





ECLIPSE APPLICATION PLATFORM (RCP 4.7)

Objectives

- ✓ Understanding F4/OSGi architecture
- ✔ Building SWT/JFace UI
- ✓ Designing an Eclipse 4 based application
- ✓ Mastering application distribution

Target Audience

- ✓ Developers
- Project managers
- Software Architects

Pre-requisites

✓ Knowledge of Java



Eclipse Architecture

- OSGi Architecture : bundles, fragments, MANIFEST.MF
- Eclipse Architecture: plugins, fragments, features, RCP, e4
- Extensions and extension points, plugin.xml file
- Development tools: the PDE
- Eclipse 4 architecture introduction (EAP)
- Eclipse 3.x vs Eclipse 4.x

Application model

- Application model contents
- Editor for application model and the model spy
- UI structure definition
- · Application fragments and processors
- Best practices to design your model

Standard Widget Toolkit (SWT)

- Simple widgets and containers (Button, Text, Group, ...)
- Advanced widgets: Tree, Table, ...
- Position management: Layouts et LayoutData
- Resources management : Font, Color, Images
- Event management : Events et Listeners
- Window Builder to design your E4 UI

JFace Library

- Introduction to JFace
- Viewers and the MVC pattern
- Input, ContentProvider and LabelProvider
- Registries: colors, fonts and images management
- Widgets to help in writing preference pages

Injection and annotations

- Injection mechanism overview
- Specific annotations for injection
- Computed annotations (preference, event)
- Dynamic instanciation

Injection contexts

- Context hierarchy
- Updating contexts
- Using the context spy to display contexts

Behavior annotations

- View and editors annotations
- Command handlers annotations
- Preferences annotations

Dialogs

- Preferences management
- Properties and wizards

E4 services

- · Model component management
- Part and selection services
- Event Broker, event management and event spy
- Adapters and loggers
- Other services

Standards APIs

- Drag and drop and copy/paste
- Jobs and UlJobs
- Actions, operations and commands, undo/redo.
- Resources and workspace

Look and Feel, CSS

- Modifying code to manage CSS
- Writing the CSS, syntax, editor and the CSS Spy
- \bullet Binding the CSS in the application

Defining a new extension point

- Principle, design, definition, schema, parameters
- Java coding and extensions of extension point

Industrialization and delivery

- Feature, product, p2 repository
- Tests management (core and UI)
- Manual delivery (for multi platform using delta pack)
- Introduction to automatic delivery tools (maven tycho)

Exercises

• About fifteen exercises illustrating the concepts on the subject of a rental agency, developed using the latest Eclipse version (Oxygen 4.7) and managed with git.