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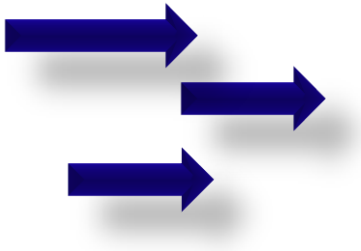


Eclipse provides a lot of powerful features and capabilities, which are not easily discoverable and are not leveraged to the fullest.

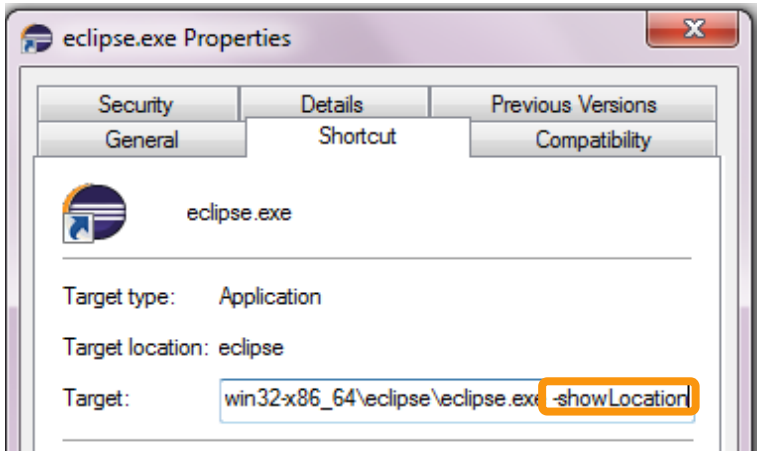
To be productive, mastering your IDE is as important as mastering your source code.

Organizing

- Multiple Workspaces
- Projects in a Workspace
- Inside a Project
- Share Preferences between Workspaces

Multiple Workspaces

- Show Workspace Location in the Title Bar *(-showLocation)*



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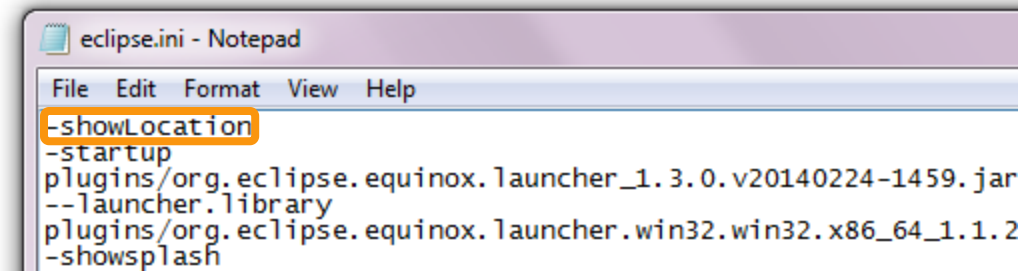
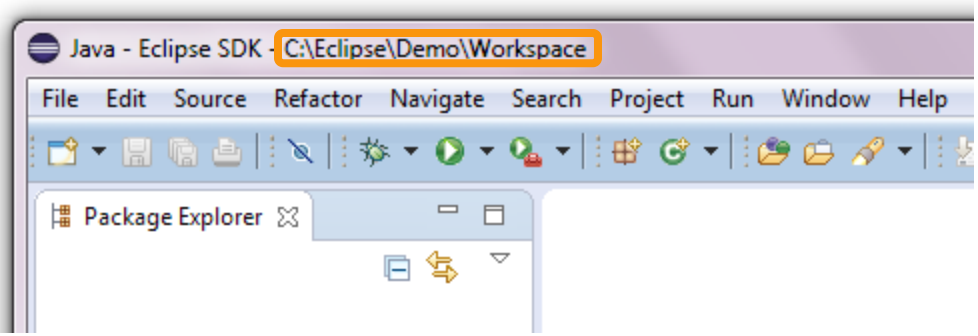
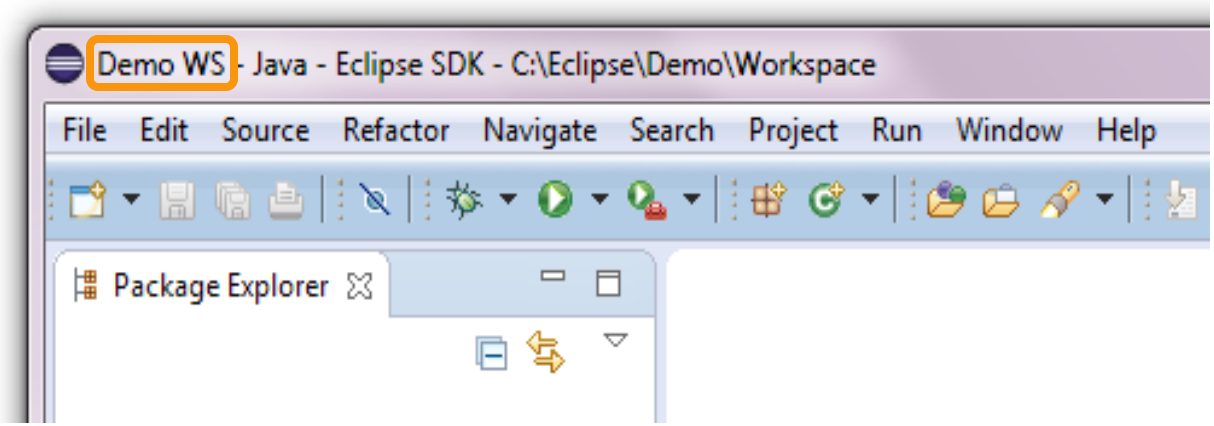




Multiple Workspaces

- Show Workspace Name in the Title Bar

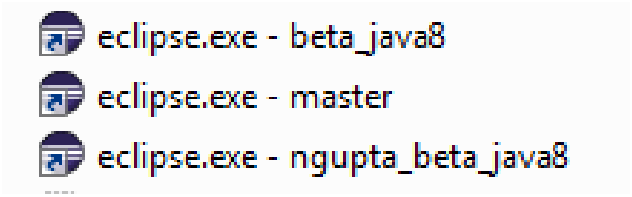
(Window > Preferences > General > Workspace)

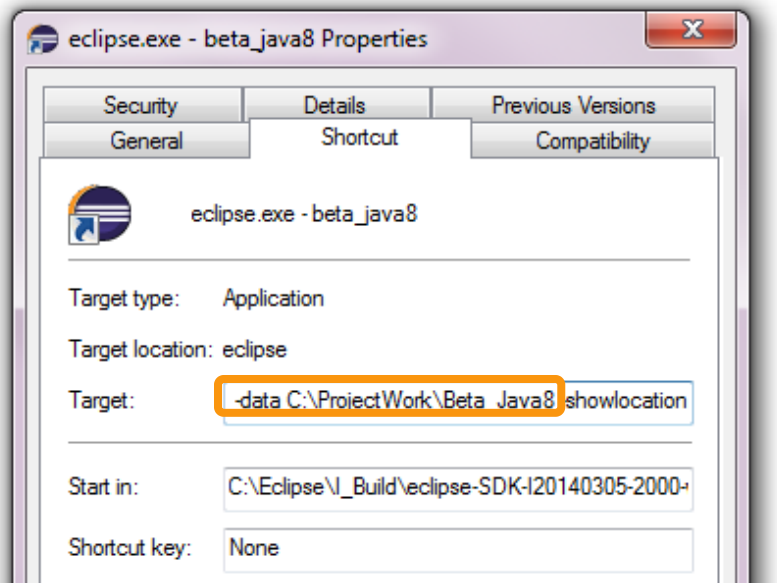


Multiple Workspaces

- Create Eclipse shortcuts with default workspaces

  (-data workspacePath)



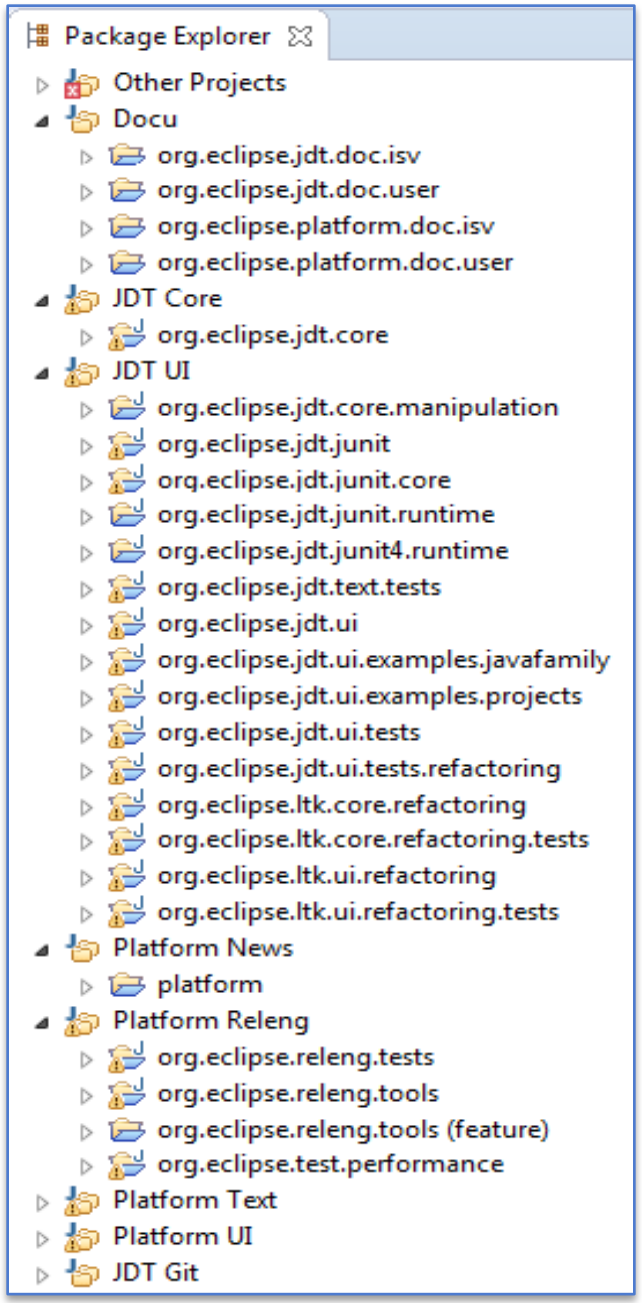


Projects in a Workspace

- Working Sets

Package Explorer >
Configure Working Sets...

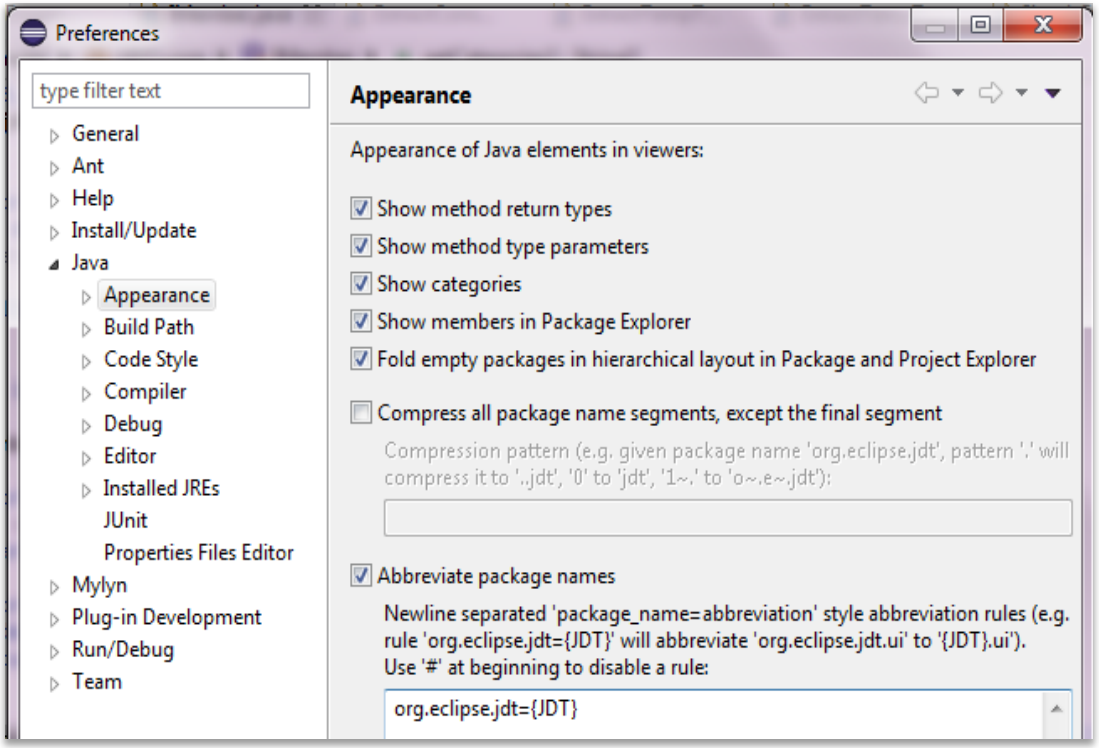
Package Explorer >
Top Level Elements >
Working Sets

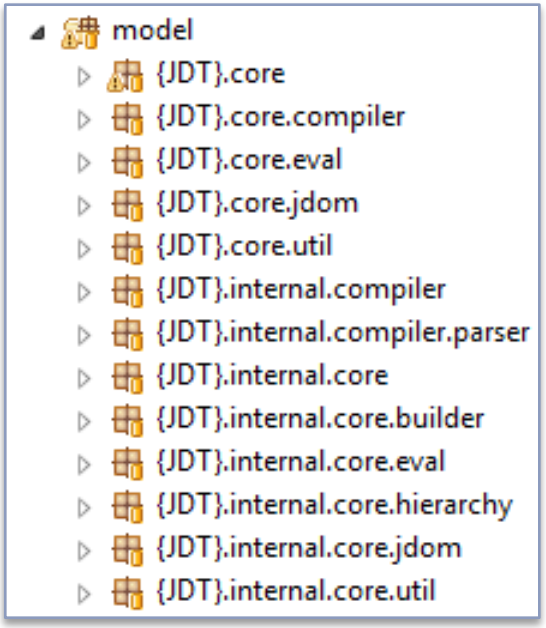


Inside a Project

- Abbreviate package names with custom rules

Window > Preferences >
Java > Appearance >
Abbreviate package names



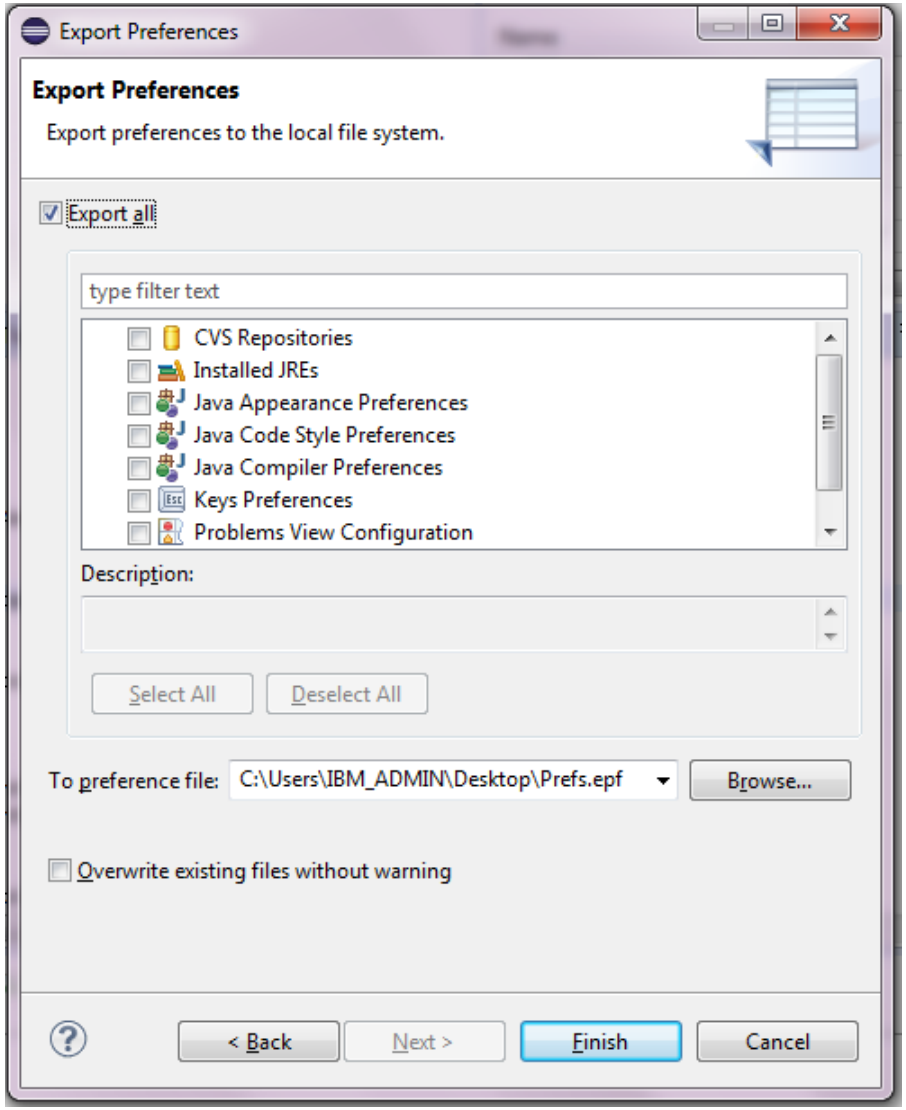


Share Preferences between Workspaces

- Export/Import

File > Export…
General > Preferences

File > Import…
General > Preferences

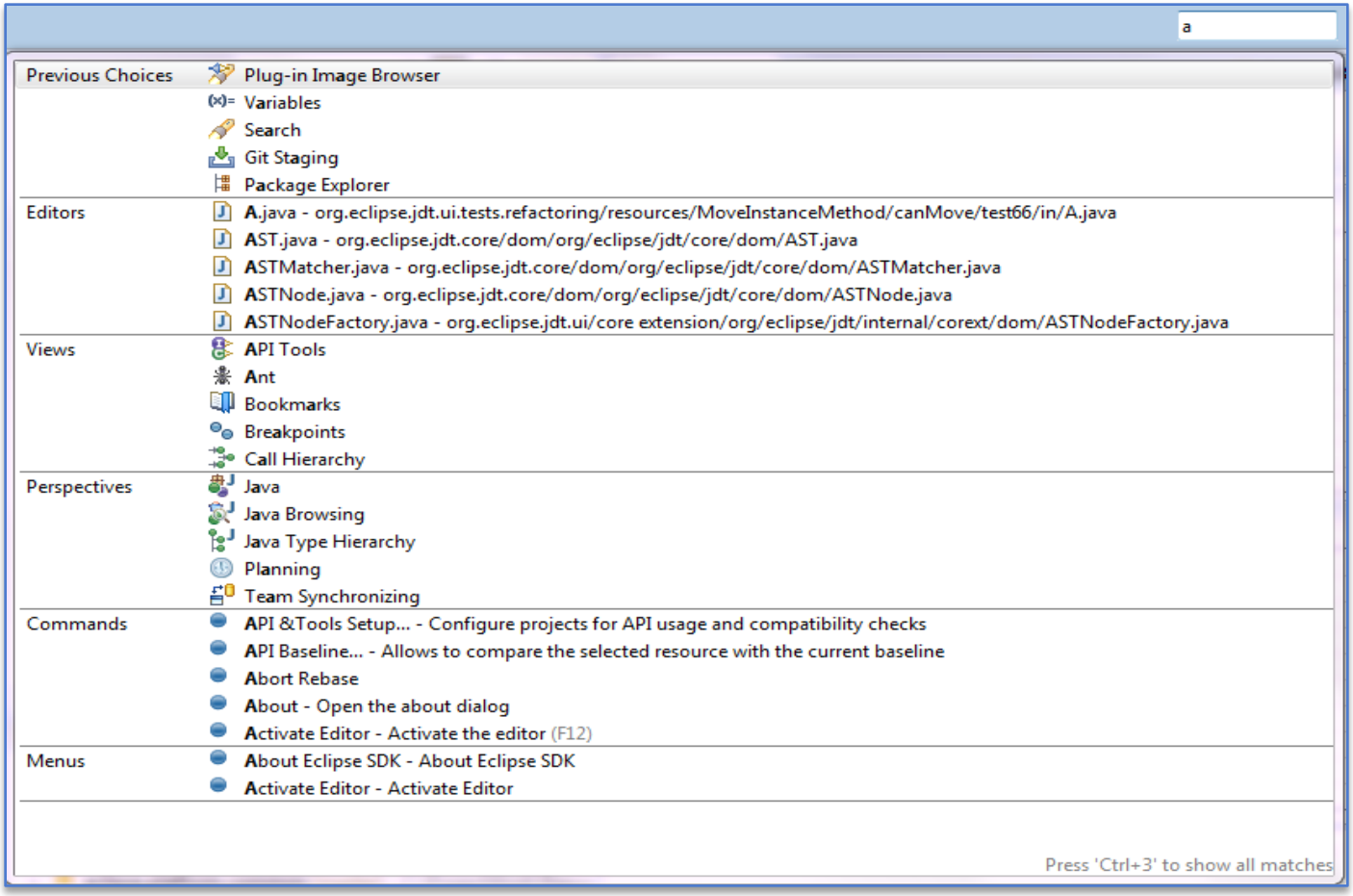


Navigating

- Quick Access
- Quick Outline, In-place Outline
- Breadcrumb
- Ctrl+Click for Externalized Strings
- Find Problems with Externalized Strings
- Java Stack Trace Console

Quick Access

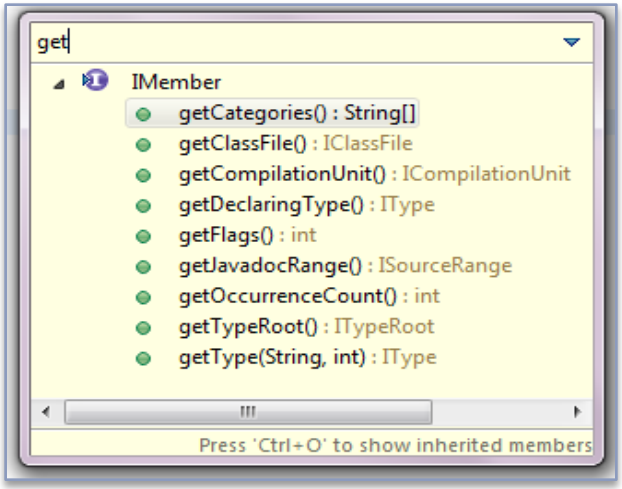
- **Talk to Eclipse :** Start typing and get the results from many categories of UI elements.



Quick Outline and In-place Outline

- **Quick Outline:** Ctrl + O

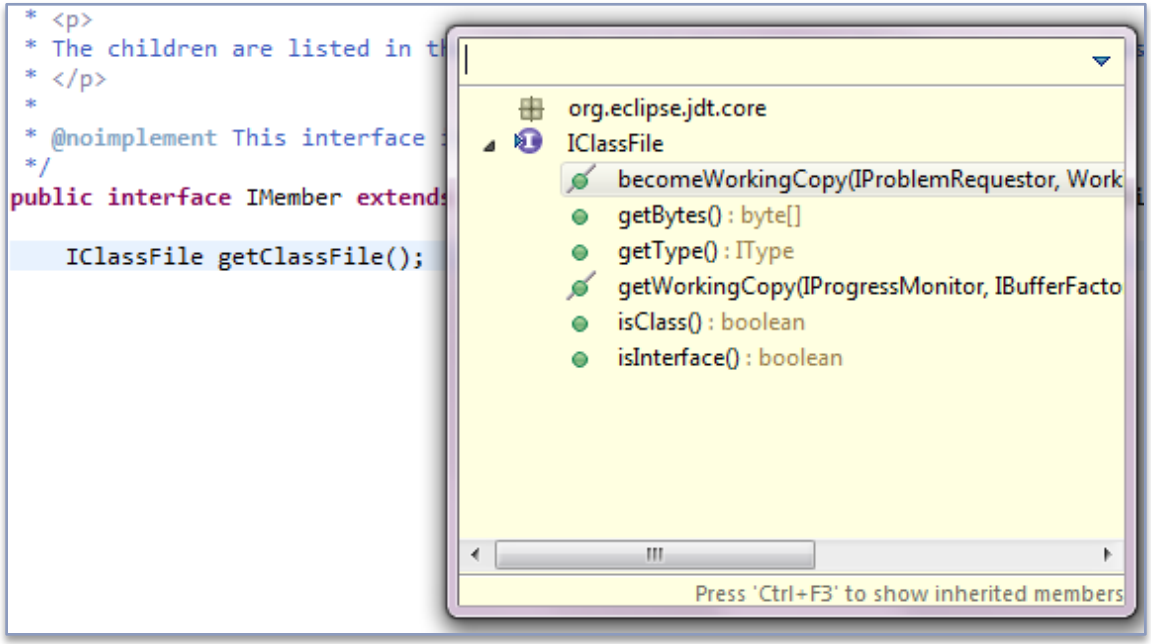
To list the structural elements of the file (such as classes, fields, methods for a Java source file).



- **In-place Outline:**

Ctrl + F3

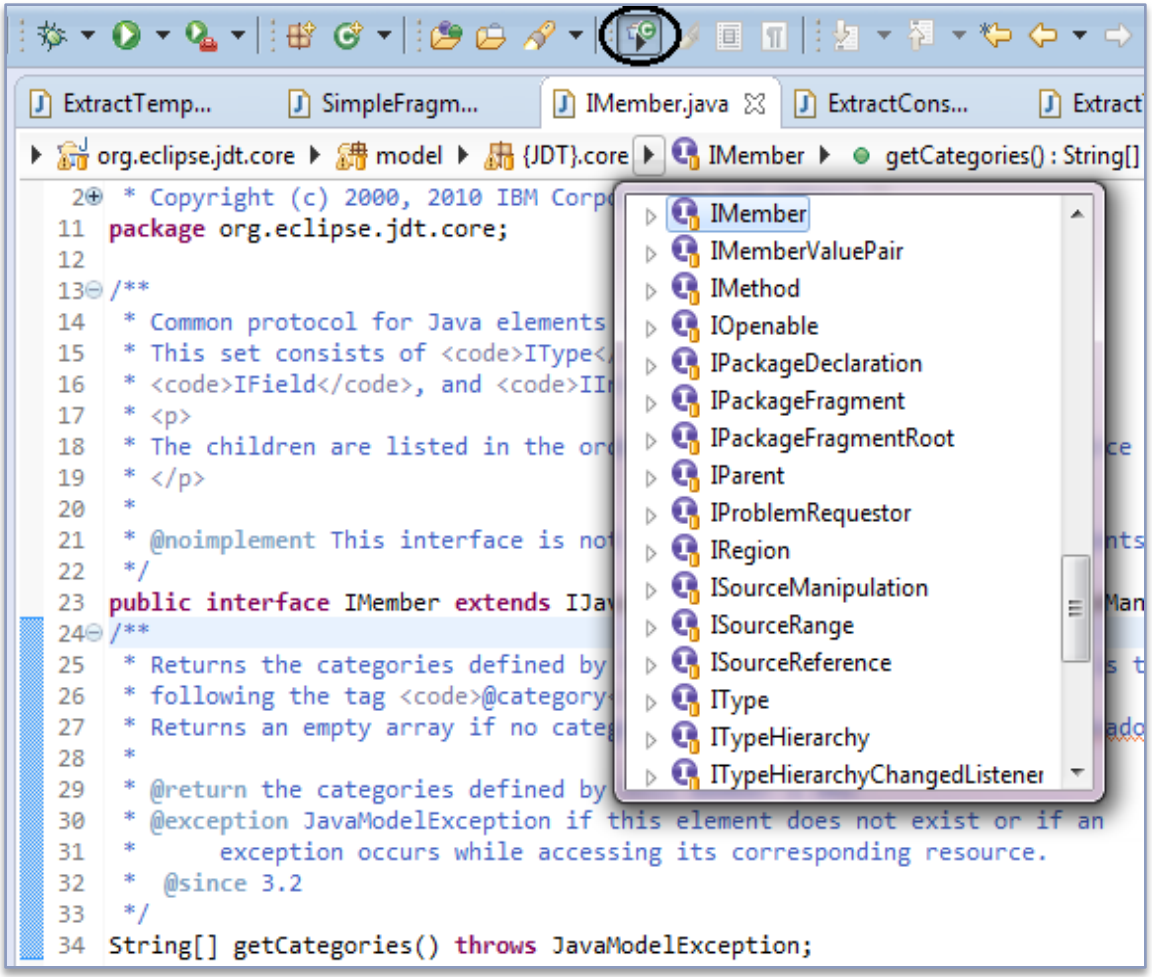
To pop up an in-place outline of the element at the current cursor position.



Java Editor Breadcrumb

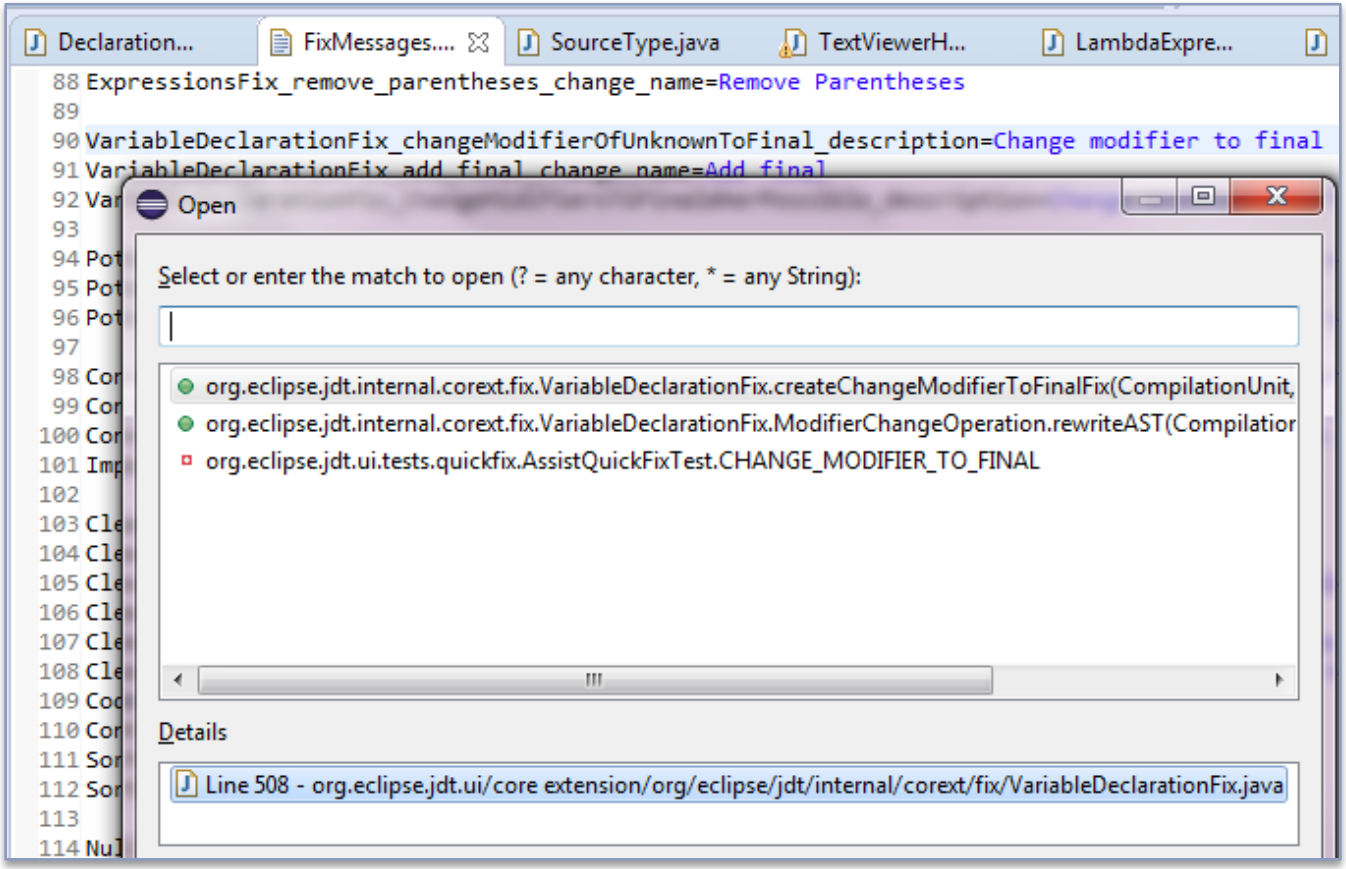
***Toggle Breadcrumb** tool bar button*

- Shows the path to the element at the cursor position.
- Navigate to other elements via drop-downs and invoke actions (when other views are not visible).
- Also available on multiple editors that are open side-by-side.



Ctrl+Click for Externalized Strings

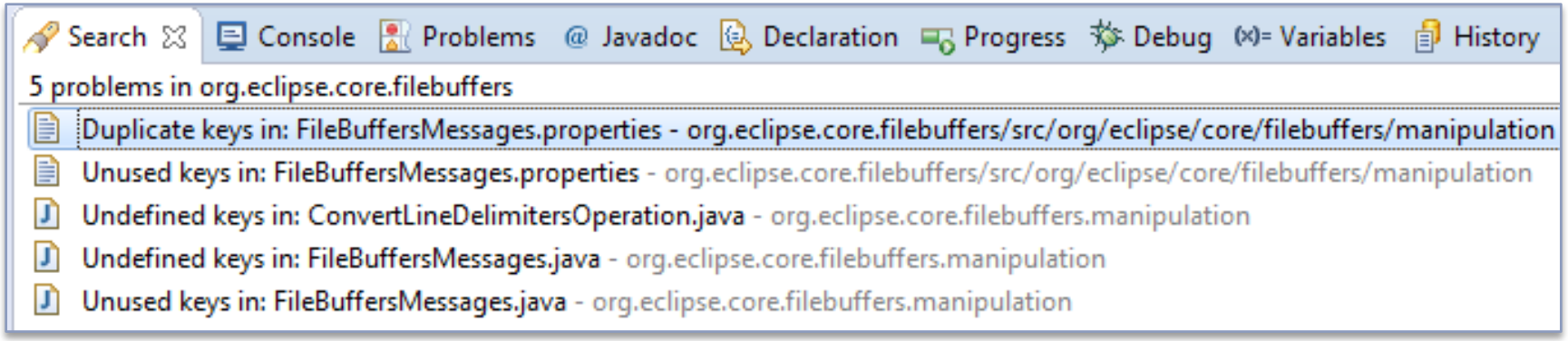
- Ctrl+Click on a property key in the *.properties file shows the places in source code where it is being used and takes you to the referencing code.



Find Problems with Externalized Strings

Source > Find Broken Externalized Strings

- Finds undefined, unused and duplicate keys.



Java Stack Trace Console

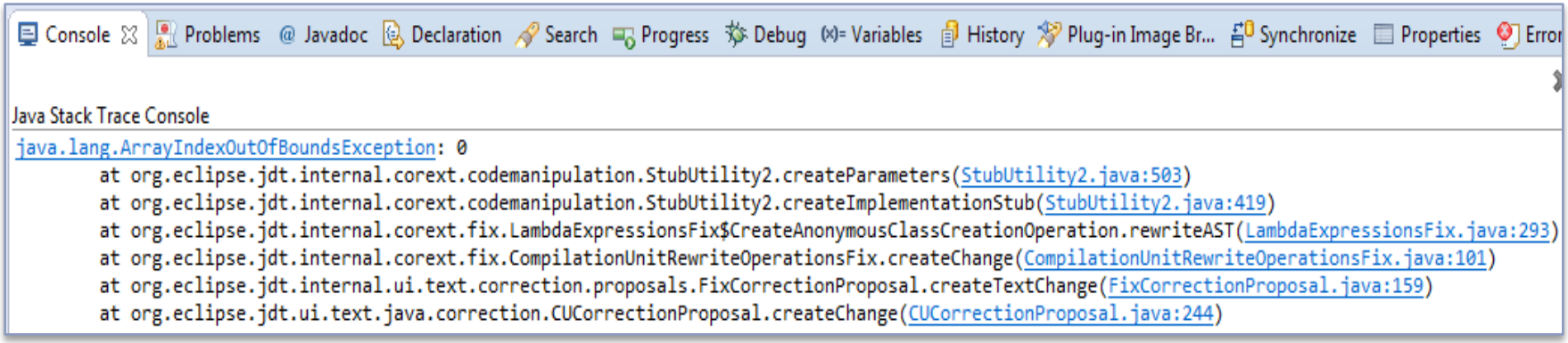
- From a stack trace in log file, instead of locating the file and going to the line number via ***Ctrl+L***, use Java Stack Trace Console.
- Copy the stack trace from log file and click:

  Navigate > Open from Clipboard OR

- Copy the stack trace and paste on the console:

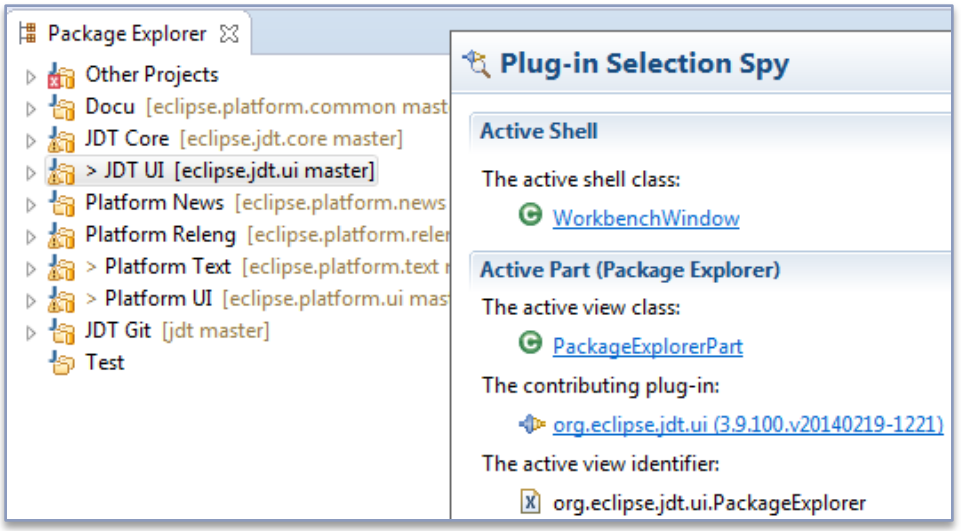
Console view > Open Console (drop-down menu) > Java Stack Trace Console

- Click on the hyperlinks for Java class names with line numbers to navigate.
- Clicking on the exception name in stack trace will create an exception breakpoint.

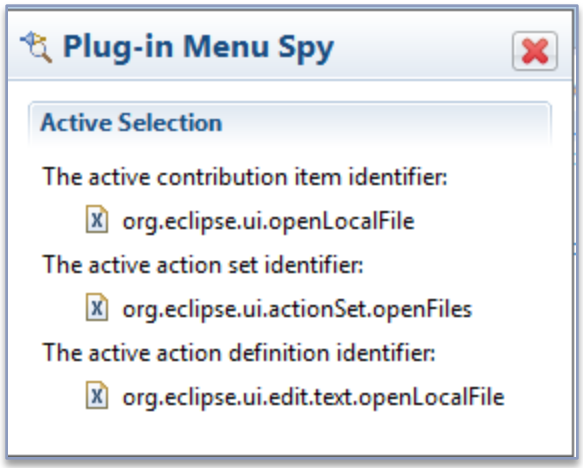


- **Coding**
  - Spy
  - Paste code on Package Explorer
  - Show Annotations
  - Hover
  - Type Filters
  - Templates
  - Search menu actions
  - Block Selection
  - Formatter Off/On Tags
  - Quick Fixes and Quick Assists
  - Keyboard Shortcuts

Plug-in Spy

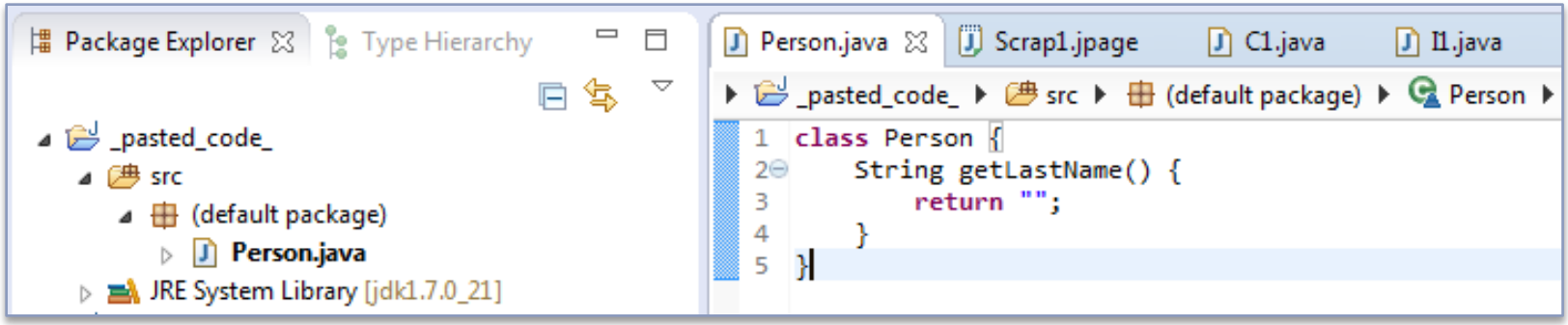


Plug-in Menu Spy



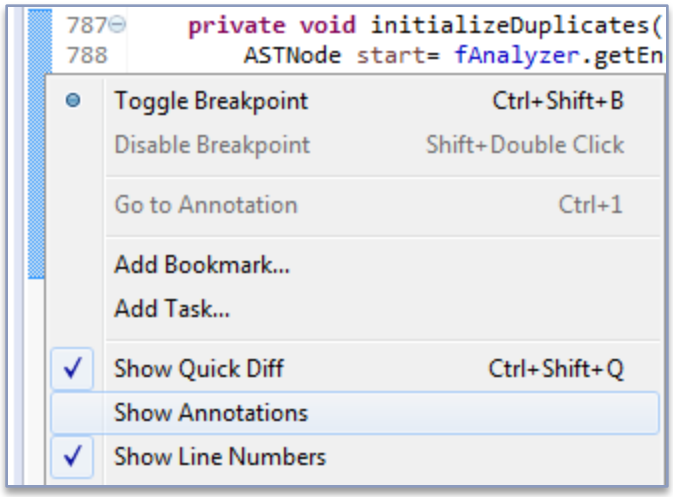
Paste code on Package Explorer

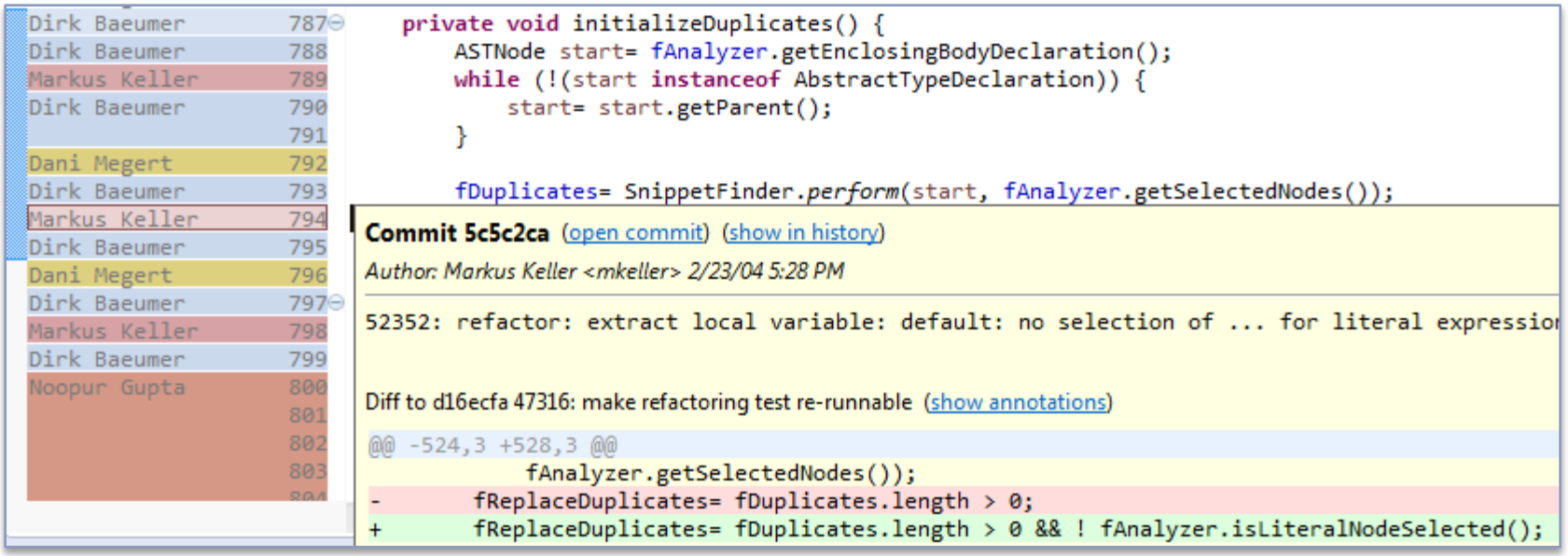
- Just copy the Java code and paste on Package Explorer.
- A new Java project will be created and the file will be opened in the Java editor.



Show Annotations

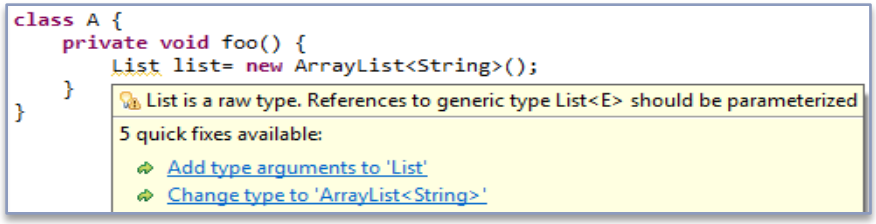
- To determine who last modified a line of code and when.



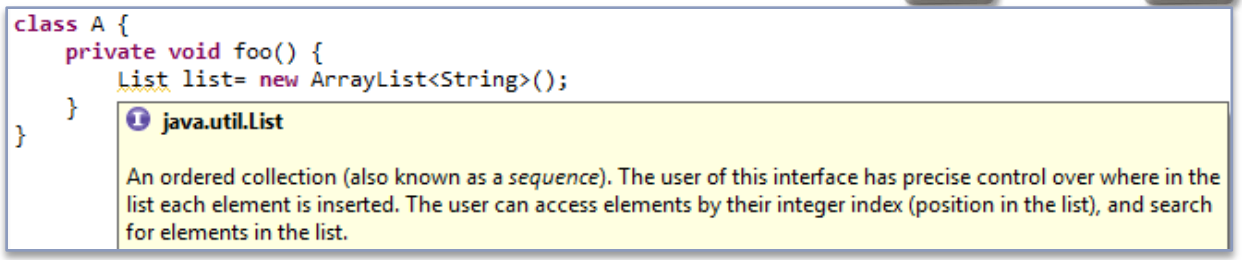


Hover

- When there is an error/warning at an identifier, the corresponding message is shown on hover instead of the Javadoc.



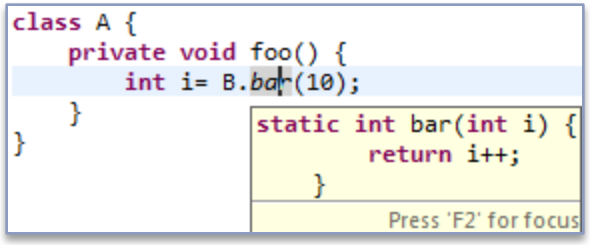
- To see the Javadoc in such cases, press Ctrl + ⇧ and hover.



Or use Javadoc view.

- Update text hover key modifers at: ***Window > Preferences > Java > Editor > Hovers***

- To see the source on hover, press ⇧ and hover.

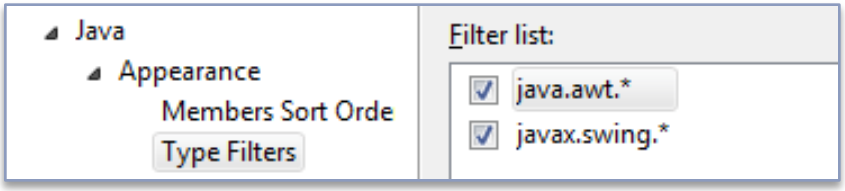


Or use Declaration view.

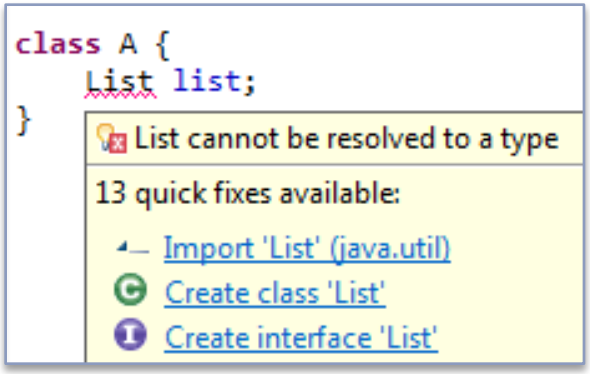
Type Filters

- To ignore certain types from the Open Type dialog, content assist, quick fix proposals, import organization etc.

Window > Preferences > Java > Appearance > Type Filters



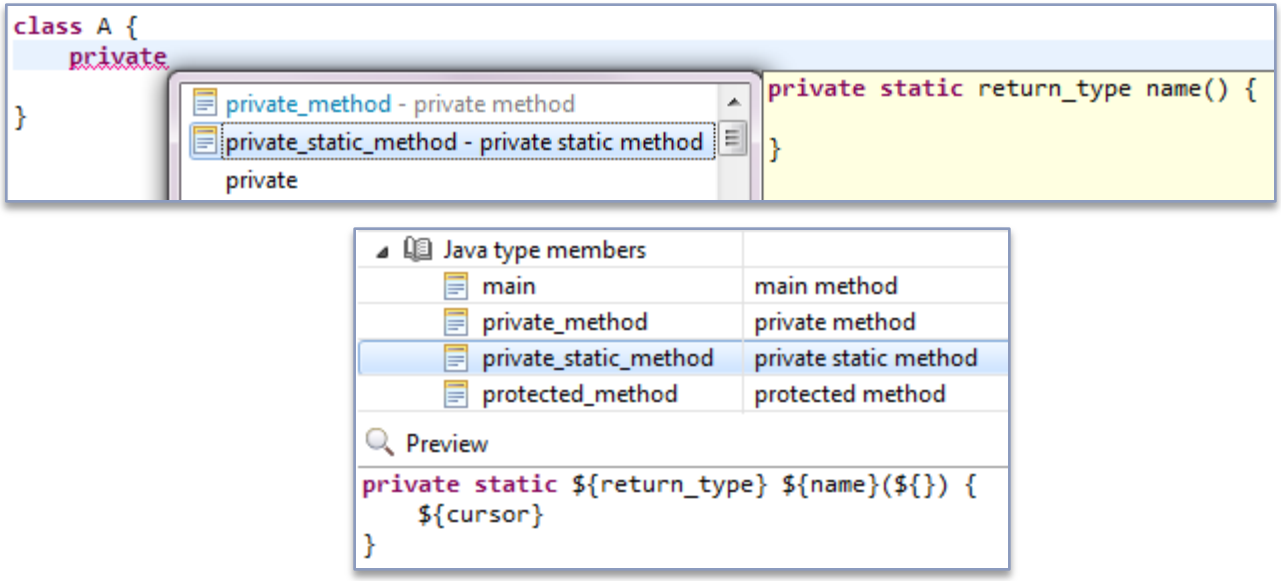
- Example:



Templates

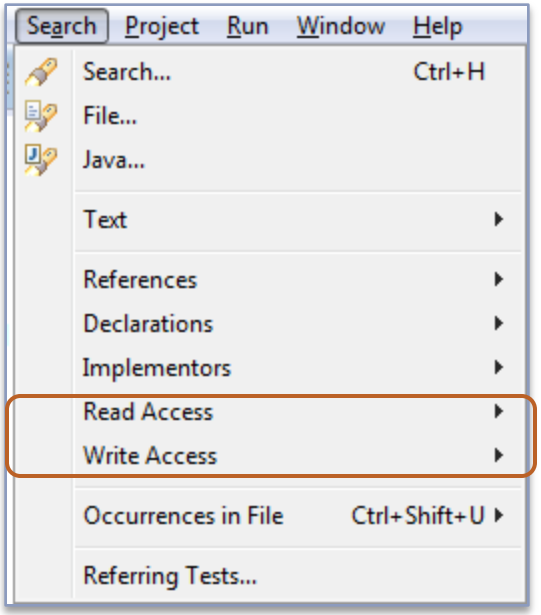
- Templates are shown together with the Content Assist (Ctrl+Space) proposals.
- There are existing templates that you can configure or define new templates.

Window > Preferences > Java > Editor > Templates OR ***Templates view***



Search menu actions

- To find all read/write accesses to the selected field or local variable in the chosen scope.



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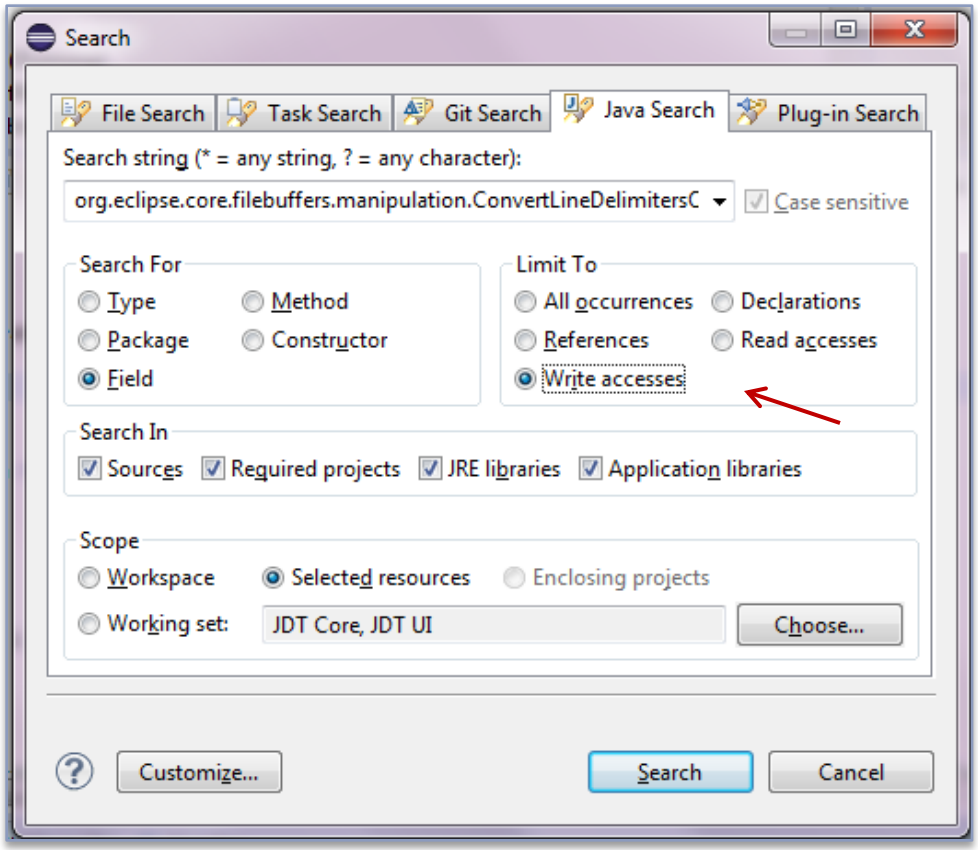
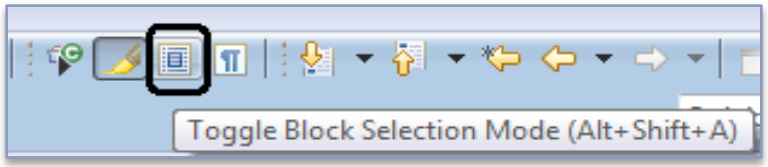


Block Selection

- To edit large number of almost identical lines.

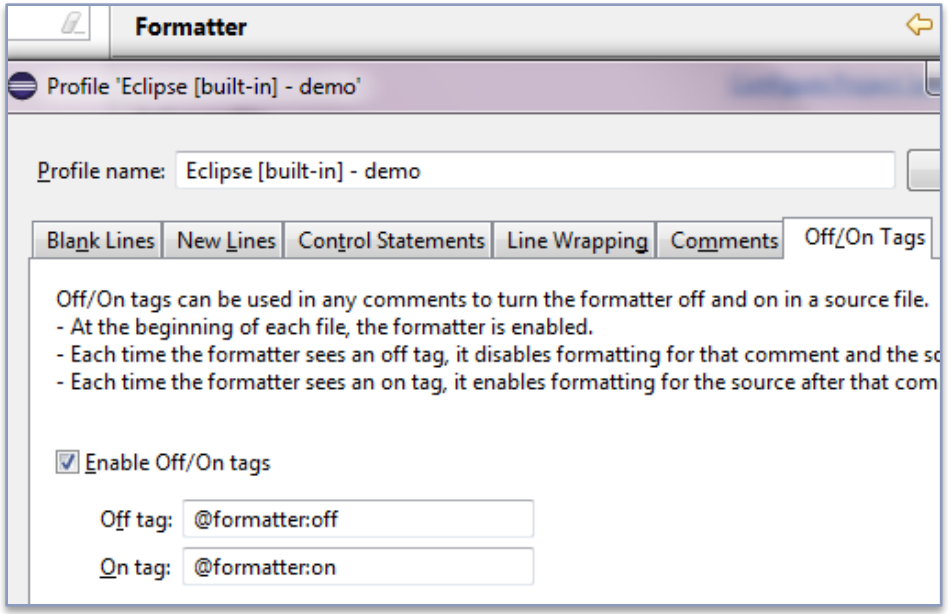



```
final class FileBuffersMessages extends NLS {

    private static final String BUNDLE_NAME= FileBuffersMessages.class.getName();

    private FileBuffersMessages() {
        // Do not instantiate
    }

    static String ConvertLineDelimitersOperation_name;
    static String ConvertLineDelimitersOperation_task_generatingChanges;
    static String ConvertLineDelimitersOperation_task_applyingChanges;
    static String RemoveTrailingWhitespaceOperation_name;
    static String RemoveTrailingWhitespaceOperation_task_generatingChanges;
    static String RemoveTrailingWhitespaceOperation_task_applyingChanges;
    static String FileBufferOperationRunner_task_connecting;
    static String FileBufferOperationRunner_task_disconnecting;
    static String FileBufferOperationRunner_task_committing;
    static String ContainerCreator_task_creatingContainer;
    static String ContainerCreator_destinationMustBeAContainer;

    static {
        NLS.initializeMessages(BUNDLE_NAME, FileBuffersMessages.class);
    }
}
```

```
final class FileBuffersMessages extends NLS {

    private static final String BUNDLE_NAME= F

    private FileBuffersMessages() {
        // Do not instantiate
    }

    public static String ConvertLineDelimiters
    public static String ConvertLineDelimiters
    public static String ConvertLineDelimiters
    public static String RemoveTrailingWhitesp
    public static String RemoveTrailingWhitesp
    public static String RemoveTrailingWhitesp
    public static String FileBufferOperationRu
    public static String FileBufferOperationRu
    public static String FileBufferOperationRu
    public static String ContainerCreator_task
    public static String ContainerCreator_dest

    static {
        NLS.initializeMessages(BUNDLE_NAME, Fi
    }
}
```

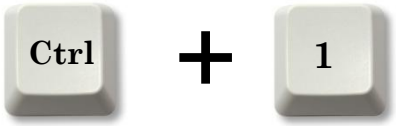
Formatter Off/On Tags

- Formatter Off/On tags can be used in any comment to turn the formatter off and on.
- Example: To prevent formatting of SQL queries.



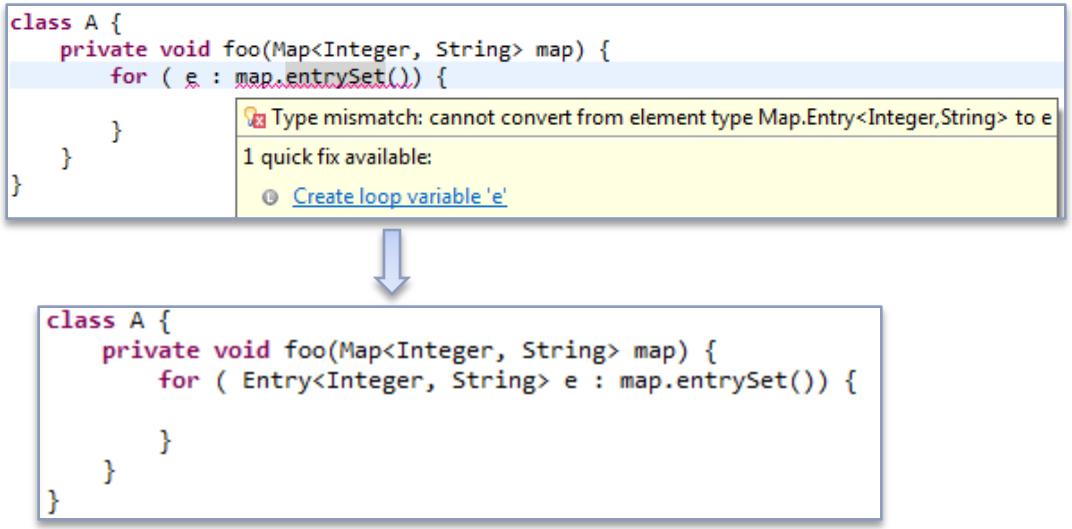

```
//@formatter:off
private static final String QUERY =
"SELECT t.* " +
  "FROM table t " +
 "WHERE t.age > 18";
//@formatter:on
```

Quick Fixes and Quick Assists

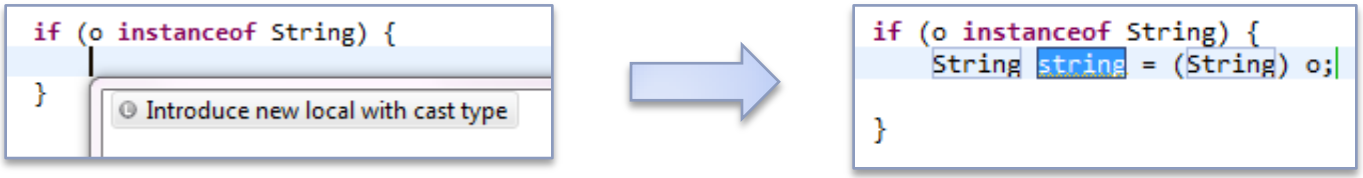


- Examples:

Quick Fix:



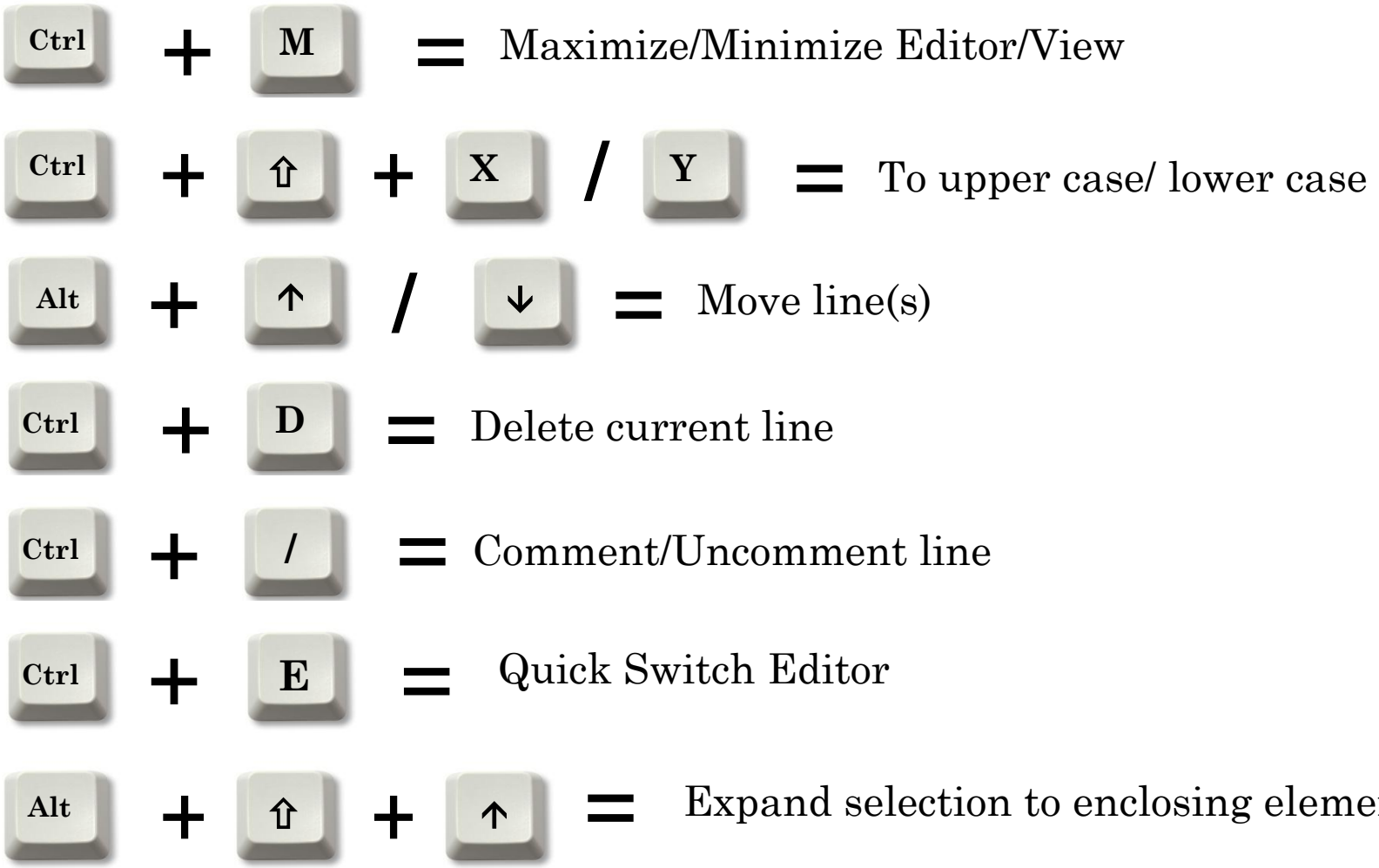
Quick Assist:



- Don't type too much yourself – Let Eclipse help you with quick fixes, quick assists, refactorings, content assist and more.

Keyboard Shortcuts

- Examples:



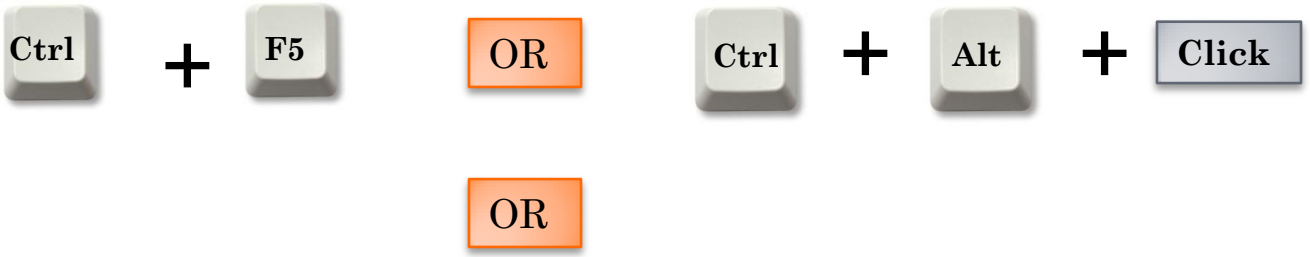
Debugging

- Smart Step Into Selection
- Types of Breakpoints
- Step Filters
- Scrapbook Page

Smart Step Into Selection

- To step into a single method within a series of chained or nested method calls.
- Example:

```
977         MethodDeclaration result= createNewMethodDeclaration();
978         result.setBody(createMethodBody(selectedNodes, substitute, result.getModifiers()));
```

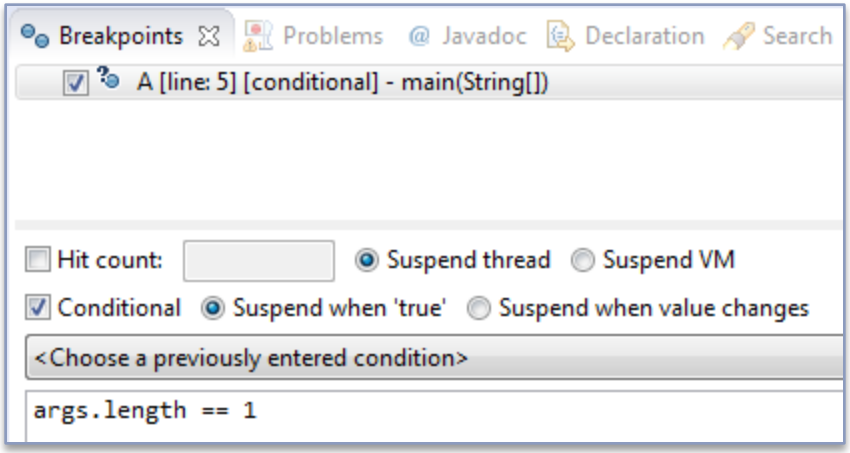


Types of Breakpoints

- Line Breakpoint

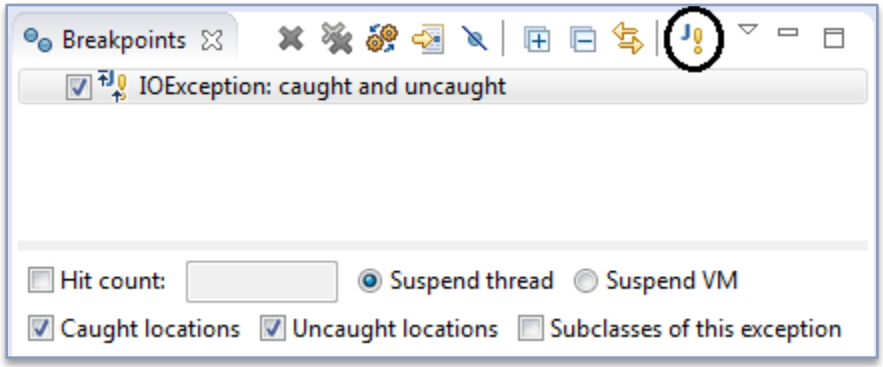
```
3  class A {
4      public static void main(String[] args) {
5          System.out.println("Hello");
6      }
7  }
```

- Conditional Breakpoint



- Exception Breakpoint:

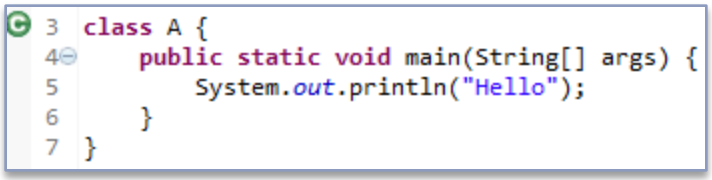
  When exceptions are passed over several layers, they are often wrapped or discarded in another exception. To find the origins of an exception, use Exception breakpoint. The execution will suspend whenever the exception is thrown or caught.



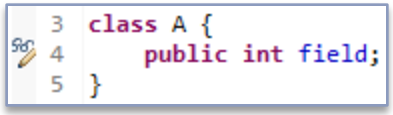
Types of Breakpoints

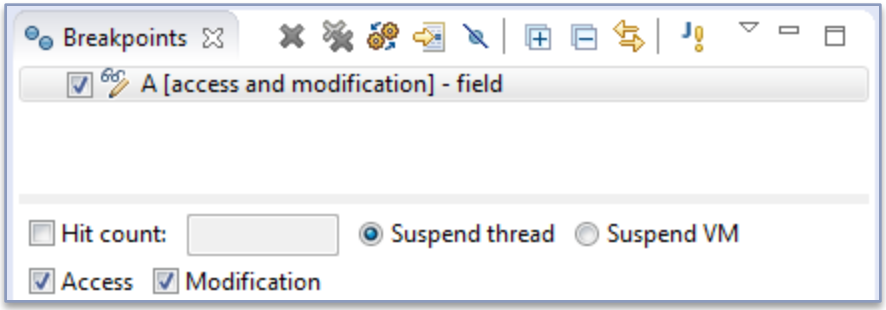
- Classload Breakpoint:

  To inspect who is trying to load the class or where is it used for the first time.



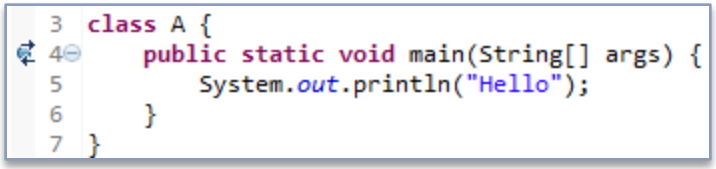
- Watchpoint:

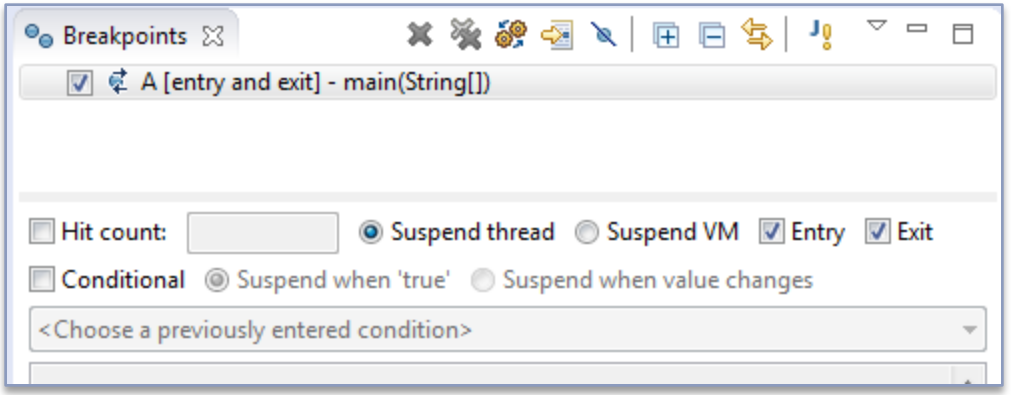




To suspend the execution where a field is accessed or modified.

- Method Breakpoint:



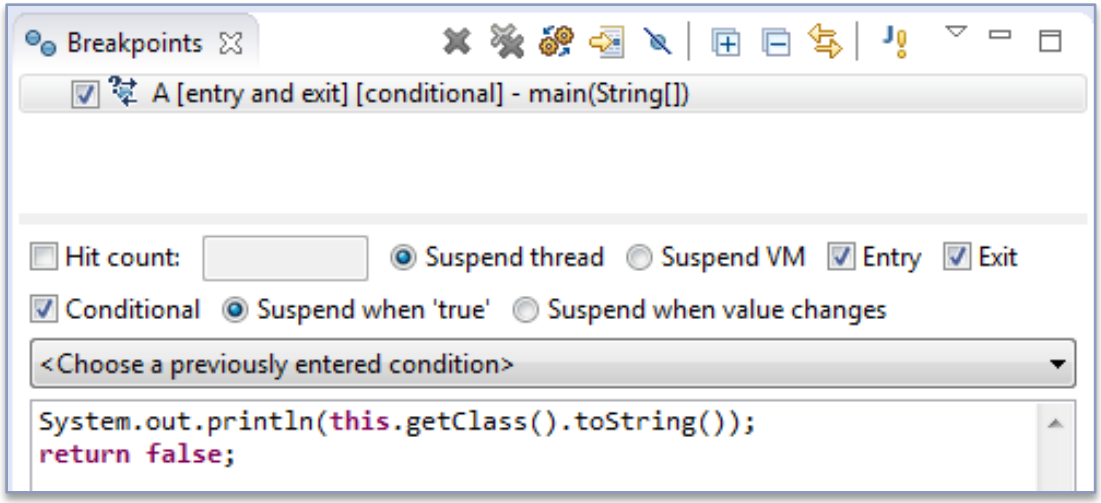


To suspend the execution when the method is entered or exited.

Printpoint: A *point* in code where the debugger does not *break* the execution but only *prints* to console.

- To debug race conditions or to see the order of threads execution.
- To prevent the addition of print statements in the code while debugging.

Set a conditional breakpoint with ***Suspend when 'true'*** option and a condition which is always false (eg: ***return false;***) as the last statement.



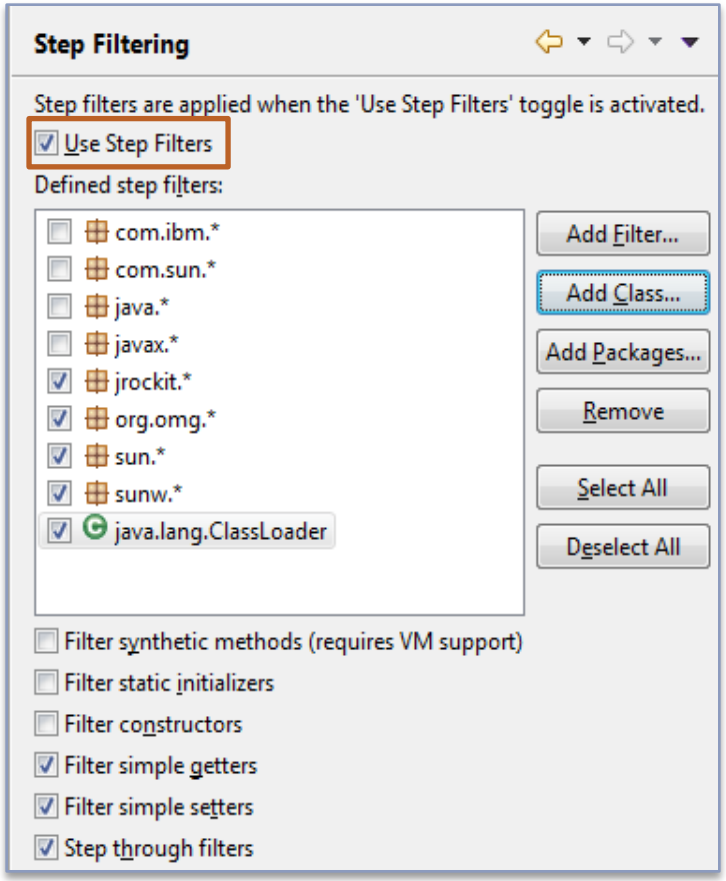
Step Filters

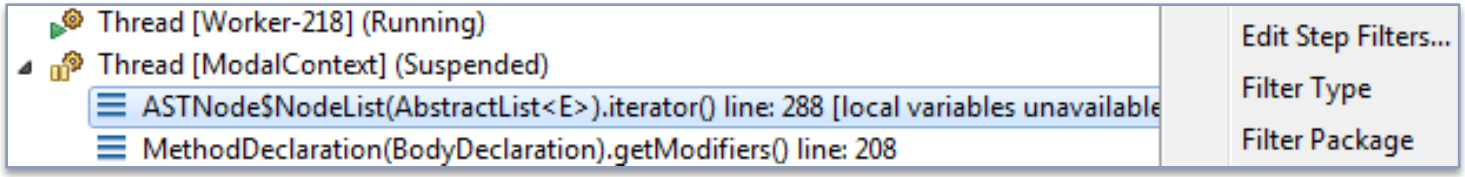
- To filter out specified classes and packages while steping into code during debugging.

Window > Preferences > Java > Debug > Step Filtering

OR

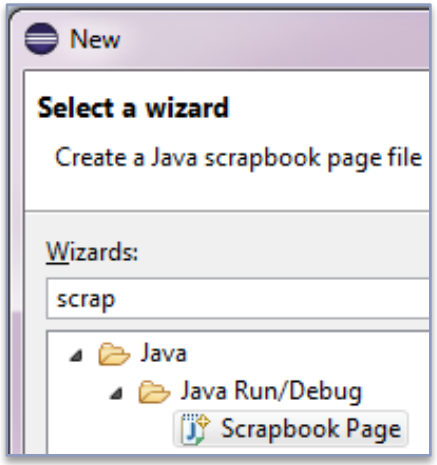
In the Debug view, the selected stack frame's package or declaring type can be quickly added to the list of filters by selecting ***Filter Type*** or ***Filter Package*** from the stack frame's context menu.

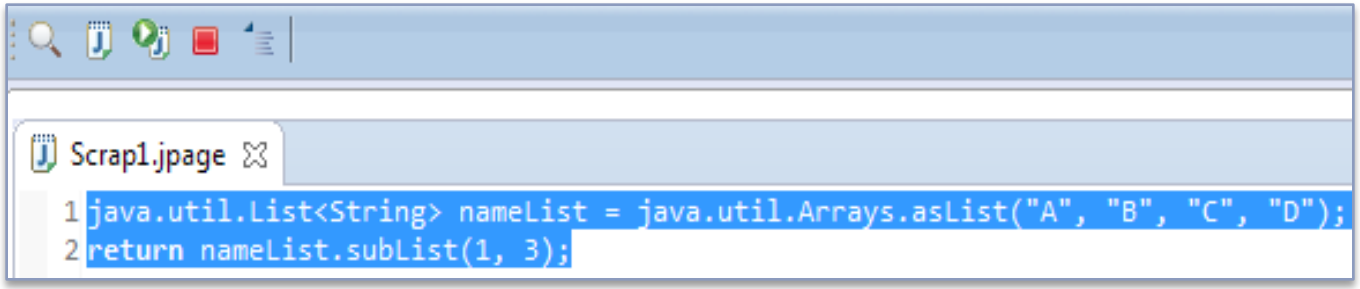




Scrapbook Page: A container for random snippets of code that can be executed any time without a context.

- To experiment with an API or test a piece of code (algorithm/method).
- No need to create a new project / class / main method / run the application to test.





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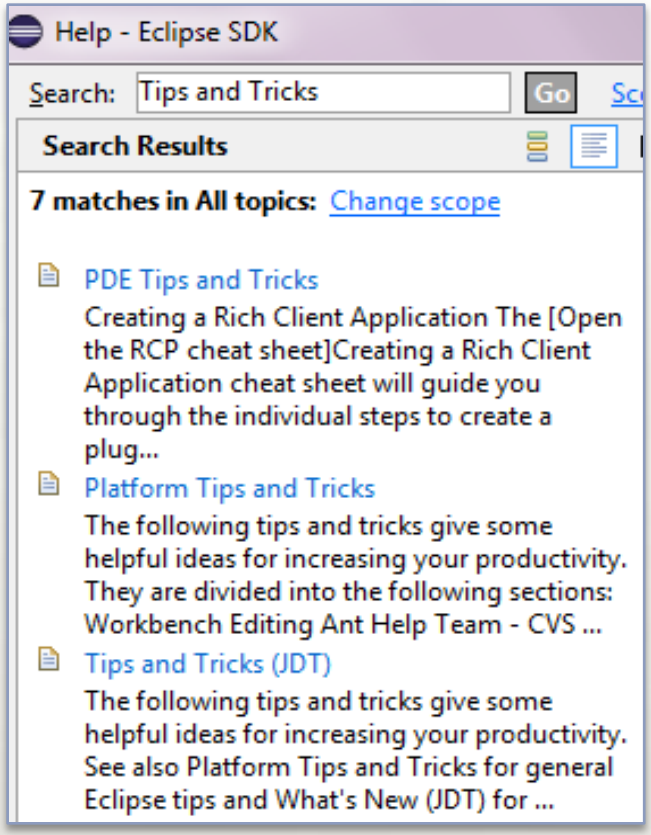

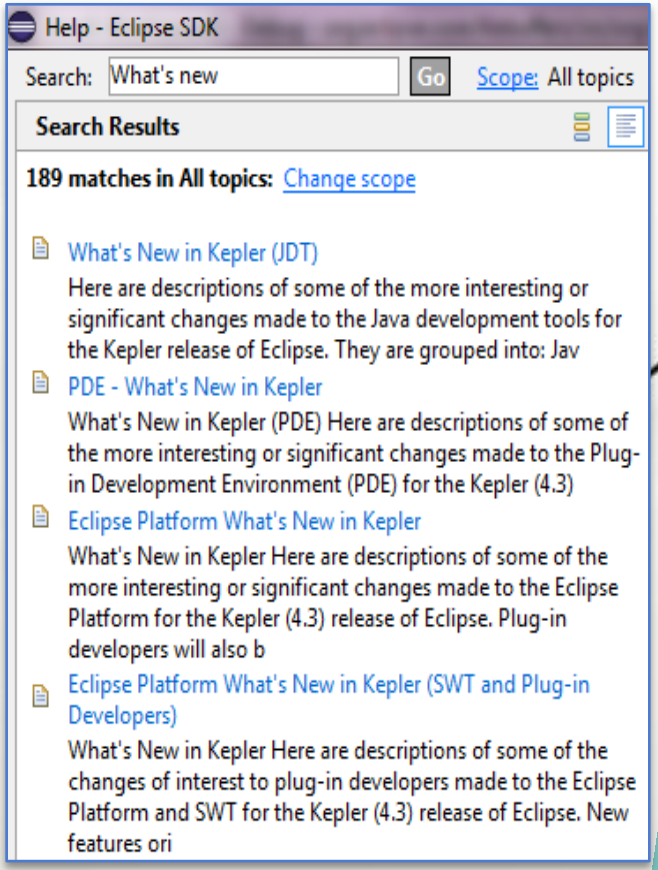


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