specify bounds (min, max) for the values to consider for aggregation. The aggregation type (aggregationType) is a mandatory parameter, and must be one of MIN, MAX, OCC, AVG, DEV, SUM, MED or MOD.
- `LEAST_SQUARE_FIT(<computation> degree, measureId, <computation> date, [, <computation> minNb] [, <computation> maxNb] [, <computation> min] [, <computation> max])` returns the interpolated or extrapolated value from the previous values of a metric (measureId) at a specific date (date). You can optionally configure the minimum and maximum (minNb, maxNb) number of valid data points to be taken into account, and specify bounds (min, max) for the values to consider for extrapolation. The date (date) and degree (degree) of the polynomial extrapolation are mandatory parameters.

Examples

Using the value of LC from the previous analysis:

```
<Measure measureId="EXAMPLE" defaultValue="0">  
<Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS"  
result="PREVIOUS_VALUE(LC)" />  
</Measure>
```

Obtaining the difference in ranking between two analyses for an artefact:

```
<Measure measureId="EXAMPLE" defaultValue="0">  
<Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS"  
result="DELTA_VALUE(RANK)" />  
</Measure>
```

Compute a delta of opened/closed bugs **since the previous analysis**:

```
<Measure measureId="SPRINT_PROGRESS" defaultValue="-1">  
<Computation targetArtefactTypes="SPRINT" result="DELTA_VALUE(NB_OPEN_CR)" />  
</Measure>
```

Compute a delta of opened/closed bugs **since the beginning of a sprint**:

```
<Measure measureId="SPRINT_PROGRESS" defaultValue="-1">  
<Computation targetArtefactTypes="SPRINT" result="FIRST_VALUE(NB_OPEN_CR) -  
NB_OPEN_CR" />  
</Measure>
```

Count the number of new issues reported based on the number of new issues opened daily:

```
<Measure measureId="NEW_ISSUES_TALLY" defaultValue="-1">  
<Computation targetArtefactTypes="SPRINT" result="AGGREGATE(SUM, NEW_CR)" />  
</Measure>
```

Compute the average number of issues opened daily:

```
<Measure measureId="ISSUE_DISCOVERY_RATE" defaultValue="-1">  
<Computation targetArtefactTypes="SPRINT" result="AGGREGATE(AVG, NEW_CR)" />  
</Measure>
```

5.3.4. Date Functions

You can use the following operators to work with dates in your model:

- `DATE(<year_param>, <month_param>, <day_param>)` to convert year/month/day numbers to a date
- `DAYS(<param>)` to pass a number as a number of days
- `TO_DAYS(<date_difference>)` to evaluate the number of dates between two dates
- `TODAY()` to retrieve today's date at midnight
- `NOW()` to retrieve today's exact date and time at the time of the analysis
- `VERSION_DATE()` to retrieve the version's date. By default, this is the same value as the time of the analysis (`NOW()`), but users are allowed to specify a different date different from the current one.
- `TRUNCATE_DATE(<date>, <unit>)` returns a date truncated to the specified precision unit and is useful when calculating date differences (see below for examples). The supported units are:
 - **YEAR**
 - **QUARTER**
 - **MONTH**
 - **SEMI_MONTH**
 - **WEEK_SUNDAY** (use when the first day of the week is Sunday)
 - **WEEK_MONDAY** (use when the first day of the week is Monday)
 - **DAY**
 - **AM_PM**
 - **HOUR**
 - **MINUTE**

- **SECOND**
- **MILLISECOND**

Note

Note: Dates are computed and stored internally as the number of milliseconds since January 1st 1970. However, calculations involving dates are designed to work with a number of days, not hours or minutes.

Examples

Converting to the date 28th July 1979:

```
<Measure measureId="EXAMPLE" defaultValue="0">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS"
    result="DATE(1979,07,28)" />
</Measure>
```

Converting to a date using measure IDs:

```
<Measure measureId="EXAMPLE" defaultValue="0">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS" result="DATE(YEAR_START
+2,MONTH_START+MONTHS_SPENT,TARGET_DAY)" />
</Measure>
```

Find the number of days since the start of the project (the project attribute PROJECT_START_DATE) until today

```
<Measure measureId="EXAMPLE" defaultValue="0">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS" result="TO_DAYS(TODAY()-
PROJECT_START_DATE)" />
</Measure>
```

Add 4 days to May 19th 2012 to obtain May 23rd 2012:

```
<Measure measureId="EXAMPLE" defaultValue="0">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="FILE;FUNCTION;CLASS"
    result="DATE(2012,05,19)+DAYS(4)" />
</Measure>
```

Calculate whether an issue expires within a week of the analysis:

```
<Measure measureId="EXPIRES_THIS_WEEK" defaultValue="0">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="BUG;CR" result="IF(EXPIRY_DATE - DAYS(7) <
VERSION_DATE(),1,0)" />
</Measure>
```

Truncate a date down to year precision:

```
<!-- Sat, 28 Jul 1979 11:14:04 GMT -->
<Constant id="EXACT_DATE" value="302008444000" />

<!-- Returns 283996800000 (aka: Mon, 01 Jan 1979 00:00:00 GMT) -->
<Measure measureId="TRUNCATE_TO_YEAR" defaultValue="-1">
```

```
<Computation targetArtefactTypes="ISSUE" result="TRUNCATE_DATE(EXACT_DATE,
YEAR)" />
</Measure>
```

Find out how much time it took to solve an issue. This example highlights how using TRUNCATE_DAYS() can bring more precision depending on how you want to handle periods under 24 hours as one day or two days.

```
<!-- Date opened: Sat, 28 Jul 1979 07:47:47 GMT -->
<Constant id="TIME_OPENED" value="301996067000" />

<!-- Date closed 1: Sat, 28 Jul 1979 12:02:25 GMT -->
<Constant id="TIME_CLOSED_1" value="302011345000" />

<!-- Date closed 2: Sun, 29 Jul 1979 04:56:04 GMT -->
<Constant id="TIME_CLOSED_2" value="302072164000" />

<Measure measureId="TRUNCATE_TO_RETURN_ZERO" defaultValue="-1">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="ISSUE" result="TRUNCATE_DATE(TIME_CLOSED_1,
DAY) - TRUNCATE_DATE(TIME_OPENED, DAY)" />
</Measure>

<Measure measureId="TRUNCATE_TO_RETURN_ONE" defaultValue="-1">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="ISSUE" result="TRUNCATE_DATE(TIME_CLOSED_2,
DAY) - TRUNCATE_DATE(TIME_OPENED, DAY)" />
</Measure>

<Measure measureId="TO_DAYS_RETURNS_ONE" defaultValue="-1">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="ISSUE" result="DAYS(TIME_CLOSED_1 -
TIME_OPENED)" />
</Measure>

<Measure measureId="TO_DAYS_RETURNS_ONE_ALSO" defaultValue="-1">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="ISSUE" result="DAYS(TIME_CLOSED_2 -
TIME_OPENED)" />
</Measure>
```

5.3.5. Milestone Functions

This section lists the functions you can use when you want to retrieve information related to milestones.

Tip

You can use keywords instead of using a milestone ID. You can retrieve information about the next, previous, first or last milestones in the project by using:

- **NEXT**
- **NEXT+STEP** where STEP is a number indicating how many milestones to jump ahead
- **PREVIOUS**
- **PREVIOUS-STEP** where STEP is a number indicating how many milestones to jump backward
- **FIRST**
- **LAST**

Note

In all milestone functions, if no milestone ID and no keyword is specified, then **NEXT** is used by default.

All milestone functions accept a date parameter. The date is used to execute the function in that date context. If no date is specified, then the context used to execute the function is the analysis date.

- **HAS_MILESTONE**([milestoneId or keyword] [, date]) checks if a milestone with the specified milestoneId exists in the project.
The function returns 0 if no milestone is found, 1 if a milestone is found.
- **DATE_MILESTONE**([milestoneId or keyword] [, date]) returns the date associated to a milestone.
- **GOAL**(measureId [, milestoneId or keyword] [, date]) returns the goal for a metric at a milestone.

Examples

1. Find if we are at the last milestone of the project:

```
IS_LAST_MILESTONE=IF(HAS_MILESTONE(),0,1)
```

2. Find if the date for the milestone BETA_RELEASE has been modified between June 2015 and now:

```
DATE_HAS_SLIPPED=(DATE_MILESTONE(BETA_RELEASE)-DATE_MILESTONE(BETA_RELEASE,DATE(2015,06,01))) != 0
```

3. Find the goal for requirement stability set for the milestone PROTOTYPE as of June 2016:

```
REQ_STABILITY_GOAL=GOAL(REQ_STABILITY, PROTOTYPE, DATE(2016,06,01))
```

4. Find the delta between the goal for TEST between the previous and next milestones:

```
DELTA=GOAL(TEST) - GOAL(TEST, PREVIOUS)
```

5. Find the delta between the goal for TEST for the next milestone set for the previous analysis and now:

```
DELTA=GOAL(TEST) - GOAL(TEST, NEXT, VERSION_DATE(PREVIOUS))
```

6. Find the delta between the current value of TEST and the goal for TEST at the next milestone:

```
DELTA=GOAL(TEST) - TEST
```

7. Compute the date difference between the previous and next milestones:

```
MILESTONE_DURATION=DATE_MILESTONE(NEXT) - DATE_MILESTONE(PREVIOUS)
```

8. Find the date slip for the next milestone between now and the previous analysis:

```
DATE_SLIP=DATE_MILESTONE(NEXT) - DATE_MILESTONE(NEXT, VERSION_DATE(PREVIOUS))
```

9. Find the amount of time left until the next milestone:

```
DEADLINE=DATE_MILESTONE(NEXT) - VERSION_DATE()
```

5.3.6. String Matching Functions

In order to extract the specific information that is added to artefacts by various Data Providers, you can use the **INFO**(info_tag) and **ARTEFACT_NAME**() functions. Both functions return a string containing the information requested. You can then use these string matching functions in your computations:

- **EQUALS**('string','string'[, forceIgnoreCase])
- **CONTAINS**('string','string'[, forceIgnoreCase])
- **STARTS_WITH**('string','string'[, forceIgnoreCase])
- **ENDS_WITH**('string','string'[, forceIgnoreCase])
- **MATCHES**('string','regexp'[, forceIgnoreCase])

`forceIgnoreCase` is an optional boolean set to 1 by default. If you want to perform a case-sensitive search, use 0, instead.

Tip

You can also retrieve the previous value of some artefact information using the `PREVIOUS_INFO()` function, as described in Section 5.3.3, “Temporal Functions”

Examples**Note**

The examples for these functions are based on an artefact with the following data:

```
<I n="LANGUAGES" v="Java, C#, C++, C"/>
<I n="AUTHOR" v="gabriel"/>
<I n="URL" v="http://www.my_url.com"/> [^]
<I n="ONE_LANGUAGE" v="JaVa"/>
```

`EQUALS()`

```
EQUALS(INFO(AUTHOR), 'gabriel')
=> 1
```

```
EQUALS(INFO(LANGUAGES), 'Java, C#, C++, C', 0)
=> 1
```

`STARTS_WITH()`

```
STARTS_WITH(INFO(URL), 'HTTP')
=> 1
```

```
STARTS_WITH(INFO(URL), 'HTTPS')
=> 0
```

`ENDS_WITH()`

```
ENDS_WITH(INFO(URL), '.COM')
=> 1
```

```
ENDS_WITH(INFO(URL), '.COM', 0)
=> 0 (note the case-sensitive flag)
```

`CONTAINS()`

```
CONTAINS(INFO(LANGUAGES), 'C++')
=> 1
```

```
CONTAINS(INFO(LANGUAGES), 'Cobol')
=> 0
```

```
CONTAINS(INFO(LANGUAGES), INFO(ONE_LANGUAGE), 1)
=> 1
```

`MATCHES()`

```
MATCHES(INFO(LANGUAGES), 'J.*', 0)
=> 1
```

```
MATCHES(INFO(LANGUAGES), '.*(, C\+\+).*', 0)
=> 1
```

```
MATCHES ( INFO ( LANGUAGES ) , ' . * ( , C \ + \ + \ + ) . * ' , 0 )
=> 0
```

5.4. Queries

Queries allow to perform calculations on a set of values, optionally applying some conditions.

You can think of a query as an structured statement similar to:

```
[ COMPUTE_VALUE ] FROM [ SCOPE ] WHERE [ CONDITION ]
```

In this section, you will learn how to compute values, define a scope and write conditions for your queries.

5.4.1. Computing Values

Queries provide the following operators to compute values:

SUM	Returns the sum of values returned for a set. The SUM of values [1, 3, 3, 3, 5, 6] is 21.
MAX, MIN	Return the maximum or minimum value of a set. The MAX and MIN of values [1, 3, 3, 3, 5, 6] are 6 and 1 respectively.
AVR	Returns the mean of all the values returned for a set. The AVR of values [1, 3, 3, 3, 5, 6] is 3.5.
MUL	Returns the product of all the values returned for a set. The MUL of values [1, 3, 3, 3, 5, 6] is 810.
COUNT	Counts the number of elements returned for a set. The COUNT of values [1, 3, 3, 3, 5, 6] is 6.

The COUNT operator offers the following variations:

COUNT ARTEFACT_TYPE	Returns the number of artefacts of a certain type. ARTEFACT_TYPE is one of FOLDER, APPLICATION, C_FILE , or other types (or aliases) defined in your model.
COUNT RULE([<scope>])	Returns the number of rules. You can specify the ruleset to take into account by specifying a scope: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → ALL is the entire ruleset for the model, ignoring whether rules are enabled or not → STANDARD is the model ruleset minus the rules that are deactivated by default → CUSTOMER is the ruleset as configured in the web interface using the Analysis Model Editor → PROJECT (default) is the ruleset as configured by the user when going through the project wizard
COUNT RULE([<scope>]).OCCURRENCES([<status>])	Returns the number of times a rule is violated (i.e. the number of findings). You can specify the ruleset to take into account (see RULE above) and also limit the occurrences to a certain status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → ALL returns all findings irrespective of their relaxation status → OPENED (default) returns only findings that are not relaxed → RELAXED returns only relaxed findings

5.4.2. Query Scope

The scope of this tree-like hierarchy is defined as follows, relative to the current artefact, or node:

NODE	The current artefact.
CHILDREN	All artefacts that are direct children of the current artefact.
DESCENDANTS	All children of the current artefact, and their descendants.
TREE	The full tree of artefacts, starting from the current node. This is equivalent to NODE and DESCENDANT
RAKE	The current artefact and all its children. This is equivalent to NODE and CHILDREN.

5.4.3. Query Conditions

Defining a condition in your query means filtering out of the scope the results that do not meet the condition. Several conditions can be added with the AND and OR operators, and OR takes priority over AND. A condition consists of an operand, a comparator, and a value. Note that parentheses are not allowed in the body of a condition. An example is shown below:

```
<Computation targetArtefactTypes="CODE" result="COUNT RULE FROM TREE WHERE HAS_OCCURRENCE() AND FAMILY=MATURITY" />
```

All operands described in Section 5.1, “Operands” are allowed. Operators allowed for conditions are: =, !=, <, >, <= and >=. Note that XML does not allow using < directly in an attribute, therefore you will need to insert it using an entity: < ;.

Artefacts and Measures

If you are using queries to retrieve metrics from artefacts or to count artefacts, your conditions can use regular computation syntax and function. Refer to Section 5.1, “Operands”, Section 5.2, “Simple Calculation Syntax” and Section 5.3, “Functions” for more details.

Rules / Occurrences

If you are using queries to retrieve metrics for the number of rules or violations, use the syntax from this section.

- **HAS_OCCURRENCE([<findingStatus>], [<onlyRelaxedInSourceCode>])** allows finding if there are any violations of the specified rules in the specified scope. You can refine the results by specifying the status of the violations you are looking for:
 - **OPEN (default)** to find all violations except the ones that were relaxed
 - **ALL** to find all violations irrespective of their relaxation status
 - **RELAXED** to find all relaxed violations
 - **RELAXED_DEROGATION** to find violations with the **Derogation** relaxation status
 - **RELAXED_LEGACY** to find violations with the **Legacy Code** relaxation status
 - **RELAXED_FALSE_POSITIVE** to find violations with the **False Positive** relaxation status

Additionally, you can specify whether to find violations that were relaxed in the source code directly (as opposed to the web interface) by passing **TRUE** or in the source code or via the web interface by passing **FALSE (default)** as the second parameter.

Examples:

1. Find out if there are MISRA violations:

```
COUNT RULE FROM DESCENDANTS WHERE HAS_OCCURRENCE() AND FAMILY=MISRA
```

or:

```
COUNT RULE FROM DESCENDANTS WHERE HAS_OCCURRENCE(OPEN) AND FAMILY=MISRA
```

2. Find out if there is legacy code with relaxed critical violations:

```
COUNT RULE FROM DESCENDANTS WHERE HAS_OCCURRENCE(RELAXED_LEGACY)
```

3. Find out if the code was modified to relax violations:

```
COUNT RULE FROM DESCENDANTS WHERE HAS_OCCURRENCE(RELAXED, TRUE)
```

- **NBOCCURRENCES (=, <, >, <=, >=, !=)** allows working with the number of occurrences of violations:

```
COUNT RULE FROM DESCENDANTS WHERE NBOCCURRENCES<10
COUNT RULE FROM DESCENDANTS WHERE NBOCCURRENCES>10
COUNT RULE FROM DESCENDANTS WHERE NBOCCURRENCES=1
COUNT RULE FROM DESCENDANTS WHERE NBOCCURRENCES!=1
COUNT RULE FROM DESCENDANTS WHERE NBOCCURRENCES<1.0
COUNT RULE FROM DESCENDANTS WHERE NBOCCURRENCES>=1
```

Warning

NBOCCURRENCES is deprecated and should be replaced with **HAS_OCCURRENCE()** whenever possible.

- **CATEGORY (=, !=)** allows working with scale levels (see Section 3.5, “Scales” for more information on scales):

```
COUNT RULE FROM DESCENDANTS WHERE CATEGORY=SCALE_PRIORITY.REQUIRED
COUNT RULE.OCCURRENCES FROM DESCENDANTS WHERE CATEGORY!=SCALE_PRIORITY.REQUIRED
```

- **FAMILY (=, !=)** allows working with the families set in your model for rules (see Section 3.4, “Rules” for more information on rules):

```
COUNT RULE FROM DESCENDANTS WHERE FAMILY=REQUIRED
COUNT RULE FROM DESCENDANTS WHERE FAMILY!=REQUIRED
```

- **MEASUREID (=, !=)** allows working with the ID of a measure you defined in your analysis model (see Section 3.3, “Measures” for more information on measures):

```
COUNT RULE FROM DESCENDANTS WHERE MEASUREID!=R_NOGOTO
```

- **IS_STATUS_FINDING(<findingStatus>, [<onlyRelaxedInSourceCode>])** allows specifying the status of the findings that should be taken into account in your query. The following statuses are supported:

- **OPEN (default)** to find all violations except the ones that were relaxed
- **ALL** to find all violations irrespective of their relaxation status
- **RELAXED** to find all relaxed violations
- **RELAXED_DEROGATION** to find violations with the **Derogation** relaxation status
- **RELAXED_LEGACY** to find violations with the **Legacy Code** relaxation status
- **RELAXED_FALSE_POSITIVE** to find violations with the **False Positive** relaxation status

Additionally, you can specify whether to find violations that were relaxed in the source code directly (as opposed to the web interface) by passing **TRUE** or in the source code or via the web interface by passing **FALSE (default)** as the second parameter.

- You can combine conditions in a single query:

```
COUNT FILE FROM DESCENDANTS WHERE LEVEL!=LEVELC OR FAMILY=HIS AND B.LC>10
```

Since OR takes priority over AND, this will be interpreted as:

```
(LEVEL!=LEVELC OR FAMILY=HIS) AND B.LC>10
```

5.4.4. Examples

The following examples are explained in details to help you understand how computations work.

Find the number of rules in the "required" family that were violated in the selected artefact and all its descendants:

```
COUNT RULE FROM TREE WHERE HAS_OCCURRENCE() AND FAMILY=REQUIRED
```

Find the number of violations of the R_COMPOUNDElse rule in the children of the selected artefact:

```
COUNT RULE.OCCURRENCES FROM DESCENDANTS WHERE MEASUREID=R_COMPOUNDElse
```

Find the number of **relaxed** violations of the R_COMPOUNDElse rule in the children of the selected artefact:

```
COUNT RULE.OCCURRENCES(RELAXED) FROM DESCENDANTS WHERE MEASUREID=R_COMPOUNDElse
```

Find the number of **legacy-code-relaxed** violations of the R_COMPOUNDElse rule in the children of the selected artefact:

```
COUNT RULE.OCCURRENCES(RELAXED) FROM DESCENDANTS WHERE MEASUREID=R_COMPOUNDElse  
AND IS_STATUS_FINDING(RELAXED_LEGACY)
```

Find the number of programs with a rating of LEVELG, starting from the children of the considered artefact:

```
COUNT PROGRAM FROM DESCENDANTS WHERE LEVEL=LEVELG
```

Find the number of rules in the MISRA family in the model:

```
COUNT RULE WHERE FAMILY=MISRA
```

Find the number of rules in the MISRA family in the model, ignoring all changes made in the Analysis Model Editor:

```
COUNT RULE(STANDARD) WHERE FAMILY=MISRA
```

Find the number of rules in the REQUIRED family that were violated in the selected artefact and all its descendants:

```
COUNT RULE FROM TREE WHERE HAS_OCCURRENCE() AND FAMILY=REQUIRED
```

Find the number of issues with the status "FIXED" created in the last 60 days:

```
COUNT ISSUE FROM TREE WHERE EQUALS(INFO('STATUS'), 'FIXED') AND DATE_SUBMITTED  
&gt;= TODAY() - DAYS(60)
```

6. Configuring Dashboards

6.1. Understanding Dashboards

All dashboards available in Squore can be easily configured. Dashboards are specific to a model, and depend on the role of the user in the current project.

Each model defined in the Squore Configuration defines its own set of dashboards in the model's bundle file, located in `Squore_HOME/Configuration/models/MyModel/Dashboards/Bundle.xml`. The bundle uses a lot of XML inclusion for convenience, but some elements can be easily recognised:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<roles xmlns:xi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XInclude">
  <role name="DEFAULT">
    <dashboard type="MODEL" nbColumns="2" factor="3">
      <charts>
        <xi:include href="rule_compliance_vs_complexity__size_quadrant.xml" />
        <xi:include href="CodeCloning/size_vs_code_cloning_quadrant.xml" />
      </charts>
      <xi:include href="SQuORE_RiskIndex/project_summary_table.xml" />
    </dashboard>
    <dashboard type="APPLICATION" nbColumns="3" minSizeForLegend="2x1"
      template="1:3x1;2:2x2;3:1x2">
      <scorecard>
        <xi:include href="../../Shared/Analysis/key_performance_indicator.xml" />
        <tables>
          <xi:include href="MaintenancePerformance/
maintenance_performance_table.xml" />
          <xi:include href="ArtefactRating/artefact_table_oo.xml" />
          <xi:include href="TechnicalDebt/explored_technical_debt_table.xml" />
        </tables>
      </scorecard>
      <charts>
        <xi:include href="ControlFlowAnalysis/CyclomaticComplexity/
complexity_trend.xml" />
        <xi:include href="StabilityIndex/StabilityCChart.xml" />
        <xi:include href="ArtefactRating/StatementStackedBar.xml" />
        <xi:include href="LineCounting/LineCountHisto.xml" />
      </charts>
    </dashboard>
  </role>
</roles>
```

There are two types of dashboards:

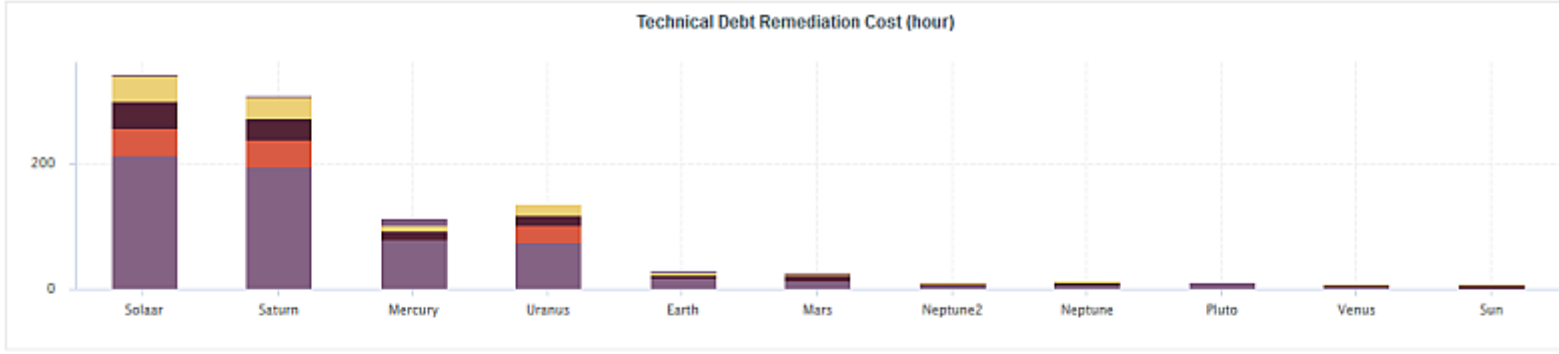
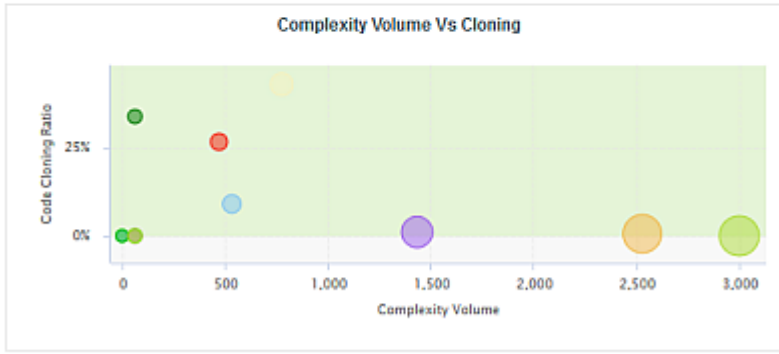
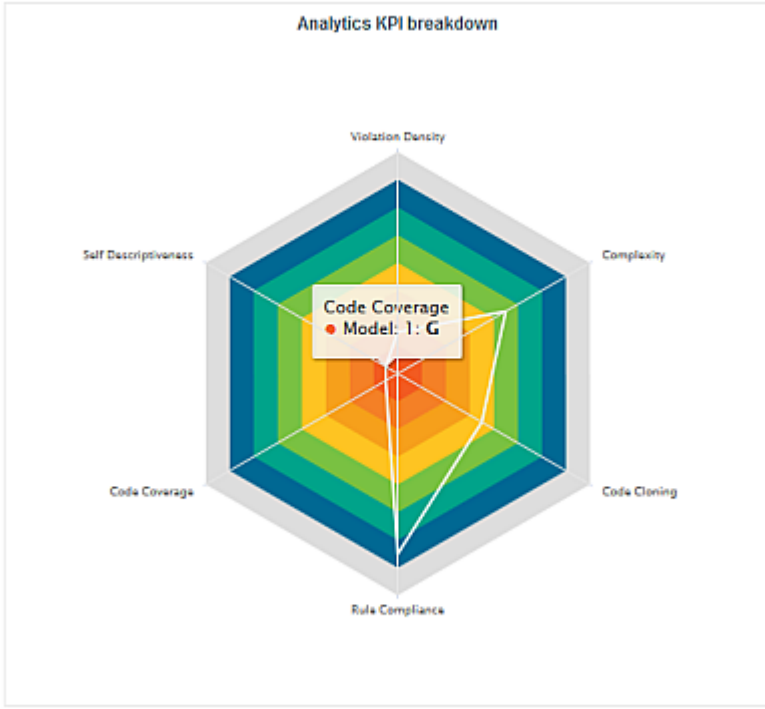
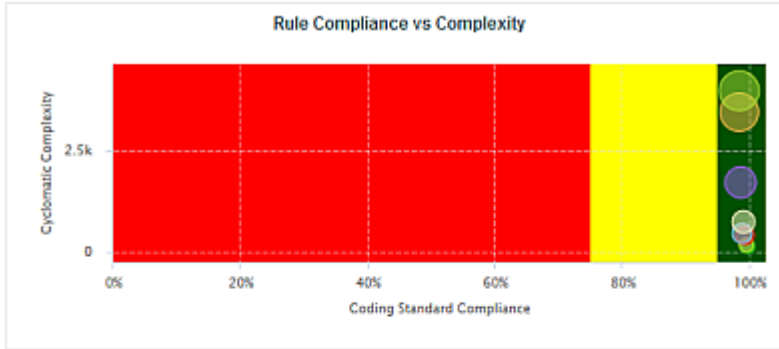
1. **The Analysis Model Dashboard:** a view that is activated when clicking the name of a model or a sub group in the Project Portfolios. This dashboard contains one or more charts and a table that displays information about all the projects in the Explorer for this model. This is described in Section 6.2, "Analysis Model Dashboards".

2. **The Artefact Dashboard:** a view that is displayed when clicking an artefact in the Artefact Tree. This dashboard contains two sections: a score card and a charts area. This dashboard is described in Section 6.3, “Artefact Type Dashboards”.

6.2. Analysis Model Dashboards

This specific dashboard displays information relative to all projects analysed with the current analysis model or group of project. It consists of a list of charts and a table with all the projects using this analysis model in this group and some chosen values (columns) to ease comparison between them.

Dashboard Action Items Highlights Findings Reports Forms Comments X



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name	Rating	Coding Standard Compliance	Coding Standards	Algorithmic Cloning Ratio	Code Cloning Ratio	Class Complexity Ratio	Ratio of complex modules	Complexity Volume Ratio	Self Descriptiveness	Technical Debt	Remediation Cost	Line Count	Function Point Estimation	Technical Debt Vs Rebuild Cost
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Earth	E →	98.87%	886 rules	11.81%	9.10%	0.00%	10.75%	36.04%	24.00%	29 Hours	1,485 €	2,935	22	E
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mars	F +	99.21%	886 rules	27.84%	26.80%	-	11.18%	35.82%	26.32%	28 Hours	1,392 €	2,134	17	F
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mercury	F +	99.10%	886 rules	36.51%	43.22%	0.00%	9.16%	28.66%	10.89%	115 Hours	5,737 €	5,380	42	G
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neptune	E +	99.44%	886 rules	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	7.41%	11.96%	0.00%	13 Hours	670 €	1,214	9	F
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neptune2	E +	99.44%	886 rules	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	7.41%	11.96%	0.00%	10 Hours	520 €	1,214	9	E
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pluto	E +	99.55%	886 rules	14.85%	34.03%	0.00%	2.42%	15.84%	0.00%	10 Hours	518 €	1,143	8	E
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Saturn	E +	98.42%	886 rules	1.93%	0.60%	5.36%	3.97%	22.19%	17.55%	309 Hours	15,485 €	29,638	251	E
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Solaar	E +	98.42%	886 rules	0.00%	0.00%	5.05%	4.33%	22.87%	17.39%	346 Hours	17,291 €	32,810	276	E
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sun	F ↘	99.66%	886 rules	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	6.52%	0.00%	0.00%	8 Hours	408 €	923	7	E
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Uranus	E +	98.53%	886 rules	2.55%	1.08%	1.92%	4.55%	24.05%	19.52%	138 Hours	6,925 €	16,360	130	E
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Venus	E +	99.66%	886 rules	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.42%	0.00%	33.33%	9 Hours	445 €	955	8	E

Analysis Model Dashboard

Its structure is as follows:

```
<dashboard type="MODEL" nbColumns="2" scoreGroups="true"
  indicatorId="PERFORMANCE" aggregationType="AVG" defaultWidthValue="500"
  defaultHeightValue="500">
  <charts>
    ...
  </charts>
  <table id="PROJECT_SUMMARY" hideLastVersion="false" hideCreator="true"
  hideGroup="true" hideLevel="false">
    ...
  </table>
</dashboard>
```

The `dashboard` element supports the following attributes:

- **type** (mandatory) is the type of artefact that this dashboard definition applies to.
- **nbColumns** (optional, default: 3) sets the number of columns used to display the charts on the dashboard.
- **defaultWidthValue** (optional, default: 400) sets the default width of a maximised chart if not specified within the chart itself.
- **defaultHeightValue** (optional, default: 400) sets the default height of a maximised chart if not specified within the chart itself.
- **rowMaxHeight** (new in 17.0) (optional, default: 250) define the maximum height in pixels of a row of charts on the dashboard.
- **template** (optional, default: 1x1 for all charts) allows changing the aspect ratio of charts in the dashboard, using the syntax "position:width x height;". Note that the use of this attribute requires defining a value for the `nbColumns` attribute. For more details about dashboard templates, refer to Section 6.3.2, "Dashboard Templates".

In order to tell Squore to rate groups of project, you can use the following attributes for the `dashboard` element:

- **scoreGroups** (optional, default: false) turns the rating display on or off for groups of projects. When rating groups is disabled, you can use a group icon instead by defining it in a properties file (G. `<group_name>.ICON=path/to/icon.ico`).
- **indicatorId** (optional, default: LEVEL) is the indicator to use to rate the project group when `scoreGroups` is set to `true`.
- **aggregationType** (optional, default: AVG) is the aggregation method used to compute the indicator level when `scoreGroups` is set to `true`. The supported values allowed are:
 - MIN
 - MAX
 - OCC
 - AVG
 - DEV
 - SUM
 - MED
 - MOD

The `charts` area allows displaying a series charts. Only the following charts are supported at this level: Quadrant, Kiviati, Temporal Evolution Chart, Dial, Meter, Treemap, SQALE Pyramid.

The table area shows information about the projects analysed with the current model. Projects that do not belong to the portfolio are not shown.

The first column allows to check or uncheck the projects whose information should be used to compute data on the charts. The information can be aggregated in the charts in several ways using the `aggregationType` attribute of a `measure` or `indicator` element. At model-level, aggregating has the effect of showing one line per project for each metric defined in the chart. You can find out more about this attribute in Section 7.2, "Common Attributes for `measure` and `indicator`".

Other columns, showing specific information about the project, are defined as follows:

```
<table id="PROJECT_SUMMARY" hideLastVersion="false" hideCreator="true"
hideGroup="true" hideLevel="false">
  <column indicatorId="BUSINESS_VALUE" headerDisplayType="NAME"
displayType="VALUE" decimals="0" />
  <column indicatorId="QUALITY" headerDisplayType="NAME" displayType="VALUE"
decimals="2" suffix="%" />
  <column indicatorId="TECH_DEBT" headerDisplayType="NAME" displayType="VALUE"
decimals="0" />
  <column indicatorId="TECH_DEBT_IDX" headerDisplayType="NAME" displayType="VALUE"
decimals="2" suffix="/FUNC" />
  <column indicatorId="SUMSLOC" headerDisplayType="NAME" displayType="VALUE"
decimals="0" />
</table>
```

The `column` sub-element has the following attributes:

→ **indicatorId** is the unique identifier of the measure, indicator or textual information to be displayed.

Tip

In order to display textual information, set the `displayType` attribute to **TEXT**, as explained below.

→ **headerDisplayType (at model-level) or displayType (at artefact-level) (optional, default: MNEMONIC)** defines how the indicator is shown in the interface. The supported values are:

- **NAME**
- **MNEMONIC**
- **DESCRIPTION**

→ **displayOnlyIf (optional)** allows specifying a computation to evaluate whether or not to show the chart in the dashboard. If the result of the computation is more than 0, then the chart is displayed. Consult Chapter 5, *Computation Syntax* for more information about the supported computation syntax. Note that computations used in `displayOnlyIf` have a limited scope: they only apply to the current node in its current version. This means that the functions like `PREVIOUS_VALUE()`, `PREVIOUS_INFO()`, `DELTA_VALUE()`, `APP()`, `ANCESTOR()`, `PARENT()` or `IS_DP_OK()` cannot be used with `displayOnlyIf`.

Tip

The deprecated `onlyFor` can be replaced by `displayOnlyIf`.

→ **displayedValue (optional)** allows overriding the indicator to display another measure instead. The attribute takes a measure id (`displayedValue="SLOC"`).

→ **displayType (at model-level) or displayValueType (at artefact-level) (optional, default: VALUE)** defines how the indicator's value is shown in the interface. It may be one of:

- **NAME** the level's name
- **MNEMONIC** the level's mnemonic

- **RANK** the level's rank
- **VALUE** the measure's value
- **ICON** the level's icon
- **DATE** the measure value converted to date format
- **DATETIME** the measure value converted to datetime format
- **TIME** the measure value converted to time format
- **TEXT** when the metric you are trying to display is textual information, as described in Section 7.8, “Using Textual Information From Artefacts”
- **PERCENT** to automatically convert a value between 0 and 1 into a percentage (also appending '%' as a suffix)

For DATE, DATETIME and TIME, you can specify the required format using the `dateStyle`, `timeStyle` and `datePattern` attributes described below.

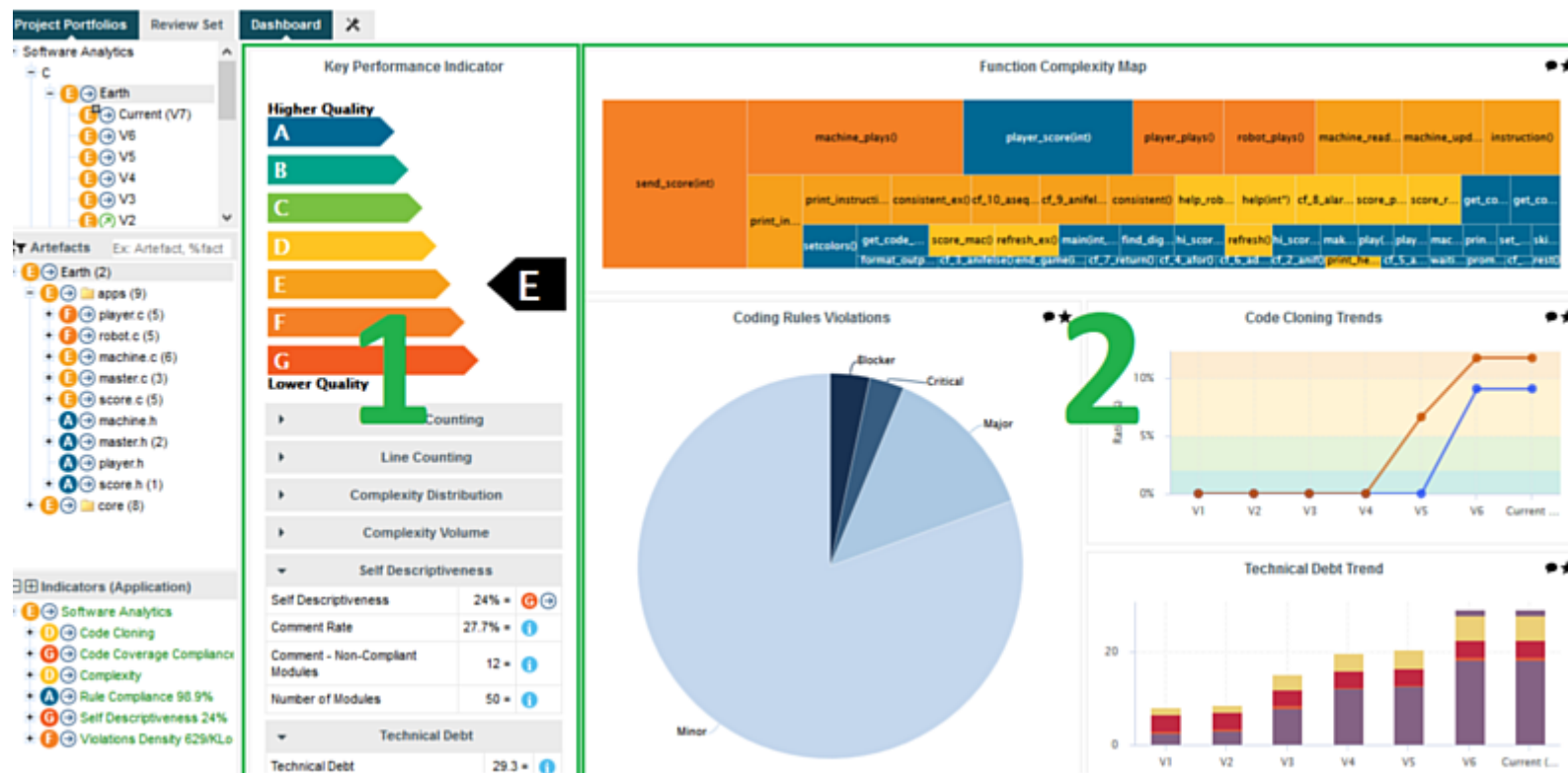
- **unknownValue (optional, default: "?")** defines what text to display if the level of the indicator is UNKNOWN or outside the specified `dataBounds`. Set this to **OFF** to use the old behaviour (which display the rank -1).
- **emptyValue (optional, default: "-")** defines what text to display if there is no value in the database for the specified metric, or if a date is not specified. This is usually useful if a date has not been set yet manually in a form (and is therefore equal to 0), or if you have just added a new metric to your model you want to display specific text for the versions of your project where this metric did not exist yet.
- **dataBounds (optional, default:[:;])** allows overriding the normal range of values that would trigger the display of the `unknownValue` text. This allows you to display the unknown value if the metric associated with the indicator is not within the defined bounds.
- **dateStyle (optional, default: DEFAULT):** the date formatting style, used when the `displayType` is one of DATE or DATETIME.
 - **SHORT** is completely numeric, such as 12.13.52 or 3:30pm.
 - **MEDIUM** is longer, such as Jan 12, 1952.
 - **DEFAULT** is MEDIUM.
 - **LONG** is longer, such as January 12, 1952 or 3:30:32pm.
 - **FULL** is pretty completely specified, such as Tuesday, April 12, 1952 AD or 3:30:42pm PST.
- **timeStyle (optional, default: DEFAULT):** the time formatting style, used when the `displayType` is one of DATETIME or TIME. See above for available styles.
- **datePattern (formerly dateFormat) (optional, default: empty):** the date pattern, used when the `displayType` is one of DATE, DATETIME or TIME.
 - "yyyy.MM.dd G 'at' HH:mm:ss z" is "2001.07.04 AD at 12:08:56 PDT".
 - "EEE, d MMM yyyy HH:mm:ss Z" is "Wed, 4 Jul 2001 12:08:56 -0700".If this attribute is set, both `dateStyle` and `timeStyle` attributes are ignored. The date is formatted using the supplied pattern. Any format compatible with the Java Simple Date Format can be used. Refer to <http://docs.oracle.com/javase/6/docs/api/java/text/SimpleDateFormat.html> for more information.
- **decimals (optional, default: 0)** is the number of decimals places to be used for displaying values
- **decimals (optional, default: 0)** is the number of decimals places to be used for displaying values
- **roundingMode (optional, default: HALF_EVEN)** defines the behaviour used for rounding the numerical values displayed. The supported values are:
 - **CEILING** to round towards positive infinity.
 - **DOWN** to round towards zero.
 - **FLOOR** to round towards negative infinity.

- **HALF_DOWN** to round towards "nearest neighbour" unless both neighbours are equidistant, in which case round down.
- **HALF_EVEN** to round towards the "nearest neighbour" unless both neighbours are equidistant, in which case, round towards the even neighbour.
- **HALF_UP** to round towards "nearest neighbour" unless both neighbours are equidistant, in which case round up.
- **UP** to round away from zero.

For more examples of rounding mode, consult <http://docs.oracle.com/javase/6/docs/api/java/math/RoundingMode.html>.

6.3. Artefact Type Dashboards

Dashboards for artefacts consist of two areas: the scorecard area and the charts area. When clicking the name of an analysis model instead of an artefact, then a special dashboard is used: the Analysis Model Dashboard.



The Squore Artefact Dashboard Areas

The type of the artefact targeted is specified in the definition of the dashboard. The number of columns used in the graphics area and the default width and height of graphics can optionally be set.

```
<dashboard type="APPLICATION" nbColumns="4" defaultWidthValue="500"
defaultHeightValue="500" >
<scorecard> ... </scorecard>
<charts> ... </charts>
</dashboard>
```

The dashboard element supports the following sub-elements:

1. **scorecard** specifies the scorecard part to be displayed to the left part of the dashboard.
2. **charts** defines the charts to be displayed on the right of the dashboard.

The dashboard element supports the following attributes:

- **type** (mandatory) is the type of artefact that this dashboard definition applies to.
- **nbColumns** (optional, default: 3) sets the number of columns used to display the charts on the dashboard.
- **defaultWidthValue** (optional, default: 400) sets the default width of a maximised chart if not specified within the chart itself.
- **defaultHeightValue** (optional, default: 400) sets the default height of a maximised chart if not specified within the chart itself.
- **rowMaxHeigh (new in 17.0) (optional, default: 250)** define the maximum height in pixels of a row of charts on the dashboard.
- **template** (optional, default: 1x1 for all charts) allows changing the aspect ratio of charts in the dashboard, using the syntax "position:width x height;". Note that the use of this attribute requires defining a value for the `nbColumns` attribute. For more details about dashboard templates, refer to Section 6.3.2, "Dashboard Templates".

6.3.1. The Scorecard Area

The scorecard shows a picture representing a chart (usually the artefact KPI) and a set of tables with further information. Each table has its own set of lines with various information. The structure used to define the scorecard is shown below:

```
<scorecard>
  <chart ... />
  <tables>
    <table id="DECISION_MAKING" opened="true">
      <line indicatorId="BUSINESS_VALUE" displayType="NAME" decimals="0"
suffix="FP" />
      ...
    </table>
    ...
  </tables>
</scorecard>
```

Key Performance Indicator (KPI)



Key Performance Indicator

For more information about how to insert a KPI into the scorecard, refer to Key Performance Indicator.

Scorecard Tables

There may be any number of tables below the KPI chart, and there may be any number of lines in each table.

Data Provider Status		
Baseline?	1 =	
Jacoco	1 =	
XUnit	1 =	
Checkstyle	1 =	
Findbugs	1 =	
PMD	1 =	
Selenium (Windows 8 + IE 10)	1 =	
Selenium (Windows Svr 2k8 R2 + IE 8)	0 =	
Selenium (Ubuntu 10.04 + Firefox 27)	0 =	
Selenium (Ubuntu 13.04 + Chrome Stable Latest)	1 =	

Testing Results		
Test Coverage	59.09 % =	
Java byte code instructions Tested	154,085 statements =	
Java byte code instructions	260,771 statements =	
Test Effectiveness	99.92 % =	
Number of Unit Tests	1,256 =	
Number of Unit Test in Error	1 =	
Number of Unit Test in Failure	0 =	

Maintenance Performance		
Maintenance Performance	0.1 % =	
Technical Debt Variation	0.4 % =	
Project Size Variation	0.5 % =	
Code Stability Index	99.1 % =	

A scorecard information table using 3 tables with respectively 10, 7, and 4 lines.

A scorecard table is defined using the following syntax:

```
<tables displayContext="false" hideLinks="ALL">
<table name="My Table Name" id="TABLE_ID" opened="true">
  <line indicatorId="BUSINESS_VALUE" displayType="NAME" decimals="0" suffix="FP"
  emptyValue="-" exclude="TESTER" />
  <line indicatorId="QUALITY" displayType="NAME" decimals="1" suffix="%" />
  <line indicatorId="SI" displayType="NAME" decimals="1" suffix="%" />
</table>
<table id="TABLE_ID">
  ...
</table>
```

```

</table>
...
</tables>
    
```

The `tables` element accepts the following attributes:

- **displayContext** (optional, default: false) allows to automatically insert an **Artefact context** table containing the current artefact's project, version and name, as shown below:

Artefact context	
Project	Earth
Version	Current (V6)
Name	machine_plays()

The artefact context table

Note

The table name is not configurable.

- **hideLinks** allows managing the display of the links tables in the scorecard. All links tables are shown by default. You can hide a table by setting the value of the attribute to `<LinkType>#<direction>`, where `LinkType` is the type of link between artefacts, and `direction` is a choice of **OUT** or **IN**, for example:

```
hideLinks="TEST_SPEC#OUT;TASK#IN"
```

Tip

If you want to hide all links tables in the scorecard, use `hideLinks="ALL"`.

The name of the table can be configured using properties files, as explained in Section 2.5.2, "Descriptions". If you need more control over where links tables are displayed in the scorecard, you can manually insert a links table using the `linksTable` element, described later in this section.

The `table` element accepts the following attributes:

- **id** (mandatory) is used to find the localised version of the table name in a `.properties` file.
- **name** (optional, default: empty) allows bypassing the search for a localised string
- **backgroundColor** (optional, default: WHITE for charts, GREY for tables) allows specifying a background colour for a chart or a table. [colour syntax]
- **opened** (optional, default: false) defines whether a table is opened or collapsed by default
- **displayType** (optional, default: no default) defines the `displayType` to be used by all lines in this table. It can be overridden for each line if necessary. For full details, consult the `displayType` reference for the line element [74].
- **displayOnlyIf** (optional) allows specifying a computation to evaluate whether or not to show the chart in the dashboard. If the result of the computation is more than 0, then the chart is displayed. Consult Chapter 5, *Computation Syntax* for more information about the supported computation syntax. Note that computations used in `displayOnlyIf` have a limited scope: they only apply to the current node in its current version. This means that the functions like `PREVIOUS_VALUE()`, `PREVIOUS_INFO()`, `DELTA_VALUE()`, `APP()`, `ANCESTOR()`, `PARENT()` or `IS_DP_OK()` cannot be used with `displayOnlyIf`.

Tip

The deprecated `onlyFor` can be replaced by `displayOnlyIf`.

The `line` element accepts the following attributes:

- **indicatorId** is the unique identifier of the measure, indicator or textual information to be displayed.

Tip

In order to display textual information, set the `displayType` attribute to **TEXT**, as explained below.

- **headerDisplayType (at model-level) or displayType (at artefact-level) (optional, default: MNEMONIC)** defines how the indicator is shown in the interface. The supported values are:

- **NAME**
- **MNEMONIC**
- **DESCRIPTION**

- **displayOnlyIf (optional)** allows specifying a computation to evaluate whether or not to show the chart in the dashboard. If the result of the computation is more than 0, then the chart is displayed. Consult Chapter 5, *Computation Syntax* for more information about the supported computation syntax. Note that computations used in `displayOnlyIf` have a limited scope: they only apply to the current node in its current version. This means that the functions like `PREVIOUS_VALUE()`, `PREVIOUS_INFO()`, `DELTA_VALUE()`, `APP()`, `ANCESTOR()`, `PARENT()` or `IS_DP_OK()` cannot be used with `displayOnlyIf`.

Tip

The deprecated `onlyFor` can be replaced by `displayOnlyIf`.

- **displayedValue (optional)** allows overriding the indicator to display another measure instead. The attribute takes a measure id (`displayedValue="SLOC"`).

- **displayType (at model-level) or displayValueType (at artefact-level) (optional, default: VALUE)** defines how the indicator's value is shown in the interface. It may be one of:

- **NAME** the level's name
- **MNEMONIC** the level's mnemonic
- **RANK** the level's rank
- **VALUE** the measure's value
- **ICON** the level's icon
- **DATE** the measure value converted to date format
- **DATETIME** the measure value converted to datetime format
- **TIME** the measure value converted to time format
- **TEXT** when the metric you are trying to display is textual information, as described in Section 7.8, "Using Textual Information From Artefacts"
- **PERCENT** to automatically convert a value between 0 and 1 into a percentage (also appending '%' as a suffix)

For **DATE**, **DATETIME** and **TIME**, you can specify the required format using the `dateStyle`, `timeStyle` and `datePattern` attributes described below.

- **unknownValue (optional, default: "?")** defines what text to display if the level of the indicator is UNKNOWN or outside the specified `dataBounds`. Set this to **OFF** to use the old behaviour (which display the rank -1).
- **emptyValue (optional, default: "-")** defines what text to display if there is no value in the database for the specified metric, or if a date is not specified. This is usually useful if a date has not been set yet manually

in a form (and is therefore equal to 0), or if you have just added a new metric to your model you want to display specific text for the versions of your project where this metric did not exist yet.

- **dataBounds (optional, default: [;])** allows overriding the normal range of values that would trigger the display of the `unknownValue` text. This allows you to display the unknown value if the metric associated with the indicator is not within the defined bounds.
- **dateStyle (optional, default: DEFAULT)**: the date formatting style, used when the `displayType` is one of `DATE` or `DATETIME`.
 - **SHORT** is completely numeric, such as 12.13.52 or 3:30pm.
 - **MEDIUM** is longer, such as Jan 12, 1952.
 - **DEFAULT** is MEDIUM.
 - **LONG** is longer, such as January 12, 1952 or 3:30:32pm.
 - **FULL** is pretty completely specified, such as Tuesday, April 12, 1952 AD or 3:30:42pm PST.
- **timeStyle (optional, default: DEFAULT)**: the time formatting style, used when the `displayType` is one of `DATETIME` or `TIME`. See above for available styles.
- **datePattern (formerly dateFormat) (optional, default: empty)**: the date pattern, used when the `displayType` is one of `DATE`, `DATETIME` or `TIME`.
 - "yyyy.MM.dd G 'at' HH:mm:ss z" is "2001.07.04 AD at 12:08:56 PDT".
 - "EEE, d MMM yyyy HH:mm:ss Z" is "Wed, 4 Jul 2001 12:08:56 -0700".If this attribute is set, both `dateStyle` and `timeStyle` attributes are ignored. The date is formatted using the supplied pattern. Any format compatible with the Java Simple Date Format can be used. Refer to <http://docs.oracle.com/javase/6/docs/api/java/text/SimpleDateFormat.html> for more information.
- **decimals (optional, default: 0)** is the number of decimals places to be used for displaying values
- **decimals (optional, default: 0)** is the number of decimals places to be used for displaying values
- **roundingMode (optional, default: HALF_EVEN)** defines the behaviour used for rounding the numerical values displayed. The supported values are:
 - **CEILING** to round towards positive infinity.
 - **DOWN** to round towards zero.
 - **FLOOR** to round towards negative infinity.
 - **HALF_DOWN** to round towards "nearest neighbour" unless both neighbours are equidistant, in which case round down.
 - **HALF_EVEN** to round towards the "nearest neighbour" unless both neighbours are equidistant, in which case, round towards the even neighbour.
 - **HALF_UP** to round towards "nearest neighbour" unless both neighbours are equidistant, in which case round up.
 - **UP** to round away from zero.

For more examples of rounding mode, consult <http://docs.oracle.com/javase/6/docs/api/java/math/RoundingMode.html>.

Tip

The external links in the lines of the score card tables are generated automatically according to the metric that the line displays. They will generally link to the list of findings that are used to compute the metric. You can however override the URL and set your own external URL. In order to do this, ensure that the metric `MY_METRIC` displayed in a table line has a **`MY_METRIC.URL`** property defined in a properties file in your model. For more information about properties files, consult Section 2.5.2, "Descriptions".

The `linksTable` element is used instead of `table` to insert a links table, and accepts the following attributes:

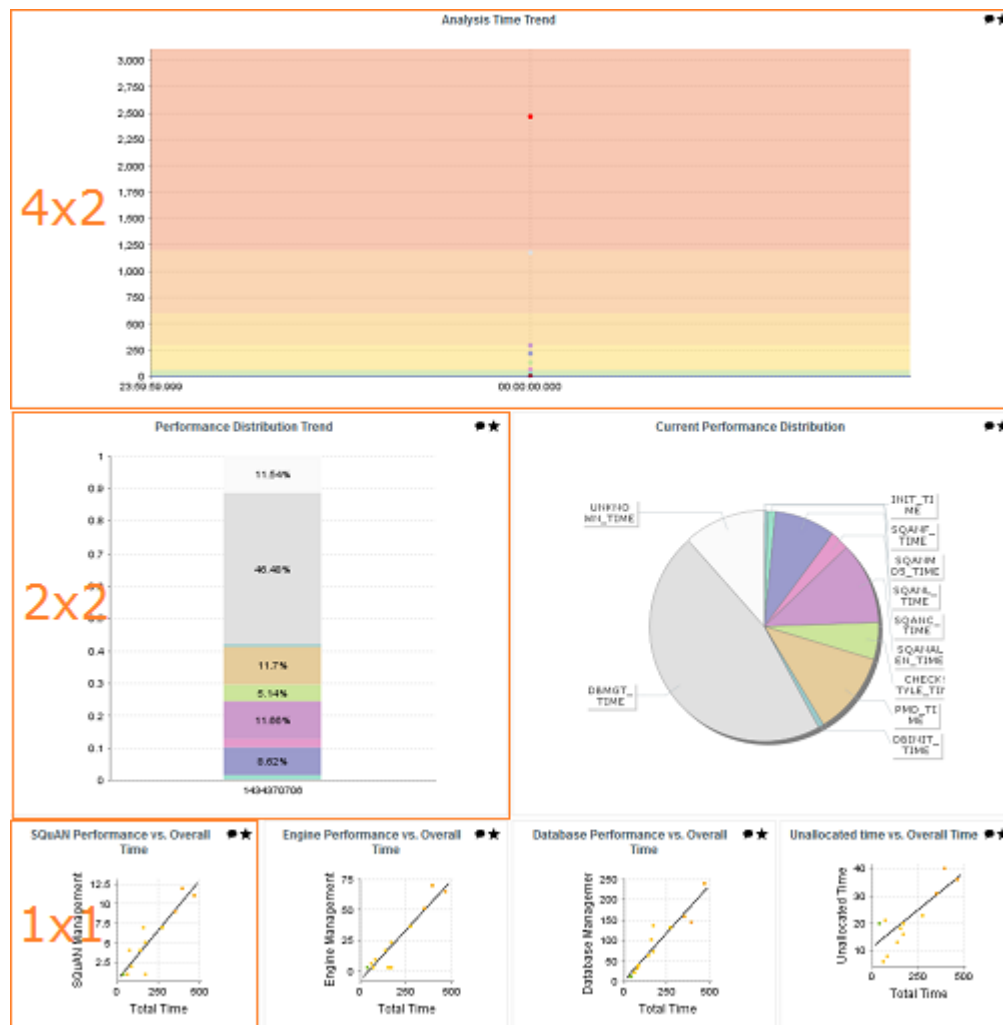
- **id (mandatory)** is used to find the localised version of the table name in a `.properties` file.
- **type (mandatory)** is the id of the type of links the table displays.
- **direction (optional, default: OUT)** defines the direction of the links to display. Set it to **OUT** to show outbound links or **IN** to display inbound links.

Tip

For more information about artefact links, consult Section 3.9, “Artefact Links”.

6.3.2. Dashboard Templates

You can use dashboard templates to highlight some of the charts on your dashboard by changing their size in terms of grid slots they occupy. The following is an example template that uses 4 columns of charts with custom aspect ratios applied to the first three charts:



A Custom Dashboard Template

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<roles xmlns:xi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XInclude">
  <role name="DEFAULT">
    <dashboard nbColumns="4" type="APPLICATION" template="1:4x2;2:2x2;3:2x2">
      (...)
      <charts>
        <xi:include href="chart1.xml" />
        <xi:include href="chart2.xml" />
        <xi:include href="chart3.xml" />
        <xi:include href="chart4.xml" />
        <xi:include href="chart5.xml" />
        <xi:include href="chart6.xml" />
        <xi:include href="chart7.xml" />
      </charts>
    </dashboard>
  </role>
</roles>
```

Note that you only need to specify custom dimensions for non-standard charts sizes using the syntax "position:width x height;", other charts will use a 1x1 grid slot by default.

6.3.3. The Charts Area

Charts are displayed on the right hand side of the dashboard. They are defined through `chart` elements as follows:

```
<charts>
  <chart id="CHART_ID" type="CHART_TYPE">
    <indicator>INDICATOR_1</indicator>
    <indicator>INDICATOR_2</indicator>
    <indicator>INDICATOR_3</indicator>
  </chart>
  <chart id="CHART_ID">
    ...
  </chart>
  ...
</charts>
```

There are many types of charts, all referenced in this section. The best approach to finding the chart you want to use on your dashboard can be found by answering the following questions:

- Should my chart display a trend or reflect the data for a single version of my project?
- Is the information I want to display about the current artefact or about its descendants?
- Will my chart display one bit of information or combine several?
- Is the information displayed by my chart quantitative or qualitative?

Answering these questions will lead you toward the type of chart you want to use. The table below shows the type of answer offered by each of the charts available in Squore:

Table 6.1. Charts for Single-Version Data Visualisation

Current Artefact Data				Descendants of the Current Artefact			
Quantitative Information		Qualitative Information		Quantitative Information		Qualitative Information	
Single Dataset	Multiple Datasets	Single Dataset	Multiple Datasets	Single Dataset	Multiple Datasets	Single Dataset	Multiple Datasets

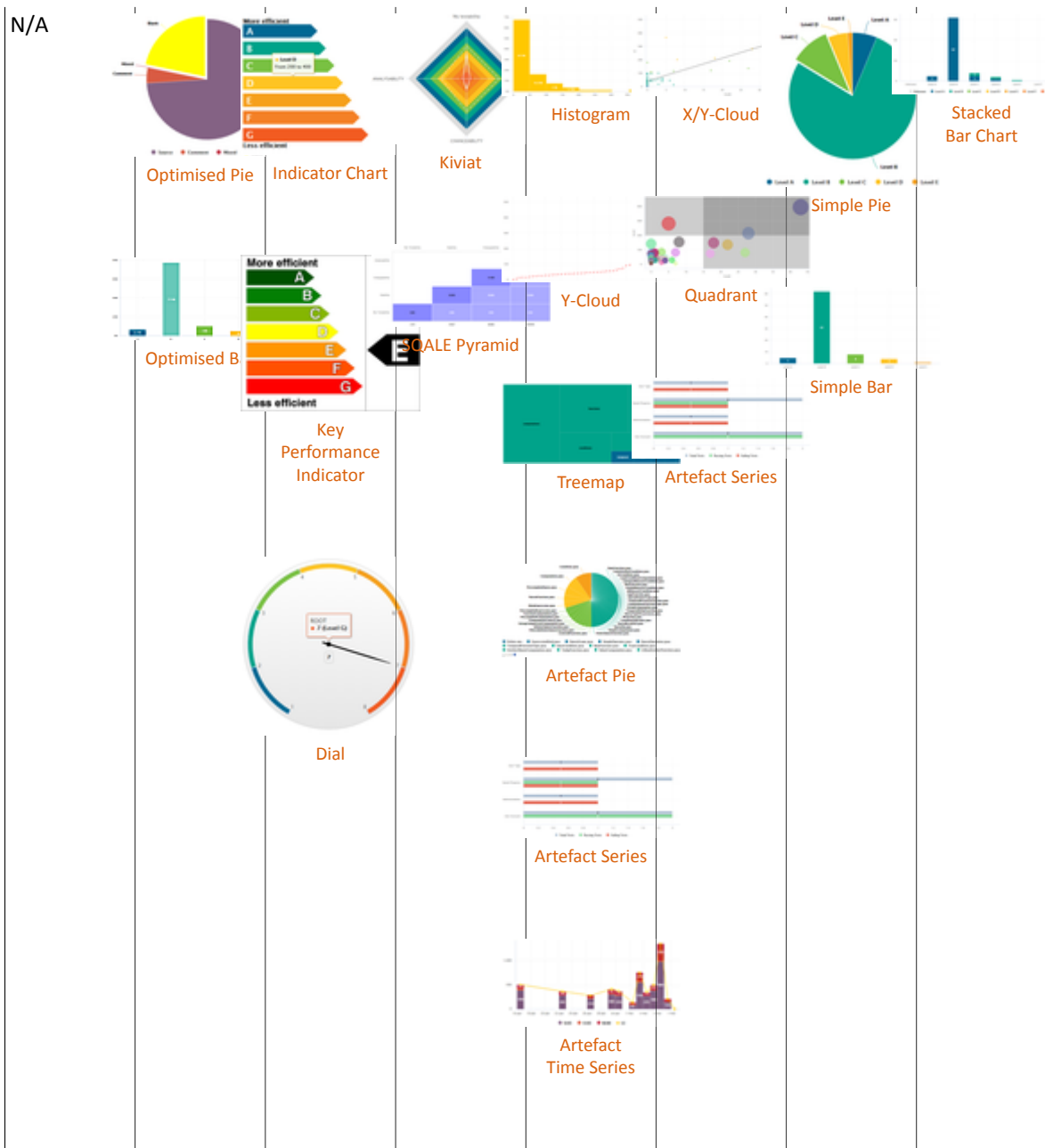


Table 6.2. Charts for Trend-Based Visualisation

Current Artefact Data				Descendants of the Current Artefact			
Quantitative Information		Qualitative Information		Quantitative Information		Qualitative Information	
Single Dataset	Multiple Datasets	Single Dataset	Multiple Datasets	Single Dataset	Multiple Datasets	Single Dataset	Multiple Datasets

		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A
Temporal Evolution Chart	Temporal Evolution Chart					Simple Temporal Evolution Stacked Bar Chart	
							
	Temporal Optimised Stacked Bar Chart						

Table 6.3. Table Charts

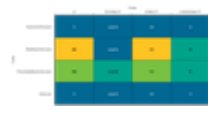
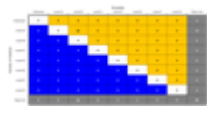

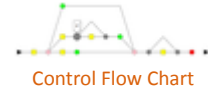



	
Artefact Table	Distribution Table

Table 6.4. Special Charts

				
Text Values	Control Flow Chart	Source Code Viewer	Scrumboard	Artefact Scrumboard

More information about charts and their configuration options can be found in Chapter 7, *Charts Reference*

7. Charts Reference

In this chapter, you can find all the configuration options available for the charts supported in Squore. The following sections will cover in details the different types of charts offered by Squore.

7.1. Common Attributes for chart

Although attributes may be different depending on the type of chart, some are common to all charts:

- **type (mandatory)** defines the type of chart, as listed below.
- **id (mandatory)** is an unique identifier for the chart that can be used to add a localisable description in properties files.
- **name (optional)** is the display name of the chart on the dashboard. Note that the value of this attribute is used as a fallback in case no translation is found for the chart's ID. You should use **C.CHART_ID.NAME=My Chart Name** in a properties file to define a chart's name for CHART_ID instead of using this attribute.
- **orientation (optional, default: VERTICAL)** allows defining the orientation of the chart. The allowed values are **VERTICAL** and **HORIZONTAL**.
- **width (optional)** sets the desired width of the chart.
- **height (optional)** sets the desired height of the chart.
- **backgroundColor (optional, default: WHITE for charts, GREY for tables)** allows specifying a background colour for a chart or a table. [colour syntax]
- **plotBackgroundColor (optional, default: same value as backgroundColor)** sets the background of the plotting area of the chart to the specified colour. [colour syntax]
- **xMin, xMax (optional, defaults to automatic values)** allow defining the desired boundaries for the x-axis. This attribute can be specified as a value or as a computation.
- **yMin, yMax (optional, defaults to automatic values)** allow defining the desired boundaries for the y-axis. This attribute can be specified as a value or as a computation.
- **displayOnlyIf (optional)** allows specifying a computation to evaluate whether or not to show the chart in the dashboard. If the result of the computation is more than 0, then the chart is displayed. Consult Chapter 5, *Computation Syntax* for more information about the supported computation syntax. Note that computations used in `displayOnlyIf` have a limited scope: they only apply to the current node in its current version. This means that the functions like `PREVIOUS_VALUE()`, `PREVIOUS_INFO()`, `DELTA_VALUE()`, `APP()`, `ANCESTOR()`, `PARENT()` or `IS_DP_OK()` cannot be used with `displayOnlyIf`.

Tip

The deprecated `onlyFor` can be replaced by `displayOnlyIf`.

- **exclude (optional)** allows specifying a list of roles that will not see the chart.
- **xLabel (optional)** overrides the default name given to the x axis for charts that use axes.
- **yLabel (optional)** overrides the default name given to the x axis for charts that use axes.
- **aggregate (optional, only valid at model-level, default: false)** specifies that the metrics shown on the chart are aggregated. The aggregation type is defined for each measure with the `aggregationType`, as described in Section 7.2, "Common Attributes for measure and indicator".
- **legend (optional, default: false for quadrants, true for other types of charts)** allows specifying if the chart's legend is shown (true) or hidden (false).

7.2. Common Attributes for measure and indicator

Most charts use the `measure` and `indicator` elements to define the metrics used in the chart. The attributes allowed for these element are:

- **label** (optional, default: the measure's name) defines or overrides the label used for the measure. Note that the chart thumbnail will always show the mnemonic no matter what the value of `label` is.
- **color** (optional, default: the project's color, or a random color based on the artefact's name) defines the colour used to represent the measure in the chart. [colour syntax]
- **visible** (new in 17.0) (optional, default: true) allows including a measure on a chart as hidden. It will not be displayed by default, but can be added to the chart by clicking its name in the legend.
- **dataBounds** (optional, default: "];[") defines the range of values allowed to be displayed on the chart. You can use this attribute to exclude drawing an erroneous or non-representative value on a chart. This attribute is currently supported for the following charts: All Temporal Evolution charts, Quadrant, X/Y-Cloud, Histogram, Y-Cloud, Dial, Meter, Simple Pie and Optimised Pie.

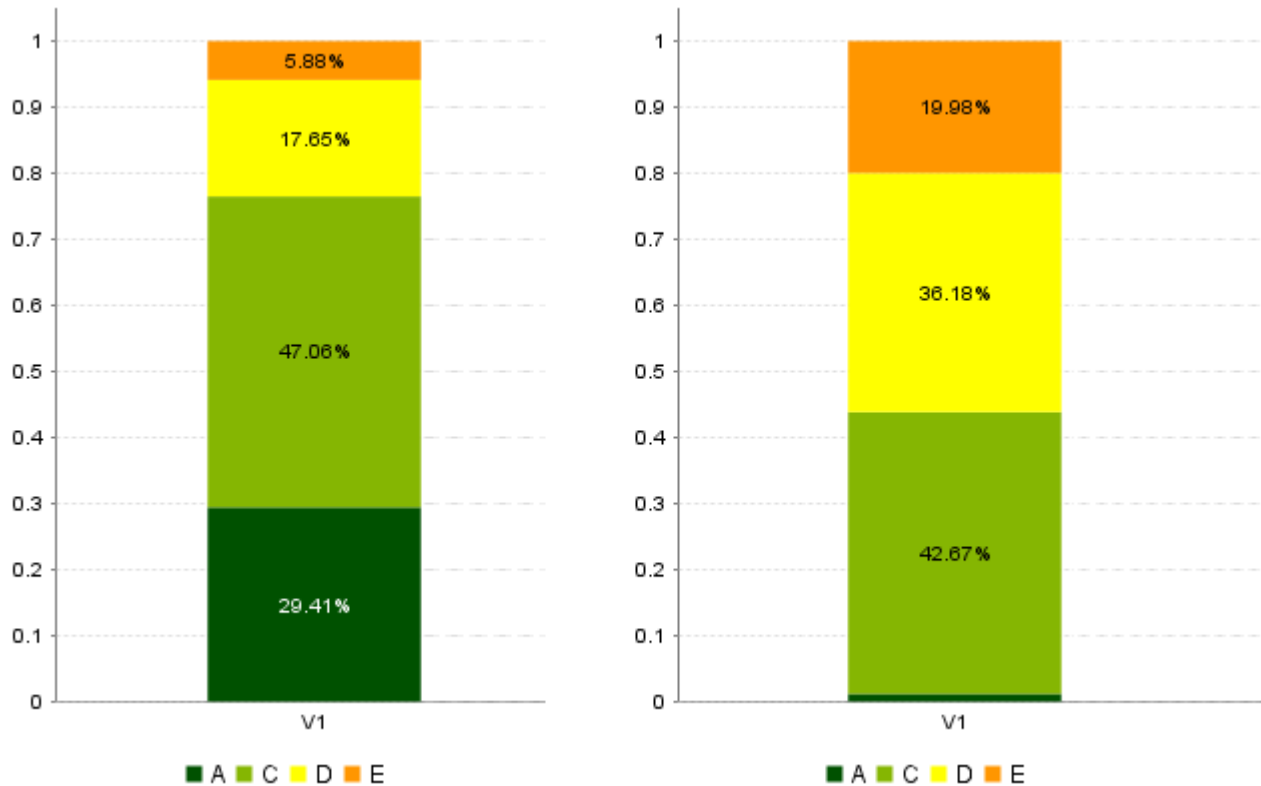
Tip

[and] allow you to specify that a boundary value is included.

] and [specify that the boundary value itself is excluded.

- **shape** (optional, default: CIRCLE) defines the shape used to represent a point on a chart. The allowed values are:
 - NONE
 - SQUARE
 - CIRCLE
 - DIAMOND
 - UP_TRIANGLE
 - DOWN_TRIANGLE
 - RIGHT_TRIANGLE
 - LEFT_TRIANGLE
 - HORIZONTAL_RECTANGLE
 - VERTICAL_RECTANGLE
 - HORIZONTAL_ELLIPSE
 - VERTICAL_ELLIPSE
- **stroke** (optional, default: SOLID) defines the type of line used join points. The allowed values are NONE, SOLID and DOTTED.
- **aggregationType** (optional, default: AVG in most charts, SUM in table charts) defines how the values for the metrics on the chart are aggregated. The supported values are:
 - MIN
 - MAX
 - OCC
 - AVG
 - DEV
 - SUM
 - MED
 - MOD
- **weightMeasure** (optional, default: none) allows specifying how to weigh artefacts against each other in some charts (Simple Bar, Simple Pie and Simple Temporal Evolution Stacked Bar Chart). This is useful when you want to represent a percentage of artefacts in a chart but want the ratios to be based on a

metric instead using the number of artefacts. Consider the example below where a chart shows child file artefacts and their rating the standard way (left), or weighted by lines of code per artefact (right, with `weightMeasure="LC"`):



Child file artefacts and their rating the standard way (left), or weighted by lines of code per artefact (right)

Attributes that are specific to certain charts only are documented in each chart's section.

7.3. Working With Colours

All the chart attributes that allow specifying a colour (for a background, a series, markers and text) support the following syntax:

Note

Some colours can also be used directly by name:

- WHITE
- LIGHT_GRAY
- GRAY
- DARK_GRAY
- BLACK
- RED
- PINK
- ORANGE

- YELLOW
- GREEN
- MAGENTA
- CYAN
- BLUE

- **Using the colour's RGB value:** Green is `color="0,128,0"` or `color="rgb(0,128,0)"`
- **Using the colour's integer value:** Green is `color="32768"`
- **Using the colour's HTML code:** Green is `color="#008800"`

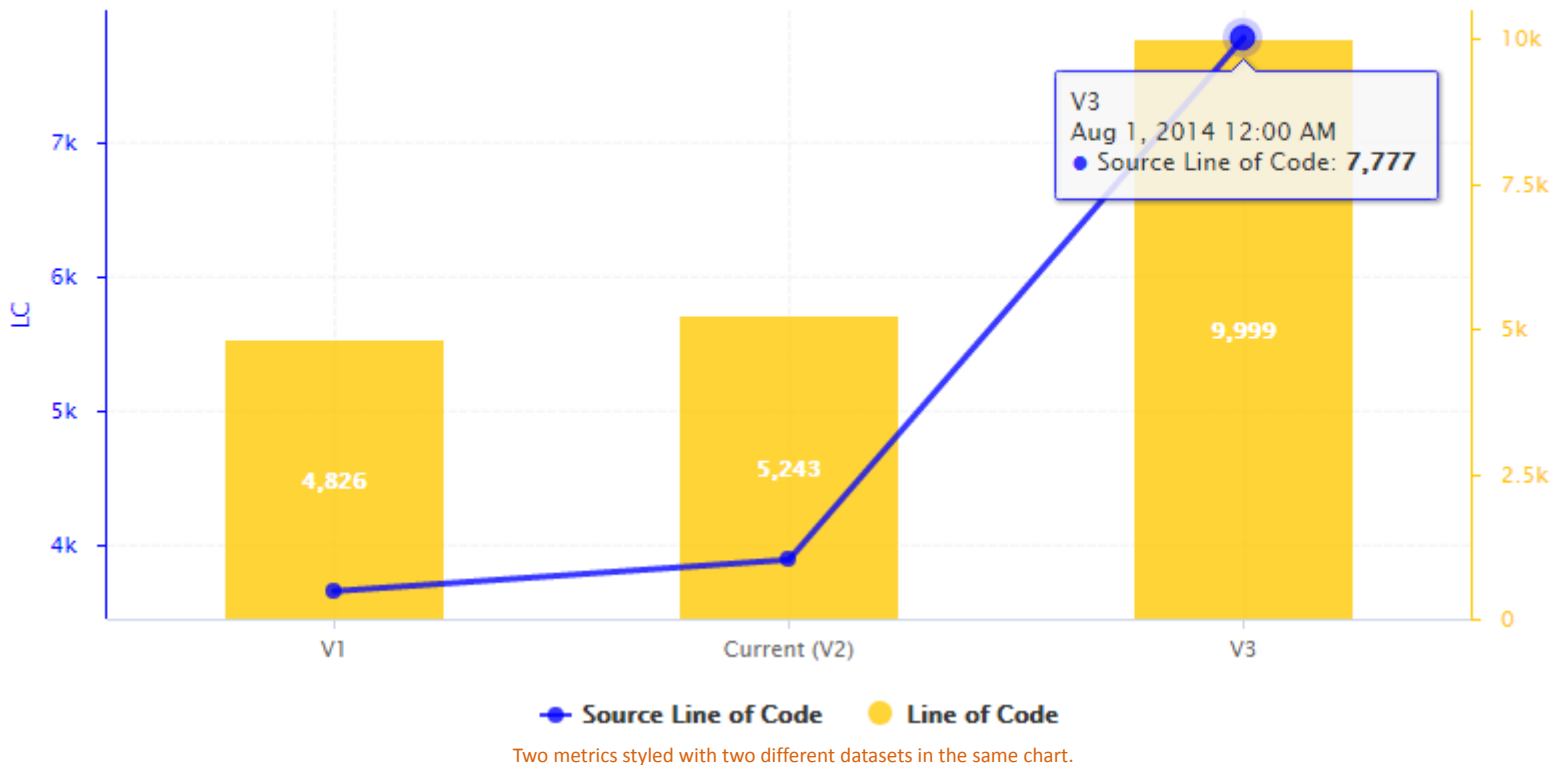
When you do not explicitly specify a colour for an element, Squore automatically generates a set of consistent random colours used on the dashboard.

Tip

Scales levels also have associated colours so that they can be represented in the charts. The colour of each level of performance is defined in a .properties file (see Section 2.5.2, "Descriptions", and the same syntax as the one explained above is supported.

7.4. Datasets and Renderers

Datasets are used to apply different rendering settings to different sets of measures in a chart. Each dataset can use its own axis configuration.



```

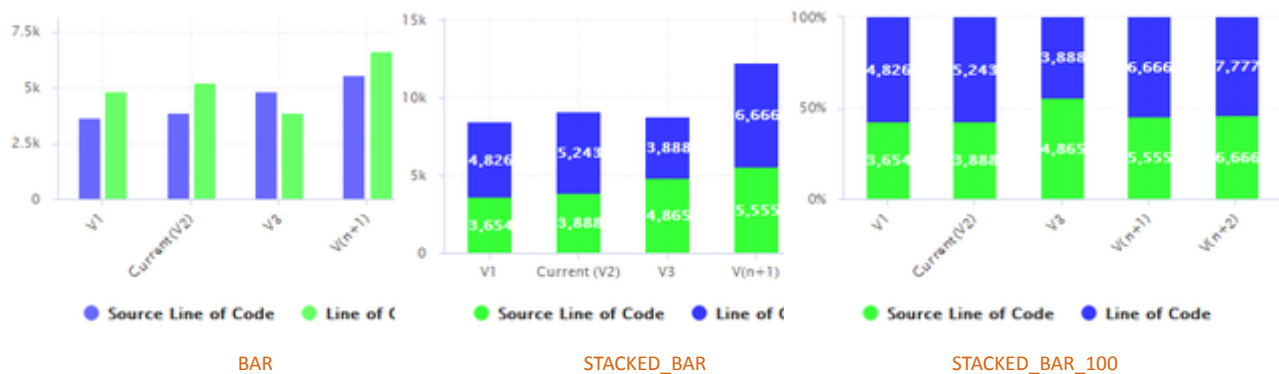
<chart type="TE" id="DATASETS_EXAMPLE">
  <dataset renderer="LINE" rangeAxisId="AXIS_RAW">
    <measure color="BLUE" alpha="200" label="Source Line of Code">SLOC
      <forecast>
        <version value="7777" timeValue="DATE(2014,08,01)" label="V3" />
      </forecast>
    </measure>
  </dataset>

  <dataset renderer="BAR" rangeAxisId="AXIS_KLOC">
    <measure color="ORANGE" alpha="200" label="Line of Code">LC
      <forecast>
        <version value="9999" timeValue="DATE(2014,08,01)" label="V3" />
      </forecast>
    </measure>
  </dataset>

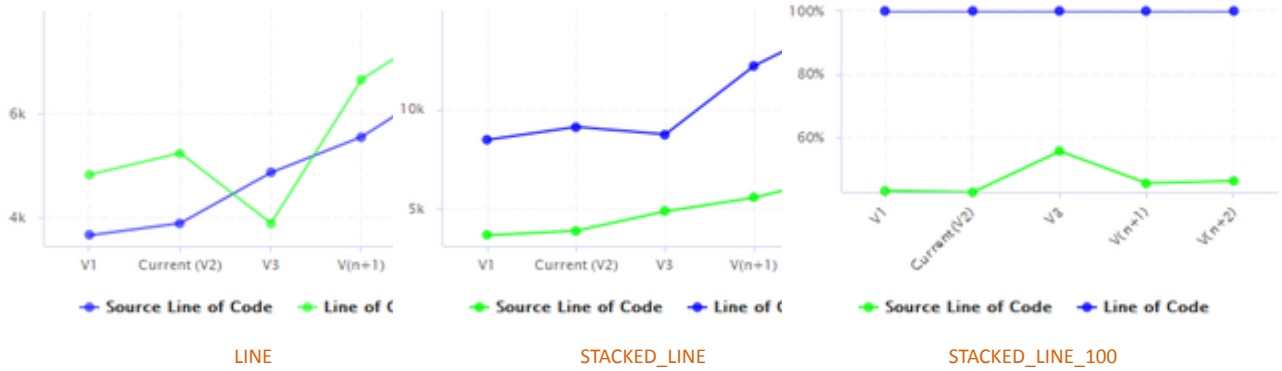
  <rangeAxis id="AXIS_RAW" label="LC" color="BLUE" />
  <rangeAxis id="AXIS_KLOC" label="SLOC (KLOC)" color="ORANGE" />
</chart>
    
```

There are 7 basic types of renderers. Each one has can be prefixed with the **STACKED_** modifier to stack data series on top of each other, and suffixed with the **_100** modifier that displays data series as percentages:

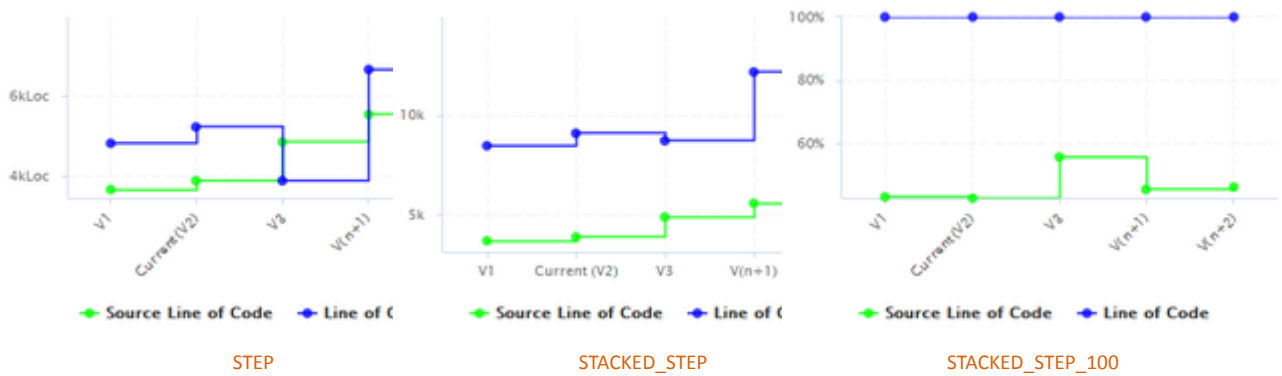
BAR



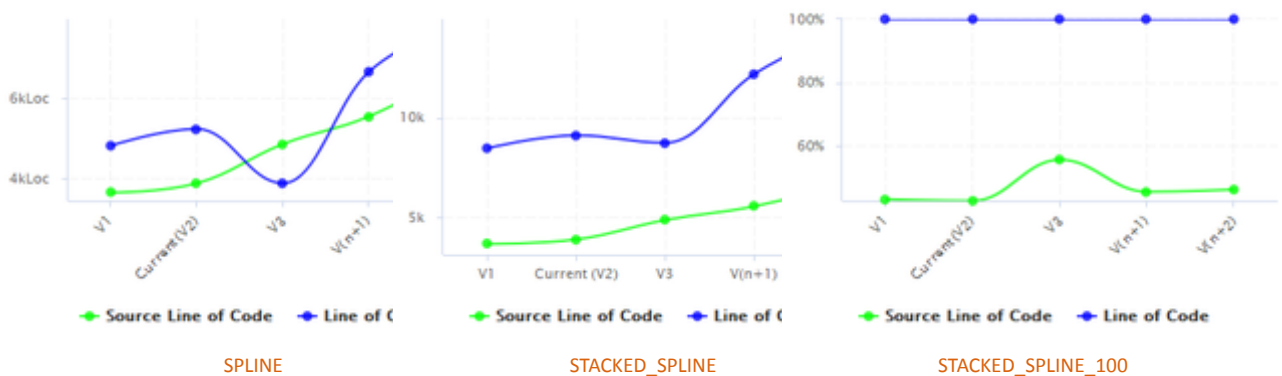
LINE



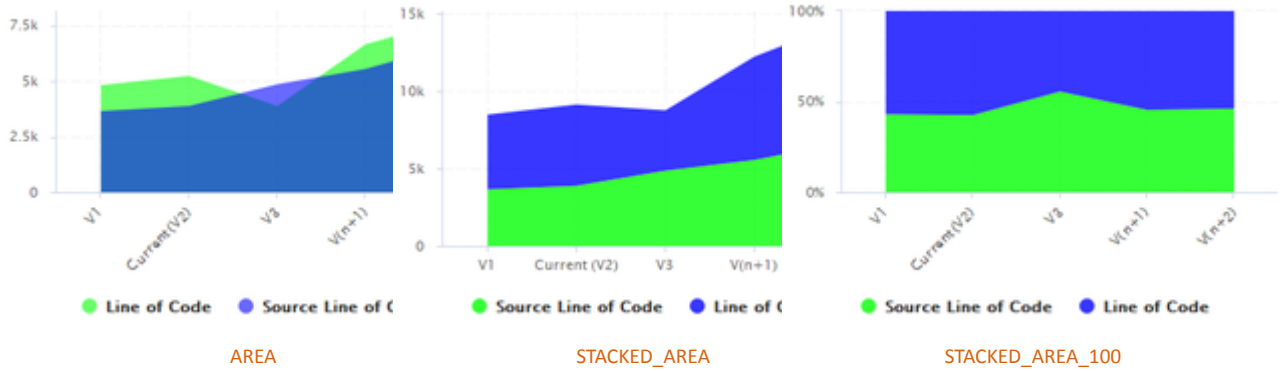
STEP



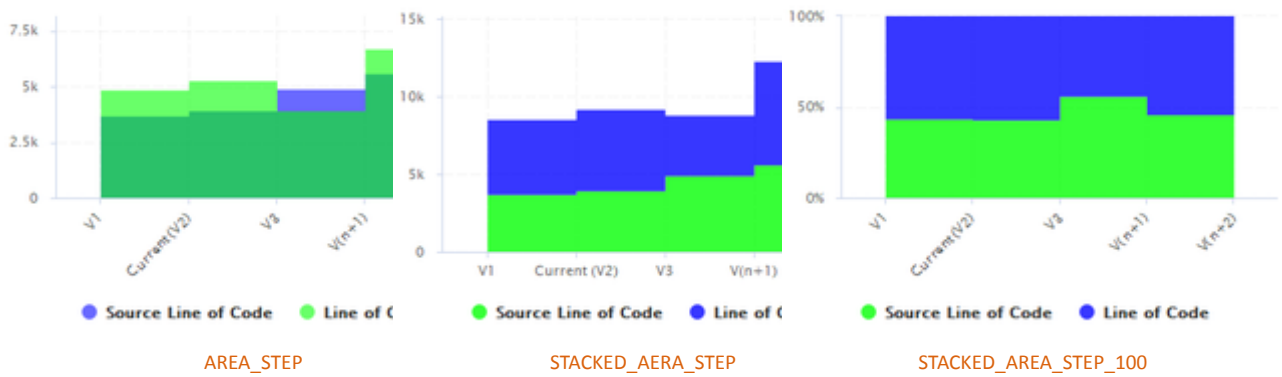
SPLINE (new in 17.0)



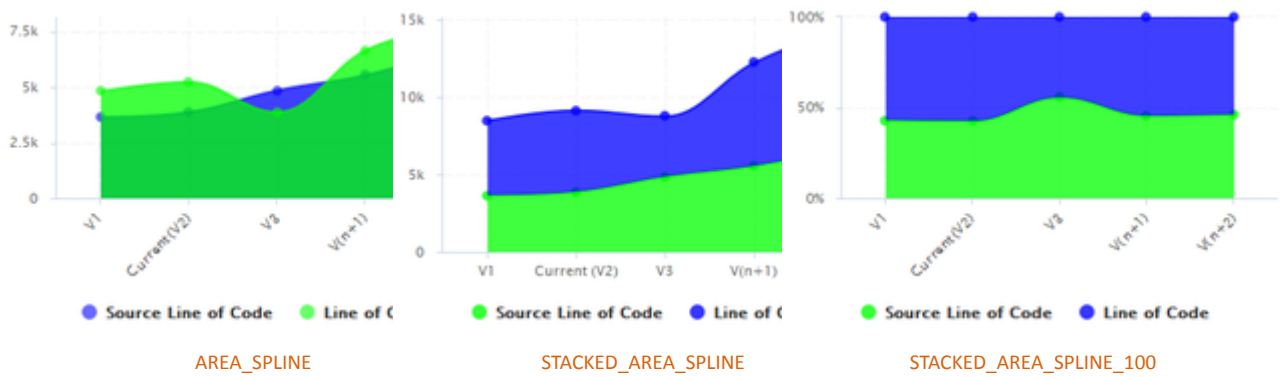
AREA



AREA_STEP (new in 17.0)



AREA_SPLINE (new in 17.0)



The `dataset` element accepts the following attributes:

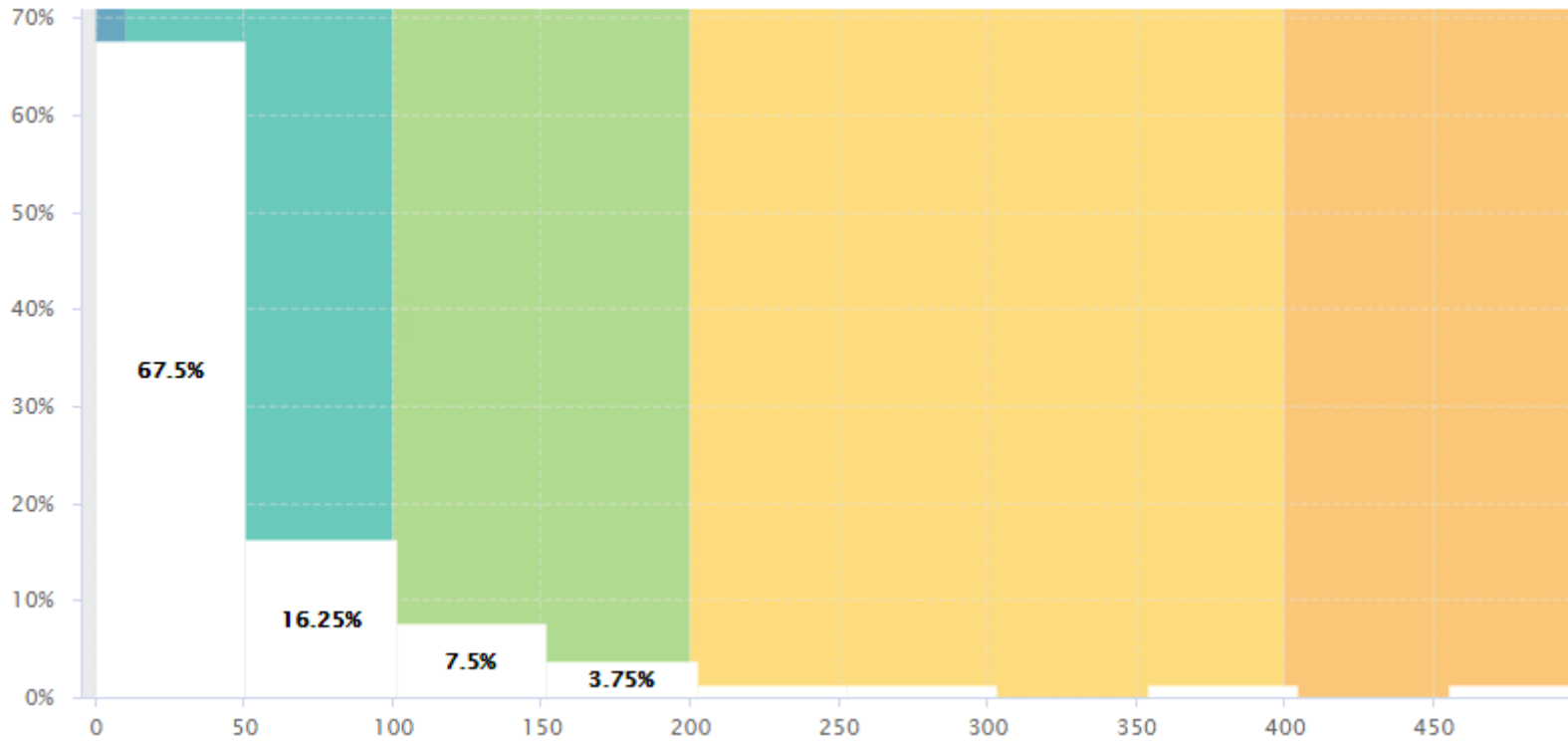
- **renderer (optional, default: differs according to the type of chart)** allows specifying the type of rendering for the data series
- **rangeAxisId (optional)** allows providing a reference to an axis configuration element

Chart axes can be defined using the `rangeAxis` element, which accepts the following attributes:

- **id (mandatory)** The configuration identifier (referred to by a `dataset` element)
- **label (optional, default: the measure name)** The label to be displayed on the axis
- **min (optional, defaults to an automatic value)** is the minimum boundary for the axis. This attribute can be specified as a value or as a computation.
- **max (optional, defaults to an automatic value)** is the maximum boundary for the axis. This attribute can be specified as a value or as a computation.
- **visible (new in 17.0) (optional, default: true)** allows hiding a vertical axis when set to false
- **inverted (optional, default: false)** reverses the order of values on the axis when set to **true**.
- **location (optional, default: left for vertical charts, bottom for horizontal charts)** allows defining where around the chart the axis is drawn. Allowed values are: **left**, **right**, **bottom** and **top**.
- **color (optional, default: automatically assigned)** sets the colour used to draw the scale. [colour syntax]
- **type (optional, default: number)** defines how the scale is represented on the axis. Use **number** to display the numerical values or **scale** to plot the axis with the associated scale levels of an indicator.
- **scaleId (mandatory if scale is specified)** is the id of the indicator to be used to plot the axis when using `type="scale"`.
- **numberFormat (optional, default: usually number)** allows customising the number format when using `type="number"`. The accepted values are as follows:
 - **NUMBER** to display a number (formatted according to the browser's locale)
 - **PERCENT** to display a percentage
 - **INTEGER** to display a number with no decimals
 - **any other text** to specify a display pattern following Java's DecimalFormat, as described on <http://docs.oracle.com/javase/6/docs/api/java/text/DecimalFormat.html>

7.5. Using Markers

Charts that include axes also allow the use of markers. Markers are coloured regions of the chart area that help put the displayed value into context. For example, you could display a line chart of the evolution of the main indicator for your project and use markers to visually associate the value of the indicator with its level, as shown below:



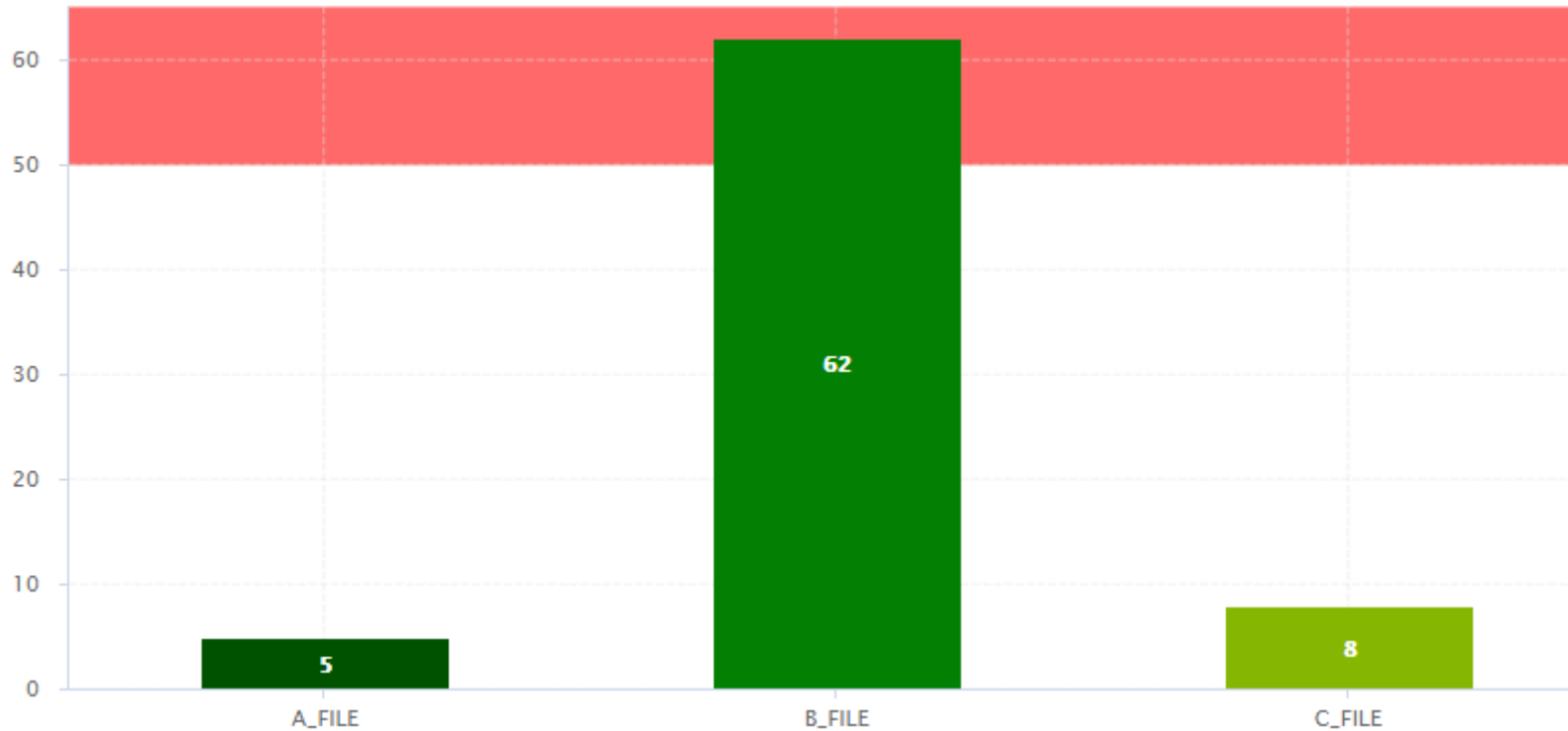
File size distribution in a project, using markers to draw zones corresponding to a scale gauging files by size

```

<chart type="Histogram" id="MARKERS_EXAMPLE" targetArtefactTypes="FILE"
nbBars="10">
  <measure color="WHITE">LC</measure>
  <markers>
    <marker fromIndicator="LC" alpha="150" isVertical="true" />
  </markers>
</chart>

```

Simpler markers can be drawn as vertical or horizontal lines, as shown below:



The evolution of an indicator within the levels of its associated scale, using markers to represent the different scale levels

```
<chart type="OptimizedBar" id="MARKERS_VERTICAL_EXAMPLE" asPercentage="false">
  <measure color="0,81,0">A_FILE</measure>
  <measure color="3,127,3">B_FILE</measure>
  <measure color="133,182,2">C_FILE</measure>
  <markers>
    <marker value="50" endValue="100" color="RED" alpha="150" isVertical="false" />
  </markers>
</chart>
```

There are five ways to include markers on a chart:

- By using a scale ID to apply colouring to the entire background for all available scale levels. See the `fromScale` attribute below.
- By using an indicator ID to apply colouring to the entire background for all available scale levels associated to the indicator. See the `fromIndicator` attribute below.
- By specifying a metric to display its goal for each milestone in the project. See the `fromMilestonesGoal` attribute below.
- By requesting to display a marker for the dates of all milestones in the project. See the `fromMilestones` attribute below.
- By manually specifying the start and end values on the axes, and the colour of the marker you want. See the `value`, `endValue` and `color` attributes below.

The `marker` element has the following attributes:

- **fromScale** (optional, not compatible with `value/endValue`) sets the scale to use to create a markers for each scale level using the colour defined in the scale's properties.

- **fromIndicator (optional)** sets the indicator to use to retrieve a scale and create a markers for each scale level using the colour defined in the scale's properties.
- **fromMilestonesGoal (optional)** draws markers for all of a metric's goals in the project. You can find an example in Section 7.7.4, "Milestone-Based Markers".
- **fromMilestones (optional)** draws markers for all milestone dates in the project. You can find an example in Section 7.7.4, "Milestone-Based Markers".
- **value (optional, default: -infinity, cannot be combined with fromIndicator , fromScale ,fromMilestonesGoal , or fromMilestones)** sets the position on the axis to start drawing the marker from. You can specify an exact value, a percentage, or a computation for this parameter.
- **endValue (optional, default: infinity, cannot be combined with fromIndicator , fromScale ,fromMilestonesGoal , or fromMilestones)** sets the position on the axis to stop drawing the marker. You can specify an exact value, a percentage, or a computation for this parameter.
- **isInterval (optional, default: true, cannot be combined with fromIndicator or fromScale)** allows defining whether a marker covers an interval (true) or is simply a line on the chart (false). When set to false, endValue is ignored, and the following extra parameters are available:
 - **stroke (optional, default: SOLID)** defines the appearance of the line. The supported values are:
 - **SOLID**
 - **DOTTED**
 - **strokeWidth (optional, default: 1.0)** defines the width of the line.
- **color (optional, default: GREY, not compatible with fromIndicator or fromScale)** is the colour code used to fill the marker region. [colour syntax]
- **alpha (optional, default: 50)** sets the opacity level (0 is transparent, 255 is fully opaque).
- **isVertical (optional, default: false)** specifies if the marker should be vertical (true) or horizontal (false).
- **label (optional, default: none)** allows specifying a label for the marker.
- **labelColor (optional, default: BLACK)** allows specifying the color of the label text. [colour syntax]
- **labelFontSize (optional, default: 9)** defines the size of the label text.
- **labelFontStyle (optional, default: PLAIN)** defines the style of the label text. Supported values are:
 - **PLAIN**
 - **BOLD**
 - **ITALIC**
 - **BOLD_ITALIC**
- **labelAnchor (optional, default: TOP_RIGHT if vertical, TOP_LEFT if horizontal)** defines the position of the label relative to the marker. The possible values are:
 - **BOTTOM**
 - **BOTTOM_LEFT**
 - **BOTTOM_RIGHT**
 - **CENTER**
 - **LEFT**
 - **RIGHT**
 - **TOP**
 - **TOP_LEFT**
 - **TOP_RIGHT**
- **labelTextAnchor (optional, default: TOP_LEFT if vertical, BOTTOM_LEFT if horizontal)** defines the position of the text relative to the label. The possible values are:

- **BASELINE_CENTER**
- **BASELINE_LEFT**
- **BASELINE_RIGHT**
- **BOTTOM_CENTER**
- **BOTTOM_LEFT**
- **BOTTOM_RIGHT**
- **CENTER**
- **CENTER_LEFT**
- **CENTER_RIGHT**
- **HALF_ASCENT_CENTER**
- **HALF_ASCENT_LEFT**
- **HALF_ASCENT_RIGHT**
- **TOP_CENTER**
- **TOP_LEFT**
- **TOP_RIGHT**

7.6. Parameters for Temporal Charts

7.6.1. Time Axis Configuration

When working with charts that support displaying a timeline (usually a Temporal Evolution Chart with an attribute `byTime` set to `true`), the x-axis can be customised to display the level of details that suits you best. The following attributes can be used:

- **timeInterval** (optional, default: **MILLISECOND**) displays only the last value available for the time period selected. This allows you to display a result trend for the past year where only the last of every month is drawn on the chart (`onlyLast="12" timeInterval="MONTH"`). The values allowed for this attribute are `MILLISECOND`, `SECOND`, `MINUTE`, `HOURL`, `AM_PM`, `DAY`, `WEEK`, `WEEK_SUNDAY`, `WEEK_MONDAY`, `SEMI_MONTH`, `MONTH`, `QUARTER` and `YEAR`. Note that for Temporal Evolution Chart with a `BAR` renderer, this setting defines the width of the bar.
- **timeIntervalAggregationType** (new in 17.0) (optional, default: **AVG**) defines how the values obtained for all versions within an interval are aggregated. The allowed aggregation types are:
 - **MIN**
 - **MAX**
 - **OCC**
 - **AVG**
 - **DEV**
 - **SUM**
 - **MED**
 - **MOD**

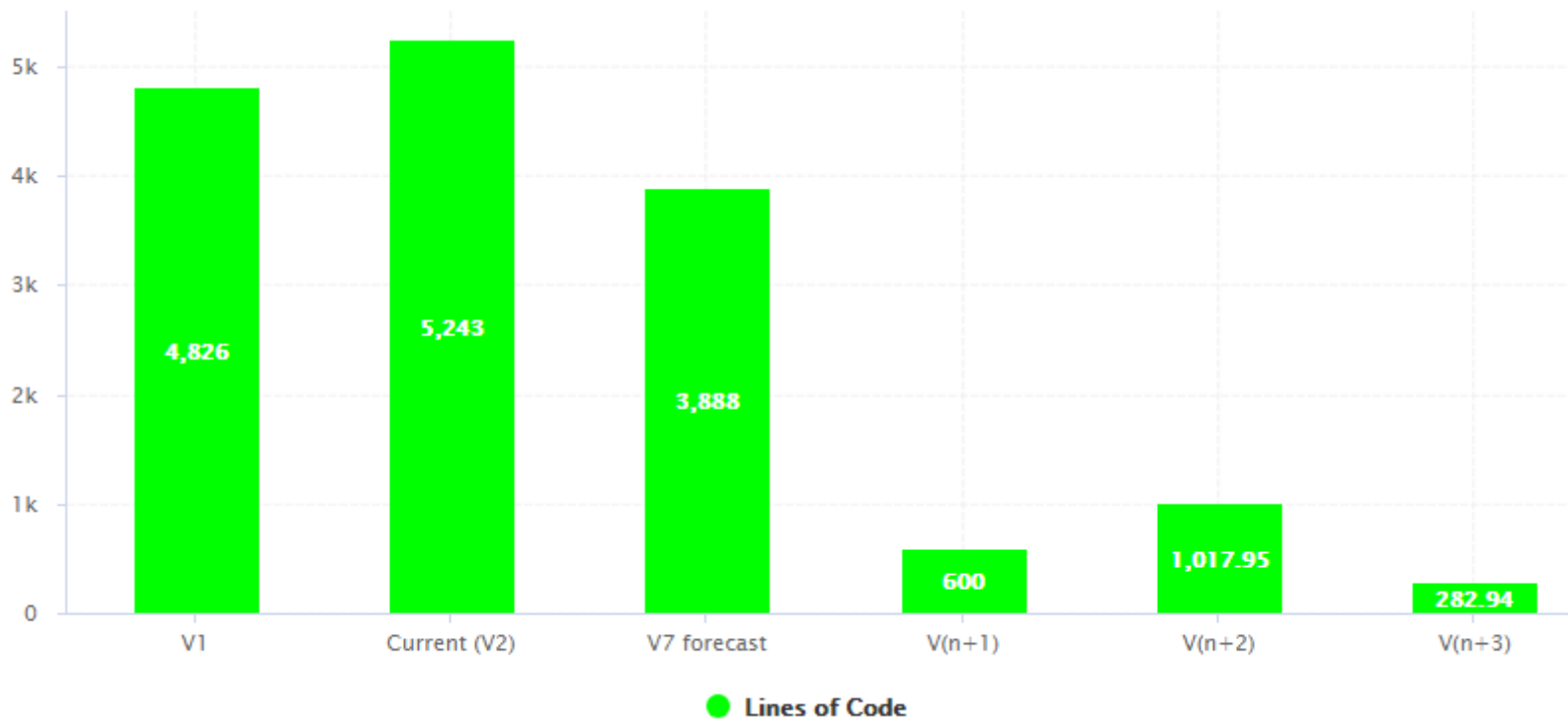
Tip

By default, the date used for each version is the actual date of when the analysis was run. However, you can override this date and specify the real date of an analysis in the UI using the **Version Date**

field, or via the command line using the **versionDate** parameter. Refer to the Command Line Interface and the Online Help for more details.

7.6.2. Displaying Planned Versions

You can display future or past versions on a chart using the `forecast` element on a measure, as shown below.



Planned (future) versions on a Temporal Evolution Chart

```
<chart type="TemporalEvolution" renderer="BAR" id="TE_BAR_FORECAST">
<measure color="GREEN" label="Lines of Code">LC
  <forecast>
    <version value="SLOC" timeValue="DATE(2016,06,30)" label="V7 forecast" />
    <version value="600" timeValue="DATE(2016,07,31)" />
    <estimatedVersion timeValue="DATE(2016,08,31)" />
    <estimatedVersion timeValue="DATE(2016,09,30)" />
  </forecast>
</measure>
</chart>
```

The forecast points on the chart can be:

- Hard-coded values at a specific past or future date using `version`
- Dynamically computed values at a specific date in the future using `estimatedVersion`

The `forecast` element accepts the following attributes:

- **degree (optional, default: 1)** sets the degree of the polynomial extrapolation used to compute estimated values at a specific date. Supported values are:

- **1** for linear
- **2** for quadratic
- **3** for cubic
- **minNb (optional, default: 2)** sets the minimum number of past values to take into account to estimate future values
- **maxNb (optional, default: 5)** sets the maximum number of past values to take into account to estimate future values

When using `forecast` with dynamically estimated future values, use the `estimatedVersion` element with the following attributes:

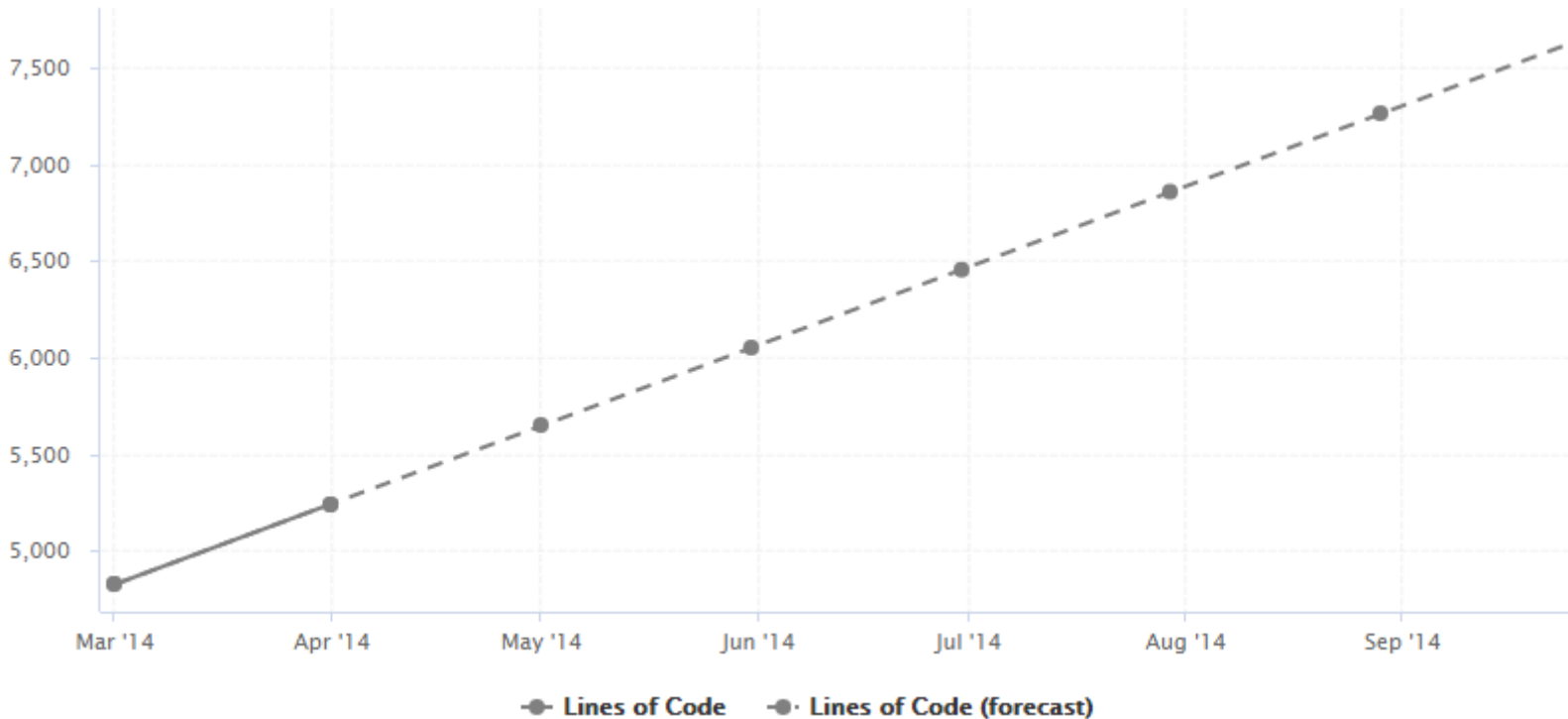
- **timeValue (mandatory)** is a computation valid for the current artefact type that is used to position the version on a time axis. The result has to be a number of milliseconds since January 1st 1970.
- **label (optional, default: V(n+x))** is the label used to represent the version on the chart.

When using `forecast` with hard coded values for, use the `version` element with the following attributes:

- **value (mandatory)** is a computation valid for the current artefact type (same limitation as for `displayOnlyIf`).
- **timeValue (mandatory)** is a computation valid for the current artefact type that is used to position the version on a time axis. The result has to be a number of milliseconds since January 1st 1970.
- **label (optional, default: V(n+x))** is the label used to represent the version on the chart.

Tip

Displaying estimates for dynamically for the next 6 months is more efficient with chart where values are plotted according to when they were created on a time axis (see Section 7.6.1, “Time Axis Configuration”) and can be done as shown in the following example:



A rolling 6-month projection chart

```

<chart type="TE" byTime="true" id="FORECAST_ROLLING_EXAMPLE">
  <measure label="Lines of Code" color="GRAY">LC</measure>
  <measure stroke="DOTTED" label="Lines of Code (forecast)" color="GRAY">LC
  <forecast>
    <estimatedVersion timeValue="CURRENT_VERSION_DATE+DAYS(30)" />
    <estimatedVersion timeValue="CURRENT_VERSION_DATE+DAYS(60)" />
    <estimatedVersion timeValue="CURRENT_VERSION_DATE+DAYS(90)" />
    <estimatedVersion timeValue="CURRENT_VERSION_DATE+DAYS(120)" />
    <estimatedVersion timeValue="CURRENT_VERSION_DATE+DAYS(150)" />
    <estimatedVersion timeValue="CURRENT_VERSION_DATE+DAYS(180)" />
  </forecast>
</measure>
</chart>
    
```

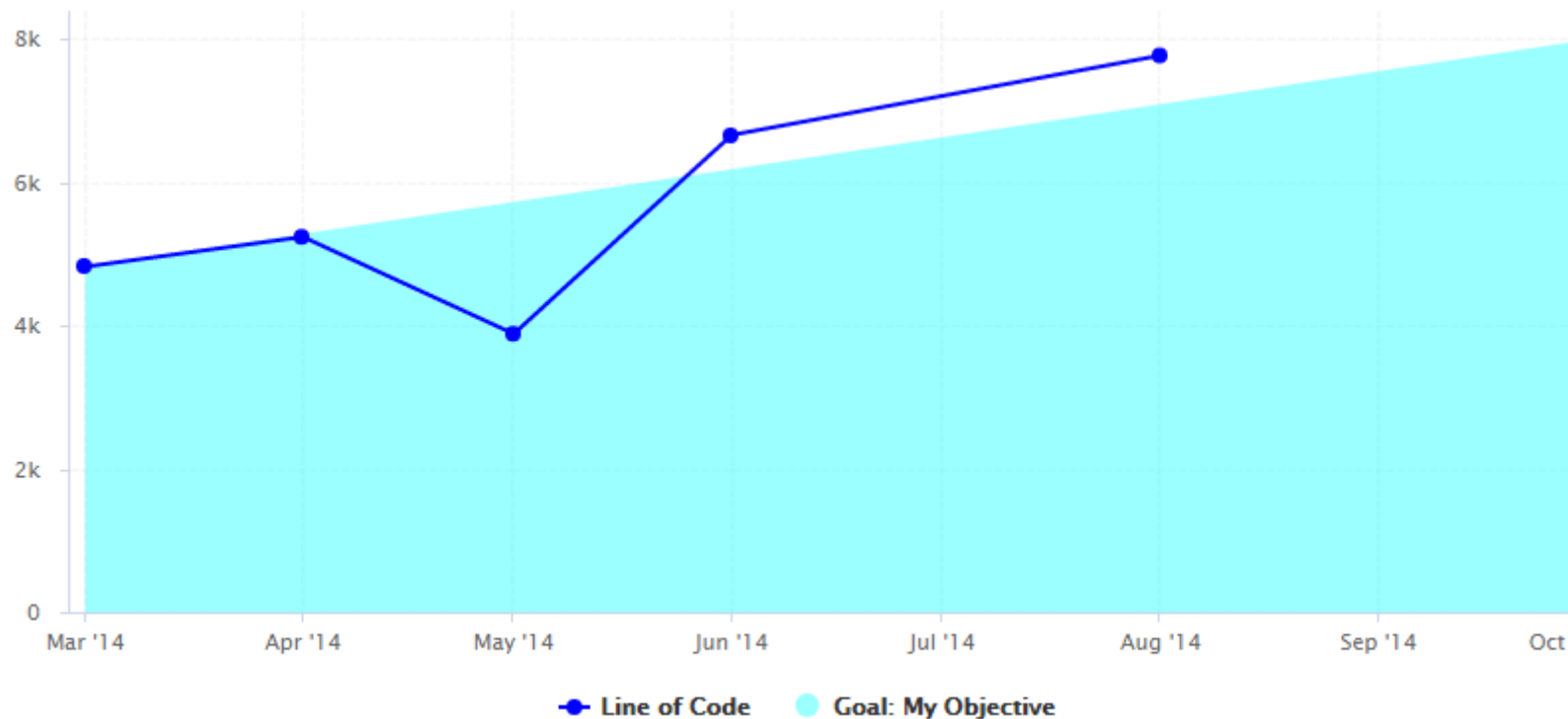
CURRENT_VERSION_DATE is a metric defined in the analysis model as follows:

```

<Measure measureId="CURRENT_VERSION_DATE" defaultValue="-1">
  <Computation targetArtefactTypes="PACKAGES;FILE"
  result="VERSION_DATE()" />
</Measure>
    
```

7.6.3. Working with Goals

On a Temporal Evolution Chart, you can render goals graphically by defining a starting point, an end date and a value you want to reach. This is done using the `goal` element on your chart, and replaces the deprecated Temporal Evolution Line With Goal and Temporal Evolution Bar With Goal charts.



A Temporal Evolution Chart with an area that represents the goal for the metric LC

```

<chart type="TE" id="GOAL_EXAMPLE" byTime="true">
  <dataset renderer="AREA">
    <goal color="CYAN" alpha="100" label="My Objective">
      <forecast>
        <firstMeasureVersion id="LC" />
        <version value="8000" timeValue="DATE(2014,10,01)" />
      </forecast>
    </goal>
  </dataset>
  <dataset renderer="LINE">
    <measure color="BLUE" label="Line of Code">LC
      <forecast>
        <version value="SLOC" timeValue="DATE(2014,05,01)" label="V3" />
        <version value="6666" timeValue="DATE(2014,06,01)" />
        <version value="3333+4444" timeValue="DATE(2014,08,01)" />
      </forecast>
    </measure>
  </dataset>
</chart>
    
```

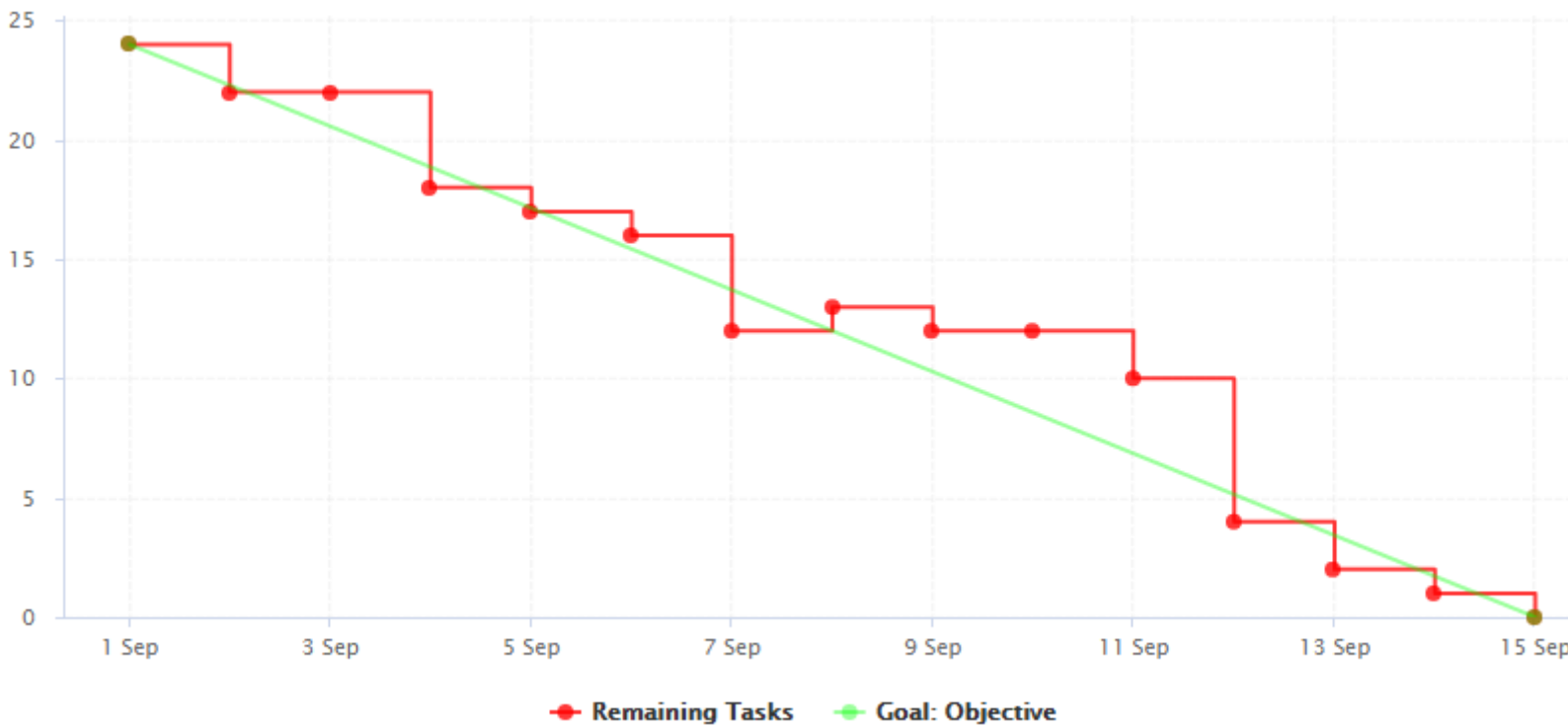
In the example above, the first dataset (rendered as an AREA) is used for the goal, while the second (rendered as a LINE) is used for the display of the LC metric.

The goal element supports the color , label and alpha attributes as they are described in Section 7.2, “Common Attributes for measure and indicator ”. It accepts a child forecast element with one or more traditional version elements (as described in Section 7.6.2, “Displaying Planned Versions”), as well as an optional firstMeasureVersion attribute that will define the starting point to draw the goal. In the example above, the goal is rendered the first time that the metric LC has a value and is drawn using the

value of this metric at this point in time. The goal to reach is hard-coded to 8000 on October 1st 2014, but you could use any metrics from you model to generate dynamic values.

Tip

Using goals, you can easily draw burn down charts for you agile projects.



A burn down chart of remaining tasks in a sprint

```

<chart type="TE" id="BURN_DOWN_CHART" byTime="TRUE" timeInterval="DAY">
  <dataset renderer="STEP">
    <measure color="RED" alpha="200" label="Remaining Tasks">NUM_TASKS</measure>
  </dataset>
  <dataset renderer="LINE">
    <goal color="GREEN" alpha="100" label="Objective">
      <forecast>
        <firstMeasureVersion id="NUM_TASKS" />
        <version value="0" timeValue="SPRINT_START + DAYS(C.SPRINT_LENGTH)" />
      </forecast>
    </goal>
  </dataset>
</chart>
    
```

In this example, we start drawing the diagonal when NUM_TASKS first has a value for the project, and set the objective to reach zero by dynamically computing the end of the sprint based on the sprint start date and a constant that defines the sprint length.

7.7. Displaying Data From Milestones

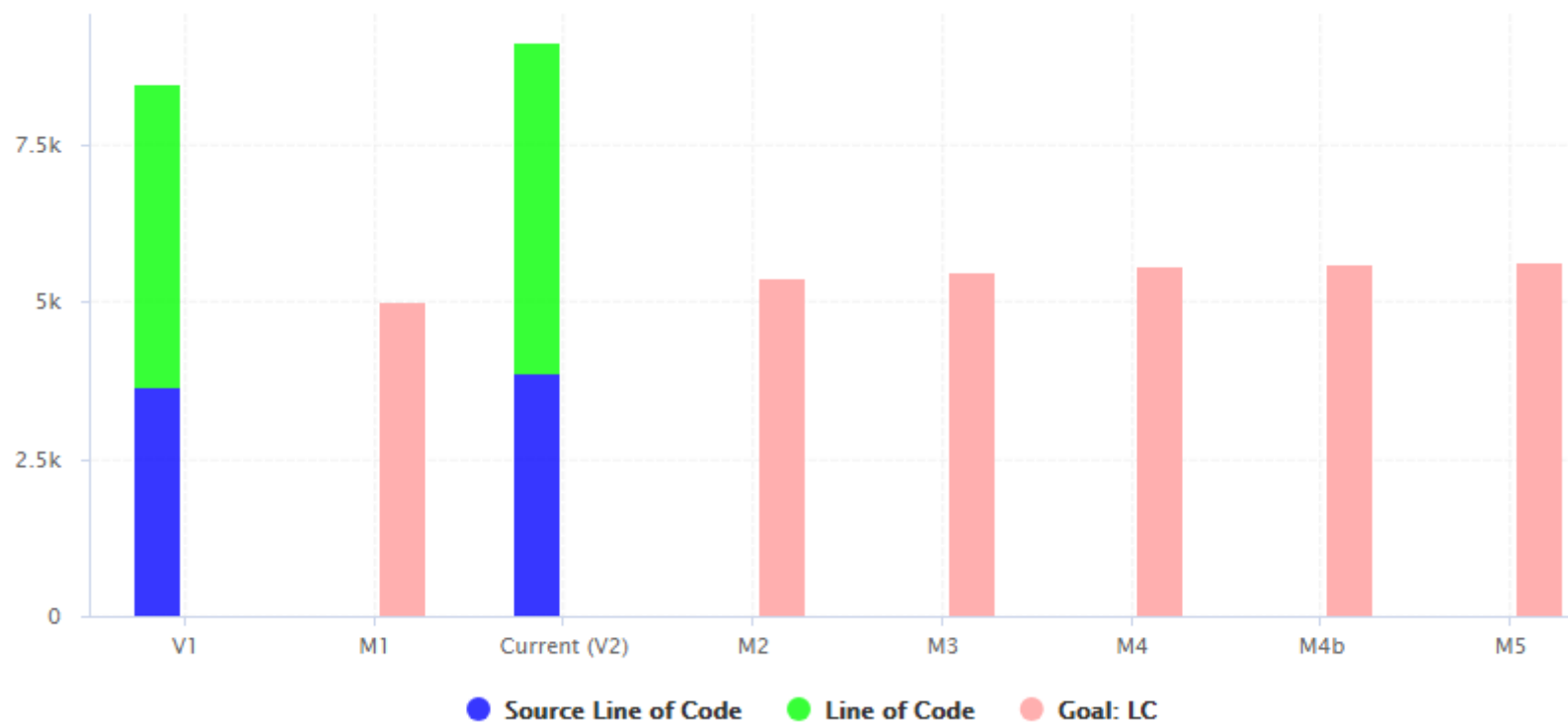
This section defines how you can integrate information about your project milestones into your charts. When you define milestones in your project (i.e. a series of goals for specific metrics at certain dates in the life of your project), you will be able to:

- Display the goals defined for each milestone in your project
- Display the changes made to the goals defined for each milestone
- Display the date changes for your milestones
- Show markers for milestone dates and goals

For more information about adding milestone management to your project, consult Section 8.7, “Project Milestones”.

7.7.1. Displaying Goals

If your project uses milestones, you can use the `goal` element to display all the expected values for a metric for each milestone in the project. In this case, you simply use the name of the metric whose goals you want to display:



Temporal Evolution Chart displaying the goals for the metric LC for all milestones of the project

```
<chart type="TemporalEvolution" id="DISPLAYING_GOALS_EXAMPLE"
  timeInterval="WEEK">
  <dataset renderer="STACKEDBAR">
    <measure color="BLUE" alpha="200" label="Source Line of Code">SLOC</measure>
    <measure color="GREEN" alpha="200" label="Line of Code">LC</measure>
  </dataset>
```



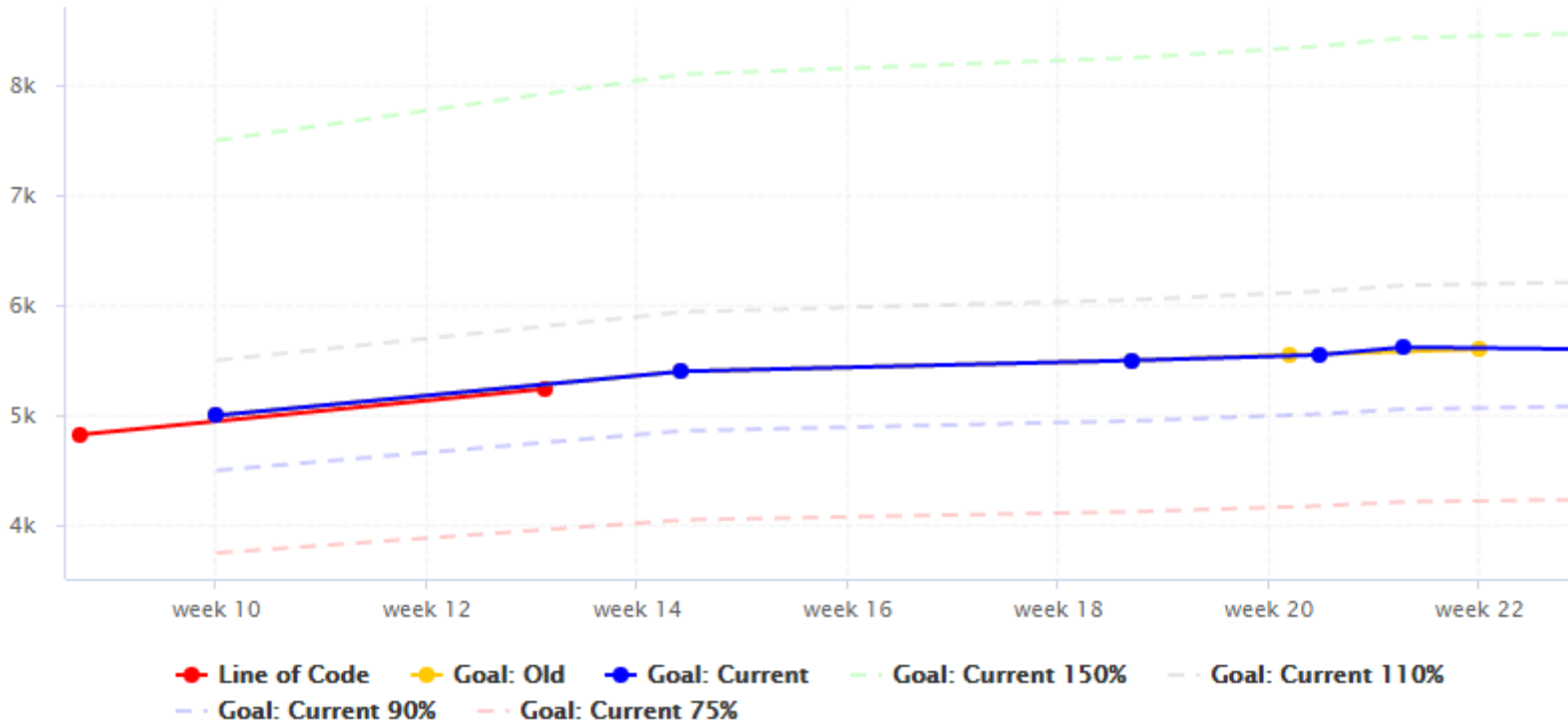
```

<dataset renderer="BAR">
  <goal color="PINK">LC</goal>
</dataset>
</chart>

```

In the example above, compare the blue bars with the red bars to compare actual analyses (V1, V2) against the goals for each milestone in the project (M1, M2, M3, M4, M4b and M5) for the metric LC.

You can also request the goals as they were at a certain date with the `versionDate` attribute and assign a `weight` to the goal, allowing you to draw other lines based on a goal:



Temporal Evolution Chart displaying goals with various `versionDate` and `weight`

```

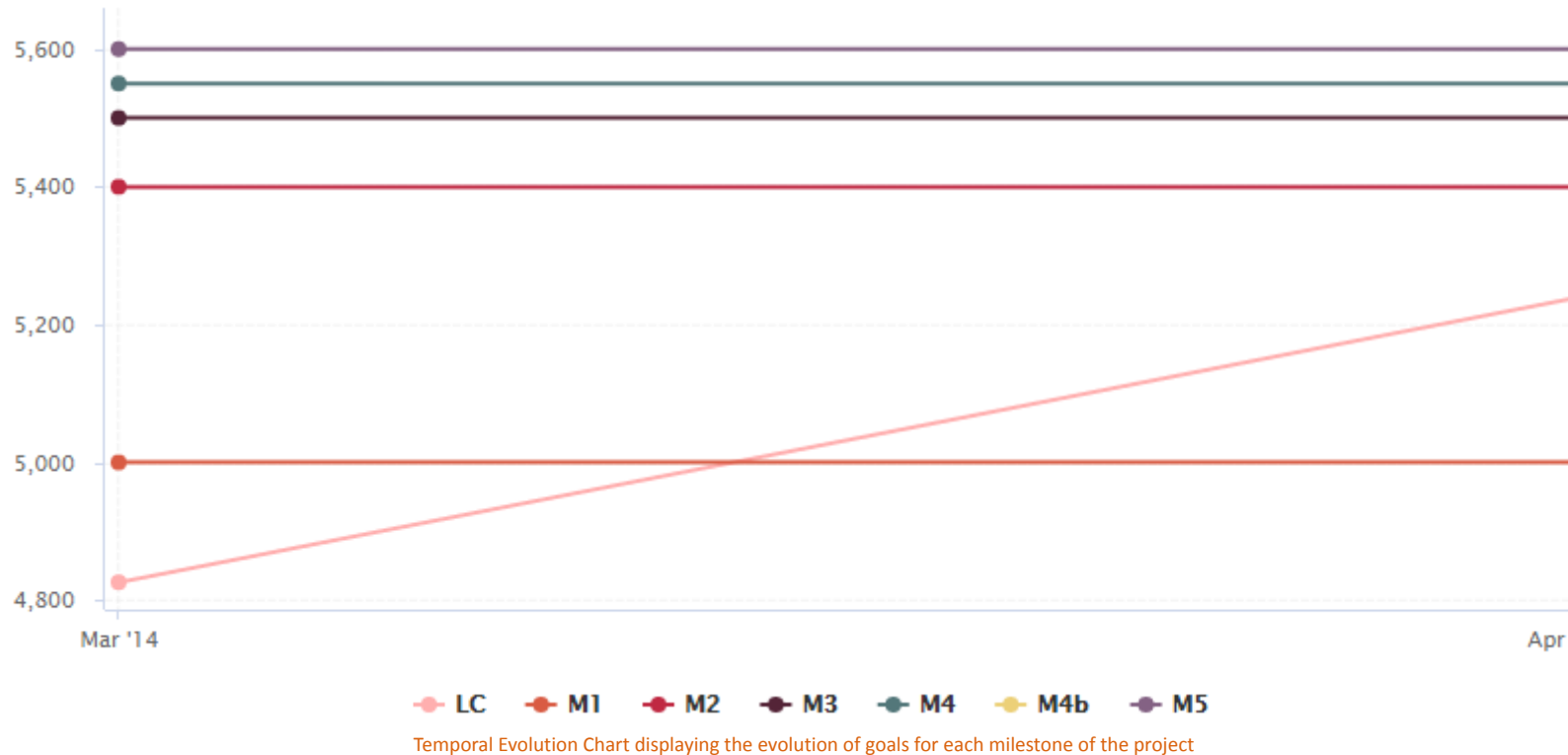
<chart type="TE" id="DISPLAYING_GOALS_ADVANCED_EXAMPLE" byTime="true">
  <dataset renderer="LINE">
    <measure color="RED" label="Line of Code">LC</measure>
    <goal color="ORANGE" versionDate="DATE(2014,03,01)" label="Old">LC</goal>
    <goal color="BLUE" versionDate="DATE(2014,05,01)" label="Current">LC</goal>
    <goal color="GREEN" shape="NONE" stroke="DOTTED" alpha="50" weight="1.5"
    label="Current 150%">LC</goal>
    <goal color="GRAY" shape="NONE" stroke="DOTTED" alpha="50" weight="1.1"
    label="Current 110%">LC</goal>
    <goal color="BLUE" shape="NONE" stroke="DOTTED" alpha="50" weight=".9"
    label="Current 90%">LC</goal>
    <goal color="RED" shape="NONE" stroke="DOTTED" alpha="50" weight=".75"
    label="Current 75%">LC</goal>
  </dataset>
</chart>

```

In the chart above, you notice how the last 3 milestones have slipped and understand that the goals have been revised with higher expectations by observing the yellow and blue solid lines. The dotted lines can be used as guides to give you an idea of where 75%, 90%, 110% or 150% of your goal lies on the chart.

7.7.2. Displaying Goal History

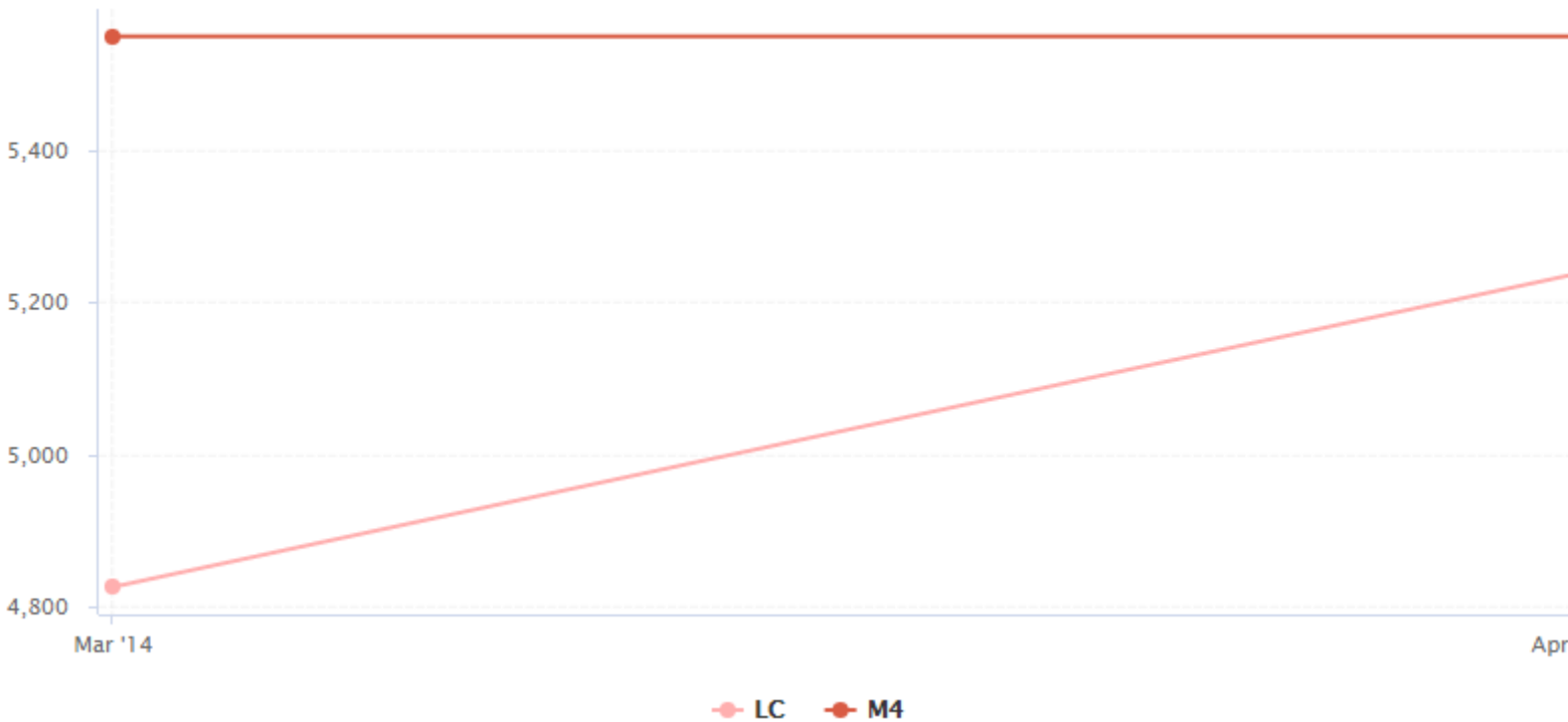
You can use the `goalHistory` element in a chart if you want to track the changes made to your goals. This is useful in a post mortem when you review deviations from your original goals.



```
<chart type="TE" id="GOAL_HISTORY_EXAMPLE" byTime="true">
  <goalHistory>LC</goalHistory>
  <measure color="PINK">LC</measure>
</chart>
```

The chart in the example above follows the LC metric and also displays the goals for the metric for each milestone in the project. By the second analysis, you can see that the goals for M4 and M5 have been revised, and that a new milestone called M4b has been introduced.

An optional `milestone` attribute allows displaying information about one milestone instead of all milestones, as shown below:



Temporal Evolution Chart displaying the evolution of the goal the M4 milestone

```
<chart type="TE" id="GOAL_HISTORY_SINGLE_EXAMPLE" byTime="true">
  <goalHistory milestone="M4">LC</goalHistory>
  <measure color="PINK">LC</measure>
</chart>
```

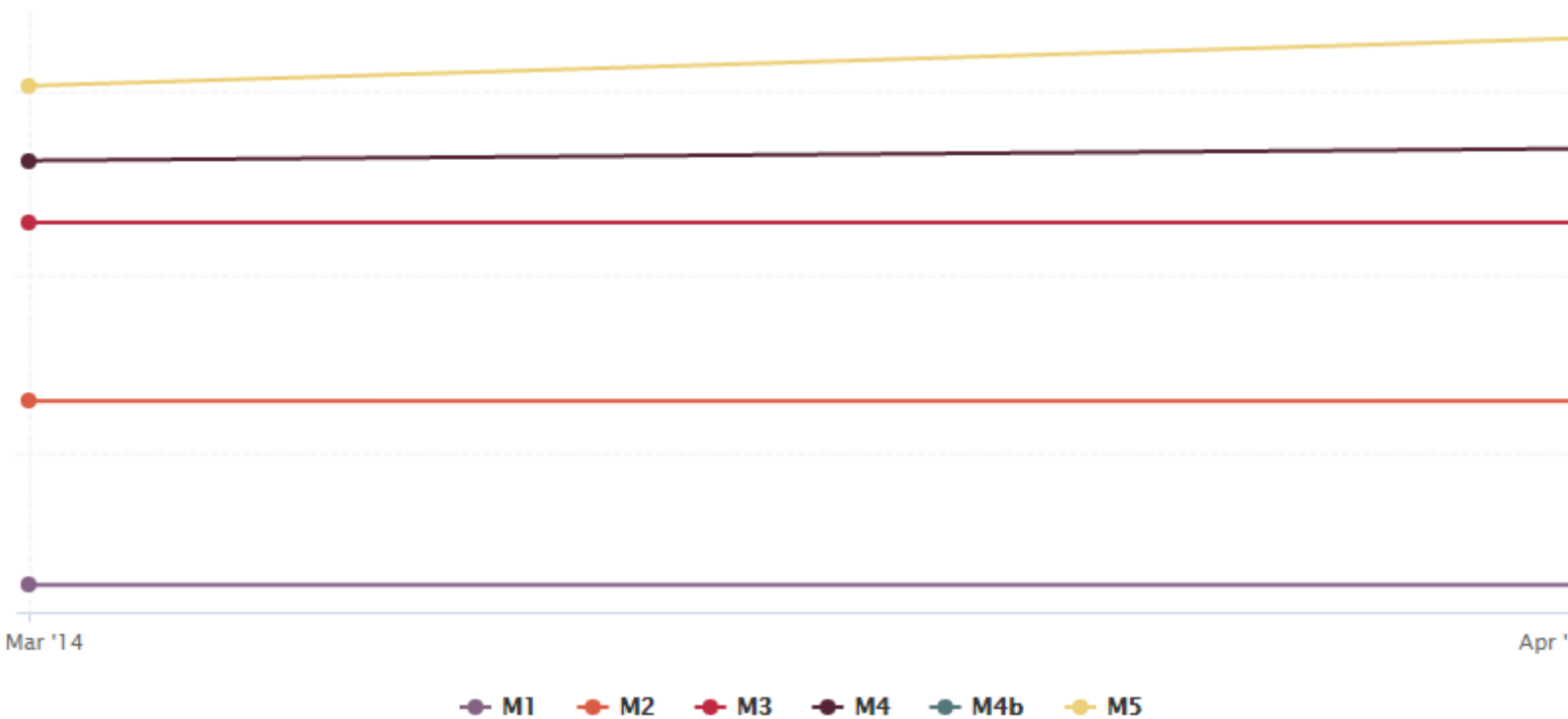
Tip

You can use keywords instead of using a milestone ID. You can retrieve information about the next, previous, first or last milestones in the project by using:

- **NEXT**
- **NEXT+STEP** where STEP is a number indicating how many milestones to jump ahead
- **PREVIOUS**
- **PREVIOUS-STEP** where STEP is a number indicating how many milestones to jump backward
- **FIRST**
- **LAST**

7.7.3. Displaying Milestone Date Changes

You can use the `milestoneHistory` element in a chart if you want to track the date changes made to your milestones.



Temporal Evolution Chart displaying changes in milestone dates for the project

```

<chart type="TE" id="MILESTONES_HISTORY_EXAMPLE" byTime="true">
  <dataset renderer="LINE" rangeAxisId="HIDDEN">
    <milestoneHistory />
  </dataset>
  <rangeAxis id="HIDDEN" visible="false" />
</chart>
  
```

The chart in the example above shows the addition of a new M4b milestone and date changes for milestones M4 and M5 in the project, by the time of the second analysis.

An optional `milestone` attribute allows displaying information about one milestone instead of all milestones, as shown below:



Temporal Evolution Chart displaying the date slip for the M4 milestone

```
<chart type="TE" id="MILESTONES_HISTORY_SINGLE_EXAMPLE" byTime="true">
  <milestoneHistory milestone="M4" />
  <measure color="MAGENTA">LC</measure>
</chart>
```

Tip

You can use keywords instead of using a milestone ID. You can retrieve information about the next, previous, first or last milestones in the project by using:

- **NEXT**
- **NEXT+STEP** where STEP is a number indicating how many milestones to jump ahead
- **PREVIOUS**
- **PREVIOUS-STEP** where STEP is a number indicating how many milestones to jump backward
- **FIRST**
- **LAST**

7.7.4. Milestone-Based Markers

You can use markers based on your milestones in your charts. The type of information you can display is:

- Horizontal markers based on the value of the current goal for a specific metric with **fromMilestonesGoal**

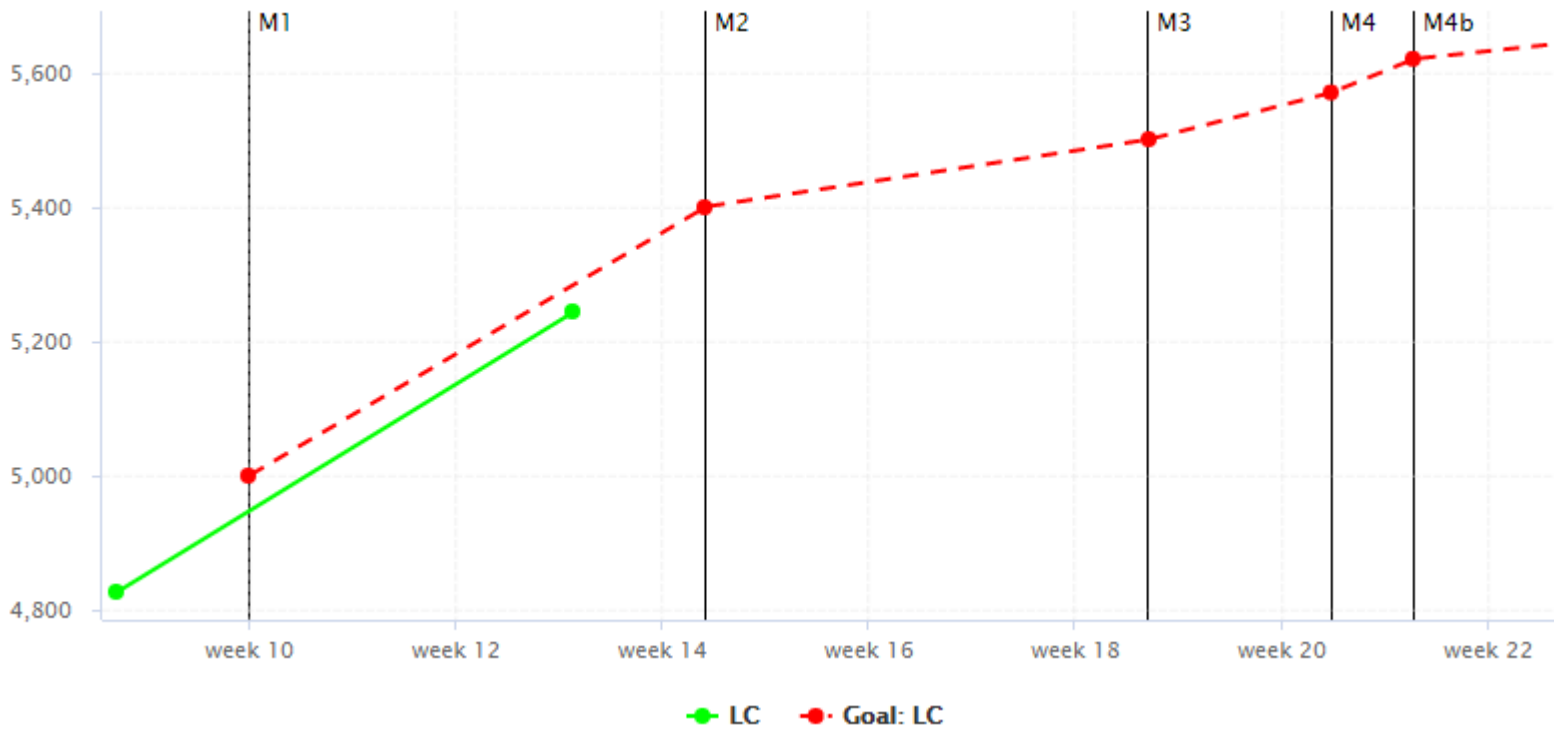


Temporal Evolution Chart displaying markers for the goals for the metric LC for each milestone

```

<chart type="TE" id="MILESTONES_MARKERS_EXAMPLE" byTime="true">
  <goal color="RED" stroke="DOTTED">LC</goal>
  <measure color="GREEN">LC</measure>
  <markers>
    <marker fromMilestonesGoal="LC" alpha="150" isVertical="false" />
  </markers>
</chart>
    
```

→ Vertical markers based on the dates of milestones in the project with **fromMilestones**



Temporal Evolution Chart displaying markers for the dates of all milestones in the project

```
<chart type="TE" id="MILESTONES_MARKERS_VERTICAL_EXAMPLE" byTime="true">
  <goal color="RED" stroke="DOTTED">LC</goal>
  <measure color="GREEN">LC</measure>
  <markers>
    <marker fromMilestones="true" alpha="150" isVertical="true" />
  </markers>
</chart>
```

For more information about markers, consult Section 7.5, “Using Markers”. Note that in both cases, the marker labels are automatically set to the milestone names.

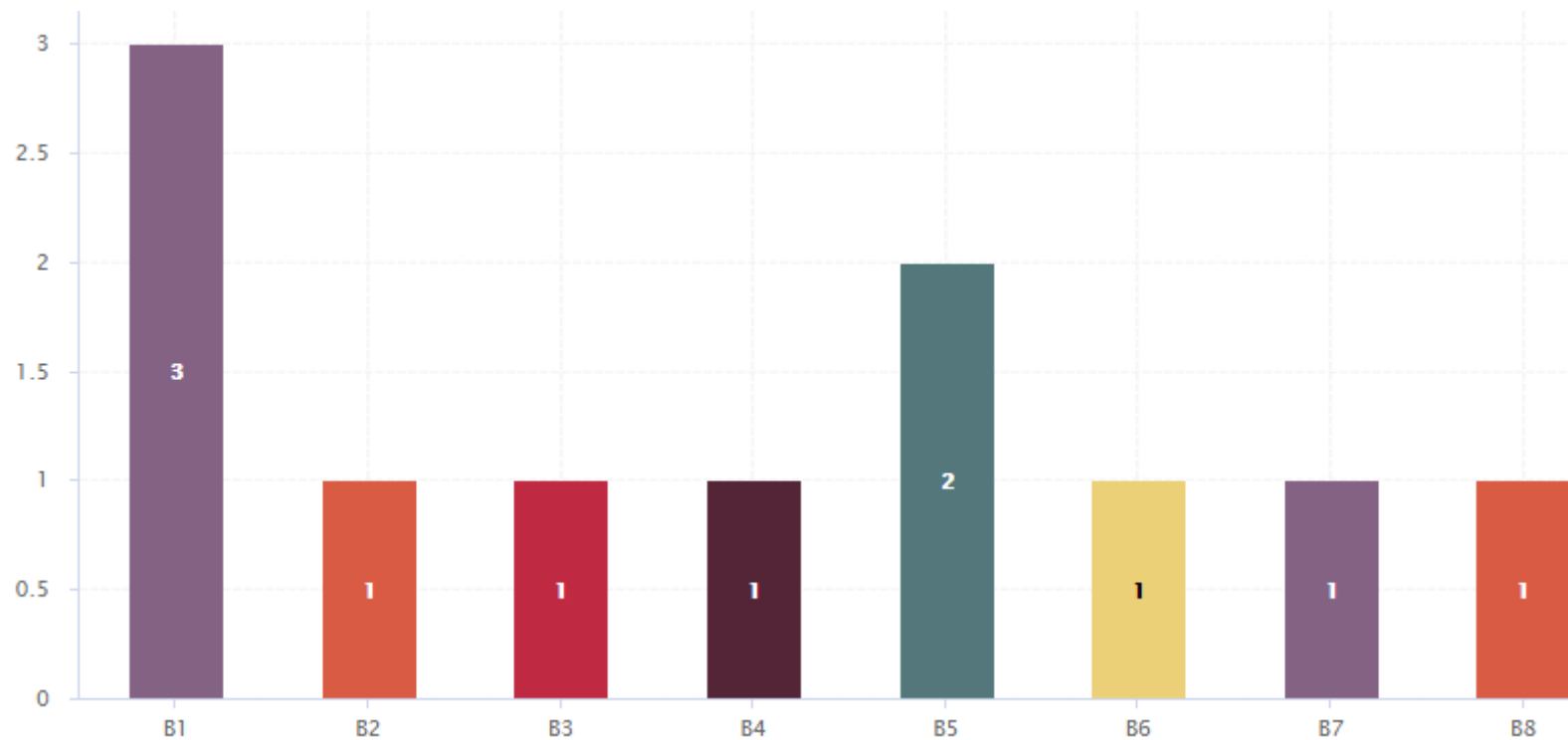
7.8. Using Textual Information From Artefacts

Some charts (Simple Pie and Simple Bar) support dynamically grouping target artefacts according to textual information in a measure. In order to use this information, you do not use an `indicator` or `measure` element but an `info` element with the measure holding the text information.

You can hide or exclude unwanted textual information from charts with:

- **excludeInfos (optional, default: empty)** to completely ignore information. The specified strings will not be shown on the chart and will not be included in any calculations on the chart.
- **hideInfos (optional, default: empty)** to hide information on the chart but make it appear in the legend so users can manually click to activate it.

Here is a sample definition for a Simple Bar chart where each bar is labelled according to the textual information held in the `ASSIGNEE` metric.



A Simple Bar chart using the CODE_TYPE textual information from CODE artefacts.

```
<chart type="SimpleBar" id="INFO_EXAMPLE" targetArtefactTypes="CODE">
  <info hideInfos="UNKNOWN;UNSURE;N/A" excludeInfos="INVALID_DATA">CODE_TYPE</info>
</chart>
```

You can also display textual information in tables, using the following syntax for example:

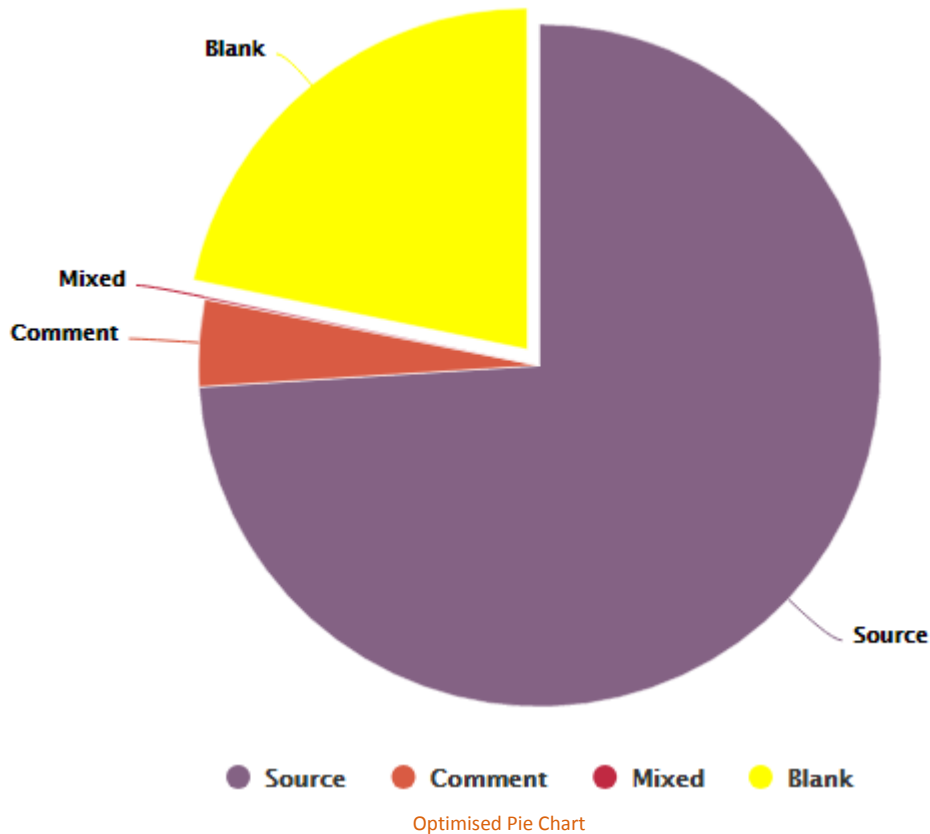
```
<table id="INFO_TABLE_EXAMPLE">
  <line indicatorId="CODE_TYPE" displayType="TEXT" />
</table>
```

For more information about tables, consult the section called “Scorecard Tables” or Section 6.2, “Analysis Model Dashboards”.

7.9. Charts for Single-Version Data Visualisation

7.9.1. Optimised Pie Chart

The Optimised Pie chart is a pie chart that takes several measure as input. It simply displays a pie chart with the values previously computed.



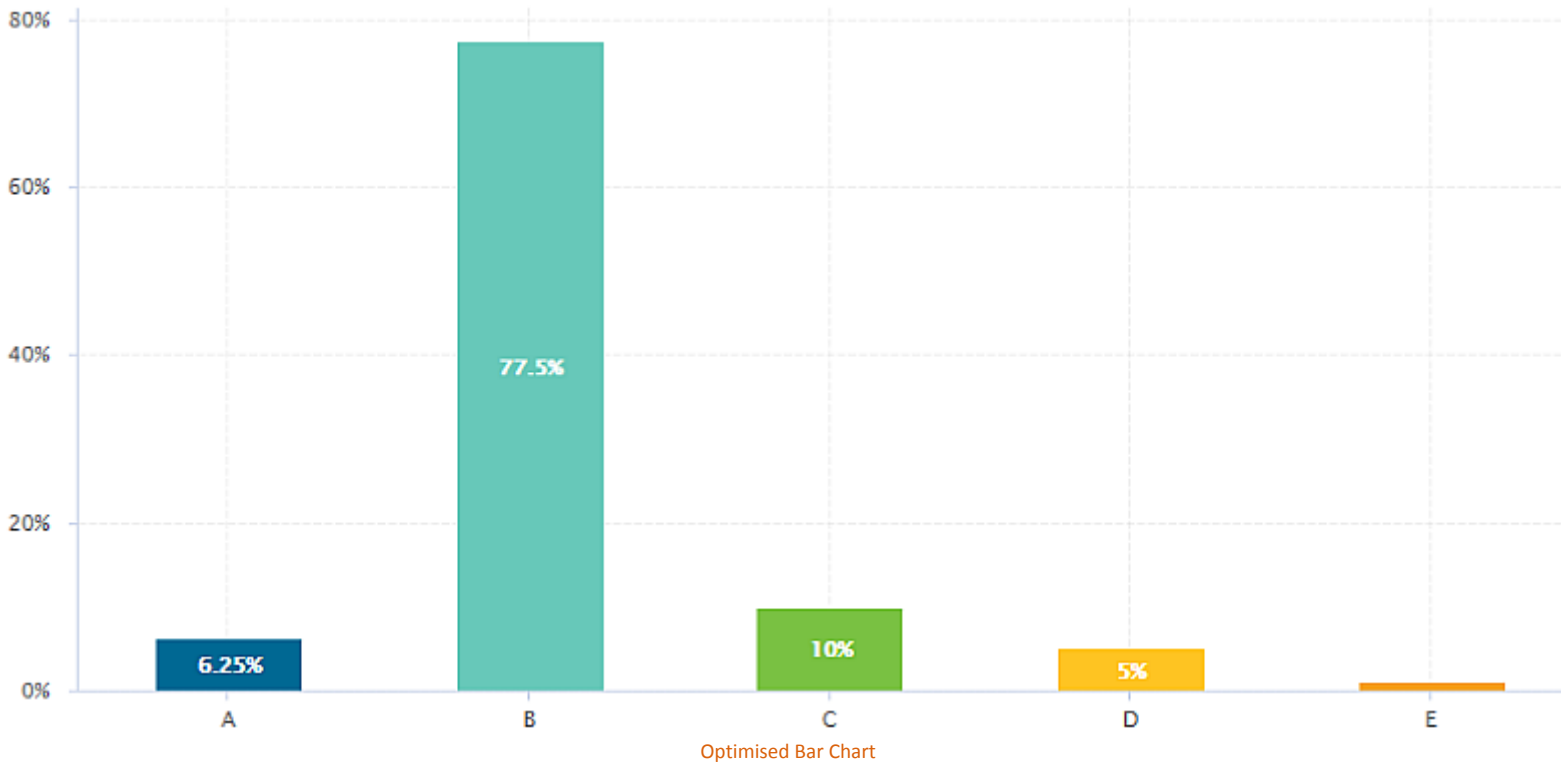
```
<chart type="OPTIMIZEDPIE" id="OPTIMIZED_PIE_EXAMPLE" decimals="2">
  <measure label="Source">SLOC_ONLY</measure>
  <measure label="Comment">CLOC_ONLY</measure>
  <measure label="Mixed">MLOC</measure>
  <measure color="YELLOW" label="Blank">BLAN</measure>
</chart>
```

The Optimised Pie requires a minimum of two `measure` elements and supports the following attributes:

- **decimals (optional, default: 0)** is the number of decimals places to be used for displaying values
- **displayEmptyValue (optional, default: false)** specifies whether categories with no value or a value of 0 are included on the chart

7.9.2. Optimised Bar Chart

The Optimised Bar chart is a bar chart that takes several `measure` as input. It simply displays a bar chart with the values previously computed.



```
<chart type="OPTIMIZEDBAR" id="OPTIMIZED_BAR_EXAMPLE" asPercentage="true">
  <measure color="#006893" label="A">A_FILE</measure>
  <measure color="#67C8B9" label="B">B_FILE</measure>
  <measure color="#79C142" label="C">C_FILE</measure>
  <measure color="#FEC422" label="D">D_FILE</measure>
  <measure color="#F6A01B" label="E">E_FILE</measure>
  <measure color="#F48026" label="F">F_FILE</measure>
  <measure color="#F25B21" label="G">G_FILE</measure>
</chart>
```

The Optimised Bar requires a minimum of two `measure` elements and supports the following attributes:

- **decimals** (optional, default: 0) is the number of decimals places to be used for displaying values
- **displayEmptyValue** (optional, default: false) specifies whether categories with no value or a value of 0 are included on the chart
- **asPercentage** (optional, default: false) specifies whether the values are displayed as real values or percentages

7.9.3. Key Performance Indicator

The Key Performance Indicator chart is used to display the rating of the root indicator for artefact.



Key Performance Indicator

```
<chart type="KPI" id="KPI_EXAMPLE" indicatorId="ROOT" />
```

The chart accepts the following attributes:

→ **indicatorId** is the reference to an Indicator. See Section 2.5.2, “Descriptions” for more information about the `indicatorId`.

You can configure the image displayed by Key Performance Indicator chart by defining an image per scale level in your model:

```
<SQUORE_HOME>/configuration/models/shared/Analysis/SQuORE_PerformanceLevels_en.properties:
LOP.LEVELA.IMAGE=../Shared/Images/images/perfA.png
LOP.LEVELB.IMAGE=../Shared/Images/images/perfB.png
LOP.LEVELC.IMAGE=../Shared/Images/images/perfC.png
LOP.LEVELD.IMAGE=../Shared/Images/images/perfD.png
LOP.LEVELE.IMAGE=../Shared/Images/images/perfE.png
LOP.LEVELF.IMAGE=../Shared/Images/images/perfF.png
LOP.LEVELG.IMAGE=../Shared/Images/images/perfG.png
```

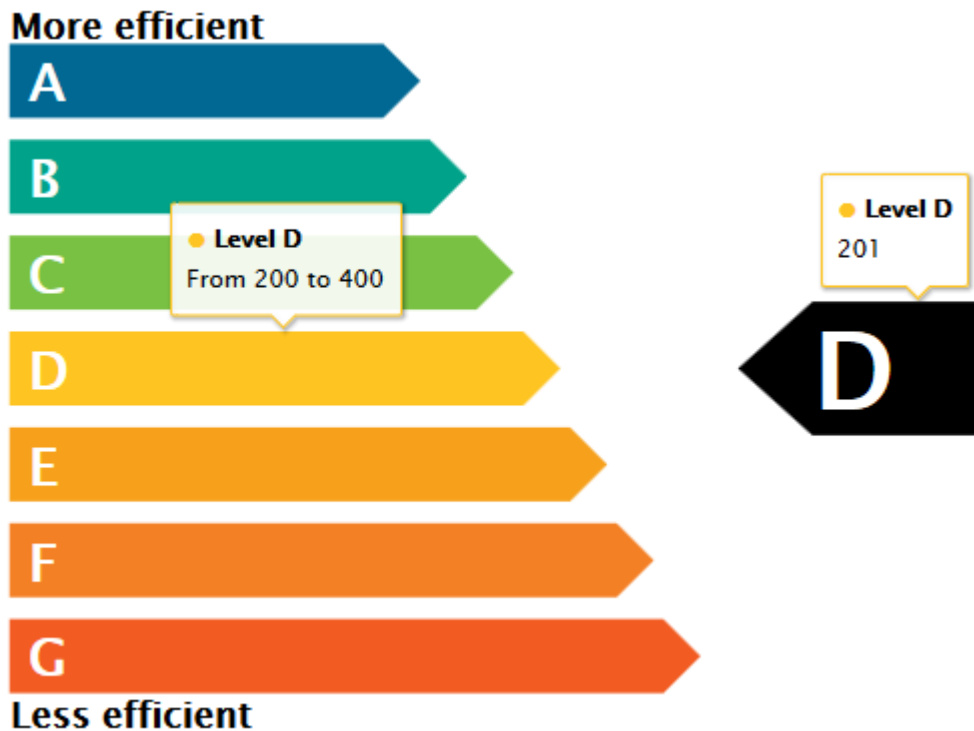
For more information about properties files, consult Section 2.5.2, “Descriptions”.

Tip

The Indicator Chart (new in 17.0) now offers a more dynamic way to display a KPI without the need to create images for every level on a scale. You can find out more about this chart in Indicator Chart.

7.9.4. Indicator Chart

The Indicator Chart (new in 17.0) displays the rating of the current artefact for a specific indicator.



Indicator Chart with tooltips showing information about the scale for the indicator (left) and the actual rating of the artefact (right)

```
<chart type="INDICATOR"
  id="INDICATOR_EXAMPLE"
  topText="More efficient"
  bottomText="Less efficient">
<indicator excludeLevels="UNKNOWN">ROOT</indicator>
</chart>
```

The chart takes exactly one `indicator` element and accepts the following attributes:

- **topText** (optional, default Value: **More efficient**) is the text to display at the top of the scale on the chart.
- **bottomText** (optional, default Value: **Less efficient**) is the text to display at the bottom of the scale of the chart.

The colours and level names displayed on the by Indicator Chart are taken from the configuration of the scale levels for your indicator in your model:

```
<SQUORE_HOME>/configuration/models/shared/Analysis/
SQuORE_PerformanceLevels_en.properties:
LOP.LEVELA.MNEMO=A
LOP.LEVELA.NAME=Level A
LOP.LEVELA.COLOR=#006893

LOP.LEVELB.MNEMO=B
LOP.LEVELB.NAME=Level B
LOP.LEVELB.COLOR=#00a38a
...
```

For more information about properties files, consult Section 2.5.2, “Descriptions”.

7.9.5. Dial Chart

The Dial chart represents the value of the measure associated to an indicator against a backdrop of the scale associated to this indicator. The Dial chart requires one `indicator` as a sub-element.



Dial Chart

```
<chart type="DIAL" id="DIAL_EXAMPLE">
  <indicator>ROOT</indicator>
</chart>
```

The `Dial chart` element may have the following attributes:

- **decimals (optional)** is the number of decimal places used to display the data.
- **majorTickIncrement (optional)** is the increment between two major ticks on the dial.

The `majorTickIncrement` and `minorTickCount` parameters only need to be used if you want to completely control the appearance of the chart. Generally, they can be omitted, as the defaults should be smart enough to show what you need.

Tip

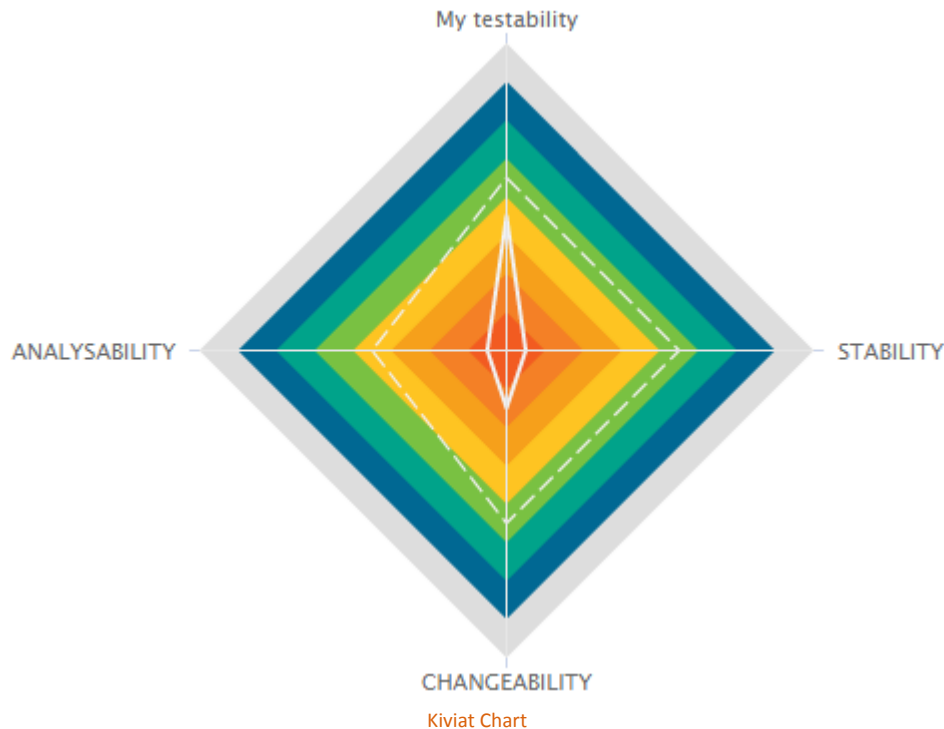
You can control the bounds of the axis of this chart using the `datBounds` attributes on each metric, as explained in Section 7.2, “Common Attributes for `measure` and `indicator`”.

The `indicator` element supports excluding certain levels from the chart by using the `excludeLevels` attribute. For example:

```
<indicator excludeLevels="LEVELA;LEVELB">LEVEL</indicator>
```

7.9.6. Kiviatic Chart

The Kiviatic chart displays three or more indicators in a radar-type chart.



The Kiviatic chart takes a set of at least three indicators as sub-elements.

```
<chart type="KIVIATIC" id="KIVIATIC_EXAMPLE" isInverted="true">
  <indicator label="My testability" objective="LEVELC">TESTABILITY</indicator>
  <indicator objective="LEVELC">STABILITY</indicator>
  <indicator objective="LEVELC">CHANGEABILITY</indicator>
  <indicator objective="LEVELD">ANALYSABILITY</indicator>
</chart>
```

The attributes allowed for the `chart` element are the following:

- **isInverted (optional, default: true)** when set to true, places the highest rank (usually the worst mark) at the centre of the Kiviatic instead of on the outside.

Note

The `indicator` element accepts a specific, optional `objective` attribute that draws a dotted line at the specified level representing the objective line.

The `objective` attribute accepts:

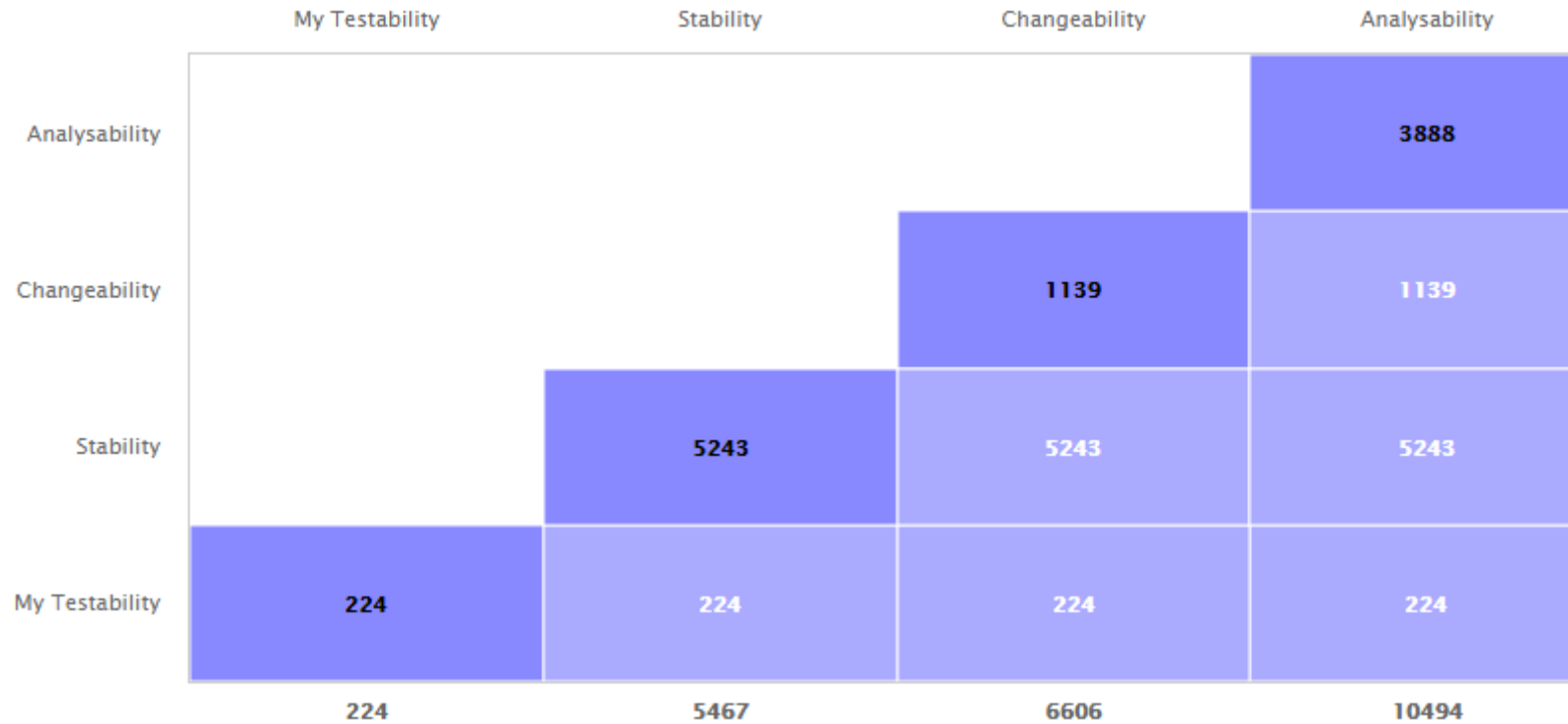
- A scale level (`LEVELA`)
- An indicator ID (`TESTABILITY`). In this case, both indicators must use the same scale.

→ A computation (LC+100). The computed value is then used together with the scale of the indicator to define the level to display.

Note that only a scale level is accepted for Kiviati charts at analysis model level.

7.9.7. SQALE Pyramid Chart

This chart represents the SQALE Pyramid, representing a minimum of two different measures or indicators as a matrix.

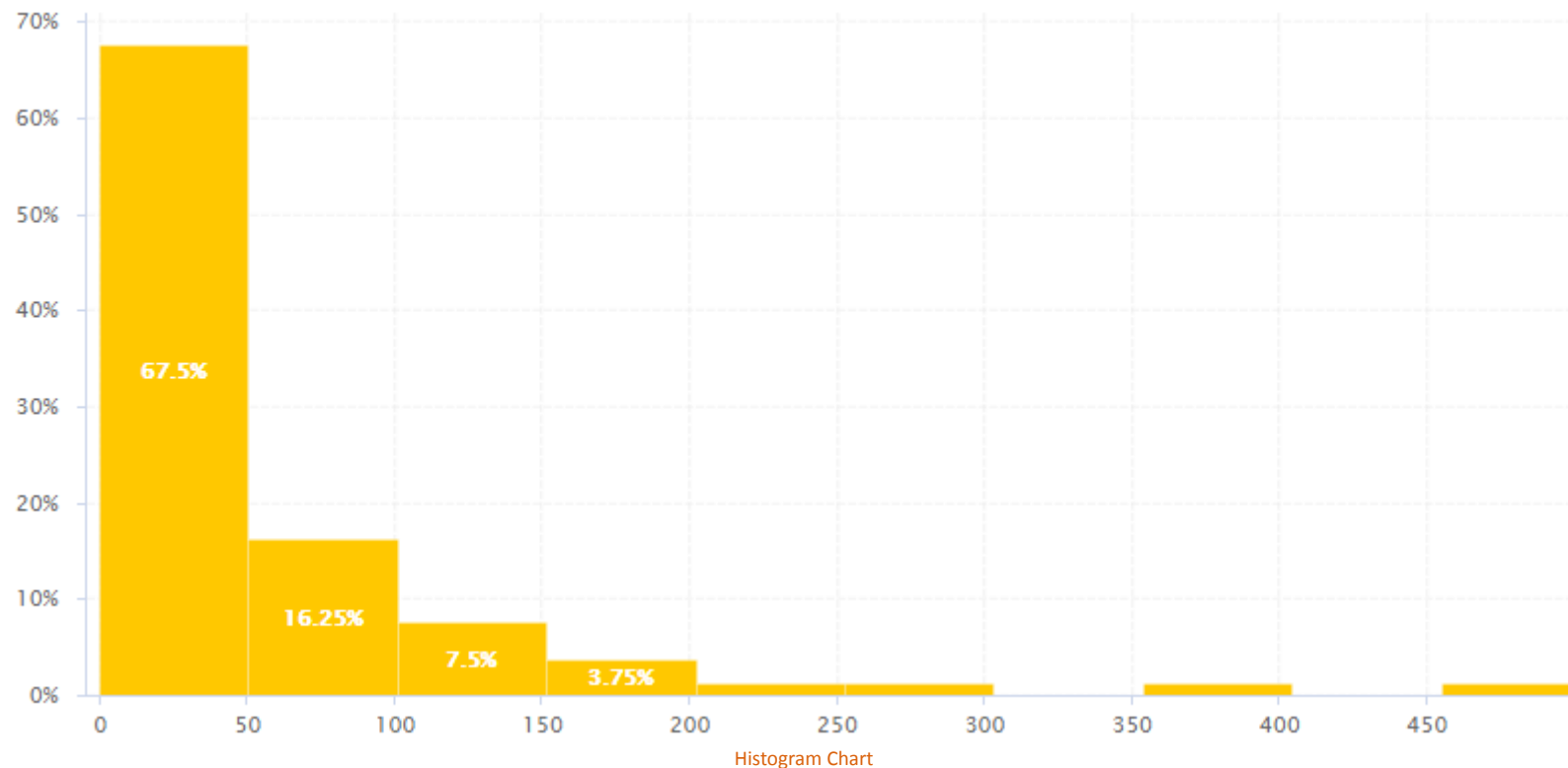


SQALE Pyramid Chart

```
<chart type="SQALEPYRAMID" id="SQALEPYRAMID_EXAMPLE">
<measure label="My Testability">CLOC</measure>
<measure label="Stability">LC</measure>
<measure label="Changeability">BLAN</measure>
<measure label="Analysability">SLOC</measure>
</chart>
```

7.9.8. Histogram Chart

A typical Histogram that shows the repartition of a value for the children of the selected artefact It requires one measure element.



```
<chart type="HISTOGRAM" id="HISTOGRAM_EXAMPLE" targetArtefactTypes="FILE"
  nbBars="10">
  <measure color="ORANGE">LC</measure>
</chart>
```

The `chart` element may have the following attributes:

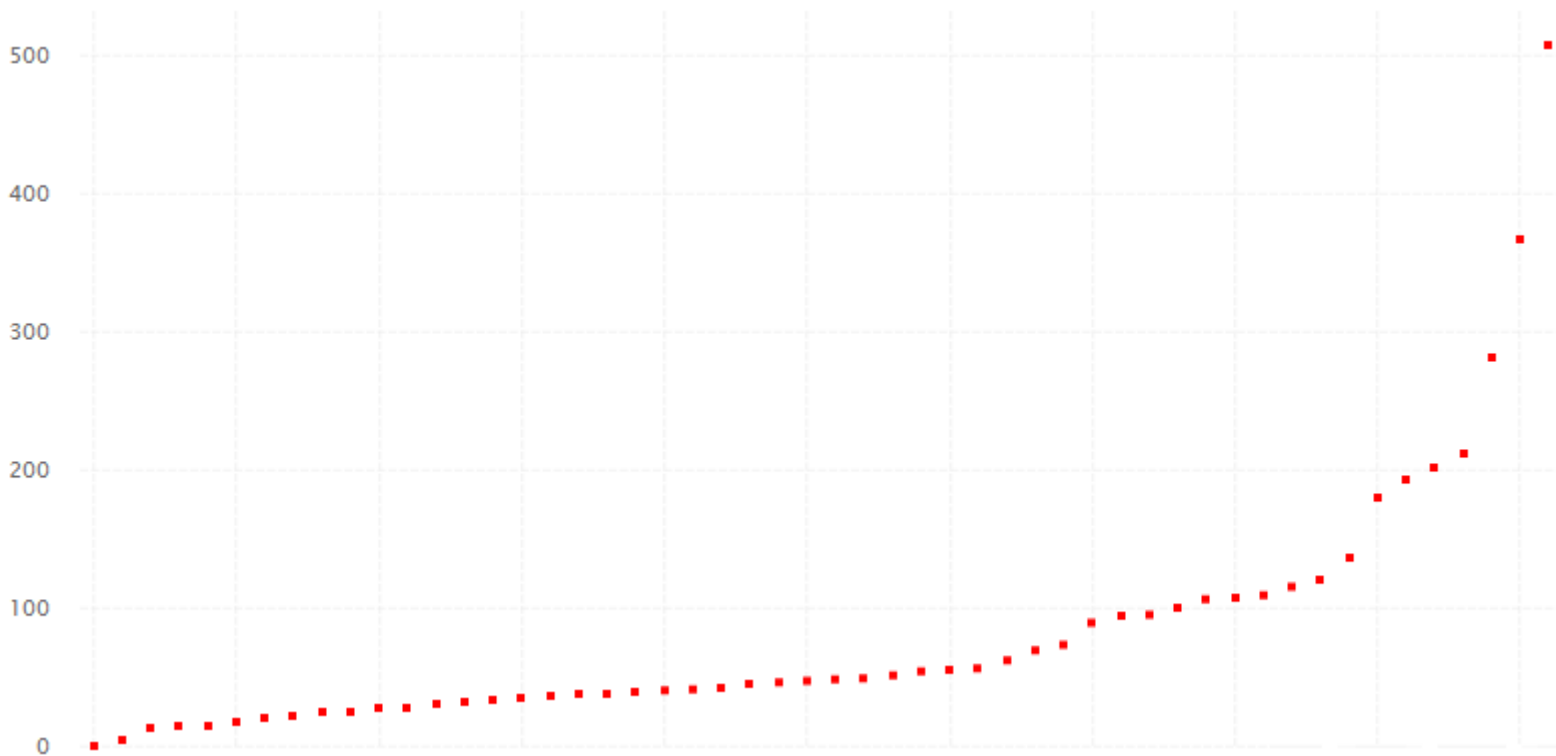
- **targetArtefactTypes** allows to filter descendants according to their type. You can use one or more types. Concrete and abstract types are supported, so it is possible to use an alias, as described in Section 3.2, “Artefact Types”. There are some limitations to what is supported:
 1. Measures associated to an indicator must have the same measureId for all types and be of the same kind (base or derived)
 2. For Stacked Bar Chart, Simple Temporal Evolution Stacked Bar Chart, Simple Pie and Simple Bar the scale associated to the indicator must be the same for all types
- **nbBars** sets the number of bars desired in the chart.

Tip

You can control the bounds of the axis of this chart using the `datBounds` attributes on each metric, as explained in Section 7.2, “Common Attributes for measure and indicator”.

7.9.9. Y-Cloud Chart

The Y-Cloud chart is a visual representation of the values of a measure or indicator for the children of the selected artefact. For each child of the requested type, a dot is drawn with the value found for the selected measure. The chart requires one `indicator` element.



Y-Cloud Chart

```
<chart type="YCloud" id="YCLOUD_EXAMPLE" targetArtefactTypes="FILE">
<indicator color="RED">LC</indicator>
</chart>
```

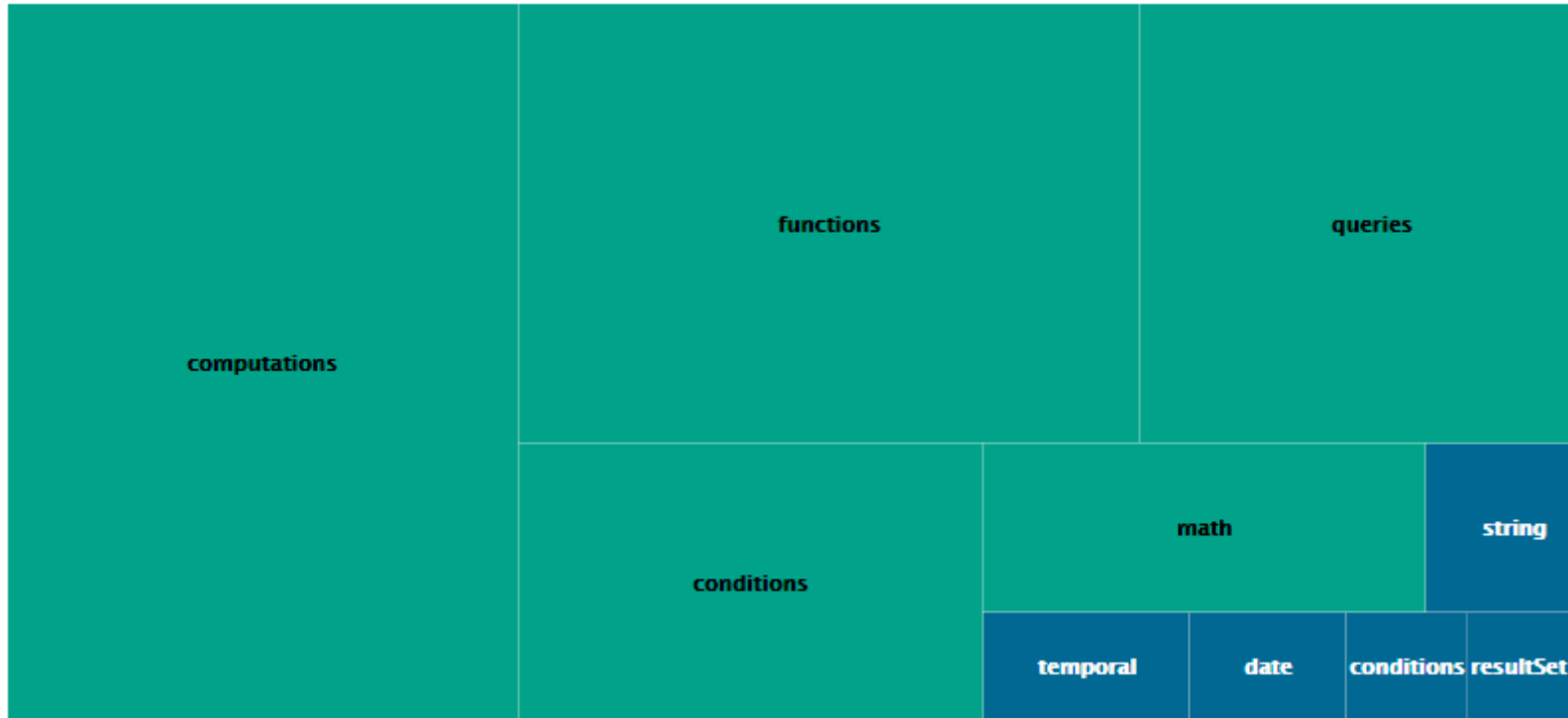
The `chart` element may have the following attributes:

→ **targetArtefactTypes** allows to filter descendants according to their type. You can use one or more types. Concrete and abstract types are supported, so it is possible to use an alias, as described in Section 3.2, “Artefact Types”. There are some limitations to what is supported:

1. Measures associated to an indicator must have the same `measureId` for all types and be of the same kind (base or derived)
2. For Stacked Bar Chart, Simple Temporal Evolution Stacked Bar Chart, Simple Pie and Simple Bar the scale associated to the indicator must be the same for all types

7.9.10. Treemap

The Treemap offers a graphical representation of child artefacts as a set of tiled rectangles. The Treemap requires one `measure` to define the size of the tiles and accepts a `colorFromIndicator` attribute to pick the colors of the tiles. Tiles are generated from largest to smallest, and from top left to bottom right. Clicking a tile takes you to the dashboard of the corresponding artefact.



Treemap

```
<chart type="TREEMAP" id="TREEMAP_EXAMPLE" colorFromIndicator="ROOT"
  onlyDirectChildren="false" targetArtefactTypes="FOLDER">
  <measure>LC</measure>
</chart>
```

This chart also accepts a **filterMeasure** element, which allows refining which artefacts are included on the chart. When drawing a chart, Squore checks if the metric specified is within the defined bounds for the artefact, in order to know if it should be included in or excluded from the chart.

You can use the `filterMeasure` (with a mandatory `dataBounds` attribute) as follows:

```
<chart id="CHART_ID" type="CHART_TYPE">
  <measure>METRIC_A</measure>
  <measure>METRIC_B</measure>
  <filterMeasure dataBounds="[50;100]">METRIC_C</filterMeasure>
</chart>
```

In the example above, the chart will include the artefact only if `METRIC_C` is between 50 and 100.

Note

Filtering artefacts on charts is not possible at model-level.

The `chart` tag accepts the following attributes:

- **targetArtefactTypes** allows to filter descendants according to their type. You can use one or more types. Concrete and abstract types are supported, so it is possible to use an alias, as described in Section 3.2, "Artefact Types". There are some limitations to what is supported:

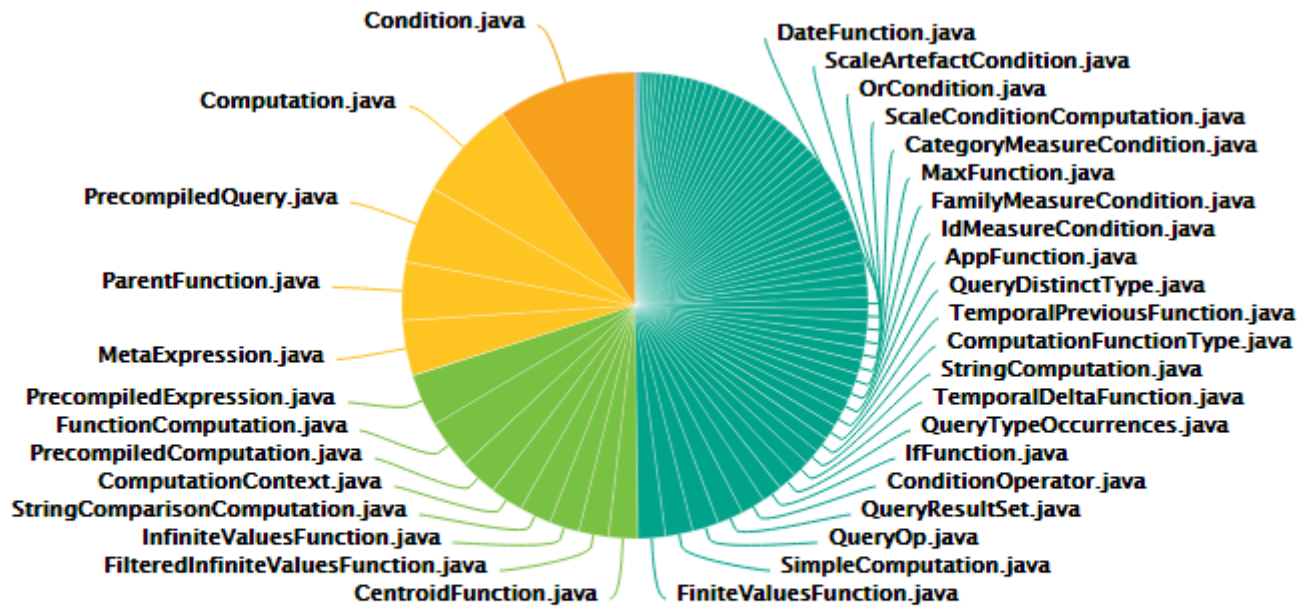
1. Measures associated to an indicator must have the same measureId for all types and be of the same kind (base or derived)
 2. For Stacked Bar Chart, Simple Temporal Evolution Stacked Bar Chart, Simple Pie and Simple Bar the scale associated to the indicator must be the same for be the same for all types
- **linkType (alternative to targetArtefactTypes) (new in 17.0)** allows specifying a link ID to display all artefacts linked to the current artefact on the chart. For more information about links, refer to Section 3.9, "Artefact Links".
 - **onlyDirectChildren (optional, default: true)** includes artefacts that are direct children of the current artefact in the chart when set to true, or all descendants of the current artefact when set to false.
 - **colorFromIndicator (optional, default: none)** uses the specified indicator's colour scale to assign a colour to each item drawn on the chart.
 - **defaultColor (optional, default: RANDOM colour based on artefact name)** uses an indicator's colour scale to assign a colour to each drawn tile. [colour syntax]
 - **artefactsLimit (optional, default: 2000)** allows limiting the number of child artefacts to draw on the treemap.
 - **maxDisplayableLabels (new in 17.0) (optional, default: 250)** allows you to limit the number of tiles that get a label on a treemap. This is only useful if you have large treemaps that cause performance issues.

Tip

This chart can be used at model-level. In this case, the only value allowed for `targetArtefactTypes` is **APPLICATION**. The chart displays the value of the specified metric for the last version of all projects in this model.

7.9.11. Artefact Pie

The Artefact Pie offers a graphical representation of the values of a specific measure for each child artefact in a pie chart. The Artefact Pie requires one `measure` to define the size of the pie slice and accepts a `colorFromIndicator` attribute to pick the colors of the pie slices based on a scale. Clicking a pie slice takes you to the dashboard of the corresponding artefact.



- fichier.ptu ● ExpressionKind.java ● QueryScope.java ● SimpleOperator.java ● QueryOperation.java
- TemporalFunctionType.java ● FalseCondition.java ● NowFunction.java ● TrueCondition.java
- ArtefactNameComputation.java ● TodayFunction.java ● ValueComputation.java ● IsNewArtefactFunction.java

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Artefact Pie

```
<chart type="ARTEFACTPIE"
  id="ARTEFACT_PIE_EXAMPLE"
  colorFromIndicator="ROOT"
  onlyDirectChildren="false"
  targetArtefactTypes="FILE">
  <measure>LC</measure>
</chart>
```

This chart also accepts a **filterMeasure** element, which allows refining which artefacts are included on the chart. When drawing a chart, Squore checks if the metric specified is within the defined bounds for the artefact, in order to know if it should be included in or excluded from the chart.

You can use the **filterMeasure** (with a mandatory **dataBounds** attribute) as follows:

```
<chart id="CHART_ID" type="CHART_TYPE">
  <measure>METRIC_A</measure>
  <measure>METRIC_B</measure>
  <filterMeasure dataBounds="[50;100]">METRIC_C</filterMeasure>
</chart>
```

In the example above, the chart will include the artefact only if **METRIC_C** is between 50 and 100.

Note

Filtering artefacts on charts is not possible at model-level.

The `chart` tag accepts the following attributes:

- **targetArtefactTypes** allows to filter descendants according to their type. You can use one or more types. Concrete and abstract types are supported, so it is possible to use an alias, as described in Section 3.2, “Artefact Types”. There are some limitations to what is supported:
 1. Measures associated to an indicator must have the same measureId for all types and be of the same kind (base or derived)
 2. For Stacked Bar Chart, Simple Temporal Evolution Stacked Bar Chart, Simple Pie and Simple Bar the scale associated to the indicator must be the same for all types
- **onlyDirectChildren (optional, default: true)** includes artefacts that are direct children of the current artefact in the chart when set to true, or all descendants of the current artefact when set to false.
- **colorFromIndicator (optional, default: none)** uses the specified indicator's colour scale to assign a colour to each item drawn on the chart.

Tip

This chart can be used at model-level. In this case, the only value allowed for `targetArtefactTypes` is **APPLICATION**. The chart displays the value of the specified metric for the last version of all projects in this model.

7.9.12. X/Y-Cloud Chart

The X/Y-Cloud chart is a visual representation of the values of two measures or indicators for the children of the selected artefact. For each child of the requested type, a dot is drawn with the value found for the selected measure.



X/Y-Cloud Chart

```
<chart type="CORRELATEDCLOUD"
  id="CORRELATED_CLOUD_EXAMPLE"
  targetArtefactTypes="FILE"
  coeff="1"
  colorFromIndicator="LEVEL">
  <xmeasure>TESTABILITY</xmeasure>
  <ymeasure>STABILITY</ymessage>
</chart>
```

The `chart` element may have the following attributes:

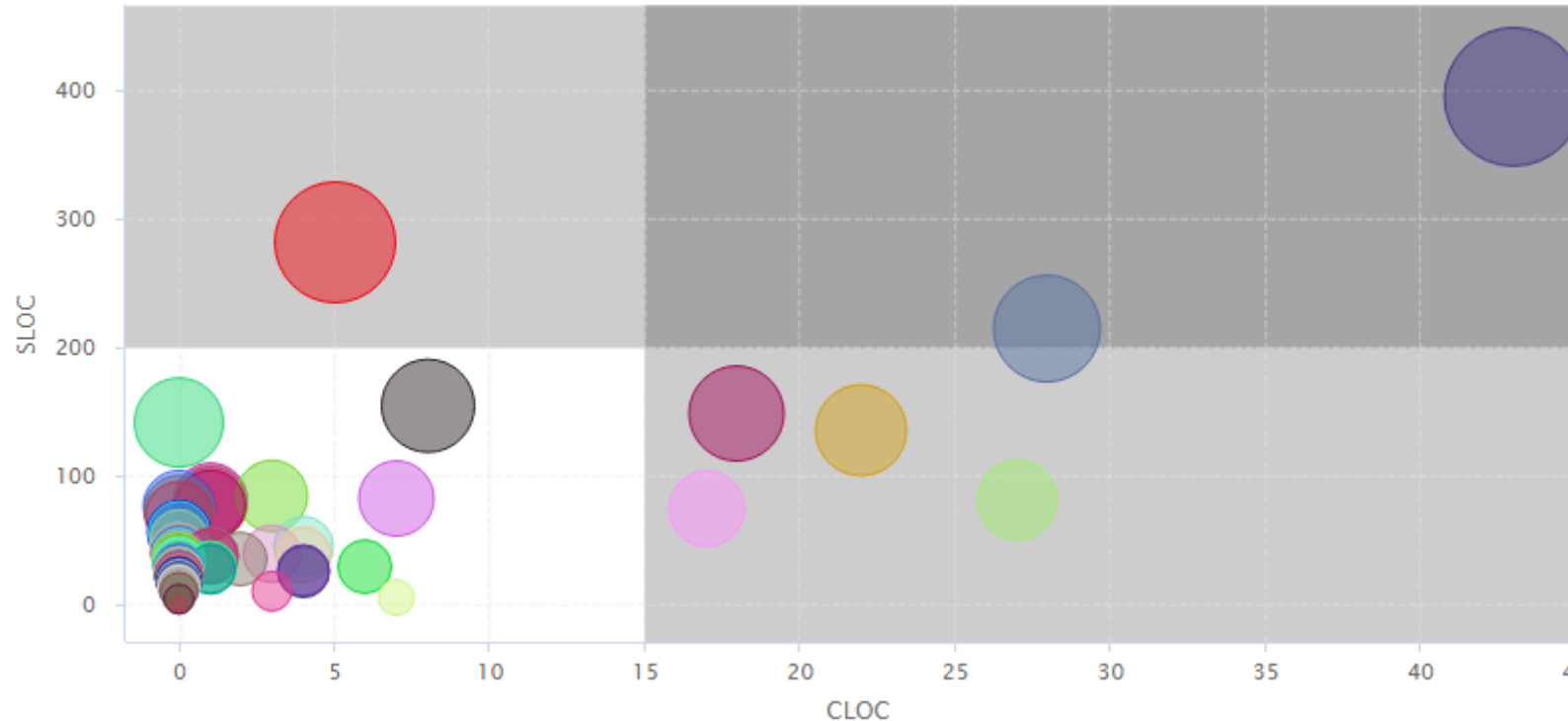
- **targetArtefactTypes** allows to filter descendants according to their type. You can use one or more types. Concrete and abstract types are supported, so it is possible to use an alias, as described in Section 3.2, “Artefact Types”. There are some limitations to what is supported:
 1. Measures associated to an indicator must have the same `measureId` for all types and be of the same kind (base or derived)
 2. For Stacked Bar Chart, Simple Temporal Evolution Stacked Bar Chart, Simple Pie and Simple Bar the scale associated to the indicator must be the same for be the same for all types
- **showPolynomialRegression (optional, default: true)** Whether the polynomial regression is drawn (true) or not drawn (false) on the chart.
- **coeff (optional, default: 1)** the degree of the drawn polynomial. Supported values are:
 - 1 for linear
 - 2 for quadratic
 - 3 for cubic
- **colorFromIndicator (optional, default: none)** uses the specified indicator's colour scale to assign a colour to each item drawn on the chart.
- **shape (optional, default: SQUARE)** defines the shape of the points on the chart. The supported values are:
 - SQUARE
 - CIRCLE
 - DIAMOND
 - UP_TRIANGLE
 - DOWN_TRIANGLE
 - RIGHT_TRIANGLE
 - LEFT_TRIANGLE
 - HORIZONTAL_RECTANGLE
 - VERTICAL_RECTANGLE
 - HORIZONTAL_ELLIPSE
 - VERTICAL_ELLIPSE
- **shapeWidth (optional, default: 4.0)** defines the width of the point on the maximised chart.
- **miniShapeWidth (optional, default: 2.0)** defines the width of the point on the chart thumbnail.

The chart takes one `xmeasure` element and one `ymessage` with the following attributes.

- **label (optional)** is the label used for the axis associated to the indicator. If omitted, the indicator's name is used by default.

7.9.13. The Quadrant Chart

The Quadrant chart displays information about the descendants of the current artefact. Three measures are required to construct the chart: one for the X-axis, one for the Y-axis one for the size of the bubbles. The chart also allows to set markers to define coloured areas.



Quadrant Chart

```
<chart type="QUADRANT" id="QUADRANT_EXAMPLE" targetArtefactTypes="FILE">
  <xmeasure>CLOC</xmeasure>
  <ymeasure>SLOC</ymessage>
  <zmeasure>LC</zmeasure>
  <markers>
    <marker value="15" color="BLACK" alpha="50" isVertical="true" />
    <marker value="200" color="BLACK" alpha="50" isVertical="false" />
  </markers>
</chart>
```

This chart also accepts a **filterMeasure** element, which allows refining which artefacts are included on the chart. When drawing a chart, Squore checks if the metric specified is within the defined bounds for the artefact, in order to know if it should be included in or excluded from the chart.

You can use the **filterMeasure** (with a mandatory **dataBounds** attribute) as follows:

```
<chart id="CHART_ID" type="CHART_TYPE">
  <measure>METRIC_A</measure>
  <measure>METRIC_B</measure>
  <filterMeasure dataBounds="[50;100]">METRIC_C</filterMeasure>
</chart>
```

In the example above, the chart will include the artefact only if **METRIC_C** is between 50 and 100.

Note

Filtering artefacts on charts is not possible at model-level.

The `chart` element may have the following attributes:

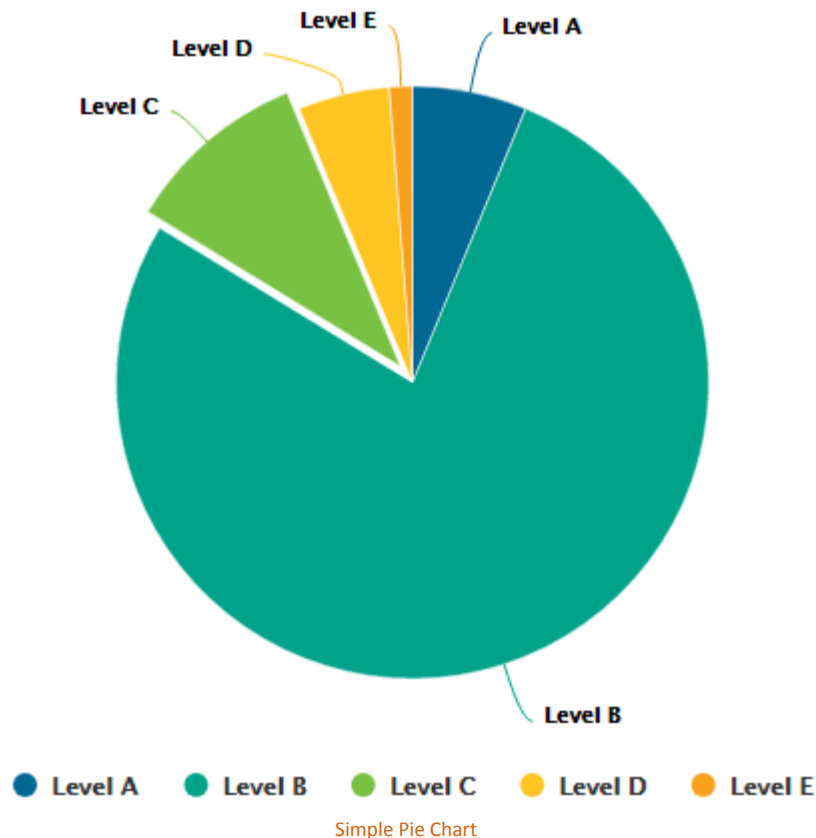
- **targetArtefactTypes** allows to filter descendants according to their type. You can use one or more types. Concrete and abstract types are supported, so it is possible to use an alias, as described in Section 3.2, “Artefact Types”. There are some limitations to what is supported:
 1. Measures associated to an indicator must have the same `measureId` for all types and be of the same kind (base or derived)
 2. For Stacked Bar Chart, Simple Temporal Evolution Stacked Bar Chart, Simple Pie and Simple Bar the scale associated to the indicator must be the same for all types
- **linkType (alternative to targetArtefactTypes) (new in 17.0)** allows specifying a link ID to display all artefacts linked to the current artefact on the chart. For more information about links, refer to Section 3.9, “Artefact Links”.
- **onlyDirectChildren (optional, default: true)** includes artefacts that are direct children of the current artefact in the chart when set to true, or all descendants of the current artefact when set to false.
- **colorFromIndicator (optional, default: none)** uses the specified indicator's colour scale to assign a colour to each item drawn on the chart.

The `chart` requires the following sub-elements:

- **xmeasure** is the measure used on the X-axis.
- **ymeasure** is the measure used on the y-axis.
- **zmeasure** is the measure used to scale the bubbles respective to each other.

7.9.14. Simple Pie Chart

The Simple Pie chart presents the aggregation of the different ratings found in all the children of the selected artefact.



```
<chart type="SIMPLEPIE" id="SIMPLE_PIE_EXAMPLE" targetArtefactTypes="FILE">
  <indicator>ROOT</indicator>
</chart>
```

The Simple Pie `chart` element may have the following attributes:

- **targetArtefactTypes** allows to filter descendants according to their type. You can use one or more types. Concrete and abstract types are supported, so it is possible to use an alias, as described in Section 3.2, “Artefact Types”. There are some limitations to what is supported:
 1. Measures associated to an indicator must have the same measureId for all types and be of the same kind (base or derived)
 2. For Stacked Bar Chart, Simple Temporal Evolution Stacked Bar Chart, Simple Pie and Simple Bar the scale associated to the indicator must be the same for be the same for all types
- **displayEmptyValue (optional, default: false)** specifies whether categories with no value or a value of 0 are included on the chart
- **decimals (optional, default: 0)** is the number of decimals places to be used for displaying values

The Simple Pie chart takes only one `indicator` or `info` as a sub-element.

Tip

For more details about how to use textual information, refer to Section 7.8, “Using Textual Information From Artefacts”

The `indicator` element supports excluding certain levels from the chart by using the `excludeLevels` attribute. For example:

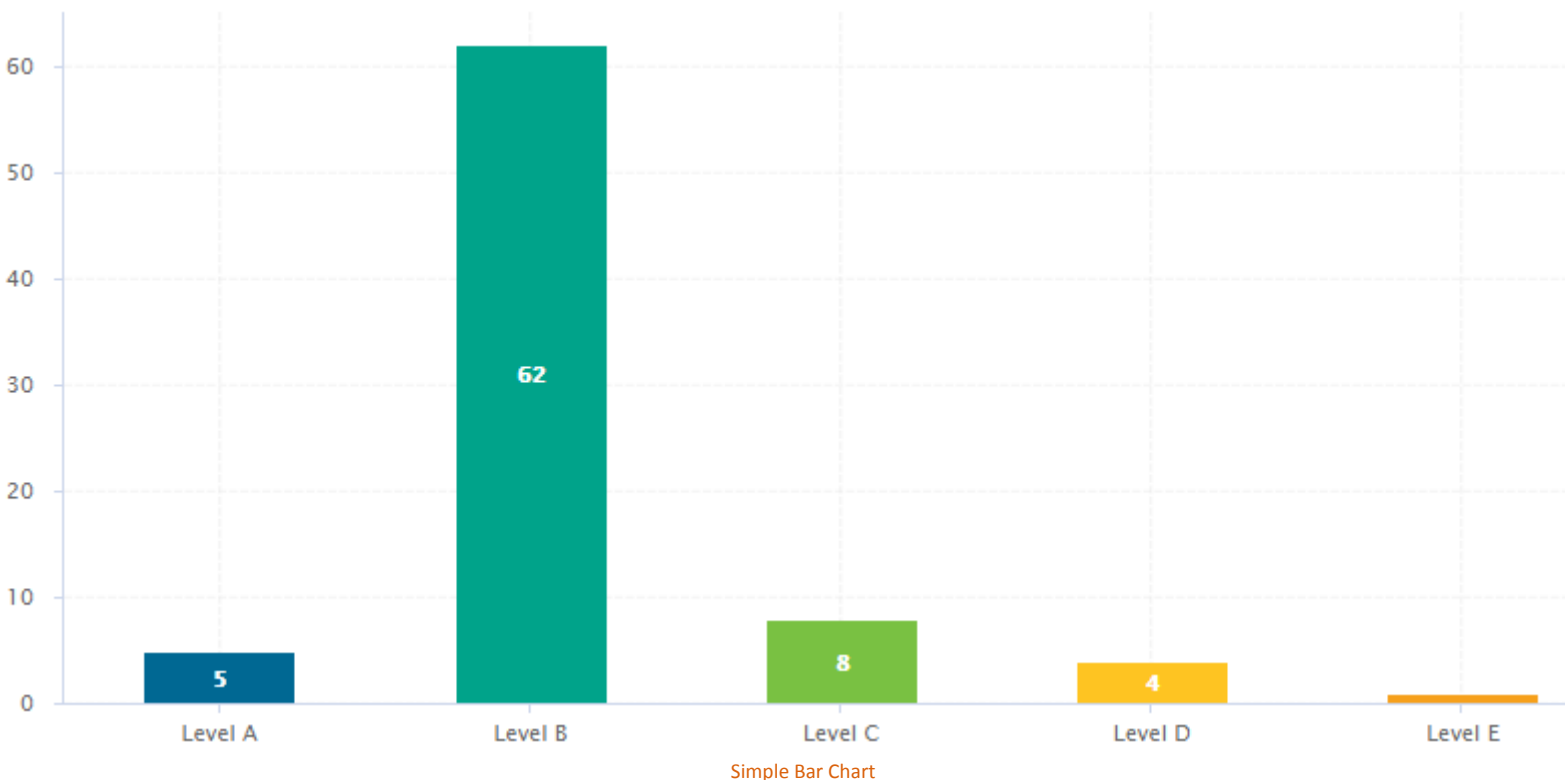
```
<indicator excludeLevels="LEVELA;LEVELB">LEVEL</indicator>
```

Note: This chart is equivalent to using an Optimised Pie Chart with the definition shown below. The pie chart is optimised because the measures it uses have already been computed during the analysis and do not need to be calculated on the fly.

```
<chart type="OptimizedPie" decimals="2" >
  <measure color="0,81,0" label="A">A_FILE</measure>
  <measure color="3,127,3" label="B">B_FILE</measure>
  <measure color="133,182,2" label="C">C_FILE</measure>
  <measure color="255,255,0" label="D">D_FILE</measure>
  <measure color="255,150,0" label="E">E_FILE</measure>
  <measure color="255,80,0" label="F">F_FILE</measure>
  <measure color="255,0,0" label="G">G_FILE</measure>
</chart>
```

7.9.15. Simple Bar Chart

The Simple Bar chart presents the aggregation of the different ratings found in all the children of the selected artefact as a histogram.



```
<chart type="SIMPLEBAR" id="SIMPLE_BAR_EXAMPLE" targetArtefactTypes="FILE">
  <indicator>LEVEL</indicator>
</chart>
```

The Simple Bar chart element may have the following attributes:

- **targetArtefactTypes** allows to filter descendants according to their type. You can use one or more types. Concrete and abstract types are supported, so it is possible to use an alias, as described in Section 3.2, “Artefact Types”. There are some limitations to what is supported:
 1. Measures associated to an indicator must have the same measureId for all types and be of the same kind (base or derived)
 2. For Stacked Bar Chart, Simple Temporal Evolution Stacked Bar Chart, Simple Pie and Simple Bar the scale associated to the indicator must be the same for be the same for all types
- **decimals (optional, default: 0)** is the number of decimals places to be used for displaying values
- **displayEmptyValue (optional, default: false)** specifies whether categories with no value or a value of 0 are included on the chart
- **asPercentage (optional, default: false)** specifies whether the values are displayed as real values or percentages

The Simple Bar chart takes only one `indicator` or `info` as a sub-element.

Tip

For more details about how to use textual information, refer to Section 7.8, “Using Textual Information From Artefacts”

The `indicator` element supports hiding or excluding certain levels from the chart by using the `hideLevels` `excludeLevels` attribute. The difference between hiding and excluding a level is that hidden levels are taken into account when displaying percentages while excluded levels are not. For example:

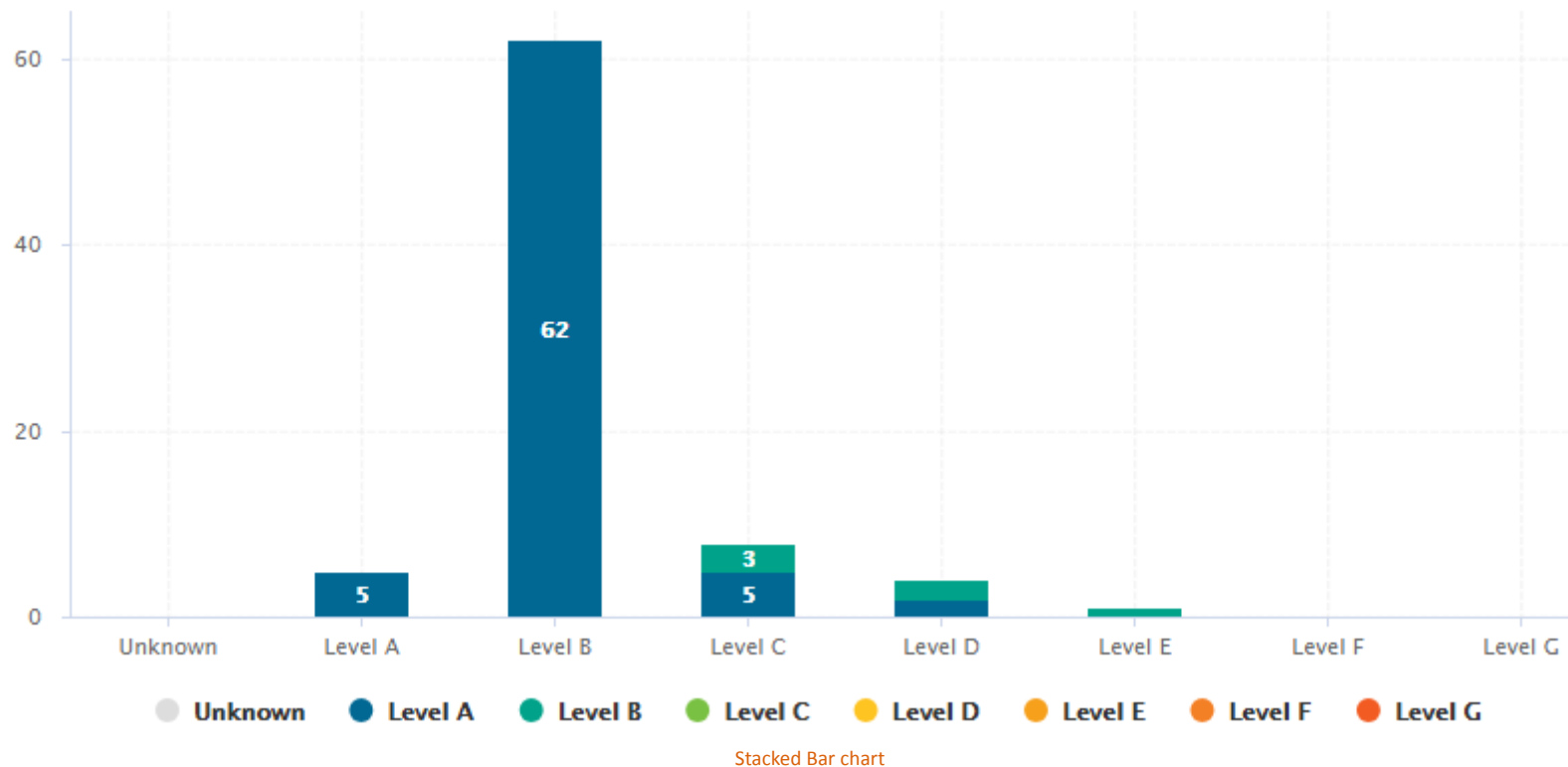
```
<indicator excludeLevels="UNKNOWN">LEVEL</indicator>
```

or

```
<indicator hideLevels="LEVELA;LEVELB">LEVEL</indicator>
```

7.9.16. Stacked Bar Chart

The Stacked Bar crosses the performance levels of two indicators for the children of the selected artefact along two axes.



```
<chart type="STACKEDBAR" id="STACKED_BAR_EXAMPLE" targetArtefactTypes="FILE">
  <indicator>ROOT</indicator>
  <indicator>TESTABILITY</indicator>
</chart>
```

The `chart` element may have the following attributes:

→ **targetArtefactTypes** allows to filter descendants according to their type. You can use one or more types. Concrete and abstract types are supported, so it is possible to use an alias, as described in Section 3.2, “Artefact Types”. There are some limitations to what is supported:

1. Measures associated to an indicator must have the same measureId for all types and be of the same kind (base or derived)
2. For Stacked Bar Chart, Simple Temporal Evolution Stacked Bar Chart, Simple Pie and Simple Bar the scale associated to the indicator must be the same for be the same for all types

→ **asPercentage (default: false)** displays the values as percentages when set to true.

The chart support two `indicator` elements.

The `indicator` element supports hiding or excluding certain levels from the chart by using the `hideLevels` `excludeLevels` attribute. The difference between hiding and excluding a level is that hidden levels are taken into account when displaying percentages while excluded levels are not. For example:

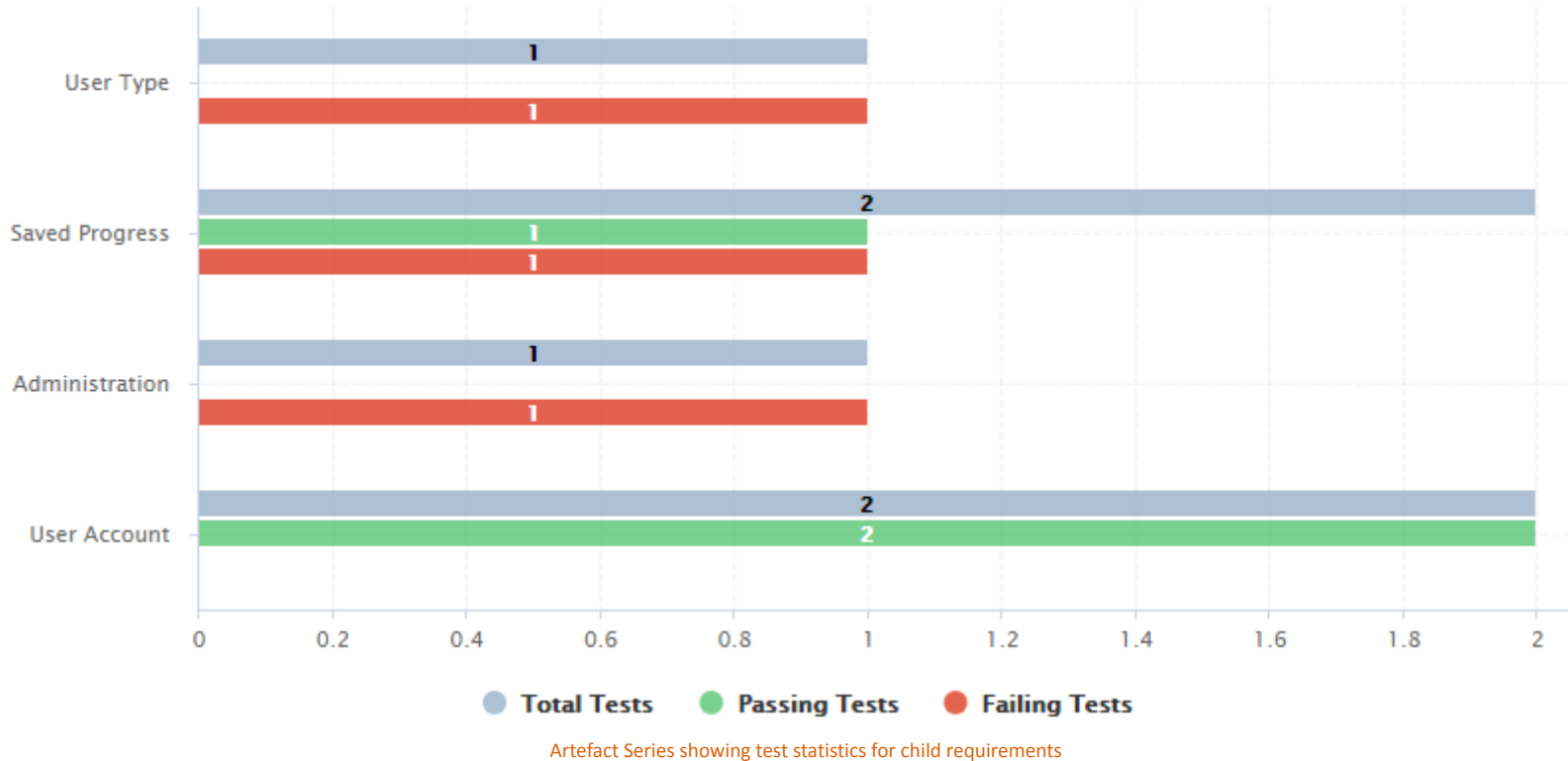
```
<indicator excludeLevels="UNKNOWN">LEVEL</indicator>
```

or

```
<indicator hideLevels="LEVELA;LEVELB">LEVEL</indicator>
```

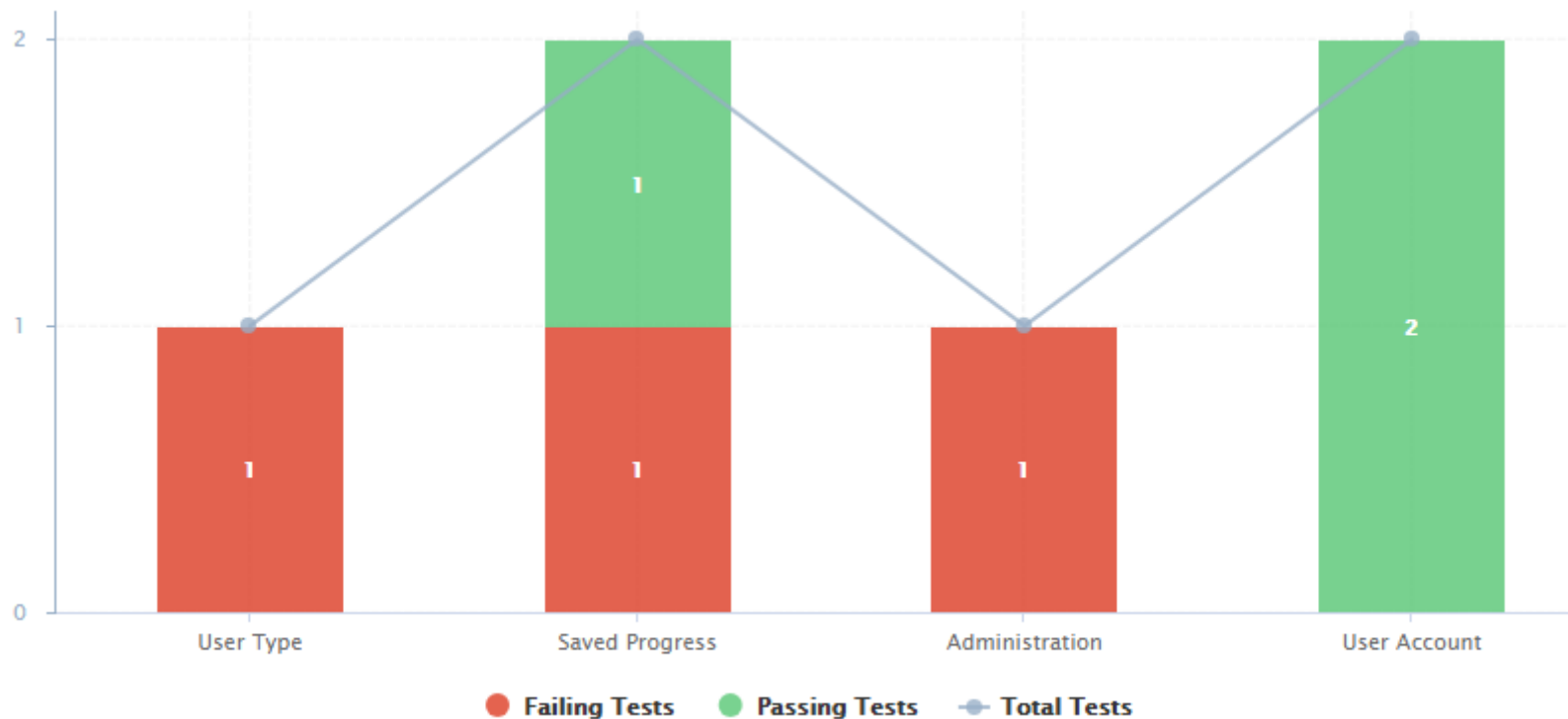
7.9.17. Artefact Series

The Artefact Series chart displays one or more metrics from descendent artefacts. The measure representation is defined by a `renderer` attribute (as explained in Section 7.4, "Datasets and Renderers"). The chart also allows clicking on an artefact to display its dashboard.



```
<chart type="ARTEFACTSERIES" id="ARTEFACT_SERIES_EXAMPLE"
  targetArtefactTypes="FILE;REQUIREMENT"
  onlyDirectChildren="false"
  inverted="true" orderByMeasure="NUM_FAILING_TESTS"
  renderer="BAR" orientation="HORIZONTAL">
  <measure color="CYAN">NUM_TESTS_CODE</measure>
  <measure color="GREEN">NUM_PASSING_TESTS</measure>
  <measure color="RED">NUM_FAILING_TESTS</measure>
</chart>
```

The Artefact Series can also be used to draw a stacked bar chart for child artefacts and include a line via the use of several datasets, as shown below:



An alternate representation of the same data in an Artefact Series chart

```

<chart type="ARTEFACTSERIES" id="ARTEFACT_SERIES_STACKED_BAR_EXAMPLE"
  targetArtefactTypes="FILE;REQUIREMENT"
  onlyDirectChildren="false"
  inverted="true" orderByMeasure="NUM_FAILING_TESTS"
  orientation="VERTICAL">
  <dataset renderer="STACKEDBAR">
    <measure color="RED" >NUM_FAILING_TESTS</measure>
    <measure color="GREEN" >NUM_PASSING_TESTS</measure>
  </dataset>
  <dataset renderer="LINE" rangeAxis="TOTAL">
    <measure color="CYAN">NUM_TESTS_CODE</measure>
  </dataset>
  <rangeAxis id="TOTAL" color="CYAN" min="0" location="left" type="number"
  numberFormat="INTEGER" />
</chart>
    
```

This chart also accepts a **filterMeasure** element, which allows refining which artefacts are included on the chart. When drawing a chart, Squore checks if the metric specified is within the defined bounds for the artefact, in order to know if it should be included in or excluded from the chart.

You can use the **filterMeasure** (with a mandatory **dataBounds** attribute) as follows:

```

<chart id="CHART_ID" type="CHART_TYPE">
  <measure>METRIC_A</measure>
  <measure>METRIC_B</measure>
  <filterMeasure dataBounds="[50;100]">METRIC_C</filterMeasure>
</chart>
    
```

In the example above, the chart will include the artefact only if `METRIC_C` is between 50 and 100.

Note

Filtering artefacts on charts is not possible at model-level.

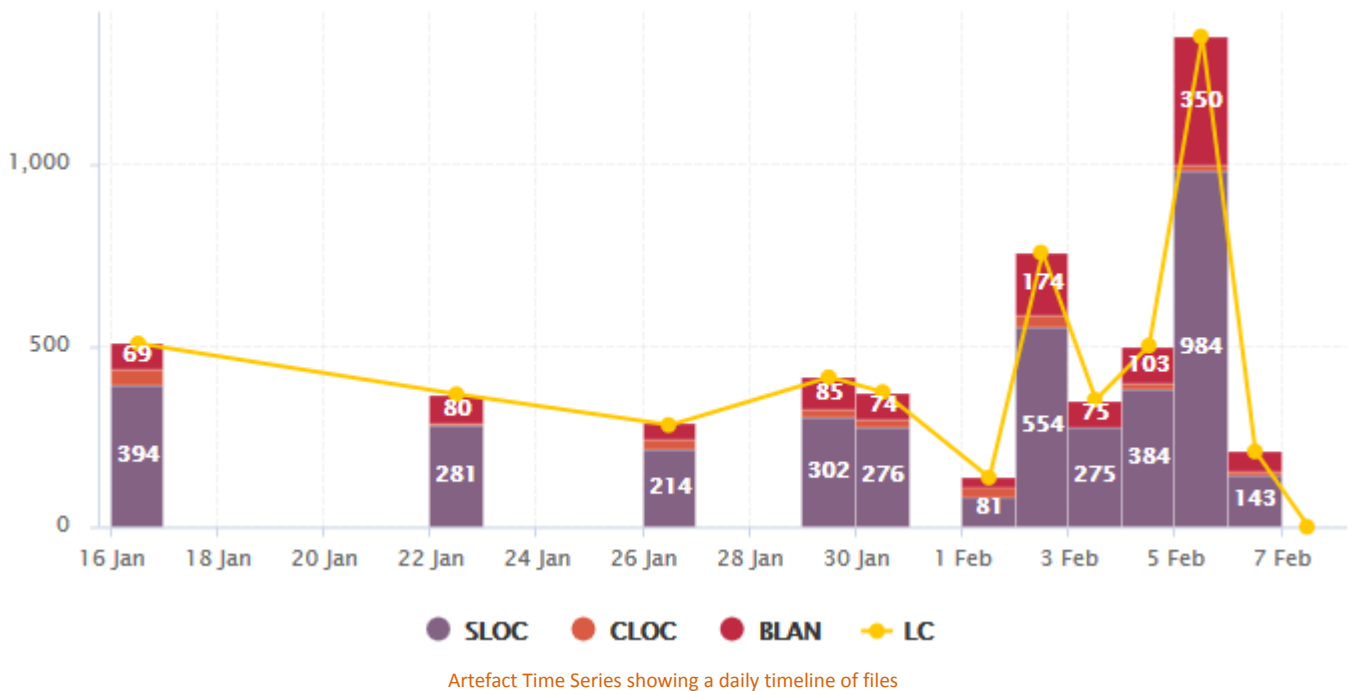
The `chart` element supports the following attributes:

- **targetArtefactTypes** allows to filter descendants according to their type. You can use one or more types. Concrete and abstract types are supported, so it is possible to use an alias, as described in Section 3.2, “Artefact Types”. There are some limitations to what is supported:
 1. Measures associated to an indicator must have the same `measureId` for all types and be of the same kind (base or derived)
 2. For Stacked Bar Chart, Simple Temporal Evolution Stacked Bar Chart, Simple Pie and Simple Bar the scale associated to the indicator must be the same for all types
- **linkType (alternative to targetArtefactTypes) (new in 17.0)** allows specifying a link ID to display all artefacts linked to the current artefact on the chart. For more information about links, refer to Section 3.9, “Artefact Links”.
- **onlyDirectChildren (optional, default: true)** includes artefacts that are direct children of the current artefact in the chart when set to true, or all descendants of the current artefact when set to false.
- **asPercentage (optional, default: false)** specifies whether the values are displayed as real values or percentages
- **renderer (optional, default: BAR)** allows setting a common renderer for all measures in the chart. This can be omitted and overridden for individual datasets, as explained in Section 7.4, “Datasets and Renderers”.
- **orderByMeasure (optional, default: the first measure in the chart definition)** allows ordering the artefacts on the chart according to the specified measure.
- **inverted (optional, default: false)** allows reversing the default order of artefacts

You can specify as many `measure` sub-elements as necessary for each artefact, using the syntax detailed in Section 7.2, “Common Attributes for `measure` and `indicator`”.

7.9.18. Artefact Time Series

The Artefact Time Series chart (new in 17.0) displays one or more metrics from descendent artefacts on a timeline. It offers the same features as the Artefact Series chart and also provides options to aggregate by time period.



```

<chart type="ArtefactTimeSeries"
  id="ARTEFACTTIMESERIES_EXAMPLE"
  targetArtefactTypes="FILE"
  onlyDirectChildren="false"
  timeMeasure="DATE_FILE"
  timeInterval="DAY"
  timeIntervalAggregationType="SUM"
  byTime="true"
  renderer="STACKEDBAR">

<dataset renderer="STACKEDBAR">
  <measure>SLOC</measure>
  <measure>CLOC</measure>
  <measure>BLAN</measure>
</dataset>

<dataset renderer="LINE">
  <measure color="ORANGE">LC</measure>
</dataset>
</chart>
    
```

In the example above, files are sorted by creation date on a daily timeline, with bars representing daily aggregates of several line count metrics for each files.

The `chart` element supports the following attributes:

- **targetArtefactTypes** allows to filter descendants according to their type. You can use one or more types. Concrete and abstract types are supported, so it is possible to use an alias, as described in Section 3.2, "Artefact Types". There are some limitations to what is supported:

1. Measures associated to an indicator must have the same measureId for all types and be of the same kind (base or derived)
 2. For Stacked Bar Chart, Simple Temporal Evolution Stacked Bar Chart, Simple Pie and Simple Bar the scale associated to the indicator must be the same for be the same for all types
- **onlyDirectChildren (optional, default: true)** includes artefacts that are direct children of the current artefact in the chart when set to true, or all descendants of the current artefact when set to false.
 - **timeMeasure (mandatory)** is the measure ID (of type DATE) used to place an artefact on the timeline
 - **byTime (optional, default: false)** enforces the timeline display

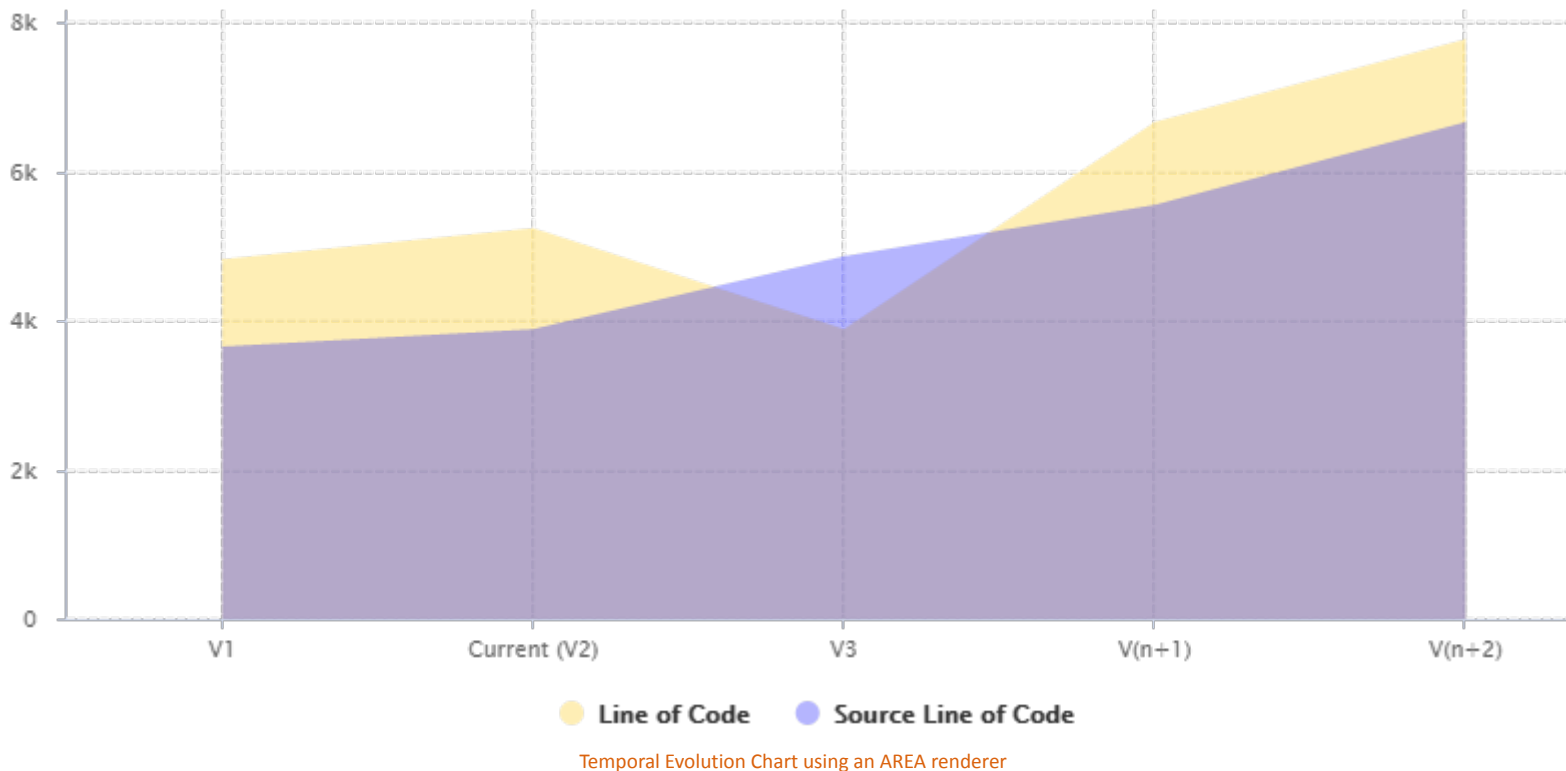
For interval and aggregation settings, refer to Section 7.6, “Parameters for Temporal Charts”.

You can specify as many `measure` sub-elements as necessary for each artefact, using the syntax detailed in Section 7.2, “Common Attributes for `measure` and `indicator`”.

7.10. Charts for Trend Visualisation

7.10.1. Temporal Evolution Chart

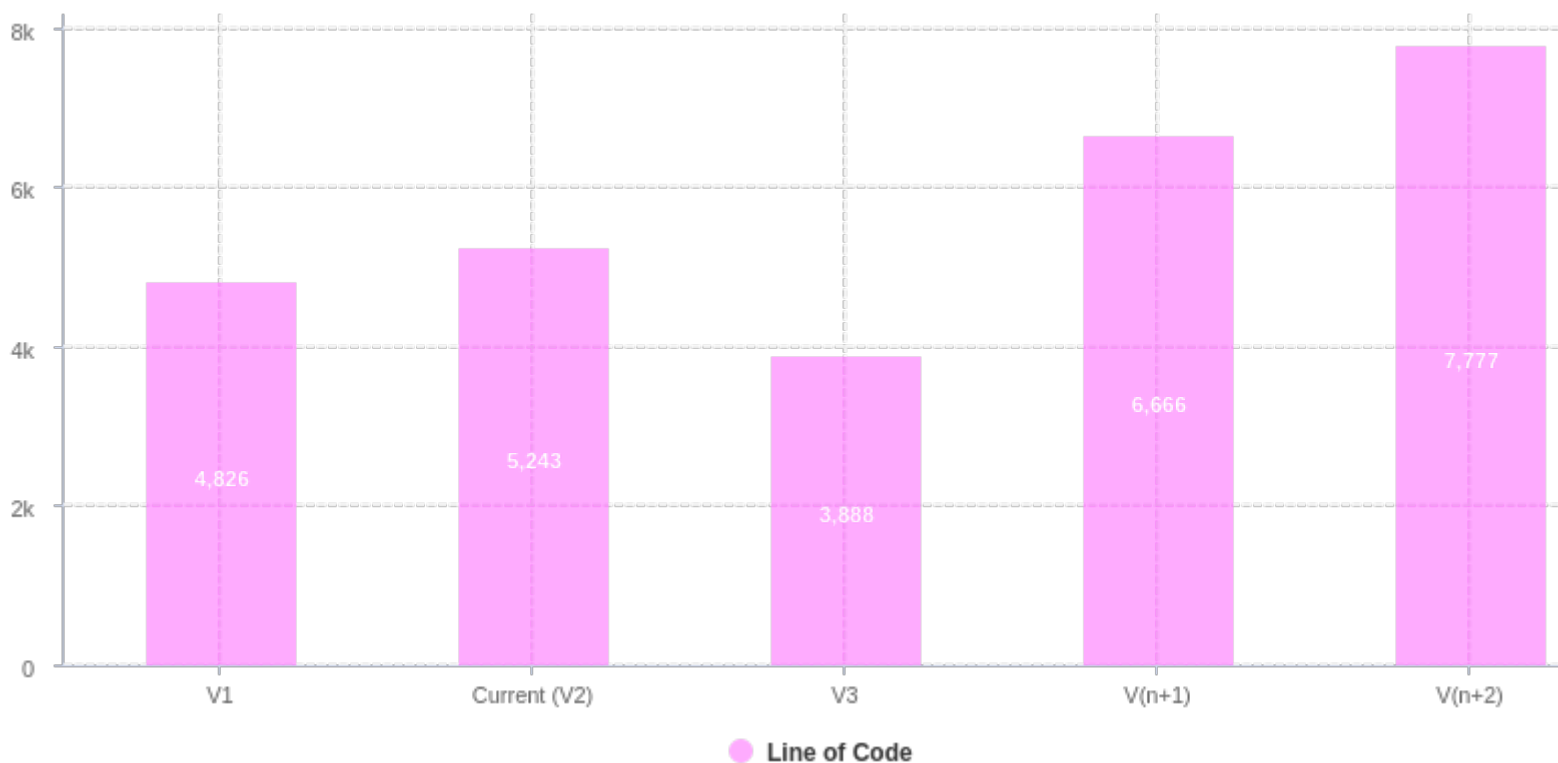
The Temporal Evolution Chart shows the evolution of one or measures over time. The measure representation is defined by a `renderer` attribute (as explained in Section 7.4, “Datasets and Renderers” for more details). It replaces the deprecated Temporal Evolution Bar and Temporal Evolution Line charts, and allows representing more than one data sets on the one chart.



```

<chart type="TEMPORALEVOLUTION"
  id="TEMPORAL_EVOLUTION_AREA_EXAMPLE"
  onlyLast="5"
  renderer="AREA">
<measure color="BLUE" alpha="75" label="Source Line of Code">SLOC
  <forecast>
    <version value="4865" timeValue="DATE(2014,05,01)" label="V3" />
    <version value="5555" timeValue="DATE(2014,06,01)" />
    <version value="2222+4444" timeValue="DATE(2014,08,01)" />
  </forecast>
</measure>
<measure color="ORANGE" alpha="75" label="Line of Code">LC
  <forecast>
    <version value="SLOC" timeValue="DATE(2014,05,01)" label="V3" />
    <version value="6666" timeValue="DATE(2014,06,01)" />
    <version value="3333+4444" timeValue="DATE(2014,08,01)" />
  </forecast>
</measure>
</chart>
    
```

The Temporal Evolution Chart can also be used to draw a bar chart or a line chart, as shown below:



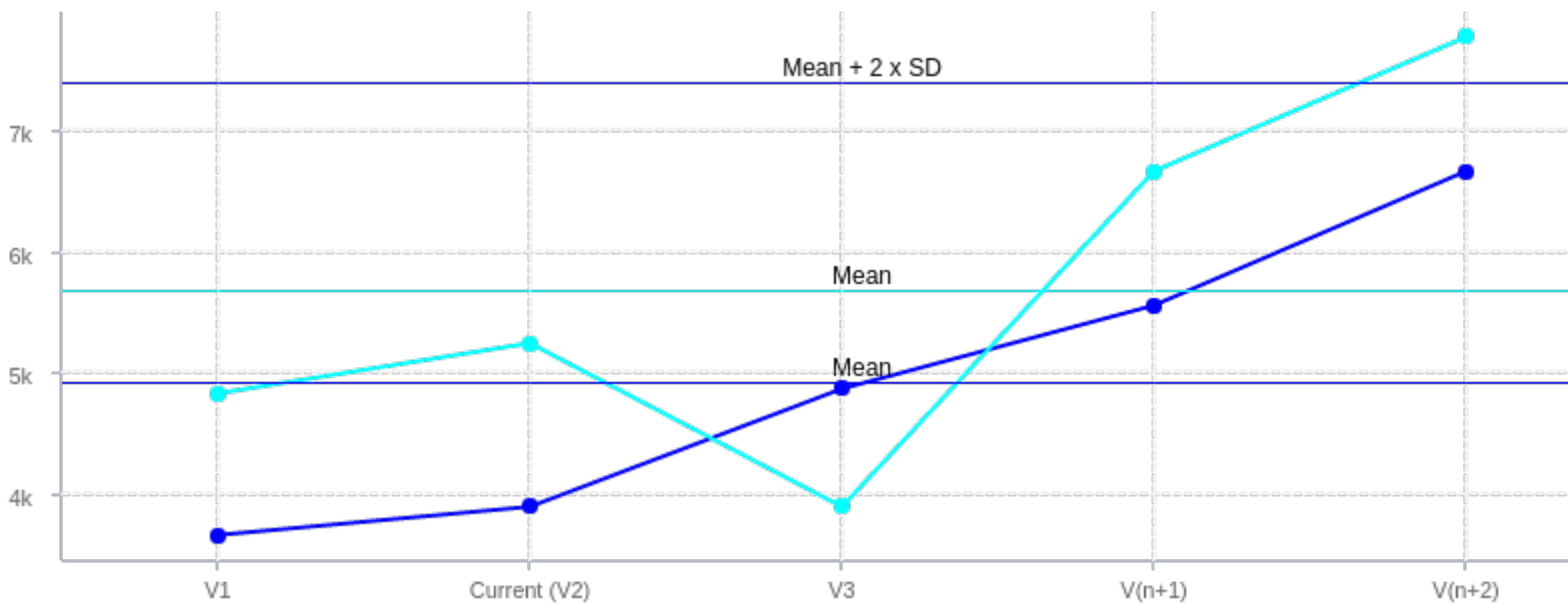
Temporal Evolution Chart using a BAR renderer

```

<chart type="TEMPORALEVOLUTION"
  id="TEMPORAL_EVOLUTION_BAR"
  renderer="BAR"
    
```

```

onlyLast="5"
exclude="VIEWER">
<measure color="MAGENTA" alpha="85" label="Line of Code">LC
  <forecast>
    <version value="SLOC" timeValue="DATE(2014,05,01)" label="V3" />
    <version value="6666" timeValue="DATE(2014,06,01)" />
    <version value="3333+4444" timeValue="DATE(2014,08,01)" />
  </forecast>
</measure>
</chart>
    
```



● Source Line of Code ● Line of Code

Temporal Evolution Chart using a LINE renderer

```

<chart type="TEMPORALEVOLUTIONBAR"
  id="TEMPORAL_EVOLUTION_LINE_EXAMPLE"
  onlyLast="5"
  isCChart="true">
  <dataset renderer="LINE">
    <measure color="BLUE" label="Source Line of Code">SLOC
      <forecast>
        <version value="4865" timeValue="DATE(2014,05,01)" label="V3" />
        <version value="5555" timeValue="DATE(2014,06,01)" />
        <version value="2222+4444" timeValue="DATE(2014,08,01)" />
      </forecast>
    </measure>
    <measure color="CYAN" label="Line of Code">LC
      <forecast>
        <version value="SLOC" timeValue="DATE(2014,05,01)" label="V4" />
        <version value="6666" timeValue="DATE(2014,06,01)" />
        <version value="3333+4444" timeValue="DATE(2014,08,01)" />
      </forecast>
    </measure>
  </dataset>
</chart>
    
```

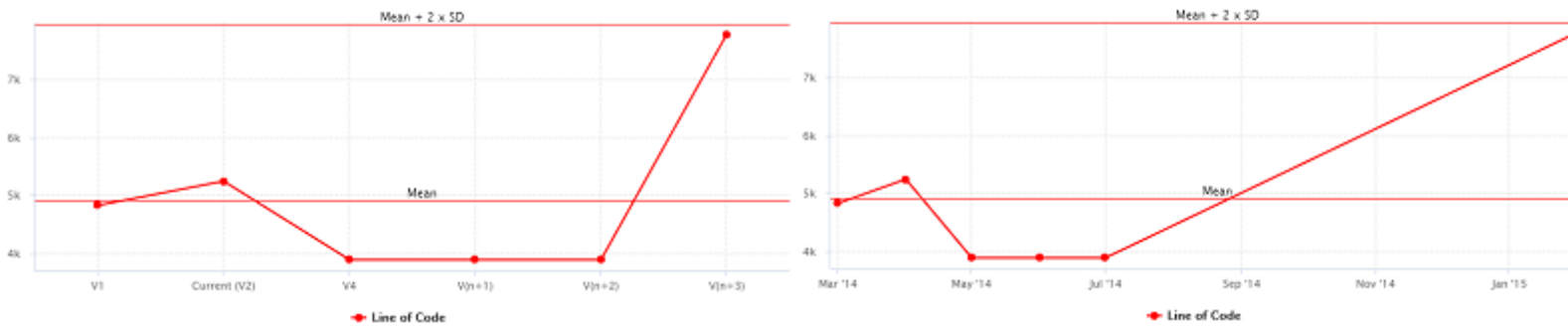
```

</measure>
</dataset>
</chart>

```

The chart above is a normal Temporal Evolution Chart where the x-axis uses a regular gap between all versions and uses the version name as the label.

Below is an example of the difference in representation when using the x-axis as a chronological marker.



Temporal Evolution Chart with versions distributed evenly on the x-axis, using the version name as the label (left),

or distributed on the x-axis according to the date at which the analysis was carried out.

Labels on the x-axis do not correspond to the version name this time. (right).

```

<chart type="TEMPORALEVOLUTIONBAR"
  id="TEMPORAL_EVOLUTION_LINE_EXAMPLE_2"
  onlyLast="5"
  dateFormat="MMM d"
  byTime="true|false"
  isCChart="true">
<dataset renderer="LINE">
<measure color="RED" label="Line of Code">LC
  <forecast>
    <version value="SLOC" timeValue="DATE(2014,05,01)" label="V4" />
    <version value="SLOC" timeValue="DATE(2014,06,01)" />
    <version value="SLOC" timeValue="DATE(2014,07,01)" />
    <version value="3333+4444" timeValue="DATE(2014,14,01)" />
  </forecast>
</measure>
</dataset>
</chart>

```

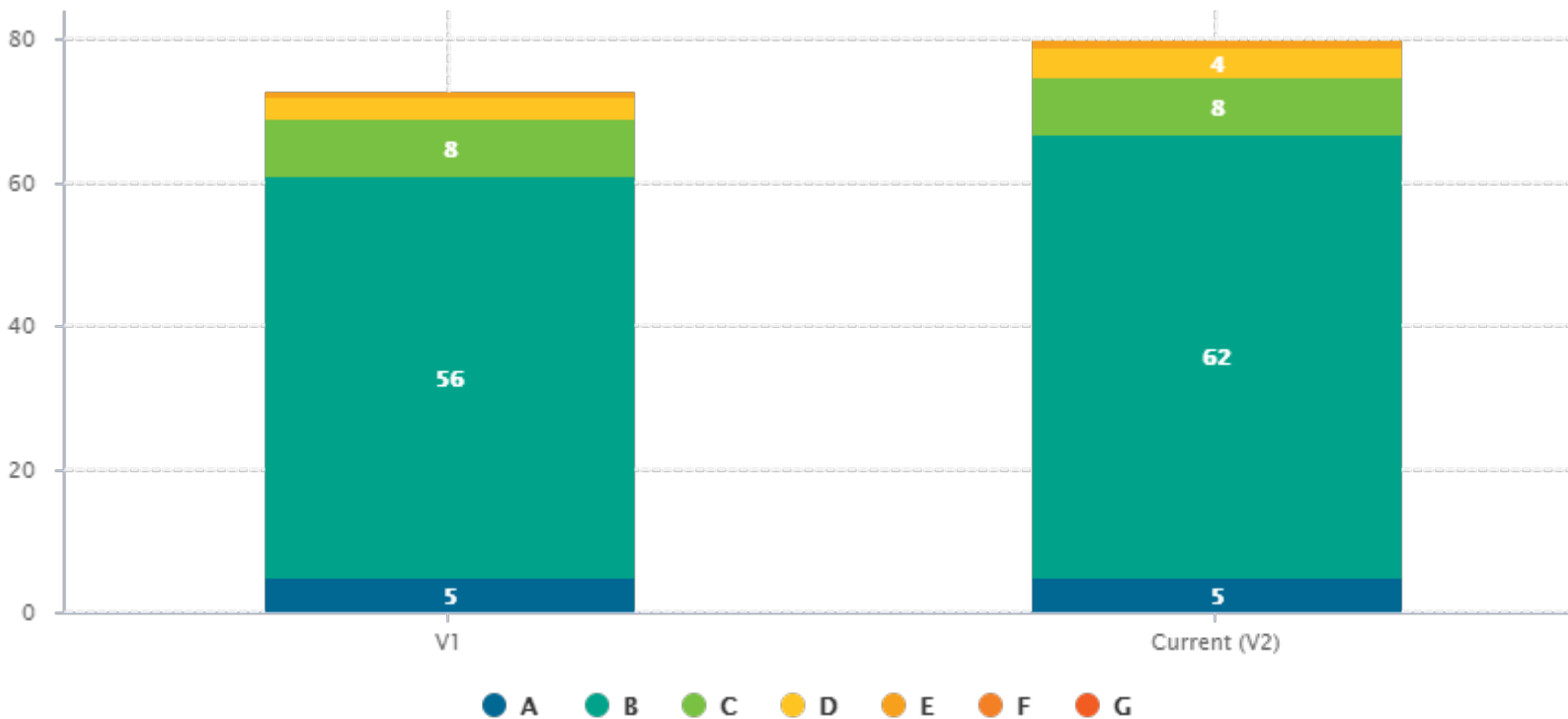
The chart element may have the following attributes:

- **isCChart** (optional, default: false) transforms the chart in a C-Chart if set to true. This draws three extra lines to the chart at the following values on the y-axis:
 - mean
 - mean + (coefficient * standard deviation)
 - mean - (coefficient * standard deviation)
- **coeff** (optional, default: 0) sets the value of the coefficient used to draw the control lines either side of the mean line when `isCChart` is set to true.

- **onlyLast (optional, default: no limit)** defines the number of versions to be displayed, starting from the one that is currently selected.
- **byTime (optional, default: false)** defines whether versions are placed on the x-axis according to their analysis date. When activating this mode, you can use the advanced options for the x-axis defined in Section 7.6.1, “Time Axis Configuration”.
- **breakOnMissingData (optional, default: false)** specifies whether the line is interrupted (true) when a value is missing.
- **timeMeasure (optional)** is the measure ID (of type DATE) to use as the analysis date for a chart where `byTime` is true. If not specified, the real analysis date of the version is used.
- **displayDate (optional, default: false)** for all charts that display information about several versions. When set to false, the version name is displayed in the chart. When set to true, the version date is displayed instead.
- **dateFormat (optional, default: yyMM)** allows formatting the version date when `displayDate` is set to true according to the Java Simple Date Format described at <http://docs.oracle.com/javase/6/docs/api/java/text/SimpleDateFormat.html>.
- **dateStyle (optional, default: DEFAULT)**: the date formatting style, used when the `displayType` is one of DATE or DATETIME.
 - **SHORT** is completely numeric, such as 12.13.52 or 3:30pm.
 - **MEDIUM** is longer, such as Jan 12, 1952.
 - **DEFAULT** is MEDIUM.
 - **LONG** is longer, such as January 12, 1952 or 3:30:32pm.
 - **FULL** is pretty completely specified, such as Tuesday, April 12, 1952 AD or 3:30:42pm PST.
- **timeStyle (optional, default: DEFAULT)**: the time formatting style, used when the `displayType` is one of DATETIME or TIME. See above for available styles.

7.10.2. Temporal Optimised Stacked Bar Chart

This chart represents the evolution of several measures across several versions. It takes a a minimum of two measures as elements.



Temporal Optimised Stacked Bar Chart

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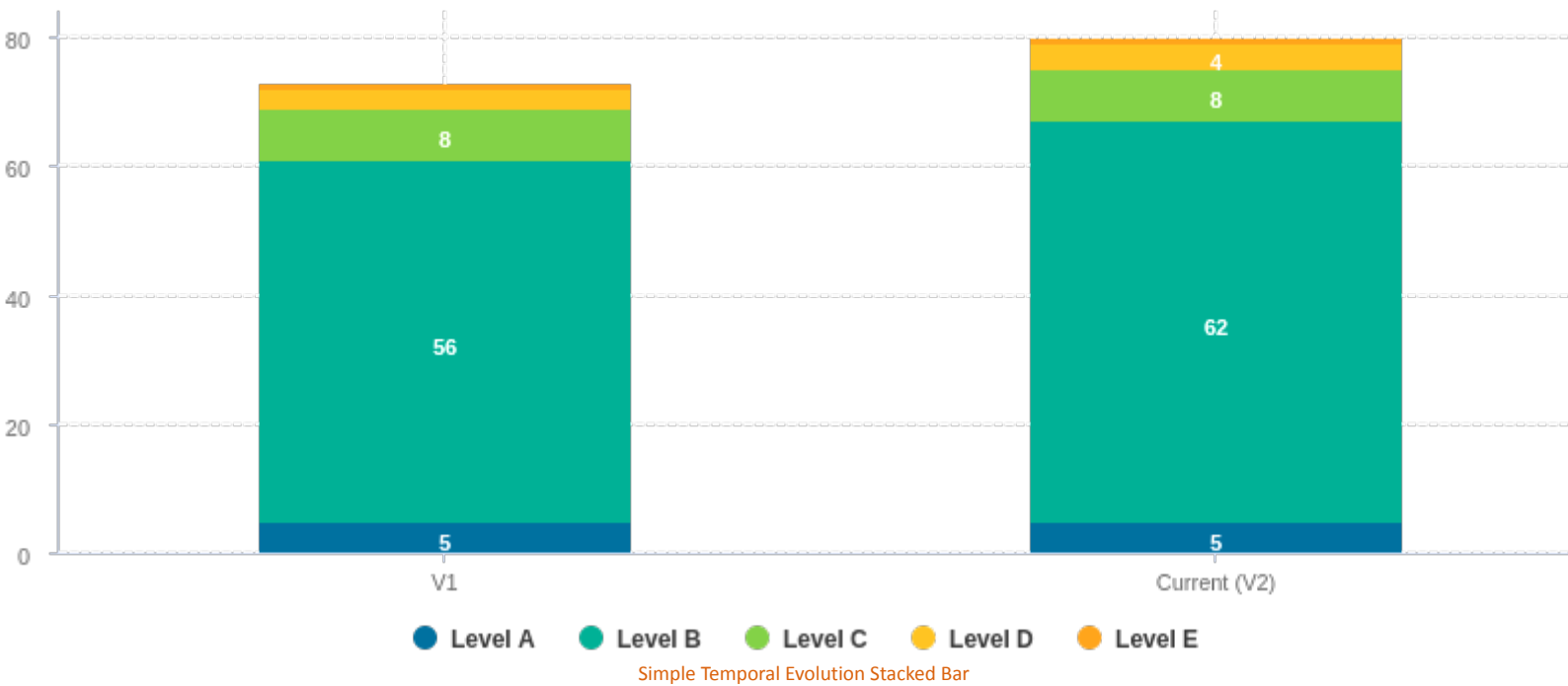
```

<chart type="OPTIMIZEDTEMPORALEVOLUTIONSTACKEDBAR"
  id="OPTIMIZED_TEMPORAL_EVOLUTION_STACKED_BAR_EXEMPLE"
  targetArtefactTypes="FILE">
  <measure color="#006893" label="A">A_FILE</measure>
  <measure color="#00a38a" label="B">B_FILE</measure>
  <measure color="#79c142" label="C">C_FILE</measure>
  <measure color="#fec422" label="D">D_FILE</measure>
  <measure color="#f6a01b" label="E">E_FILE</measure>
  <measure color="#f48026" label="F">F_FILE</measure>
  <measure color="#f25b21" label="G">G_FILE</measure>
</chart>
    
```

The `chart` for the Temporal Optimised Stacked Bar Chart does not have any specific attributes.

7.10.3. Simple Temporal Evolution Stacked Bar Chart

This chart represents the evolution of an indicator across the versions. It takes a single indicator as sub element. The values displayed are calculated on the fly. It is therefore sometimes recommended to use an Temporal Optimised Stacked Bar Chart for performance reasons.



```

<chart type="SIMPLETEMPORALEVOLUTIONSTACKEDBAR"
  id="SIMPLETEMPORALEVOLUTIONSTACKEDBAR_EXAMPLE"
  targetArtefactTypes="FILE">
  <indicator>ROOT</indicator>
</chart>
    
```

The chart for the Temporal Optimised Stacked Bar Chart does not have any specific attributes.

7.11. Table Charts

7.11.1. Artefact Table

The Artefact Table allows displaying a list of child artefacts and one or more of their characteristics in table format, as shown below:

		X axis			
		LC	TESTABILITY	STABILITY	CHANGEABILITY
Y axis	ExpressionKind.java	5	Level A	1.0	A
	MetaExpression.java	201	Level A	4.0	B
	PrecompiledExpression.java	192	Level B	3.0	B
	fichier.ptu	0	Level A	1.0	A

Artefact Table

```

<chart type="ARTEFACTTABLE"
  id="ARTEFACT_TABLE_EXAMPLE"
  xLabel="X axis"
  yLabel="Y axis"
  onlyDirectChildren="true"
  targetArtefactTypes="FILE">
  <indicator>LC</indicator>
  <indicator displayValueType="NAME">TESTABILITY</indicator>
  <indicator displayValueType="RANK">STABILITY</indicator>
  <indicator displayValueType="MNEMONIC">CHANGEABILITY</indicator>
</chart>
    
```

Note

In the example above, the indicators use different `displayValueType` to show all the supported values.

The Artefact Table `chart` element may have the following attributes:

- **targetArtefactTypes** allows to filter descendants according to their type. You can use one or more types. Concrete and abstract types are supported, so it is possible to use an alias, as described in Section 3.2, "Artefact Types".
- **onlyDirectChildren (optional, default: true)** includes artefacts that are direct children of the current artefact in the chart when set to true, or all descendants of the current artefact when set to false.

- **orderByMeasure (optional, alphabetical if omitted)** allows sorting the list of artefacts according to the value of the specified measure ID.
- **inverted (optional, default: false)** allows reversing the sort order defined by the `orderByMeasure` attribute.

The Artefact Table chart takes one or more `indicator` sub-elements, which can point to measures or indicators. Note that the table cells are automatically coloured according to the corresponding scale level colour when the metric displayed in the table is an indicator. This behaviour can be overridden by using the `colorFromScale` attribute, which takes a scale ID to apply colour from according to the rank of the value displayed.

This chart also accepts a **filterMeasure** element, which allows refining which artefacts are included on the chart. When drawing a chart, Squore checks if the metric specified is within the defined bounds for the artefact, in order to know if it should be included in or excluded from the chart.

You can use the `filterMeasure` (with a mandatory `dataBounds` attribute) as follows:

```
<chart id="CHART_ID" type="CHART_TYPE">
  <measure>METRIC_A</measure>
  <measure>METRIC_B</measure>
  <filterMeasure dataBounds="[50;100]">METRIC_C</filterMeasure>
</chart>
```

In the example above, the chart will include the artefact only if `METRIC_C` is between 50 and 100.

Note

Filtering artefacts on charts is not possible at model-level.

In addition, you can add a row and column to aggregate the results found in each table row or column using the `row` or `column` element. Each of these elements accepts the following attributes:

- **aggregationType (optional, default: AVG in most charts, SUM in table charts)** defines how the values for the metrics on the chart are aggregated. The supported values are:
 - **MIN**
 - **MAX**
 - **OCC**
 - **AVG**
 - **DEV**
 - **SUM**
 - **MED**
 - **MOD**
- **label (mandatory)** is a string that is displayed as the legend of the row or column.
- **color (optional, default: GREY)** is the fill colour for the row or column. [colour syntax]
- **colorFromScale (optional, default: empty)** allows filling cells with a colour taken from a specific scale.

7.11.2. Distribution Table

The Distribution Table is an matrix-like visualisation of two characteristics of an artefact's descendants

	Testability								Total Line
	Unknown	Level A	Level B	Level C	Level D	Level E	Level F	Level G	
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Level A	0	5	62	5	2	0	0	0	74
Level B	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	6
Level C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Level D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Level E	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Level F	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Level G	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Col	0	5	62	8	4	1	0	0	80

Distribution Table

```

<chart type="DISTRIBUTIONTABLE"
  id="DIST_TABLE_FIXED_COLOR_EXAMPLE"
  targetArtefactTypes="FILE"
  xLabel="Testability"
  yLabel="Number of Artefacts"
  topColor="ORANGE"
  bottomColor="BLUE">
<indicator>ROOT</indicator>
<indicator>TESTABILITY</indicator>
<row aggregationType="SUM" label="Total Col" color="GRAY" />
<column aggregationType="SUM" label="Total Line" color="GRAY" />
</chart>
    
```

The Distribution Table `chart` element may have the following attributes:

- **targetArtefactTypes** allows to filter descendants according to their type. You can use one or more types. Concrete and abstract types are supported, so it is possible to use an alias, as described in Section 3.2, "Artefact Types".
- **color (optional, default: WHITE)** is the colour used to fill all the cells in the table. An example Distribution Table using `color` is shown later in this section. [colour syntax]

Tip

Instead of using a single colour for the entire table, you can use `topColor` , `middleColor` and `bottomColor` to colour the top, middle and bottom sections of the chart respectively in different colours, as in the main example above. [colour syntax]

→ **colorFromScale (optional, default: none)** is the colour scale used to fill the cells in the table according to the rank of each cell. An example Distribution Table using `colorFromScale` is shown later in this section.

Tip

Instead of using a single scale for the entire table, you can use `topcolorFromScale` , `middlecolorFromScale` and `bottomcolorFromScale` to colour the top, middle and bottom sections of the chart respectively using different colour scales.

Note

If several colour attributes are found, they are applied in this order:

1. `top|middle|bottomColorFromScale`
2. `top|middle|bottomColor`
3. `colorFromScale`
4. `color`

The Distribution Table chart takes two `indicator` sub-element that will be used to build a matrix of scale levels.

In addition, you can add a row and column to aggregate the results found in each table row or column using the `row` or `column` element. Each of these elements accepts the following attributes:

→ **aggregationType (optional, default: AVG in most charts, SUM in table charts)** defines how the values for the metrics on the chart are aggregated. The supported values are:

- **MIN**
- **MAX**
- **OCC**
- **AVG**
- **DEV**
- **SUM**
- **MED**
- **MOD**

→ **label (mandatory)** is a string that is displayed as the legend of the row or column.

→ **color (optional, default: GREY)** is the fill colour for the row or column. [colour syntax]

→ **colorFromScale (optional, default: empty)** allows filling cells with a colour taken from a specific scale.

Some simpler examples of Distribution Table charts can be found below:

	Testability							
	Unknown	Level A	Level B	Level C	Level D	Level E	Level F	Level G
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Level A	0	5	3	0	0	0	0	0
Level B	0	0	59	6	0	0	0	0
Level C	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
Level D	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
Level E	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Level F	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Level G	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Simple Distribution Table

```

<chart type="DISTRIBUTIONTABLE"
  id="DIST_TABLE_EXAMPLE"
  targetArtefactTypes="FILE"
  xLabel="Testability"
  yLabel="Number of Artefacts">
  <indicator>ROOT</indicator>
  <indicator>ANALYSABILITY</indicator>
</chart>
    
```

	Testability							
	Unknown	Level A	Level B	Level C	Level D	Level E	Level F	Level G
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Level A	0	5	62	5	2	0	0	0
Level B	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
Level C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Level D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Level E	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Level F	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Level G	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Distribution Table with cells coloured according to a scale

Chart:

```

<chart type="DISTRIBUTIONTABLE"
id="DIST_TABLE_SCALE_COLOR_EXAMPLE"
targetArtefactTypes="FILE"
xLabel="Testability"
yLabel="Number of Artefacts"
colorFromScale="SCALE_TEST_BASIC">
  <indicator>ROOT</indicator>
  <indicator>TESTABILITY</indicator>
</chart>
    
```

Scale:

```

<Scale scaleId="SCALE_TEST_BASIC">
  <ScaleLevel levelId="LEVELA" bounds="]1]" rank="1" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="LEVELB" bounds="]1;2]" rank="2" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="LEVELC" bounds="]2;4]" rank="3" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="LEVELD" bounds="]4;8]" rank="4" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="LEVELE" bounds="]8;16]" rank="5" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="LEVELF" bounds="]16;32]" rank="6" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="LEVELG" bounds="]32;[" rank="7" />
</Scale>
    
```

	Testability							
	Unknown	Level A	Level B	Level C	Level D	Level E	Level F	Level G
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Level A	0	5	62	5	2	0	0	0
Level B	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
Level C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Level D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Level E	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Level F	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Level G	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Simple Distribution Table with red/green

Chart:

```

<chart type="DISTRIBUTIONTABLE"
  id="DIST_TABLE_SCALE_COLOR_TWO_COLORS_EXAMPLE"
  targetArtefactTypes="FILE"
  xLabel="Testability"
  yLabel="Number of Artefacts"
  topColorFromScale="SCALE_GREEN"
  middleColorFromScale="SCALE_RED"
  bottomColorFromScale="SCALE_RED">
<indicator>ROOT</indicator>
<indicator>TESTABILITY</indicator>
</chart>
    
```

Scales:

```

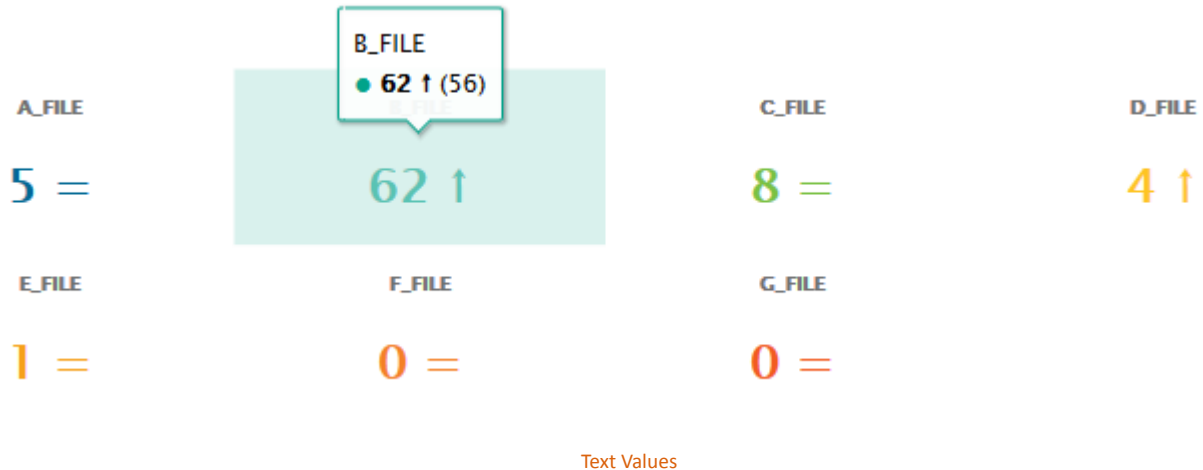
<Scale scaleId="SCALE_GREEN">
  <ScaleLevel levelId="BLANK" bounds="];1[" rank="-1" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="LEVELA" bounds="[1;[" rank="1" />
</Scale>

<Scale scaleId="SCALE_RED">
  <ScaleLevel levelId="BLANK" bounds="];1[" rank="-1" />
  <ScaleLevel levelId="LEVELG" bounds="[1;[" rank="1" />
</Scale>
    
```

7.12. Special Charts

7.12.1. Text Values

The Text Values chart (new in 17.0) is used to display one or more metrics as a large clickable element in your dashboard. The chart also optionally displays the trend for the displayed metrics.



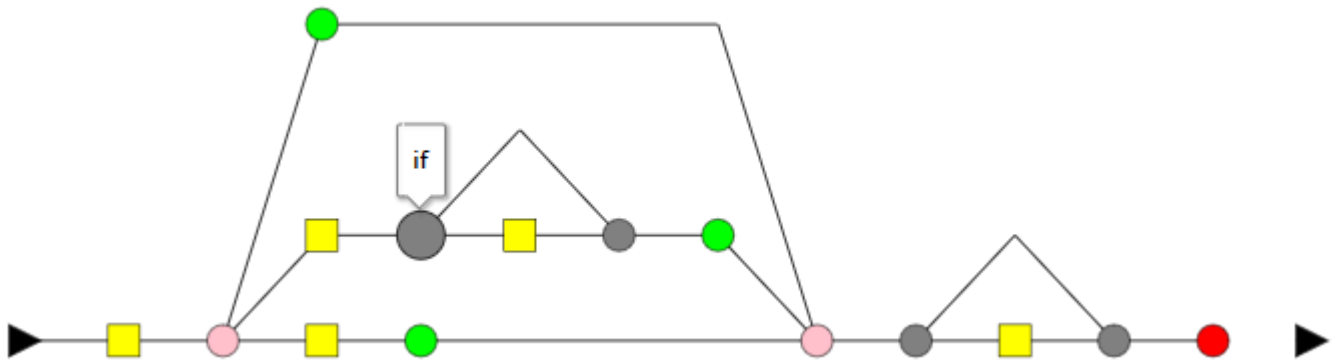
```
<chart type="TEXTVALUES"
  id="TEXTVALUES_EXAMPLE"
  layout="4x3"
  displayEvolution="true">
  <measure color="#006893">A_FILE</measure>
  <measure color="#00a38a">B_FILE</measure>
  <measure color="#79c142">C_FILE</measure>
  <measure color="#fec422">D_FILE</measure>
  <measure color="#f6a01b">E_FILE</measure>
  <measure color="#f48026">F_FILE</measure>
  <measure color="#f25b21">G_FILE</measure>
</chart>
```

The chart accepts the following attributes:

- **layout** (optional, default: **1x1**) defines how to display the metrics on the chart in terms of rows and columns.
- **titleColor** (optional, default: **#707070**) is the color of the label for chart's title.
- **displayEvolution** (optional, default: **false**) allows displaying trends next to the metric's value on the chart.

7.12.2. Control Flow Chart

The Control Flow Chart is a graphical representation of the logical structure of a function using different-coloured shapes reflecting the type of logical break (if, while, switch...) in the code.



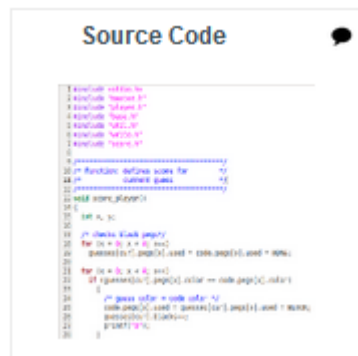
Control Flow Chart

```
<chart type="CONTROLGRAPH" id="CONTROL_FLOW_GRAPH_EXAMPLE" />
```

The `chart` for a Control Flow Chart does not have any specific attributes.

7.12.3. Source Code Viewer

The Source Code Viewer is a special chart-like placeholder on a dashboard that allows users to click it to view the source code of the current artefact.



Source Code Viewer

```
<chart type="SOURCECODE" id="SOURCE_CODE_EXAMPLE" />
```

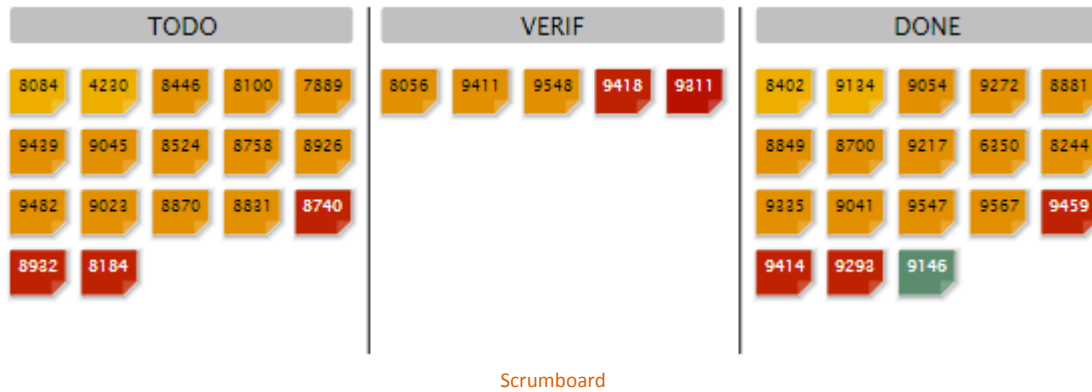
The `chart` for the Source Code Viewer does not have any specific attributes.

7.12.4. Scrumboard

Note

A more flexible version of this chart exists to display scrumboards of child artefacts. For more information, consult Artefact Scrumboard.

The Scrumboard offers a graphical representation of the completion of your tasks for project monitoring. Each task is represented as a sticky note that displays the task ID and provides a link to the issue tracker to review the task.



```
<chart type="ScrumBoard" postitByColumn="3"
  header="SCALE_PARKING_LOT"
  prefixTaskLink="http://support.example.com/view.php?taskId=" >
  <rule color="255,0,0">EVO_TODO</rule>
  <rule>BUG_TODO</rule>
  <rule>BUG_INT_TODO</rule>
  <rule>EVO_VERIF</rule>
  <rule>BUG_VERIF</rule>
  <rule>BUG_INT_VERIF</rule>
  <rule>EVO_DONE</rule>
  <rule>BUG_DONE</rule>
  <rule>BUG_INT_DONE</rule>
</chart>
```

The `chart` tag accepts the following attributes:

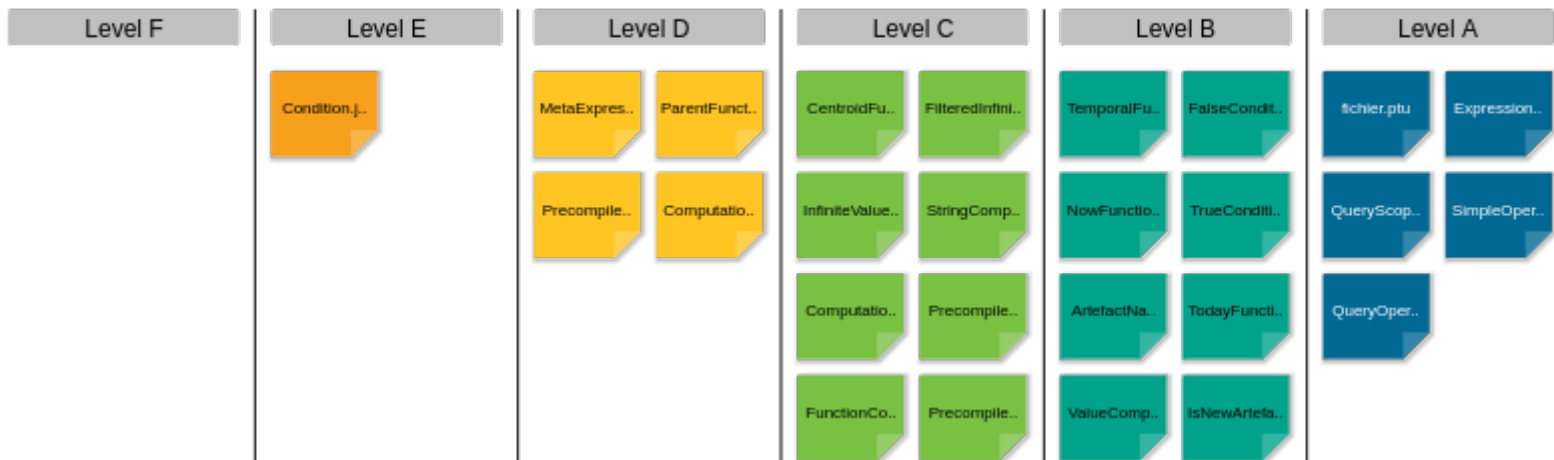
- **postitByColumn** specifies the number of task notes to display per column.
- **header** is the text used for the header of the Scrumboard.
- **prefixTaskLink** is the URL pre-pended to each task Id to create a hyperlink to the issue tracker system.

The Scrumboard requires the following elements:

- `rule` defines the rule that is used to create a task. An optional `color` attribute can be specified to indicate what colour is used to display notes for this rule.

7.12.5. Artefact Scrumboard

The Artefact Scrumboard offers a graphical representation of child artefacts organised into categories (levels on a scale). Each artefact is represented as a sticky note and is clickable so you can reach the artefact's dashboard directly from the scrumboard.



Artefact Scrumboard

```
<chart type="ARTEFACTSCRUMBOARD"
  id="ARTEFACT_SCRUMBOARD_EXAMPLE"
  targetArtefactTypes="FILE"
  postitByColumn="2"
  displayEmptyData="true"
  orderByMeasure="SLOC"
  invertedLevels="true">
<indicator excludeLevels="UNKNOWN;LEVELG">ROOT</indicator>
</chart>
```

The chart tag accepts the following attributes:

- **targetArtefactTypes** allows to filter descendants according to their type. You can use one or more types. Concrete and abstract types are supported, so it is possible to use an alias, as described in Section 3.2, “Artefact Types”. There are some limitations to what is supported:
 1. Measures associated to an indicator must have the same measureId for all types and be of the same kind (base or derived)
 2. For Stacked Bar Chart, Simple Temporal Evolution Stacked Bar Chart, Simple Pie and Simple Bar the scale associated to the indicator must be the same for be the same for all types
- **onlyDirectChildren (optional, default: true)** includes artefacts that are direct children of the current artefact in the chart when set to true, or all descendants of the current artefact when set to false.
- **colorFromIndicator (optional, default: none)** uses the specified indicator's colour scale to assign a colour to each item drawn on the chart.
- **invertedLevels (optional, default: false)** reverses the order of the scale levels on the board when set to true.
- **postitByColumn (optional, default: 3)** specifies the minimum number of sticky notes to display per line in each category.
- **maxPostitWidth (optional, default: dynamic)** specifies the maximum width to draw sticky notes. This setting may override the value of postitByColumn in some cases.
- **displayEmptyData (optional, default: false)** forces the display of categories with no sticky notes on the board when set to true.

- **orderByMeasure (optional)** allows ordering sticky notes in a category according to a specific measure.
- **inverted (optional, default: false)** reverses the order of sticky notes in each category when set to true (still using the measure defined by `orderByMeasure`).

The Artefact Scrumboard requires exactly one `indicator` elements to use its scale levels as scrumboard categories.

8. Project Wizards

8.1. Understanding Wizards

Wizards provide the entry point for Squore users to create and edit projects and meta-projects. A model can have one or more wizards, depending on the options that a Squore administrator decides to display to end-users when they create projects. This is achieved by editing the file `Bundle.xml` located in the Wizards folder inside a particular model.

Creating or editing a project in Squore involves going through these three steps after selecting a wizard:

1. Project Attributes Specification
2. Repository Configuration and Data Provider Selection (or project selection when creating a meta-project)
3. Project Summary and Confirmation

Note: When editing projects, the Data Provider Selection screen is shown or hidden depending on the ability of each Data Provider selected originally to accept new settings. When nothing can be changed, the step is skipped completely.

The syntax of a `Bundle.xml` file offering one standard wizard and one meta-project wizard to the user is shown below:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<Bundle>
  <!-- attributes common to every wizard in this bundle -->
  <tags>
    <tag type="numericValue" name="Project Business Value" measureId="BV" suffix =
    "FP" defaultValue="0" />
  </tags>
  <wizard wizardId="STD_PROJ" versionPattern="V#N1#" autoBaseline="false"
  users="demo;admin" groups="users" img="wizardicon.png">
    <!-- attributes specific to this wizard -->
    <tags>
      <tag type="numericValue" name="Project Cost" measureId="COST" suffix = "M/M"
      defaultValue="0" />
    </tags>
    <repositories all="true" hide="false">
      <repository name="FROMPATH" checkedInUi="true">
        <param name="path" value="/media/sources/" />
      </repository>
    </repositories>
    <tools all="true">
      <tool name="SQuORE" optional="false">
        <param name="languages" value="cpp:.c,.C,.h,.H;java:.java;csharp:.cs;"
        availableChoices="cpp;java;csharp" />
      </tool>
      <tool name="Antic_auto" optional="true" checkedInUI="true"
      projectStatusOnFailure="warning" />
    </tools>
  </wizard>
  <wizard wizardId="STD_META_PROJECTS" projectsSelection="true" />
</Bundle>
```

In order for a wizard to appear in Squore, you need to define its ID, default version pattern and icon, and it will become available when clicking on the **Create Project** button. Note that the availability of a wizard can also be restricted to a set of users or groups. The rest of this chapter covers the settings available for each step of the project wizard.

The `wizard` element accepts the following attributes:

- **wizardId (mandatory)** defines the ID of the wizard, used when creating projects from the command line
- **projectsSelection (optional, default: false)** defines whether a wizard shows a list of projects so that users can create a meta-project (`true`) or shows the list of Repository Connectors and Data Providers to create a regular project (`false`). For more information about meta-projects, see Section 8.5, “Project Selection in Meta-Projects”.
- **versionPattern (optional)** is the pattern to apply to define the version number when a new version is created
- **img (mandatory)** is the icon used in the web interface to display next to the wizards's name and description
- **autoBaseline (optional, default: true)** defines whether versions created using this wizard are by default baselines (`true`) or drafts (`false`). More information about baselines and drafts can be found in the Getting Started Guide.
- **users (optional, no restriction if empty)** is a semi-colon-separated list of users which are allowed to see the wizard
- **groups (optional, no restriction if empty)** is a semi-colon-separated list of Squore groups whose users are allowed to see the wizard
- **group (optional, default: empty)** defines a default display group for new projects. projects that belong to the same group are shown in a common subfolder in the Project Portfolio.
- **hideRulesEdition (optional, default: true)** defines whether the Rules Edition step of the wizard is shown (`false`) or hidden (`true`) to users. This step allows users to modify the ruleset of the model to deactivate rules or change their default categories. More information about this feature can be found in the Getting Started Guide.

Note

The `users` and `groups` attributes are only used to filter the list of wizards in the web interface. This does not prevent users from creating projects using the wizard from the command line.

Tip

The `versionPattern` parameter allows specifying a pattern to create the version name automatically for every analysis. It supports the following syntax:

- **#N#**: A number that is automatically incremented
- **#Nn#**: A number that is automatically incremented using n digits
- **#Y2#**: The current year in 2-digit format
- **#Y4#**: The current year in 4-digit format
- **#M#**: The current month in two digit format
- **#D#**: The current day in two digit format
- **#H#**: The current hour in 24 hour format
- **#MN#**: The current minute in two digit format
- **#S#**: The current second in two digit format

Any character other than `#` is allowed in the pattern. As an example, if you want to produce versions labelled `build-198.2013-07-28_13h07m` (where 198 is an auto-incremented number and

the date and time are the timestamp of the project creation), you would use the pattern: **build-#N3#.Y4#-#M#-#D#_#H#h#MN#m**

8.2. Attributes

Users specify attributes in the first step project creation or edition at project level. These attributes can also be used for other artefact types and can be edited after building a project in the **Forms** tab of the Explorer. You can define what information can enter when creating a project (or the default values offered to the users) by using the **Tags** section of the wizard definition file. The attribute values specified by the user are passed just like measures passed by any other Data Provider. The values are imported as base measures as long as the model contains a definition that uses the same measure ID.

```
<tags textAlign="RIGHT" valueAlign="LEFT">
  <tag type="numericValue" name="Project Business Value" group="Important Decision
  Criteria" measureId="BV" suffix = "FP" defaultValue="0" />
  <tag type="booleanChoice" name="is Critical" group="Important Decision Criteria"
  measureId="CRIT" defaultValue="false" />
  <tag type="multipleChoice" name="Status: " measureId="STATUS"
  defaultValue="SNAPSHOT" displayType="radioButton">
    <value key="SNAPSHOT" value="1" />
    <value key="VALIDATION" value="2" />
    <value key="RELEASE" value="3" />
  </tag>
  <tag type="multipleChoice" name="Department: " measureId="DEPART"
  defaultValue="HR" displayType="comboBox">
    <value key="ACCOUNT" value="1" />
    <value key="HR" value="2" />
    <value key="SALES" value="3" />
    <value key="OTHER" value="4" />
  </tag>
  <tag type="date" name="Sprint Start: " measureId="SPRINT_START"
  defaultValue="TODAY" />
  <tag type="date" name="Sprint End: " measureId="SPRINT_END"
  defaultValue="2012/12/31" />
</tags>
```

The image below shows how attributes defined in the wizard appear to a Squore user when creating a version of a project:

Project Identification

Project Name:

Group: ⓘ

Version Pattern: ⓘ

Version Name: ⓘ

Version Date: ⓘ

Color: ⓘ

Automatic Baselining: ⓘ

Keep old versions data files: ⓘ

E-mail the creator of a version: On draft On baseline On error ⓘ

E-mail team members: On draft On baseline ⓘ

Application attributes

Project Cost: M/M

Status: SNAPSHOT VALIDATION RELEASE

Department: ▼

Sprint Start: ⓘ

Sprint End: ⓘ

<< < December, 2012 > >> x						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
48	25	26	27	28	29	30
49	2	3	4	5	6	7
50	9	10	11	12	13	14
51	16	17	18	19	20	21
52	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	30	31	1	2	3	4
2012/12/31			Clean	Today		

Important Decision Criteria

Project Business Value FP

is Critical

Project Attributes in the project wizard

This other image shows how attributes defined in the wizard appear to a Squore user when in the Forms tab of the explorer:

Dashboard
Forms
✕

▼ Application attributes

Project Cost: M/M Click to comment ▶

Status: SNAPSHOT VALIDATION RELEASE Click to comment ▼

Date Modified	Version	Username	Value	Comments
Nov 10, 2015 7:24:59 PM	Current (V6)	demo	SNAPSHOT	

Department: Click to comment ▶

Sprint Start: Click to comment ▶

Sprint End: Click to comment ▶

▼ Important Decision Criteria

Project Business Value FP Click to comment ▶

is Critical Click to comment ▶

Project Attributes in the Explorer

The `tags` element is used to group several `tag` sub-elements and accepts the following attributes:

- **textAlign** (optional, default: **RIGHT**) defines the horizontal alignment applied to the tag names on the Forms page. Allowed values are LEFT and RIGHT.
- **valueAlign** (optional, default: **LEFT**) defines the horizontal alignment applied to the tag values on the Forms page. Allowed values are LEFT and RIGHT.

The `tag` element accepts the following attributes:

- **type** (mandatory) defines the type of information accepted as value for this attribute. The following values are accepted:
 - **text** for free text entry
 - **numericValue** for numbers
 - **date** for dates
 - **booleanChoice** for a boolean
 - **multipleChoice** for offering a selection as a list
- **displayType** (optional) allows specifying the display type in the Forms tab and the project wizard. The following values are accepted:
 - **comboBox** for attributes of type `multipleChoice`
 - **radioButton** for attributes of type `multipleChoice`
 - **input** for attributes of type `text`

→ **textarea** for attributes of type `text`

Tip

Attributes of type `date` automatically show a date picker and attributes of type `booleanChoice` are rendered as a checkbox. These types do not support the use of `displayType`.

- **name (optional)** is the label used to describe the attribute in the UI.
- **measureId (mandatory)** is the ID of the measure that the value is passed to.
- **suffix (optional, default: empty)** is the label displayed after the value in the UI.
- **defaultValue (optional, default: empty)** is the default value of the attribute if not specified by the user. In the case of a date, the value `TODAY ()` can be used to automatically use today's date as the default value.
- **group (optional)** helps grouping various attributes by category visually in the Forms tab of the Explorer.
- **targetArtefactTypes (optional, default: APPLICATION)** allows associating the attribute to other types of artefacts (more on this below).

Note: A `tag` element can appear within a `wizard` element or at `Bundle` level. In case two `tag` elements impacting the same `measureId` exist at both levels, the definition within the `wizard` element overrides the one at `Bundle`-level.

All attributes described above are defined at application level. They are visible and editable when creating a project and in the **Form** tab of the Explorer if the project is in draft mode. It is possible to associate an attribute to any artefact type by using the **targetArtefactTypes** attribute, as shown below:

```
<tag group="Project Status"
targetArtefactTypes="APPLICATION;SOURCE_CODE;DOCUMENTATION;FOLDER"
type="booleanChoice" name="is tested?" measureId="TESTED" defaultValue="false" /
>
```

8.3. Repository Connector Selection

You may specify whether users can use any available Repository Connectors, which is the default one and what the default values are for each Repository Connector using the `repositories` element in your wizard definition . If you want to allow any Repository Connector in Squore, do not specify any `repositories` element, which is the equivalent of using:

```
<repositories all="true" hide="false" />
```

- **all** instructs Squore to show all Repository Connectors.
- **hide** allows hiding the Repository Connector selection fields when going through the wizard in the web UI. Note that Squore automatically ignores the value of `hide` if it detects that at least one of the Data Providers in the project needs sources.

In order to restrict which Repository Connectors are available, use:

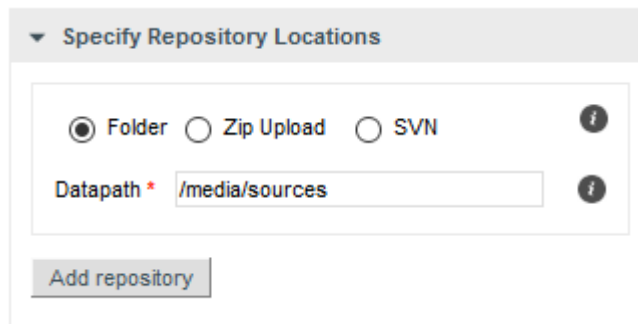
```
<repositories all="false" hide="false">
  <repository name="FROMPATH" checkedInUI="true" >
    <param name="path" value="/media/sources" />
  </repository>
  <repository name="FROMZIP" />
  <repository name="SVN" />
</repositories>
```

The `repository` element accepts the following attributes:

- **name** (mandatory) is the name of the Repository Connector to be used. It must corresponds to one of the Repository Connectors defined in your configuration (by default under `<SQUORE_HOME>/configuration/repositoryConnectors/[name]`).
- **checkedInUI** (optional, **true|false**, default: **false**, **only one can be set to true**) defines whether the Repository Connector is selected by default in the web interface. Note that this parameter has no effect on project creations from the command line.

Note: Each `repository` element accepts name/value pairs as parameters in which you can override the values defined in the Repository Connector's default configuration.

The following image illustrates how the configuration above is displayed in Squore:



Repository Connector Selection Screen

8.4. Data Provider Selection

You may specify whether all or some Data Providers are available, and provide their default settings when the project wizard runs.

Data Providers are specified using the `tools` element. If you simply want to allow users to pick any Data Provider available in Squore, use:

```
<tools all="true" expandedInUI="true" />
```

- **all** instructs Squore to show all Data Providers.
- **expandedInUI** instructs Squore to expand the list of available Data Providers when viewing the wizard from the web UI.

In order to restrict which Data Providers are available, use:

```
<tools all="false" expandedInUI="true">
  <tool name="SQuORE" optional="false" projectStatusOnFailure="warning"
    expandedInUI="true" checkedInUI="true" />
  <tool name="CheckStyle" optional="true" projectStatusOnFailure="error"
    checkedInUI="true" />
  <tool name="Findbugs_auto" optional="true" projectStatusOnFailure="ignore"
    checkedInUI="false">
    <param name="Findbugs_auto::class_dir" value="/path/to/my/classes" />
  </tool>
</tools>
```

The `tool` element accepts the following attributes:

- **name** is the name of the Data Provider to be used. It must corresponds to one of the Data Providers defined in your configuration (by default under `<SQUORE_HOME>/configuration/tools/[name]`).

- **optional (true | false, default: false)**: When set to false the Data Provider is always included in the analysis, even when not explicitly called from the command line. It also prevents from unchecking it in the web interface. When set to true, the Data Provider is available but not automatically included in an analysis.
- **projectStatusOnWarning (ignore | warning | error, default: warning)** specifies the status to give the analysis if the Data Provider execution finishes in WARN level.
projectStatusOnFailure (ignore | warning | error, default: warning) specifies the status to give the analysis if the Data Provider execution finishes in ERROR or FATAL level.
 - When set to **ignore**, the the project ends in the `Created` state.
 - When set to **warning**, the the project ends in the `Warning` state, which means that a draft is created (even if you required a baseline version to be created).
 - When set to **error**, the the project ends in the `Error` state, which means that no new version is created.
- **checkedInUI (true | false, default: true)** defines whether the Data Provider is selected by default in the web interface. Note that this parameter has no effect on project creations from the command line.
- **expandedInUI (true | false, default: false)** defines whether the Data Provider's settings panel is expanded (true) or collapsed (false) by default in the web interface. Note that this parameter has no effect on project creations from the command line.

Note

Each `tool` element accepts name/value pairs as parameters in which you can override the values defined in the Data Provider's default configuration. These parameters can be shown or hidden in the web UI, as shown below.

```
<tool name="Findbugs_auto">
  <param name="java_path" value="/usr/bin/java" hide="true" />
</tool>
```

For the `param` element:

- **value** is optional and defaults to an empty string
- **hide** is optional and defaults to false

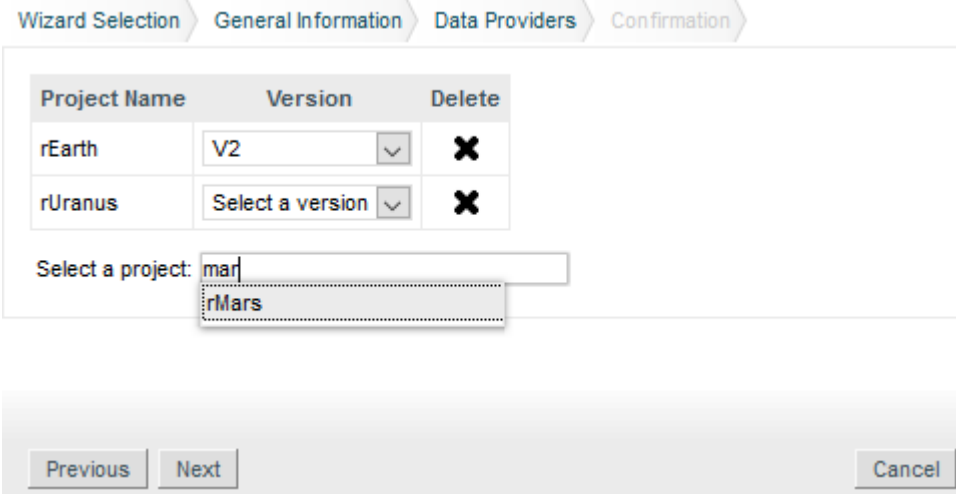
The following image illustrates how the configuration above is displayed in Squore:



Data Provider Selection Screen

8.5. Project Selection in Meta-Projects

When you configure a wizard to create meta-projects, the Data Providers step of the wizard displays a screen that allows you to pick specific versions of existing projects to build a meta project.



Project Name	Version	Delete
rEarth	V2	✘
rUranus	Select a version	✘

Select a project:

- rMars

Previous Next Cancel

The project selection screen for meta-projects

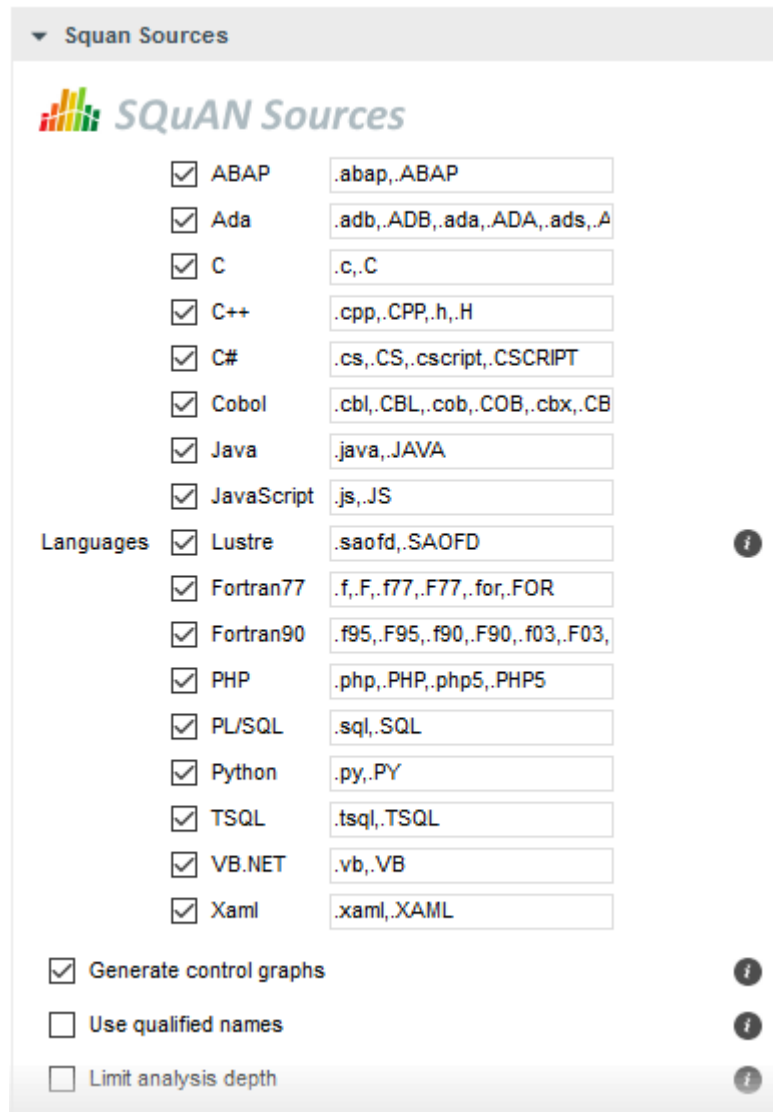
Type the name of a project to add it to your selection, and specify the version to include in your meta-project. There are no other configuration options available, the versions of the selected projects will be grouped in a new project, which will be rated as any other project in this model.

This screen is activated via the `projectsSelection` attribute in a wizard:

```
<wizard wizardId="STD_META_PROJECTS" projectsSelection="true" />
```

8.6. Source Code Configuration

If the wizard definition includes the **SQuORE** Data Provider, users will be able to select the programming languages for the source code to be analysed.



The Squan Sources Data Provider settings

The picture above shows the Data Provider settings for the Squan Sources Data Provider defined by these lines in the wizard's `Bundle.xml`:

```
<tools>
  <tool name="SQuORE" optional="false">
    <param name="languages" value="cpp:.c,.C,.h,.H;java:.java;csharp:.cs;"
      availableChoices="cpp;java;csharp" />
  </tool>
</tools>
```

The language settings are defined using the following attributes:

- **availableChoices** defines the languages available for this wizard. The key must be one of the currently supported languages:
 - supported languages: ABAP, Ada, C, COBOL, C++, C#, Fortran 77, Fortran 90, Java, JavaScript, Lustre, Mind-C, Objective-C, PHP, PL/SQL, Python, T-SQL, Visual Basic .NET, XAML

- corresponding keys: `abap`, `ada`, `c`, `cobol`, `cpp`, `csharp`, `fortran77`, `fortran90`, `java`, `javascript`, `lustre`, `mindc`, `objectivec`, `php`, `plsql`, `python`, `tsql`, `vbnet`, `xaml`
- **value** defines the languages checked by default and their extensions when creating a new project, or used by default when not specified explicitly on the command line. One or more languages can be selected, so you can analyse projects containing source code in multiple languages.

Tip

You can also specify the list of default extensions for each language by using the `language:extension1,extension2;` format. Here is an example of a full language specification:

```
<param name="languages" value="c:.c,.h;cpp:.cpp,.h;java;csharp"
availableChoices="cpp;java;csharp" />
```

Note: You can set the same extension for more than one language, but you will not be able to run an analysis that contains two languages using the same extension. In the example above, see `.h` is a valid extension for C and C++, but you will not be able to select both C and C++ as part of the same project because of the extension clash.

8.7. Project Milestones

Milestones and goals for your project can be configured in the Wizard Bundle. A milestone has a name, a date, and allows you to set a goal for one or more metric in your project. You can configure your wizard to allow users to create milestones and define goals from scratch, or you can define your company milestones and objectives to ensure that they are part of every project created with this wizard.

In order to add support for milestones to your model, configure your wizard to allow users to create milestones and goals:

```
<Bundle xmlns:xi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XInclude">
  <wizard wizardId="ANALYTICS" versionPattern="v#N1#" img="../../../Shared/Wizards/
square_logo.png" hideRulesEdition="FALSE">
    <milestones canCreateMilestone="TRUE" canCreateGoal="TRUE">
      <goals displayableFamilies="ANALYTICS_GOALS" />
    </milestones>
  </wizard>
</Bundle>
```

The **milestones** element allows users to create milestones in the project wizard (`canCreateMilestone="TRUE"`) and also set goals (`canCreateGoal="TRUE"`). The goals can be set for metrics of the GOALS family only in this example (`displayableFamilies="ANALYTICS_GOALS"`).

The result in the web UI is the following:

Project Identification

Project Name:

Group: ⓘ

Version Pattern: ⓘ

Version Name: ⓘ

Version Date: ⓘ

Colour: █ ⓘ

Automatic Baselineing: ⓘ

Legacy Components: ⓘ

Keep old versions of data files: ⓘ

E-mail the creator of a version: On draft On baseline On error ⓘ

E-mail team members: On draft On baseline ⓘ

▼ Milestones

		SPRINT1 ✕	+
Name	<input type="text" value="Sprint 1"/>		
Date	<input type="text" value="2017/04/28"/> ⓘ		
Technical Debt ✕	<input type="text" value="500"/>		
		Algorithmic Cloning ▾	+

- Algorithmic Cloning Ratio
- Blocker Issues
- Code Cloning Ratio
- Coding Standard Compliance
- Complexity Volume Ratio
- Critical Issues
- Information Issues
- Major Issues
- Minor Issues
- Modified Technical Debt (Min)
- New Technical Debt (Min)
- Self Descriptiveness
- Technical Debt
- Unchanged Technical Debt (Min)

A wizard allowing users to create milestones freely during an analysis

When creating a new project, a user decides to create a **Sprint 1** milestone with one objective of **500** for the **Technical Debt** indicator. Other goals can be set, for the other metrics in the project that belong to the **ANALYTICS_GOALS** family listed in the dropdown list at the bottom of the table.

If you have company-wide milestones and objectives that need to be set for every project created with the wizard, you can specify the goals directly. Milestones can also be marked as mandatory or optional:

```
<Bundle xmlns:xi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XInclude">
  <wizard wizardId="ANALYTICS_WITH_MILESTONES" versionPattern="v#N1#" img="../../
  Shared/Wizards/squore_logo.png" hideRulesEdition="FALSE">
    <milestones canCreateMilestone="TRUE" canCreateGoal="TRUE">
      <goals displayableFamilies="GOALS">
        <goal measureId="TECH_DEBT" mandatory="TRUE" highestIsBest="FALSE" />
        <goal measureId="ISSUE_BLOCKER" mandatory="TRUE" highestIsBest="TRUE" />
        <goal measureId="ISSUE_CRITICAL" mandatory="TRUE" highestIsBest="TRUE" />
        <goal measureId="ROKR_SUBSET" mandatory="TRUE" highestIsBest="FALSE" />
      </goals>
      <milestone id="REQUIREMENT_FREEZE" mandatory="TRUE">
        <defaultGoal measureId="TECH_DEBT" value="0" />
        <defaultGoal measureId="ISSUE_BLOCKER" value="1" />
        <defaultGoal measureId="ISSUE_CRITICAL" value="30" />
        <defaultGoal measureId="ROKR_SUBSET" value="1" />
      </milestone>
      <milestone id="INFRASTRUCTURE_FREEZE" mandatory="TRUE">
        <defaultGoal measureId="TECH_DEBT" value="0" />
        <defaultGoal measureId="ISSUE_BLOCKER" value="1" />
        <defaultGoal measureId="ISSUE_CRITICAL" value="50" />
        <defaultGoal measureId="ROKR_SUBSET" value="1" />
      </milestone>
      <milestone id="CODE_FREEZE" mandatory="TRUE">
        <defaultGoal measureId="TECH_DEBT" value="0" />
        <defaultGoal measureId="ISSUE_BLOCKER" value="1" />
        <defaultGoal measureId="ISSUE_CRITICAL" value="90" />
        <defaultGoal measureId="ROKR_SUBSET" value="0.5" />
      </milestone>
      <milestone id="BETA_RELEASE" mandatory="FALSE">
        <defaultGoal measureId="TECH_DEBT" value="1" />
        <defaultGoal measureId="ISSUE_BLOCKER" value="1" />
        <defaultGoal measureId="ISSUE_CRITICAL" value="95" />
        <defaultGoal measureId="ROKR_SUBSET" value="0.3" />
      </milestone>
      <milestone id="RELEASE" mandatory="TRUE">
        <defaultGoal measureId="TECH_DEBT" value="1" />
        <defaultGoal measureId="ISSUE_BLOCKER" value="1" />
        <defaultGoal measureId="ISSUE_CRITICAL" value="100" />
        <defaultGoal measureId="ROKR_SUBSET" value="0" />
      </milestone>
    </milestones>
  </wizard>
</Bundle>
```

When creating a new project, the predefined goals are filled in in the web interface, and you can still add a **Beta Release** milestone (using the default values specified in the wizard bundle) if needed by using the + icon:

Confirmation

Project1

v#N1#

v1

Relining: Elements: Versions of data files: Operator of a version: On draft On baseline On error Numbers: On draft On baseline

	REQUIREMENT_FREEZE	INFRASTRUCTURE_FREEZE	CODE_FREEZE	RELEASE
Name	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Date	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Technical Debt	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Tracker Issues	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Critical Issues	<input type="text" value="30"/>	<input type="text" value="50"/>	<input type="text" value="90"/>	<input type="text" value="100"/>
Compliance Standard	<input type="text" value="100 %"/>	<input type="text" value="100 %"/>	<input type="text" value="50 %"/>	<input type="text" value="0 %"/>

A project wizard with preconfigured milestones and goals

The milestones element accepts the following attributes:

- **canCreateMilestone** (optional, default: **TRUE**) defines if a button is available in the web UI to add new milestones
- **canCreateGoal** (optional, default: **TRUE**) defines if a button is available in the web UI to add new goals for milestones
- **hide** (optional, default: **FALSE**) allows hiding the milestones pane of the wizard in the web interface

The `goals` element accepts the following attribute:

- **displayableFamilies** (optional, default: **no filter**) allows filtering the list of metrics listed in the web interface when adding a goal. The value of the parameter is a family name, and when specified, only metrics of this family will be available as goals from the web interface.

The `goal` element allows preconfiguring your goals in the project and accepts the following attributes:

- **measureId** (mandatory) is the ID of the metric to use as a goal
- **highestIsBest** (optional, default: **TRUE**) specifies whether a higher value for the metric is better or not.

Warning

If this parameter was specified in the metric directly, then default value is the one set at metric-level instead of **TRUE**.

The `milestone` element accepts the following attributes:

- **id** (mandatory) is the unique identifier of the milestone in the model
- **defaultDate** (optional, default: **none**) is the date used for the milestone by default.
- **mandatory** (optional, default: **false**) defines whether users can remove a milestone from the web interface.

The `defaultGoal` element accepts the following attributes:

- **measureId** (mandatory) is the unique identifier of the metric to use as goal
- **value** (mandatory) is the default value for the goal.

Tip

For a complete example of how to use milestones in a Squore project, consult Appendix D, *Milestones Tutorial*.

9. Configuring Reports and Exports

9.1. Configuring Reports

9.1.1. Understanding Reports

Each model described in the Squore Configuration defines a set of reports in the bundle file under `<SQUORE_HOME>/Configuration/models/MyModel/Reports/Bundle.xml`. These depend on the Analysis Model chosen, and the role of the currently logged-in user. Every report is built upon two pieces: a Jasper Report template file, that defines how the report will be organised, and its content: a set of charts and tabular data.

Here is an example configuration file for a report:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<Bundle xmlns:xi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XInclude">
  <SquareReport id="DR_DASHBOARD_REPORT" templatePath="../../Shared/Reports/
templates/template.jrxml" logo="header_image.png">
    <Role name="DEFAULT;PROJECT_MANAGER;DEVELOPER">
      <Report type="APPLICATION;FILE">
        <Charts displayComments="true">
          <xi:include href="../../Analysis/key_performance_indicator.xml"/>
          <xi:include href="../../Analysis/Code/ISO9126_Maintainability/
MaintainabilityKiviat.xml"/>
          <xi:include href="../../Analysis/Code/TechnicalDebt/TechnicalDebtTrend.xml"/>
        >
          <xi:include href="../../Analysis/Code/ArtefactRating/
FunctionOptimisedPie.xml"/>
        </Charts>
        <Tables>
          <xi:include href="../../Dashboards/tables/line_counting.xml" />
          <xi:include href="../../Dashboards/tables/dates.xml" />
          <xi:include href="../../Dashboards/tables/levels.xml" />
          <xi:include href="../../Dashboards/tables/displayed.xml" />
          <xi:include href="../../Dashboards/tables/ArtefactsTable.xml" />
        </Tables>
        <Data>
          <Findings id="VIOLATIONS" />
          <Findings id="PRACTICES" type="ALL_PRACTICE" />
          <FindingOccurrences id="RELAXED_FINDINGS" relaxationState="RELAXED" />
          <DefectReports id="WORST" />
          <Artefacts id="RELAXED_ARTEFACTS" relaxationState="RELAXED" />
          <Artefacts id="EXCLUDED_ARTEFACTS" relaxationState="EXCLUDED" />
          <Highlights id="TOP_10_WORST_FILE" filterId="TOP_10_WORST_ARTEFACTS"
artefactType="JAVA_FILE" />
        </Data>
      </Report>
    </Role>
  </SquareReport>
</Bundle>
```

A Bundle is composed of one or more `SquareReport` elements. Each `SquareReport` is associated to a Jasper template file (a file with a `.jrxml` extension). The attributes allowed for the `SquareReport` element are the following:

→ **id** is the unique identifier of the report being defined.

→ **templatePath** is the path to the Jasper Report XML template file.

The following sections will take you through restricting your template to certain roles or artefact types, and define which `Charts`, `Tables` and `Data` (action items and findings) are included in the report.

9.1.2. Template Files

Squore uses Jasper Reports for its reports templates. A jasper template is an XML file with `.jrxml` extension. There are three levels of templates used in a Squore report:

- The main formatting template, that defines the two main areas (charts and data), which allows to set a specific document template.
- A template for the Action Items and Findings lists.
- A template for displaying each row of the Action Items and Findings list.

The following generic attributes are available in a report template:

- **\$P{application}**: The name of the project.
- **\$P{artefactName}**: The name of the artefact
- **\$P{artefactType}**: The type of the artefact
- **\$P{author}**: The name of the user generating the report
- **\$P{model}**: The analysis model used
- **\$P{version}**: The name of the version
- **\$P{versionDate}**: The creation date of the version

The following attributes specific to charts can also be used:

- **\$P{CHART_ID}**: a unique identifier for the chart
- **\$P{CHART_URL_0}** to **\$P{CHART_URL_X}**: used to resolve the path to chart [0] to [X]
- **\$P{CHART_NAME_0}** to **\$P{CHART_NAME_X}**: used to resolve the name of chart [0] to [X]

Note: iReport is the official visual building tool edited by JasperSoft, the company behind Jasper Reports. Since the template file is written in XML, a simple text editor like Notepad++ can be used, for advanced users at least.

9.1.3. Defining Your Own Logo

You can override the default header image in the report file by adding a `logo` attribute in `Bundle.xml`, as shown below:

```
<SquoreReport id="DR_DASHBOARD_REPORT" templatePath="../../Shared/Reports/
templates/template.jrxml" logo="../../Shared/Reports/templates/header_logo.png">
```

The path to the header logo file is relative to the location of `Bundle.xml`.

Tip

For best results, use a header image with a ratio of 408 by 65 points.

9.1.4. Defining Roles and Artefact Types

In each `SquoreReport` element, one or more `Role` elements can be defined to specify what data is needed for this each of user. The only required attribute for the `Role` tag is `name`, with a comma-separated list of roles.

Tip

If you want your template to be available to any logged-in user, specify the role name **DEFAULT**.

Each role contains one or more `Report` elements, each one with a `type` attribute that contains the target artefact type for the report template.

9.1.5. Including Charts

`Charts` describes the chart elements that the report will display, according to the template file definition.

The `Charts` element has one or more `chart` elements. The charts available for reports are the same as the charts used for dashboards. See Section 6.3.3, “The Charts Area” for a complete list of available charts. The `ID` attribute is needed to load generated images in templates. Note that you can choose to include the chart's comments in the report by setting the `displayComments` to **true**.

9.1.6. Including Tables

`Tables` describes the chart elements that the report will display, according to the template file definition.

The `Tables` element has one or more `table` elements. You can use the tables created for the dashboard or create a table that is not included in any dashboard. Refer to the section called “Scorecard Tables” for a complete reference about tables.

9.1.7. Including Action Items, Findings, Highlights and Artefacts

The `Data` element describes the action items (element: `DefectReports`), practices (element: `Findings`), relaxed findings (element: `FindingOccurrences`), highlights (element: `Highlights`) and artefacts (element: `Artefacts`) that will be included in the report, according to the template file definition.

The attributes allowed for the `DefectReports` element are the following:

- **id (mandatory)** is a unique identifier for the list of action items.
- **withReasons (optional, default: true)** defines whether Action Items are reported with their reasons (true) or not (false). Note that including reasons has an impact on performance when generating the report.

The attributes allowed for the `Findings` element are the following:

- **id (mandatory)** is a unique identifier for the list of findings.
- **type (optional, default value: NO_FILTER)** is the filter to apply to the findings list. The following values are accepted, so you can generate the same lists as in the web interface:
 - **NO_FILTER**
 - **LOST_PRACTICE**
 - **ACQUIRED_PRACTICE**
 - **DETERIORATED_PRACTICE**
 - **IMPROVED_PRACTICE**
 - **ALL_PRACTICE**

Tip

Action Items and Findings are sorted in the same way as in the user interface, which you can customise for each model by following the procedure described in Section 13.8, “Sort Order for Action Items and Findings”.

The attributes allowed for the `FindingOccurrences` element are the following:

- **id (mandatory)** is a unique identifier for the list of relaxed findings occurrences.
- **relaxationState (mandatory)** is the filter to apply to the findings occurrences list. The following values are accepted, so you can generate the same lists as in the web interface:
 - **RELAXED**
 - **RELAXED_DEROGATION**
 - **RELAXED_LEGACY**
 - **RELAXED_FALSE_POSITIVE**

Tip

Findings occurrences are sorted by artefact path.

The attributes allowed for the `Highlights` element are the following:

- **id (mandatory)** is a unique identifier for the highlight category.
- **filterId (mandatory)** is the id of the highlight category to include in your report (as defined in the Highlights bundle in your model)
- **artefactType (mandatory)** is the type of artefact to display highlights for.

Warning

The `artefactType` attribute only accepts real artefact types, not aliases.

The attributes allowed for the `Artefacts` element are the following:

- **id (mandatory)** is a unique identifier for the list of artefacts.
- **relaxationState (mandatory)** defines the relaxation status of the artefacts to include in the list. The following values are accepted:
 - **RELAXED**
 - **EXCLUDED**

9.2. Configuring Exports

Each model described in the Squore Configuration may define a set of exports in the `models/MODEL/Exports/Bundle.xml` bundle file. Exports available in the user interface depend on the role of the currently logged-in user and the selection in the Project Portfolios and the Artefact Tree views.

Here is an example of a bundle file:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<Bundle>
  <Role name="DEFAULT">
    <Export type="MODEL">
      <ExportScript name="Project Portfolio" script="{scriptDir}/sqexport.pl">
        <arg value="-f" />
        <arg value="{outputFile}" />
        <arg value="versions" />
        <arg value="-ml" />
        <arg value="-u" />
        <arg value="{idUser}" />
        <arg value="{idModel}" />
      </ExportScript>
    </Export>
  </Role>
</Bundle>
```

```

</ExportScript>
</Export>
<Export type="APPLICATION">
  <ExportScript name="Functions with level G" script="${scriptDir}/sqexport.pl">
    <arg value="-f" />
    <arg value="${outputFile}" />
    <arg value="artefacts" />
    <arg value="-mR" />
    <arg value="-T" />
    <arg value="${types['FUNCTION']}" />
    <arg value="-L" />
    <arg value="LEVELG" />
    <arg value="-u" />
    <arg value="${idUser}" />
    <arg value="${idModel}" />
  </ExportScript>
</Export>
</Role>
</Bundle>

```

9.2.1. Supplied Export Scripts

The default Squore configuration includes the following scripts by default. Each script is described in an appendix at the end of this manual.

→ [sqexport.pl\(1\)](#)

9.2.2. Using Runtime Variables

The `Bundle.xml` file above contains some variables that are replaced at runtime. The following is the list of variables that can be used in the `ExportScript` and `arg` XML elements.

Note that the `${outputFile}` variable is mandatory.

<code>\${scriptDir}</code>	Used to resolve the location of the addons directories on Squore Server, in which the <code>scripts/export-scripts</code> subdirectory contains the default scripts.
<code>\${customScriptDir}</code>	Used to resolve the location of the configuration directories on Squore Server, in which the <code><MODEL_NAME>/Exports</code> subdirectory contains the scripts you added to the product.
<code>\${serverUrl}</code>	The base URL of the Squore server.
<code>\${outputFile}</code>	The name of the output file where the export script writes to. The filename is guaranteed to be unique on each call.
<code>\${idUser}</code>	The identifier of the logged in user.
<code>\${idModel}</code>	The identifier of the model that is currently selected in the Project Portfolios.
<code>\${idApplication}</code>	The identifier of the application that is currently selected in the Project Portfolios.
<code>\${idVersion}</code>	The identifier of the version that is currently selected in the Project Portfolios.
<code>\${idArtefact}</code>	The identifier of the artefact that is currently selected in the Artefact Tree.
<code>\${types['TYPENAME']}</code>	This function resolves at runtime the type aliases of TYPENAME. That may be used to simplify bundles, as you may achieve the exact same thing by manually listing all types. The result is a coma separated list of types.

10. Custom Export Formats

10.1. Creating Custom Export Format for Action Items

The list of action items raised by Squore according to the triggers configured in your decision model can be exported out of Squore so it is reused and managed in any third-party application you use to track defects or issues. By default, Squore supports exporting in these formats:

- CSV
- ClearQuest
- Mantis
- XML

This list can be expanded by adding custom export formats to your configuration.

Before making a new export available, you need to understand the information that is available to export. In order to see the full export, export action items from Squore using the XML export to dumps all the information available to an xml file. Creating a new format is as simple as creating a stylesheet to manipulate the contents of the full export to your liking.

Let's first look at what an export configuration looks like. On Squore Server, go to `<SQUORE_HOME>/Configuration/scripts/export`. Each export format is specified in its own folder. Each export format is defined by two files: `transform.xml` and `export.properties`. The file `transform.xml` is a stylesheet to define what information gets exported, and the file `export.properties` defines the extension and charset of the export file.

Note: The `export.properties` file is optional. If omitted, Squore will create a file with a ".xml" extension using the UTF-8_BOM character set, as if using the file below:

```
charsetName = UTF-8_BOM
extension = .xml
```

For more information about available charsets, consult <http://docs.oracle.com/javase/6/docs/api/java/nio/charset/Charset.html>

After you to define your stylesheet, create a new folder called `MyCustomExport` in Squore's configuration folder and create the two definition files needed by saving your stylesheet as `transform.xml` and specifying the desired extension and charset for the report file . The new export format will be available in Squore the next time you refresh your dashboard.

11. Defining Highlights

11.1. Understanding Highlights

The Highlights tab in Squore's Explorer is a flat list of artefacts in predefined categories for a model. These categories are defined in your model by including content in the highlights Bundle.xml file for your model. In this chapter, you will learn to understand the default highlights in the default models and will be able to consult the full reference for formatting a highlights bundle.

The default highlights bundle looks similar to this:

```
<Bundle>
  <Role name="DEFAULT" preSelectedType="FUNCTION">
  <Filters type="PACKAGES">
    <TopArtefacts id="TOP_10_WORST_ARTEFACTS" order="DESC" resultSize="10"/>
    <TopDeltaArtefacts id="TOP_10_MOST_DETERIORATED_ARTEFACTS" order="DESC"
resultSize="10"/>
    <TopDeltaArtefacts id="TOP_10_MOST_IMPROVED_ARTEFACTS" order="ASC"
resultSize="10"/>
    <TopBorderlineArtefacts id="TOP_10_'BORDERLINE'_ARTEFACTS" order="ASC"
minLevel="LEVELC" resultSize="10"/>
    <TopNewArtefacts id="ALL_NEW_ARTEFACTS" order="DESC" resultSize="*"/>
    <TopModifiedArtefacts id="ALL_MODIFIED_ARTEFACTS" order="DESC" resultSize="*"/>
  </Filters>
</Bundle>
```

This results in the following flat lists being displayed in Squore:

Dashboard
Highlights
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Top 10 worst artefacts
▼

- Top 10 worst artefacts
- Top 10 most deteriorated artefacts
- Top 10 most improved artefacts
- Top 10 'borderline' artefacts
- All new artefacts
- All impacted artefacts
- Top 10 most changed artefacts
- Top 10 worst folders
- Top 10 worst functions
- Top 10 non compliant functions
- Top 10 functions with non conformities
- Top 10 most complex functions

C Function ▼

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rating ↕	Artefact ↕	Path ↕
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	E	send_score(int)	apps/score.c
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	D	machine_plays()	apps/machine.c
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	C	cf_9_anifelsif()	core/control.c
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	C	consistent()	core/util.c
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	C	instruction()	core/write.c
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	C	consistent_ex()	core/newutil.c
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	C	cf_10_asequenceofif()	core/control.c
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	C	cf_8_alargeswitch()	core/control.c
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	C	refresh()	core/util.c
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	C	refresh_ex()	core/newutil.c

Add to Review Set
Export

The Squore Default Highlight Categories

11.2. Highlights Syntax Reference

The top element of the highlights bundle consists of a `Bundle` top element in which two elements are allowed:

- **Role** defines the user roles allowed to use the predefined highlight categories for this model using a **name (mandatory)** and the default artefact type selected in the UI using a **preSelectedType (mandatory)**.
- **Filters** defines a list of highlight categories for certain types of artefact types, defined using the `type` attribute.

There are several types of predefined highlights categories:

1. **TopArtefacts** is used to retrieve artefacts with the biggest value for a given measure.
 2. **TopDeltaArtefacts** is used to retrieve artefacts with the biggest variation in the value of a given measure since an earlier version.
 3. **TopBorderlineArtefacts** is used to retrieve artefacts that are closest to the upper limit of a given scale level, and therefore most likely to be easy to improve with the smallest effort.
 4. **TopNewArtefacts** is used retrieve artefacts that are new in the current version, sorted according to the value of a given measure.
 5. **TopModifiedArtefacts** is used to retrieve the artefacts modified in the current version, sorted according to the value of a given measure.
1. `TopArtefacts` allows the following attributes:
 - **id (mandatory)** is the id of the filter.

- **name (deprecated)** is unused.
 - **artefactTypes (optional)** defines the types of artefacts to filter on.
 - **excludingTypes (optional, default: none)** lists the artefact types for which the metric should not be displayed. This allows refining the types entered in the main filter above.
 - **measureId (optional, default: the measureId associated with the root indicator)** is the name of the measure Id to filter on.
 - **order (optional, default: ASC)** is the sort order for the list according to the reference measure ID. Valid values are ASC and DESC.
 - **altMeasureId (optional, default: empty)** is the second measure ID to use for sorting.
 - **altOrder (optional, default: empty)** is the sort order for the second measure ID. Valid values are ASC and DESC.
 - **resultSize (mandatory)** is the number of results to include in the list. Use 10 to display 10 artefacts or * to display all artefacts.
- altMeasureId and altOrder shall be both set or not set.
2. TopDeltaArtefacts allows the following attributes:
 - **id (mandatory)** is the id of the filter.
 - **name (deprecated)** is unused.
 - **artefactTypes (optional)** lists the types of artefacts to filter on.
 - **measureId (optional, default: LEVEL)** is the name of the measure Id to filter on.
 - **order (mandatory)** is the sort order for the list according to the reference measure ID. Valid values are ASC and DESC.
 - **resultSize (mandatory)** is the number of results to include in the list. Use 10 to display 10 artefacts or * to display all artefacts.
 3. TopBorderlineArtefacts allows the following attributes:
 - **id (mandatory)** is the id of the filter.
 - **name (deprecated)** is unused.
 - **artefactTypes (optional)** lists the types of artefacts to filter on.
 - **indicatorId (optional, default: LEVEL)** is the name of the measure Id to filter on.
 - **minLevel (optional, default: empty)** is The name of the rank to be used as the threshold for results. If you want to exclude artefacts above LEVELC, set minLevel to LEVELC.
 - **order (mandatory)** is the sort order for the list according to the reference measure ID. Valid values are ASC and DESC.
 - **resultSize (mandatory)** is the number of results to include in the list. Use 10 to display 10 artefacts or * to display all artefacts.
 4. TopNewArtefacts allows the following attributes:
 - **id (mandatory)** is the id of the filter.
 - **name (deprecated)** is unused.
 - **artefactTypes (optional)** lists the types of artefacts to filter on.
 - **measureId (optional, default: LEVEL)** is the name of the measure Id to filter on.
 - **order (mandatory)** is the sort order for the list according to the reference measure ID. Valid values are ASC and DESC.
 - **resultSize (mandatory)** is the number of results to include in the list. Use 10 to display 10 artefacts or * to display all artefacts.

5. `TopModifiedArtefacts` allows the following attributes:
- **id (mandatory)** is the id of the filter.
 - **name (deprecated)** is unused.
 - **artefactTypes (optional)** is the types of artefacts to filter on.
 - **order (mandatory)** is the sort order for the list according to the reference measure ID. Valid values are ASC and DESC.
 - **resultSize (mandatory)** is the number of results to include in the list. Use 10 to display 10 artefacts or * to display all artefacts.

All highlights categories support the following nested elements, to customise output:

1. **Column** is used to add column with the value of a measure to the table.
 2. **Where** is used to restrict returned artefacts, using condition on measures.
 3. **OrderBy** is used to specify sort directives, in addition to the main one.
1. `Column` allows the following attributes:
- **measureId (optional)** is the ID of the measure
 - **indicatorId (optional)** is the ID of the indicator
 - **infoId (optional)** is the ID of the textual information.
 - **artefactTypes (optional, default: the parent value of artefactTypes)** lists the artefact types for which the metric should be displayed. This allows refining the types entered in the main filter above.
 - **excludingTypes (optional, default: the parent value of excludingTypes)** lists the artefact types for which the metric should not be displayed. This allows refining the types entered in the main filter above.
 - **headerDisplayType (optional, default: NAME)** is the label to display in the header. The supported values are:
 - **NAME** is the measure's name
 - **MNEMONIC** is the measure's mnemonic
 - **displayType (optional, default: VALUE)** sets the value display type. The supported values are:
 - **VALUE** for the measure's numeric value
 - **RANK** for the indicator's rank
 - **ICON** for the indicator's rank icon
 - **DATE** for the measure's value, displayed as a UTC date
 - **DATETIME** for the measure's value, displayed as a UTC date and time
 - **TIME** for the measure's value, displayed as a UTC timeFor **DATE**, **DATETIME** and **TIME**, you can specify the required format using the `dateStyle`, `timeStyle` and `datePattern` attributes described below.
 - **dateStyle (optional, default: DEFAULT)**: the date formatting style, used when the `displayType` is one of **DATE** or **DATETIME**.
 - **SHORT** is completely numeric, such as 12.13.52 or 3:30pm.
 - **MEDIUM** is longer, such as Jan 12, 1952.
 - **DEFAULT** is **MEDIUM**.
 - **LONG** is longer, such as January 12, 1952 or 3:30:32pm.
 - **FULL** is pretty completely specified, such as Tuesday, April 12, 1952 AD or 3:30:42pm PST.

- **timeStyle (optional, default: DEFAULT)**: the time formatting style, used when the displayType is one of DATETIME or TIME. See above for available styles.
- **datePattern (formerly dateFormat) (optional, default: empty)**: the date pattern, used when the displayType is one of DATE, DATETIME or TIME.
 - "yyyy.MM.dd G 'at' HH:mm:ss z" is "2001.07.04 AD at 12:08:56 PDT".
 - "EEE, d MMM yyyy HH:mm:ss Z" is "Wed, 4 Jul 2001 12:08:56 -0700".If this attribute is set, both dateStyle and timeStyle attributes are ignored. The date is formatted using the supplied pattern. Any format compatible with the Java Simple Date Format can be used. Refer to <http://docs.oracle.com/javase/6/docs/api/java/text/SimpleDateFormat.html> for more information.

- **decimals (optional, default: 2)** sets the number of decimals, used when the displayType is VALUE.
- **suffix (optional, default: empty)** is the text to display after the measure.
Either measureId, infoId or indicatorId is required. Note that all display related tags, except headerDisplayType and displayType are ignored when infoId is used.

2. Where allows the following attributes:

- **measureId (mandatory)** is the ID of the measure
- **infoId (optional)** is the ID of the textual information
- **value (optional, default: empty)** is the value of the measure
- **bounds (optional, default: empty)** sets bounds values for the measure.
Either measureId or infoId is required.

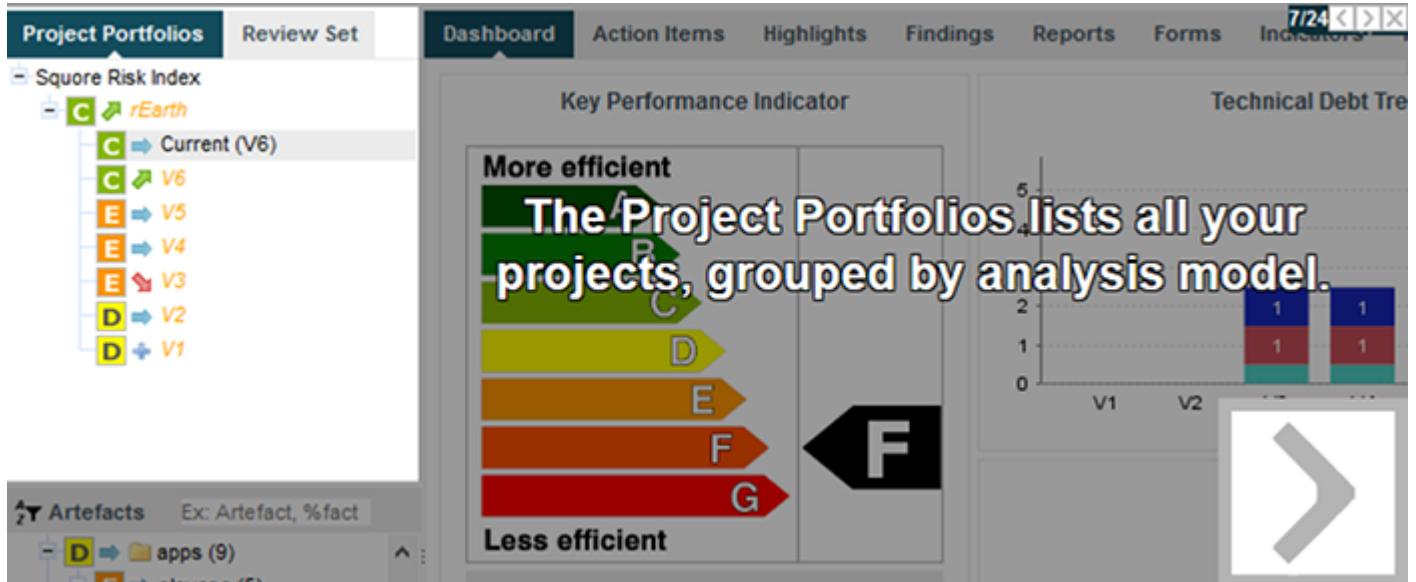
Either value or bounds is required. Note that bounds is not supported if infoId .

3. OrderBy allows the following attributes:

- **measureId (mandatory)** is the ID of the measure
- **order (mandatory)** is the sort order for measure. Supported values are:
 - **ASC** for ascending
 - **DESC** for descending

12. Tutorials

You can build interactive tutorials to help users understand which areas of Squore to focus on, or help them discover and reach new functionality. This chapter teaches you about the concepts behind the design of a tutorial in Squore and highlights how you can expand on the existing framework.



A tutorial explaining the purpose of the Project Portfolios.

Here are the key concepts you should understand about tutorials before reading further:

- A tutorial is a series of steps that users follow in the web interface. Each step can highlight parts of the user interface, and display help text to make it obvious what to look at and why. Optionally, a step may allow users to interact with the web interface so they can try out the concept that is being explained by themselves before moving on to the next step of the tutorial.
- Steps can be grouped in phases to make the flow of your tutorial more logical and perform actions before a step is executed.
- Users launch tutorials from ? > **Tutorials**, which lists all the available tutorials in two sections: general-purpose tutorials, which apply to the application in general, and model-specific tutorials, which apply to a specific analysis model.
- Like most other aspects of Squore, tutorials are fully localisable via the use of properties files.


12.1. Getting Started

Before you create your first tutorial, you must decide if it addresses general application features or if it is specific to a model. Your choice impacts the location of the `Bundle.xml` file that will reference your tutorial:


- Application tutorials should be referenced in `MyConfiguration/configuration/tutorials/Bundle.xml` and their properties must be located in `MyConfiguration/configuration/models/Shared/Description/tutorial_en.properties`
- Model tutorials are referenced in `MyConfiguration/configuration/models/MyModel/Tutorials/Bundle.xml` and their properties can be located in any `.properties` file included in the model's description bundle.

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Tutorials


General



Welcome Tutorial.
Get to know the home page and the menu bar. This is the tutorial you watched the first time you ever logged in.




Dashboard Tour
Get a tour of the features of the Dashboard tab of the Explorer. This tutorial helps you get familiar with navigating the drilldowns, understanding projects and artefacts and shows the capabilities of the chart viewer. It introduces you to the concept of the Score Card, chart area and key performance indicators in the context of one of your own projects so you can start interpreting your analysis results.



Administration Tutorial
Discover the basics of the administration features. This tutorial is for users who have access to the Administration menu and want to learn more about user management and server maintenance.

Squore Risk Index



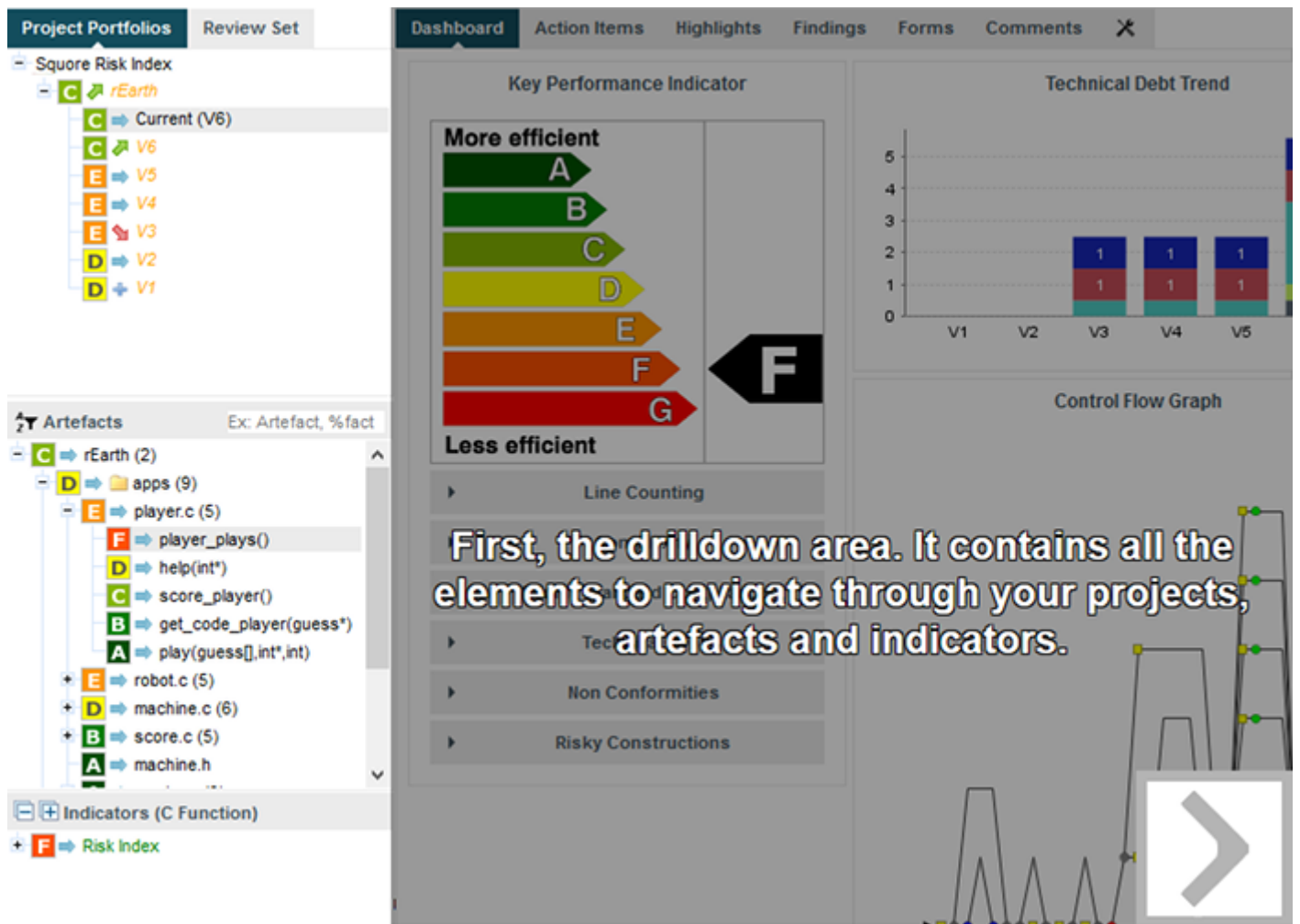
Understanding the Risk Index Model
This tutorial takes you around the dashboard of the Squore Risk Index model to explain the concepts behind the ranking and help you understand how to improve your project based on the specific action plan generated by this model.

The tutorial selection popup showing general tutorials and model-specific tutorials.

Tutorials use an XML syntax where each `help` element is a separate tutorial, made of several `item` elements used to highlight elements of the web interface and define help text to display next to them. In order to control the flow of the tutorial and the display of elements, you can group items in `phase` elements, and perform pre-requisite actions to carry out before an element is highlighted.

Here is a simple 4-step example in XML, followed by screenshots of each step:

```
<help id="DASHBOARD_TOUR" icon="dashboard_tour/icon.png">
  <item element="DRILLDOWN" descrId="EXPLAIN_DRILLDOWN" />
  <phase type="PROGRESSIVE" textPosition="RIGHT">
    <item element="PORTFOLIO_TREE" descrId="EXPLAIN_PORTFOLIOS"
      maskColor="#2AA0D5" />
    <item element="ARTEFACT_TREE" descrId="EXPLAIN_ARTEFACT_TREE"
      maskColor="#FF193B" />
    <item element="MEASURE_TREE" descrId="EXPLAIN_INDICATOR_TREE"
      maskColor="#B2AB09" />
  </phase>
</help>
```

Project Portfolios | Review Set

- Squore Risk Index
 - rEarth
 - Current (V6)
 - V6
 - V5
 - V4
 - V3
 - V2
 - V1

Artefacts | Ex: Artefact, %fact

- rEarth (2)
 - apps (9)
 - player.c (5)
 - player_plays()
 - help(int*)
 - score_player()
 - get_code_player(guess*)
 - play(guess[],int*,int)
 - robot.c (5)
 - machine.c (6)
 - score.c (5)
 - machine.h

Indicators (C Function)

- Risk Index

Dashboard | Action Items | Highlights | Findings | Forms | Comments

Key Performance Indicator

More efficient

A

B

C

D

E

F

G

Less efficient

Technical Debt Trend

Version	Technical Debt
V1	0
V2	0
V3	2
V4	2
V5	2

Control Flow Graph

Line Counting

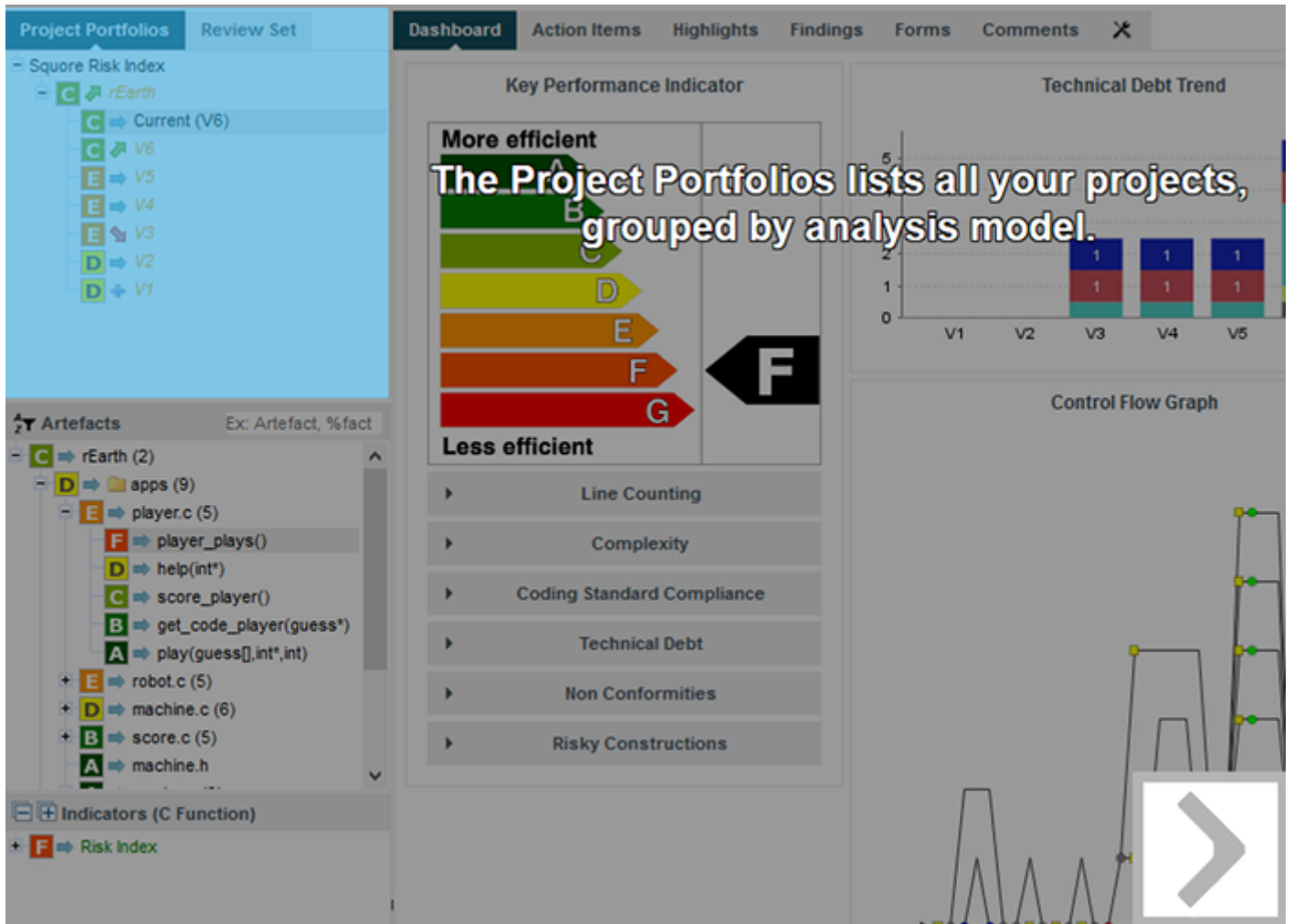
Technical Debt

Non Conformities

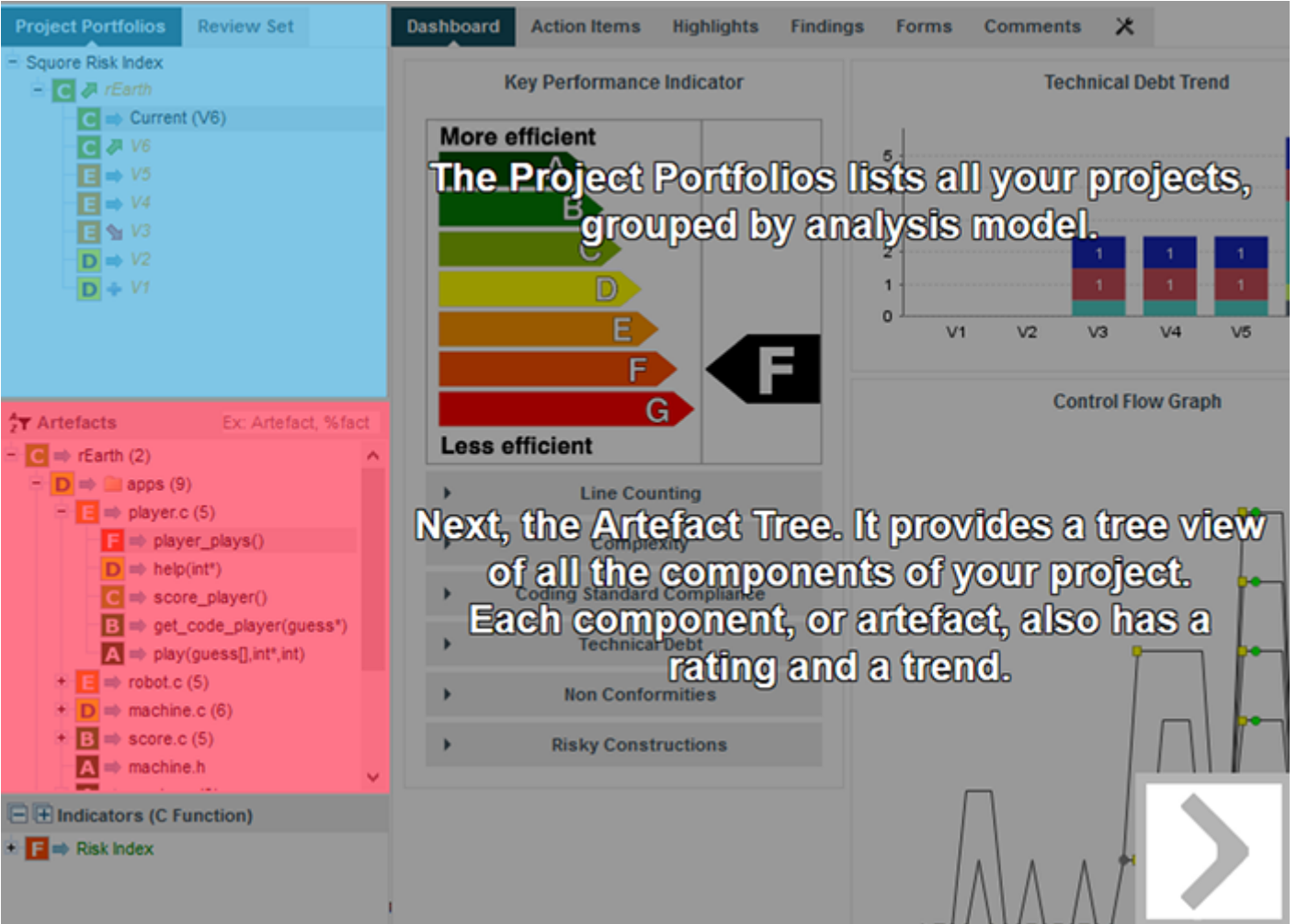
Risky Constructions

First, the drilldown area. It contains all the elements to navigate through your projects, artefacts and indicators.

Step 1: Highlight and explain the drilldown panel



Step 2: Highlight and explain the Project Portfolios

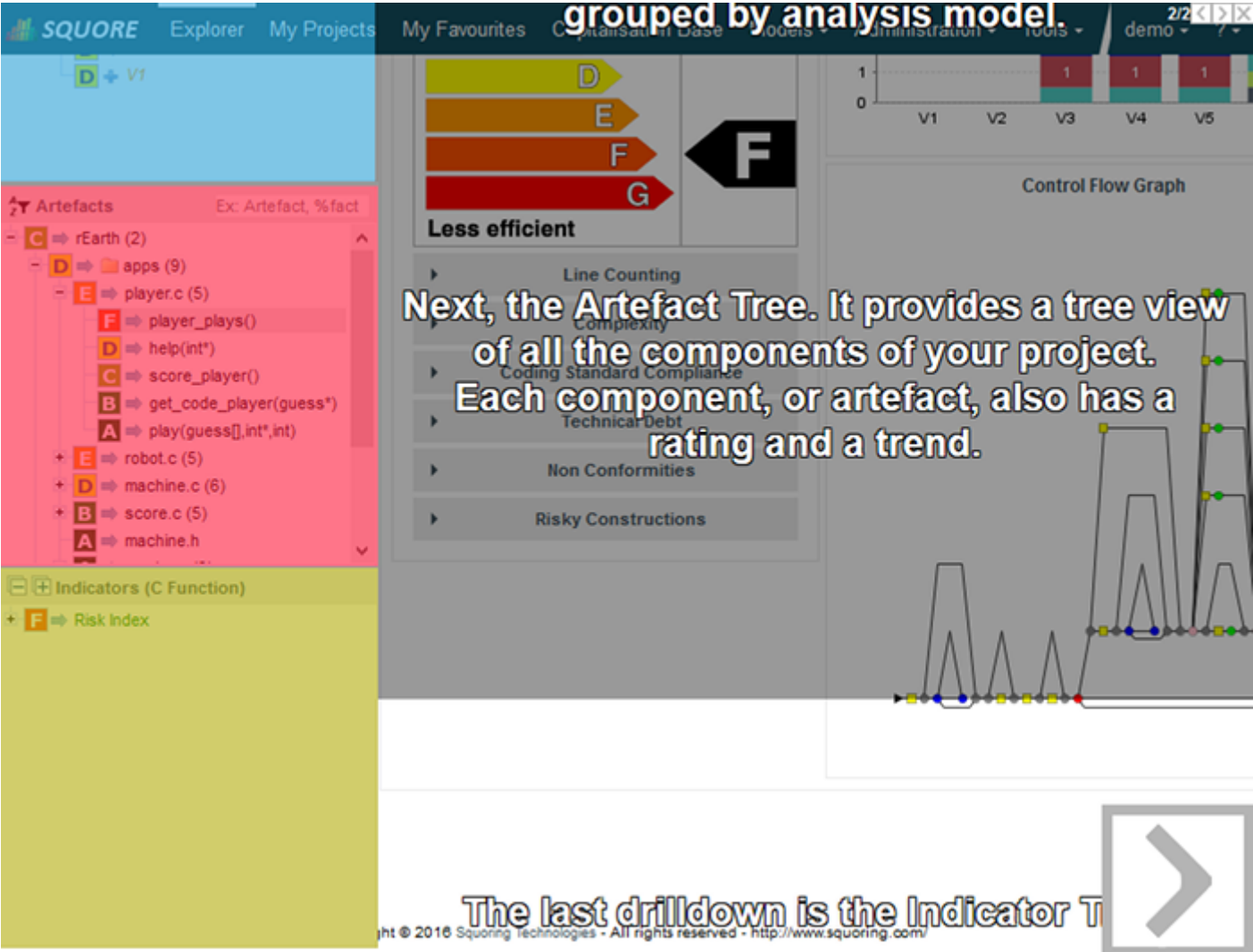


The screenshot displays the Squore dashboard interface. On the left, the 'Project Portfolios' section shows a tree view of projects under 'Squore Risk Index', with 'rEarth' selected. Below it, the 'Artefacts' section shows a detailed tree view of components for 'rEarth (2)', including 'apps (9)', 'player.c (5)', and various functions like 'player_plays()'. The main dashboard area features a 'Key Performance Indicator' chart with a bar chart showing efficiency levels from A (More efficient) to G (Less efficient). To the right, there is a 'Technical Debt Trend' bar chart and a 'Control Flow Graph'.

The Project Portfolios lists all your projects, grouped by analysis model.

Next, the Artefact Tree. It provides a tree view of all the components of your project. Each component, or artefact, also has a rating and a trend.

Step 3: Highlight and explain the Artefact Tree, keeping the previous element highlighted, since we are in a progressive phase



grouped by analysis model.

Next, the Artefact Tree. It provides a tree view of all the components of your project. Each component, or artefact, also has a rating and a trend.

The last drilldown is the Indicator Tree

Step 4: Highlight and explain the Indicator Tree in the final step of the progressive phase of the tutorial

More information about the XML syntax you can use to create tutorials is explained in Section 12.2, “Tutorial Syntax Reference”.

12.2. Tutorial Syntax Reference

12.2.1. help

Each tutorial in your bundle is bound by a `help` element. The `help` element supports the following attributes:

- **id (mandatory)** is the internal ID of the tutorial, which you can use in a properties file to translate as needed (using `TUTO.<id>.NAME` and `TUTO.<id>.DESCR`) to display in the correct language in the Tutorials popup in the web interface.
- **icon (optional, default: standard tutorial icon)** is the path to the icon to display for this tutorial in the tutorial selection popup. The icon is relative to the location of `Bundle.xml`.

- **opacity (optional, default: 0.4)** is the opacity of the mask (the grey element that surrounds the highlighted element) for this tutorial. You can specify a value between 0 and 1 where 0 is transparent and 1 is completely opaque.
- **firstConnectionGroup (optional, default: none)** allows launching this tutorial automatically for users of the specified groups the first time that they log into Squore. This attribute accepts a semicolon-separated list of groups.
- **textPosition (optional, default: EXTERNAL)** is the location of the help text relative to the highlighted element. This attribute supports the following values:
 - **INTERNAL** to display the text inside the item
 - **LEFT** to display the text to the left of the item
 - **RIGHT** to display the text to the right of the item
 - **EXTERNAL** to display the text dynamically to the left or the right of the item, depending on where more space is available
 - **TOP** to display the text above the item
 - **BOTTOM** to display the text under the item
- **maskColor (optional, default: transparent)** is the colour of the mask to display over the highlighted element. This attribute supports the colour syntax detailed in [colour syntax] .
- **maskOpacity (optional, default: 0.6)** is the opacity of the mask over the highlighted element for this tutorial. You can specify a value between 0 and 1 where 0 is transparent and 1 is completely opaque.
- **textSize (optional, default: 25)** is the size of the help text displayed next to the highlighted element.
- **textColor (optional, default: WHITE)** is the colour of the help text displayed next to the highlighted element.

12.2.2. phase

The `help` element accepts one or more `item` or `phase` elements. If you simply want to highlight items one at a time, add `item` elements directly in the `help` . Using `phase` elements is useful if you want to execute specific actions or display several items at the same time.

The `phase` element accepts the following attributes:

- **element (optional, default: none)** is the selector of the item to highlight when this phase starts. You can choose any element from the list of predefined selectors described in Section 12.2.5, “Element Selectors”.
- **param (optional, default: none)** is an optional parameter which you can pass to certain selectors. This parameter is generally used when you specify to highlight a specific chart, metric or artefact as opposed to the first element available. You can read more about the selectors that support parameters in Section 12.2.5, “Element Selectors”.
- **type (optional, default: SEQUENTIAL)** allows specifying the display behaviour of the child items of this phase. The supported values are:
 - **SEQUENTIAL** to highlight items one at a time
 - **PARALLEL** to highlight all items in this phase at the same time
 - **PROGRESSIVE** to highlight items in succession, retaining the previous highlight at each click
 - **FREE** to allow users to perform actions inside the highlighted item
- **optional (optional, default: false)** allows to skip the phase automatically if the items or elements it uses are not available for the current user. You can for example create a tutorial that includes information about the Capitalisation Base that will only be shown to users who can actually use the Capitalisation Base.

12.2.3. item

The `item` element accepts the following attributes:

- **element (mandatory)** is the selector of the item to highlight. You can choose any element from the list of predefined selectors described in Section 12.2.5, “Element Selectors”.
- **param (optional, default: none)** is an optional parameter which you can pass to certain selectors. This parameter is generally used when you specify to highlight a specific chart, metric or artefact as opposed to the first element available. You can read more about the selectors that support parameters in Section 12.2.5, “Element Selectors”.
- **descrId (mandatory)** is the ID of the help text to display for the highlighted element. Use this ID is used in your properties file to localise the tutorial.
- **linkId (optional, default: none)** allows creating a link to another tutorial. The value must be the name of another tutorial defined in the same bundle. You can specify several links by separating them with a `/`.

Tip

You can also use the `textPosition`, `maskColor`, `maskOpacity`, `textSize` and `textColor` attributes for each `item` in your tutorials to override the default value you set in the `topHelp` element

12.2.4. preAction

You can use a `preAction` element in a phase if you want to carry out an action before highlighting a specific item. The `preAction` element supports the following attributes:

- **action (mandatory)** is the action to perform. The supported actions are:
 - **EXPAND_PORTFOLIO_TREE** expands the Project Portfolios down to project level. This action accepts a project name as a parameter, otherwise it uses the first project available.
 - **COLLAPSE_PORTFOLIO_TREE** collapses the entire Project Portfolios
 - **SELECT_MODEL** selects a model in the Project Portfolios. This action accepts a model name as a parameter, otherwise it uses the first model available.
 - **SELECT_PROJECT** expands a project node in the Project Portfolios to show its list of versions and select the most recent one. This action accepts a project name and version as a parameter (e.g.: Earth/V6), otherwise it uses the first project available.
 - **EXPAND_ARTEFACT_TREE** expands the Artefact Tree. This action accepts the path to an artefact as a parameter (e.g.: Earth/apps/machine.c), otherwise it uses the first artefact available.
 - **COLLAPSE_ARTEFACT_TREE** collapses the entire Artefact Tree.
 - **SELECT_ARTEFACT** clicks an artefact in the Artefact Tree to show its dashboard
 - **SELECT_ARTEFACT_LEAF** clicks the first lowest-level artefact leaf in the Artefact Tree.
 - **EXPAND_MEASURE_TREE** expands the Indicator Tree. This action accepts the path to a metric as a parameter (e.g.: Maintainability/Analysability/Function Analysability), otherwise it uses the first available measure in the tree.
 - **COLLAPSE_MEASURE_TREE** collapses the entire Indicator Tree.
 - **SELECT_WIZARD** picks a wizard from the list of wizards available in the first step of the project wizard. This action requires a `wizardId` (e.g.: RISK) as a parameter.
 - **RUN_PROJECT_CREATION** clicks the **Run** button on the summary screen of the project wizard.
- **param (optional, default: none)** is an optional parameter you can pass to an action if it supports it.

→ **clickIndicator** (optional, default: varies according to the action) allows showing or hiding the click indicator when the action is performed. This attribute supports the values **TRUE** and **FALSE**.

Tip

It is generally not necessary to specify any `preAction`, since each element selector automatically places the web interface in the right context to highlight the specified item. For example, if you specify that a tutorial should highlight the Findings tab, the tutorial will open the Explorer and switch to the Findings tab automatically for the first project available. It is only necessary to use a `preAction` if you want a specific project or model to be selected before showing the Findings tab.

12.2.5. Element Selectors

The table below lists the selectors that you can use in the `item` or `phase` elements of your tutorials. when a parameter is allowed, it is specified. If no parameter is specified, the first available item is usually highlighted.

Table 12.1. Available element selectors for tutorials in Squore

element	param	Highlighted Element
CUSTOM	The JQuery selector of the element of the Squore UI you want to highlight	-
BODY	-	the part of the window containing the Squore UI
TOP	-	the entire window
BREADCRUMBS	-	the breadcrumbs bar
MENU_BAR	-	the menu bar
MENU_BAR_HOME	-	the home button in the menu bar
MENU_BAR_EXPLORER	-	the Explorer button in the menu bar
MENU_BAR_MY_PROJECTS	-	the Projects button in the menu bar
MENU_BAR_MY_FAVOURITES	-	the Favourites button in the menu bar
MENU_BAR_CAPITALISE	-	the Capitalisation button in the menu bar
MENU_BAR_USER	-	the <username> in the menu bar
MENU_MODEL	-	the Models button in the menu bar
MENU_ADMIN	-	the Administration button in the menu bar
MENU_HELP	-	the ? in the menu bar
HOME_PAGE	-	the home page
HOME_WELCOME	-	the welcome text on the home page
HOME_USER	-	the user details section of the home page
HOME_WORK	-	the list of tasks available to users on the home page

element	param	Highlighted Element
HOME_HELP	-	the help section of the home page
HOME_PINNED	-	the list of pinned artefacts on the home page
HOME_HISTORY	-	the list of recently visited projects on the home page
HOME_EXPLORER	-	the link to the Explorer on the home page
HOME_PROJECTS	-	the link to Projects on the home page
HOME_CAPITALISE	-	the link to the Capitalisation on the home page
SUB_MENU_MODEL	-	the entire Models menu
SUB_MENU_MODEL_ROW	a row ID	the specified option in the Models menu
SUB_MENU_MODEL_ROW_FIRST	-	the first option in the Models menu
SUB_MENU_ADMIN	-	the entire Administration menu
SUB_MENU_ADMIN_ROW	a row ID	the specified option in the Administration menu
SUB_MENU_ADMIN_ROW_FIRST	-	the first option in the Administration menu
SUB_MENU_HELP	-	the entire Help menu
SUB_MENU_HELP_ROW	a row ID	the specified option in the Help menu
SUB_MENU_HELP_ROW_FIRST	-	the first option available in the Help menu
TUTORIAL_POPUP	-	the tutorial selection popup
TUTORIAL_POPUP_MODEL	a model ID	the tutorials for the specified model in the tutorial selection popup
TUTORIAL_POPUP_MODEL_FIRST	-	the first model-specific tutorial available in the tutorial selection popup
TUTORIAL_POPUP_TUTORIAL_NAME	a tutorial's id	the specified tutorial
TUTORIAL_POPUP_TUTORIAL_NAME_FIRST		the name of the first available tutorial in the tutorial selection popup
TUTORIAL_POPUP_TUTORIAL_DESCRIPTION	a tutorial's id	the description of the specified tutorial
TUTORIAL_POPUP_TUTORIAL_DESCRIPTION_FIRST		the description of the first available tutorial in the tutorial selection popup
EXPLORER	-	the Explorer
DRILLDOWN	-	the drilldown pane of the Explorer

element	param	Highlighted Element
EXPLORER_TAB	-	the right-hand panel of the Explorer
PORTFOLIO_TREE	-	the Project Portfolios
ARTEFACT_TREE	-	the Artefact Tree
MEASURE_TREE	-	the Indicator Tree
EXPLORER_HEADER	-	the Explorer tabs
PORTFOLIO_HEADER	-	the Project Portfolios tabs
ARTEFACT_TREE_SEARCH	-	the search box in the Artefact Tree
ARTEFACT_TREE_FILTER	-	the filter button in the Artefact Tree
REVIEW_SET	-	the Review Set
PORTFOLIO_TREE_PROJECT	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	a project and its list of versions in the Project Portfolios
PORTFOLIO_TREE_PROJECT_FIRST	-	the first project in the Project Portfolios and its versions
MODEL_DASHBOARD	a model ID	the dashboard for the specified model
MODEL_CHARTS	a model ID	the charts section of the dashboard for specified model
MODEL_CHART_FIRST	a model ID	the first chart in the dashboard of the specified model
MODEL_TABLE	a model ID	the table section of the dashboard for the specified model
MODEL_TABLE_ROW_FIRST	a model ID	the first table row in the dashboard of the specified model
MODEL_CHART	a chart ID	the specified chart in the dashboard for the specified model
MODEL_TABLE_ROW	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the specified project in the dashboard for the specified model
MODEL_CHART_POPUP	a chart ID	the chart viewer with the specified model-level chart
MODEL_CHART_POPUP_GRAPH	a chart ID	The chart in the chart viewer
MODEL_CHART_POPUP_PREVIOUS_ARROW		the previous arrow in the chart viewer
MODEL_CHART_POPUP_NEXT_ARROW		the next arrow in the chart viewer
MODEL_CHART_POPUP_NAV_BAR	a chart ID	the carousel in the chart viewer
MODEL_CHART_POPUP_ASIDE	a chart ID	the right-hand panel of the chart viewer
MODEL_CHART_POPUP_ASIDE_HEADER	a chart ID	the tabs in the right hand panel of the chart viewer
MODEL_CHART_POPUP_DESCR	a chart ID	the description panel of the chart viewer

element	param	Highlighted Element
FILTER_POPUP	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the filter popup
FILTER_LEVEL	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the levels section of the filter popup
FILTER_TYPE	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the types section fo the filter popup
FILTER_EVOLUTION	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the evolution section of the filter popup
FILTER_STATUS	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the status section of the filter popup
ARTEFACT_TREE_LEAF	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	a lowest-level artefact of a project int he artefact_tree;
MEASURE_TREE_LEAF	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	a lowest-level metric in the Indicator Tree
DASHBOARD	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the dashboard for a project
SCORECARD	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the scorecard
KPI	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the KPI chart in the scorecard
CHARTS	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the charts section of the dashboard
TABLES	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the tables in the scorecard
CHART_FIRST	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the first chart in the dashboard
LINE	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	a line in a table
CHART	a chart ID	the specified chart
CHART_FIRST	-	the first chart in the dashboard
TABLE	a table ID	a table in the scorecard
TABLE_FIRST	-	the first table in the scorecard
MEASURE_POPUP	a measure, indicator or info ID	the information popup for a metric
MEASURE_POPUP_CONTENT	a measure, indicator or info ID	the contents of the information popup for the metric
MEASURE_POPUP_LEVELS	a measure, indicator or info ID	the scale for the metric in the information popup
MEASURE_POPUP_ROW_FIRST	a measure, indicator or info ID	the first row in the information popup
MEASURE_POPUP_ROW	a row ID in the information popup	the specified row in the information popup
CHART_POPUP	a chart ID	the chart viewer

element	param	Highlighted Element
CHART_POPUP_GRAPH	a chart ID	the chart in the chart viewer
CHART_POPUP_COMPARE_OPTION	a chart ID	the compare mode button
CHART_POPUP_PREVIOUS_ARROW	a chart ID	the previous arrow in the chart viewer
CHART_POPUP_NEXT_ARROW	a chart ID	the next arrow in the chart viewer
CHART_POPUP_NAV_BAR	a chart ID	the carousel in the chart viewer
CHART_POPUP_ASIDE	a chart ID	the right-hand panel of the chart viewer
CHART_POPUP_ASIDE_HEAD	a chart ID	the tabs in the right hand panel of the chart viewer
CHART_POPUP_DESCR	a chart ID	the description panel of the chart viewer
CHART_POPUP_COMMENTS	a chart ID	the comments panel of the chart viewer
CHART_POPUP_FAVORITES	a chart ID	the favourites panel of the chart viewer
CHART_POPUP_COMPARATIVE_CHART	Version name	the older version of the chart in the chat viewer in compare mode
ACTION_ITEMS	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Action Items tab of the Explorer
ACTION_ITEMS_TABLE	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Action Items table
ACTION_ITEMS_TABLE_HEAD	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Action Items table header
ACTION_ITEMS_TABLE_HEAD_CHECK	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Action Items Select All checkbox
ACTION_ITEMS_ADD_REVIEW_SET	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Action Items Add to review set button
ACTION_ITEMS_EXPORT_LIST	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Action Items export formats
ACTION_ITEMS_EXPORT_BUTTON	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Action Items export button
ACTION_ITEMS_SEARCH	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Action Items filtering options
ACTION_ITEMS_ROW	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	a single action item
ACTION_ITEMS_REASON	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	a detailed action item
ACTION_ITEMS_ADVANCED_SEARCH	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Action Items advanced filtering options
ACTION_ITEMS_ADVANCED_SEARCH_SELECT_FILTER	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Action Items advanced filtering options with a selection applied

element	param	Highlighted Element
ACTION_ITEMS_ADVANCED_SEARCH_SELECTOR	The ID of a list of the advanced search	the Action Items with the specified selection applied
HIGHLIGHTS	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Highlights tab of the Explorer
HIGHLIGHTS_TABLE	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Highlights table
HIGHLIGHTS_TABLE_HEAD	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Highlights table header
HIGHLIGHTS_TABLE_HEAD_CHECK	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Highlights table Select All checkbox
HIGHLIGHTS_SEARCH	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Highlights options
HIGHLIGHTS_SEARCH_FILTER	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Highlights categories list
HIGHLIGHTS_SEARCH_TYPE	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Highlights artefact type list
HIGHLIGHTS_EXPORT_BUTTON	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Highlights export button
HIGHLIGHTS_ADD_REVIEW_SET	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Highlights Add to review set button
HIGHLIGHTS_ROW_FIRST	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the first row of Highlights in the table
FINDINGS	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Findings tab of the Explorer
FINDINGS_TABLE	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Findings table
FINDINGS_TABLE_HEAD	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Findings table header
FINDINGS_SEARCH	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Findings filtering controls
FINDINGS_RULE	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Findings table
FINDINGS_ARTEFACT	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	artefacts in the Findings table
FINDINGS_ROW_FIRST	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the first row in the Findings table
FINDINGS_ADVANCED_SEARCH	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	advanced filtering options in the Findings table
FINDINGS_ADVANCED_SEARCH_SELECTOR	The ID of a list of the advanced search	a selection in the advanced filtering options in the Findings table
FINDINGS_ADVANCED_SEARCH_SELECTOR	The name of a list of the advanced search	a selection in the advanced filtering options in the Findings table

element	param	Highlighted Element
REPORTS	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Reports tab of the Explorer
REPORTS_REGION	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Reports section
REPORTS_OPTIONS	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Reports options
REPORTS_OPTION_TEMPLATE	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the available report templates
REPORTS_OPTION_FORMAT	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the available report formats
REPORTS_OPTION_SYNTHETIC_VIEW	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the synthetic report option
REPORTS_CREATE	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Generate button button
EXPORT_REGION	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Exports section
EXPORT_OPTIONS	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Exports options
EXPORT_CREATE	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Exports Create button
FORMS	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Forms tab of the Explorer
FORMS_ATTRIBUTE	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	a form attribute name
FORMS_ATTRIBUTE_FIELD	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	a form attribujte value
FORMS_ATTRIBUTE_COMMENT	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	a form attribute justification
FORMS_HISTORY	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	a form value history
FORMS_BLOCK	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	a form block
INDICATORS	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Indicators tab of the Explorer
INDICATORS_TABLE	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Indicators table
INDICATORS_TABLE_HEAD	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Indicators table header
INDICATORS_ROW	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	a row in the Indicators table
MEASURES	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Measures tab of the Explorer

element	param	Highlighted Element
MEASURES_TABLE	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Measures table
MEASURES_TABLE_HEAD	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Measures table header
MEASURES_ROW	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	a row in the Measures table
COMMENTS	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Comments tab of the Explorer
COMMENTS_TABLE	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Comments table
COMMENTS_TABLE_HEAD	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	the Comments table header
COMMENTS_ROW	a project name (Earth) or name and version (Earth/V3)	a row in the Comments header
CREATE_PROJECT_BUTTON	-	the Create Project button on the Projects page
WIZARD_PANEL	-	the list of wizards in the project creation wizard
WIZARD_ROW	a wizard ID	a wizard in the list of wizards in wizards in the project creation wizard
WIZARD_ROW_FIRST	-	the first wizard in the list of wizards in the project creation wizard
WIZARD_NEXT_BUTTON	-	the Next button on the first page of the project creation wizard
GENERAL_INFORMATION	-	the General Information section of the project creation wizard
PROJECT_IDENTIFICATION_BLOCK	-	the Project Identification section of the project creation wizard
GENERAL_INFO_BLOCK	-	the General Information section of the project creation wizard
GENERAL_INFO_ROW	-	a row in the General Information section of the project creation wizard
PROJECT_NEXT_BUTTON	-	the Next button on the second page of the project creation wizard
DP_PANEL	-	the Data Provider panel in the project creation wizard
DP_PANEL_BLOCK	-	the Data Provider panel block in the project creation wizard
DP_PANEL_ROW	-	a row in the Data Provider panel block in the project creation wizard

element	param	Highlighted Element
DP_PANEL_NEXT_BUTTON	-	the next button on the Data Provider page of the project creation wizard
CONFIRMATION_PANEL	-	the summary page of the project creation wizard
SUMMARY	-	the summary of parameters specified on the summary page of the project creation wizard
CONFIRMATION_PANEL_PARAMETERS	-	the project parameters in command line form
RUN_NEW_PROJECT_BUTTON	-	the Run button on the summary page of the project creation wizard

Tip

If you do not find the selector for the element you want to highlight, you can use **CUSTOM** with your own JQuery selector as a parameter. You can use your browser's developer tools to inspect the web interface and extract the XPath of the element.

Advanced users can also expand on the list of available selectors, by overriding the default list of selectors available in <SQUORE_HOME>/configuration/tutorials/aliasTuto.xml: Copy the file and place it in the same relative location in your own configuration folder. You cannot create new actions, but if an action exists for what you want to do, you can add your selector following the syntax:

```
<alias name="SELECTOR_ID" path="[JQuery selector with escaped ':' and '.']"/>
```

13. UI Configuration Options

Some configuration options are also available to tweak the Square user interface. These options need to be specified in a file called `properties.xml` located at the root of your `Configuration` folder, or in various other `Bundle.xml` files. This chapter describes these options and their effect on the user interface.

13.1. Explorer Tabs Settings

By default, the Explorer shows the following tabs for all users:



The default set of tabs in the Explorer, the tab displayed by default is the Dashboard tab.

Users can change the displayed tabs by clicking the Tab Manager icon right of the last tab. You can also define the available tabs and their default state (shown, hidden, default) by editing `properties.xml` as shown below:

```
<!-- Active tabs -->
<explorerTabs>
  <tab name="dashboard" default="true"/>
  <tab name="action-items" mandatory="true"/>
  <tab name="highlights"/>
  <tab name="findings"/>
  <tab name="reports" rendered="false"/>
  <tab name="attributes"/>
  <tab name="indicators" rendered="false"/>
  <tab name="measures" rendered="false"/>
  <tab name="annotations"/>
</explorerTabs>
```

Each tab element accepts the following parameters:

- **name (mandatory)** identifies the tab of the Explorer by name. The supported values are:
 - **dashboard**
 - **action-items**
 - **highlights**
 - **findings**
 - **reports**
 - **attributes**
 - **indicators**
 - **measures**
 - **annotations**
- **mandatory (optional, default: false)** removes the option to hide the tab from the web UI for all users.
- **default (optional, default: false)** makes the tab the default tab in Square. Every link to a project or artefact that does not specifically request a target tab will open the Explorer with this tab active by default. Note that when set to true, the tab is automatically mandatory as well.

- **rendered (optional, default: true)** specifies whether the tab is shown (true) or hidden (false) by default. Hidden tabs can be shown by checking a box in the Tab Manager. Note that the value of this attribute is ignored if either `default` or `mandatory` is set to true.

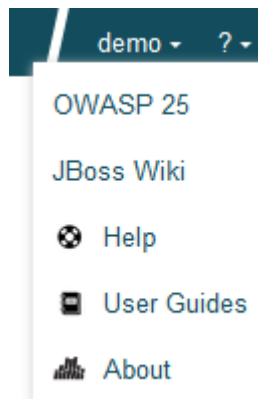
13.2. Customising the Help Menu

You can use the `help` option to add links that will appear in the Help menu in Squore (? in the main toolbar), as shown below.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" standalone="yes"?>
<Bundle>
  <!-- Customise the help links that appear in the right menu -->
  <help label="OWASP 25" url="http://cwe.mitre.org/top25/" />
  <help label="JBoss Wiki" url="http://www.jboss.org/jbosswiki"
  profiles="ADMINISTRATOR;" />
</Bundle>
```

The `help` element accepts the following attributes:

- **label (mandatory)** is the label for the link in the help menu
- **url (mandatory)** is the URL to link to
- **profiles (optional)** is a list of profiles that are allowed to see the link. If not specified, then the link is displayed for all logged in users.



A customised Help menu for a user with the ADMINISTRATOR profile.

13.3. Hiding Certain Models From Squore

If you wish to hide some of the models available in Squore, you can use the `hideModel` option to prevent some folders under the `models` folder in the configuration from being read by Squore, as shown below.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" standalone="yes"?>
<Bundle>
  <!-- Hidden models -->
  <hideModel name="ISO9126_Maintainability_Xaml" />
</Bundle>
```

The `hideModel` element accepts only one attribute:

→ **name (mandatory)** is the name of the folder to exclude from the configuration.

13.4. Ignoring Obsolescence

By default, Squore displays all versions of a project created with an earlier version of your model in orange. The `hideObsoleteModels` option allows disabling this behaviour, so that there is no warning displayed for versions analysed with a different model.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" standalone="yes"?>
<Bundle>
  <!-- Ignore model obsolescence
  (do not highlight versions analysed with an obsolete model) default=false -->
  <hideObsoleteModels value="true" />
</Bundle>
```

The `hideObsoleteModels` element accepts only one attribute:

→ **value (mandatory, default false)** defines whether to hide the warning about obsolete versions of a project.

13.5. Hiding Specific Measures

If it does not make sense to display a specific measure in the Indicator Tree or the Model Viewer, you can hide it by editing the Properties bundle of a model. This is useful to remove confusion about how a measure is computed.

In order to hide a measure:

1. Edit the model's `Properties/Bundle.xml`.
2. Add a `<hideMeasure targetArtefactTypes="" path="" >` element.
3. Fill in the artefact types for which this measure is hidden (this is optional).
4. Specify the complete path of the measure to be hidden.

Below is an example of two hidden paths. The first one is only hidden at application level. The second one is always hidden.

configuration/models/[ModelFolder]/Properties/Bundle.xml:

```
<Bundle>
  <!-- Hidden measures -->
  <hideMeasure targetArtefactTypes="APPLICATION" path="I.MAINTAINABILITY/
I.ANALYSABILITY/I.FUANA_IDX" />
  <hideMeasure path="I.MAINTAINABILITY/I.CHANGEABILITY/I.ROKR_CHAN/D.RKO_CHAN" />
</Bundle>
```

Note that you should always use the precise notation path elements, with the I., B. or D. to avoid ambiguities.

13.6. Hiding Filters on the Findings Tab

Squore displays a filter option for every characteristic attached to a rule. If you do not want to display all the filters on the Findings tab, you can edit your Properties bundle to hide these filters:

1. Edit the model's `Properties/Bundle.xml`.
2. Add a `<findingsTab hideCharacteristicsFilter="true/false" >` element.
3. Reload the configuration

13.7. Tweaking the Analysis Model Editor Screen

Using the Properties bundle, you can define the list of categories available for edition in the Analysis Model Editor. By default, all categories can be edited, but the `rulesEdition` element allows you to explicitly limit the list to specific categories.

configuration/models/[ModelFolder]/Properties/Bundle.xml:

```
<Bundle>
<!-- Restrict Analysis Model Editor categories to the list below -->
<rulesEdition scales="CUSTOMER_SEVERITY;CUSTOMER_REMEDIATION;SCALE_SCHEDULE" />
</Bundle>
```

The `rulesEdition` element takes a `scale` attribute that accepts a semicolon-separated list of scales to display for each rule in the Analysis Model Editor for this model.

13.8. Sort Order for Action Items and Findings

You can define for each model the order that is used to sort items in the Action Items and Findings pages. This is done by defining one or more scales and adding them to the `Properties/Bundle.xml` file using the `findingsTab` and `actionItemsTab` options, as shown below:

```
configuration/models/[ModelFolder]/Properties/Bundle.xml:
<Bundle>
<!-- sort order for columns -->
<findingsTab orderBy="SCALE_PRIORITY;SCALE_SEVERITY" />
<actionItemsTab orderBy="SCALE_REMEDIATION;SCALE_SEVERITY" />
</Bundle>
```

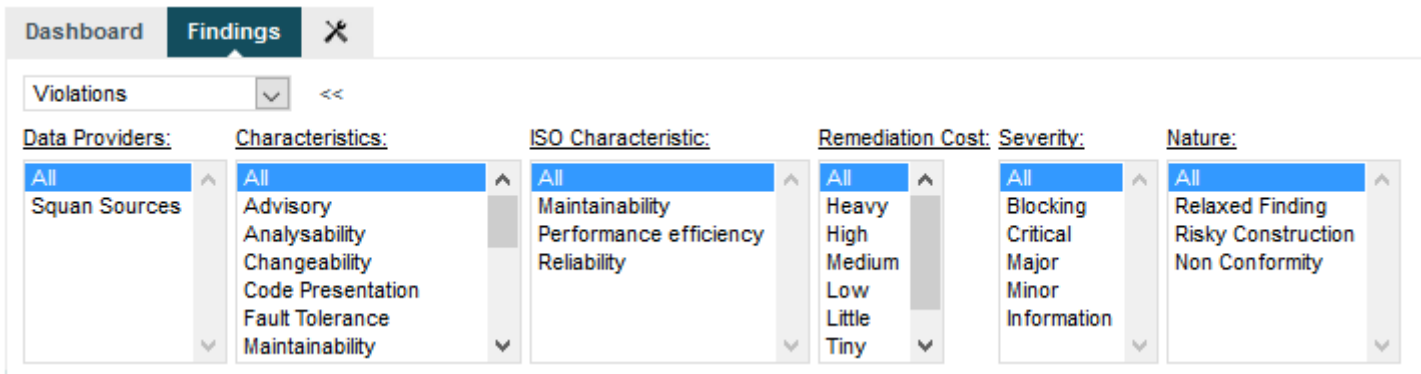
13.9. Hide columns in Action Items and Findings

You can define for each model the columns that should be hidden in the Action Items and Findings pages. This is done by defining one or more scales and adding them to the `Properties/Bundle.xml` file using the `findingsTab` and `actionItemsTab` options, as shown below:

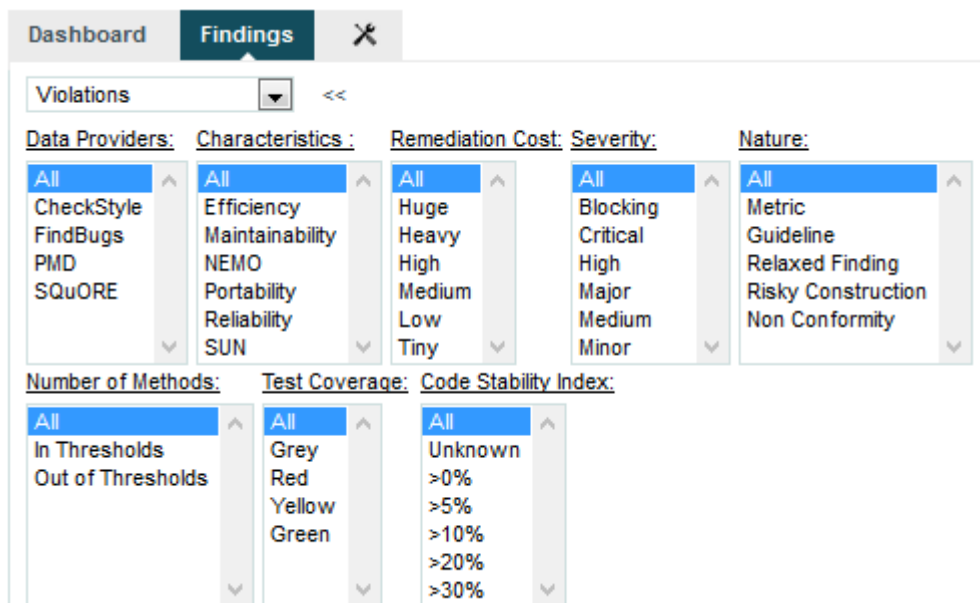
```
configuration/models/[ModelFolder]/Properties/Bundle.xml:
<Bundle>
<!-- sort order for columns -->
<findingsTab hideColumns="SCALE_PRIORITY;SCALE_SEVERITY" />
<actionItemsTab hideColumns="SCALE_REMEDIATION;SCALE_SEVERITY" />
</Bundle>
```

13.10. Advanced Finding Filtering

The Findings tab can be customised to provide extra filters based on indicators in your model. You can see the difference in the filters available on the Findings tab in the images below:



The default filters on the Findings tab



The Findings tab with advanced filters on the number of methods, test coverage and code stability index indicators

In order to configure the indicators that are used in the advanced filters, customise the Properties bundle for your model, as shown below:

```
configuration/models/[ModelFolder]/Properties/Bundle.xml:
<Bundle>
  <!-- Advanced Filtering -->
  <findingsTab artefactFilters="I.NOM;I.TEST_COVERAGE;I.SI" />
</Bundle>
```

Note

There are some limitations to what can be used for filtering:

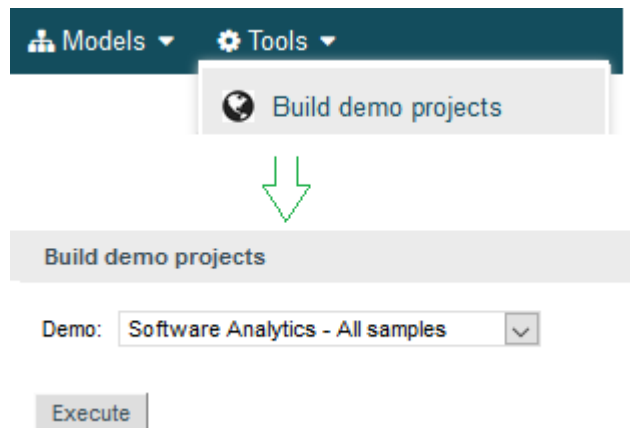
- The indicator used for filtering must use the same scale for all target artefact types.

- Using an indicator that uses different measures for different artefact types can degrade performances.
- If the indicator is not available for a type, all artefacts are filtered-out for this type.
- If a finding involves multiple artefacts in different locations (e.g: cloning), both artefacts will always be shown if one of them matches the filter.

13.11. External Tools

Squore uses a menus folder in its configuration so you can add functionality that will be available in the user interface to run external tools. These external scripts are launched in Squore Server's context, and can therefore benefit from Squore's authentication and permission mechanism. They are launched from the web interface via a **Tools** menu visible to the users whose profile grants access to the Use External Tools feature.

Each external tool is defined within its own sub-folder in menus and appears as a link in the main Squore toolbar, as shown below:



A Tools menu containing an external tool to create a demo environment, and the associated page to configure and launch the script.

The menu in the image above was added using a `form.xml` and `form_en.properties` files. Clicking the **Execute** button passes the user selections to a script called `execute.tcl`.

<SQUORE_HOME>/configuration/menus/CreateDemo/form.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<tags baseName="Generic" multiUsers="true" users="demo" groups="demo"
image="earth.png">
  <tag type="multipleChoice" key="demo" displayType="comboBox"
defaultValue="ANALYTICS">
    <value key="ANALYTICS" />
    <value key="ANALYTICS_C" />
    <value key="ANALYTICS_MILESTONES" />
    <value key="ANALYTICS_JAVA" />
  </tag>
  <tag type="multipleChoice" key="useAccountCredentials"
displayType="radioButton"
defaultValue="USE_ACCOUNT_CREDENTIALS"
credentialType="USE_ACCOUNT_CREDENTIALS" hide="true">
    <value key="NO_CREDENTIALS" />
    <value key="USE_ACCOUNT_CREDENTIALS" />
    <value key="PERSONAL_CREDENTIALS" />
  </tag>
</tags>
```

```

</tag>
<tag type="text" key="username" credentialType="LOGIN" hide="true"/>
<tag type="password" key="password" credentialType="PASSWORD" hide="true"/>
</tags>

```

<SQUARE_HOME>/configuration/menus/CreateDemo/form_en.properties

```

FORM.GENERAL.NAME=Build demo projects
FORM.GENERAL.DESCR=Menu to create sample projects for demo purposes.
FORM.GENERAL.URL=http://www.squoring.com/

TAG.demo.NAME=Demo:
OPT.ANALYTICS.NAME=Software Analytics - All samples
OPT.ANALYTICS_C.NAME=Software Analytics - C samples
OPT.ANALYTICS_MILESTONES.NAME=Software Analytics - Milestones demo
OPT.ANALYTICS_JAVA.NAME=Software Analytics - Java samples

```

<SQUARE_HOME>/configuration/menus/CreateDemo/execute.tcl

```

set demo [set ${::toolName}::demo]
set csv [file join [file dirname [info script]] csv]
set today [clock seconds]

proc clock_add {num} {
    set days [expr {3600 * 24}]
    return [clock format [expr {$::today + ($num * $days)}] -format {%Y-%m-%d}]
}

if {[string equal $demo ANALYTICS] || [string equal $demo ANALYTICS_C]} {
    # Earth
    create_project --group "C" --teamUser=$user,PROJECT_MANAGER\;
    $user,QUALITY_ENGINEER\;$user,TESTER\;$user,DEVELOPER --name=Earth --
    version=V1 "--versionDate=[clock_add -228]T01:00:00" --wizardId=ANALYTICS --
    color=rgb(130,196,240) -d type=CPPCheck,xml=$square_home/samples/c/Earth/V1/
    cppcheck.xml -r type=FROMPATH,path=$square_home/samples/c/Earth/V1
    # ...
}

if {[string equal $demo ANALYTICS] || [string equal $demo ANALYTICS_C] || [string
equal $demo ANALYTICS_MILESTONES]} {

    # Test Milestone
    set project_name Sun
    create_project --group "C" --name=$project_name --version=V1 "--
    versionDate=[clock_add -148]T01:00:00" --teamUser=$user,PROJECT_MANAGER\;
    $user,QUALITY_ENGINEER\;$user,TESTER\;$user,DEVELOPER \
    -M "id=SPRINT1,date=[clock_add
    -148]T02:00:00,D.TECH_DEBT=1000.0,D.ROKR_SUBSET=50%,D.ISSUE_BLOCKER=10,D.ISSUE_CRITICAL=15,D.
    --wizardId=ANALYTICS --color=rgb(130,196,240) -d type=CPPCheck,xml=$square_home/
    samples/c/Earth/V6/cppcheck.xml -r type=FROMPATH,path=$square_home/samples/c/
    Earth/V6
    # ...
}

if {[string equal $demo ANALYTICS] || [string equal $demo ANALYTICS_JAVA]} {
    # JAVA
    create_project --group "Java" --teamUser=$user,PROJECT_MANAGER\;
    $user,QUALITY_ENGINEER\;$user,TESTER\;$user,DEVELOPER --name=Freemind --
    version=0.9.0 "--versionDate=[clock_add -47]T01:00:00" --wizardId=ANALYTICS
    --color=rgb(130,196,240) -d type=CheckStyle,xml=$square_home/samples/java/

```

```
Freemind/0.9.0/checkstyle.xml -d type=PMD,xml=${squore_home}/samples/java/
Freemind/0.9.0/pmd.xml -r type=FROMPATH,path=${squore_home}/samples/java/
Freemind/0.9.0
# ...
}
```

The `forms` element accepts the following attributes:

- **baseName (mandatory)** is the name of folder in Squore's addons folder that contains the executable tcl script. Set the value to **Generic** in order to extend the generic framework that allows you to simply create users and projects.
- **formatLog (optional, default: true)** provides the options to turn off console log colourisation
- **task (optional, default: false)** displays a link to this tool on the home page in the Tasks section when set to true
- **multiUsers (optional, default: false)** defines whether only one running instance of the tool is allowed per user (true) or whether only one running instance at a time is allowed for the entire Squore Server (false).
- **users (optional, default: empty):** a semicolon-separated list of user logins. If specified, this attribute limits the availability of the menu to the users explicitly listed.
- **groups (optional, default: empty):** a semicolon-separated list of user groups. If specified, this attribute limits the availability of the menu to users belonging to the groups explicitly listed.
- **image (optional, default: empty)** takes the path to an icon that is displayed next to the tool's name in the web interface

You can then add a series of `tag` elements that follow the same specification as the one described in Section 8.2, "Attributes" to use as parameters on your custom page, with two extra types available:

- **decoration** allows you to display an image followed by some text:

```
<tag type="decoration" image="custom-logo.png" style="width:500px">This is the
text that will be displayed next to the image.</tag>
```

- **file** allows you choose a file to upload to the server:

```
<tag type="file" changeable="true" name="Upload this file: " key="file"
defaultValue="" acceptedTypes="xls,xlsx"/>
```

The file is immediately uploaded on the server, and the TCL variable matching the specified key (`$file` in the example above) is set to the absolute path of the uploaded file.

Warning

Consider the security implications of letting users upload arbitrary files to the server running Squore before using the file upload functionality.

Tip

Each `tag` element accepts the attribute **required (optional, default value: false)**, which allows marking the field as required and displays a red asterisk next to the field label. The `required` attribute is also valid in the `form.xml` files you create for your custom Data Providers and Repository Connectors.

The following variables are injected in the script `execute.tcl` before execution:

- **outputDir:** The directory associated with the menu.

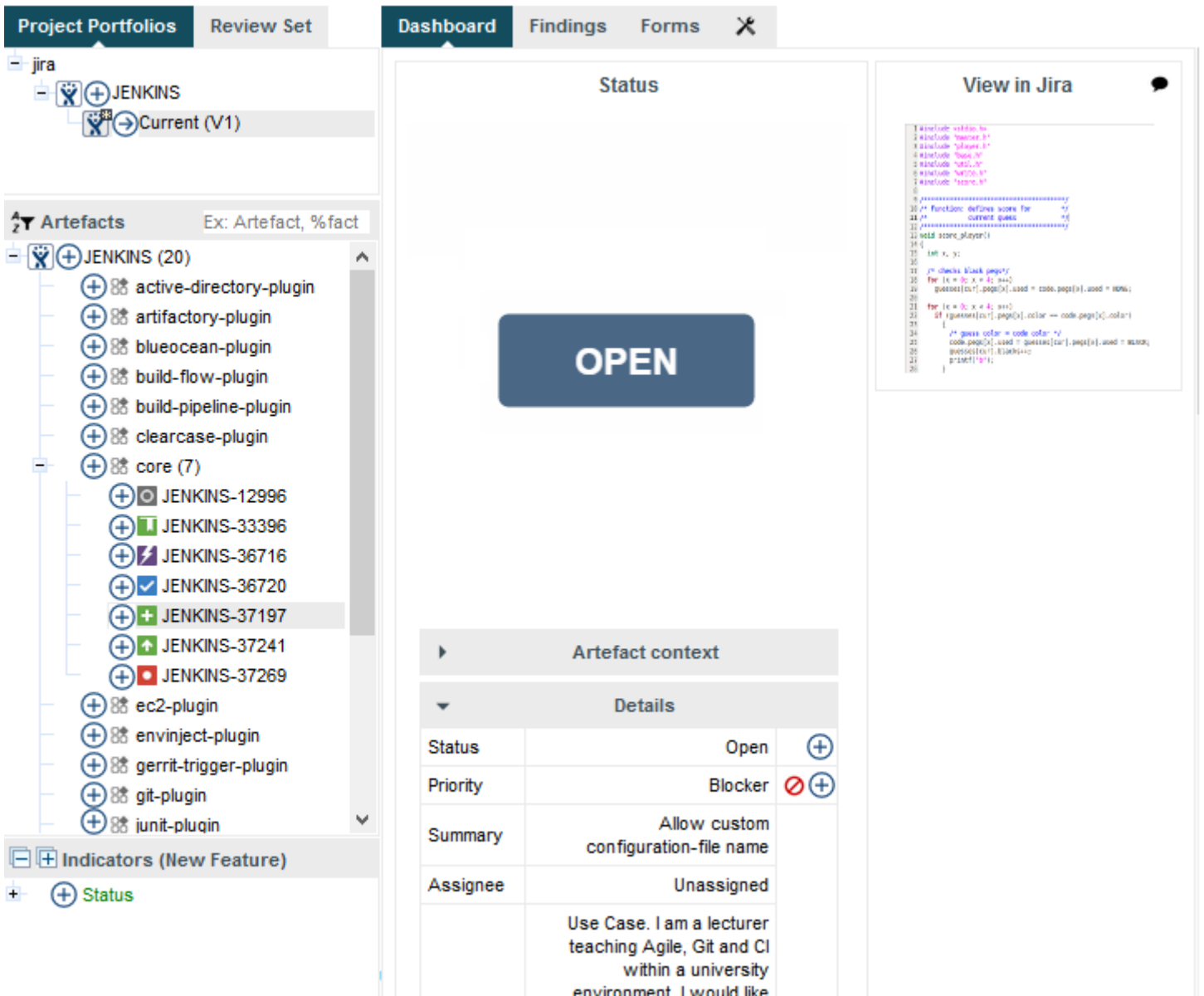
- **tmpDir**: The temporary directory associated with the menu
- **toolName**: The name of the directory of the menu
- **toolBaseName**: The name of the directory of the addons part of the menu
- **toolDir**: The directory where the addons part of the menu can be found
- **toolkitDir**: The directory where the Squore toolkit tcl scripts can be found
- **logFile**: The name of the log file to use for displaying information

External Tools allow using several functions like **create_project**, which are covered in more details in Appendix B, *External Tools Reference*.

13.12. Links to External Resources

In models that integrate requirements, test cases or change requests as artefacts, it may be necessary to provide a link to view an artefact in the context of the application where it was created. This can be done in Squore by configuring the Source Code Viewer chart in the Dashboard to open links in an external applications. This section shows how you can configure external links using Jira as the target application.

Our model collects Jira issues and shows a minimal dashboard or the issue's status, assignee, priority, summary and description, as shown below:



The dashboard of a Jira issue in the Jenkins project

The dashboard of a Jira issue in the Jenkins project

The Jira issue shown above is an artefact of type **NEW_FEATURE**. In order to make the Source Code Viewer chart open the Jira issue in a browser, you simply need to create a properties file in the sources folder of your configuration, whose name is the artefact type in lower case.

<my_configuration_folder>/sources/new_feature.properties:

```
type=url
pattern=https://issues.jenkins-ci.org/browse/{0}
pattern.finding=https://issues.jenkins-ci.org/browse/{0}/activity?from={1}
p0=INFO( ISSUE_ID)
p1=INFO( ASSIGNEE)
```


The syntax of this properties file is as follows:

- **type** is the type of link to create. Only **url** is currently supported.
- **pattern** is the URL pattern used to generate a link for the Source Code Viewer chart in the Dashboard. You are free to insert parameters in the URL as needed, as long as you declare them in the properties file.
- **pattern.findings** is the URL pattern used to generate a link for artefacts on the Findings tab. This pattern also supports parameters.
- **p0, p1... pn** are parameters that accept a computation that will return a string for the artefact. In the example above, **ISSUE_ID** and **ASSIGNEE** are two text metrics that exist for the **NEW_FEATURE** artefact type. You can use the following computations:
 - **INFO(measureId)** to retrieve textual information from the current artefact
 - **ARTEFACT_LOCATION()** to retrieve the current artefact path
 - **FINDING_LOCATION()** to retrieve the precise location of the finding in the current artefact

14. References

14.1. External References

For more information on software engineering methods and metrics, you may check:

- Jasper Reports home: jasperforge.org [<http://jasperforge.org/>]
- iReport home: jasperforge.org/projects/ireport [<http://jasperforge.org/projects/ireport>].
- Reference Manual

Appendix A. Data Provider Frameworks

```
=====
= Csv =
=====
```

The Csv framework is used to import metrics or textual information and attach them to artefacts of type Application, File or Function. While parsing one or more input CSV files, if it finds the same metric for the same artefact several times, it will only use the last occurrence of the metric and ignore the previous ones. Note that the type of artefacts you can attach metrics to is limited to Application, File and Function artefacts. If you are working with File artefacts, you can let the Data Provider create the artefacts by itself if they do not exist already.

```
=====
= form.xml =
=====
```

You can customise form.xml to either:

- specify the path to a single CSV file to import
- specify a pattern to import all csv files matching this pattern in a directory

In order to import a single CSV file:

```
=====
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<tags baseName="Csv" needSources="true">
  <tag type="text" key="csv" defaultValue="/path/to/mydata.csv" />
</tags>
```

Notes:

- The csv key is mandatory.
- Since Csv-based data providers commonly rely on artefacts created by Squan Sources, you can set the needSources attribute to force users to specify at least one repository connector when creating a project.

In order to import all files matching a pattern in a folder:

```
=====
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<tags baseName="Csv" needSources="true">
  <!-- Root directory containing Csv files to import-->
  <tag type="text" key="dir" defaultValue="/path/to/mydata" />
  <!-- Pattern that needs to be matched by a file name in order to import it-->
  <tag type="text" key="ext" defaultValue="*.csv" />
  <!-- search for files in sub-folders -->
  <tag type="booleanChoice" defaultValue="true" key="sub" />
</tags>
```

Notes:

- The dir and ext keys are mandatory
- The sub key is optional (and its value set to false if not specified)

```
=====
= config.tcl =
=====
```

Sample config.tcl file:

```
=====
# The separator used in the input CSV file
# Usually \t or ;
set Separator "\t"

# The delimiter used in the input CSV file
# This is normally left empty, except when you know that some of the values in
the CSV file
# contain the separator itself, for example:
# "A text containing ; the separator";no problem;end
# In this case, you need to set the delimiter to \" in order for the data
provider to find 3 values instead of 4.
# To include the delimiter itself in a value, you need to escape it by
duplicating it, for example:
# "A text containing \" the delimiter";no problemo;end
# Default: none
set Delimiter \"

# ArtefactLevel is one of:
#   Application: to import data at application level
#   File: to import data at file level. In this case ArtefactKey has to be set
#   to the value of the header (key) of the column containing the file
path
#   in the input CSV file.
#   Function : to import data at function level, in this case:
#   ArtefactKey has to be set to the value of the header (key) of
the column containing the path of the file
#   FunctionKey has to be set to the value of the header (key) of
the column containing the name and signature of the function
# Note that the values are case-sensitive.
set ArtefactLevel File
set ArtefactKey File

# Should the File paths be case-insensitive?
# true or false (default)
# This is used when searching for a matching artefact in already-existing
artefacts.
set PathsAreCaseInsensitive "false"

# Should file artefacts declared in the input CSV file be created automatically?
# true (default) or false
set CreateMissingFile "true"

# FileOrganisation defines the layout of the input CSV file and is one of:
#   header::column: values are referenced from the column header
#   header::line: NOT AVAILABLE
#   alternate::line: lines are a sequence of {Key Value}
#   alternate::column: columns are a sequence of {Key Value}
# There are more examples of possible CSV layouts later in this document
set FileOrganisation header::column

# Metric2Key contains a case-sensitive list of paired metric IDs:
#   {MeasureID KeyName [Format]}
# where:
#   - MeasureID is the id of the measure as defined in your analysis model
#   - KeyName, depending on the FileOrganisation, is either the name of the
column or the name
#   in the cell preceding the value to import as found in the input CSV file
#   - Format is the optional format of the data, the only accepted format
```

```
#      is "text" to attach textual information to an artefact, for normal metrics
omit this field
set Metric2Key {
  {BRANCHES Branchs}
  {VERSIONS Versions}
  {CREATED Created}
  {IDENTICAL Identical}
  {ADDED Added}
  {REMOV Removed}
  {MODIF Modified}
  {COMMENT Comment text}
}

=====
= Sample CSV Input Files =
=====

Example 1:
=====
FileOrganisation : header::column
ArtefactLevel   : File
ArtefactKey     : Path

Path Branchs Versions
./foo.c 15 105
./bar.c 12 58

Example 2:
=====
FileOrganisation : alternate::line
ArtefactLevel   : File
ArtefactKey     : Path

Path ./foo.c Branchs 15 Versions 105
Path ./bar.c Branchs 12 Versions 58

Example 3:
=====
FileOrganisation : header::column
ArtefactLevel   : Application

ChangeRequest Corrected Open
27 15 11

Example 4:
=====
FileOrganisation : alternate::column
ArtefactLevel   : Application

ChangeRequest 15
Corrected 11

Example 5:
=====
FileOrganisation : alternate::column
ArtefactLevel   : File
ArtefactKey     : Path
```

```
Path ./foo.c
Branchs 15
Versions 105
Path ./bar.c
Branchs 12
Versions 58
```

Example 6:

```
=====
FileOrganisation : header::column
ArtefactLevel : Function
ArtefactKey : Path
FunctionKey : Name
```

```
Path Name Decisions Tested
./foo.c end_game(int*,int*) 15 3
./bar.c bar(char) 12 6
```

Working With Paths:

```
=====
```

- Path separators are unified: you do not need to worry about handling differences between Windows and Linux
- With the option `PathsAreCaseInsensitive`, case is ignored when searching for files in the Squore internal data
- Paths known by Squore are relative paths starting at the root of what was specified in the repository connector during the analysis. This relative path is the one used to match with a path in a csv file.

Here is a valid example of file matching:

1. You provide `C:\A\B\C\D` as the root folder in a repository connector
2. `C:\A\B\C\D` contains `E\e.c` then Squore will know `E/e.c` as a file
3. You provide a csv file produced on linux and containing `/tmp/X/Y/E/e.c` as path, then Squore will be able to match it with the known file.

Squore uses the longest possible match.

In case of conflict, no file is found and a message is sent to the log.

```
=====
= csv_findings =
=====
```

The `csv_findings` data provider is used to import findings (rule violations) and attach them to artefacts of type `Application`, `File` or `Function`. The format of the csv file given as parameter has to be:

```
FILE;FUNCTION;RULE_ID;MESSAGE;LINE;COL;STATUS;STATUS_MESSAGE;TOOL
```

where:

```
=====
```

`FILE` : is the full path of the file where the finding is located
`FUNCTION` : is the name of the function where the finding is located
`RULE_ID` : is the Squore ID of the rule which is violated
`MESSAGE` : is the specific message of the violation
`LINE`: is the line number where the violation occurs
`COL`: (optional, leave empty if not provided) is the column number where the violation occurs

STATUS: (optional, leave empty if not provided) is the status of the relaxation if the violation has to be relaxed (DEROGATION, FALSE_POSITIVE, LEGACY)
 STATUS_MSG: (optional, leave empty if not provided) is the message for the relaxation when relaxed
 TOOL: is the tool providing the violation

The header line is read and ignored (it has to be there)
 The separator (semicolon by default) can be changed in the config.tcl file (see below)
 The delimiter (no delimiter by default) can be changed in the config.tcl (see below)

```

=====
= config.tcl =
=====
  
```

Sample config.tcl file:

```

=====
# The separator used in the input CSV file
# Usually ; or \t
set Separator \;

# The delimiter used in the CSV input file
# This is normally left empty, except when you know that some of the values in
# the CSV file
# contain the separator itself, for example:
# "A text containing ; the separator";no problem;end
# In this case, you need to set the delimiter to \" in order for the data
# provider to find 3 values instead of 4.
# To include the delimiter itself in a value, you need to escape it by
# duplicating it, for example:
# "A text containing \" the delimiter";no problemo;end
# Default: none
set Delimiter \"
  
```

```

=====
= CsvPerl =
=====
  
```

The CsvPerl framework offers the same functionality as Csv, but instead of dealing with the raw input files directly, it allows you to run a perl script to modify them and produce a CSV file with the expected input format for the Csv framework.

```

=====
= form.xml =
=====
  
```

In your form.xml, specify the input parameters you need for your Data Provider. Our example will use two parameters: a path to a CSV file and another text parameter:

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<tags baseName="CsvPerl" needSources="true">
  <tag type="text" key="csv" defaultValue="/path/to/csv" />
  <tag type="text" key="param" defaultValue="MyValue" />
</tags>
  
```

- Since Csv-based data providers commonly rely on artefacts created by Squan Sources, you can set the needSources attribute to force users to specify at least one repository connector when creating a project.

```
=====
= config.tcl =
=====
```

Refer to the description of config.tcl for the Csv framework.

For CsvPerl one more option is possible:

```
# The variable NeedSources is used to request the perl script to be executed once
  for each
# repository node of the project. In that case an additional parameter is sent to
  the
# perl script (see below for its position)
#set ::NeedSources 1
```

```
=====
= Sample CSV Input Files =
=====
```

Refer to the examples for the Csv framework.

```
=====
= Perl Script =
=====
```

The perl script will receive as arguments:

- all parameters defined in form.xml (as `-${key} $value`)
- the input directory to process (only if `::NeedSources` is set to 1 in the config.tcl file)
- the location of the output directory where temporary files can be generated
- the full path of the csv file to be generated

For the form.xml we created earlier in this document, the command line will be:
`perl <configuration_folder>/tools/CustomDP/CustomDP.pl -csv /path/to/csv -param MyValue <output_folder> <output_folder>/CustomDP.csv`

Example of perl script:

```
=====
#!/usr/bin/perl
use strict;
use warnings;
$|=1 ;

($csvKey, $csvValue, $paramKey, $paramValue, $output_folder, $output_csv) =
  @ARGV;

# Parse input CSV file
# ...

# Write results to CSV
open(CSVFILE, ">" . ${output_csv}) || die "perl: can not write: ${!\n}";
```



```
binmode(CSVFILE, ":utf8");
print CSVFILE "ChangeRequest;15";
close CSVFILE;

exit 0;
```

```
=====
= Generic =
=====
```

The Generic framework is the most flexible Data Provider framework, since it allows attaching metrics, findings, textual information and links to artefacts. If the artefacts do not exist in your project, they will be created automatically. It takes one or more CSV files as input (one per type of information you want to import) and works with any type of artefact.

```
=====
= form.xml =
=====
```

In form.xml, allow users to specify the path to a CSV file for each type of data you want to import.

You can set needSources to true or false, depending on whether or not you want to require the use of a repository connector when your custom Data Provider is used.

Example of form.xml file:

```
=====
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<tags baseName="Generic" needSources="false">
  <!-- Path to CSV file containing Metrics data -->
  <tag type="text" key="csv" defaultValue="mydata.csv" />
  <!-- Path to CSV file containing Findings data: -->
  <tag type="text" key="fdg" defaultValue="mydata_fdg.csv" />
  <!-- Path to CSV file containing Information data: -->
  <tag type="text" key="inf" defaultValue="mydata_inf.csv" />
  <!-- Path to CSV file containing Links data: -->
  <tag type="text" key="lnk" defaultValue="mydata_lnk.csv" />
</tags>
```

Note: All tags are optional. You only need to specify the tag element for the type of data you want to import with your custom Data Provider.

```
=====
= config.tcl =
=====
```

Sample config.tcl file:

```
=====
# The separator used in the input csv files
# Usually \t or ; or ,
# In our example below, a space is used.
set Separator " "

# The delimiter used in the input CSV file
# This is normally left empty, except when you know that some of the values in
the CSV file
```

```
# contain the separator itself, for example:
# "A text containing ; the separator";no problem;end
# In this case, you need to set the delimiter to \" in order for the data
# provider to find 3 values instead of 4.
# To include the delimiter itself in a value, you need to escape it by
# duplicating it, for example:
# "A text containing \" the delimiter";no problemo;end
# Default: none
set Delimiter \"

# The path separator in an artefact's path
# in the input CSV file.
# Note that artefact is spelled with an "i"
# and not an "e" in this option.
set ArtifactPathSeparator "/"

# If the data provider needs to specify a different toolName (optional)
set SpecifyToolName 1

# Metric2Key contains a case-sensitive list of paired metric IDs:
#   {MeasureID KeyName [Format]}
# where:
# - MeasureID is the id of the measure as defined in your analysis model
# - KeyName is the name in the cell preceding the value to import as found in
#   the input CSV file
# - Format is the optional format of the data, the only accepted format
#   is "text" to attach textual information to an artefact. Note that the same
#   result can also
#   be achieved with Info2Key (see below). For normal metrics omit this
#   field.
set Metric2Key {
  {CHANGES Changed}
}

# Finding2Key contains a case-sensitive list of paired rule IDs:
#   {FindingID KeyName}
# where:
# - FindingID is the id of the rule as defined in your analysis model
# - KeyName is the name in the finding name in the input CSV file
set Finding2Key {
  {R_NOTLINKED NotLinked}
}

# Info2Key contains a case-sensitive list of paired info IDs:
#   {InfoID KeyName}
# where:
# - InfoID is the id of the textual information as defined in your analysis
#   model
# - KeyName is the name of the information name in the input CSV file
set Info2Key
  {SPECIAL_LABEL Label}
}

# Ignore findings for artefacts that are not part of the project (orphan
# findings)
# When set to 1, the findings are ignored
# When set to 0, the findings are imported and attached to the APPLICATION node
# (default: 1)
set IgnoreIfArtefactNotFound 1
```

```

# For findings of a type that is not in your ruleset, set a default rule ID.
# The value for this parameter must be a valid rule ID from your analysys model.
# (default: empty)
set UnknownRuleId UNKNOWN_RULE

# Save the total count of orphan findings as a metric at application level
# Specify the ID of the metric to use in your analysys model
# to store the information
# (default: empty)
set OrphanArteCountId NB_ORPHANS

# Save the total count of unknown rules as a metric at application level
# Specify the ID of the metric to use in your analysys model
# to store the information
# (default: empty)
set OrphanRulesCountId NB_UNKNOWN_RULES

# Save the list of unknown rule IDs as textual information at application level
# Specify the ID of the metric to use in your analysys model
# to store the information
# (default: empty)
set OrphanRulesListId UNKNOWN_RULES_INFO

```

```

=====
= CSV File Format =
=====

```

All the examples listed below assume the use of the following config.tcl:

```

set Separator ","
set ArtifactPathSeparator "/"
set Metric2Key {
  {CHANGES Changed}
}
set Finding2Key {
  {R_NOTLINKED NotLinked}
}
set Info2Key
  {SPECIAL_LABEL Label}
}

```

Layout for Metrics File:

```

=====
==> artefact_type artefact_path (Key Value)*

```

When the parent artefact type is not given it defaults to <artefact_type>_FOLDER.

Example:

```

REQ_MODULE,Requirements/Module
REQUIREMENT,Requirements/Module/My_Req,Changed,1

```

will produce the following artefact tree:

```

Application
  Requirements (type: REQ_MODULE_FOLDER)
    Module (type: REQ_MODULE)
      My_Req : (type: REQUIREMENT) with 1 metric CHANGES = 1

```

Note: the key "Changed" is mapped to the metric "CHANGES", as specified by the Metric2Key parameter, so that it matches what is expected by the model.

Layout for Findings File:

=====

==> artefact_type artefact_path key message

When the parent artefact type is not given it defaults to <artefact_type>_FOLDER.

Example:

REQ_MODULE,Requirements/Module

REQUIREMENT,Requirements/Module/My_Req,NotLinked,A Requirement should always been linked

will produce the following artefact tree:

Application

 Requirements (type: REQ_MODULE_FOLDER)

 Module (type: REQ_MODULE)

 My_Req (type: REQUIREMENT) with 1 finding R_NOTLINKED whose description is "A Requirement should always been linked"

Note: the key "NotLinked" is mapped to the finding "R_NOTLINKED", as specified by the Finding2Key parameter, so that it matches what is expected by the model.

Layout for Textual Information File:

=====

==> artefact_type artefact_path label value

When the parent artefact type is not given it defaults to <artefact_type>_FOLDER.

Example:

REQ_MODULE,Requirements/Module

REQUIREMENT,Requirements/Module/My_Req,Label,This is the label of the req

will produce the following artefact tree:

Application

 Requirements (type: REQ_MODULE_FOLDER)

 Module (type: REQ_MODULE)

 My_Req (type: REQUIREMENT) with 1 information of type SPECIAL_LABEL whose content is "This is the label of the req"

Note: the label "Label" is mapped to the finding "SPECIAL_LABEL", as specified by the Info2Key parameter, so that it matches what is expected by the model.

Layout for Links File:

=====

==> artefact_type artefact_path dest_artefact_type dest_artefact_path link_type

When the parent artefact type is not given it defaults to <artefact_type>_FOLDER

Example:

REQ_MODULE Requirements/Module

TEST_MODULE Tests/Module

REQUIREMENT Requirements/Module/My_Req TEST Tests/Module/My_test TESTED_BY

will produce the following artefact tree:

Application

```

Requirements (type: REQ_MODULE_FOLDER)
  Module (type: REQ_MODULE)
    My_Req (type: REQUIREMENT) ----->
Tests (type: TEST_MODULE_FOLDER)      |
  Module (type: TEST_MODULE)          |
    My_Test (type: TEST) <-----+ link (type: TESTED_BY)
    
```

The TESTED_BY relationship is created with My_Req as source of the link and My_test as the destination

CSV file organisation when SpecifyToolName is set to 1

=====

When the variable SpecifyToolName is set to 1 (or true) a column has to be added at the beginning of each line in each csv file. This column can be empty or filled with a different toolName.

Example:

```

,REQ_MODULE,Requirements/Module
MyReqChecker,REQUIREMENT,Requirements/Module/My_Req Label,This is the label of
the req
    
```

The finding of type Label will be set as reported by the tool "MyReqChecker".

=====

= GenericPerl =

=====

The GenericPerl framework is an extension of the Generic framework that starts by running a perl script in order to generate the metrics, findings, information and links files. It is useful if you have an input file whose format needs to be converted to match the one expected by the Generic framework, or if you need to retrieve and modify information exported from a web service on your network.

=====

= form.xml =

=====

In your form.xml, specify the input parameters you need for your Data Provider. Our example will use two parameters: a path to a CSV file and another text parameter:

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<tags baseName="CsvPerl" needSources="false">
  <tag type="text" key="csv" defaultValue="/path/to/csv" />
  <tag type="text" key="param" defaultValue="MyValue" />
</tags>
    
```

=====

= config.tcl =

=====

Refer to the description of config.tcl for the Generic framework for the basic options.

Additionally, the following options are available for the GenericPerl framework, in order to know which type of information your custom Data Provider should try to import.

```
# If the data provider needs to specify a different toolName (optional)
#set SpecifyToolName 1

# Set to 1 to import metrics csv file, 0 otherwise

# ImportMetrics
# When set to 1, your custom Data Provider (CustomDP) will try to import
# metrics from a file called CustomDP.mtr.csv that your perl script
# should generate according to the expected format described in the
# documentation of the Generic framework.
set ImportMetrics 1

# ImportInfos
# When set to 1, your custom Data Provider (CustomDP) will try to import
# textual information from a file called CustomDP.inf.csv that your perl script
# should generate according to the expected format described in the
# documentation of the Generic framework.
set ImportInfos 0

# ImportFindings
# When set to 1, your custom Data Provider (CustomDP) will try to import
# findings from a file called CustomDP.fdg.csv that your perl script
# should generate according to the expected format described in the
# documentation of the Generic framework.
set ImportFindings 1

# ImportLinks
# When set to 1, your custom Data Provider (CustomDP) will try to import
# artefact links from a file called CustomDP.lnk.csv that your perl script
# should generate according to the expected format described in the
# documentation of the Generic framework.
set ImportLinks 0

# Ignore findings for artefacts that are not part of the project (orphan
findings)
# When set to 1, the findings are ignored
# When set to 0, the findings are imported and attached to the APPLICATION node
# (default: 1)
set IgnoreIfArtefactNotFound 1

# For findings of a type that is not in your ruleset, set a default rule ID.
# The value for this parameter must be a valid rule ID from your analysys model.
# (default: empty)
set UnknownRuleId UNKNOWN_RULE

# Save the total count of orphan findings as a metric at application level
# Specify the ID of the metric to use in your analysys model
# to store the information
# (default: empty)
set OrphanArteCountId NB_ORPHANS

# Save the total count of unknown rules as a metric at application level
# Specify the ID of the metric to use in your analysys model
# to store the information
# (default: empty)
set OrphanRulesCountId NB_UNKNOWN_RULES

# Save the list of unknown rule IDs as textual information at application level
```

```

# Specify the ID of the metric to use in your analysys model
# to store the information
# (default: empty)
set OrphanRulesListId UNKNOWN_RULES_INFO

=====
= CSV File Format =
=====

Refer to the examples in the Generic framework.

=====
= Perl Script =
=====

The perl script will receive as arguments:
- all parameters defined in form.xml (as -${key} $value)
- the location of the output directory where temporary files can be generated
- the full path of the metric csv file to be generated (if ImportMetrics is set
  to 1 in config.tcl)
- the full path of the findings csv file to be generated (if ImportFindings is
  set to 1 in config.tcl)
- the full path of the textual information csv file to be generated (if
  ImportInfos is set to 1 in config.tcl)
- the full path of the links csv file to be generated (if ImportLinks is set to 1
  in config.tcl)
- the full path to the output directory used by this data provider in the
  previous analysis

For the form.xml and config.tcl we created earlier in this document, the command
line will be:
perl <configuration_folder>/tools/CustomDP/CustomDP.pl -csv /path/to/csv -
param MyValue <output_folder> <output_folder>/CustomDP.mtr.csv <output_folder>/
CustomDP.fdg.csv <previous_output_folder>

The following perl functions are made available in the perl environment so you
can use them in your script:
- get_tag_value(key) (returns the value for $key parameter from your form.xml)
- get_output_metric()
- get_output_finding()
- get_output_info()
- get_output_link()
- get_output_dir()
- get_input_dir() (returns the folder containing sources if needSources is set to
  1)
- get_previous_dir()

Example of perl script:
=====
#!/usr/bin/perl
use strict;
use warnings;
$|=1 ;

# Parse input CSV file
my $csvFile = get_tag_value("csv");
my $param = get_tag_value("param");
  
```

```
# ...

# Write metrics to CSV
open(METRICS_FILE, ">" . get_output_metric()) || die "perl: can not write: $!
\n";
binmode(METRICS_FILE, ":utf8");
print METRICS_FILE "REQUIREMENTS;Requirements/All_Requirements;NB_REQ;15";
close METRICS_FILE;

# Write findings to CSV
open(FINDINGS_FILE, ">" . get_output_findings()) || die "perl: can not write: $!
\n";
binmode(FINDINGS_FILE, ":utf8");
print FINDINGS_FILE "REQUIREMENTS;Requirements/All_Requirements;R_LOW_REQS;
\"The minimum number of requirement should be at least 25.\"";
close FINDINGS_FILE;

exit 0;
```

```
=====
= FindingsPerl =
=====
```

The FindingsPerl framework is used to import findings and attach them to existing artefacts. Optionally, if an artefact cannot be found in your project, the finding can be attached to the root node of the project instead. When launching a Data Provider based on the FindingsPerl framework, a perl script is run first. This perl script is used to generate a CSV file with the expected format which will then be parsed by the framework.

```
=====
= form.xml =
=====
```

In your form.xml, specify the input parameters you need for your Data Provider. Our example will use two parameters: a path to a CSV file and another text parameter:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<tags baseName="CsvPerl" needSources="true">
  <tag type="text" key="csv" defaultValue="/path/to/csv" />
  <tag type="text" key="param" defaultValue="MyValue" />
</tags>
```

- Since FindingsPerl-based data providers commonly rely on artefacts created by Squan Sources, you can set the needSources attribute to force users to specify at least one repository connector when creating a project.

```
=====
= config.tcl =
=====
```

Sample config.tcl file:

```
=====
# The separator to be used in the generated CSV file
# Usually \t or ;
```



```
set Separator ";"

# The delimiter used in the input CSV file
# This is normally left empty, except when you know that some of the values in
# the CSV file
# contain the separator itself, for example:
# "A text containing ; the separator";no problem;end
# In this case, you need to set the delimiter to \" in order for the data
# provider to find 3 values instead of 4.
# To include the delimiter itself in a value, you need to escape it by
# duplicating it, for example:
# "A text containing \" the delimiter";no problemo;end
# Default: none
set Delimiter \"

# Should the perl script executed once for each repository node of the project ?
# 1 or 0 (default)
# If true an additional parameter is sent to the
# perl script (see below for its position)
set ::NeedSources 0

# Should the violated rules definitions be generated?
# true or false (default)
# This creates a ruleset file with rules that are not already
# part of your analysis model so you can review it and add
# the rules manually if needed.
set generateRulesDefinitions false

# Should the File paths be case-insensitive?
# true or false (default)
# This is used when searching for a matching artefact in already-existing
# artefacts.
set PathsAreCaseInsensitive false

# Should file artefacts declared in the input CSV file be created automatically?
# true (default) or false
set CreateMissingFile true

# Ignore findings for artefacts that are not part of the project (orphan
# findings)
# When set to 0, the findings are imported and attached to the APPLICATION node
# instead of the real artefact
# When set to 1, the findings are not imported at all
# (default: 0)
set IgnoreIfArtefactNotFound 0

# For findings of a type that is not in your ruleset, set a default rule ID.
# The value for this parameter must be a valid rule ID from your analysis model.
# (default: empty)
set UnknownRuleId UNKNOWN_RULE

# Save the total count of orphan findings as a metric at application level
# Specify the ID of the metric to use in your analysis model
# to store the information
# (default: empty)
set OrphanArteCountId NB_ORPHANS

# Save the total count of unknown rules as a metric at application level
# Specify the ID of the metric to use in your analysis model
```

```
# to store the information
# (default: empty)
set OrphanRulesCountId NB_UNKNOWN_RULES

# Save the list of unknown rule IDs as textual information at application level
# Specify the ID of the metric to use in your analysis model
# to store the information
# (default: empty)
set OrphanRulesListId UNKNOWN_RULES_INFO

# The tool version to specify in the generated rules definitions
# The default value is ""
# Note that the toolName is the name of the folder you created
# for your custom Data Provider
set ToolVersion ""

# FileOrganisation defines the layout of the CSV file that is produced by your
perl script:
#   header::column: values are referenced from the column header
#   header::line: NOT AVAILABLE
#   alternate::line: NOT AVAILABLE
#   alternate::column: NOT AVAILABLE
set FileOrganisation header::column

# In order to attach a finding to an artefact of type FILE:
# - Tool (optional) if present it overrides the name of the tool providing the
finding
# - Path has to be the path of the file
# - Type has to be set to FILE
# - Line can be either empty or the line in the file where the finding is
located
# Rule is the rule identifier, can be used as is or translated using Rule2Key
# Descr is the description message, which can be empty
#
# In order to attach a finding to an artefact of type FUNCTION:
# - Tool (optional) if present it overrides the name of the tool providing the
finding
# - Path has to be the path of the file containing the function
# - Type has to be FUNCTION
# - If line is an integer, the system will try to find an artefact function
# at the given line of the file
# - If no Line or Line is not an integer, Name is used to find an artefact in
# the given file having name and signature as found in this column.
# (Line and Name are optional columns)

# Rule2Key contains a case-sensitive list of paired rule IDs:
#   {RuleID KeyName}
# where:
# - RuleID is the id of the rule as defined in your analysis model
# - KeyName is the rule ID as written by your perl script in the produced CSV
file
# Note: Rules that are not mapped keep their original name. The list of unmapped
rules is in the log file generated by your Data Provider.
set Rule2Key {
  { ExtractedRuleID_1 MappedRuleId_1 }
  { ExtractedRuleID_2 MappedRuleId_2 }
}
```

```
=====
= CSV File Format =
=====

According to the options defined earlier in config.tcl, a valid csv file would
be:

Path;Type;Line;Name;Rule;Descr
/src/project/module1/f1.c;FILE;12;;R1;Rule R1 is violated because variable v1
/src/project/module1/f1.c;FUNCTION;202;;R4;Rule R4 is violated because function
f1
/src/project/module2/f2.c;FUNCTION;42;;R1;Rule R1 is violated because variable v2
/src/project/module2/f2.c;FUNCTION;;skip_line(int);R1;Rule R1 is violated because
variable v2

Working With Paths:
=====

- Path separators are unified: you do not need to worry about handling
differences between Windows and Linux
- With the option PathsAreCaseInsensitive, case is ignored when searching for
files in the Squore internal data
- Paths known by Squore are relative paths starting at the root of what was
specified in the repository connector during the analysis. This relative path is
the one used to match with a path in a csv file.

Here is a valid example of file matching:
  1. You provide C:\A\B\C\D as the root folder in a repository connector
  2. C:\A\B\C\D contains E\e.c then Squore will know E/e.c as a file

  3. You provide a csv file produced on linux and containing
     /tmp/X/Y/E/e.c as path, then Squore will be able to match it with the known
file.

Squore uses the longest possible match.
In case of conflict, no file is found and a message is sent to the log.

=====
= Perl Script =
=====

The perl script will receive as arguments:
- all parameters defined in form.xml (as -${key} $value)
- the input directory to process (only if ::NeedSources is set to 1)
- the location of the output directory where temporary files can be generated
- the full path of the findings csv file to be generated

For the form.xml and config.tcl we created earlier in this document, the command
line will be:
perl <configuration_folder>/tools/CustomDP/CustomDP.pl -csv /path/to/csv -
param MyValue <output_folder> <output_folder>/CustomDP.fdg.csv <output_folder>/
CustomDP.fdg.csv

Example of perl script:
=====
#!/usr/bin/perl
use strict;
use warnings;
```

```
$|=1 ;

($csvKey, $csvValue, $paramKey, $paramValue, $output_folder, $output_csv) =
@ARGV;

# Parse input CSV file
# ...

# Write results to CSV
open(CSVFILE, ">" . ${output_csv}) || die "perl: can not write: $!\n";
binmode(CSVFILE, ":utf8");
print CSVFILE "Path;Type;Line;Name;Rule;Descr";
print CSVFILE "/src/project/module1/fl.c;FILE;12;;R1;Rule R1 is violated because
variable v1";
close CSVFILE;

exit 0;
```

```
=====
= ExcelMetrics =
=====
```

The ExcelMetrics framework is used to extract information from one or more Microsoft Excel files (.xls or .xlsx). A detailed configuration file allows defining how the Excel document should be read and what information should be extracted. This framework allows importing metrics, findings and textual information to existing artefacts or artefacts that will be created by the Data Provider.

```
=====
= form.xml =
=====
```

You can customise form.xml to either:

- specify the path to a single Excel file to import
- specify a pattern to import all Excel files matching this pattern in a directory

In order to import a single Excel file:

```
=====
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<tags baseName="ExcelMetrics" needSources="false">
  <tag type="text" key="excel" defaultValue="/path/to/mydata.xlsx" />
</tags>
```

Notes:

- The excel key is mandatory.

In order to import all files matching a patter in a folder:

```
=====
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<tags baseName="ExcelMetrics" needSources="false">
  <!-- Root directory containing Excel files to import-->
  <tag type="text" key="dir" defaultValue="/path/to/mydata" />
  <!-- Pattern that needs to be matched by a file name in order to import it-->
  <tag type="text" key="ext" defaultValue="*.xlsx" />
  <!-- search for files in sub-folders -->
  <tag type="booleanChoice" defaultValue="true" key="sub" />
```

```
</tags>
```

Notes:

- The dir and ext keys are mandatory
- The sub key is optional (and its value set to false if not specified)

```
=====  
= config.tcl =  
=====
```

Sample config.tcl file:

```
=====  
# The separator to be used in the generated csv file  
# Usually \t or ; or ,  
set Separator ";"  
  
# The delimiter used in the input CSV file  
# This is normally left empty, except when you know that some of the values in  
# the CSV file  
# contain the separator itself, for example:  
# "A text containing ; the separator";no problem;end  
# In this case, you need to set the delimiter to \" in order for the data  
# provider to find 3 values instead of 4.  
# To include the delimiter itself in a value, you need to escape it by  
# duplicating it, for example:  
# "A text containing \" the delimiter";no problemo;end  
# Default: none  
set Delimiter \"  
  
# The path separator in an artefact's path  
# in the generated CSV file.  
set ArtefactPathSeparator "/"  
  
# Ignore findings for artefacts that are not part of the project (orphan  
# findings)  
# When set to 1, the findings are ignored  
# When set to 0, the findings are imported and attached to the APPLICATION node  
# (default: 1)  
set IgnoreIfArtefactNotFound 1  
  
# For findings of a type that is not in your ruleset, set a default rule ID.  
# The value for this parameter must be a valid rule ID from your analysis model.  
# (default: empty)  
set UnknownRuleId UNKNOWN_RULE  
  
# Save the total count of orphan findings as a metric at application level  
# Specify the ID of the metric to use in your analysis model  
# to store the information  
# (default: empty)  
set OrphanArteCountId NB_ORPHANS  
  
# Save the total count of unknown rules as a metric at application level  
# Specify the ID of the metric to use in your analysis model  
# to store the information  
# (default: empty)  
set OrphanRulesCountId NB_UNKNOWN_RULES
```

```

# Save the list of unknown rule IDs as textual information at application level
# Specify the ID of the metric to use in your analysys model
# to store the information
# (default: empty)
set OrphanRulesListId UNKNOWN_RULES_INFO

# The list of the Excel sheets to read, each sheet has the number of the first
line to read
# A Perl regexp pattern can be used instead of the name of the sheet (the first
sheet matching
# the pattern will be considered)
set Sheets {{Baselines 5} {ChangeNotes 5}}

# #####
# # COMMON DEFINITIONS #
# #####
#
# - <value> is a list of column specifications whose values will be concatenated.
When no column name is present, the
#     text is taken as it appears. Optional sheet name can be added (with !
char to separate from the column name)
# Examples:
#     - {C:} the value will be the value in column C on the current row
#     - {C: B:} the value will be the concatenation of values found in
column C and B of the current row
#     - {Deliveries} the value will be Deliveries
#     - {BJ: " - " BL:} the value will be the concatenation of value found
in column BJ,
#         string " - " and the value found in column BL fo the current row
#     - {OtherSheet!C:} the value will be the value in column C from the
sheet OtherSheet on the current row
#
# - <condition> is a list of conditions. An empty condition is always true. A
condition is a column name followed by colon,
#     optionally followed by a perl regexp. Optional sheet name can be
added (with ! char to separate from the column name)
# Examples:
#     - {B:} the value in column B must be empty on the current row
#     - {B:.+} the value in column B can not be empty on the current row
#     - {B:R_.+} the value in column B is a word starting by R_ on the current
row
#     - {A: B:.+ C:R_.+} the value in column A must be empty and the value in
column B must contain something and
#         the column C contains a word starting with R_ on the current row
#     - {OtherSheet!B:.+} the value in column B from sheet OtherSheet on the
current row can not be empty.

# #####
# # ARTEFACTS #
# #####
# The variable is a list of artefact hierarchy specification:
# {ArtefactHierarchySpec1 ArtefactHierarchySpec2 ... ArtefactHierarchySpecN}
# where each ArtefactHierarchySpecx is a list of ArtefactSpec
#
# An ArtefactSpec is a list of items, each item being:
# {<(sheetName!)?artefactType> <conditions> <name> <parentType>? <parentName>?}
# where:
#     - <(sheetName!)?artefactType>: allows specifying the type. Optional
sheetName can be added (with ! char to separate from the type) to limit
    
```

```

#           the artefact search in one specific sheet.
When Sheets are given with regexp, the same regexp has to be used
#           for the sheetName.
#           If the type is followed by a question mark
#           (?), this level of artefact is optional.
#           If the type is followed by a plus char (+),
this level is repeatable on the next row
#   - <condition>: see COMMON DEFINITIONS
#   - <value>: the name of the artefact to build, see COMMON DEFINITIONS
#
#   - <parentType>: This element is optional. When present, it means that the
current element will be attached to a parent having this type
#   - <parentValue>: This is a list like <value> to build the name of the
artefact of type <parentType>. If such artefact is not found,
#           the current artefact does not match
#
# Note: to add metrics at application level, specify an APPLICATION artefact
which will match only one line:
#   e.g. {APPLICATION {A:.+} {}} will recognize as application the line
having column A not empty.
set ArtefactsSpecs {
  {
    {DELIVERY {} {Deliveries}}
    {RELEASE {E:.+} {E:}}
    {SPRINT {O:SW_Software} {Q:}}
  }
  {
    {DELIVERY {} {Deliveries}}
    {RELEASE {O:SY_System} {Q:}}
  }
  {
    {WP {BL:..+ AF:..+} {BJ: " - " BL:} SPRINT {AF:}}
    {ChangeNotes!TASK {D:(added|changed|unchanged) T:imes} {W: AD:}}
  }
  {
    {WP {} {{Unplanned imes}} SPRINT {AF:}}
    {TASK {BL: D:(added|changed|unchanged) T:imes W:..+} {W: AD:}}
  }
}

# #####
# # METRICS #
# #####
# Specification of metrics to be retrieved
# This is a list where each element is:
# {<artefactTypeList> <metricId> <condition> <value> <format>}
# Where:
#   - <artefactTypeList>: the list of artefact types for which the metric has
to be used
#           each element of the list is (sheetName!)?artefactType
where sheetName is used
#           to restrict search to only one sheet. sheetName is
optional.
#   - <metricId>: the name of the MeasureId to be injected into Squore, as
defined in your analysis model
#   - <condition>: see COMMON DEFINITIONS above. This is the condition for the
metric to be generated.
#   - <value> : see COMMON DEFINITIONS above. This is the value for the metric
(can be built from multi column)

```

```

# - <format> : optional, defaults to NUMBER
#           Possible format are:
#           * DATE_FR, DATE_EN for date stored as string
#           * DATE for cell formatted as date
#           * NUMBER_FR, NUMBER_EN for number stored as string
#           * NUMBER for cell formatted as number
#           * LINES for counting the number of text lines in a
cell
# - <formatPattern> : optional
#           Only used by the LINES format.
#           This is a pattern (can contain perl regexp) used to filter lines to count
set MetricsSpecs {
  {{RELEASE SPRINT} TIMESTAMP {} {A:} DATE_EN}
  {{RELEASE SPRINT} DATE_ACTUAL_RELEASE {} {S:} DATE_EN}
  {{RELEASE SPRINT} DATE_FINISH {} {T:} DATE_EN}
  {{RELEASE SPRINT} DELIVERY_STATUS {} {U:}}
  {{WP} WP_STATUS {} {BO:}}
  {{ChangeNotes!TASK} IS_UNPLAN {} {BL:}}
  {{TASK WP} DATE_LABEL {} {BP:} DATE_EN}
  {{TASK WP} DATE_INTEG_PLAN {} {BD:} DATE_EN}
  {{TASK} TASK_STATUS {} {AE:}}
  {{TASK} TASK_TYPE {} {AB:}}
}

# #####
# # FINDINGS #
# #####
# This is a list where each element is:
# {<artefactTypeList> <findingId> <condition> <value> <localisation>}
# Where:
# - <artefactTypeList>: the list of artefact type for which the metric has to
be used
#           each element of the list is (sheetName!)?artefactType
where sheetName is used
#           to restrict search to only one sheet. sheetName is
optional.
# - <findingId>: the name of the FindingId to be injected into Squore, as
defined in your analysis model
# - <condition>: see COMMON DEFINITIONS above. This is the condition for the
finding to be triggered.
# - <value>: see COMMON DEFINITIONS above. This is the value for the message
of the finding (can be built from multi column)
# - <localisation>: this a <value> representing the localisation of the
finding (free text)
set FindingsSpecs {
  {{WP} {BAD_WP} {BL:.+ AF:.+} {{This WP is not in a correct state } AF:.+} {A:}}
}

# #####
# # TEXTUAL INFORMATION #
# #####
# This is a list where each element is:
# {<artefactTypeList> <infoId> <condition> <value>}
# Where:
# - <artefactTypeList> the list of artefact types for which the info has to
be used
#           each element of the list is (sheetName!)?artefactType
where sheetName is used

```



```

#           to restrict search to only one sheet. sheetName is
optional.
#   - <infoId> : is the name of the Information to be attached to the artefact,
as defined in your analysis model
#   - <confition> : see COMMON DEFINITIONS above. This is the condition for the
info to be generated.
#   - <value> : see COMMON DEFINITIONS above. This is the value for the info
(can be built from multi column)
set InfosSpecs {
  {{TASK} ASSIGN_TO {} {XB:}}
}

#####
# # LABEL TRANSFORMATION #
#####
# This is a list value specification for MeasureId or InfoId:
#   <MeasureId|InfoId> { {<LABEL1> <value1>} ... {<LABELn> <valuen>}}
# Where:
#   - <MeasureId|InfoId> : is either a MeasureId, an InfoId, or * if it is
available for every measureid/infoid
#   - <LABELx> : is the label to machth (can contain perl regexp)
#   - <valuex> : is the value to replace the label by, it has to match the
correct format for the metrics (no format for infoid)
#
# Note: only metrics which are labels in the excel file or information which need
to be rewritten, need to be described here.
set Label2ValueSpec {
  {
    STATUS {
      {OPENED 0}
      {ANALYZED 1}
      {CLOSED 2}
      {.* -1}
    }
  }
  {
    * {
      {FATAL 0}
      {ERROR 1}
      {WARNING 2}
      {{LEVEL:\s*0} 1}
      {{LEVEL:\s*1} 2}
      {{LEVEL:\s*[2-9]+} 3}
    }
  }
}

```

Note that a sample Excel file with its associated config.tcl is available in \$SQUORE_HOME/addons/tools/ExcelMetrics in order to further explain available configuration options.

Appendix B. External Tools Reference

Note

For more information about External Tools, consult Section 13.11, “External Tools”.

```
=====
= Generic External Tool =
=====
```

This default external tool provides a basic framework for creating users, groups, roles, profiles and projects.

In order to create an external tool based on this Generic tool, you need to create 4 files:

- config.tcl (optional) allows to override default options
- form.xml, with a baseName="Generic" attribute
- form_en.properties, where you externalise the strings displayed in the user interface (and optionally a form_fr.properties file where you translate those strings)
- execute.tcl, where you get the variables defined in form.xml and config.tcl and run your script

```
=====
= config.tcl =
=====
```

The contents of this file overrides default values, for the variable jar, commands and url:

```
set jar "$square_home/lib/square-engine.jar"
set commands "DELEGATE_CREATION"
set url "http://[server]:[port]/SQuORE_Server" #dynamically obtained from the
server installation
```

If the above default values are OK, you do not need a config.tcl file.

```
=====
= form.xml =
=====
```

This file is like any other form.xml, but will have to contain the credential part if the create_project pro is called.

```
=====
= execute.tcl =
=====
```

This file is normal tcl file. The following proc are predefined:

- * read_err msg: sends a message to the log flagged as an error
 - * read_out msg: sends a message to the log flagged as an info
 - * create_project args: creates a project.
- The following arguments are automatically set and should not be passed to create_projet:
- Dsquore.home.dir
 - jar
 - url

```
--commands
--login
--password
The proc returns 1 in case of success and 0 otherwise.
* create_group name ?profiles?
* create_user [-name user_name] [-mail email] [-locale locale] login password ?
groups? ?profiles?
* create_profile name
* create_role name
* add_permission name target action

=====
= Example Script =
=====

# set "demo" as password
set pwd {ieSV55Qc+eQOaYDRSha/AjzNTJE=}

create_user -name {Augustus Hill} -mail augustus.hill@domain.com -locale en
augustus $pwd [list admin users]

create_role HEAD_OF_DEPARTMENT

add_permission HEAD_OF_DEPARTMENT PROJECTS VIEW
add_permission HEAD_OF_DEPARTMENT PROJECTS MANAGE
add_permission HEAD_OF_DEPARTMENT PROJECTS BASELINE
add_permission HEAD_OF_DEPARTMENT PROJECTS VIEW_DRAFTS
add_permission HEAD_OF_DEPARTMENT ACTION_ITEMS MODIFY
add_permission HEAD_OF_DEPARTMENT ATTRIBUTES MODIFY
add_permission HEAD_OF_DEPARTMENT SOURCE_CODE VIEW
add_permission HEAD_OF_DEPARTMENT ARTEFACTS MODIFY

create_project --name=Earth --wizardId=RISK -r type=FROMPATH,path=$squore_home/
samples/c/Earth/V1 --teamUser=augustus,HEAD_OF_DEPARTMENT
```

Appendix C. Export Script Reference

Name

`sqexport.pl` — Squore export utility

Synopsis

```
sqexport.pl [option...] users [-r]
```

```
sqexport.pl [option...] groups [-m]
```

```
sqexport.pl [option...] versions -m [-l] [-u id_user ] id_model
```

```
sqexport.pl [option...] versions -p [-l] [-u id_user ] id_project
```

```
sqexport.pl [option...] artefacts -m [-R] [--add-measure measure ...] [-T type ...]  
[-L level ] [-u id_user ] id_model
```

```
sqexport.pl [option...] artefacts -p [-R | -r id_rvers ] [--add-measure measure  
...] [-T type ...] [-L level ] [-u id_user ] id_project [id_rvers]
```

Description

The **sqexport.pl** script connects to the Squore database and exports data into the CSV format.

This command extracts raw data from the database. That is, it does not read i18n files or model properties to translate strings.

Columns common to the `versions` and `artefacts` exports are:

1. `model_id` - the database identifier of the model (verbose mode only).
2. `model` - the model name.
3. `app_id` - the database identifier of the project (verbose mode only).
4. `app_name` - the project name.
5. `root_id` - the database identifier of the root artefact (verbose mode only).
6. `v_id` - the database identifier of the version (verbose mode only).
7. `v_name` - the version name.

Users export

These columns are exported:

1. `uid` - the database identifier of the user (verbose mode only).
2. `login` - the login of the user.

```
sqexport.pl users [-r]
```

This command exports all user information for all Squore users. The output contains these additional columns:

1. `fullname` - the full name of the user.
2. `email` - the e-mail of the user.
3. `password` - the SHA-1 of the user password, base 64 encoded.
4. `department` - the department of the user.

When the `-r` option is specified, the user profiles are exported instead. The output contains these additional columns:

1. `role_id` - the database identifier of the profile (verbose mode only).
2. `role` - the profile name of the user.

Groups export

These columns are exported:

1. `gid` - the database identifier of the group (verbose mode only).
2. `group` - the name of the group.

```
sqexport.pl groups [-m]
```

This command exports all Squore groups.

When the `-m` option is used, group members are exported instead. Here are the additional columns in this mode:

1. `uid` - the database identifier of the group member (verbose mode only).
2. `login` - the login of the group member.

Versions export

These additional columns are exported:

1. `status` - the project's version status.
2. `sl_rank` - the (numeric) rank of the level of the project.
3. `level` - the level of the project.
4. `app_name` - The project name.

```
sqexport.pl versions -m[-l][ -u id_user ] id_model
```

This form exports all versions of projects that use the model identified by `id_model`. If `-l` is used, only the last version of each project is exported.

The `id_user` is used to restrict output data, using access controls defined in Squore. If not supplied, versions and projects are exported regardless of access control lists.

```
sqexport.pl versions -p[-l][ -u id_user ] id_project
```

This form exports all versions of the project identified by `id_project`. If `-l` is used, only the last version of the project is exported.

The `id_user` is used to restrict output data, using access controls defined in Squore. If not supplied, versions and projects are exported regardless of access control lists.

Artefacts export

These additional columns are exported:

1. `art_id` - the database identifier of the artefact.
2. `art_path` - the path of the artefact.
3. `art_name` - the name of the artefact.

4. *type* - the type of the artefact.
5. *sl_rank* - the (numeric) rank of the level of the artefact.
6. *level* - the level of the artefact.
7. *trend* - the trend of the artefact, compared to the reference version (with *-R* or *-r* only). Values are 'N' for new artefacts, '^' for artefacts that improved, 'v' for artefacts that regressed, and '=' for others.
8. * - the measure values, as specified with the *--add-measure* options.

```
sqexport.pl artefacts -m [-R] [--add-measure measure ...] [-T type ...] [-L level] [-u id_user ] id_model
```

Exports all artefacts of the *id_model* model, eventually filtered out by the *-T* and *-L* filters. Both parameters of these options are identifiers of the types and the level, as specified in the model. This is possible to specify types separated by a comma, or multiple *-T* options. Such types are then OR-ed.

Only artefacts that belong to the last version of projects are exported. If the *-R* option is set, the trend of levels of artefacts is computed against the last but one version of the projects. By default, there is no trend computation.

Use the *--add-measure* option to specify the list of measures to add to the output. Use with caution on large result sets.

The *id_user* is used to restrict output data, using access controls defined in Squore. If not supplied, artefacts are exported, regardless of access control lists.

```
sqexport.pl artefacts -p [-R | -r id_rvers ] [--add-measure measure ...] [-T type ...] [-L level ] [-u id_user ] id_project [id_vers ]
```

This form exports artefacts of the *id_project* project in its *id_vers* version. If *id_vers* is not specified, the last version if the project is used. Artefacts may be filtered out with the *-T type* and *-L level* options.

The reference version to compute trends of levels of artefacts is either set with *-R* (use the version right before *id_vers*), or with *-r id_rvers* to set an explicit version of the project.

Use the *--add-measure* option to specify the list of measures to add to the output. Use with caution on large result sets.

The *id_user* is used to restrict output data, using access controls defined in Squore. If not supplied, artefacts are exported, regardless of access control lists.

Global options

These options are common to all export types.

<i>-h host</i>	Overrides the database host name.
<i>-p port</i>	Overrides the database port number.
<i>-d dbname</i>	Overrides the database name.
<i>-u user</i>	Overrides the database user name.
<i>-f file</i>	Set the CSV output file. If not specified, the output is written to the standard output.
<i>-s sep</i>	Set the CSV separator. Defaults to the ';' character.
<i>-S slices</i>	Specifies a subset of columns to write, starting from 0. The column numbering is computed against the verbose mode, not the standard mode. Separate column numbers with the ',' character.

- v Turns on the verbose mode. Exports additional columns (mainly internal database ids), and displays some SQL and post processing timings.

Export options

- a Turns on export at the artefact level.
- m Turns on export at the model level.
- p Turns on export at the project level.
- c Counts entries only, do not list all of them.
- l Exports the last version of each project only.
- R Set the reference version for delta or trend computations to the last but one version of the project, from either its last version, or the user supplied version.
- r *id_rvers* Set the reference version for delta or trend computations to the version pointed to by the *id_rvers*.
- T *type ...* Filter artefacts of types *type*, which is the external id of the artefact type, as specified by the model, like APPLICATION, CLASS, FUNCTION, etc. Types may be coma separated.
- L *level* Artefacts shall have the level *level*, which is the external id of the level of performance of a scale, as specified by the model, like LEVELA, LEVELB, etc.

Examples

```
sqexport.pl artefacts -m -T FILE -L LEVELG 1
```

This command lists all artefacts of type *FILE*, that are rated *LEVELG*. The scope of the search is limited to the artefacts that belong to the model *1*, which is its database id. There is no trend computation.

Exit status

- 0 CSV successfully generated.
- 2 Syntax or usage error.
- * The script failed. See stderr for an error message.

Appendix D. Milestones Tutorial

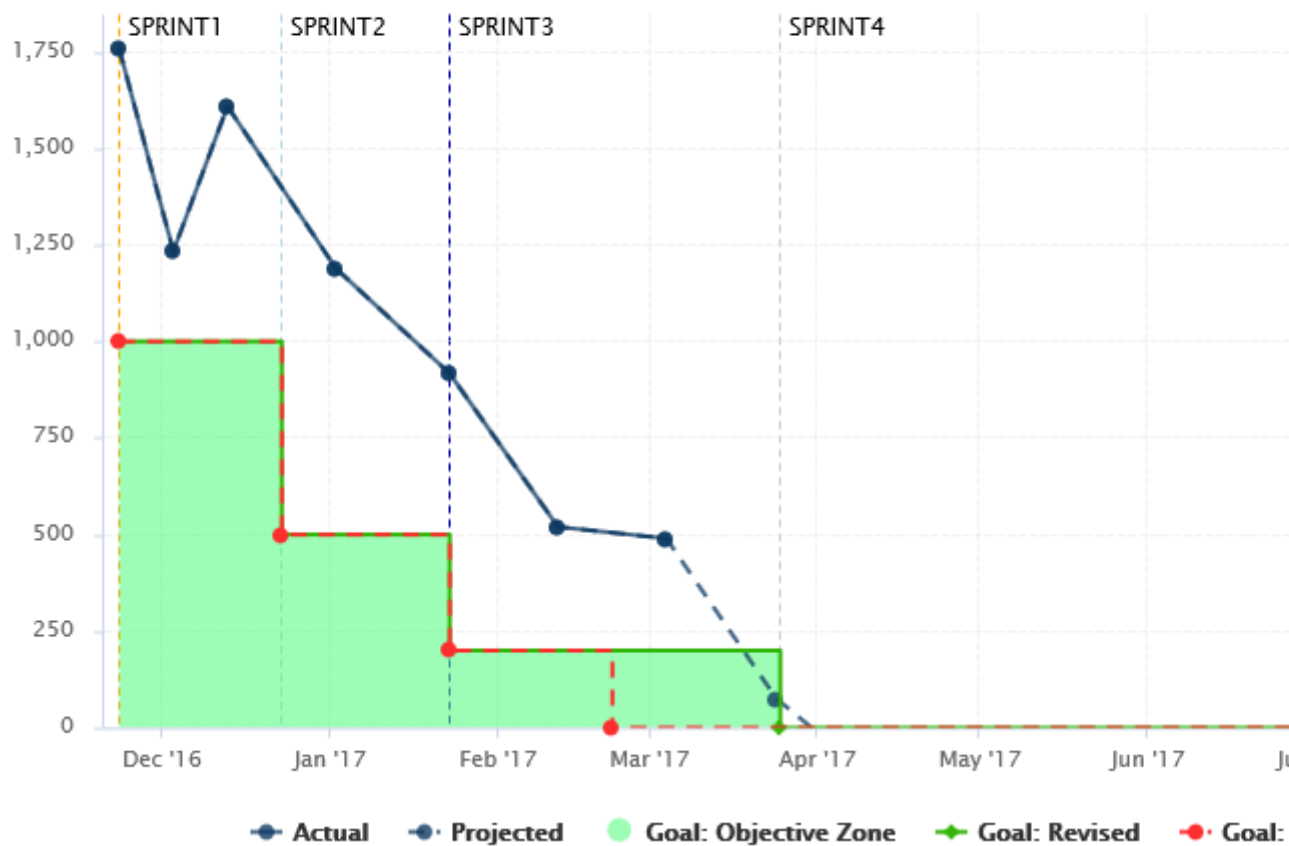
With the introduction milestones in your project, Squore offers new ways to measure your objectives and detect deviations from your goals early. Milestones are a series of goals for specific metrics at certain dates in the life of your project and add the following to your process management:

- You are alerted early if your current performance shows that you will not meet your goals and can react before it is too late
- You keep track of your various goals and communicate any change to the rest of your team
- You can reflect on a project's history and learn from it

This example focuses on a project that is slipping, and shows how the team reacts along the course of the development process. Our team is tracking several objectives around issue management, technical debt and self-descriptiveness over the lifetime of the project, which includes milestones for 5 sprints labelled SPRINT1 to SPRINT5.

Here is where they stand in the fourth sprint and try to assess whether they will meet their Technical Debt objective for the release date at the end of Sprint 5:

 **Chart: Technical Debt Objective Plan**
Project: Sun, Artefact: Sun



The chart shows the following information:

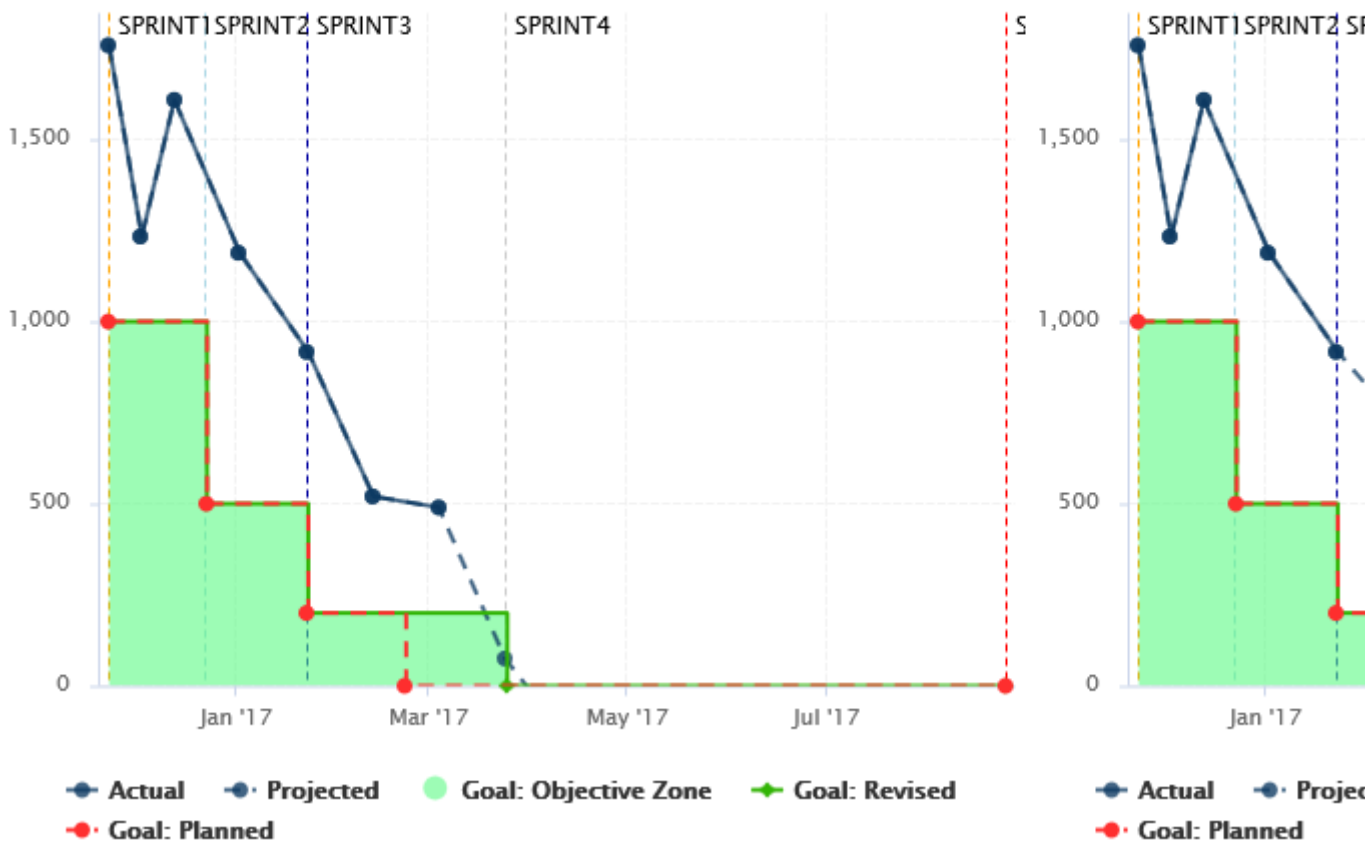
- Vertical dotted lines (markers) on the x-axis for each milestone in the project at the predefined date
- A solid dark-blue line showing the technical debt value for each version of the project so far
- A dotted dark-blue line showing estimations for technical debt for future versions based on the progress so far
- A dotted red line showing the goals set at the beginning of the project for each sprint for the technical debt metric
- A solid green line showing the goals as they were revised as time went on (the date for Sprint 4 was moved back).
- A turquoise area highlighting the acceptable range for the technical debt for each sprint, making it clear that the technical debt has never been under control so far, but that projections show that the goal should be met by the end of Sprint 3

In order to understand why changes were made to the goals, let's go back to V4 and look at the Technical Debt Objective Plan again. The end of Sprint4 still has its original date, and projections already show that technical debt will not be under control by the end of the sprint.

Our chart is configured to show the projected value for the next 5 analyses (based on the rate of previous analyses), and the fifth projection meeting the expectations for SPRINT4 appear well after the original date for SPRINT4.

Chart: Technical Debt Objective Plan [↗](#)

Project: Sun, Artefact: Sun



The team knew this at the time: a **Objective alert for Technical Debt** action item was opened on as early as V3 to inform them that the current performance could cause problems for their objective set 50 days later.

Project Portfolios | Review Set

- [-] E → Sun
 - E → Current
 - E → V7
 - E → V6
 - E → V5
 - E → V4
 - E → V3
 - E → V2
 - E → V1

Artefacts | Ex: Artefact, %fact

- [-] E → Sun (2)
 - + E → apps (8)
 - + E → core (7)

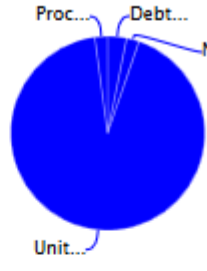
Indicators (Application)

- [-] E → Software Analytics
 - + A → Code Cloning
 - + G → Code Coverage Compliance 0%
 - + D → Complexity
 - + A → Rule Compliance 99.3%
 - + G → Self Descriptiveness 20.9%
 - + F → Violations Density 571/KLoc


Dashboard | **Action Items** ✕

Id: Type: >>

Action Type



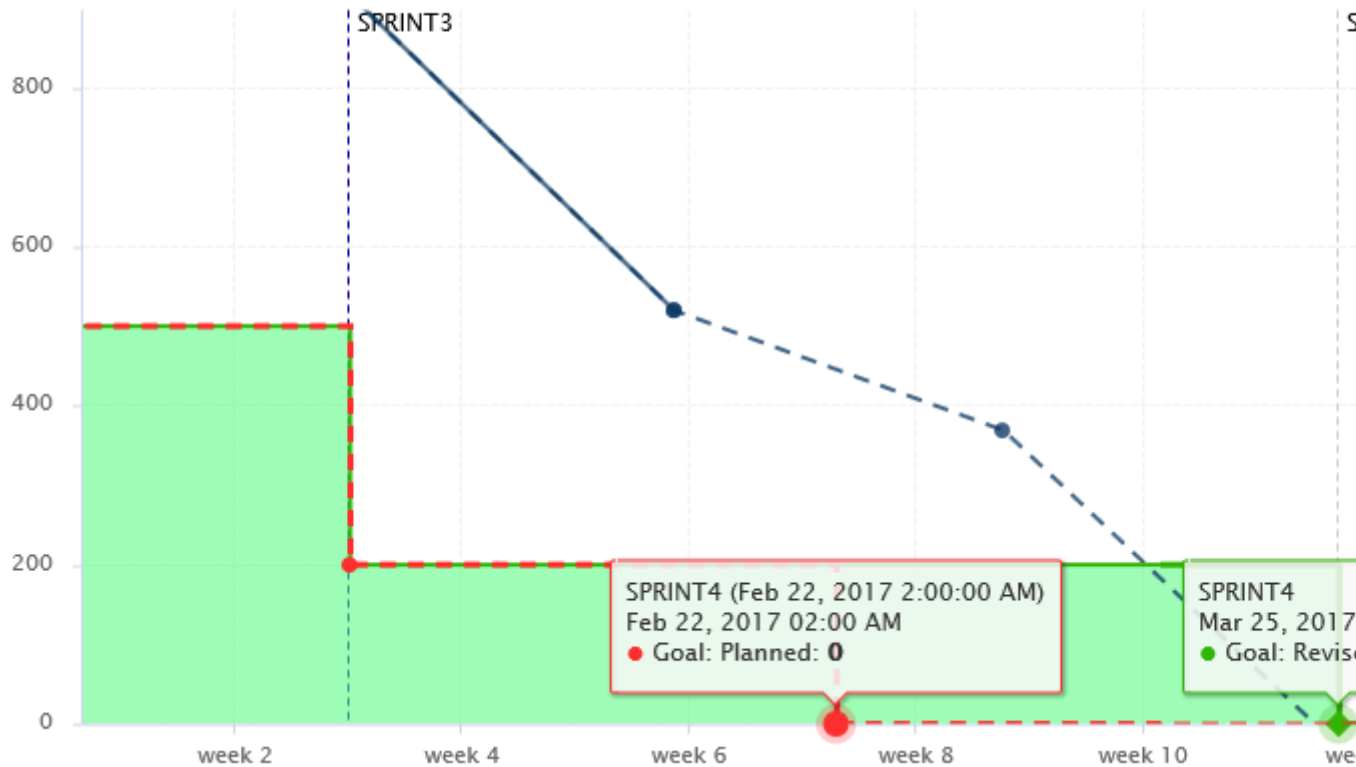
Priority



<input type="checkbox"/>	Id	Type	Since	Action Type
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5077	Objective alert for Self Descriptiveness	V4	Process Compliance
<p>Predictive analytics will not fulfill objective expectation for Self Descriptiveness</p> <p>Artefact: Sun</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Days to Estimation (=66.67) An objective was set to 0.5 Predictive values doesn't match: Next Goal=0.5 -- Next Value=0.18 <p>Detailed View</p>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5041	Objective alert for Technical Debt	V3	Process Compliance
<p>Predictive analytics will not fulfill objective expectation for Technical Debt</p> <p>Artefact: Sun</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Days to Estimation (=66.67) An objective was set to 200 Predictive values doesn't match: Next Goal=200 -- Next Value=504.63 <p>Detailed View</p>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5030	Add Unit Test to the module	V1	Unit Testing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5032	Add Unit Test to the module	V1	Unit Testing
			1	2

Total: 95

After a team meeting, it is decided that the best course of action is to keep the goal for the SPRINT4 milestone, but move its date back by one month. The next analysis confirms this on the Technical Debt Objective plan chart, where you see the first deviation between the planned goal (red) and the actual goal (green). The progress objective will be now met:



How it works

In order to add support for milestones to your model, configure your wizard to allow users to create milestones and goals:












```
<Bundle xmlns:xi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XInclude">
  <wizard wizardId="ANALYTICS" versionPattern="v#N1#" img="../../../Shared/Wizards/square_logo.png" hideRulesEdition="FALSE">
    <milestones canCreateMilestone="TRUE" canCreateGoal="TRUE">
      <goals displayableFamilies="ANALYTICS_GOALS" />
    </milestones>
  </wizard>
</Bundle>
```

The **milestones** element allows users to create milestones in the project wizard (`canCreateMilestone="TRUE"`) and also set goals (`canCreateGoal="TRUE"`). The goals can be set for metrics of the GOALS family only in this example (`displayableFamilies="ANALYTICS_GOALS"`).




The result in the web UI is the following:

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Project Identification

Project Name:	<input type="text" value="Project1"/>	
Group:	<input type="text"/>	
Version Pattern:	<input type="text" value="V#N1#"/>	
Version Name:	<input type="text" value="V1"/>	
Version Date:	<input type="text"/> 	
Colour:	█ ▼	
Automatic Baselineing:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Legacy Components:	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Keep old versions of data files:	<input type="checkbox"/>	
E-mail the creator of a version:	<input type="checkbox"/> On draft <input type="checkbox"/> On baseline <input type="checkbox"/> On error	
E-mail team members:	<input type="checkbox"/> On draft <input type="checkbox"/> On baseline	

▼ Milestones

	SPRINT1 ✕	<input type="text"/>	
Name	<input type="text" value="Sprint 1"/>		
Date	<input type="text" value="2017/04/28"/> 		
Technical Debt ✕	<input type="text" value="500"/>		
Algorithmic Cloning ▼			

- Algorithmic Cloning Ratio
- Blocker Issues
- Code Cloning Ratio
- Coding Standard Compliance
- Complexity Volume Ratio
- Critical Issues
- Information Issues
- Major Issues
- Minor Issues
- Modified Technical Debt (Min)
- New Technical Debt (Min)
- Self Descriptiveness
- Technical Debt
- Unchanged Technical Debt (Min)

A wizard allowing users to create milestones freely during an analysis

When creating a new project, a user decides to create a **Sprint 1** milestone with one objective of **500** for the **Technical Debt** indicator. Other goals can be set, for the other metrics in the project that belong to the **ANALYTICS_GOALS** family listed in the dropdown list at the bottom of the table.

If you have company-wide milestones and objectives that need to be set for every project created with the wizard, you can specify the goals directly. Milestones can also be marked as mandatory or optional:

```
<Bundle xmlns:xi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XInclude">
  <wizard wizardId="ANALYTICS_WITH_MILESTONES" versionPattern="v#N1#" img="../../Shared/Wizards/squore_logo.png" hideRulesEdition="FALSE">
    <milestones canCreateMilestone="TRUE" canCreateGoal="TRUE">
      <goals displayableFamilies="GOALS">
        <goal measureId="TECH_DEBT" mandatory="TRUE" highestIsBest="FALSE" />
        <goal measureId="ISSUE_BLOCKER" mandatory="TRUE" highestIsBest="TRUE" />
        <goal measureId="ISSUE_CRITICAL" mandatory="TRUE" highestIsBest="TRUE" />
        <goal measureId="ROKR_SUBSET" mandatory="TRUE" highestIsBest="FALSE" />
      </goals>
      <milestone id="REQUIREMENT_FREEZE" mandatory="TRUE">
        <defaultGoal measureId="TECH_DEBT" value="0" />
        <defaultGoal measureId="ISSUE_BLOCKER" value="1" />
        <defaultGoal measureId="ISSUE_CRITICAL" value="30" />
        <defaultGoal measureId="ROKR_SUBSET" value="1" />
      </milestone>
      <milestone id="INFRASTRUCTURE_FREEZE" mandatory="TRUE">
        <defaultGoal measureId="TECH_DEBT" value="0" />
        <defaultGoal measureId="ISSUE_BLOCKER" value="1" />
        <defaultGoal measureId="ISSUE_CRITICAL" value="50" />
        <defaultGoal measureId="ROKR_SUBSET" value="1" />
      </milestone>
      <milestone id="CODE_FREEZE" mandatory="TRUE">
        <defaultGoal measureId="TECH_DEBT" value="0" />
        <defaultGoal measureId="ISSUE_BLOCKER" value="1" />
        <defaultGoal measureId="ISSUE_CRITICAL" value="90" />
        <defaultGoal measureId="ROKR_SUBSET" value="0.5" />
      </milestone>
      <milestone id="BETA_RELEASE" mandatory="FALSE">
        <defaultGoal measureId="TECH_DEBT" value="1" />
        <defaultGoal measureId="ISSUE_BLOCKER" value="1" />
        <defaultGoal measureId="ISSUE_CRITICAL" value="95" />
        <defaultGoal measureId="ROKR_SUBSET" value="0.3" />
      </milestone>
      <milestone id="RELEASE" mandatory="TRUE">
        <defaultGoal measureId="TECH_DEBT" value="1" />
        <defaultGoal measureId="ISSUE_BLOCKER" value="1" />
        <defaultGoal measureId="ISSUE_CRITICAL" value="100" />
        <defaultGoal measureId="ROKR_SUBSET" value="0" />
      </milestone>
    </milestones>
  </wizard>
</Bundle>
```

When creating a new project, the predefined goals are filled in in the web interface, and you can still add a **Beta Release** milestone (using the default values specified in the wizard bundle) if needed by using the + icon:

Confirmation

Project1

v#N1#

v1

Relining: Elements: Versions of data files: Operator of a version: On draft On baseline On error Numbers: On draft On baseline

	REQUIREMENT_FREEZE	INFRASTRUCTURE_FREEZE	CODE_FREEZE	RELEASE
Name				
Date				
Technical Debt	0	0	0	1
Tracker Issues	1	1	1	1
Critical Issues	30	50	90	100
Compliance Standard	100 %	100 %	50 %	0 %

A project wizard with preconfigured milestones and goals

If you create projects using the command line interface, you can specify settings for your milestones with the -M parameter:

```
-M "id=BETA_RELEASE,date=2017/05/31,ISSUE_CRITICAL=95"
```

or with a project config file:

```
<SquoreProjectSettings>
  <Wizard>
    <Milestones>
      <Milestone id="BETA_RELEASE" date="2017-05-31">
        <Goal id="ISSUE_CRITICAL" value="95" />
      </Milestone>
    </Milestones>
  </Wizard>
</SquoreProjectSettings>
```

In your analysis model, new functions are available to work with milestones and projections:

- **HAS_MILESTONE**([milestoneId or keyword] [, date]) checks if a milestone with the specified milestoneId exists in the project. The function returns 0 if no milestone is found, 1 if a milestone is found.
- **DATE_MILESTONE**([milestoneId or keyword] [, date]) returns the date associated to a milestone.
- **GOAL**(measureId [, milestoneId or keyword] [, date]) returns the goal for a metric at a milestone.

Tip

You can use keywords instead of using a milestone ID. You can retrieve information about the next, previous, first or last milestones in the project by using:

- **NEXT**
- **NEXT+STEP** where STEP is a number indicating how many milestones to jump ahead
- **PREVIOUS**
- **PREVIOUS-STEP** where STEP is a number indicating how many milestones to jump backward
- **FIRST**
- **LAST**

Consult the Configuration Guide for more details.

On your charts, you are now able to:

- Display the goals defined for each milestone in your project
- Display the changes made to the goals defined for each milestone
- Display the date changes for your milestones
- Show markers for milestone dates and goals

You can also compute metrics with functions like **LEAST_SQUARE_FIT()**, which lets you calculate projections. This is how the Task Completion chart used in this example was created. You can find its full definition below:

```
<chart id="OBJECTIVE_TECH_DEBT" type="TE" byTime="true" dateFormat="MM/yy"
  yMin="0" displayOnlyIf="HAD_GOAL_TECH_DEBT">
  <dataset renderer="LINE">
    <measure dataBounds="[0;[" color="#0B3861" stroke="SOLID" shape="CIRCLE"
      alpha="200" label="Actual">TECH_DEBT</measure>
```

```

<measure color="#0B3861" stroke="DOTTED" shape="CIRCLE" alpha="200"
label="Projected">TECH_DEBT
  <forecast>
    <estimatedVersion timeValue="CUR_BUILD_DATE+1*DELTA_MEAN" />
    <estimatedVersion timeValue="CUR_BUILD_DATE+2*DELTA_MEAN" />
    <estimatedVersion timeValue="CUR_BUILD_DATE+3*DELTA_MEAN" />
    <estimatedVersion timeValue="CUR_BUILD_DATE+4*DELTA_MEAN" />
    <estimatedVersion timeValue="CUR_BUILD_DATE+5*DELTA_MEAN" />
  </forecast>
</measure>
</dataset>

<dataset renderer="AREA_STEP">
  <goal dataBounds="[0;[" color="88,250,130" stroke="SOLID" shape="DIAMOND"
alpha="150" label="Objective Zone">TECH_DEBT</goal>
</dataset>

<dataset renderer="STEP">
  <goal dataBounds="[0;[" color="#31B404" stroke="SOLID" shape="DIAMOND"
alpha="255" label="Revised">TECH_DEBT</goal>
  <goal dataBounds="[0;[" color="#FE2E2E" stroke="DOTTED" shape="CIRCLE"
alpha="255" label="Planned" versionDate="FIRST_BUILD_DATE">TECH_DEBT</goal>
</dataset>

<markers>
  <marker alpha="150" color="189,189,189" isVertical="false" endValue="0" />
  <marker fromMilestones="true" alpha="150" isVertical="true" stroke="DOTTED" />
</markers>
</chart>

```

The action items monitoring the project's progress also make use of the new **GOAL()** function and were defined as follows:

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" standalone="yes"?>
<Bundle>
  <DecisionCriteria>
    (...)
    <DecisionCriterion dcId="AI_OBJECTIVE_IN_FUTURE_TECH_DEBT"
categories="SCALE_PRIORITY.CRITICAL;SCALE_AI_TYPE.PROCESS_IMPROVEMENT"
targetArtefactTypes="APPLICATION">
      <Triggers>
        <Trigger>
          <Test expr="GOAL_ESTIMATED_TECH_DEBT-ESTIMATED_TECH_DEBT" bounds=""];0["
descrId="GOAL_WILL_NOT_BE_REACHED" p0="#{MEASURE.GOAL_ESTIMATED_TECH_DEBT}"
p1="#{MEASURE.ESTIMATED_TECH_DEBT}" />
          <Test expr="GOAL_TECH_DEBT" bounds="[1;1]" descrId="GOAL_IS_ACTIVATED"
p0="#{MEASURE.GOAL_ESTIMATED_TECH_DEBT}" />
          <Test expr="DAY_TO_ESTIMATION" bounds=""];[" descrId="DAY_TO_ESTIMATION"
p0="#{MEASURE.DAY_TO_ESTIMATION}" />
        </Trigger>
      </Triggers>
    </DecisionCriterion>
  </DecisionCriteria>
</Bundle>

```

Check out the Getting Started Guide and the Configuration Guide to learn everything about milestones in Squore.

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