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Java Debugging with Eclipse (<http://www.vogella.com/tutorials/EclipseDebugging/article.html>) introduces Eclipse's debug mode, a recommended tool for tracking down bugs using breakpoints. This step-by-step tutorial explains the *Debug perspective* and provides screenshots to decode the mysterious debugger icons in Eclipse.

FAQ

I messed up my Eclipse and it doesn't show all the things it used to show

First, make sure you are in the *Java perspective* : in the top right corner of the window, click the **Open Perspective** toolbar button and select **Java** .



If your Java perspective doesn't look right, go to **Window** → **Reset Perspective** to return to the Eclipse defaults.

Tips & Tricks

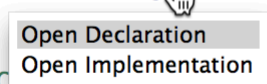
Navigating

Command-click (on Mac) or control-click to **jump straight to the definition** of a variable, field, method, class, etc.

Return to the previous file you were working on with **Navigate** → **Back** , which might have keyboard shortcut Alt-left-arrow or Command-[. Eclipse's *Navigate Back* and *Forward* are analogous to the back and forward buttons in your web browser.

Command- (or control-) -shift-R and command-shift-T bring up a dialog for quickly searching for and **navigating to files** (a.k.a. resources) and **types** (classes), respectively.

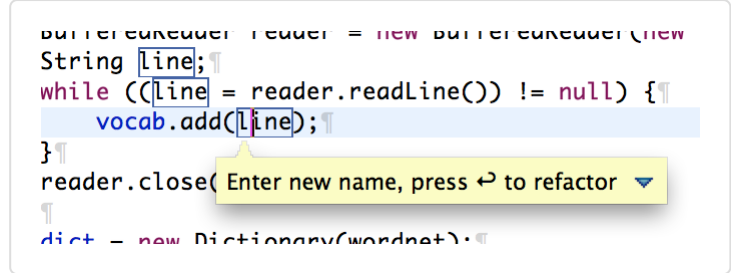
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public void paintComponent(Graphics g) {  
    // If this is the first time paintComponent  
    // make our drawing buffer.  
    if (drawingBuffer == null) {  
        makeDrawingBuffer();  
    }  
    // Copy the drawing buffer to the screen.  
    g.drawImage(drawingBuffer, 0, 0, null);  
}
```



Editing

Select an element and use **Refactor** → **Rename** (or its keyboard shortcut) to rename that variable, field, method, class, etc. wherever it appears.

Take advantage of **code completion** to help you use a new API: if you have an object squiggle, typing the name and then a period will bring up code completion options.



Use **Source** → **Organize Imports** or command- (or control-) -shift-O to automatically add and organize Java import statements. Just start using a new class, *Organize Imports*, and you're good to go.

Don't like formatting and indenting your code manually? Use **Source** → **Format** to clean up your act.

Use **Source** → **Toggle Comment** or keyboard shortcut Command-/ to quickly toggle on or off some lines of code.

Use **block selection** (<http://blog.jooq.org/2013/10/12/eclipses-awesome-block-selection-mode/>) to edit across multiple lines at once.

Have fun in 6.005!

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