



How to Define Project Terms with Glossary?

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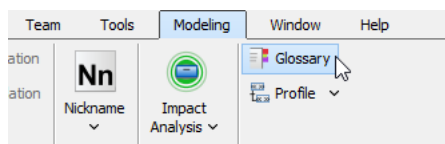
Creating Terms

There are two ways to create domain terms in Visual Paradigm.

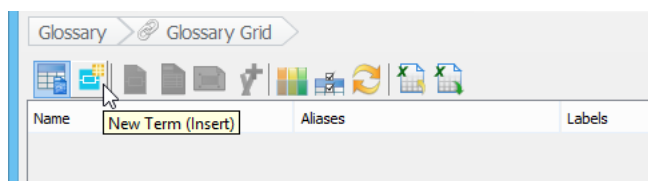
From Glossary Grid

To create terms from the glossary grid:

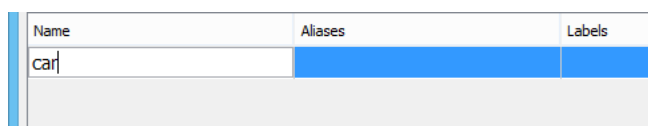
1. Select **Modeling > Glossary** from the application toolbar to create a glossary grid.



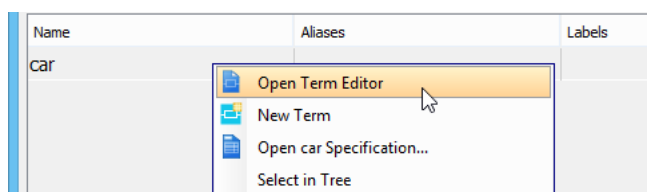
2. Click on the **New Term (Insert)** button in the toolbar to create a term.



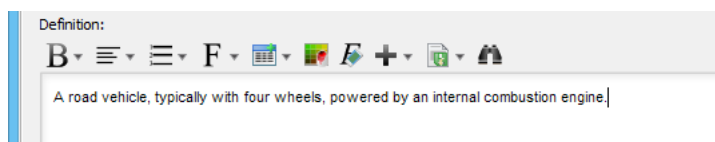
3. Enter the name of the term and press **Enter** to confirm.



4. Right-click on the term and select **Open Term Editor** from the popup menu.



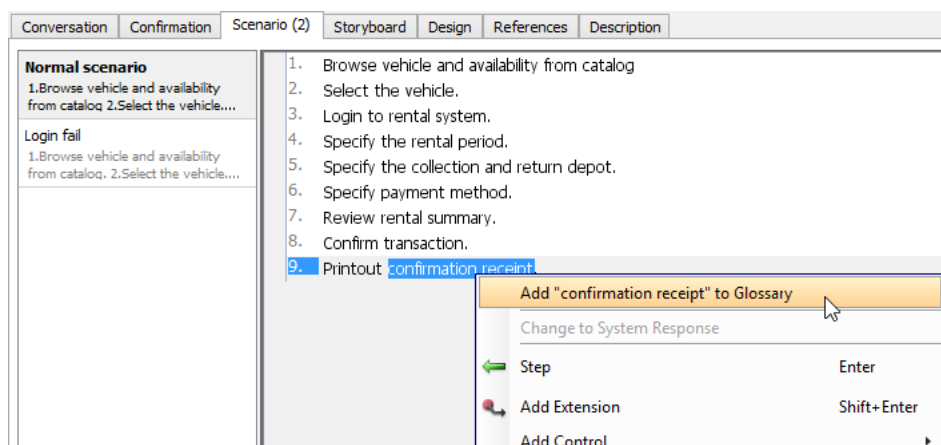
5. Enter the definition of the term.



From Project Content

Besides creating terms one by one in the glossary grid, you can also extract terms from project content. To do this:

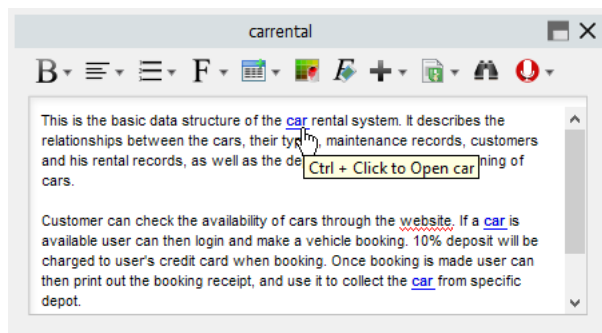
1. Highlight the textual content from the name and description of any model elements, or from the conversation, confirmation, and scenario of any [user stories](#).
2. Right-click on the highlighted text and select **Add %TERM_NAME% to Glossary**.



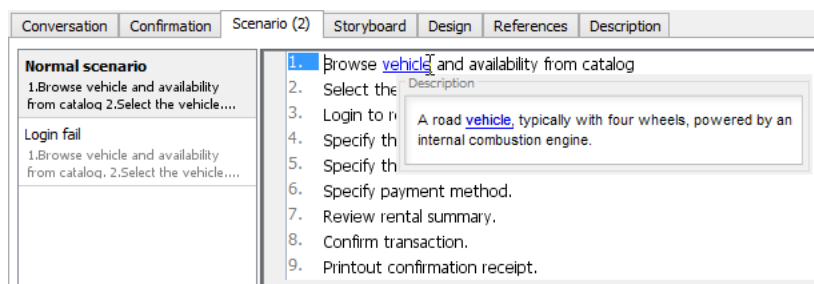
After that, the highlighted text will become a term, and you can define its definition in the **Term Editor**.

Navigate from Model Content to Terms

You can easily navigate from the highlighted glossary terms in any part of your project back to the glossary grid by pressing **Ctrl + Click** on it.



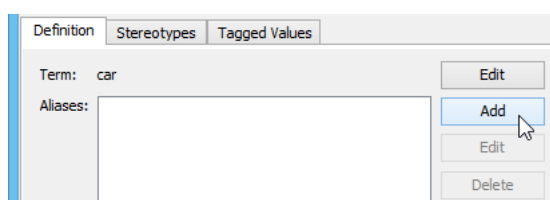
The definition of the term will also be shown when you place your mouse pointer over a term in the conversation, confirmation, and scenario of a user story.



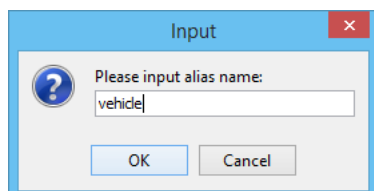
Defining Aliases for Domain Terms

Sometimes, you may have multiple terms meaning the same concept in your project. Instead of defining multiple terms for the same concept, you can pick one as the domain term and list the others as aliases of that term. This implies that all those terms share the same business meaning. To define aliases for your terms:

1. Double-click on the term to open the **Term Editor**.
2. Click the **Add** button next to the **Aliases** field.



3. Fill in the name of the alias and click **OK** to confirm.



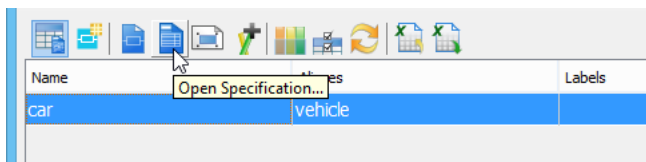
After that, the aliased terms will also be highlighted in your project content, and you can navigate back to the original term in the same way as standard terms.

Defining Variations for Domain Terms

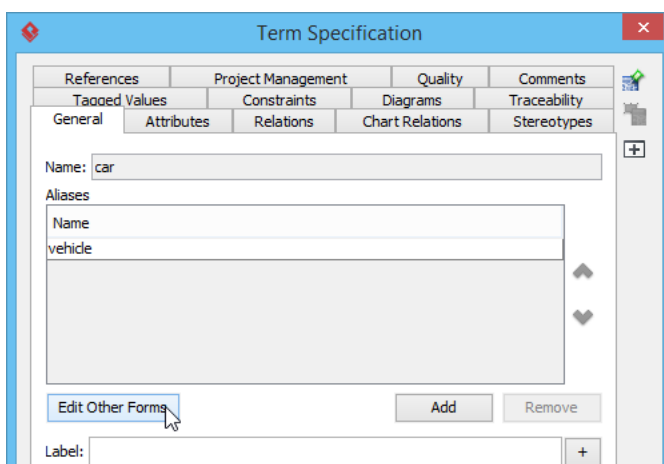
In real life, a term could have certain variations (e.g., singular and plural forms) that have exactly the same meaning. In Visual Paradigm, you can define such variations as other forms of the domain term.

To define variations for your terms:

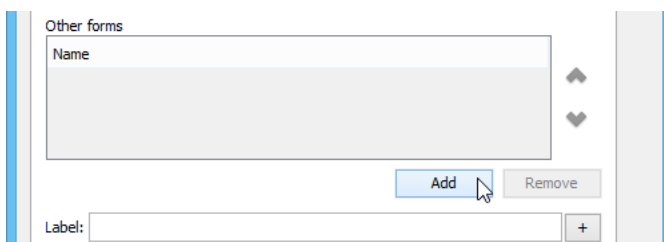
1. Select the term in the glossary grid.
2. Click the **Open Specification...** button at the top of the glossary grid.



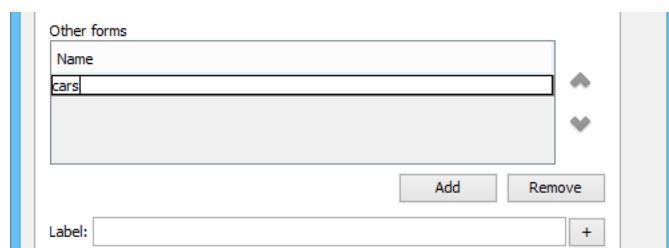
3. Click the **Edit Other Forms** button.



4. Click the **Add** button below **Other forms**.

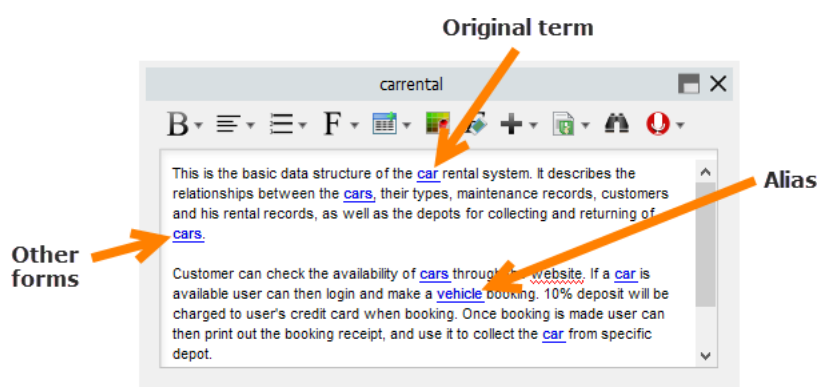


- Fill in the variation of the term and press **Enter** to confirm.



- Click the **OK** button to close the specification window.

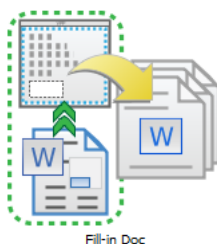
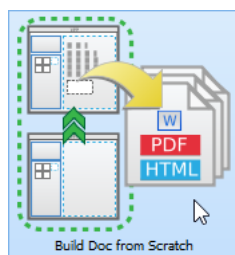
After that, the alternative form will also be highlighted in your project content, and you can navigate back to the original term in the same way as standard terms.



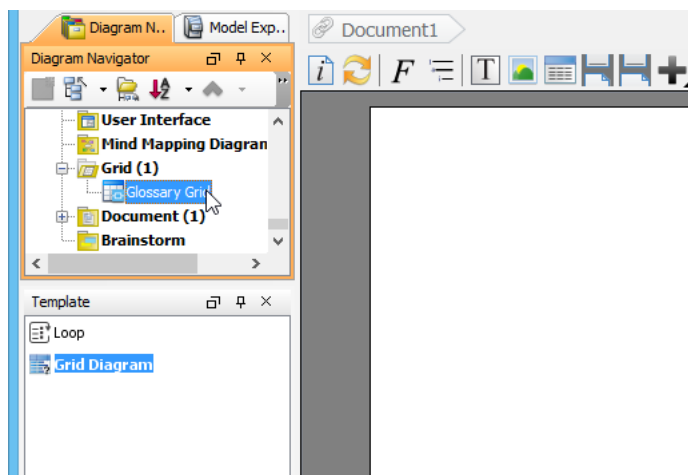
Generate Domain Terms Specification

Once you have finished defining the domain terms for your project, you can then generate a document of the glossary and distribute it to your teammates.

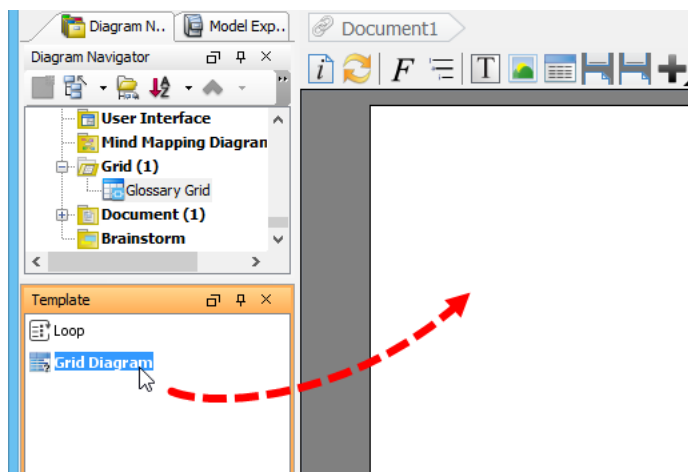
- Select **Tools > Doc. Composer** from the application toolbar.
- Choose **Build from Scratch**.



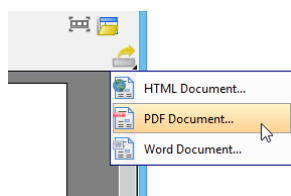
3. Select *Glossary Grid* from the **Diagram Navigator**.



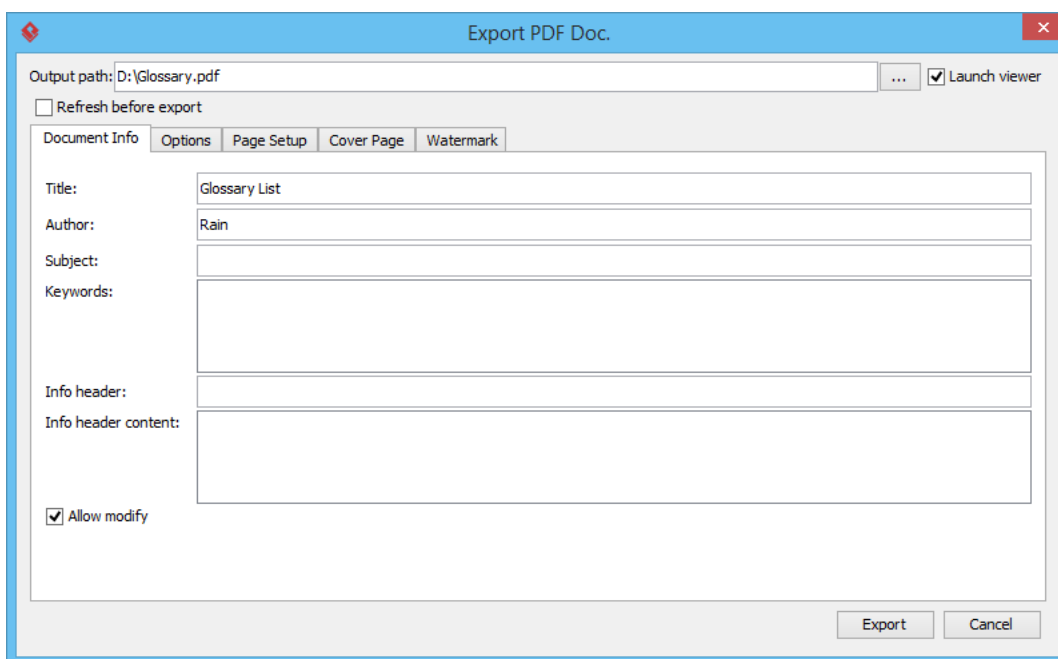
4. Drag out the **Grid Diagram** template from the **Template Pane** and drop it onto the document.



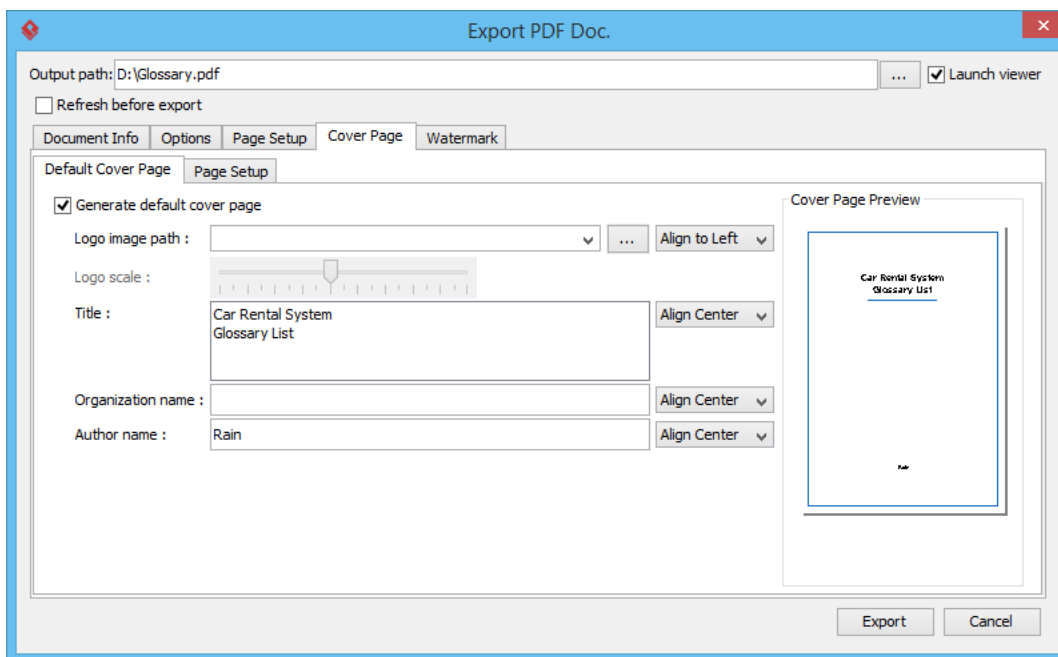
5. Select **Export > PDF Document...** at the top right corner of [Doc. Composer](#).



6. Fill in the **Title** for the document and specify the **Output Path**.



7. Switch to the **Cover Page** tab, keep **Generate default cover page** checked, and fill in the **Title**.



8. Click **Export** at the bottom right to generate a PDF document.

Watch this video on YouTube
[How to Define Domain Terms with Glossary](#)

Resources

[Share Glossary Terms between Projects](#) [Build a Comprehensive Glossary from Domain Class Model](#)



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