



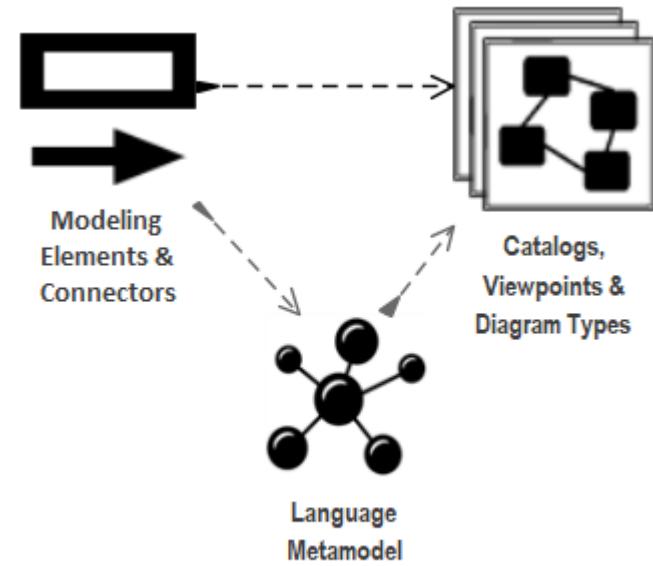
The Labnaf Strategy & Architecture Framework

Customization Workbench

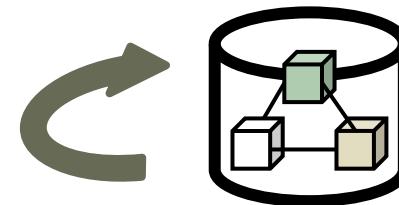
User Guide

Labnaf Customization Steps

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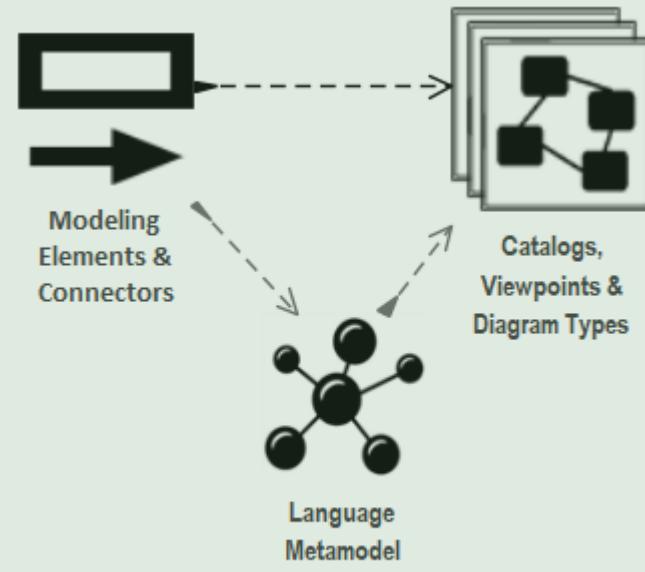


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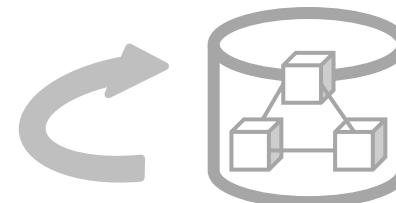


Labnaf Customization Workbench

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2. Adapt existing repository content



Sparx EA Modeling Languages

What's in the box

Many model repository options

- Local Microsoft Access database
- Shared database: SQL Server, MySQL, Oracle...
- Possible version control: Subversion, CVS, TFS...

Many languages & Toolboxes

- (Too) Many languages
- No integration of standards
- Scope / domain-specific
- Switch between many complex toolboxes

Sparx SDK

- Tailoring the tool for an organization
 - Language
 - IDE
 - document generation
 - web publication
 - ...

What we don't want

Built-in MDGs and related Toolboxes

Use Case	XML Schema	GoF Patterns
Class	Documentation	ICONIX
Object	Test Domain	LieberLieber AUTOSAR Engineer
Composite	Dashboard	MindMapping
Communication	XMLTransform	NIEM
Interaction	ArcGIS	ODM
Timing	Archimate	Project Management
State	Archimate2	TaskTaxonomy
Activity	BPMN 1.1	SCMF 2.1
Component	BPMN 2.0	SPERM
Deployment	BPMN 1.0	User Interface - Simple
Profile	UML Standard Profile	SoaML
Metamodel	Business Rule Model	Strategic Modeling
Analysis	CodeEngineering	UPCC 2.0
Business Modeling	Data Flow Diagrams	UPCC 3.0
Custom	Data Modeling	UBL Model Management
Requirements	Entity Relationship Diagram	WebModeling
Maintenance	Eriksson-Penker Extensions	Whiteboard
User Interface	GML	User Interface - Win32
WSDL	GRA-UML	Wireframing



What we want



Merged Standards & Best Practices



One Strategy & Architecture Process



One Modeling Language



One Tool & One Repository

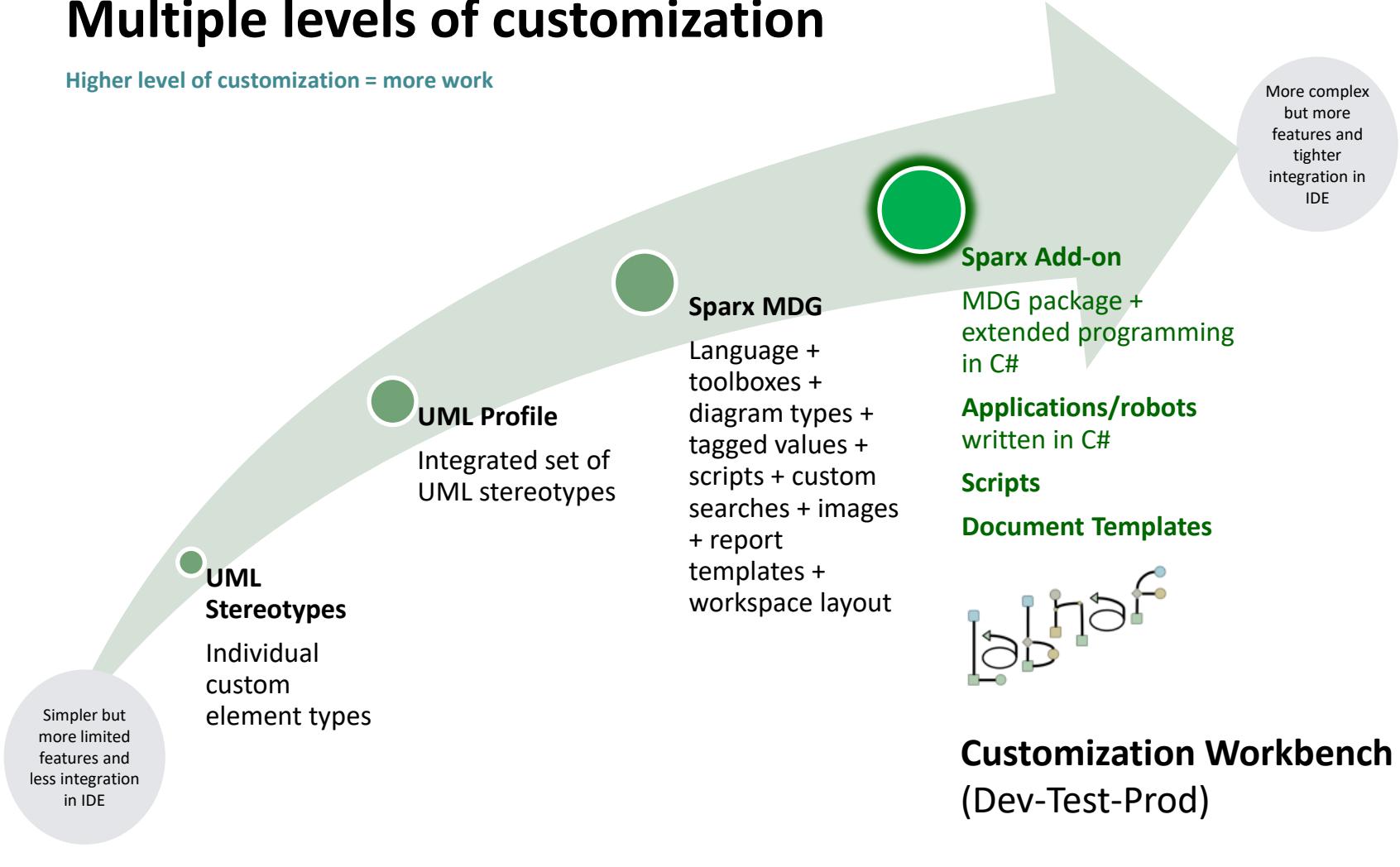


Extensive On-line Documentation

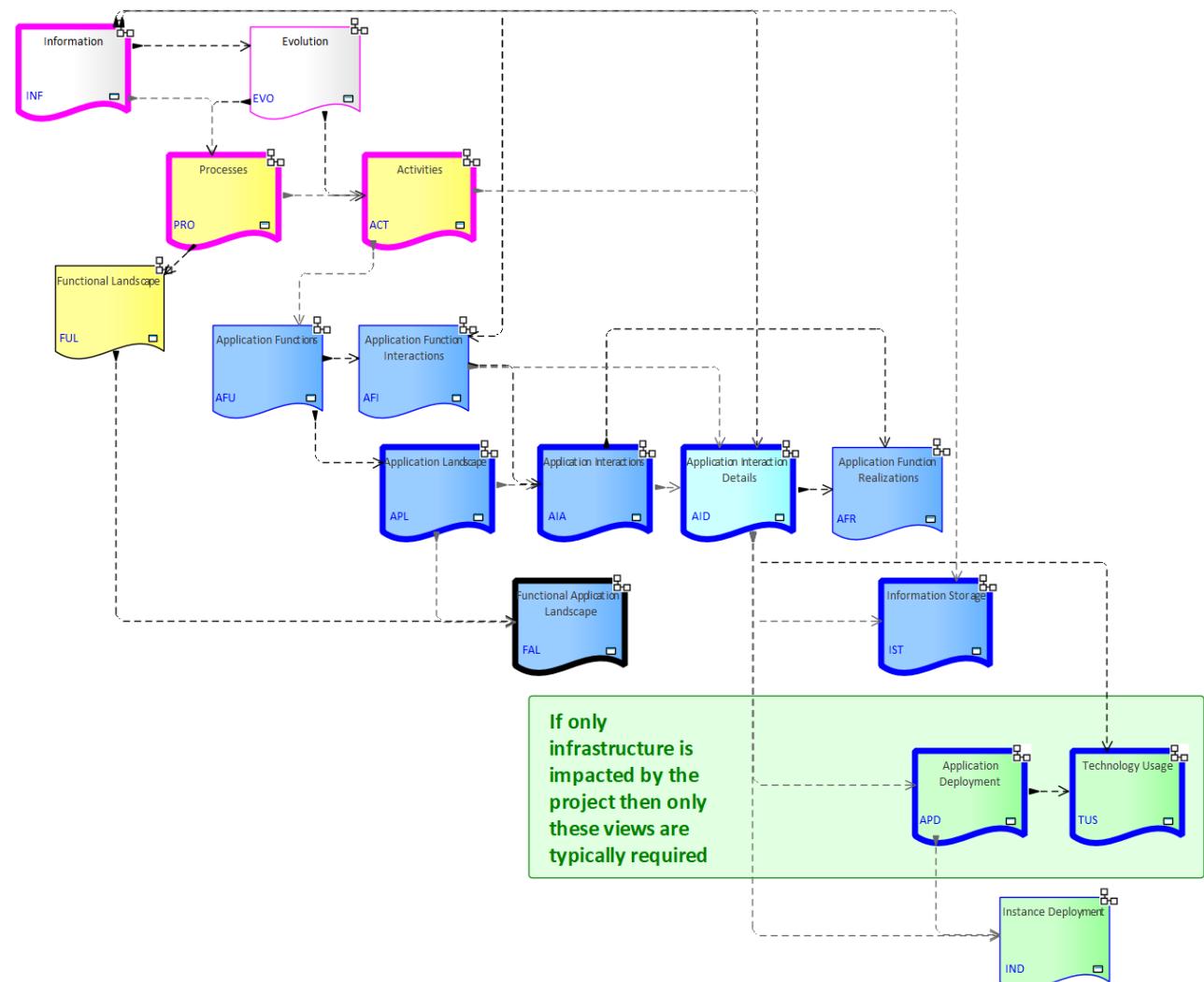
Sparx EA Software Development Kit (SDK)

Multiple levels of customization

Higher level of customization = more work



We need one modular language and tool but address specifically each type of view



Each type of architecture view needs to have its toolbox with element and connector types

Elements & Connectors

- Some come from standards
- Some were adapted
- Some are proprietary

What we want

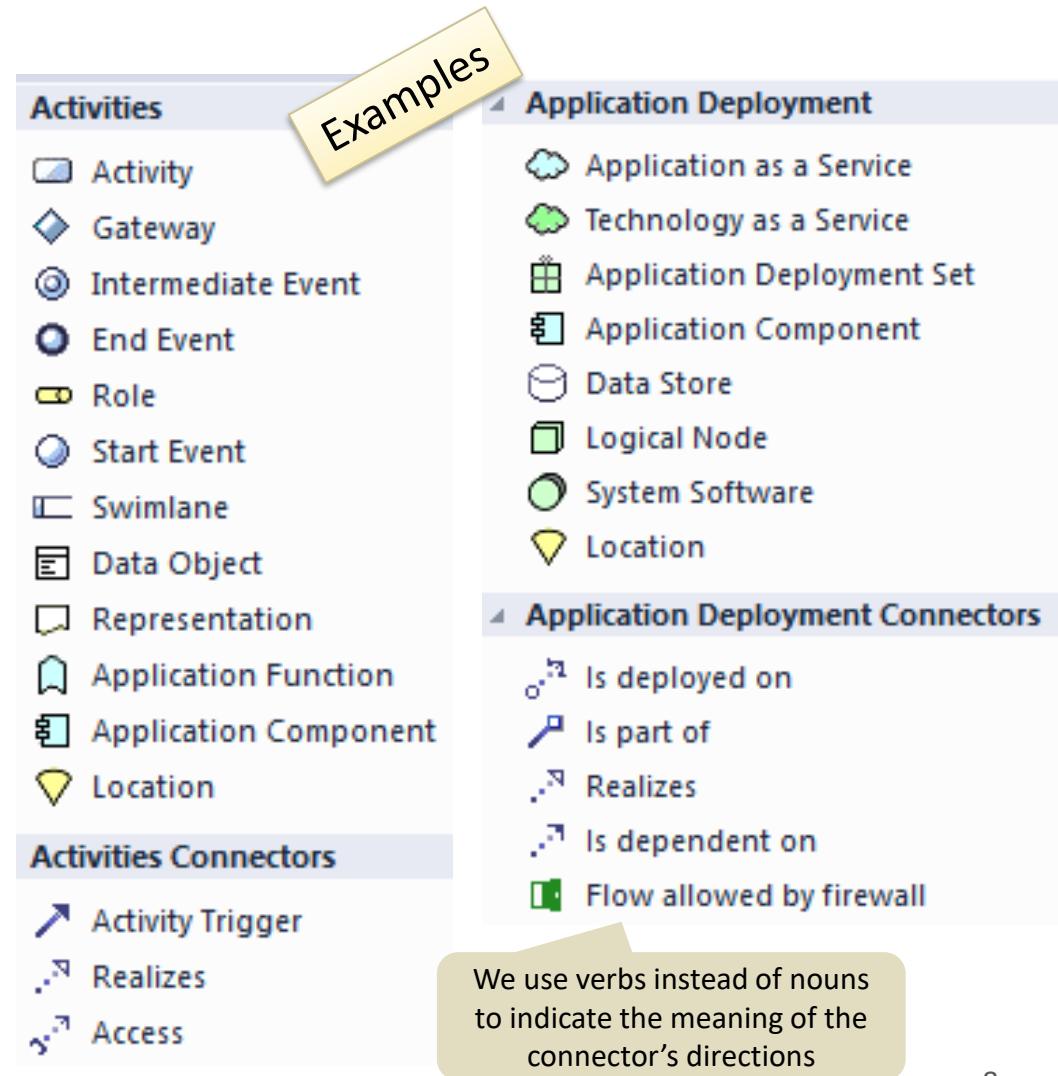
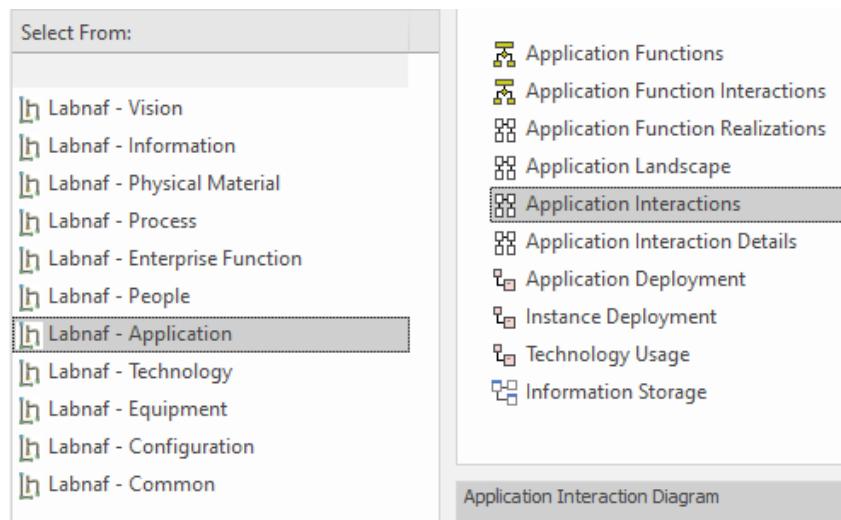


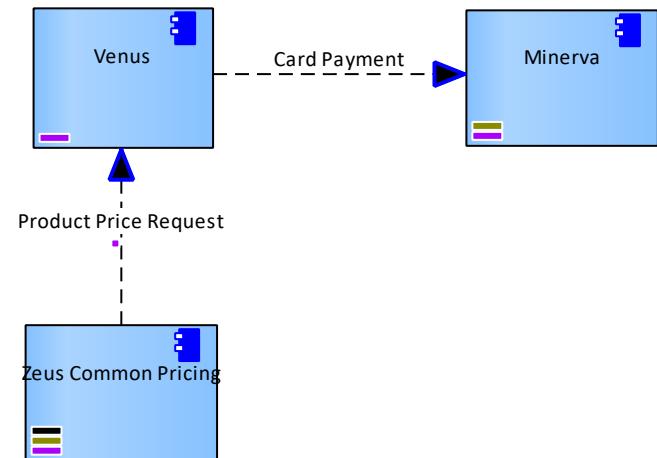
Diagram Types

What we want

When you select New diagram / ... the following list of Labnaf perspectives and diagram types appears



A Labnaf diagram type addresses a specific strategy or architecture viewpoint



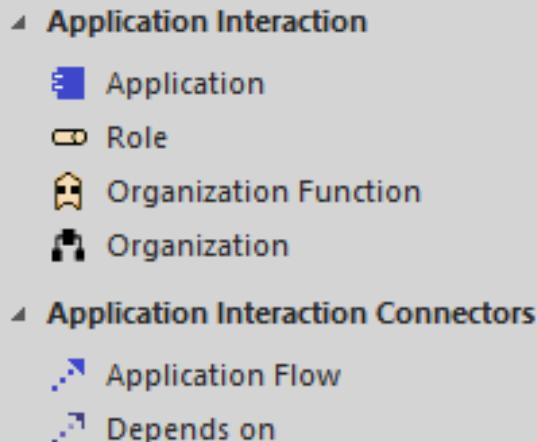
Toolboxes

What we want

Each diagram type has its own toolbox.

Each diagram-specific toolbox only contains the elements and connectors that are relevant to this diagram type.

Toolbox for the diagram type “Application Interactions”

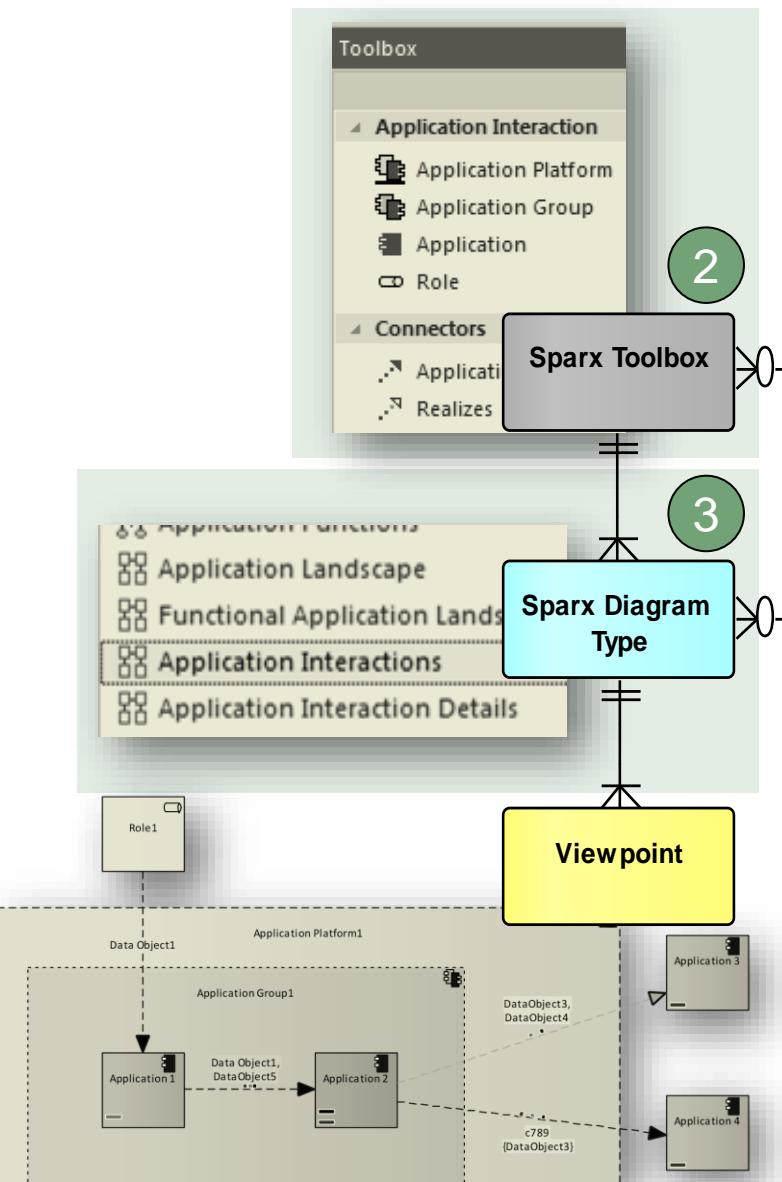


All elements and connectors used

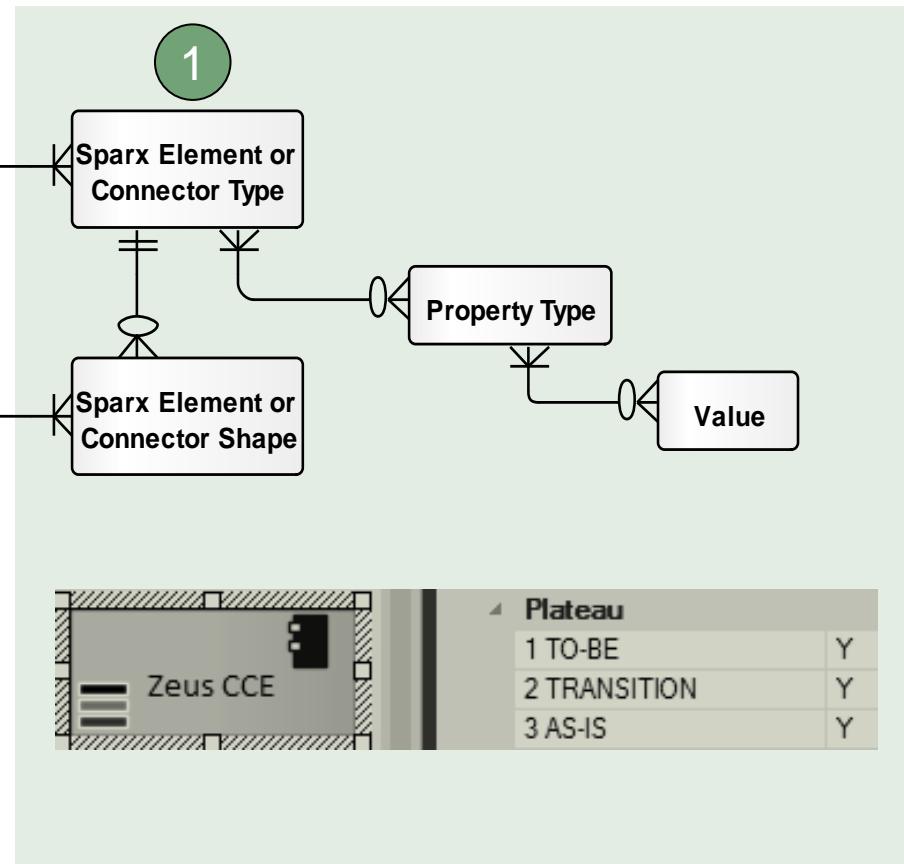
(These are not actual toolboxes)



Key items to be designed and configured

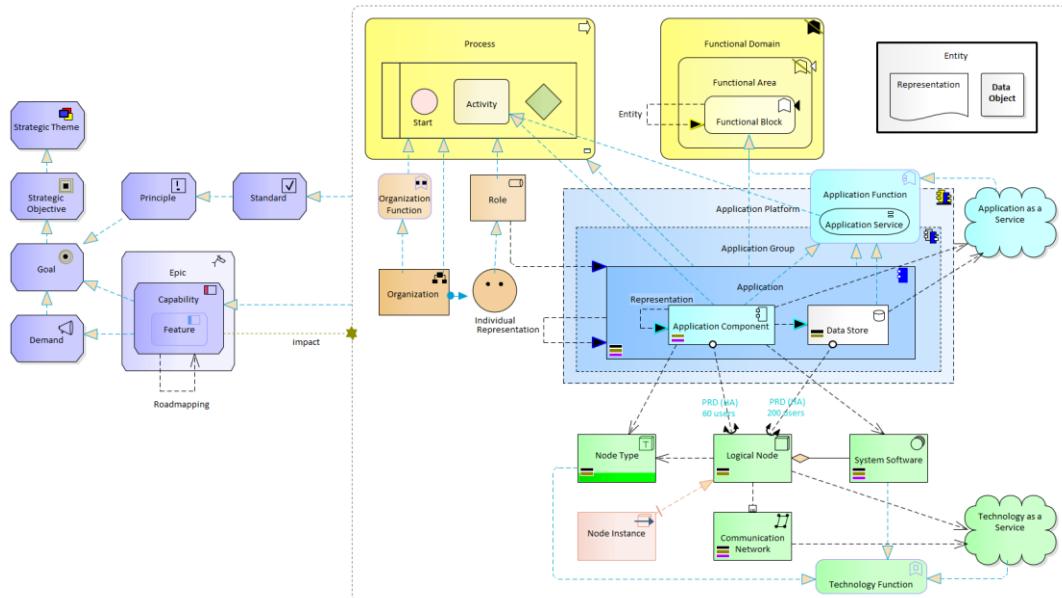


The specific contents and modeling behaviours that we want in Sparx



We also want an agile Language Metamodel used both for documentation & automatic model validation

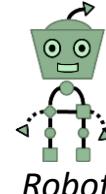
What we want



While Modeling

Existing Invalid Connectors

Prevent creation of invalid connectors

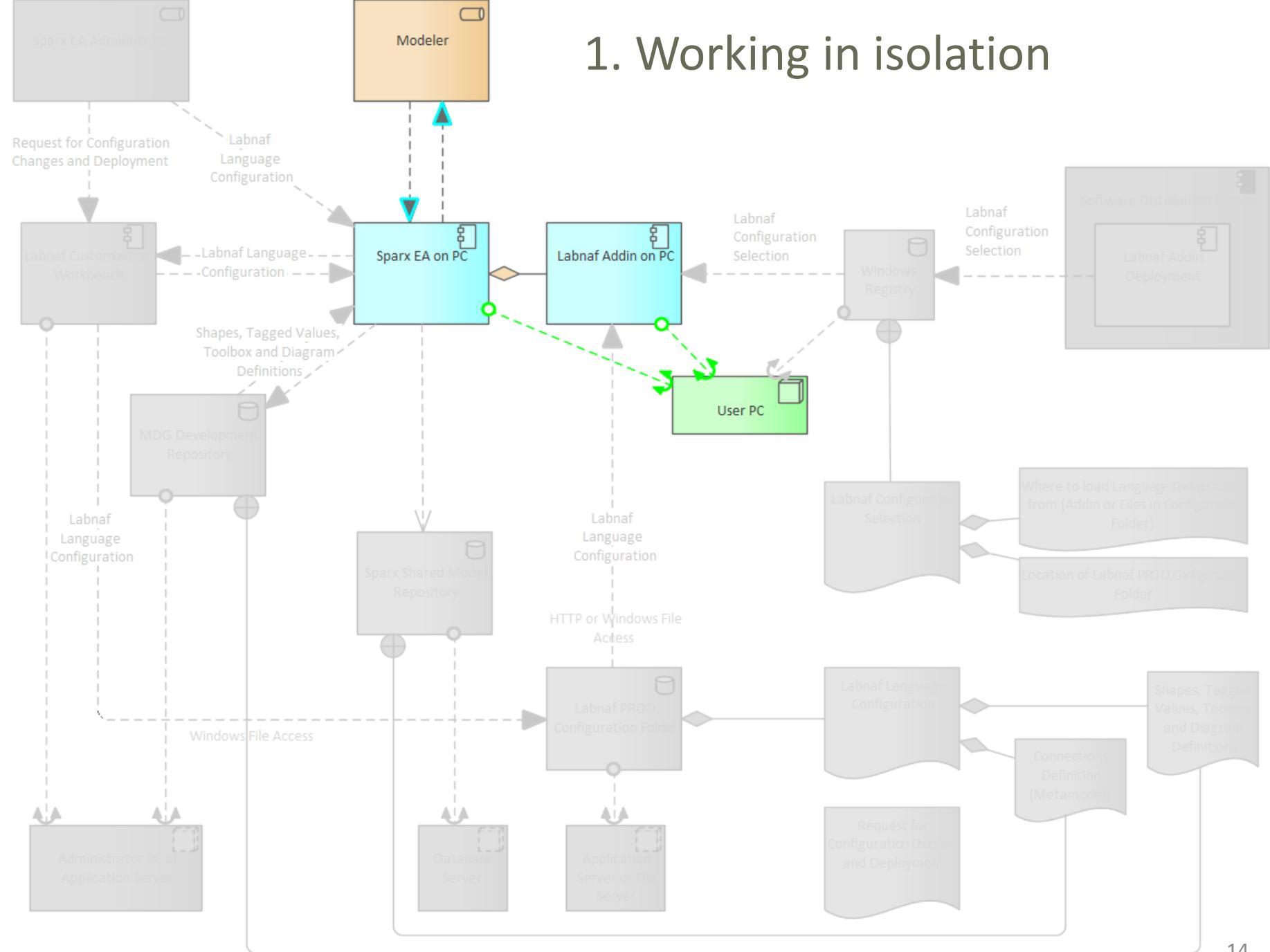


Robot

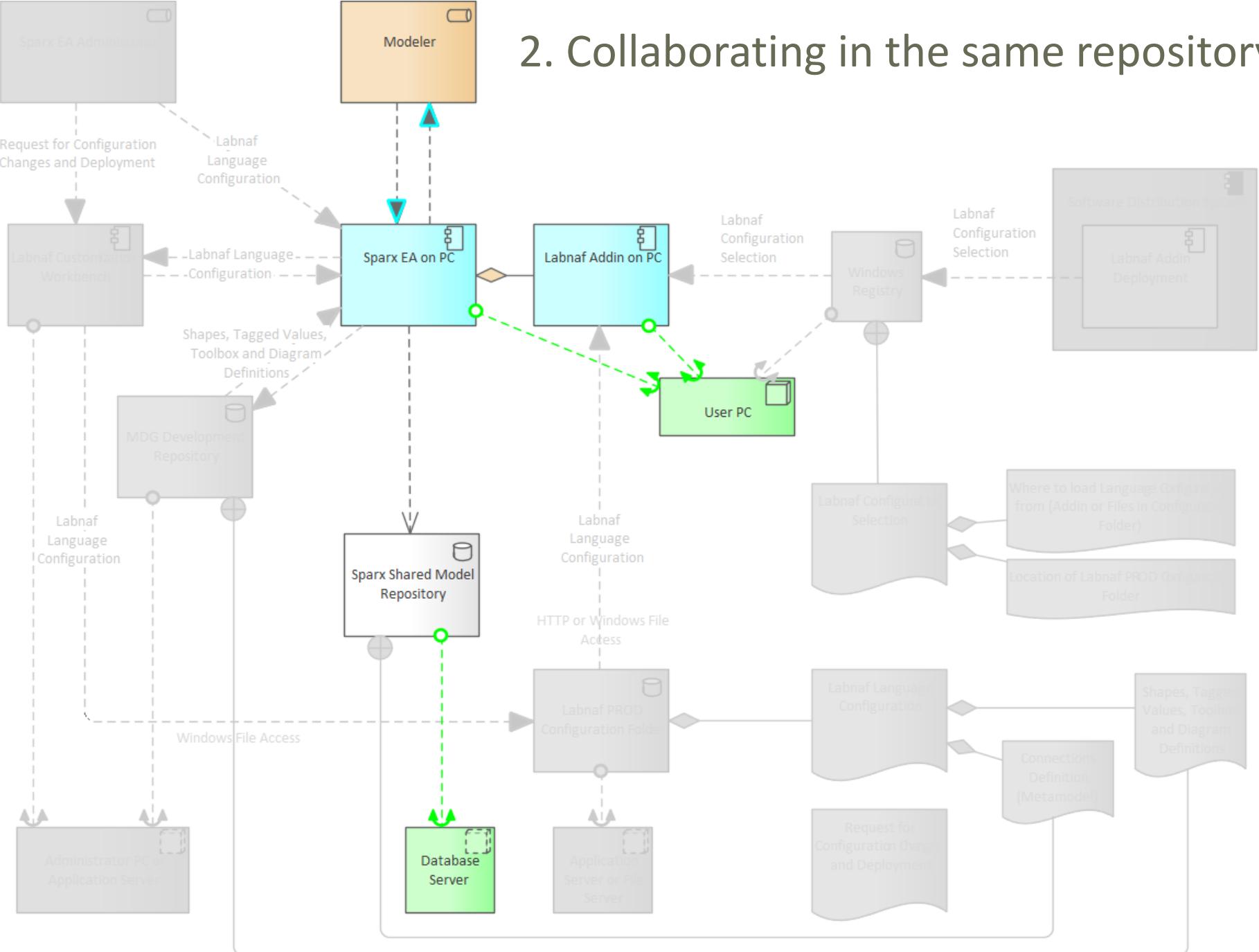
Send Error Emails to Relevant Recipients

The evolving environment

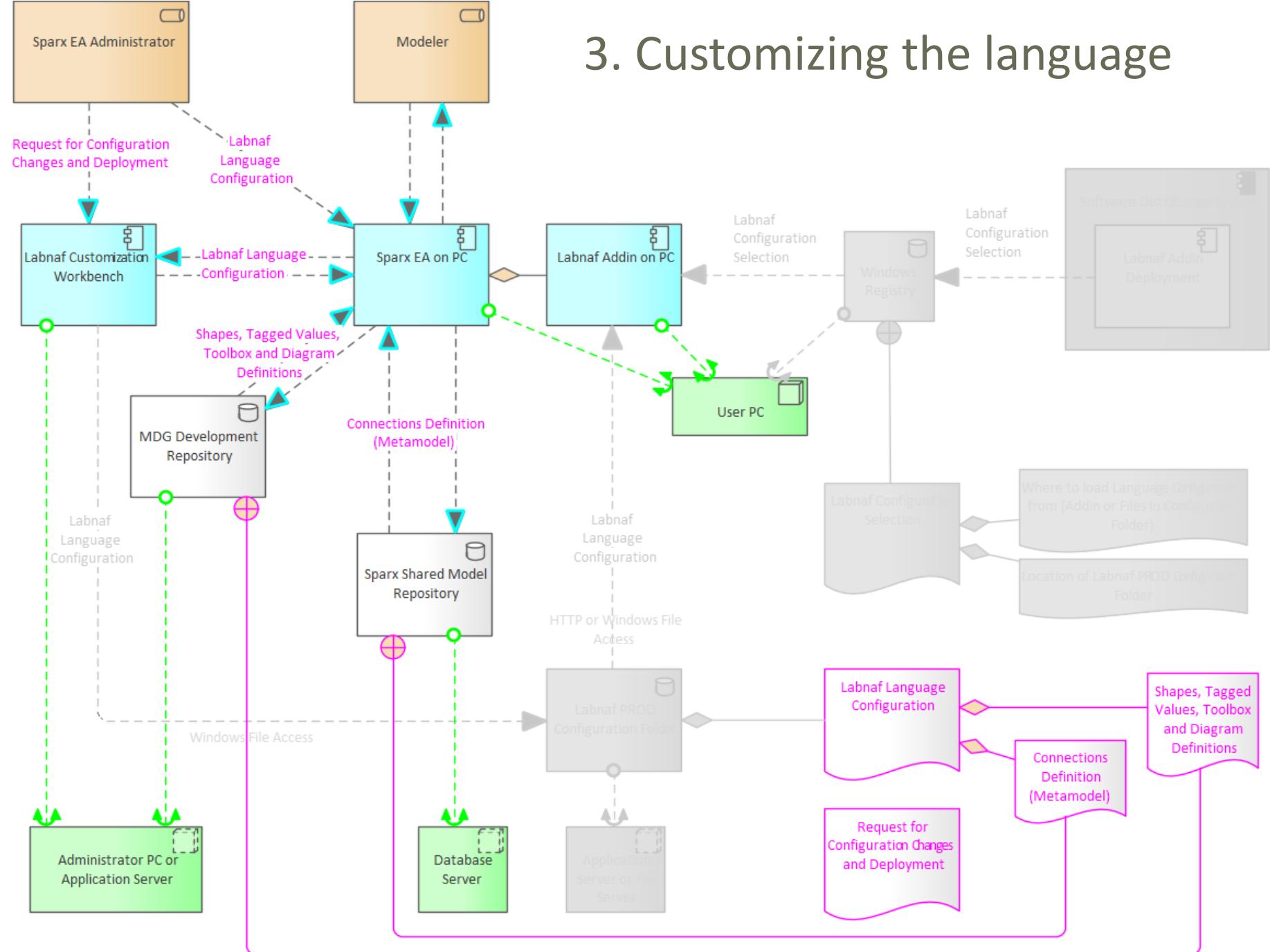
1. Working in isolation



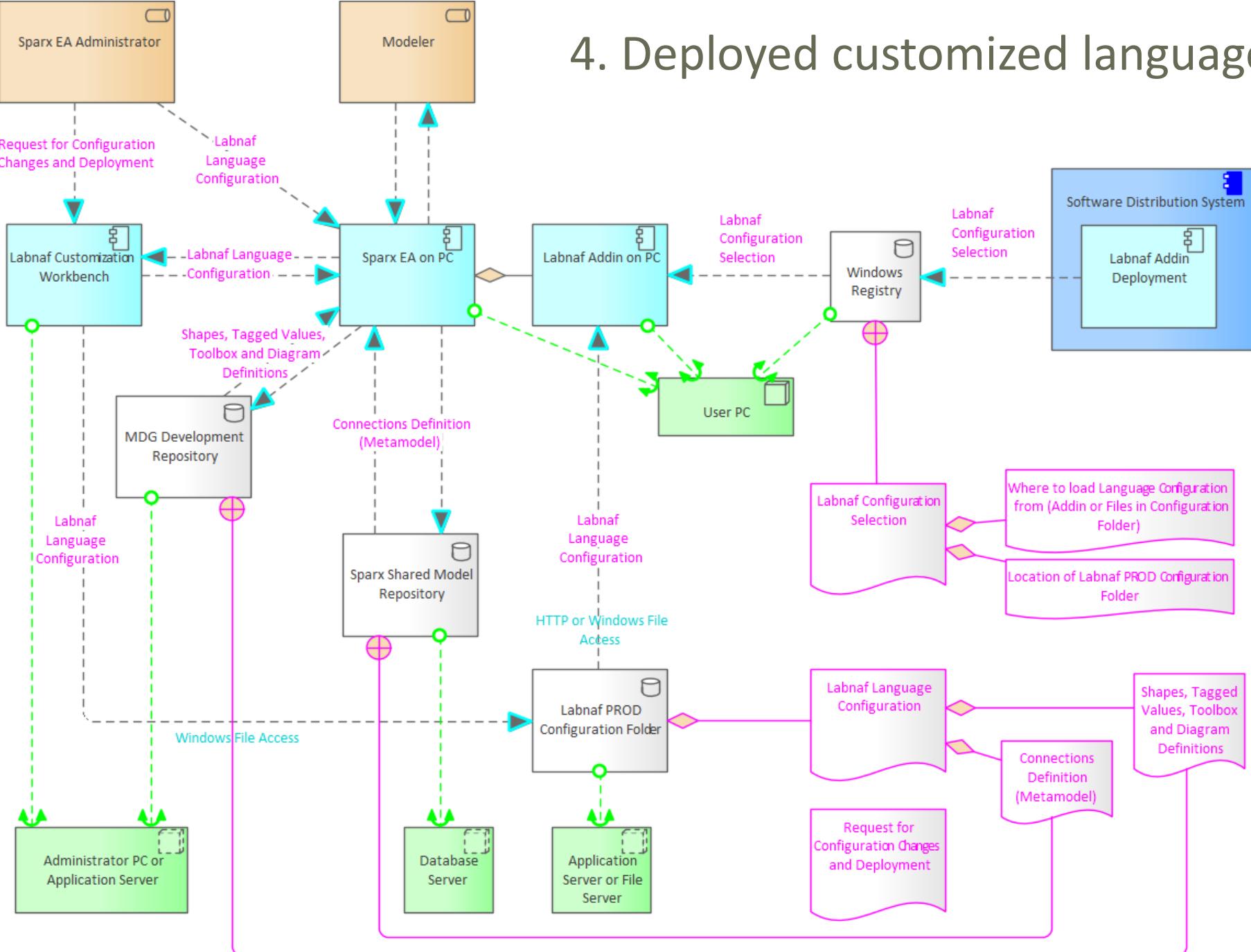
2. Collaborating in the same repository



3. Customizing the language



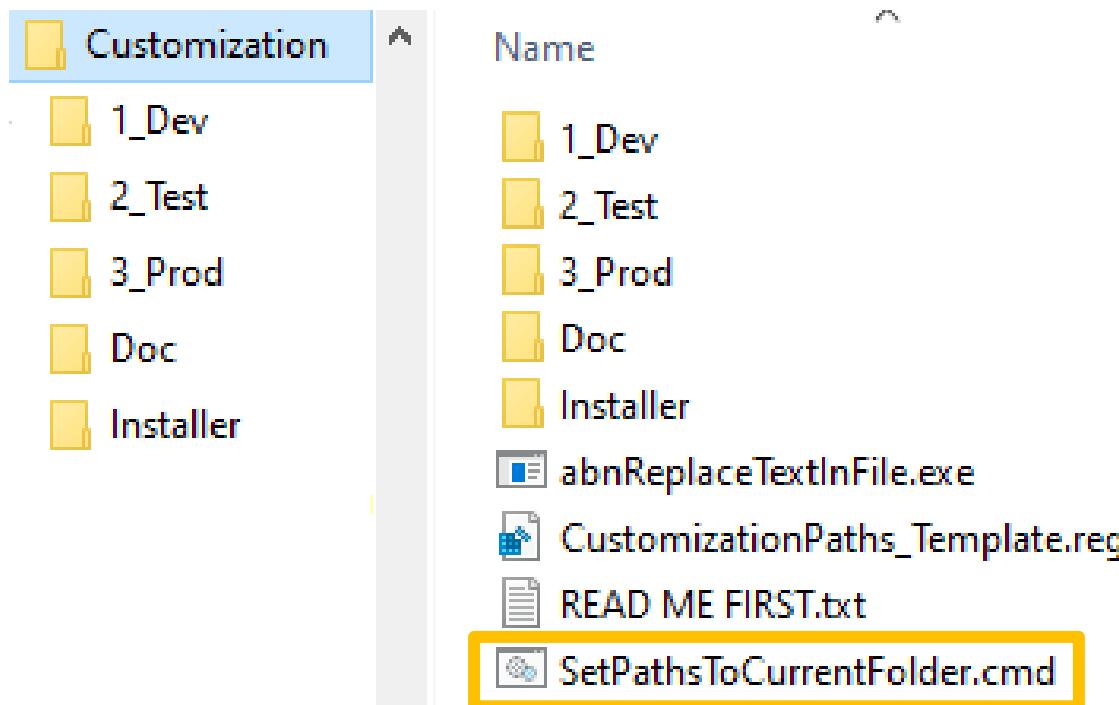
4. Deployed customized language



How to proceed in practice...

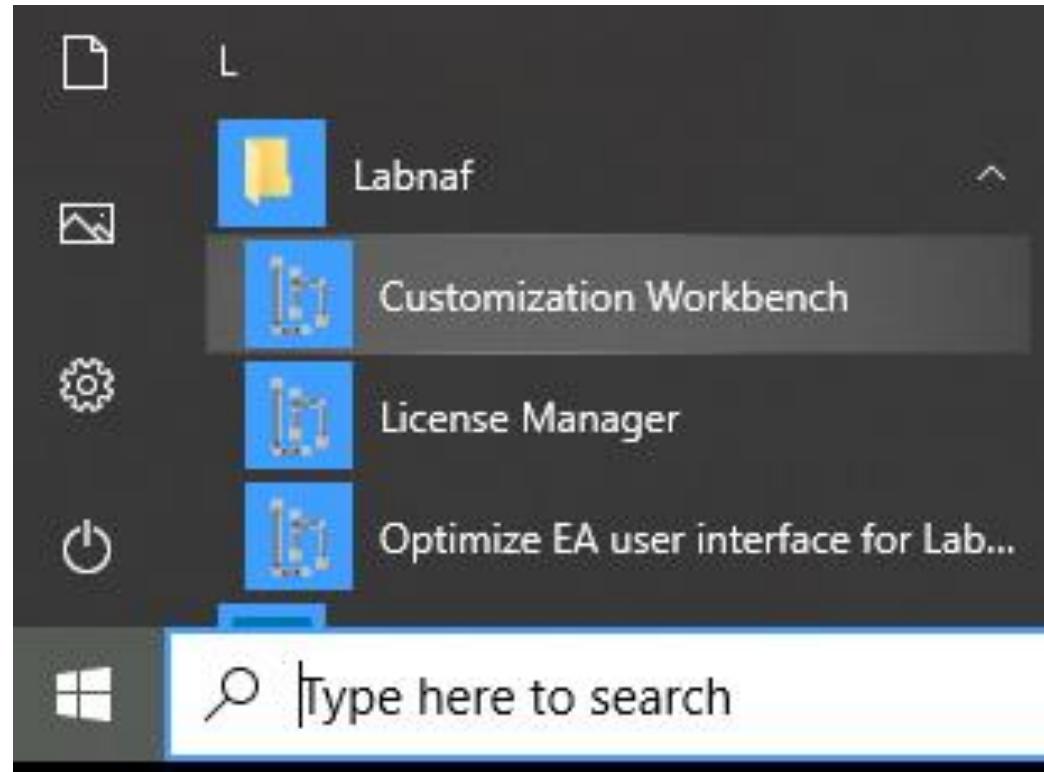
Automatic configuration to start customization

- Copy the Labnaf_Customization folder anywhere you want on your file system
- Double-click on “SetPathsToCurrentFolder.cmd”

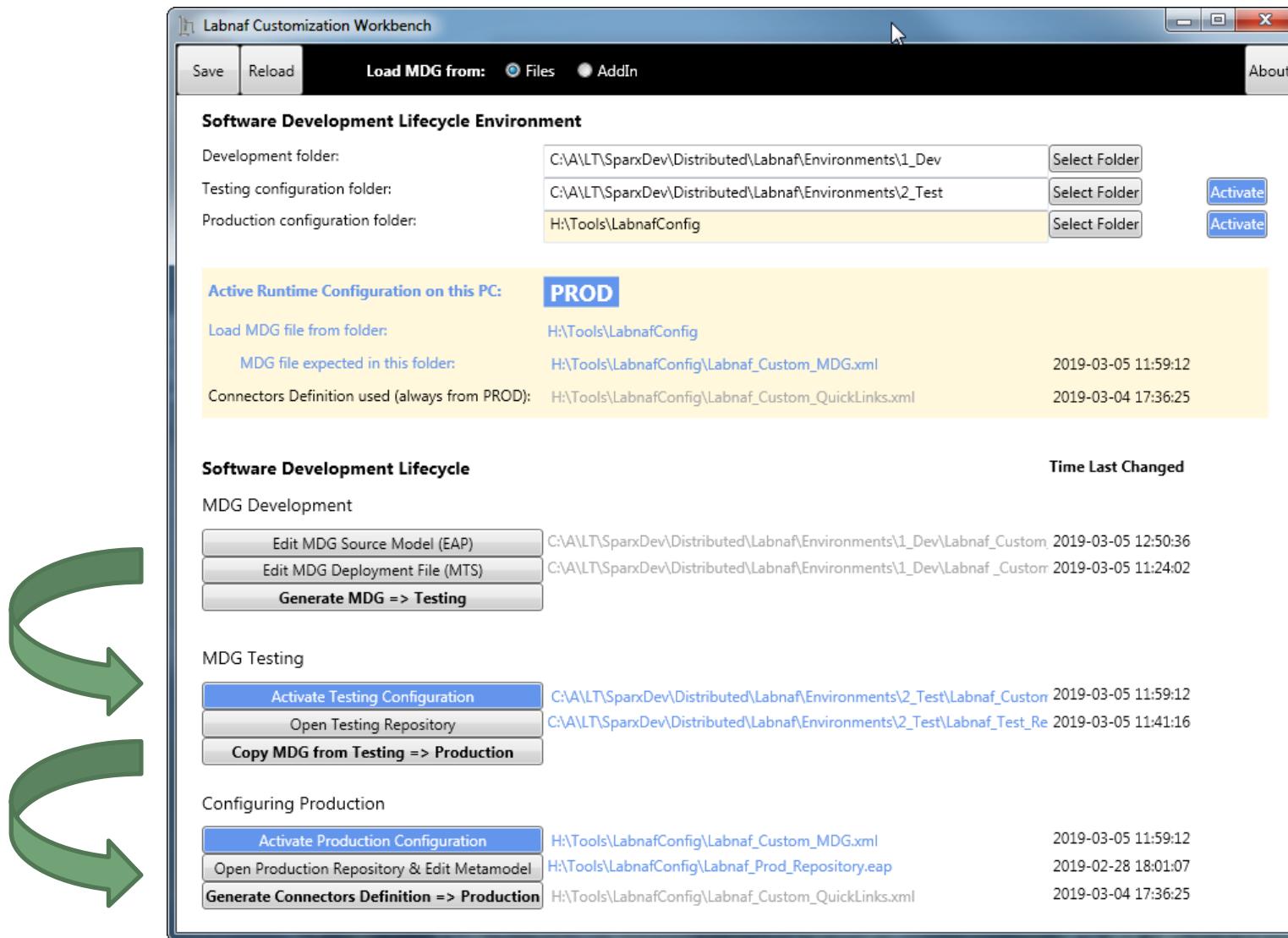


This updates the Labnaf configuration files and registry keys following the “Labnaf_Customization” folder location.

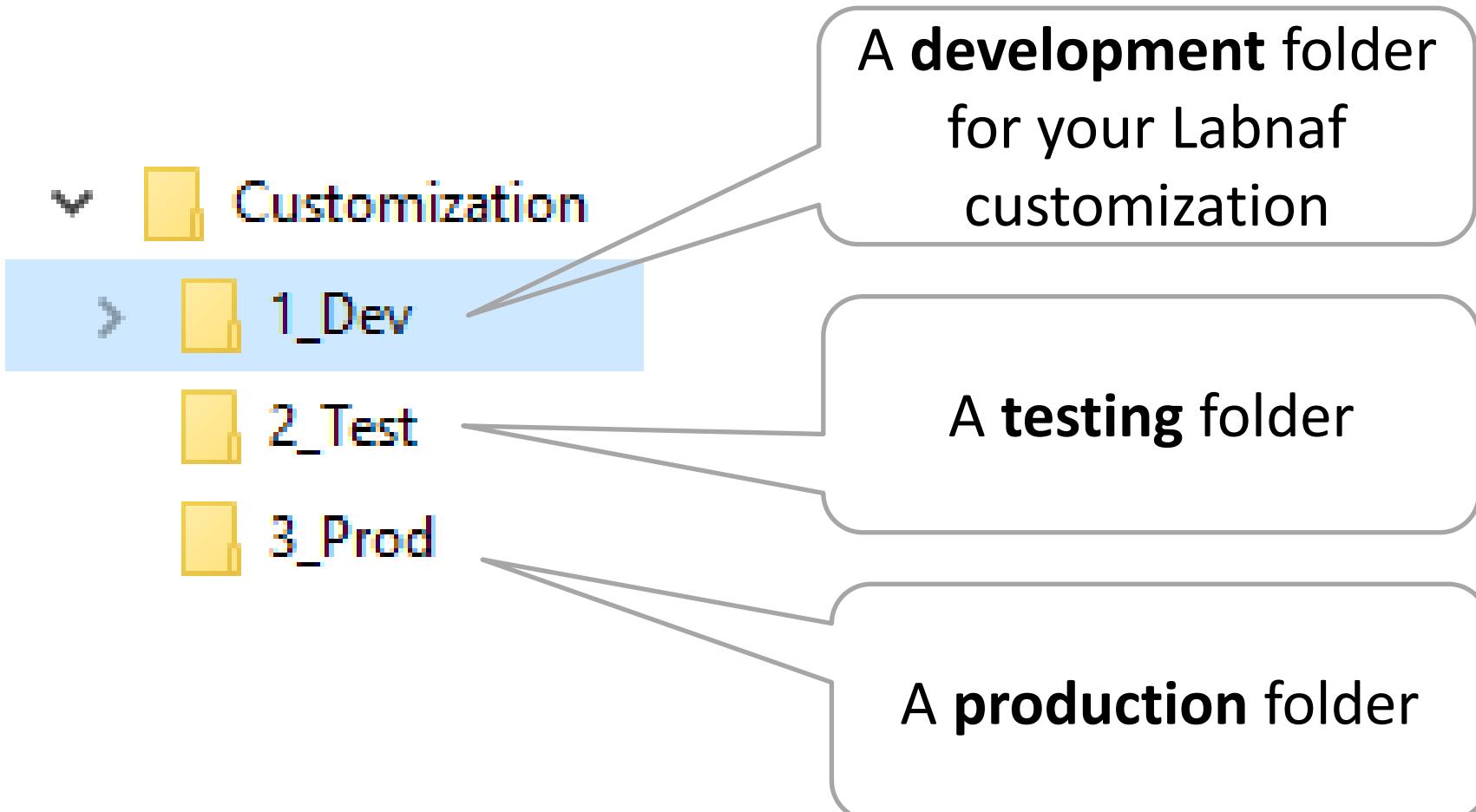
Start the Customization Workbench...



The Customization Workbench guides you throughout the Language customization lifecycle



Like in any SDLC (Software Development Lifecycle) ,
there is one environment for each Labnaf
customization stage



SDLC Environment Setting

Select the Development, Testing and Production configuration folders

The screenshot shows the 'Labnaf Customization Workbench' application window. The main title bar says 'Labnaf Customization Workbench'. The top menu bar includes 'Save', 'Reload', 'Load MDG from:' (with radio buttons for 'Files' and 'AddIn'), and 'About'. The main content area is titled 'Software Development Lifecycle Environment'. It contains three configuration fields: 'Development folder' (C:\A\LT\SparxDev\ Distributed\Labnaf\Environments\1_Dev), 'Testing configuration folder' (C:\A\LT\SparxDev\ Distributed\Labnaf\Environments\2_Test), and 'Production configuration folder' (H:\Tools\LabnafConfig). To the right of each folder path are 'Select Folder' and 'Activate' buttons. A yellow box highlights the production configuration section. Below this, a yellow box contains 'Active Runtime Configuration on this PC:' with entries for 'PROD' (MDG file from H:\Tools\LabnafConfig, last changed 2019-03-05 11:59:12) and 'Connectors Definition used (always from PROD)' (H:\Tools\LabnafConfig\Labnaf_Custom_MDG.xml, last changed 2019-03-04 17:36:25). At the bottom, there's a 'Software Development Lifecycle' section for 'MDG Development' with buttons for 'Edit MDG Source Model (EAP)', 'Edit MDG Deployment File (MTS)', and 'Generate MDG => Testing'. The 'Time Last Changed' column is aligned with the runtime configuration entries.

Software Development Lifecycle Environment		Time Last Changed
Development folder:	C:\A\LT\SparxDev\ Distributed\Labnaf\Environments\1_Dev	
Testing configuration folder:	C:\A\LT\SparxDev\ Distributed\Labnaf\Environments\2_Test	
Production configuration folder:	H:\Tools\LabnafConfig	

Active Runtime Configuration on this PC:		Time Last Changed
Load MDG file from folder:	PROD	
MDG file expected in this folder:	H:\Tools\LabnafConfig	
Connectors Definition used (always from PROD):	H:\Tools\LabnafConfig\Labnaf_Custom_MDG.xml	2019-03-05 11:59:12
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Software Development Lifecycle		Time Last Changed
MDG Development		
Edit MDG Source Model (EAP)	C:\A\LT\SparxDev\ Distributed\Labnaf\Environments\1_Dev\Labnaf_Custom	2019-03-05 12:50:36
Edit MDG Deployment File (MTS)	C:\A\LT\SparxDev\ Distributed\Labnaf\Environments\1_Dev\Labnaf_Custom	2019-03-05 11:24:02
Generate MDG => Testing		

The Development Stage

Development Folder

Pictures
WSL
LABN_Diagrams_01_Vision.xml
LABN_Diagrams_02_Information.xml
LABN_Diagrams_03_Physical_Material.xml
LABN_Diagrams_04_Process.xml
LABN_Diagrams_05_Enterprise_Function.xml
LABN_Diagrams_06_People.xml
LABN_Diagrams_07_Application.xml
LABN_Diagrams_08_Technology.xml
LABN_Diagrams_09_Equipment.xml
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LABN_TB_Activities.xml
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LABN_TB_App_Func_Realizations.xml
LABN_TB_App_Inter_Details.xml
LABN_TB_App_Interactions.xml
LABN_TB_App_Land.xml
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LABN_TB_Connectivity.xml

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LABN_TB_Func_Interactions.xml
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LABN_TB_Goals.xml
LABN_TB_HLReqRoadmap.xml
LABN_TB_Info_Prod_and_Usage.xml
LABN_TB_Info_Storage.xml
LABN_TB_Information.xml
LABN_TB_Instance_Dep.xml
LABN_TB_Locations.xml
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LABN_TB_Tech_Usage.xml
Labnaf_Custom_Devel.eap
Labnaf_Custom_MDG.xml
Labnaf_Custom_Profile.xml
Labnaf_Custom_Template.MTS

Step 1: Develop your customized Labnaf language

- **Labnaf_Custom_Devel.eap:** A Labnaf model repository for customizing your Labnaf modeling language
- **Pictures:** Folder for storing custom language images

Step 2: Generate language “profiles”

- **LABN_Diagrams_...xml:** Diagram types
- **LABN_Custom_Profile.xml:** Element & connector types
- **LABN_TB....xml:** Toolboxes

Step 3: Use the wizard to update

- **Labnaf_Custom.MTS:** The binding of all profile files needed
- **Labnaf_Custom_MDG.xml:** Your resulting customized Labnaf modeling language (generated in the Test folder)

For further details, see Sparx'Systems MDG Technologies User's Guide @
<https://sparxsystems.com/resources/user-guides/modeling/mdg-technologies.pdf>

Customization

1_Dev

2_Test

3_Prod

Develop your customized Labnaf language

Labnaf Customization Workbench

Save Reload Load MDG from: Files AddIn About

Software Development Lifecycle Environment

Development folder: C:\A\LT\SparxDev\ Distributed\Labnaf\Environments\1_Dev Select Folder

Testing configuration folder: C:\A\LT\SparxDev\ Distributed\Labnaf\Environments\2_Test Select Folder Activate

Production configuration folder: H:\Tools\LabnafConfig Select Folder Activate

Active Runtime Configuration on this PC:

PROD

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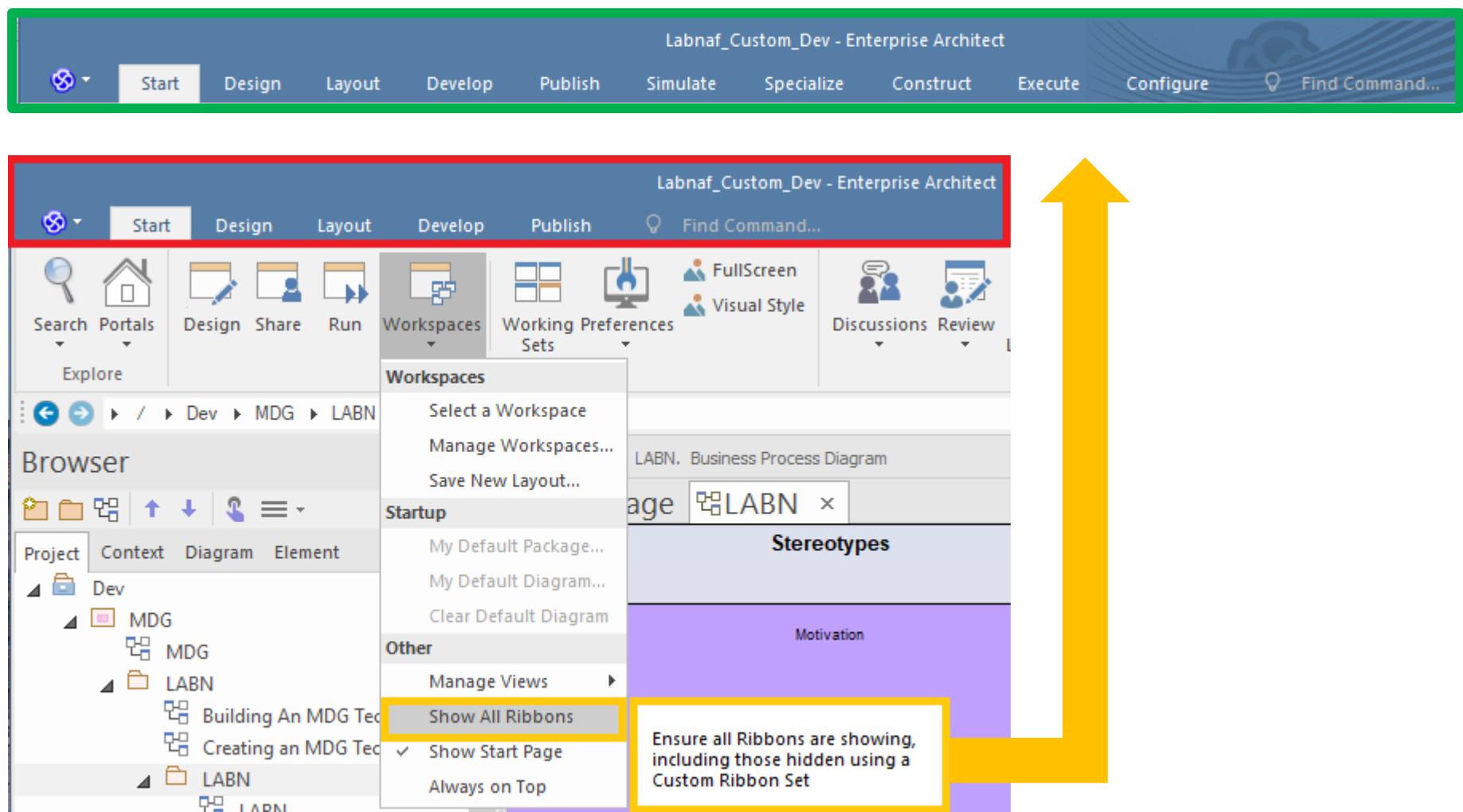
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Software Development Lifecycle Time Last Changed

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As soon as the **Labnaf_Custom_dev.eap** is open **ensure all ribbons are showing**



Set up your EA workspace layout for Labnaf

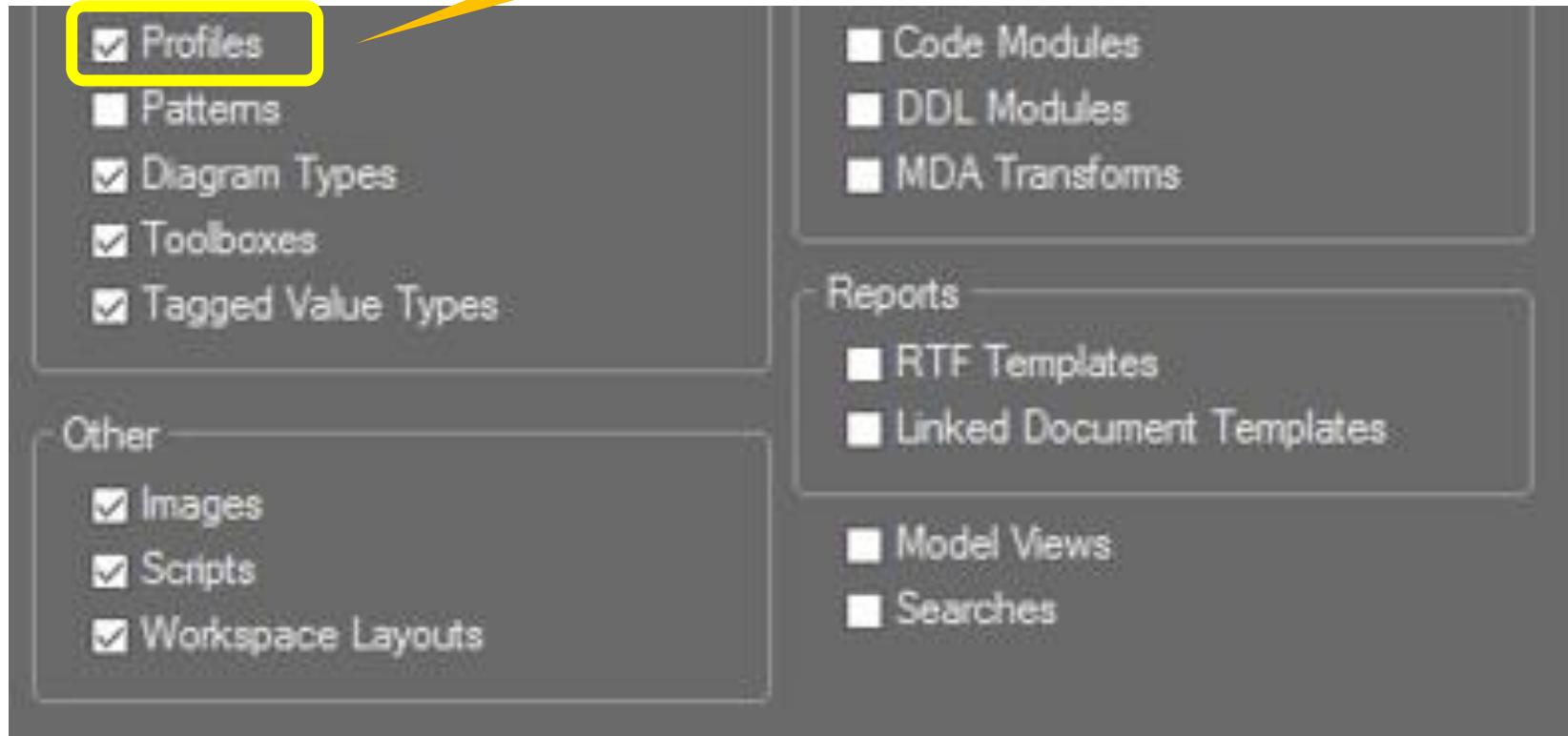


- This feature automatically opens and organizes all the EA windows that are useful with Labnaf including Labnaf customization
- Select the “**Start**” ribbon.
- Select the option “**Workspaces > Manage Workspaces > My Workspaces > Labnaf Workspace Layout**”.
- Press the “**Apply**” button.

Things you can change or add to the Labnaf_Custom_dev.eap

- Element & Connector types
- Tagged Values

Complex Sparx Metamodeling approach
replaced by Labnaf => Simplified, readable,
dynamically changeable at runtime



Updating the Labnaf MDG Profiles

See Sparx System's EA documentation about updating

- [Stereotype Profiles](#)
- [Toolbox Profiles](#)
- [Diagram Profiles](#)

Refer to “**Labnaf Customization - Updating Profiles.xlsx**” to get the **Labnaf MDG profile** names and corresponding XML file names

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	
1	Profile Name	XML File Name									
2	LABN	Labnaf_Custom_Profile.xml									
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Save UML Profile

Profile Name: LABN

Filename: C:\Test\Labnaf_Customization\1_Dev\Labnaf_Custom_Profile.xml

Profile Type: EA UML(2.x) Version: 2.0

Notes:

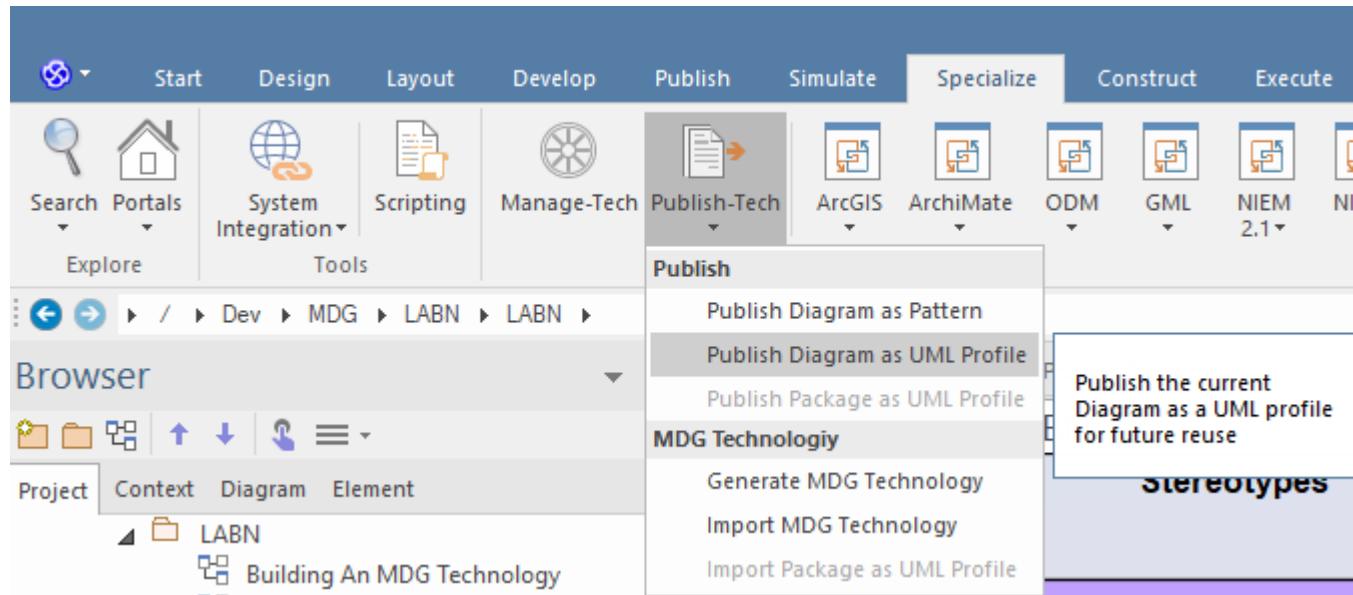
Include

Element Size Alternate Image

Color and Appearance Code Templates

Save Cancel Help

Saving the Labnaf MDG Profiles



Working around a Sparx bug: Making sure the default colors are saved when saving as profile

- Either **show the pan & zoom window**
- or scroll down the length of the diagram once before you do an export
- or save the diagram fully zoomed out.

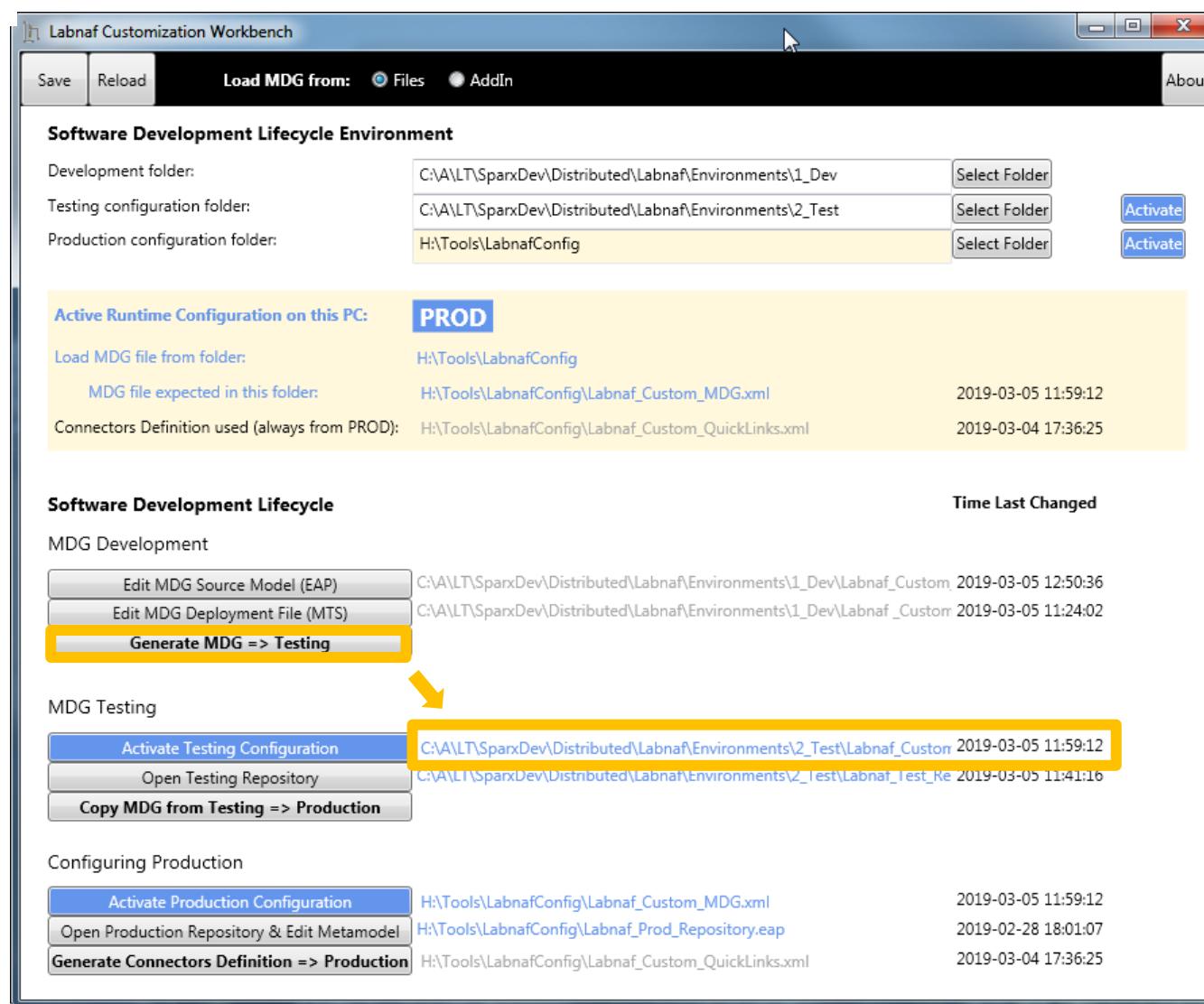
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Generate the Customized Labnaf MDG file (Language configuration)



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The Testing Stage

Contents of the Testing Folder

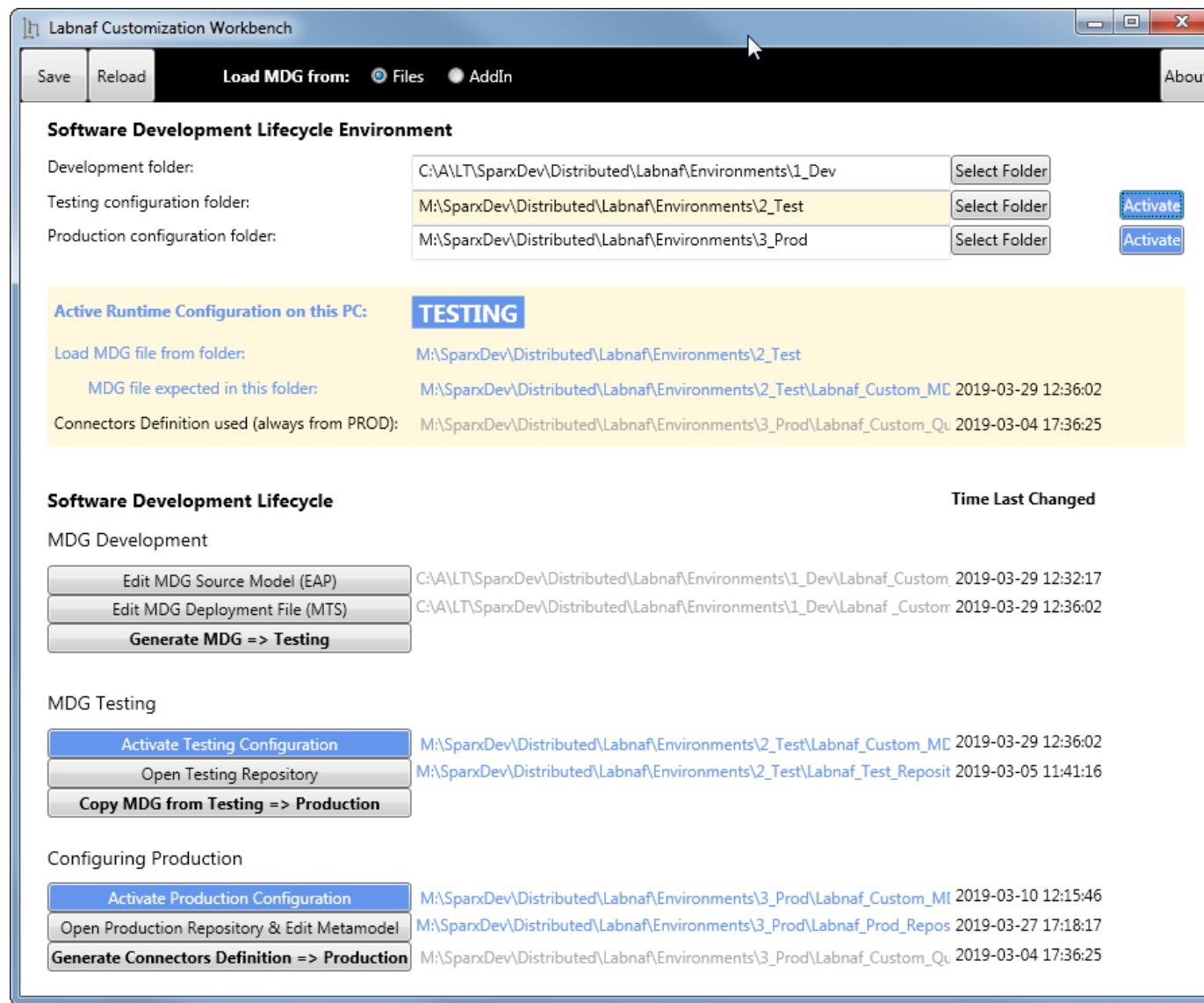
-  **Labnaf_Custom_MDG.xml**
-  **Labnaf_Test_Repository.eap**

Labnaf_Custom_MDG.xml: Your customized Labnaf modeling language

Labnaf_Test_Repository.eap: Your model repository that you will use to test your customized Labnaf modeling language

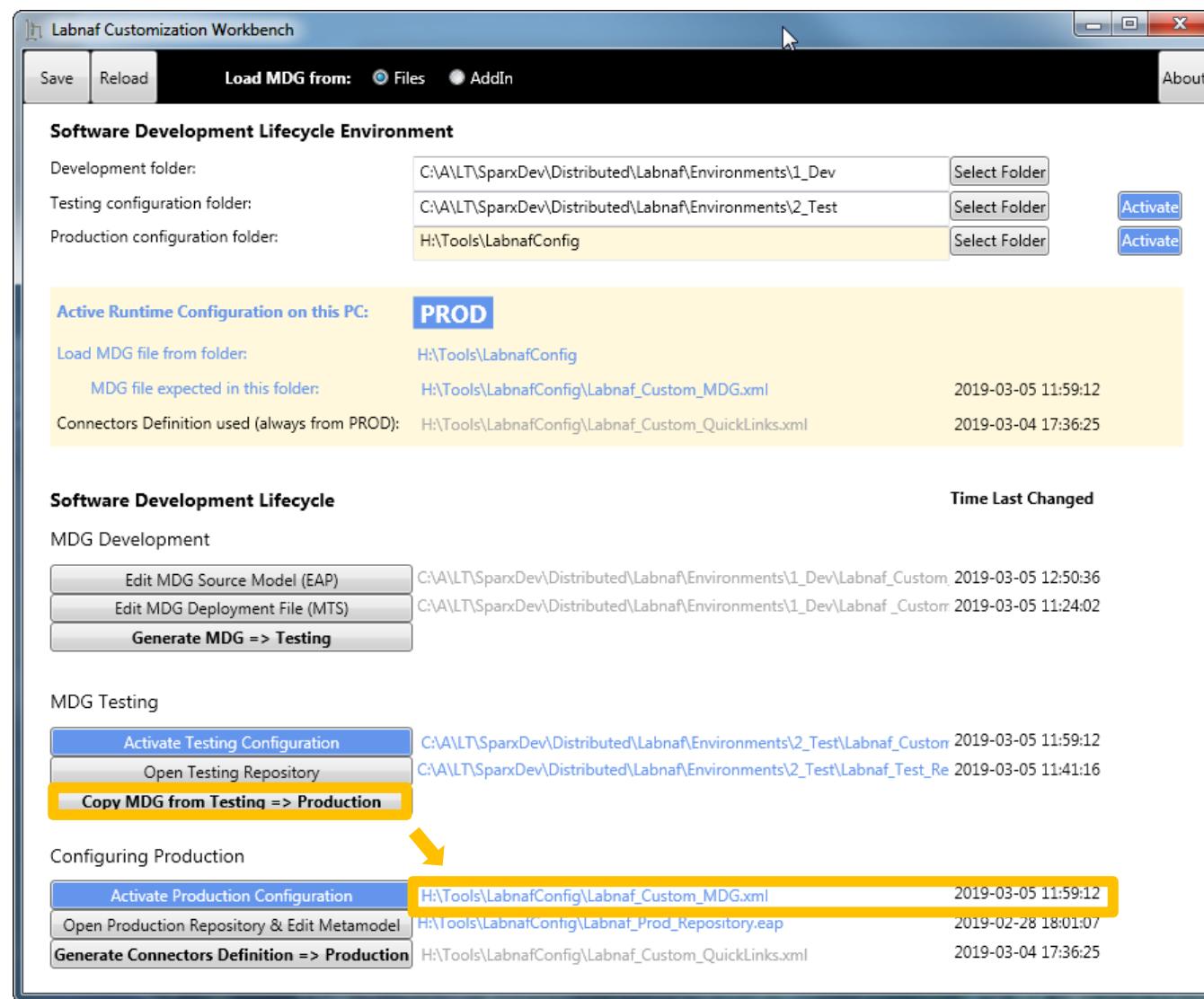
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Activate the Testing Configuration and create some diagrams in the Testing Repository



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Copy the Customized Labnaf MDG file to Production



 Customization

 1_Dev

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 3_Prod

The Production Stage

Contents of the Production Folder

 [Labnaf_Custom_MDG.xml](#)

 [Labnaf_Custom_QuickLinks.xml](#)

 [Labnaf_Prod_Repository.eap](#)

The production folder can be located on a web server folder. In which case:

- The Customization Workbench accesses this folder directly on the file system.
- End users, using the Labnaf Addin, access the corresponding web folder url instead.

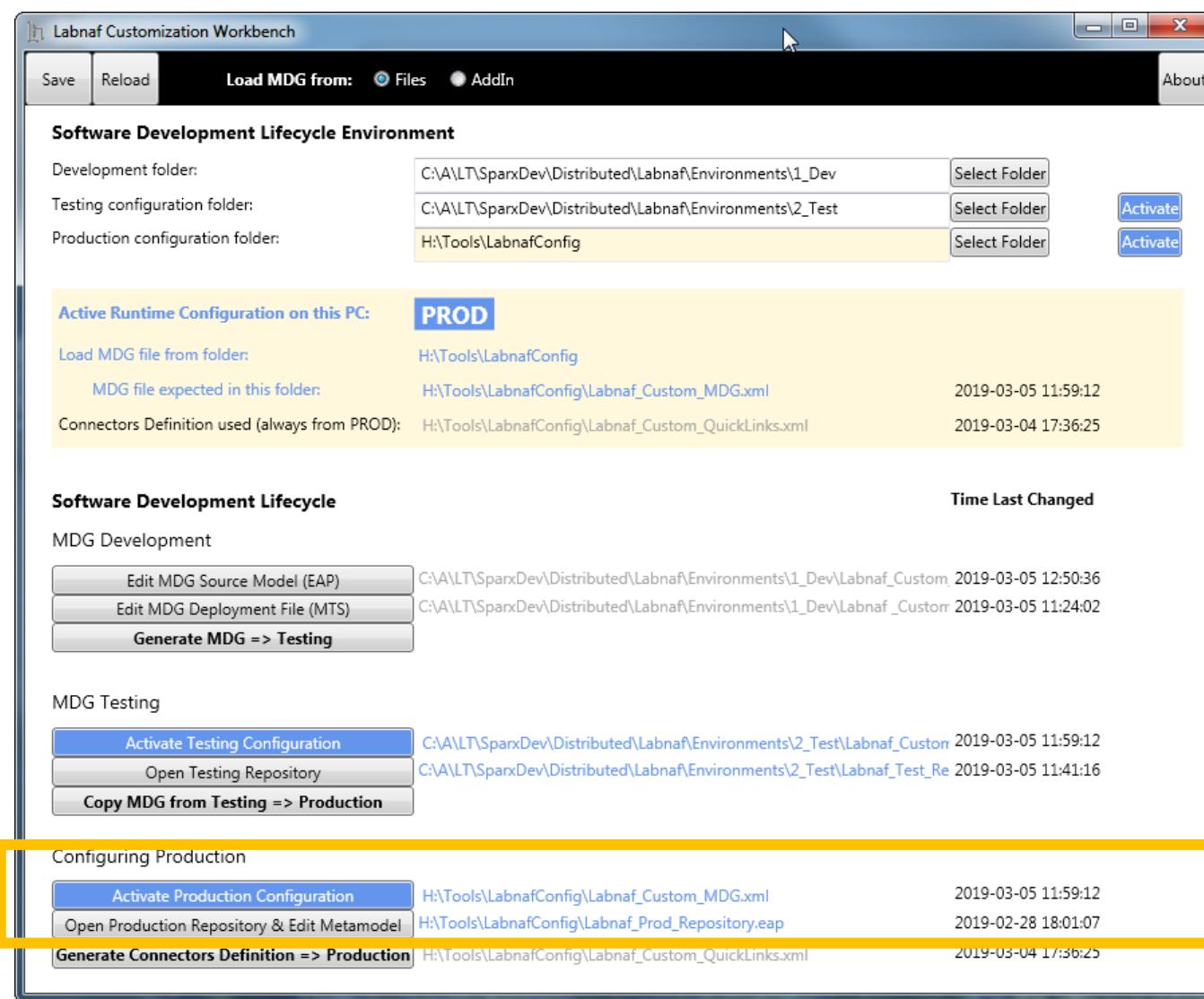
Labnaf_Custom_MDG.xml: Your customized Labnaf modeling language

Labnaf_Prod_Repository.eap: Your production model repository where you can dynamically customize the language metamodel

Labnaf_Custom_Quicklinks.xml: The connection rules generated from the language metamodel

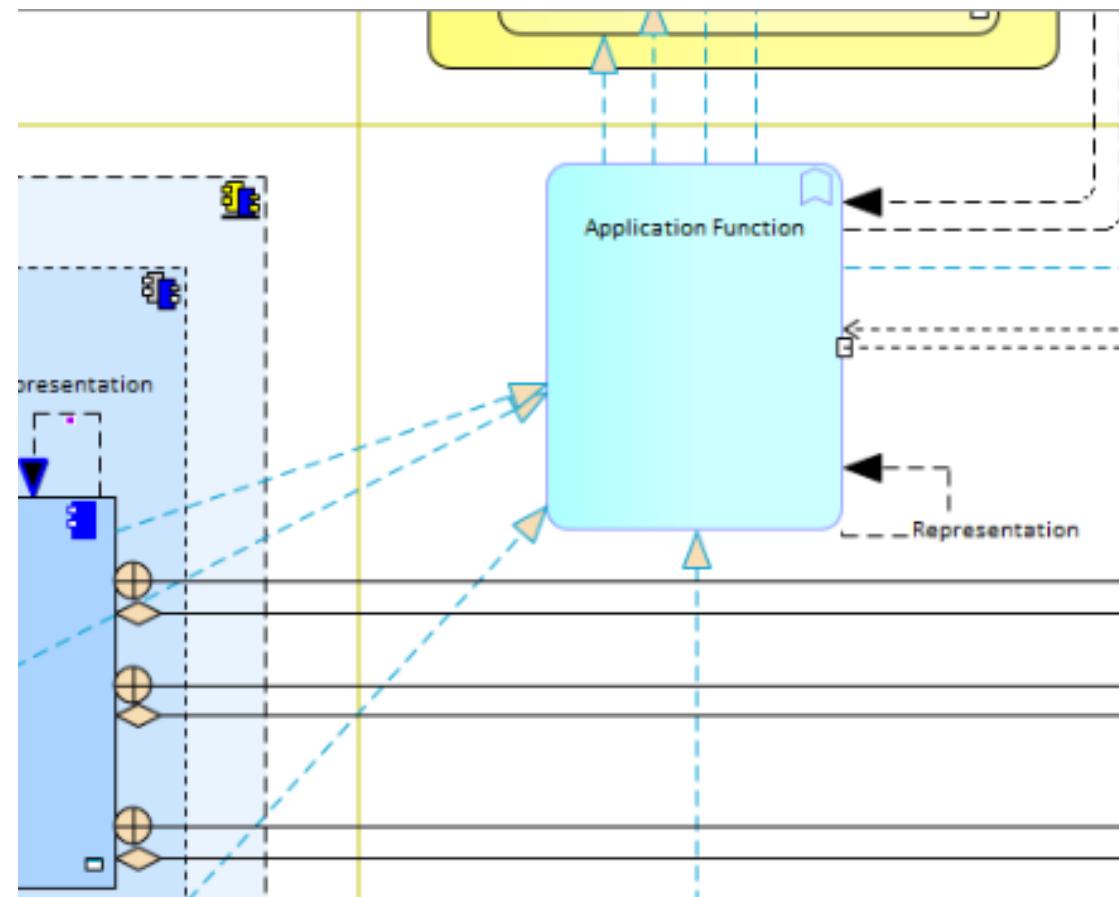
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Activate the Production Configuration and open the Production Repository



Update the language metamodel

- Add or delete connectors in the language metamodel



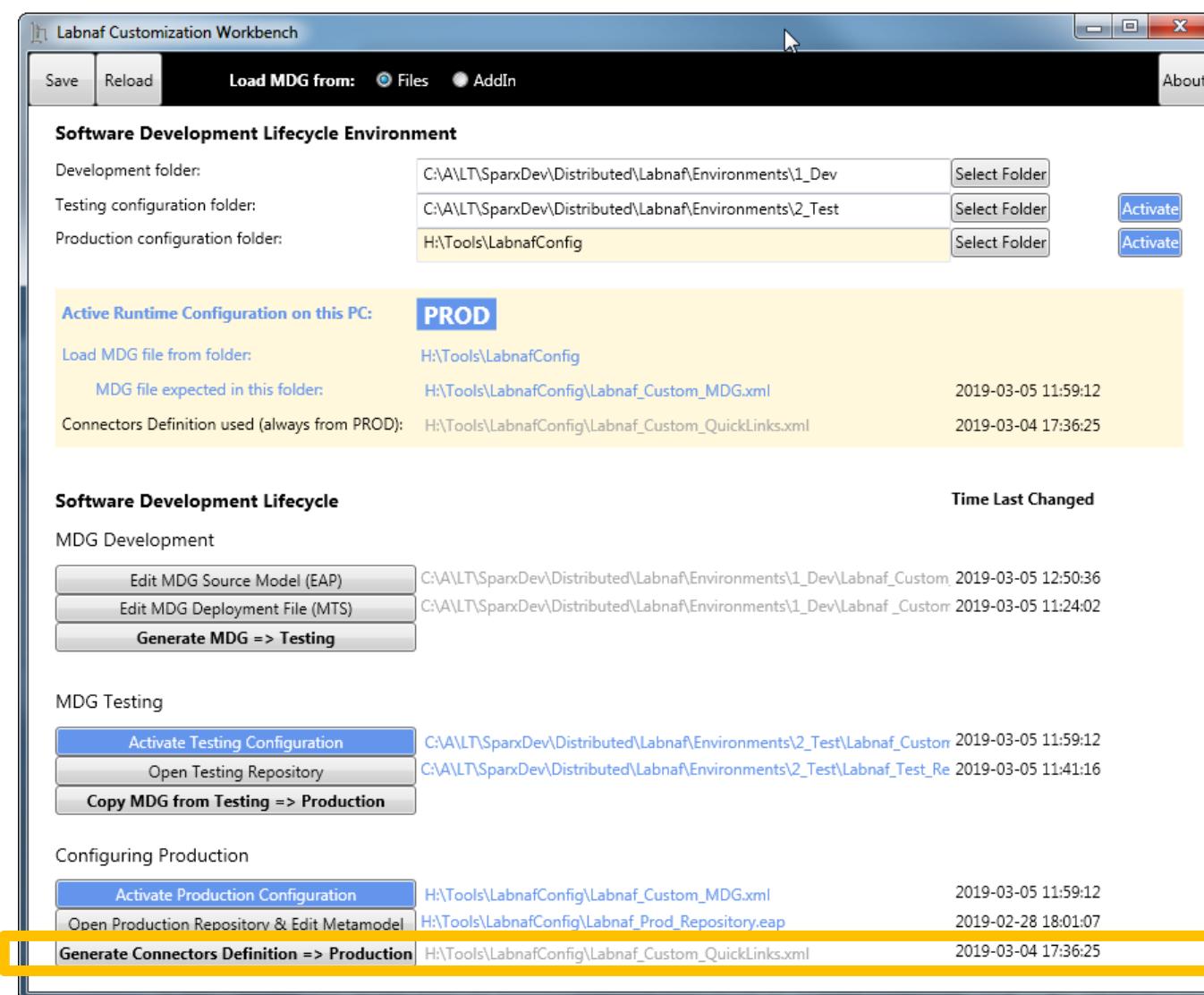
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(Re)generate the connector definitions



Deployment for end users of the Labnaf Addin

To deploy the customized version of the language on end users' desktops, the software distribution package must set some registry keys under

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Labnaf

- **LoadMdgFrom** = MdgFiles
- **ActiveFolder** and **ProdFolder** point to the production folder ([web url](#) or [file system](#))
For end users ActiveFolder and ProdFolder must have the same value.

