

Eclipse Communication Framework (ECF)

What is ECF?

- A set of APIs and services to encapsulate various communication protocols.
- A set of protocol implementations.
- A set of example plugins built to demonstrate ECF in the context of collaboration.

API

- Container metaphor
 - Peers attach to a shared container.
 - Container defines messaging semantics.
 - Transport handlers work with container for message passing.
- Eclipse and OSGi centric
 - Uses Extension Points for transport contribution
 - Utilizes IAdaptable
 - Componentized as OSGi Bundles

Services

- Presence
- File Transfer
- Service Discovery
- Remote Service Invocation
- Model (EMF, SDO) replication
- VoIP
- Bulletin Board

Protocols

- TCP/IP
- Jabber (XMPP)
- SIP
- Bittorrent
- irc
- JMS
- HTTP/HTTPS

Collaboration Examples

- Chat
- Shared editing
- File transfer
- Presence

Why it matters

- Add communication functionality to your application with less effort.
- Get several protocol implementations and messaging models for free.
- Fixes and enhancements you add can be used by others.

Example and Q/A

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