

# Adding new diagram types

Adding new diagram types to the modeling tool consists of two steps:

1. [Overriding the abstract `com.nomagic.magicdraw.uml.DiagramDescriptor` class](#)
2. [Registering a new diagram type](#)

## Step #1. Override the abstract `com.nomagic.magicdraw.uml.DiagramDescriptor` class

Override the abstract class `DiagramDescriptor` and implement the following abstract methods:

- `getDiagramTypeId()` – this method must return a diagram type id, which is used to identify the diagram
- `getSingularDiagramTypeHumanName()` – the method returns the diagram type human name
- `getPluralDiagramTypeHumanName()` – the method returns the diagram type human name in a plural form
- `getSuperType()` – this method must return a super type (super diagram) of this diagram type
- `isCreatable()` – returns the flag indicating if this diagram type is creatable
- `getSVGIcon()` – returns a large icon for this type of the diagram (see [Adding New Functionality](#))
- `getSmallIconURL()` – returns a small icon URL for this type of the diagram (see [Adding New Functionality](#))
- `getDiagramActions()` – returns the manager of actions used in the diagram
- `getDiagramToolBarConfigurator()` – returns the action manager configurator which configures the described diagram toolbar (see [Adding New Functionality](#))
- `getDiagramShortcutsConfigurator()` – returns the action manager configurator which configures described diagram shortcuts (see [Adding New Functionality](#))
- `getDiagramContextConfigurator()` – returns the action manager configurator which configures described diagram shortcut menu actions (see [Adding New Functionality](#)).

## The diagram descriptor example



For the full source code, see the Open API examples in `<program installation directory>\openapi\examples`.

```
/**
 * Descriptor of a specific diagram.
 */
public class SpecificDiagramDescriptor extends DiagramDescriptor
{
    public static final String SPECIFIC_DIAGRAM = "Specific Diagram";

    /**
     * Let this diagram type be a sub type of a class diagram type.
     */
    public String getSuperType()
    {
        return DiagramType.UML_CLASS_DIAGRAM;
    }

    /**
     * This is a creatable diagram.
     */
    public boolean isCreatable()
    {
        return true;
    }

    /**
     * Actions used in this diagram.
     */
    public MDAActionsManager getDiagramActions()
    {
        return SpecificDiagramActions.ACTIONS;
    }
}
```

```

    * A configurator for a diagram toolbar.
    */
    public AMConfigurator getDiagramToolbarConfigurator()
    {
        return new SpecificDiagramToolbarConfigurator();
    }

    /**
    * A configurator for diagram shortcuts.
    */
    public AMConfigurator getDiagramShortcutsConfigurator()
    {
        return new ClassDiagramShortcutsConfigurator();
    }

    /**
    * A configurator for a diagram shortcut menu.
    */
    public DiagramContextAMConfigurator getDiagramContextConfigurator()
    {
        return new BaseDiagramContextAMConfigurator();
    }

    /**
    * Id of the diagram type.
    */
    public String getDiagramTypeId()
    {
        return SPECIFIC_DIAGRAM;
    }

    /**
    * A diagram type human name.
    */
    public String getSingularDiagramTypeHumanName()
    {
        return "Specific Diagram";
    }

    /**
    * A diagram type human name in a plural form.
    */
    public String getPluralDiagramTypeHumanName()
    {
        return "Specific Diagrams";
    }

    /**
    * Resizable svg icon for diagram.
    */
    public ResizableIcon getSVGIcon()
    {
        ResizableIcon icon = null;
        try
        {
            icon = IconsFactory.getSvgIcon(new File
("icons/specificdiagram.svg").toURI().toURL());
        }
        catch(Exception e){e.printStackTrace();}
        return icon;
    }

    /**
    * URL to a small icon for a diagram.
    */
    public URL getSmallIconURL()
    {
        return getClass().getResource("icons/specificdiagram.svg");
    }
}

```

## Step #2. Register a new diagram type

The new diagram descriptor should be registered in a modeling tool using the [com.nomagic.magicdraw.core.Application.addNewDiagramType\(DiagramDescriptor\)](#) method of the modeling tool you are using. This method can be invoked when a [plugin](#) is initialized.

## The diagram descriptor registration example



For the full source code, see the Open API examples in *<program installation directory>\openapi\examples\specificdiagram*.

```
class SpecificDiagramPlugin extends Plugin{
/**
 * Initializing the plugin.
 */
public void init()
{
    // Registering a new diagram type
    Application.getInstance().addNewDiagramType(new
SpecificDiagramDescriptor());
}
/**
 * Always returns true, because this plugin does not have any close
specific actions.
 */
public boolean close()
{
    return true;
}
/**
 * Always returns true, because this plugin does not have any
specific suportability conditions.
 */
public boolean isSupported()
{
    return true;
}
}
```