OWL export folder

Every time you export a concept model to an OWL ontology, it will go into a default export location. The default location is an OWL directory, which is created automatically inside the project file. However, you can disable this default directory and enable the option that will allow you to choose your desired destination folder whenever you export a concept model.

Setting **Always prompt for a file destination when exporting OWL** to **true** in the **Project Options** dialog allows the Concept Modeler to prompt for an export directory to store your «Concept Model» every time you export one. (Please read Setting destination for the OWL export folder)

There are some cases to take into account:

- If you have previously selected an export location, a window will open showing the file path of the former saved location.
- If the previously saved export location is invalid, a message will show in the notification window, the previously saved location will clear, and a prompt for a file destination will open to a default location.
- If the previously saved export location no longer exists for any reason, the Concept Modeler will revert to the default location and prompt for file destination.

Leaving this option to **false** (default) allows the Concept Modeler to automatically remember and select the last export location for your «Concept Model» without asking you first.

Similarly, there are some cases to consider:

- If the export location no longer exists, it will export your file to the default OWL directory.
- If there is a valid saved export location, the Concept Modeler will export to the saved export location.
- If the saved export location is not valid and the default location exists, then the Concept Modeler will revert to the default location and display an error message; otherwise, it will create a new OWL folder and revert the saved export location back to the default location.
- If there is no saved export location and the default location exists, then the Concept Modeler will set the export location to the default location; otherwise, it will create a new OWL folder at the project location and set the export location to the default location.

When you would like to select multiple packages, you must right-click on one of the packages to export. You will always receive a prompt for file destination which is applied to all of your packages and the same file location will be loaded to all the packages. You are able to select different file destinations for each package, but the software always loads the same starting location for each package.

The error that appears in the Notification Window when trying to export the concept model to an OWL ontology can be caused by entering an incorrect path name or the path name to the previous export location does not exist anymore. If you encounter this type of error, you need to open the **fileExportPath** tagged value to specify file export paths in the model's **Specification** dialog and correct the path name, or select another location.

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