



Case Study:

# Setting up a Domain Specific Tooling

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# Obeo: Model Driven Company

- OSS Vendor since 2005
  - Model Driven experts
  - 20 employees by end 2007
  - Nantes, Paris by end 2007
  - Self funded and profitable
- Our customers and partners

















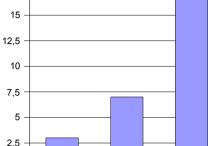












Obeo

Employees





17,5







# Our products and services



#### • Our MDSD offer:

- "Designing Software Factories based on Eclipse technology"
- Consulting on Eclipse, EMF, GMF, M2M, M2T ...
- Support, training



#### Our ADM offer :

- "Model Driven Migration Factories, software cartography"
- Available for JEE, VB, ASP, C, C++, Ada, Forte, SQL, Progress...

#### • Our products:

- Acceleo : http://www.acceleo.org
- Acceleo Pro Traceability, Acceleo Pro DSM
- Agility
- More information on http://www.obeo.fr



# Obeo

# Obeo: R&D Open Source leader

#### Obeo – Eclipse foundation member

- 7 Eclipse commiters
- Eclipse Modeling Project
  - <u>EMFT</u>: <u>EMF Compare</u> (leader: Cedric Brun)
  - M2M: QVT Relation (leader: Quentin Glineur), ATL
  - Modisco
- Eclipse SOA Tool Platform
  - SCA Composite Editor IP review in process



- Acceleo
- OW2 Board member

### Collaborative project and R&D

- Topcased member (http://www.topcased.org)
- Papyrus
- Clusters System@Tic
- Research (Lina, Inria, Imag, ...)









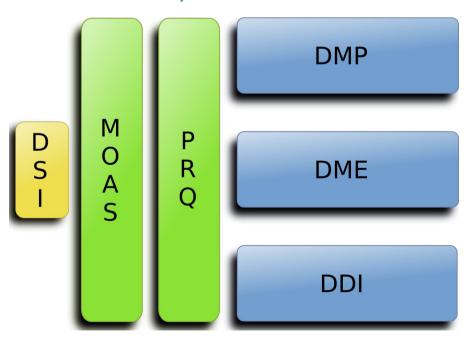
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- Creation: 31<sup>st</sup>, december 1958
- French Administration, 15 000 employees



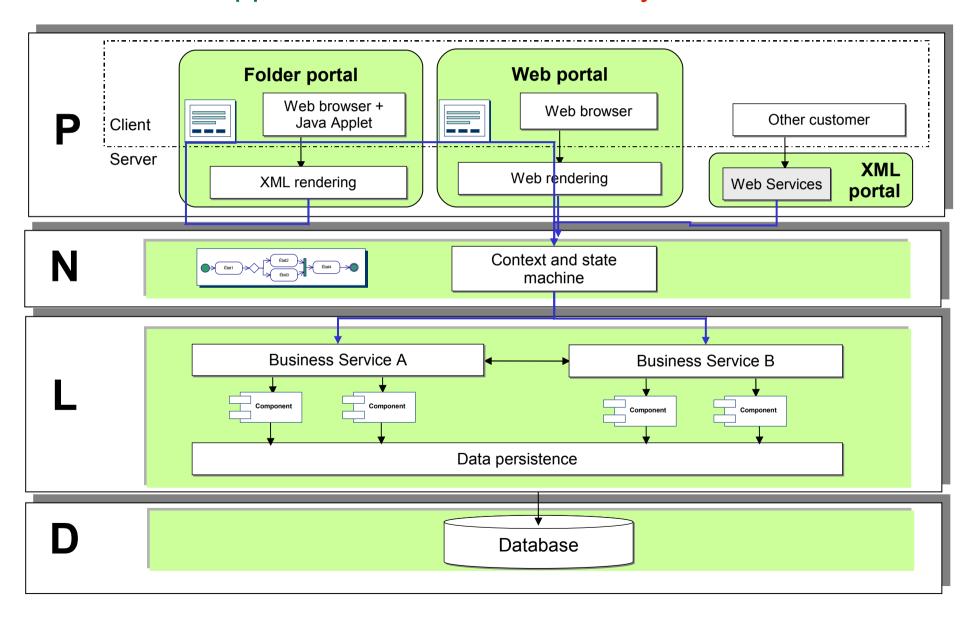
- Missions
  - Job seekers social care
  - Assedic (unemployed people administration) coordination
- IT department
  - 1500 employees
  - outsourcing





# Unedic Information System Architecture

### Business applications are built on a 4 layers architecture - JEE



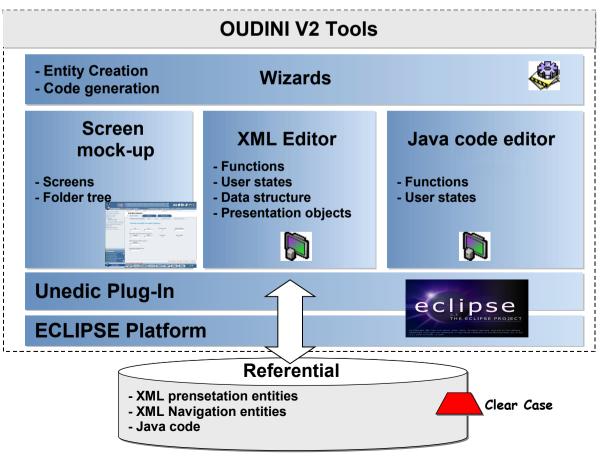
# Eclipse tooling

- Eclipse: an early choice
  - Eclipse as a Java IDE
  - Modeler: Rational XDE
  - 2004 : design of 2 Eclipse based tools
    - Analysis and Design
    - GEF + Ecore + Jet



Barres d'outils UML



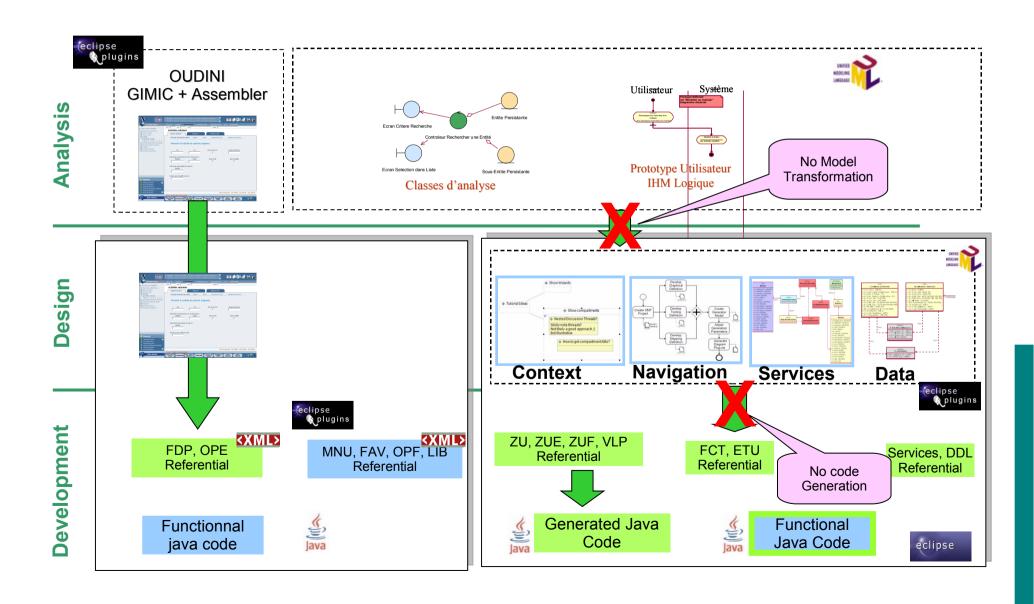




# Tooling state early 2006



### The software factory is started but models are still not productive



# 2006 - 2007: towards EMF, GMF and Acceleo

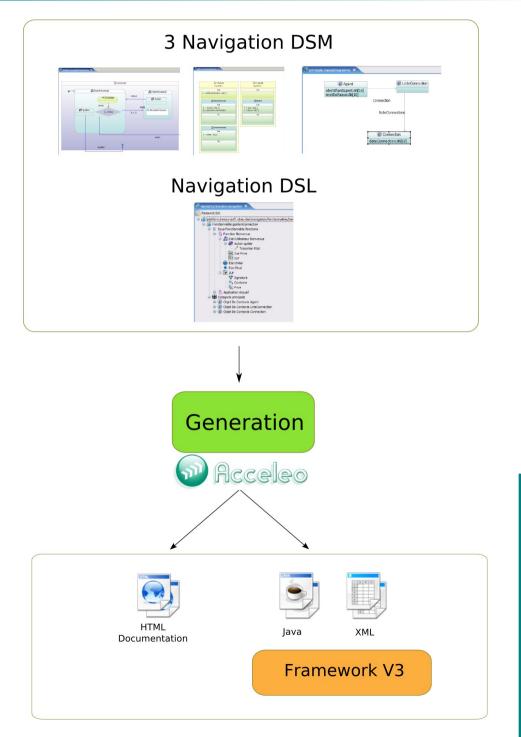


- Architecture evolution
  - JSF/Ajax
  - Tooling improvement
- From UML to a DSM approach
  - Language closer to the Unédic logical/functional concepts
  - Based on Eclipse standards: EMF, GEF, GMF
- Generative approach with Acceleo Pro
  - Automate projection between functional models and Unedic JEE Framework
  - MDSD and Traceability
- Unédic collaborates with Obeo on their Software Factory

# Obeo

# The whole picture

- Two phases project
  - Prototype
  - Industrial version
- Main steps
  - DSM Design
  - EMF-GMF implementation
  - Extended features
  - Code generation
  - Packaging and deployment



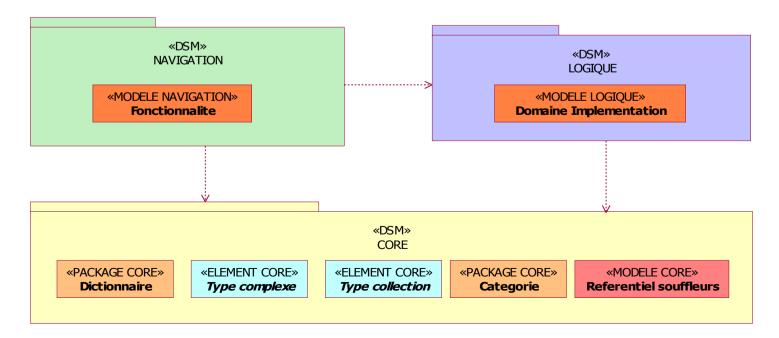


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### Domain Model Design

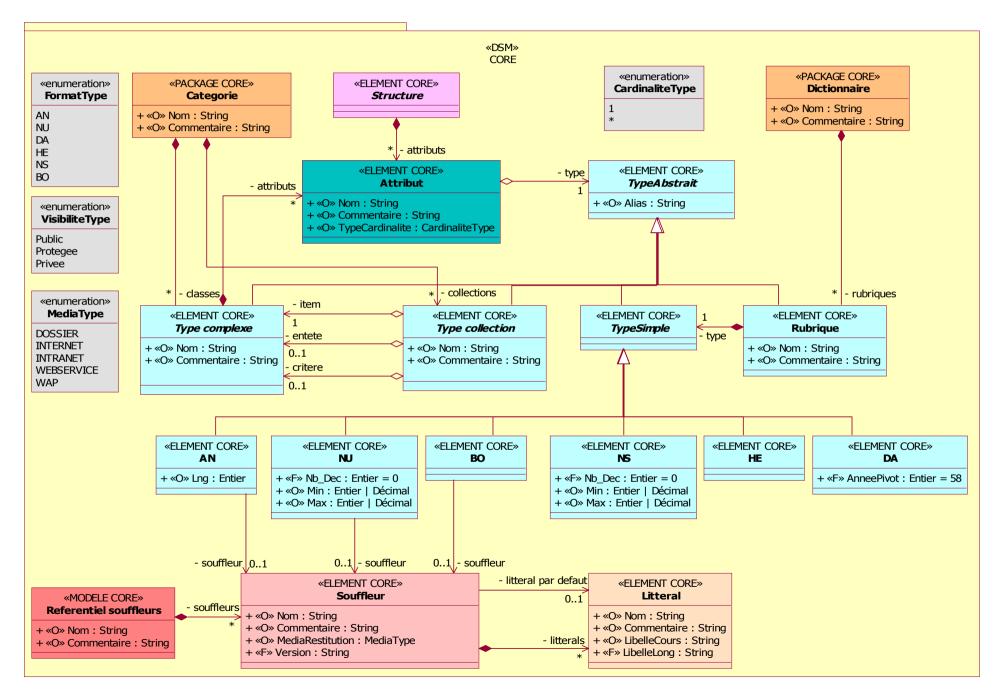


- How to design a Domain Model?
  - Find out Business concepts
  - Cut them into logical meta-models
- Who
  - Modeling tool expert
  - Business and methodology expert

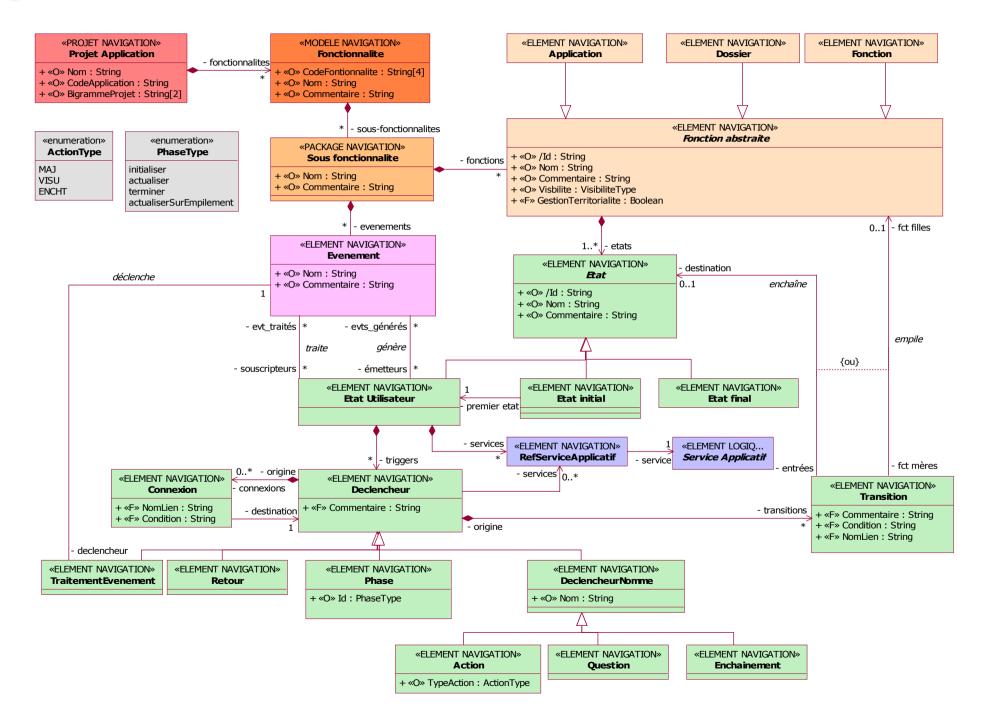


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### Core meta-model

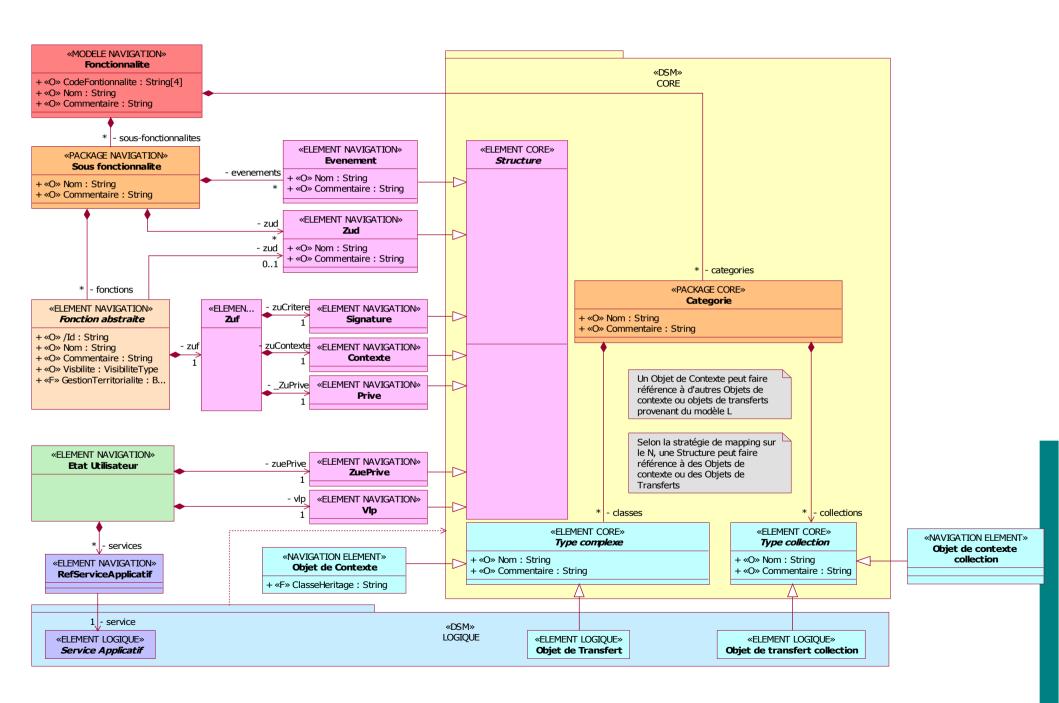


# Navigation meta-model



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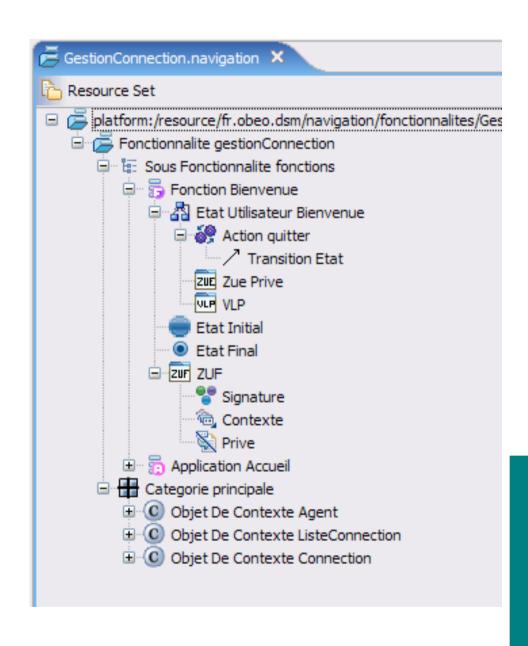
### Context meta-model



# Domain Model Implementation



- Ecore implementation
  - Topcased Ecore editor
  - EMF standard generation
  - Icons
- Difficulties
  - A good meta-model ?
  - Model hierarchy
  - GMF and tooling impacts
  - Not all Business rules modeled
- A key task!
- Around 100 meta-elements



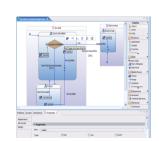


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### Designing a DSM



- Choices to make :
  - How to graphically represent those concepts for the end-user?
  - How many diagram types ?
  - Diagram root and breakdown
- Choices based on :
  - Domain
  - Know-how on GMF tooling (GMF V1)
- 3 diagrams :
  - Navigation : screen dynamic behaviour
  - Context : data used and shared by screens
  - Types : complex data structure description







# Implementing a DSM with GMF

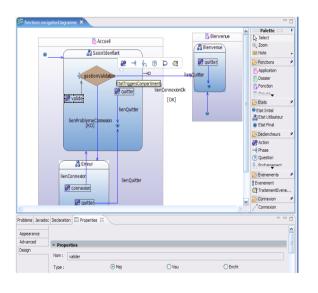


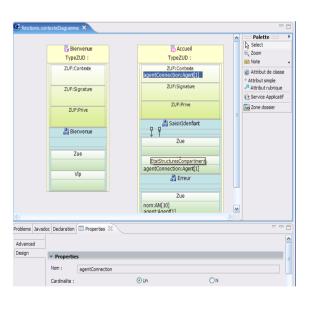
- Steps to build a Domain Specific Modeler with GMF
  - Set-up the GMF models (graphical, tooling, mapping)
  - Generate Java code from gmfgen
- Extending GMF
  - Using GMF extension points when possible
  - Modifying generated code
- Extensions
  - Properties edition on double click
  - Creation wizards
  - Diagram navigation and shortcuts
  - Diagram synchronization
  - Model refactoring, Model validation, Clearcase integration

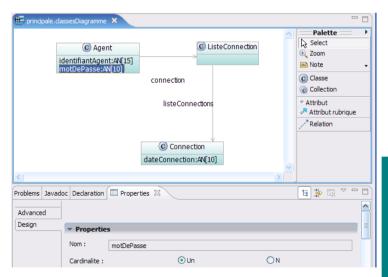


# Implementing a DSM with GMF

# Demo









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### Acceleo



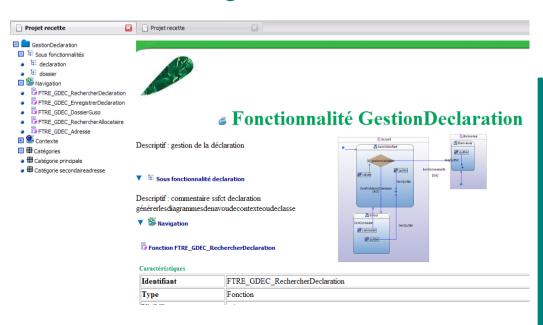


- Acceleo: http://www.acceleo.org
  - Open source (EPL) code generator based on Eclipse and EMF
  - Easy learning curve, end user features
  - Incremental generation, performance
  - Template editors, debugging
  - Plug-in packaging of generators
  - Generation module repository (JEE, C#, Php, Python...)
- Acceleo Pro Traceability :
  - Model-code-Model navigation and round-trip
  - Generation preview, de-synchronization detection
  - Partial regeneration, generated code modification

# Designing code generators with Acceleo

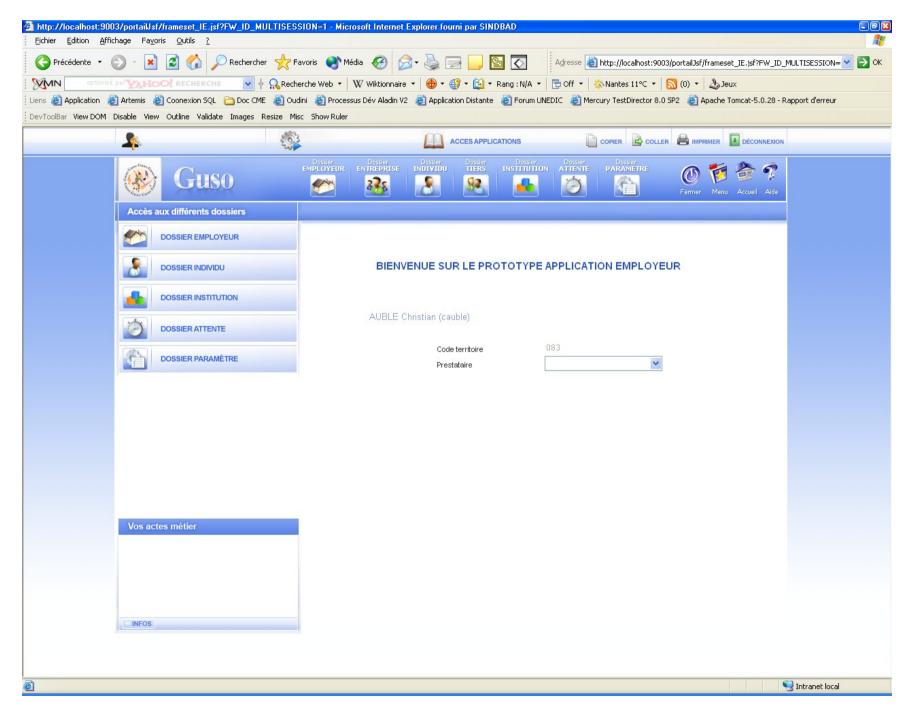


- How to design a code generator from a Domain Model
  - Have a prototype of your generation target
  - Identify patterns and things that can be automated
  - Make sure that you've got the required information in models
- Two generators
  - Application code: Java, JSP and XML code generator
  - Documentation : HTML
- Around 70 templates



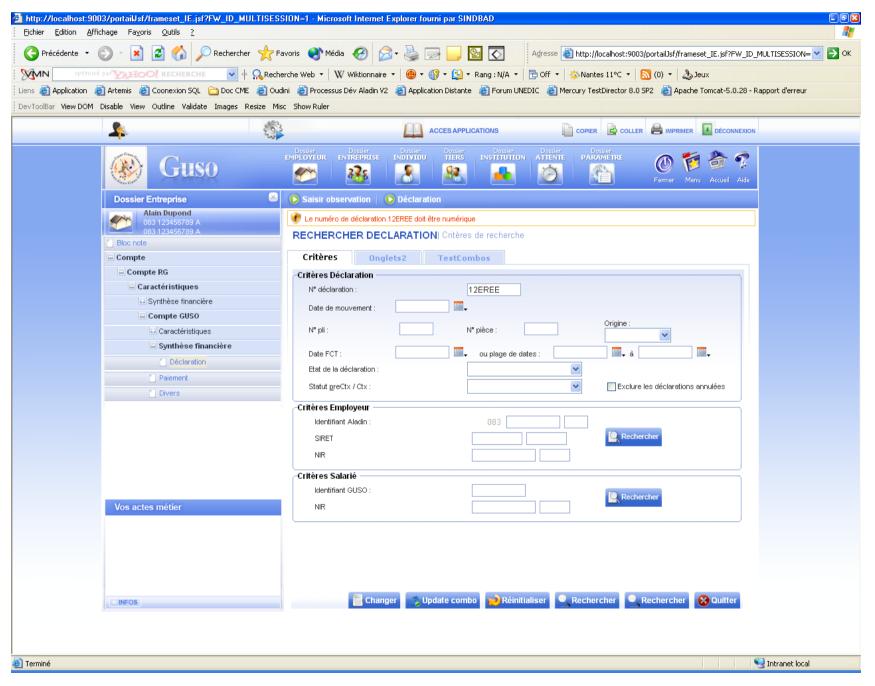


# Example of a Unedic application



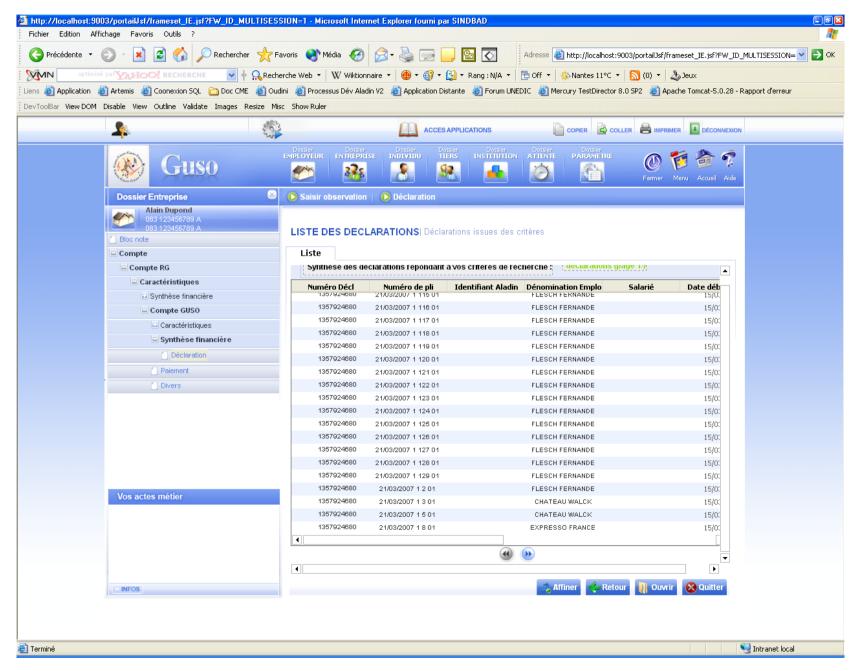


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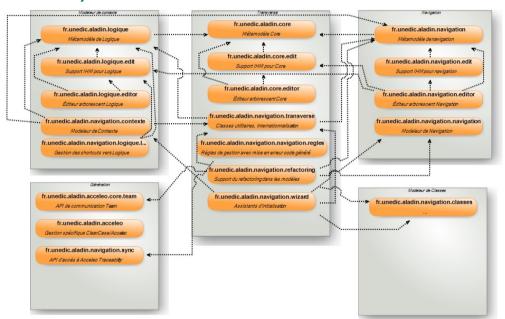


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# Packaging and deployment



- Packaging
  - 20 plug-ins (Eclipse 3.2)
  - Build issues (GMF/JDK 1.4/Windows)



### Deployment

- Tools delivered to a third party company
- Eclipse bundle delivery (Eclipse, Modeling, WTP...)
- Regular updates through Eclipse update sites
- User training



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# Feedback on the project



#### Time and duration

Prototyping: 35 m.d

Industrial version: 95 m.d

- Duration: 5 months

#### Unédic

- Specification, tests and validation, user documentation
- Code generation

#### Obeo

- Meta-modeling and Eclipse tooling
- EMF-GMF implementation
- Acceleo training and coaching
- Collaboration using Trac system + Mylyn

### Conclusion



#### Customer results

- Deployment of the tooling on an industrial project with Unilog (LogicaCmg) - 5000 m.d
- 15 persons in parallel using the software factory since June 2006
- Huge productivity gains, easiest maintenance
- Migration of existing projects
- Standard and integrated tooling made on a tight schedule and budget

#### Difficulties

- Meta-models evolution impacts
- Testing the GUI
- Clearcase integration
- Numerous models management with shortcuts (coherency, validation)
- GMF2 migration ?