Building Data Analysis Applications on the NetBeans Platform

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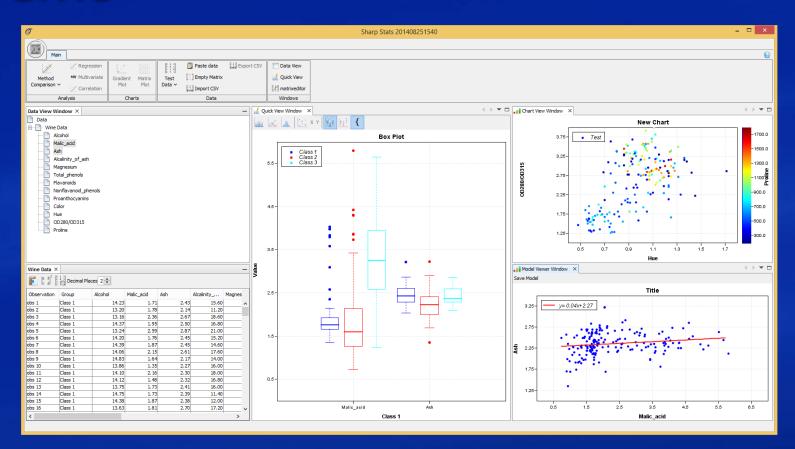
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Background

- Worked as a statistician in manufacturing and pharmaceutical R&D for over 10 years.
- Use C# to build Add Ins for Microsoft Excel.
- Regulated and manufacturing environments often require desktop solutions.
- Built desktop applications from scratch.

Demo



Why use NetBeans Platform

- Why build all the infrastructure of a desktop application when NetBeans offers it all.
- All standard desktop functionality
 - Modular structure
 - Window System
 - Node System
 - Communication between modules and windows
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Flexibility

- Simple to add unexpected future requirements
- Adding a connection to R
 - Generate a new library module, using RJava
 - Generate a new R module
 - Add an Action
 - Add a method
- All added in 30 minutes.

Adding R code

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                                                 public RCommandManager() {
          ActionCorrelation.java
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                                                     String[] dummyArgs = new String[1];
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                                                     dummvArgs[0] = "--vanilla";
            RCommandManager.iava
                                                      re = new Rengine (dummyArgs, false, null);
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                                                     int debug=1;
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   important Files
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                                                 public void DoCorrelogram(IVariable[] dataItems) {
  Sharp Stats
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     Modules
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                                                     IDataManager dataMgr = Lookup.getDefault().lookup(IDataManager.class);
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                                                     if (null != dataMgr) {
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                                                          //Get the data into R
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                                                          String[] names = new String[dataItems.length];
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                                                          int counter = 0;
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                                                          for (IVariable aVar : dataItems) {
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                                                              re.assign(aVar.getName(), new REXP(aVar.getData()));
                                                              names[counter] = aVar.getName();
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                                                              counter++;
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                                                          //Do the R calculations
                                                          re.eval("data<-data.frame(" + ArrayToCommaSeperated(names) + ")");
                                                          re.eval("colnames(data)<-" + ArrayToCommaSeperatedQuote(names));
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                                                          REXP result = re.eval("result<-cor(data, method=\"pearson\") ");</pre>
                                                          //Assign result to new dataitem
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                                                          double[][] rData = result.asDoubleMatrix();
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                                                          dataMgr.createDataItem("Corelation Matrix", rData, names, names);
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                                                          //clean up R workspace
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                                                          re.eval("rm(list=ls())");
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Summary

- Building on the NetBeans Platform allows me to
 - Implement standard functionality using reliable and tested APIs.
 - Concentrate on the data analysis tasks rather than the infrastructure.
 - Build better solutions faster.
 - For the client faster means cheaper.