

Apache Forrest: Eclipse Plugin

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1. Eclipse Plugin

Warning:

The Forrest plugin for Eclipse is new and under rapid development. For up to the minute details of available features see the dev list archives.

2. Installation notes

To get you started while the documentation is being developed, see this forrest-dev mail thread: [\[eclipse\] How to install?](#) .

3. Wizards

A number of wizards are provided for performing common tasks. This section briefly describes the available wizards.

3.1. Creating a new Forrest Project

To create a new Forrest project select "New Project" from either the context menu in the package explorer or the "New" menu and select Forrest -> Seed New Project.

A wizard will ask you for the name of the project and the location in which the project files are to be created (by default the files will be in your current workspace). If you click "Finish" at this point a basic project will be created. However, if you click "Next" you will be given the opportunity to select which plugins you wish to include in the project.

3.2. Creating a new XDoc

To create a new XDoc within your Forrest project select "New -> Other..." and then select "New XDoc" from the Forrest node.

4. Editors

A number of editors are provided for Forrest configuration files. This section describes those editors.

4.1. site.xml Editor

First, you need to activate the Site.xml view. This can be done by: Window -> Show View -> Other... -> Forrest -> SiteXML -> OK Now you will see the view open up in Eclipse. To view a tree, click on the project you are working and you should see the structure of the site.xml as a tree in the view.

There are two ways to add the note to the site.xml file.

1. Drag a file from the Package Explorer to the tree. This will create a new element with references to that dropped file(s).
2. Right click on an element in the site.xml tree and select "Add Element". A wizard will come up

which will allow you to enter the HREF, Description, Label and Element name for the new element that is being added.

To delete an element, right click on the element in the tree and click on "Delete Element".

Warning:

For the changes to show up when you run a test site for your project, you must save the changes. Right click on the tree and select "Save". In a later version of the plugin this step will not be necessary.

FIXME (Anil Ramnanan):

Currently there is no easy way to edit an existing element. The element will be linked to the Properties View in Eclipse to allow for easy editing

4.2. tabs.xml Editor

First, you need to activate the Tab.xml view. This can be done by: Window -> Show View -> Other... -> Forrest -> TabXML -> OK Now you will see the the view open up in Eclipse. To view a tree, click on the project you are working and you should see the structure of the tabs.xml as a tree in the view.

To add a new element to the tabs.xml file right click on an element in the tabs.xml tree and select "Add Element". A wizard will come up which will allow you to enter the Id, Dir, Label and Index File for the new tab element that is being added.

To delete an element, right click on the element in the tree and click on Delete Element

Warning:

For the changes to show up when you run a test site for your project, you must save the changes. Right click on the tree and select "Save". In a later version of the plugin this step will not be necessary.

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4.3. Locationmap.xml Editor

First, you need to activate the Locationmap view. This can be done by:

Window -> Show View -> Other... -> Forrest -> Locationmap -> OK

Now you will see the the view open up in Eclipse. To view a tree, click on the project you are working and you should see the structure of the Locationmap.xml as a tree in the view.

To add a match, you must rich click on the locator element and click on "Add Match". A wizard will come up asking you to enter the Pattern or the Match.

Right click on the match you just created and click on "Add Location". This will allow you to enter the Location Source.

To delete an element, right click on the element in the tree and click on Delete Element

For the changes to show up when you run a test site for your project, you must save the changes. Right click on the tree and select "Save".

FIXME (Anil Ramnanan):

Currently there is no easy way to edit an element. The element will be linked to the Properties View in Eclipse to allow for easy editing

4.4. Activate Forrest:Views for a project

To activate views when seeding a new project:

File -> New -> Project -> Forrest -> Seed New Project -> Next

Type in the name of the project and click on Next. To Activate views for the new project, check off "Activate Views" and click on Finish. When "Activate Views" is selected, the new project has `project.skin=leather-dev` uncommented and the relevant plugins for views are added to `project.required.plugins`

To add a new View doc (*.fv), click on New -> Other -> Forrest -> View Doc. Enter the file name of the view document and click on Finish.