

The INTERLIS 2 reader and writer module (ili2fme) provides the Feature Manipulation Engine (FME) with access to INTERLIS 2 transfer files.

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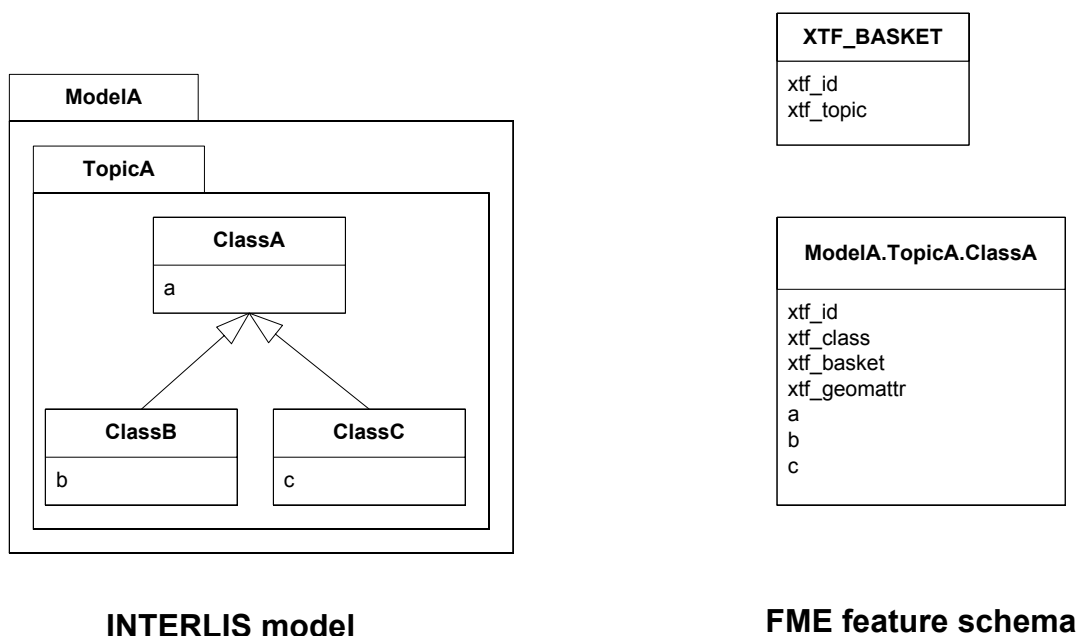
The current version of ili2fme can be found at <http://www.eisenhutinformatik.ch/interlis/ili2fme/>.

This chapter assumes you are familiar with FME and the INTERLIS 2 format. For more information about FME, please read the FME documentation. For more information about INTERLIS 2, go to <http://www.interlis.ch>.

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## Overview

Features read from a INTERLIS 2 file consist of a series of attribute values. They may have no geometry. The attribute names are as defined in the INTERLIS model. The feature type of each INTERLIS 2 feature is the qualified INTERLIS 2-base class name. The mapping of the inheritance hierarchy is done with a super type strategy. Attributes of non-root classes are shifted to the root, as illustrated by the following figure:



## INTERLIS 2 Quick Facts

Format Type Identifier

ch.interlis.ili2fme.Ili2fme

Reader/Writer	Both
Dataset Type	File
Feature Type	Class name
Typical File Extensions	.xtf, .xml
Automated Translation Support	Automated reading
User-Defined Attributes	Yes
Coordinate System Support	No
Generic Color Support	No
Spatial Index	Never
Schema Required	Yes
Transaction Support	No
Geometry Type Attribute	xtf_geomtype
Geometry Support	

Geometry	Supported	Geometry	Supported
aggregate	no	polygon	yes
circles	no	donut polygon	yes
circular arc	no	line	yes
elliptical arc	no	point	yes
ellipses	no	text	no
none	yes	3D	yes

## Reader Overview

FME considers a INTERLIS 2 transfer file to be a collection of features. The feature types are determined by scanning the transfer file and then reading the appropriate INTERLIS model/schema files. The model files have the extension .ili and should be located in the folder `#{FME}/ilimodels`. A transfer file may need multiple model files. There are no DEF lines required.

## Reader Keywords

The following table lists the keywords processed by the INTERLIS 2 reader. The table shows only the suffixes prefixed by the current `<ReaderKeyword>` in a mapping file. By default, the `<ReaderKeyword>` for the INTERLIS 2 reader is `ch.interlis.ili2fme.Ili2fme`.

<i>Keyword Suffix</i>	<i>Value</i>
Models	Required INTERLIS-Models to read the dataset (without extension .ili; separated by semicolons ‘;’). Or the special value XTF (the value XTF has special meaning

	independently of the extension of the data file), in which case the models are determined by inspecting the transfer file. Default Value: XTF
ModelDir	Folder containing the .ili-Files. These files are scanned for INTERLIS-Models. Default Value: \${FME}/ilimodels

## Writer Overview

The INTERLIS 2 writer module stores features into a INTERLIS 2 transfer file. The Models keyword (see below) must be set to the name of the output model/schema. The appropriate INTERLIS model/schema files are then read before the output starts. The model files have the extension .ili and should be located in the folder \${FME}/ilimodels. A transfer file may need multiple model files. There are no DEF lines required.

The appropriate feature types are expected by the writer, as if the same model would have been read by the INTERLIS 2 reader.

## Writer Keywords

The following table lists the keywords processed by the INTERLIS 2 writer. The table shows only the suffixes which will be prefixed by the current <WriterKeyword> in a mapping file. By default, the <WriterKeyword> for the INTERLIS 2 writer is `ch.interlis.ili2fme.Ili2fme`.

<i>Keyword Suffix</i>	<i>Value</i>
Models	Specifies the INTERLIS-Models (without extension .ili) that the written dataset should adhere to(separated by semicolons ‘;’). Default Value: no default value.
ModelDir	Folder containing the .ili-Files. These files are scanned for INTERLIS-Models. Default Value: \${FME}/ilimodels

## Feature Representation

In addition to the generic FME feature attributes that FME Workbench adds to all features (see *About Feature Attributes* on page 1), this format adds the format-specific attributes described in this section.

<i>Attribute</i>	<i>Description</i>
xtf_id	Value of the TID XML-attribute out of the INTERLIS 2 transfer file. Unique across all feature types.
xtf_class	Qualified name of the INTERLIS 2 class name. This is different from the feature type name in the case of non base classes. In the figure above would ModelA.TopicA.ClassB

	be a possible value be.
xtf_basket	Value of the BID XML-attribute out of the INTERLIS transfer file. May be used as foreign key to a feature of the feature type XTF_BASKET (see below). On writing, this may be used to write multiple baskets of the same topic.
xtf_geomattr	Name of the geometry attribute read. A INTERLIS 2 class may define multiple geometry attributes. Only one is read by this reader (see also the section on Limitations).

The reader creates an additional feature type XTF\_BASKET. And the writer expects this feature type as well. This technical feature type has two attributes: xtf\_id and xtf\_topic.

<i>Attribute</i>	<i>Description</i>
xtf_id	For each basket in the INTERLIS 2 transfer file, the value of the BID XML-attribute.
xtf_topic	Qualified name of the INTERLIS 2 topic name. In the figure above would ModelA.TopicA be a possible value.

Features written to the INTERLIS 2 transfer file are expected to have the same structure, as they would have had when read.

## Limitations

- multiple geometries
- geometries in structs
- arcs
- custom line forms
- line attributes
- same attribute name in different classes with the same base class
- incremental transfer

## Installation

### Requirements

For the current version of ili2fme, you will need a JRE (Java Runtime Environment) installed on your system, version 1.4.1 or later.

The JRE (Java Runtime Environment) can be downloaded for free from the Website <http://www.java.com/>.

ili2fme was tested with FME Version 2004 ICE 3 (20041108 - Build 1378).

### Files

To install ili2fme, choose a directory and extract the distribution file there.

Copy the files and subdirectories of "\${ili2fme}/FME Suite" to your FME directory.

FME requires that the path to the directory containing the file jvm.dll is on the PATH (Typically this DLL is in the folder c:/program files/java/j2re/bin/client/). Edit the PATH variable, if this is not the case.

Create a new directory "\${FME}/ilimodels". Add your INTERLIS models to this directory.

At runtime, ili2fme requires the following files:

```
${FME}/xerces-c_2_6.dll  
${FME}/plugins/iom_java.dll  
${FME}/plugins/ili2c.jar  
${FME}/plugins/ili2fme.jar  
${FME}/metafile/ch.interlis.ili2fme.ili2fme.fme
```

## Configuration

Add the following line (contents of the file "\${ili2fme}/formats/formats\_db.txt") to the file "\${FME}/formats.db" (one long line!).

```
CH.INTERLIS.ILI2FME.ILI2FME|INTERLIS 2|FILE|BOTH|YES|NO|INTERLIS 2  
Files(*.xtf;*.xml)%*.xtf;*.xml%All Files%*.*
```

Add the following line (contents of the file "\${ili2fme}/formats/gallery\_db.txt") to the file "\${FME}/gallery.db" (one long line!).

```
*|CH.INTERLIS.ILI2FME.ILI2FME||Automated 2 Translation
```

To use ili2fme with the FME Universal Viewer, FME requires you to set an

environment variable: FME\_VIEWER\_THREADING=SINGLE (FIXME: same place as PATH).

ili2fme doesn't use or require any windows registry entries or user settings file.

## FAQ

### ***I am getting the following error: "missing model Roads"***

In your folder \${FME}/ilimodels there is no .ili-file containing a "MODEL Roads". Move the file Roads.ili to the folder \${FME}/ilimodels.

### ***My destination format is INTERLIS 2 and I'm getting the following error: "model name not specified"***

You must change the Parameter "Models" to the name of the INTERLIS model (without extension .ili) that you intend to write (on the Destination Dataset).

### ***I have an INTERLIS model "Roads.ili". Should I place into the folder \${FME}/ilimodels?***

Yes.

### ***How to map XTF\_GEOMATTR, XTF\_ID, XTF\_CLASS, XTF\_BASKET if INTERLIS 2 is the destination format?***

XTF\_GEOMATTR is the name of the INTERLIS attribute that will hold the geometry of the Feature. Typically a constant like "Geometry" (the actual value depends on your INTERLIS model).

XTF\_ID is the XML attribute TID and should be unique across all feature types. Typically the

value of the primary key of the source feature.

XTF\_CLASS the qualified name of the destination INTERLIS-class. Typically a constant like "ModelName.TopicName.ClassName" (the actual value depends on your INTERLIS model).

XTF\_BASKET is the foreign key of a feature of type XTF\_BASKET.

***If an attribute is of type enumeration (like „color: (red,green,blue);“: Is it possible to get the values (0,1,2,...) instead of the resolved names?***

No. In INTERLIS 2 the resolved name is the value. In INTERLIS 2 there is no mapping of an enumeration to a numeric.

***How to specify at export the kind of transfer (FULL, INITIAL, UPDATE) and the kind of feature operation (INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE)?***

These values are required for incremental transfer. The current version of ili2fme doesn't support incremental transfer.

***How are foreign keys mapped?***

The value of the REF XML-attribute of the role (association end) gets the property value of the feature, that contains the role..

***How are 1-1 associations mapped?***

Like defined by the INTERLIS 2-encoding rules. The end class of the second role (association end) gets the property with the reference/foreign key. The property gets the name of the first role.

***How are BAG/LIST-attributes mapped?***

BAG/LIST-attributes are mapped as list attribute.

***How is inheritance mapped?***

ili2fme uses a super class strategy. All attributes of specialized classes are shifted to the root class of the inheritance tree.

***Is the ordering of the model names as a value of the FME-keyword “Ili2fme\_Models” significant?***

No, any ordering will do.

***If a model imports other models (like “Units” or “CoordSys”), should I name all models as value of the FME-keyword “Ili2fme\_Models”?***

No, but all required models (including indirectly imported ones), all required .ili-files, should be in the \$(FME)/ilimodels folder.

***If a model extends another one, which one should I name as value of the FME-keyword “Ili2fme\_Models”, the base model or the extended one?***

Use the extended one. The base model will be used automatically.

***I've modified the file formats.db. Why does FME still report: “No Reader named `ch.interlis.ili2fme.Ili2fme` is available in this FME version”?***

Maybe jvm.dll is not found by FME. FME requires that the path to the directory containing the file jvm.dll is on the PATH (Typically this DLL is in the folder c:/program files/java/j2re/bin/client/). Edit the PATH variable, if this is not the case.

## Changes

### ili2fme 2005-12-06

- handle STRUCTURE
- ili-reader: use "attr{}" instead of "attr{0}" to describe list attributes

- xtf-reader: allow null reference
- xtf-reader: use defaults for MODELS and MODEL\_DIR if not present in the mapping file
- how to get an "Automated mapping ..." entry in the universal translator? add an entry to gallery.db
- format.db/gallery.db entry have to be in uppercase
- update of INTERLIS-compiler (ili2c.jar version 2.6.3)

### **ili2fme 2005-05-23**

- added Writer: writes INTERLIS 2 transfer files

### **ili2fme 2005-04-14**

- Added note about FME\_VIEWER\_THREADING=SINGLE to avoid crash of FME Universal Viewer
- Added note about \${FME}/ilimodels
- reader: handle STRUCTURE

### **ili2fme 2005-02-15**

- initial release
- reads INTERLIS 2 transfer files

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