

# Defining expressions

Each derived property must have one or more expressions defining the criteria for searching the result elements.

To open the dialog for a new expression definition



It is strongly recommended that you specify the customization target in the customization element before defining the expression for its derived property.

1. Select the attribute with the [stereotype «derivedPropertySpecification»](#).
2. Open the attribute's [Specification window](#).
3. In the general specification pane (opened by default), click the **Expression** property and then click the ... button. The **Expression** dialog opens, and you can then construct predefined expressions or define your custom operation for calculating derived property values.



Select the **Expert** mode to see the full list of available operations.

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