



introductory workshop

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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

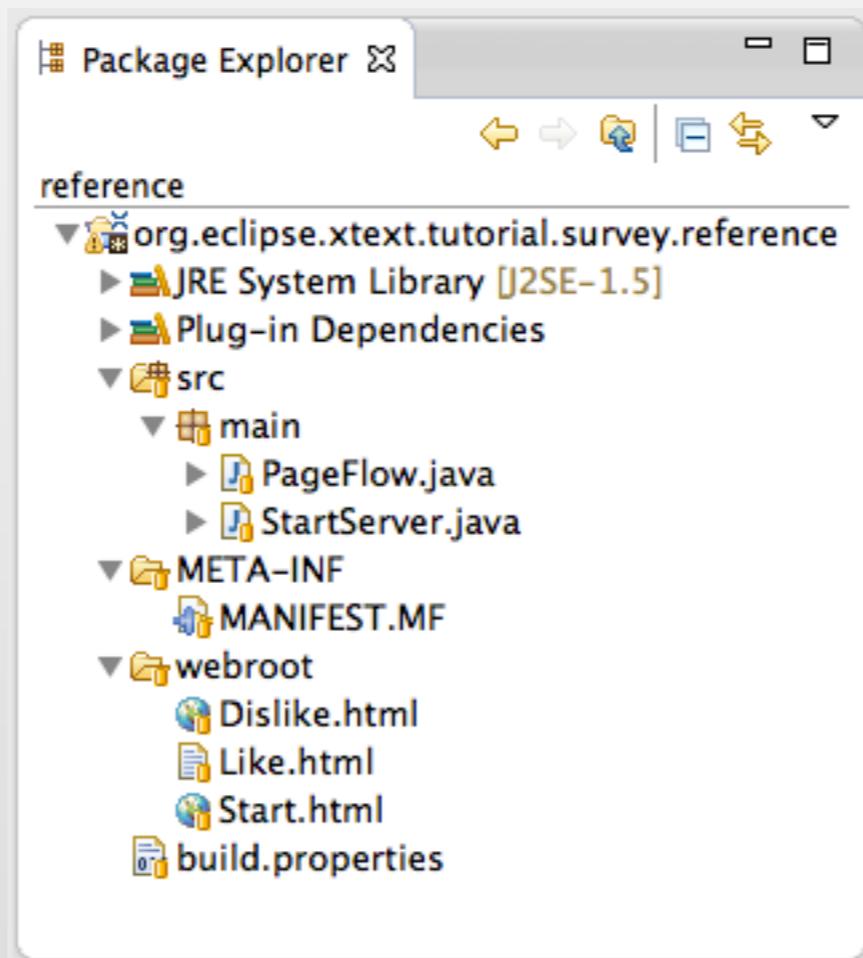
# Example: Surveys

- 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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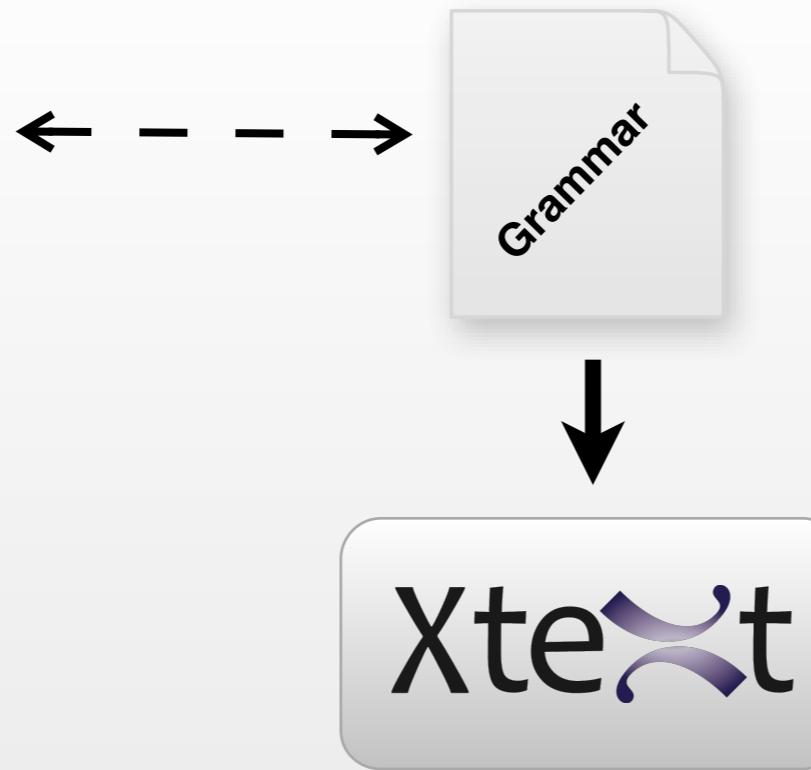


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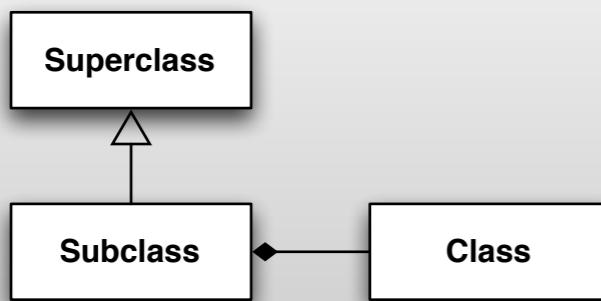


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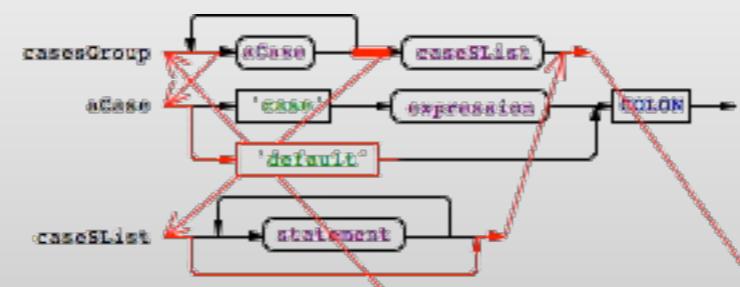
Reference Model



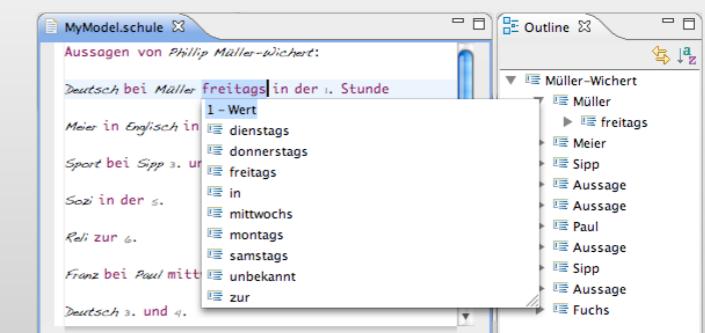
# Xtext Runtime



Ecore Package

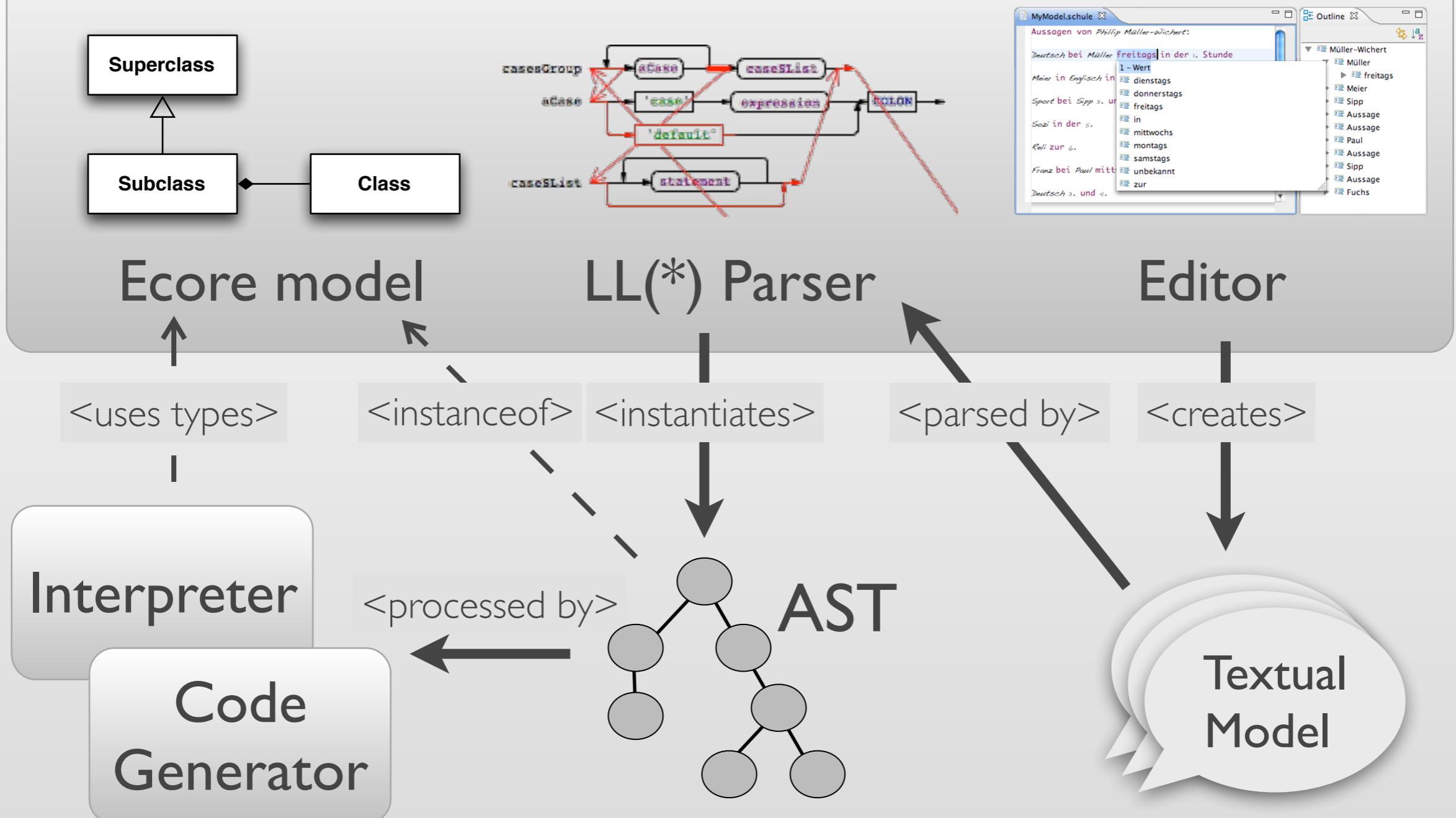


Parser

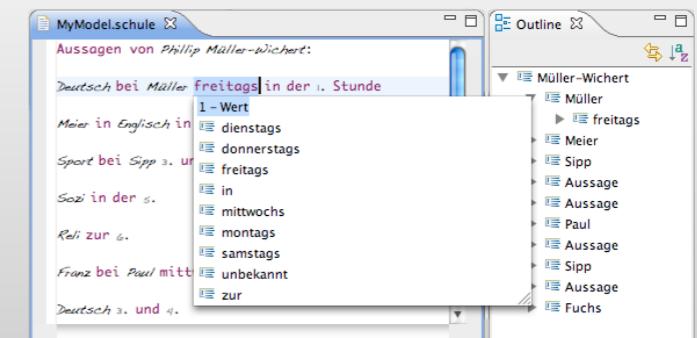
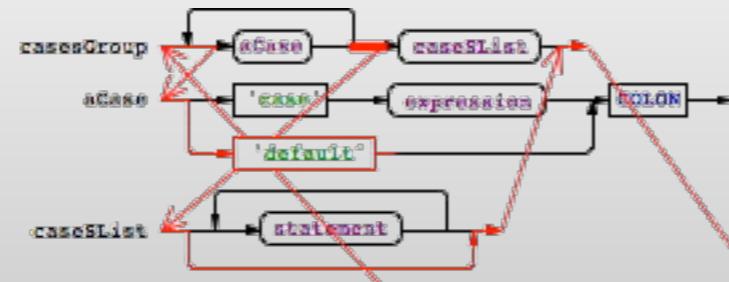
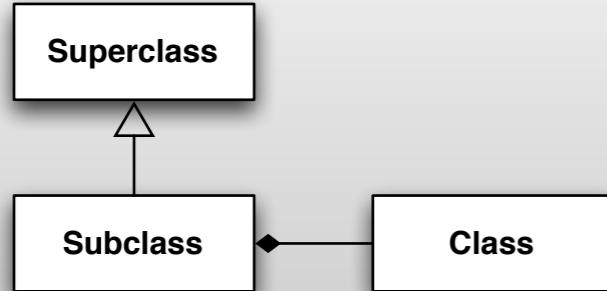


Editor

# Xtext Runtime



# Xtext Runtime



Ecore model

Serializer

Editor

<uses types>

<instanceof>

<input for>

<creates/updates>

<populates>

Quickfix

Refactoring

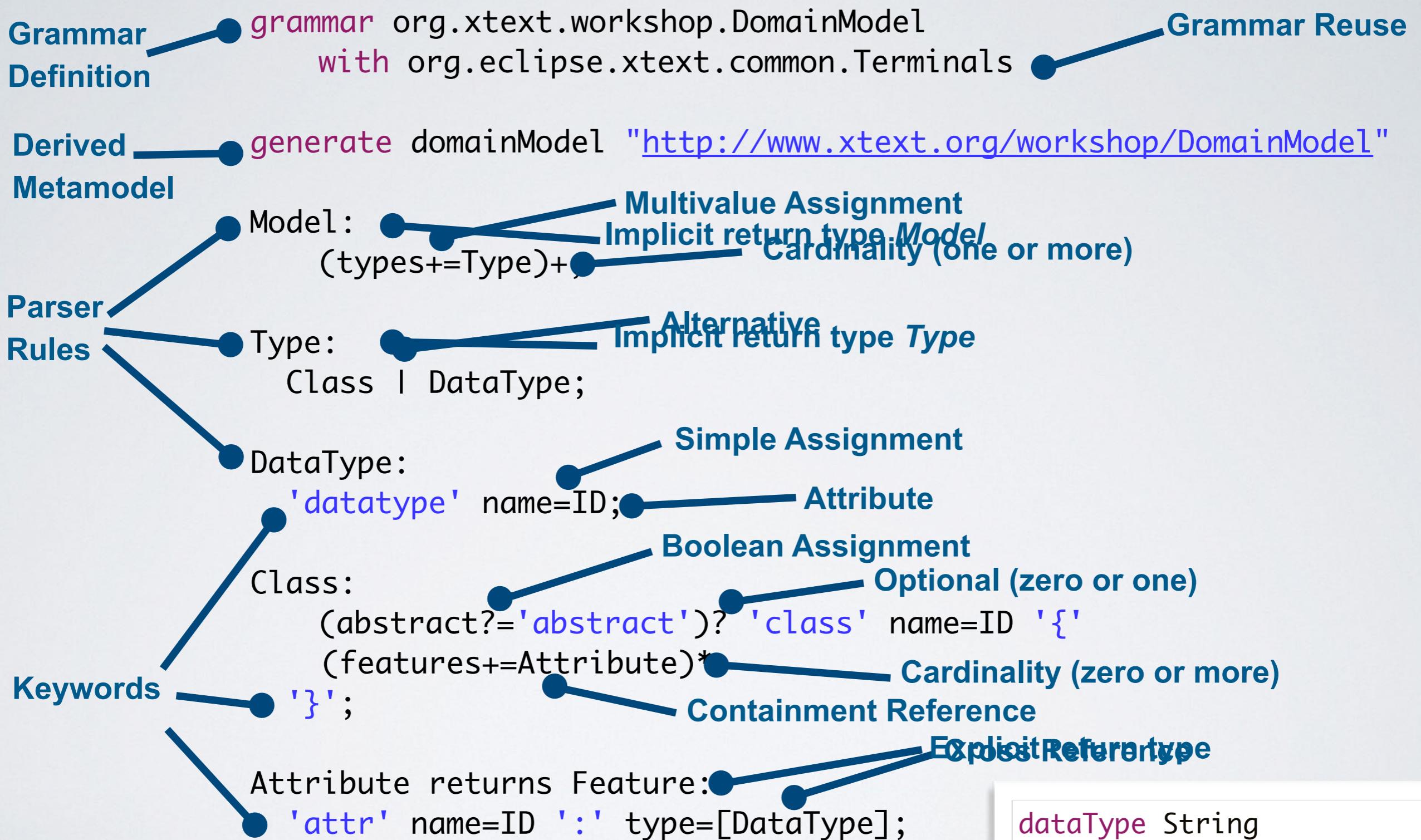
Graphical  
Editor

<processes>

AST

Textual  
Model

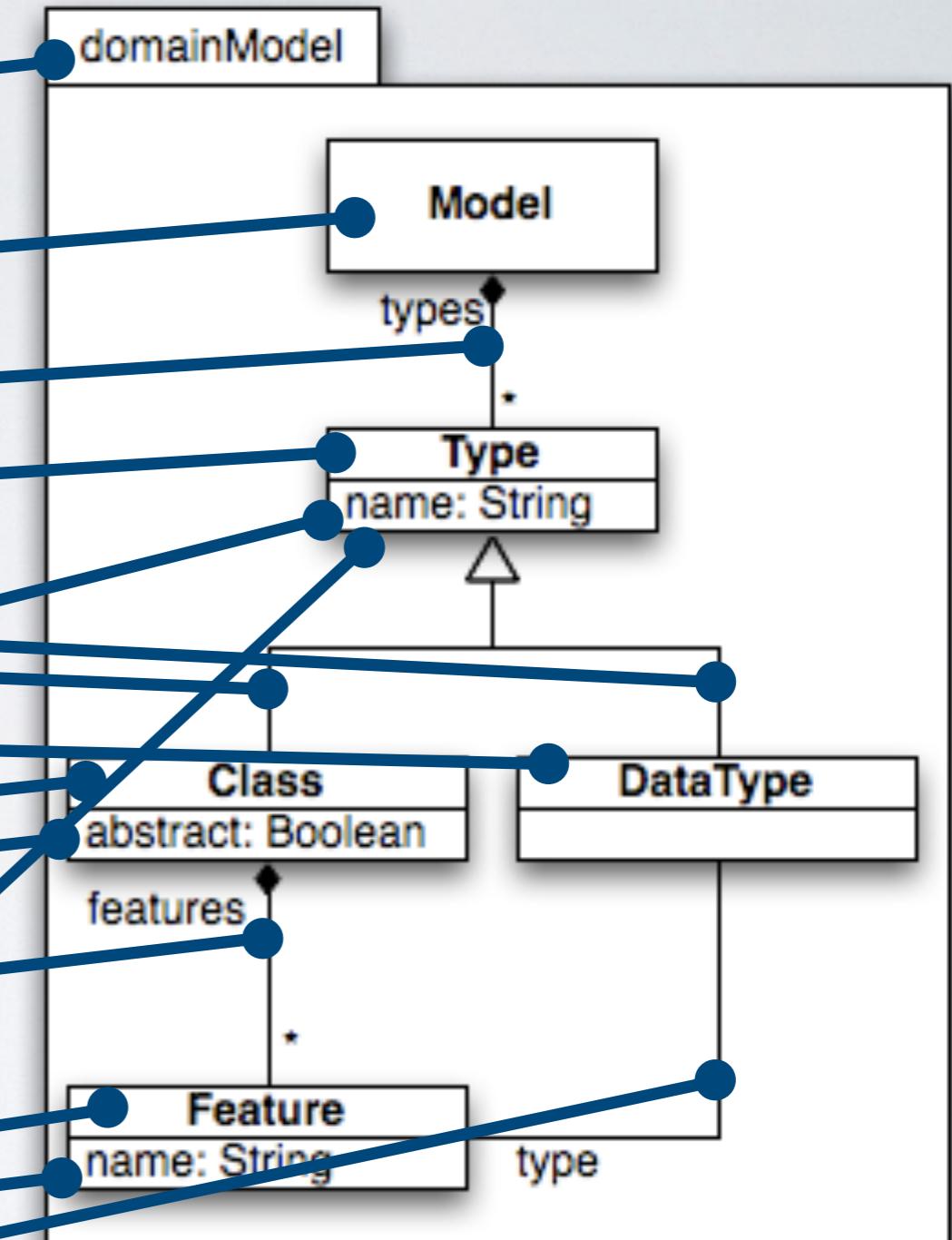
# EXERCISE: NEW PROJECT



```
dataType String
abstract class Person {
    attr name : String
}
```

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

```
generate domainModel  
"http://www.xtext.org/workshop/DomainModel"  
  
Model:  
  (types+=Type)+;  
  
Type:  
  Class | DataType;  
  
DataType:  
  'datatype' name=ID,  
  
Class:  
  (abstract?='abstract')? 'class' name=ID [  
  (features+=Attribute)*  
  '}';  
  
Attribute returns Feature:  
  'attr' name=ID : type=[DataType];
```



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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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# Cross References

```
page Start (
    single choice like "Do you like the tutorial?" (
        yes "Yes"
        no "No"
        if like=yes -> Like
    )
)
page Like (
    choice particular "What do you like in particular?" (
        xtext 'Xtext is awesome'
        excercises 'The funny exercises'
        tutors 'The handsome tutors'
    )
)
```

# Grammar

Page:

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

# WHAT'S A SCOPE?

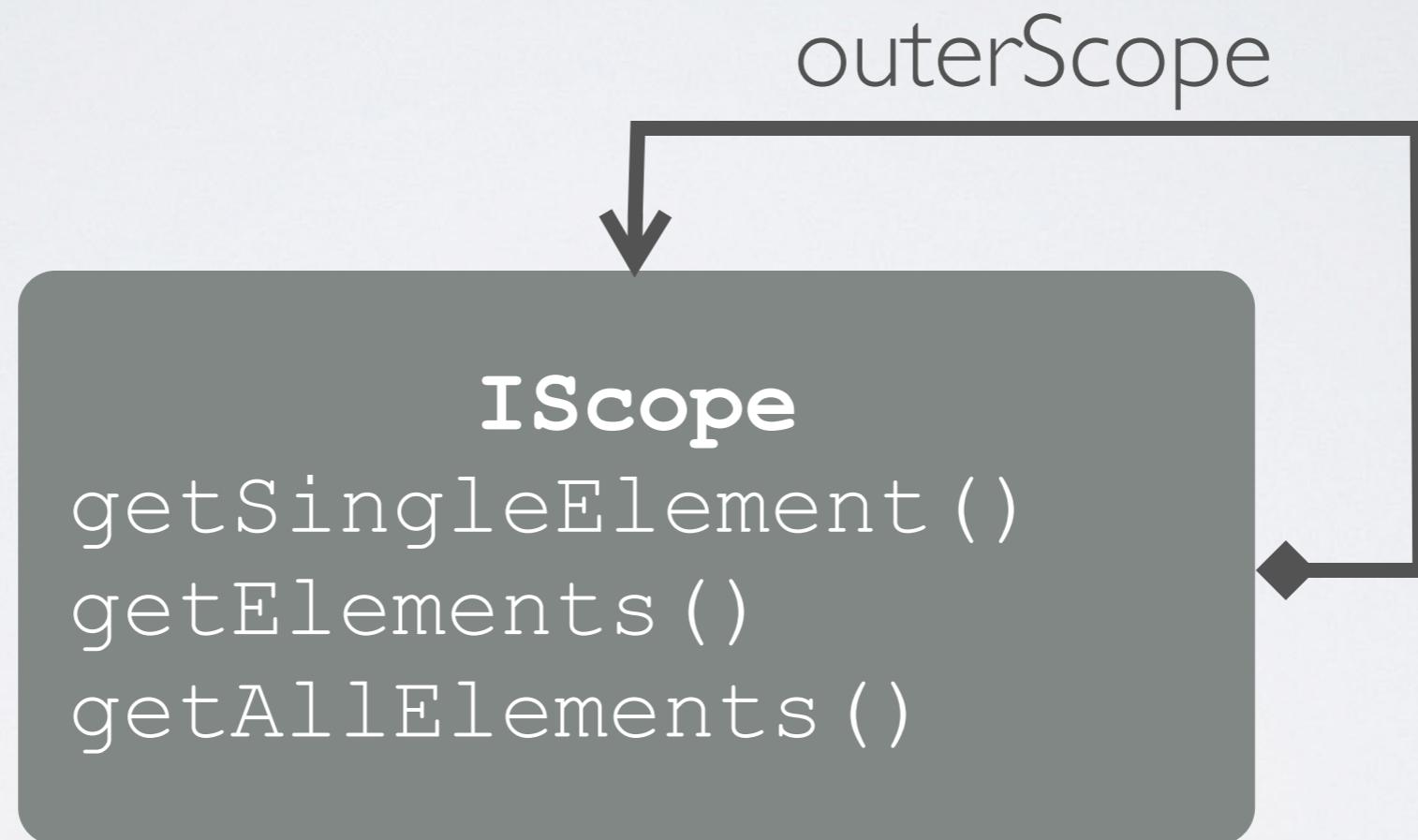
Describes the  
visible Elements

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

UUIDs

Names

```
PerspectiveStack :myDslPerspectiveStack  
selectedElement :myDslPerspective
```

```
Perspective :myDslPerspective
```

# QUALIFIED NAMES

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

qualifiedName( | )

Default  
QualifiedNomeProvider

EAttribute „name“  
EAttribute „name“

contacts.save

OBJECTS CAN HAVE  
MULTIPLE DIFFERENT  
NAMES DEPENDING ON  
THE CONTEXT

# SCOPES

```

application contacts {
    1
    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

```
page Start (
    text name 'Your name'
    single choice like '...' (
        yes 'Yes'
        no 'No'
    )
    if like=yes -> Like
)
```

```
page Like (
    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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QualifiedName:

```
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```

Double returns ecore::EDouble:

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

enum Visibility:

```
public="public" | public="+" |  
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"

Example 2:

class B extends A

Subsequent assignment

- Assign value to feature of "current"

# ACT CONSTRUCTION

```
ClassParser() {  
    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  
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```

# 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)?  
;
```

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Employee:

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

firstName	Holger
lastName	Schil
yearOfBirth	

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;
```

```
5 Employee:  
6   ('firstName' firstName=ID  
7   ('age' age=INT)?  
8   'lastName' lastName=ID  
9   ('yearOfBirth' yearOfBirth=INT)?)*  
10 ;
```

The assigned value of feature 'firstName' will possibly override itself because it is used inside of a loop.

...

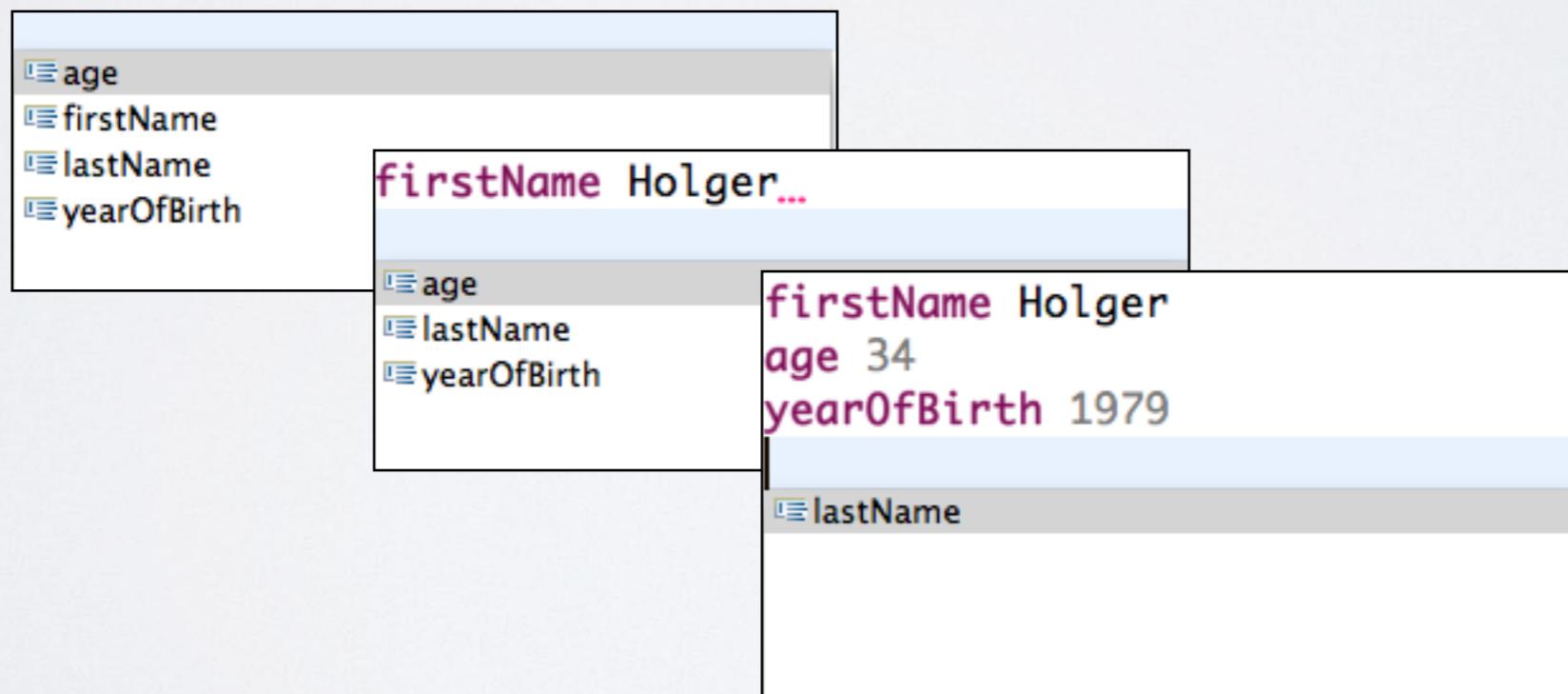
# UNORDERED GROUPS

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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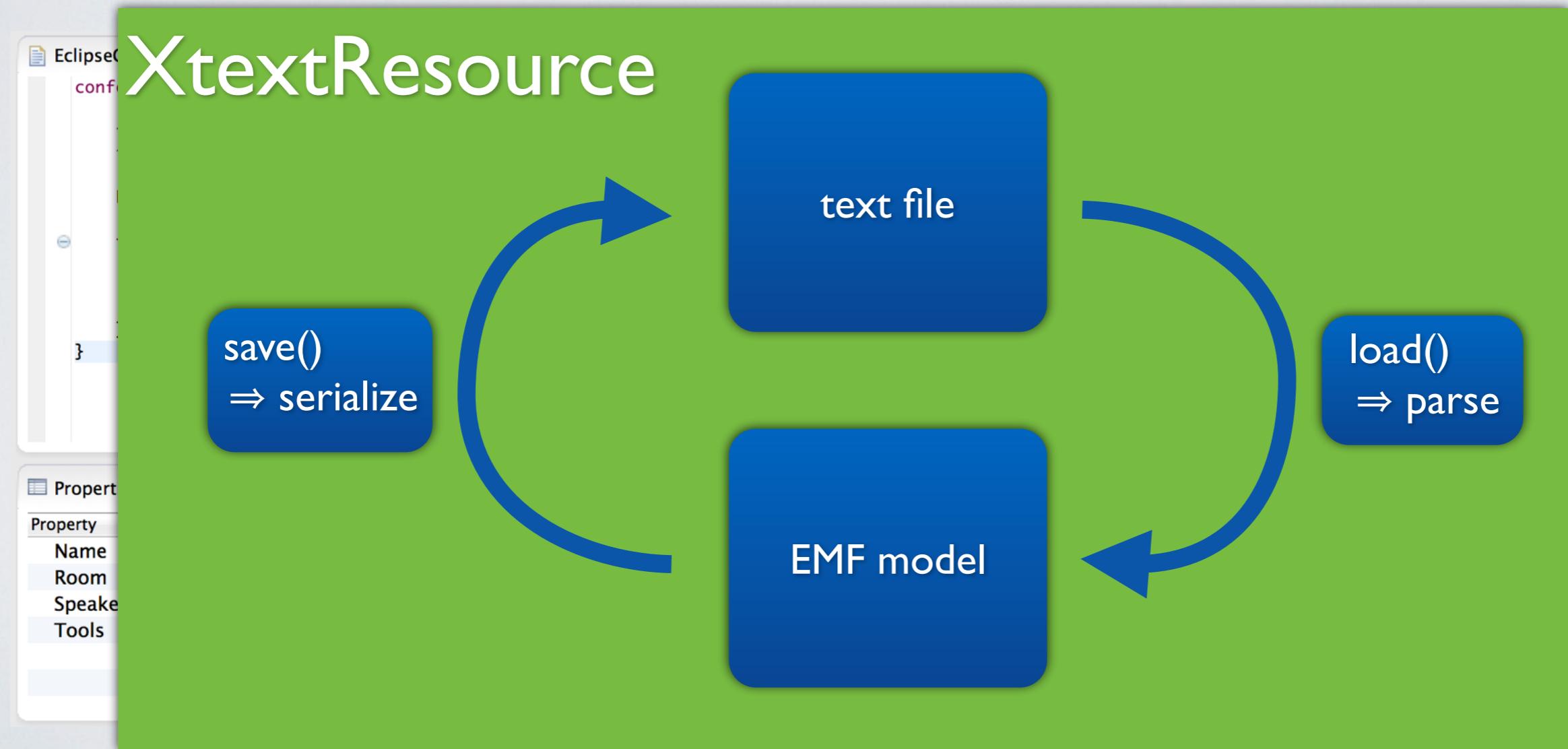
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# EMF INTEGRATION

# EMF ECLIPSE MODELING ECOSYSTEM

**your text files are EMF models!**



# EMF ECLIPSE MODELING ECOSYSTEM

## generate vs. import Ecore model

The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE interface. On the left, the Package Explorer view displays several projects: org.eclipse.eclipsecon.conference [eclipsecon2013eur], org.eclipse.eclipsecon.location [eclipsecon2013eur], and org.eclipse.eclipsecon.speaker [eclipsecon2013eur]. The org.eclipse.eclipsecon.conference project is expanded, showing its contents. On the right, the Conference.xtext editor shows an Xtext grammar definition:

```
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"

Conference:
    'conference' content+=Content;
```

Two blue callout boxes highlight specific features:

- Generated Ecore Model** (left callout):
  - rapid prototyping
  - no sync issues
  - not all Ecore features
- Imported Ecore Model** (right callout):
  - fine-grained control
  - manual sync
  - all Ecore features
  - use Xcore!

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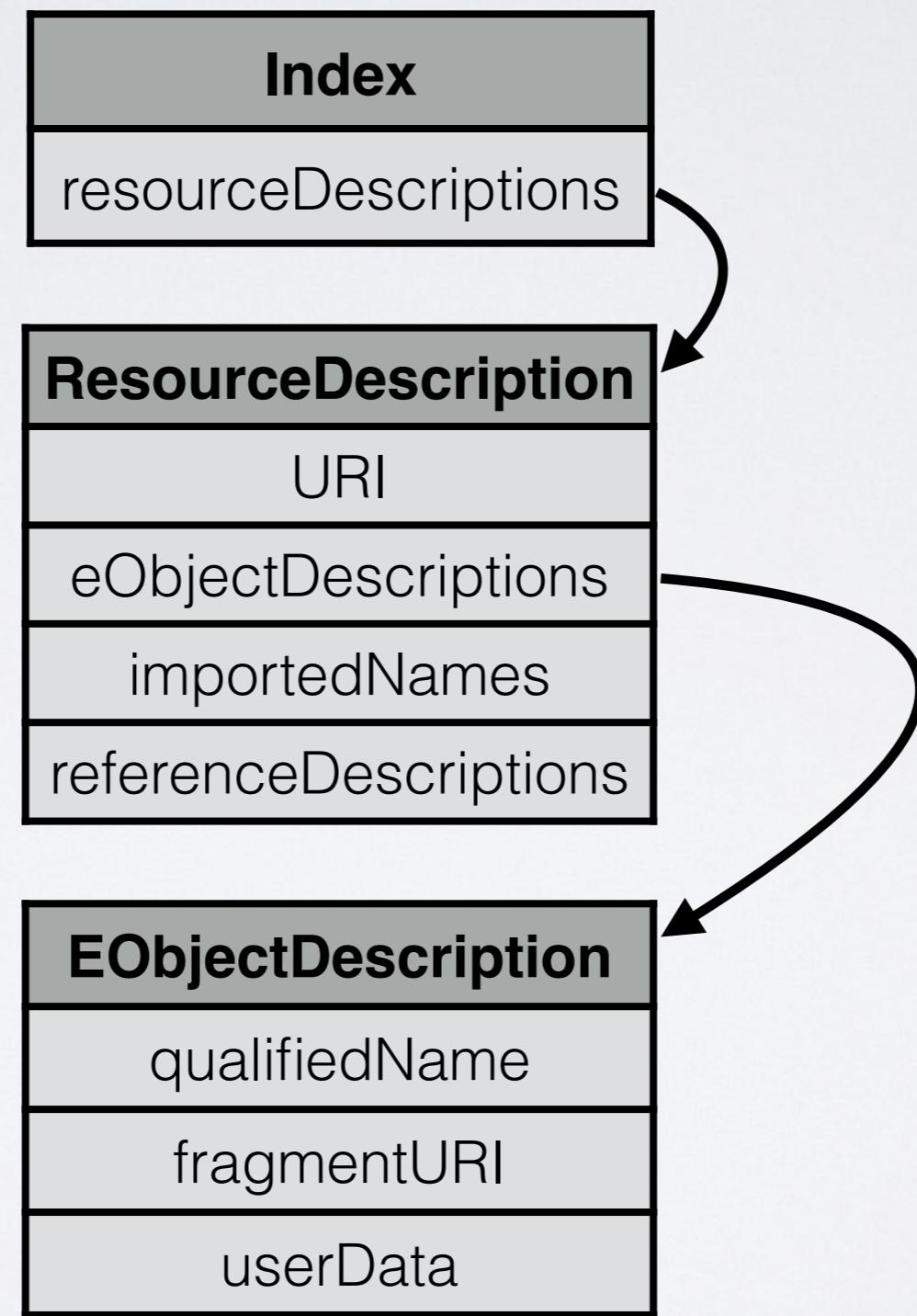
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# INDEX?

- 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

```
Survey:  
  'survey'  
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  title=STRING  
  pages+=Page*;  
  
Page:  
  'page' name=ID '{'  
  questions+=Question*  
  followUps+=FollowUp*  
  '}';
```

Keywords

# From Grammar

```
Survey:  
  'survey'  
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  title=STRING  
  pages+=Page*;  
  
Page:  
  'page' name=ID '{'  
  questions+=Question*  
  followUps+=FollowUp*  
  '}';
```

Keywords

# From Scope

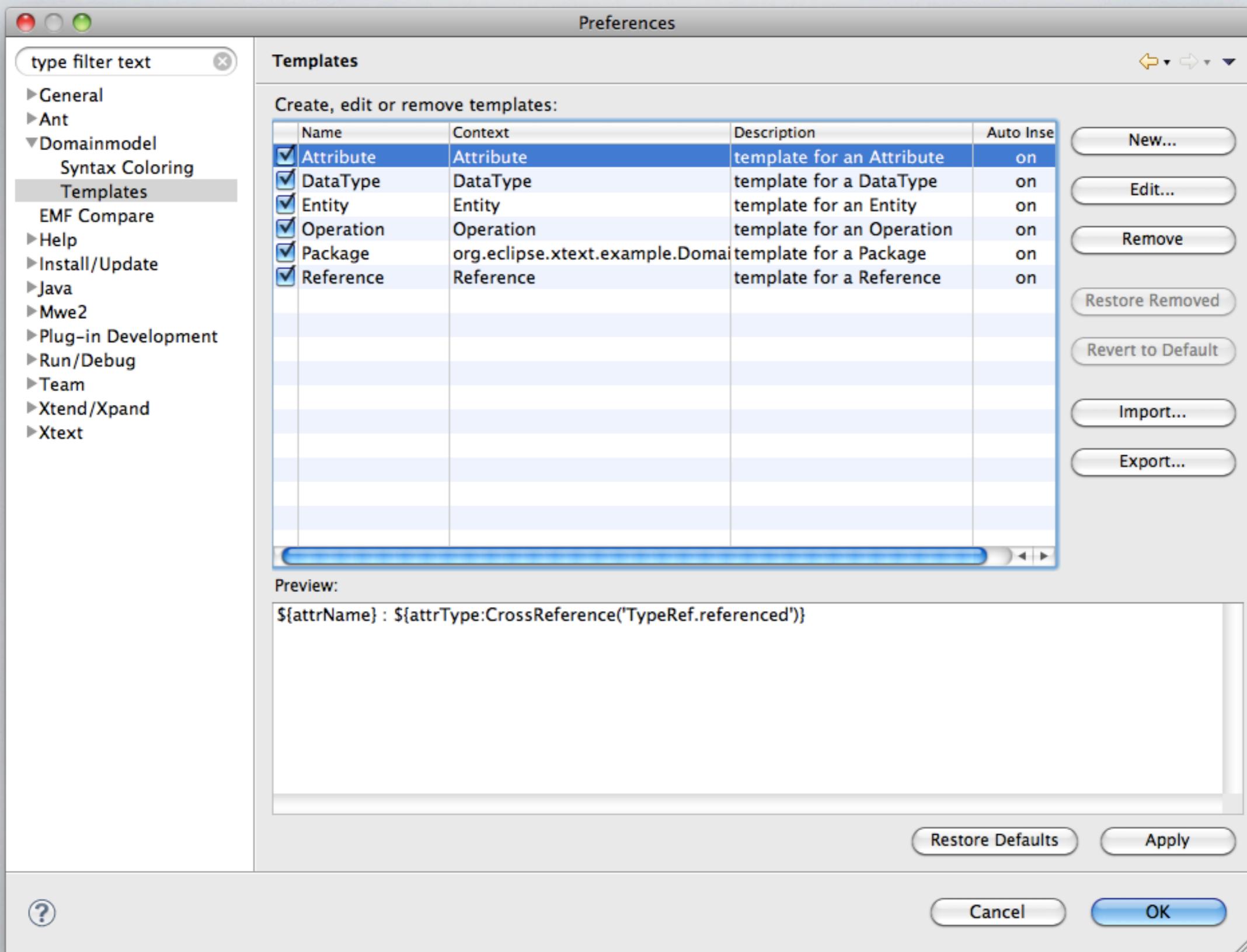
```
FollowUp:  
  guard=Guard? '-'> next=[Page];  
  
Guard:  
  'if'  
  question=[ChoiceQuestion|QualifiedName]  
  '='  
  answer=[Choice];
```

```
class SurveyProposalProvider extends AbstractSurveyProposalProvider {
```

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# TEMPLATE PROPOSALS

# TEMPLATES



# TEMPLATE PROPOSALS

org.eclipse.jface.text.templates.GlobalTemplateVariables

`${time}`

`${user}`

`${date}`

`${cursor}`

# CROSSREFERENCES

org.eclipse.xtext.ui.editor.templates.CrossReferenceTemplateVariableResolver

```
 ${ref:CrossReference(MyType.ref)}
```

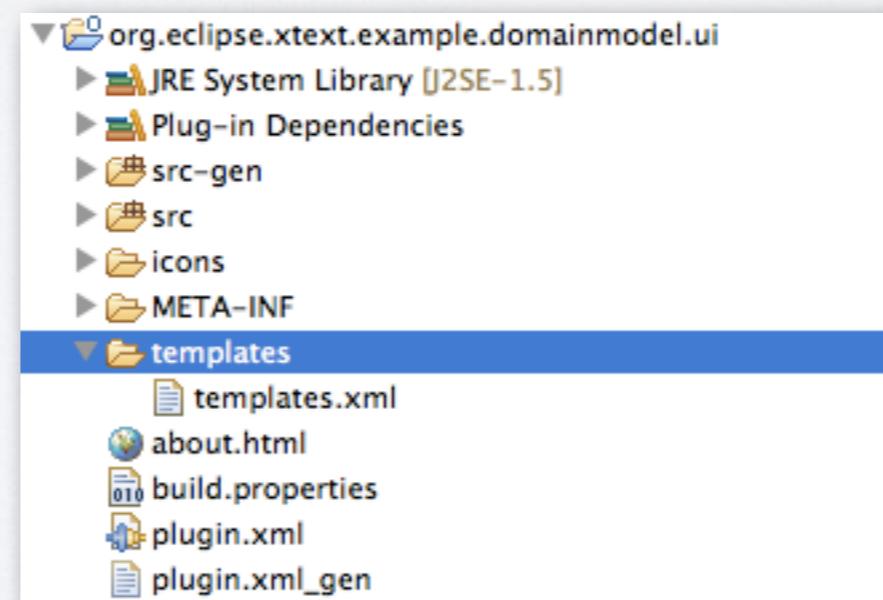
# ENUMERATION

org.eclipse.xtext.ui.editor.templates.EnumTemplateVariableResolver

`${visibility:Enum(Visibility)}`

# EXPORT TEMPLATES

```
<templates>
  <template name="Package" description="template for a Package"
    id="org.eclipse.xtext.example.Domainmodel.Package"
    context="org.eclipse.xtext.example.Domainmodel.Package"
    enabled="true">package ${name} {
    ${cursor}
  }
</template>
```



# FORMATTING

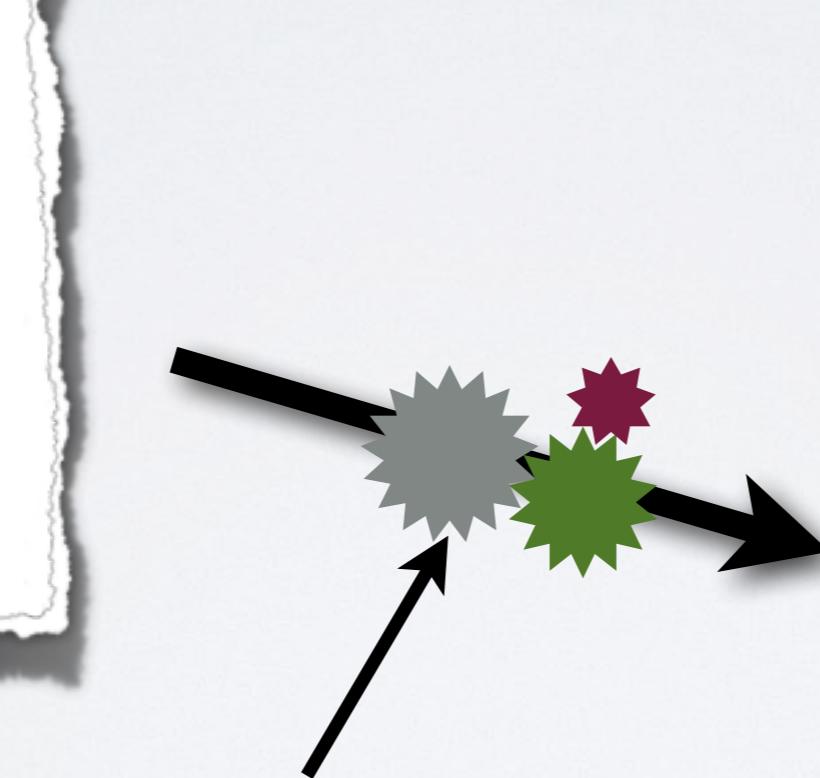
# FORMATTING

Pretty Printing  
Code Beautification

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

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

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

- 
- The diagram illustrates the process of code beautification. On the left, a piece of torn paper contains unformatted Java code. An arrow points from this paper to a central area where three starburst shapes (grey, green, and red) overlap. From this central area, another arrow points to the right, leading to a second piece of torn paper containing the same code but now formatted with proper indentation and line breaks.
- § 1. At ... do ...
  - § 2. At ... do ...
  - § 3. At ... do ...
  - § 4. At ... do ...
  - ...

# FORMATTING

```
@Inject extension DomainmodelGrammarAccess

override protected void configureFormatting(FormattingConfig c) {
    c.setAutoLineWrap = 120

    c.setLineWrap(1, 2, 3).around(AbstractElementRule)
    c.setLineWrap(1, 2, 3).around(PackageDeclarationRule)
    c.setLineWrap(1, 1, 2).around(FeatureRule)
    c.setNoSpace().before(typeRefAccess.multiAsteriskKeyword_1_0)

    val pairs = findKeywordPairs("{", "}")
    for (pair : pairs) {
        c.setIndentation(pair.first, pair.second)
    }

    c.setLineWrap(0, 1, 2).before(SL_COMMENTRule)
    c.setLineWrap(0, 1, 2).before(ML_COMMENTRule)
    c.setLineWrap(0, 1, 1).after(ML_COMMENTRule)
}
```

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());  
                  ]);  
}
```

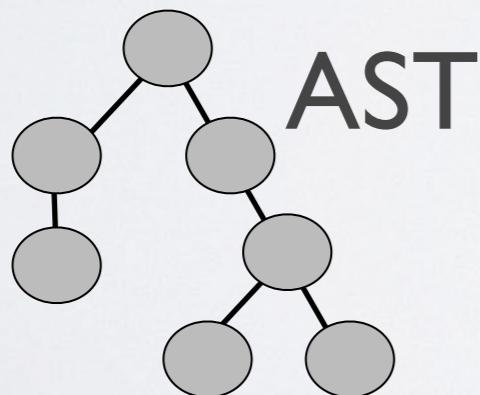
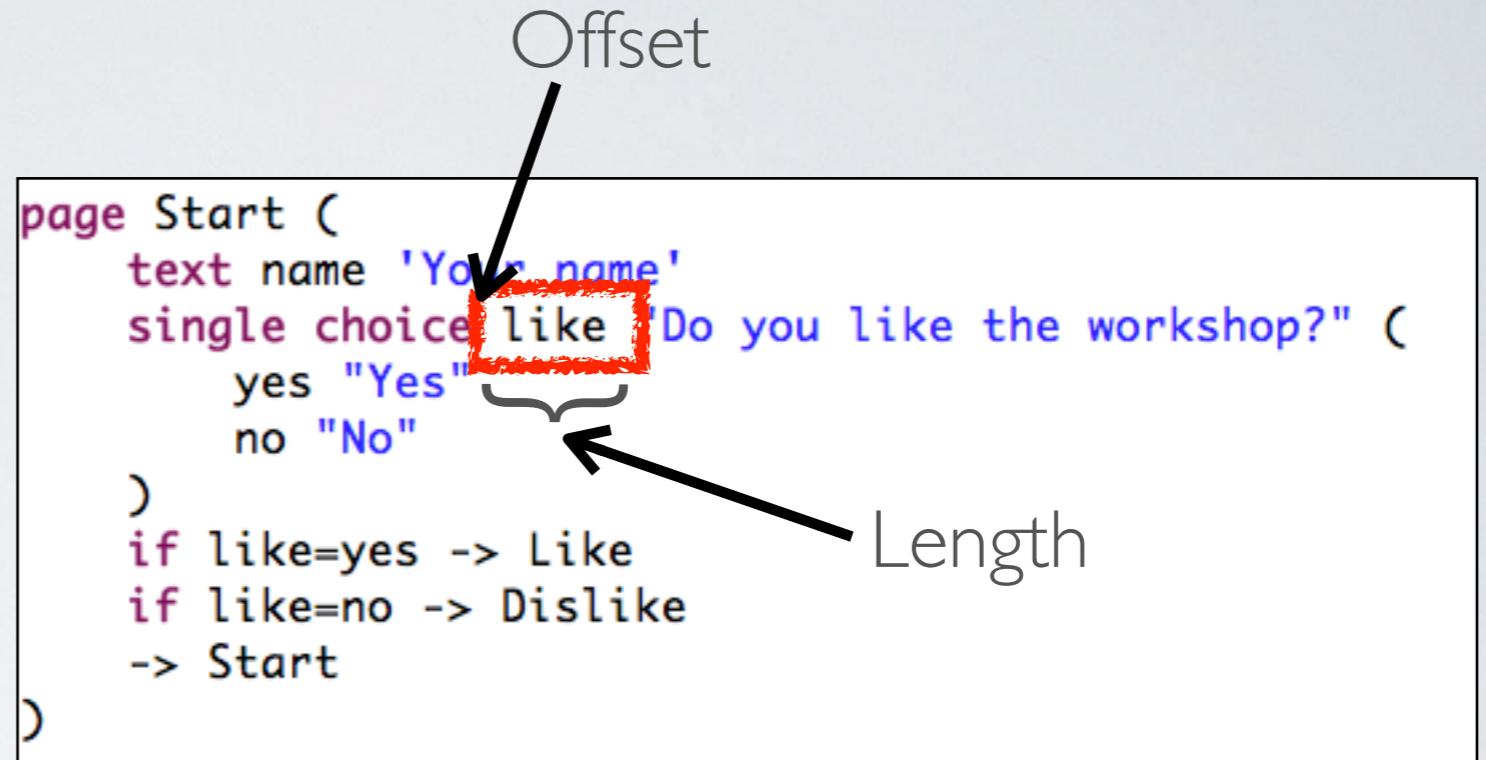
# Different types of quick fixes

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

# OUTLINE VIEW

# OUTLINE VIEW

The image shows two screenshots of the Eclipse Community Survey 2014 survey editor, illustrating the use of the Outline view.

**Left Screenshot:** The Outline view is open, showing a tree structure of survey elements. The 'experience' element is selected, highlighted in blue. The tree includes categories like community, country, experience, organization, operating\_system, programming\_language, development\_target, development\_tools, cloud, mobile, hobby, and comments.

```

EclipseCommunitySurvey 2014.survey
  ...
  <!-- experience -->
  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
  )
  ...
  page organization (
    single choice 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)'
  )
  ...
  <!-- experience -->
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    ) 
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  )
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  )
  ...

```

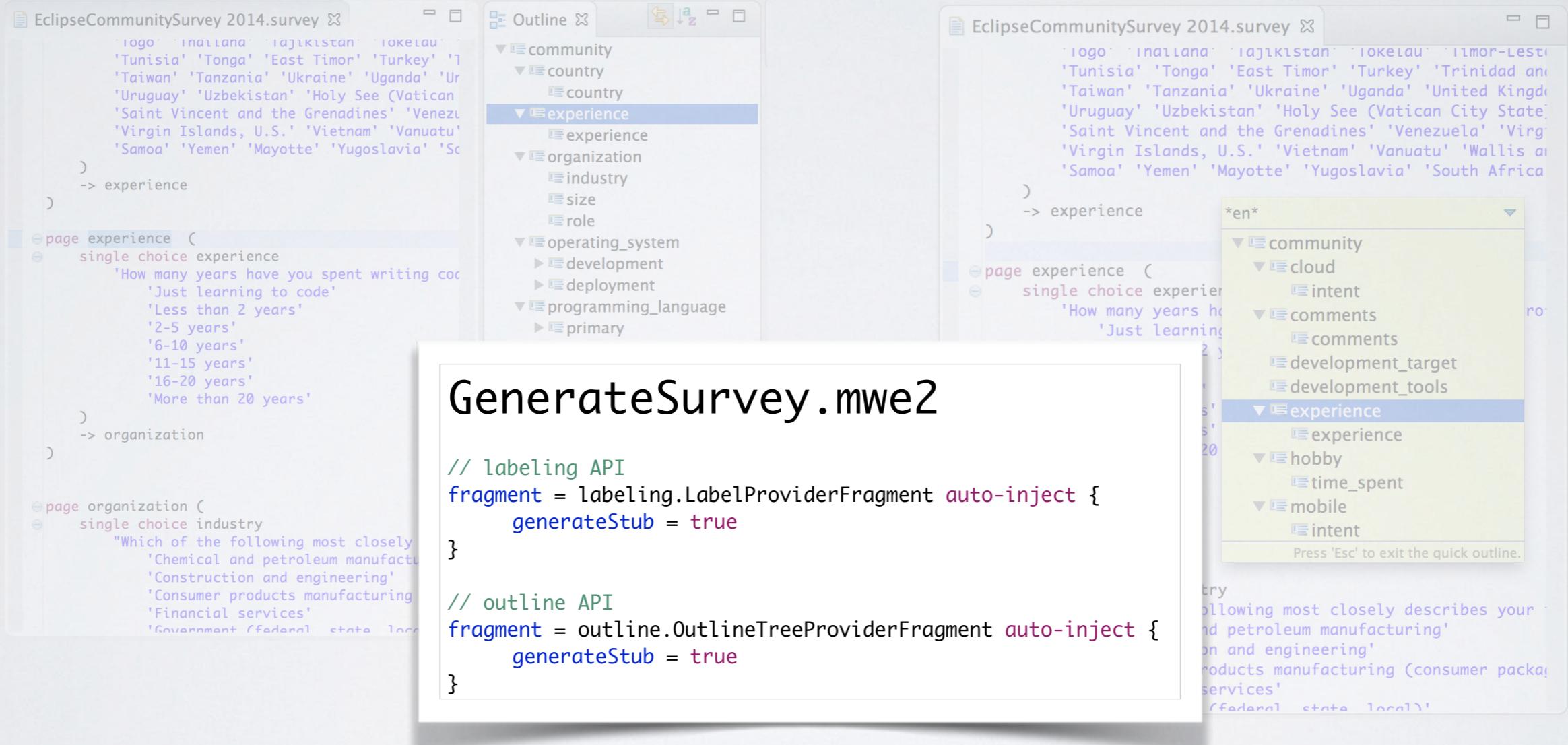
**Right Screenshot:** The Outline view is open, showing a tree structure of survey elements. The 'experience' element is selected, highlighted in blue. A context menu is open over the 'experience' element, with the title '\*en\*' and options including 'community', 'cloud', 'comments', 'development\_target', 'development\_tools', 'experience', 'hobby', 'mobile', and 'intent'. A message at the bottom of the menu says 'Press 'Esc' to exit the quick outline.'

```

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  <!-- experience -->
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        'More than 20 years'
    ) 
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  )
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  )
  ...

```

# 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';



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

# EXPRESSIONS

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

Number :  
    value = INT;

LEFT-RECURSION !

# EXPRESSIONS

D-

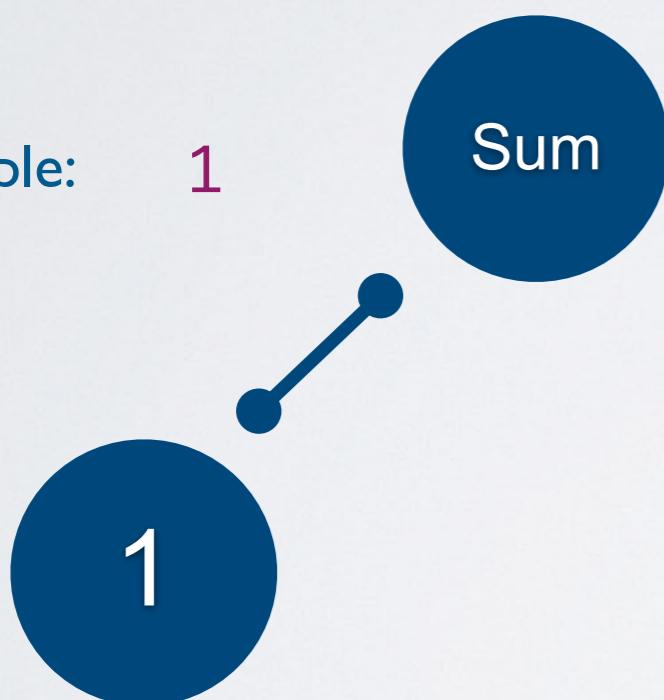
Sum :

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

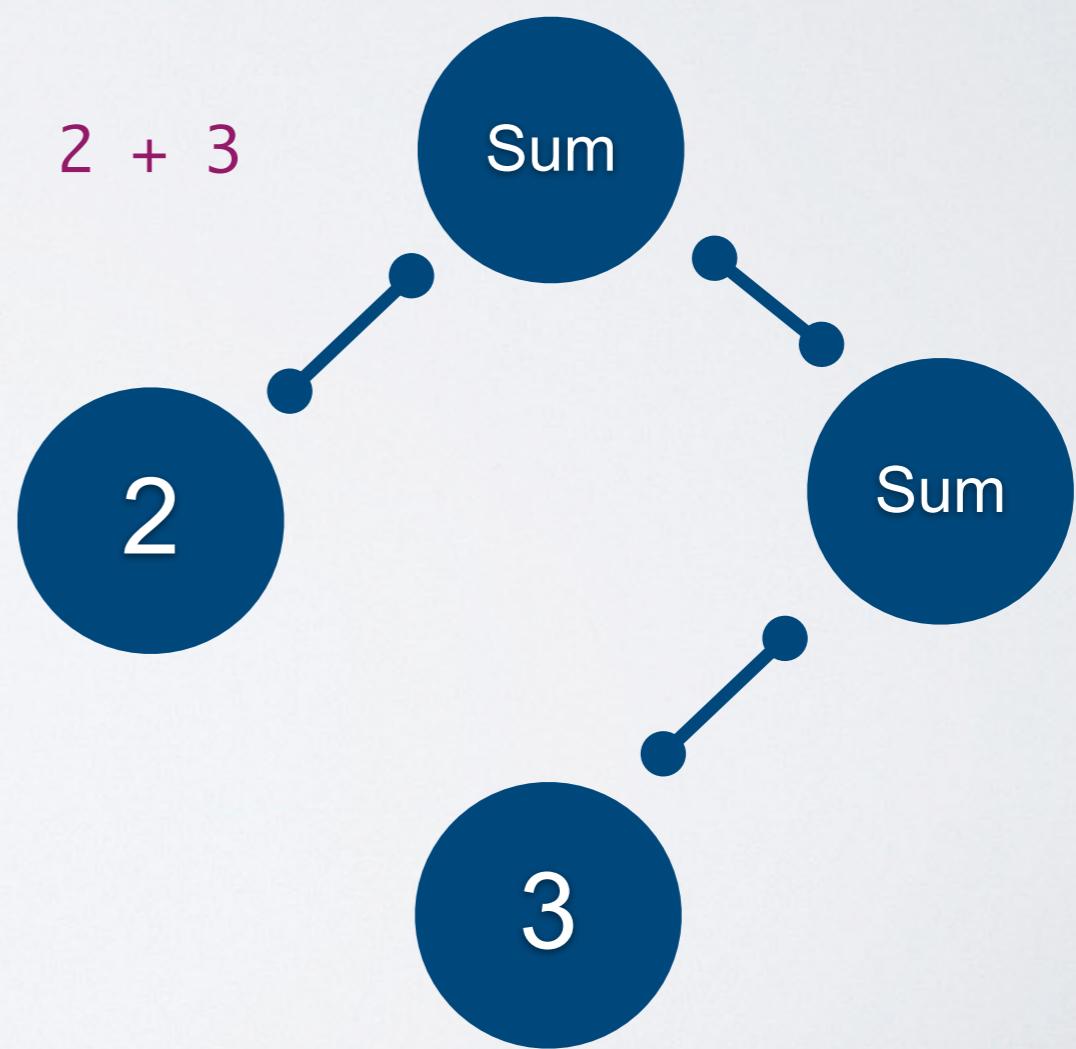
Number :

```
value = INT;
```

Example: 1



Example: 2 + 3



# EXPRESSIONS

Addition **returns** Expression:

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

Number :

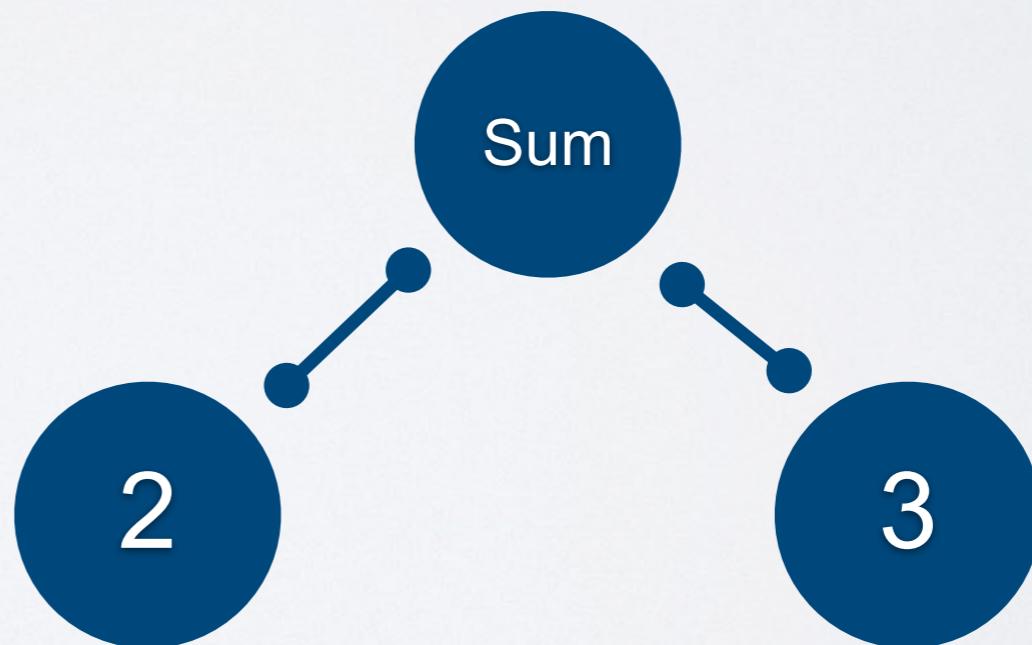
```
value = INT;
```



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 "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, showing test results: "Finished after 1.247 seconds" with "Runs: 2/2", "Errors: 0", and "Failures: 0". The right side displays the content of the file "test1.dmodel xt". The code contains validation annotations and a warning message:

```
/* XPECT_SETUP org.domainmodel.tests.validation.DMValidationTest END_SETUP */

package pkg1 {
    entity MyEntity {

        // capitalized property names are discouraged
        // XPECT warnings --> "Name should start with a lowercase" at "Property1"
        Property1 : String

        // the character % is not valid syntax
        // XPECT errors --> "extraneous input '%' expecting '}'" at "%"
    }
}
```

A blue bar highlights the warning message: "warnings: capitalized property names are discouraged (0.175 s)".

# 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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# XBASE

Enable expressions in your language

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# HOW TO 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

# HOW TO 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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Scoping, Linking and Indexing  
Moritz Eysholdt

Understanding Dependency  
Injection in Xtext  
Stefan Oehme

Xtext Grammar Language  
Jan Köhnlein

Xbase - The Complete Guide  
Sebastian Zarnekow

Performance Optimization  
Sebastian Zarnekow

Testing with Xpect  
Moritz Eysholdt

# SESSIONS YOU SHOULD ATTEND ON WEDNESDAY

What's in a resource?

Sebastian Zarnekow

Code Generation with Xtend

Jan Köhnlein

Implementing Interpreters

Anton Kosyakov

Advanced Parsing and Lexing

Sebastian Zarnekow

# Thank You