

Coding With Eclipse

Practical Tips and Tricks

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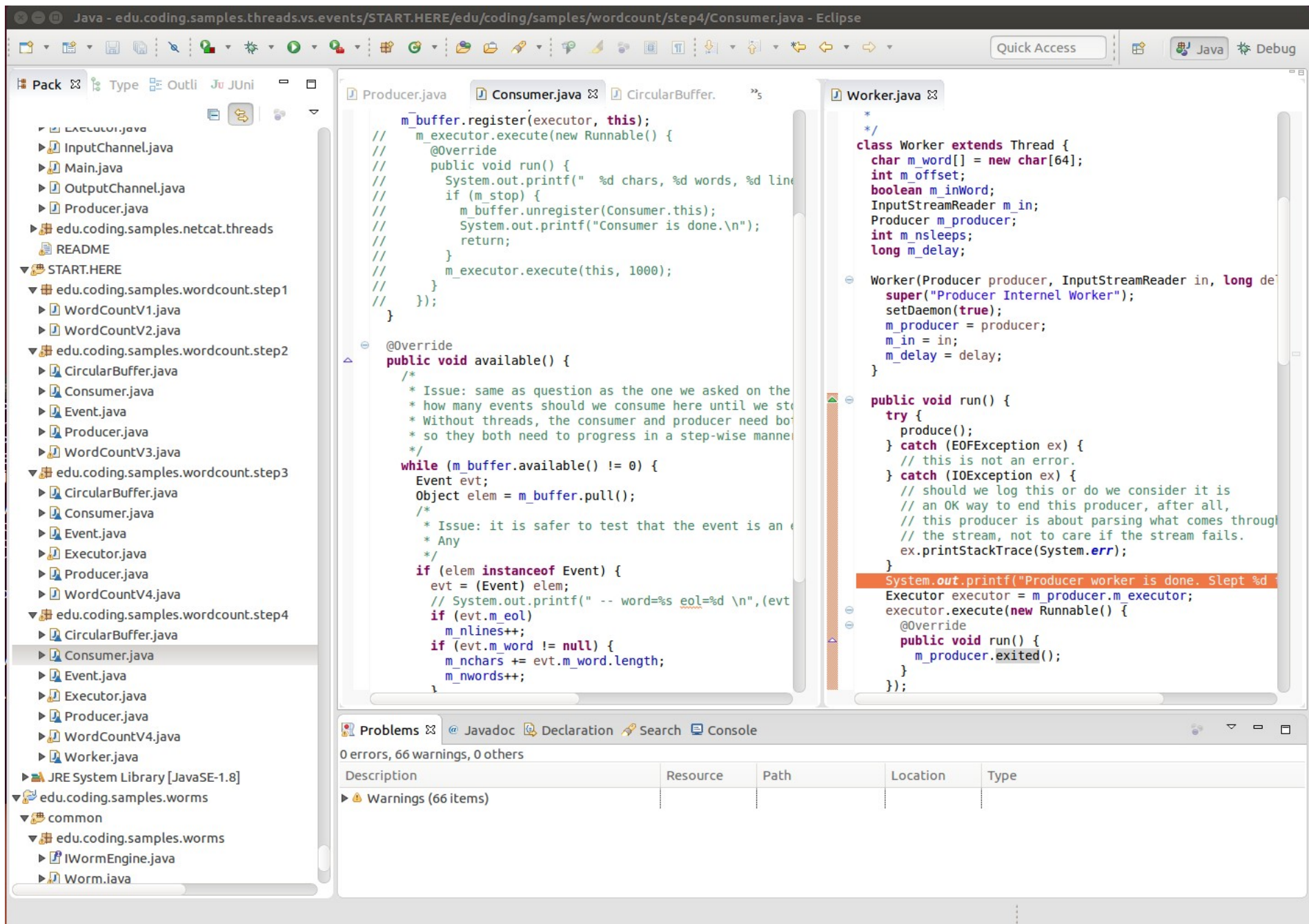
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Outline

- The Workbench and workspace basics
 - Perspectives and views
 - Workspaces and projects
- Developing in Java
 - Java project basics
 - Coding key features
 - Debugging key features
 - Testing basics
 - Performance basics

Eclipse Workbench – The Java Perspective



Eclipse Workbench

- Perspectives
 - A **perspective** is a activity-oriented layout of **views** on the screen
 - Java perspective or C/C++ perspective
 - Debugging perspective
 - The screen shows the current perspective
 - But you can have multiple perspectives open
 - You can switch between them
 - Menus and toolbars change when switching between perspectives
 - To open a perspective, use menus: Window → Perspective
 - A perspective can host any view
 - To open a view, use menus: Window → Show View
 - A perspective layout is a grid
 - Views can be moved around by drag and drop

Eclipse Workbench

- Each Perspective
 - A activity-oriented organization of views than can be customized

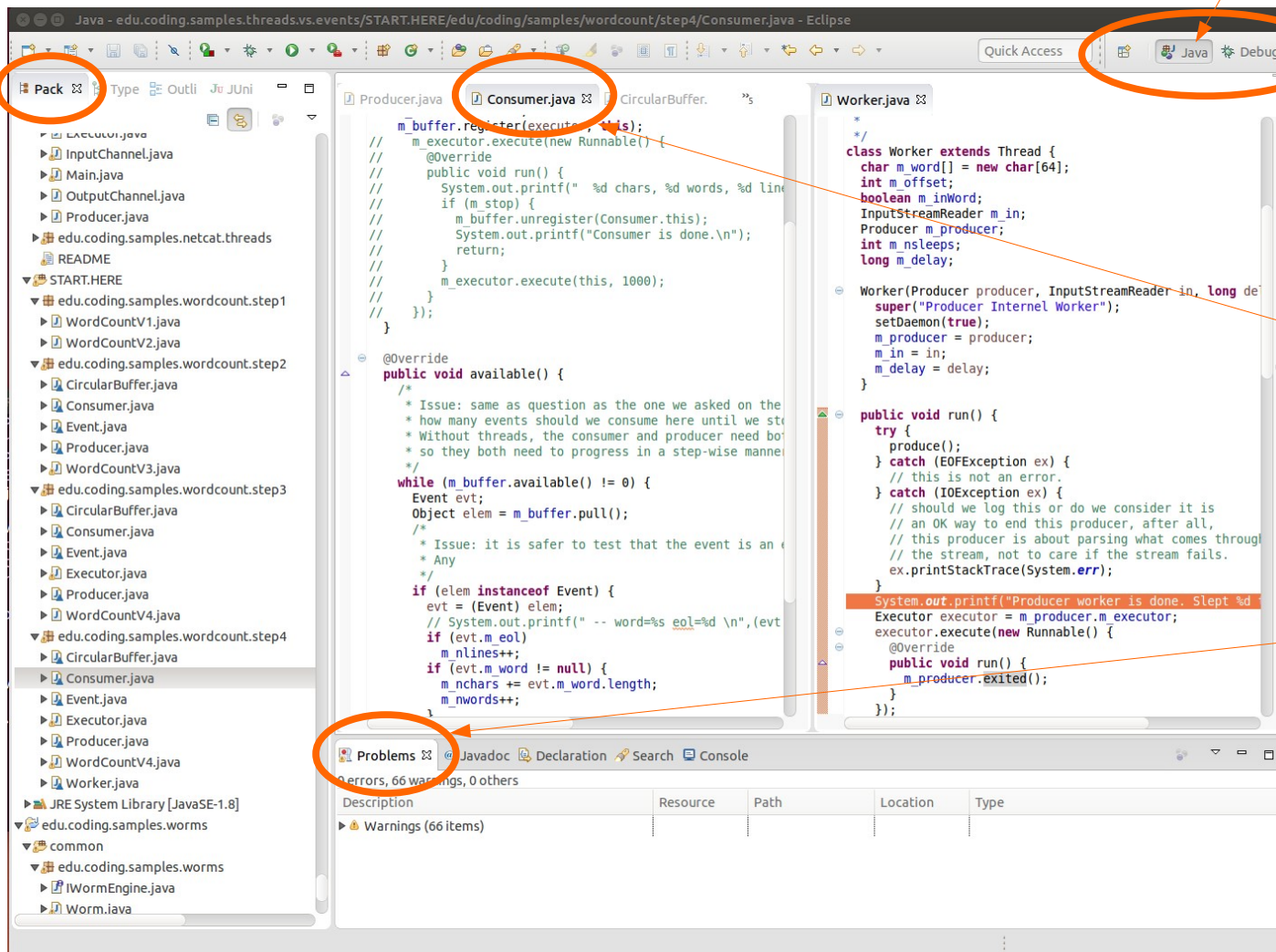
Package Explorer

Current perspective (Java)

Perspective
switcher

An view "Editor"

A view "Problems"

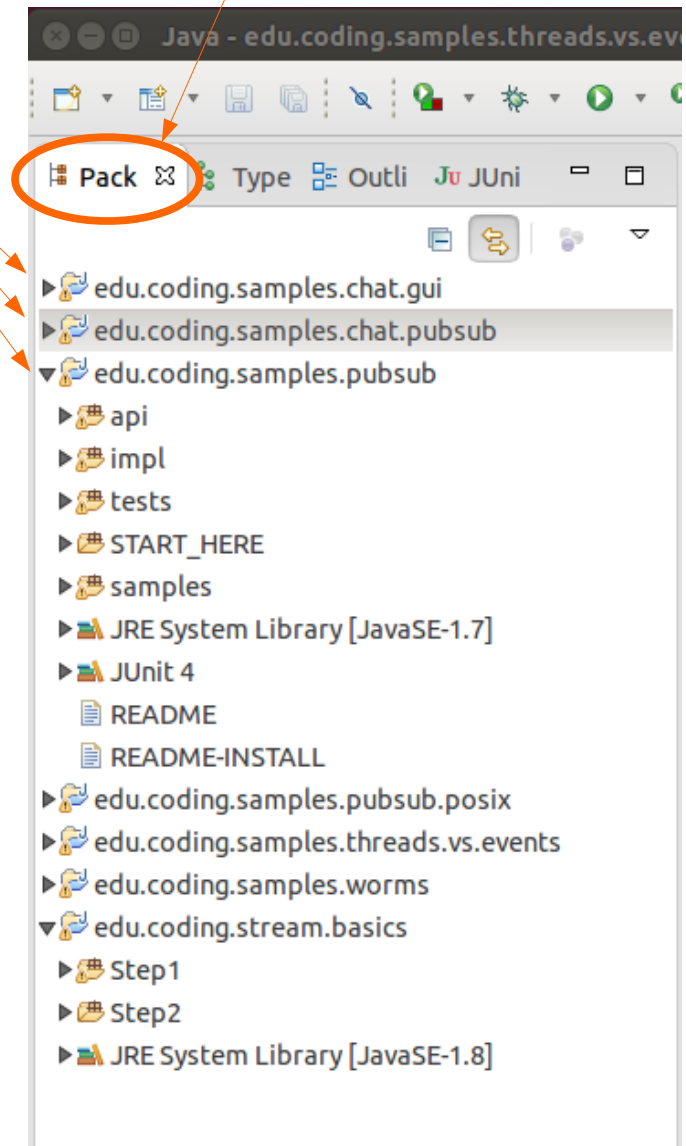


Eclipse Workspace

- **Workspace**
 - Corresponds to a directory in the file system
 - Called the **Workspace directory**
 - Contains a set of projects
 - Each project corresponds to a subdirectory
 - Projects may also be linked to workspace
- **Created Project**
 - Created as a subdirectory to the workspace
- **Imported Project**
 - From another location than the Workspace directory
- **Each project has a nature**
 - One project may be a Java project
 - While another may be C/C++ project

Projects

Package Explorer View

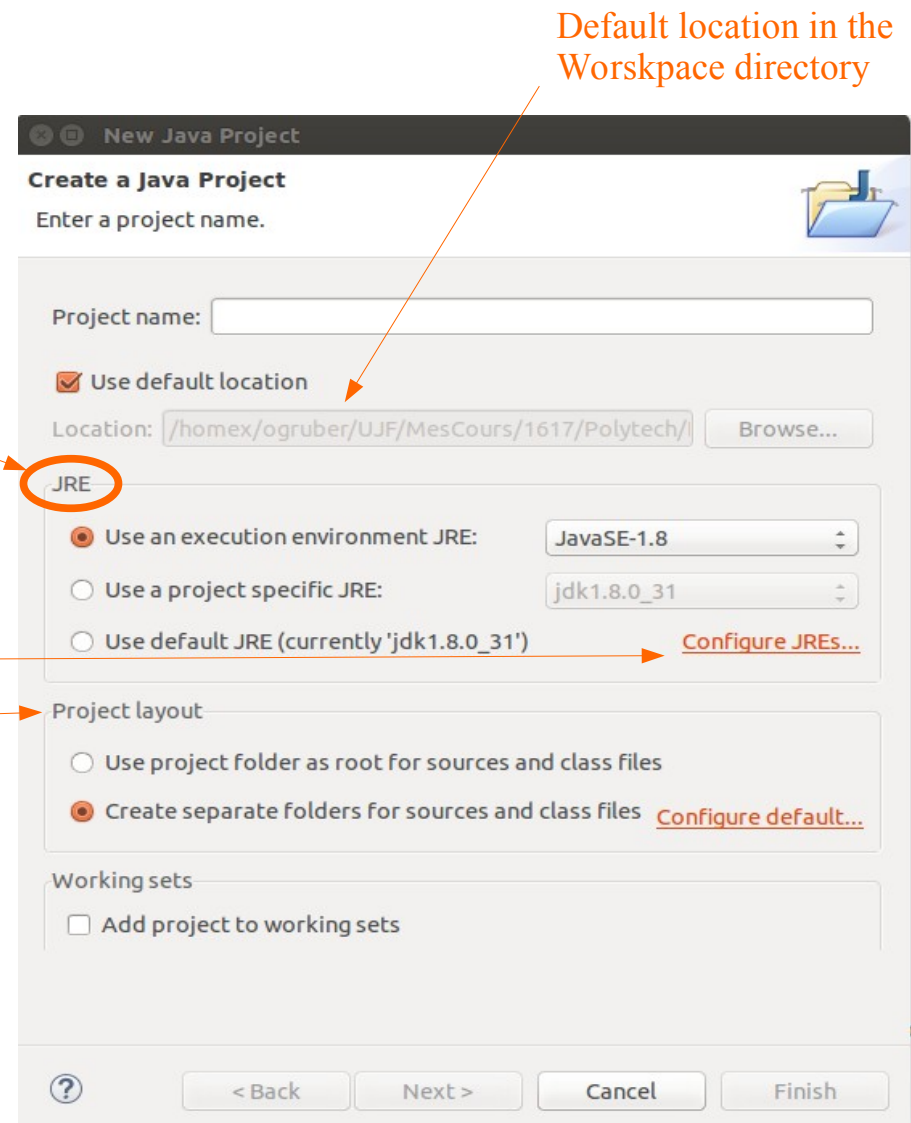


Java Project

- Process Outline
 - Create the project with a name
 - Align compatibility levels
 - Choose a Java level for your code (Java 1.8 for example)
 - Setup Java compiler to a compatible level (Java 1.8)
 - Choose an installed Java platform that is installed (JavaSE-1.8)
 - A bit of history about Java
 - The Java language exist in multiple versions – from 1.0 up to 1.8
 - The Java platform exist also in multiple versions – from 1.0 up to 1.8
 - The Java platform is a runtime to execute Java programs
 - It can be a Java Runtime Enviroment (JRE) or a Java Developer Kit (JDK)
 - As a developer, always **install a JDK**, it has more tools that you will need
 - The platform comes in different profiles
 - Standard Edition (JavaSE), Enterprise Edition (JavaEE), Minimum Edition (J2ME)
 - **Install JavaSE** on a desktop/laptop

Eclipse Workspace – New Java Project

- Creating a new Java project
 - Menu: File → New → Java Project
 - Choose a name
 - Choose a location
- Choose an execution environment
 - Must be compatible with the code
 - Choose the latest is usually safe
 - You may have to configure JREs
- Choose a layout
 - Better to separate sources and class files



Eclipse Workspace – Java Runtime Environment Setup

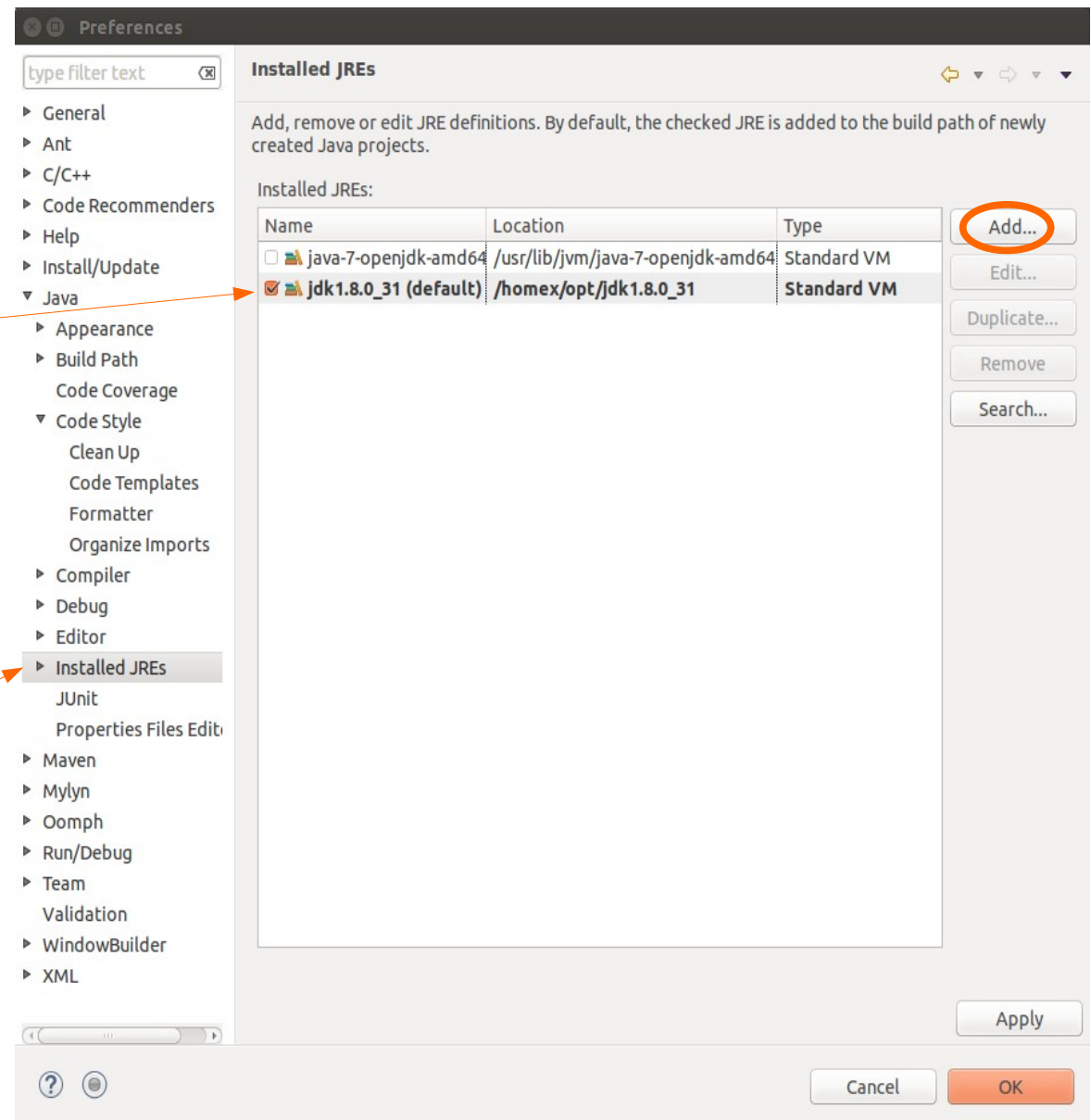
- Configuring JREs

- Installed JREs and JDKs
- Always install a JDK**
- From Oracle website**
- Make it the default

To get this dialog, use menus

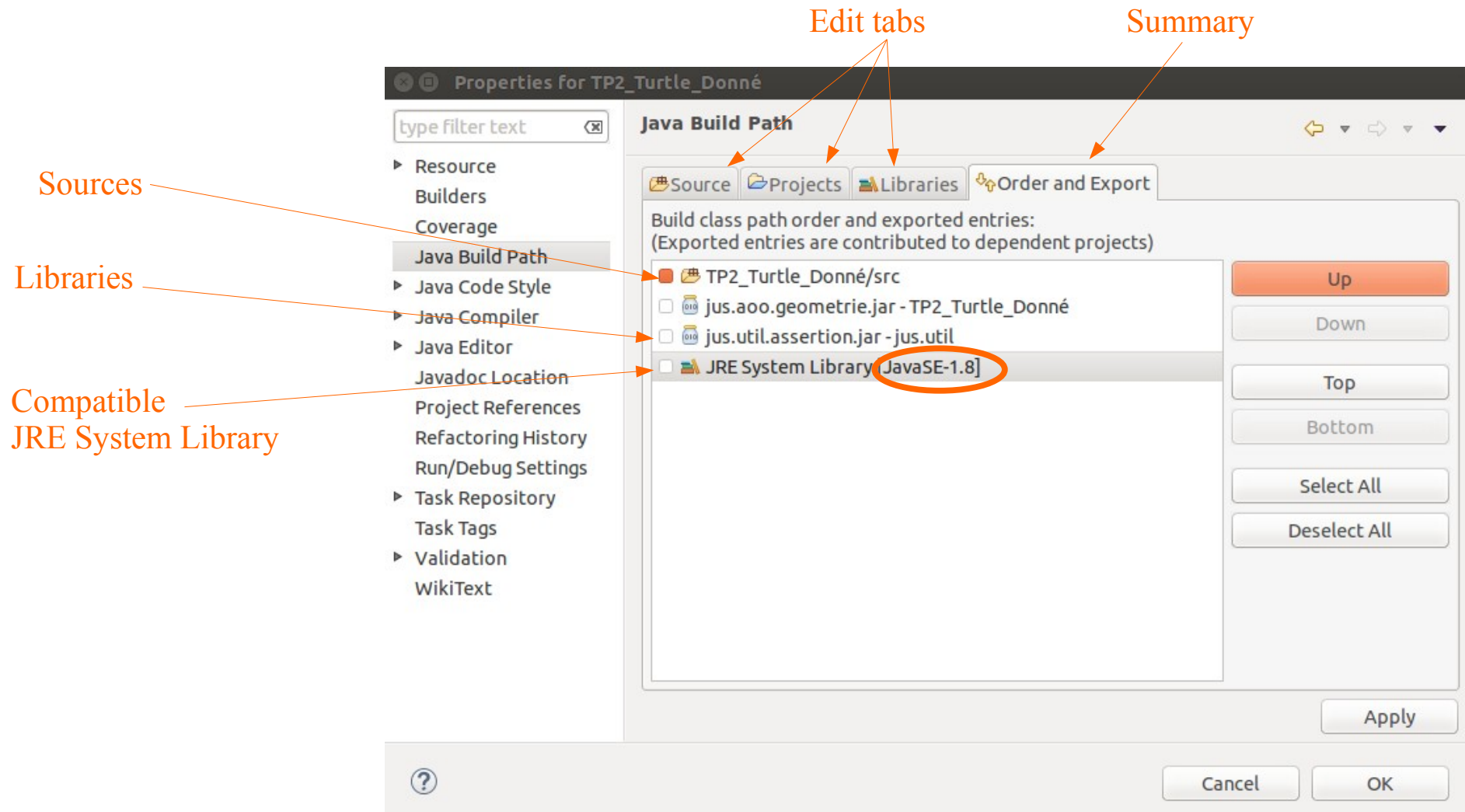
Window → Preferences

Drill down to
Java
Installed JREs



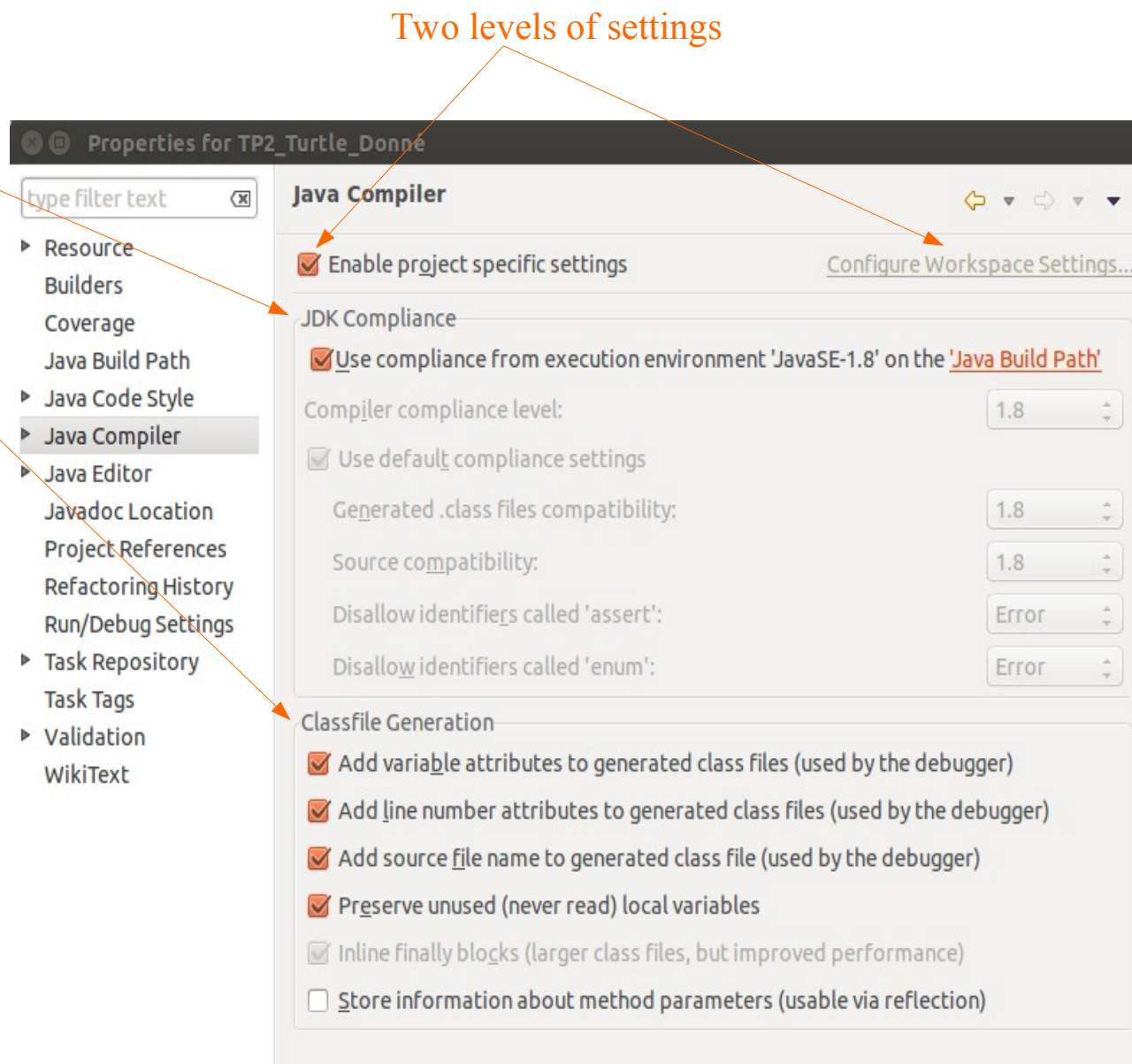
Eclipse Workspace – Java Project Setup

- Setup your **Java Build Path**
 - Right-click on a project in the **Package Explorer** view → Properties (Alt-Enter)



Eclipse Workspace – Java Project Setup

- Setup the Java Compiler
 - Choose JDK compliance
 - Select debug infos



Eclipse Workspace – Java Project Setup

• Projects

- You can use multiple source directories
- But usually one output folder

The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE interface. On the left, the 'Properties for edu.coding.samples.pubsub' dialog is open, with the 'Java Build Path' tab selected. The 'Source' sub-tab is active, showing a list of 'Source folders on build path':

- edu.coding.samples.pubsub/api
- edu.coding.samples.pubsub/impl
- edu.coding.samples.pubsub/samples
- edu.coding.samples.pubsub/START_HERE
- edu.coding.samples.pubsub/tests

Below this list, the 'Default output folder' is set to 'edu.coding.samples.pubsub/bin'. On the right, the 'Package Explorer' shows the project structure:

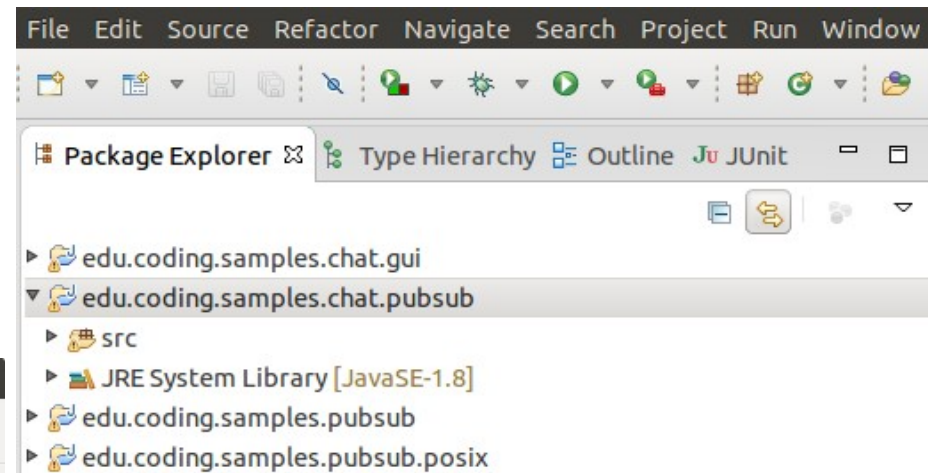
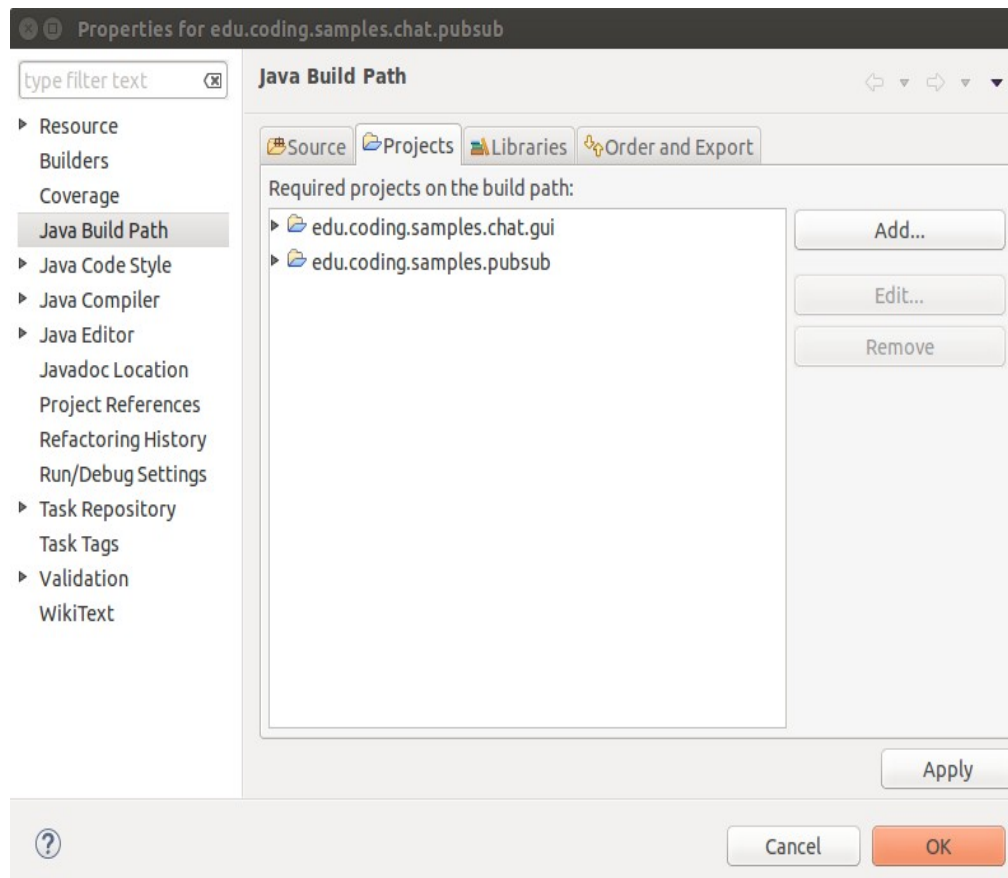
- edu.coding.samples.chat.gui
- edu.coding.samples.chat.pubsub
- edu.coding.samples.pubsub (expanded)
 - api
 - impl
 - tests
 - START_HERE
 - samples
 - JRE System Library [JavaSE-1.7]
 - JUnit 4
 - README
 - README-INSTALL
 - edu.coding.samples.pubsub.posix
 - edu.coding.samples.sockets
 - edu.coding.samples.worms
 - edu.coding.stream.basics

Two orange arrows provide annotations:

- An arrow points from the text 'Where your code is' to the 'Source' sub-tab of the 'Java Build Path' dialog.
- Another arrow points from the text 'Where the compiler generates class files' to the 'Default output folder' field.

Eclipse Workspace – Java Project Setup

- Projects
 - Can depend on each others
 - Cycles are possible (advanced option)



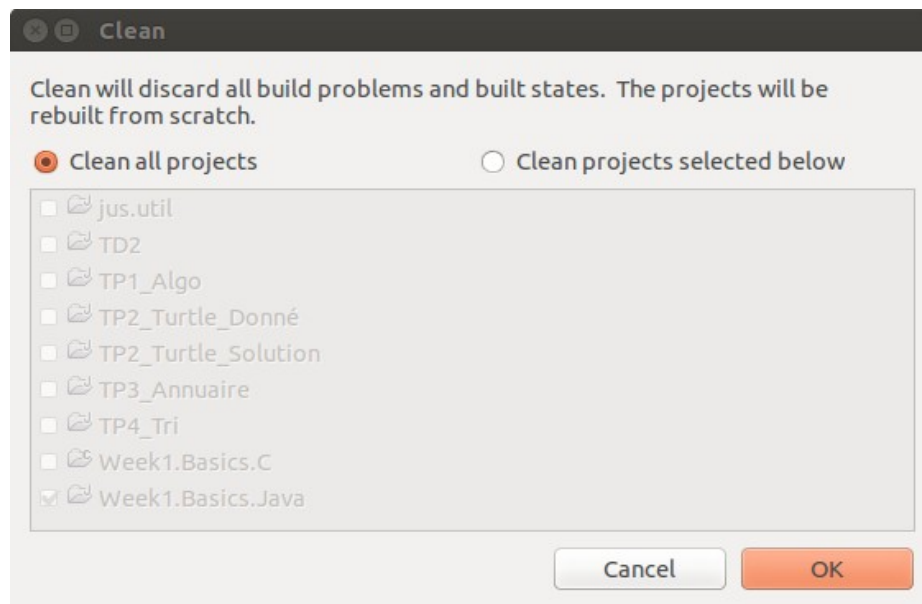
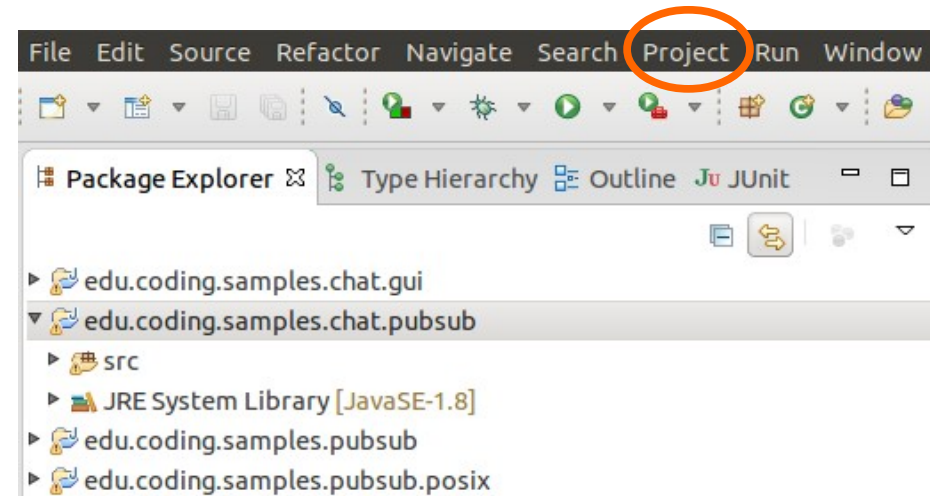
Eclipse Workspace – Java Project Build

- **Project Menu**

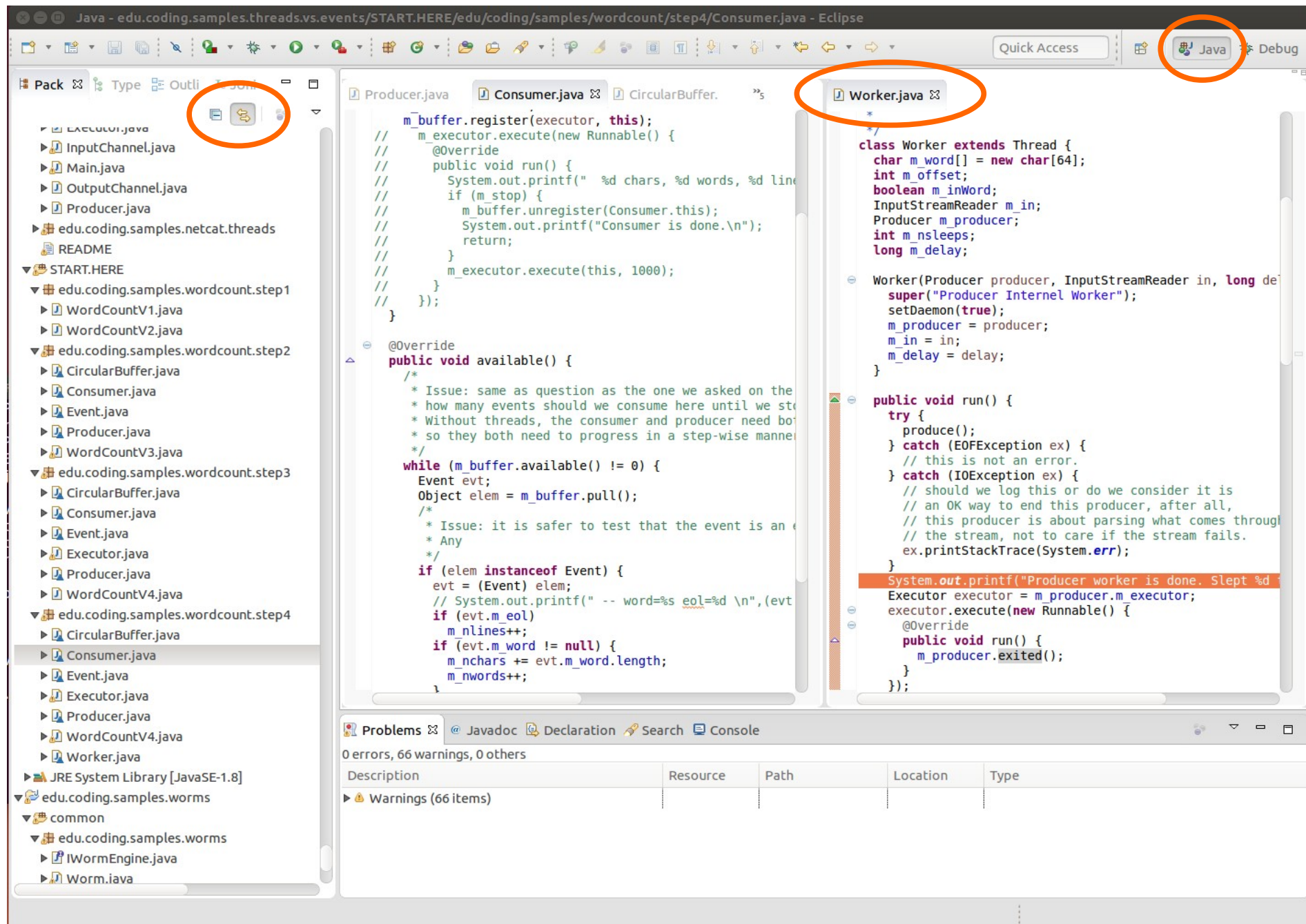
- Automatic build is the default
- Very accurate/efficient in Java

- **Project Clean**

- Sometimes cleaning is necessary
- Alt-P → Clean



Eclipse – Java Coding



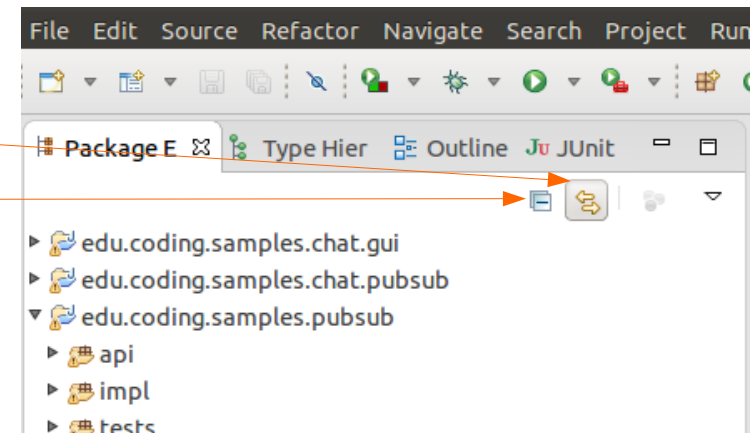
Eclipse – Java Coding

- Java Editing

- Multi-editors (drag-and-drop, sort of a grid layout)
- Split editors (Alt-W-E or Ctr- _ Ctr-{})
- Tab management
 - Close current tab (Ctr-W)
 - Close all tabs (Ctr-Shift-W)
 - Change tab (Ctr-PgUp, Ctr-PgDown)
 - Choose tab (Ctr-E + regular expression)

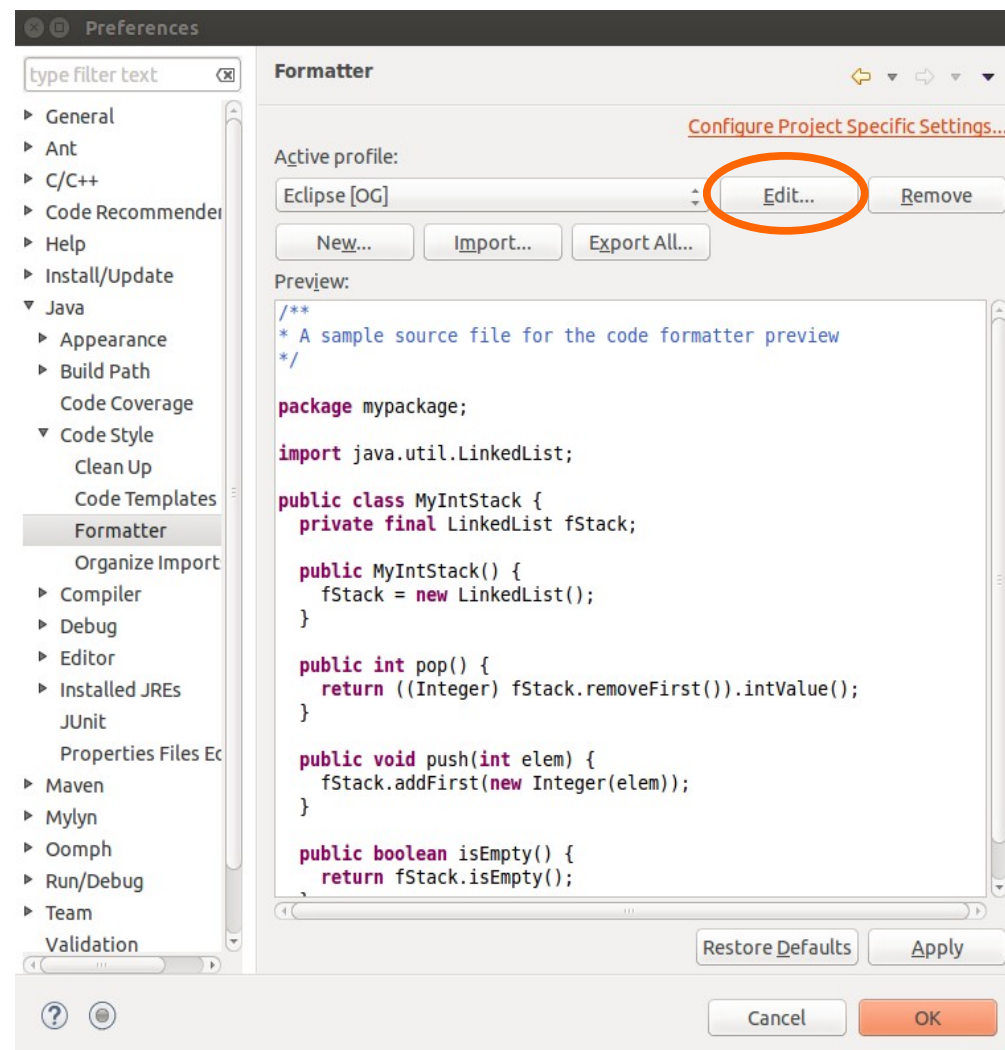
- Navigator

- Synchronized navigation
- Collapse all



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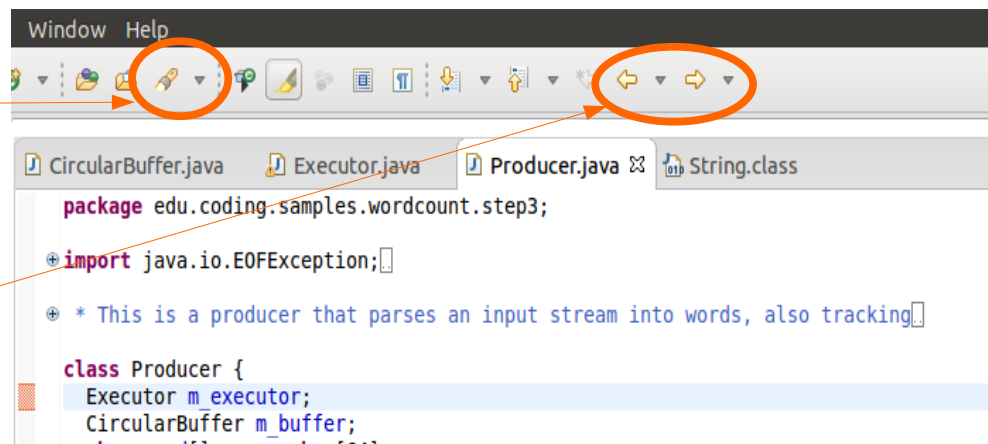
- Java Editing
 - Setup your preferences (Alt-W-P)
 - Edit your Java Formatter profile
 - Java → Code Style → Formatter
 - No tabs, 2 spaces
 - Comment reformatting (disable/enable)
 - Choose a coding style
 - Pretty printing
 - Pretty printing (**Ctrl-Shift-F**)
 - Organize imports (**Ctrl-Shift-O**)
- Export/Import preferences
 - Across your workspaces
 - Across team members



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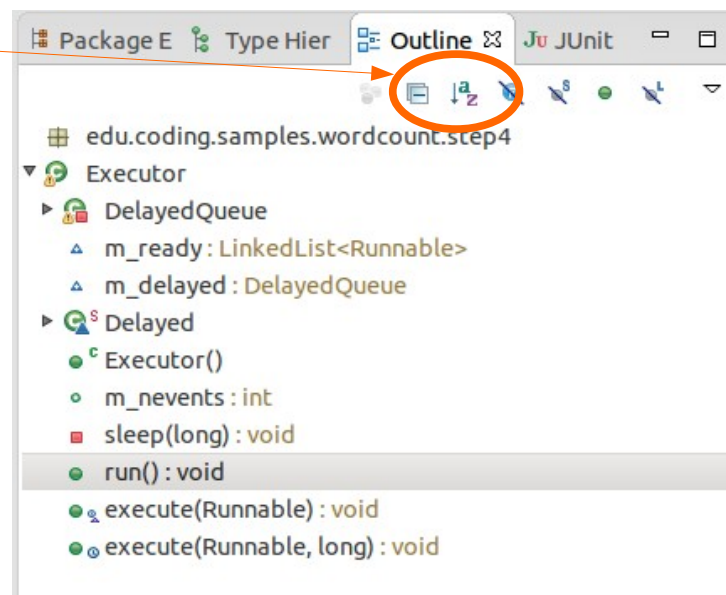
- Java code navigation

- Search engine
- Class search (**Ctrl-Shift-T + regexp**)
- Select and hit F3
- Use arrows with drop-down
- References (right-click or Ctrl-Shift-G)



- Outline

- Outline view (can be sorted a-z)
- Outline popup (**Ctrl-o + regexp**)



Eclipse – Java Debugging

- Eclipse has a fantastic debugger for Java
 - Use it – You will love it
 - Really well integrated withint the Eclipse environment
- What is a debugger for?
 - A debugger is a tool to watch the execution of a program
 - It allows you to **single step** through the execution
 - Single stepping means to execute one instruction/line at a time
 - It allows you to set **breakpoints** and run the program until it hits a breakpoint
 - A breakpoint is a point in your program where the execution will stop
 - It allows you to **introspect** your program
 - When the execution is suspended
 - The debugger shows you the call stack, local variables, etc.

Eclipse – Java Debugging

- Java perspective vs Debug perspective
 - Java perspective is to develop Java program
 - Debug perspective is to debug programs
- How to get started
 - Set a breakpoint on the first line of the main method
 - In the Package Explorer, scroll to your class and then to its main method
 - Double-click on the left edge of the editor at the first line of the main method
 - Then launch the execution
 - In the Package Explorer, scroll to your class and then to its main method
 - Right-click on the class with the static main method
 - Select Debug-As → Java Application

The first time, Eclipse may ask you
If you want to switch to the Debug perspective
Click remember my decision and says yes.

**WHILE DEVELOPING,
ALWAYS EXECUTE
UNDER THE DEBUGGER!**

You never know when a bug will show up...

Eclipse – Java Debugging

Up & Down

Call stack

Variables

Breakpoints

Current line

Debug - TP2_Turtle_Donné/src/jus/ao0/turtle/Turtle.java - Eclipse - /homex/ogrubert/UJF/MesCours/1617/Polytech/RiCM3/OOP/Workspace

File Edit Source Refactor Navigate Search Project Run Window Help

Quick Access Java Debug C/C++

Debug Console

Thread [main] (Suspended (breakpoint at line 45 in Turtle))

Turtle.<init>(DrawingSpace) line: 45

TurtleTrip.buildUI(Container, Window) line: 112

TurtleTrip.main(String[]) line: 483

Thread [AWT-EventQueue-0] (Running)

/homex/opt/jdk1.8.0_31/bin/java (Jan 28, 2017, 8:25:27 AM)

PointCartesien. Object.class MyClass.java TurtleTrip.java Turtle.java TurtleObjectif2 Window.class

```

36
37 /**
38  * le constructeur de tortue
39  *
40  * @param feuille
41  *       la surface explorée
42  * @require fmtOk : feuille!=null
43  */
44 public Turtle(DrawingSpace feuille) {
45     this.feuille = feuille;
46     try {
47         position = new Point(0, 0);
48     } catch (Require e) {
49     }
50     cap = new Vecteur(Vecteur.UNITE);
51     estLeve = true;
52
53     /**
54      * On réalise des transformations sur le support de dessin pour avoir le
55      * zero au centre de l'espace l'orientation positive des ordonnées vers le
56      * haut et le cap zero à droite. On maintient cependant la rotation dans le

```

Console

Tasks Problems Executables Search

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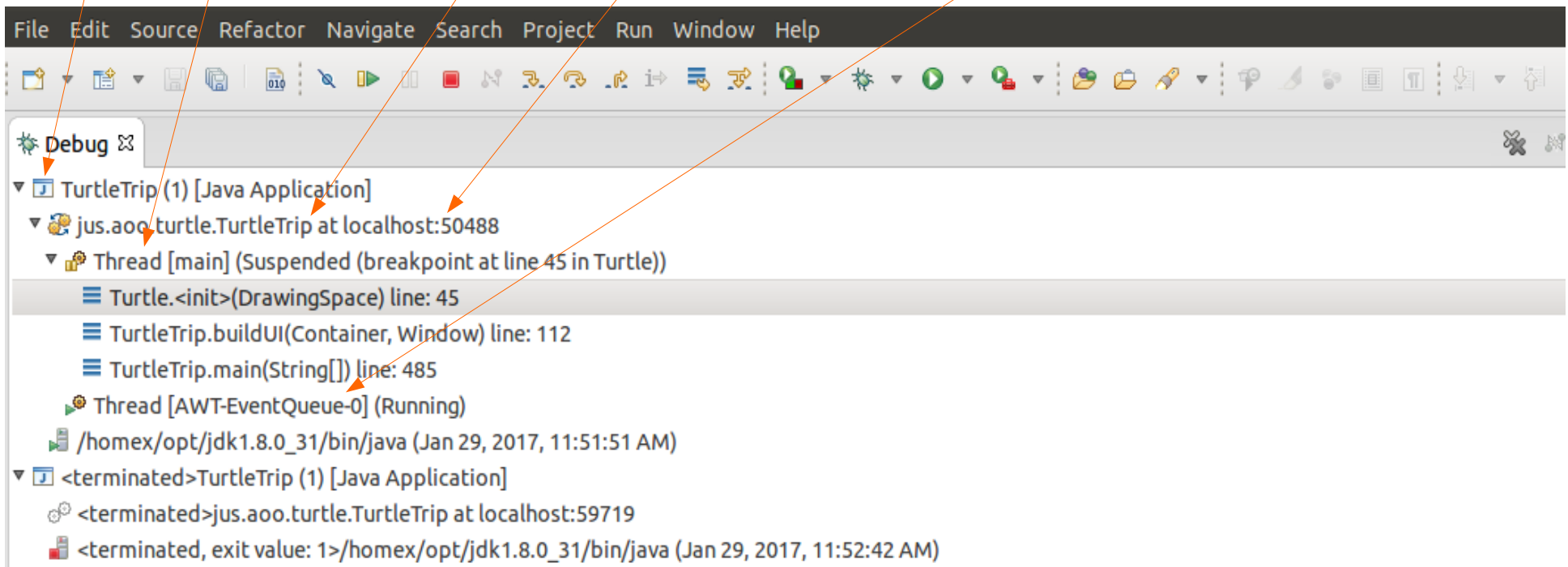
One Java Application
under debug...

Launched class: jus.aoo.turtle.TurtleTrip

Main thread
(flow of execution)

Local debug (localhost:50488)

GUI Thread (AWT)

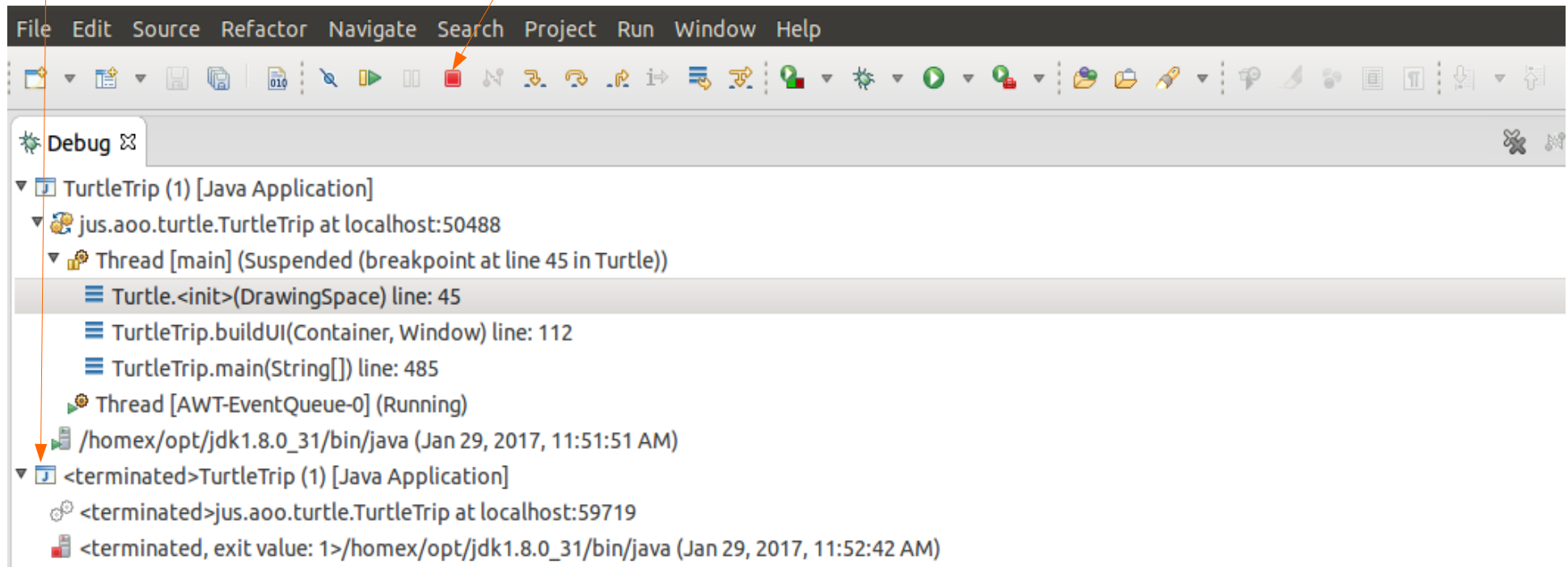


Eclipse – Java Debugging

Terminated debug session

One can use multiple debug sessions at the same time in Eclipse

Make sure you terminate all sessions that you no longer follow



Eclipse – Java Stepping

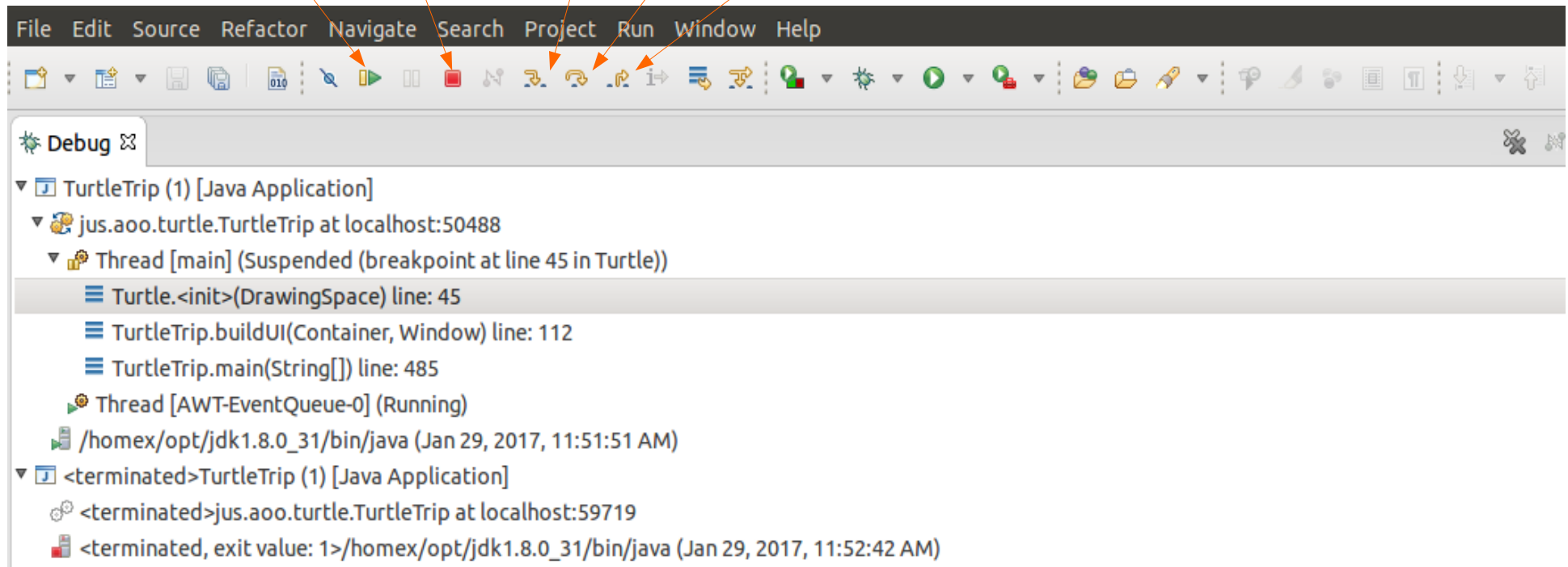
Go (F8)

Terminate session

Step in (F5)

Step over (F6)

Step out (F6)



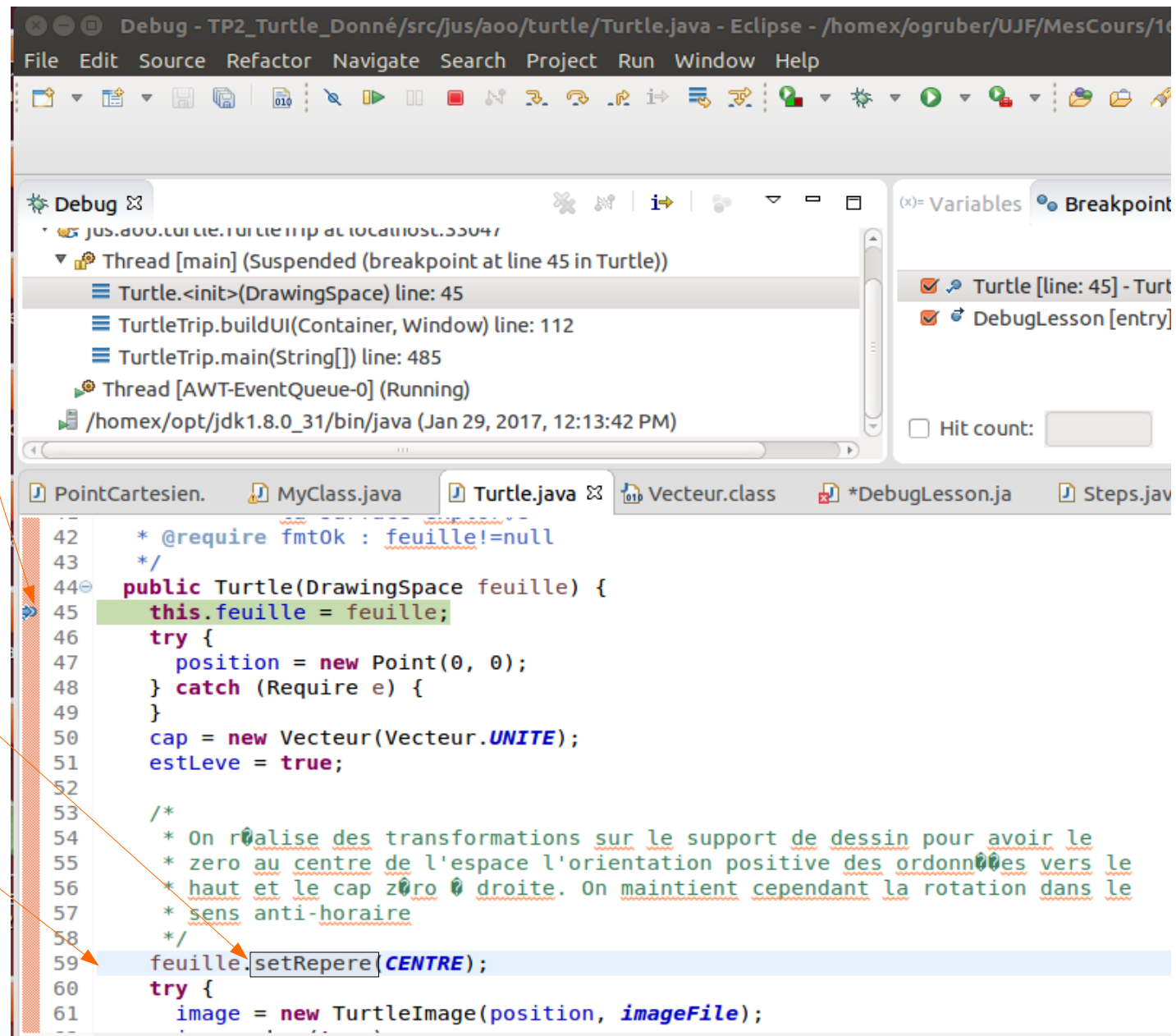
Eclipse – Java Stepping

Set breakpoints by double-clicks on the left edge of the window

Top tricks:

Run to selection (Ctrl-F5)

Run to line (Ctrl-R)



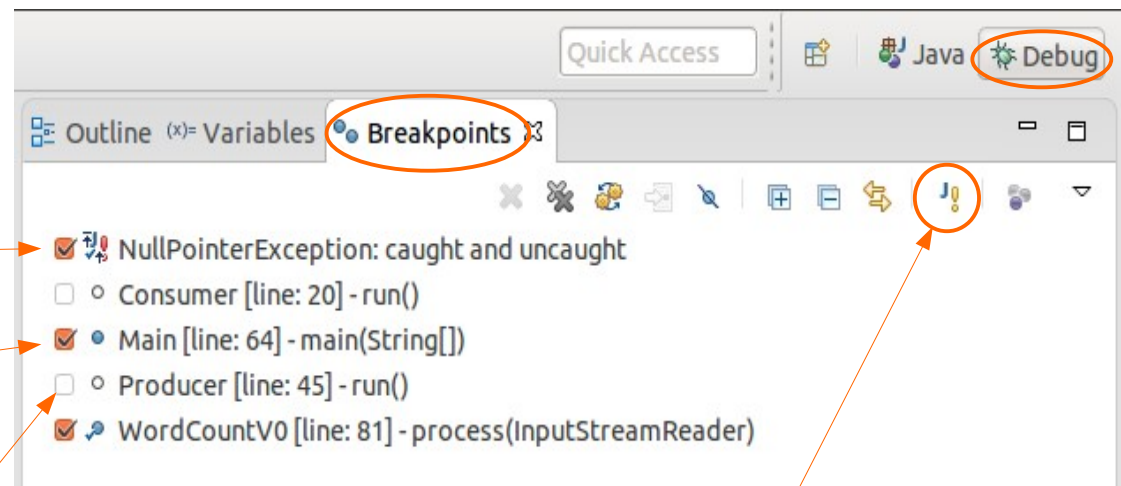
Eclipse – Java Stepping and Breakpoints

- Single stepping summary

- F5 (step into) Ctlr-F5 (step into selection)
- F6 (step over)
- F7 (step out)
- F8 (go)
- Ctlr-R (run to line)

- Breakpoints

- On thrown exception
 - Caught or Uncaught
- On a given line



Active/Inactive breakpoints

To add a breakpoint
for an exception

Note: to change your key bindings
Alt-w → Preferences
General → Editor → Keys

Eclipse – Java Debugging

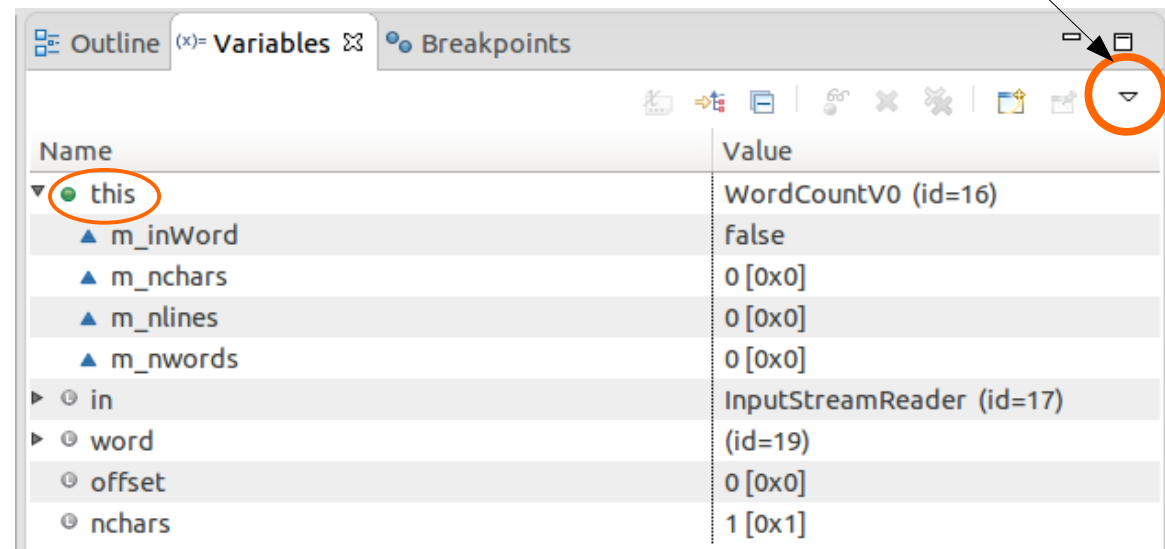
- Introspecting variables via the Variables View

- Receiver (this)
- Method arguments
- Local variables

- Values

- In decimal/hexadecimal
- Walk through objects
- Calling Object.toString()

Note: there is a bug in the variable tab sometimes
You are left with only one column
Drop-down menu → layout → select columns
Select a new column and all will come back



Debug Configurations

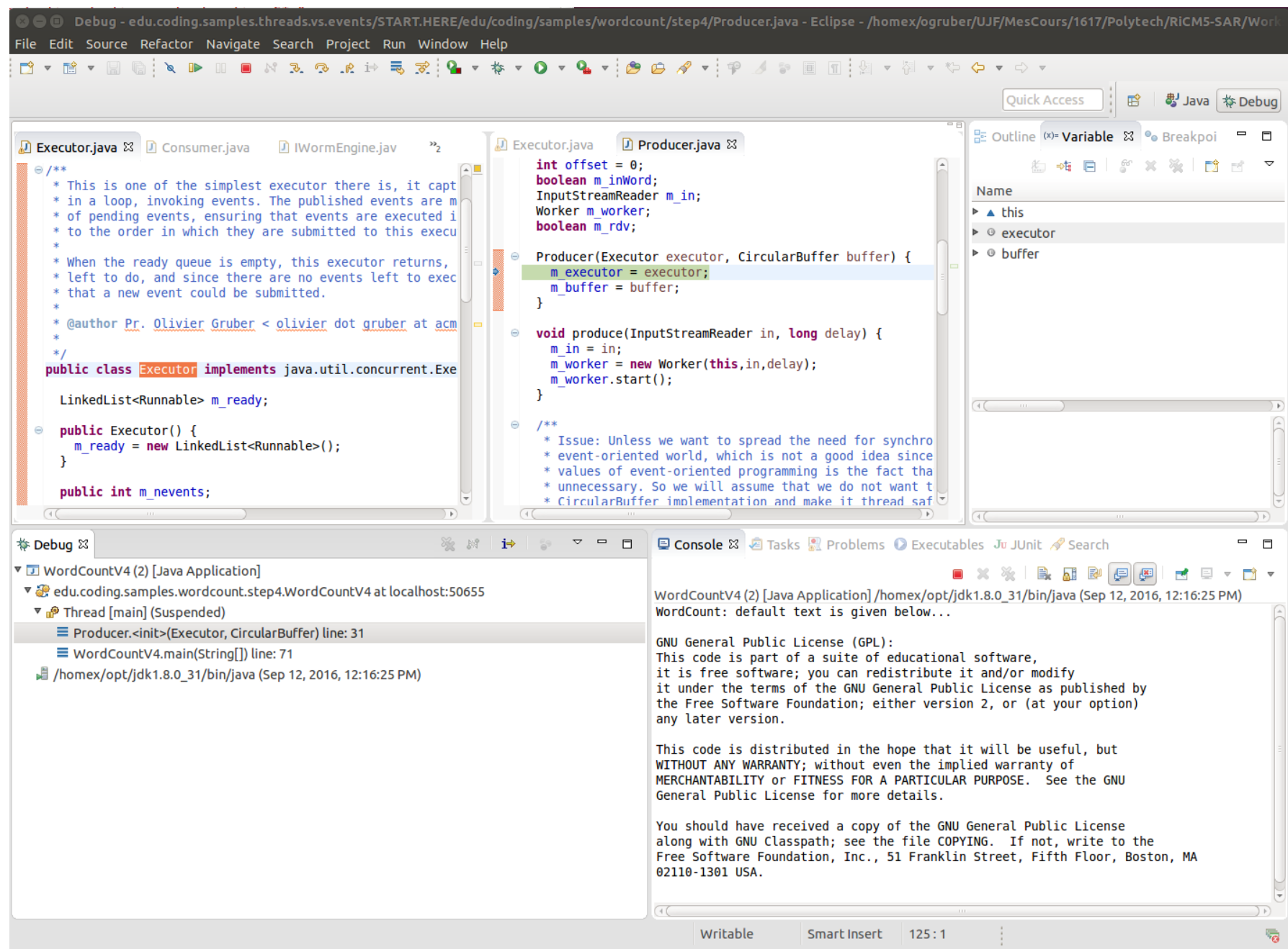


Drop-down combo → Debug configurations

The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE interface. On the left, the 'Package E' view displays a project structure. The 'START.HERE' folder is expanded, showing a sub-folder 'edu.coding.samples.wordcount'. Inside this folder, 'WordCountV0.java' is highlighted with a red circle. An orange arrow points from this circle to the text 'Class with the static main method'.

The 'Debug Configurations' dialog is open in the center. It has a title bar 'Debug Configurations' and a subtitle 'Create, manage, and run configurations'. Below the subtitle is the text 'Debug a Java application'. The dialog is divided into two main panes. The left pane shows a list of configurations. The 'Java Application' category is expanded, and 'WordCountV0' is selected. The right pane shows the configuration details for 'WordCountV0'. The 'Main' tab is selected, and the 'Arguments' sub-tab is active. The 'Program arguments' field is empty. The 'VM arguments' field contains the text '-enableassertions'. An orange arrow points from the text 'Enable assertions' to this field. The 'Working directory' is set to the default workspace location. At the bottom right, the 'Debug' button is highlighted.

Eclipse – Java Debugging – Use your own layout!



Eclipse – Java Unit Testing

- JUnit has direct support in Eclipse
 - See JUnit/Eclipse documentation
 - See given examples
- Core points
 - Add JUnit (project properties → Java Build Path → Add library)
 - You can run/debug as JUnit a Java package or a Java source folder (right-click → debug as)

**WHILE JUNIT TESTING, YOU CAN EXECUTE
UNDER THE DEBUGGER ALSO!**

Trust me, you will have to debug both your tests and your application...

<http://junit.sourceforge.net/doc/cookbook/cookbook.htm>

<http://help.eclipse.org/mars/index.jsp?topic=%2Forg.eclipse.jdt.doc.user%2FgettingStarted%2Fqs-junit.htm>

Eclipse – Java Unit Testing with Coverage

- Cobertura
 - Runs your JUnit tests gathering coverage information
 - See the `edu.coding.testing` project
 - See the `cobertura.sh` scripts
- Coverage is important
 - You will be surprised at how even complex tests cover so few lines...
 - Most of the times though, 100% is not achievable

Even at 100%, you probably haven't tested all situations

Testing is just hard and necessary.

Regression testing is very important for evolving software.

Eclipse – Java Performance Tuning

- Golden rule
 - Performance numbers are just numbers, the interpretation is everything
- Java Visual VM (jvisualvm)
 - It is your health monitor for your Java Runtime Environments (JREs)
 - It is part of the Oracle JDK (in the bin directory, with java)
- Why bother with Java Visual VM?
 - Machines are extremely fast → Hide performance problems
- JVisualVM – main features
 - CPU usage, showing garbage collection overhead
 - Heap evolution, showing memory usage
 - Showing threads, loaded classes

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- Small Java test harness
 - See edu.coding.testing project → edu.coding.perfs package
 - A simple harness that supports running multiple benchmarks
 - With warmup or not
 - Computes averaged elapsed time over several execution (default is 10)
 - With forced garbage collection in between runs (or not)
 - With basic support for hprof
 - Yourkit (<https://www.yourkit.com/>)
 - Seems a pretty complete and advanced profiling framework for Java and DotNet

Conclusion

Hope this talk helped you.

Happy coding...

Eclipse – Setup

- Windows/Mac users...
 - You are on your own with Google
- Linux users
 - My setup is like this
 - Because of GTK issues, on Ubuntu 14.04, with Eclipse Mars

```
$ more ~/bin/eclipse
#!/bin/sh
export JAVA_HOME=/homex/opt/jdk1.8.0_31/
PATH=$PATH:$JAVA_HOME/bin
export SWT_GTK3=0
export UBUNTU_MENUPROXY=0
/homex/opt/eclipse-mars/eclipse -showlocation $*
```

Eclipse – Setup

- Eclipse.ini

```
$ more /homex/opt/eclipse-mars/eclipse.ini
-startup
plugins/org.eclipse.equinox.launcher_1.3.100.v20150511-1540.jar
--launcher.library
plugins/org.eclipse.equinox.launcher.gtk.linux.x86_64_1.1.300.v20150602-1417
-product
org.eclipse.epp.package.java.product
--launcher.defaultAction
openFile
-showsplash
org.eclipse.platform
--launcher.XXMaxPermSize
256m
--launcher.defaultAction
openFile
--launcher.appendVmargs
-vmargs
-Dosgi.requiredJavaVersion=1.7
-XX:MaxPermSize=256m
-Xms256m
-Xmx1024m
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Eclipse Workbench

- Each Perspective

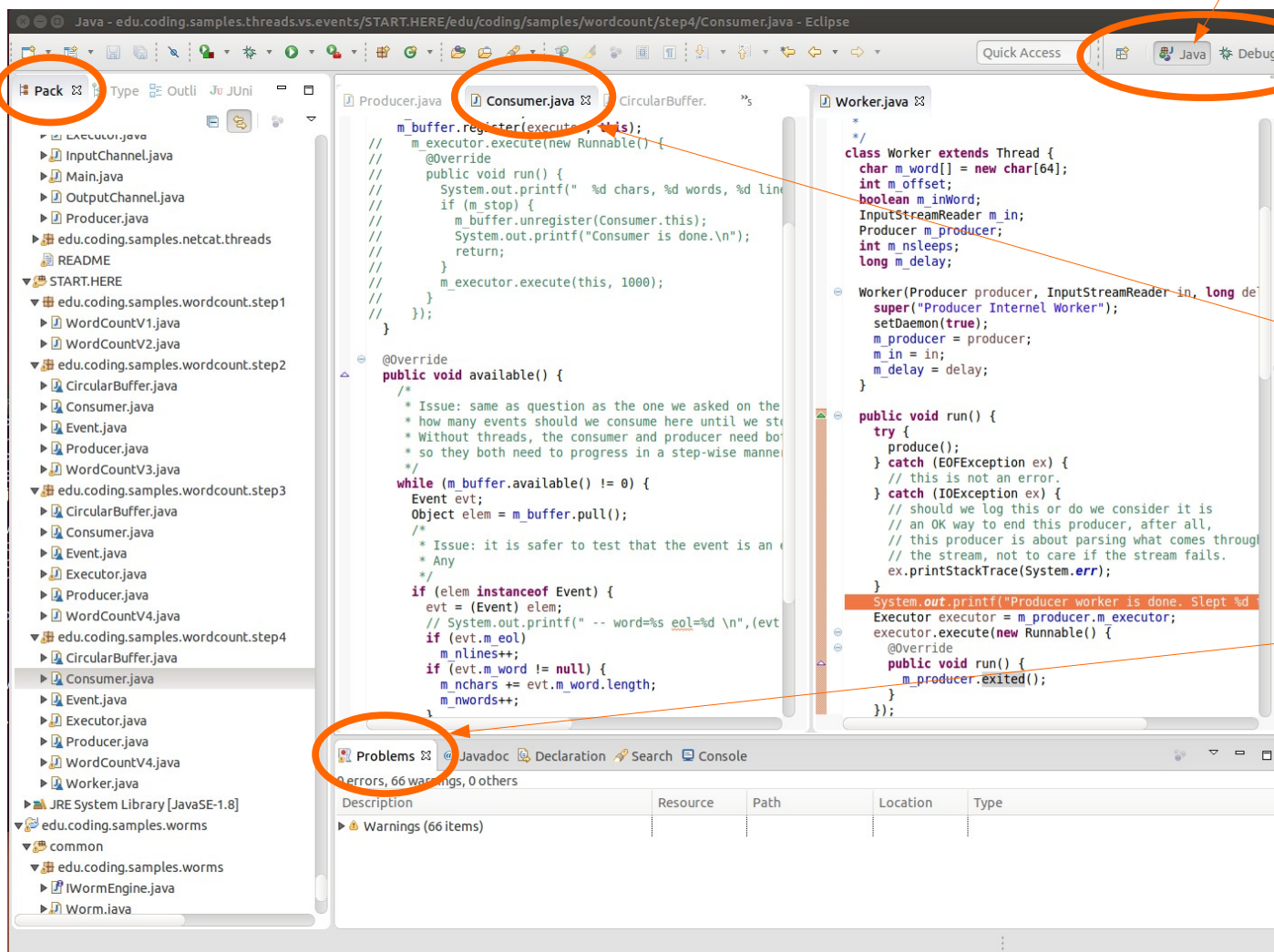
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Current perspective (Java)

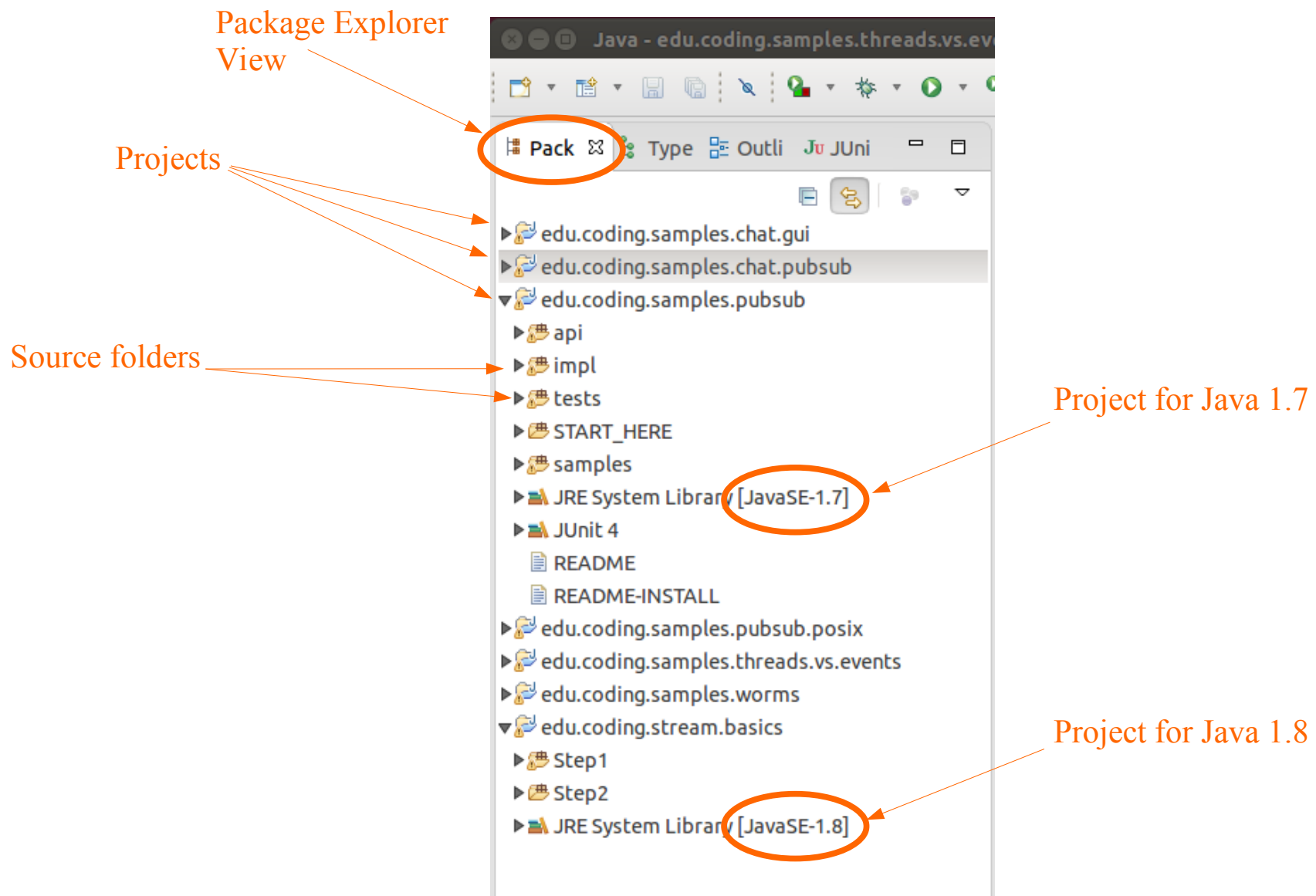
Perspective
switcher

An "Editor"

A view "Problems"



Eclipse Workspace



Eclipse Workspace – New Java Project

Default location in the
Workspace directory

Choose a JRE

Choose a layout

The screenshot shows the 'New Java Project' dialog box in Eclipse. The title bar says 'New Java Project'. Inside, the section 'Create a Java Project' has the instruction 'Enter a project name.' Below this is a text field for 'Project name:'. A checkbox labeled 'Use default location' is checked. Below it, the 'Location:' field shows the path '/homex/ogruber/UJF/MesCours/1617/Polytech/' with a 'Browse...' button. A section labeled 'JRE' is circled in orange. It contains three radio buttons: 'Use an execution environment JRE:' (selected) with a dropdown showing 'JavaSE-1.8'; 'Use a project specific JRE:' with a dropdown showing 'jdk1.8.0_31'; and 'Use default JRE (currently 'jdk1.8.0_31')' with a link 'Configure JREs...'. Below this is the 'Project layout' section with two radio buttons: 'Use project folder as root for sources and class files' and 'Create separate folders for sources and class files' (selected), with a link 'Configure default...'. At the bottom is the 'Working sets' section with a checkbox 'Add project to working sets'. The bottom of the dialog has a help icon, '< Back', 'Next >', 'Cancel', and 'Finish' buttons.

You might have to configure
the JRE you want

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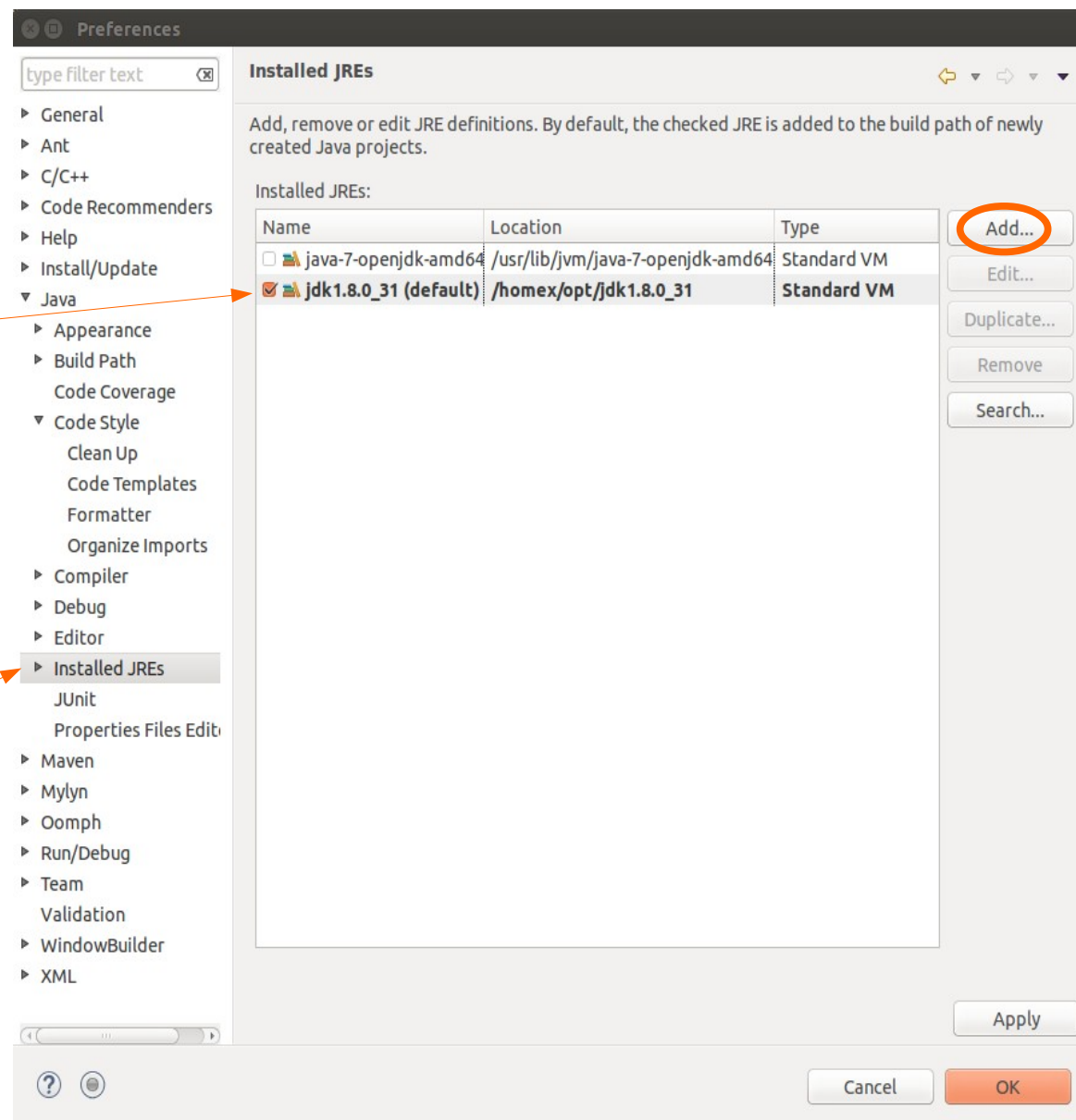
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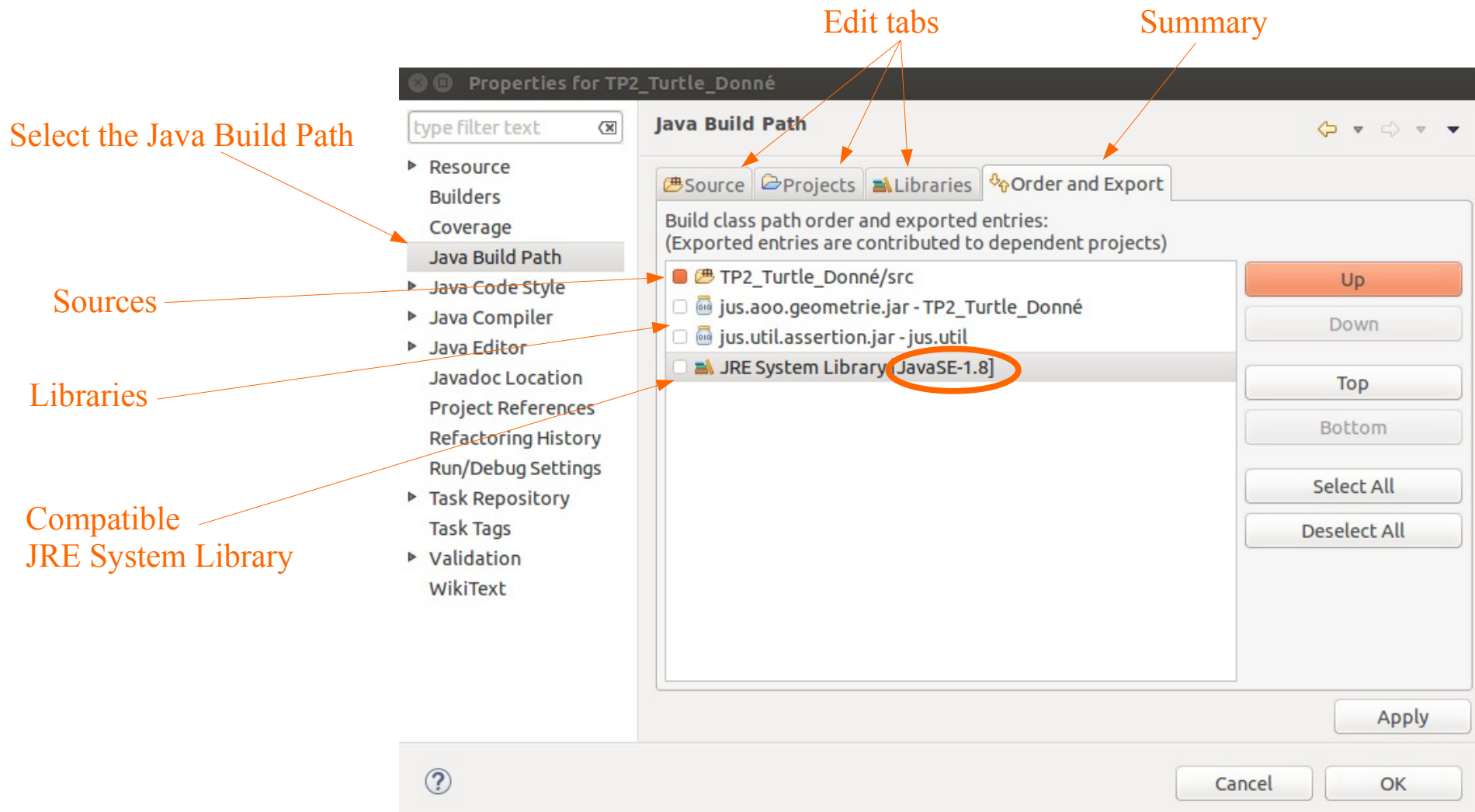
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Exported source folder

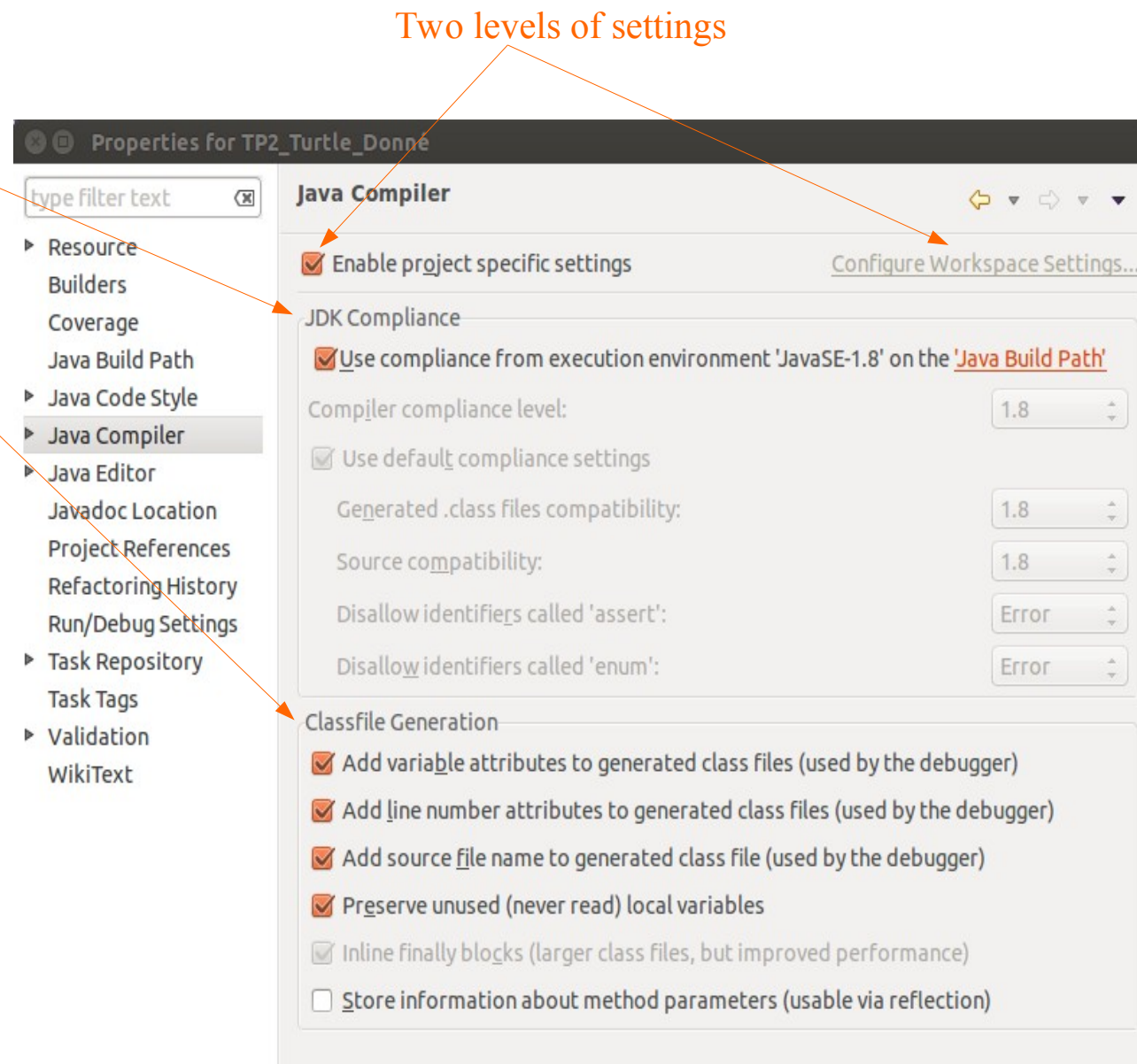
Unexported libraries

Unexported JRE System Library

The screenshot displays the 'Properties for TP2_Turtle_Donné' dialog box in the Eclipse IDE, specifically the 'Java Build Path' tab. The left sidebar shows the project's properties tree, with 'Java Build Path' selected. The main area of the dialog lists the build path entries. The 'Exported source folder' is 'TP2_Turtle_Donné/src'. The 'Unexported libraries' are 'jus.aoo.geometrie.jar - TP2_Turtle_Donné' and 'jus.util.assertion.jar - jus.util'. The 'Unexported JRE System Library' is 'JRE System Library (JavaSE-1.8)', which is circled in red. The right sidebar contains buttons for 'Up', 'Down', 'Top', 'Bottom', 'Select All', and 'Deselect All'. The bottom of the dialog has 'Apply', 'Cancel', and 'OK' buttons.

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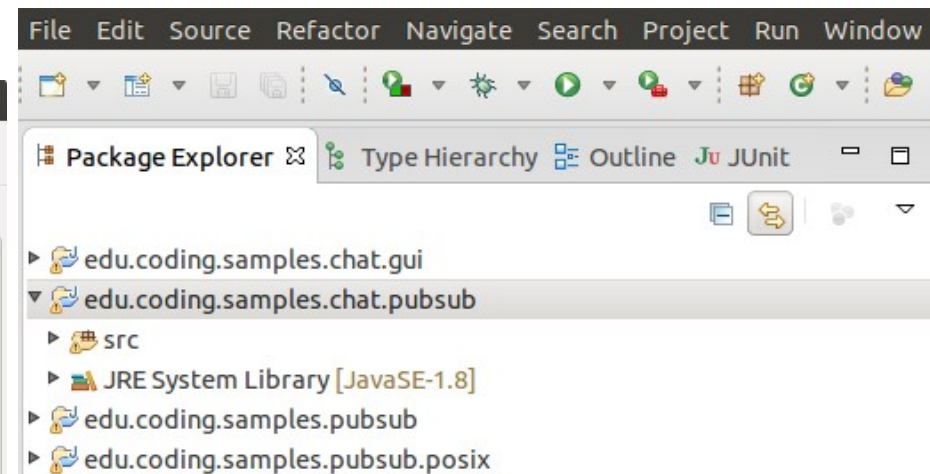
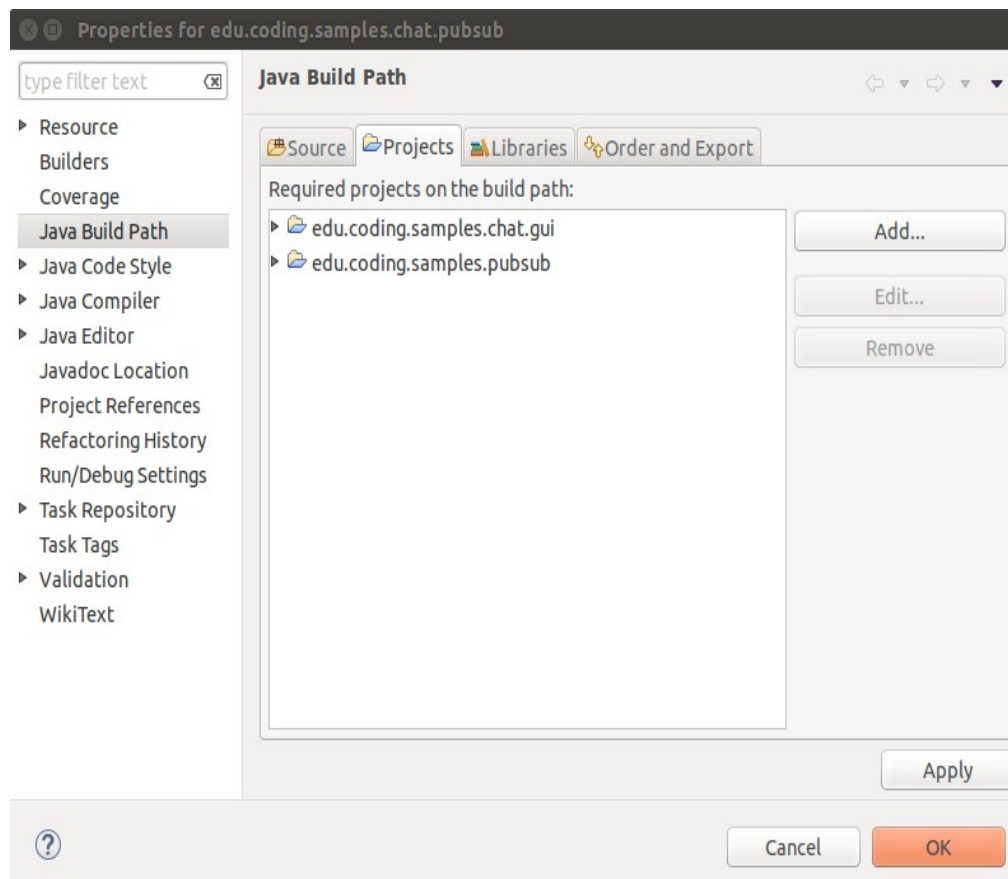
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Where your code is

Where the compiler generates class files

Eclipse Workspace – Java Project Setup



Eclipse Workspace – Java Project Build

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 - Sometimes cleaning is necessary
 - Alt-P → Clean

