

# Style It!

# The Eclipse 4 Styling Tutorial

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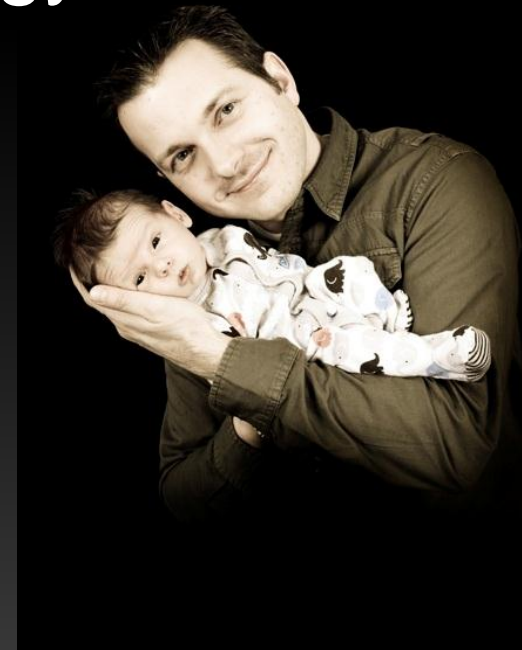
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# UI Styling

- In Eclipse 3.x, UI styling can be done using
  - The Presentation API
  - Custom Widgets
- These mechanisms are very limited
- It is not possible to implement a specific UI design, created by a designer
- e4 provides a CSS based UI styling that addresses many of the above issues

# A Brief History of CSS in e4

- The goal – provide an easier way to customize the look and feel of an e4 app
- Make use of an established format to describe the styling
- Made a debut in the 0.9 e4 release
- Eclipse 4.0 SDK used CSS to style workbench

# The Plan

- Styling an e4 RCP app
- CSS Overview
- CSS Engine internals
- Styling the e4 workbench
- Styling a 3.x RCP app
- Wrap Up

# Styling an e4 RCP app

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# Contacts Demo without CSS Styling

e4 Contacts Demo

File Theme

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Boris	Bokowski
Peter	Friese
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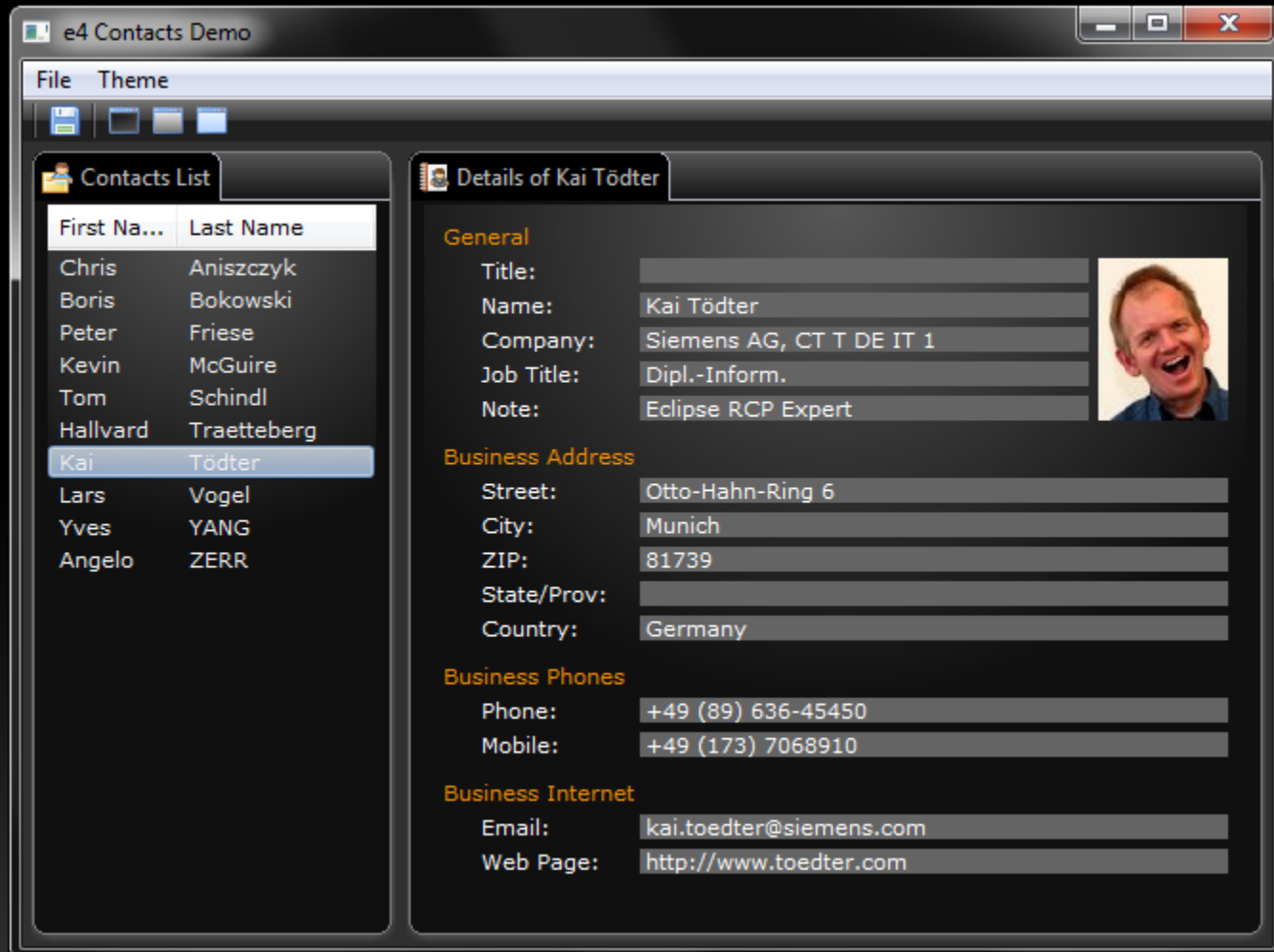
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# Dark CSS Styling with radial Gradients



# Gray CSS Styling with linear Gradients

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# Blue CSS Styling with linear Gradients

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# How does the CSS look like?

```
Label {  
  font: Verdana 8px;  
  color: rgb(240, 240, 240);  
}
```

```
Table {  
  background-color: gradient radial #575757 #101010 100%;  
  color: rgb(240, 240, 240);  
  font: Verdana 8px;  
}
```

```
.MTrimBar {  
  background-color: #777777 #373737 #202020 50% 50%;  
  color: white;  
  font: Verdana 8px;  
}
```

# Some Things you cannot style (yet)

- Menu bar background
- Table headers

Partly implemented:

- Gradients

My Wish:

- Having similar capabilities compared with WebKit's gradients

# How to enable CSS Styling (1)

Create a contribution to the extension point  
`org.eclipse.e4.ui.css.swt.theme`

```
<extension
  point="org.eclipse.e4.ui.css.swt.theme">
  <theme
    basestylesheeturi="css/blue.css"
    id="org.eclipse.e4.tutorial.contacts.themes.blue"
    label="Blue Theme">
  </theme>
</extension>
```

# How to enable CSS Styling (2)

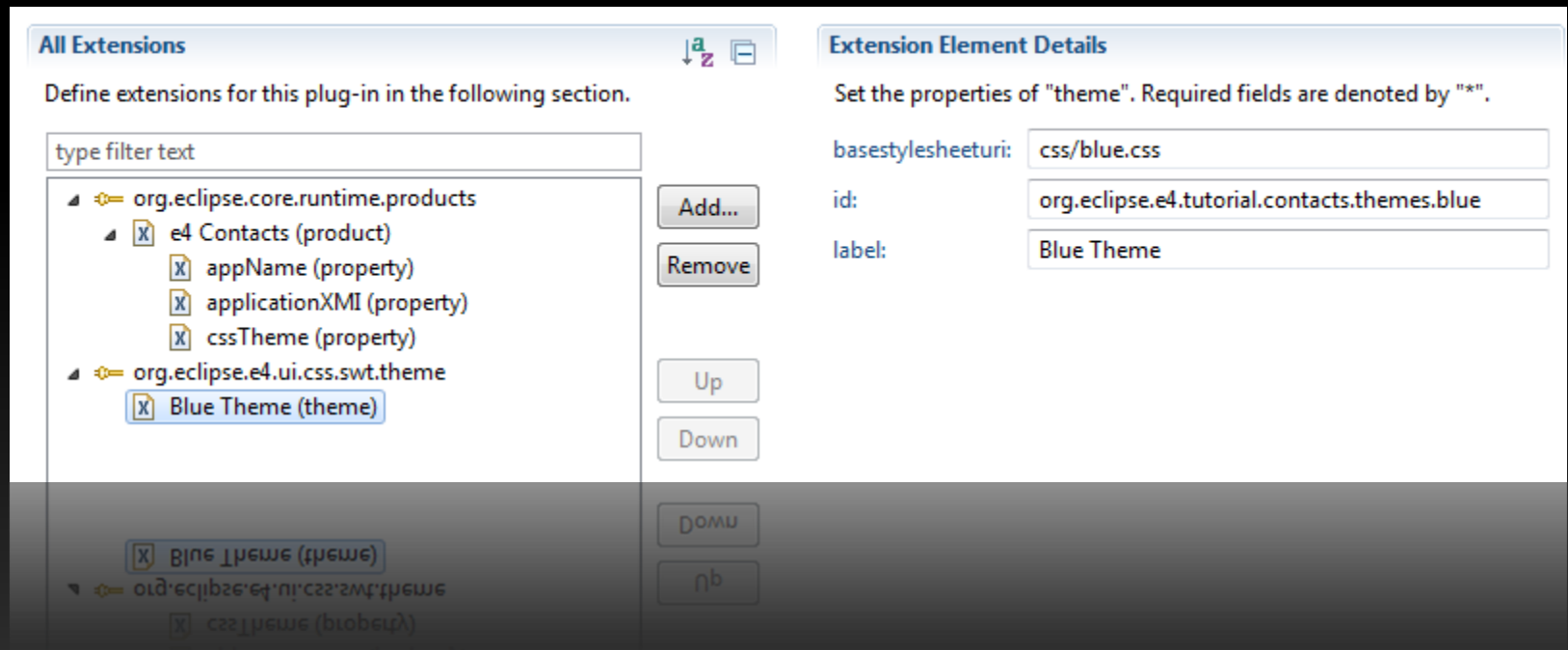
Create a contribution to the extension point  
**org.eclipse.core.runtime.products**

```
<extension
  id="product"
  point="org.eclipse.core.runtime.products">
  <product
    application="org.eclipse.e4.ui.workbench.swt.application"
    name="e4 Contacs">
    <property
      name="applicationCSS"
      value="org.eclipse.e4.tutorial.contacts.themes.blue">
    </property>
  </product>
</extension>
```



# How to enable CSS Styling (3)

- Extension point  
`org.eclipse.ui.css.swt.theme`



# How to use custom attributes?

- Java:

```
Label label = new Label(parent, SWT.NONE);  
label.setData("org.eclipse.e4.ui.css.id", "SeparatorLabel");
```

- Workbench Model: Give the element an **id**

- CSS:

```
#SeparatorLabel {  
    color: #f08d00;  
}
```

# e4 CSS Editors

- CSS has a well known syntax
- But which UI elements can be styled?
- Which CSS attributes does a specific element support?
- At Eclipse Summit Europe 2010 Sven Efftinge and Sebastian Zarnekow showed a prototype of an Xtext-based editor, with content assist for both elements and attributes
- Let's see, what Eclipse 4.1 will bring

# Gradient Examples

linear orange black



linear orange black 60%



linear orange black orange 50% 100%



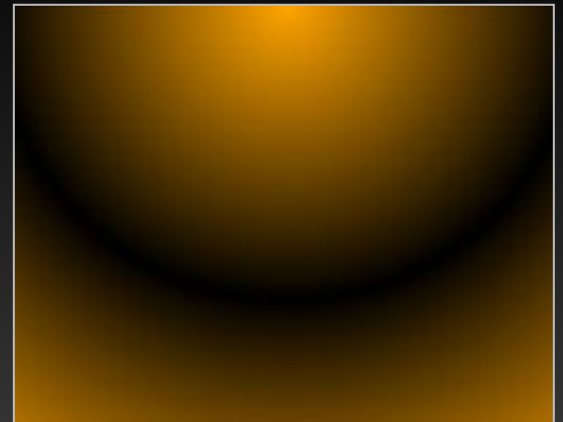
radial orange black



radial orange black 60%



radial orange black orange 50% 100%



# Dynamic Theme Switching

- It is possible to change the CSS based theme at runtime
- Good for accessibility
- Good for user preferences

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# Theme Switching

- DI of **IThemeEngine**
- **IThemeEngine** provides API for applying styles and theme management

@Execute

```
public void execute( IThemeEngine engine ) {  
    engine.setTheme(  
        "org.eclipse.e4.demo.contacts.themes.darkgradient");  
}
```

# CSS Overview



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# CSS Overview

- CSS Syntax
- Element, Class and ID Selectors
- CSS Properties
- Cascade



# CSS Syntax

- CSS stylesheets usually contain many rules
- rules are made up of selectors and declarations
- declarations are made up of a property and a value



# Element, Class and ID selectors

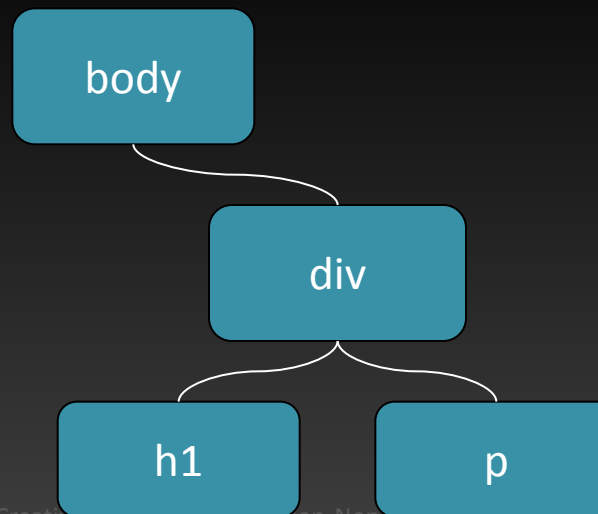
- Element type selectors in HTML matches HTML elements  
`p {background-color: black;}`
- Element selectors in the SWT styling world match the widget classnames  
`Composite {background-color: red;}`
- CSS allows you to specify your own selectors named *id* and *class*
- the *id* selector is used to specify the style for a single, unique element  
`#myId {background-color: gold;}`
- the class selector is used to specify the style for a number of elements  
`.myClass {background-color: blue;}`

# Selectors combined

- It is possible to combine selectors:
- Matches all p elements with a class attribute “warning”:  
`p.warning { STYLES }`
- Matches all div elements with class attributes “foo” and “bar”:  
`div.foo.bar { STYLES }`
- Matches any element with class attributes “more”, “detail”, “please”  
`.more.detail.please { STYLES }`

# Group and Position Selectors

- A group selector allows you to apply the same rules to different selectors  
**selector, selector, etc { STYLES }**
- To select a descendant element, use whitespace between the selectors.  
**selector selector selector etc { STYLES }**



## Group and Position Selectors (2)

- A child selector selects elements that are children of the previous selector  
`selector > selector > etc { STYLES }`

# CSS Properties

- property values come in the following forms:
  - text
  - numbers
  - lengths
  - percentages
  - comma-delimited lists of values
  - space-delimited lists of values
  - functions

# CSS Property Examples

- `color: white;`
- `color: rgb(255, 255, 255);`
- `color: #ffffff;`
- `border: 4px double black;`
- `margin: 0;`
- `background-image: url("myPic.jpg");`
- `line-height: 150%;`
- `padding: 0.25em;`

# !important Declarations

- A declaration that has the “!important” keyword added takes precedence over a normal declaration
- This can be used to add weight to declarations (in order to aid in cascade resolution)

```
p { font-size: 10px !important; }
```



# Cascade

- In CSS it is possible to have cases where an element matches to multiple styles
- In order to determine which style to use, a resolution process is used
- the CSS Cascade looks at importance, origin, specificity and the source order of the style in question and assigns a weight
- declaration with the highest weight takes precedence

## Cascade (2)

- In terms of selectors, the order of importance (from least to most) is:
  - Universal selectors - \*
  - Element selectors
  - Class, Attribute and Pseudo Selectors
  - ID selectors
  - Above list repeated in order with !important added

# CSS Engine API

## Parsing

*parseStyleSheet(), parseStyleDeclaration(),  
parsePropertyValue()*

## Apply Styles

*applyStyles(), applyStyleDeclaration(), applyCSSProperty()*

## Retrieve Info

*getViewCSS(), getDocumentCSS()*

## Utils

*reset(), setErrorHandler()*

# SWT CSS Engine

- Implements CSS Engine API
- Extensible widget styling provided through the use of ElementProviders and PropertyHandlers
- Makes use of a number of utility classes to facilitate translation between text and SWT colors, fonts, images, gradients
- SWT provides a reskin() method in Widget that will send out a Skin event to all controls to notify that some value of the style has been changed

# CSS Stylable Element

- CSSStylableElement interface defines methods to retrieve styling information about a particular element
- The CSS SWT engine has a hierarchy of element adapters that mirrors the SWT widget hierarchy (see WidgetElement)
- Element providers and the widgets that they support are registered through an extension point
- This allows for the extension of the CSS engine by adding custom property handlers and associating them with an element provider

# Property Handlers

- ICSSPropertyHandler is used to apply a CSS property value to an element
- Property handlers perform the actual work of calling the methods on the widgets
- Property handlers are registered through an extension point
- Customized properties can be easily extended through this mechanism (ex. new CTabFolder properties)

# Available Handlers

- Controls
  - background-color, background-image
  - cursor
  - font, font-style, font-weight, font-size, font-family
  - color
- Button, Label
  - alignment
- CTabFolder
  - border-visible, maximized, minimized, maximize-visible, minimize-visible, mru-visible
  - simple, single, unselected-close-visible
  - tab-renderer, tab-height

## Available Handlers (2)

- For a complete list, check out the e4 wiki:

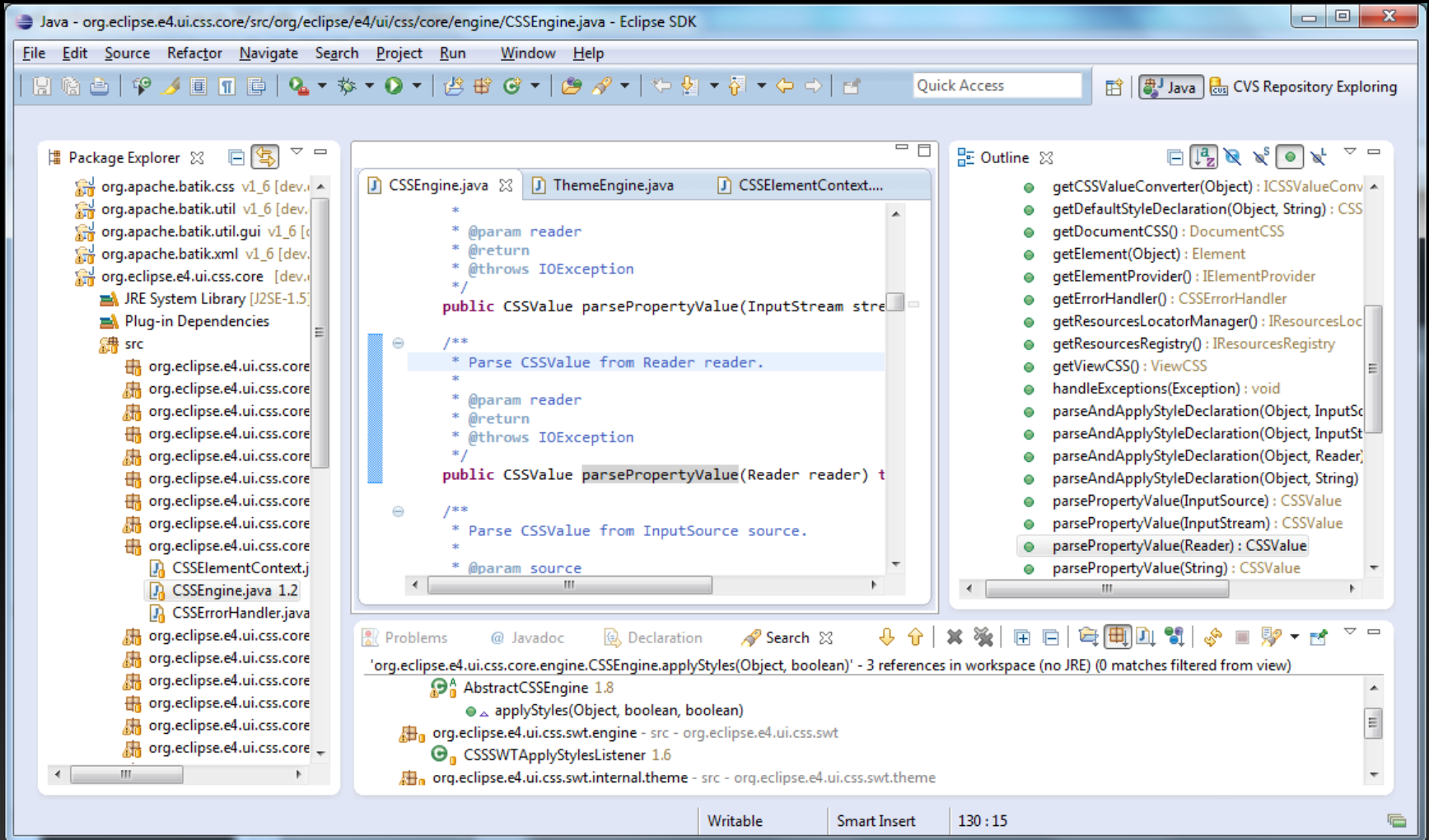
[http://wiki.eclipse.org/E4/CSS/SWT Mapping](http://wiki.eclipse.org/E4/CSS/SWT_Mapping)



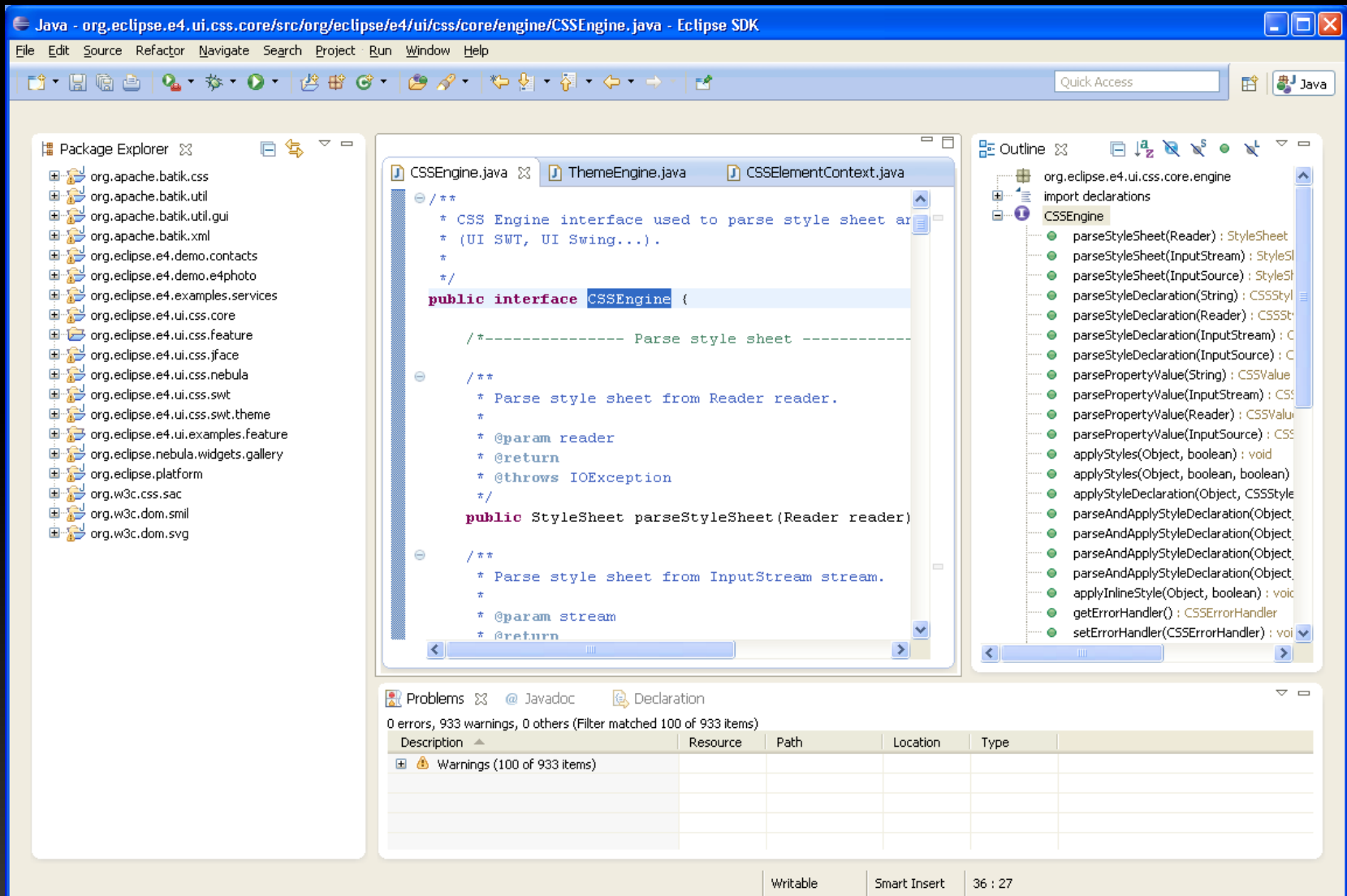
# e4 Workbench

- The e4 workbench makes use of the CSS Engine to contribute a number of different looks
- IThemeEngine defines methods to register and manage themes as well as to get and applyStyles
- e4 provides an IThemeEngine implementation that creates an instance of the SWT CSS Engine
- e4 also provides an IStylingEngine which makes use of the IThemeEngine implementation to set classnames, set ids, and style widgets
- IStylingEngine can be obtained from a context, service registry or through DI (as shown in the contacts example)

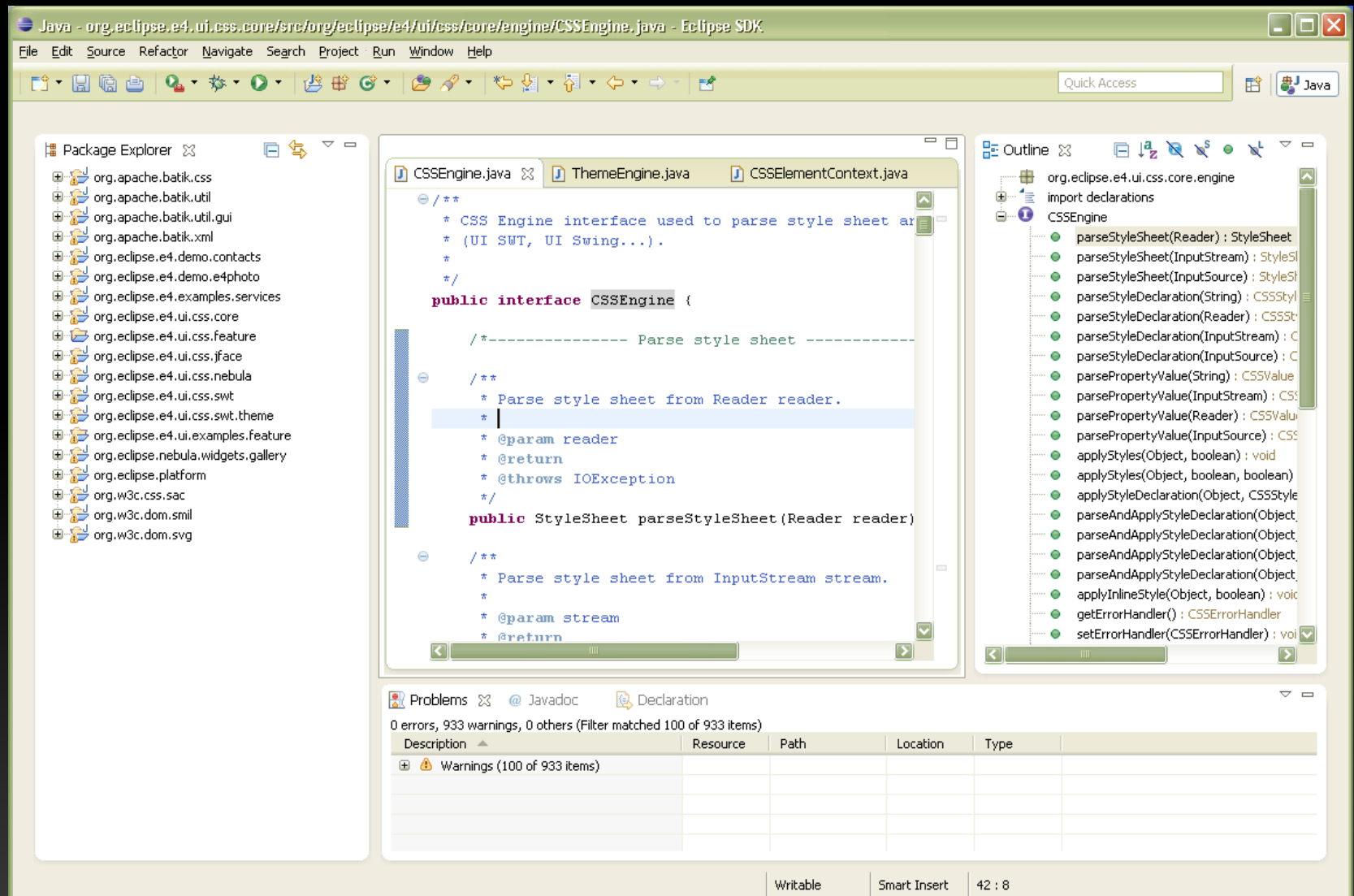
## 4.x SDK on Windows 7



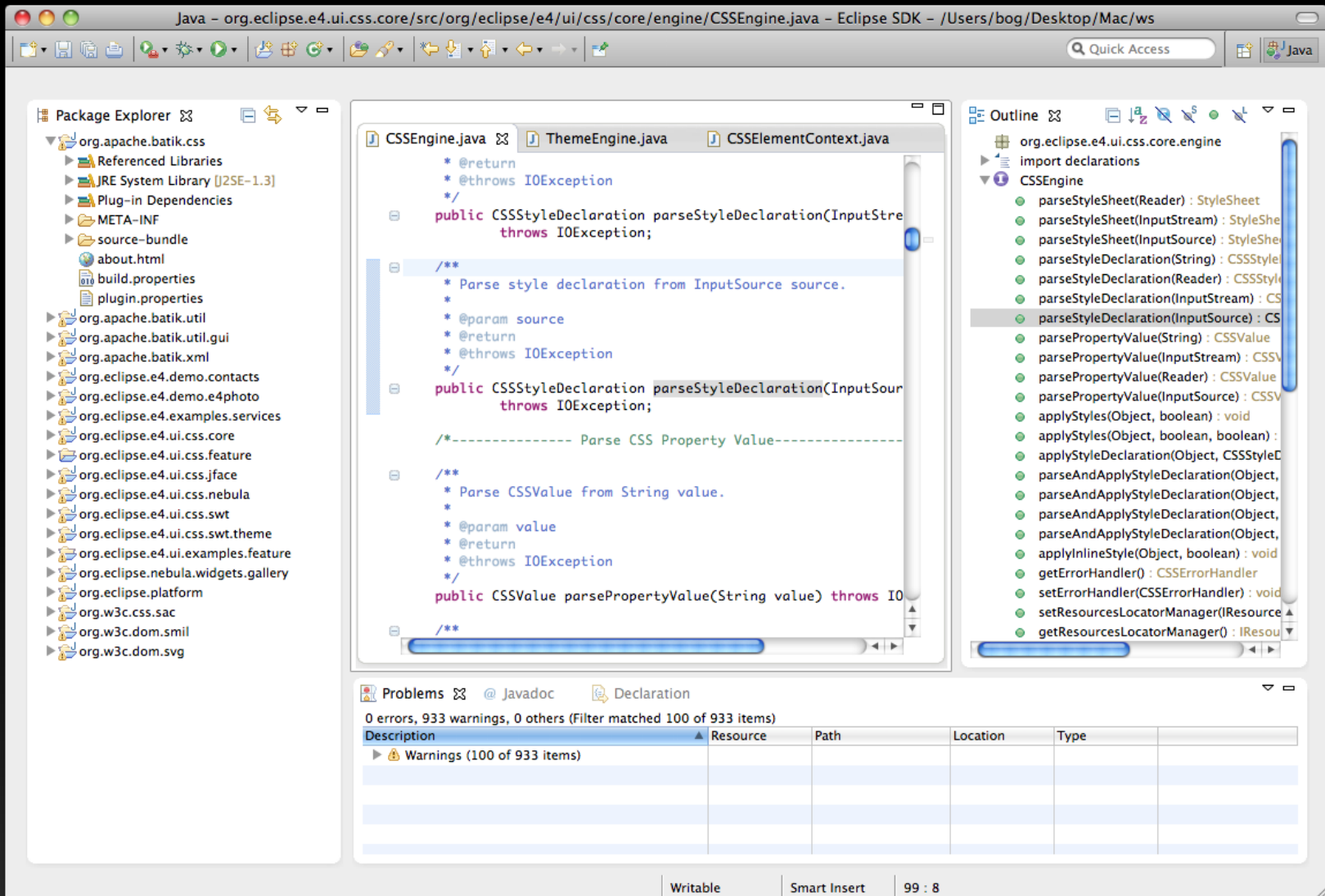
## 4.x SDK on XP (Blue)



## 4.x SDK on XP (Olive)



# 4.x SDK on MAC



# 4.x SDK on Linux

Java - org.eclipse.e4.ui.css.core/src/org/eclipse/e4/ui/css/core/engine/CSSEngine.java - Eclipse SDK

File Edit Source Refactor Navigate Search Project Run Window Help

Quick Access

Package Explorer

- org.apache.batik.css
- org.apache.batik.util
- org.apache.batik.util.gui
- org.apache.batik.xml
- org.eclipse.e4.demo.contacts
- org.eclipse.e4.demo.e4photo
- org.eclipse.e4.examples.services
- org.eclipse.e4.ui.css.core
- org.eclipse.e4.ui.css.feature
- org.eclipse.e4.ui.css.jface
- org.eclipse.e4.ui.css.nebula
- org.eclipse.e4.ui.css.swt
- org.eclipse.e4.ui.css.swt.theme
- org.eclipse.e4.ui.examples.feature
- org.eclipse.nebula.widgets.gallery
- org.eclipse.platform
- org.w3c.css.sac
- org.w3c.dom.smil
- org.w3c.dom.svg

CSSEngine.java ThemeEngine.java CSSElementContext.java

```
/**
 * CSS Engine interface used to parse style sheet and apply sty
 * (UI SWT, UI Swing...).
 */
public interface CSSEngine {

    /**----- Parse style sheet -----*/

    /**
     * Parse style sheet from Reader reader.
     * @param reader
     * @return
     * @throws IOException
     */
    public StyleSheet parseStyleSheet(Reader reader) throws IOE

    /**
     * Parse style sheet from InputStream stream.
     * @param stream
     * @return
     * @throws IOException
     */
}
```

Outline

- org.eclipse.e4.ui.css.core.engine
- import declarations
- CSSEngine
  - parseStyleSheet(Reader) : StyleSheet
  - parseStyleSheet(InputStream) : StyleSheet
  - parseStyleSheet(InputSource) : StyleSheet
  - parseStyleDeclaration(String) : CSSStyle
  - parseStyleDeclaration(Reader) : CSSStyle
  - parseStyleDeclaration(InputStream) : CSSStyle
  - parseStyleDeclaration(InputSource) : CSSStyle
  - parsePropertyValue(String) : CSSValue
  - parsePropertyValue(InputStream) : CSSValue
  - parsePropertyValue(Reader) : CSSValue
  - parsePropertyValue(InputSource) : CSSValue
  - applyStyles(Object, boolean) : void
  - applyStyles(Object, boolean, boolean) : void
  - applyStyleDeclaration(Object, CSSStyle
  - parseAndApplyStyleDeclaration(Object
  - parseAndApplyStyleDeclaration(Object

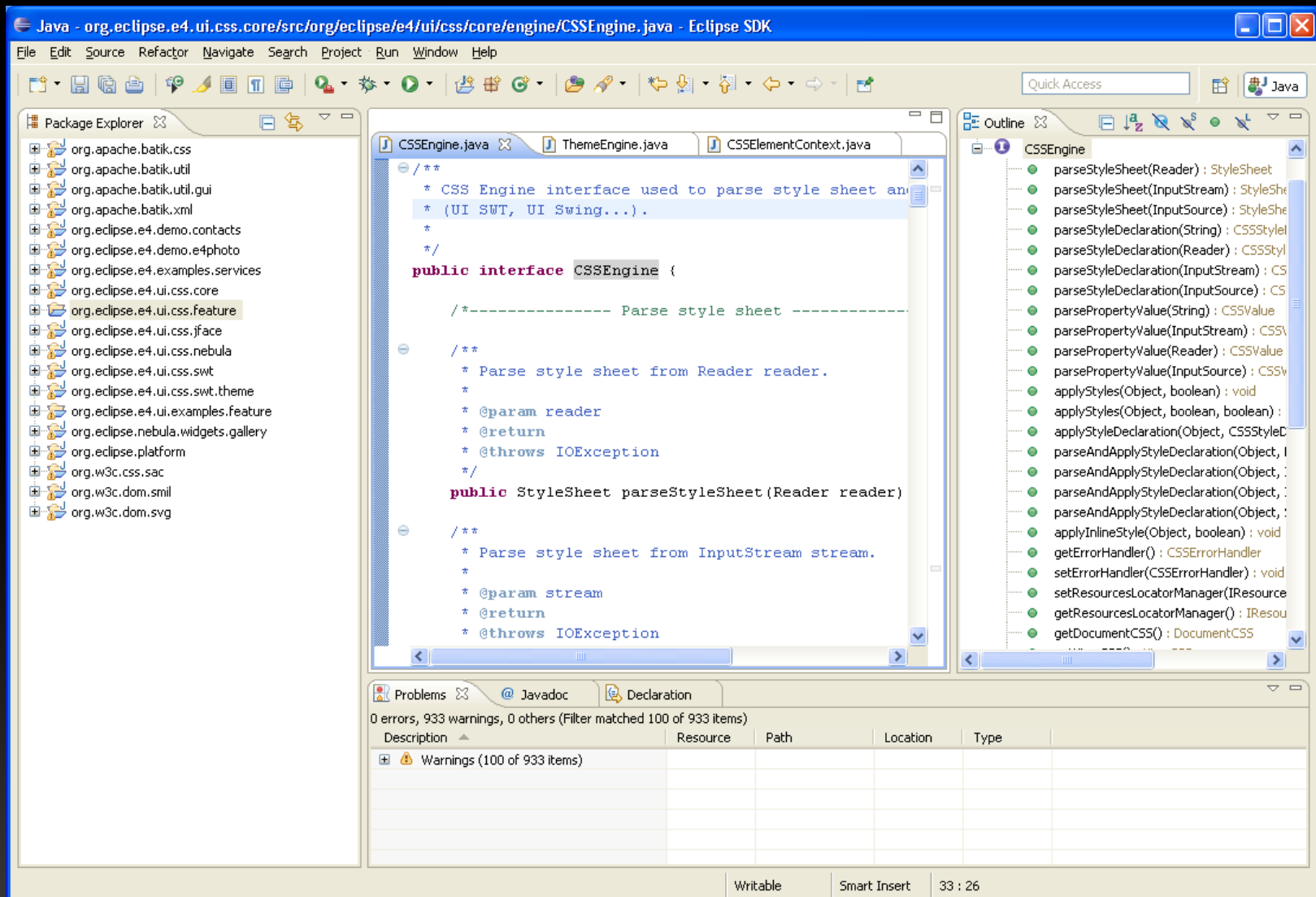
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Description	Resource	Path	Location	Type
Warnings (100 of 923 items)				

org.eclipse.platform

# 4.x SDK on XP with “Retro” styling





# Lab: Let's take a look!

- Start up your e4 SDK build and create a new workspace
- File>Import>Existing Projects into Workspace>Select archive file:
- Browse to where you saved the “e4styling.zip” archive , select it>Open
- Click Finish in the wizard to complete the import



# Lab: e4 Contacts Demo Styling

- Double click the file `contacts.product` in the project `org.eclipse.e4.demo.contacts`
- Click on „Launch an Eclipse Application“ =Y the contacts demo starts
- Switch the theme to “Blue Gradient Theme”
- Edit the css file `css/dark-gradient.css`
- Switch the theme back to “Black Gradient Theme”

# Lab: Workbench Styling

- Open up the org.eclipse.platform project and open the plugin.xml
- Go to the extensions tab and expand org.eclipse.e4.ui.css.swt.theme
- These are the themes that come with e4

# Extension Point „Theme“

The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE's 'Extensions' dialog box. The 'All Extensions' tab is active, displaying a list of extensions. The 'Extension Element Details' tab is also visible, showing the configuration for the 'theme' extension point.

**Extensions**

**All Extensions**

Define extensions for this plug-in in the following section.

type filter text

- org.eclipse.core.runtime.products
- org.eclipse.ui.intro
- org.eclipse.ui.cheatsheets.cheatShee
- org.eclipse.ui.intro.configExtension
- org.eclipse.ui.actionSets
- org.eclipse.e4.ui.css.swt.theme
  - Default Theme (theme)
  - Classic (theme)
  - GTK (theme)
  - Mac (theme)
  - Win7 (theme)
  - Win XP Blue (theme)
  - Win XP Olive (theme)
  - Win 7 Classic (theme)

Buttons: Add..., Remove, Up, Down

**Extension Element Details**

Set the properties of "theme". Required fields are denoted by "\*".

id\*: org.eclipse.e4.ui.css.theme.e4\_default

label\*: Win XP Blue

basestylesheeturi\*: css/e4\_default\_winxp\_blu.css [Browse...](#)

os: win32

ws:

os\_version:

# e4 Stylesheets

- In the org.eclipse.platform project, the 'css' folder contains the various stylesheets used by the workbench
- Let's take a closer look at one of them:
- e4\_default\_win.css

# e4\_default\_win7.css

```
MTrimmedWindow {  
    background-color: #E1E6F6;  
    margin-top: 2px;  
    margin-bottom: 2px;  
    margin-left: 2px;  
    margin-right: 2px;  
}
```

```
.MTrimmedWindow.topLevel {  
    margin-top: 24px;  
    margin-bottom: 2px;  
    margin-left: 12px;  
    margin-right: 12px;  
}
```

# e4\_default\_win7.css

```
.MPartStack {  
    tab-renderer:  
    url('platform:/.....CTabRendering');  
    unselected-tabs-color:  
        #FFFFFF #FFFFFF #FFFFFF 100% 100%;  
    outer-keyline-color: #FFFFFF;  
    inner-keyline-color: #FFFFFF;  
    Font-size: 9;  
    font-family: 'Segoe UI';  
    simple: true;  
}
```

## e4\_default\_win7.css

```
.MPartStack.active {  
    unselected-tabs-color: #F3F9FF #D0DFEE  
#CEDDED #CEDDED #D2E1F0 #D2E1F0  
#FFFFFF 20% 45% 60% 70% 100% 100%;  
    outer-keyline-color: #B6BCCC;  
    inner-keyline-color: #FFFFFF;  
    tab-outline: #B6BCCC;  
}
```

# e4\_default\_win7.css

```
.MTrimBar {  
    background-color: #E1E6F6;  
}
```

```
.MTrimBar#org-eclipse-ui-main-toolbar {  
    background-image: url(./win7.PNG);  
}
```

```
#PerspectiveSwitcher {  
    background-color: #F5F7FC #E1E6F6 100%;  
    perspective-keyline-color: #AAB0BF #AAB0BF;  
}
```



# Lab: Make a Theme (1)

- Make a copy of `e4_default_win7.css` and call it `e4_mytheme.css`
- Open the `plugin.xml`, go to the extensions tab, select the `org.eclipse.e4.ui.css.swt.theme` extension point, right click>New>theme
- Change the id and label, and for the `basestyleuri` field, browse to the location of your stylesheet and select it (leave `os`, `ws` and `os_version` for now)

# Lab: Make a Theme (2)

- Run as>Eclipse Application
- Once the inner workbench opens up, go to Window>Preferences>General>Appearance
- You will notice that your Theme shows up
- Select it and hit OK

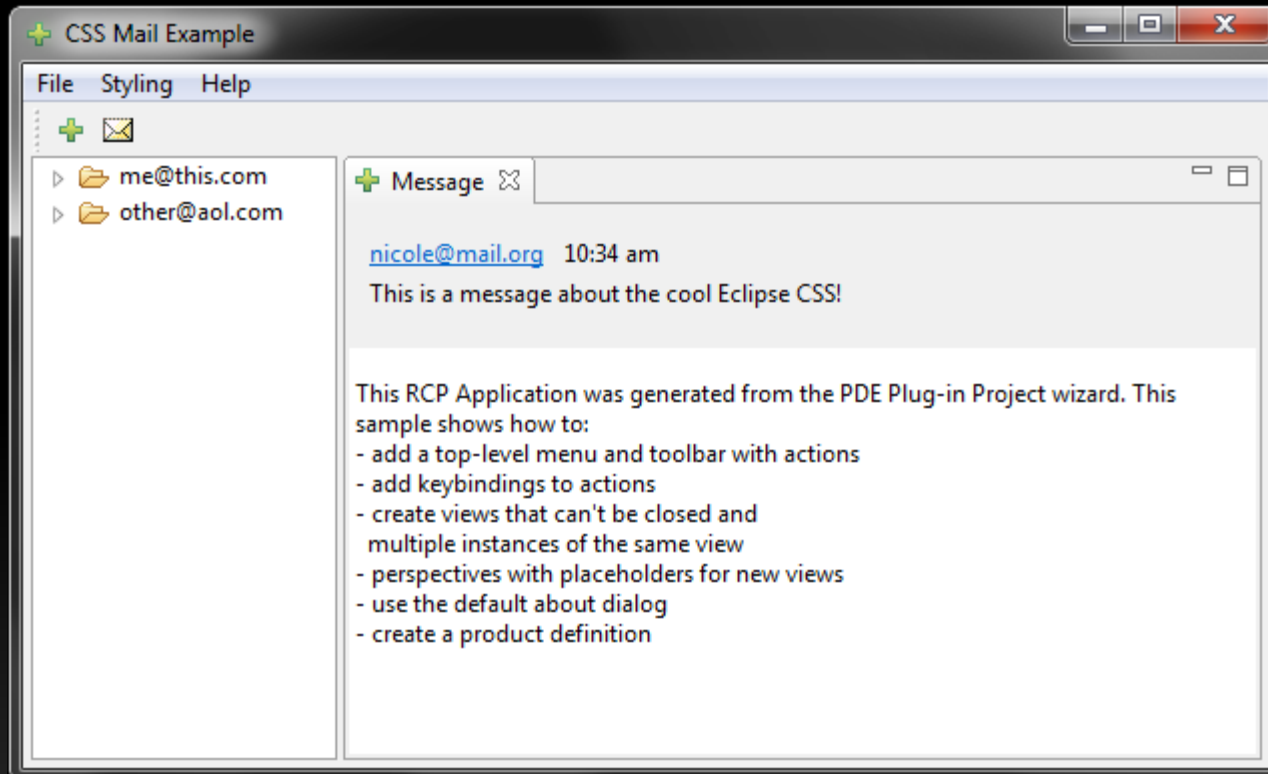
# What Classnames to use?

- All widgets used in the workbench currently get a class name and id when created by a workbench renderer
- Currently, there is no spy type of application to get these class names and ids (nice to have)
- As a hack, you can add a println to `setCSSInfo()` in `SWTPartRenderer`

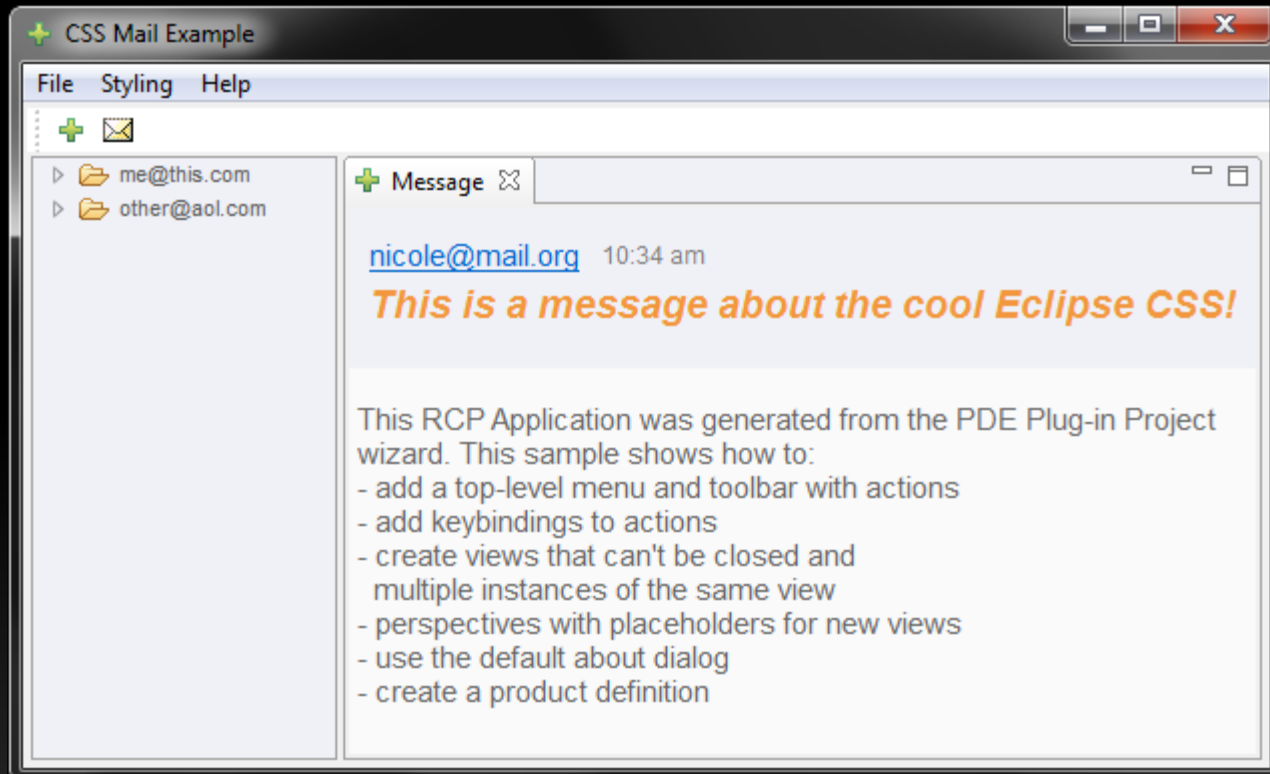
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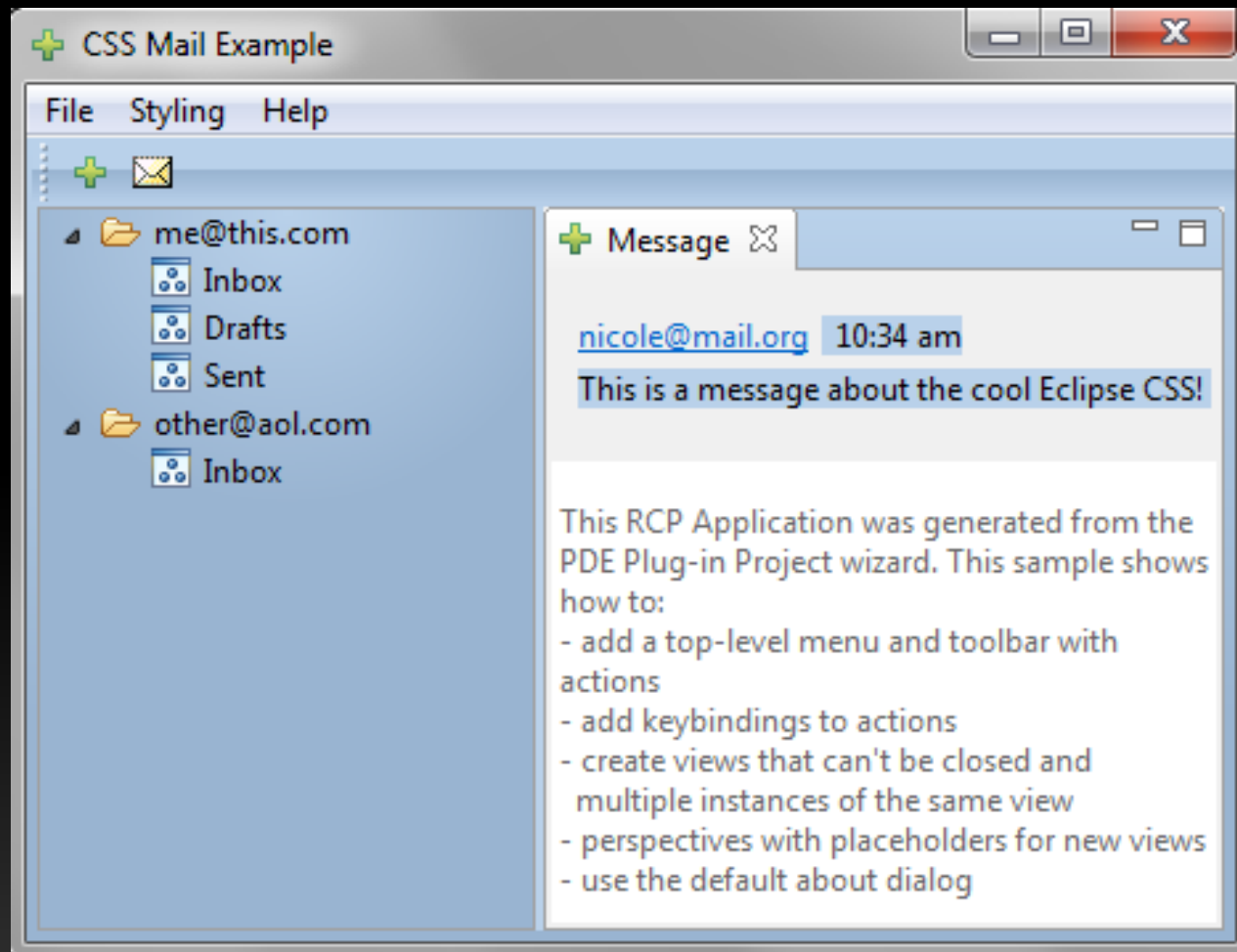
# 3.X RCP Mail



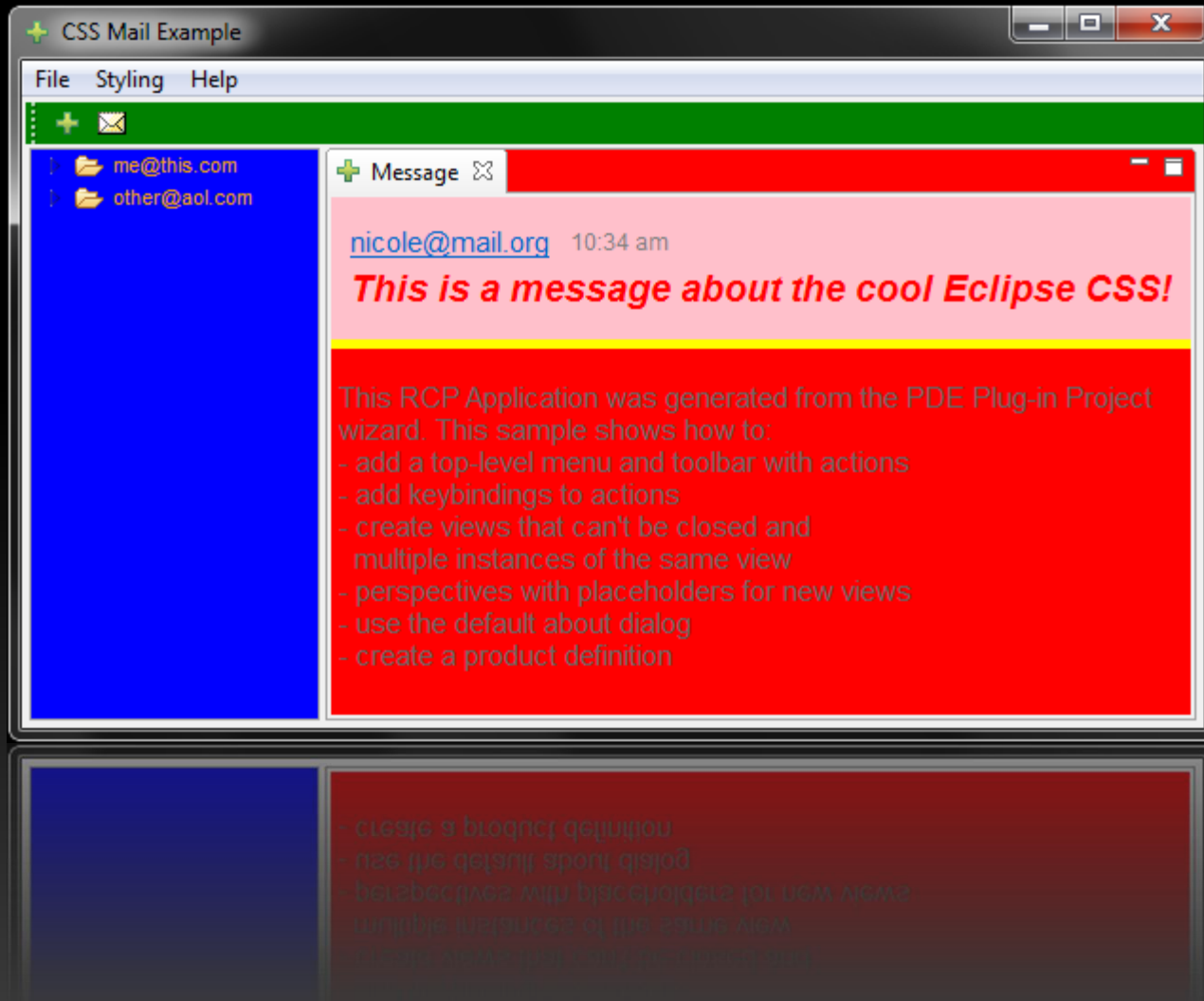
# 3.x RCP Mail with CSS Styling



# 3.x RCP Mail with blue CSS Styling



# 3.x RCP Mail CSS Color Demonstrator





# Needed Bundles

- org.apache.batik.css
- org.apache.batik.util
- org.apache.batik.util.gui
- org.apache.batik.xml
- org.eclipse.e4.ui.css.core
- org.eclipse.e4.ui.css.jface
- org.eclipse.e4.ui.css.legacy
- org.eclipse.e4.ui.css.swt
- org.eclipse.e4.ui.css.swt.theme
- **org.eclipse.e4.ui.examples.css.rcp**
- org.eclipse.e4.ui.widgets
- org.w3c.css.sac
- org.w3c.dom.smil
- org.w3c.dom.svg



The RCP Mail Demo  
with CSS Styling

# How to get the bundles

- Checkout  
:pserver:anonymous@dev.eclipse.org:/cvsroot/eclipse/  
e4/releng
- Import Project Set  
/releng/org.eclipse.e4.ui.releng/e4.ui.css.psf
- Checkout  
e4/org.eclipse.e4.ui/bundles/org.eclipse.e4.ui.widgets
- Delete all projects that are not on the previous slide
- Cleanup org.eclipse.e4.ui.css.swt
  - Organize Imports
  - Delete dependencies to **org.eclipse.e4.core.\***
- Start the CSS RCP Mail demo

# How to enable CSS Styling in 3.x

- Provide a CSS theme
- Provide an extension to `org.eclipse.e4.ui.css.swt.theme`
- Enable theming support in the initialize method of `ApplicationWorkbenchAdvisor`

# Extension Point for Themes

**All Extensions**

Define extensions for this plug-in in the following section.

type filter text

- ▶ org.eclipse.core.runtime.applications
- ▶ org.eclipse.ui.perspectives
- ▶ org.eclipse.ui.views
- ▶ org.eclipse.ui.commands
- ▶ org.eclipse.ui.bindings
- ▶ org.eclipse.core.runtime.products
- ▶ org.eclipse.e4.ui.css.swt.theme
  - X RCP example theme (theme)
  - X Colorful Example (theme)
- ▶ org.eclipse.ui.menus

Add... Remove Up Down

**Extension Element Details**

Set the properties of "theme". Required fields are denoted by "\*".

id\*: org.eclipse.e4.ui.examples.css.rcp

label\*: RCP example theme

basestylesheeturi\*: css/default.css Browse...

os:

ws:

os\_version:

# ApplicationWorkbenchAdvisor

```
Bundle b = FrameworkUtil.getBundle(getClass());
BundleContext context = b.getBundleContext();
ServiceReference serviceRef = context
    .getServiceReference(IThemeManager.class.getName());
IThemeManager themeManager =
    (IThemeManager) context.getService(serviceRef);

final IThemeEngine engine =
    themeManager.getEngineForDisplay(Display.getCurrent(););
engine.setTheme("org.eclipse.e4.ui.examples.css.rcp", true);
...
```

# Lab: Play around with CSS Mail

- Install the Eclipse 3.7M6 SDK
- Import all projects from archive file “3xstyling.zip”
- Open plugin.xml of project `org.eclipse.e4.ui.examples.css.rcp`
- Start css mail application
- Play around with css theming

# Discussion



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