



BEL Framework V1.2 Java API Getting Started Guide

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Introduction

This document describes the requirements and procedures needed to configure an Eclipse IDE to work with the BEL Framework V1 Java Application Programming Interface (API). The BEL Framework Java API contains a set of Java libraries developed specifically to allow programmatic access to the Knowledge Assembly Model (KAM) stored in the KAM Store.

The BEL Framework Java API should work with all modern development environments. However, in this document, we are specifically working with the Eclipse IDE.

Version Changes

There are no version changes associated with this document.

System Requirements

The BEL Framework Java API is a component of the BEL Framework and shares the same system requirements. Please refer to the *BEL Framework V1.2 Getting Started Guide* for the BEL Framework system requirements.

Note: as the Java API is used to create new applications which use the BEL Framework, the system requirements needed to run applications you create might require more memory and disk space than that needed by the BEL Framework.

To follow the examples in this document, you will need the following software installed on your computer:

- Java Development Kit version 1.6
- Eclipse Java IDE 3.6 or better.
- BEL Framework V1.0 distribution

Getting Started

This section will guide you through the steps needed to configure an Eclipse Java project with BEL Framework API libraries.

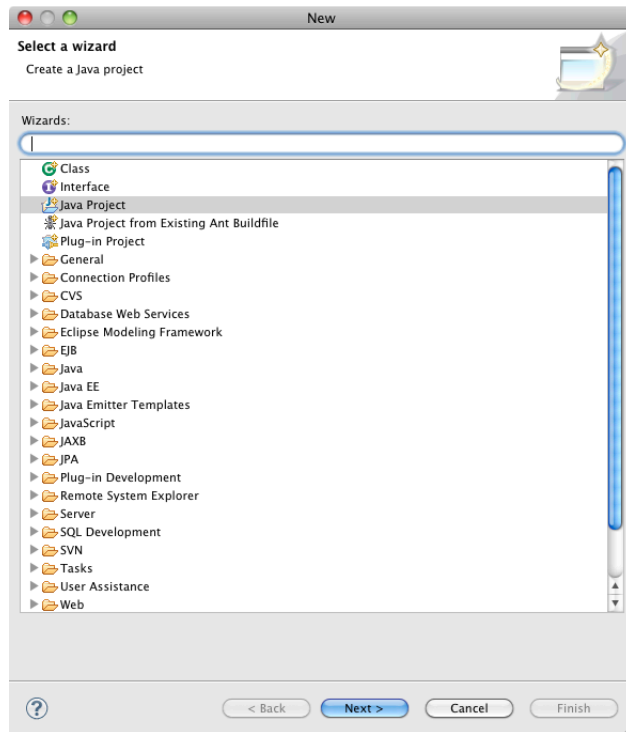
Start Eclipse

Once Eclipse is installed, simply click on the Eclipse application launcher icon to start the application. You may be prompted to set your workspace folder. The workspace folder is the parent folder for all your projects.

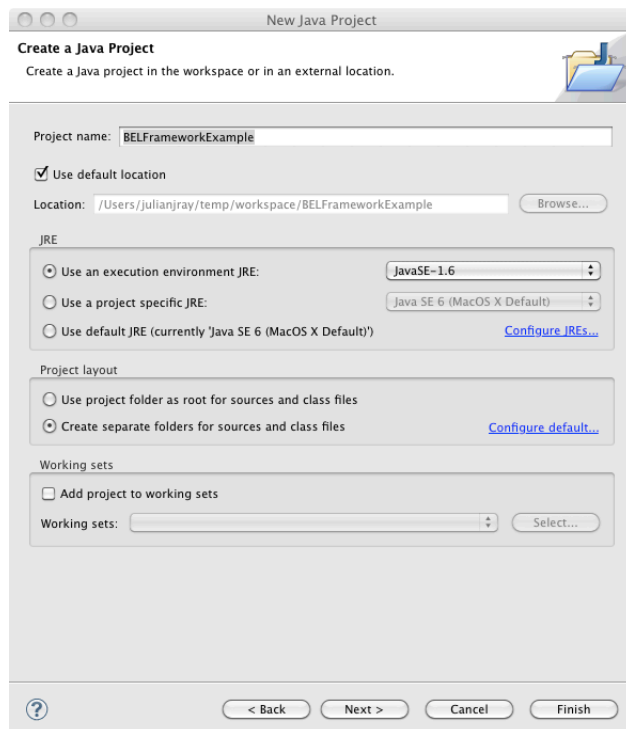
Create a new Java Project

To create a Java project:

1. Choose **File > New > Java Project** from the menu bar.



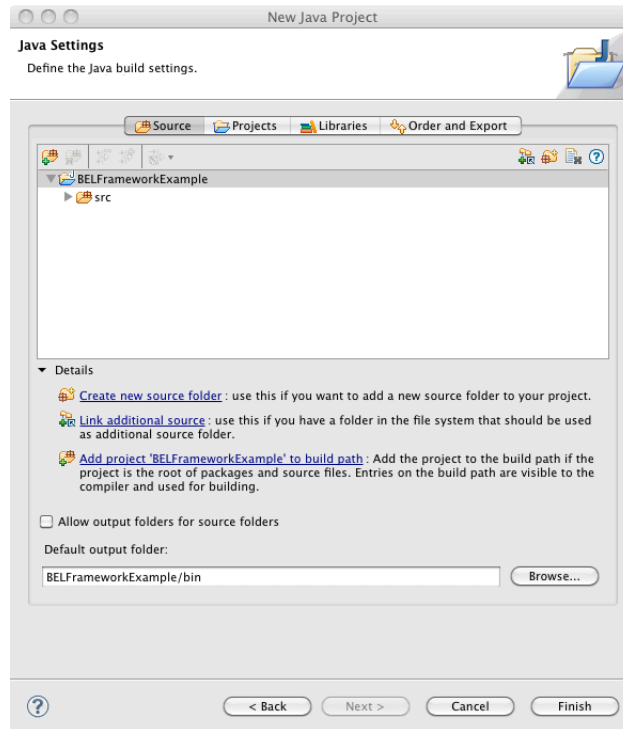
A new Java Project dialog will be displayed.



2. Choose a name for the project. In this example, we will use "BELFrameworkExample" as the name of the project.
3. Make sure Java 1.6 is selected under the **JRE** section.

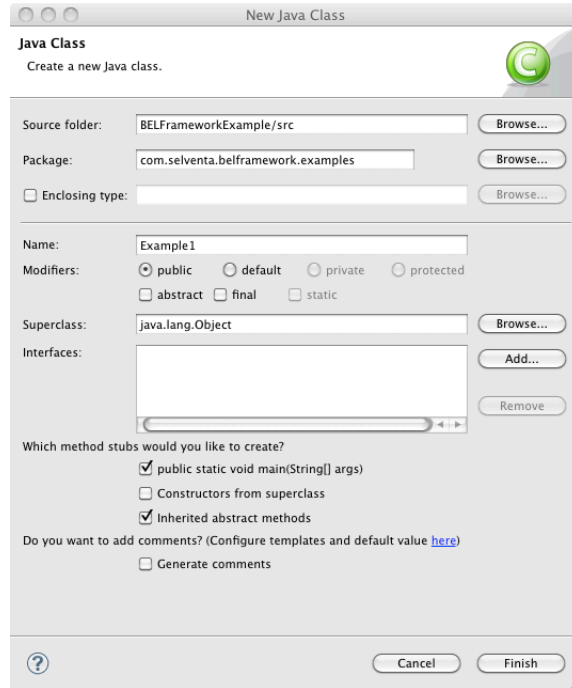
Adding BEL Framework API libraries

1. Click **Next**. A new dialog will be shown where you will be able to set additional Java settings for the project.

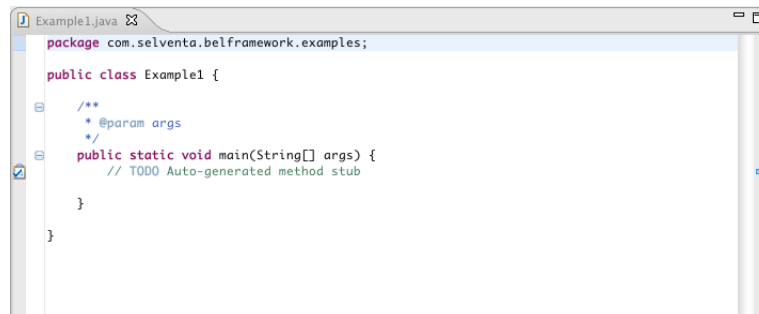


2. Click the **Libraries** tab at the top of the dialog. This form will allow you to add the required BEL Framework Java API libraries to the project.
3. Click the **Add External JARs** button. A JAR selection dialog appears.
4. Navigate to your BEL Framework installation directory and select the **lib/api** folder. A list of java archive files (JARs) will be shown.
5. Using the mouse, select all the JAR files in this folder and click the **Open button** to add them to the project. The list of BEL Framework JARs will be shown in the Libraries tab.

2. Choose a name for the package, in this example we will use **com.selventa.belframework.examples**.
3. Click the **Finish** button to create the package and add it to the project.
4. Choose **File > New > Class** from the top menu to create a new Java class. The Java Class Dialog will be shown.



5. Make sure that the package is set to the correct package, **com.selventa.belframework.examples** in this example.
6. Enter a name of the class. We will use **Example1** as the name of the java class to create.
7. Click the **public static void main(String[] args)** option to insert initializing code for our example.
8. Click the **Finish** button and the new Java class will be created.
9. Click on the Java class you just created to open it into the editor window.



10. Complete the class by entering the following code into the Java class source file.

```

package com.selventa.belframework.examples;

import java.util.List;

import com.selventa.belframework.api.KamStore;
import com.selventa.belframework.common.cfg.SystemConfiguration;
import com.selventa.belframework.df.DBConnection;
import com.selventa.belframework.df.DatabaseService;
import com.selventa.belframework.df.DatabaseServiceImpl;
import com.selventa.belframework.kamstore.data.jdbc.KAMCatalogDaoImpl.KamInfo;

public class Example1 {

    /**
     * @param args
     */
    public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
        //Create a SystemConfiguration object
        SystemConfiguration.createSystemConfiguration(null);
        SystemConfiguration systemConfiguration = SystemConfiguration.getSystemConfiguration();

        // Setup a database connector to the KAM Store.
        DatabaseService dbService = new DatabaseServiceImpl();
        DBConnection dbConnection = dbService.dbConnection(
            systemConfiguration.getKamURL(),
            systemConfiguration.getKamUser(),
            systemConfiguration.getKamPassword());

        // Connect to the KAM Store. This establishes a connection to the
        // KAMStore database and sets up the system to read and process
        // KAMs.
        KamStore kamStore = new KamStore(dbConnection);

        //Read all available KAMs from the KamStore catalog
        List<KamInfo> kamInfos = kamStore.readCatalog();
        //Print the name and description of all KAMs
        System.out.println("Total number of KAMs in KAM Store: " + kamInfos.size());
        for(KamInfo kamInfo : kamInfos) {
            System.out.println(String.format("KAM Name: %s, Description: %s",
                kamInfo.getName(), kamInfo.getDescription()));
        }

        // Tearsdown the KamStore. This removes any cached data and queries
        kamStore.teardown();

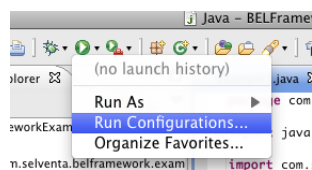
        // Close the DBConnection
        dbConnection.getConnection().close();
    }
}


```

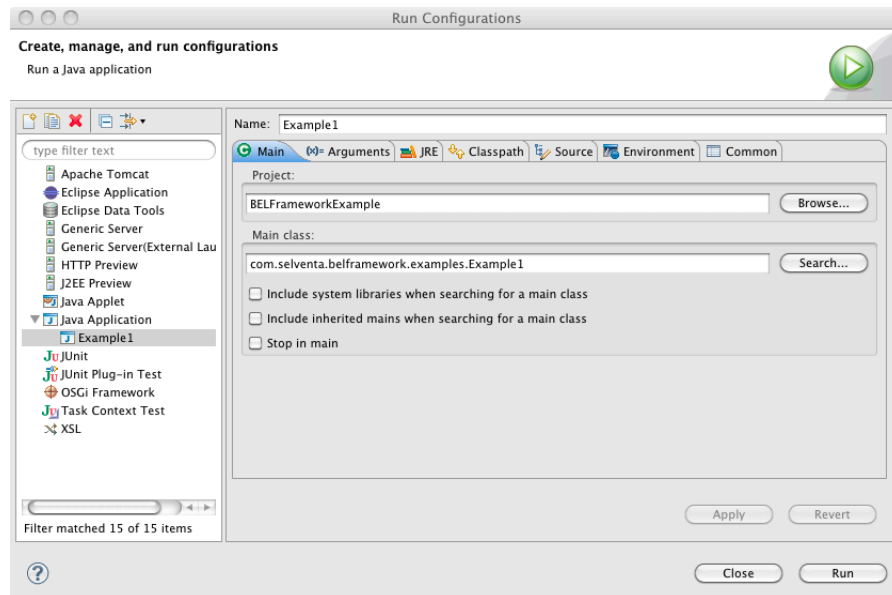
Setting BELFRAMEWORK_HOME

When running, BEL Framework API needs to know the location of the BEL Framework configuration files which are located in the [installdir]/config folder. To do this, you will need to set an environment variable called **BELFRAMEWORK_HOME** and point it to the install directory for the BEL Framework. To do this from Eclipse you must create a run configuration.

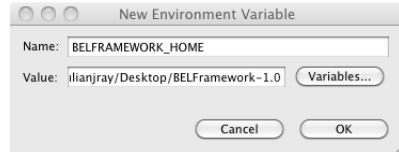
Once the code has been entered and compiles correctly, create a run configuration for the program by selecting **Run > Run Configurations...** from the top menu.



Click on **Java Application**, and click on the  icon to create a new run configuration for your program. The Run Configurations dialog will be shown.



1. Click on the **Environment** tab to create the **BELFRAMEWORK_HOME** environment variable.
2. Click on the **New...** button. A dialog will be shown which lets you create a new variable.



3. Type **BELFRAMEWORK_HOME** in the Name field and the name of the installation folder for the BEL Framework.
4. Click **OK** to add the environment variable to the run configuration.

*Note: Steps 1 – 7 above can be skipped if you already have a system-wide **BELFRAMEWORK_HOME** environment variable set.*

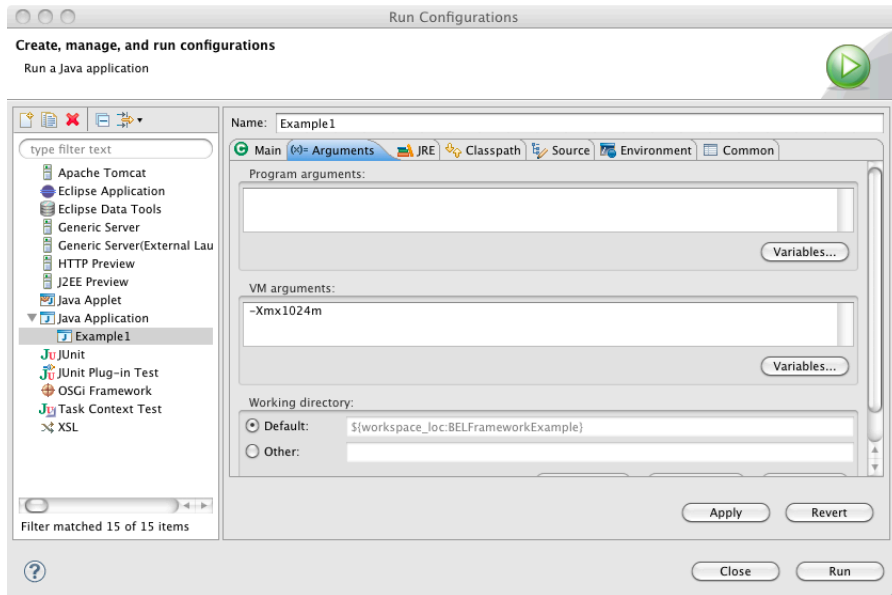
Running the Program

1. Once the environment variable has been set, you can run the example by clicking the **Run** button. You should see result similar to the following:

```
Total number of KAMs in KAM Store: 2
KAM Name: NLP, Description: NLP Corpus
KAM Name: LRG, Description: Large Corpus
```

Allocating Additional Memory

When loading and using KAMs, memory usage can easily exceed the default Java heap allocation. You can change the default Java heap allocation size by using the **Arguments** tab in the run configuration. The following example specifies a Java maximum heap allocation of 1024MB.



Additional Information

This section provides additional information that might be helpful to you.

Obtaining Technical Support

Technical support is available by phone or email during normal business hours (8am to 5pm EST).

Email Support

Send an email to support@belframework.org. Please make sure to include your name, a phone number where you can be reached, and details about the issue.

Phone Support

Please call Selventa's technical support line at (617) 851-5273 during normal support hours.

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import com.selventa.belframework.kamstore.data.jdbc.KAMCatalogDaoImpl.KamInfo;

/**
 * This program demonstrate calling BEL Framework API
 * to list available KAMs in the KAM Store. Note: if you
 * have not compiled any KAMs into the KAM Store, you will
 * not see any KAMs listed.
 */
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        // Close the DBConnection
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    }
}
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