

Viewpoint

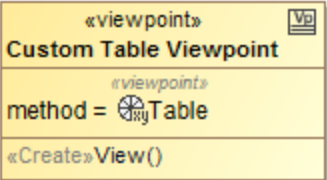
A Viewpoint is a specification of the conventions and rules for constructing and using a view for the purpose of addressing a set of stakeholder concerns. The languages and methods for specifying a View can reference methods and languages in another Viewpoint. They specify the elements expected to be represented in the view that may be formally or informally defined.



A Viewpoint has a Method property which describes the expectation of what stakeholder(s) wish to see exposed from the model, how the stakeholder wishes the information to be structured and presented, and in what kind of artifact the stakeholder wants to consume the information. It is the set of rules that describe how the view should express the information from the model to address the stakeholder concerns. The methods are used to construct the Views for the Viewpoint.

You can use these predefined Viewpoints with a Method property defined:

Predefined Viewpoint	Definition	Example
Simple Paragraph	A simple paragraph is a text fragment without a title and indented in the first row.	The diagram shows a yellow rectangular box representing a viewpoint. At the top left, it contains the text «viewpoint». To its right is a small icon of a document with the letters 'Vp' on it. Below these, the text 'Simple Paragraph Viewpoint' is centered. Below that, the text «viewpoint» is centered. Below that, the text 'method = Simple Paragraph' is displayed, with a small circular icon containing a crosshair to the left of the word 'Simple'. At the bottom of the box, the text «Create»View() is displayed.
Formal Paragraph	The formal paragraph is a text fragment with a title. The first line of the formal paragraph text is indented.	The diagram shows a yellow rectangular box representing a viewpoint. At the top left, it contains the text «viewpoint». To its right is a small icon of a document with the letters 'Vp' on it. Below these, the text 'Formal Paragraph Viewpoint' is centered. Below that, the text «viewpoint» is centered. Below that, the text 'method = Formal Paragraph' is displayed, with a small circular icon containing a crosshair to the left of the word 'Formal'. At the bottom of the box, the text «Create»View() is displayed.
Ordinary Paragraph	An ordinary paragraph is an itemized list. A new item in the itemized list is created from each exposed element.	The diagram shows a yellow rectangular box representing a viewpoint. At the top left, it contains the text «viewpoint». To its right is a small icon of a document with the letters 'Vp' on it. Below these, the text 'Ordinary Paragraph Viewpoint' is centered. Below that, the text «viewpoint» is centered. Below that, the text 'method = Ordinary Paragraph' is displayed, with a small circular icon containing a crosshair to the left of the word 'Ordinary'. At the bottom of the box, the text «Create»View() is displayed.
Figure	The figure viewpoint allows constructing a viewpoint that specifies how an image object should be included into the view. The image object is constructed from the diagram shape that is exposed by the view.	The diagram shows a yellow rectangular box representing a viewpoint. At the top left, it contains the text «viewpoint». To its right is a small icon of a document with the letters 'Vp' on it. Below these, the text 'Custom Figure Viewpoint' is centered. Below that, the text «viewpoint» is centered. Below that, the text 'method = Figure' is displayed, with a small circular icon containing a crosshair to the left of the word 'Figure'. At the bottom of the box, the text «Create»View() is displayed.

Table	The viewpoint that uses the predefined Table method implementation is used to produce a table view in our constructed report. The table can be constructed in two ways. The table view can be produced by exposing the table shape directly or by exposing an element or collection of elements and specifying what properties of exposed elements should be displayed as columns.	 The diagram shows a class-like structure for a viewpoint. It has a top section with the stereotype «viewpoint» and a small icon. Below this is the name 'Custom Table Viewpoint'. The next section contains the stereotype «viewpoint» and the text 'method = ' followed by a wheel icon and the word 'Table'. The bottom section contains the text «Create»View().
Title Page	The title page viewpoint defines what property of exposed elements is used as a paragraph title source.	 The diagram shows a class-like structure for a viewpoint. It has a top section with the stereotype «viewpoint» and a small icon. Below this is the name 'Title Page Viewpoint'. The next section contains the stereotype «viewpoint» and the text 'method = ' followed by a wheel icon and the words 'Title Page'. The bottom section contains the text «Create»View().
Grouping Viewpoint		 The diagram shows a class-like structure for a viewpoint. It has a top section with the stereotype «viewpoint» and a small icon. Below this is the name 'Grouping Viewpoint'. The next section contains the stereotype «viewpoint» and the text 'method = ' followed by a wheel icon and the words 'Grouping Viewpoint'. The bottom section contains the text «Create»View().

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