

How can OCL be improved? *(at least a missing feature)*

- **Why do we need to *improve* OCL?**
 - To make it **widely used by industry** in practice
- **Why is OCL (almost) not used in the industry?**
 - **Industry does not build (UML) models** – *there is still a long way to go*
 - **OCL is already too complex** to be understood by industry people (and even by our students ...) – *should we extend it further then?*
- **Some personal “concerns”:**
 - **OCL is a declarative language:** *is the iterate construct declarative?*
 - *(OCL spec.) “everywhere in the UML specification where the term expression is used, an OCL expression can be used (e.g., invariants, pre and postconditions), but other placements are possible too”*
 - *When should I use tuple types ? Why are they useful for?
(which book should people read to learn OCL in practice?)*

How to make OCL to be used by industry?

(in my opinion the best way to improve OCL)

- We need tools to perform *things* automatically from OCL
- We should define “purpose-specific” subsets of OCL
 - E.g. to define invariants, to define operation contracts, to define model transformations, etc.
 - Each of them defined in an incremental way, from the most common patterns to the most complex and particular issues.
 - We need books for people to make self-learning of OCL, for each specific subset.
 - Simple is better! (even if we miss some specific feature)