How to add a tree prior to BEAST2?

This tutorial follows the same wording and structure as BEAST2: how to write a BEAST2 package, but for a tree prior instead.

Empty Package Explorer

When starting Eclipse in a new workspace, the Package Explorer is still empty. In this example, my workspace is `~/GitHubs/Java`.

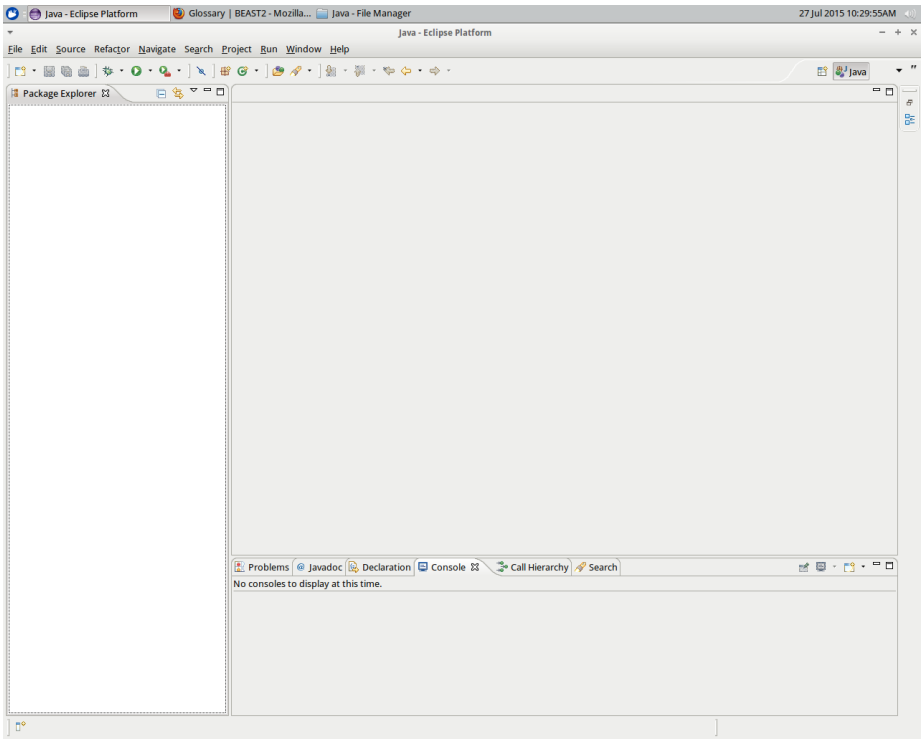


Figure 1: Eclipse with an empty package explorer

Adding BEAST2 to the Package Explorer

To add BEAST2 to the Package Explorer, it must first be downloaded, then put into a Java project.

Download BEAST2

In this example, I download BEAST2 from the SVN repository from withing the '~/GitHubs/Java' folder:

`cd ~/GitHubs/Java svn checkout http://beast2.googlecode.com/svn/trunk/ beast2` This will create a folder called `beast2`.

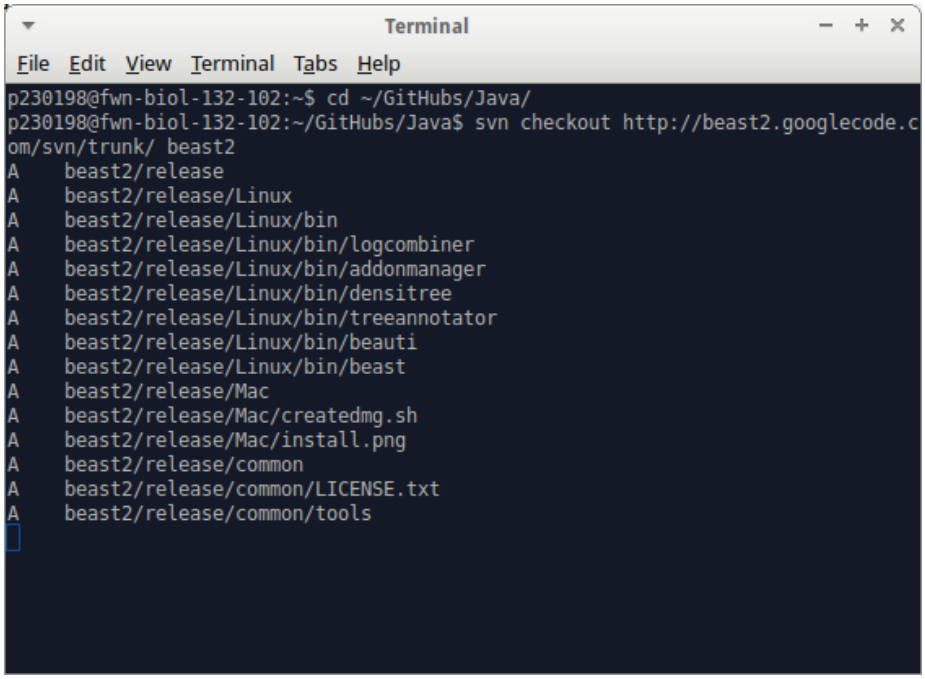


Figure 2: Start downloading BEAST2

Put BEAST2 into a Java project

First, we will add `beast2` to the Package Explorer.

Select `File | New | Java Project`:

This is how the 'Create a Java Project dialog' looks like:

Just type in the word `beast`. It will detect there is a folder called `beast2` and the dialog will change:

Just press `Finish`.

Now, the Eclipse Package Explorer shows the project `beast2`. Well done!

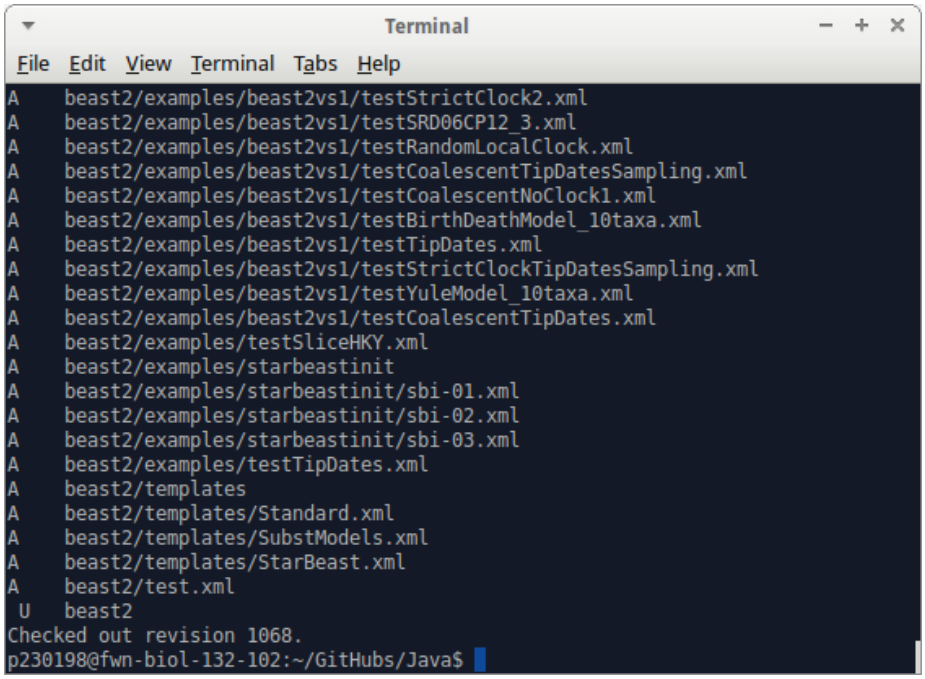
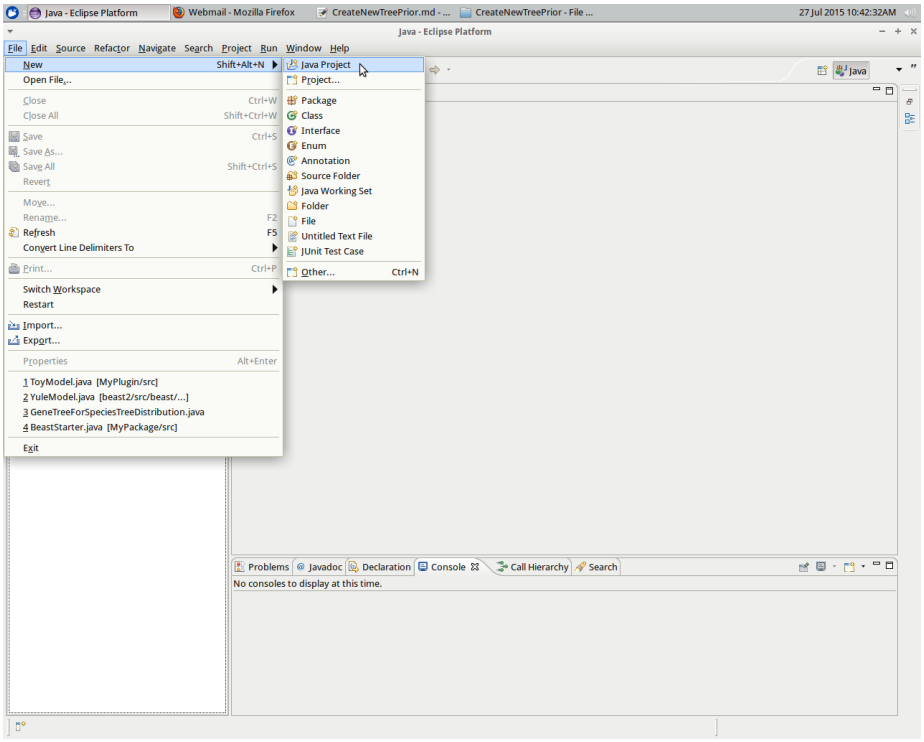


Figure 3: End of downloading BEAST2



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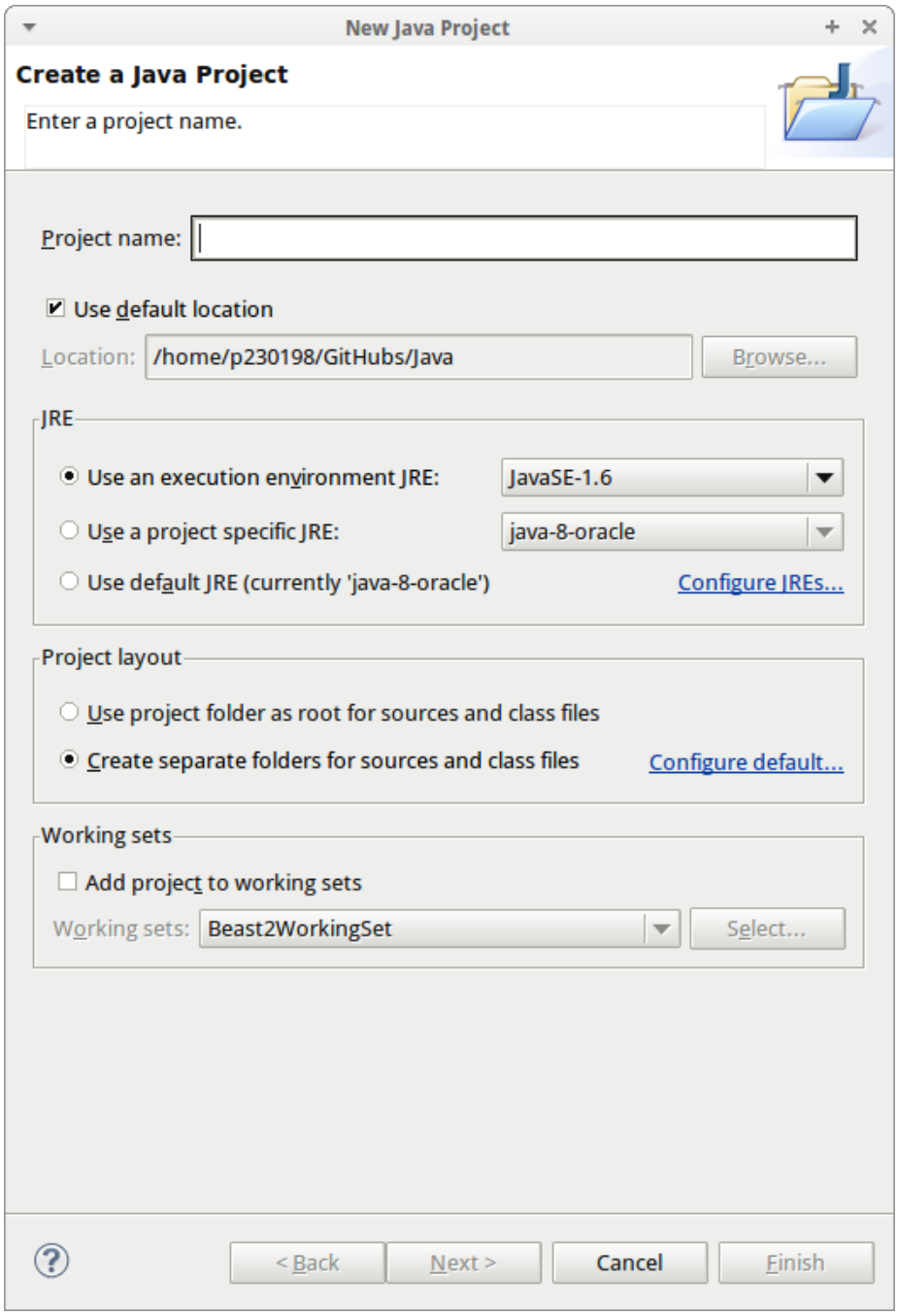

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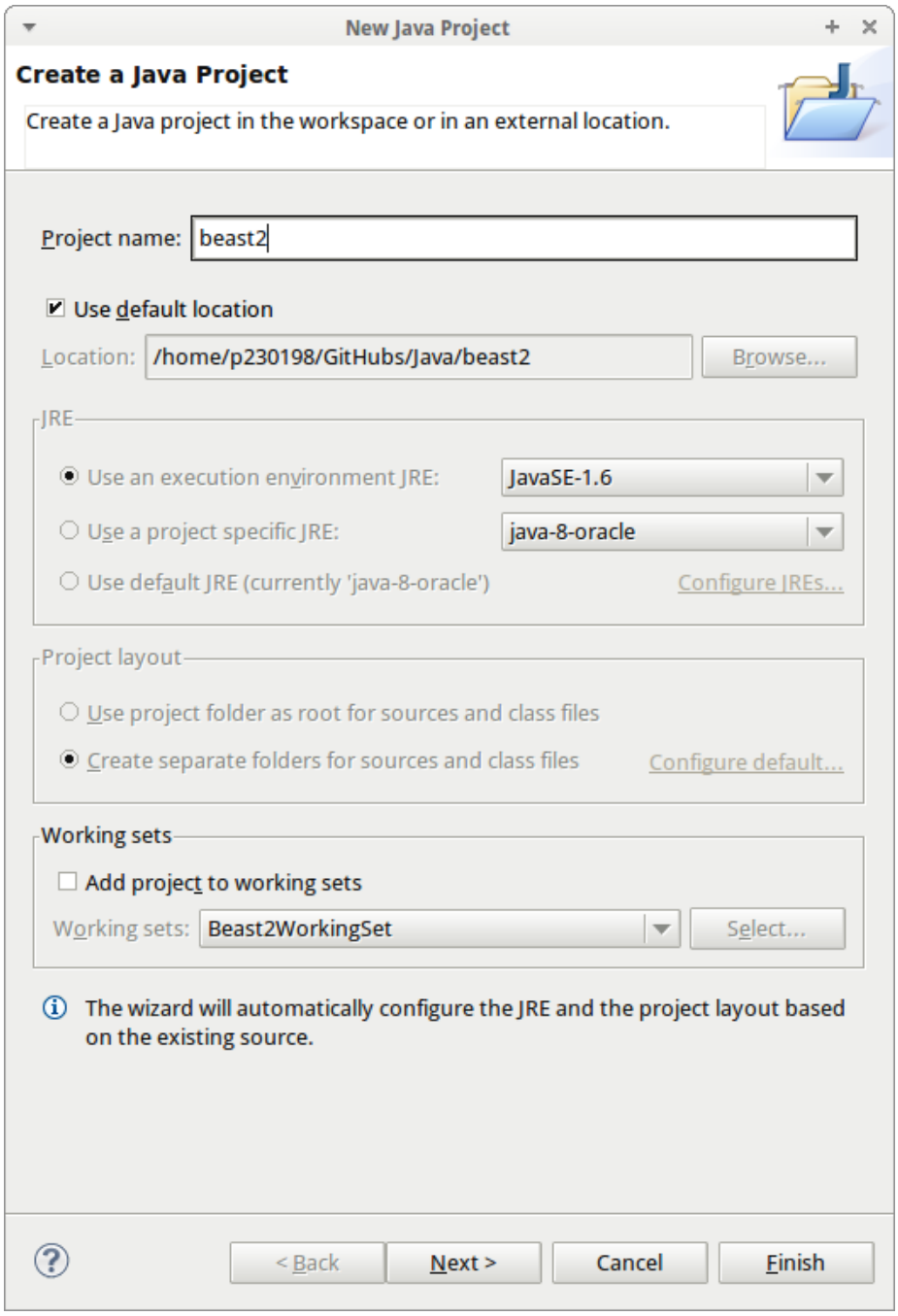


Figure 6: Create a BEAST2 Java Project

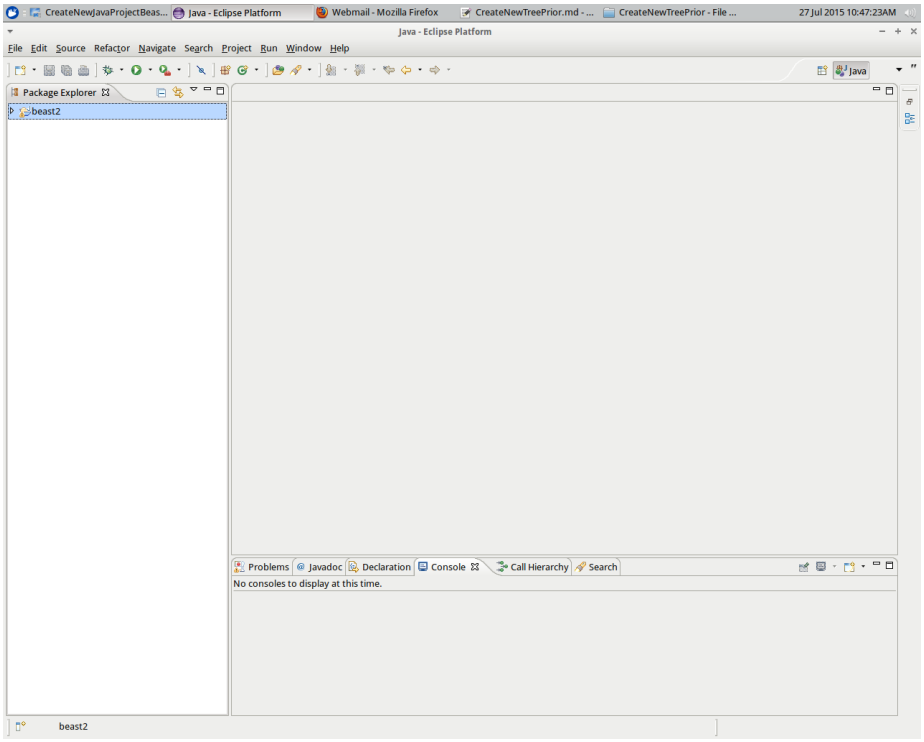


Figure 7: Eclipse with BEAST2 in the package explorer

Creating your own project

Now you need to create an Eclipse project for your package and make it depend on the `beast2` project.

Select `File | New | Java Project`:

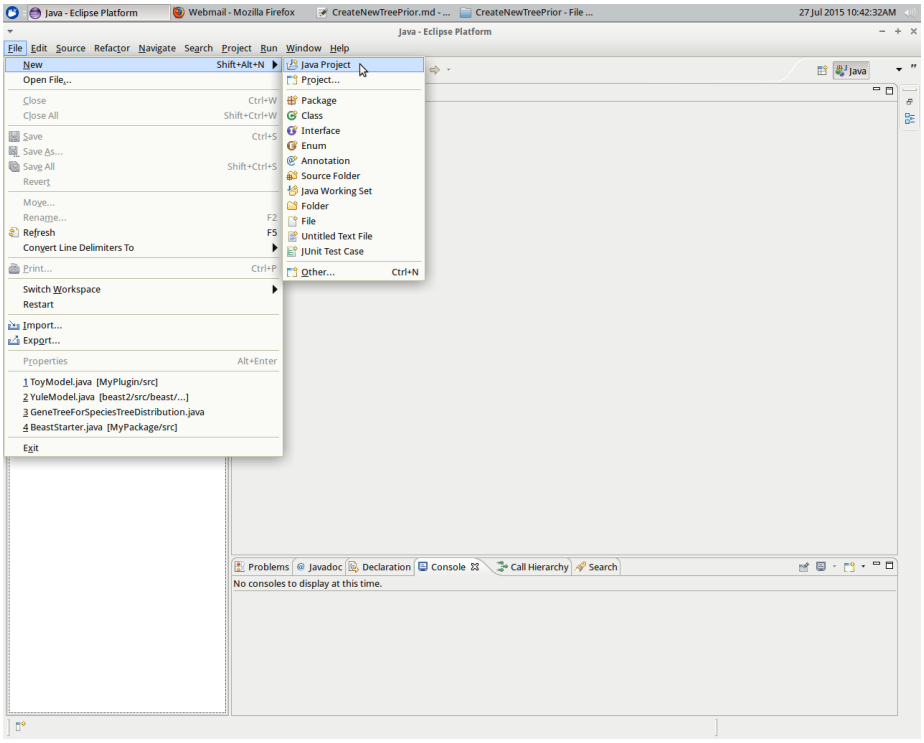


Figure 8: Start a new Java Project

In `Project name`, type in the name, for example `MyProject`. For the JRE, be sure `JavaSE-1.6` or something higher is checked. Click Finish.

Now you should see two projects in the Package Explorer pane: `beast2` and `MyProject`.

Add BEAST2 to your own project

Right-click `MyProject` and choose `Properties` from the pop-up menu that appears

Go to `Java build path | Projects` and click `Add`.

Add `beast2` to your project build path:

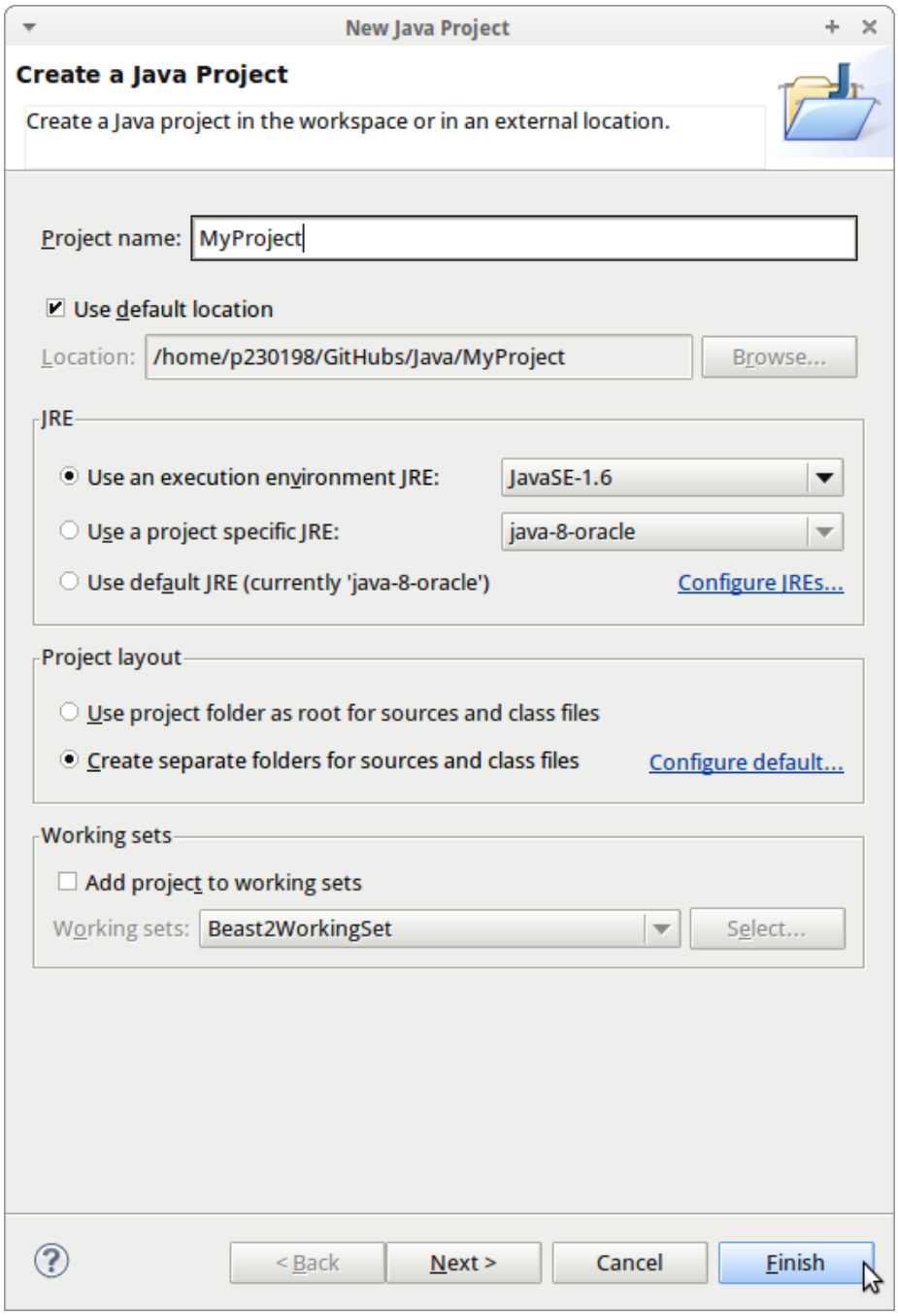


Figure 9: Create a Java project: MyProject

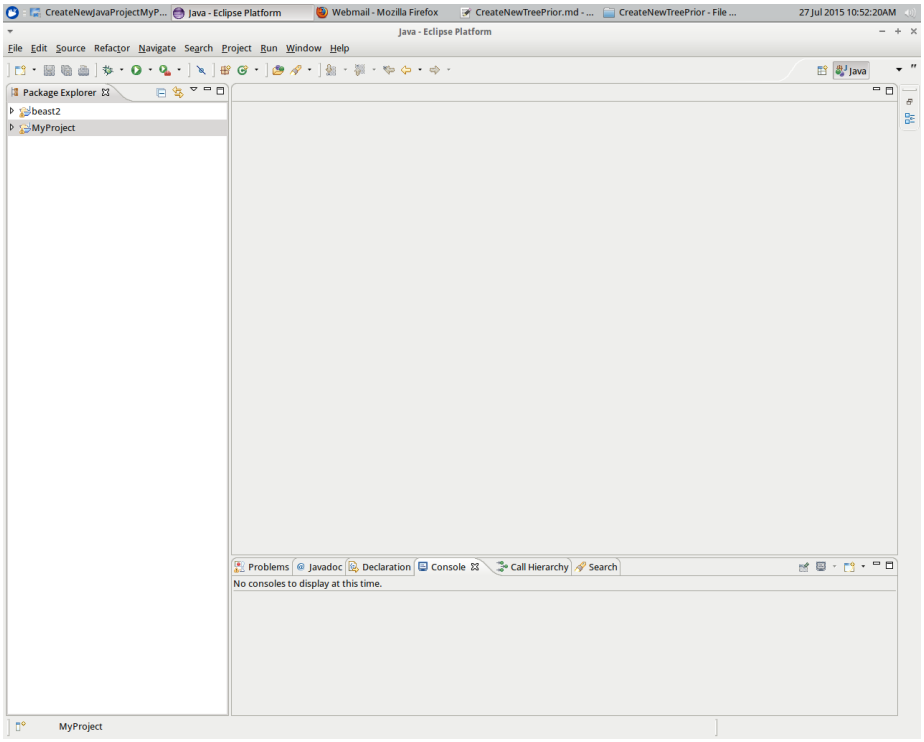


Figure 10: Package Explorer with BEAST2 and MyProject

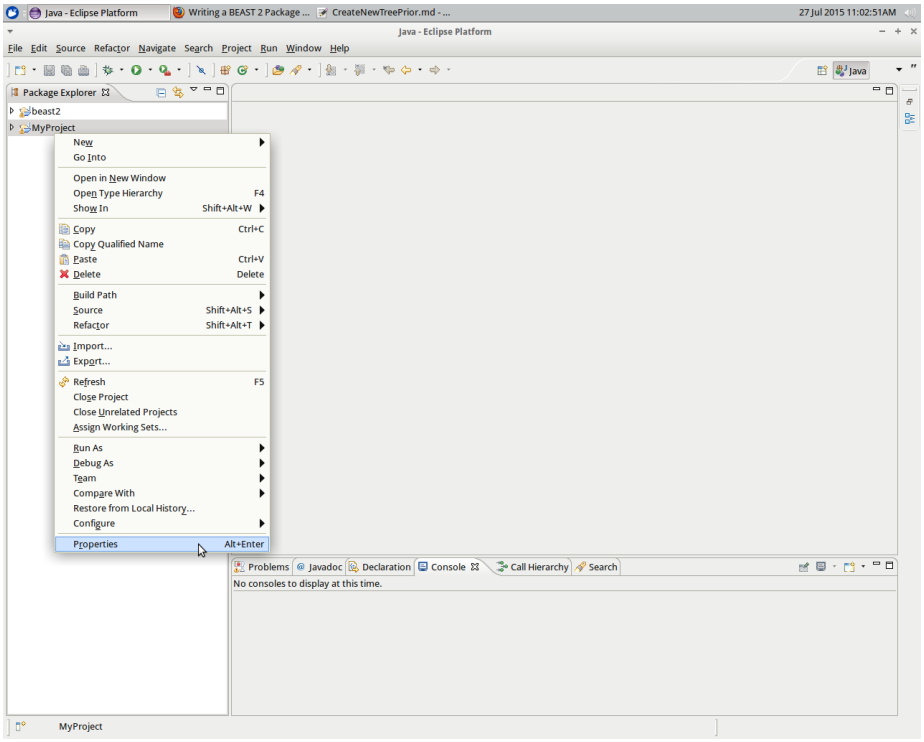


Figure 11: Modify the project properties

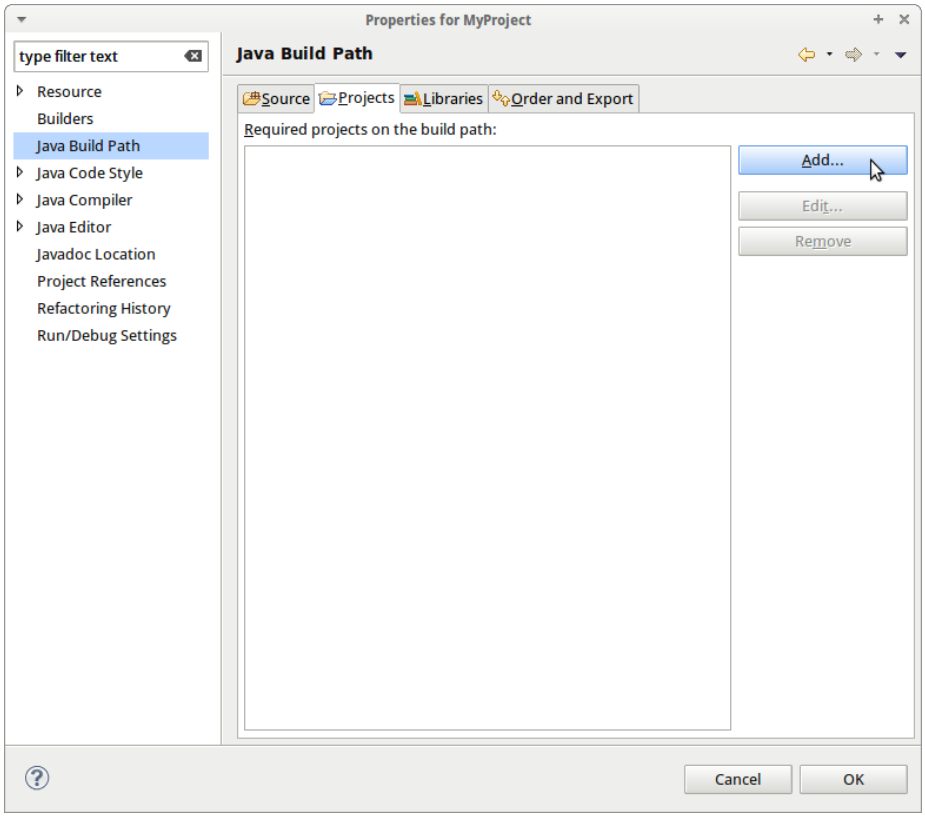


Figure 12: Adding a build path to MyProject

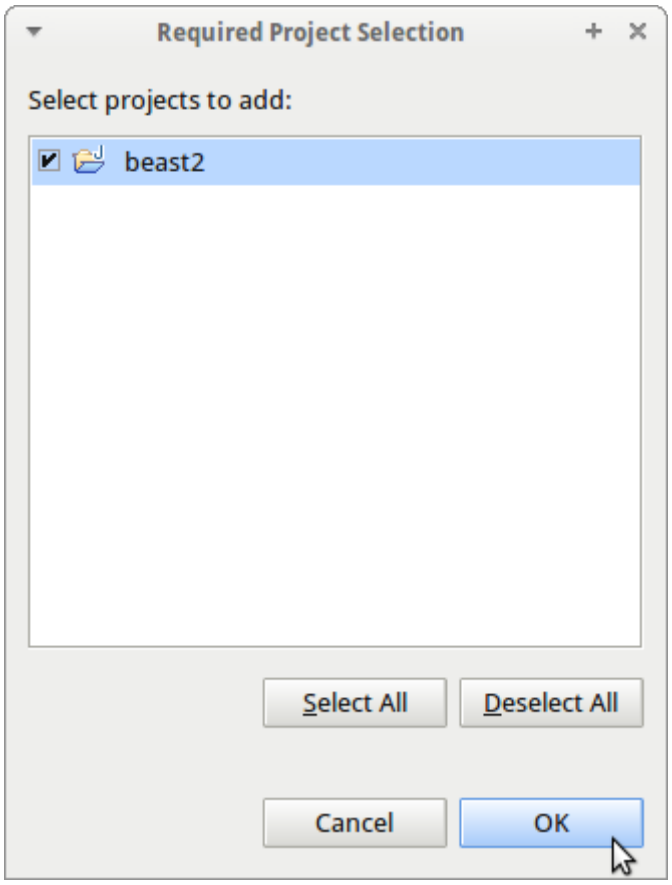


Figure 13: Adding BEAST2 to your project build path

Now BEAST2 is in your project build path, click `OK`.

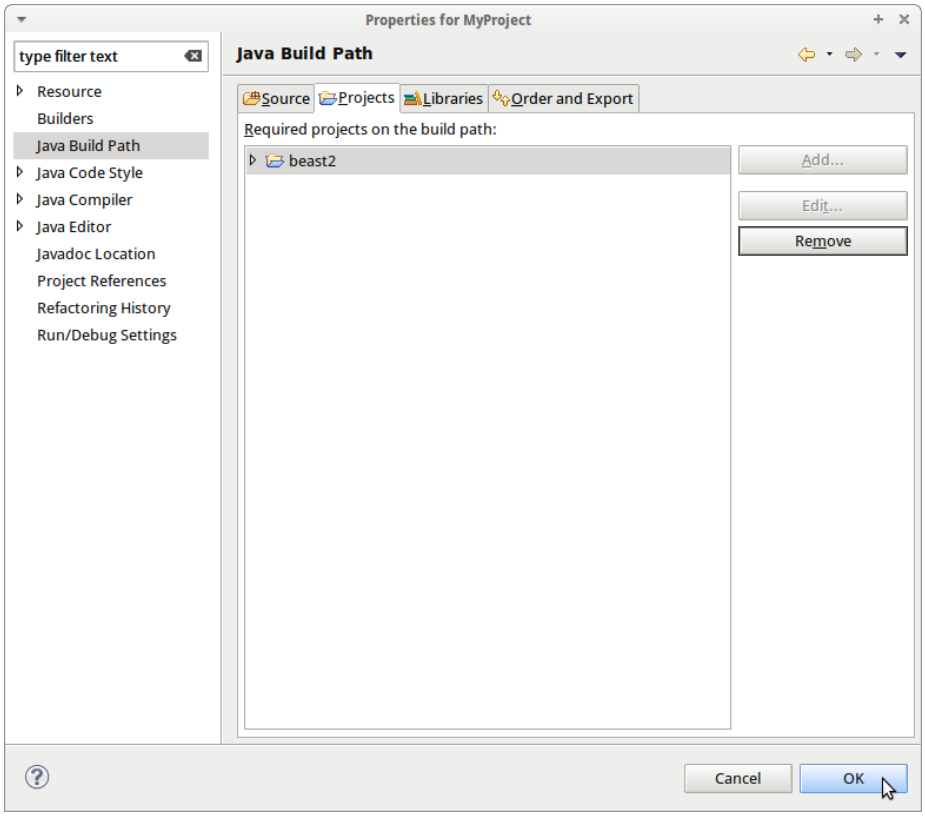


Figure 14: Added BEAST2 to your project build path

This takes you back to the Package Explorer pane.

Create a new tree prior

To create a new tree prior, I will use the Yule model already present in BEAST2.

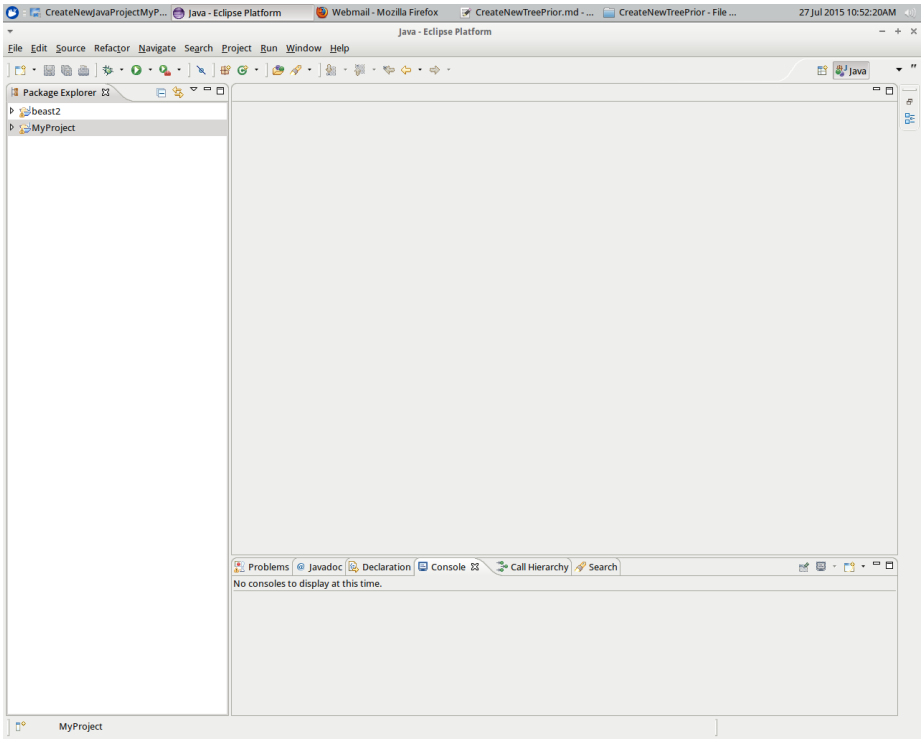
Select `MyProject` in the Package Explorer, right-click and select 'New | Class'

Change the class name to `MyTreePrior`. Ignore all the warnings (as we won't use the generated code anyways) and click `Finish`.

Now you will see the initial code of `MyTreePrior`:

This initial code, however, will be replaced soon.

I will replace the initial code by the Yule tree prior. In the Package Explorer, find the Yule tree prior code. It is under `beast2 | src | beast.evolution.speciation`.



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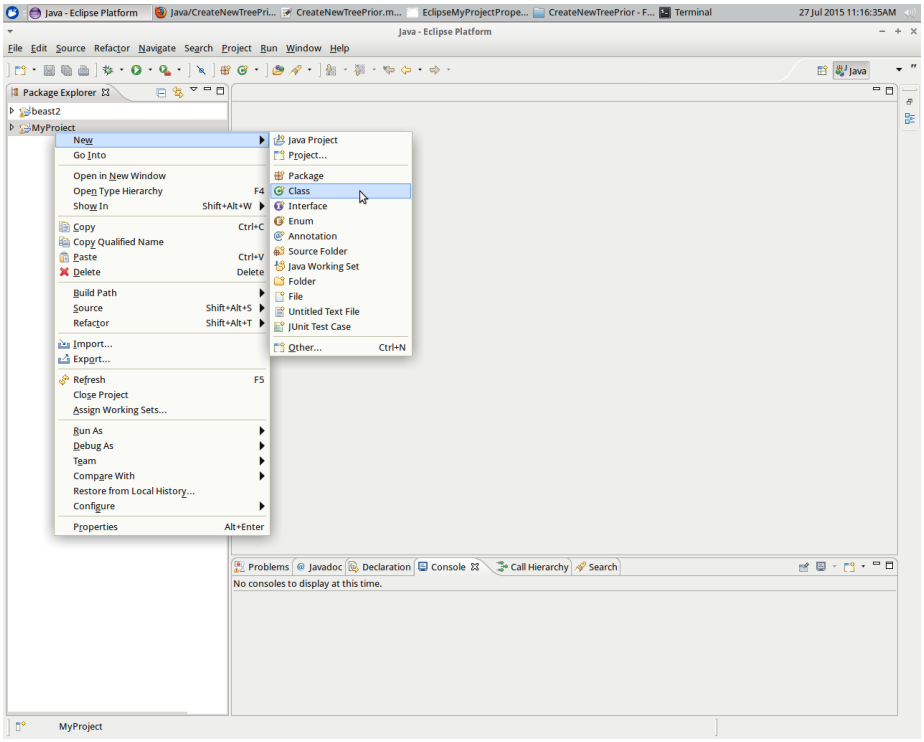

Figure 16: Create a new class

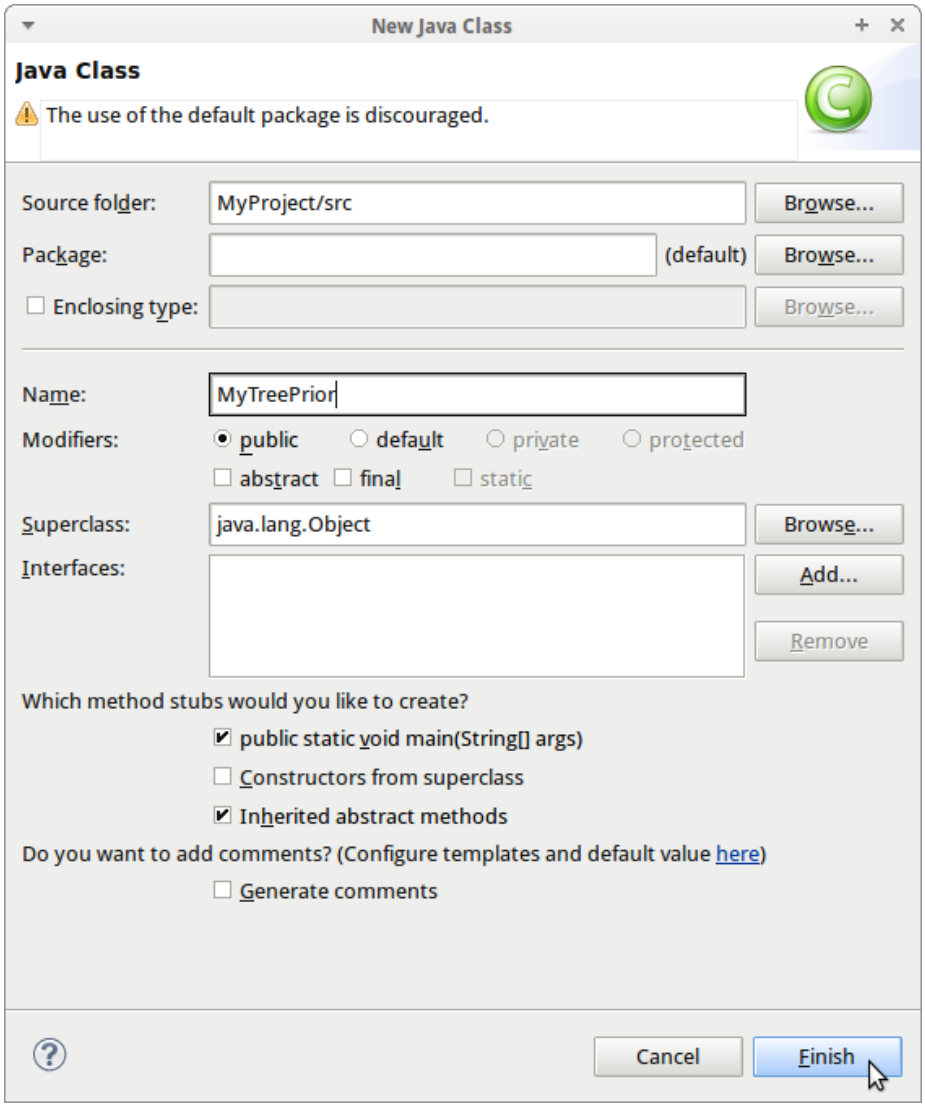

Figure 17: Create a new MyTreePrior class

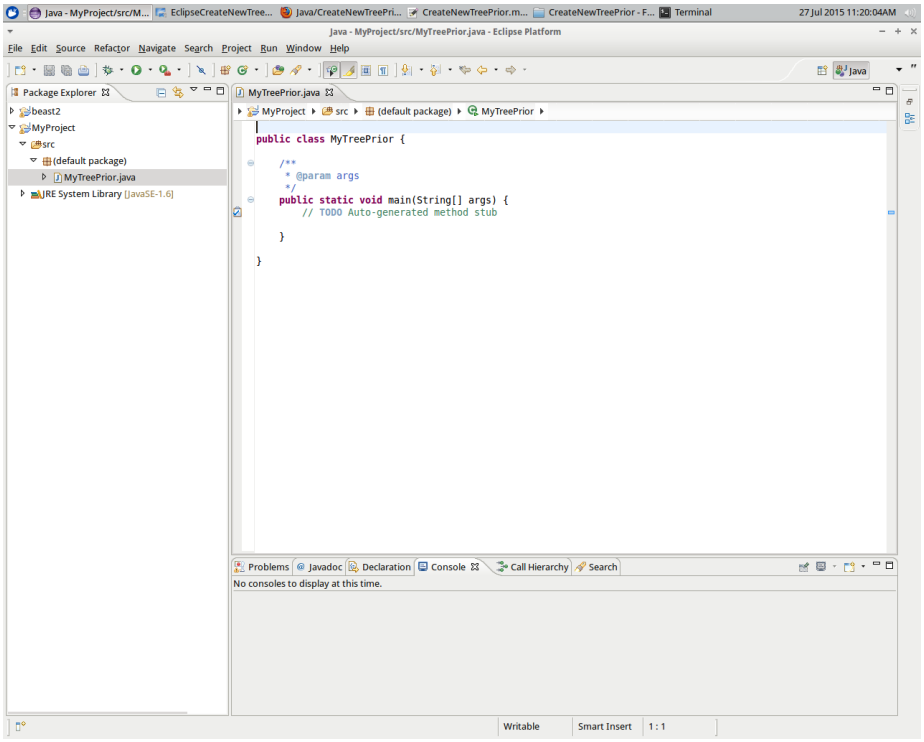

Figure 18: Initial code of MyTreePrior

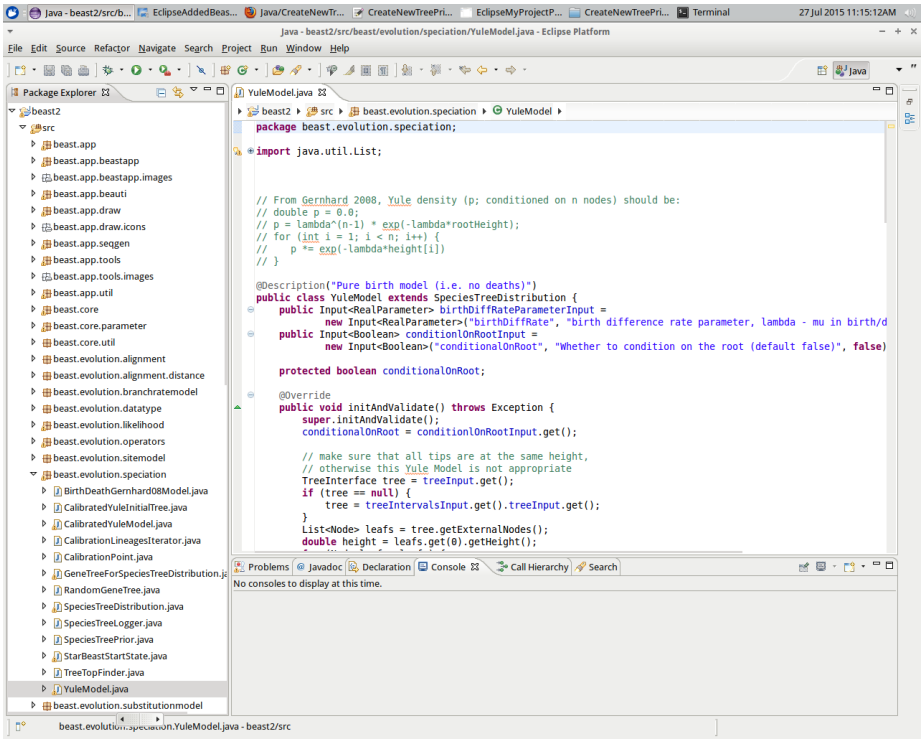

Figure 19: Yule model code

Copy-paste the source code into the `MyTreePrior` code. A lot of errors pop up that we'll fix now.

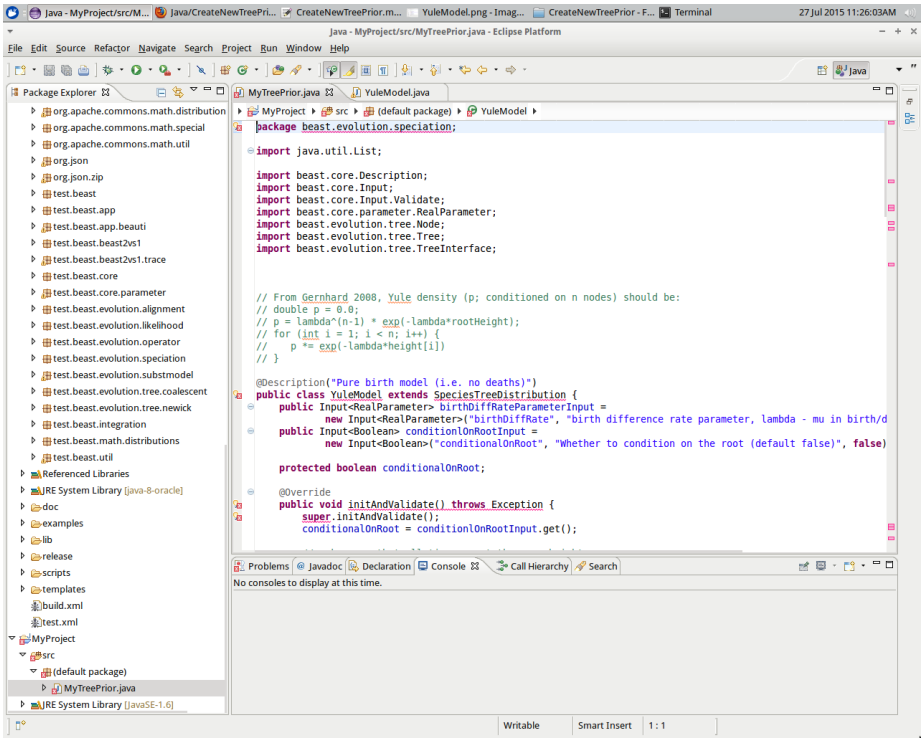

Figure 20: Copied Yule model code

The first error suggests to put the class in the appropriate package.

Double-click this fix.

The next error is that `YuleModel` is not the correct type and Eclipse suggest to rename it to `MyTreePrior` instead.

Double-click this fix. Our class now has the correct (new) class name.

Add the tree prior to BEAUti

To allow BEAUti to find the new tree prior, a template XML files needs to be created. Because `MyTreePrior` is a copy of `YuleModel`, we will use the XML code of that model as a starting point.

In the `MyProject` folder, you will need to create a `templates` folder. I just copied `~/GitHubs/Java/beast2/templates` to `~/GitHubs/Java/MyProject/templates`.

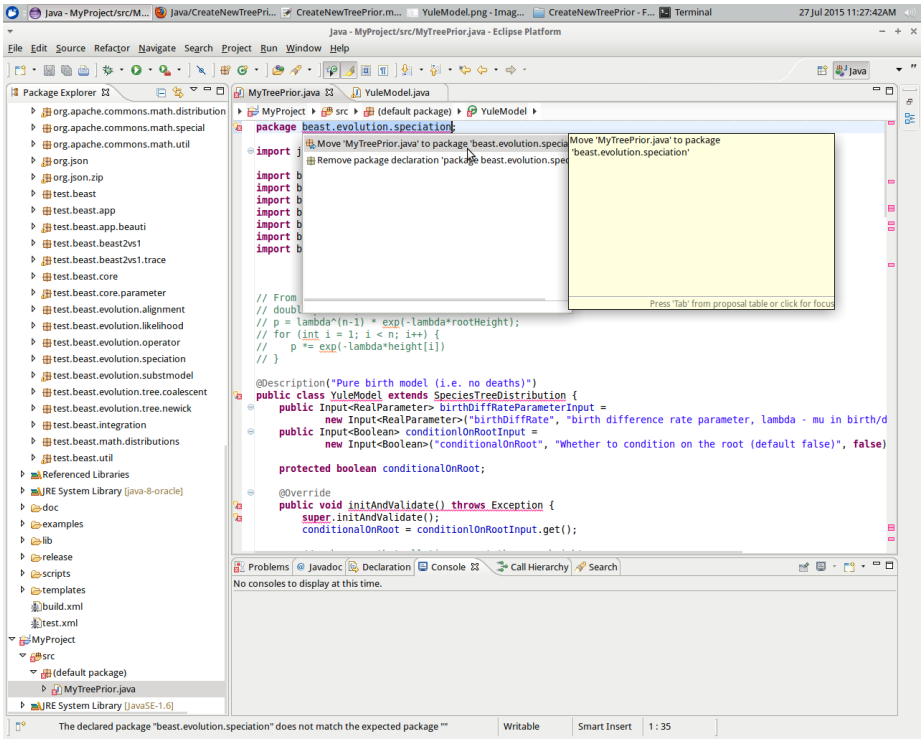

Figure 21: Suggest to move to package

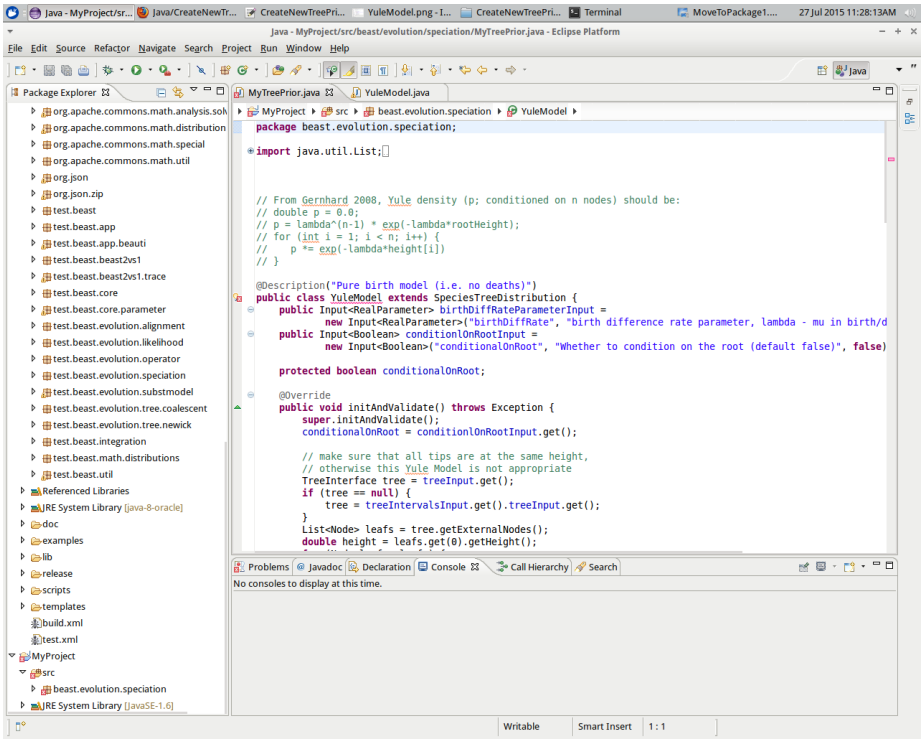

Figure 22: Yule model copy in correct package

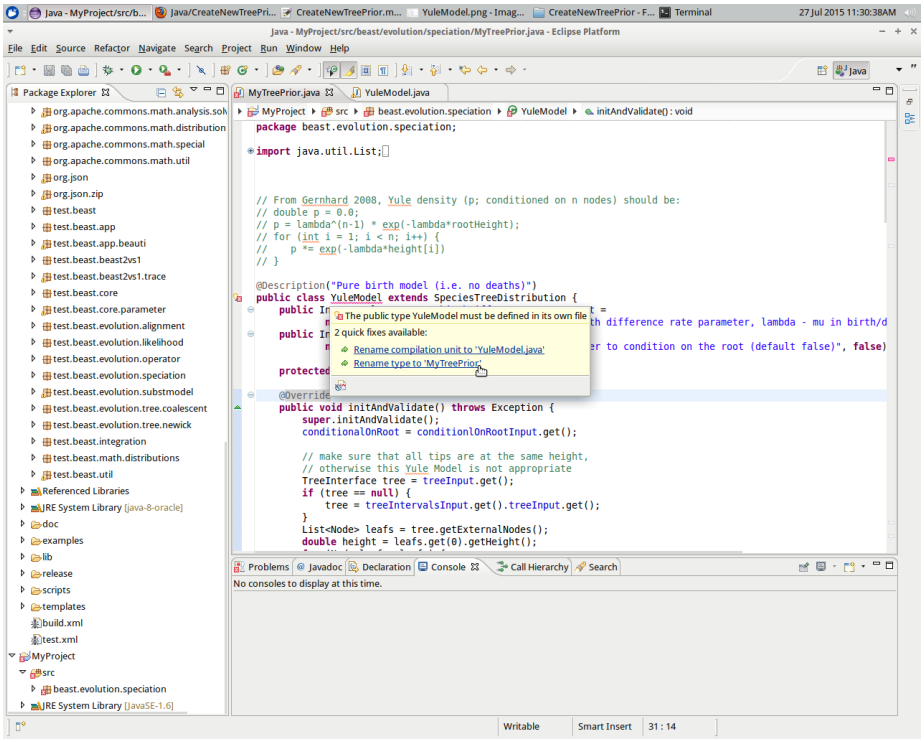

Figure 23: Eclipse suggests to rename the type

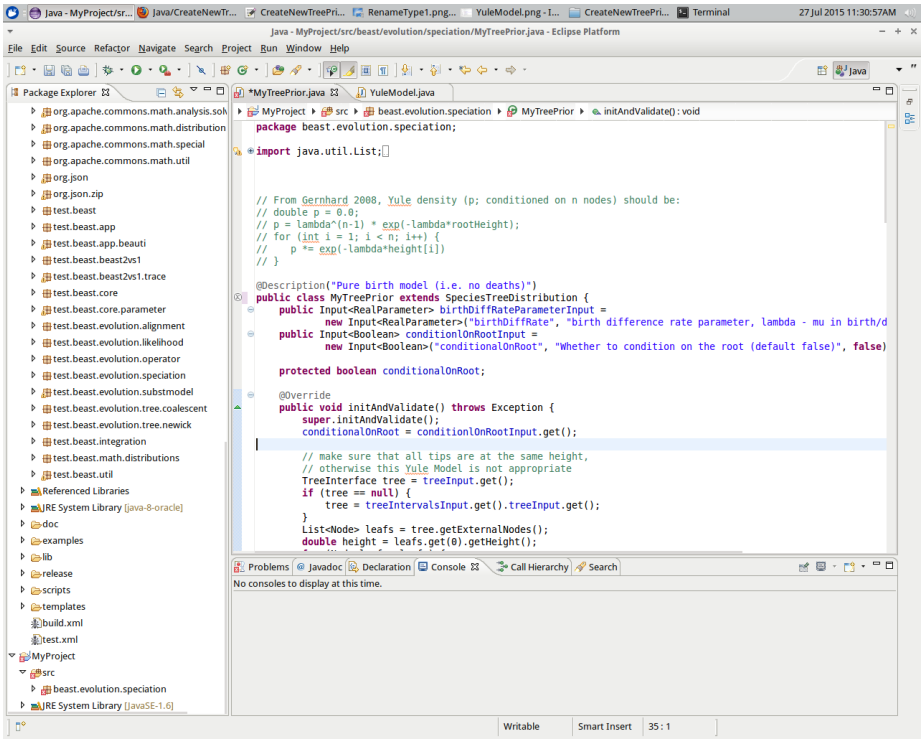

Figure 24: Eclipse renamed the type

In that folder, only keep `SubstModels.xml` and rename it to `MyTreePrior.xml`. Then edit `MyTreePrior.xml`. You can find `YuleModel` somewhere in that file. It will be the only one to keep.

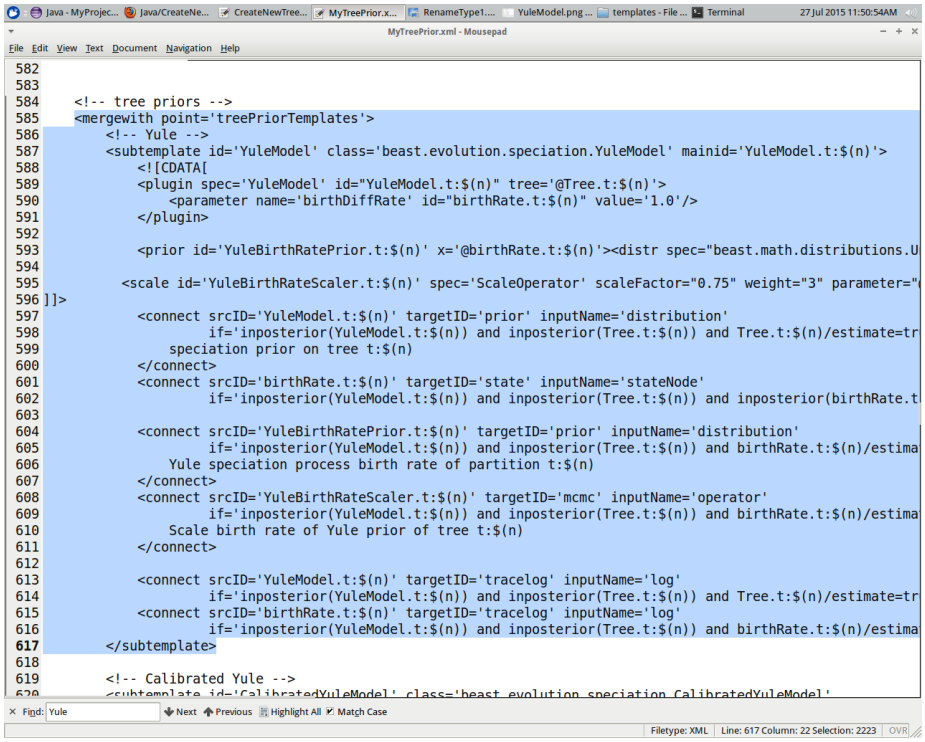

Figure 25: MyTreePrior.xml before edit

Remove all other things, except for `YuleModel`. Be sure to keep the closing XML tags. Or just copy paste this code:

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<beast version='2.0'
       namespace='beast.app.beauti:beast.core:beast.evolution.branchratemodel:beast.evolutio

    <!-- tree priors -->
    <mergewith point='treePriorTemplates'>
        <!-- Yule -->
        <subtemplate id='YuleModel' class='beast.evolution.speciation.YuleModel' mainid='Yul
            <![CDATA[
            <plugin spec='YuleModel' id="YuleModel.t:$(n)" tree='@Tree.t:$(n)'>
                <parameter name='birthDiffRate' id="birthRate.t:$(n)" value='1.0'/>
            </plugin>

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Run BEAUti

To create a debug configuration that runs BEAUti, choose `Run | Debug Configurations`.

In the Debug Configurations dialog, select `Java Application`, right-click, then click `New`.

- In the `Name` field at the top of the dialog box, type `BEAUti`
- In the Project field of the Main tab, type `MyProject`
- For the Main class, type `beast.app.beauti.Beauti`

Click `Apply`.

Click `Debug` to start BEAUti.

Use `File | Import Alignment` or click the `+` button at the lower left, then navigate to the `~/GitHubs/Java/beast2/examples/nexus` folder and select the `anolis.nex` file. Note: you can avoid doing this step if you specify `-nex`

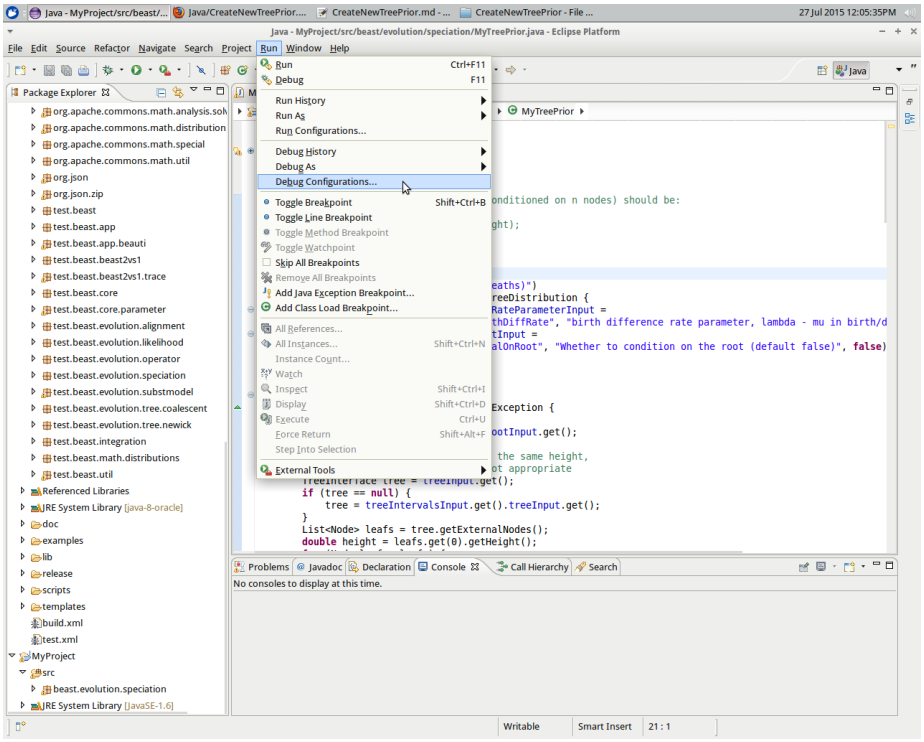


Figure 26: Debug configurations

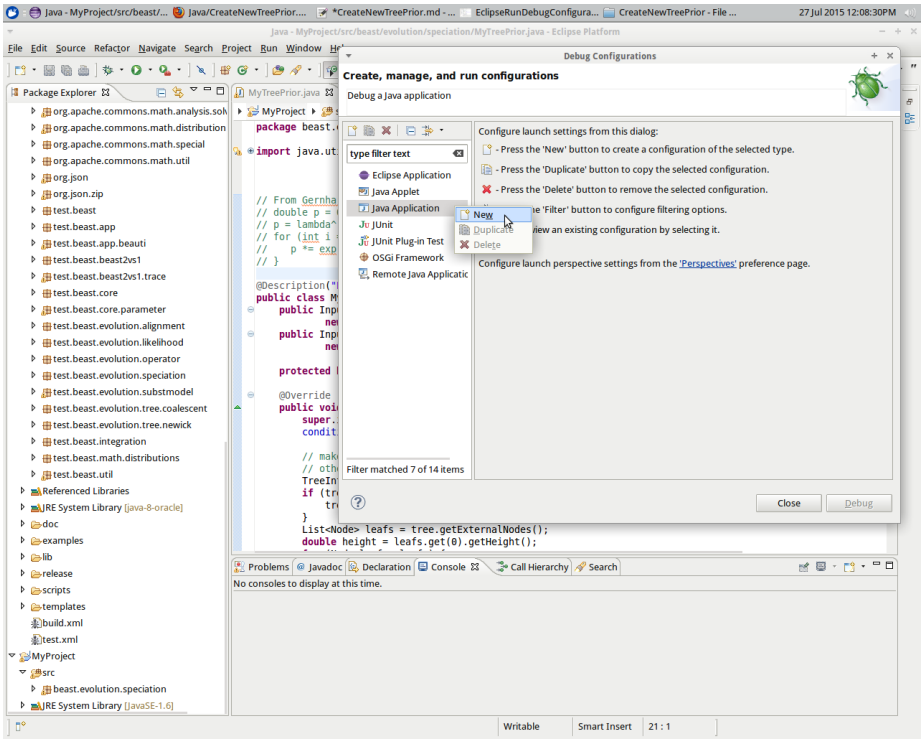


Figure 27: Debug configuration: add new java application

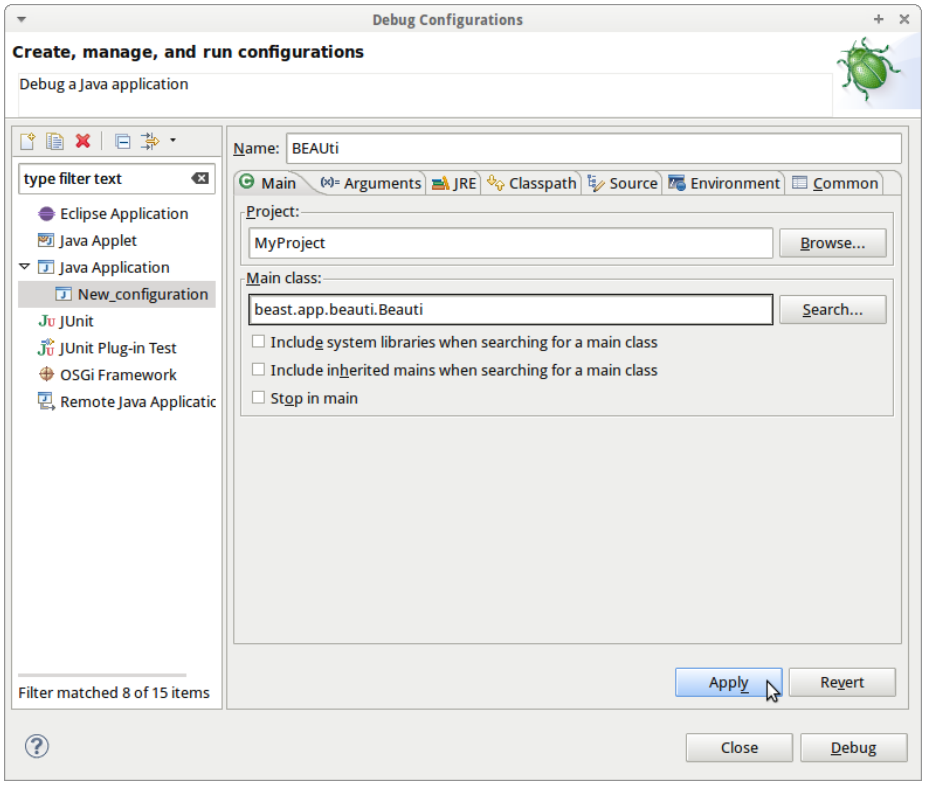


Figure 28: Debug configuration done

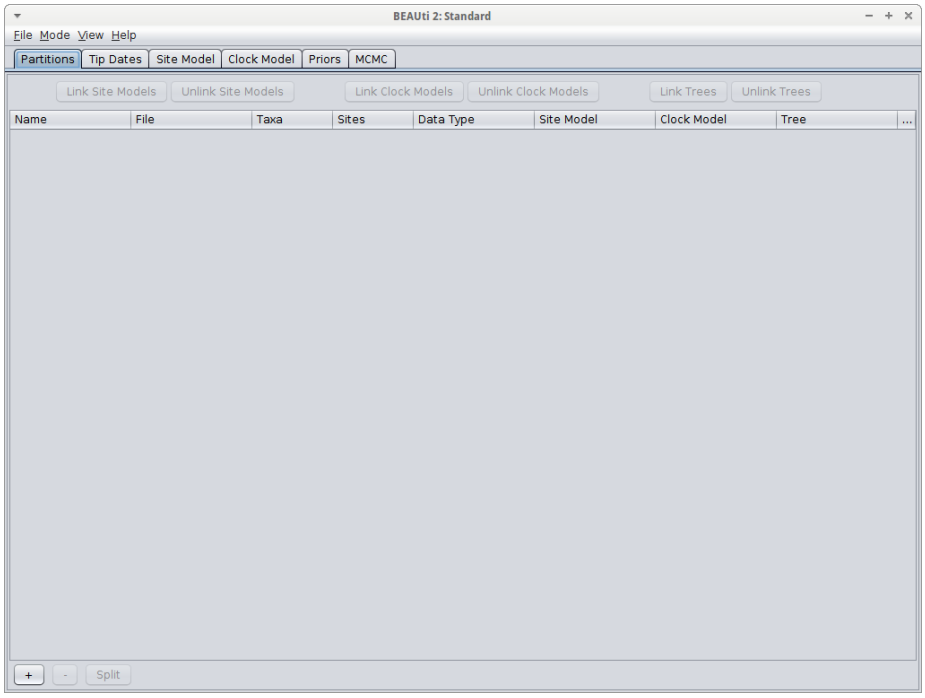


Figure 29: BEAUti2 still empty

`../beast2/examples/nexus/anolis.nex` in the `Program arguments` field of the `Arguments` tab in the BEAUti debug configuration.

Now the alignment is used in BEAUti.

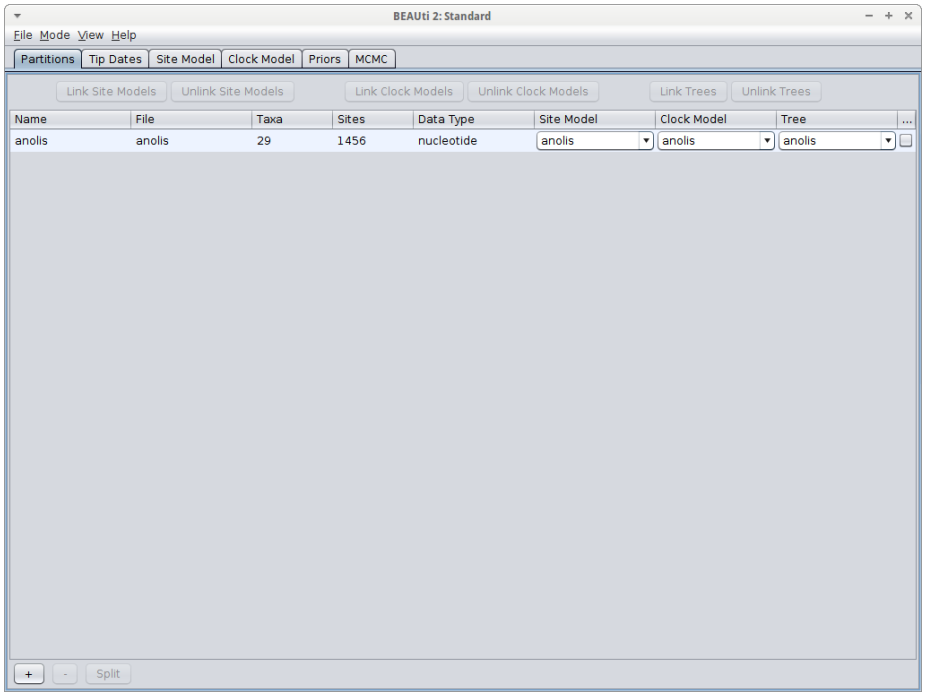


Figure 30: BEAUti2 Anolis

Under the tab `Priors` you can select the `My Tree Prior`.

And there it is!

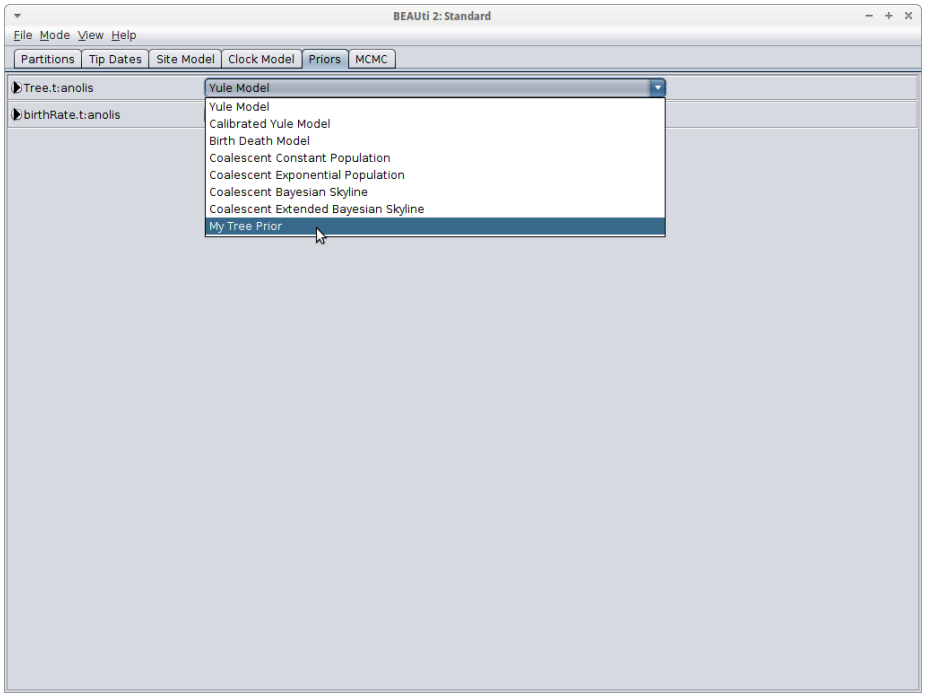
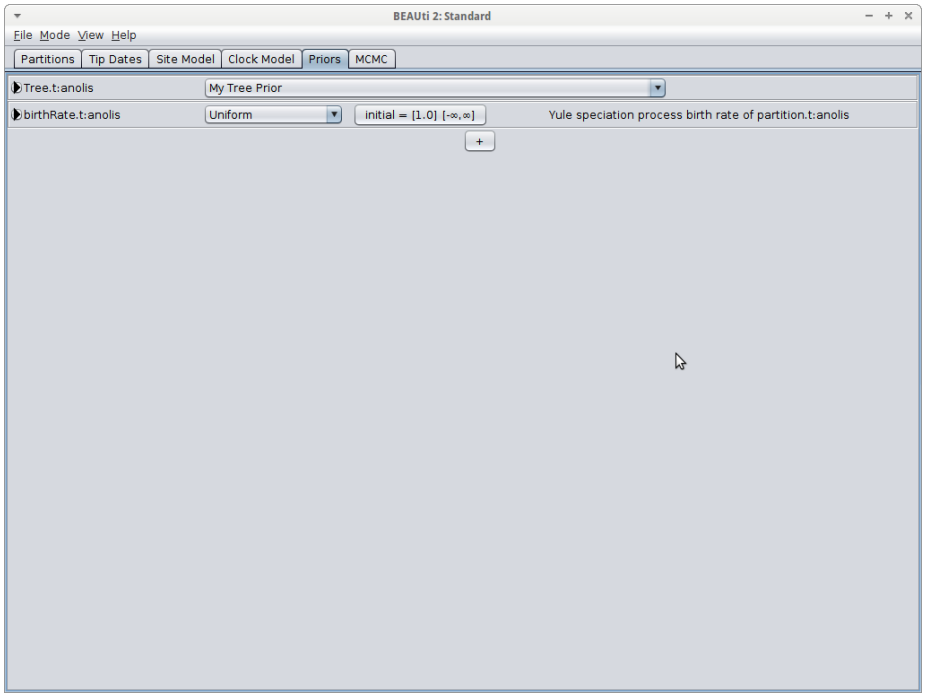


Figure 31: BEAUti2 Anolis and new tree prior is present



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