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A Habilitation Project:
**Semantic-based Modeling Framework for
Information Systems (SeMFIS)**

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Agenda

- Knowledge Elicitation for Clinical Guidelines
- SeMFIS Approach
- Implementation on ADOxx®
- Usage Scenario

Knowledge Elicitation for Clinical Guideline Representation and Analysis

Clinical guidelines:

“Systematically developed statements to assist practitioner and patient decision making about appropriate healthcare for specific clinical circumstances”

Aims:

- Improve quality of patient care
- Minimize unjustified variance in patient care
- Cut down costs

Computerizing narrative guidelines for:

- Decision support
- Patient-specific advice at point of care
- Better impact on clinicians' behavior



Challenges when Computerizing Narrative Guidelines

- High amount of work and effort due to:
 - Ambiguity
 - Inconsistencies
 - Incompleteness
- Processing requires be re-conceptualization based on computable guideline formalisms:
 - Operationalizing in terms of available data
 - Explication of hidden assumptions
 - Clarification of undefined terms and inconsistent recommendations
- How to ease this process and handle the required information?



SeMFIS Approach



- Integrated view of conceptual models and ontology models
- Use of conceptual visual models for a first, intuitive representation
- Stepwise enrichment of the information contained in conceptual models by using
 - annotations and
 - subsequent transformations to ontology models
- Configurable for arbitrary conceptual modeling languages
- Generation of different output formats and transformation scripts based on generic XML format
- Further refinement and processing of formal information in ontology tools, e.g. to add PAL and OWL constraints in Protégé

Extensions provided by SeMFIS



Ontology model types:

- OWL Ontology Model Type
- Frames Ontology Model Type
- Term Model Type

Annotation model types:

- Annotation Model Type for OWL and Frames Ontologies based on the SeMAL language
- Social Network Model Type
- Version and Change Model Type

Algorithms Frames Models:

- Model2Frames Transformation
- (Protégé Frames Import/Export)

Algorithms OWL Models:

- Protégé OWL Export
- Semantic Obfuscation
- (Model2OWL Transformation via Mapping Master)

Algorithms Term Models:

- User-centric semantic visualization

Support model types:

- Formal Meta Model Model type
- Formal Model Model type

SeMFIS Implementation on ADOxx®



- Model types on ADOxx® including elements, relations, attributes and their graphical representation
- Algorithms in ADOScript and Java™ via XML Import/Export
- Extension of a Protégé Export Plugin for offline and online export of OWL ontologies in ADOXML
- Configuration of the LBRS-WS for enabling web-based modeling
- Additional implementation of:
 - REST-Services for lightweight access of model information
 - Smart GWT client for a Web2.0 user interface for accessing models
 - Facebook Login Service for the Smart GWT client

Some SeMFIS Application Areas



- Processing of semantic model information, e.g. for applying reasoning and rule-based techniques
- Adding and querying of information without modification of the original modeling language
- As a reference to shared semantic schemata for ensuring a common understanding
- Semantic obfuscation of model information for sharing parts of models with untrusted third parties
- ...

Scenario for Computerizing Clinical Guidelines

Outline of the Scenario:

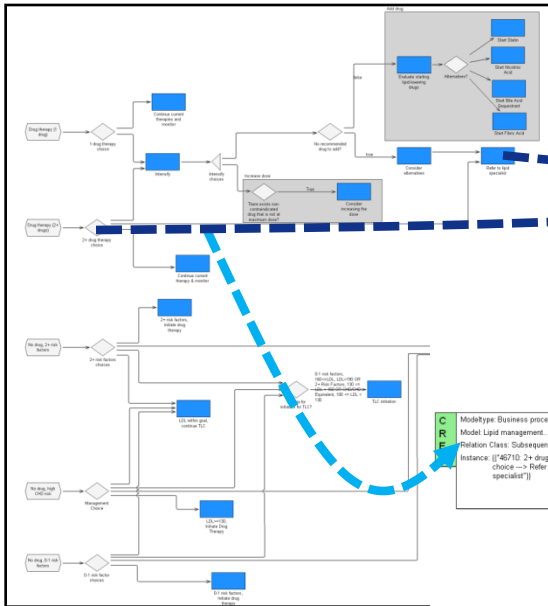
- Specification of clinical guideline relationships using a conceptual process modeling language
- Manual definition of the annotations using an existing ontology
- Transformation of the annotated conceptual model information to the ontology for further refinement

Realization using SeMFIS:

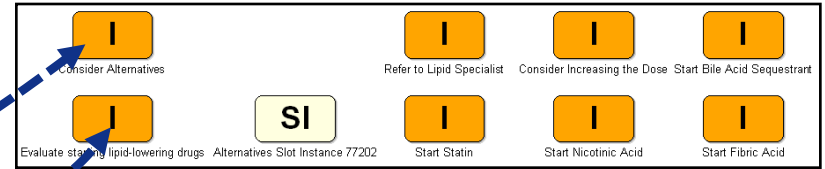
- Using the provided flowchart-like business process modeling language
- Definition of the SeMFIS annotation model using a Frames or an OWL ontology model
- Creation of instances / individuals in the knowledge base based on
 - Static export algorithm, e.g. for Frames ontologies
 - (Dynamic configuration of exports using XML Mapping Master expressions for OWL ontologies)

Example Scenario for Frames Ontologies

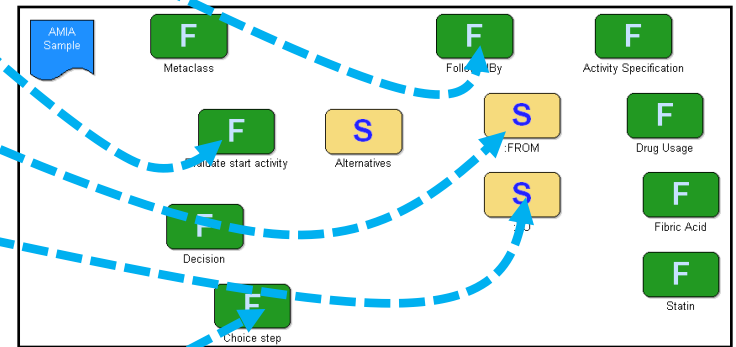
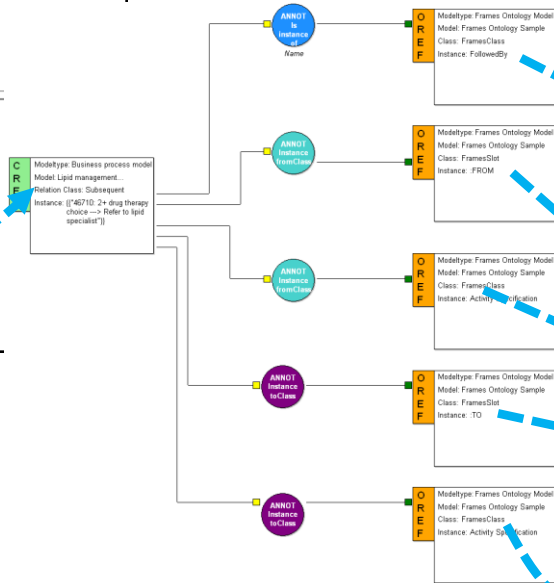
Conceptual Business Process Model Instance



Frames Ontology Instances



Annotation Model Instance

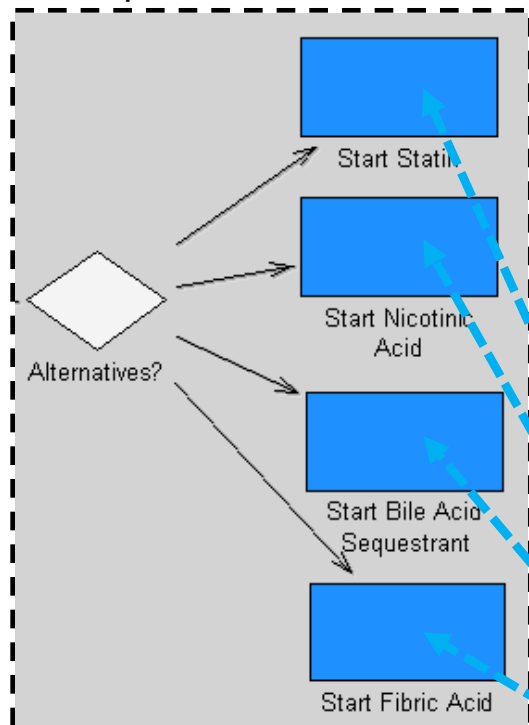


Frames Ontology Class and Slot Instances

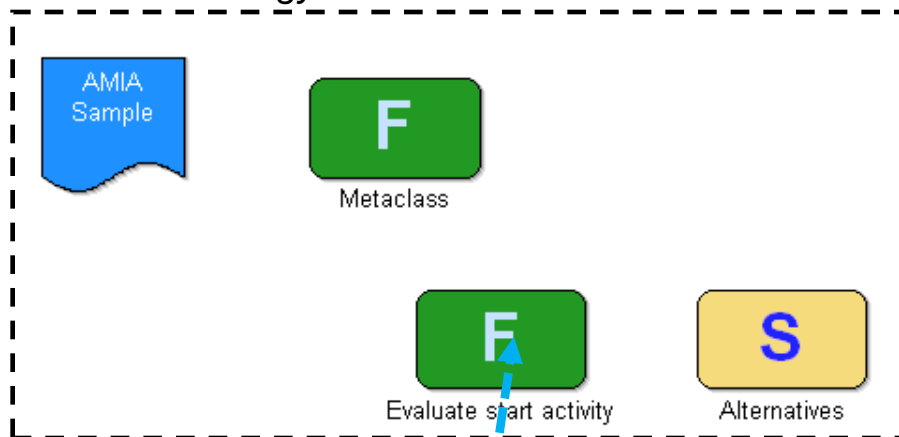
- Reference
- Transformation

Detailed View

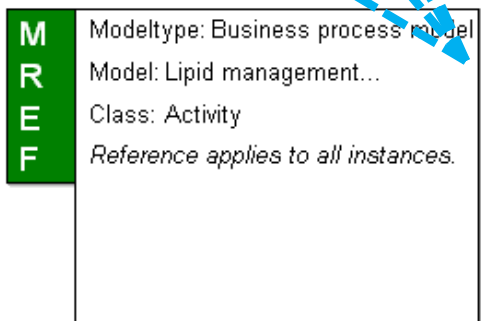
Conceptual Process model



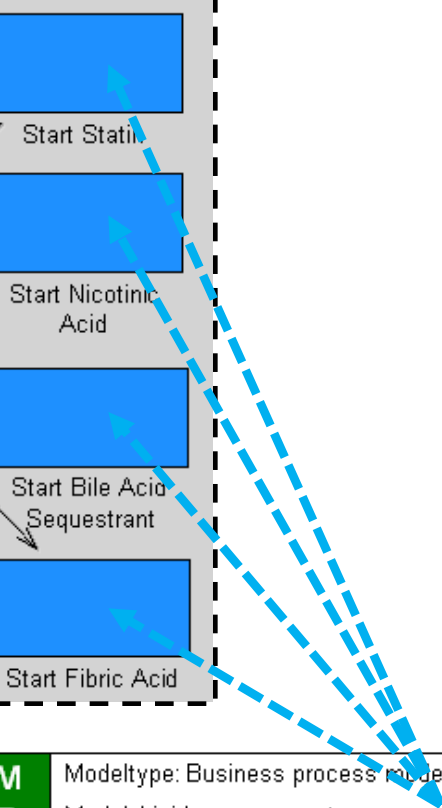
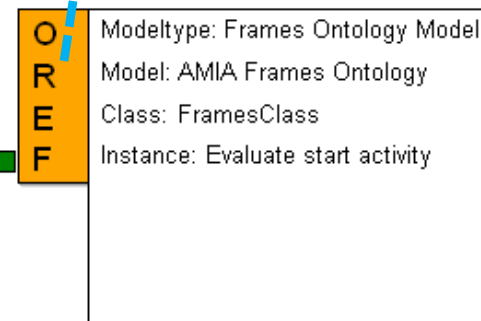
Frames Ontology Model



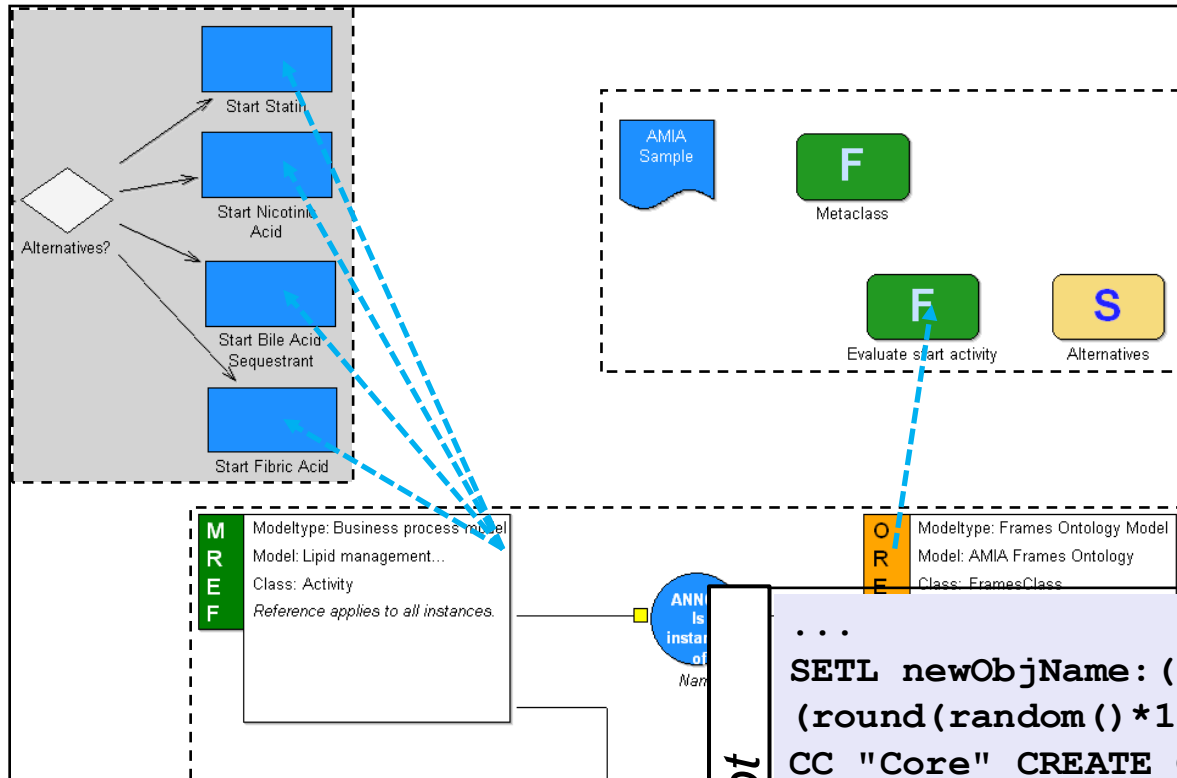
Semantic Annotation Model



ANNOT
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Detailed View



Transformation Algorithm

ADOscript

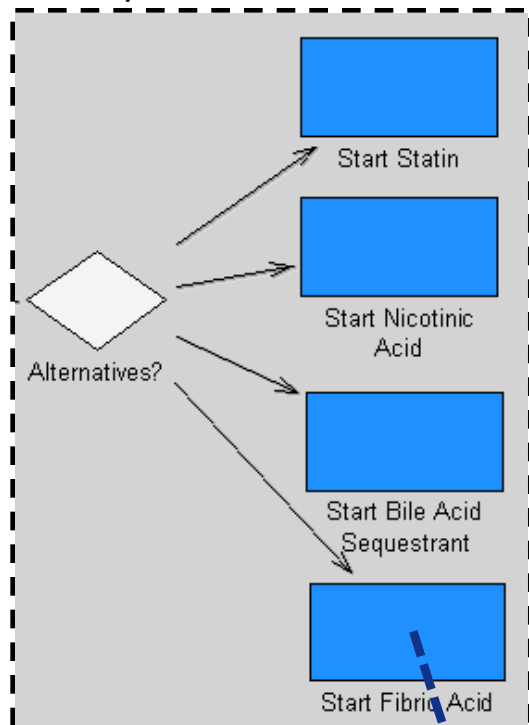
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objname: (newObjName)
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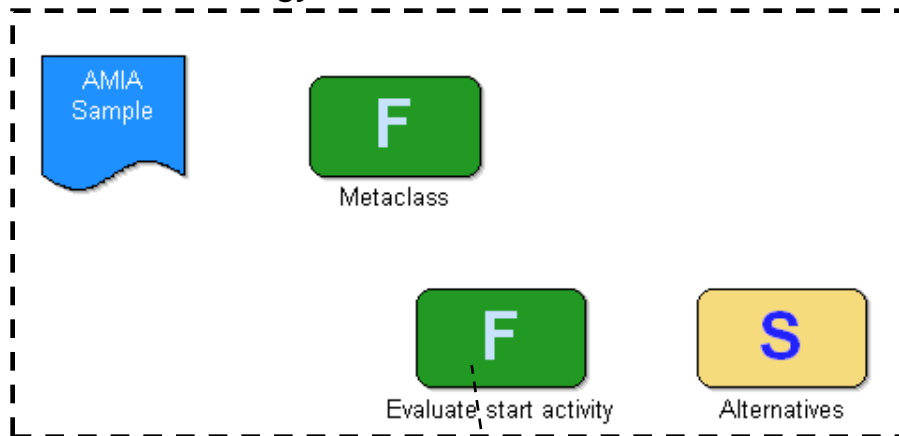
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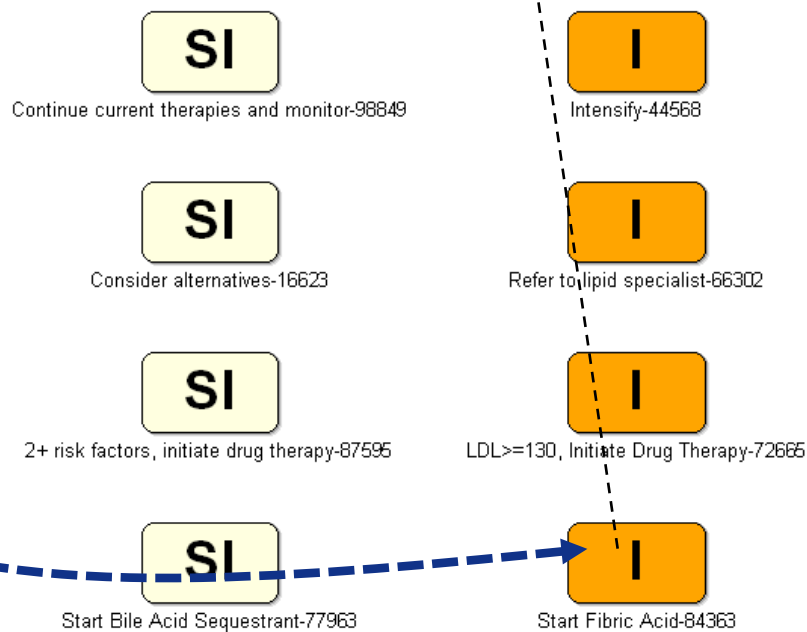
Conceptual Process model



Frames Ontology Model

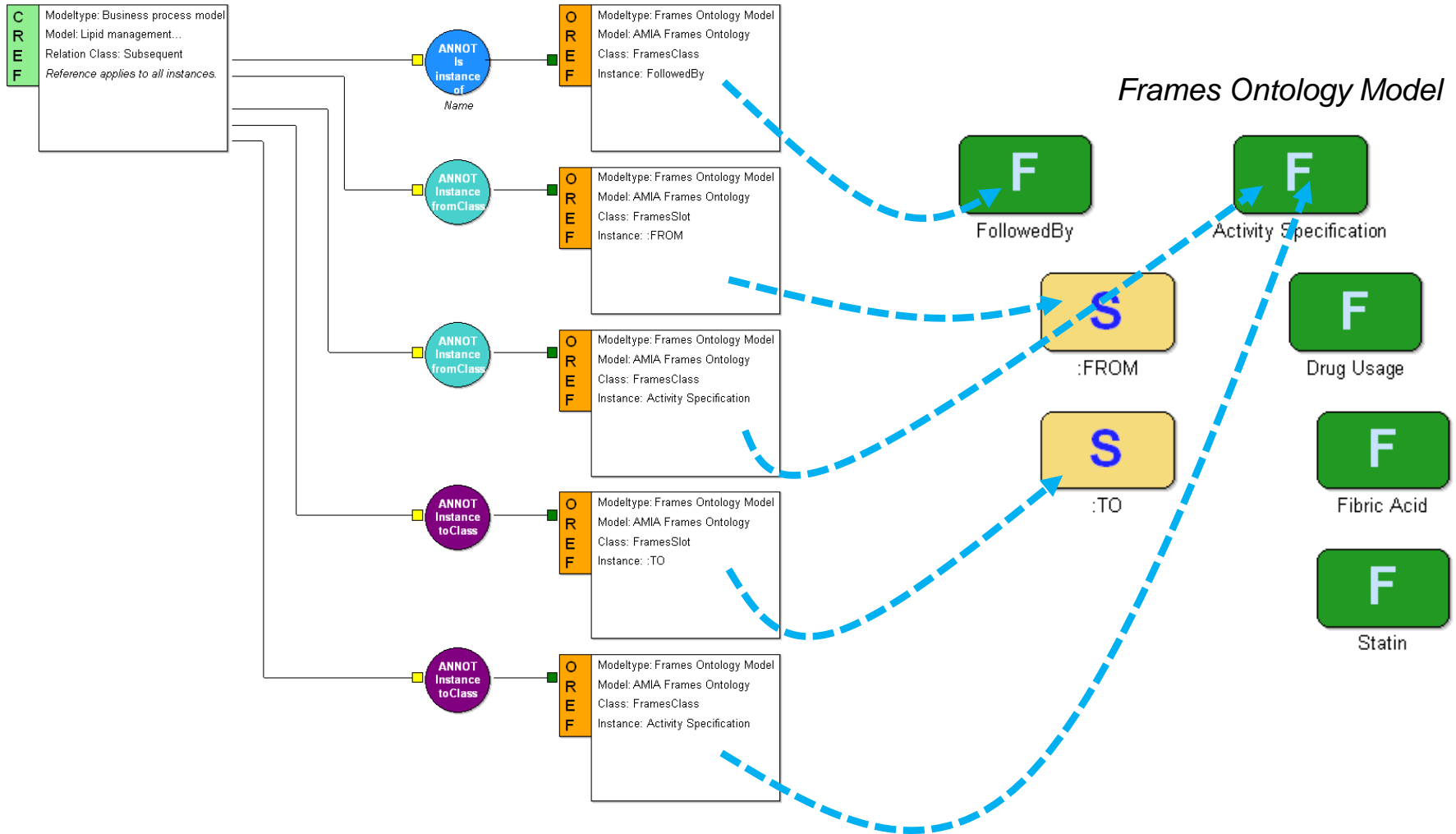


Created Instances in the Frames Ontology Model



Example for a Relation Annotation

Semantic Annotation Model





Thank you for your attention!
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