


# Defining Preferred Metatype

The DSL customization engine allows specification of a preferred metatype if more than one metatype is defined for the DSL element.

To define a preferred metatype for the DSL type

1. Select the appropriate [customization element](#) and open its [Specification window](#).
2. Click the value specification cell of the **Preferred Metatype** property and do one of the following:
  - [Select the property value from the open list](#) and close the Specification window.
  - Click the  **Unknown Attachment** button [to create a new one](#). In the [element Selection dialog](#), select the created metatype and click OK. Close the Specification window.

The selected metatype will be assigned as the **Preferred Metatype** property value.

Multiple selection is not allowed. You must define a single value.

After updating the customization element specification, you must either [reuse the DSL Customization profile](#) in the model or reopen the model.

From now on, all DSL elements will be created with the preferred metatype specified in the customization.

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