




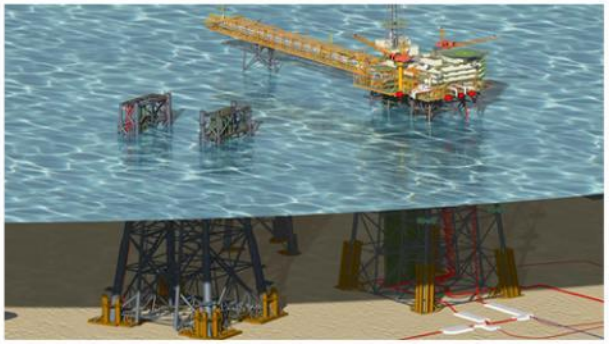

Bentley Map Customization

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Session Overview

- **Bentley Map Customization** - In this session attendees will be provided information on various techniques that can be used to customize the Bentley Map environment to increase productivity of data capture and maintenance workflows. Using the Bentley Geospatial Administrator, attendees will be shown a number of techniques that can be used to further extend the intelligence of their XFM data model and the resulting data capture and maintenance environment.

Agenda

- Answer some of the most “Frequently Asked Questions” related to the use of the Bentley Geospatial Administrator application.
- Demonstrate a number of techniques that can be used when defining feature classes in the Bentley Geospatial Administrator.

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Frequently Asked Questions

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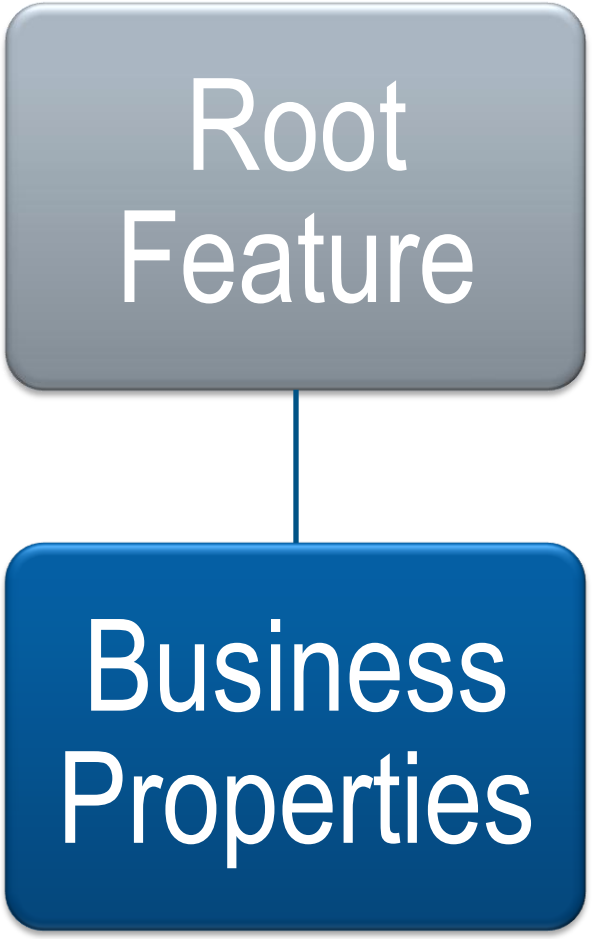
- **Question** – What is XFM?
- **Answer** – As previously mentioned, the term XFM stands for "**X**ML-Based **F**eature **M**odeling" which provides an extensible XML-based metadata driven framework upon which geospatial feature classes, their business properties and behaviors can be modeled. Let's take a brief look at some of the key benefits of the XFM data modeling platform.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Question** – What is a Bentley Map XFM feature?
- **Answer** – In the simplest terms, a Bentley Map XFM feature is nothing more than one or more MicroStation elements with optionally one or more sets of non-graphic business properties.

Bentley Map XFM Feature Instance



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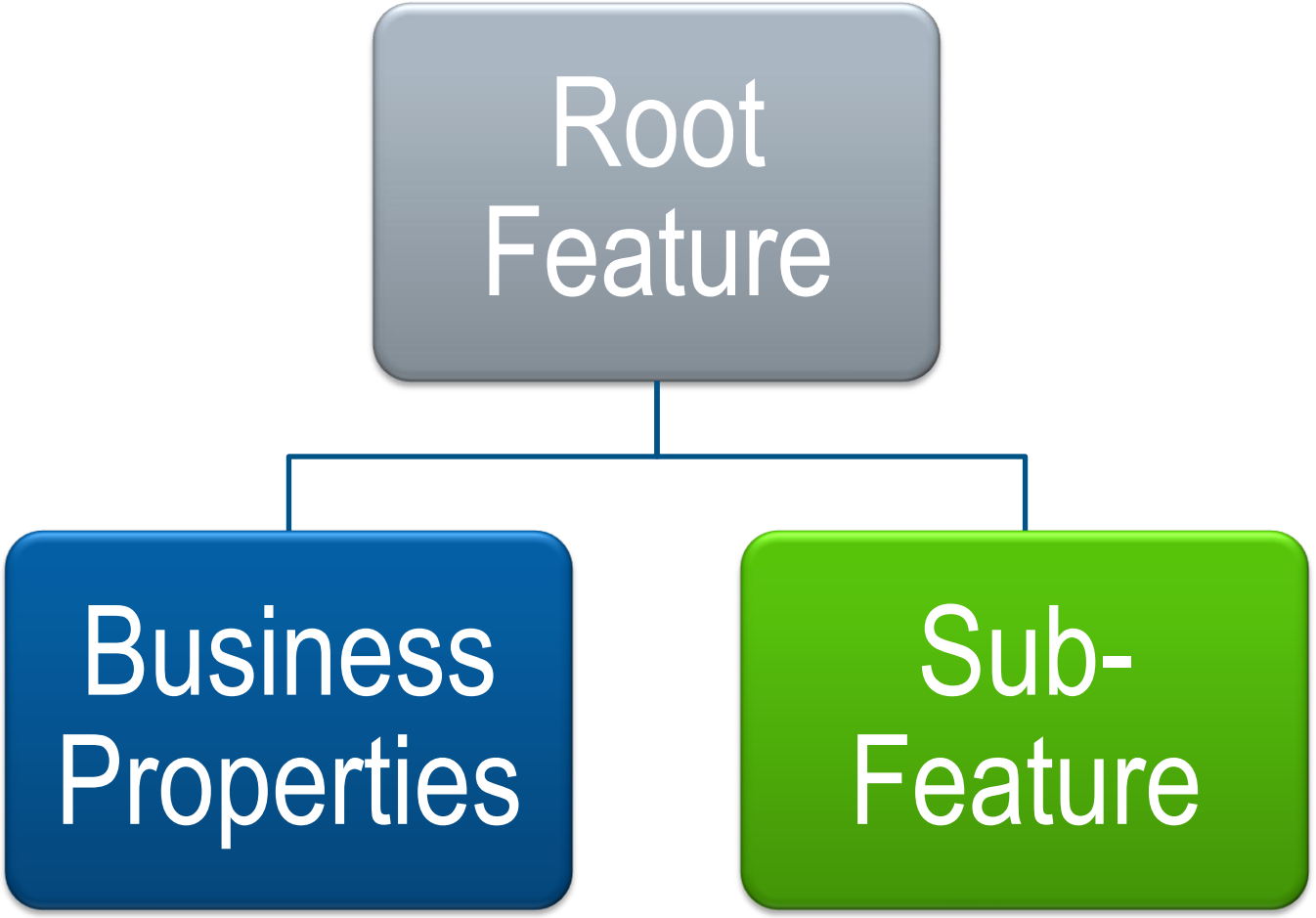

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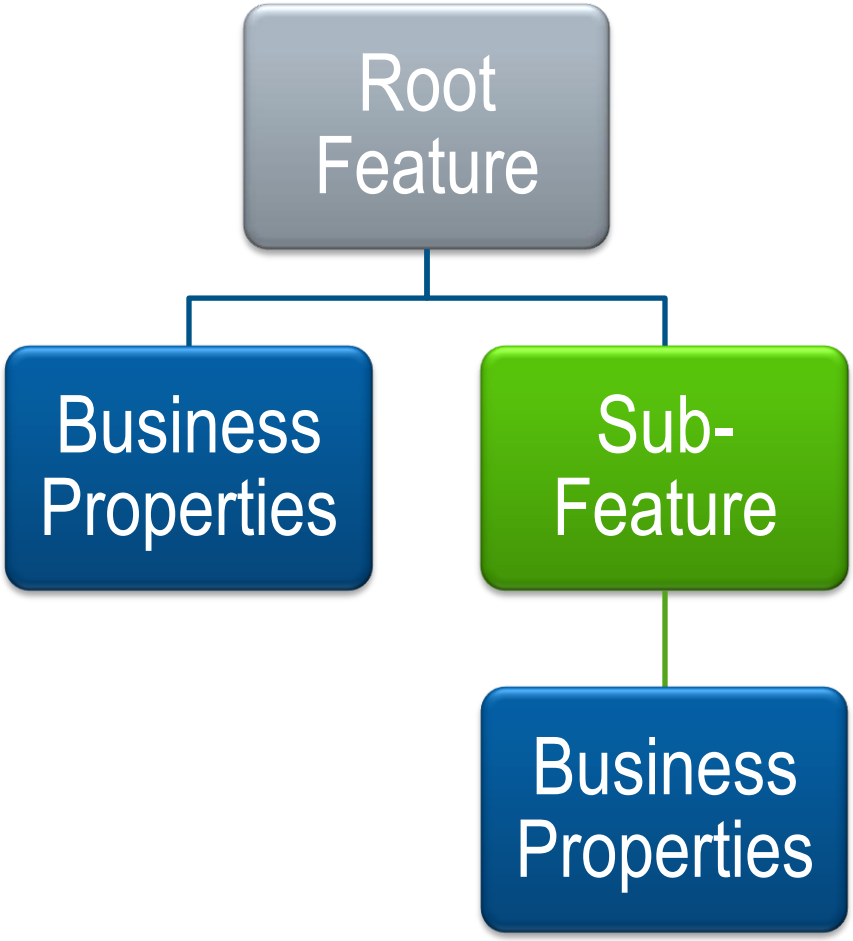

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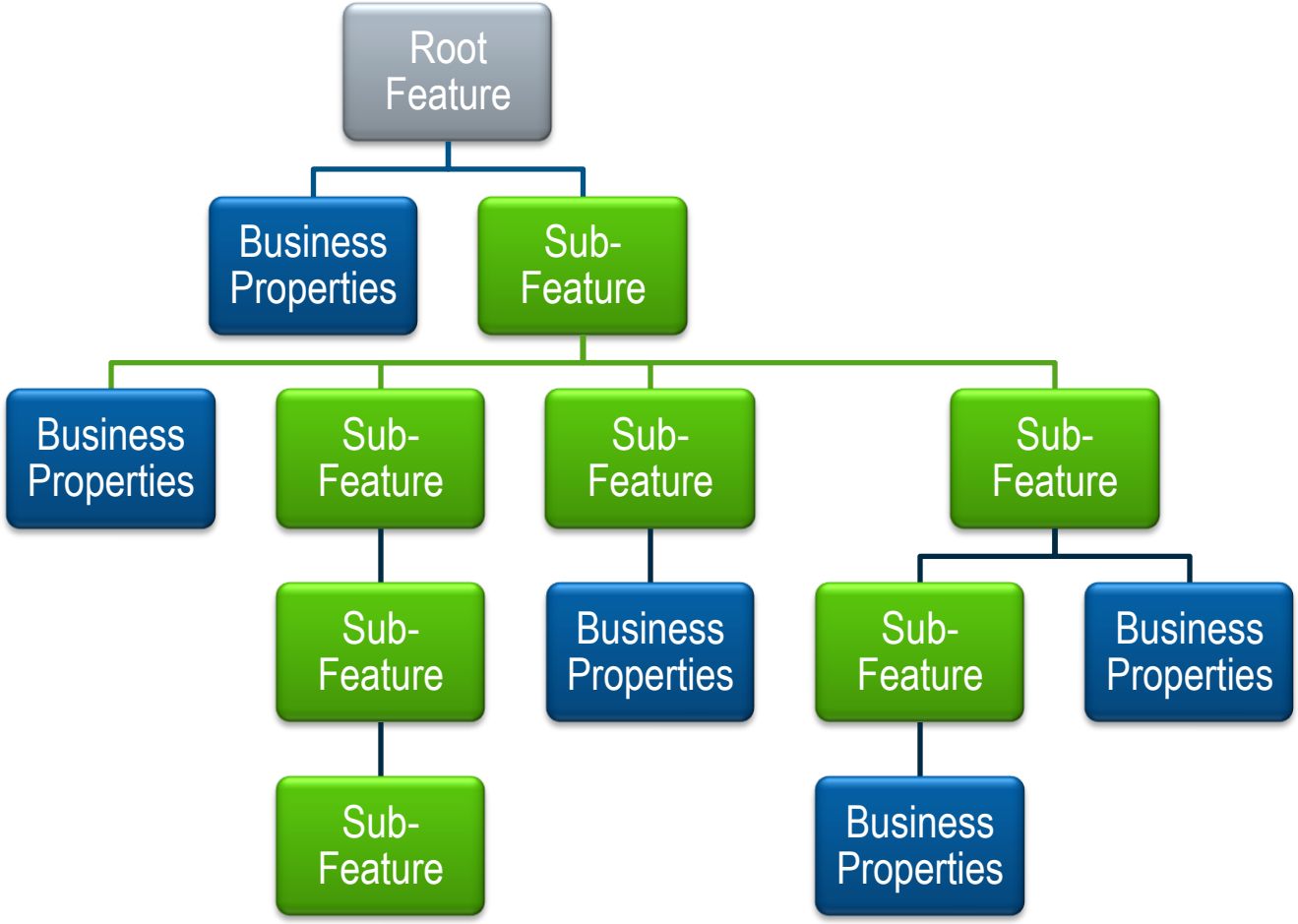

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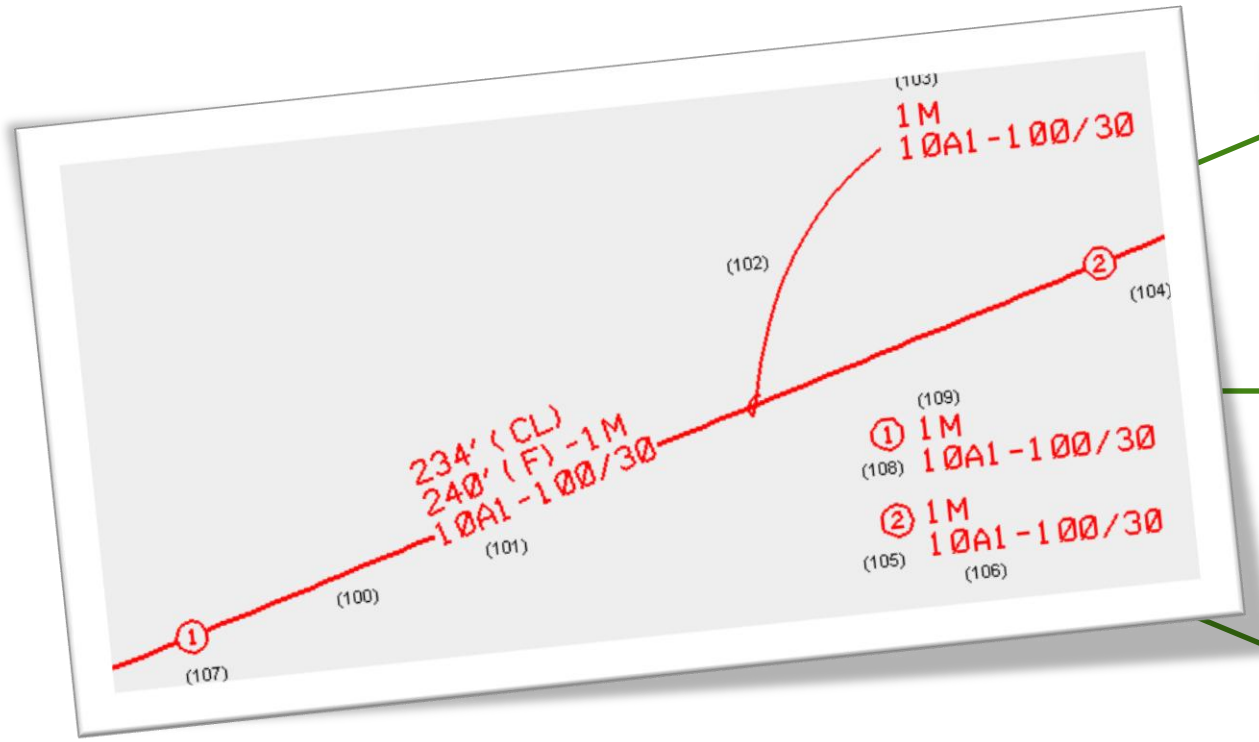

One or more graphic or non-graphic elements.

One or more XML fragment elements.

One or more RDBMS linkages.

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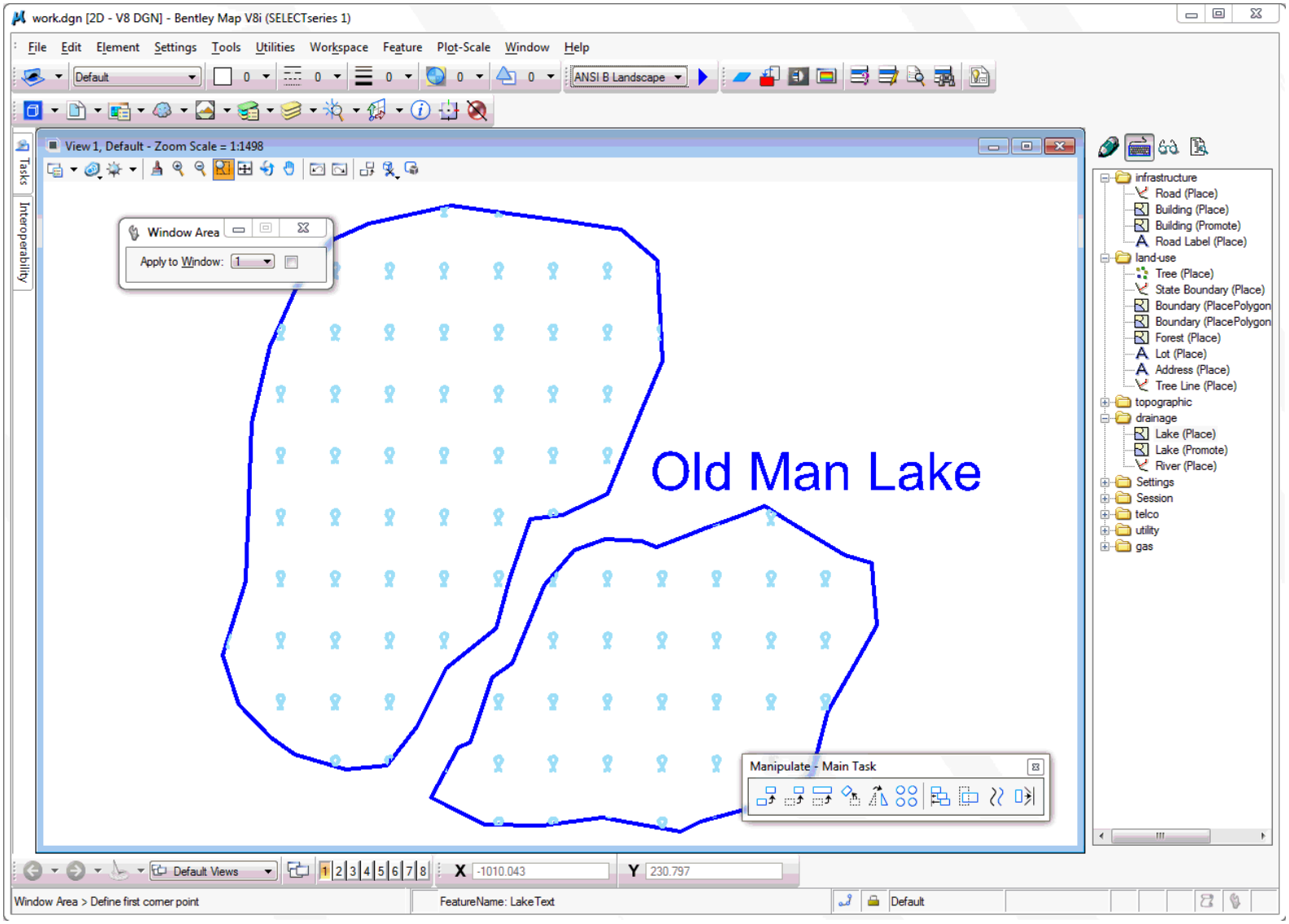
XFM Feature Types

- **Root** – Provides a top level container object which may contain one or more sub-feature occurrences.
- **Sub-Feature** – Provides a child container which has but one parent but may itself have one or more sub-feature occurrences.
- **Graphical** – A feature may be graphical and contain a geometry (e.g. MicroStation element) reference.
- **Non-Graphical** – A feature may be non-graphical and contain only data.
- **Collections** – A collection provides a container in which one or more geometries are used to represent a single feature instance (e.g. chain of islands).

Feature Collections

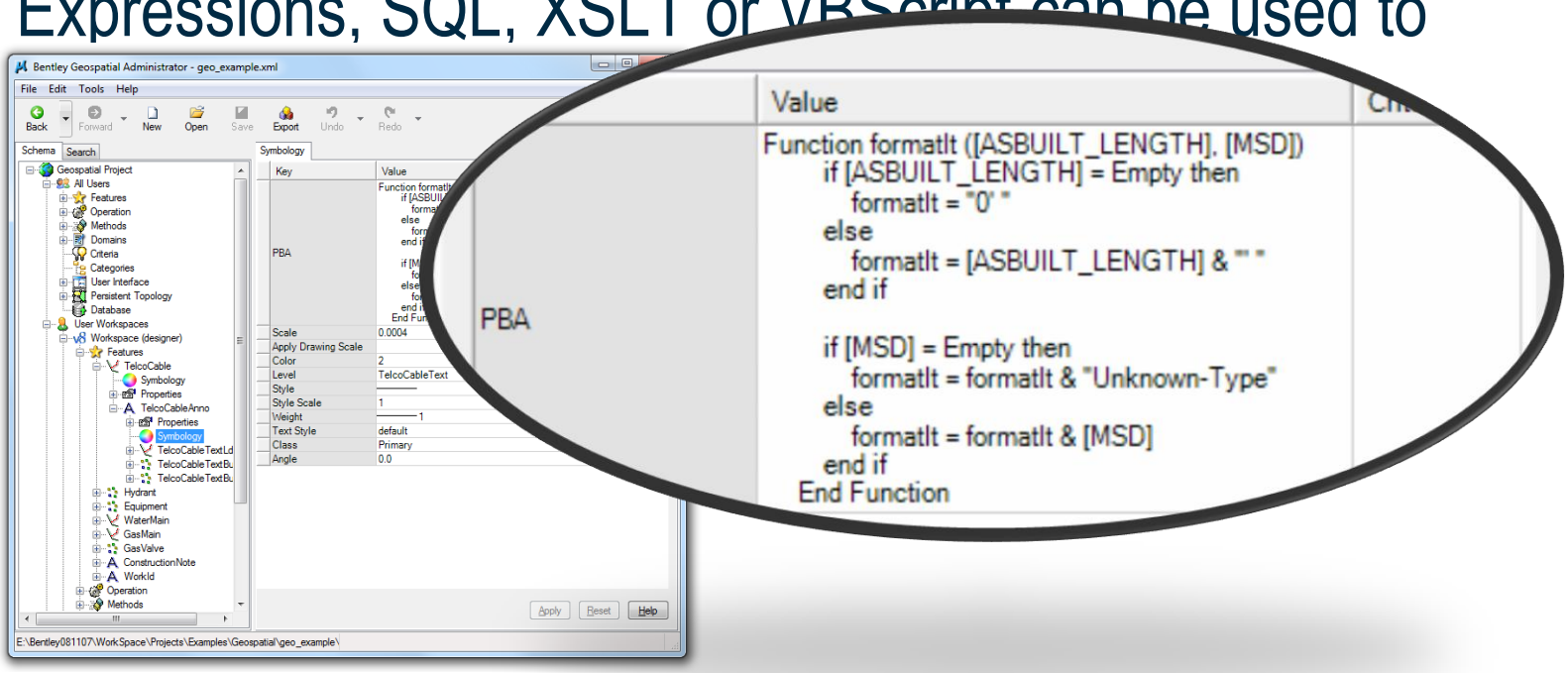
- Since a feature instance can be comprised of one or more homogeneous geometries, XFM provides feature collections to model the relationships.
- For example, a "**polygon collection**" feature class may be used to model "**disjointed**" parcels of land which have a common owner and ID, but are physically separated by a void.
- The business properties are related to the "root" feature which contains no geometry.
- The geometries are modeled and maintained as sub-features.

Feature Collections



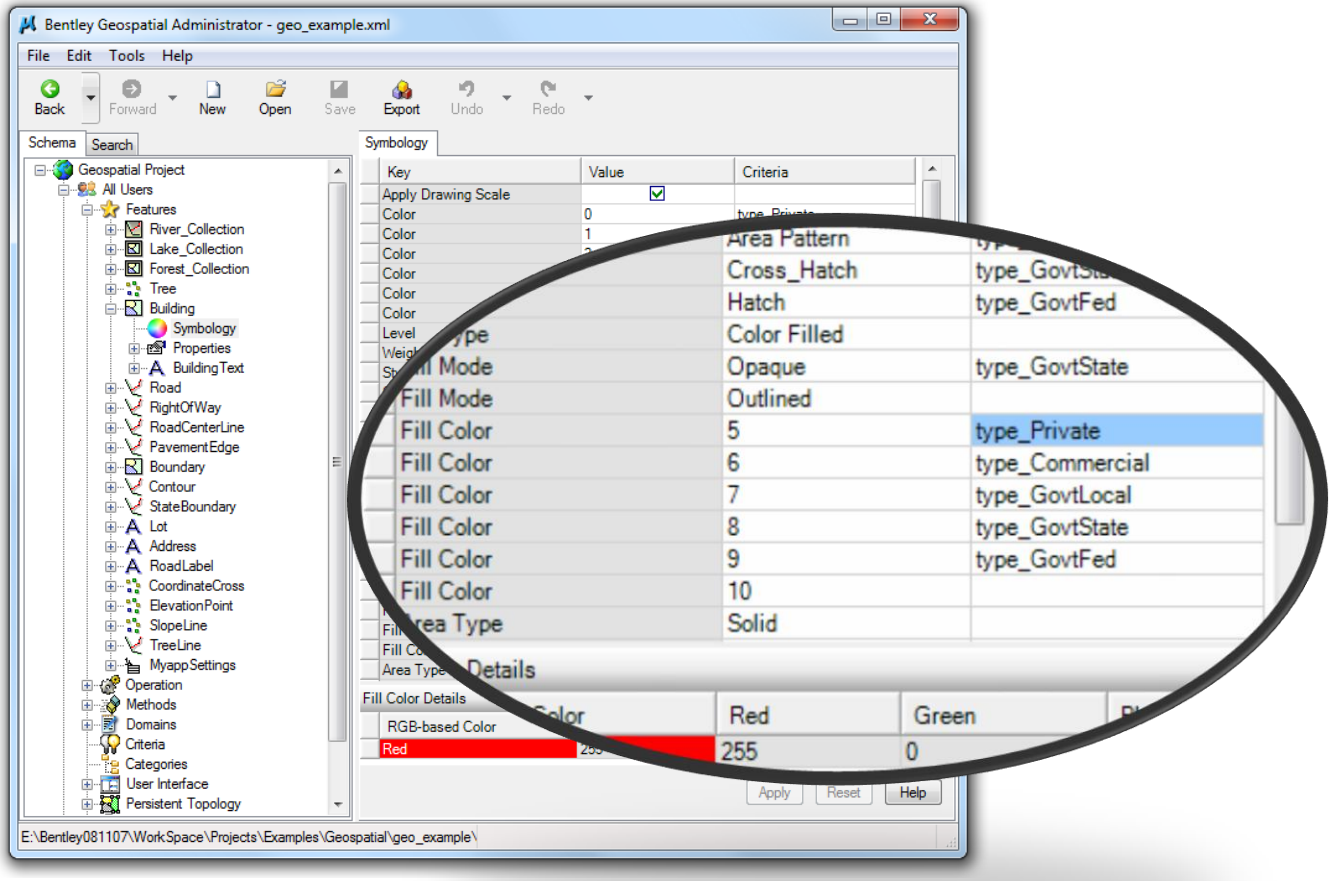
Property Based Annotation

- Allows a feature instance to have the contents of its annotation text determined by one or more business property values.
- Expressions, SQL, XSLT or VBScript can be used to



Property Based Symbology

- Allows a feature instance to have its symbology determined by one or more business property values.



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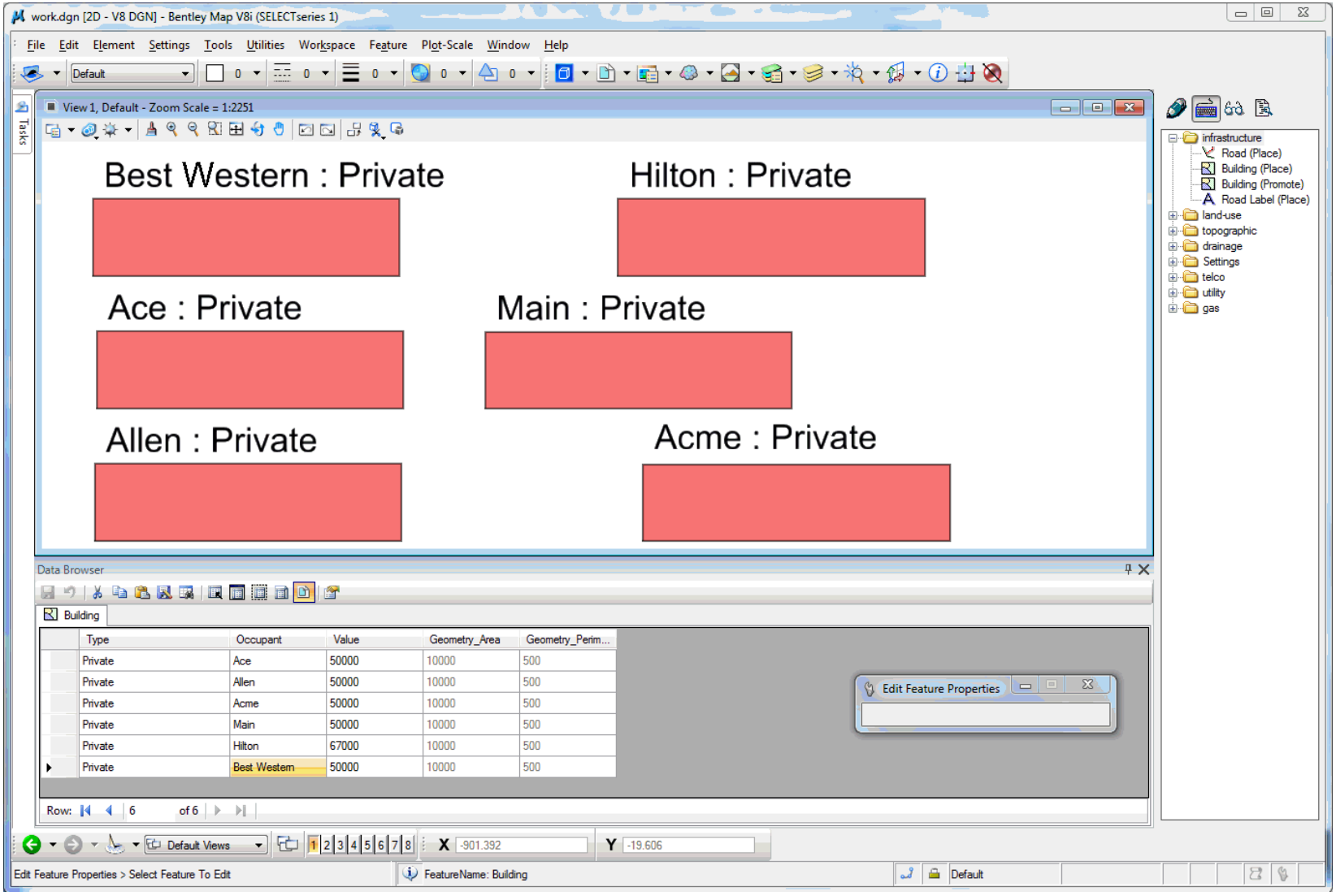
Property Based Annotation / Symbology



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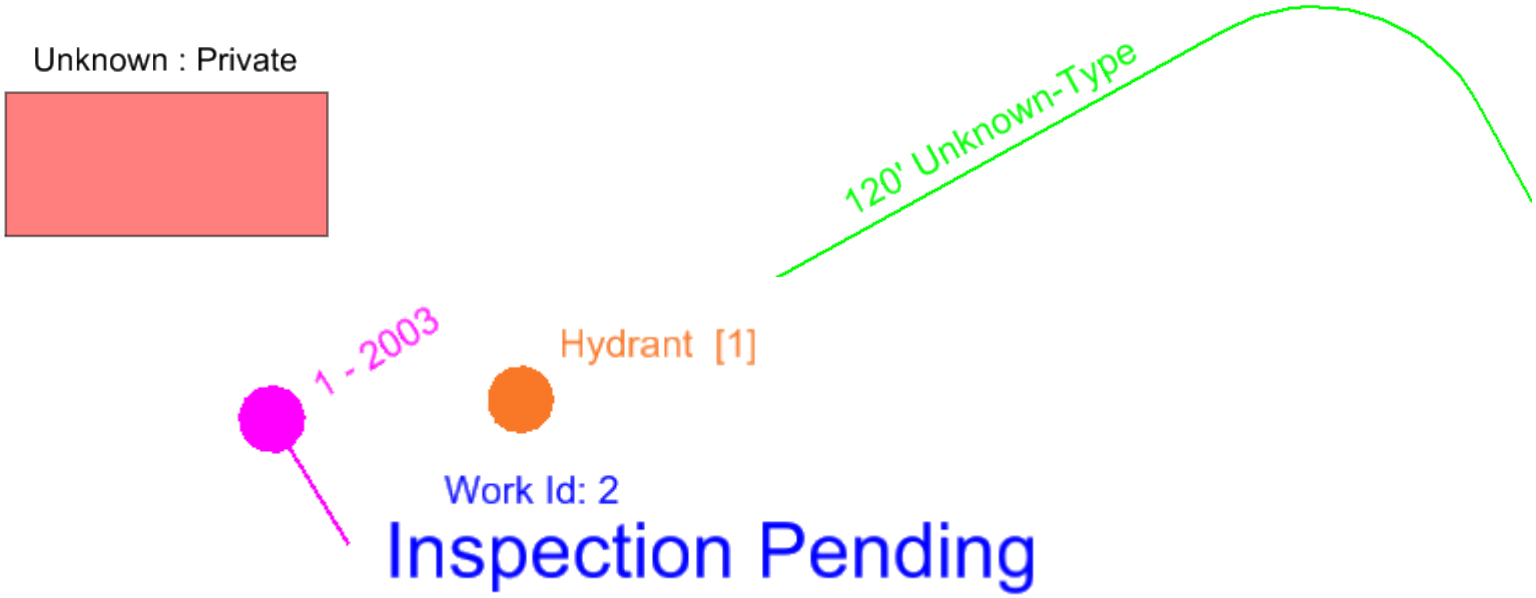
Propagation Rules

- Since a feature instance can be comprised of one or more component features and/or sub-features, XFM uses propagation rules **to control the behavior of all "pieces" during element manipulation**.



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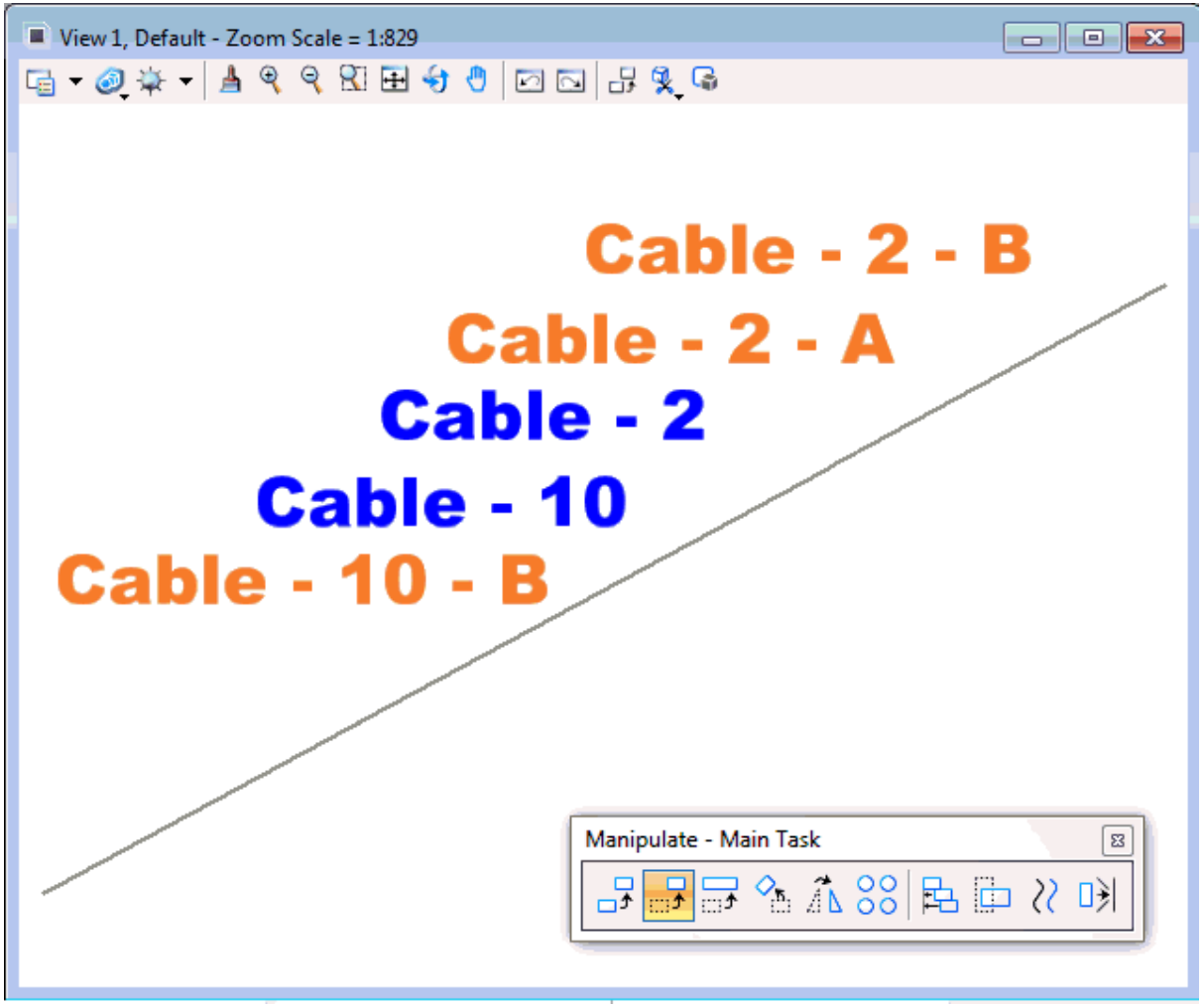
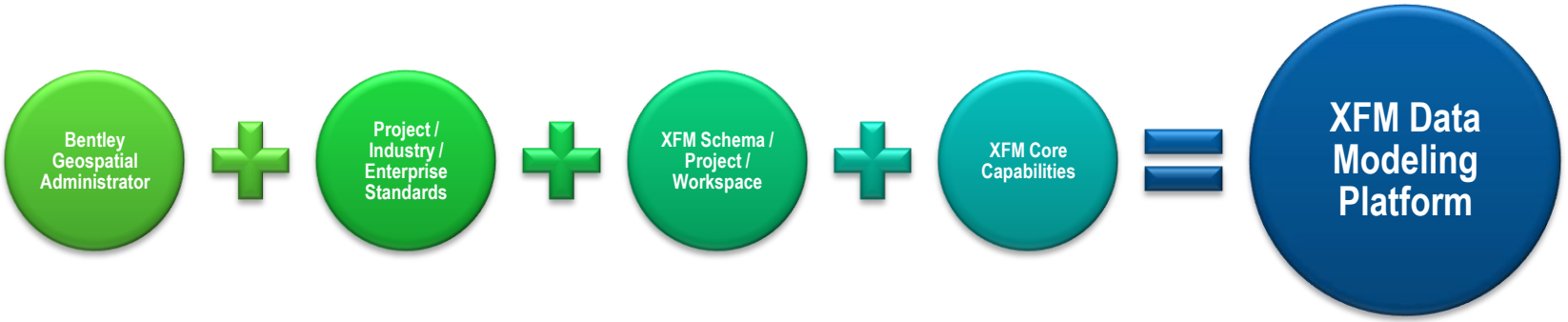


Propagation Rules

- The following table lists the currently supported propagation types and the events where these rules are applied.

Mode	Description
to parent	Propagate change to parent feature. Monitored during Move, Scale and Copy events.
from parent	Propagate change from parent feature. Monitored during Move, Scale and Copy events.
from root	Propagate change from root feature. Monitored during Move, Scale and Copy events.
copy to parent	Propagate copy to parent feature. Monitored during Copy, Fence Copy from Element manipulation toolbox and Clipboard Copy events.
copy from parent	Propagate copy from parent feature. Monitored during Copy, Fence Copy from Element manipulation toolbox and Clipboard Copy events.
delete to parent	Propagate sub-feature delete to parent. When a parent feature is delete all of it's sub-features are automatically deleted. Monitored during Delete, Fence Delete and Clipboard Cut events.

XFM Data Modeling Platform



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Bentley Geospatial Administrator

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Question** – Is use of a Bentley Geospatial Administrator generated schema required?
- **Answer** – No. Use of a Bentley Geospatial Administrator generated schema is not required. However there are some additional Bentley Map capabilities which are available whenever the Bentley Geospatial Administrator is used to pre-define a schema, feature classes and their behaviors.

Bentley Geospatial Administrator

- The Bentley Geospatial Administrator is a standalone application that runs outside of MicroStation to configure both the metadata and the workspaces used to place and maintain XFM feature instances.
- The Bentley Geospatial Administrator stores the XFM Project configuration in a single Geospatial Schema XML file that when exported produces the project files to be used by MicroStation and Bentley Map.

Bentley Geospatial Administrator

- **Features** – Used to model real world business objects and their properties.
- **Methods** – Command entry points (e.g. Place, Edit and Annotate).
- **Operations** – Used with methods to define behavior of features, sequences methods.
- **Domains** – A list of valid domain values.
- **Criteria** – Used to test property values and take an appropriate action.

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- **Propagation Rules** – Used to control how all the "pieces" of a feature instance are handled during element manipulations.
- **User Interface** – Used to dynamically create menus, tool palettes, icons, dialogs etc…
- **Workspace Files** – Used to copy project related files such as cell libraries, symbol font resources, seed files etc…

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Functionality Matrix

Bentley Geospatial Administrator / API

Area	Functionality	Administrator	API
Workspace	Define Workspace	X	
Workspace	Export Workspace Files	X	
Workspace	Define Plot Scales	X	
User Interface	Create Dialog Definitions	X	X
User Interface	Define Command Manager Entries	X	
User Interface	Define Command Message and Prompt Lists	X	
User Interface	Define Dynamic User Interface	X	
Map Management	Create Map Model Definition		X
Map Management	Create Spatial Map Index	X	
Map Management	Define Scale Dependent Visibility Thresholds	X	X
Interoperability	Define Oracle Spatial Connection	X	X
Interoperability	Register Oracle Spatial Features	X	

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Area	Functionality	Administrator	API
Feature Model	Create Feature Class Definitions	X	X
Feature Model	Create Named Criteria	X	
Feature Model	Create Domain Lists	X	
Feature Model	Define Propagation Rules	X	
Feature Model	Define Feature Class Geometry Type	X	X
Feature Model	Define Business Properties	X	X
Feature Model	Define Placement Methods	X	
Feature Model	Define RDBMS Database Connection	X	X
Feature Model	Define RDBMS DML Statements	X	
Feature Model	Define Property Based Symbology	X	
Feature Model	Define Property Based Annotation	X	
Feature Model	Define Persistent Topology Layers	X	

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Area	Functionality	Administrator	API
Data Capture	Query Change Tracker Log		X
Data Capture	Create Placement Methods		X
Data Capture	Start Placement Operations		X
Data Capture	Query Feature Class Definitions		X
Data Capture	Traverse Feature Instance Hierarchy		X
Data Capture	Create, Read, Write or Delete Feature Instances		X
Data Capture	Create or Query Peer Relationships		X
Data Capture	Query Session Feature List		X
Data Capture	Event Callbacks		X
Data Capture	Create Persistent Topology Layers		X
Analysis	Traverse Persistent Topology Graphs		X

Bentley Geospatial Administrator / API

Area	Functionality	Administrator	API
Data Analysis	Create Spatial Overlays		X
Data Analysis	Create Buffers		X
Data Analysis	Perform Thematic Map Resymbolization		X
Data Analysis	Traverse Persistent Topology Graphs		X
Data Analysis	Perform Linear Network Traces		X
Data Analysis	Generate Dynamic Feature Labels		X

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Example Schemas

Property Based Annotation - Title Block

schema_pba_titleblock1.zip This sample Bentley Map schema demonstrates how to use Property Based Annotation replacement text capabilities.

SQL Domain Lists

schema_domains_sqlquery1.zip This sample XFM project schema demonstrates how domain lists can be defined using SQL SELECT statements.

Initial Values - Coordinates

schema_initialvalues_coordinates2.zip This sample Bentley Map schema demonstrates how to use C-Expressions with XFM geometric properties to set initial values during placement operations.

Initial Values

	Key	Synch Preference	Value Type	Value
	placing	☐	expressionEvaluator	MyMonument.FeaturesCentroid.X
	editing	☐	expressionEvaluator	MyMonument.FeaturesCentroid.X
*		☐		

When combined with a small bit of MDL code, the initial value definitions provide behavior that you would normally see when using “dynamic labeling” in the Map Manager application.

Initial Values – Time Stamps

schema_initialvalues_created1.zip This sample Bentley Map schema demonstrates how to use MicroStation expression evaluator to define feature instance create and modification times as XFM initial values.

Initial Values

	Key	Synch Preference	Value Type	Value
	placing	☑	expressionEvaluator	System.DateTime.Now()
*		☐		

Propagation Rules

schema_propagation_rules1.zip This sample Bentley Map schema demonstrates principles of XFM propagation rules.

Property Based Annotation - XSLT

schema_pba_xslt1.zip This sample Bentley Map schema demonstrates how to use XSLT to define the Property Based Annotation expression for an XFM feature class.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xsl:stylesheet
    xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
    xmlns:msxsl="urn:schemas-microsoft-com:xslt"
    version="1.0">
<xsl:output method="text" indent="no" encoding="UTF-8" omit-xml-declaration="yes"/>
<xsl:template match="/">
    <xsl:for-each select="Pole">
    <xsl:variable name="poleID" select="/Pole/Name"/>
    <xsl:choose>
        <xsl:when test="string-length($poleID) &gt; 5">
            <xsl:text>(greater than 5)</xsl:text>
            <xsl:text>\010</xsl:text>
            <xsl:text>Name [[[: </xsl:text>
            <xsl:value-of select="Name"/>
            <xsl:text>]]]</xsl:text>
        </xsl:when>
        <xsl:otherwise>
            <xsl:text>Name: </xsl:text>
            <xsl:value-of select="Name"/>
            <xsl:text> (less than or equal to 5)</xsl:text>
        </xsl:otherwise>
    </xsl:choose>
    </xsl:for-each>
</xsl:template>
</xsl:stylesheet>
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Property Based Annotation - VBScript

schema_pba_vbscript1.zip This sample Bentley Map schema demonstrates how to use VBScript to define the Property Based Annotation expression for an XFM feature class.

Symbology

Key	Value	Criteria
PBA	Function formatIt ([Value], [Geometry_Area]) myValue = CDbl([Value]) / CDbl([Geometry_Area]) formatIt = "Cost: $" & Cstr(Round(myValue,3)) End Function	

Embed Multimedia

schema_gui_tabs1.zip This sample XFM project schema demonstrates different ways to use XSLT stylesheet transforms to embed different types of media such as YouTube and Flash videos into XFM dynamically defined feature instance editing forms.

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Additional Resources

Geospatial Desktop Platform Extranet

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The "Bentley Geospatial Desktop Platform" extranet site hosts the "**Bentley Map - Development and Product Customization Guide**" and "**Bentley Map - Product Development Notebooks**" which are frequently updated online resources for anyone interested in learning more about customizing or developing applications for the Bentley Map product line.

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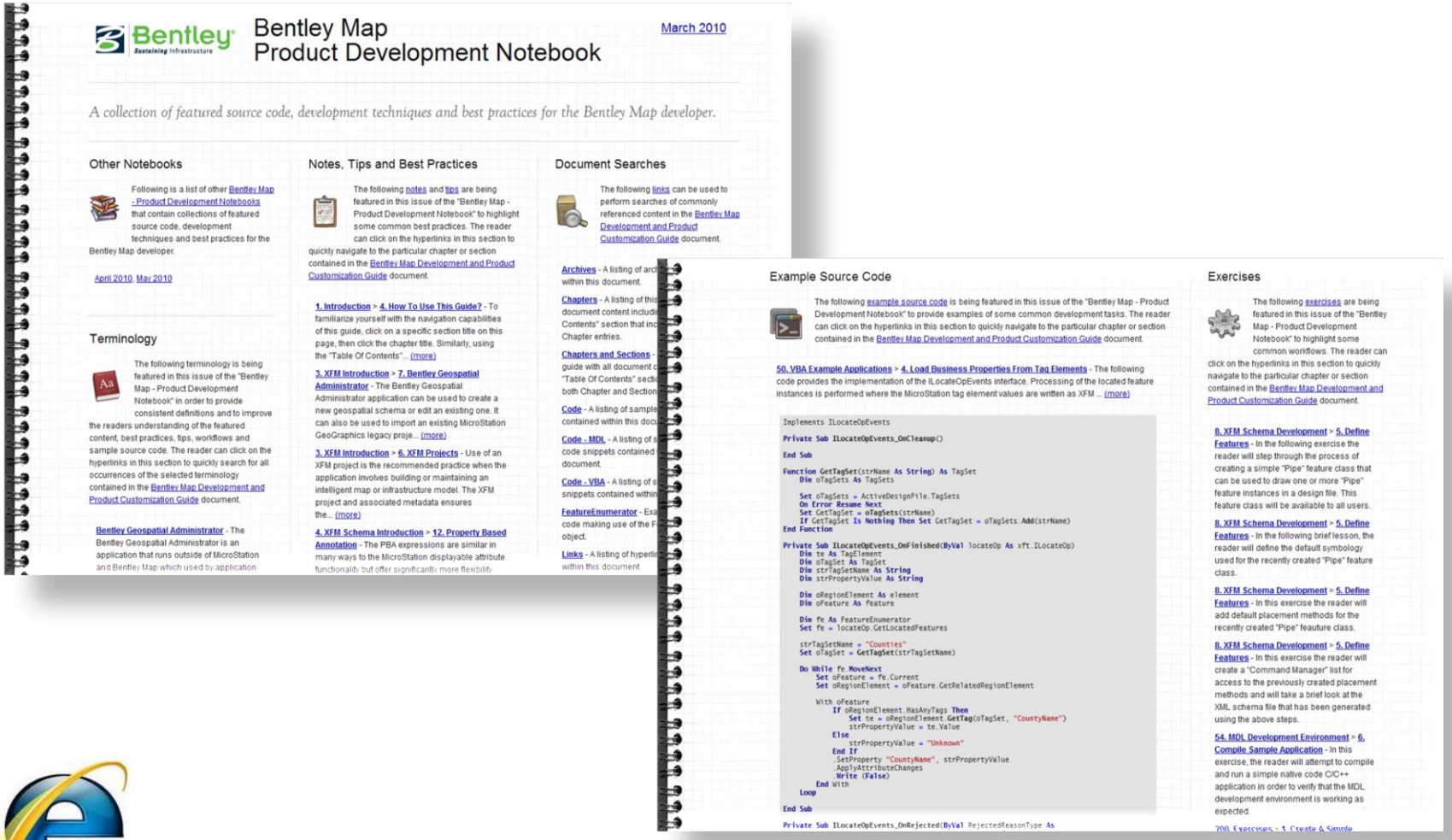

Be Together - Development Workshop

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