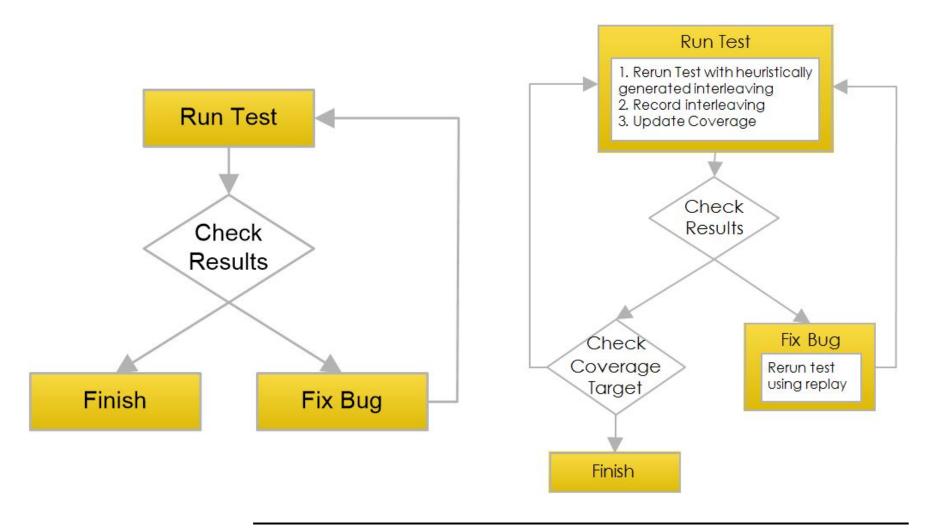
SyncTest

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Motivation

- Unit testing is a common practice for testing computer programs
 - The most common tool for unit testing Java code is JUnit, which runs a set of tests in a random or specified order
- For multithreaded code, there are several tools for finding concurrency related bugs
 - SyncDebugger: automatically debugs multithreaded code by cutting the target area in half each iteration
 - Eclipticon: an Eclipse plugin designed to help optimize concurrent software by creating thread delays
 - ConTest: developed by IBM, it forces race conditions and deadlocks to occur by altering the execution order of threads.
- Both are great, but they aren't designed to work together

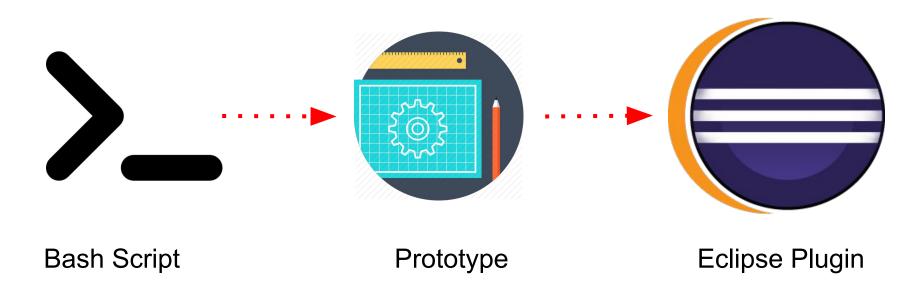
Traditional Testing vs. IBM ContTest



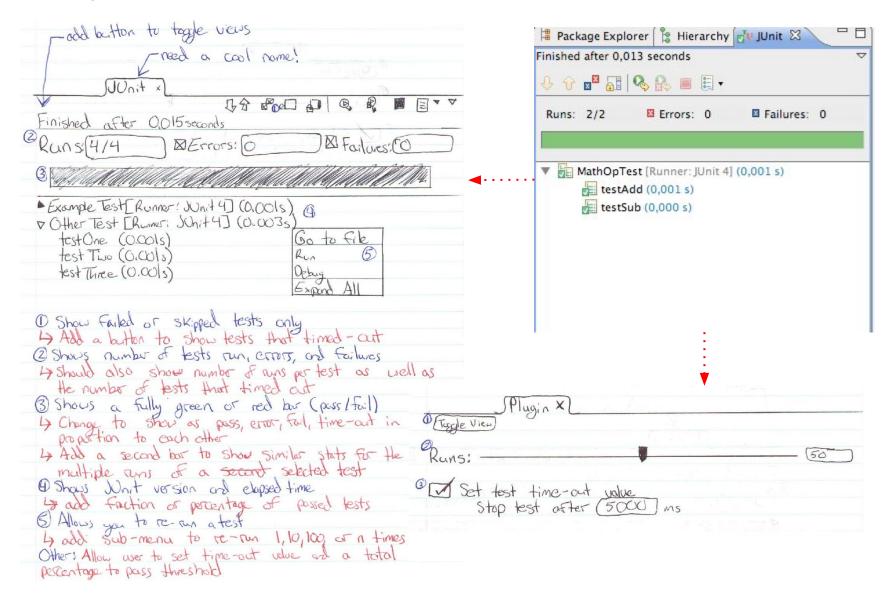
Proposal - SyncTest

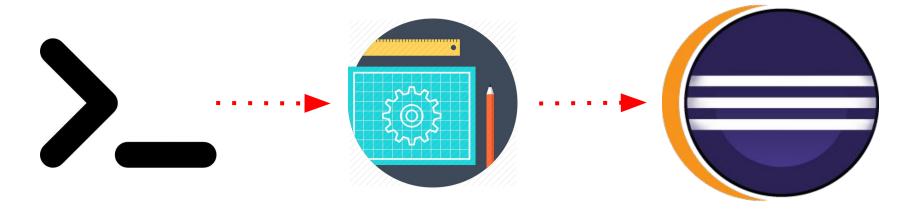
- An Eclipse plugin for unit testing multithreaded code
- The plugin should be able to:
 - Run tests in repetition
 - Track test passes, failures, errors, and deadlocks
 - Check for deadlocked threads and kill them
 - Visually represent results
- To instrument code, we can use SyncDebugger





Early Sketches

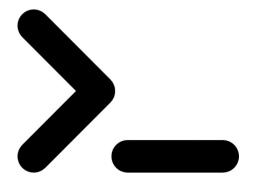




Bash Script

Bash Script

- Started out as a script to run a JUnit test in repetition
- Now it does much more:
 - Takes paths to directories and run count as inputs
 - Runs all tests the specified amount of times
 - Uses a second script to find and kill deadlocks
 - Saves all output from tests
 - A separate Java class parses the output and prints results
- For testing purposes, instrumentation was done separately through SyncDebugger



Case Study: Bank Account System

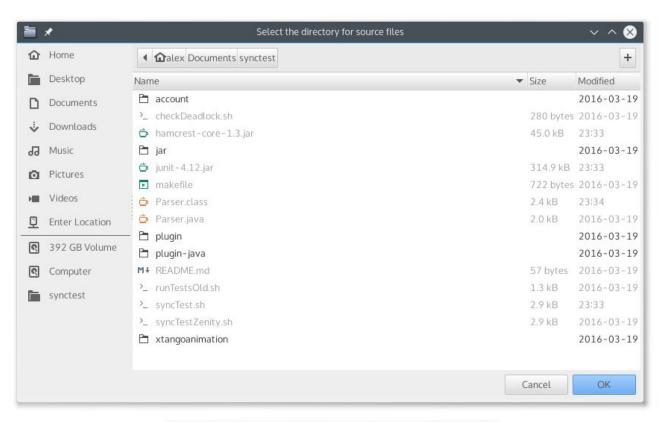
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Tests Run: 3

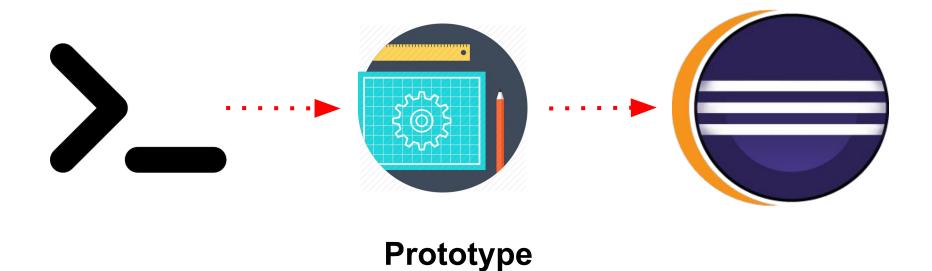
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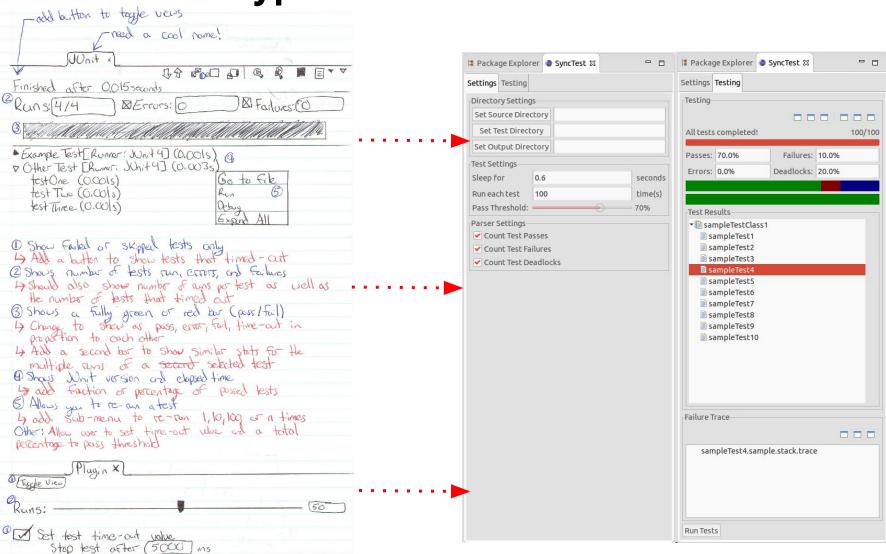


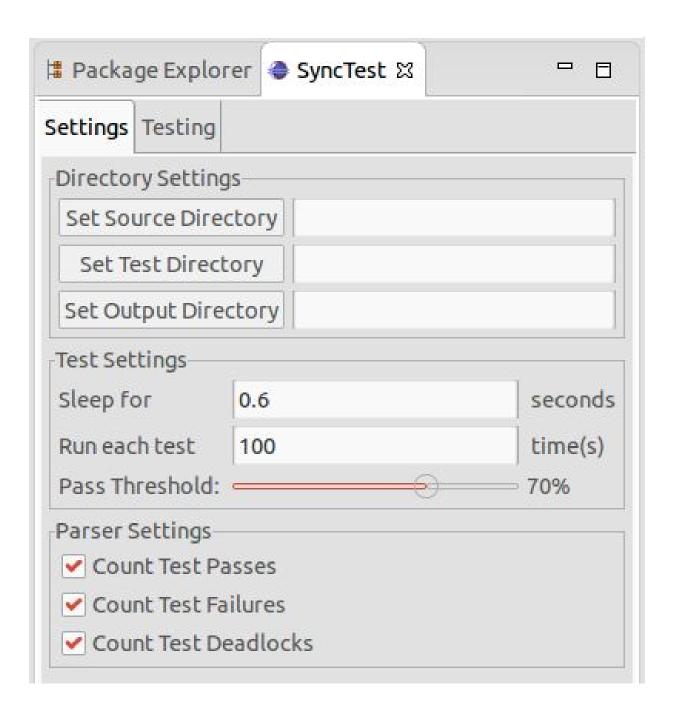
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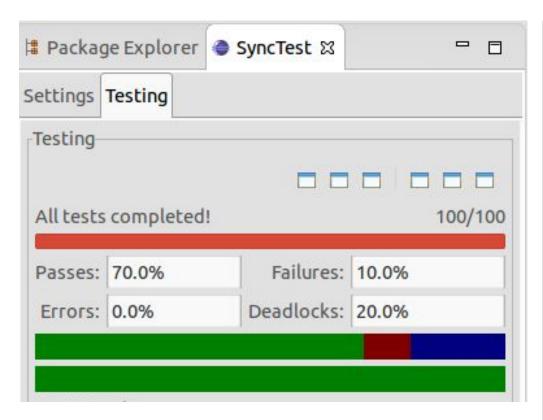
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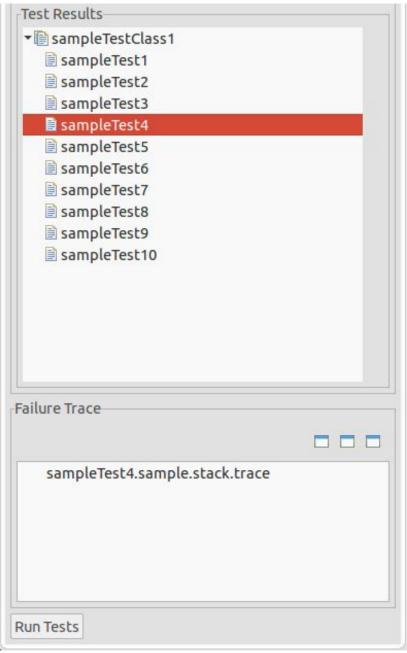


Visual Prototype



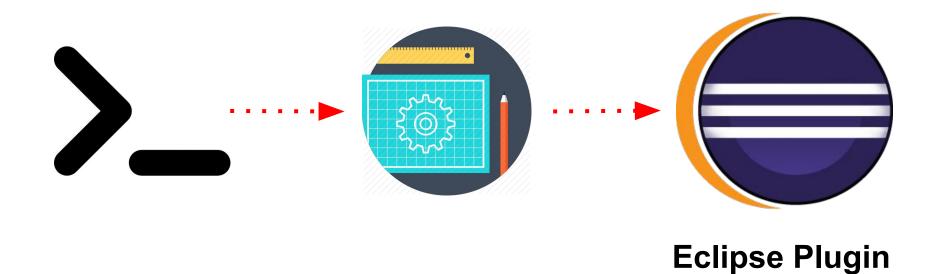




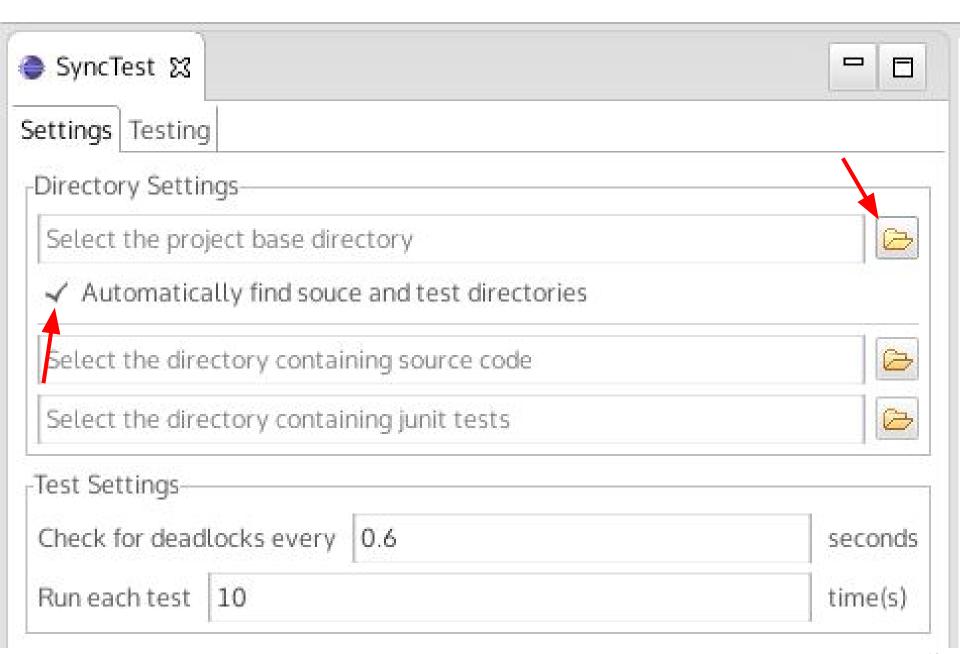


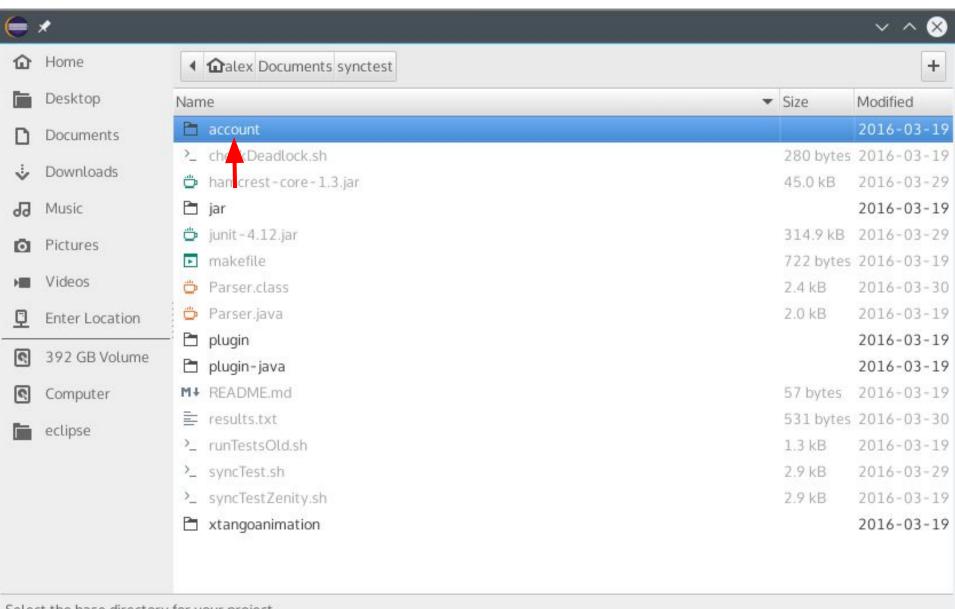
Functional Prototype

- Runs a modified version of the bash script
- Eclipse plugin provides inputs
- Outputs are used to update plugin UI
- Bash script limits OS



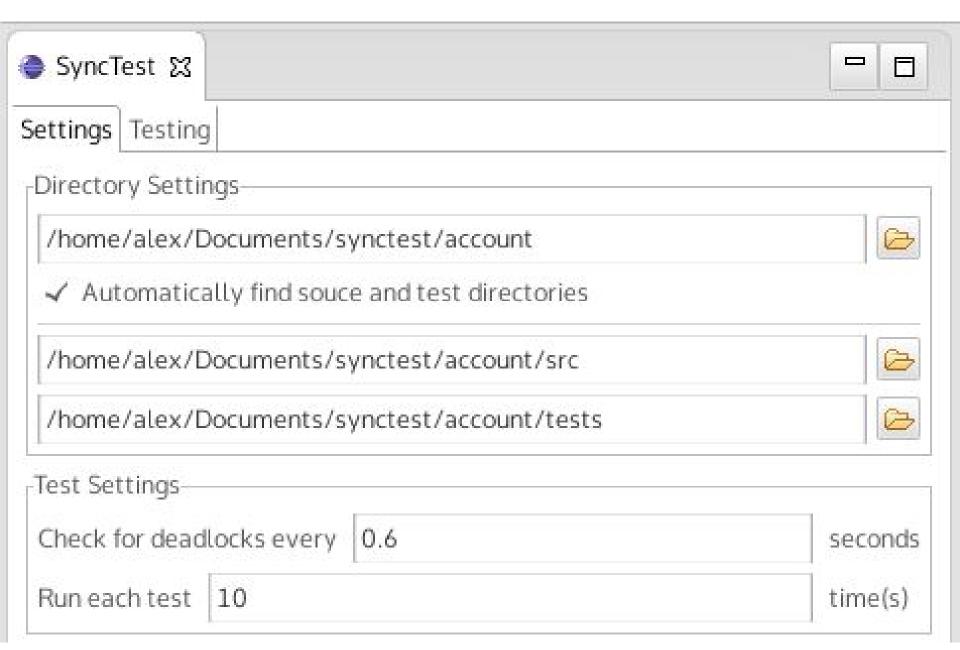
Case Study: Bank Account System Redux



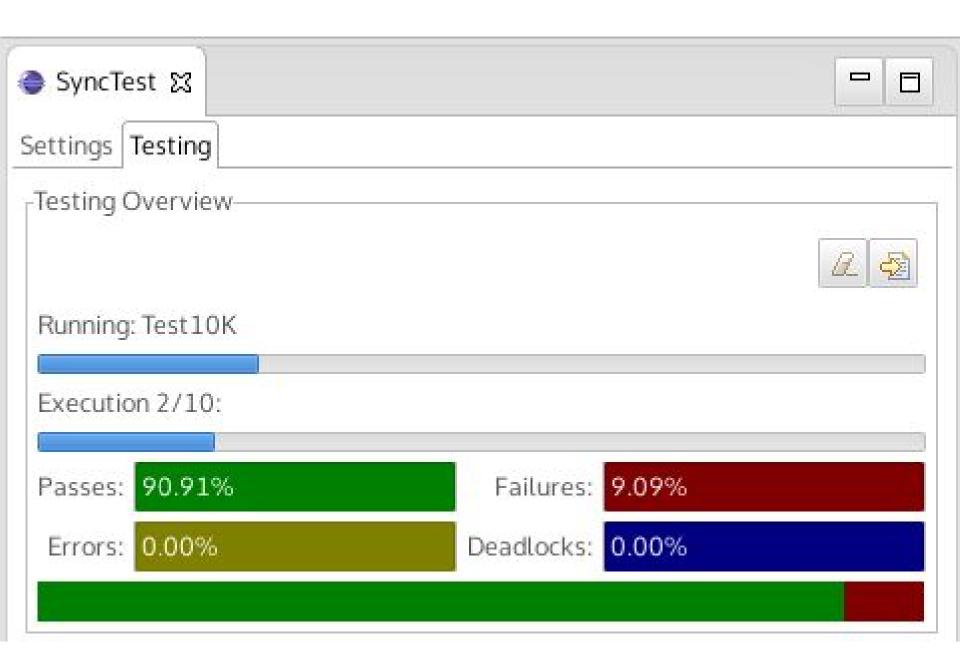


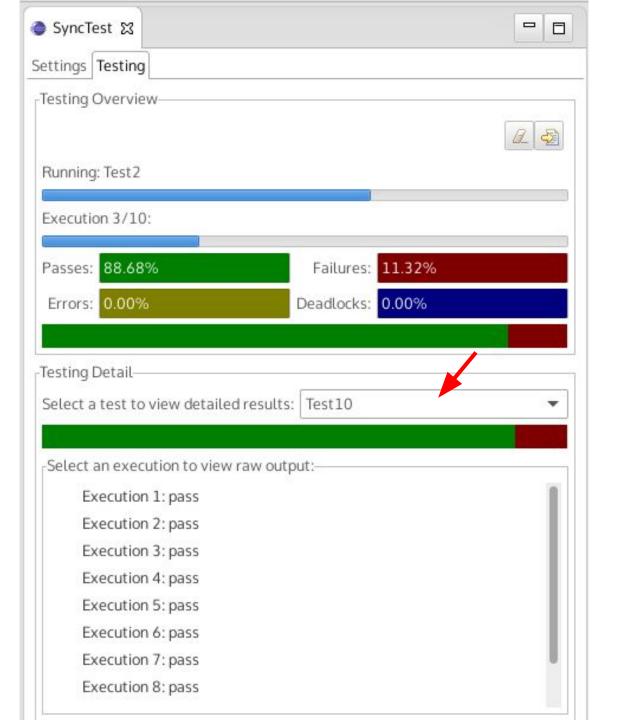
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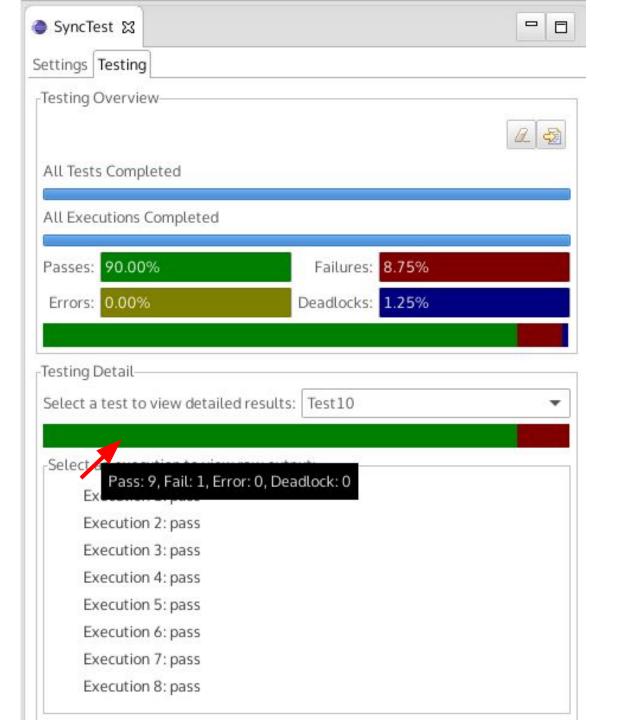


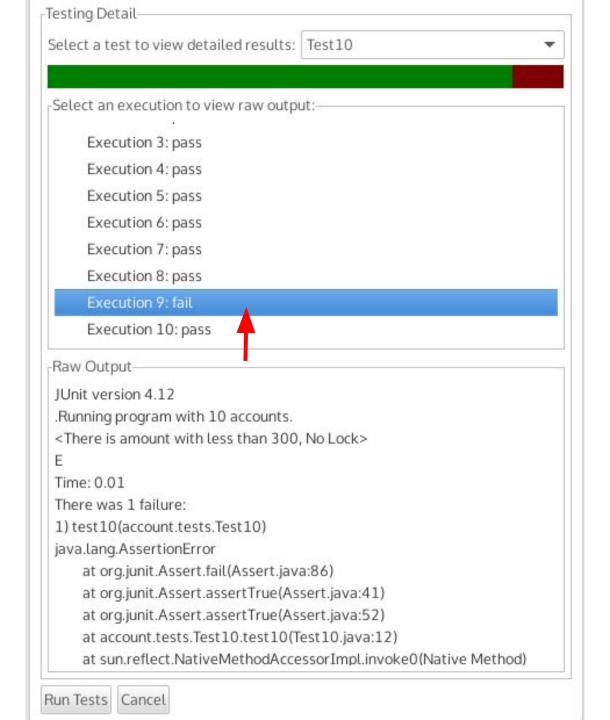


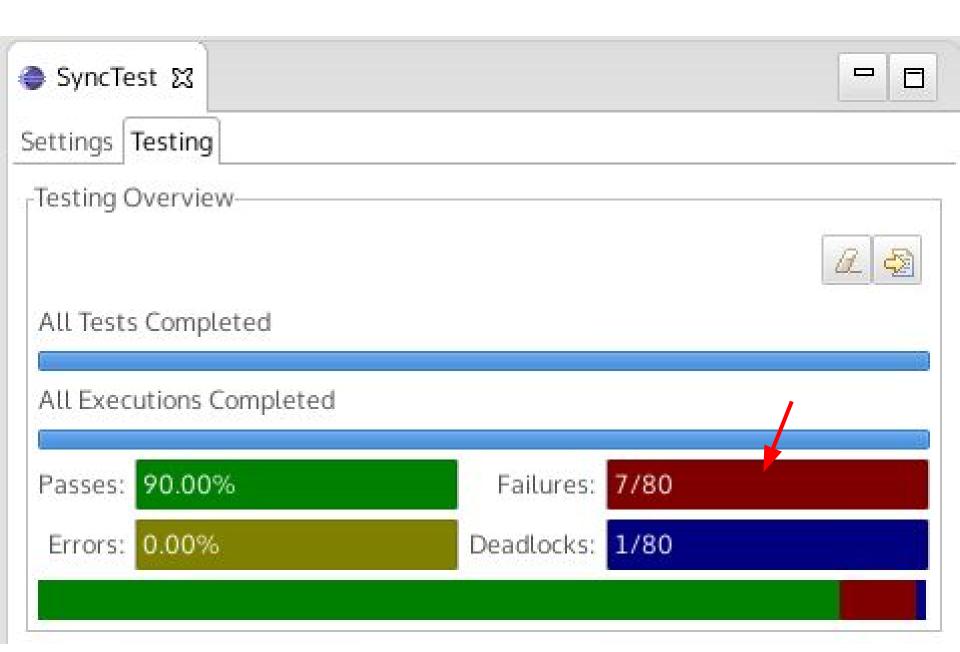


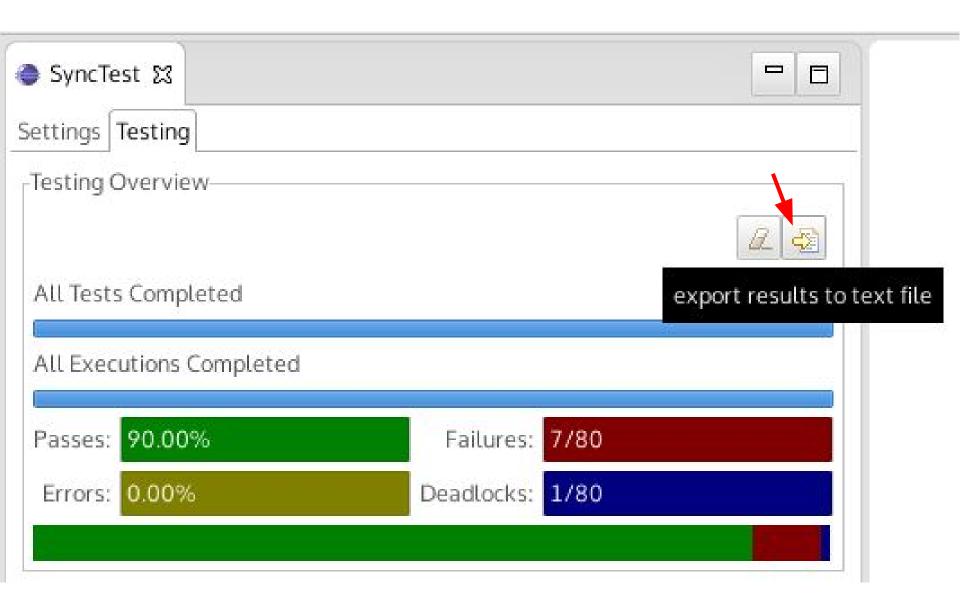


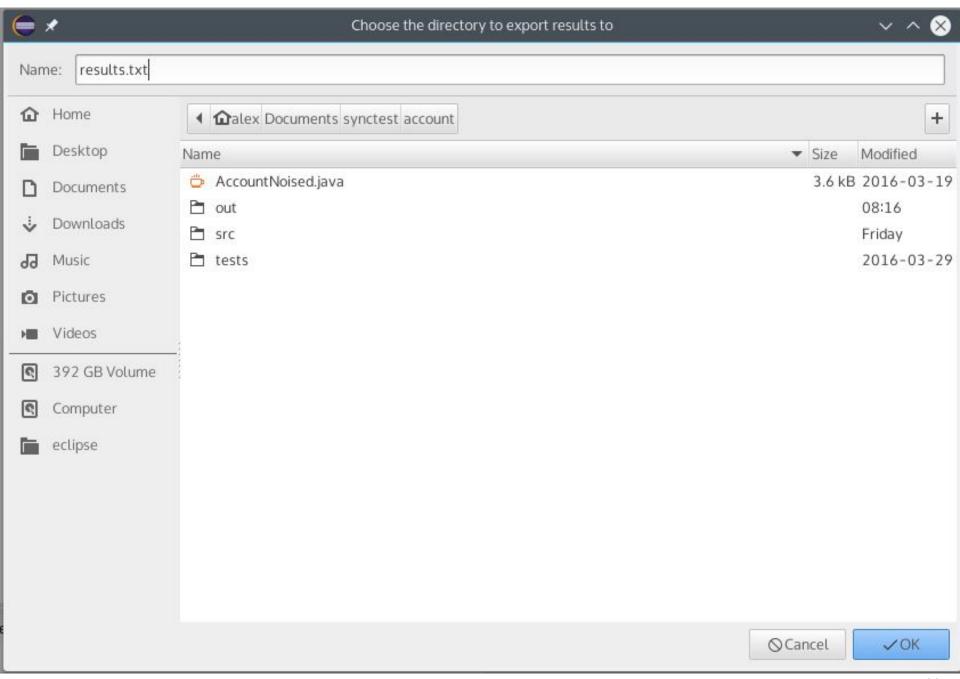


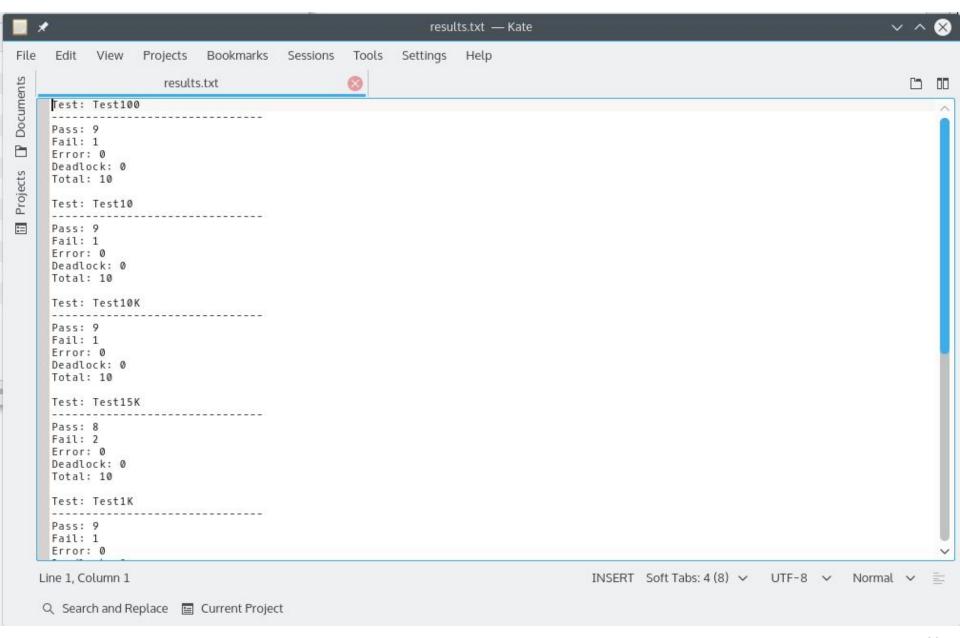


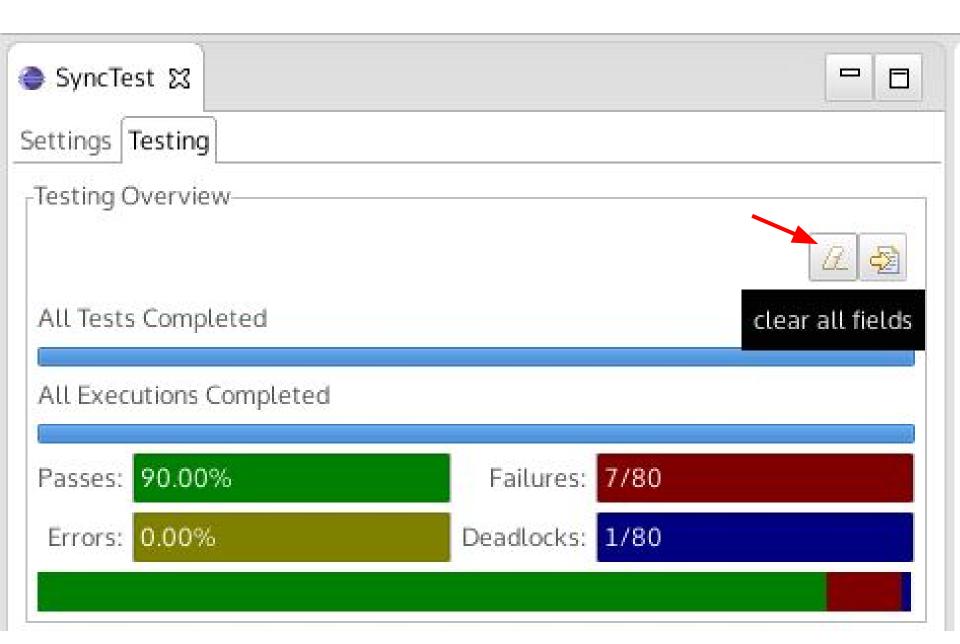


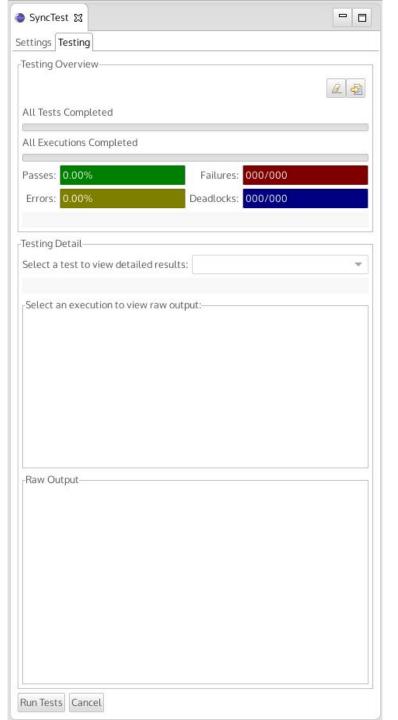












Limitations

- Bash script: Linux and Mac OS
- Project structure
- Scalability

Future Work

- SyncDebugger Integration
- Import functionality from JUnit
 - Re-run tests
 - Sorting options
 - Test history
- Testing