

Business Rules Approach guru's

- Generally, **Ronald G. Ross** is referred to as the 'father of the Business Rules Approach', since he published the first book on Business Rules under the title 'The Business Rules Book: Classifying, Defining and Modeling Rules'.
- Back in 1993 **Terry Moriarty** proclaimed Business Rules as the next paradigm and since 1998 organizes in collaboration with Ron Ross the annual Business Rules Forum in the United States.
- Another important member of the Business Rules community is **John A. Zachman**, who provided with his Zachman Framework a solid and holistic foundation for the approach.
- **Barbara von Halle** focussed her company on Business Rules consulting many years ago and provided very valuable contributions and publications in the context of the Business Rules methodology.
- As pioneer in the theoretic foundations of relational databases, **Chris J. Date** developed this foundation even further towards predicate logic and Business Rules.
- **Tony Morgan** coined with his 'Extreme Non-Programming' a term that expresses the basic idea of the Business Rules Approach in a very concise way.
- The **BRG (Business Rules Group)** and the **OMG-BRWG (Object Management Group – Business Rules Working Group)** are important standardisation bodies in the context of Business Rules.

The Business Rules Group

The Business Rules Group (BRG) was formed in 1994 from 'GUIDE Business Rules Project', run by GUIDE (the IBM User Group). This project had the goal to formalise an approach to systematically identify and articulate business rules to define structures and control of business processes in an enterprise. Since then, the BRG published the following pioneering documents that became a de-facto standard:

- 1995: 'Defining Business Rules – What Are They Really?' (revised in 1997 and 2000)
- 2000: 'Business Rules Motivation Model'
- 2002: 'Business Rules Manifesto'

Currently, the BRG prepares the next document on a semantic model to organize a business vocabulary (working title 'Organizing Business Concepts') and is a major partner in a submission team responding to the RfP (Request for Proposal) 'Business Semantics of Business Rules' recently published by the OMG (Object Management Group).

The OMG Business Rules Working Group

The OMG-BRWG was formed in January 2002 as a special interest group within the OMG (Object Management Group). It's aim is to integrate the Business Rules Approach into the existing OMG Standards MDA (Model Driven Approach) and UML (Unified Modeling Language) as well as to define a common framework, that supports the specification of any kind of Business Rules for later automation using OMG-relevant technology. In 2003, the OMG published two RfPs (Request for Proposals) on the subject of Business Rules: The 'Business Semantics of Business Rules' RfP and the 'Production Rules' RfP.