



tutorial

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Installation

- Grab a USB Key
- Install Eclipse
- Save the Zip Files to Your Disk
 - host_workspace.zip
 - runtime_workspace.zip

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Eclipse Community Survey 2013

Eclipse Community Survey 2013 Evaluate

What is the *primary* computer language you typically use to develop software?

- C/C++
- C
- Lua
- Groovy
- Java
- Java Script

Ruby

- Ruby
- Scala
- Visual Basic/Visual Basic .Net
- None - I don't use a computer language for software development
- Don't know

Other (please specify)

Demo

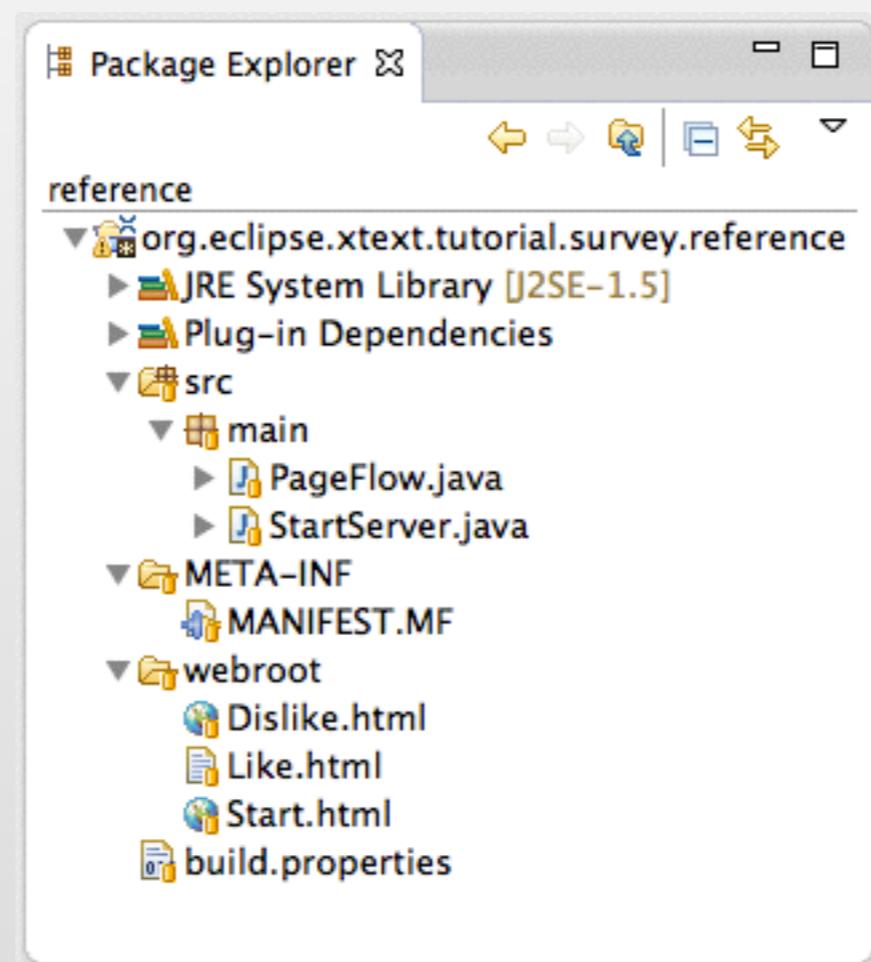
Example: Surveys

- ◉ A Web-Based App for Surveys
- ◉ Online Answering
- ◉ Multiple Pages
- ◉ Different Types of Questions
- ◉ Online Evaluation

Architecture

- HTML Forms
- Twitter Bootstrap CSS / JavaScript
- Jetty Server
- Simple Page-Flow Engine
- In-Memory Persistence

API View



Challenges

- A Heterogeneous Platform
 - Java, HTML, Database ...
- Difficult to Extend
 - More Questions, Other Surveys
 - Other Front-Ends (iOS, Android, PDF, ...)
- Hard to Maintain

The Domain

- The application is about **Surveys**.
- A **Survey** consists of **Pages**.
- A **Page** holds **Questions**.
- **Questions** are answered with **FreeText** or predefined **Choices**.
 - Some **Choices** are **exclusive**.
- A **Page** defines its **FollowUp** pages
 - **FollowUps** may depend on given answers.

DSL Approach

- Create a Domain-Specific Language
 - Describe the Data Formally
 - Generate Code from DSL Files

Survey

Page

TextQuestion

ChoiceQuestion (single)

Choice

Choice

FollowUp

FollowUp

Page

ChoiceQuestion

Choice

Choice

Choice

Page

ChoiceQuestion

Choice

Choice

Choice

```
survey tutorial "EclipseCon 2013 Tutorial Survey"

page Start (
    text name 'Your name'
    single choice like "Do you like the tutorial?" (
        yes "Yes"
        no "No"
        wat "Which tutorial? I'm waiting for the bus!"
    )
    if like=yes -> Like
    if like=no -> Dislike
)

page Like (
    choice particular "What do you like in particular?" (
        xtext 'Xtext is awesome'
        excercises 'The funny exercises'
        tutors 'The handsome tutors'
    )
)

page Dislike (
    choice particular "What do you hate in particular?" (
        xtext 'Xtext sucks'
        excercises 'The boring exercises'
        tutors 'The tutors stink'
    )
)
```

Advantages

- Addresses Heterogeneity
- Easy Design of Surveys
- Easy to Add New Front-Ends
- Separation of Roles During Development
- Speed-up for Development
- Improved Maintainability

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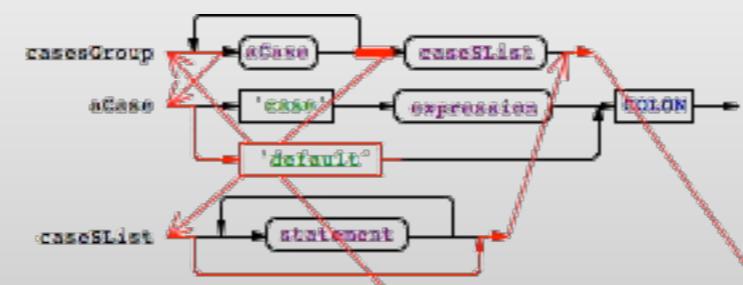
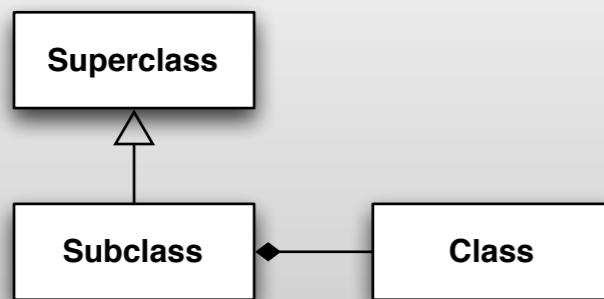
Reference Model



Grammar



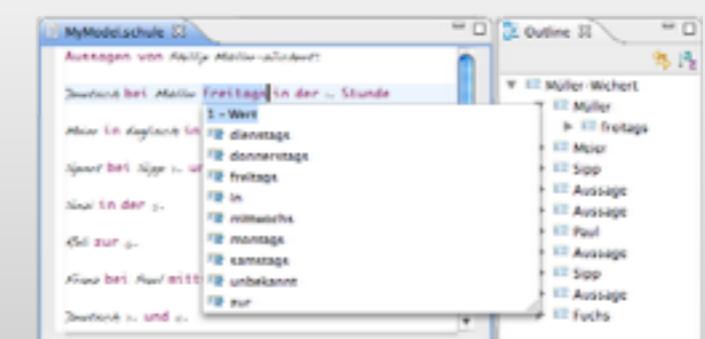
Xtext Runtime



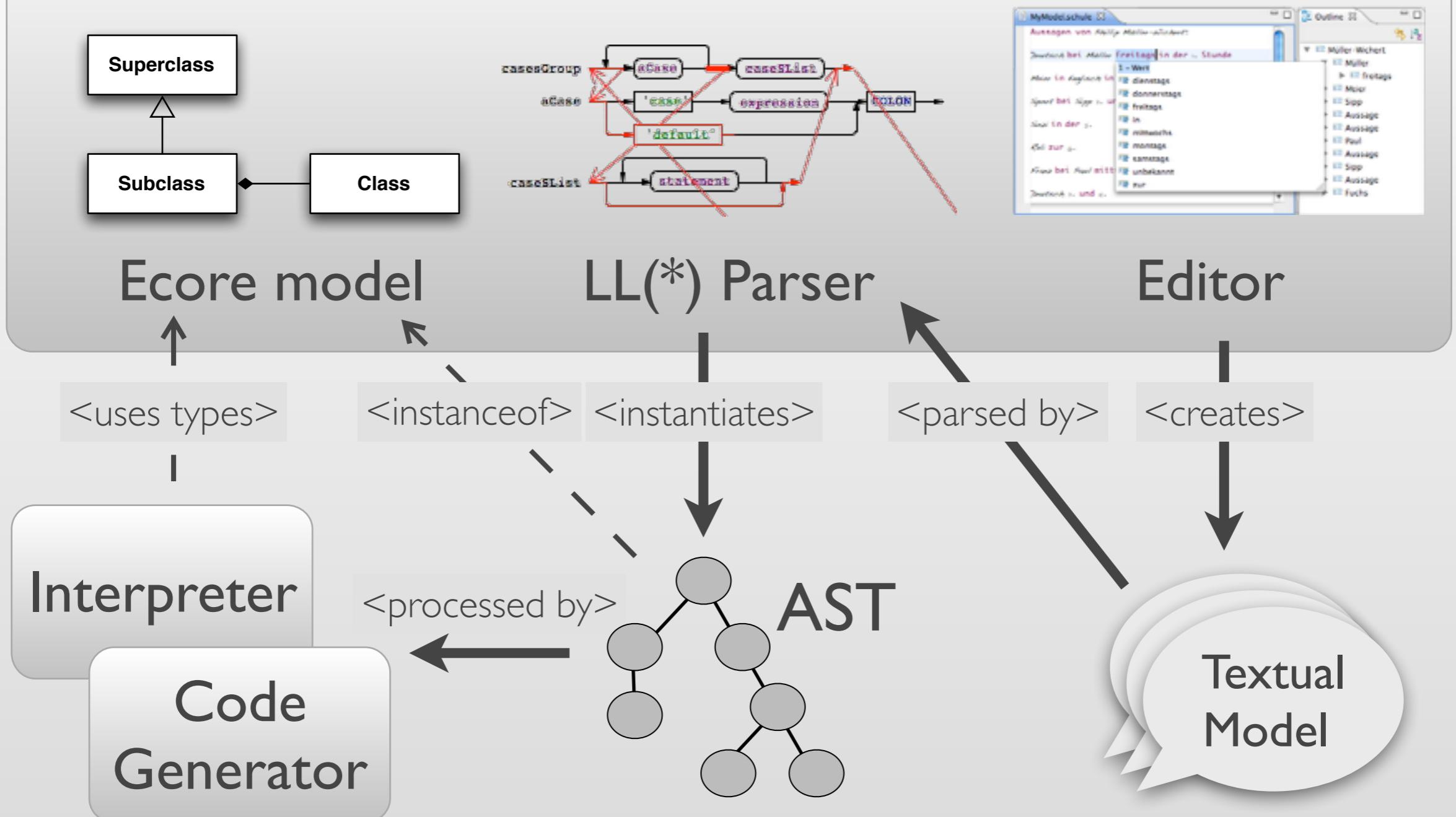
Ecore Package

Parser

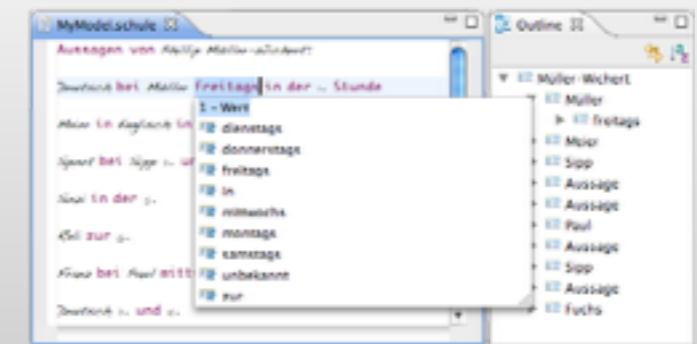
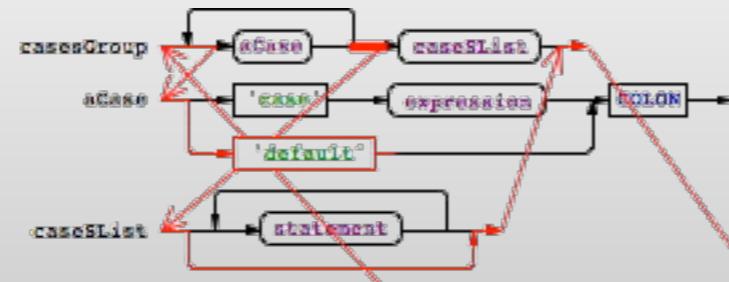
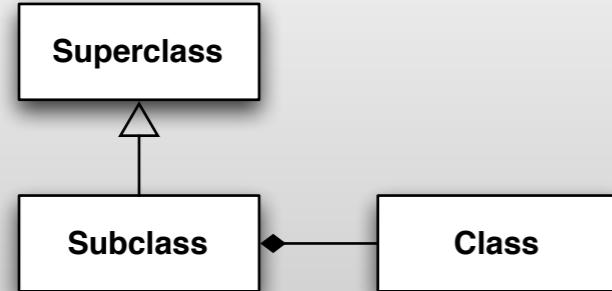
Editor



Xtext Runtime



Xtext Runtime



Ecore model

Serializer

Editor

<uses types>

<instanceof>

<input for>

<creates/updates>

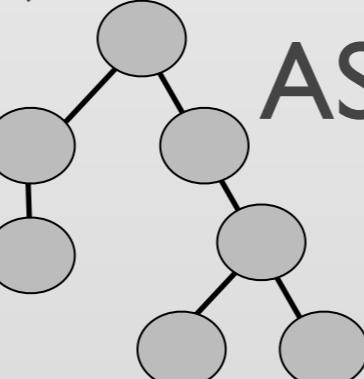
<populates>

Quickfix

Refactoring

Graphical
Editor

<processes>



AST

Textual
Model

EXERCISE: NEW PROJECT

Grammar Definition

```
grammar org.xtext.workshop.DomainModel  
with org.eclipse.xtext.common.Terminals
```

Grammar Reuse

Derived Metamodel

```
generate companyModel "http://www.xtext.org/workshop/CompanyModel"
```

Parser Rules

```
Company: (assets+=Asset)+;
```

Multivalue Assignment

Implicit return type **Company**

Cardinality (one or more)

```
Asset: Employee | Project;
```

Implicit Alternative Asset

Keywords

```
Employee:
```

Simple Assignment

```
'employee' name=ID;
```

Attribute

```
Project:
```

Boolean Assignment

```
(inhouse?='inhouse')? 'project' name=ID '{'  
(tasks+=Task)*';'
```

Optional (zero or one)

Cardinality (zero or more)

Containment Reference

```
Task returns WorkItem:  
'task' name=ID 'assigned' 'to'  
assignee=[Employee];
```

Explicit return type

Cross Reference

```
employee Peter  
inhouse project Survey {  
    task kick_off assigned to Peter  
}
```

```
grammar org.xtext.workshop.DomainModel  
with org.eclipse.xtext.common.Terminals
```

```
generate companyModel  
"http://www.xtext.org/workshop/CompanyModel"
```

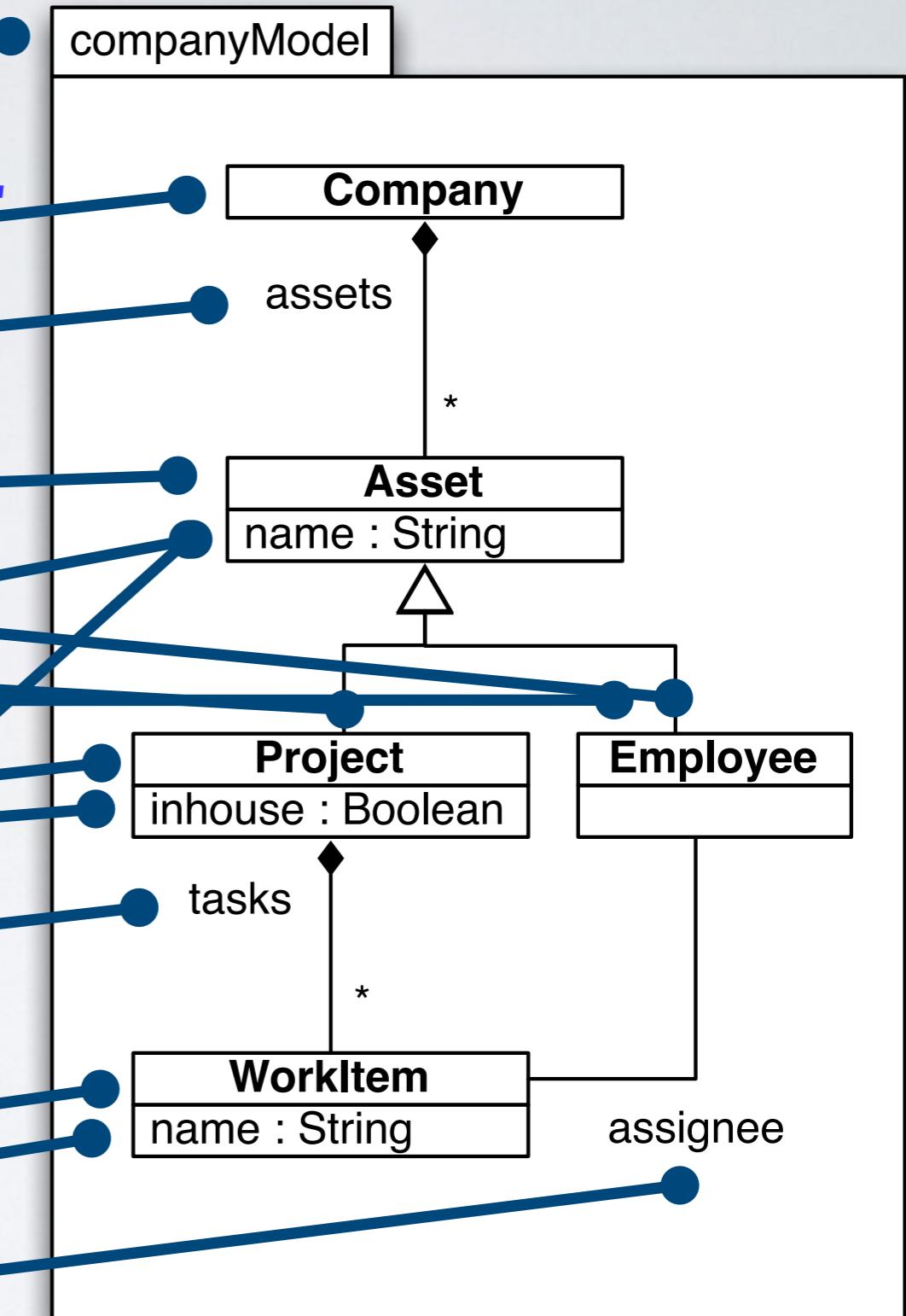
```
Company:  
(assets+=Asset)+;
```

```
Asset:  
Project | Employee;
```

```
Employee:  
'employee' name=ID;
```

```
Project:  
(inhouse?='inhouse')? 'project' name=ID '{'  
(tasks+=Task)*  
'}';
```

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Hello Xtend

```
class Greeter {  
    def static void main(String... args) {  
        println('Hello EclipseCon')  
    }  
}
```

Templates

```
def example(List<String> elements) """
    Usually a template consists mainly of text spanning
    multiple lines.

    If you want to evaluate an expression you have to write it
    in french quotes «7*3*2». Code assist inserts a pair of
    these.

    You can also iterate a collection with FOR
        «FOR element: elements»
            Found another element: «element»
        «ENDFOR»

    For decisions there is the IF statement
        «IF elements.empty»
            no elements.

        «ENDIF»

    ...
    """
```

Dispatch Methods

```
// Xtend code
def dispatch area(Circle c) {
    c.radius * c.radius * Math.PI
}
def dispatch area(Rectangle r) {
    r.width * r.height
}

def someCalculation(Object o) {
    area(o) // polymorphic call
}
```

```
// generated Java code (dispatcher)
public double area(final Object c) {
    if (c instanceof Circle) {
        return _area((Circle)c);
    } else if (c instanceof Rectangle) {
        return _area((Rectangle)c);
    } else {
        throw new IllegalArgumentException();
    }
}
```

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Validator

```
class SurveyValidator extends AbstractSurveyValidator {  
    @Check  
    def textMustNotBeEmpty(Question question) {  
        if(question.getText().isEmpty()) {  
            error("Empty question is illegal",  
                  question,  
                  SurveyPackage.Literals.QUESTION__TEXT)  
        }  
    }  
}
```

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```
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        excercises 'The funny exercises'
        tutors 'The handsome tutors'
    )
)
```

Grammar

Page:

```
'page' name=ID '('  
// questions  
'->' next=[Page|ID]  
)';
```

WHAT'S A SCOPE?

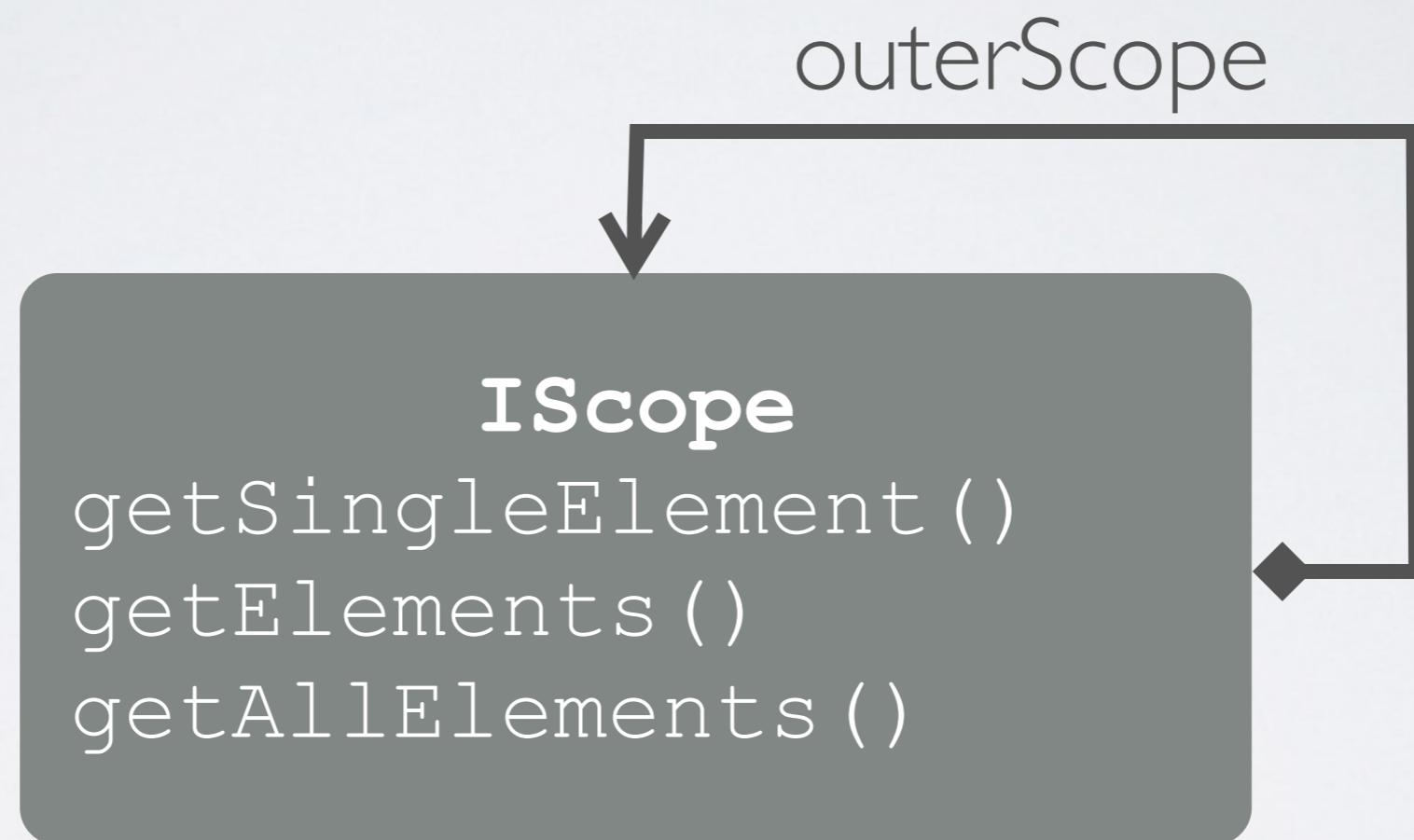
Describes the
visible Elements

Depends on
the context

Mapping:
Name to EObject

Chain of
Responsibility

WHAT'S A SCOPE?



CROSS REFERENCES

```
...  
<children xsi:type="application:PerspectiveStack"  
xmi:id="_NGiG4DGjEd-zge_czUaGVQ"  
id="_NGiG4DGjEd-zge_czUaGVQ"  
selectedElement="_NGjVADGjEd-zge_czUaGVQ">  
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id="_NGjVADGjEd-zge_czUaGVQ">  
...
```

UUIDs

Names

PerspectiveStack :myDslPerspectiveStack
selectedElement :myDslPerspective

Perspective :myDslPerspective

QUALIFIED NAMES

```
application contacts {  
    | command save "Save"  
    }  
}
```

qualifiedName(|)

Default
Qualified Name Provider

EAttribute „name“
EAttribute „name“

contacts.save

OBJECTS CAN HAVE
MULTIPLE DIFFERENT
NAMES DEPENDING ON
THE CONTEXT

SCOPES

```

application contacts {
    | 1
    2 command save "Save"
    2 command exit "Exit"
    bind "CTRL+S" to save
    bind "CTRL+X" to contacts.exit
}
  
```

Container's Scope

name	EObject
„contacts“ „save“ „exit“	1 2 3

outerScope →

File Scope

name	EObject
„contacts“ „contacts.save“ „contacts.exit“	1 2 3

GlobalScope

outerScope
...

name	EObject
FQNs	all visible elements

DefaultGlobalScopeProvider

- all in workspace
- backed by an Eclipse builder

ResourceSetGlobalScopeProvider

- all in ResourceSet

Scoping

```
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    single choice like '...' (
        yes 'Yes'
        no 'No'
    )
    if like=yes -> Like
)
```

```
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    choice particular '...' (
        xtext '...'
        excercises '...'
        tutors '...'
    )
    ...
)
```

Questions (Default Scoping)	
Global Name	Local Name
Start.name	name
Start.like	like
Like.particular	

Choices
Customized
yes
no

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GRAMMAR LANGUAGE - ADVANCED FEATURES

```
terminal ID      : '^'?('a'..'z'|'A'..'Z'|'_') ('a'..'z'|'A'..'Z'|'_'|'0'..'9')*;  
terminal INT returns ecore::EInt: ('0'..'9')+;
```

QualifiedName:

```
    ID ('.' ID)*;
```

Double returns ecore::EDouble:

```
    INT ('.' INT)?;
```

enum Visibility:

```
    public="public" | private="private" | protected="protected";
```

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```
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```

enum Visibility:

```
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private="private" | private="-" |  
protected="protected" | protected="#" ;
```

AST CONSTRUCTION

Class :

(abstract?='abstract')? 'class' name=ID ('extends' super=[Class])?;

Example 1:

abstract class A

First Feature assignment in rule

- Create new instance of type Class
- Assign it to "current Object"
- Assign value to feature of "current"

Subsequent assignment

- Assign value to feature of "current"

Example 2:

class B extends A

ACT CONSTRUCTION

```
Class CreateObject() {
    EObject current = null; // result
    if (token=='abstract') {
        if (current == null) current = new Class();
        current.setAbstract(true);
        advance();
    }
    advance('class');
    if (token == ID) {
        if (current == null) current = new Class();
        current.setName(tokenValue);
        advance();
    }
    ...
    return current;
}
```

First F
→Create
→Assi
→Assi

ass)?;

AST CONSTRUCTION II

Type :

(Class | DataType) 'is' visibility='public' | 'private');

DataType :

'datatype' name=ID;

Class :

'class' name=ID;

Example

datatype A is public



Rule “Type” steps into rule “DataType”

→ Nested rule creates, initializes and returns
DataType
→ Parser returns to rule “Type”
→ “Current object” of rule “Type” becomes
return value of called rule (DataType)

→ Subsequent assignments set
features of “current object”

- Rule “Type” returns either a Class or a DataType

- In this example only one instance has been created

ACT CONCRETE LEXICAL ANALYSIS

Type
CC
EOBJECT current = null; // result
Data
'd
if (token=='datatype') {
 current = parseDatatype();
} else { .. }
Class
'c
advance('is');
if (token == 'public' || token=='private') {
 if (current ==null) current = new Type();
 current.setVisibility(tokenValue);
 advance();
}
Example
...
return current;
• Rules
• Int

UNORDERED GROUPS

Employee:

```
'firstName' firstName=ID  
('age' age=INT)?  
'lastName' lastName=ID  
('yearOfBirth' yearOfBirth=INT)?  
;
```

UNORDERED GROUPS

Employee:

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'firstName' firstName=ID  
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;
```

firstName	Holger
lastName	Schil
yearOfBirth	

UNORDERED GROUPS

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```

;

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;
```

```
5 Employee:  
6   ('firstName' firstName=ID  
7   ('age' age=INT)?  
8   'lastName' lastName=ID  
9   ('yearOfBirth' yearOfBirth=INT)?)*  
10 ;
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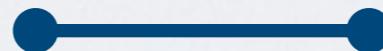
The assigned value of feature 'firstName' will possibly override itself because it is used inside of a loop.

...

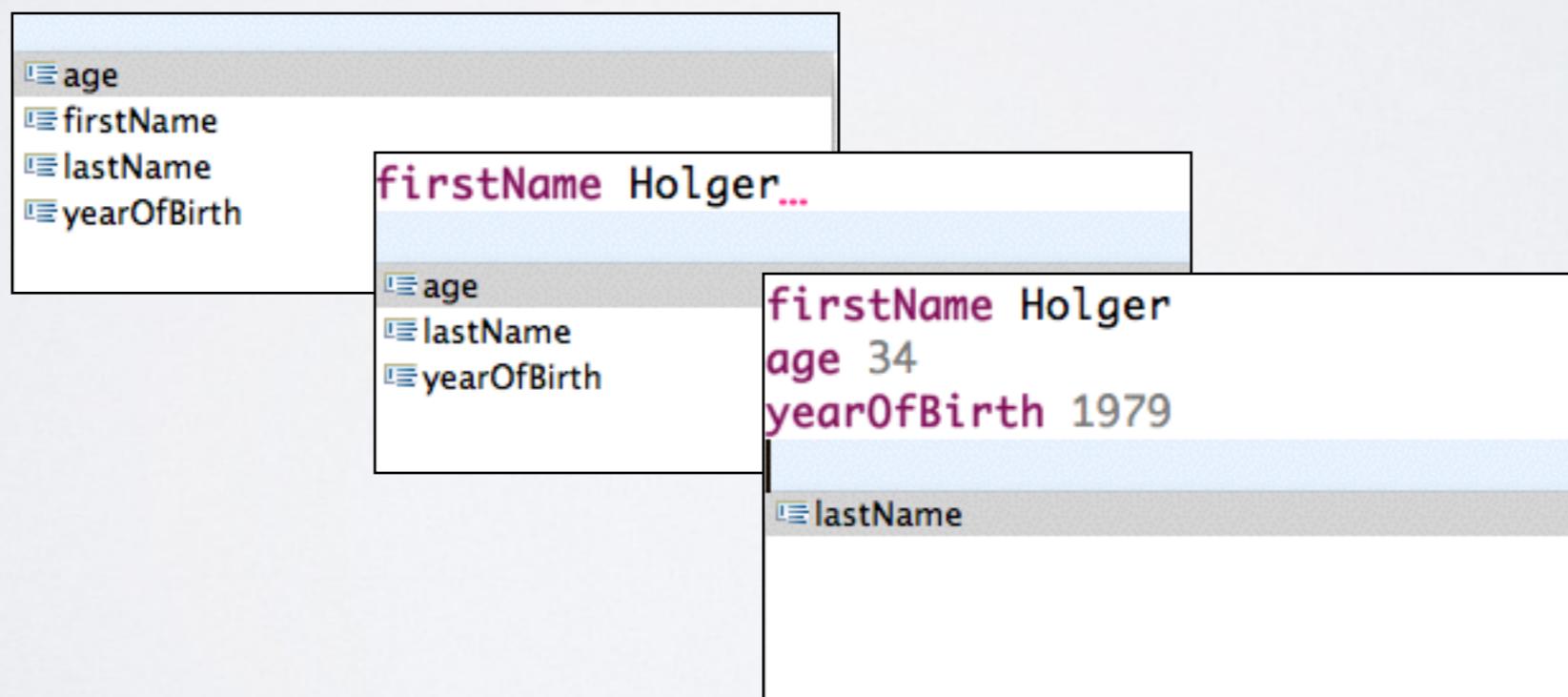
UNORDERED GROUPS

Employee:

```
(,firstName' firstName=ID &  
('age' age=INT)? &  
'lastName' lastName=ID &  
('yearOfBirth' yearOfBirth=INT)?)  
;
```



Each element can
only appear once but
in any order



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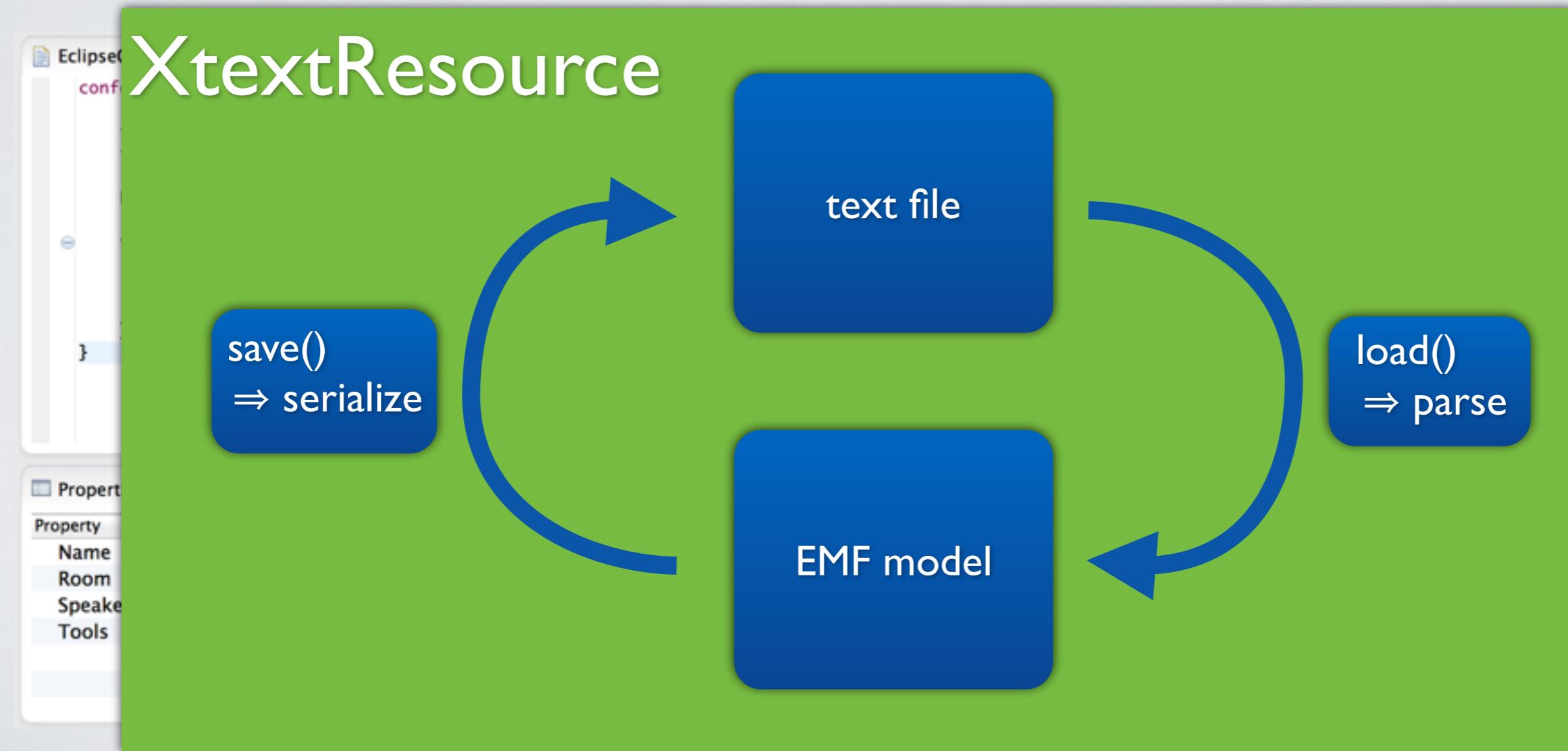
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EMF INTEGRATION

EMF ECLIPSE MODELING ECOSYSTEM

your text files are EMF models!

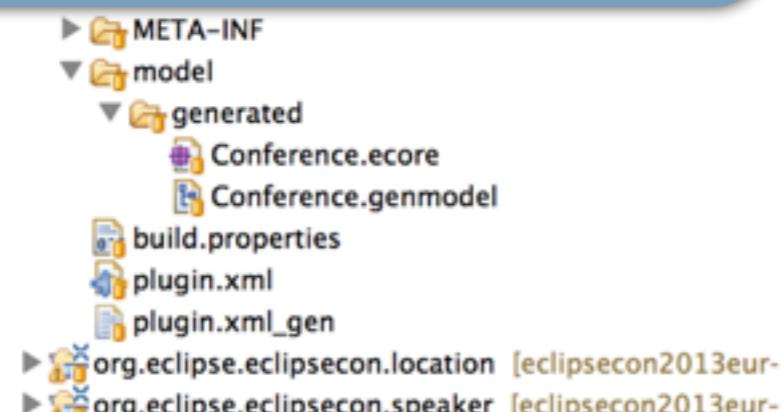


EMF ECLIPSE MODELING ECOSYSTEM

generate vs. import Ecore model

Generated Ecore Model

- rapid prototyping
- no sync issues
- not all Ecore features



The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE's Xtext editor window titled 'Conference.xtext'. The code defines an Ecore grammar for a 'Conference' model:

```
grammar org.eclipse.eclipsecon.Conference with org.eclipse.xtext.common.Terminals

generate conference "http://www.eclipse.org/eclipsecon/Conference"

import "http://www.eclipse.org/eclipsecon/Location"
import "http://www.eclipse.org/eclipsecon/Speaker"
```

A blue callout bubble points from this section towards the 'Imported Ecore Model' text.

Imported Ecore Model

- fine-grained control
- manual sync
- all Ecore features
- use Xcore!

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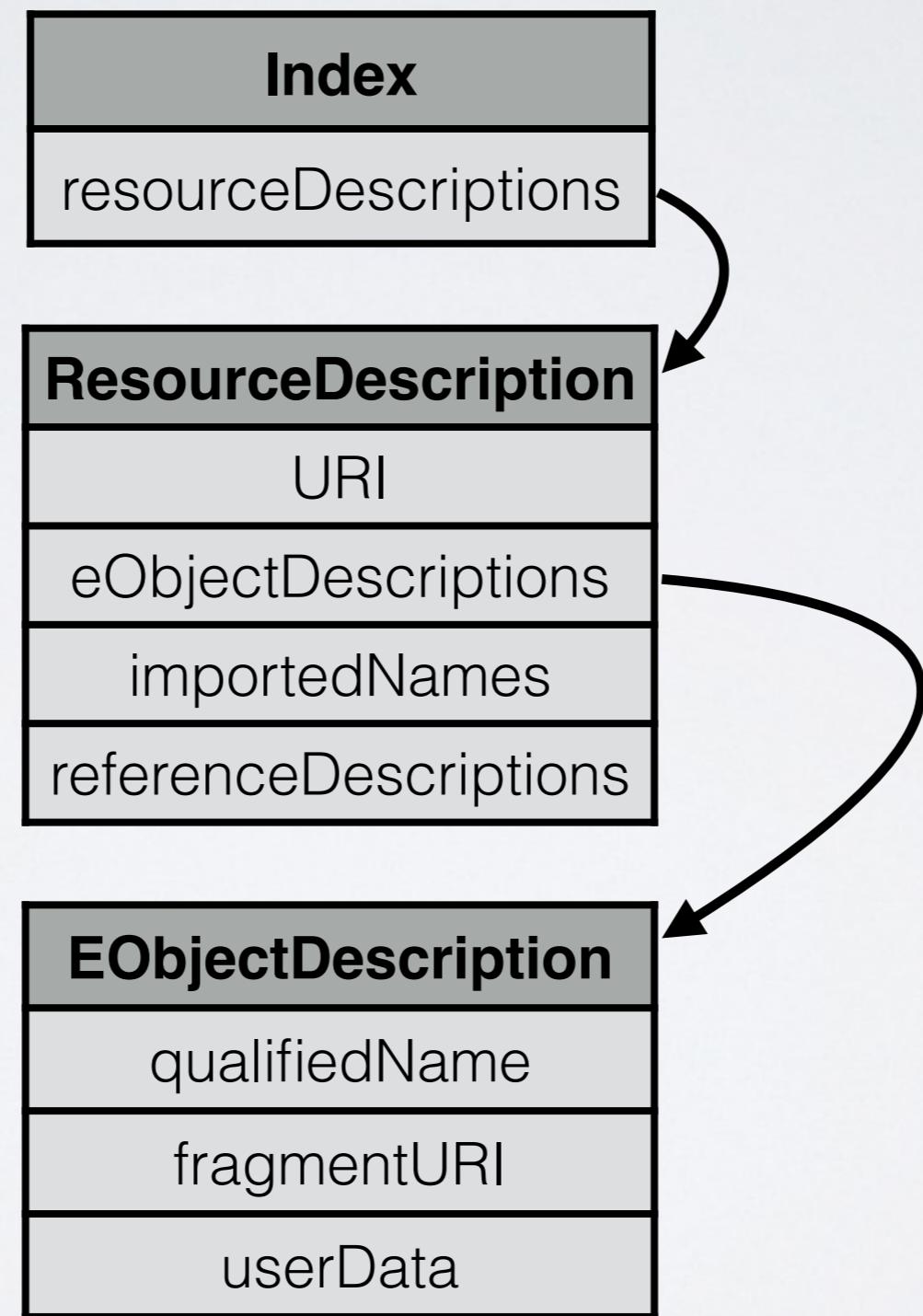
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INDEX?

- enables filename-agnostic resolution of names
- enables validation of cross-references without loading targets
- enables computation of affected files during incremental build
- reverse-reference lookup

INDEX STRUCTURE



INDEX POPULATION

resource change

<triggers>

incremental Build

```
for(resource : changedOrAffected) {  
    val description = new ResourceDescription(resource.uri)  
    for(eObject : resource.eAllContents) {  
        val name = qualifiedNameProvider.get(eObject)  
        if(name != null) {  
            val fragment = resource.getFragmentURI(eObject)  
            description.add(new EObjectDescription(name, fragment))  
        }  
    }  
    index.add(description)  
}  
for(resource : changedOrAffected) {  
    EcoreUtil.resolveAll(resource)  
    validator.validate(resource)  
}
```

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CODE COMPLETION

From Grammar

Survey:

```
'survey'  
name=ID  
title=STRING  
pages+=Page*;
```

Page:

```
'page' name=ID '('  
    questions+=Question*  
    followUps+=FollowUp*  
)';
```

From Grammar

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  '}';
```

Keywords

From Grammar

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  '}';
```

Keywords

From Scope

```
FollowUp:  
  guard=Guard? '-'> next=[Page];  
  
Guard:  
  'if'  
  question=[ChoiceQuestion|QualifiedName]  
  '='  
  answer=[Choice];
```

```
class SurveyProposalProvider extends AbstractSurveyProposalProvider {
```

CO
NEXUS

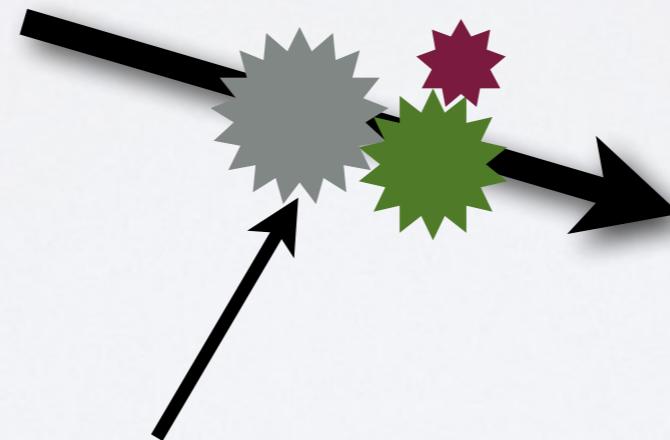
TEMPLATE PROPOSALS

FORMATTING

FORMATTING

Pretty Printing
Code Beautification

```
import
<Literature.entities> entity
City {Int id; String
name;}
entity Store { Int
id; String name;
Int
city
references
City.
id; }
```



§ 1. At ... do ...
§ 2. At ... do ...
§ 3. At ... do ...
§ 4. At ... do ...
...

```
import <Literature.entities>

entity City {
    Int id;
    String name;
}

entity Store {
    Int id;
    String name;
    Int city references
    City.id;
}
```

TWO IMPLEMENTATIONS

`org.eclipse.xtext.formatting` // old

- will be deprecated soon
- rule based

`org.eclipse.xtext.formatting2` // new

- access to AST
- creates text replacements
- format tokens of Terminal/Datatype rules
- conditional formatting
- pattern-aware formatting
- column-based or tabular formatting

FORMATTING V2

PackageDeclaration:

```
'package' name=QualifiedName '{'  
    elements+=AbstractElement*  
'}';
```

Grammar

```
def dispatch void format(PackageDeclaration pkg, extension IFormattableDocument doc) {  
    pkg.regionForFeature(ABSTRACT_ELEMENT__NAME).surround[oneSpace]  
    pkg.regionForKeyword("{").append[newLine; increaseIndentation]  
    for (AbstractElement element : pkg.elements) {  
        format(element, doc);  
        element.append[setNewLines(1, 1, 2)]  
    }  
    pkg.regionForKeyword("}").prepend[decreaseIndentation]  
}
```

Formatter

QUICK FIX

Validation

```
public static final String INVALID_NAME = "org.xtext.quickfix.InvalidTypeName";  
  
@Check  
def void checkTypeNameStartsWithCapital(City city) {  
    if (city.getName() == null || city.getName().length() == 0) return;  
    if (!Character.isUpperCase(city.getName().charAt(0))) {  
        warning("Name should start with a capital letter.",  
               ExampleQuickfixPackage.Literals.CITY__NAME, INVALID_NAME,  
               city.getName());  
    }  
}
```

Fix

```
@Fix(ExampleQuickfixValidator.INVALID_NAME)  
def void capitalizeName(Issue issue, IssueResolutionAcceptor acceptor) {  
    acceptor.accept(issue, "Capitalize name",  
                  "Capitalize the name \\""\n// retrieve the 'user data' from the validation warning  
+ issue.getData().head + "\".", // icon to display (in the icons folder)  
                  "upcase.png",  
                  [context |  
                   val xtextDocument = context.getXtextDocument();  
                   val firstLetter = xtextDocument.get(issue.getOffset() + 1, 1);  
                   xtextDocument.replace(issue.getOffset() + 1, 1, firstLetter.toUpperCase());  
                  ]);  
}
```

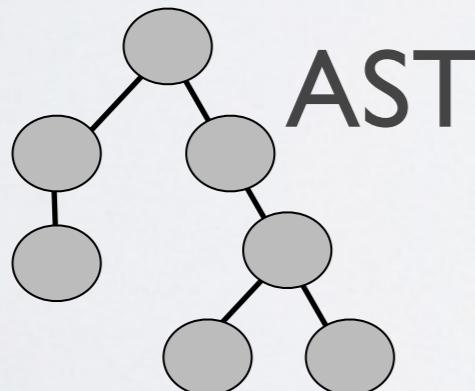
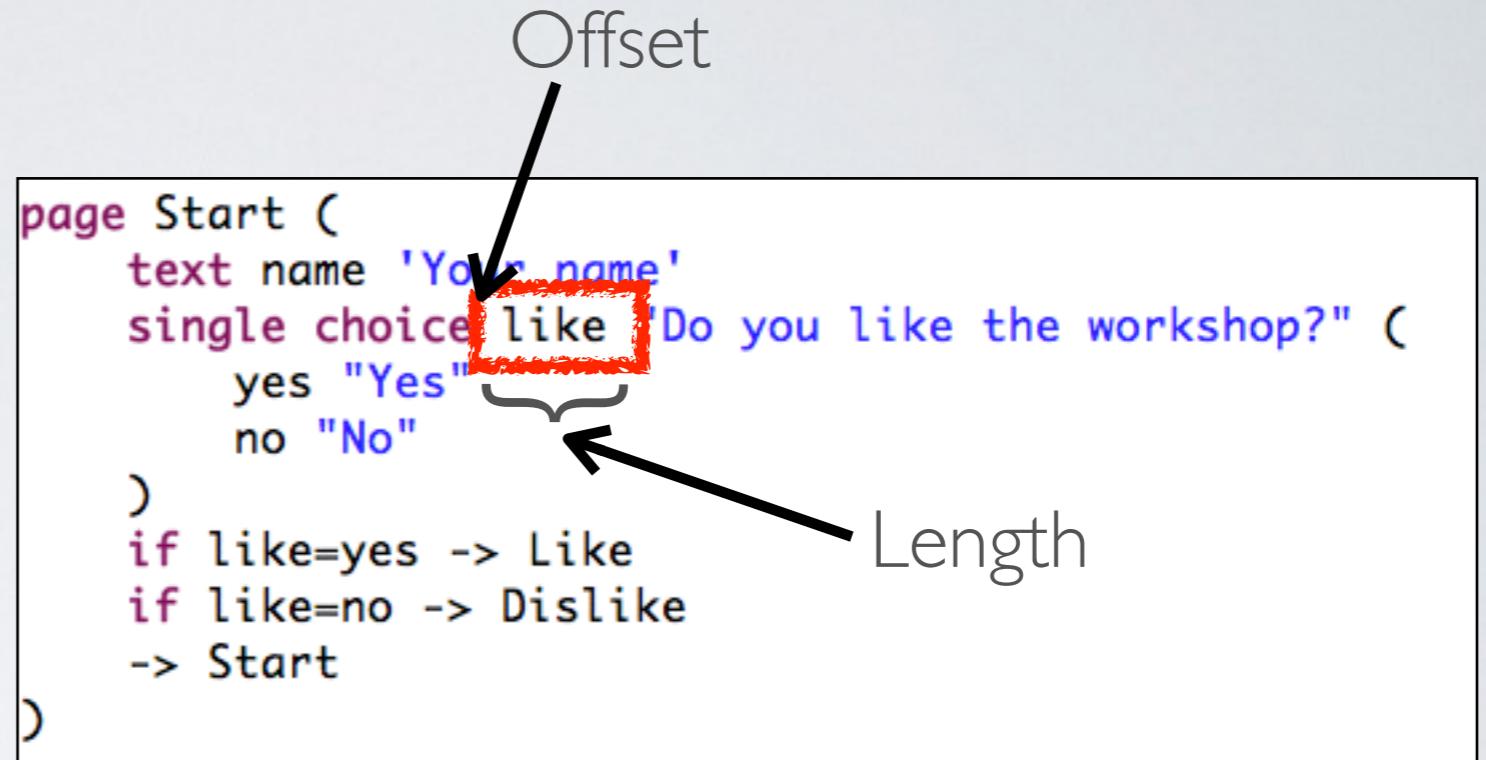
Different types of quick fixes

On a textual level

Offset

```
page Start (
    text name 'Your name'
    single choice like "Do you like the workshop?" (
        yes "Yes"
        no "No"
    )
    if like=yes -> Like
    if like=no -> Dislike
    -> Start
)
```

Length



On AST level

SYNTAX HIGHLIGHTING

Demo

OUTLINEVIEW

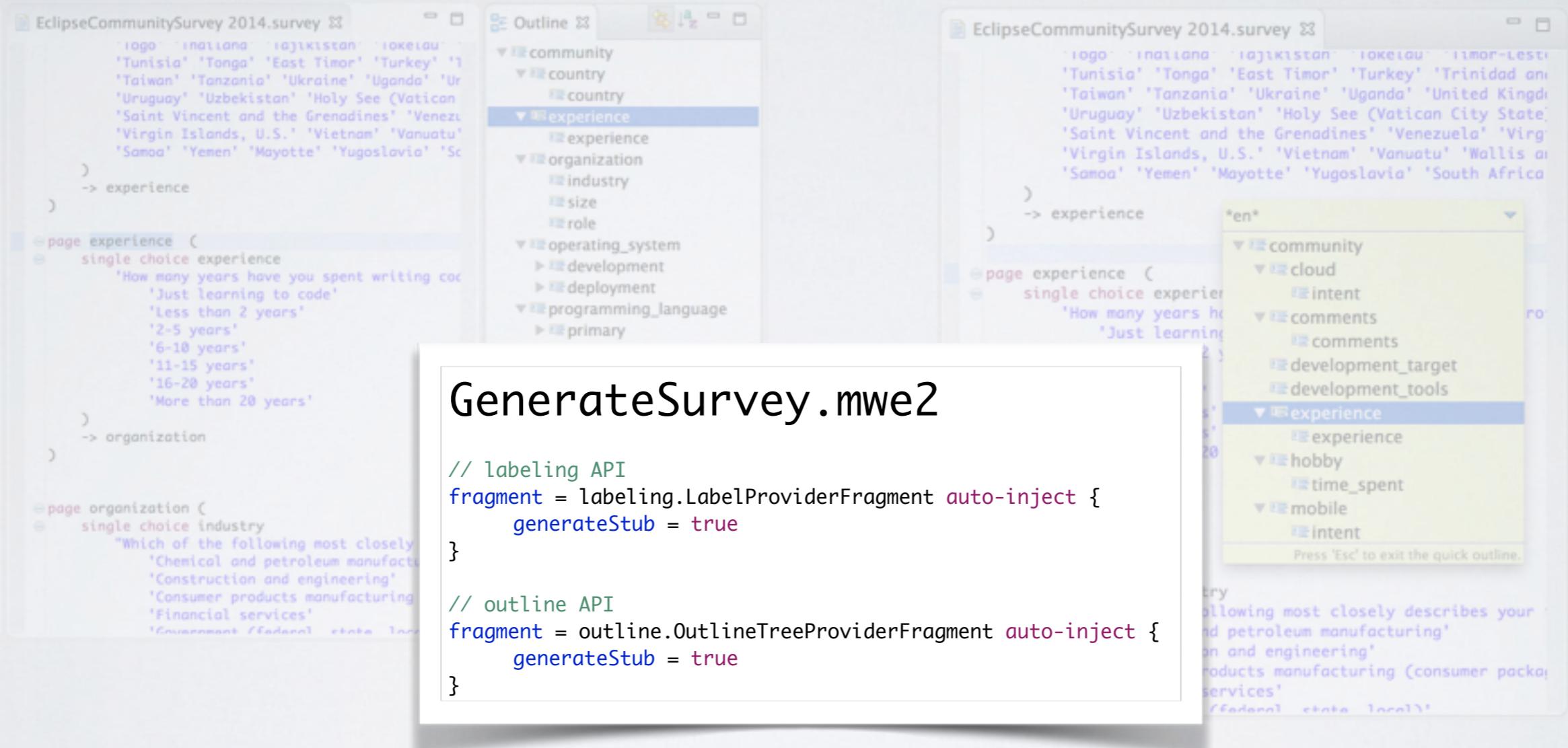
OUTLINE VIEW

The screenshot shows the Eclipse Community Survey 2014 survey editor interface. On the left, the survey structure is displayed in a tree view:

- Logo
- Country (with sub-items: 'Tunisia', 'Tonga', 'East Timor', 'Turkey', 'Trinidad and Tobago', 'Taiwan', 'Tanzania', 'Ukraine', 'Uganda', 'Uruguay', 'Uzbekistan', 'Holy See (Vatican City State)', 'Saint Vincent and the Grenadines', 'Venezuela', 'Virgin Islands, U.S.', 'Vietnam', 'Vanuatu', 'Samoa', 'Yemen', 'Mayotte', 'Yugoslavia', 'South Africa')
- experience
 - experience
 - organization
 - industry
 - size
 - role
 - operating_system
 - development
 - deployment
 - programming_language
 - primary
 - others
 - development_target
 - development_tools
 - cloud
 - cloud_2
 - mobile
 - mobile_2
 - open_source
 - hobby
 - hobby_2
 - eclipse
 - comments

- page experience (single choice experience)
- 'How many years have you spent writing code?'
- 'Just learning to code'
- 'Less than 2 years'
- '2-5 years'
- '6-10 years'
- '11-15 years'
- '16-20 years'
- 'More than 20 years'
- organization
- industry
 - 'Which of the following most closely describes your industry?'
 - 'Chemical and petroleum manufacturing'
 - 'Construction and engineering'
 - 'Consumer products manufacturing (consumer packaged goods)'
 - 'Financial services'
 - 'Government (federal, state, local)'

OUTLINEVIEW



org.eclipse.xtext.tutorial.survey.ui.outline.SurveyOutlineTreeProvider
org.eclipse.xtext.tutorial.survey.ui.labeling.SurveyLabelProvider

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RECAP: AST CONSTRUCTION

Class :

(abstract?='abstract')? 'class' name=ID ('extends' super=[Class])?;

Example 1:

abstract class A

First Feature assignment in rule

- Create new instance of type Class
- Assign it to "current Object"
- Assign value to feature of "current"

Subsequent assignment

- Assign value to feature of "current"

Example 2:

class B extends A

RECAP: AST CONSTRUCTION II

Type :

```
(Class | DataType) 'is' visibility='public' | 'private');
```

DataType :

```
'datatype' name=ID;
```

Class :

```
'class' name=ID;
```

Example

datatype A is public



Rule "Type" steps into rule "DataType"

→ Nested rule creates, initializes and returns
DataType

→ Parser returns to rule "Type"

→ "Current object" of rule "Type" becomes
return value of called rule (DataType)

→ Subsequent assignments set
features of "current object"

- Rule "Type" returns either a Class or a DataType

- In this example only one instance has been created

UNASSIGNED ACTIONS

Questionnaire:

(answers+=Answer)*;

Answer:

{Answer} 'no' | yes?= 'yes';



Example:

- Without the action a no would never create an AST element

EXPRESSIONS

► Expression :
 Expression '+' Expression |
 '(' Expression ')' |
 Number;

Number :
 value = INT;

LEFT-RECURSION !

EXPRESSIONS

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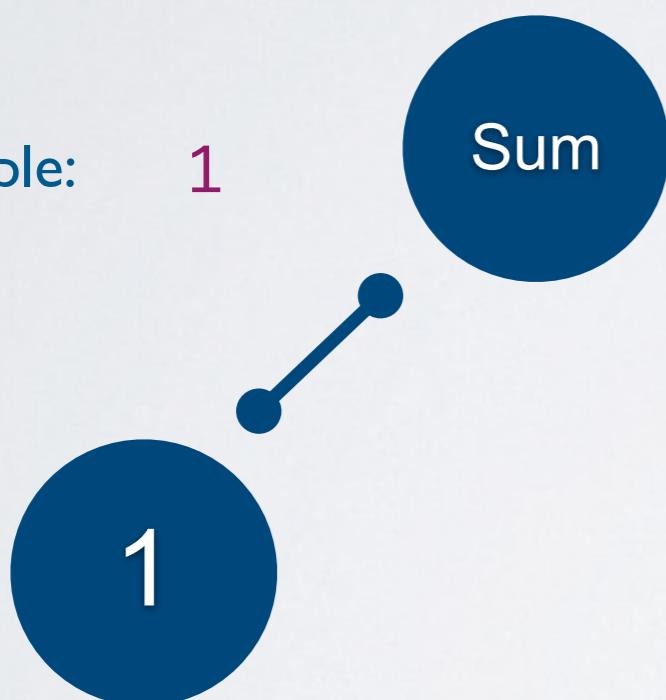
Sum :

```
left=Number ('+' right=Sum)?;
```

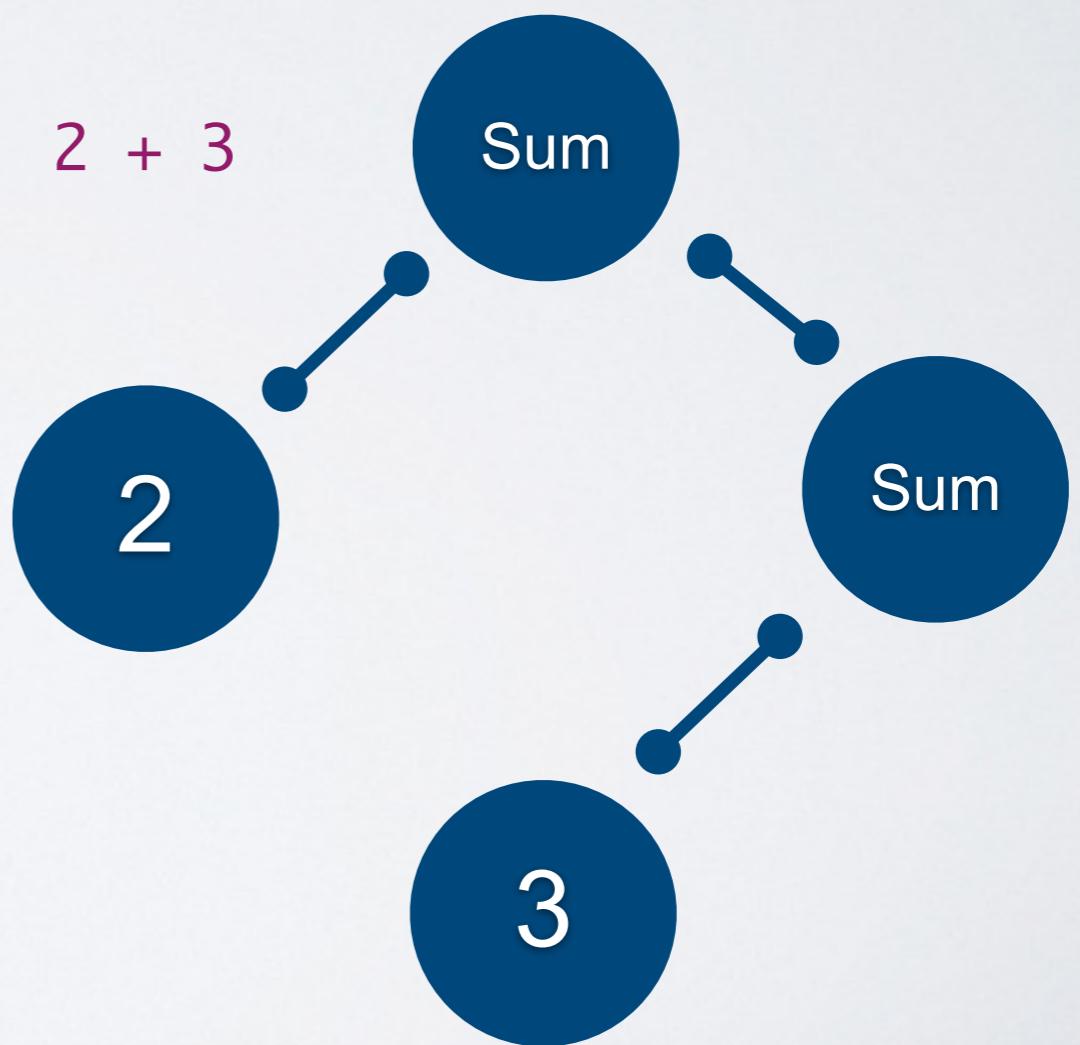
Number :

```
value = INT;
```

Example: 1



Example: 2 + 3



EXPRESSIONS

Addition **returns** Expression:

```
Number ({Sum.left = current} '+' right=Number)*;
```

Number :

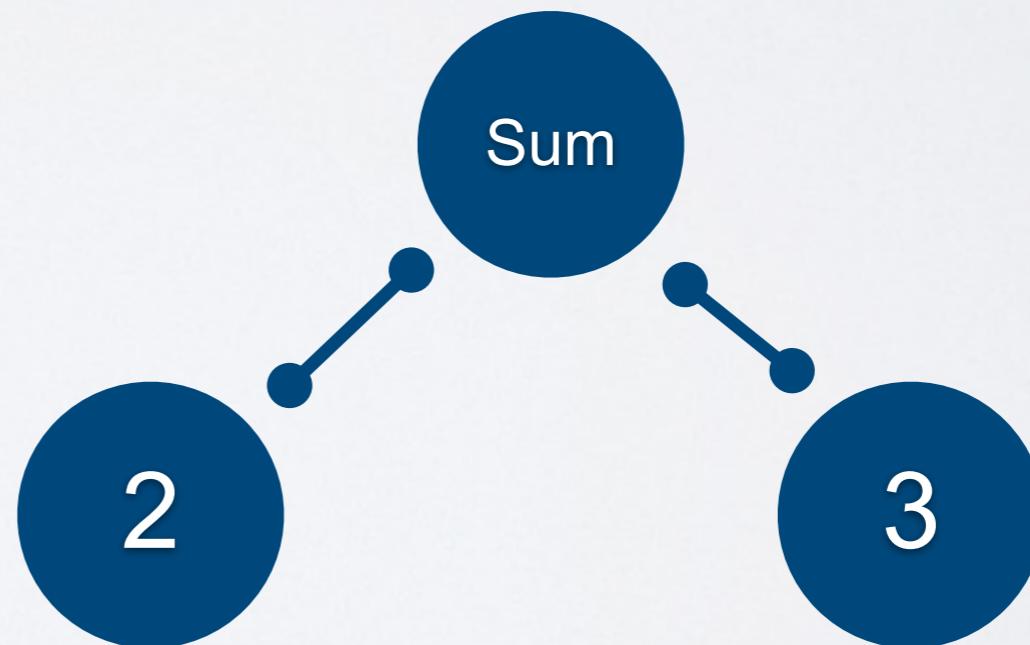
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value = INT;
```



Example: 1



Example: 2 + 3



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AUTOMATED TESTING

Xtext: JUnit utils:

XtextRunner, ParseHelper, ValidatorTester, IResourcesSetupUtil, JavaProjectSetupUtil...

GitHub: Xpect:



The screenshot shows the Eclipse Platform interface with the title bar "Java - org.domainmodel.xpect.tests/src/org/domainmodel/tests/validation/test1.dmodel xt - Eclipse Platform". The left side features the Package Explorer and JUnit perspectives. The JUnit perspective displays a test run summary: "Finished after 1.247 seconds" with "Runs: 2/2", "Errors: 0", and "Failures: 0". Below this, it lists the test results for "org.domainmodel.tests.validation.DMValidationTest": "test1.dmodel xt: src/org/domainmodel/tests/validation (0.307 s)" with "warnings: capitalized property names are discouraged (0.175 s)" and "errors: the character % is not valid syntax (0.132 s)". The right side shows the code editor with the file "test1.dmodel xt" open. The code contains Xpect validation annotations like /* XPECT_SETUP org.domainmodel.tests.validation.DMValidationTest END_SETUP */ and // XPECT warnings --> "Name should start with a lowercase" at "Property1". The code defines a package "pkg1" with an entity "MyEntity" having a property "Property1 : String". The editor interface includes toolbars, a quick access search bar, and various Eclipse-specific icons.

Xpect: reusable Tests as Library for...

- Parser and AST (demo only, no library).
- Code generators
- Validation
- Linking
- Scoping
- ResourceDescriptions
- JvmModellInferrer



DEMO!

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HOWTO FIND A GUICE BINDING CANDIDATE I

- Open the (Ui)Module of your language
- Find a method containing the interface's name in its name
 - 2x CTRL-O to include superclasses
- If there's nothing, open the interface and look for a @ImplementedBy annotation

HOWTO FIND A GUICE BINDING CANDIDATE 2

- Eclipse Navigation Features are the Swiss Army Knife
 - Open Type Dialog * .xtext.*.*<Aspect>
 - Type Hierarchy to Find Implementors
 - Find Usages
 - Call Hierarchy

HOW TO TWEAK SOME FEATURE I

- Is it documented in
 - Eclipse help,
 - the Xtext forum / newsgroup,
 - one of our blogs?
- If so:
 - Read these docs!

HOW TO TWEAK SOME FEATURE 2

- Is it available in one of the examples?
- If so: Monkey see - Monkey do. Look for
 - unusual generator fragments
 - custom bindings
 - extensions in plugin.xml

HOW TO TWEAK SOME FEATURE 3

- Is there an implementation of `IGeneratorFragment` ?
- If so:
 - Use the fragment in your workflow
 - Investigate its properties using code assist or looking at the code
 - Watch out for new stub classes in the `src` folders

HOW TO TWEAK SOME FEATURE 4

- Look for Xtext classes/packages whose names suggest to deal with the feature.
- If there is one:
 - Try to find the hook (interface binding), e.g. by investigating code, debugging, etc.
 - Rather inherit from existing code than write from scratch
 - The JavaDocs should guide you

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FURTHER STEPS

What others have built with Xtext:

<http://www.eclipse.org/Xtext/community.html>

Web Forum:

<https://www.eclipse.org/forums/index.php/f/27/>

Professional Support:

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Book: Implementing Domain-Specific Languages with Xtext and Xtend by Lorenzo Bettini





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