# **Eclipse RCP Part II: Bundles and Plugins**

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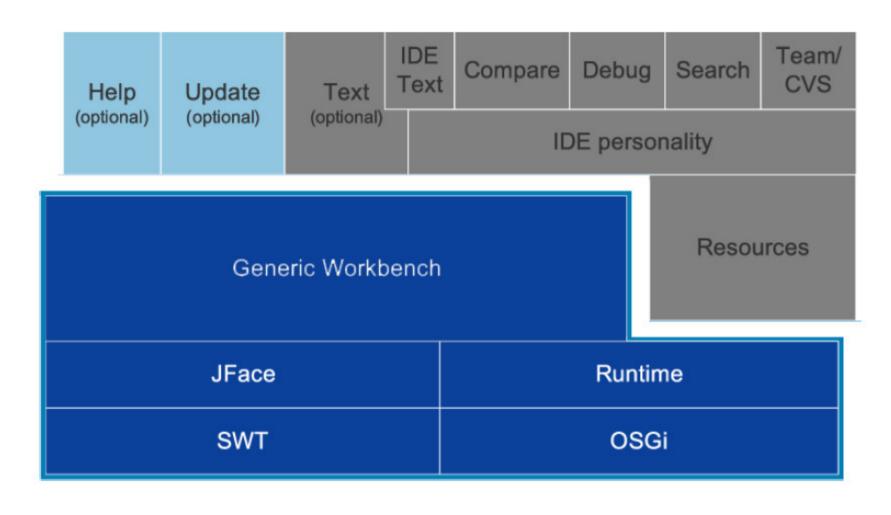
## Objective



- Understanding bundles
- Understanding plug-in dependencies
- How to use the run configuration
- How to use the target platform
- What's the language delta pack
- Understanding the content of the manifest.mf file
  - Lazy loading
  - The Activator class

## **The Architecture**





#### **OSGI**



- OSGi is a specification for a service platform defined by the OSGi
   Alliance (formerly known as the Open Services Gateway initiative)
- Service platform specification
  - service architecture
  - dynamic install/uninstall/update
  - security
  - logging
  - remote configuration API
  - declarative services
  - and many more...



#### **Equinox**



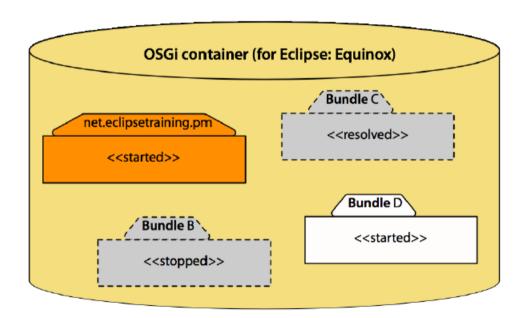
- There are several Open-Source OSGi implementations:
  - Equinox
  - Apache Felix
  - Knoplerfish OSGi
- Equinox is an implementation of OSGi used by Eclipse

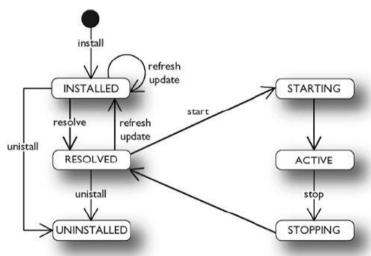
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## **OSGI**



- The Eclipse runtime uses Equinox as a framework for its plug-in concept
- Plug-ins are loaded and started in an OSGi container:





## Plug-ins versus OSGI Bundle

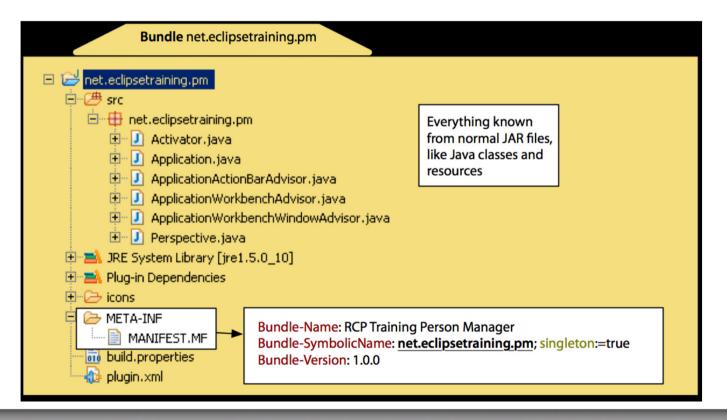


- Plug-ins are the components of an Eclipse application
- Every plug-in is a bundle in terms of OSGi
- Plug-in (Eclipse) ≡ bundle (OSGi)
- An RCP application is a set of interdependent plug-ins (RCP target plug-ins + your plug-ins)

## What is a plug-in



- We have created a plug-in that runs as a bundle in the OSGi Container
- Ok, so what's an Eclipse plug-in?



## **Naming Convention**

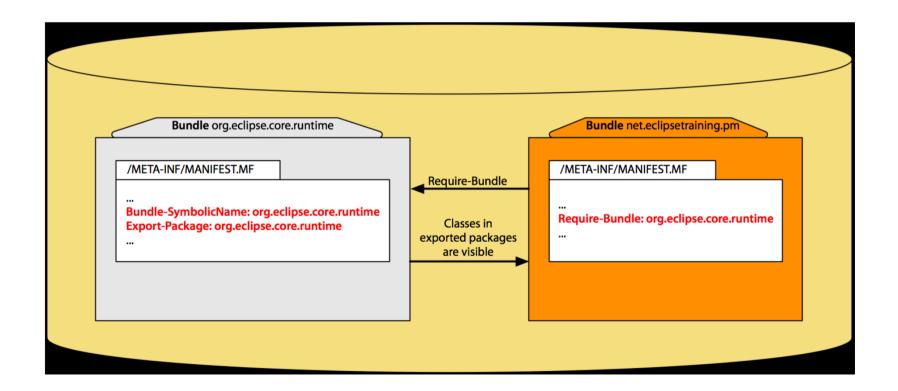


- The plug-in ID is the unique identification of a plug-in
- There is a convention to use the same name for:
  - Plug-in ID
  - Eclipse Project where your plug-in is hosted
  - Top-level package
- The Eclipse "New Plug-in Project" wizard is aware of this convention

## **Dependencies**



- Plug-ins may declare dependencies on other plug-ins
- The dependencies are resolved by OSGi:



## **Required versus Export**



- Every plug-in may export some of its Java packages to other plugins
- These packages must be enumerated with Export-Package in the bundle manifest
- A plug-in requiring any of those packages must mention the exporting plug-in's bundle ID in its Require-Bundle list

## plugin com.msg.client

import com.msg.server.core.lSample

**MANIFEST.MF** 

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Required Bundle: com.msg.server

plugin com.msg.server

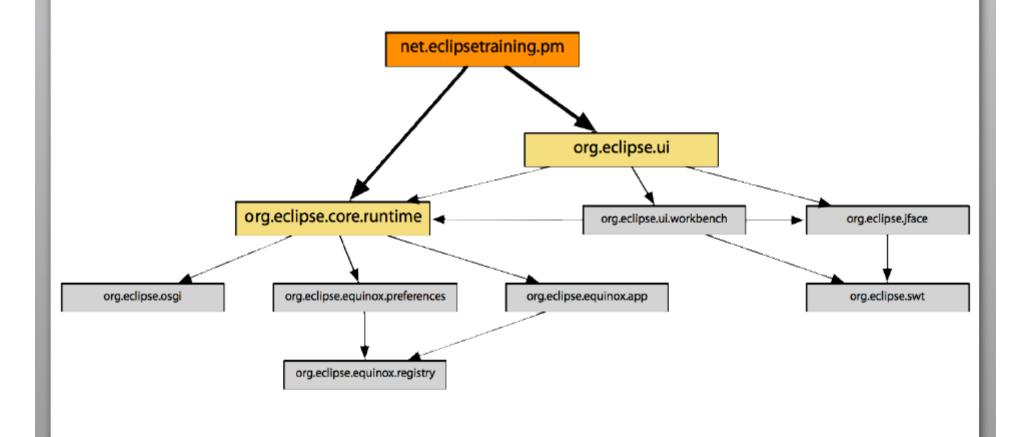
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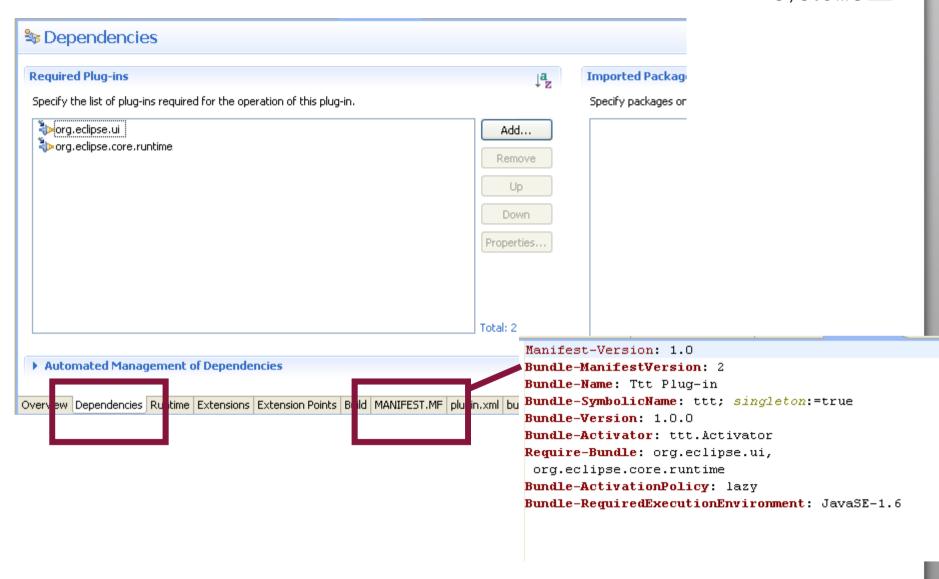
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#### **MANIFEST.MF**





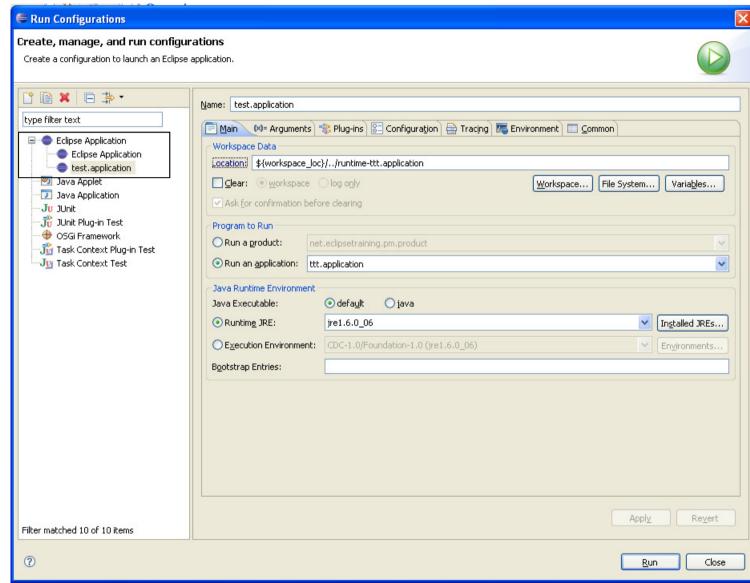
## what happens with the dependencies



- All these dependencies are resolved at runtime
- you can configure which bundles are available in the run configuration of your application
- plug-ins are loaded on demand (lazy loading)
  - Plug-ins contribute to a menu or toolbar are loaded?

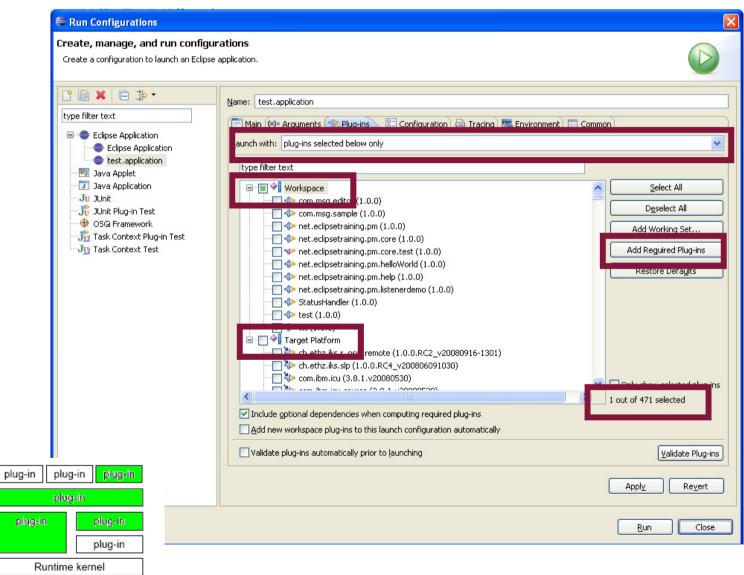
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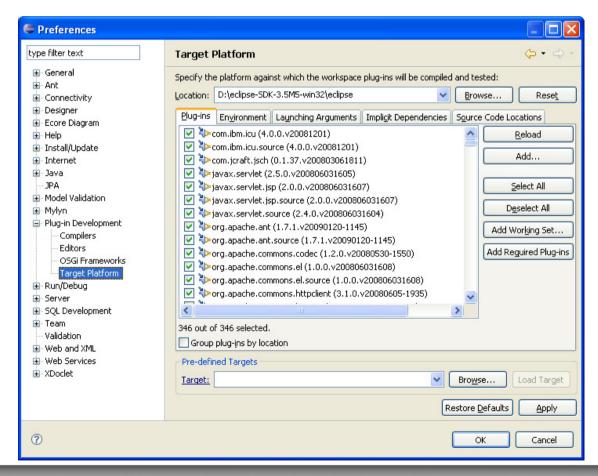




#### **Setup the target platform**



 see language delta pack on http://download.eclipse.org/eclipse/downloads/



#### **Activator**



```
public void start(BundleContext context) throws Exception {
super.start(context);
plugin = this;
* (non-Javadoc)
* @see
   org.eclipse.ui.plugin.AbstractUIPlugin#stop(org.osgi.framework.Bundl
   eContext)
public void stop(BundleContext context) throws Exception {
plugin = null;
super.stop(context);
```

#### Lab



- Build two plug-ins com.msg.client and com.msg.server with a simple view (use the wizard)
- Define a package com.msg.server.test and implement a simple test class with a method public String testme() ... returning a test string
- Call this Method from the com.msg.client plug-in when it is loaded and print the string to System.out
- Don't forget to export your package and to set the dependencies correctly
- Run your application and make some tests at your own

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