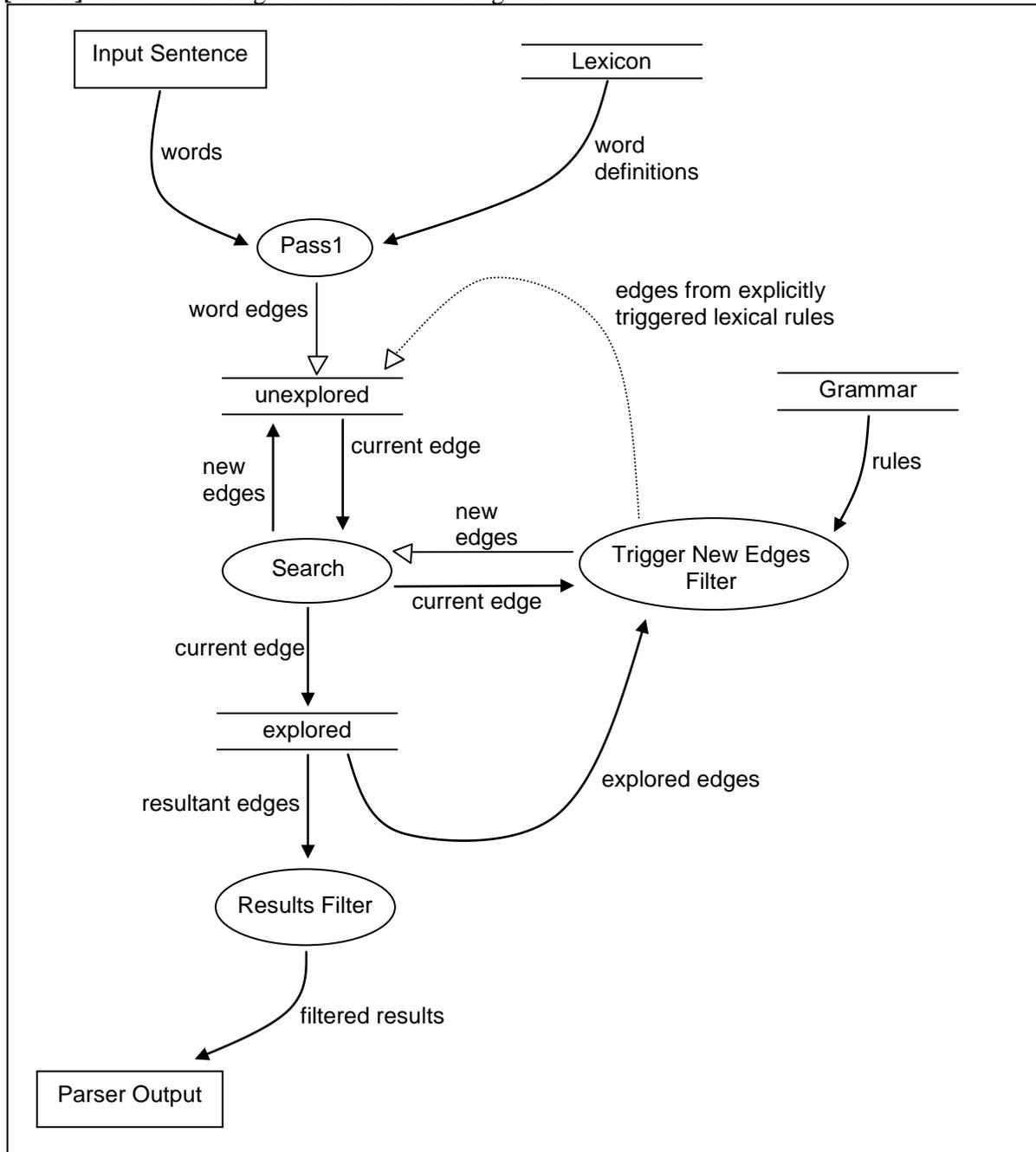


## Appendix 3. Design Documents

### A3.1. Phase 1: the chart parser (objects, events, DFDs, Z specifications)

#### A3.1.1 Data Flow Diagrams, Object & Event Models

[A3D1] Chart Parser: High level Data Flow Diagram



See following page for an explanation of terms.

Explanation of terms used in [A3D1] above

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unexplored: a set of edges awaiting search exploration.

explored: set of edges which have been explored by search.

Pass 1: takes a series of words and creates one or more edges for each according to their lexical definitions.

Search: implements a state space exploration of unexplored edges. New edges created during this search process are initially placed with other unexplored edges.

Trigger New Edges Filter: acts as a filter over all explored edges for possible grouping with the edge currently under exploration by the search process; identifies grammar rules which can be triggered by the current edge; controls independent firing of lexical rules (in some cases these can cause new edges to be directly added to the set of unexplored edges).

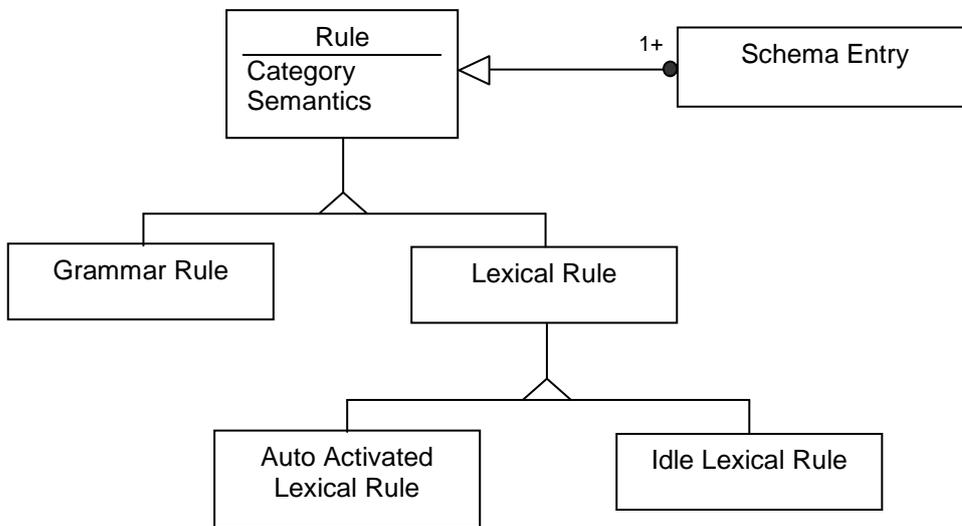
Results Filter: filters all resulting edges over a results criteria. Typically such a criteria would only be interested in complete edges encompassing all words in the original input sentence.

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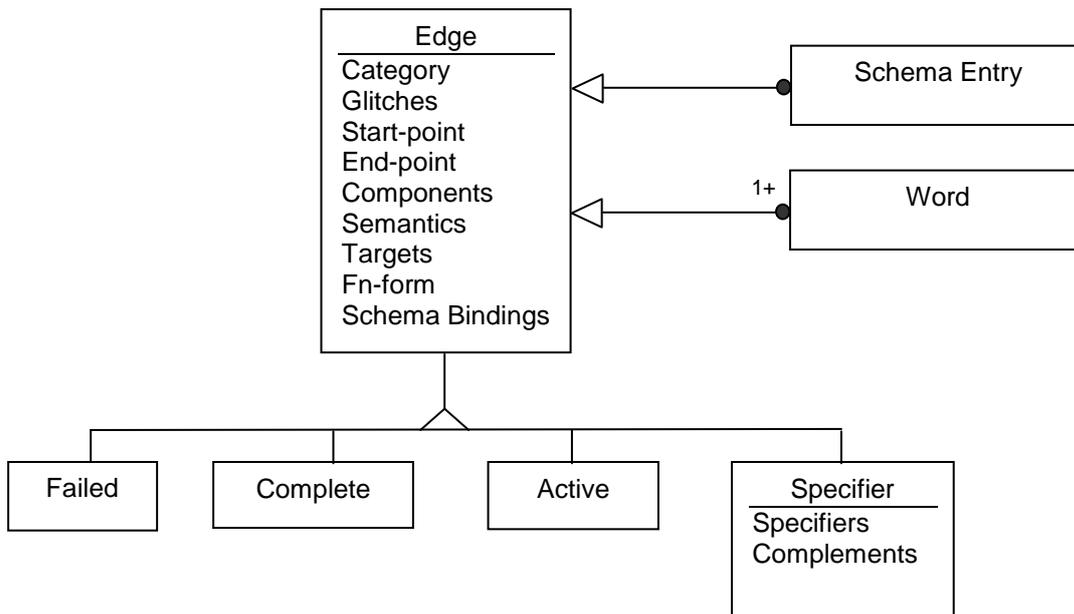
Objects Models for Rules, Edges & Words

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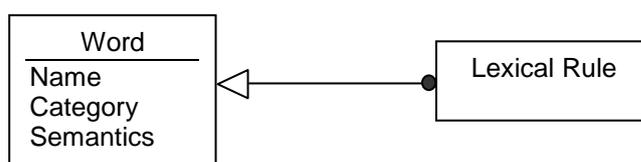
[A3D2] Rule Object Model



[A3D3] Rule Object Model



[A3D4] Rule Object Model



[A3D5] Event Model for Edges

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