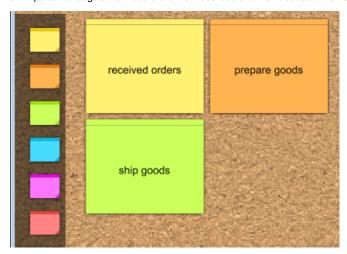
Using Brainstorm

Very often, you model a system not just by imagination, but with facts, knowledges and customers' ideas. You may meet with users, understand how they work, identify their requirements and proceed to visualize their needs with models.

Logizian enables you to record important ideas during a meeting through a note-taking feature called "Brainstorm". During the meeting, you create note (shapes) in a corkboard -like diagram. When the meeting ends, you may organize the notes, and derive a diagram from them. This helps ensure all important thoughts from users are well recorded and won't be lost when constructing a model.



A sample Brainstorm diagram

Creating Brainstorm diagram

In order to start taking notes, you need to create a Brainstorm diagram. There are three ways you may take to create a Brainstorm diagram:

- Diagram Navigator Right click on **Brainstorm** in Diagram Navigator and select **New Brainstorm** from the popup menu.
- Toolbar Click on the Diagrams button in toolbar and select Brainstorm from the drop-down menu.
- Menu Select File > New Diagram > Others > Brainstorm from the main menu.

Creating a note

Brainstorm diagram applies a corkboard theme. You may add notes to it to record ideas and thoughts collected. To create a note:

1. Press and drag in diagram toolbar a note with the desired color.



Creating a note

- 2. Release the mouse button on the diagram to create a note.
- 3. Enter the note content. Press Ctrl-Enter to finish editing.



A note is created

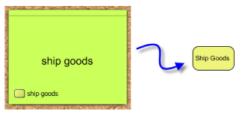
Imagine when you are having a meeting with user and taking notes with Brainstorm, you may not be perfectly sure whether the notes you create are utlimately important or not. As long as you think that the information may help you model, it is worthwhile to note it down for now. The key idea is to add notes in a casual manner. Do not spend too much time on judging the importance of the content. Otherwise, you may miss out information that is really important during the process of strenuous sorting.

Deleting a note

If a note has been created by mistake or the note text is no longer correct/meaningful, you may want to delete the note. To delete a note, you may select it and press the **Delete** key. Alternatively, press on the cross button at top left of note shape to perform a deletion.

Realizing Brainstorm Notes

Logizian enables you to record important ideas during a meeting through a note-taking feature called "Brainstorm". During the meeting, you pay attention to what the participants say and create note (shapes) in a corkboard -like diagram to record the key points. After the meeting, you may make use of the notes collected to help you construct the model. To optimize the process, Logizian supports a realize function to transform notes into model elements.



Producing a task from a note

To realize a note:

- 1. Look for the note that can help you construct a model element. For example, when you see a note with text "ship goods", you may want to create a task Ship Goods from it.
- 2. Click on Tag at bottom left of note body. Select the type of element from the popup menu, such as Task.



Select note type

- 3. Click the tag at bottom left and select Realize... from the popup menu.
- 4. In the **Transit Model Element** window, enter the properties of the model element you are going to produce. Click **OK** at bottom right to continue.
- 5. The **Visualize Model Element** window enables you to show the model element on a diagram. You may show it on a new diagram by selecting Create new diagram and entering the diagram name. Or, show it in an existing diagram by selecting Show in existing diagram and selecting the diagram to show. Or, not to show it on any diagram by selecting Do note visualize. Click **Create/ Show/ Close** at bottom right.

Changing note tag

If you have selected a tag for a note and you want to change it, click on any tag at bottom left of note shape and select **Type > [New Tag]** from the popup menu. This will clear the previously select tag and apply the newly selected one. Note that once a tag has been realized, you cannot change it to another type anymore.

Adding note tag

You may add multiple tags to a note and realize multiple model elements from different tags (one model element per tag). To add another tag, click on any previously added tag at bottom left of note shape and select **Add > [New Type]** from the popup menu.

Deleting note tag

If you think that a note tag is no longer suitable for the note, you may delete it. To delete a tag, click on the tag you want delete from note and select **Delete** from the popup menu. Note that if the tag has been realized, deleting the tag would not delete the realized model element. And if you add the tag again, the realization relationship will be maintained.

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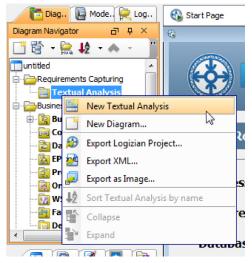
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Recording requirements

Before you start business process modeling, you usually have to discuss with your customers about their needs and to familiarize yourself with their company's operations as well as their problems. During the meeting you can collect useful information from customer, which include the conversation log, documents. You can make use of textual analysis, a text-based editor, to help record those textual information. In addition to a plain text editor, you can identify important terms or objects (e.g. class, use case) from the problem description.

Creating textual analysis

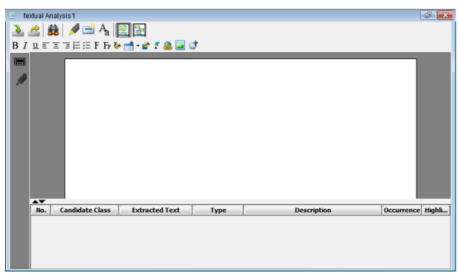
To create textual analysis, right click Textual Analysis on Diagram Navigator and select New Textual Analysis from the pop-up menu.



Create a textual analysis

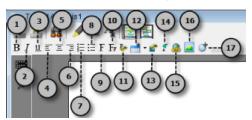
Problem statement editor

The problem statement editor is where you can record the textual information you obtain from your customers.



Problem statement editor

All buttons on editor's toolbar are depicted in the following table:



Editor's toolbar

| No. | Name | Description |
|-----|------|-------------|
| | | |

1 Bold

Set the highlighted text to bold.

| 2 | Italic | Set the highlighted text to italic. |
|----|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3 | Underline | Underline the highlighted text. |
| 4 | Left Justify | Set the alignment of highlighted text to the left. |
| 5 | Center Justify | Set the alignment of highlighted text to the center. |
| 6 | Right Justify | Set the alignment of highlighted text to the right. |
| 7 | Ordered list | Add a numbered list. |
| 8 | Un-ordered list | Add a list with bullet points. |
| 9 | Font | Select the font family of highlighted text. |
| 10 | Font size | Select the size of highlighted text. |
| 11 | Font color | Select the color of highlighted text. |
| 12 | Table | Add a table. |
| 13 | Background color | Select the background color of highlighted text. |
| 14 | Clear formats | Clear formats of the whole editor to convert the content to plain text. |
| 15 | Link | Add a hyperlink. |
| 16 | Image | Add an image. |
| 17 | Add Model Element | Insert an existing model element or create a new one. |
| | | |

The description of buttons on problem statement's toolbar

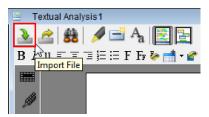
Entering problem statement

Three ways of entering problem statement are provided in Logizian.

- Typing on the editor
- Importing an external text file
- Copying and pasting from an external source

To type in the editor, type the problem statement directly on the editor.

To import a text file, click Import File on the toolbar.



Import file

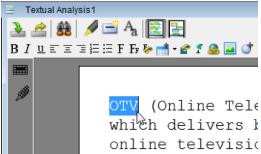
When the **Open** dialog box pops out, select a text file to import. As a result, the imported problem statement will be shown on the text area.

To copy and paste from an external source, press Ctrl + C on the selected text and press Ctrl + V for pasting it on the editor.

Formatting text

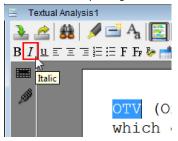
Since Logizian supports rich text format (RTF), you can format the problem statement on the editor, such as making it bold, italic, or inserting a table.

1. To format text, highlight the target word/ phrase in advance.



Highlight OTV

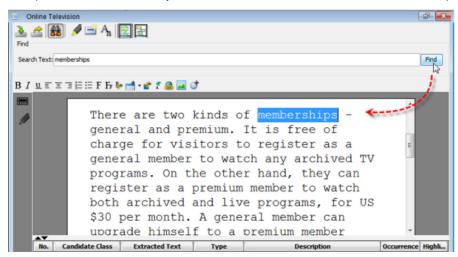
2. Next, click a corresponding button on the toolbar. i.e. Click Italic button to make the target word italic.



Click Italic button

Finding a keyword

You can search your target word/phrase in problem statement in shortcut through **Find** feature. Click **Find** button on the toolbar and then enter the word/ phrase in **Search Text**. Finally, click **Find** button next to **Search Text**. As a result, the word/ phrase matching you typed will be highlighted.



The word memberships is highlighted in problem statement

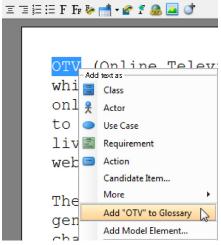
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Identifying important terms

A word usually can have various meaning under different domains. To clarify and standardize the meaning of your specific word, you can extract it from textual documentation to define it as a glossary term. After adding the word as glossary term, you can define its aliases and enter its documentation to provide additional information. In textual analysis, you can define a specific word by highlighting it on problem statement editor and add it to glossary. After that, define aliases and enter documentation for the glossary term in term editor.

Highlight the specific term on problem statement editor, right click on it and select Add [the highlighted term] to Glossary from the pop-up
menu.



Add "OTV" to Glossary

2. When the **Glossary Grid** page unfolds, enter name for the glossary grid and then right click on the newly created term and select **Open Term Editor** from the pop-up menu.



Right click to open term editor

- 3. In the **Term Editor** page, open **Definition** tab.
- 4. You can define aliases for the term and enter documentation as definition for the term. To insert an alias, click **Add** button to type the alias in the pop-up **Input** dialog box. To enter the definition of the term, enter under **Definition** directly.



Define aliases and enter documentation

5. As a result, the columns of Aliases and Documentation are filled when you return Glossary Grid page.



Completed glossary grid

NOTE: If the Aliases column is hidden, you can click Configure Columns... button to make it revealed. Open Properties tab and select it under Details folder.

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The following resources may help you learn more about the topic discussed in this page.

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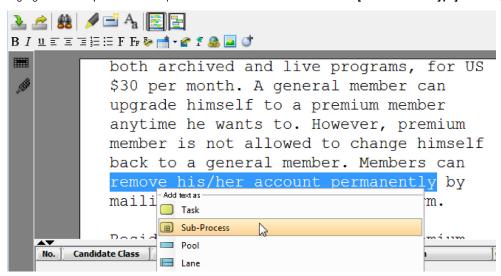
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Identifying candidate objects

By studying the problem statement, you can extract words or phrases that are relevant to the system and convert them into model elements, such as task and sub-process, etc. Those objects are regarded as candidate objects. You can extract words or phrases from problem statement to become specific type of candidate objects, and edit their properties when necessary.

Identifying candidate objects

Highlight the word/ phrase from the problem statement and select Add text as [model element type] from the pop-up menu.



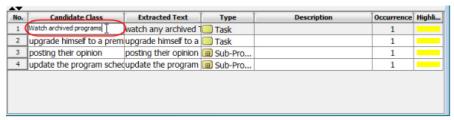
Select actor as its type

Editing candidate objects

You can rename candidate objects, change their type, write their description and change their color of highlight in the grid at the bottom of textual analysis.

To rename the candidate object:

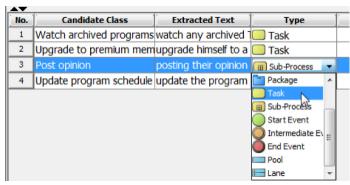
Double click on the Candidate Class cell and rename the candidate object.



Rename candidate object

To change the candidate object's type:

Double click on the **Type** cell and select a type from the combo box.



Select task as its type

To add description for the candidate object:

Double click on **Description** cell and type text inside the cell.

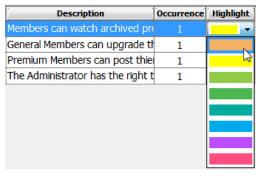
| Туре | Description | Occurrence |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Task | Members can watch archived programs |) , |
| | ← III | 1 |
| Task | | 1 |
| Sub-Process | | 1 |
| Sub-Process | | 1 |

Enter description

NOTE: The text you typed in Description cell will become the documentation of the model element which you used to create candidate object.

To change the highlight color of candidate object in problem statement:

- 1. Click the **Highlight** cell and press the inverted triangle.
- 2. Select a color from the combo box.



Select the highlight color

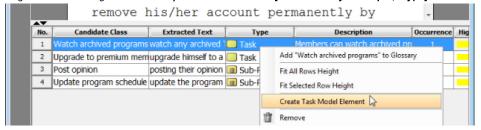
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Forming diagram from candidate objects

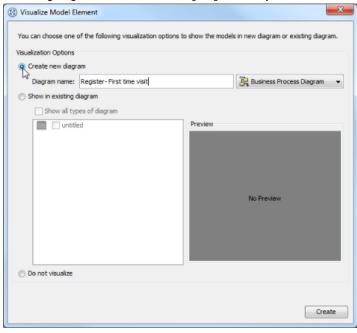
In problem statement editor, you can form a diagram from candidate objects, or show it in an existing diagram by visualizing it.

1. Right click on the target candidate object and select Create [candidate object's type] Model Element from the pop-up menu.



Create a model element

2. In the Visualize Model Element dialog box, either check Create new diagram to show your model element on a new diagram or check Show in existing diagram to show on an existing diagram. Finally, click the Show button to proceed.



Check an option in Visualize Model Element dialog box

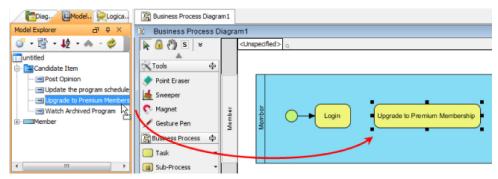
As a result, the model element will be shown on the selected diagram.

NOTE: If you have already made a model element for the candidate object, the **Create Model Element** option will be hidden even after you right click on it.

Dragging and dropping candidate objects

You can visualize existing candidate objects by dragging from **Model Explorer** and dropping on the diagram.

To visualize a candidate object or several candidate objects, select a candidate object (or a few candidate objects) from **Model Explorer**, drag and drop it(or them) on the target diagram. As a result, the view of the selected candidate object(s) will be shown on diagram.



Drag from Model Explorer and drop on the diagarm

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Candidate pane view

Textual analysis can be divided into two views: problem statement view and candidate pane view. While you can edit problem statement and format text in problem statement view, you can edit and organize candidate objects in candidate pane view. The main characteristic of candidate pane view is, you can visualize candidate objects as boxes on candidate pane for easy arrangement.

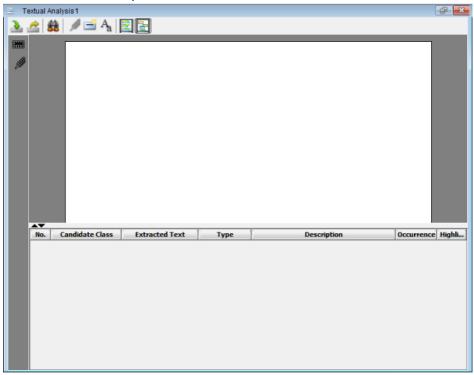
To switch to candidate pane view:

Click Candidate Pane View button.



Click Candidate Pane View button

The overview of candidate pane view

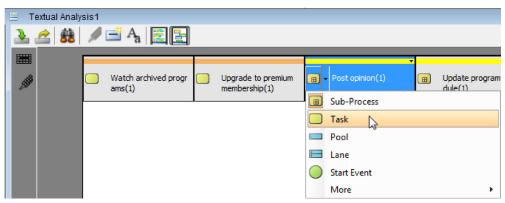


Candidate pane view

Editing candidate objects

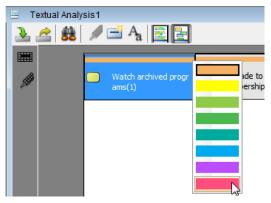
Candidate pane view is similar to problem statement view where you can rename candidate objects, enter their description, change their highlight color and type. Except editing in the grid at the bottom, you can also edit through candidate object's box on candidate pane.

To change the model element type of a candidate object, move the mouse over the target candidate object's box. Click the inverted triangle next to the model element's icon when it reveals. Select a model element type from the pop-up menu.



Change model element type

To change the highlight color of a candidate object, move the mouse over the target candidate object's box. Click the inverted triangle on its top-right corner when it reveals. Select a color from the pop-up menu.



Change highlight color

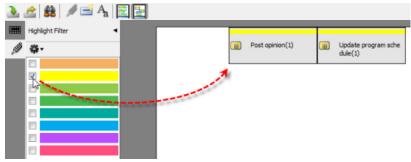
Filtering candidate objects

To filter specific model element of candidate objects, click **Model Filter** button. Check target model element(s) from the pop-up menu you want to view on candidate pane.



Check Task

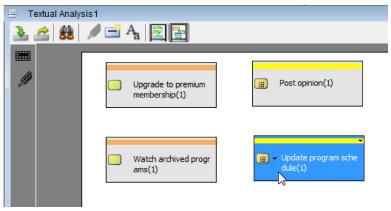
To filter specific highlight of candidate objects, click **Highlight Filter** button. Check target highlight from the pop-up menu you want to view on candidate pane.



Filter color

Freely moving candidate objects

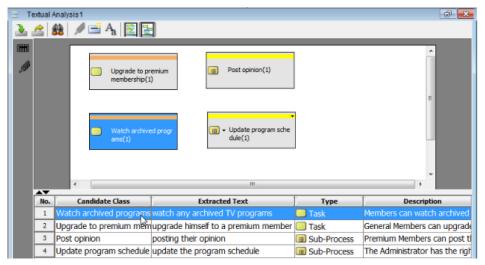
To move candidate object's box, just press the target box and drag it to your preferred location.



Press and drag Update program schedule

Selecting candidate objects

When you click a specific candidate object in the grid at the bottom of candidate pane, the corresponding candidate object's box will be selected on candidate pane, and vice versa.



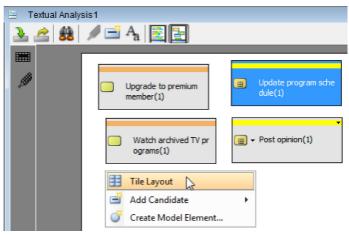
Click candidate object in grid

Setting tile layout

Tile layout refers to the selected objects are arranged in horizontal row.

To set tile layout for all candidate object's boxes on candidate pane :

Right click on candidate pane's background and select Tile Layout from the pop-up menu.



Set tile layout

As a result, all candidate objects are arranged in tile layout.



Tile layout

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Working with glossary

Glossary lets you specific project specific vocabularies, and add description and aliases to them. This chapter will guide you through the process of adding terms in glossary and how to work with glossary grid.

Identify glossary term

Terms can be identified from text written in working procedure editor. This page tells you how to do.

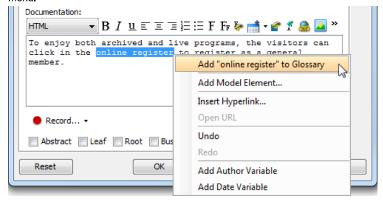
Glossary grid

Glossary grid is a place for managing glossary. You will learn more about it here.

Identify glossary term

You identify specific terms by adding them to glossary, and clarify them by defining aliases and entering documentation in any textual documents.

Highlight the specific term on Documentation editor, right click on it and select Add "[the highlighted term]" to Glossary from the pop-up menu.



Add "online register" to Glossary

2. When the Glossary Grid page is opened, right click on the newly created term and select Open Term Editor from the pop-up menu.



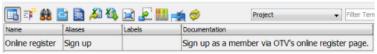
Right click to open term editor

- 3. In the **Term Editor** page, open **Definition** tab.
- 4. You can define aliases for the term and enter documentation as description for the term. To insert an alias, click **Add** button and type the alias in the pop-up **Input** dialog box. To enter definition, enter under **Definition** directly.



Define aliases and enter documentation

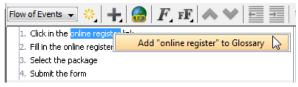
5. As a result, the columns of Aliases and Documentation are filled when you return Glossary Grid page.



Completed glossary grid

Identify term from flow of events

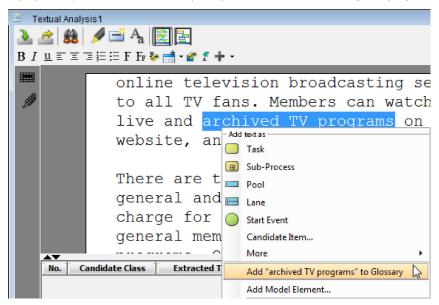
Highlight the specific term on flow of events editor, right click on it and select Add "[the highlighted term]" to Glossary from the pop-up menu.



Add "online register" to Glossary

Identify term from textual analysis

Highlight the specific term on textual analysis, right click on it and select Add "[the highlighted term]" to Glossary from the pop-up menu.



Add "archived TV programs" to Glossary

Identify term from shape name

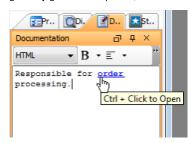
Highlight the specific term when editing a shape inline. Right click on it and select Add "[the highlighted term]" to Glossary from the pop-up menu.



Add term to glossary when renaming shape

Opening term

To read the definition of a term, press the **Ctrl** key and click on the term from documentation/flow of events content/shape name. By doing so, the glossary grid will be opened, with the selected term highlighted.



To open a term

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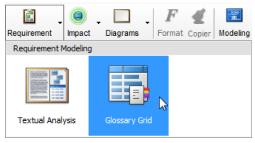
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Glossary grid

Glossary grid is a table where you can identify specific glossary term. In addition, you can define aliases and enter documentation for the glossary term. With Logizian, you can categorize the terms by defining and assigning label(s) to them.

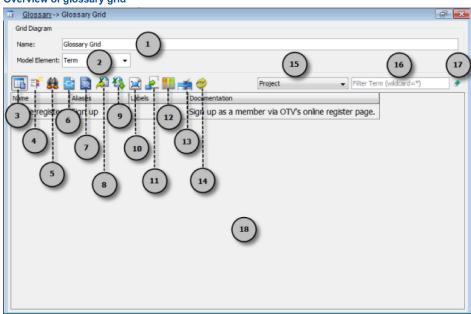
Creating the glossary grid

To open a grid diagram, select **Requirement > Glossary Grid** from the toolbar.



Open Glossary Grid

Overview of glossary grid



Glossary grid

| No. | Name | Description |
|-----|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Name | You can enter the name of grid in here. |
| 2 | Model Element | You can select the model element you want to be listed in grid from the drop-dwon menu. |
| 3 | Configure Grid | Click this button to reveal Name and Model Element. To hide these them, click this button again. |
| 4 | Create Term (Insert) | Click this button to create a new term. |
| 5 | Find | To search a term/ phrase, click this button. Enter the keyword of your term/ phrase in Search Text text field and check the searching field: Name , Aliases , Label or Documentation . |
| 6 | Open Term Editor | Click this button to open Term Editor page of the selected term. In Term Editor page, you can define the term, stereotypes and tagged values. |
| 7 | Open Specification | Click this button to open the specification dialog box of the selected term. In Term Specification dialog box, you can define aliases, assign label and enter documentation. |
| 8 | Export to Excel | To save and export the selected term into a new Excel. |
| 9 | Import to Excel | To import the selected term to an existing Excel. |
| 10 | Show View | Click this button to show the orginal model element of the selected term. |
| 11 | Visualize | Click this button to duplicate the selected model element on the chosen digram (in either new diagram or existing diagram). |

| 12 Manage Labe | el Label can be defined to categorize terms. This button is for adding, editing and deleting labels. |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 13 Configure col | olumns Add/ remove property column(s) in Term list . |
| 14 Fresh | To update the display on the Term list . |
| 15 Project | To select the scope for showing mdoel elements on Term list. |
| 16 Filter Term | To enter the keyword of your target term with *, you can find it in shortcut. |
| 17 Clear filter | To clear all words you typed in Filter Term. |
| 18 Term list | All created term will be listed in here. |

The overview of glossary grid

Organizing terms with labels

With Logizian, you can categorize the terms by defining and assigning label(s) to them.

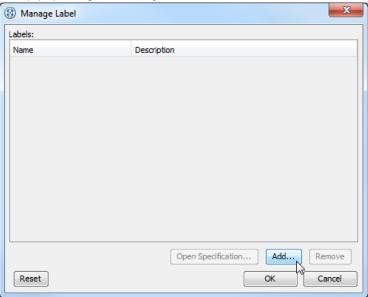
Defining label

1. After you have selected a term in any textual documentation to add it to glossary, the glossary grid is opened. Click Manage Label button.



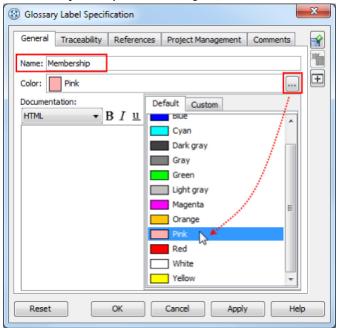
Click Manage Label

2. In the pop-up Manage Label dialog box, click Add... button to create a label.



Add a label

3. In the Glossary Label Specification dialog box, name the label and select a color for it. Click **OK** button to confirm.

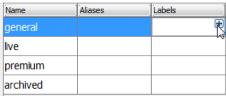


Enter name and select a color

4. Click **OK** button in the **Manage Label** dialog box.

Assigning label

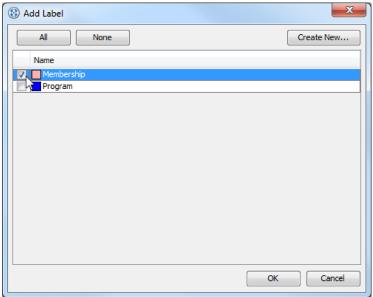
1. Let's assign a specific label to the corresponding term. Click the small plus button under Labels column of your target term.



Click the small plus button

NOTE: If the *Labels* column doesn't show on the grid, you can click the **Configure columns...** button. Open **Properties** tab and select it under **Others** folder..

2. In the pop-up **Add Label** dialog box, check a label and then click **OK** button.



Check a label

NOTE: You can apply multiple labels to a term. Check the applicable labels in the Add Label dialog box.

3. As a result, a specific label is assigned to the corresponding term.

| Name | Aliases | Labels |
|----------|---------|------------|
| general | | Membership |
| live | | |
| premium | | |
| archived | | |

Membership is assigned to general

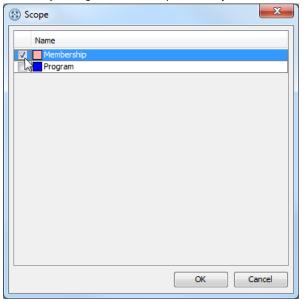
Filtering terms with specific label

1. If you want to list terms of specific label, click the combo box of **Project** and select **With Label....**



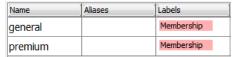
Select With Label...

2. In the **Scope** dialog box, check the specific label you want to be listed and then click **OK** button.



Check Membership

3. As a result, terms with specific label are listed in the grid.

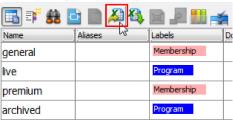


Terms with Membership label are listed

Exporting glossary to Excel

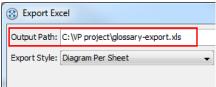
You can export the glossary, along with its terms into an Excel file, and import it back to share with your teammates.

1. In the Glossary Grid, click Export to Excel button.



Click Export to Excel button

2. In the **Export Excel** dialog box, enter the output directory. Click **Export** button.



Enter the output directory

3. To import the Excel back to your project for a mass modification or review, select File > Import > Excel... from the main menu.

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Grid diagram

A grid enables you to list elements in tabular form. The columns are the properties of model elements.

Creating grid diagram

Shows you how to create a grid.

Creating element in grid

Create elements through the grid interface.

Adding/removing property columns

Add extra property columns to grid.

Setting the scope of grid content

Adjust the range of elements to list, like to list elements in specific model.

Filter and find

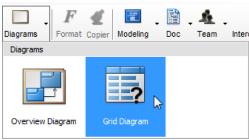
Filter and find elements in grid.

Creating grid diagram

Logizian introduces model element grids to provide a convenient way to model and overview model elements within your project. You can create a grid to list whatever model element type you like, and customize the properties of model element being shown inside the grid.

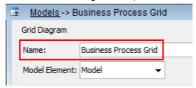
To create a grid diagram:

1. Select **Diagrams > Grid Diagram** from the toolbar.



Click Grid Diagram

2. When the **Grid Diagram** is opened, enter name for the grid.



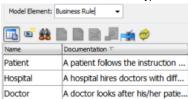
Enter grid's name

3. Select a model element type from the combo box of **Model Element**.



Select Business Rule

The model element of selected type will then be shown on the grid.



The model element of selected type is shown

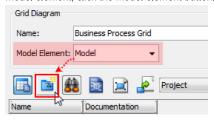
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Creating element in grid

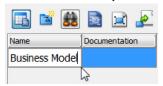
Besides creating elements by drawing them on diagram, you can also create them in grid. Creating elements in grid gives you an overview on all elements of same type.

1. After you select model element from the combo box of **Model Element**, the corresponding model element button will appear. To create the model element, click the model element button.



Click Create Model button

2. Enter name for the newly created model element and then press **Enter** to confirm.



Enter name

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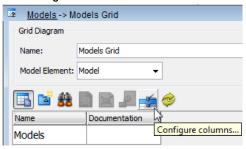
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Adding/removing property columns

In grid, rows represent model elements while the columns show their properties. Name and documentation columns are shown by default, in addition, you can optionally add or remove columns to display the data you are interested in.

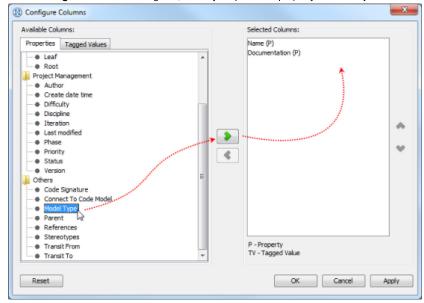
To add an extra property column:

1. Click Configure Columns... button.



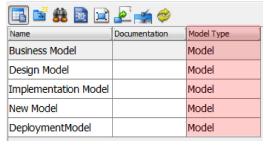
Click Configure Columns... button

2. In the Configure Columns dialog box, select your preferred property under Properties tab and then click OK button.



Select Model Type

As a result, the selected property column is inserted in the grid.

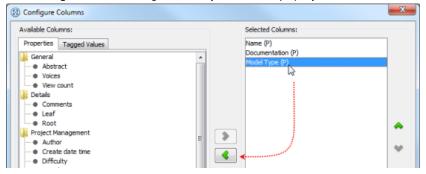


Model Type column is added

To remove a property column:

1. Click Configure Columns... button.

2. In the Configure Columns dialog box, select your undesired property under Selected Columns and then click OK button.



Remove Model Type column

As a result, the deselected property column will be removed from the grid.

Related Resources

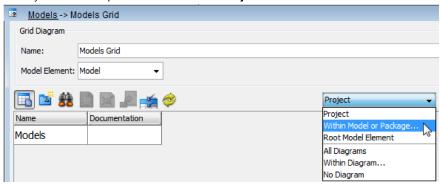
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Setting the scope of grid content

In grid, you can customize the scope of grid content after you have created various types of model elements. After that, your desired model elements within a particular scope will be shown on the grid.

To set the scope of grid content:

1. Select your desired scope from the combo box of Project.



Select scope

NOTE: Within Model or Package: Select this when you want to show all selected model element types within a particular model/ package.

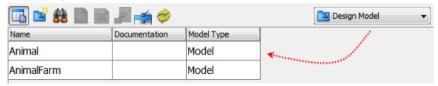
Root Model Element: Select this when you want to show all selected model element types under root node.

All Diagrams: Select this when you want to show all selected model element types within all diagrams.

Within Diagram: Select this when you want to show all selected model element types within a particular diagram.

No Diagram: Select this when you want to show all selected model elements without diagram.

2. As a result, grid content is updated to list the model elements that fit the selected scope.



The scope of grid content

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Filter and find

Logizian enables you to create a grid to list whatever model element type you like, and customize the properties of model element being shown inside the grid. Except creating a grid with your preferred model element type, you can also search your target model element in shortcut through filter and find

Filtering

- 1. Type the word/ phrase in filter.
- 2. Model element(s) matching the word/ phrase you typed will be shown in the grid subsequently.



Model elements match the word/ phrase you typed

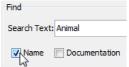
Finding

Click Find button.



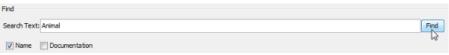
Click Find button

2. Type the word/ phrase in Search Text and then check either Name or Documentation (or both). Check Name if you want to search the name model elements matches the word/ phrase you typed while check Documentation if you want to search the documentation of model elements matches the word/ phrase you typed. Check both if you want to search the name or the documentation of model elements matches the word/ phrase you typed.



Check Name

3. Click Find button behind Search Text.



Click Find button

4. Model element(s) matching the word/ phrase you typed will be highlighted in the grid subsequently.

| Name | Documentation | Model Type |
|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| Business Model | | Model |
| Design Model | | Model |
| Implementation Model | | Model |
| New Model | | Model |
| DeploymentModel | | Model |
| Animal | | Model |
| AnimalFarm | | Model |

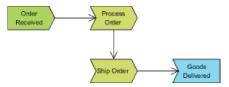
Model elements are highlighted

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Creating process map diagram

Process map diagram gives an overview that shows the processes needed to approach a business goal. It is rather in a upper level of analyzing and understanding a business process.



A sample process map diagram

Creating process map diagram

- Click on Business on toolbar and select Process Map Diagram from the drop down menu.
- Right click on Process Map Diagram in Diagram Navigator, under the Business Modeling category, and select New Process Map Diagram from the popup menu.
- Select File > New Diagram > Business Modeling > Process Map Diagram from the main menu.

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Notations Representation Description Name Process A process is a part of process flow in achieving a goal. Process Order Send An event that initiate the process chain. Order Received Receive The result of process chain. Goods Delivered Process Link The flow of process.

A list of supported notations in process map diagram

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