

Exploring UML in Eclipse

The what and how of the UML2 project?



Overview

- Understand profiles in UML
 - How to create and apply them
- Understand how RSA-RTE uses profiles



Goals

- After these modules you will understand how RSA-RTE extends UML for real-time and embedded modeling
- Discuss what type of extensions you could define



Agenda

- UML2 models
- Extending UML2 models
 - Keywords, profiles, stereotypes
- RSA-RTE and profiles



What is the UML2 project?

- An UML2 project based implementation of the UML 2.x specification
- A base for modeling tools to build upon
- With support for UML Profiles



EMF Implementation of UML2 Spec

- What many consider the reference implementation for the UML 2 specification
- Metamodel completely specified as an Eclipse UML2 model
- Support for many of the UML techniques
 - Redefinition
 - Subsetting



Base for Modeling Tools

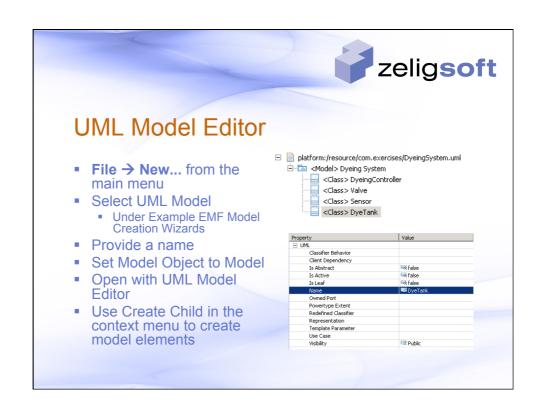
- Tools share a common foundation improving
 - Model interchange
 - Add-on tools, for example model analysis
 - Tool independent transformations
- Shared interpretation of the UML 2.x specification
- Models serialized to common format
 - Can be the OMG XMI format

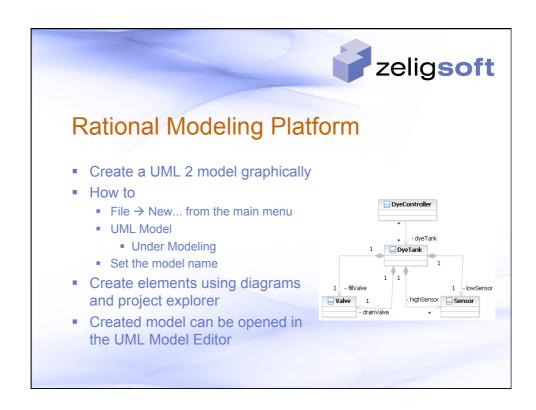


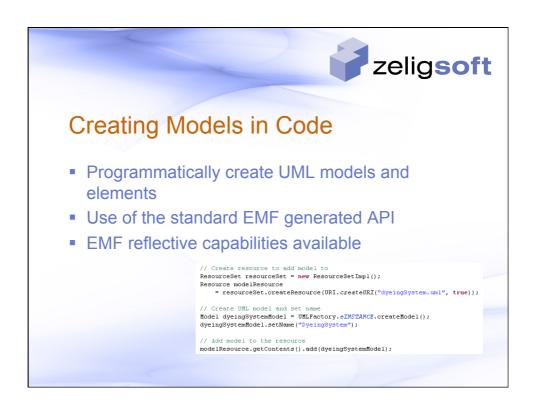
Support for UML Profiles

- Profiles are UML 2.x extensibility and customization mechanism
 - Use domain concepts
 - Refining semantics
 - Customize presentation
 - Tagging model elements
 - Add domain specific information
- Enables the definition of domain specific languages
 - For example Rose Real-Time in RSA











More Creating Models in Code

- To create UML model elements use
 - UMLFactory, or
 - For Packages and Models
 - createdOwnedClass
 - createNestedPackage
 - createdOwnedPrimitiveType
 - createdOwnedEnumeration
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Persistence and Serialization

- Models are persisted in an XMI compliant format
- Tools built on top of UML2 project should be able to load the model
 - Likely won't maintain diagrams



Summary

- In this module we explored
 - What the UML2 project is
 - How to create UML2 models
 - UML Model Editor
 - Rational Modeling Platform
 - Through code
 - Persistence



Extending UML

- UML 2 is a general purpose modeling language
 - Large and expressive
- Often specific domains need to extend it
 - Additional concepts
 - Restricting metamodel
 - Defining domain specific semantics for elements
- Different approaches
 - Feather weight
 - Tagging a model

 - Light weight

 UML Profile
 - Middle weight
 - Extending the metamodel through metaclass specialization



Tagging a model with keywords

- Feather weight approach to adding data to a model
 - Control code generators
 - Categorizing
- Create by
 - Adding Annotation with source set to UML
 - Add details to the Annotation with key being the keyword
- Simple API to retrieve keywords
 - addKeyword, removeKeyword, and hasKeyword
- An Eclipse UML2 project construct
 - Not part of the OMG specification



Adding Keywords

- Add an EAnnotation to the element
 - UML Editor → New Child → EAnnotations → EAnnotation
- Set the EAnnotation source attribute
 - UML
- Add a Details Entry
 - UML Editor → New Child → Details Entry
- Set the Key attribute
 - This is your keyword
- Additional keywords are added by create new Details Entry elements



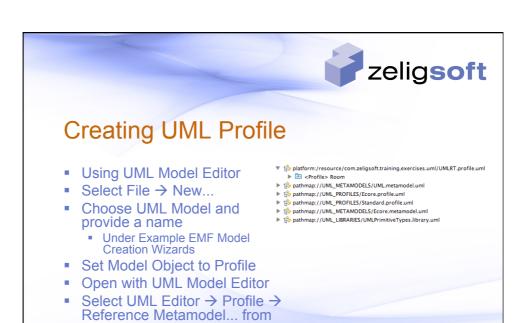
Extending UML with a Profile

- UML profiles provide a lightweight approach to extending the UML metamodel
- UML profiles can be created in the same way as UML models
 - UML Model Editor
 - Rational Modeling Platform
 - Programmatically
- Profiles can be published or registered
 - Makes them accessible to others
 - Approach used by RSA RTE



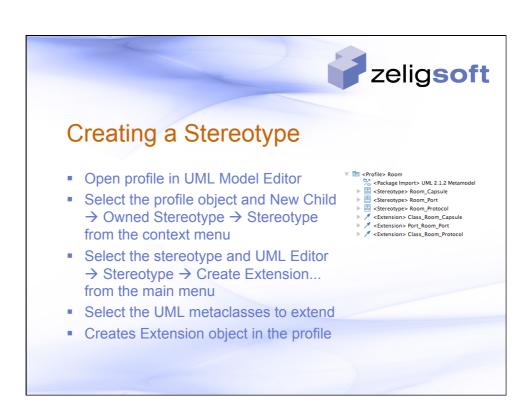
UML Profile

- Primary construct in a profile is a stereotype
 - Extends one or more metaclasses from the UML
 - May add information and/or constraints
 - May add/or constrain semantics
 - May change graphical display
- Can be applied to one or more UML models or packages
 - Stereotypes applied to model or package and its contents



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Choose the UML metamodel





UML Profile Static vs. Dynamic

- Dynamic Profile
 - The profile is defined in a model whose model object is a Profile
 - No code is generated
 - Profile is deployed in a plug-in and registered as a dynamic package
- Static Profile
 - The profile is defined in a model whose model object is a Profile
 - An API for the profile is generated to make it easier to work with the profile in code
 - Profile code is deployed in a plug-in and registered as a static package



Deploying a Dynamic Profile

- Define the profile
 - Converts the profile elements into Ecore representation
 - Select the profile element in the model
 - Select UML Editor → Profile → Define from main menu
 - This stores Ecore representation as an annotation in the profile
- Make the project a plug-in project and make sure the profile model is in the build
- Register the profile
 - org.eclipse.uml2.uml.dynamic_package



Deploying a Static Profile

- Generate the profile code
 - Requires creating an EMF representation of the profile
- Make the project a plug-in project
 - Include the generated code and the profile model
- Register the profile
 - org.eclipse.uml2.uml.generated_package



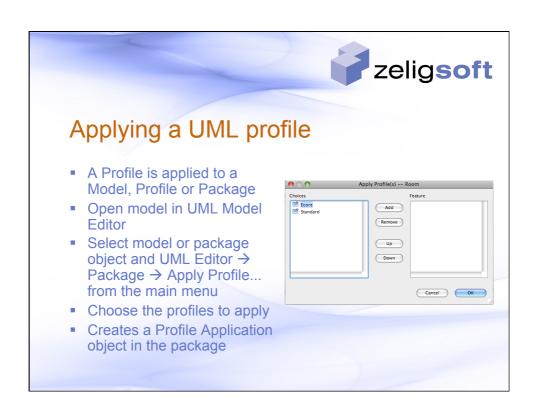
Generating Profile Code

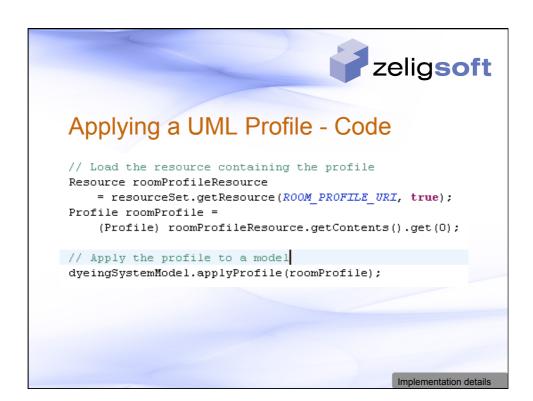
- Apply Ecore profile to the profile object
- Apply ePackage stereotype to the profile object
 - Set the following ePackage properties
 - NS URI
 - NS Prefix
 - Base Package
- Create an EMF model from the profile using the UML model importer
- Configure generator settings
- Generate Model code for the EMF model



Discussion

- Examples from your experience?
 - Additional information?
 - Additional concepts?
- Does this impact modeling, validation or generation?









Applying a Stereotype - Code

Implementation details



Working Stereotype Properties

Accessing a stereotype value

drainValvePort.getValue(portStereotype, "conjugated");

Setting a stereotype value

drainValvePort.setValue(portStereotype, "conjugated", false);

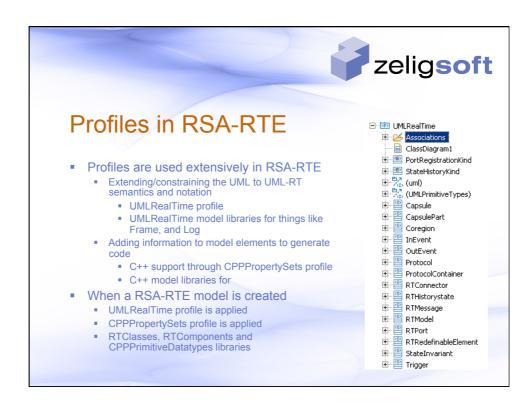
Adding to a stereotype list property

((List) dyeSystemComponent.getValue(componentStereotype, "includes"))
 .add("MyInclude.h");

Implementation details









Creating Profiles in RSA-RTE

- Model the domain
 - Concepts, attributes and relationships in a Profile
 - Complimentary model libraries
 - Constraints OCL or Java
- Publish the Profile
 - Helps RSA-RTE with versioning and migration
- Register the Profile in a plug-in
 - Make it available for RSA-RTE to apply it
- Can export to open source UML 2



Creating Profiles in RSA-RTE

- File → New → Other...
- Select UML Profile or UML Profile Project...
 - Under Modeling → UML Extensibility
- Set name and import the UML Primitive Types library
- Creates a Profile object that already imports the UML metamodel
- Add stereotypes, classes and relationships

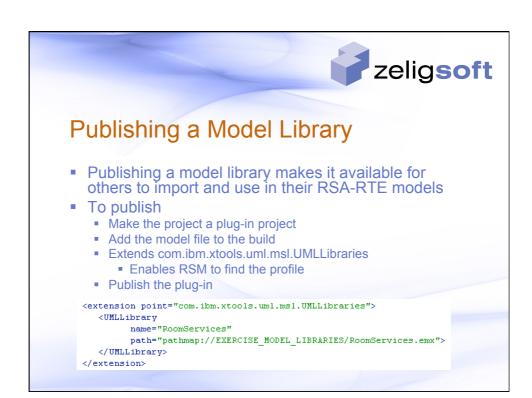


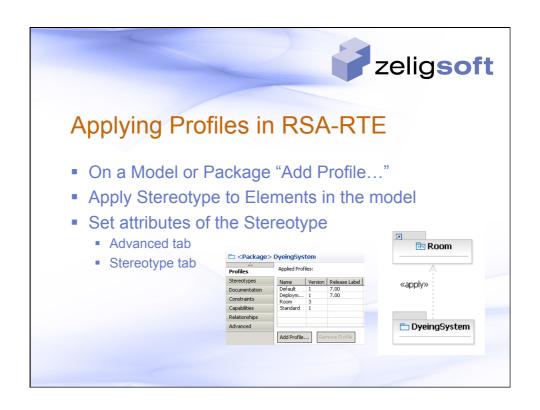


Publishing a Profile

- Publishing a profile makes it available for others to install and use in their RSA-RTE models
- To publish
 - Make the project a plug-in project
 - Add the profile file to the build
 - Extend "com.ibm.xtools.uml.msl.UMLProfiles"
 - Enables RSM to find the profile
 - Publish the plug-in









Summary

- In this module we explored
 - Profiles and RSA-RTE
 - How to create, release and publish
 - Model Libraries



Discussion

Any RSA-RTE concepts you would add/remove?

