

# Instructions for Installing and Running Pluglets

This document contains instructions for installing and running IDA pluglets. The following steps are described:

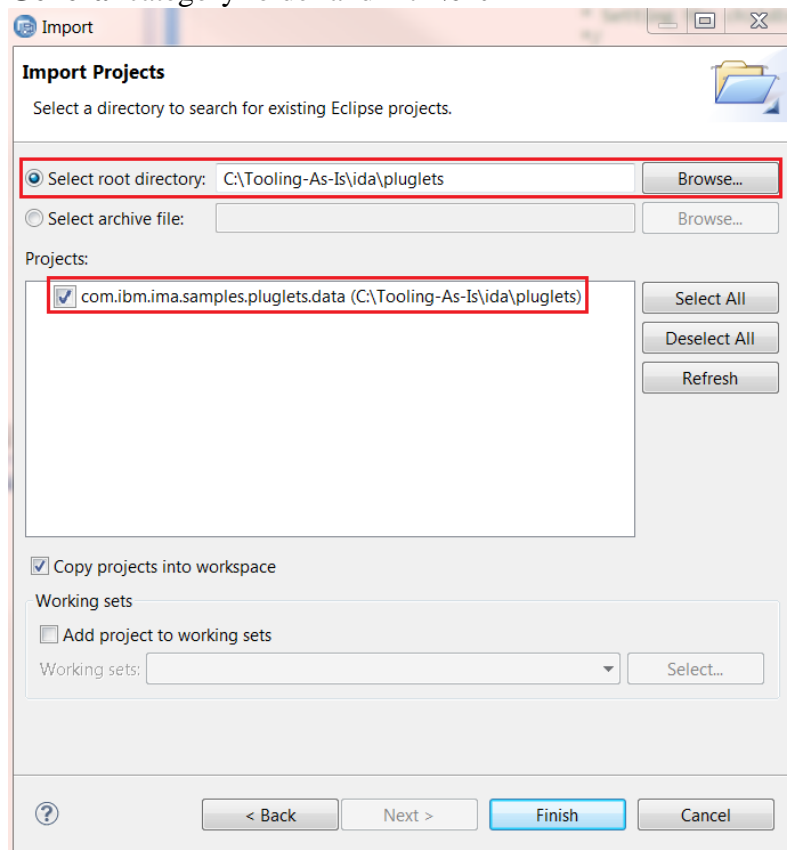
1. Importing the pluglets project into an IDA workspace - this step must be repeated for each new workspace, or when a new version of the pluglets project is received
2. Registering the pluglets with an IDA session – this step must be completed each and every time IDA is opened, or when changes have been made to pluglets Java code
3. Running a pluglet in IDA

It is important to ensure that you have pluglet support installed with IDA (it does not install by default). If not enabled, open IBM Installation Manager and select **Modify** to modify an IDA installation to include **Pluglet Support**.

## *Importing the pluglets project into an IDA workspace*

The pluglets are delivered as both project folder and a zipped up pluglets project. To import pluglets delivered as a project folder into an IDA workspace, complete the following steps

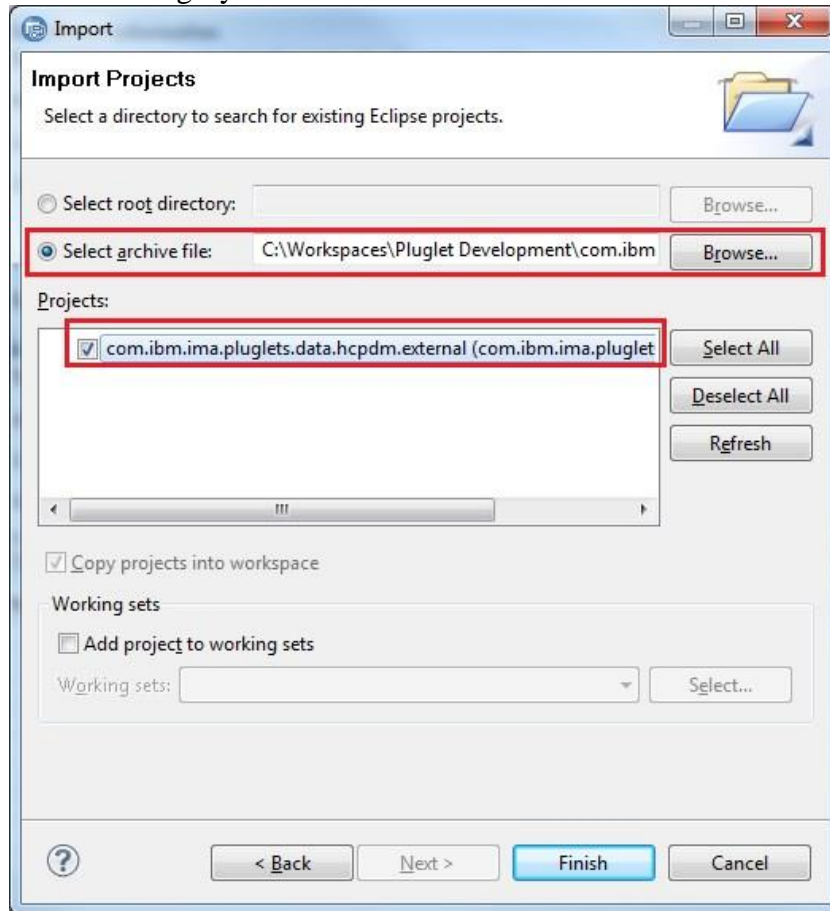
1. Select **File > Import** from the main menu
2. In the **Import Dialog** select **Existing Projects into Workspace** under the **General** category folder and hit **Next**



3. Select the **Select root directory** option and use the **Browse** button to navigate to the location of the folder containing the pluglets project
4. Select the relevant pluglets project from the **Projects** pane and hit **Finish**

To import the zipped up pluglets project into an IDA workspace, complete the following steps

1. Select **File > Import** from the main menu
2. In the **Import Dialog** select **Existing Projects into Workspace** under the **General** category folder and hit **Next**



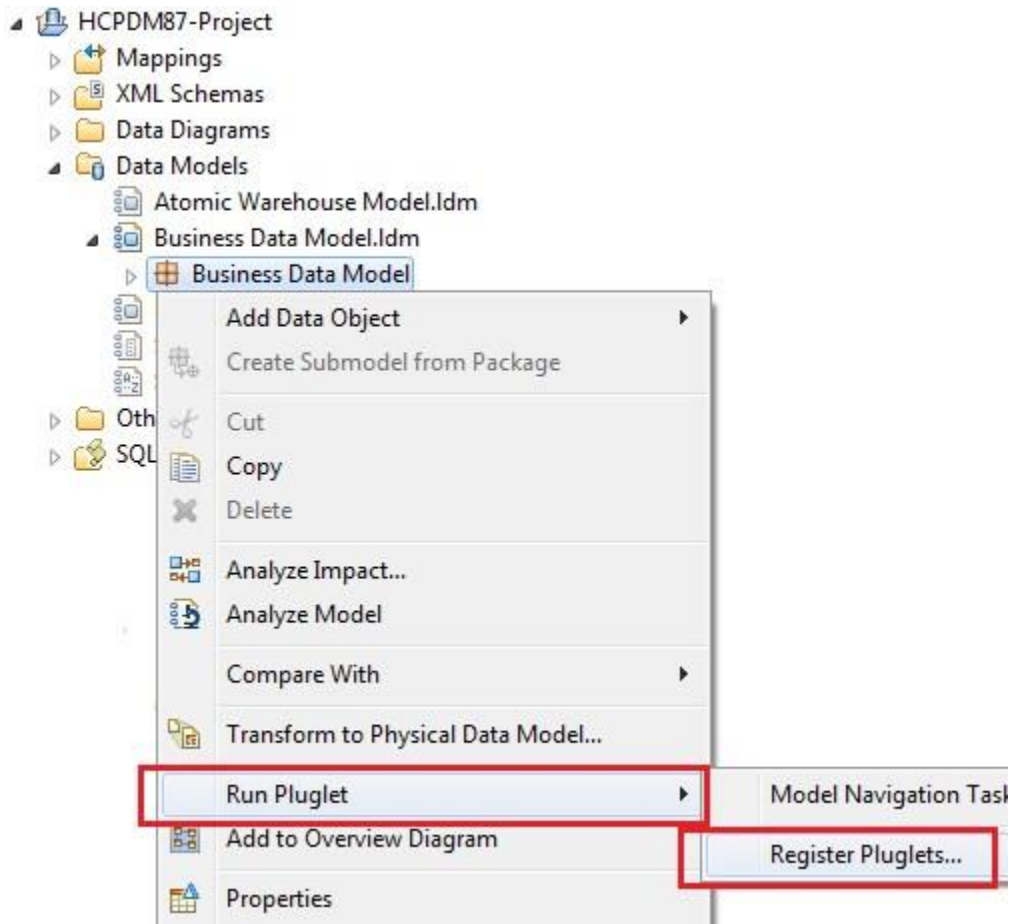
3. Select the **Select archive file** option and use the **Browse** button to navigate to the location of the zip archive containing the pluglets project
4. Select the relevant pluglet project from the **Projects** pane and hit **Finish**

NB: You will not see the pluglets project in IDA if the **Data Perspective** is opened. To see the project, you will need to be in one of the **Resource**, **Plug-in Development**, or **Java** perspectives.

## Registering the Pluglets with an IDA session

To register the pluglets with an IDA session, complete the following steps

1. If one is not already open, first open a Logical Data Model in IDA.
2. Select any object within the model, for example the root package, and right click with the mouse.



3. From the context menu, select **Run Pluglet > Register Pluglets**
4. The user is prompted with a note on registering pluglets, select **OK** to continue.

The results should show that a number of pluglets have been registered with the Workbench.

## Running a Pluglet in IDA

Once pluglets are registered, they can be run from an object's right-click menu, provided the pluglet is enabled for that object. Some IDA pluglets may have been imported, but you will find the Industry Models pluglets located in the **Custom Tasks** menu.

Rightclick on an object (e.g. an Entity) and select **Run Pluglet > Custom Tasks** to view the enabled pluglets