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# Model-based testing under uncertainty

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L2: Hands-on session

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# Outline

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- How do I get setup?
  - By using Gradle from command line
  - By using your IDE of choice
- Icebreaker exercise
  - Try out pre-defined examples
- Advanced exercise
  - The adaptive testing strategy
  - Hints

# How do I get setup?

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- Requirements
- Using Gradle from command line
- Using your IDE of choice

# Requirements

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- **MBT-module requirements**

- JDK 1.8 — <https://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/jdk8-downloads-2133151.html>
  - Set the JVM 1.8 as default one
- R environment — <https://www.r-project.org/>
  - R packages
    - MCMCpack — <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/MCMCpack/index.html>
    - HDInterval — <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/HDInterval/index.html>

- **MBT-module**

- Open source Git repository — <https://github.com/SELab-unimi/mbt-module>
- Clone the repository
- Execute `cd` into the repo folder (mbt-module)
- Execute `git checkout no-rjava`

# Command line — build + execution

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- From the repo folder (mbt-module)

- # bash

```
> ./gradlew clean build
```

```
...
```

```
BUILD SUCCESSFUL in ...s
```

```
> ./gradlew run -PappArgs="[ '-i', 'src/main/resources/roboticarm.jmdp' ]"
```

```
Value Iter. Solver (Avg)
```

```
... states found.
```

```
***** Best Policy *****
```

```
...
```

```
Log trace
```

```
...
```

```
#test limit reached.
```

```
***** Monitor report *****
```

```
...
```

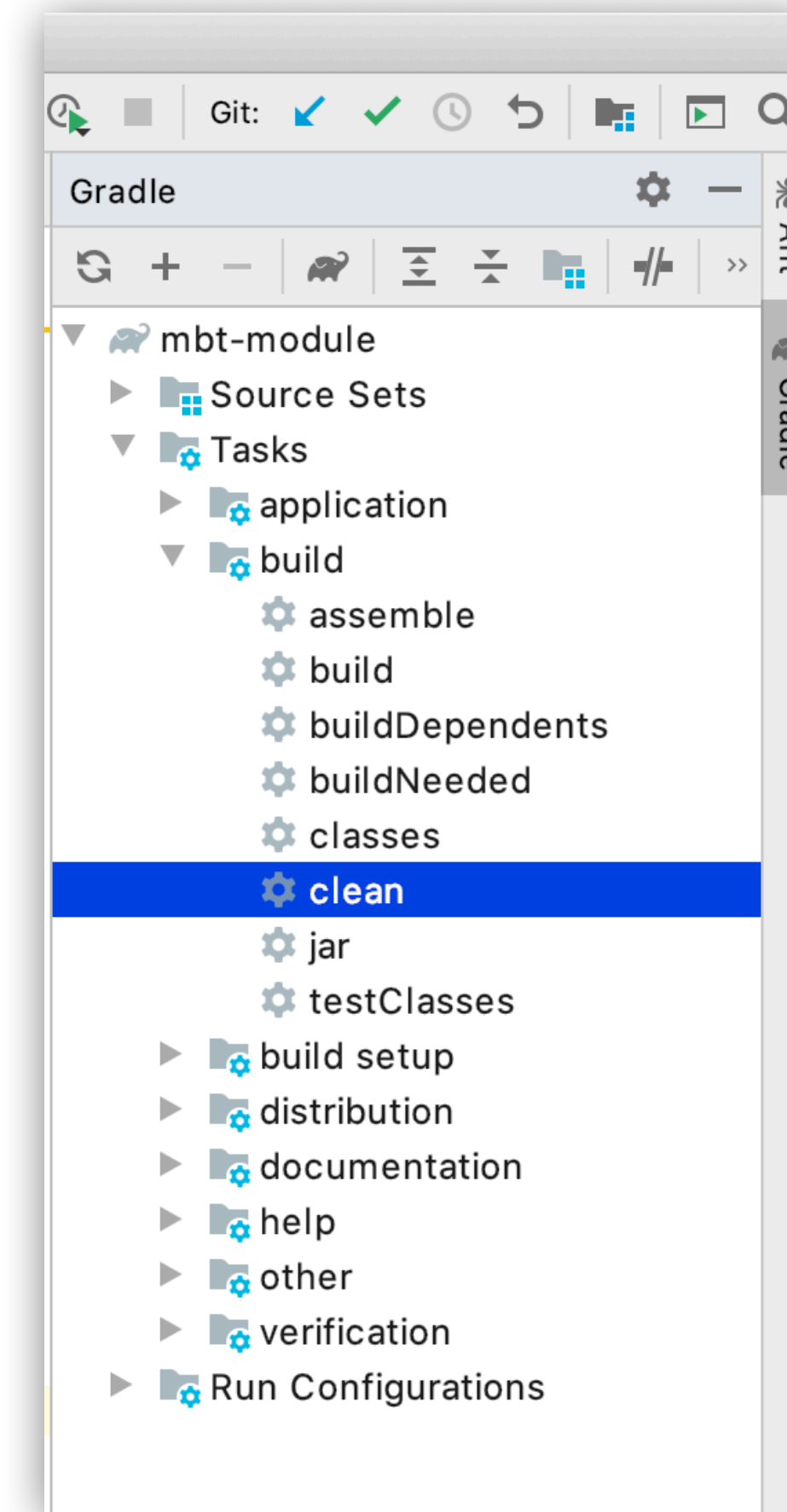
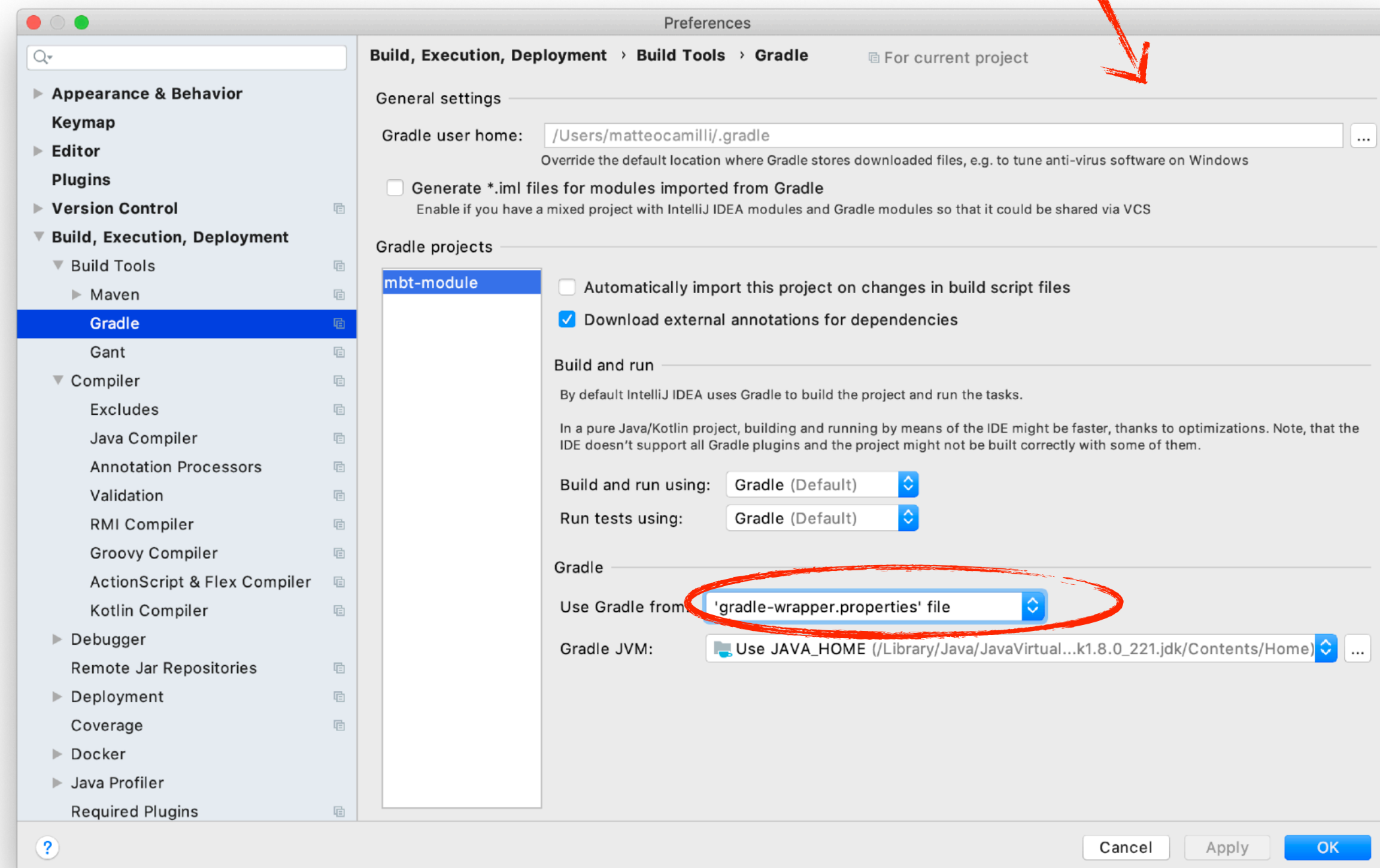
# Import into the IDE

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- IntelliJ Idea IDE
  - <https://www.jetbrains.com/idea/>
  - Ultimate edition needed (it includes the aspectJ plugin)
- Eclipse IDE
  - <https://www.eclipse.org/downloads/>
  - AspectJ Development Tools (AJDT) plugin (<https://marketplace.eclipse.org/content/aspectj-development-tools>)
- Once you have the IDE (with the aspectJ plugin)
  - Open/import an existing gradle project
  - Select the mbt-module directory

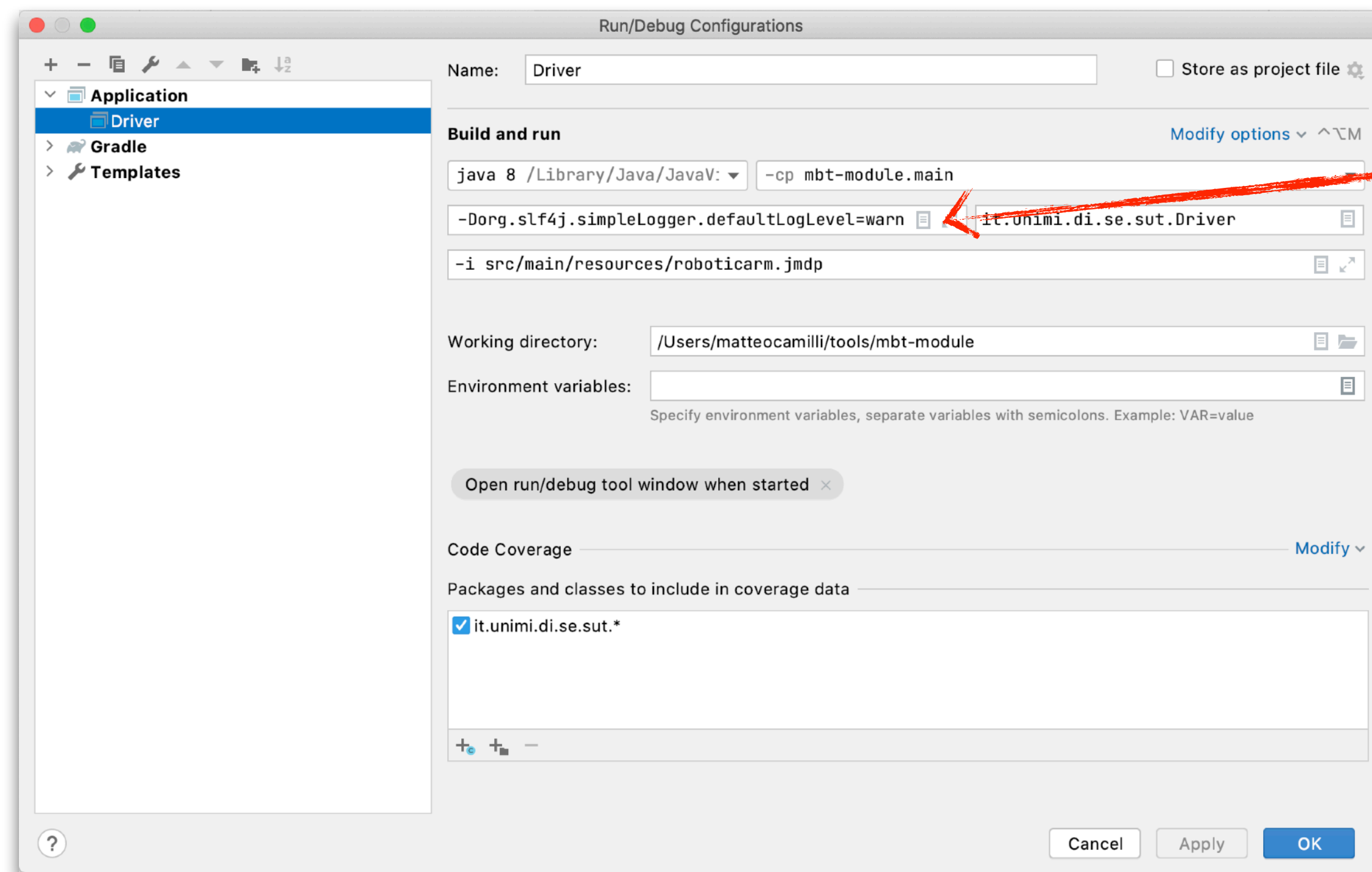
# Build from the IDE

- Clean + build
  - Use the IDE to run gradle commands: clean and then build
  - Be sure that gradle-wrapper option is selected



# Run from the IDE

- Run configuration
  - Execute the Driver class with the following configuration



*VM options (taken from build.gradle)*

`-Dorg.slf4j.simpleLogger.defaultLogLevel=warn`



# Exercises

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- Inspect and then run
- Try out different strategies
- Advanced: design/implement a new testing strategy

# (1) Run the robotic-arm example

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- **Robotic-arm example**

- All the necessary files are already available in `src/main/resources/`
  - **[SUT]** simulated system — `src/main/resources/roboticarm.jmdp`
  - **[MDP]** model of the system — `src/main/resources/roboticarm.mdp`
  - **[test harness]** `src/main/java/.../monitor/EventHandler.aj`

- **Inspect the [MDP]**

- What are the uncertain regions defined in this file? What are the concentration parameters used to define the Dirichlet priors?

- **Inspect the [test harness]**

- What strategy is used to initialize the Monitor object? What is the termination condition?

- **Run the testing process**

- Run the testing process by using Gradle either from the command line or from the IDE
- What is the outcome you get for each uncertain region?
- Compute the HDR of each posterior by running the given command in a R terminal (MCMCpack + HDInterval libs needed)

## (2) Try out different testing strategies

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- **Context**

- Suppose we have a safety requirement R1 that sets the following constraint for the “demo” state (S10)
- R1: The “direct guiding” action shall lead to a “force limit violation” with probability less than or equal to 0.01

- **Compare the cost-effectiveness of the flat strategy vs the totally random one**

- Execute the random strategy (`POLICY.RANDOM`) 10 times and for each run:
  - Compute the HDR of (S10, e1)
  - Count how many times the computed bounds do not meet R1
- Repeat this experiment with the uncertainty flat strategy (`POLICY.UNCERTAINTY_FLAT`)
- Which strategy is likely to be superior to detect violations?

## (3) Implement an adaptive strategy

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- **Problem**

- All the testing strategies considered up to this point are built considering a **pre-computed** and **fixed** set of best policies maximizing the probability of reaching each region (in isolation)
- However, the best policies are computed based on the prior knowledge and this might lead to suboptimal exploration in case the initial assumptions are wrong

- **Idea** — implement an adaptive strategy by following this guideline

- Periodically (e.g., every “sample size” tests) update an “adaptive” reward structure that assigns rewards proportional to the HDR magnitude
- The reward associated to arcs of each uncertain region should be directly proportional to the HDR magnitude of that region (i.e., the larger the region, the higher the reward)
- Compute the best policy given the “adaptive” reward structure
- Select the actions by following the new best policy
- Repeat until termination

- **Technical details**

- To implement and run this strategy you need to have the full framework available in the *\*master\** branch of the repository
- Checkout the *\*master\** and follow the instructions in the README to setup your environment

## (3) Implement an adaptive strategy — hints

- Hints
  - The testing strategies follow the strategy design pattern and extend the DecisionMaker class
  - The DecisionMaker receives information on the HDR magnitude of regions by means of the callback updateDistance invoked by the Monitor (see the DistanceDecisionMaker)

```

50      @Override
51      public void updateDistance(int stateIndex, double distance) {
52          hpdDistance.put(new IntegerState(stateIndex), distance);
53      }

```

DistanceDecisionMaker.java

- The DecisionMaker interface should be extended with a new method updatePolicy called by the Monitor every sample-size observations

```

326      if(tests % EventHandler.SAMPLE_SIZE >= EventHandler.SAMPLE_SIZE-1) {
327          //log.info(coverageInfo.toString());
328          if(EventHandler.TERMINATION_CONDITION == Termination.COVERAGE && coverageInfo.getCo
329              log.info("[Monitor] convergence reached.");
330              addEvent(Event.stopEvent());
331      }

```

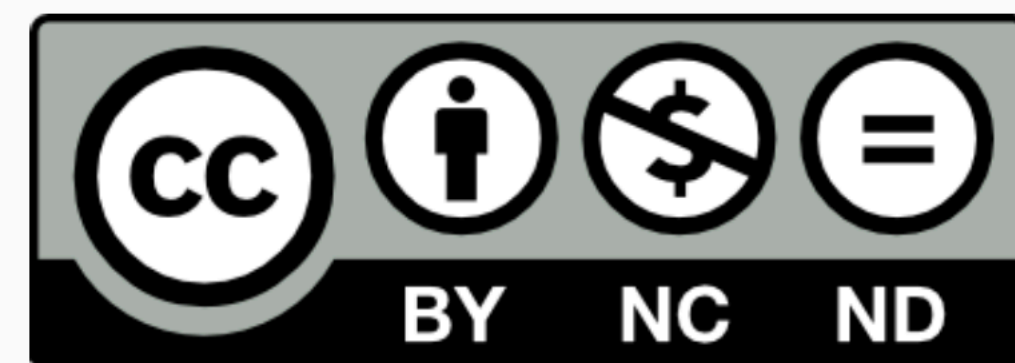
Monitor.java

← else updatePolicy call

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