

Documentation: how to describe detailed call flows

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Context

- Many interactions between ONAP components
- API documentation is adapted to understand each ONAP component
- Postman tools, curl command lines are cool, but does not visualize the sequence of API calls.
- But...
 - Not easy to get the full 'picture' to understand the various API calls
- Avoid tshark installation for reverse-engineering or deep code analysis
 - Many HTTPS calls

Objective

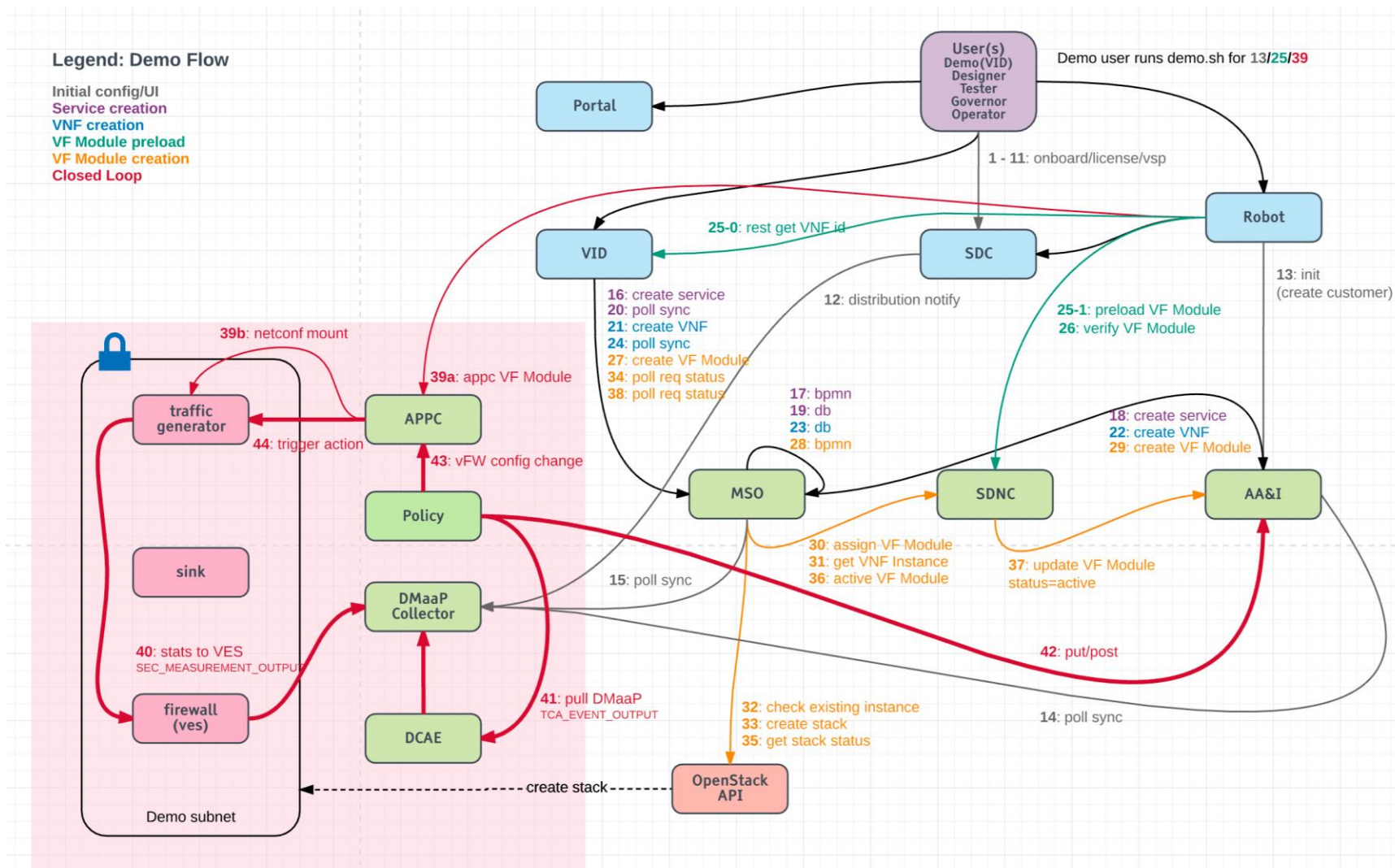
- Get a practical tool to visualize the ONAP interactions
- Understand the ONAP component behavior
 - API calls to other components
- Get the detail API calls
 - Including the mandatory headers, the body description, the call return
 - To facilitate learning
 - To help some test cases

Existing solutions

- Basis call flows used for use-case description
 - Perfect to get a global vision
 - But not detailed to understand the variables exchanged between various calls
- Robot scripts
 - Perfect for tools to replay test suites
 - But “hard” to read and does not describe how a component reacted to an API call

```
Add ASDC License Group
[Documentation] Creates an asdc license group and returns its id
[Arguments] ${license_model_id} ${version_id}=0.1
${uuid}= Generate UUID
${shortened_uuid}= Evaluate str("${uuid}")[:23]
${map}= Create Dictionary key_group_name=${shortened_uuid}
${data}= Fill JSON Template File ${ASDC_KEY_GROUP_TEMPLATE} ${map}
${resp}= Run ASDC Post Request ${ASDC_VENDOR_LICENSE_MODEL_PATH}/${license_model_id}... ${data}
Should Be Equal As Strings ${resp.status_code} 200 [Return] ${resp.json()['value']}
```

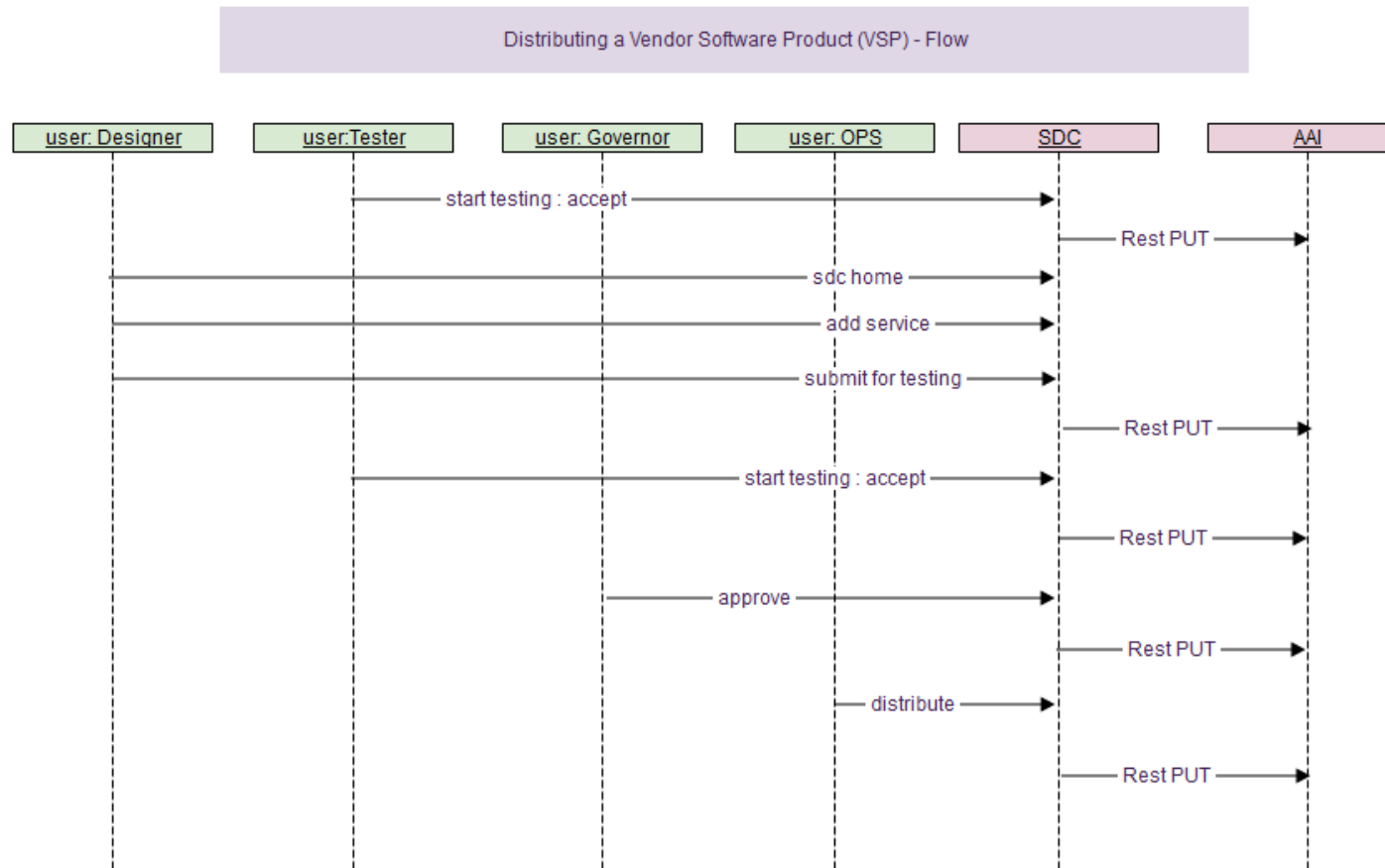
Call flow examples: global view



https://wiki.onap.org/download/attachments/3245081/20170727_closed_loop_flow_Screenshot%202017-07-27%2011.57.40.png?version=1&modificationDate=1501171169000&api=v2

Call flow examples: Sequence

SDC Distribution Flow

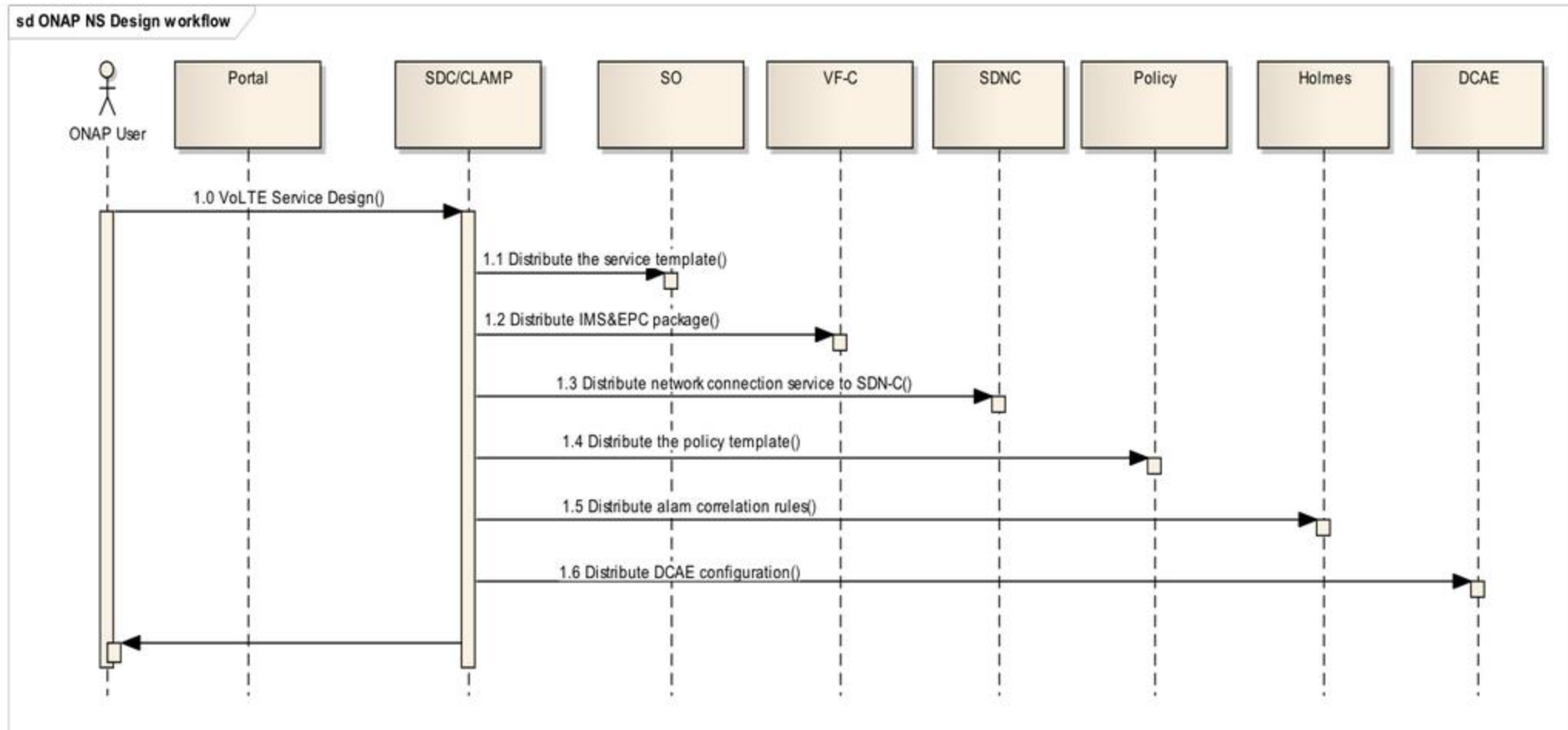


Based on Gliffy tool,
integrated in the ONAP Wiki



<https://wiki.onap.org/display/DW/Tutorial%3A+Verifying+and+Observing+a+deployed+Service+Instance#Tutorial:VerifyingandObservingadeployedServiceInstance-vFirewallFlow>

Call flow examples: use-case description

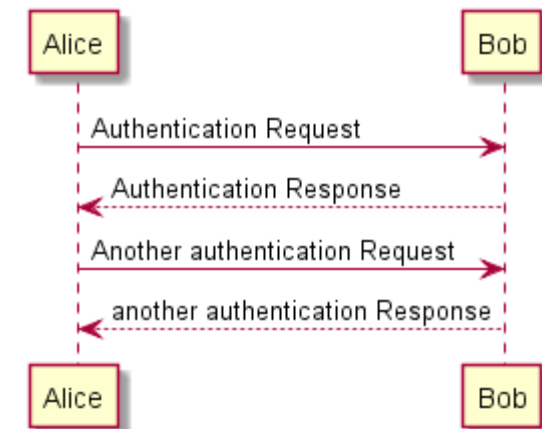


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Proposal: using EtherPlant

- **EtherPlant** is an open-source tool allowing users to create UML diagrams from a PAD using PlantUML language
 - <https://github.com/Orange-OpenSource/EtherPlant>
- PlantUML
 - Text language to describe UML

```
@startuml
Alice -> Bob: Authentication Request
Bob --> Alice: Authentication Response
Alice -> Bob: Another authentication Request
Alice <-- Bob: another authentication Response
@enduml
```

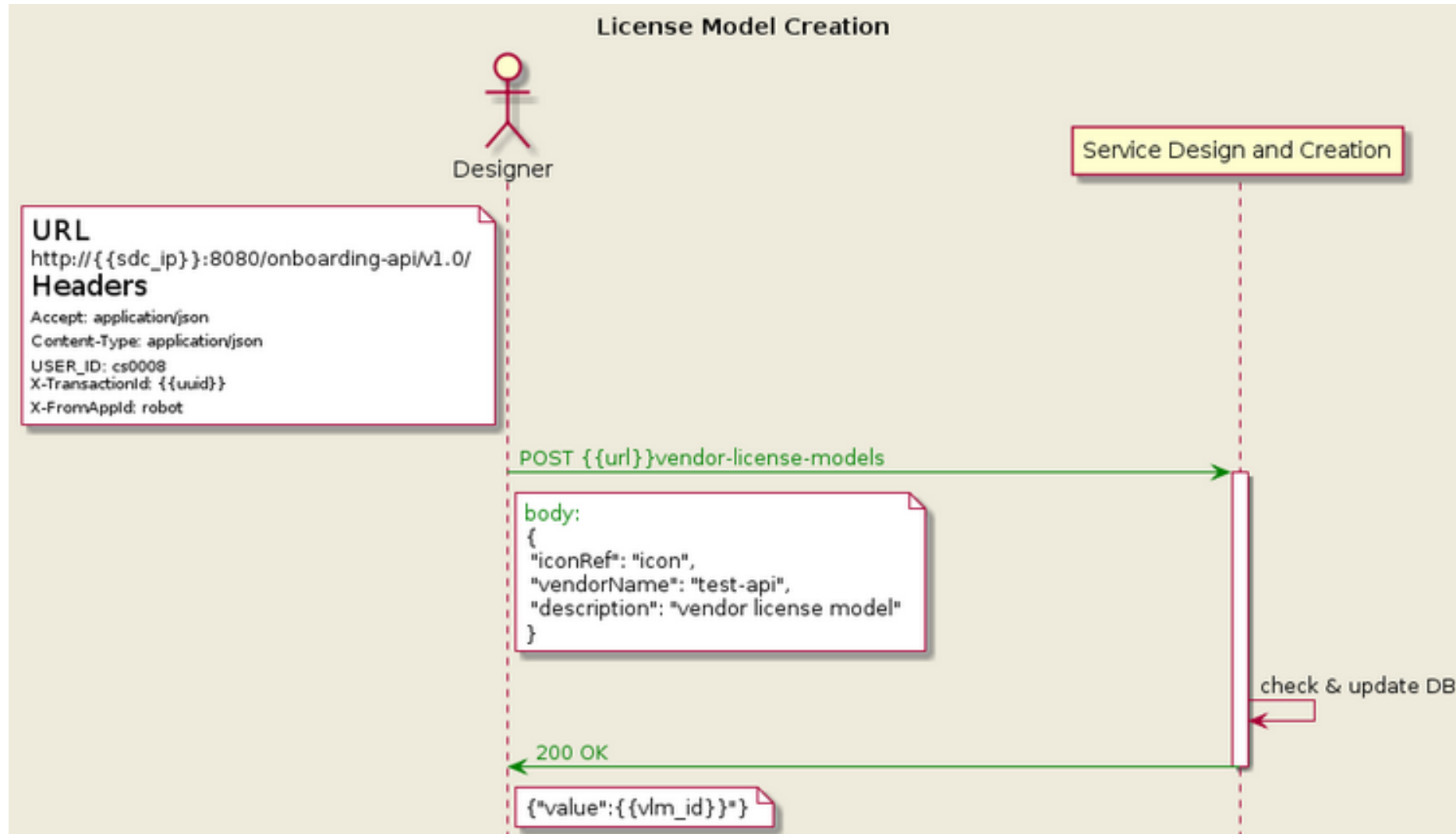


Example: License Model Creation (SDC) - PlantUML

```
@startuml
title License Model Creation
skinparam backgroundColor #EEEEBD
actor Designer
participant "Service Design and Creation" as SDC
note left of Designer #white
<size:18>URL</size>
<size:12>http://{{sdc_ip}}:8080/onboarding-api/v1.0/</size>
<size:18>Headers</size>
<size:10>Accept: application/json</size>
<size:10>Content-Type: application/json</size>
<size:10>USER_ID: cs0008</size>
<size:10>X-TransactionId: {{uuid}}</size>
<size:10>X-FromAppId: robot </size>
end note

Designer -[#green]> SDC : <font color=green>POST {{url}}vendor-license-models
note right Designer #white
<font color=green>body:
{
  "iconRef": "icon",
  "vendorName": "test-api",
  "description": "vendor license model"
}
end note
activate SDC
SDC -> SDC : check & update DB
SDC -[#green]> Designer : <font color=green>200 OK
note right Designer #white
{"value":{{vlm_id}}"}
end note
deactivate SDC
```

Example: License Model Creation (SDC) - Graphic



Using EtherPlant to write PlantUML text description

- <http://orange-opensource.github.io/EtherPlant/src/index.html?pad>
- Pad example
 - Model License Creation : https://etherpad.opnfv.org/p/onap_plantuml1
 - Add resource to Catalog : https://etherpad.opnfv.org/p/onap_plantuml2

Discussion

- Is it useful for the community ?
- How to guarantee consistency with the code/API ?
- To be introduced in Documentation project ?
 - Sphinx extension available
 - http://build-me-the-docs-please.readthedocs.io/en/latest/Using_Sphinx/UsingGraphicsAndDiagramsInSphinx.html#id19

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