

Visualization of Risk

Models, Methods and Tools

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What is does *risk* mean in this presentation?

Requirements for Risk Assessment Methodologies (Technical Guide, The Open Group 2009)

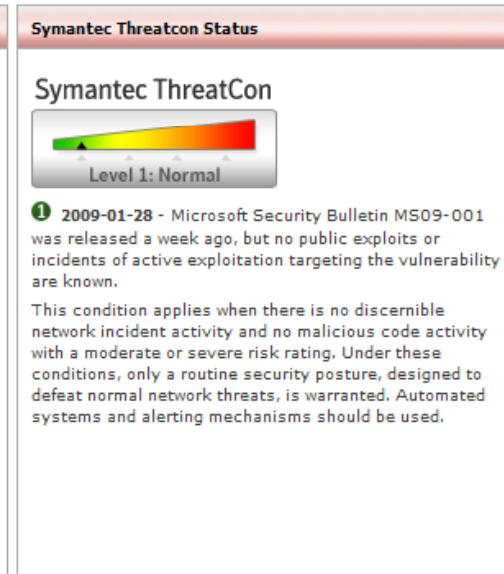
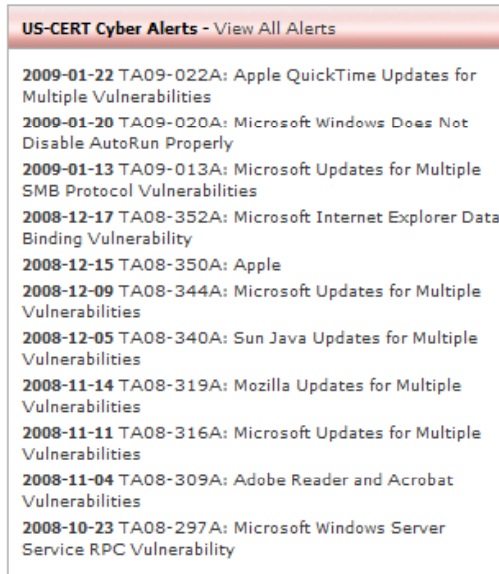
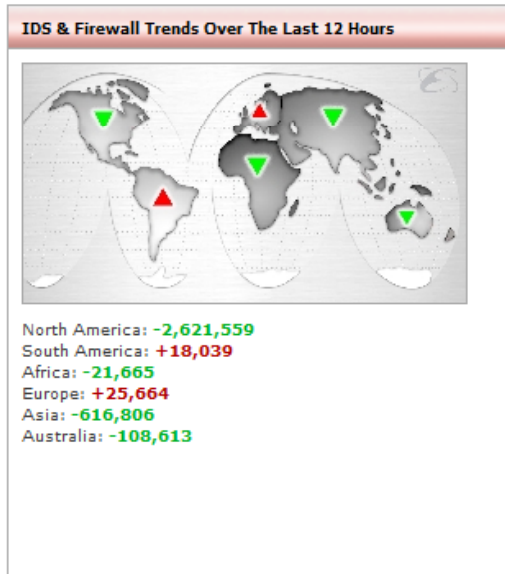
- The probable frequency and probable magnitude of future loss.

Risk Taxonomy

(Technical Standard, The Open Group 2009)

- How often bad things happen, and how bad they are when they occur.

Visualization of risk – What you are currently using

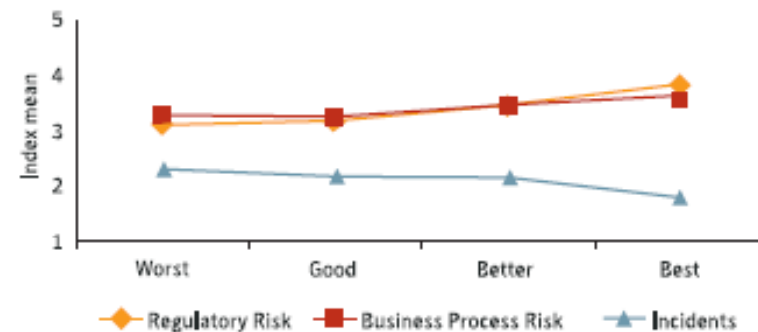


Emagined Security Dashboard: http://www.emagined.com/security_dashboard.php (2009-01-29)

Annual Productivity Loss-Poor System Performance
(in millions of US dollars)

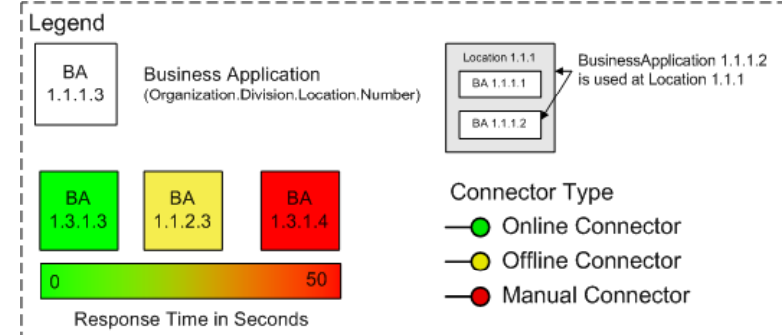
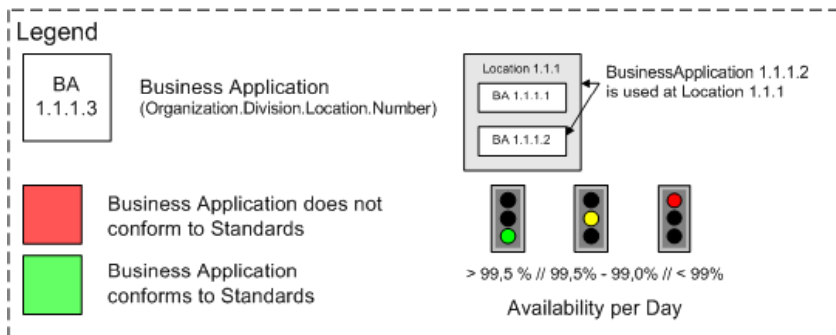
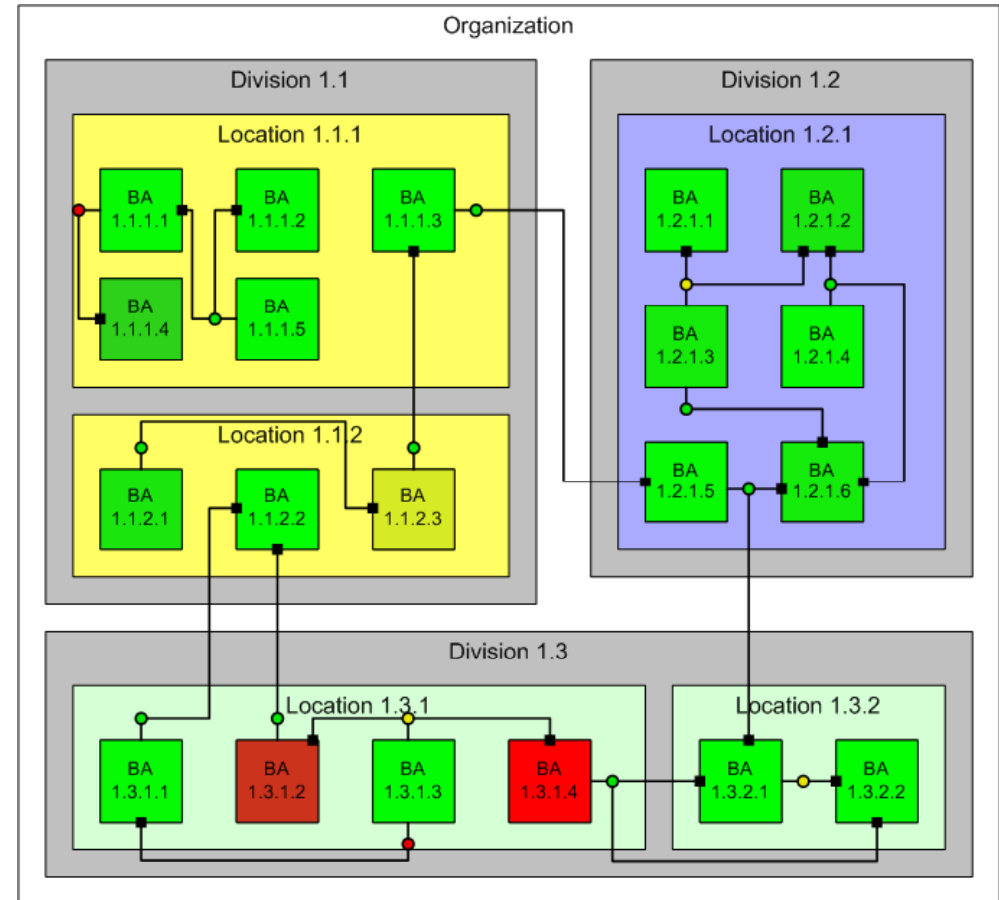
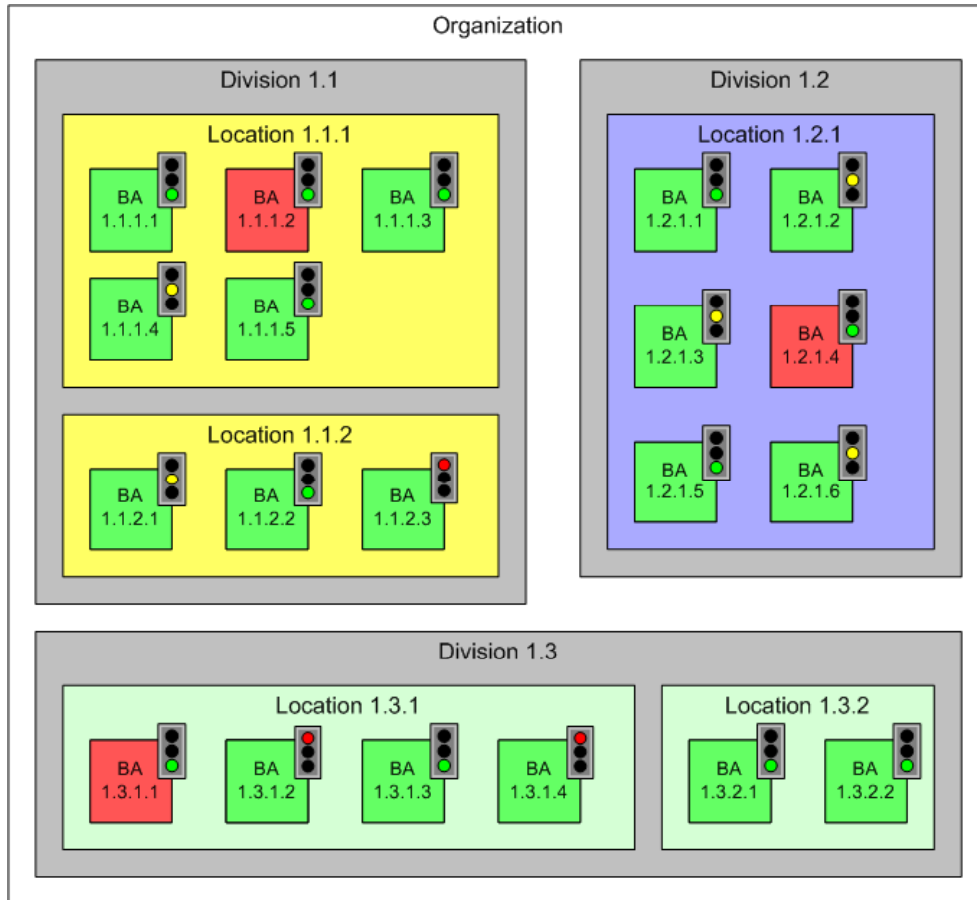
		Minutes of productivity/day		
		5	15	30
Number of employees	1,000	\$ 0.4	\$ 1.3	\$ 2.7
	5,000	\$ 2.1	\$ 6.7	\$13.3
	10,000	\$ 4.3	\$13.3	\$26.6
	20,000	\$10.6	\$33.3	\$66.5

Risk and Incidents Means by Quartile



Symantec IT Risk Management Report 2: Myths and Realities
http://eval.symantec.com/mktginfo/enterprise/other_resources/b-it_risk_management_report_2_01-2008_12818026.en-us.pdf

Visualization of risk – What you could be using



Lack of standardized viewpoints for managing the enterprise

Software Engineering: Established viewpoints for recurring and known problems

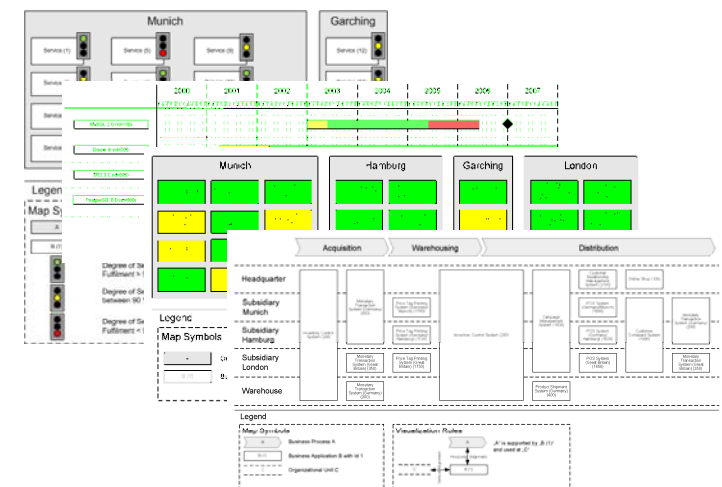
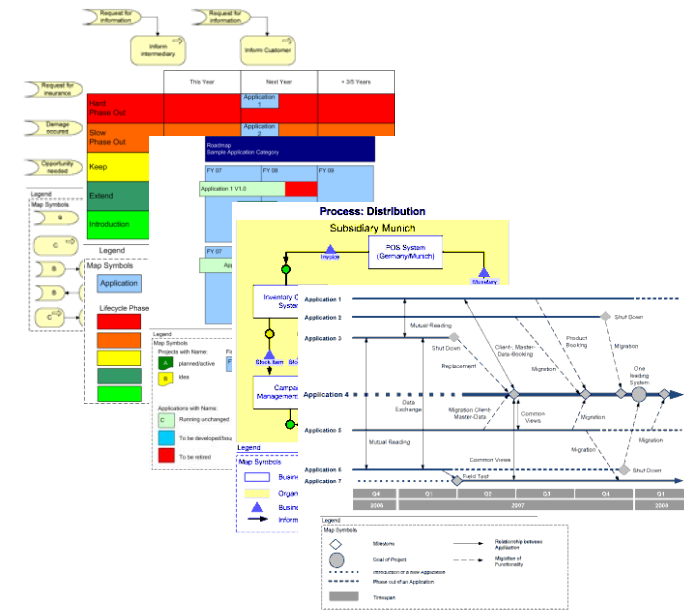
- modularity, deployment, interaction, ...

Enterprise Architectures: Emerging modeling languages and viewpoints, e.g.

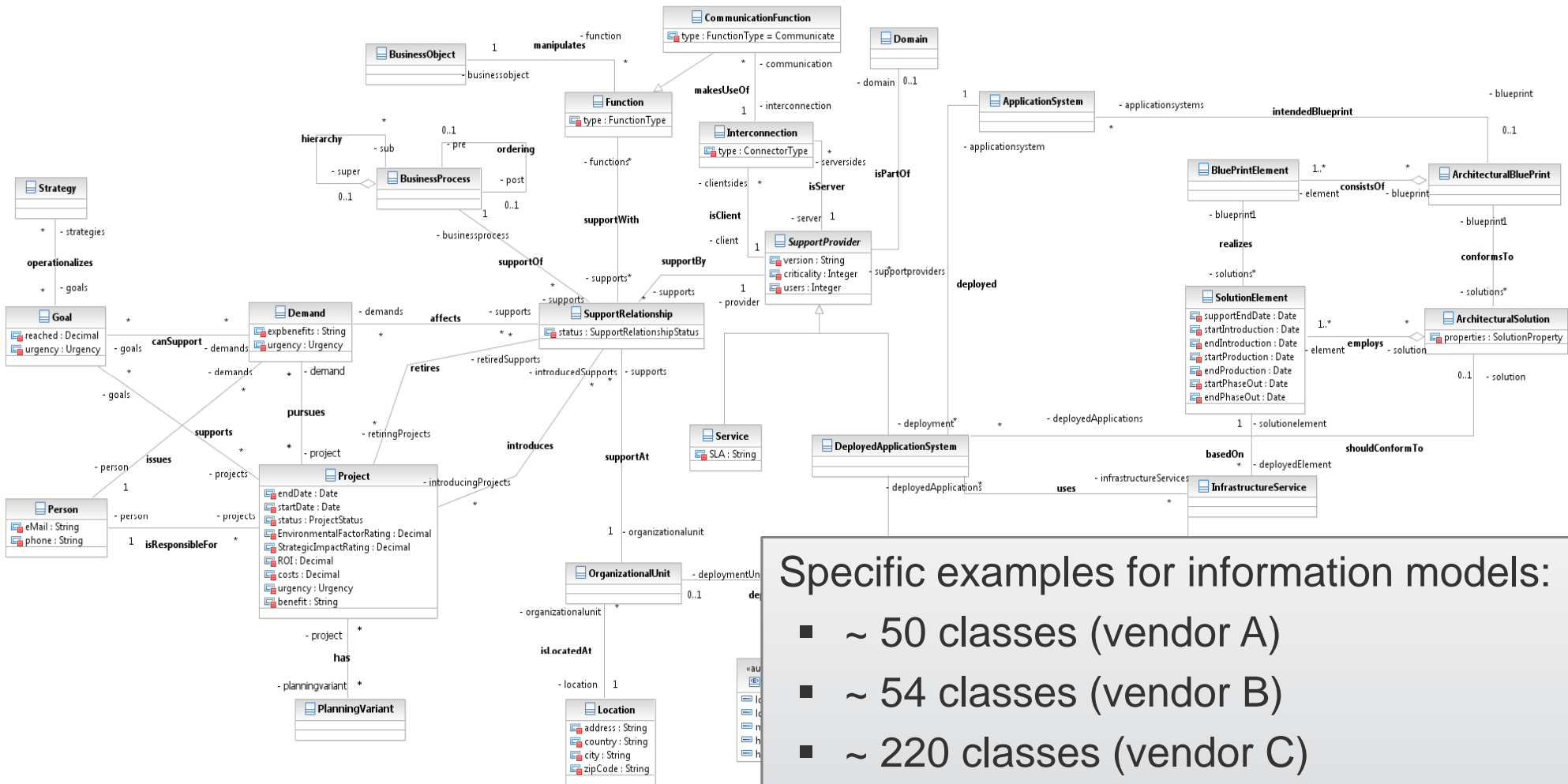
- ArchiMate (<http://www.archimate.com>)
- System Cartography (<http://www.systemcartography.info>)

Many organization-specific viewpoints:

- rarely documented
- visibility limited to a single organization



What information is needed to manage the enterprise?



- Specific examples for information models:
- ~ 50 classes (vendor A)
 - ~ 54 classes (vendor B)
 - ~ 220 classes (vendor C)
 - ~ 470 classes (vendor D)
 - At least twice as many associations
 - Numerous attributes per instance

System Cartography – Where we came from, what we achieved and what we will do

Where we came from

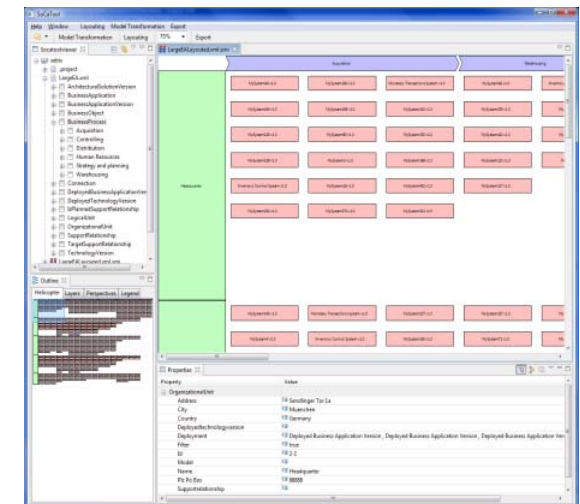
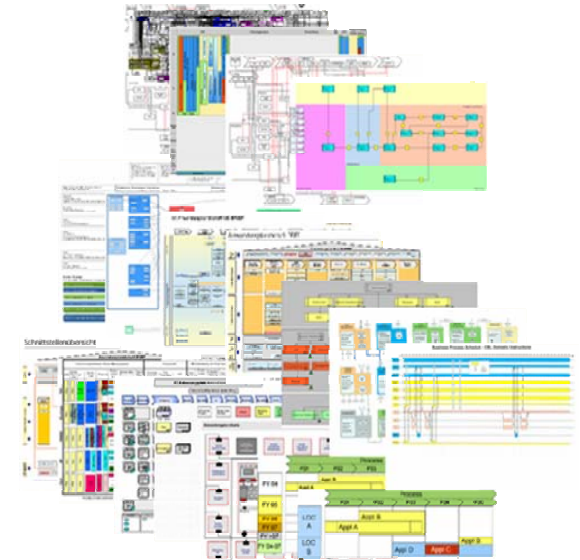
- Software Cartography develops models and methods for describing, evaluating, and constructing application landscapes.

What we achieved

- Development of the SyCaTool
- Enterprise Architecture Management Tool Survey
- Development of the EAM Pattern Catalog

What we will do

- Establish a community for EAM Patterns
 - Simulation of enterprise architectures
 - Extension of the project scope from Enterprise Architectures to *Systems of Systems*
- ➔ System Cartography



Application of System Cartography to visualize risk

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EAM patterns document proven practice solutions for recurring problems in managing the EA

An enterprise architecture management pattern (**EAM pattern**) is

- a general, reusable solution to a common problem
- in a given context
- identifies driving forces,
- known usages, and
- consequences.

An EAM pattern takes a holistic perspective:

- It addresses concerns at the enterprise (systems of systems) level.
- It considers social, technical, and economic forces in a balanced manner.
- It is discovered in working solutions rather than being invented or hoped for.
- It uses a clear, accessible, and informal language that allows practitioners to describe their knowledge and experience.

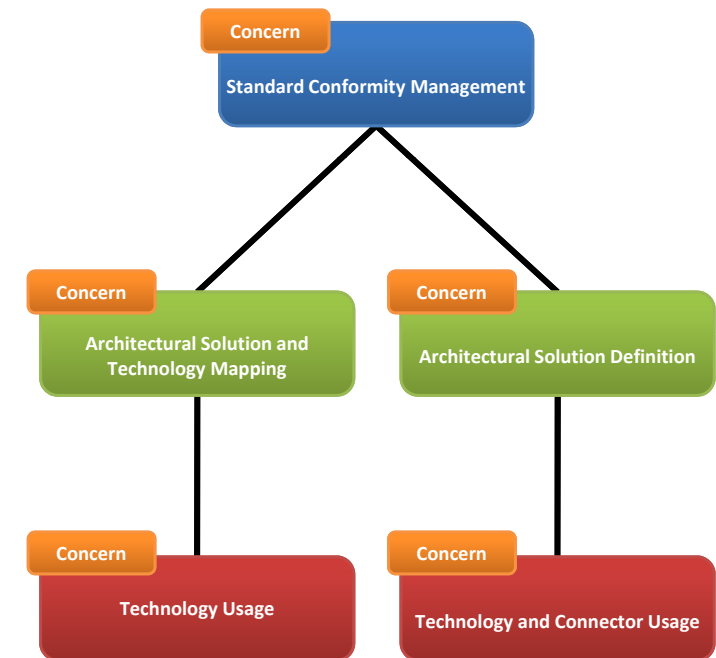
Pattern languages are a proven way to capture best practices and expert knowledge and to socialize it inside a group, department, entire company, or entire design discipline.

The EAM pattern catalog is made up of concerns, M-Patterns, V-Patterns and I-Patterns

Tailor the EAM to the specific situation (*pains*) of the enterprise and follow an incremental strategy based on **EAM patterns** representing proven practices.

Systematically document the dependencies between

- individual management concerns,
Which concern is relevant for which stakeholder?
- methodology patterns (M-Pattern),
Which activities are required to address a concern?
- viewpoint patterns (V-Pattern), and
Which viewpoints help stakeholders to collaboratively perform the activities?
- information model patterns (I-Pattern)
Which information has to be available to generate a view?



Draw attention to the consequences implied by a pattern (labor, required information, *political* resistance, ...)

Exemplary EAM Pattern for Standard Conformity Management – Standard Conformity Exception

5.5 Standard Conformity Exceptions

V-Pattern Overview	
Name	Standard Conformity Exceptions
Id	V-67
Alias	
Summary	This V-Pattern shows, which business applications conform to architectural standards, and where exceptions from these standards are allowed. This information is combined with information about relationships between business applications and organizational units.
Version	2.0

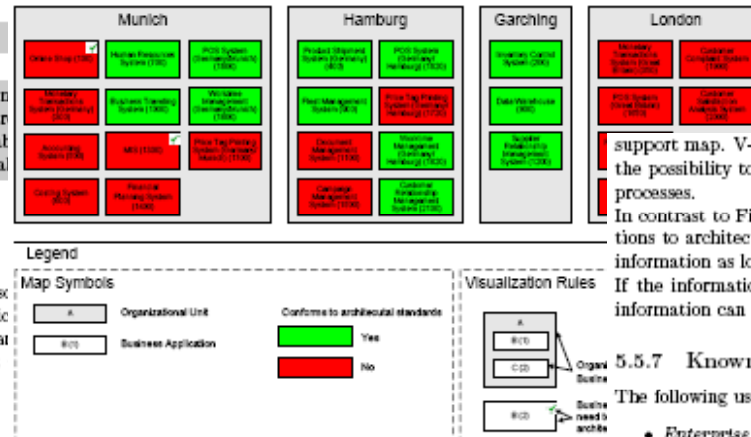


Figure 5.5: Exemplary view for V-Pattern Standard Conformity

5.5.1 Example

SoCaStore is using the concept of architectural blueprints and architectural standards now, but the effects of this concept, like standardization of the application landscape, have not yet been analyzed. To conduct such analyses visualizations are not only showing the standard conformity of the application landscape, but also exceptions.

5.5.2 Context

Analyzing the standard conformity of business applications is a difficult task if the application landscape exceeds a certain size, usually this happens if more than 100 business applications have to be considered. It gets even worse, if exceptions to defined standards are considered. How can you visualize this in a summarily way?

5.5.3 Problem Section

You want to reduce costs by increasing the degree of standardization of the application landscape. To achieve this you first have to get an overview about the application landscape and its current status concerning the standardization. Before you can begin with the standardization of business applications, you also have to consider existing allowed exceptions. How do you visualize an overview about the application landscape and also include information about allowed exceptions?

The following forces influence the solution:

- You want to get an overview about allowed exceptions to architectural standards.
- You want to identify organizational units where there is no information about the standardization of business applications.
- You want to find organizational units with an exceptionally high amount of non-standardized business applications.

5.5.4 Solution Section

This V-Pattern uses the same concept, a cluster map as its base, as the V-Pattern *Business Application Cluster Map* (see page 23), resulting in the semantics that can be used in this V-Pattern. In this case a layer is added showing, which business applications conform to architectural standards. Exceptions from these standards are tolerated. Figure 5.5 shows this on an exemplar based on the hosting relationship between business applications and organizational units. Conformance to architectural standards is visualized by colors, exceptions are marked by a checkmark.

5.5.5 Implementation

The information about the type of change that has to be done on the application landscape should be visualized on a different layer than the relationship between business applications and organizational units to be able to profit from the layering principle.

5.5.6 Variants

As already mentioned in the solution section different semantics for the V-Pattern exist. Each of them can be a variant of this V-Pattern. See V-Pattern *Organizational Unit Business Application Cluster Map* (see page 23) for more information.

Additionally the information, which business applications are affected by exceptions, can be visualized on a different software map type, like a Cartesian map, in a

support map. V-Pattern *Process Support Map* (see page 105 in [BELM08]) additionally offers the possibility to analyze the standardization of business applications in respect to business processes.

In contrast to Figure 5.5 it would also be possible to visualize the information where exceptions to architectural standards on an additional layer. This offers the possibility to hide this information as long as it is not needed, leading to an easier to interpret view.

If the information about exceptions is not important for analyzes within a company this information can and should be omitted.

5.5.7 Known Uses

The following uses are known:

- Enterprise Architecture Management Tool Survey 2008 / SoCaStore (sebis)

Views according to this V-Pattern can automatically be created, e.g. using the following EA management tools

- planningIT (alfabet AG)
- SoCaTool (sebis)

5.5.8 Consequence Section

When documenting and visualizing the information that an exception to an architectural standard is tolerated it should also be documented why the exception is tolerated, e.g. in a separate document, in order to support additional analysis and next steps. This can be a beneficiary for further analysis and next steps, but also includes the disadvantage that the required information has to be collected and has to be maintained.

If the information about allowed exceptions to architectural standards is not of importance it should not be visualized, resulting in a reduced amount of information that has to be collected to be able to create the visualization.

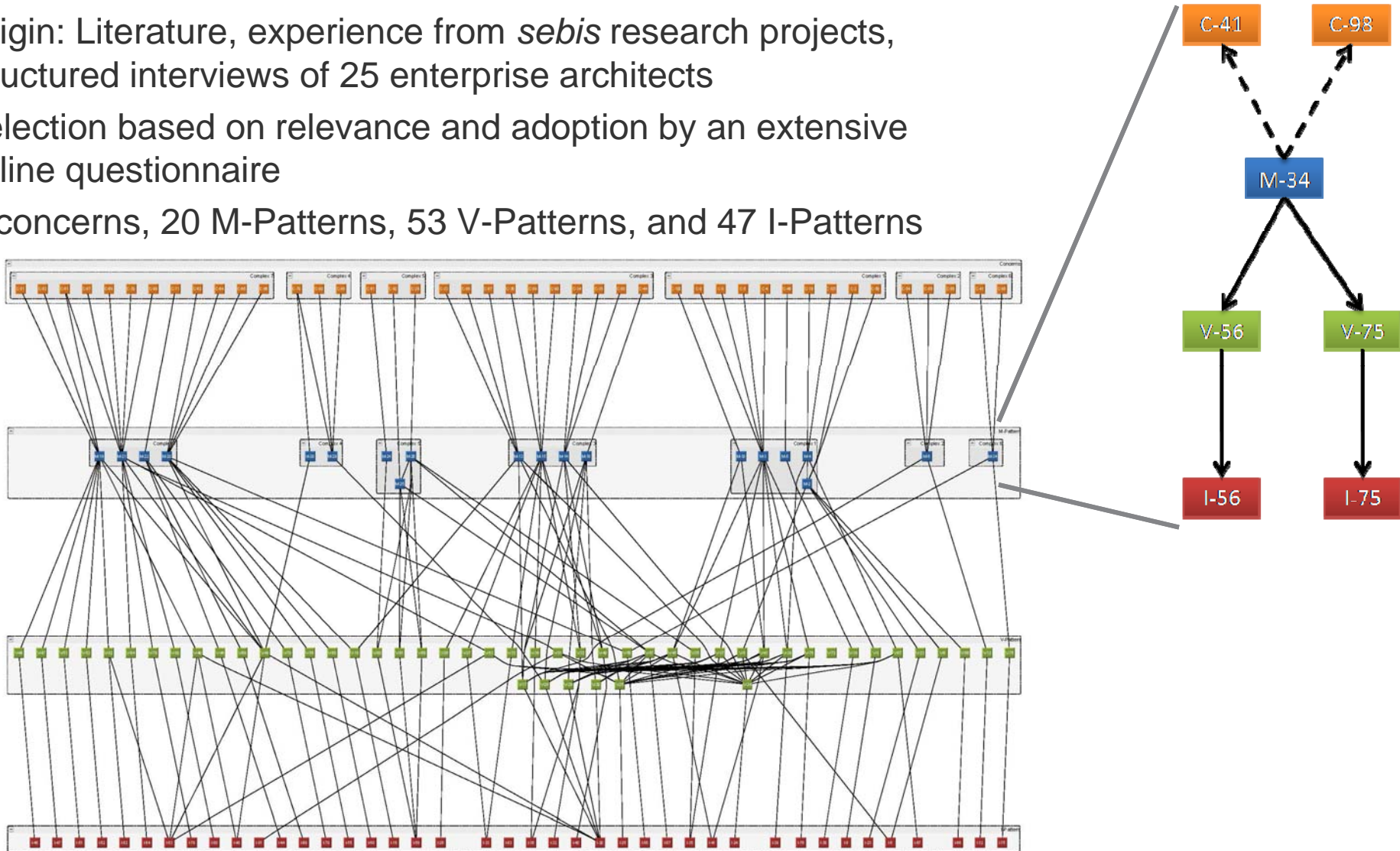
A benefit of this V-Pattern is that organizational units, or business processes in case a process support map is used, with a high number of business applications not conforming to architectural standards can easily be found and the additionally included information about the allowed exceptions makes it easy to find the business applications where you should start to increase the standardization.

5.5.9 See Also

Creating views based on this V-Pattern requires to collect information according to I-Pattern *Architectural Solution Conformance* (see page 43) to visualize, which business applications do, or do not conform to architectural standards, together with the information where exceptions are tolerated. Additionally, information about the relationships between the business applications and the organizational units can be gained by I-Pattern *Business Application and Organizational Unit Relationship* (see page 39) or its alternatives.

Overview about EAM patterns and how they are linked

- Origin: Literature, experience from *sebis* research projects, structured interviews of 25 enterprise architects
 - Selection based on relevance and adoption by an extensive online questionnaire
- ➔ 43 concerns, 20 M-Patterns, 53 V-Patterns, and 47 I-Patterns



<http://www.systemcartography.info/eampc-wiki>

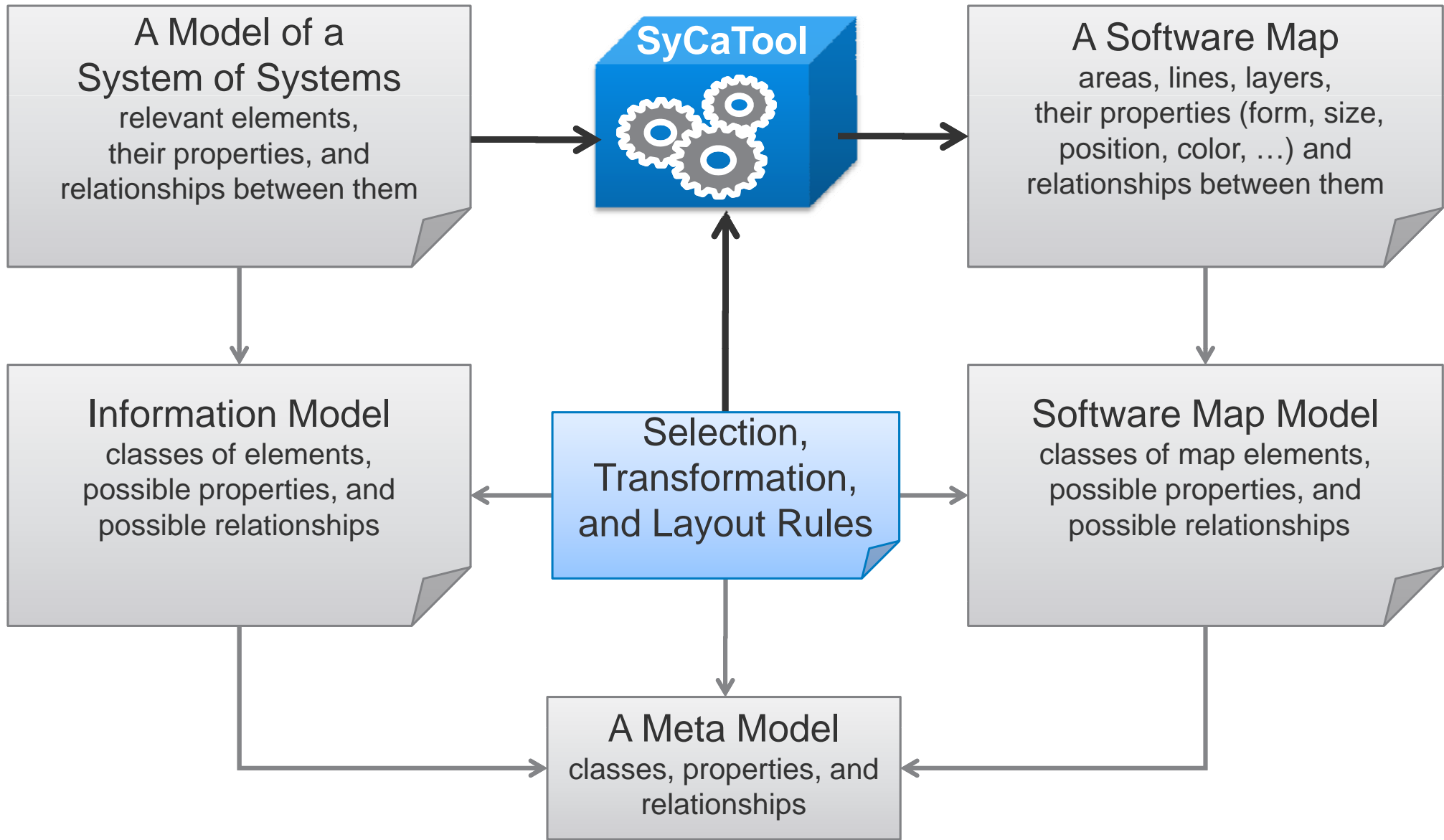
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Motivation for generating views for risk management

Reasons for generating views for risk management

- Different stakeholder have different concerns
 - Causes of risk change fast (real-time)
 - Obsolete before published
 - Information is not available timely
 - Inconsistent visualizations based on inconsistent data
 - Manual creation of views
 - is error prone and
 - requires high effort
- View generation for risk management
- must be stakeholder oriented
 - address concerns relevant to these stakeholders
 - needs to support multiple views of abstraction
 - needs to reuse existing information in repositories
 - try to find inconsistencies between different sources
 - has to be timely

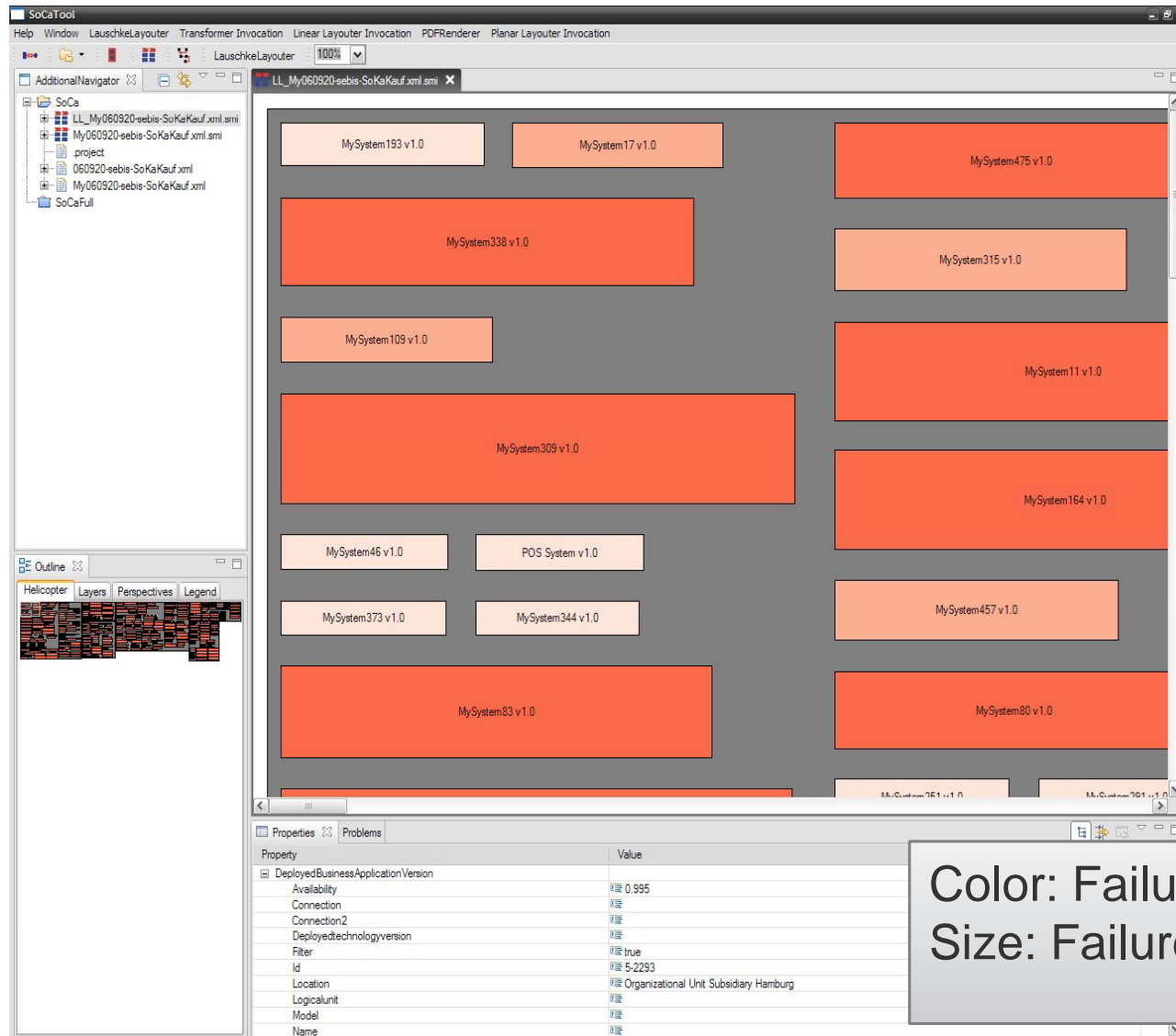
SyCaTool creates visualizations based on customizable layout rules



A → B A based on B

A → B Data flow from A to B

Screenshot SyCaTool rich client: Cluster map with two metrics

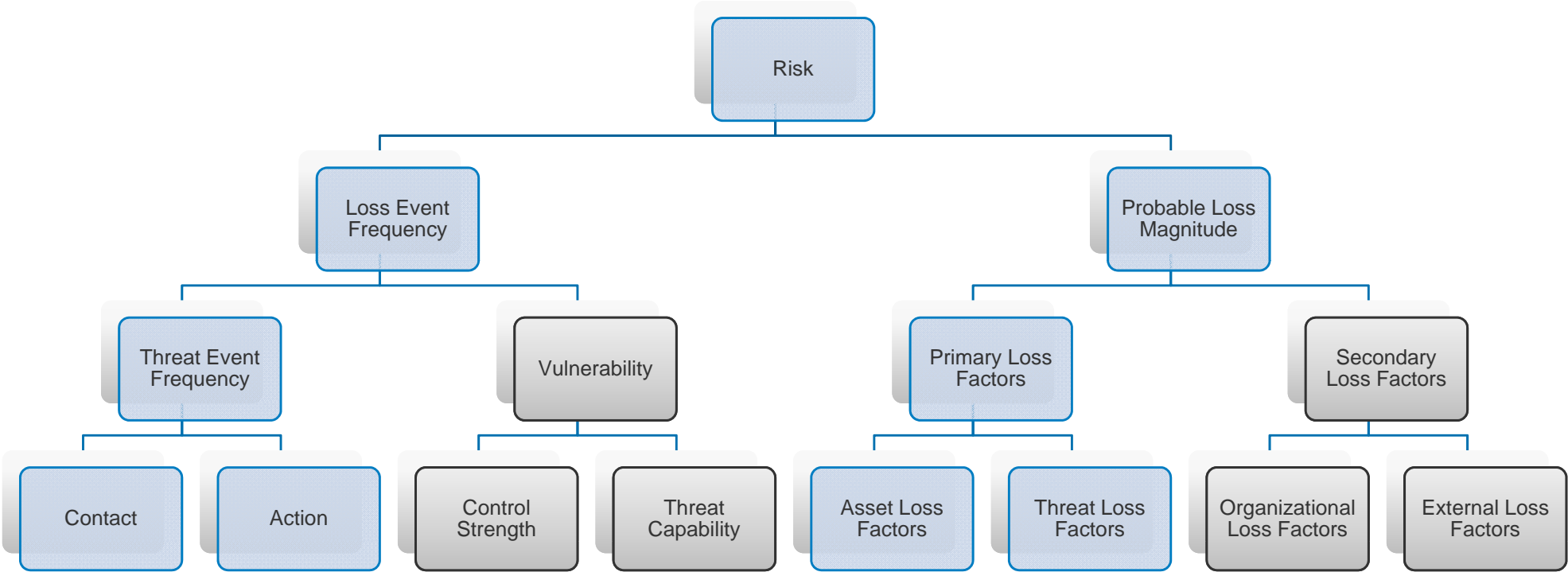




Color: Failure Probability
Size: Failure Propagation

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Modeling risks using the Open Group FAIR risk taxonomy



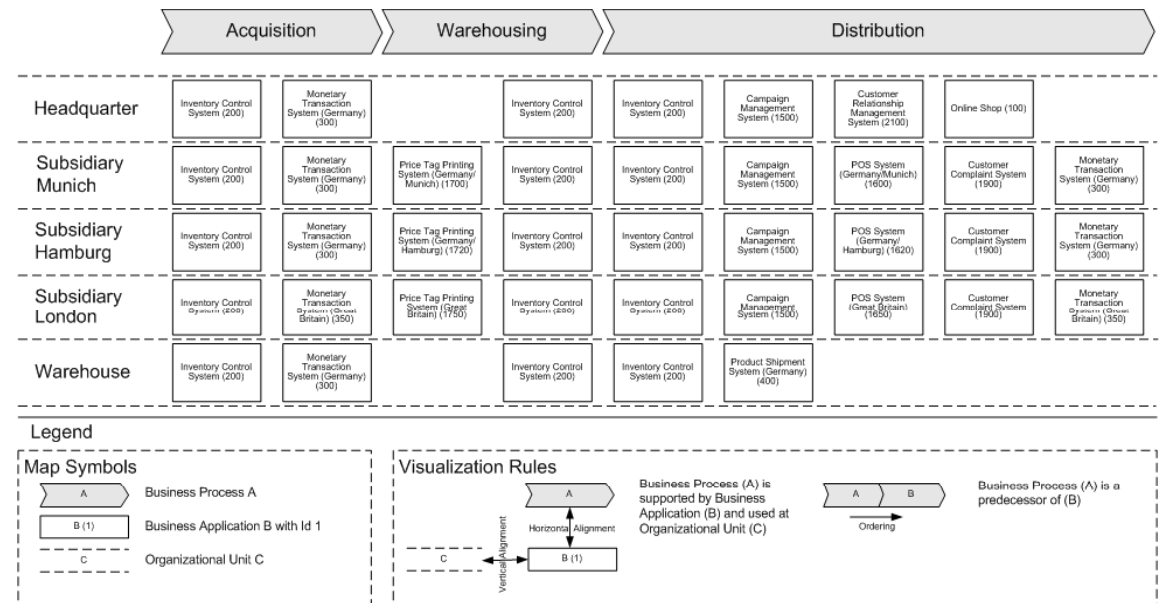
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Using a *Process Support Map* as a base map for visualizing risk

Two-dimensional space

- **X-Axis** for business processes
 - layer 0 to 3
 - linear process
 - viewed as a value chain

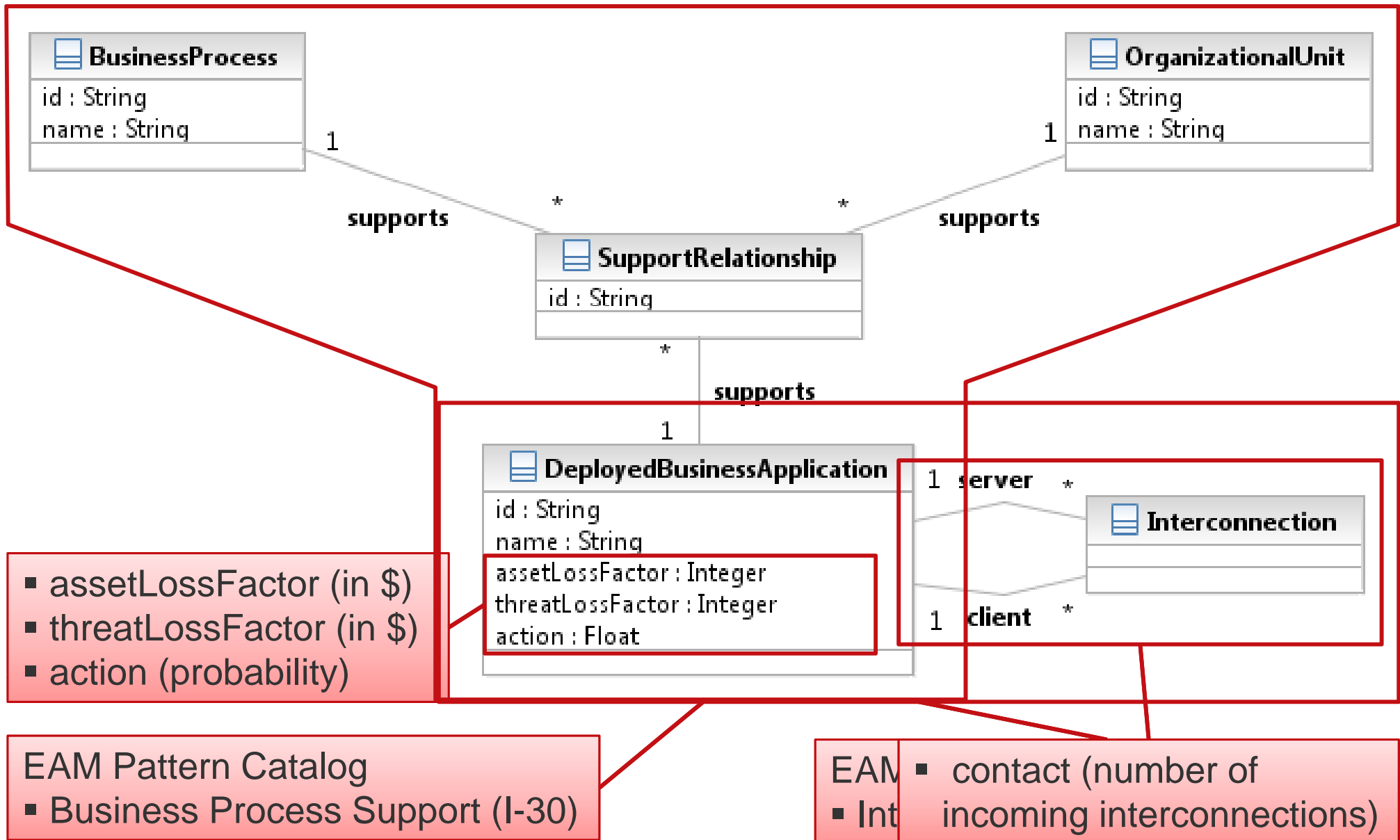
- **Y-Axis** for
 - organizational units
 - plants
 - target markets
 - products
 - ...



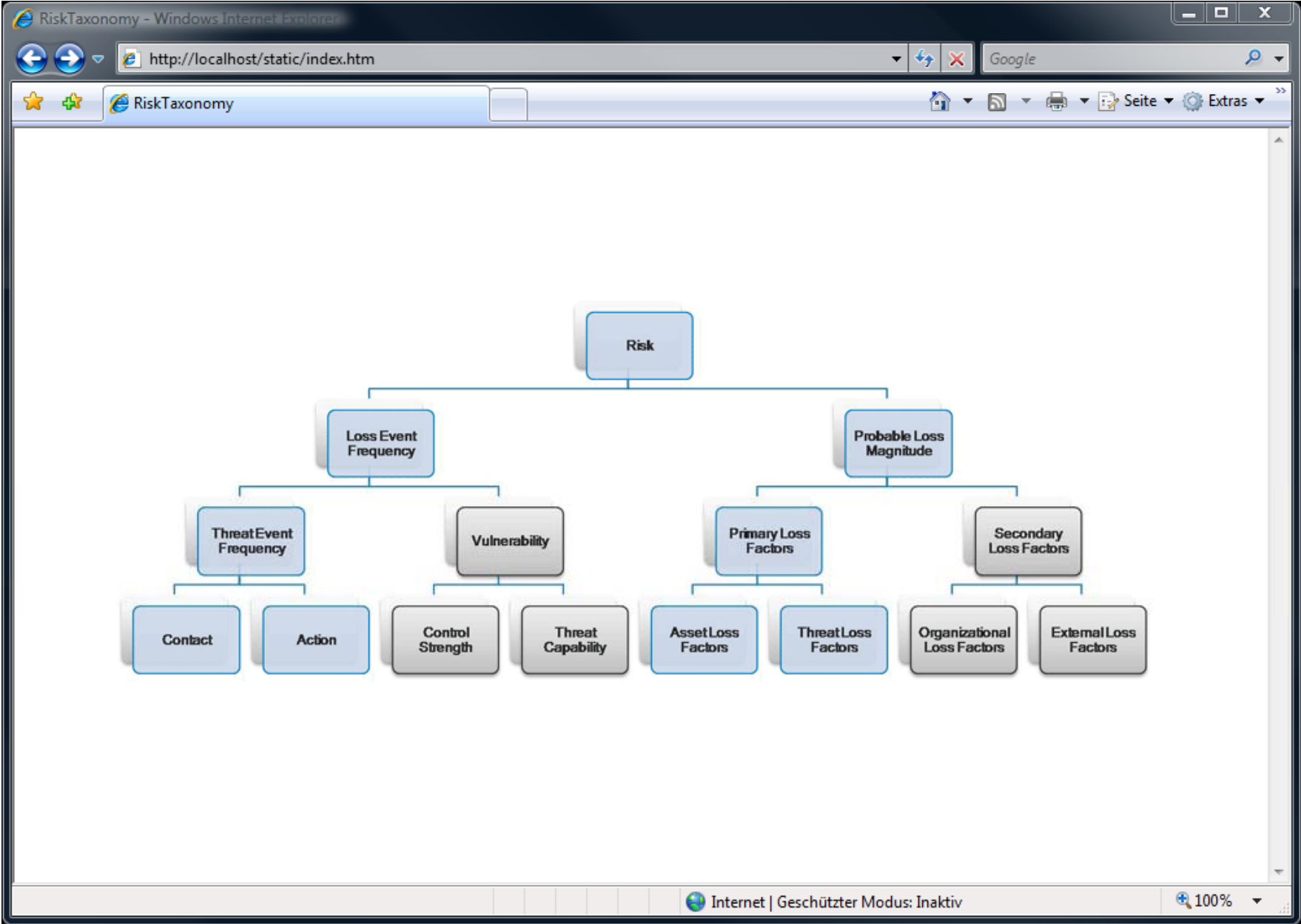
Useful for e.g. risk analysis, benchmarks, consolidation projects, etc.

Process Support Map (V-Pattern V-17) is part of the EAM pattern catalog

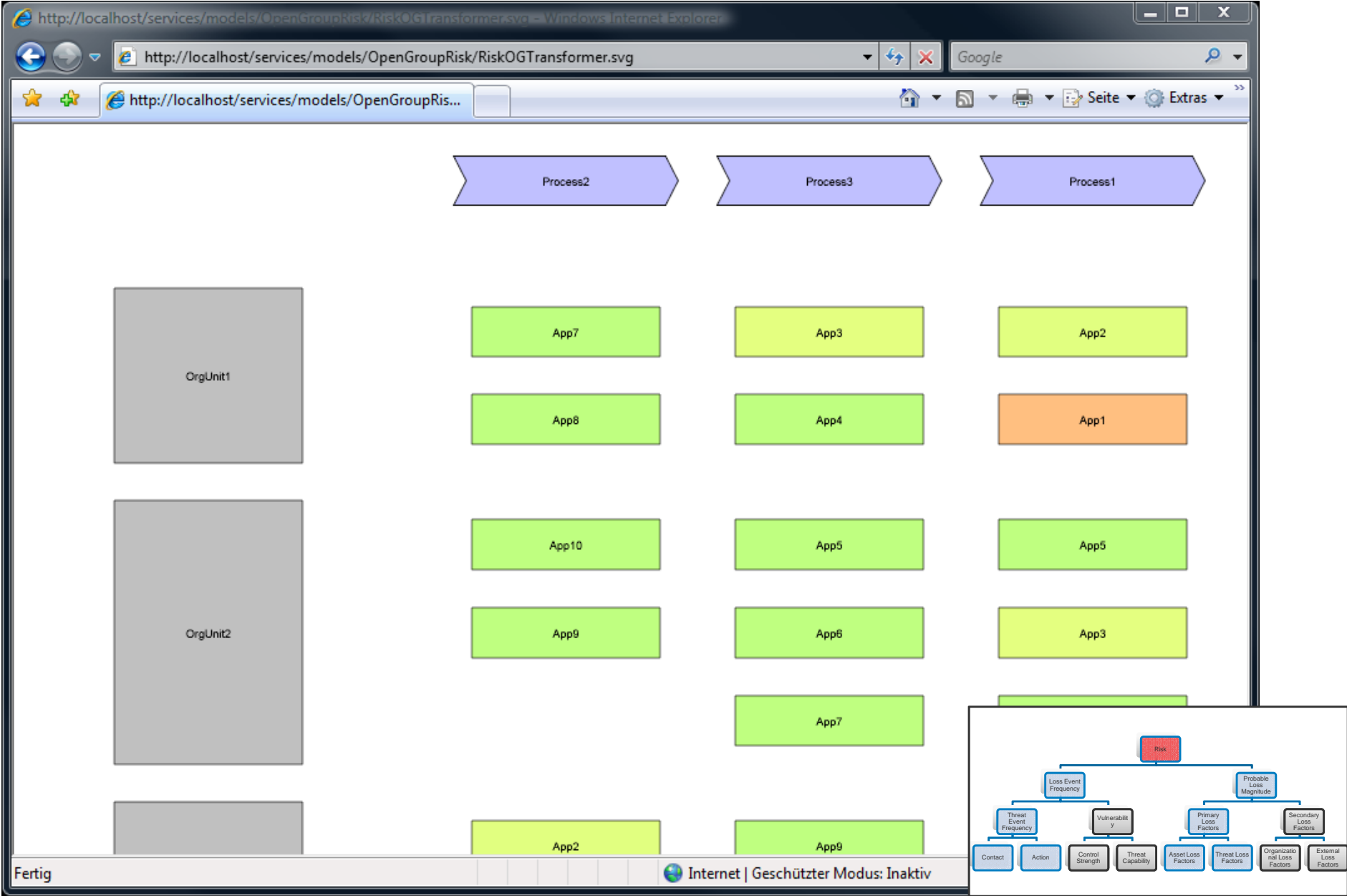
Information model used in demonstration of view generation for risk management



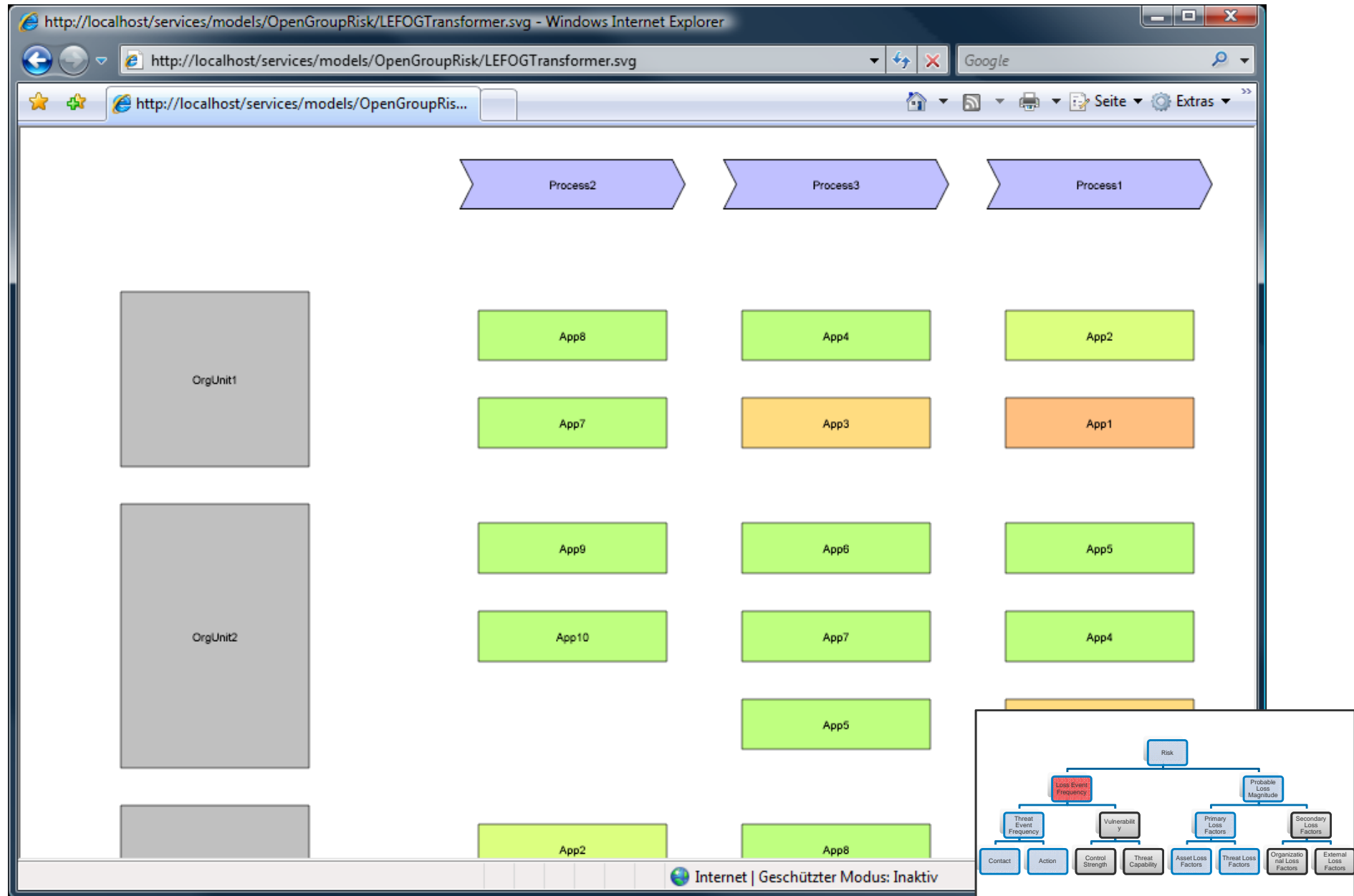
FAIR risk taxonomy – SyCaTool demo



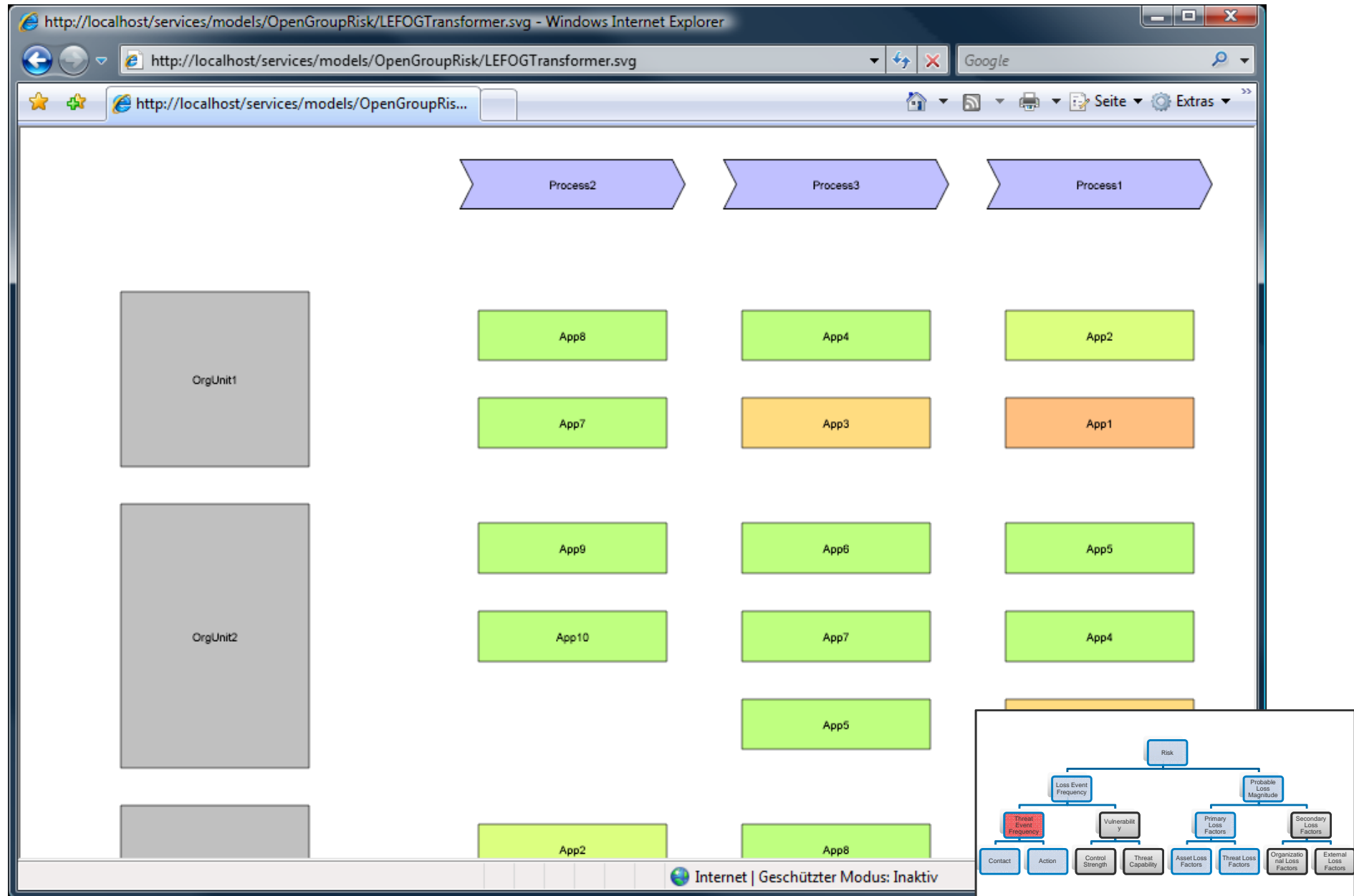
Visualizing *Risk* for applications in respect to organizational units and processes



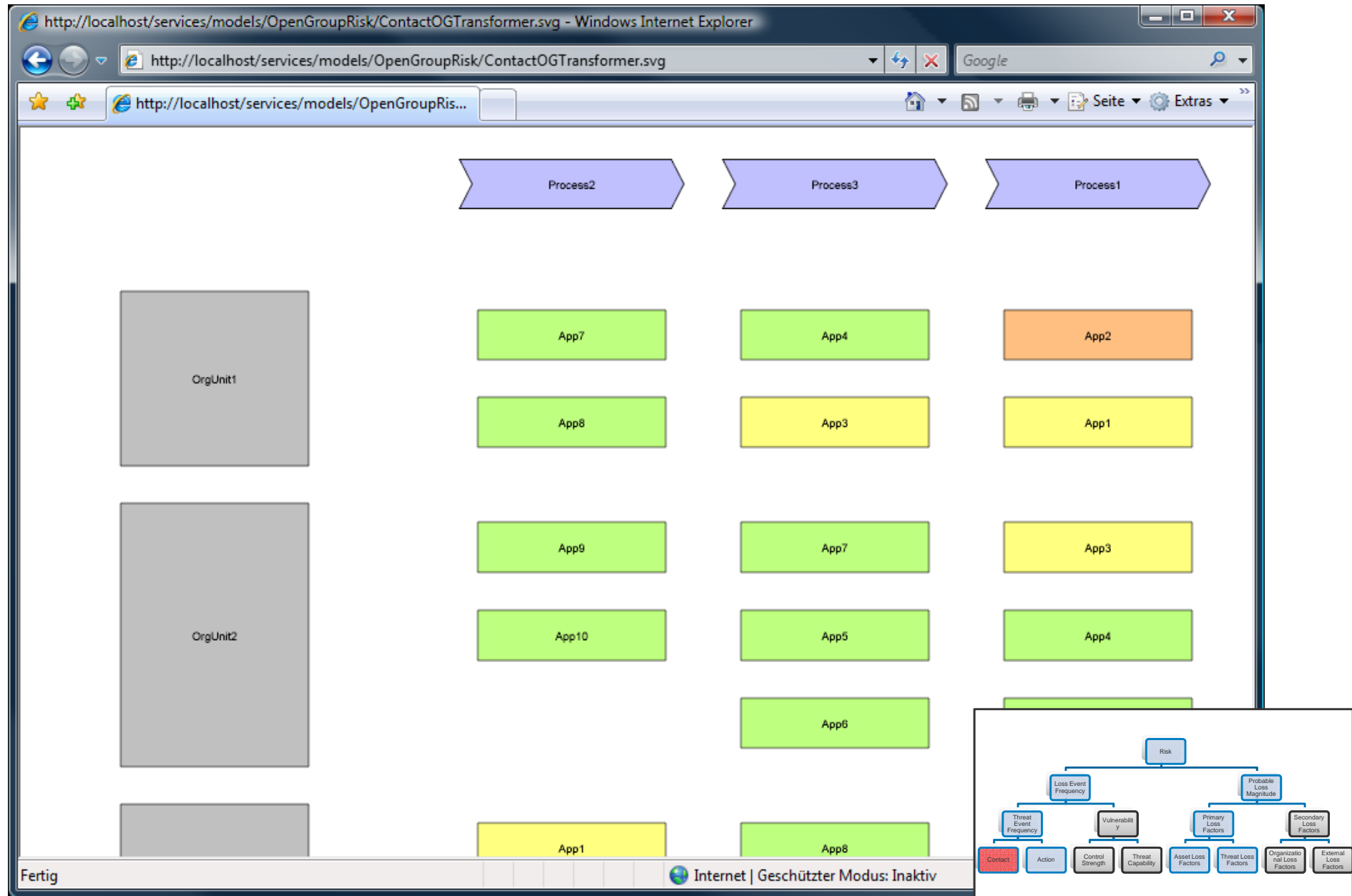
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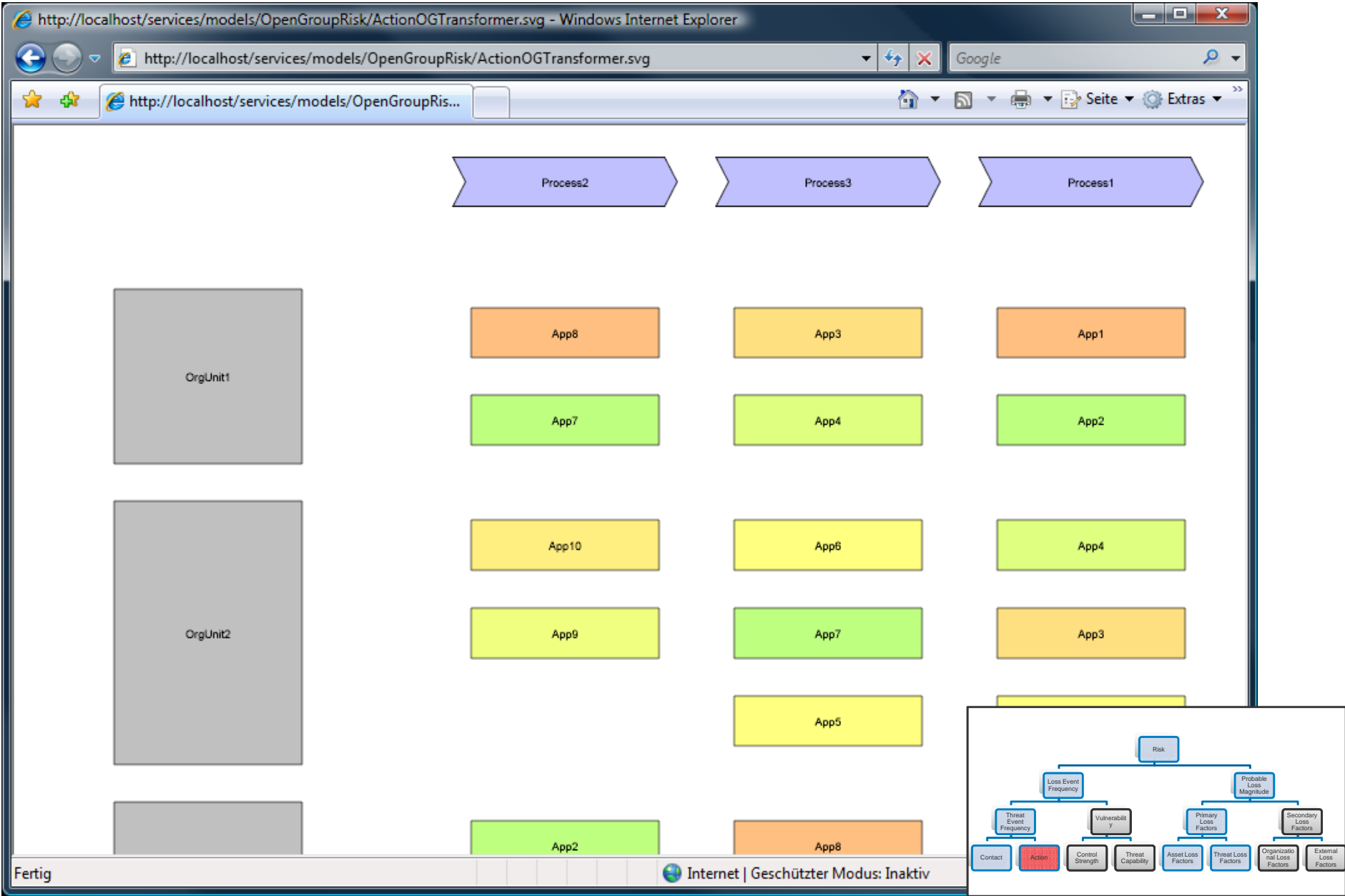
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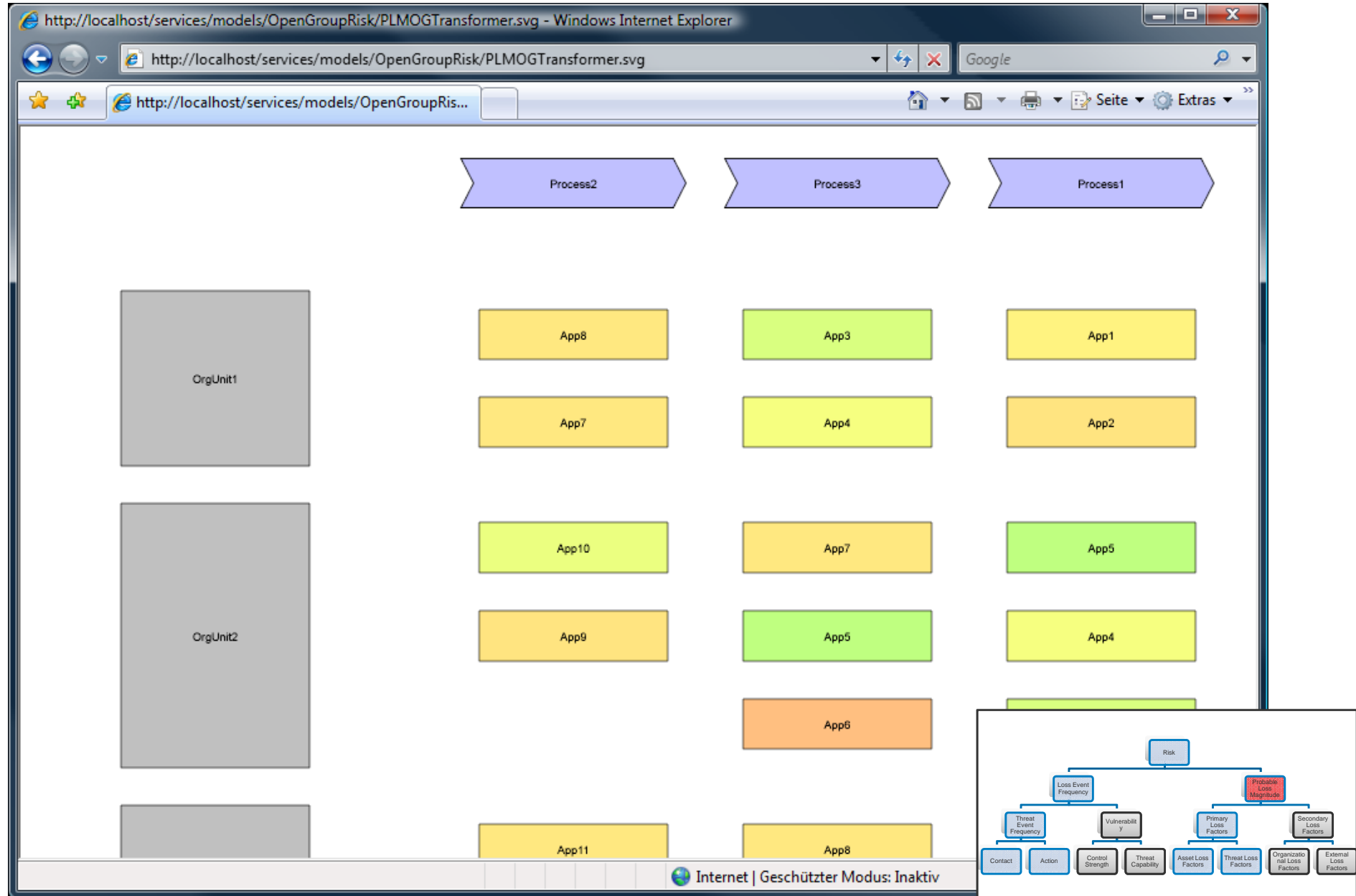
Visualizing *Contact* for applications in respect to organizational units and processes



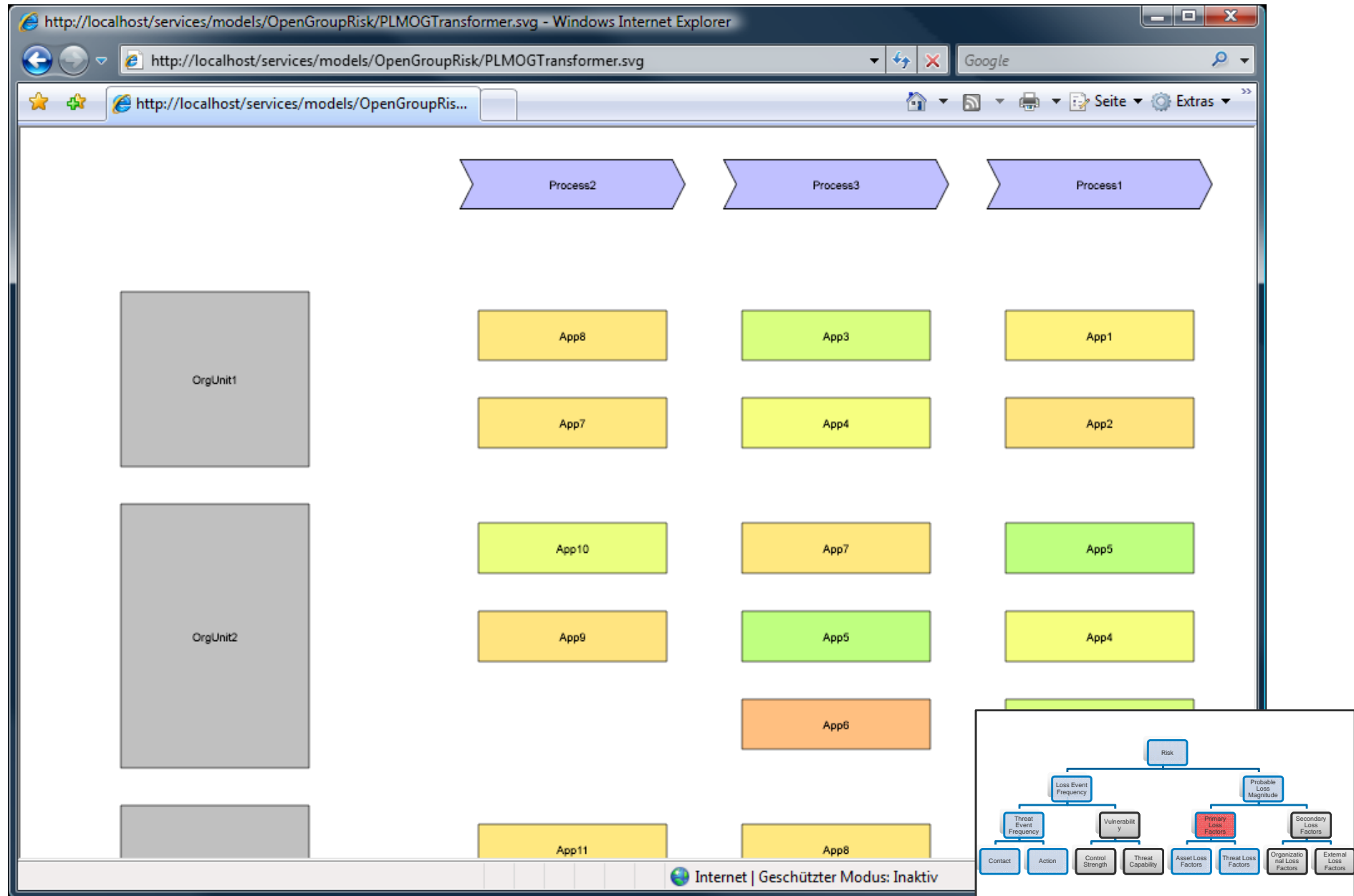
Visualizing *Action* for applications in respect to organizational units and processes



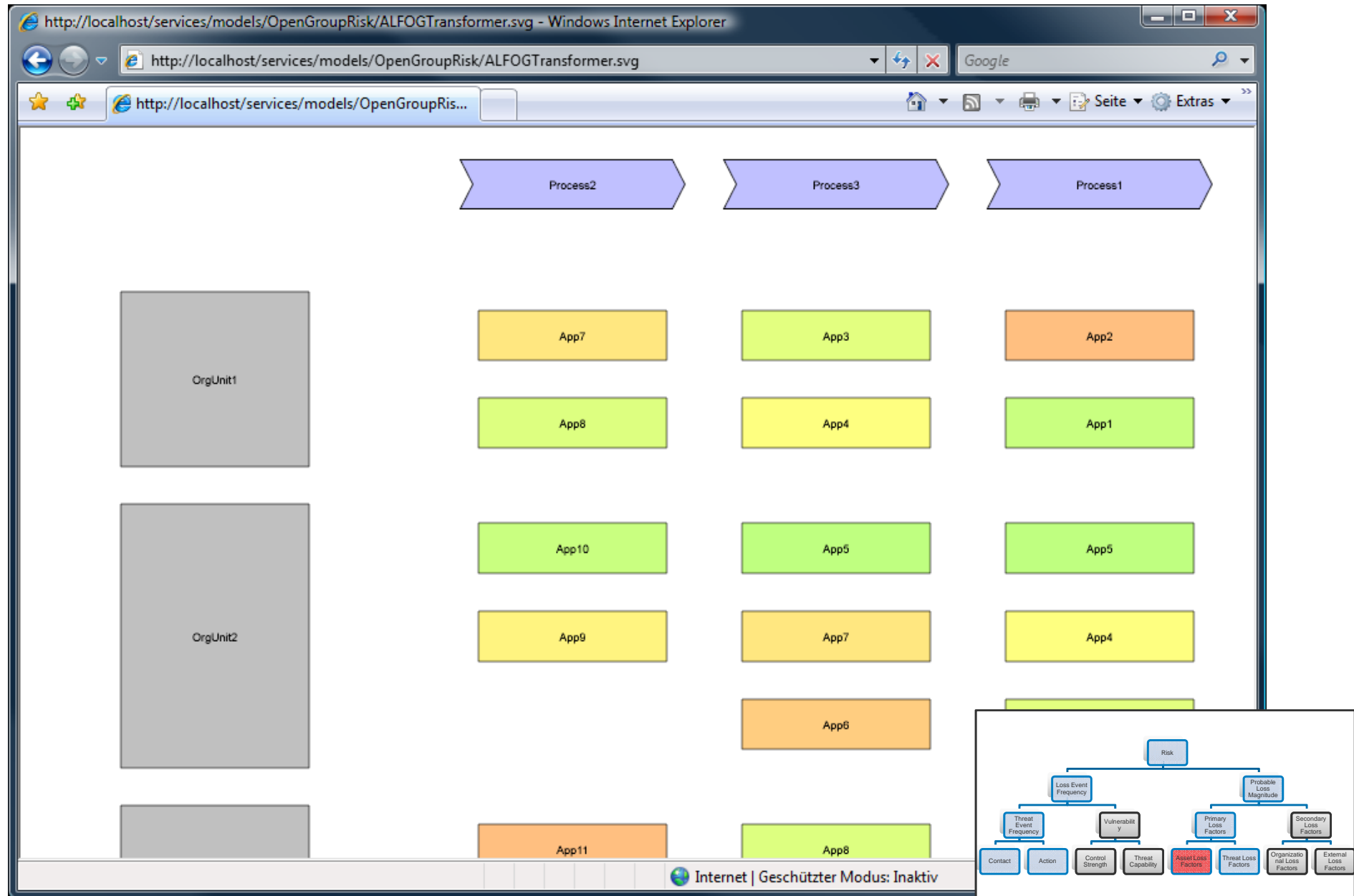
Visualizing *Probable Loss Magnitude* for applications in respect to organizational units and processes



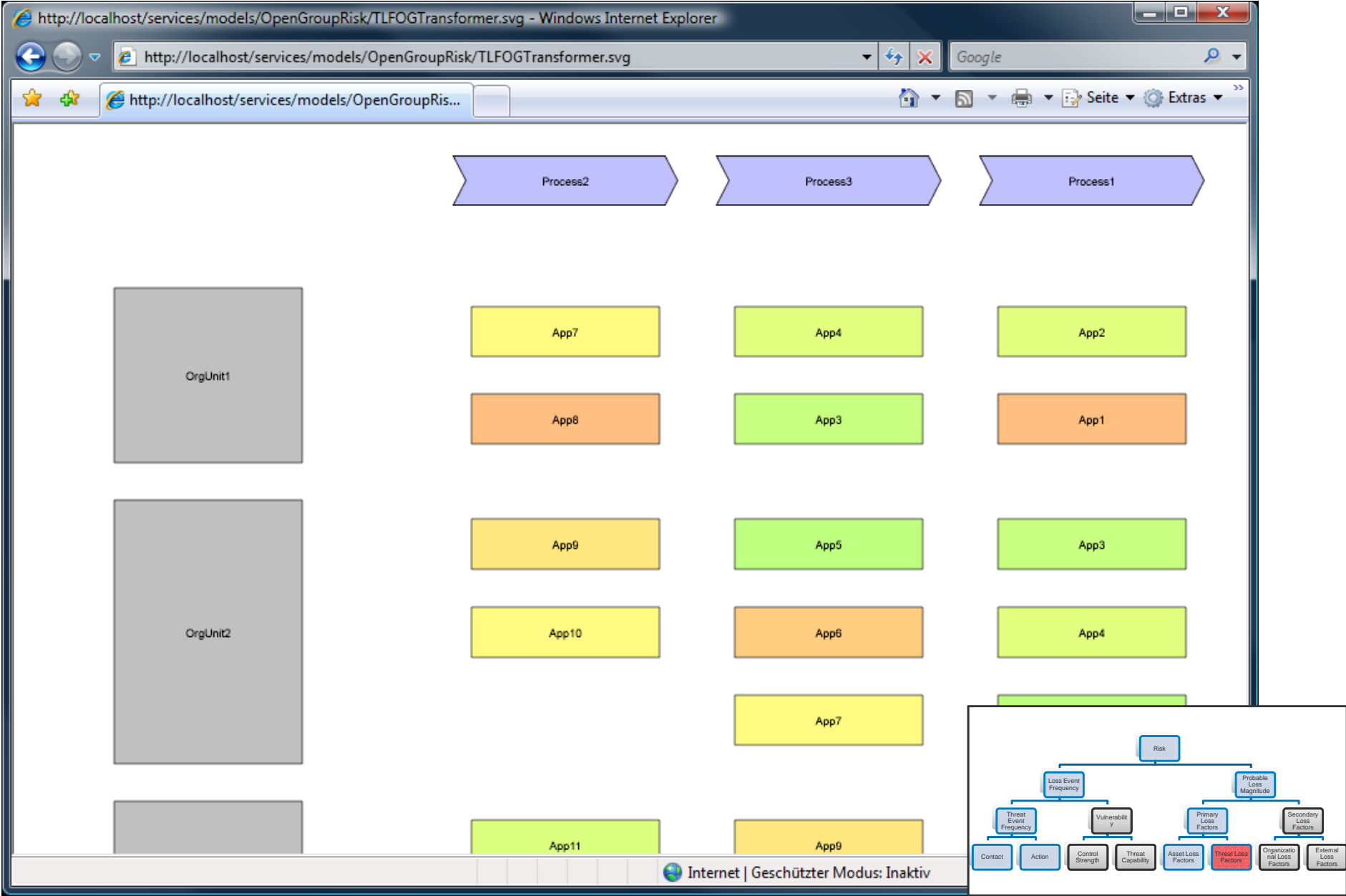
Visualizing *Primary Loss Factors* for applications in respect to organizational units and processes



Visualizing *Asset Loss Factors* for applications in respect to organizational units and processes



Visualizing *Thread Loss Factors* for applications in respect to organizational units and processes



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Results of System Cartography project can be used to improve risk analysis described by FAIR risk taxonomy

- SyCaTool generates
 - customized visualizations and
 - supports multiple Stakeholder-oriented abstractions
 - Prototypic implementation showed the potential for visualizing risks
- EAM patterns are a promising approach to capture, disseminate, and apply EAM knowledge
 - Utilization on risk management showed the same benefits
- SyCaTool and EAM patterns should be used to further advance risk management practice

→ We are looking for people to support us extending the EAM Pattern Catalog concerning risk management

Thank you for your attention!



More information about

- System Cartography www.systemcartography.info
- EAM Pattern Catalog www.systemcartography.info/eampc-wiki
- SyCaTool www.systemcartography.info/sycatool

Backup

- assetLossFactor (in \$)
- threatLossFactor (in \$)
- contact (numer of incomming interconnections)
- action (probability)
- organizationalLossFactor (in \$)
- externalLossFactor (in \$)
- controlStrength
- threatCapability

Business Application – Derived Attributes

- $\text{primaryLossFactor (in \$)} = \text{assetLossFactor} + \text{threatLossFactor}$
- $\text{secondaryLossFactor (in \$)} = \text{organizationalLossFactor} + \text{externalLossFactor}$
- $\text{probableLossMagnitude (in \$)} = \text{primaryLossFactor} + \text{secondaryLossFactor}$
- $\text{contact (count)} = \text{number of interconnections associated to the BA}$
- $\text{threatEventFrequency (weighted count)} = \text{contact} * \text{action}$
- $\text{vulnerability} = \text{controlStrength and threatCapability}$
- $\text{lossEventFrequency (weighted count)} = \text{threatEventFrequency} * \text{vulnerability}$
- $\text{risk (\$ per time)} = \text{lossEventFrequency} * \text{probableLossMagnitude}$