

TMF-Xtext 0.7.0 Release Review

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Communication Channel: eclipse.modeling.tmf newsgroup

Process Documentation:

http://www.eclipse.org/projects/dev_process/development_process.php

Introduction



- Xtext is a framework to develop domain-specific languages and corresponding IDE-Support
- It is based on
 - EMF
 - Antlr 3
 - Eclipse's Texteditor Framework

Features



- 0.7.0 is the first release
- No initial contribution / developed from scratch
- Conceptually close to openArchitectureWare's Xtext
- See New & Noteworthy (http://wiki.eclipse.org/Xtext/Documentation/Xtext_New_and_Noteworthy)

Non-Code Aspects



- Provides
 - Comprehensive documentation
 - Tutorial
 - Examples
- We have 1811 Unit-tests (as of RC2)

APIs



- The Xtext project makes a statement about what is API and what is not : http://wiki.eclipse.org/Xtext/Documentation/API
- We don't use PDE's API tooling for several reasons.
 See discussion:
 http://dev.eclipse.org/mhonarc/lists/xtext-dev/msg00216.html

Architectural Issues



- Xtext is designed to be highly customizable and adaptable
- This is primarily accomplished by using two different techniques
 - Dependency Injection with Google Guice
 The whole framework is configured using Guice and let users change the implementation of any of the used components
 - Configurable generator
 Xtext's generator is made up of so called fragments. Users can easily add their own fragments.

Tool Usability



- Language infrastructure provided by Xtext includes rich language-specific
 IDE-Support
- With regards to UI-behavior, Xtext tries to be as close to JDT as possible in order to provide functionality which feels natural and intuitive to Eclipseusers.
- The languages shipped with Xtext (primarily the grammar language) are as well developed using Xtext.

End-of-Life

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This is the first release

Bugzilla (May 27th 2009)



Status

Severity

	NEW	ASSIGNED	RESOLVED	VERIFIED	CLOSED	Total
blocker			1			1
critical			2			2
major	1		<u>10</u>	1	1	<u>13</u>
normal	<u>41</u>	4	<u>285</u>	<u>12</u>	7	<u>349</u>
minor	2		2	1		<u>5</u>
enhancement	<u>39</u>	1	<u>35</u>	4	2	<u>81</u>
Total	<u>83</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>335</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>451</u>

Standards



No implementation of standards

UI Usability



- Xtext uses internationalization
- Nothing beyond standard Eclipse accessibility

Schedule



M2	10/01/2008		RC1	05/19/2009
M3	11/12/2008		RC2	05/26/2009
M4	12/29/2008		RC3	06/02/2009
M5	02/06/2009		RC4	06/09/2009
M6	03/18/2009	(API freeze)		
M7	05/05/2009	,		06/28/2009
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Communities



- Newsgroup: eclipse.modeling.tmf
- Conferences:
 - EclipseCon 2009
 - EclipseSummit Europe 2008
 - JAX 2008 / 2009
 - W-JAX 2008
 - OOP 2009
- Webinar on July 15th: http://live.eclipse.org/node/705

IP Log



IP Log automated and submitted to Legal for approval:

http://www.eclipse.org/projects/ip_log.php?projectid=modeling.tmf