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Eclipse Overview

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Introduction



This talk is about :

- Eclipse Foundation
- Eclipse IDE
- OSGi Architecture
- Eclipse RCP Architecture
- Modeling projects

The goals of the talk are :

- to give you information about Eclipse projects
- to give you ideas to enhance your software development factory
- to start discussion around these technologies

Presentation



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Eclipse Eco system



Eclipse Eco System

- Foundation and goal
- Some figures
- Different groups

Eclipse Foundation

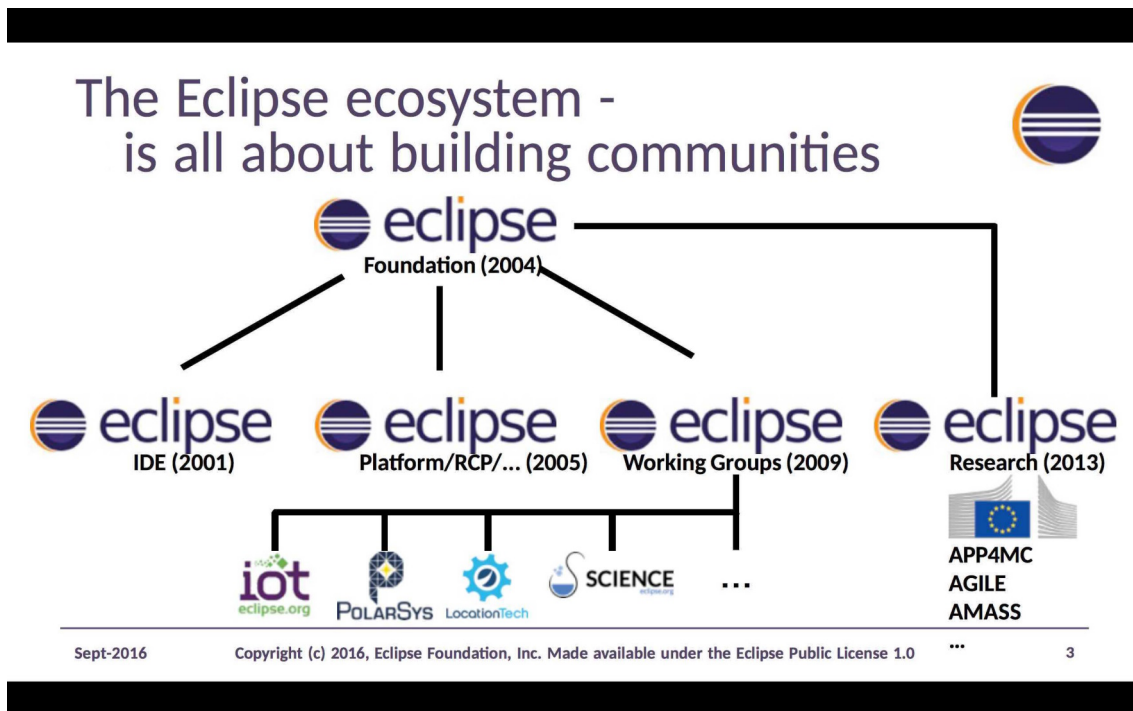
Goals :

- Providing a governance for Eclipse eco system:
 - managing projects
 - managing members
 - managing groups
- Hosting projects
- Promoting the Eclipse technologies and open source software
- Helping members and others to make business with Eclipse
- Organizing conferences

Structure:

- The Eclipse foundation is located in Ottawa and in Europe
- It is an independant organization founded by the members

Some History



Some figures

- 300 projects (46 new in the past 12 months)
- 130 MLOC/year code change velocity
- >1 400 committers
- >5 million active users of Eclipse IDE
- 1.5 million downloads/month (average)
- 2 million unique visitors/month
- Leading IDE in Java, C/C++, PHP, ...
- >\$5.0 million annual budget
- >240 members (13 strategic)
- ~30 staff
- >50 events per year
 - including 4 EclipseCon major events (US, France, Germany, India)

The Eclipse Secret

- Eclipse is the industry's best model for vendor-neutral collaboration on innovation
- Industry collaboration requires:
 - Licensing model for sharing co-developed innovation
 - IP management to maximize commercialization opportunities
 - Project model for coordinating investments and activities
 - Governance model to ensure a level playing field for all participants
- **Eclipse gives you these "out of the box"**

Members

Members of Eclipse





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Strategic Members

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Eclipse groups

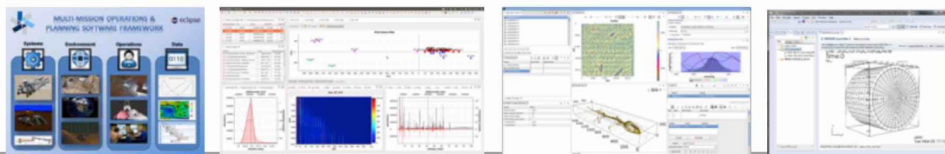
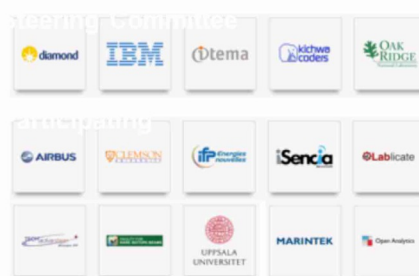
Eclipse foundation leads several technical groups

Science Group

The Science Working Group



- The Science Working Group (SWG) works to solve the problems of making science software inter-operable and interchangeable.
 - Develop reusable open source software for **scientific research**
 - Enable a collaborative approach to producing technologies used for interdisciplinary analysis of **scientific data**
 - Group efforts help permeate concepts and capabilities to different research areas which allows **serendipitous** discoveries to be made.
- Main projects:
 - Apogy, ChemClipse, DAWN, ICE



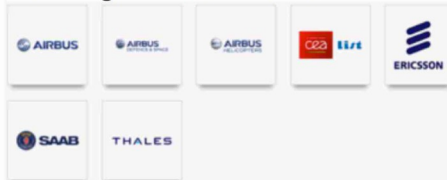
PolarSys Group

The PolarSys Working Group

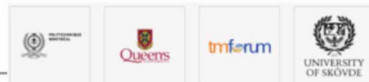
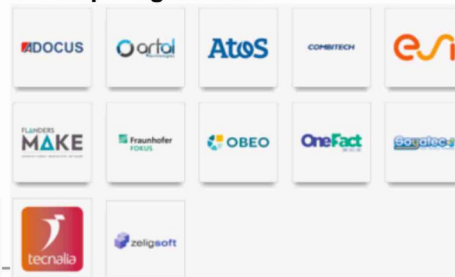
- PolarSys is an Eclipse **Industry** Working Group created by large industry players and by tools providers to collaborate on the creation and support of Open Source tools for the development of **embedded systems**.
- Domains such as **aerospace, defense and security, energy, health care, telecommunications, transportation** must meet several requirements.
- Main projects:
 - **Capella, CDT, Papyrus, Titan, Trace Compass**



Steering Committee Member



Participating Member



IOT Group

The IoT Working Group

- Eclipse IoT is an ecosystem of companies and individuals that are working together to establish an Internet of Things based on open technologies.

Main projects



Steering Committee



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Location Tech Group

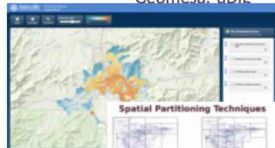
The LocationTech Working Group



- LocationTech is a working group developing advanced **location aware technologies**



- **Main projects:**
- GeoGig, GeoTrellis, GeoJinni, — Geomesa, uDig



Eclipse IDE



The different versions

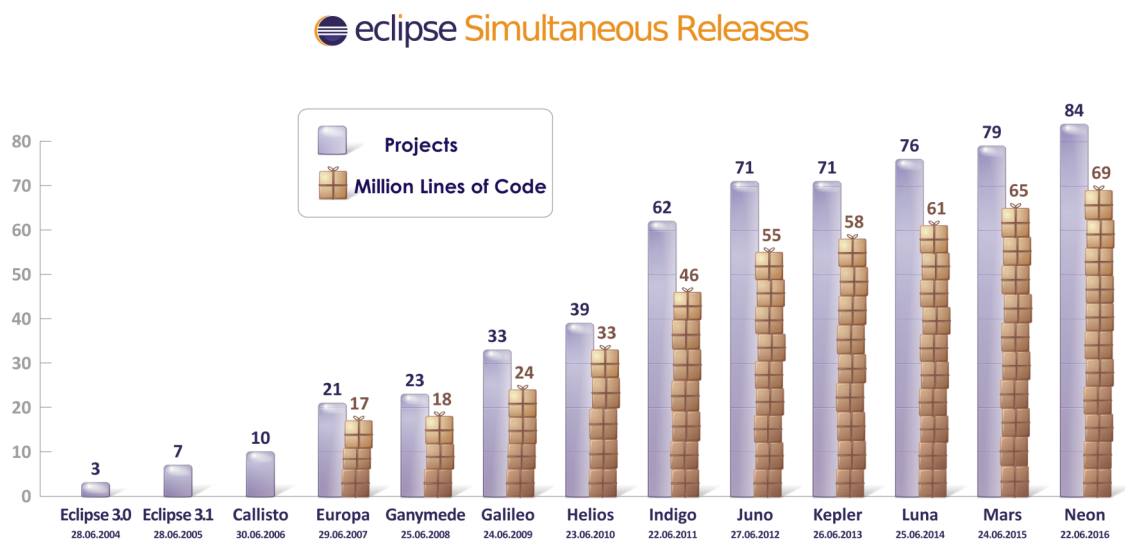


Image 1

Strengths

- RCP open architecture
- Adopted by all software vendors
- Rich environment and tools
- Lot of documentation
- Free
- Portable to all OS
- Community (foundation, members, ...)
- Stable and regular deliveries (1/year)
- Eclipse Public License (EPL)
- **OSGi based architecture**

OSGi

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Open Services Gateway initiative (OSGi)

Overview

OSGi... why ??

Java seems to be modular

- packages
- classes
- methods
- different jar files

All is well separated during development.

But what happens when you launch your java program ?

The jar hell

- Jar files do not have a version (it is only for documentation)
- Jar files are not bound together
- We have to know all the dependencies
- Classpath must be set manually
- We have to deal with : LinkageError, ClassNotFoundException, NoClassDefFoundError
- Two jar releases can not be mixed
- Managing the jar files becomes tough, this is the jar hell

Launch Java

- The JVM starts with a single class loader.
- The 'modularity' is dissolved.
- Everything must be configured manually

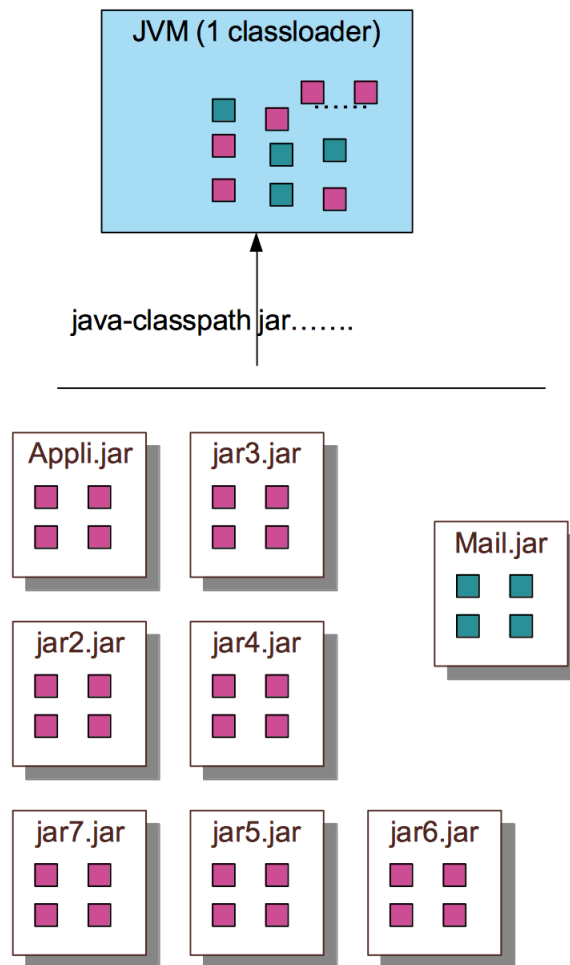
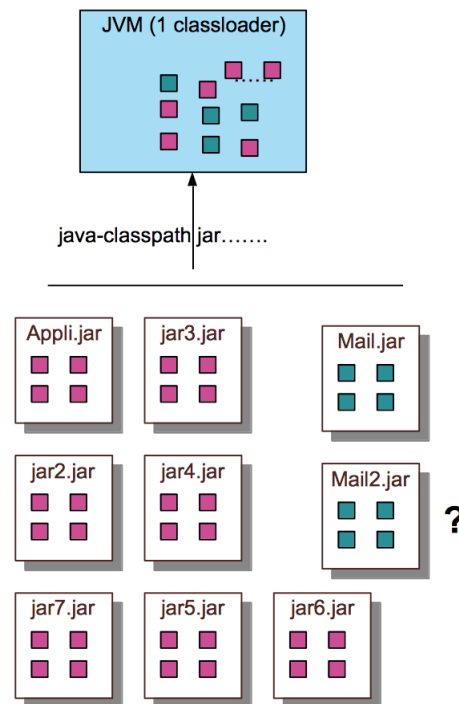


Image 2

Updating the application

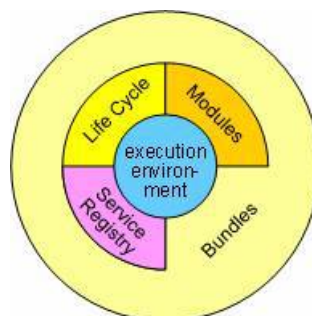
- The mail.jar library can not send attached files
- Another component needs to send attached files
- Should we update all dependencies ?



- OSGi will be a solution
- OSGi simplifies modularity and evolutions of your application

Presentation

- OSGi defines the 'Bundle' concept
- OSGi manages versions of bundles
- OSGi manages bundles activation
- OSGi manages services (Service Registry)



OSGi Framework

OSGi defines a model to manage java software modules

OSGi is a specification managed by the OSGi Alliance : <http://www.osgi.org>²

2 - <http://www.osgi.org>

It has been started in 1999 for Java embedded devices

The bundle

It is defined by a MANIFEST:

```
com.opcoach.message ✕
Bundle-ManifestVersion: 2
Bundle-Name: Message Manager
Bundle-SymbolicName: com.opcoach.message
Bundle-Version: 1.0.0.qualifier
Bundle-Activator: com.opcoach.message.MessageActivator
Bundle-Vendor: OPCoach
Bundle-RequiredExecutionEnvironment: J2SE-1.5
Import-Package: org.osgi.framework;version="1.3.0"
Bundle-ActivationPolicy: lazy
Export-Package: com.opcoach.message;uses="org.osgi.framework"
```

Image 3 Manifest sample

- It has a unique ID and a version
- It may publish or consume services
- It will have its own class loader at runtime
- It can be defined for a specific platform (Windows, Linux ...)

Relations with other bundles

- The bundle may depend on other bundles
 - optionally
 - depending on version numbers
- The bundle exports the packages it wants to make visible
- **The classpath is computed automatically** -> No more jar hell !

```
com.opcoach.training.rental ✕
1 Manifest-Version: 1.0
2 Bundle-ManifestVersion: 2
3 Bundle-Name: %pluginName
4 Bundle-SymbolicName: com.opcoach.training.rental;singleton=true
5 Bundle-Version: 1.0.1
6 Bundle-ClassPath: .
7 Bundle-Vendor: OPCoach
8 Bundle-Localization: plugin
9 Bundle-RequiredExecutionEnvironment: J2SE-1.5
10 Export-Package: com.opcoach.training.rental,
11 com.opcoach.training.rental.impl,
12 com.opcoach.training.rental.util
13 Require-Bundle: org.eclipse.core.runtime,
14 org.eclipse.emf.ecore;visibility=reexport,
15 org.eclipse.swt;bundle-version="3.5.1";visibility=reexport
16 Bundle-ActivationPolicy: lazy
```

visibility for others

other bundles used

Image 4 Bundle relations



Remark : some of these concepts are redefined in the Java 9 Jigsaw Projects !



Bundle Fragment

- The fragment is a complement for a bundle (host bundle)
- The fragment is used to:
 - manage native code for a platform (windows, linux, mac..)
 - complete a bundle with additional files (i18n, ...)
 - write tests (has visibility on the bundle)
- The fragment is included in the host bundle **at runtime**

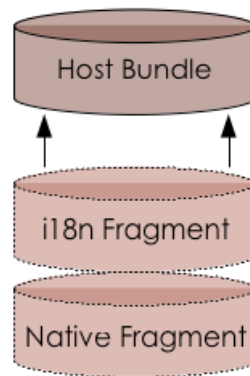


Image 5 Fragment

Dynamic behavior

The lifecycle of the bundle is managed by the OSGi engine:

- It can be started when necessary
- It can be stopped at any time
- It can be replaced by a more recent version
- Two different versions can coexist
- New services can be published during runtime

Running an OSGi application

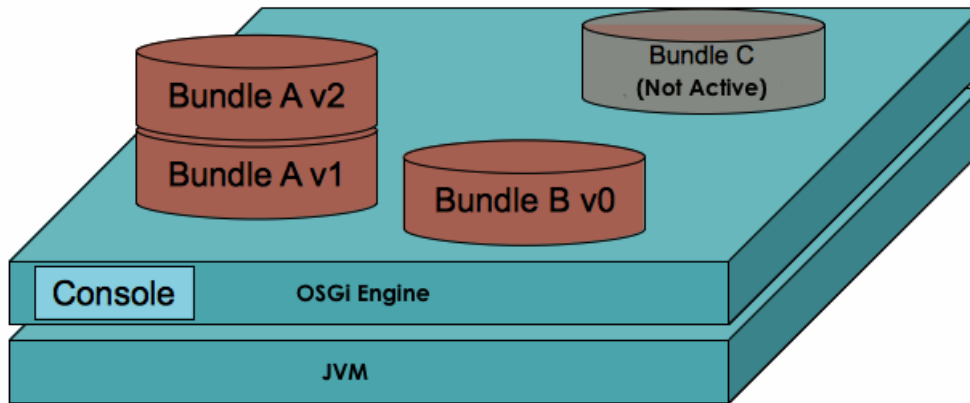


Image 6 OSGi Engine

Services

- A bundle can publish services
- A service is represented by a java interface
- It can be implemented by one or more bundles.
- Services are created with 'component' files
 - manually created with the 'new Component' wizard
 - automatically created with the `@Component` class annotation

Sample OSGi Architecture

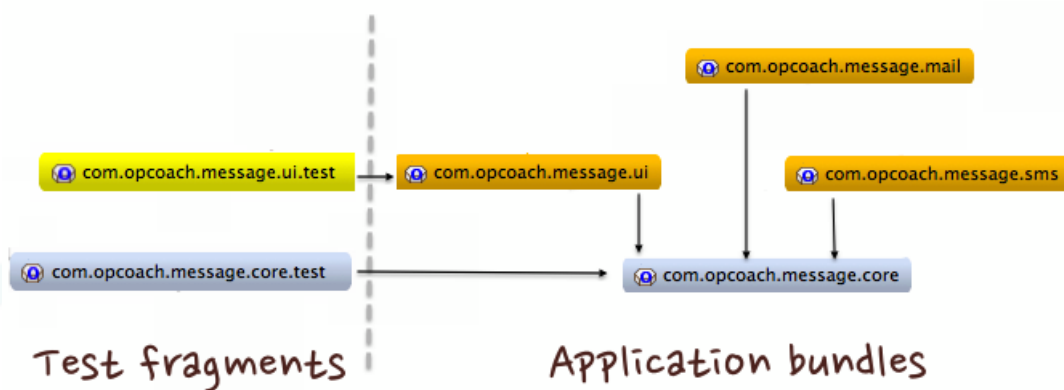


Image 7 OSGi architecture

Eclipse Architecture

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Eclipse 3 Architecture

- The Eclipse architecture is based on the notion of plug-in.
- A plug-in is a software component element
- A plug-in is like an OSGi bundle

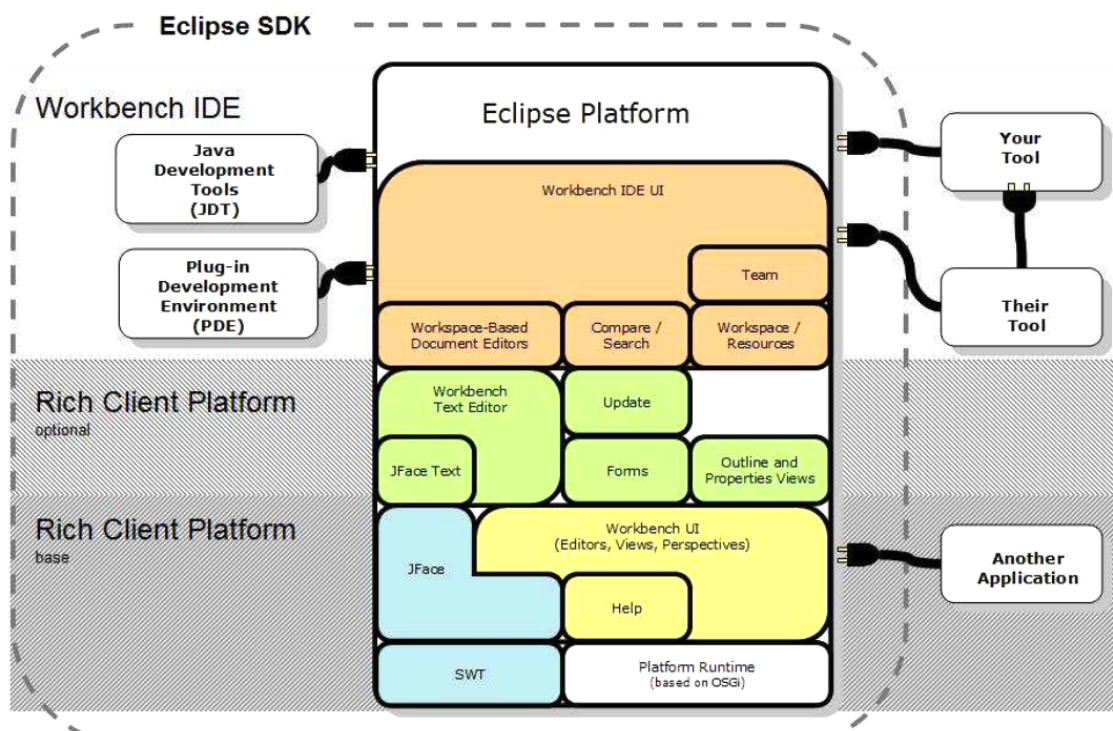


Image 8 Eclipse 3 Architecture

Plug-in vs Bundle

The **plug-in** defines two additional concepts on a bundle:

- **Extension point**: Defines a model of a concept that the plugin can handle (a menu, a driver, a business concept for you...).
- **Extension**: Defines an instance for the model described by the extension point (the navigator view, the driver Z, your business implementation...)

Eclipse 4 Architecture

- In 2012, the Eclipse foundation provided a new RCP runtime (E4)
- This new architecture is fully compliant with the Eclipse 3 concepts
 - The major part of Eclipse is still written using Eclipse 3

- Basically E4 provides;
 - an application model
 - a UI renderer (SWT or Java Fx)
 - Injection
 - CSS
 - Spies
 - A compatibility layer to be compliant with Eclipse 3 concepts
- This new runtime is based on OSGi and distributed under EPL license

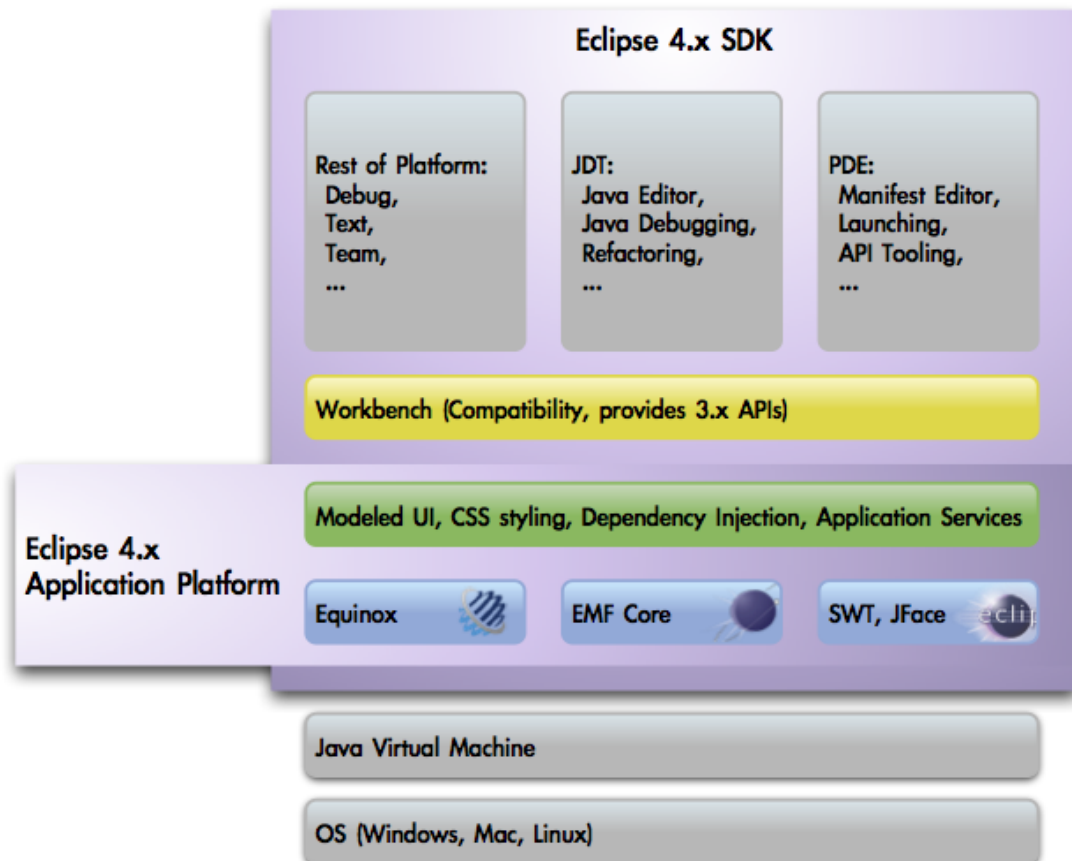


Image 9 e4 Architecture

UI Model

Any user interface contains always the same elements:

views, perspectives, commands :

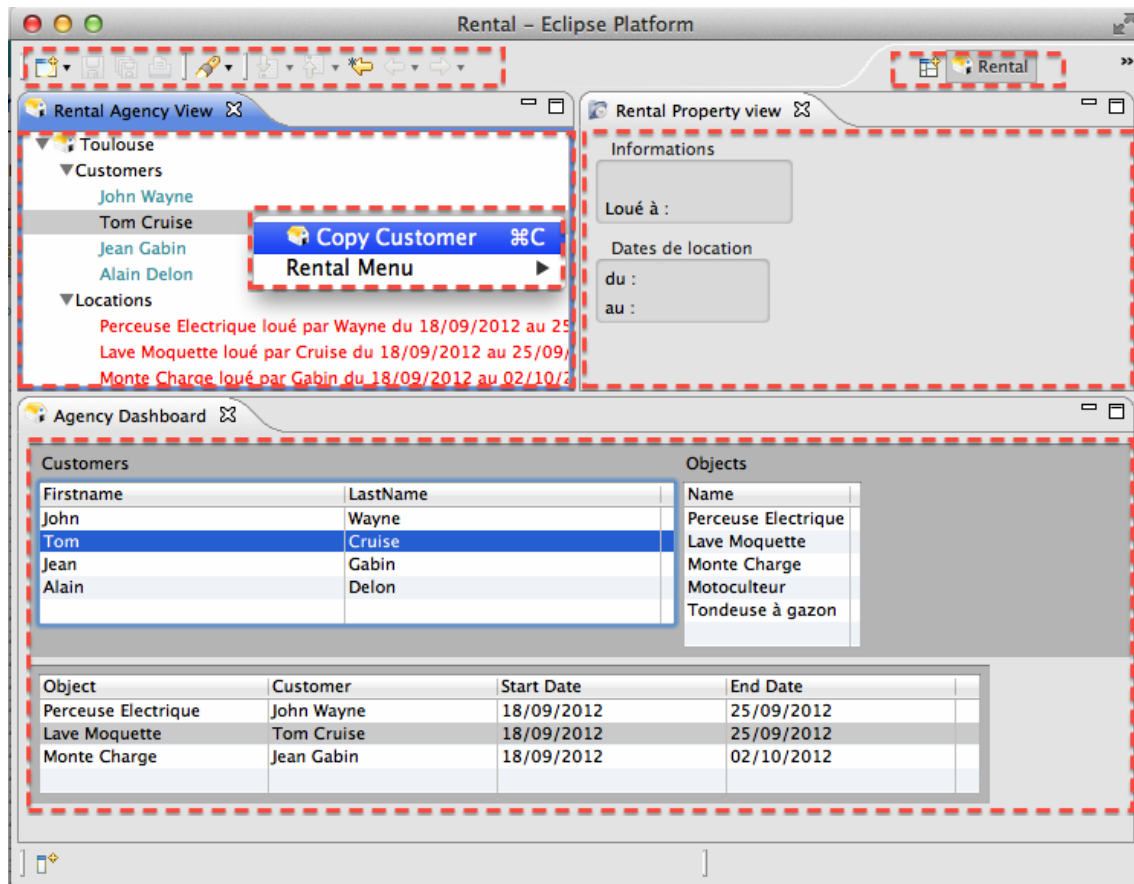
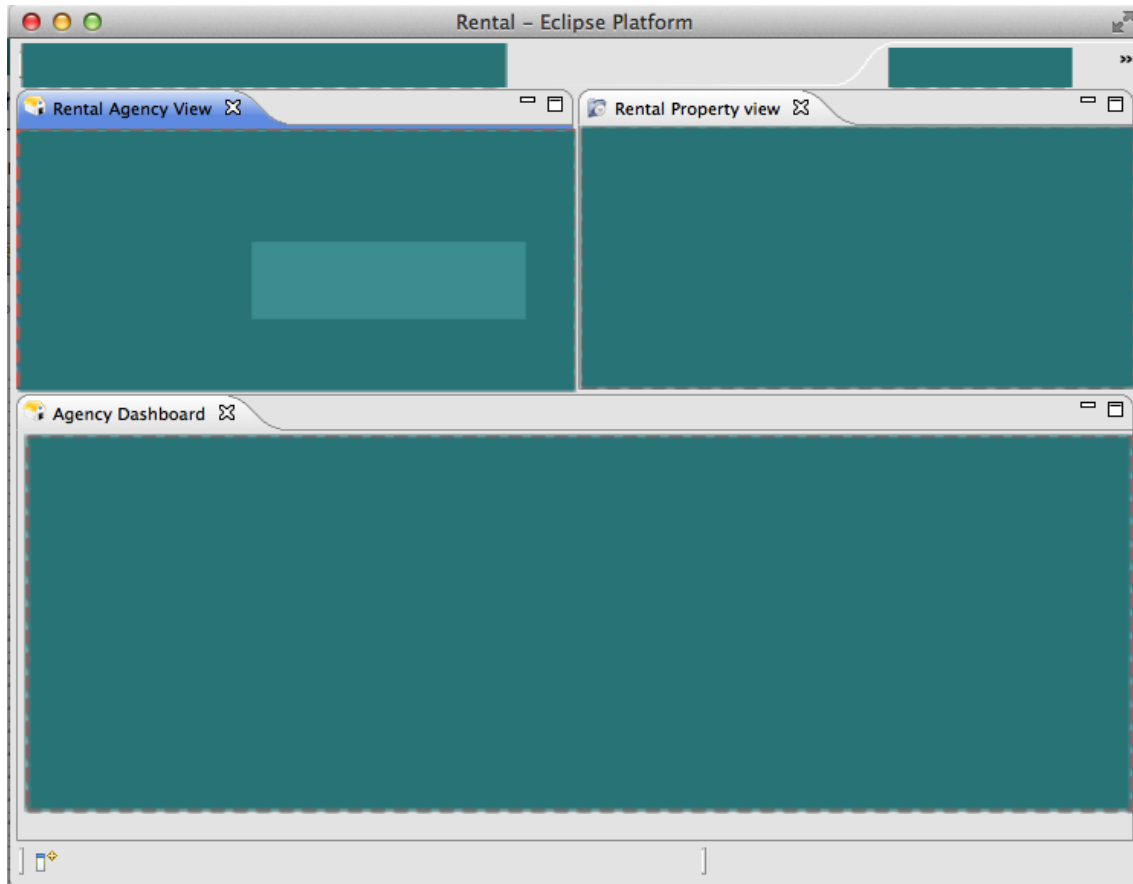


Image 10 UI anatomy

In Eclipse 4, these elements are defined in application model :



UI in application model

The application model

- It is defined using Modeling technologies
- It is a live model
 - read when application starts
 - saved when application ends
- UI Agnostic
- Rendered by a renderer (SWT or JavaFx)

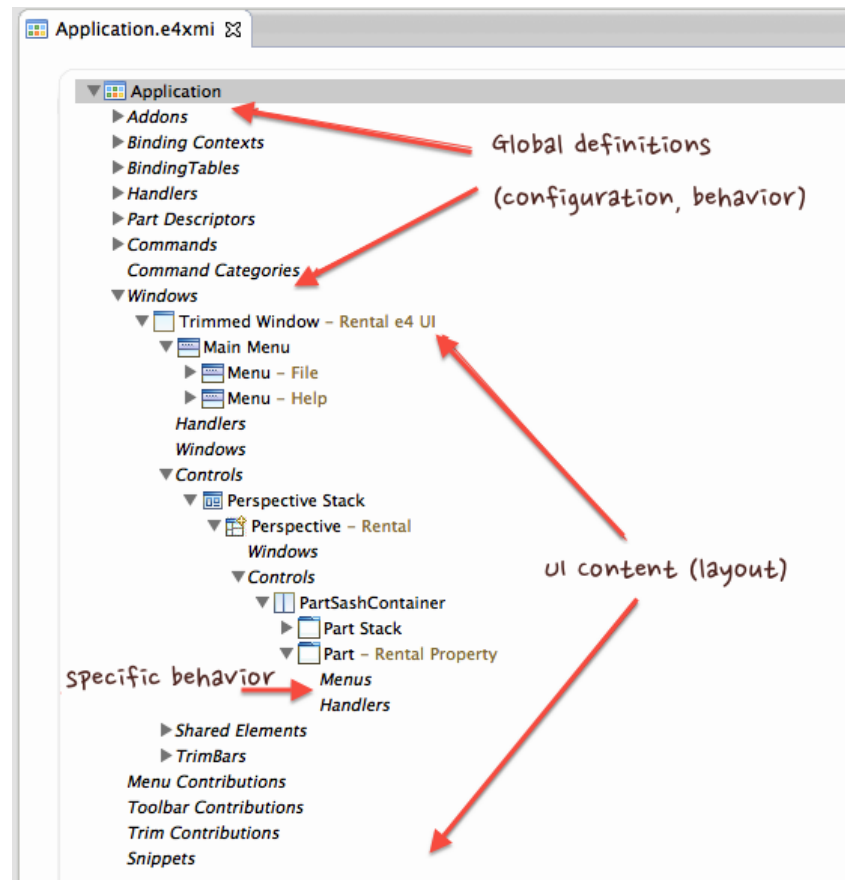


Image 11 Application Model

E4 Injection

Eclipse 4 provides a specific injector using standard annotations

- @Inject, @PostConstruct, ...

This injector is hierarchical:

- the values in context are associated to a level in the UI
- a view has its own values and can also get values from parent contexts

This injector is dynamic when a value changes:

- an injected field is automatically updated
- an injected method is automatically re-invoked on parameter's value changes

Remote Application Platform (RAP)

- RAP is used to launch an RCP application in a web browser.
- RAP uses a specific SWT implementation
- RAP uses JSON to communicate between client and server

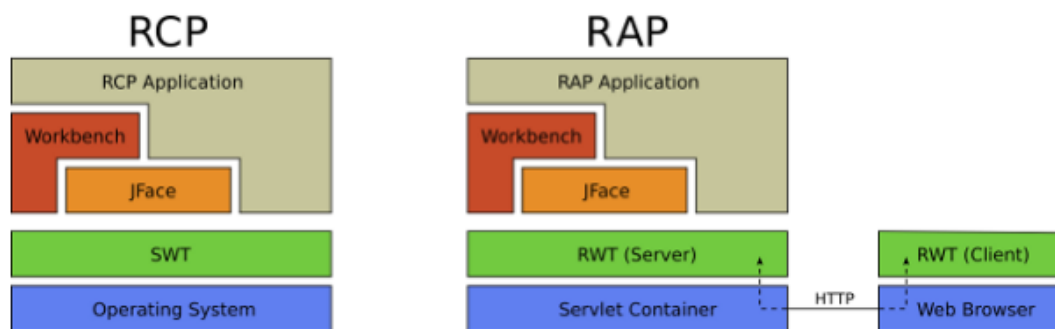


Image 12 RCP and RAP

- RAP allows you to write your application once for desktop and web.

Modeling Projects overview

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Modeling Projects

The power of models for your productivity

Overview

This part is about Modeling projects

It will show you how you can increase your software productivity

Modeling project is based on RCP architecture

They can be used in two ways:

- **MDA**: Model Driven Application:
 - your model is used at runtime
- **MDD**: Model Driven Development:
 - your model is used by your tooling.

Map

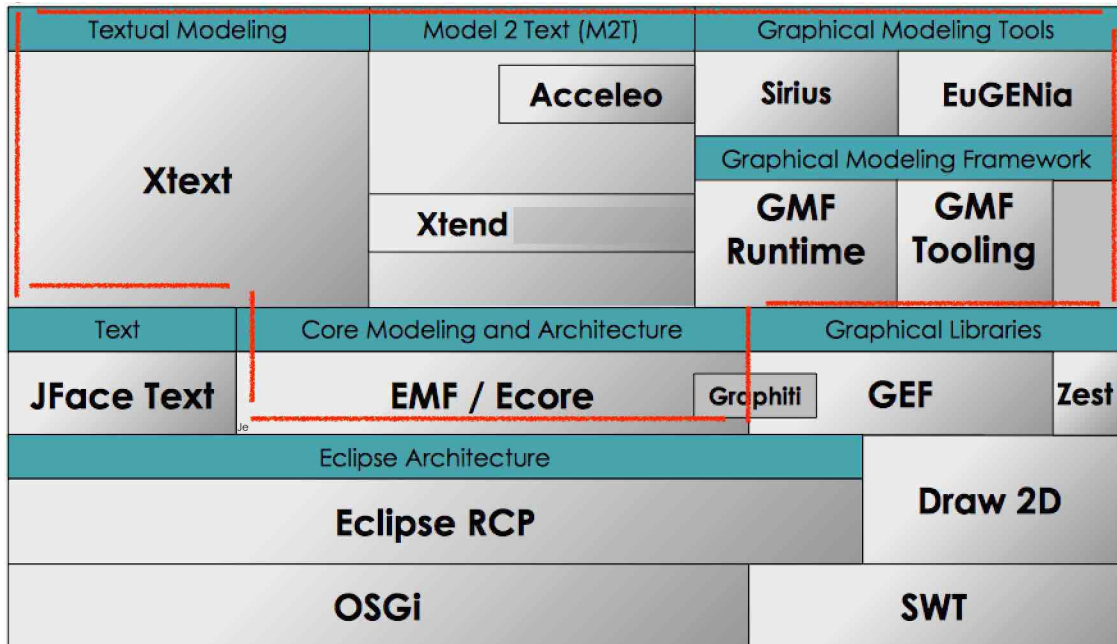


Image 13

What is EMF?

- EMF is the core of the modeling project.
- Basic modeling tools

- a modeling language (Ecore)
- default generators (bean, editor)

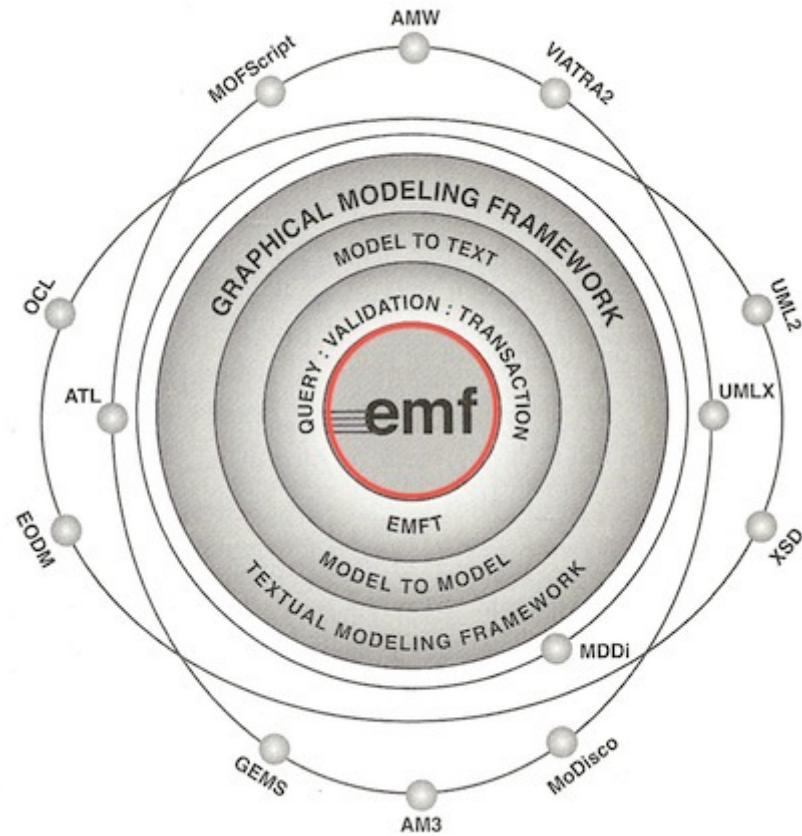


Image 14 EMF in the Modeling project

Modeling steps

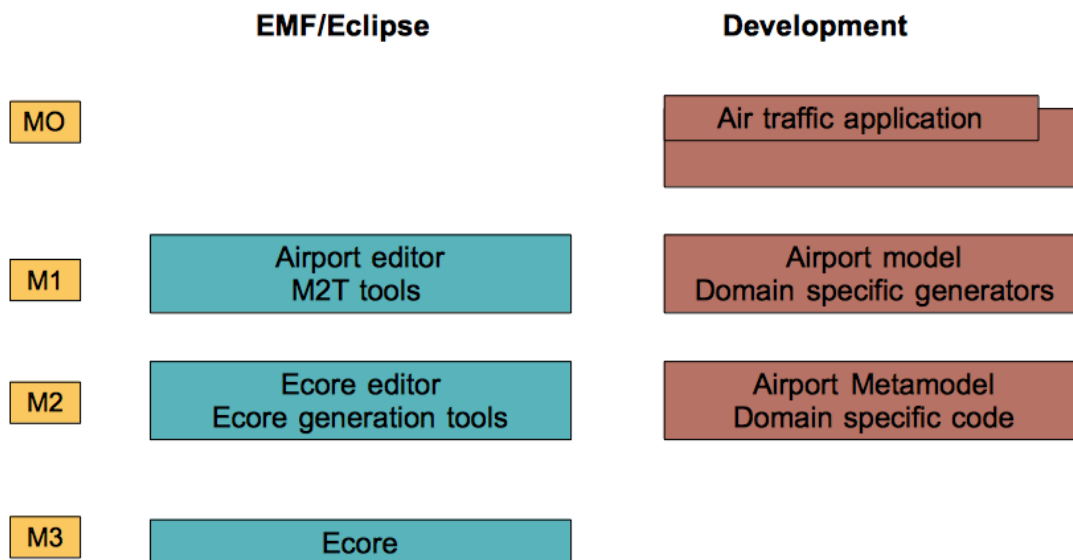


Image 15 EMF in the development process

model / meta model

Model and meta model are distinguished according to domain

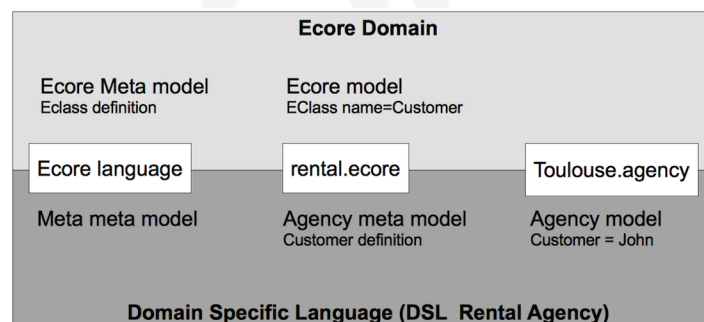


Image 16 Model and Meta model

Tree editor

- The tree editor is the default editor.
- Properties are edited in the Eclipse's default property view

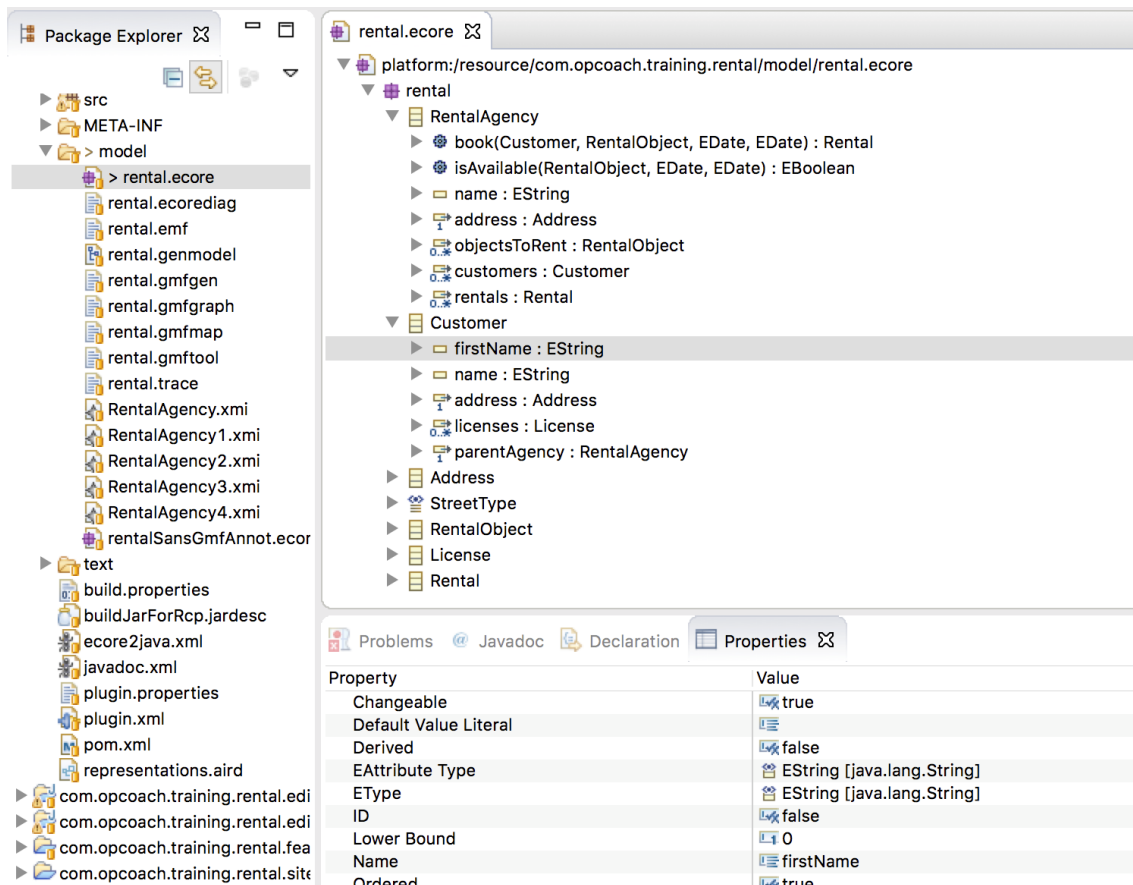


Image 17 Ecore Tree Editor

Graphical Editor

- The graphical editor is available in the eclipse modeling delivery :

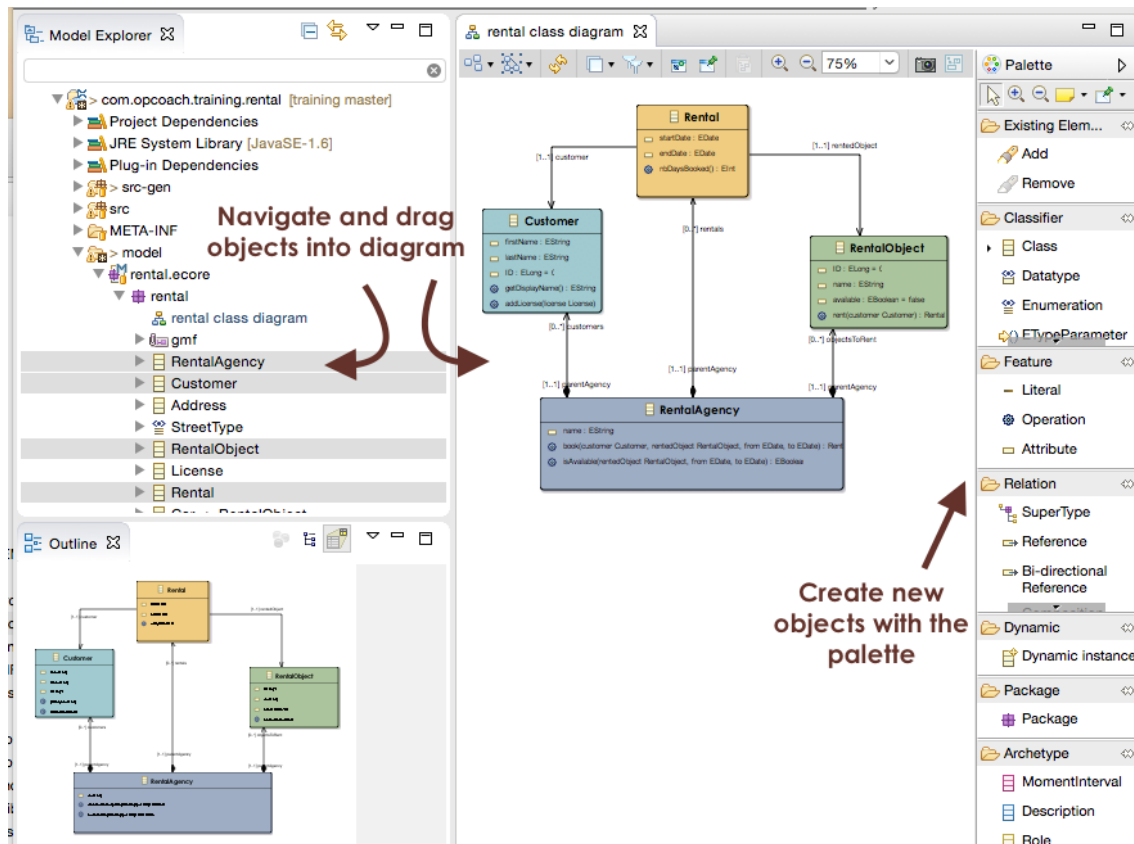
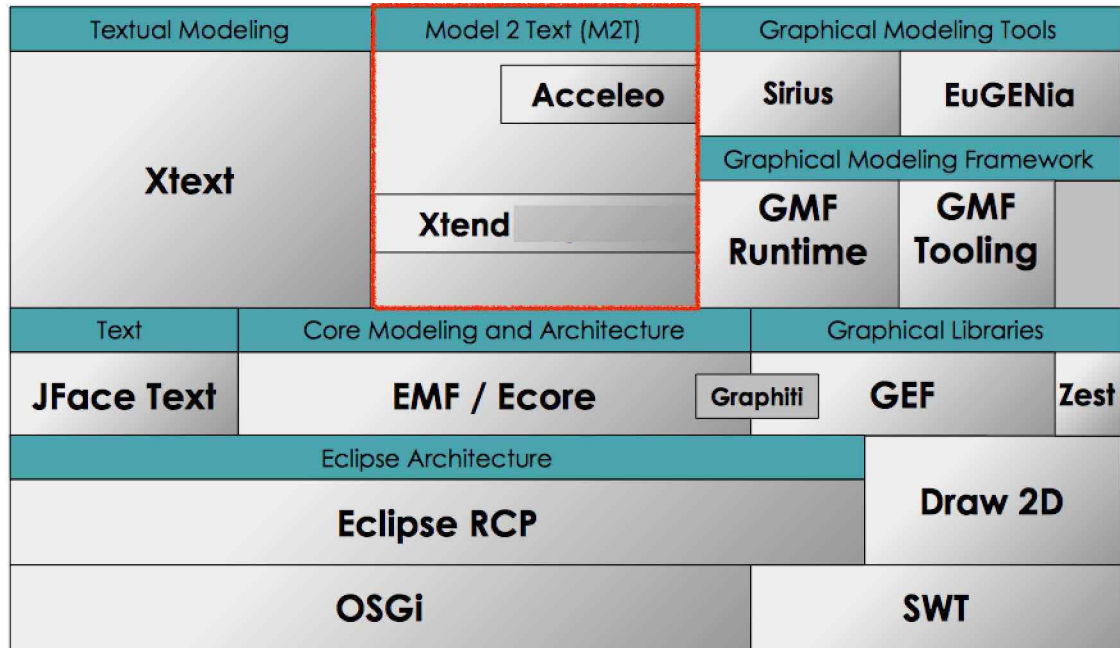


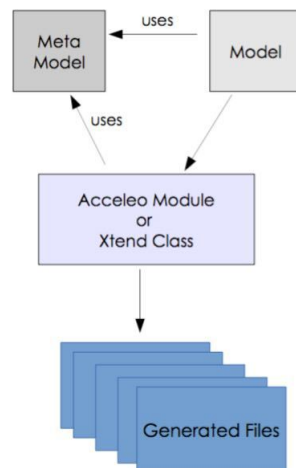
Image 18 Ecore tools

Model to Text (M2T)

How to use 'model to text' generators for your productivity
Once your model is defined, you can create code generators



M2T Big picture



Xtend language

- Xtend is a simplified Java language which is generated into real Java code
- It can also generate text code
- This is a really nice and easy language to learn.

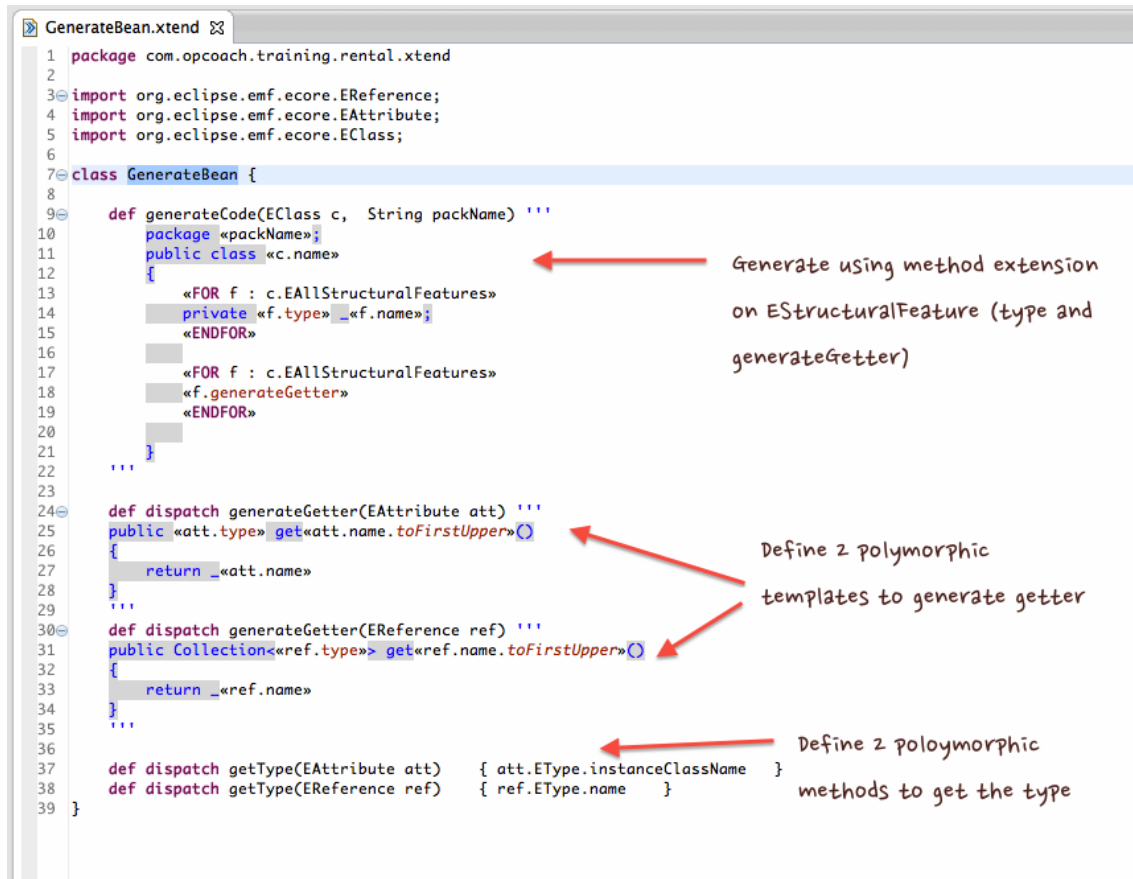


Image 19 Xtend generator sample

How can you use it ?

Create a meta model of your system:

- satellite description
- system description
- whatever description

Create a model of your business:

- the ABC satellite
- the ABC system

Write your code generator for your ABC system:

- it will be compliant with your meta-model/model
- produce the boilerplate code which is cumbersome to write
 - SQL mapping
 - Web side mapping (php, angular, node.js..)
 - Your framework compliant code mapping
 - ...



Remark : if you describe more than once the same information generate it from a model !



Model Edition

By default, the EMF framework can generate a Tree oriented editor for your model.

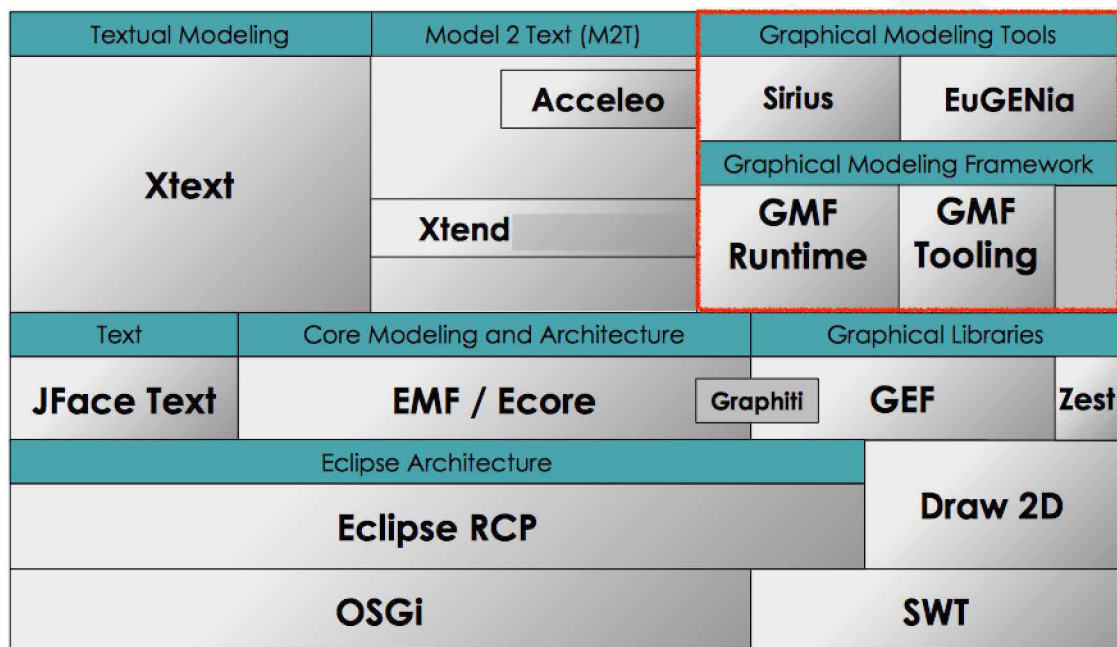
But it can be painful to use

You can also create your specific editor using:

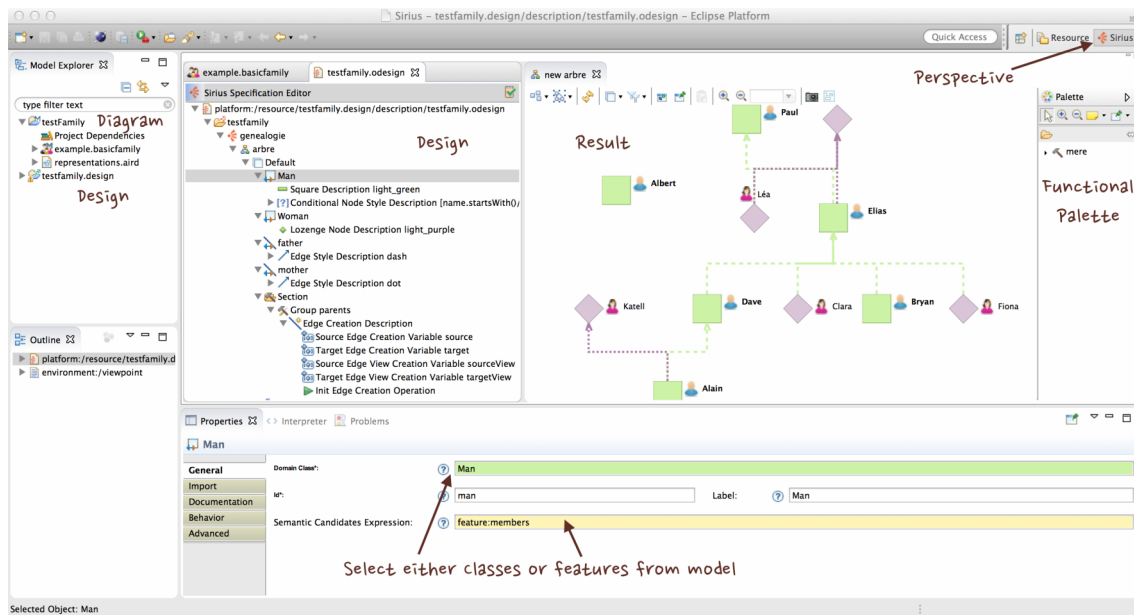
- Sirius for graphical editors
- Xtext for textual editors

Graphical model editors

- Use the model editors when your model can be graphically displayed
- Then bind your model to your code generator (MDD approach)
- Provide your model editor in your application (MDA approach)



- Sirius is a tool to describe graphical representation for a model
 - diagram : nodes and links
 - table : lines of instances with properties in columns
 - matrix : lines and columns of instances with values in cells
- It allows to get very quickly a graphical editor for a model
- The editor can be used directly **without code generation**



Sirius overview

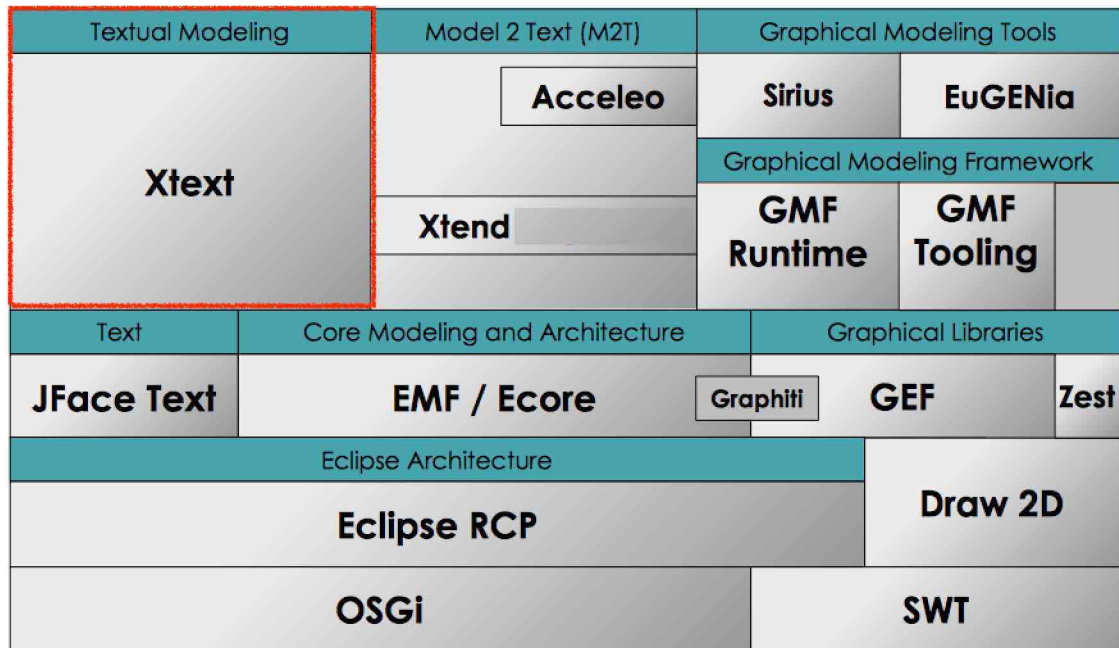


Remark : the ecore graphical model editor is written using Sirius



Textual model editors

- Use textual model editors when you want to provide a DSL text editor
- Bind it to your code generator automatically (MDD approach)
- Provide your powerful text editor to your customer (MDA approach)



Xtext

- Eclipse project to generate a text editor for a model
- 'Language IDE framework'
- Generates the editor from a grammar and an Ecore model

Xtext website: <http://www.eclipse.org/Xtext/> ³

How to use it ?

- Follow the 5 mn and 30 mn tutorial.
- It can also be integrated with IntelliJ
- If it is relevant, you can bind your code generator
 - Describe once and generate code in different languages

Xtext editors features

All editors generated with Xtext have the following features for free:

- syntax highlighting
- auto completion
- search indexes
- validation and quickfixes
- errors and warnings management
- templates
- outline
- definition of hyperlink (cross languages)
- binding with an optional Xtend generator

3 - <http://www.eclipse.org/Xtext/>



Remark : using XText is a way to get a 'Java like' editor but for your own business language !



Graphic visualization of the grammar

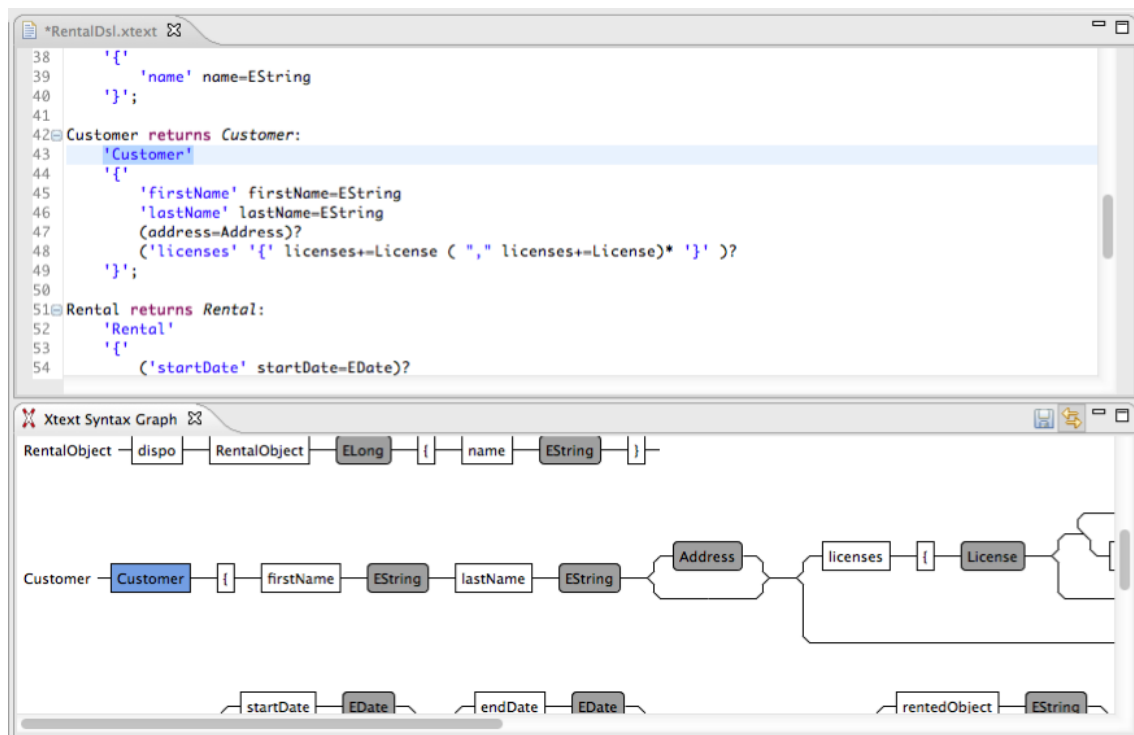


Image 20 XText Syntax Graph

Generated editor

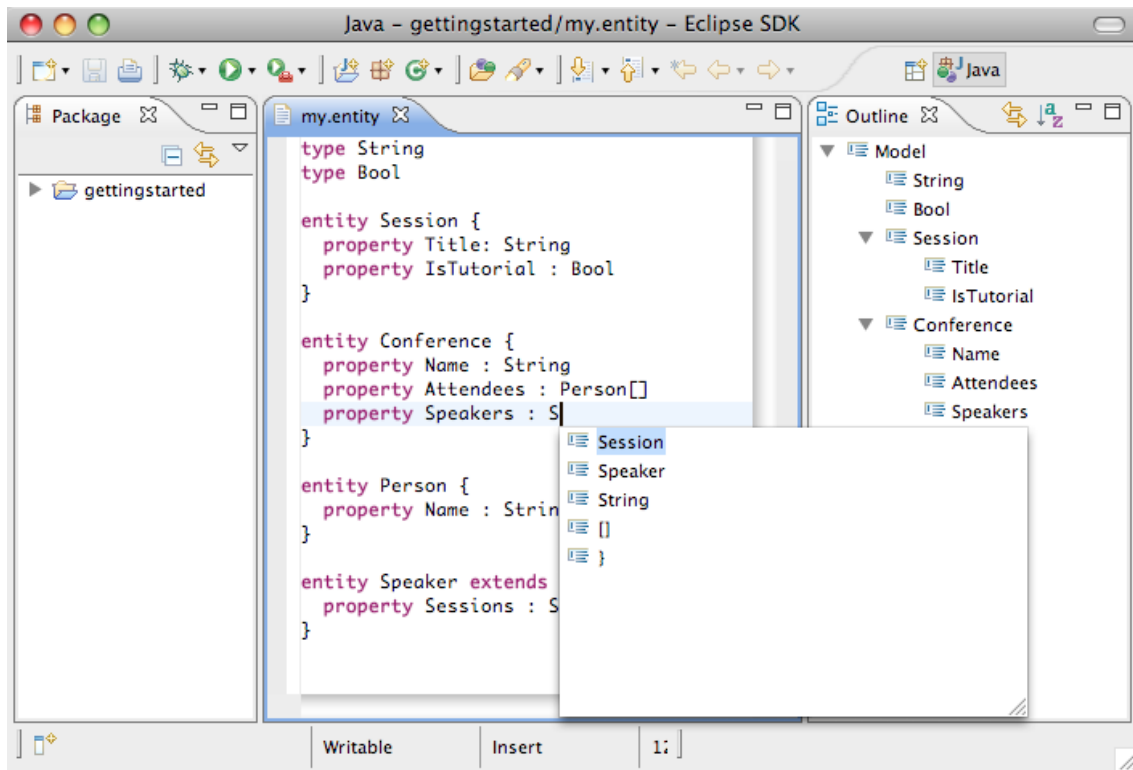


Image 21 Sample editor

Customize your editor

With Xtext it is really easy (and fun !) to add your:

- quickfixes (@Fix annotation)
- errors and warnings (@Check annotation)
- auto completion (textual or semantic)
- text formatter
- code generator (triggered on save)
- templates (compliant with your syntax)

Conclusion

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Conclusion

The Eclipse technologies can help you to :

- build your own tooling to increase your productivity
- make modular java applications without license constraints
- use for free so many components

How to be involved ?

You can :

- Ask questions to the community using forum
- Use the bugzilla to open/find bugs
- Become a committer and enhance your resume
- Attend to Eclipse conferences
- Create your integrated tooling in the most used IDE on the market

How can you learn this ?

- By yourself with google and the famous **vogella** web site
- Buy an Eclipse book
- Or contact me for :
 - A taylor made training
 - Order a consulting mission (on site or remotely).
- Slides of this presentation are available

Thank you

Any questions ?