

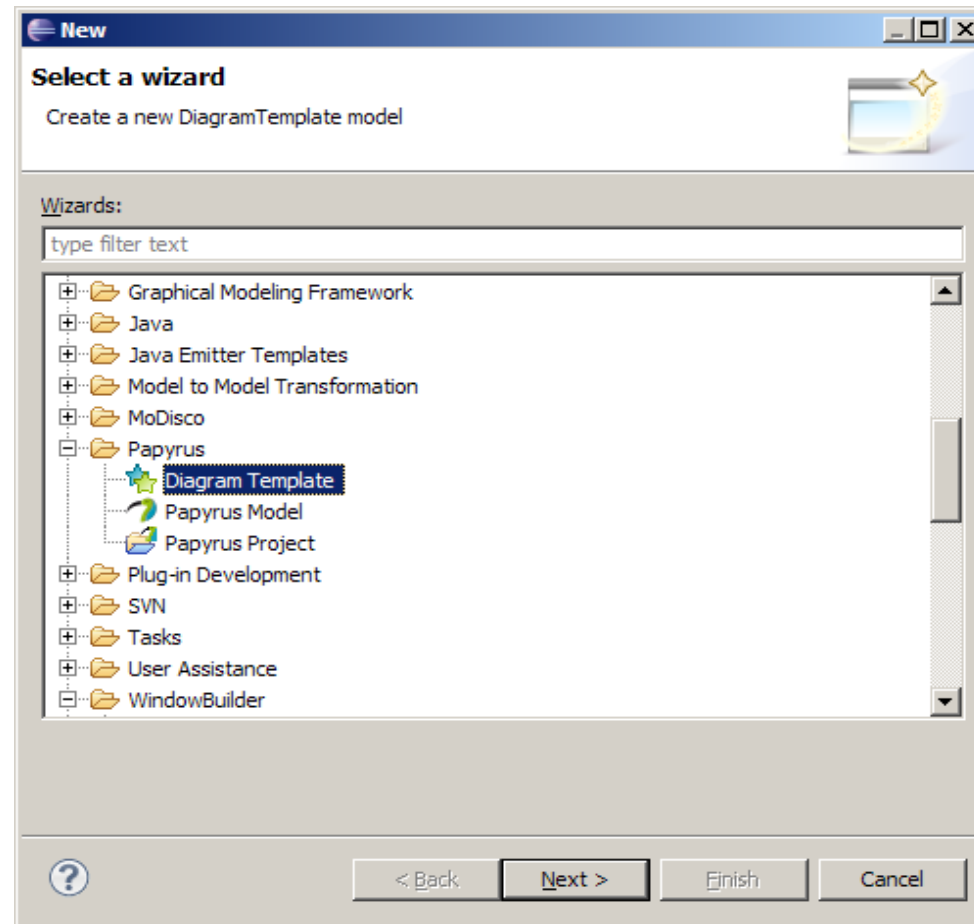
The background features several thick, glossy, 3D-style diagonal lines in blue, yellow, and green. There are also faint, thin white curved lines. Three small circular inset images are visible: one at the top left showing two people at a computer, one in the center showing a computer monitor, and one at the bottom showing a hand interacting with a large screen.

Template based diagram generation

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Create a new diagram template



Editor overview

Name of the diagram definition

Prefix used to name the diagram: prefix+name of the owner

Root to start search

The model to apply the template on

Clear specific information: remove application on a specific model

Diagram definitions

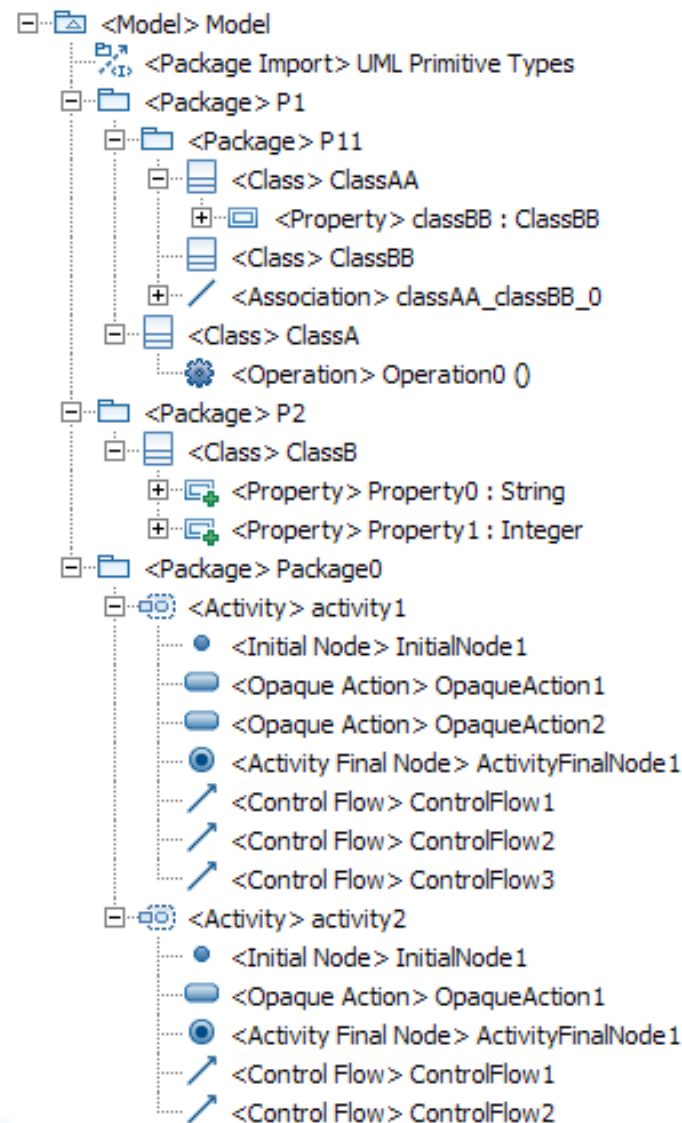
The kind of diagram to create

For which element a diagram should be created and What should be shown in it

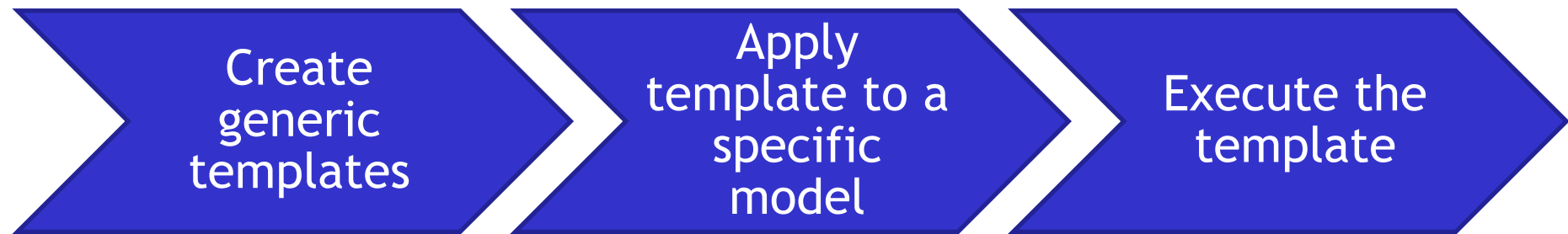
- Recursively means that the search for elements will be done recursively from the root
- Subtypes means that the search for elements will try to match the type specified AND its subtypes
- Stereotyped by is a string consisting of comma separated qualified names of stereotypes (e.g. SysML::Blocks::Block). The search will try to match this stereotype applications

Select what should be shown

The screenshot shows the 'template.diagram.Template' dialog box. At the top, there is an 'Execute' button and a 'Model:' field. To the right of the 'Model:' field is a 'Load from workspace...' button and a 'Clear' button. Below these are fields for 'Name:' (containing 'DiagramDefinition'), 'Description:', 'Prefix:' (containing 'Diagram-'), and 'Root:' (containing 'Model'). A 'Select root' button is next to the 'Root:' field. The 'Diagram kind:' section contains a list of diagram types with checkboxes: UML StateMachine Diagram, UML Activity Diagram, SysML Parametric Diagram, UML Communication Diagram, UML UseCase Diagram, SysML Block Definition Diagram, UML Composite Structure Diagram, SysML Requirement Diagram, UML Sequence Diagram, UML Package Diagram, and UML Profile Diagram. Below this is a 'For:' section with buttons for 'All', 'Specific', and 'SubTypes'. To the right of 'For:' are buttons for 'What:' with 'All' and 'Specific' options. At the bottom, there are tabs for 'Selection', 'Recursively', 'SubTypes', and 'Stereotyped by'. The 'Recursively' tab is currently selected.



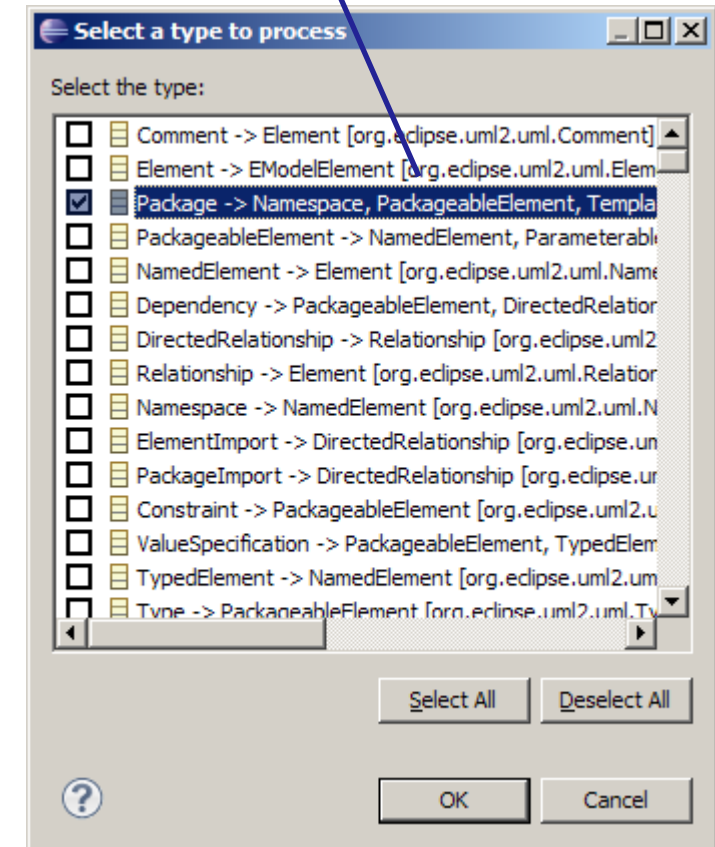
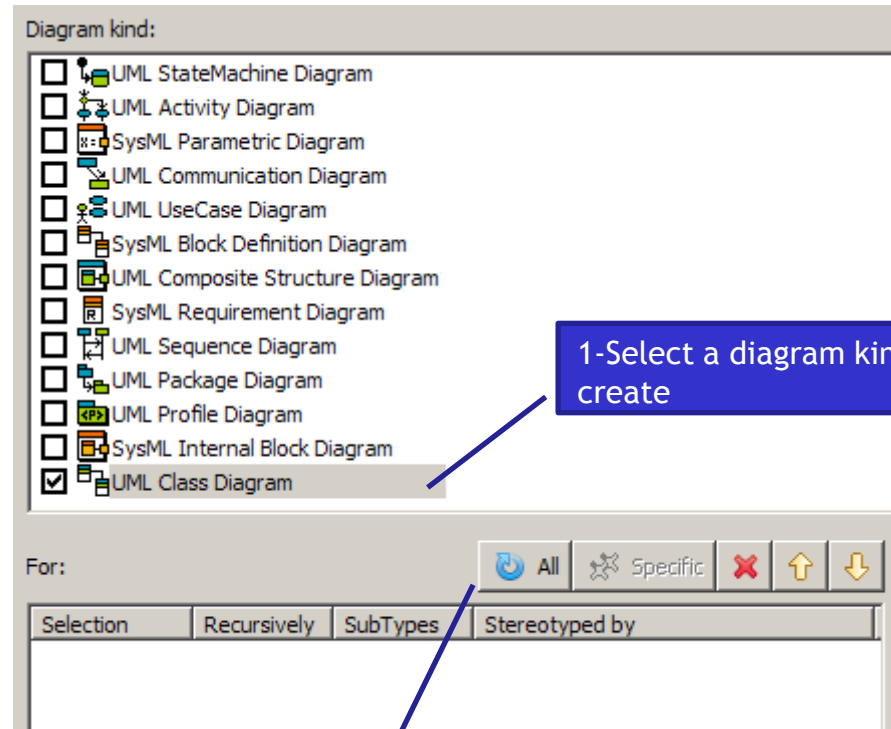
- Create class diagrams for all packages
 - Show classes
 - Show attributes and operations
 - Show associations
- Create an activity diagram for activity1
 - Show ControlFlows



Create generic templates

Create class diagrams for all packages

3-Select the type of the element you want to create diagrams for. Here, select Package



Create generic templates

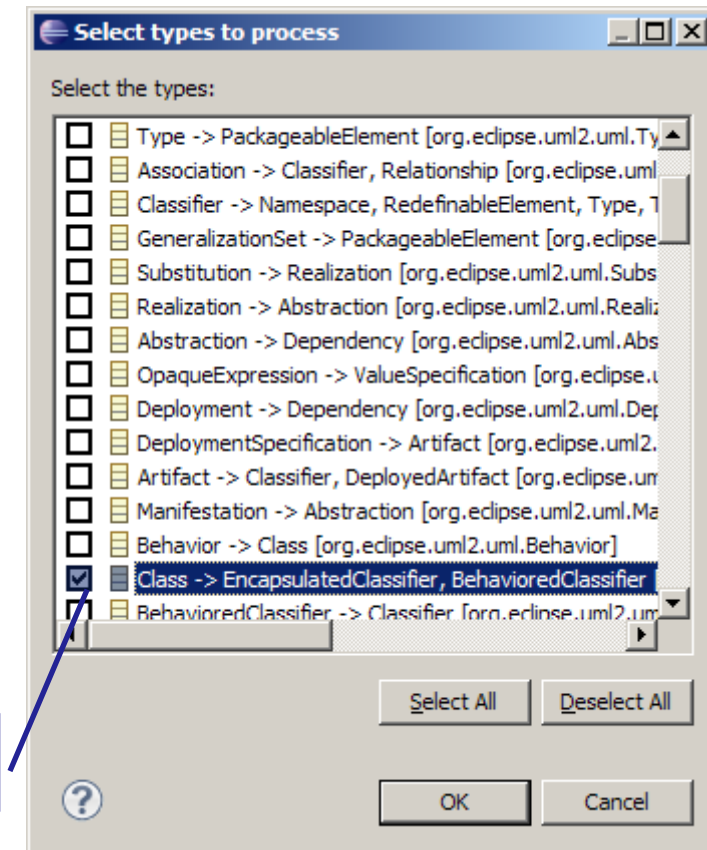
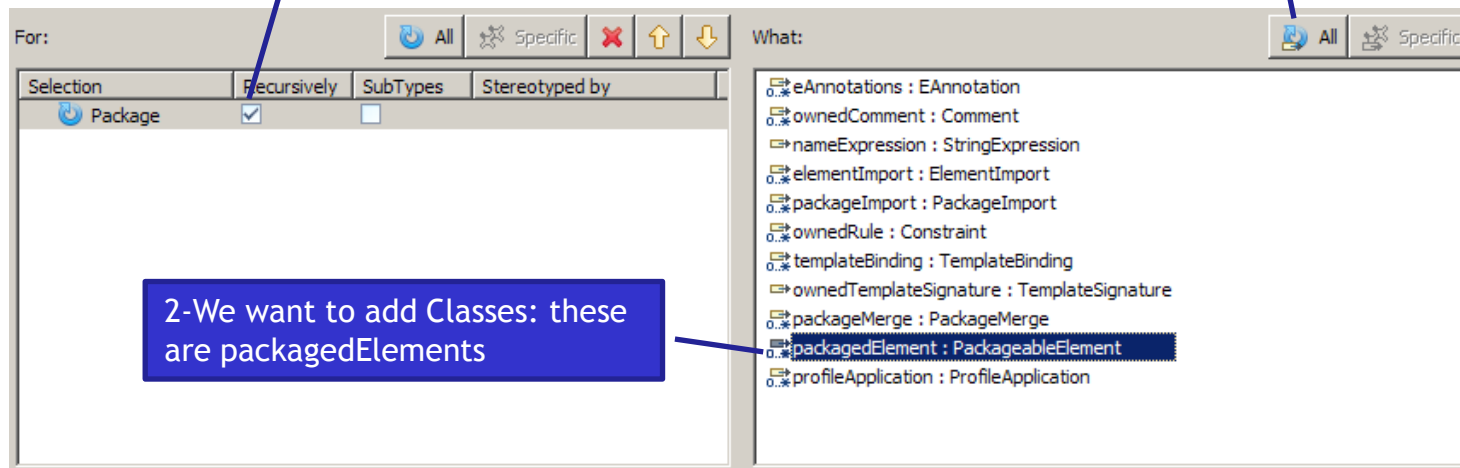
Show classes

1-We want to create diagrams for all packages recursively

3-We want to process all the classes

2-We want to add Classes: these are packagedElements

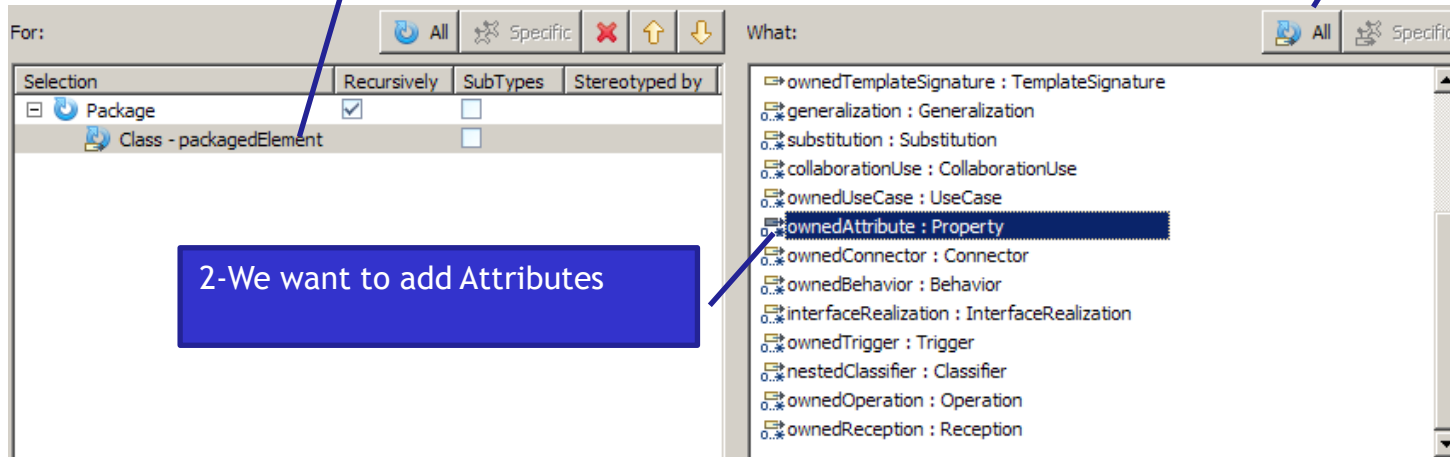
4-Select Class



Create generic templates

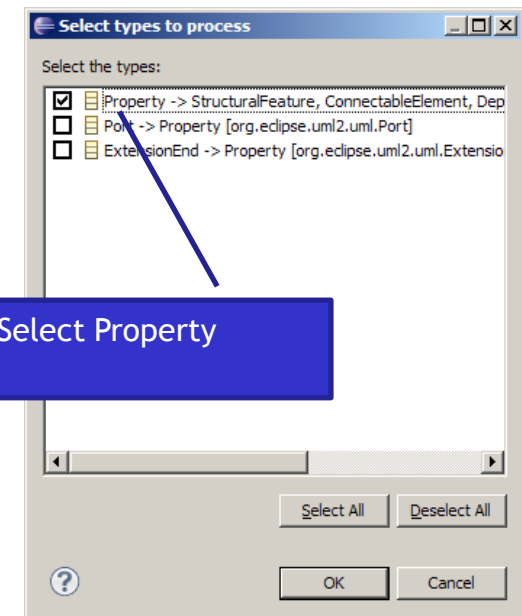
Show attributes and operations

1-Select the "All classes"

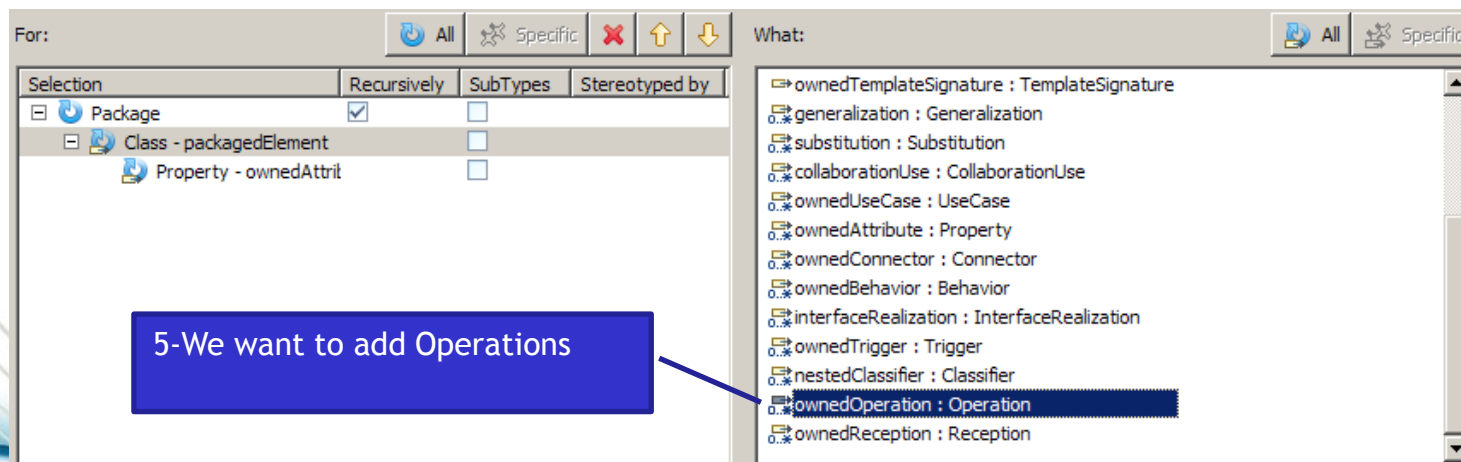


2-We want to add Attributes

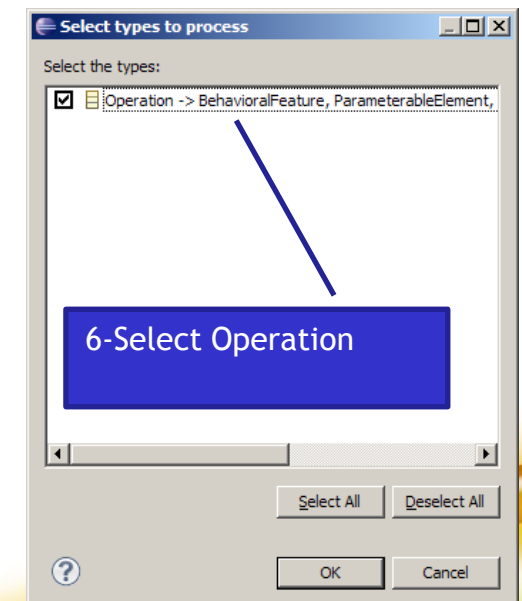
3-We want to process them all



4-Select Property



5-We want to add Operations



6-Select Operation

Create generic templates

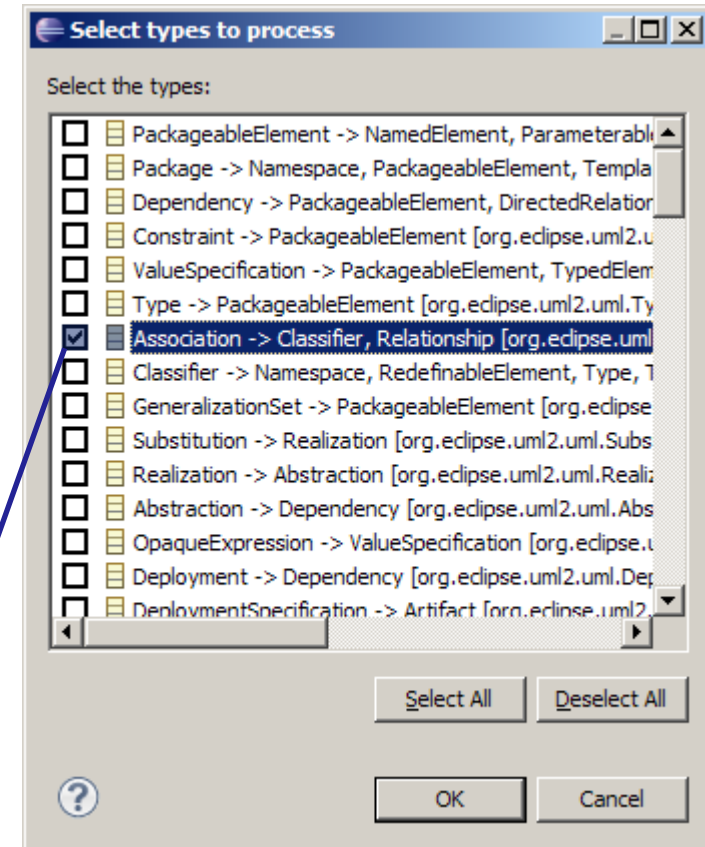
Show associations

1-Select the "All packages"

3-We want to add them all

2-We want to add Associations
(which are packagedElements)

4-Select Association



Add this diagram definition

At this stage, the template is generic

Create generic templates

template.diagramTemplate

Execute Model: Load from workspace... Clear

Name: DiagramDefinition Description:

Prefix: Diagram- Root: Select root

Diagram kind:

- ☐ UML StateMachine Diagram
- ☐ UML Activity Diagram
- ☐ SysML Parametric Diagram
- ☐ UML Communication Diagram
- ☐ UML UseCase Diagram
- ☐ SysML Block Definition Diagram
- ☐ UML Composite Structure Diagram
- ☐ SysML Requirement Diagram
- ☐ UML Sequence Diagram
- ☒ UML Package Diagram

For: All Specific

Selection	Recursively	SubTypes	Stereotyped by
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Package	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Class - packagedElement		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Property - ownedAttrit		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Operation - ownedOpe		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Association - packagedEler		<input type="checkbox"/>	

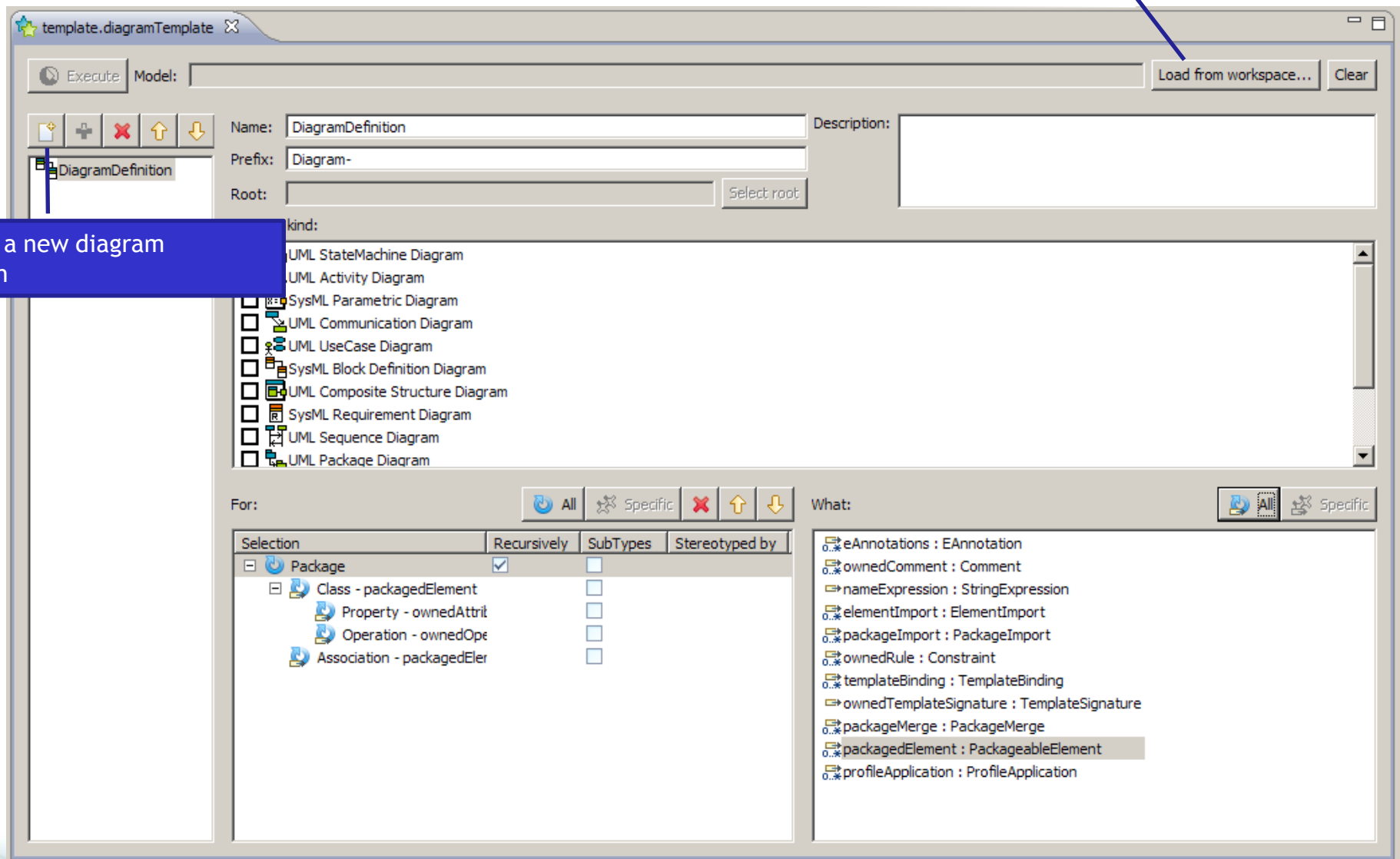
What: All Specific

- ☒ eAnnotations : EAnnotation
- ☒ ownedComment : Comment
- ☒ nameExpression : StringExpression
- ☒ elementImport : ElementImport
- ☒ packageImport : PackageImport
- ☒ ownedRule : Constraint
- ☒ templateBinding : TemplateBinding
- ☒ ownedTemplateSignature : TemplateSignature
- ☒ packageMerge : PackageMerge
- ☒ packagedElement : PackageableElement
- ☒ profileApplication : ProfileApplication

Apply template to a specific model

1-Select a UML model to apply this template on

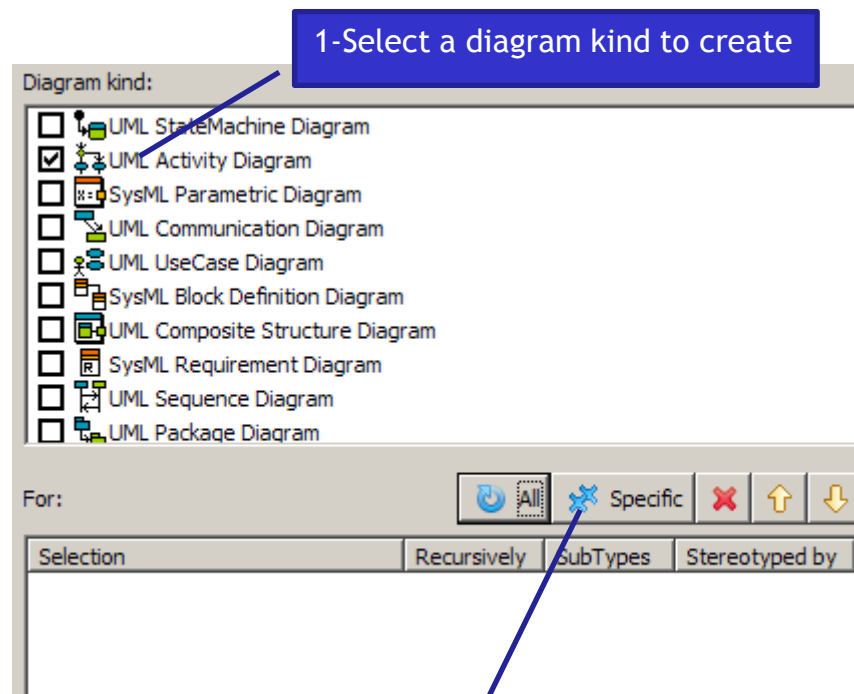
2-Create a new diagram definition



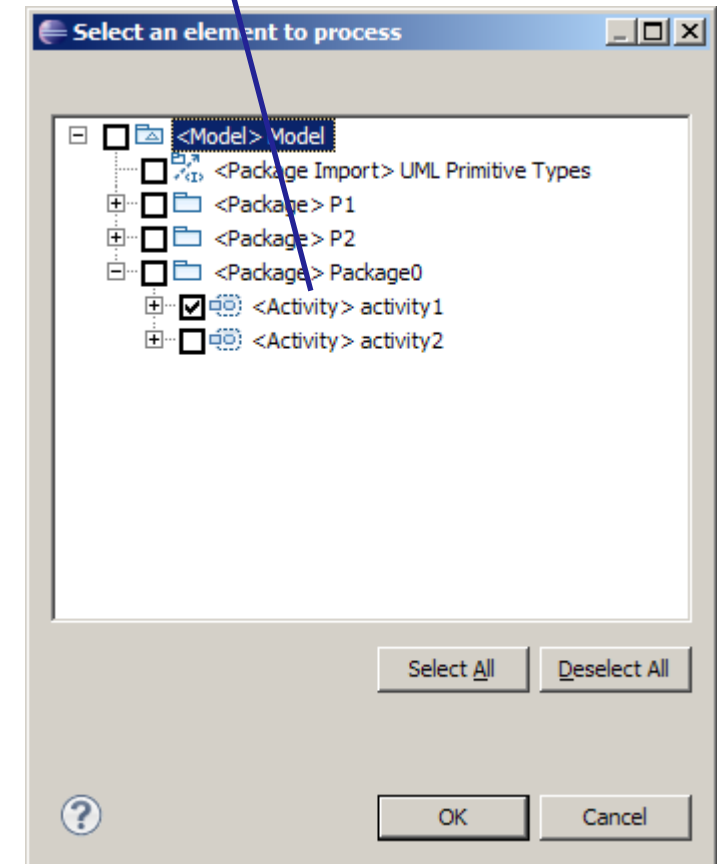
Apply template to a specific model

Create an activity diagram for activity1

3-Select the element you want to create the diagram for. Here, select activity1



2-Select "Specific"



Apply template to a specific model

Show ControlFlows

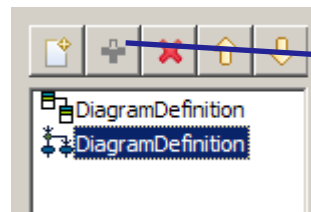
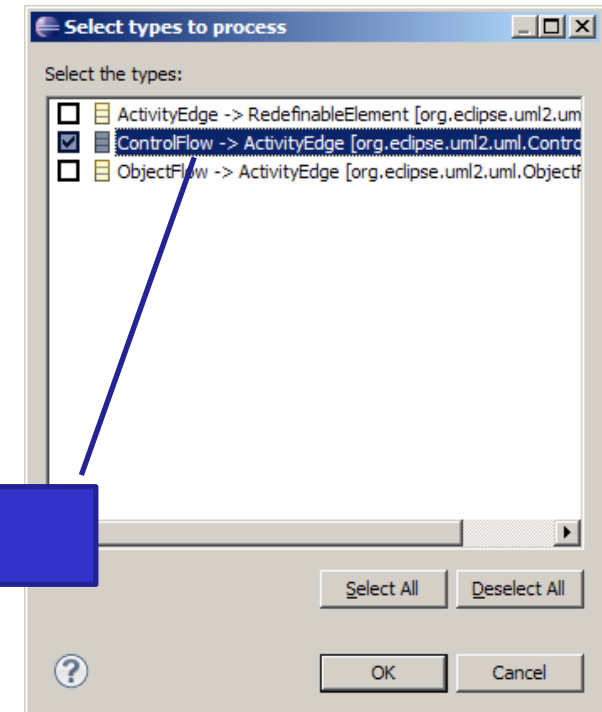
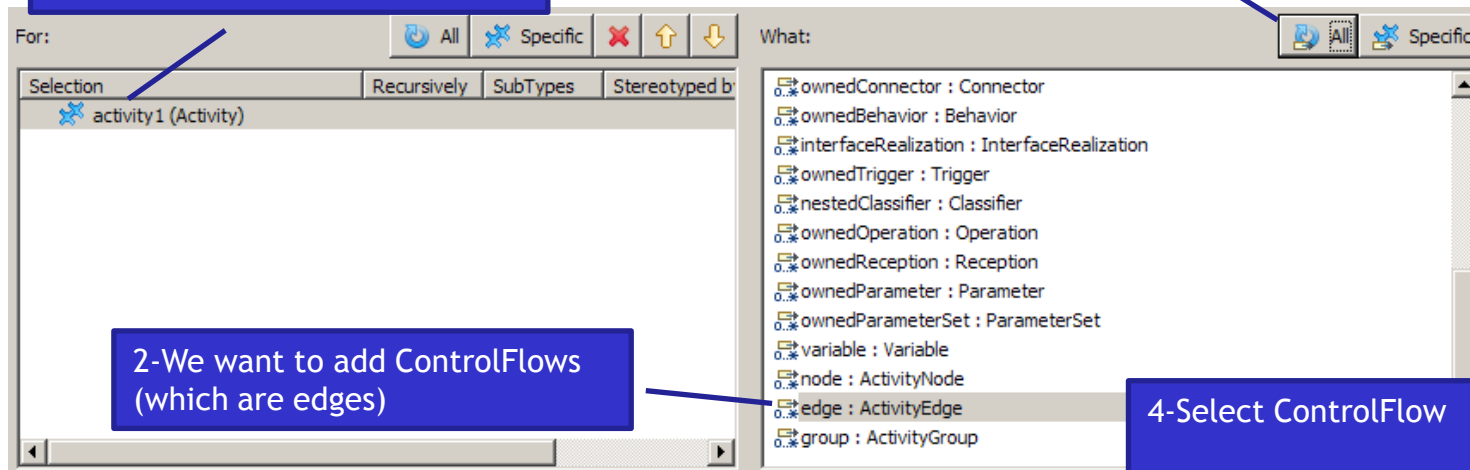
1-Select the “specific activity1”

3-We want to add them all

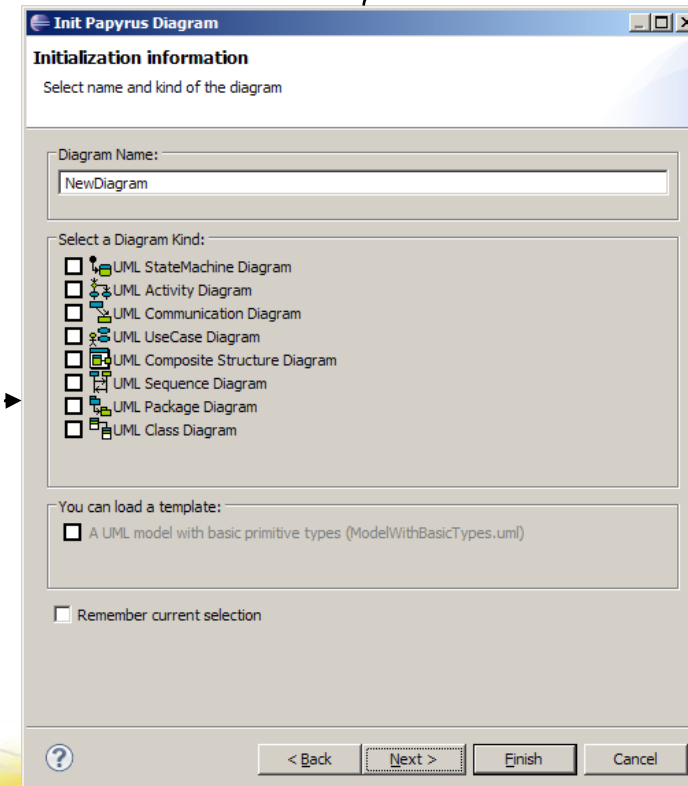
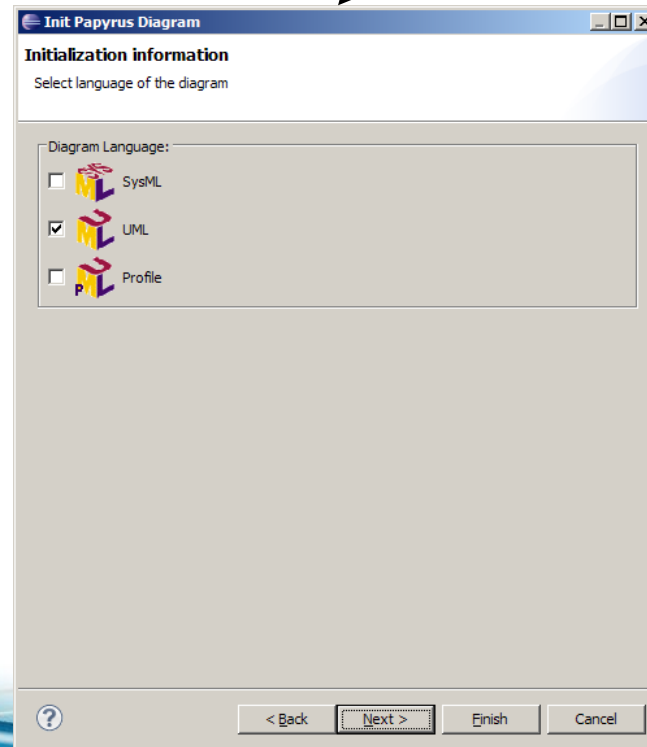
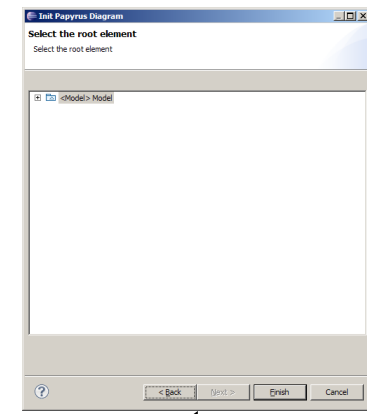
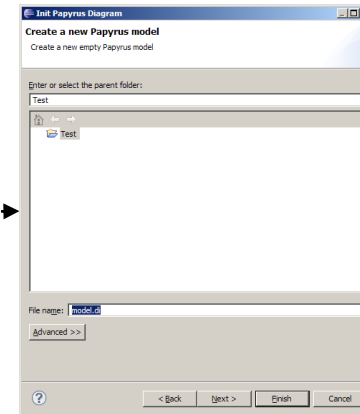
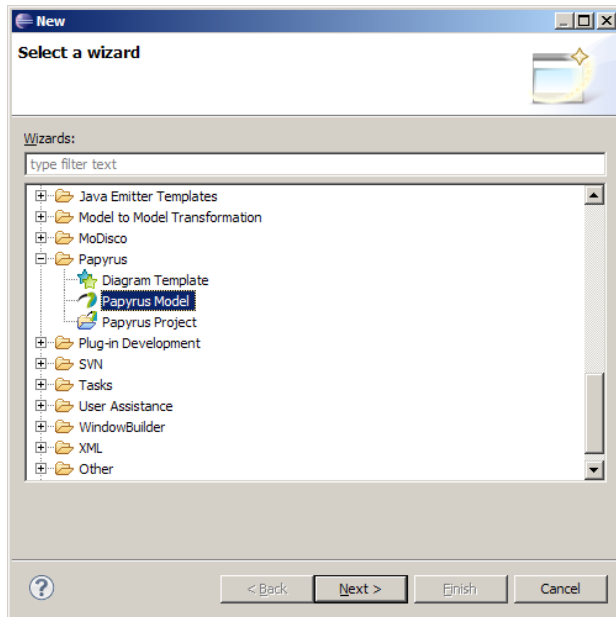
2-We want to add ControlFlows
(which are edges)

4-Select ControlFlow

5-Add this diagram definition

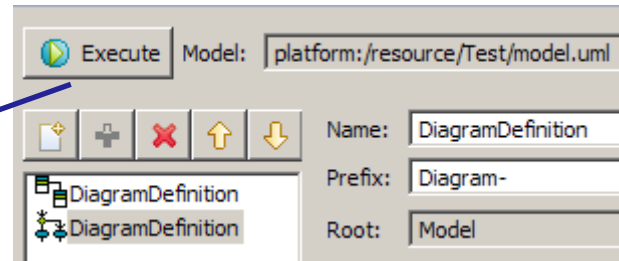


- An empty Papyrus diagram must be created for the UML model: use the Papyrus wizard

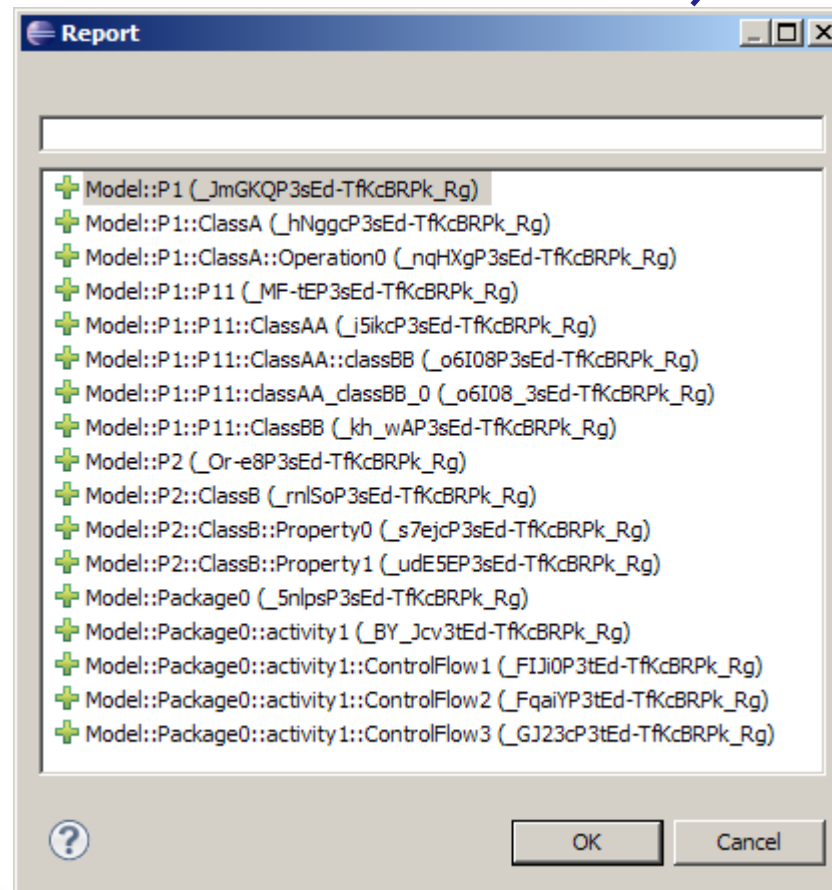


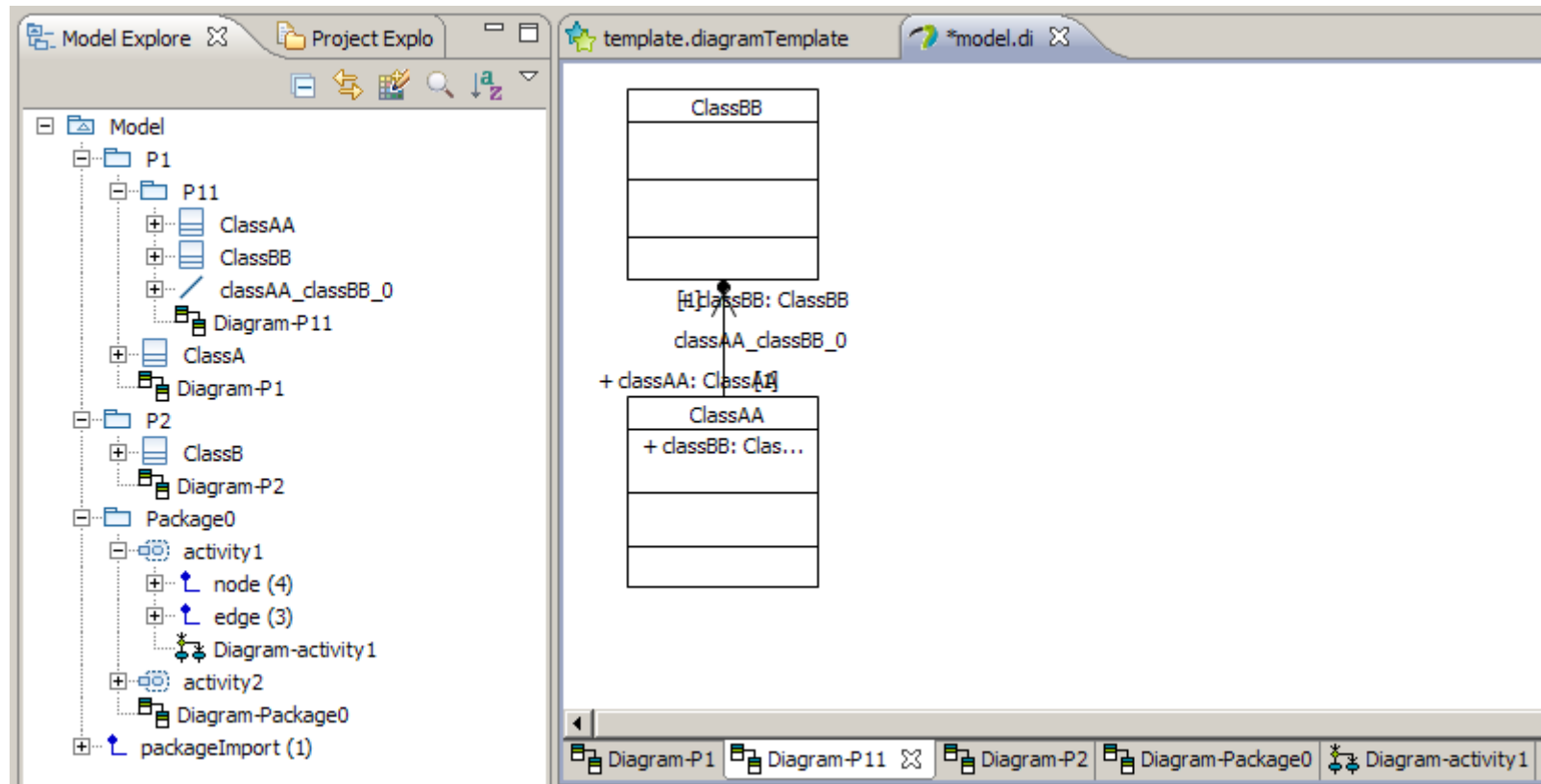
Execute the template

1-When your template is defined : Execute



2-You get a report of what has been added (green +). If something matches the template definition but failed to be shown on a diagram or a diagram cannot be created, you will get a red X for it





- **If the drag and drop feature is not well implemented then the diagram generation will fail**
 - Post a bug to the developer responsible for the diagram that failed.
- **Expressivity is clearly not enough**
 - Use queries (Modisco) to define :
 - for which elements diagrams are to be created
 - what to show on each diagram
- **Layout of generated diagrams is not always adequate**
 - Post process generation with advanced auto layout algos
 - Let the template designer choose which layout to apply on a diagram definition
- **Report is too laconic**
 - A verbose trace should be generated