



Titanium Refactoring Description

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Abstract

This document describes Titanium Refactoring, the refactoring tool for TTCN-3 testing software.

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Introduction

How to read this document

This description contains detailed information on using the TitaniumRefactoring tool.

Overview of TitaniumRefactoring

The TitaniumRefactoring tool is an Eclipse plug-in, extending the TITAN Designer for the Eclipse IDE Toolset with refactoring functionality. The Designer is required to be installed and be present for the correct operation.

The TITAN implementation of TTCN-3

The TitaniumRefactoring plug-in is extending the TITAN Designer plug-in, which is an implementation of TTCN-3 Core Language standard ([3]), supporting of ASN.1 language ([4]).

The limitations present in the Designer plug-in also apply here: there are TTCN-3 language constructs which are not yet supported in the current version, while there are also some non-standard extensions implemented by TITAN. Information on these limitations and extensions and also some clarifications of how the standard has been implemented in TITAN, can be found in the [TITAN Programmer's Technical Reference](#).

Intended audience

This document is intended for users of the TITAN TTCN-3 Test Toolset (product number: CRL 113 200/1).

Presumed knowledge

This document is intended to be read by users already familiar with the TITAN Designer toolset. For this reason this document includes TITAN related information only when necessary.

NOTE

This document does not wish to describe elements of Eclipse or Titan, and how to use them. Every time such a feature is described, it is done with simplicity in mind, assuming a minimal level of experience with Integrated Development Environments from the user. However, it is advised to read the manuals of Eclipse and Titan Designer (mainly contained in its included help system), because it can provide better descriptions of the elements.

Typographical conventions

This document uses the following typographical conventions:

Bold is used to represent graphical user interface (GUI) components such as buttons, menus, menu items, dialog box options, fields and keywords, as well as menu commands. Bold is also used with "+" to represent key combinations. For example, **Ctrl + Click**

The slash (/) character is used to denote a menu and sub-menu sequence. For example, **File / Open**.

Monospaced font is used to represent system elements such as command and parameter names, program and path names, URLs, directory names and code examples.

Installation

For details on installing the TitaniumRefactoring plug-in, see the Installation Guide for TITAN Designer and TITAN Executor for the Eclipse IDE [1].

How to report an error for the tool

The following information should be included into trouble reports:

- a short description of the problem;
- what seems to have caused it, or how it can be reproduced;
- If the problem is graphical in some way (displaying something wrong), screenshots should also be included;
- Output appearing on the TITAN Console or the TITAN Debug Console;
- contents of the Error view if it contains some relevant information;

Before reporting a trouble, try to identify whether the trouble really relates to the Titanium plug-in. It might be caused by other third party plug-ins, or by Eclipse itself.

Reporting the contents of the Consoles and the Error log is important as TITAN consoles might

display important debug information. The location on which the Error Log view can be opened can change with Eclipse versions, but it is usually found at **Window / Show View / Other... / PDE Runtime / Error Log** or **Window / Show View / Other... / General / Error Log**.

Getting started

This section explains how to setup Eclipse and the TITAN Designer to access every feature provided by TitaniumRefactoring.

The perspective

TitaniumRefactoring does not provide its own perspective, for convenience we recommend using the "TITAN Editing" perspective.

For those who have not yet used the TITAN Designer before, it is recommended to read chapter "The TITAN Editing perspective" of the TITAN Designer's user guide on how to set up a default perspective for working with TTCN-3.

Setting workbench preferences

In Eclipse, workbench preferences are used to set user specific general rules, which apply to every project; for example, preferred font styles, access to version handling systems and so on.

Workbench preferences are accessible selecting **Window / Preferences**. Clicking on the menu item will bring up the preferences page.

This section only concerns the preferences that are available under the TITAN preferences node of this preference tree. There are no preferences in this window concerning the TitaniumRefactoring plugin.

TITAN preferences

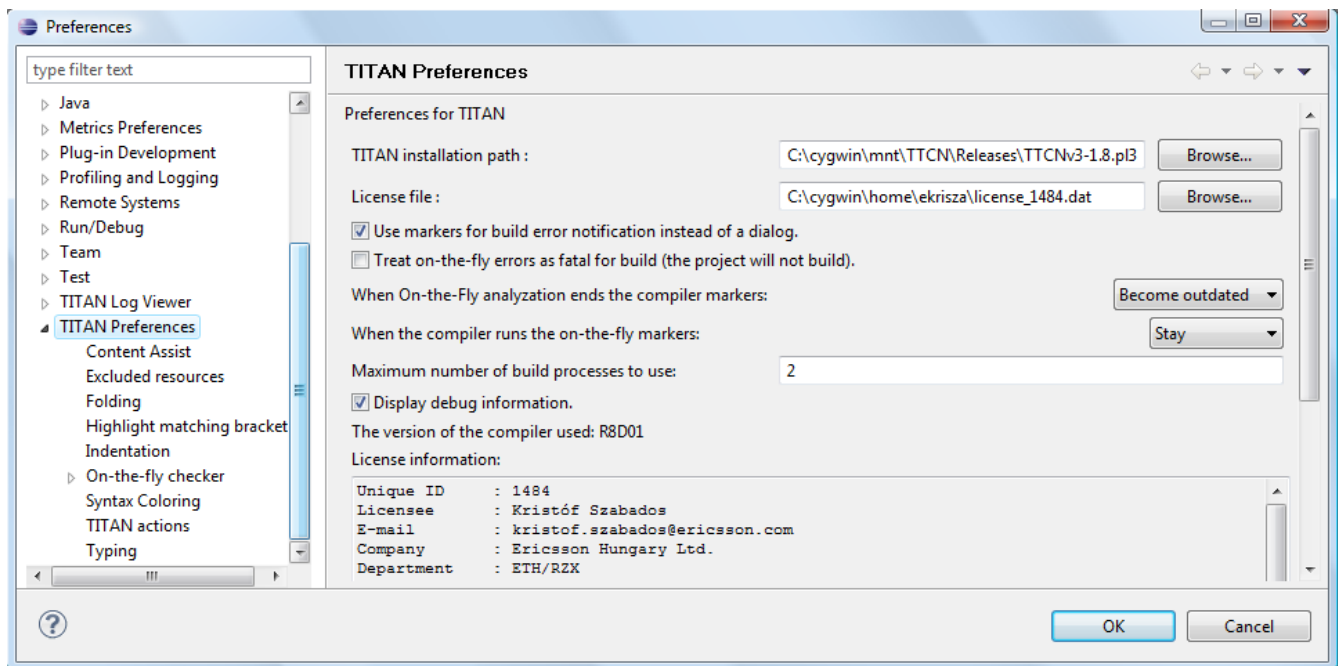


Figure 1. TITAN Preferences

The setting of the TITAN **license file** is mandatory for the refactoring features to work. Without a valid license the TITAN Designer plug-in will not create the semantic data, that the TitaniumRefactoring plug-in requires to work on.

NOTE

In case the license file is not provided, is not valid or has expired an additional link will appear on this page. Clicking on this link a browser will open directing the user to a web page where he can order a new license or can ask for a renewal of his existing one.

Actions

The TitaniumRefactoring plug-in extends some of the context-sensitive menus of Eclipse where appropriate, providing a convenient way to use the available tools.

Editor actions

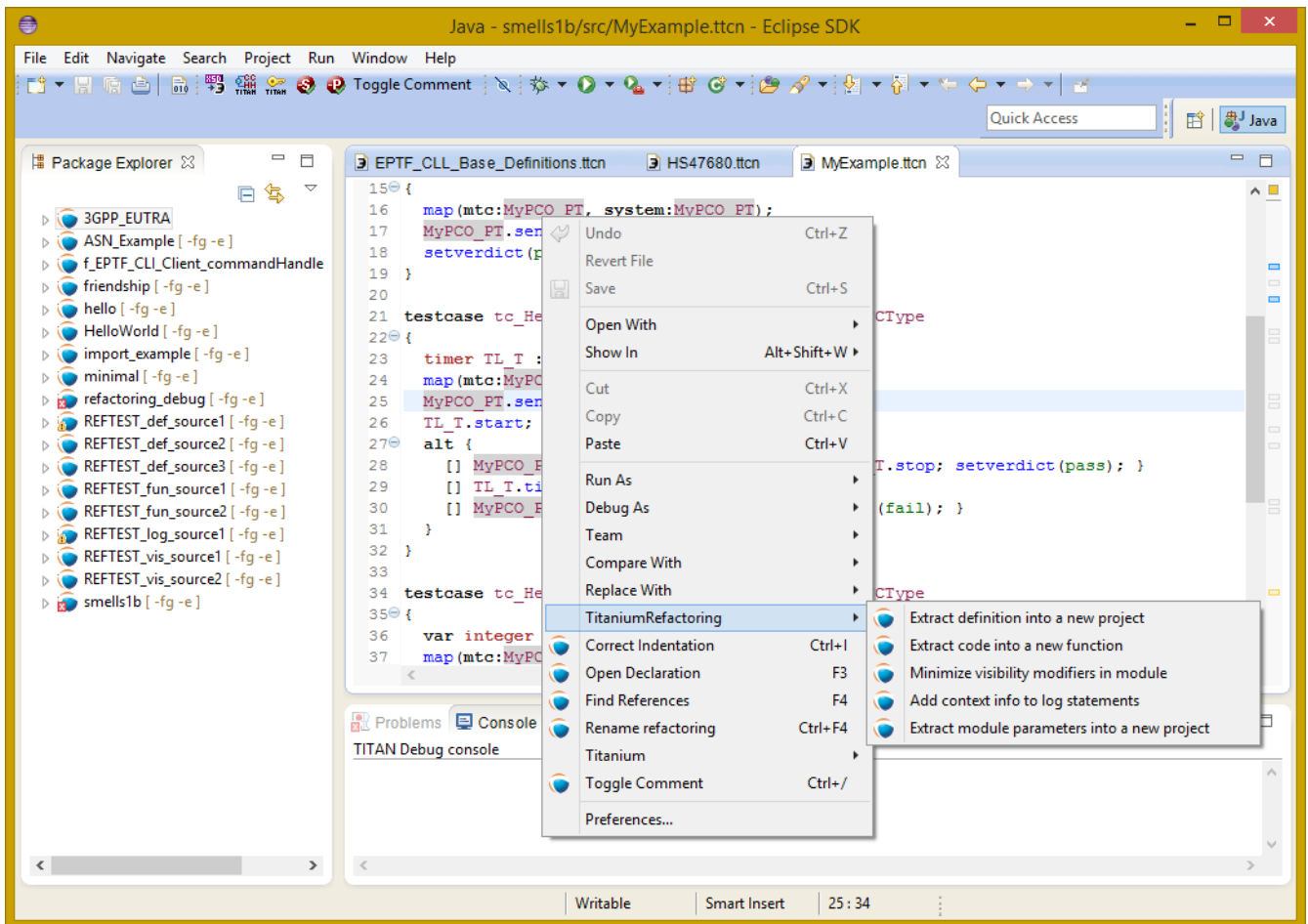


Figure 2. Editor actions context menu

While editing a TTCN3 source file, the context menu can be opened by right clicking in the editor on some selection. Under the TitaniumRefactoring menu item, the available actions on this file can be found.

- **Extract definition into a new project:** Copies the selected definition and all of its dependencies to a new project. See Section 4 for details.
- **Extract code into a new function:** Extracts the selected code into a new function. See Section 5 for details.
- **Lazy-fication of formal parameters:** Automatically detects formal module parameters where applying the @lazy modifier would be beneficial see section 11 for details.
- **Minimize visibility modifiers in module:** Minimizes all visibility modifiers in a single module. This means, that all the definitions in the module which can be private are given a private visibility modifier. See Section 6 for details.
- **Expand value list notation in module:** Automatically transforms values given with value list notation into assignment notation.
- **Order value list notation in module:** Automatically correct the order of elements in assignment notation to mimic the order seen in the type of the value.
- **Add context info to log statements:** Adds context info to log statements in the selected piece of code. See Section 7 for details.
- **Extract module parameters into a new project:** Extracts all module parameters and all of their dependencies from an entire project into a new project. See Section 8 for details.

- **Minimize scope of local variables in function:** This is a complex refactoring operation that is able to automatically delete unused variables, move the declaration of variables closer to the first usage, if needed into a smaller scope unit.
- **Organize imports:** Automatically organizes the import statements into lexicographical order, removing all unused imports.
- **Ungroup module parameters in module:** For all instances where module parameters are declared using the deprecated grouped syntax, automatically replaces them with a separated list of the same module parameters.

Project explorer actions

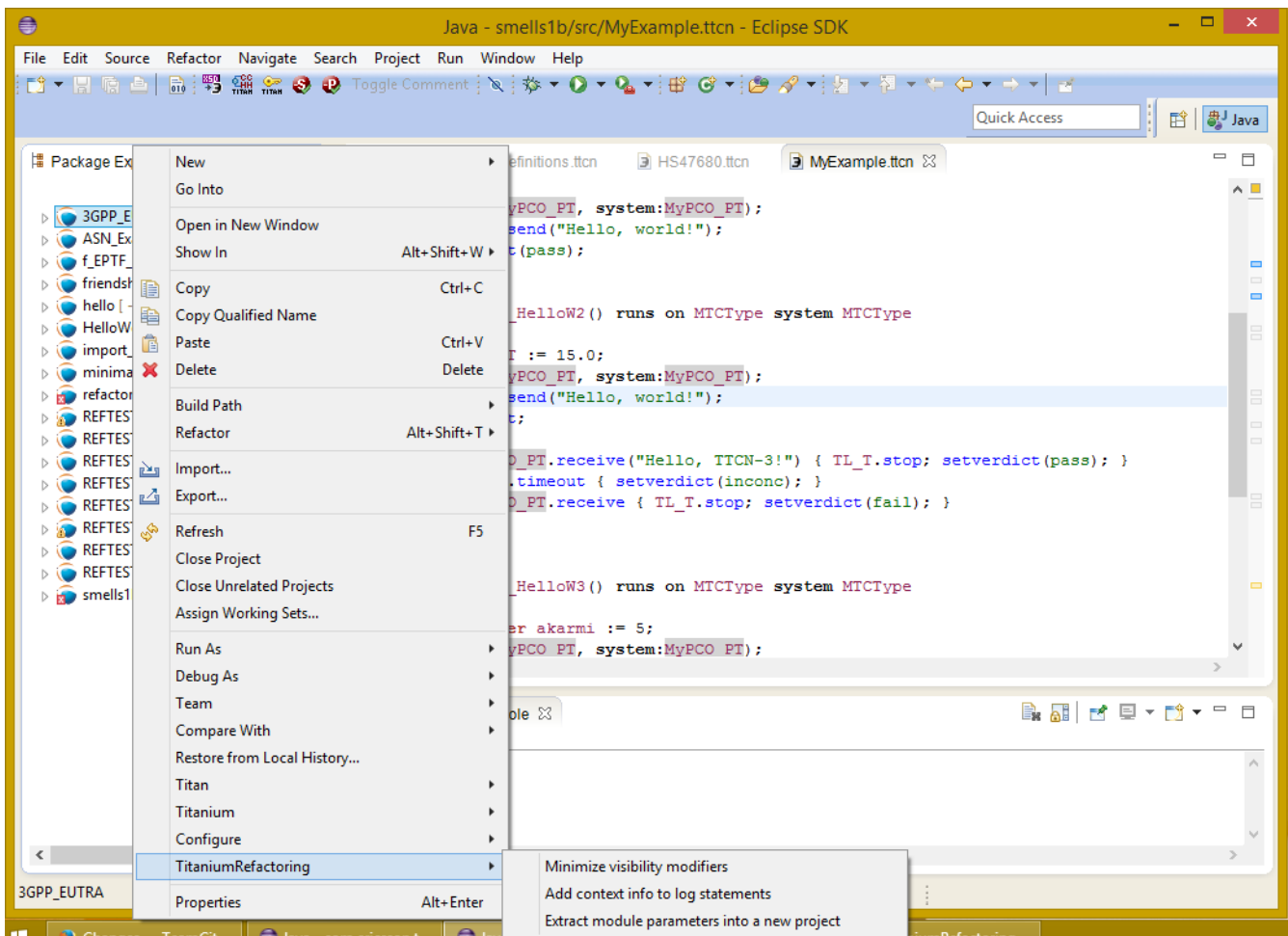


Figure 3. Project explorer context menu

Some of the refactoring operations can work on files, folders or projects. These operations can be found in the Project Explorer context menu, under the TitaniumRefactoring menu item.

- **Lazy-fication of formal parameters:** Automatically detects formal module parameters where applying the @lazy modifier would be beneficial see section 11 for details.
- **Minimize visibility modifiers:** Minimizes all visibility modifiers in the selected file(s), folder(s) or project(s). This means, that all the definitions in these resources which can be private are given a private visibility modifier. See Section 6 for details.
- **Expand value list notation in module:** Automatically transforms values given with value list notation into assignment notation.

- **Order value list notation in module:** Automatically correct the order of elements in assignment notation to mimic the order seen in the type of the value.
- **Add context info to log statements:** Adds context info to all log statements in the selected file(s), folder(s) or project(s). See Section 7 for details.
- **Extract module parameters into a new project:** Extracts all module parameters and all of their dependencies from an entire project into a new project. See Section 8 for details.
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Headless mode

The TitaniumRefactoring plug-in offers some commands which can be called in headless mode. This way it can be used from command line, and for example integrated into nightly build systems.

In headless mode eclipse plug-ins can offer entry point, called applications, through which the user is able to invoke functionalities of the plug-in without starting the graphical interface of Eclipse. In this mode everything is working exactly the same way as it is when invoked from the graphical user interface, but there are no windows popping up, no user interaction.

It is important to note, that as in this mode there is no interaction between eclipse and the user, all of the settings should be set beforehand. Otherwise the operation might not be able to work properly, or produce un-expected result.

Important settings

There are two settings that are always important to be set correctly; otherwise the headless mode will not be able to operate correctly:

- The license file has to be set in the Designer and it has to be active, otherwise the on-the-fly analyser will not be able to execute.
- The "*Display debug information*" setting in the Designer has to be turned off. If that option is turned on, the Designer will try to write debug information to the Titan Debug Console ... which does not exist in headless mode and the execution aborts.
- The on-the-fly analysis of code smells must be enabled on the Code smells preference page under Titanium Preferences, otherwise only the Designer will check the code.

The general structure of invocation

A generic call to a headless entry point of eclipse follows this pattern:

```
eclipse.exe -noSplash -data <path to workspace to use> -application <entry point>  
<parameters>
```

The items in this call have the following meaning:

Eclipse.exe : this is the binary executable of Eclipse to be used.

"-noSplash": Eclipse should not display even the splash screen.

"-data <path to workspace to use>": The data parameter tells eclipse which workspace to use. A workspace is usually needed, to work with resources.

"-application <entry point> <parameters>": The application parameter tells eclipse which entry point to call, and what parameters to pass to that entry point.

An example call could be:

```
-noSplash -application  
org.eclipse.titanium.refactoring.definition.ExtractDefinitionHeadlessRunner -data  
"C:\Users\JohnDoe\workspace" -in proj1 -out ExtDefTest05 -module test -definition  
funtest -location "D:\Refactoring\Tests\Headless"
```

Extract definition

Often it is problem in practice to create a set of the contents of a project, which is still able to reproduce some behaviour of the project and is small enough to debug/analyse.

This functionality extracts a definition and all of its dependencies to a new TITAN project. Even the settings are copied to the new project.

Usage

To extract a definition and all of its dependencies to a new project, right click on a definition identifier in the editor window and choose **TitaniumRefactoring / Extract definition** from the context menu. If the type of the selection is not supported for the operation, an error message is displayed in the status bar.

If the selection is supported for the operation, then a wizard dialog is presented for the user to specify the name of the new project. Project names that are already present in the workspace are not accepted. After entering the name and clicking on the **Finish** button, the new project is created and added to the workspace.

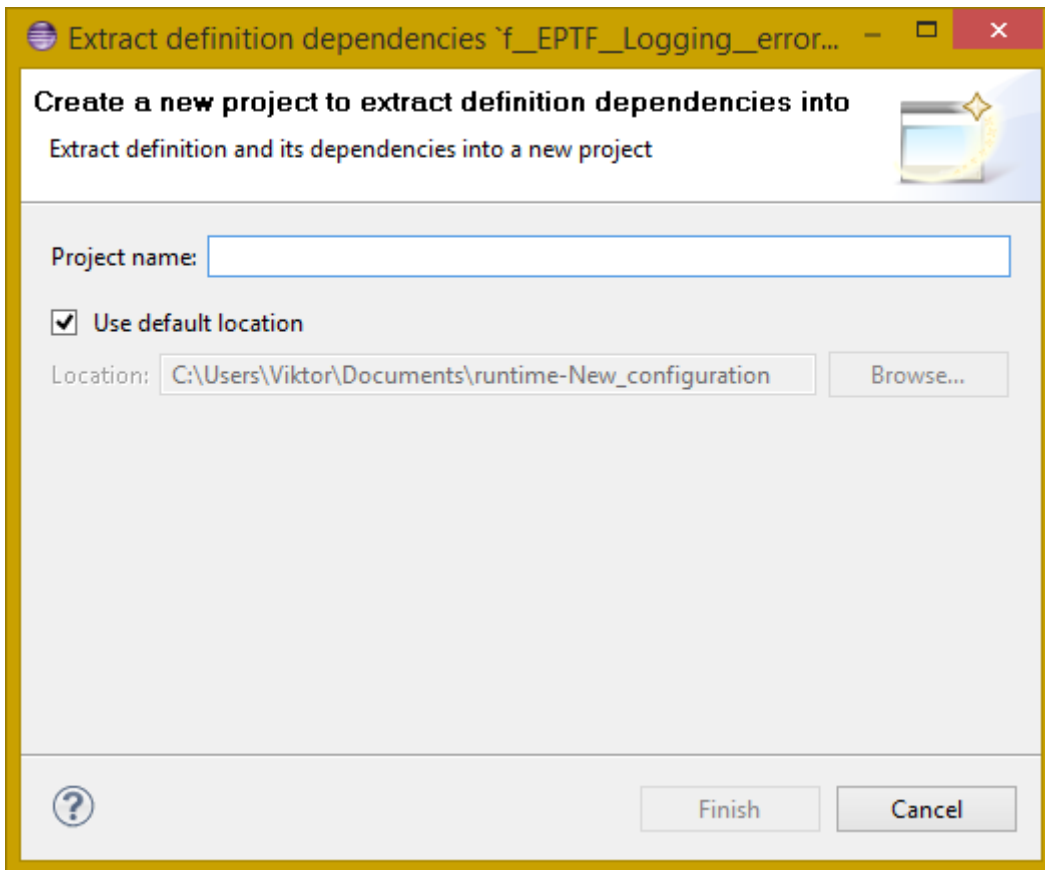


Figure 4. Extract definition wizard

Headless mode

The plug-in also can be called in headless mode, this way it can be used from command line, and for example integrated into nightly build systems.

The entry point can be invoked as:

```
-noSplash -application  
org.eclipse.titanium.refactoring.definition.ExtractDefinitionHeadlessRunner -data  
<Workspace> -in <InputProjectName> -out <OutputProjectName> -module <ModuleName>  
-definition <DefinitionName> [-location <LocationToPutTheProject>]
```

Known limitations

Please note that the "Extract definition" feature is working only on TTCN-3 files. ASN.1 and pre-processable TTCN-3 files are not supported; their whole content will be copied without selection.

NOTE	The algorithm ignores missing references in the source project.
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Extract to a new function

This functionality extracts TTCN-3 statements to a new function and replaces their old location with the invocation of the newly created function. The parameters of the new function are automatically determined by the algorithm.

Usage

To extract parts of the code into a new function, select an arbitrary piece of code and right click on it. From the context menu choose **TitaniumRefactoring / Extract to a new function**.

The algorithm searches for whole statements in the selection, half selected statements are not included. If the selection does not contain any complete statements, then an error message is displayed in the status bar.

If the selection is valid for the operation, then a wizard is presented for the user to specify the name of the new function and the names of its parameters. After this, the produced changes can be reviewed and accepted by clicking on the **Finish** button.

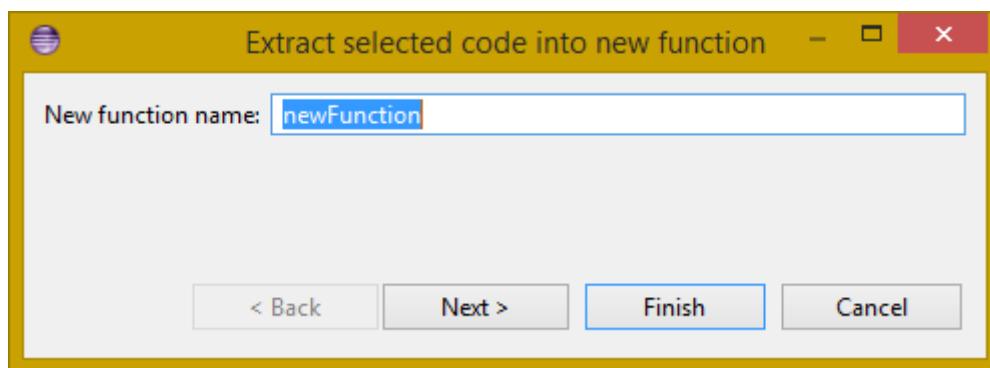


Figure 5. Extract to function wizard – specify new function name

To use the operation on any number of files, folders or projects, select **TitaniumRefactoring / Minimize visibility modifiers** from the Project Explorer right-click context menu.

Known limitations

Please note that the "Minimize visibility modifiers" feature is working only on TTCN-3 files. ASN.1 and pre-processable TTCN-3 files are not supported, and so will be skipped by the algorithm.

Add context info to log statements

This functionality allows users to add automatically constructed additional content to existing log statements throughout the entire project or smaller parts of code.

Usage

To add context info to log statements in a part of the code, select an arbitrary piece of code and right click on it. From the context menu choose **TitaniumRefactoring / Add context info to log statements**. To run the refactoring process on entire files, folders or projects, right click on the specific resource in the Package Explorer and choose the same entry from the context menu, as given above.

The algorithm searches for log statements in the selection and modifies them if necessary, to log additional variables. Variables that are already logged in the statement, will not be inserted again.

After selecting the appropriate options, click on the **OK** button to finish the operation.

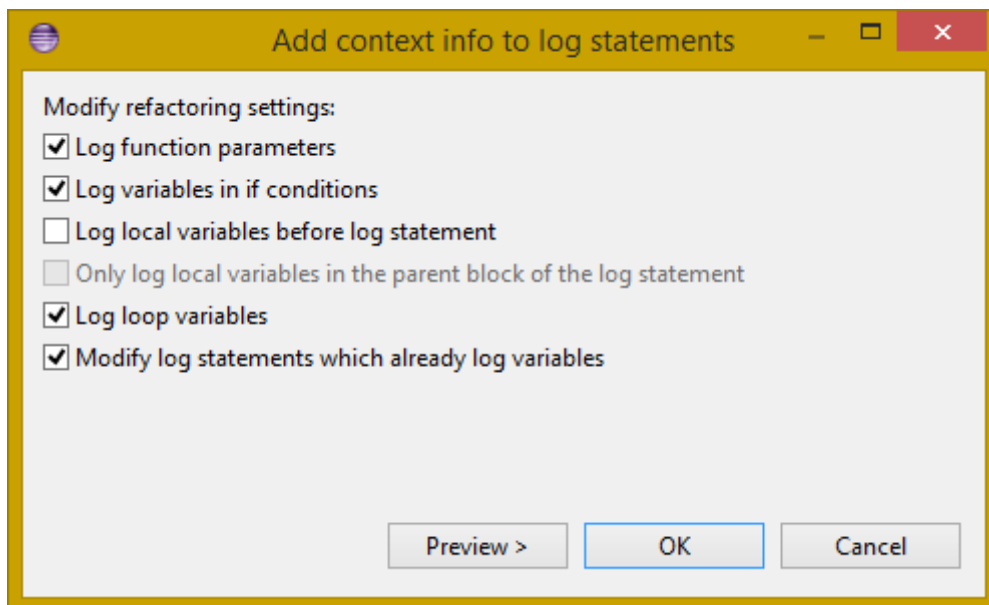


Figure 7. Add context info wizard – modify settings

Settings

- **Log function parameters:** Adds all function parameters of the parent function to the log

statement.

- **Log variables in if conditions:** Adds all variables present in the condition expression of ancestor if blocks.
- **Log local variables before log statement:** Adds all local variables that were declared before the log statement.
- **Only log local variables in the parent block of the log statement:** Adds all local variables that were declared before the log statement only in the direct parent block.
- **Log loop variables:** Adds the loop variables from all ancestor loop blocks.
- **Modify log statements which already log variables:** If this option is disabled, only those log statements will be modified which do not log any variables.

Known limitations

Please note that the "Extract to a new function" feature is working only on TTCN-3 files. ASN.1 and pre-processable TTCN-3 files are not supported, and so will be skipped by the algorithm.

Extract module parameters

This functionality extracts all module parameters and all of their dependencies from an entire project to a new TITAN project. The project settings are also copied to the new project.

Usage

To extract all module parameters and all of its dependencies to a new project, right click on anywhere in the editor window, or right click on the project, or any file or folders of the project in Package Explorer, and choose **TitaniumRefactoring / Extract module parameters** from the context menu.

A wizard dialog is presented for the user to specify the name of the new project. Project names that are already present in the workspace are not accepted. After entering the name and clicking on the **Finish** button, the new project is created and added to the workspace.

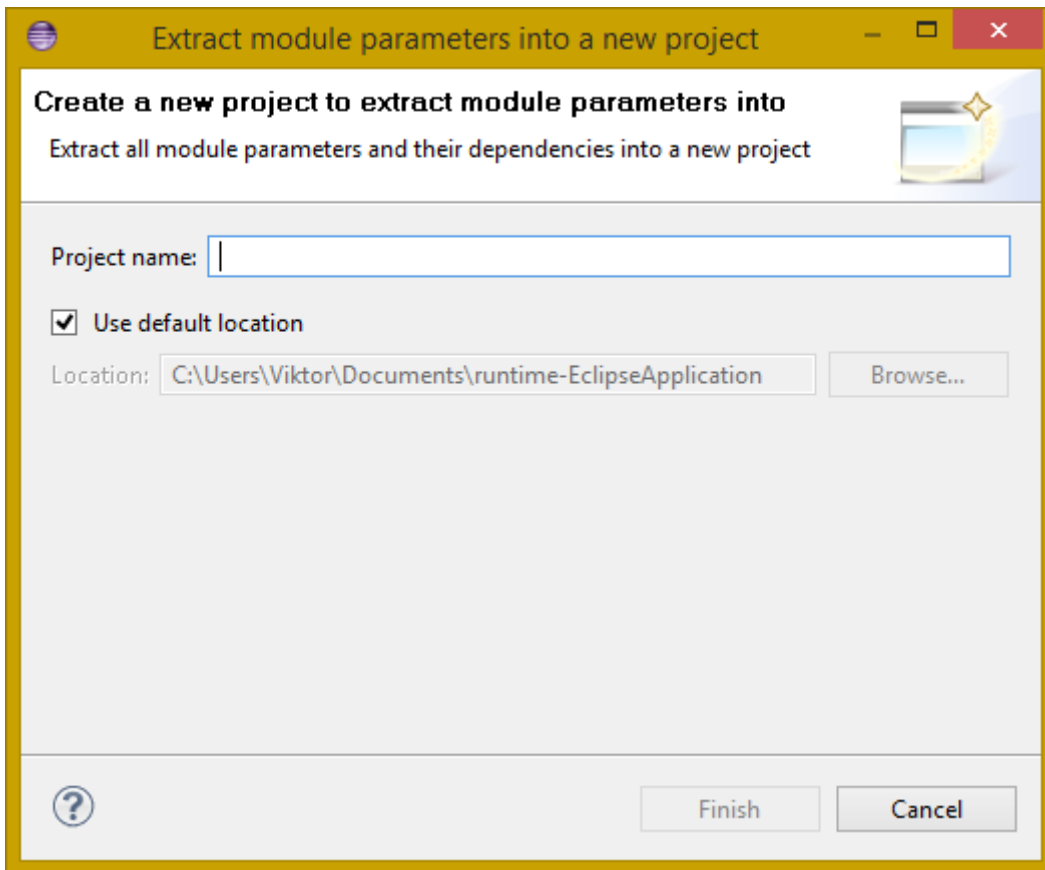


Figure 8. Extract module parameters wizard

Headless mode

The plug-in also can be called in headless mode, this way it can be used from command line, and for example integrated into nightly build systems.

The entry point can be invoked as:

```
-noSplash -application  
org.eclipse.titanium.refactoring.modulepar.ExtractModuleParHeadlessRunner -data  
<Workspace> -in <InputProjectName> -out <OutputProjectName> [ -location  
<LocationToPutTheProject> ]
```

Known limitations

Please note that the "Extract definition" feature is working only on TTCN-3 files. ASN.1 and pre-processable TTCN-3 files are not supported; their whole content will be copied without selection.

NOTE The algorithm ignores missing references in the source project.

Minimize scope of local variables in function

This functionality allows users to rearrange local variable declarations in functions. Declarations which could have a narrower scope can be moved into the appropriate code blocks, or declarations which are declared too early can be moved to a latter location. Also, unused variable declarations can be removed.

Usage

To run the refactoring operation on a specific TTCN function, move the cursor into the function body and right click using the mouse. From the context menu choose **TitaniumRefactoring / Minimize scope of local variables in function**. To run the refactoring process on entire files, folders or projects, right click on the specific resource in the Package Explorer and choose the same entry from the context menu, as given above.

After selecting the appropriate options, click on the **OK** button to finish the operation, or use the **Preview** action to browse the changes before accepting them.

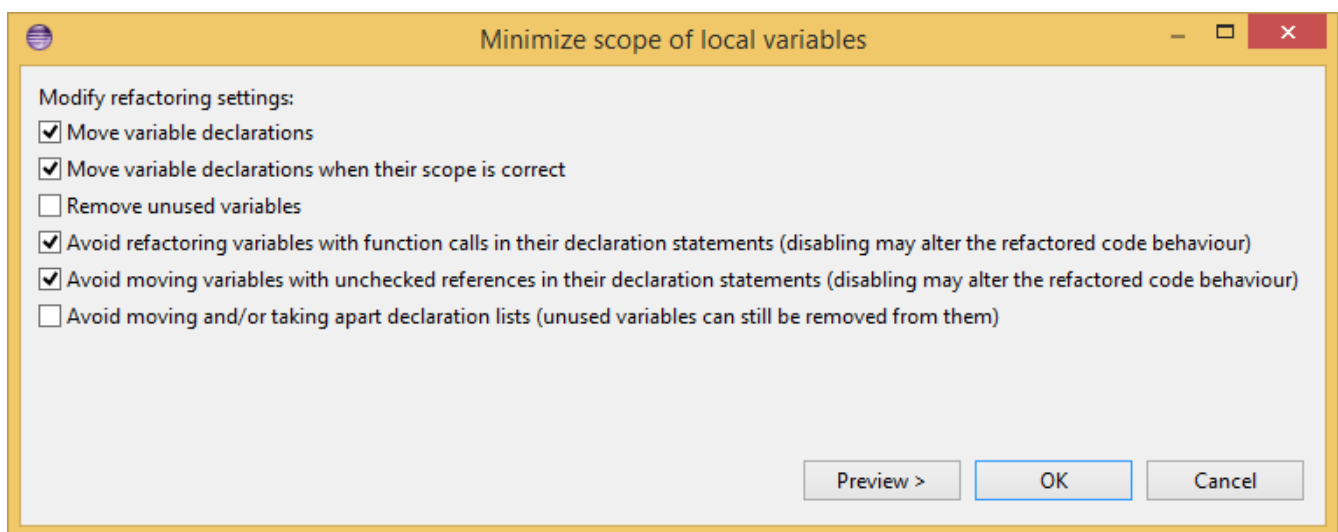


Figure 9. Minimize scope wizard – modify settings

Settings

- **Move variable declarations:** If this option is disabled, variable declarations will not be moved (just removed if unused and other settings and circumstances allow this)
- **Move variable declarations when their scope is correct:** If this option is disabled, variable declarations will only be moved to a new location if their scope could be narrower.
- **Remove unused variables:** Removes unused variable declarations.
- **Avoid refactoring variables with function calls in their declaration statements (disabling may alter the refactored code behaviour):** If this option is enabled, variable declarations containing function calls are not going to be moved or removed. When such declaration is

moved or removed and the function called in the declaration has side effects, the behaviour of the code may change.

- **Avoid moving variables with unchecked references in their declaration statements (disabling may alter the refactored code behaviour):** Some reference types in a variable declaration are currently not checked for other occurrences in the code. If this option is disabled and a variable declaration contains such unchecked references, then moving this variable (possibly beyond a left-hand-side occurrence of this specific unchecked variable) may result in the change of the code behaviour.
- **Avoid moving and/or taking apart declaration lists (unused variables can still be removed from them):** When large declaration lists with many declarations are moved, the current algorithm doesn't preserve the declaration list itself, but creates individual declaration statements for each variable declaration. Sometimes this can be annoying, so disabling this option leaves all variables declared in declaration lists unmoved. Unused entries can still be removed from these declaration lists.

Algorithm behaviour

The main steps of the refactoring operation are the following:

- For a single function, local variables are processed in reverse order. This guarantees that for a variable A and a latter declared variable B referencing A in its declaration, when B is moved, A could be moved along if possible.
- If a variable declaration contains a function call, the algorithm declares it unsafe to move or remove this declaration. Similarly, if a declaration contains a reference for an unchecked variable, then the algorithm declares it unsafe to move (but not to remove) this declaration. The default settings for the refactoring operation ensure the unchanged behaviour of the resulted code.
- The new scope of a variable V is calculated as the smallest common containing block of all references of this variable let this scope be S.
- If the variable V declaration does not contain references to any other variables, then the new location of the declaration is inside S (the new scope), just before the first reference to variable V let this location be L.
- If the variable V declaration does contain references to other variables, then all left hand side usages (before the location L, but after the declaration of V) of these other variables are collected and their smallest common containing block is calculated. Let this be S2. The new scope of the variable V will become the smallest common containing block of S and S2 (for clarity: a block contains itself in this case) Let this be S3. The new location of the declaration will be in S3 right before the location of the first reference to V or the first left hand side reference mentioned above (the earliest of these).
- If the calculated new scope of a variable is a loop block, then the new scope is going to be the smallest ancestor block of the loop block which is not greater than the original scope. Moving a variable declaration into a loop block even when all references are inside the loop block may result in changed behaviour.

Known limitations

"Minimize scope of local variables in function" feature is working only on TTCN-3 files. ASN.1 and pre-processable TTCN-3 files are not supported, and so will be skipped by the algorithm.

Lazy-fication of formal parameters

This functionality allows users automatic lazy-fication of non-lazy formal parameters, if they evaluation could be delayed.

Usage

To use the refactoring operation on a single module, select **TitaniumRefactoring / Lazy-fication of formal parameters** from the editor right-click context menu.

To use the operation on any number of files, folders or projects, select **TitaniumRefactoring / Lazy-fication of formal parameters** from the Project Explorer right-click context menu.

A wizard dialog is presented for the user to review the changes, before executing them.

Known limitations

Please note that the "Lazy-fication of formal parameters" feature is working only on TTCN-3 files. ASN.1 and pre-processable TTCN-3 files are not supported, and so will be skipped by the algorithm.

References

- [1] [Installation Guide for TITAN Designer and TITAN Executor for the Eclipse IDE](#)
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Glossary

ASN.1

Abstract Syntax Notation One

IDE

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