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How to Use FeatureIDE

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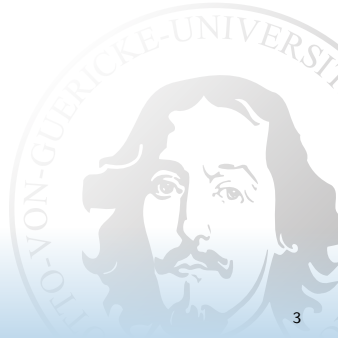
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Feature-Oriented Programming (FOP)

- ▶ Introduced 1997 by Christian Prehofer
- ▶ Based on Object-Oriented Programming
- ▶ Features realize functionalities
- ▶ Features are cross-cutting to objects
- ▶ Features modularize fragments from certain classes
- ▶ Fragment contains some methods/fields of a class belonging to one functionality
- ▶ Goals: code traceability, software customization

FOP Example

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class Calc {
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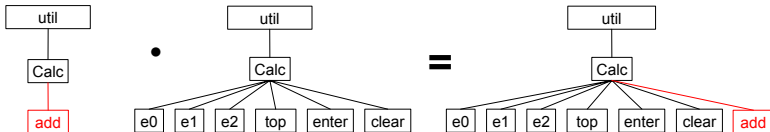
feature: Add

```
package util;
class Calc {
    int e0 = 0, e1 = 0,
        e2 = 0;
    void enter(int val) {
        e2 = e1; e1 = e0;
        e0 = val;
    }
    void clear() {
        e0 = e1 = e2 = 0;
    }
    String top() {
        return String.
            valueOf(e0);
    }
}
```

feature: CalcBase

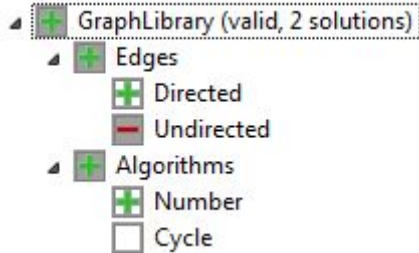
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    }
    String top() {
        //...
    }
    void add() {
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feature: CalcAdd



http://wwiti.cs.uni-magdeburg.de/iti_db/lehre/epmd/2009/slides/06_FOP.pdf

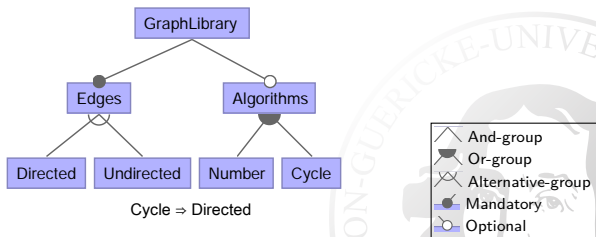
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- ▶ Selection of features
- ▶ Composition of features results in a program variant
- ▶ Not all combinations are useful

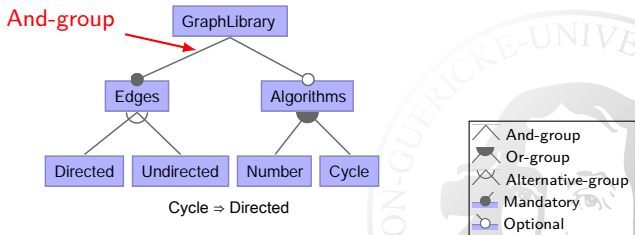
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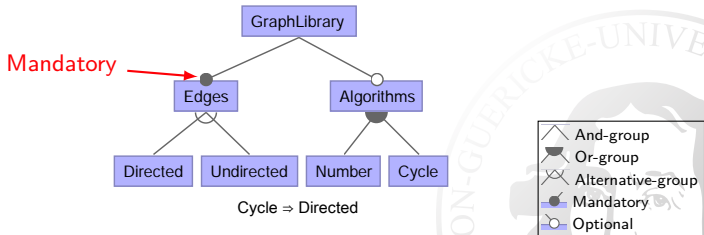
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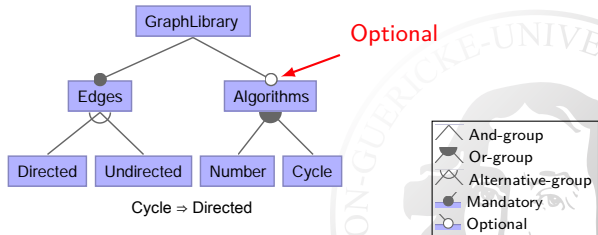
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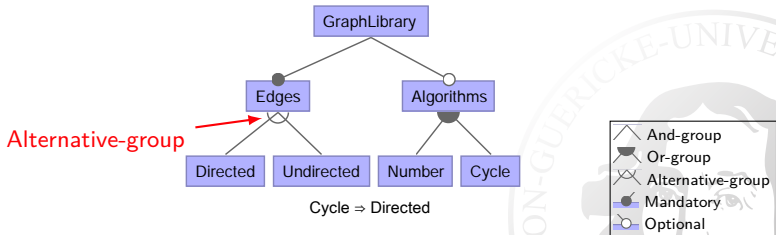
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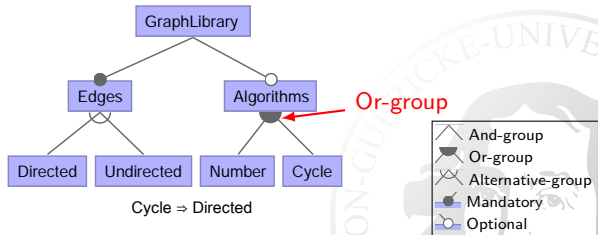
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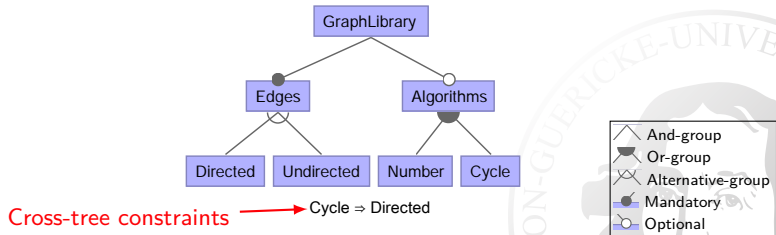
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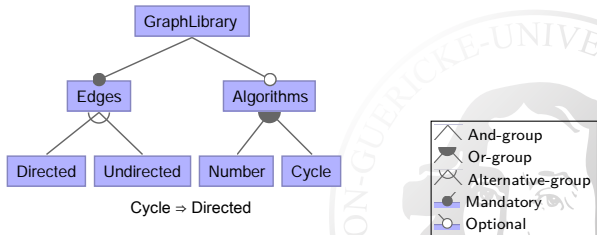
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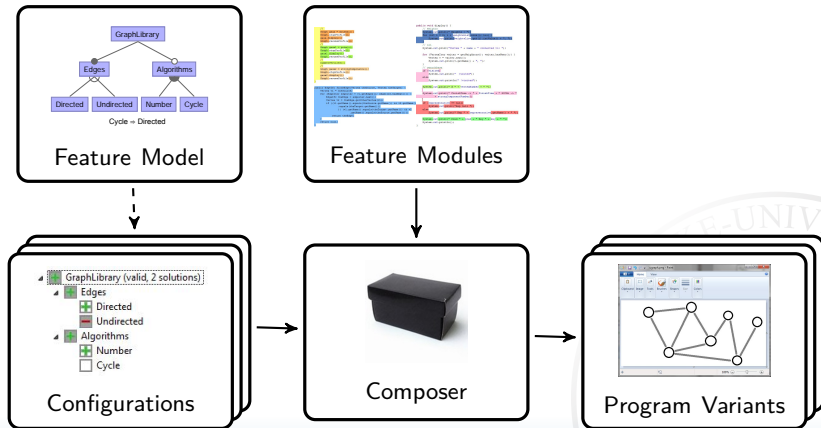


Composition Engines

Command-line tools used to compose files within FeatureIDE:

- ▶ AHEAD (jampack): .jak (Java 1.4)
<http://userweb.cs.utexas.edu/~schwartz/ATS.html>
- ▶ FeatureC++: .cpp (C++)
<http://www.fosd.de/fcpp>
- ▶ FeatureHouse: .java (Java 1.5), .cs (C#), .c/.h (C), .hs (Haskell), .jj (JavaCC), .als (Alloy), .xmi (UML)
<http://www.fosd.de/fh>

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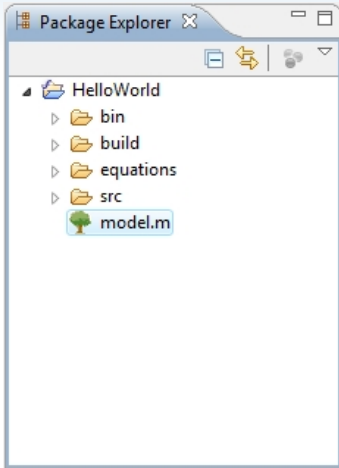
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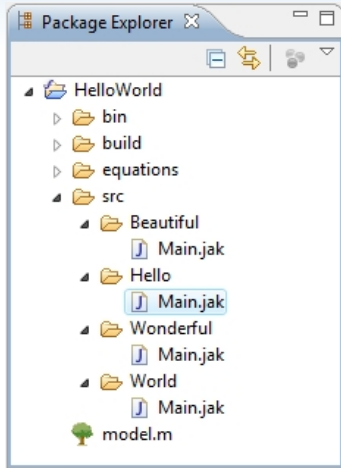
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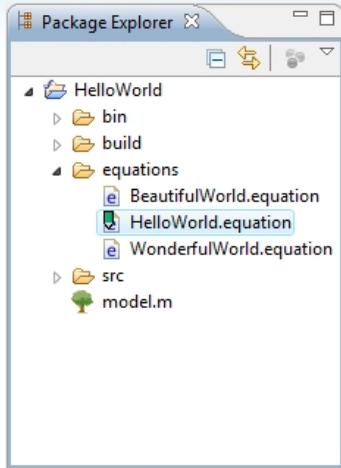


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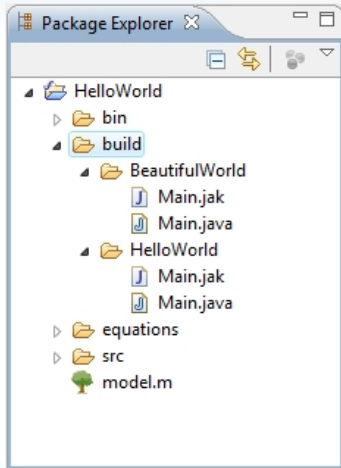
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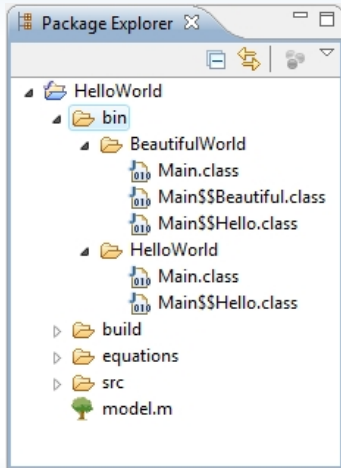
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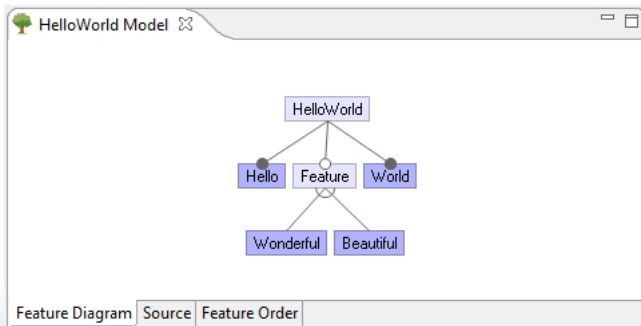
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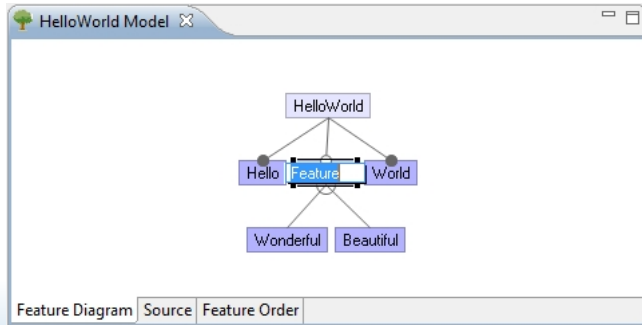
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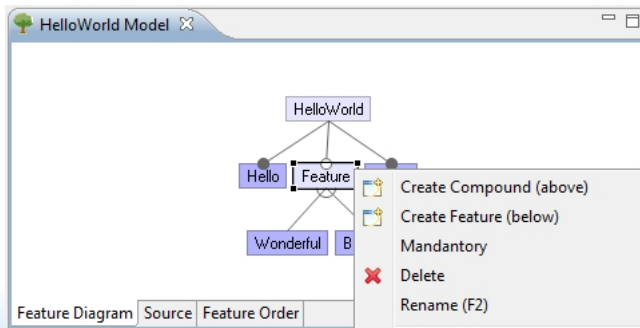
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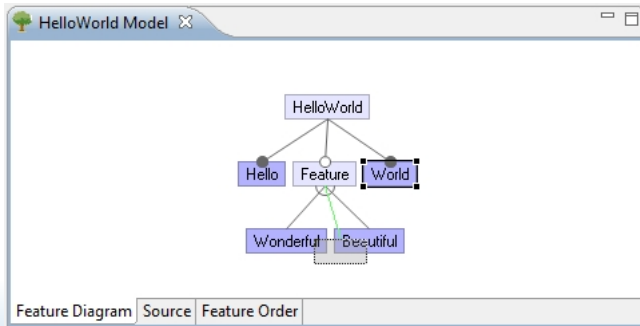
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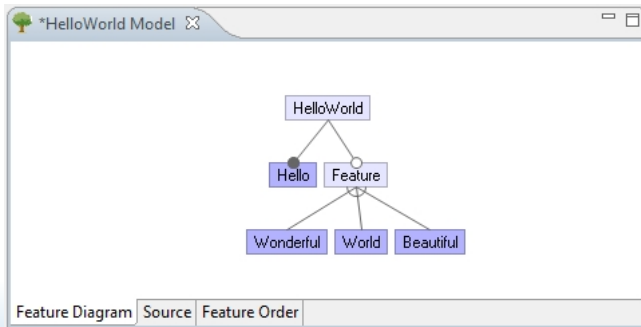
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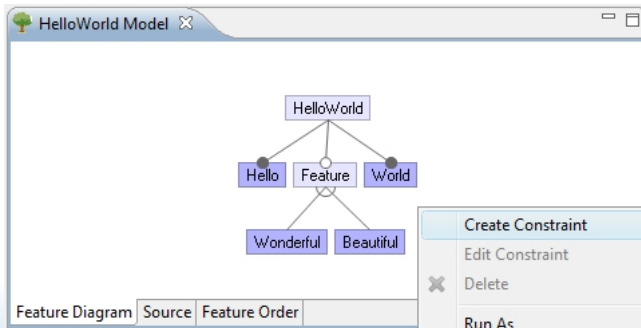
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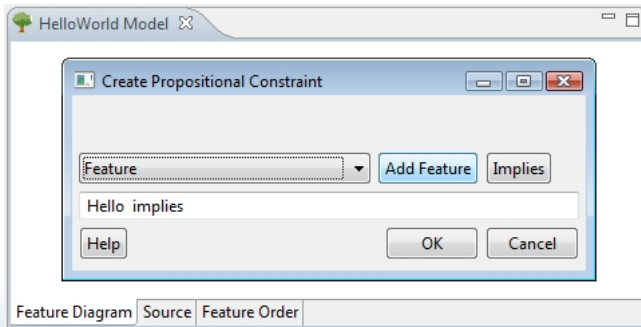
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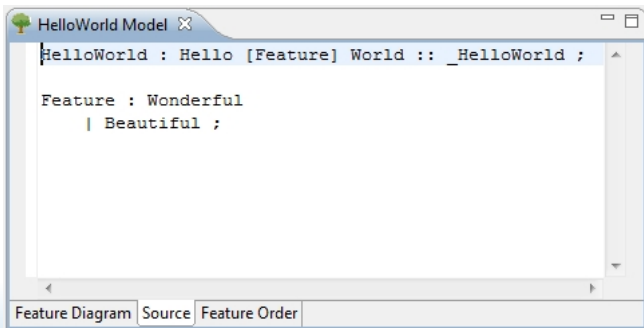
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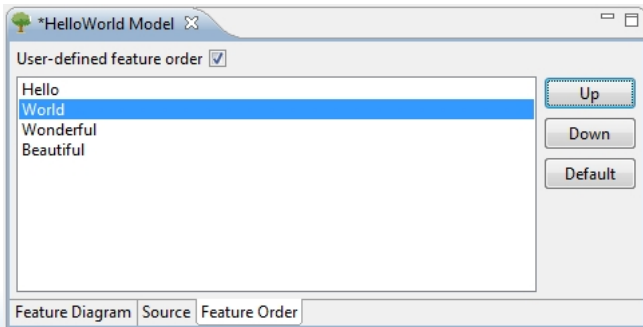
Feature Model Editor - Grammar

- ▶ Source tab contains the GUIDSL grammar representation
- ▶ [] - optional feature
- ▶ | - Or-group -or- Alternative-group depending on parent
- ▶ + - mandatory feature and Or-group below
- ▶ * - optional feature and Or-group below



Feature Model Editor - Feature Order

- ▶ Order of features matters: can influence program behavior
- ▶ Default order: pre-order traversal of the feature diagram
- ▶ User-defined order possible
- ▶ Applies to all configurations



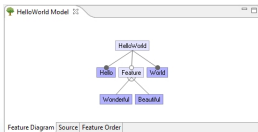
Feature Model Editor - Synchronization

Before saving:

- ▶ When switching tab, changes are propagated

When saving:

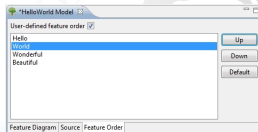
- ▶ Feature folders are created, removed, and renamed
- ▶ Updating order of features in configurations
- ▶ Checking which configurations are valid/invalid
- ▶ Current content of Configuration Editor updated



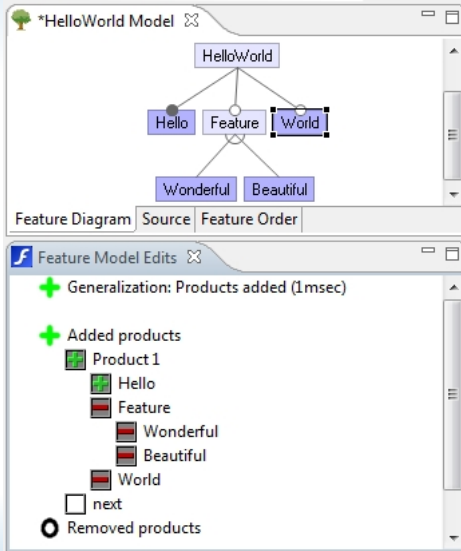
The screenshot shows a window titled 'HelloWorld Model'. It displays the source code of the model in the 'Source' tab. The code is as follows:

```
HelloWorld : Hello [Feature] World :: _HelloWorld ;  
Feature : Wonderful  
| Beautiful ;
```

The bottom of the window has a tab bar with 'Feature Diagram', 'Source', and 'Feature Order'.

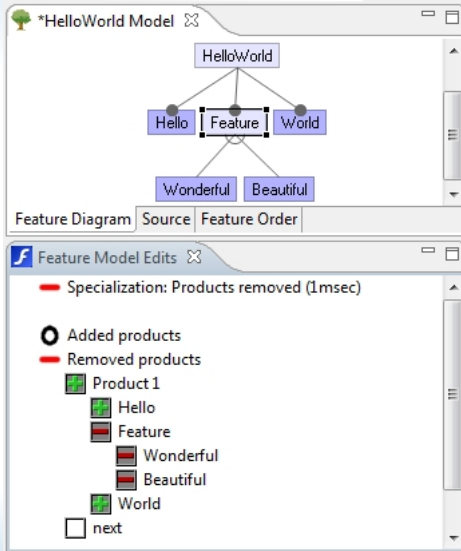


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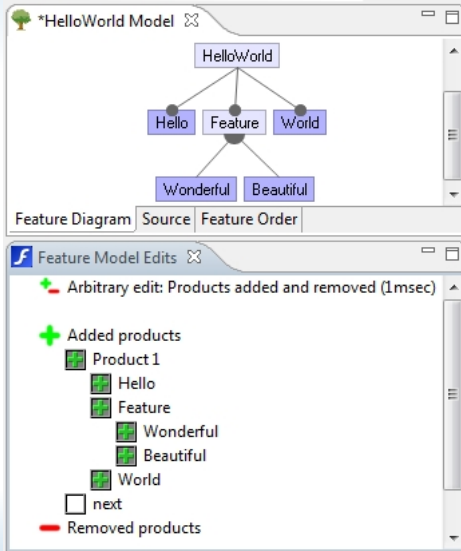
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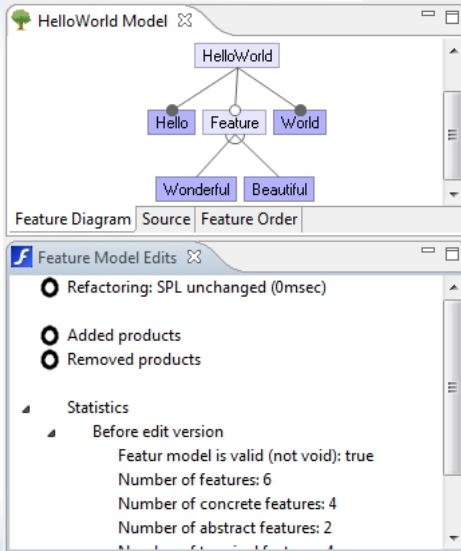
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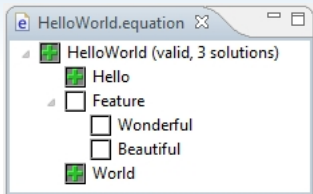
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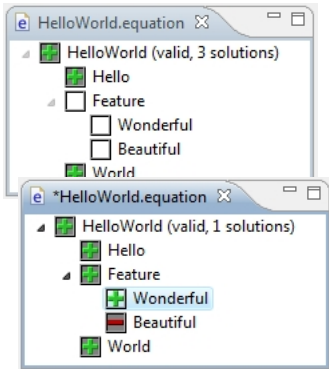


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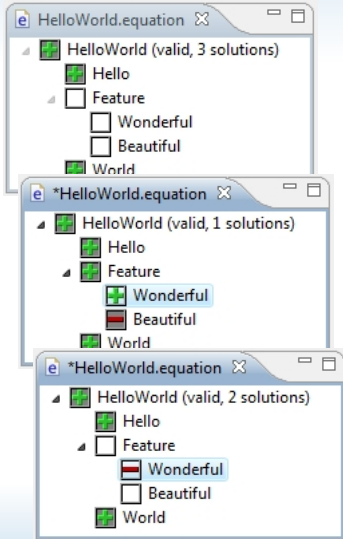


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Feature Project Builder

- ▶ Specific to composition engine (AHEAD, FeatureHouse, FeatureC++)
- ▶ Build: compose features contained in current configuration
- ▶ Clean: removing all resources in bin/build folder
- ▶ Build automatically: based on changes in source folder or current configuration

Jak Editor

- ▶ Syntax highlighting
- ▶ Error markers
- ▶ Content assist
- ▶ Outline view

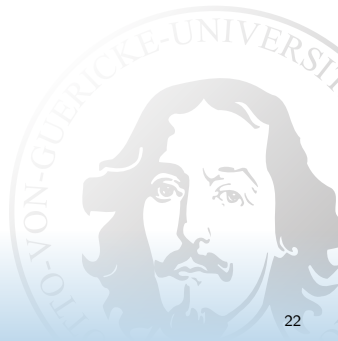
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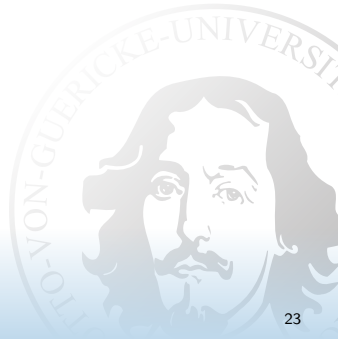
Collaboration Diagram

- ▶ Visualizes roles that features add to classes/files
- ▶ Adding, removing, and opening Jak files
- ▶ Refreshed with every build
- ▶ Based on the current configuration

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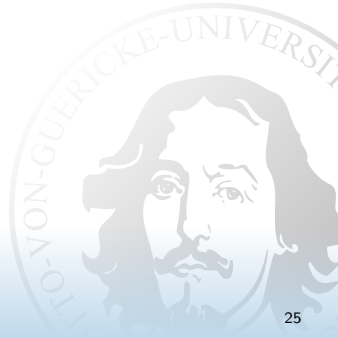
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