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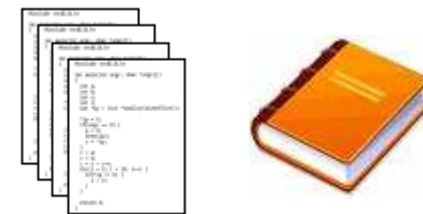
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Integration of heterogeneous kinds of know-how

Different types of input

Orchestration

Different types of output




Input



Generator



Output

-  *model*
-  *File*
-  *Plug-in*
- ...

Different languages & Tools



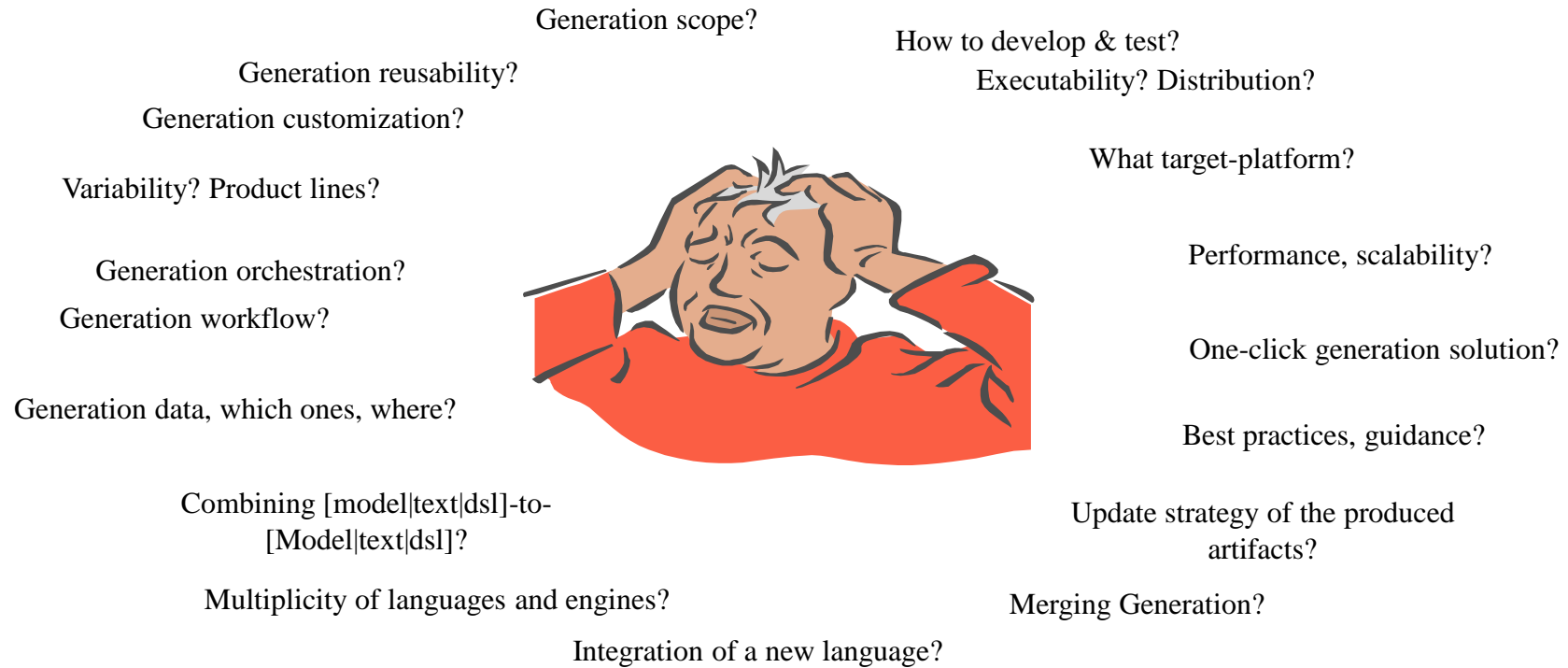
Framework

Variability

Visual representation of the output, including screenshots of Eclipse IDE showing generated code and project structure.

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How to deal with Generations Issues? What are the Drivers?



***A Software Factory Tool,
An integrated and extensible
Generation Framework***

- ◆ **EGF (Eclipse Generation Factories) is a software factory tool with the purpose to generate software artifacts, such as code or application**
- ◆ **It is an Eclipse open source component project in incubation under the EMFT project**

- ◆ **Objectives:**
 - Definition and execution of software factories
 - Orchestration of software generation activities
 - Promotion of software factory portfolios
 - Extensibility of the EGF framework in order to support new generation formalisms and functions

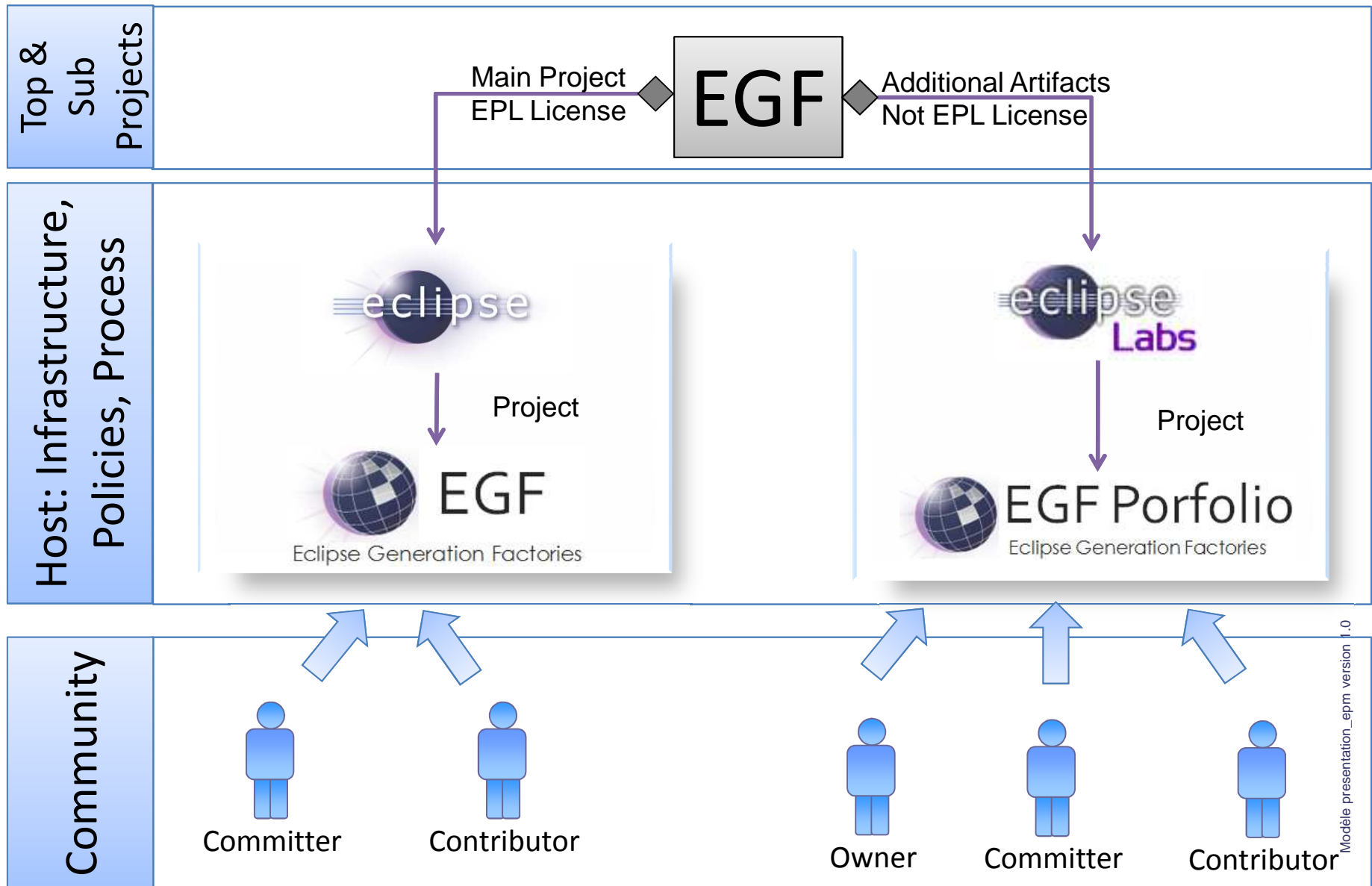


Project page: <http://www.eclipse.org/egf>

Wiki: <http://wiki.eclipse.org/EGF>

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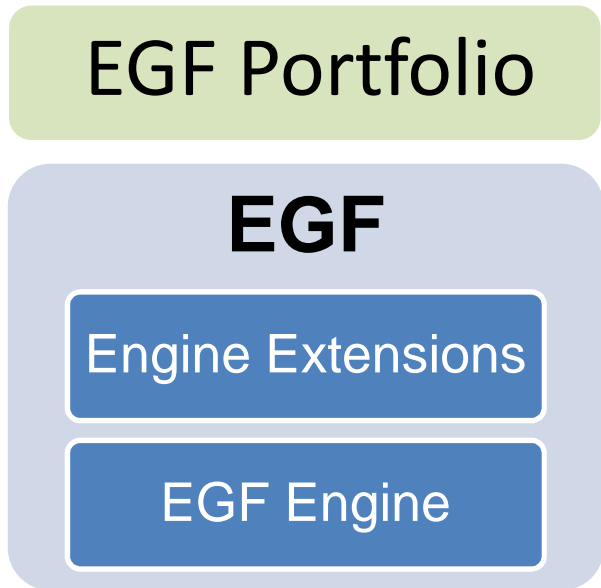
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Engine Extensions

EGF Engine



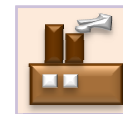
Provides basic metamodels and behaviors to automate software development



EGF Metamodel



Basic behaviors, dynamic execution

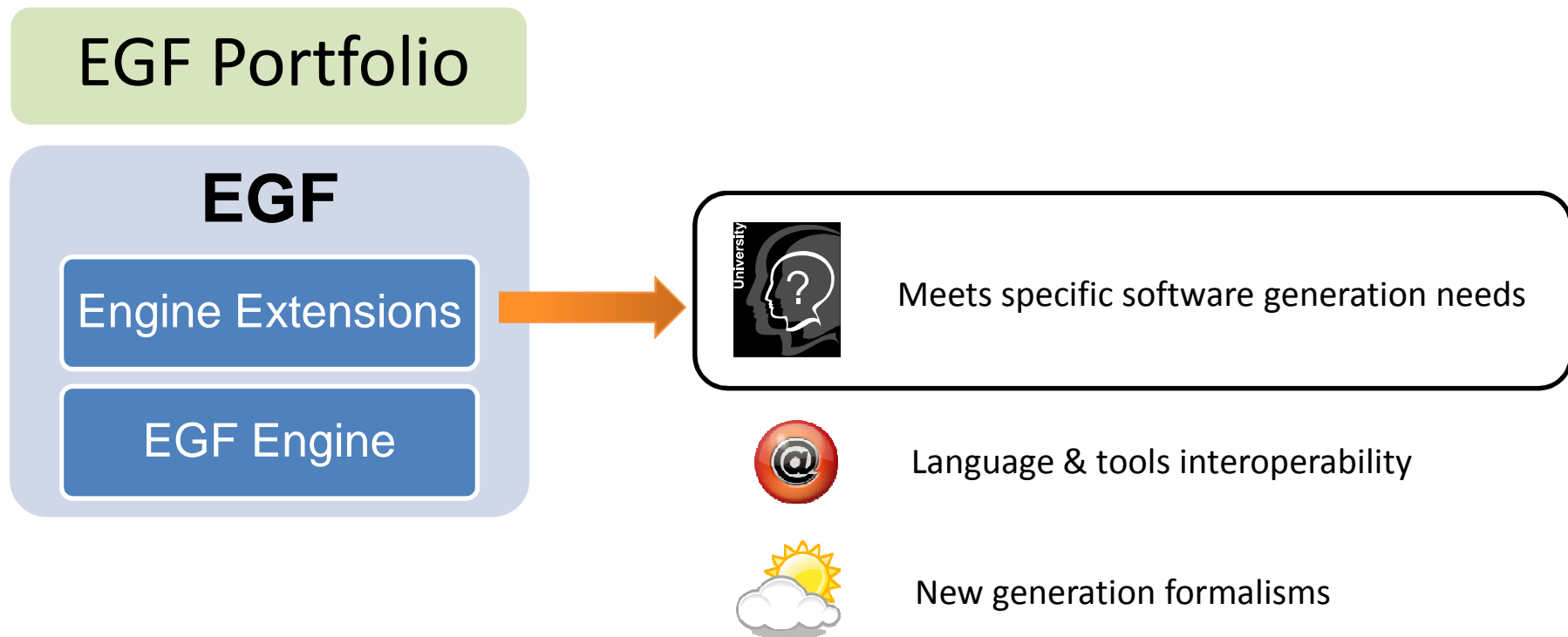


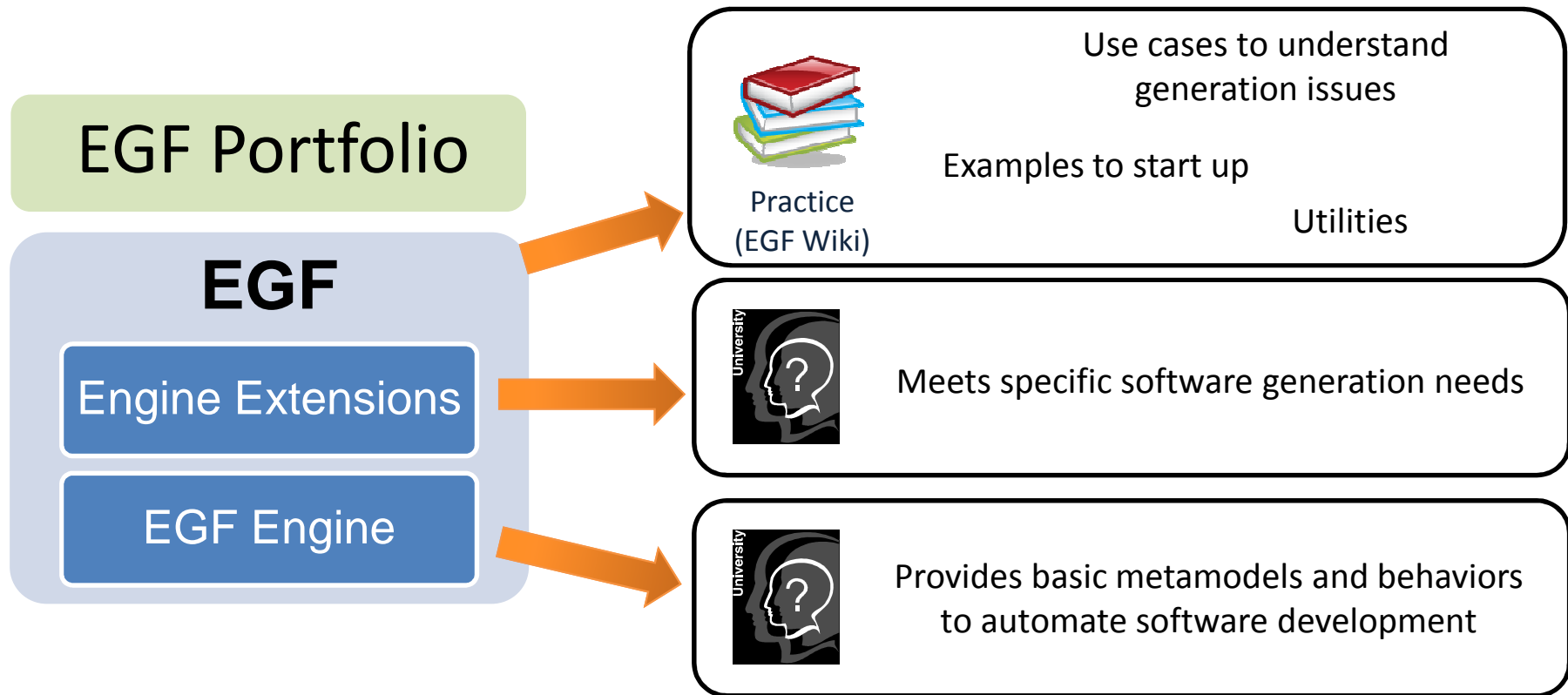
Factory component, task



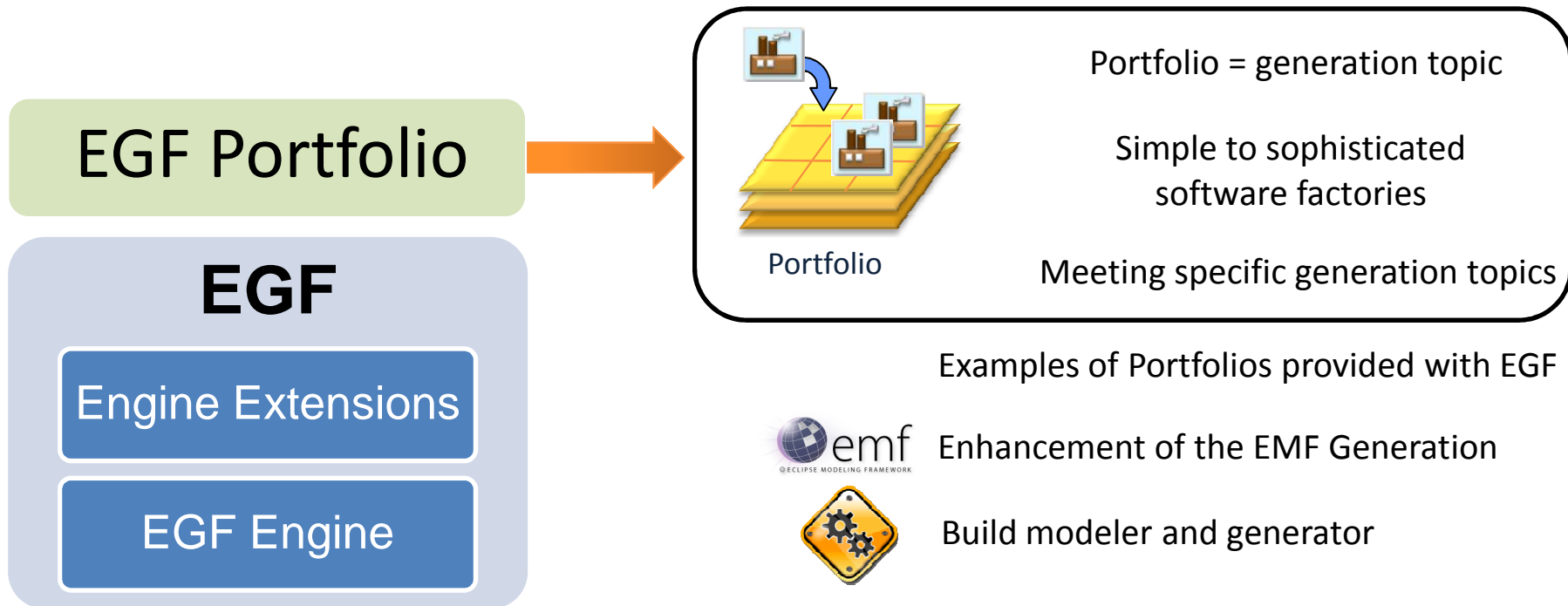
Pattern

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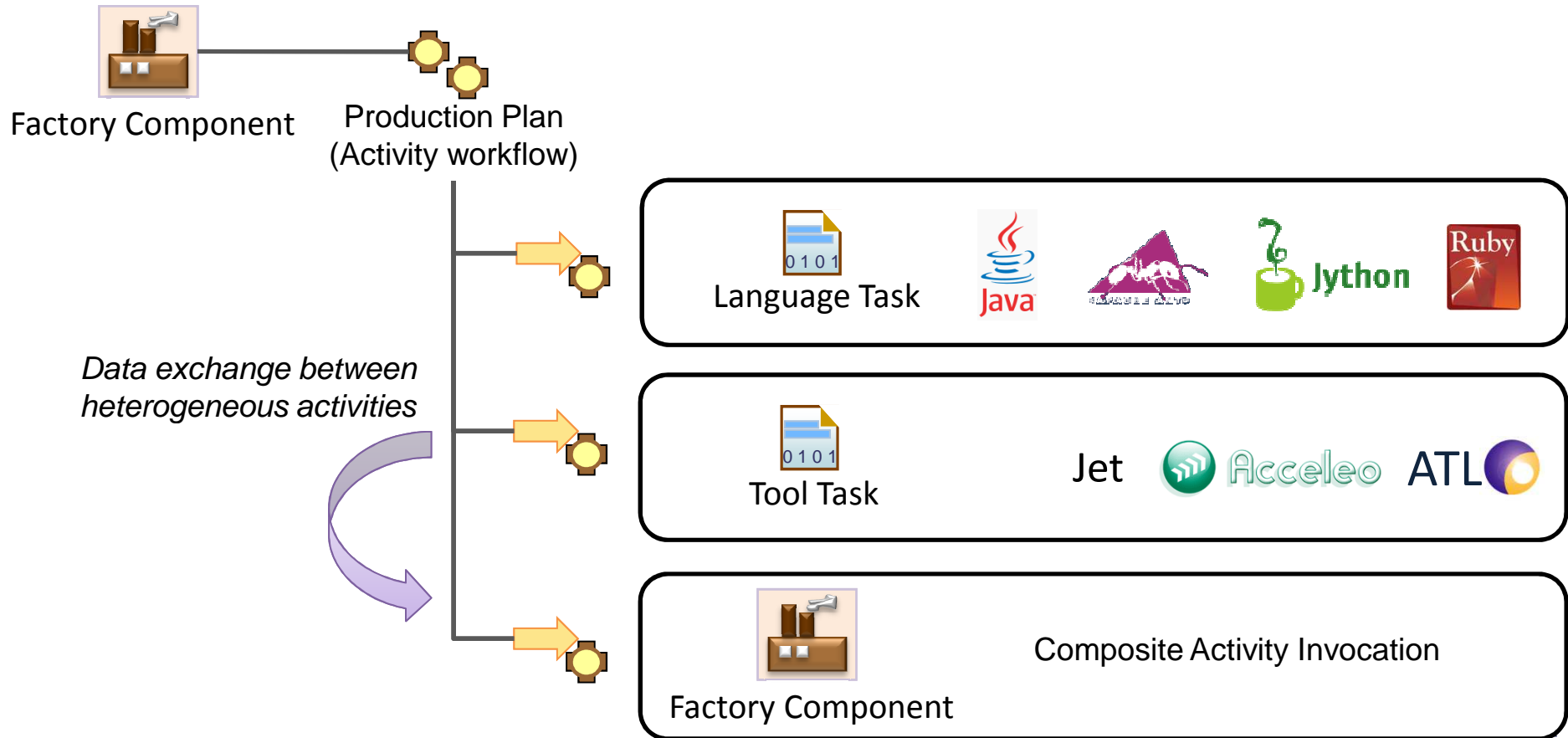
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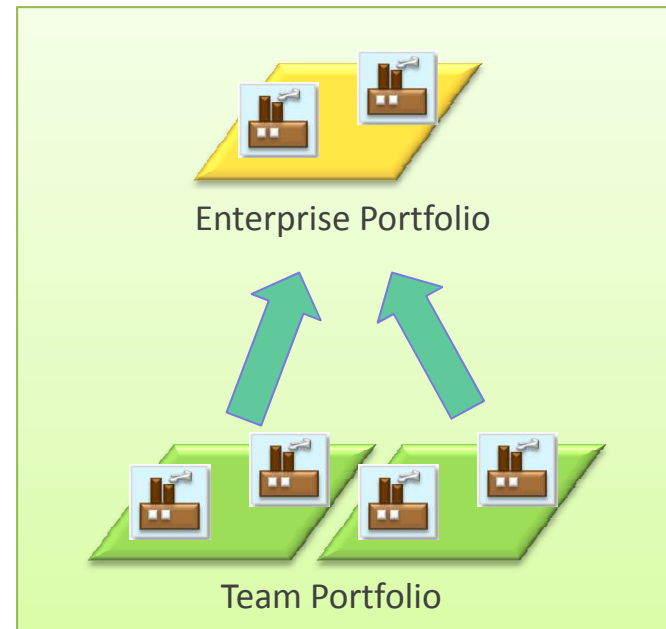
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Activity Workflow with Java and Ruby: <http://vimeo.com/15705526>



Several levels of Customization

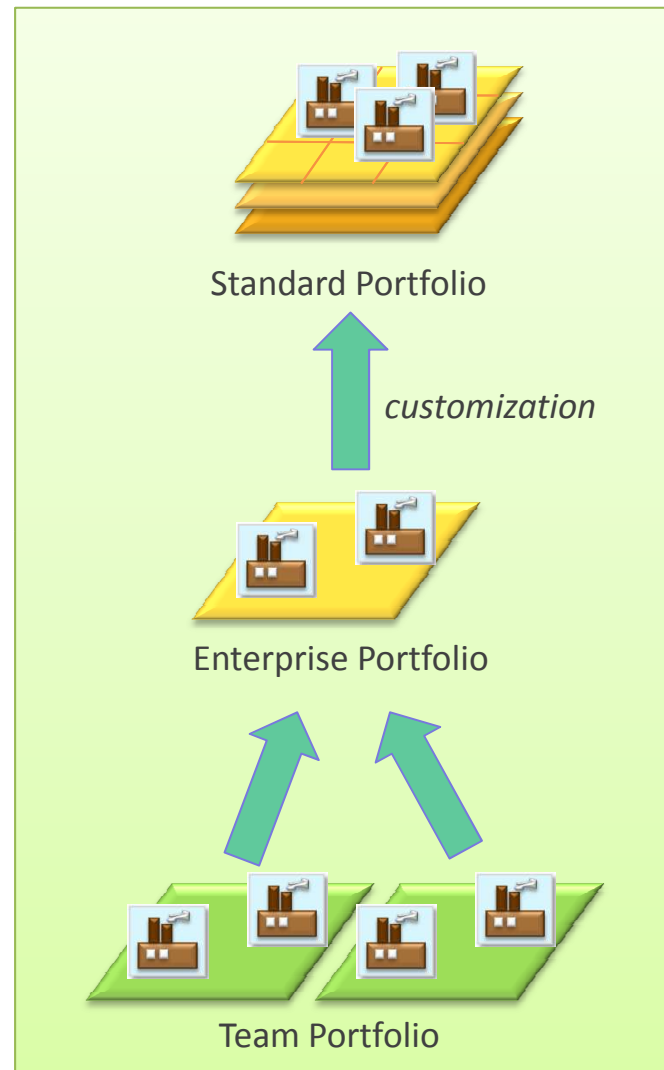
Example

Code/textual generation
for my organization



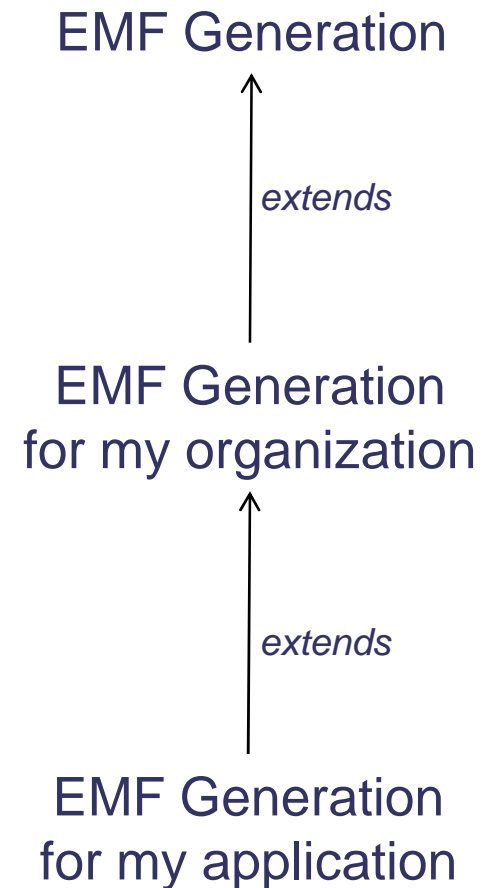
extends

Specific generation
for my project

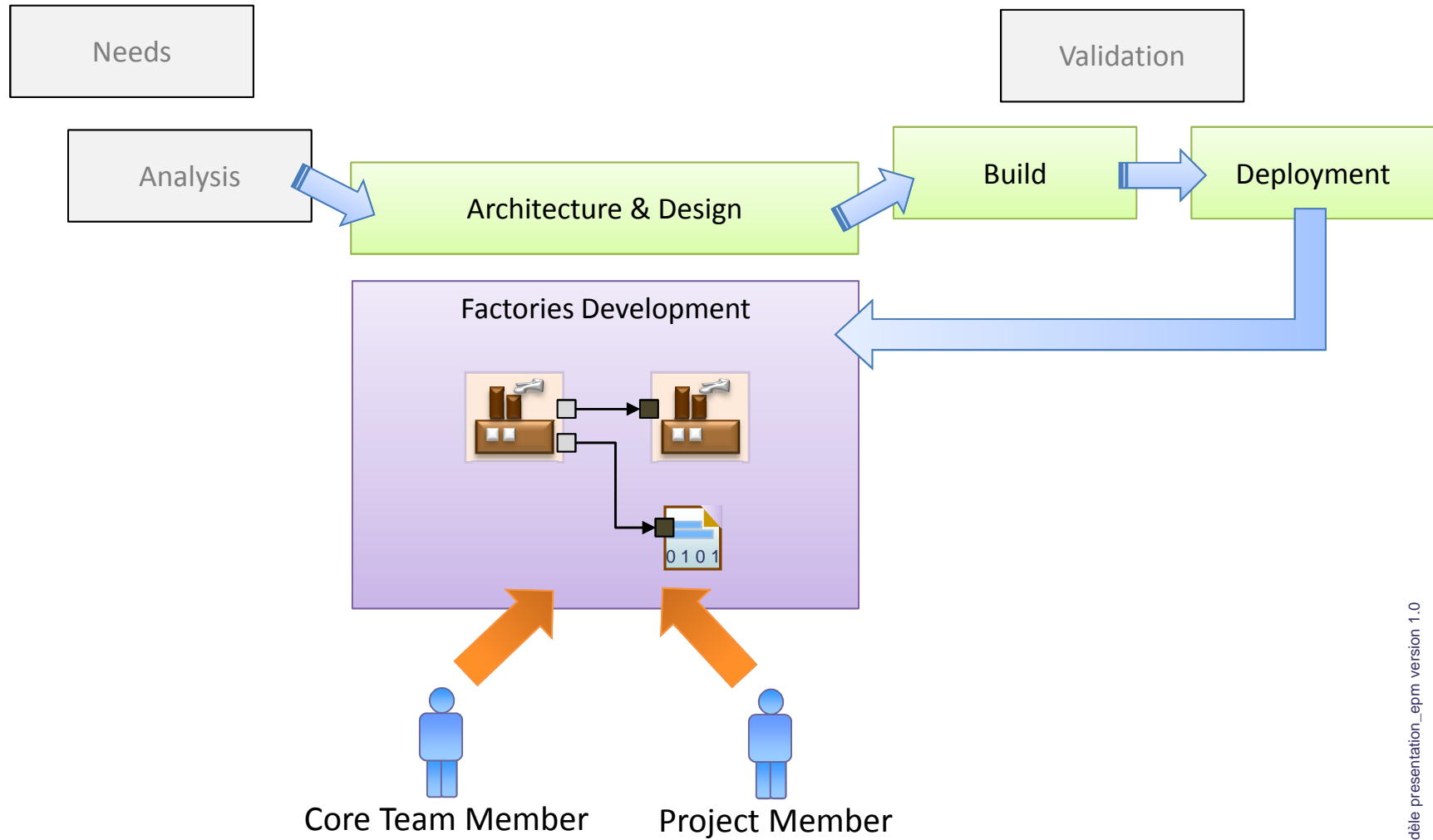


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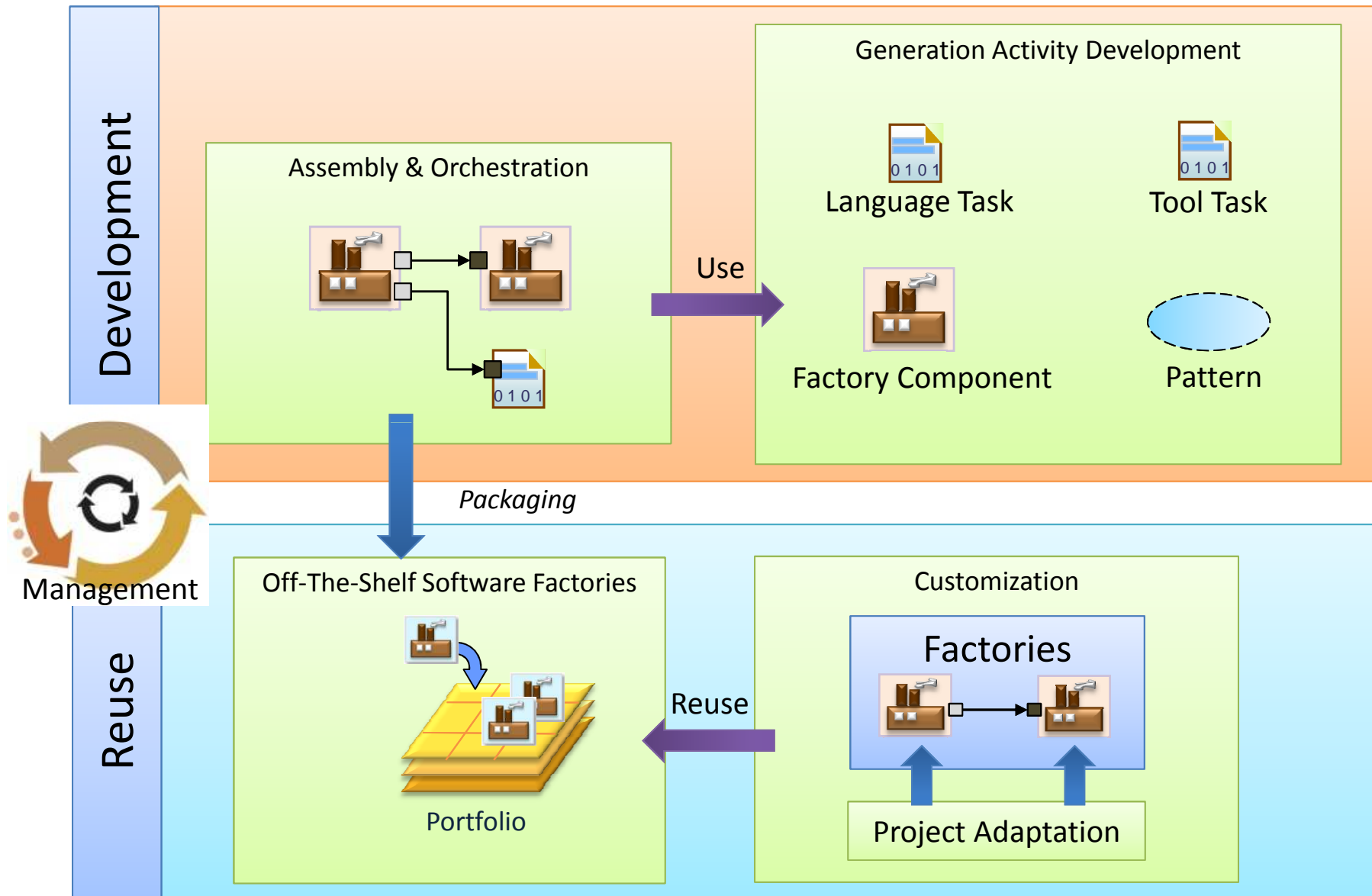
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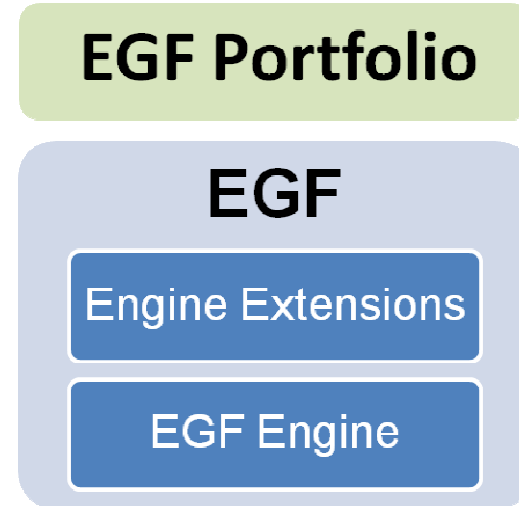
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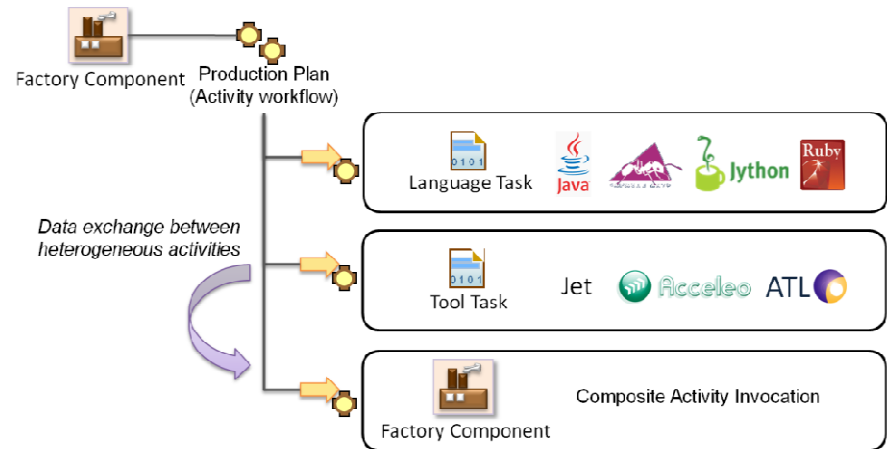
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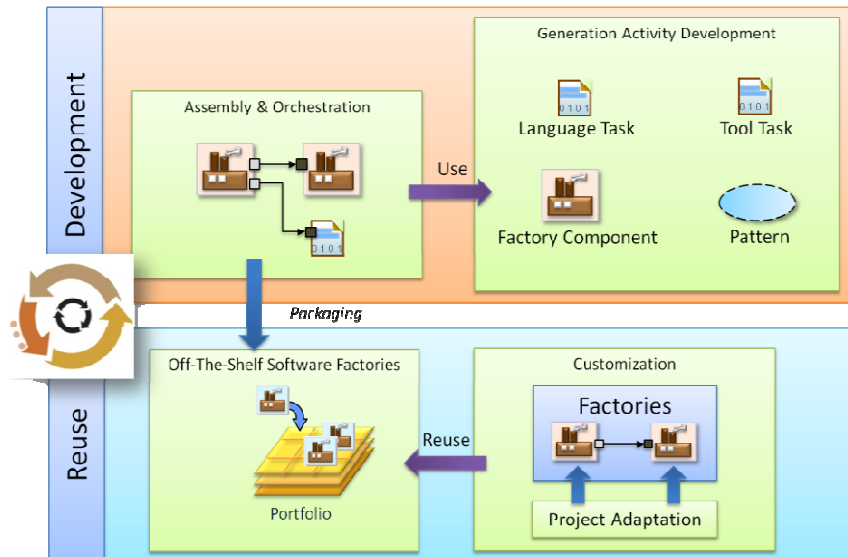
General Architecture of EGF



Example of EGF Factory



Development & Reuse Process with EGF



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Installation by update site

- ◆ **Eclipse Update site**
- ◆ **Update site from Amalgam**
 - [Eclipse] Help / Install Modeling Components / EGF

Download EGF materials

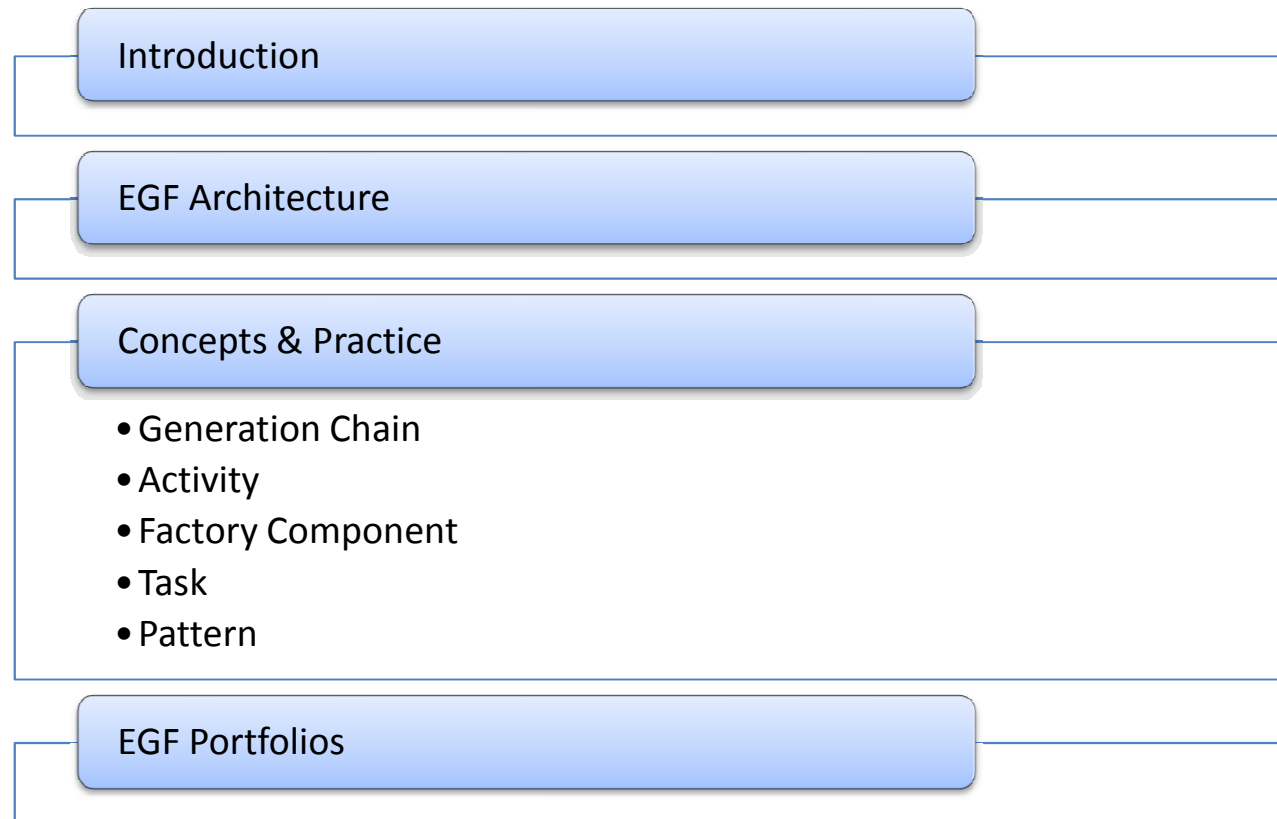
- ◆ **Download EGF update site, dropins, examples**
- ◆ **Location: http://wiki.eclipse.org/EGF_Installation**

Installation of the Examples

- ◆ Install the examples File/New/Example.../EGF
- ◆ A plug-in example contains a set of generation use cases on a specific topic

Presentation of the EGF Portfolios

- ◆ Contrarily to the examples, a portfolio is an operational solution
- ◆ <http://wiki.eclipse.org/EGF/Portfolio>

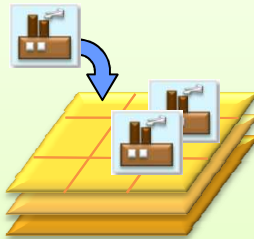


**Factory Component**

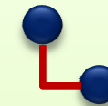
Composite generation unit with an activity workflow

Task

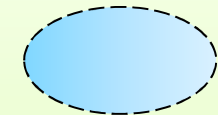
Leaf generation unit to execute a tool (e.g., ATL, Acceleo) or code written in a language (e.g., Java, Ruby, Ant)

**Portfolio**

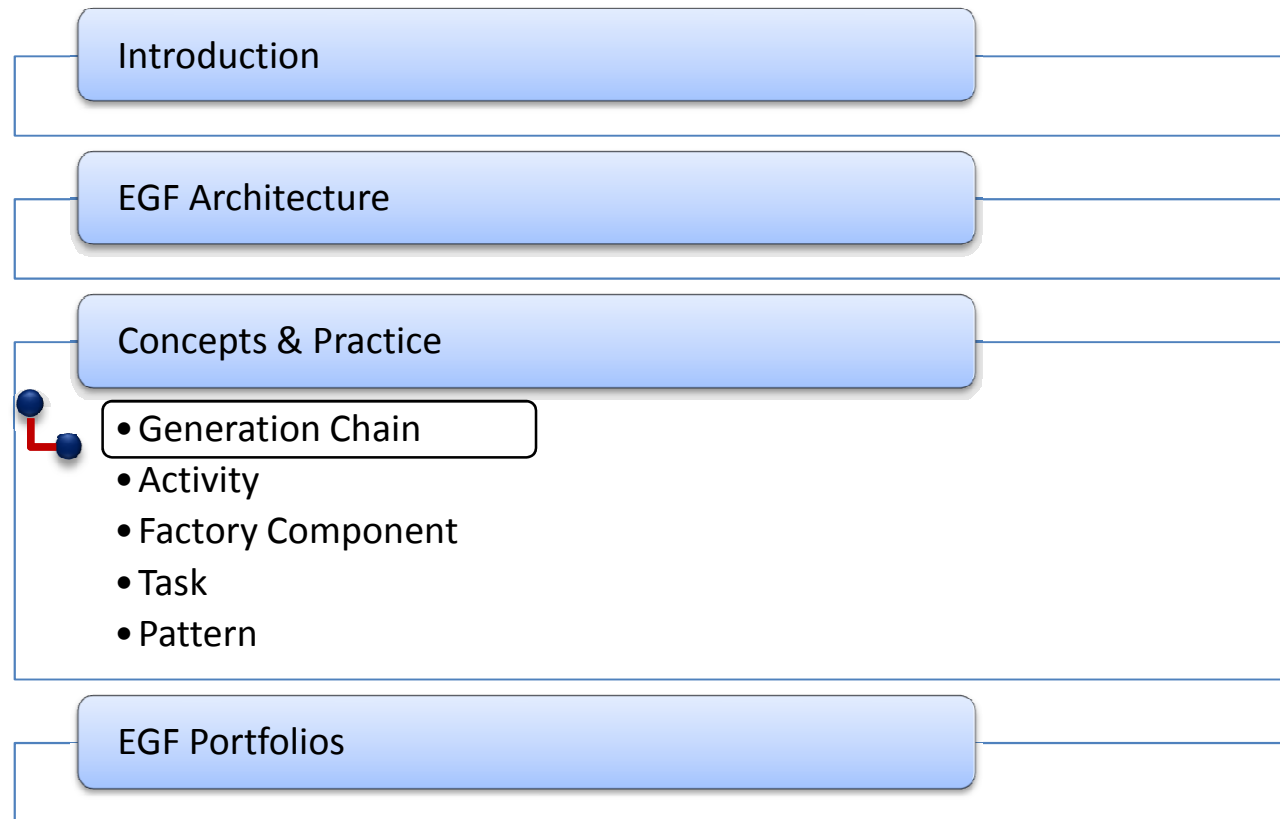
Set of factories to capitalize on a specific generation topic

**Generation Chain**

High generation view to organize complex generations

**EGF Pattern**

- Description of systematic behavior
- For definition of code generation families

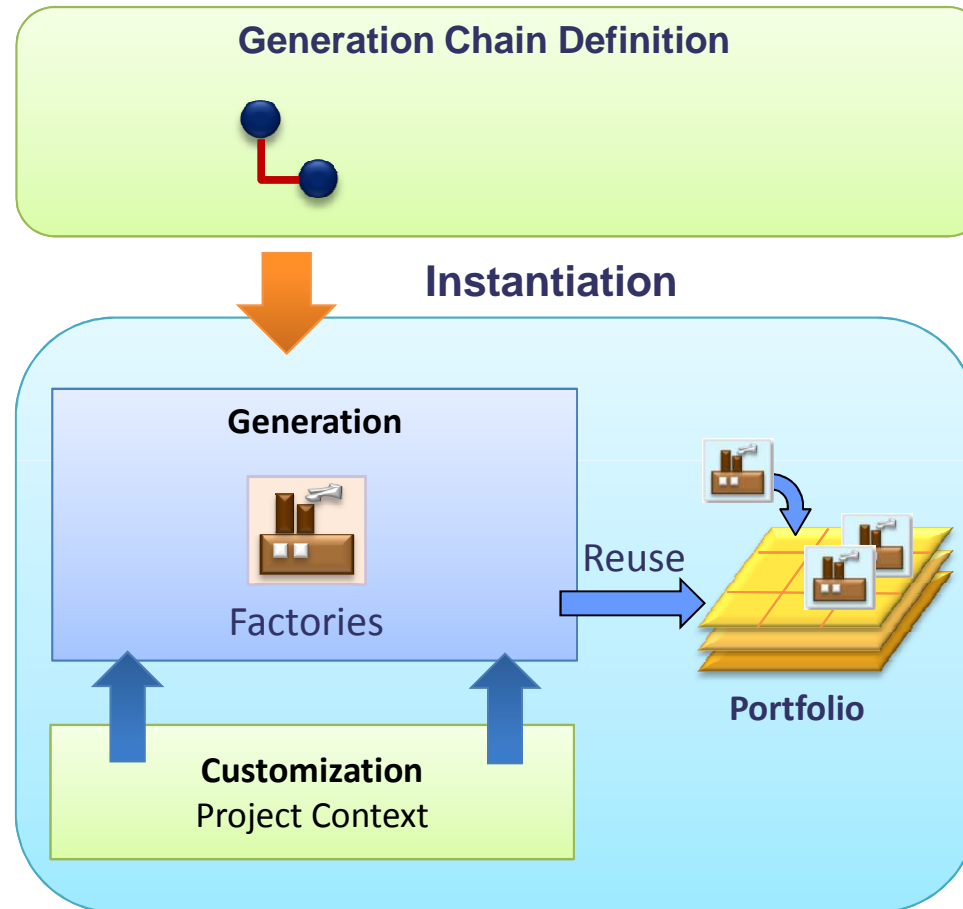


Objectives:

- ◆ **Definition, at a high level of description, of executable generations**
- ◆ **Abstraction: encapsulation of the irrelevant technical details of generation. Only the features of a generation step are visible.**
- ◆ **Simplicity & Efficiency**
 - Set generation features and next generate

Technical principles:

- ◆ **Storage: in a “generation chain” file**
- ◆ **Technical details:**
 - An EGF fcore file is produced from the generation chain: it contains the translation of the generation chain into factory components
 - Next, the factory components are transparently executed to produce the expected artifacts
 - It is possible to add customization later a generation with generation chains at the factory component level



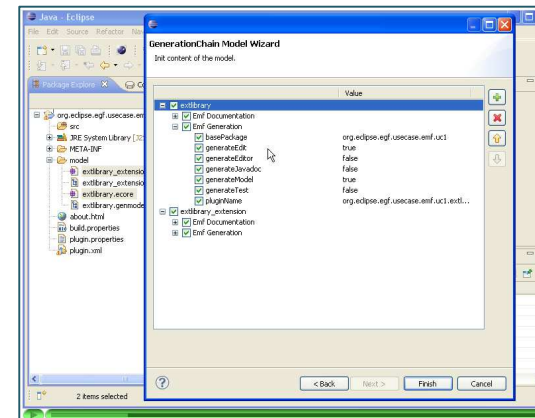
Links:

Video: <http://vimeo.com/29472598>

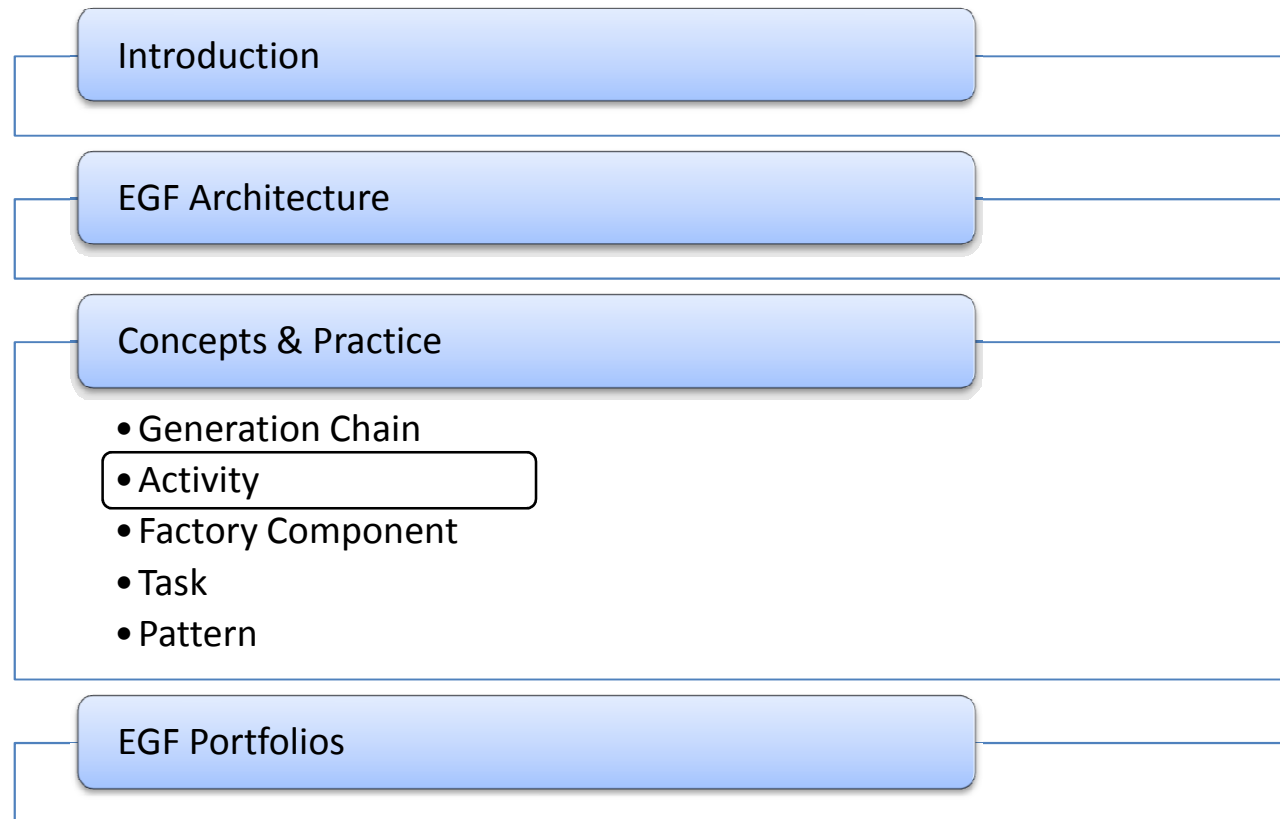
For more explanations:

Generation Chain Tutorial

http://wiki.eclipse.org/EGF_Tutorial_and_Use_Cases

**Exercise:**

1. Select ecore models
2. File/New/Other.../[EGF] Generation Chain Model
3. Set the generation parameters
4. Right click on the first Generation Chain node / Run Generation Chain
5. After execution, open the fcore file in a created plug-in in order to understand how the generation is realized



An activity is the abstract class of EGF generation units

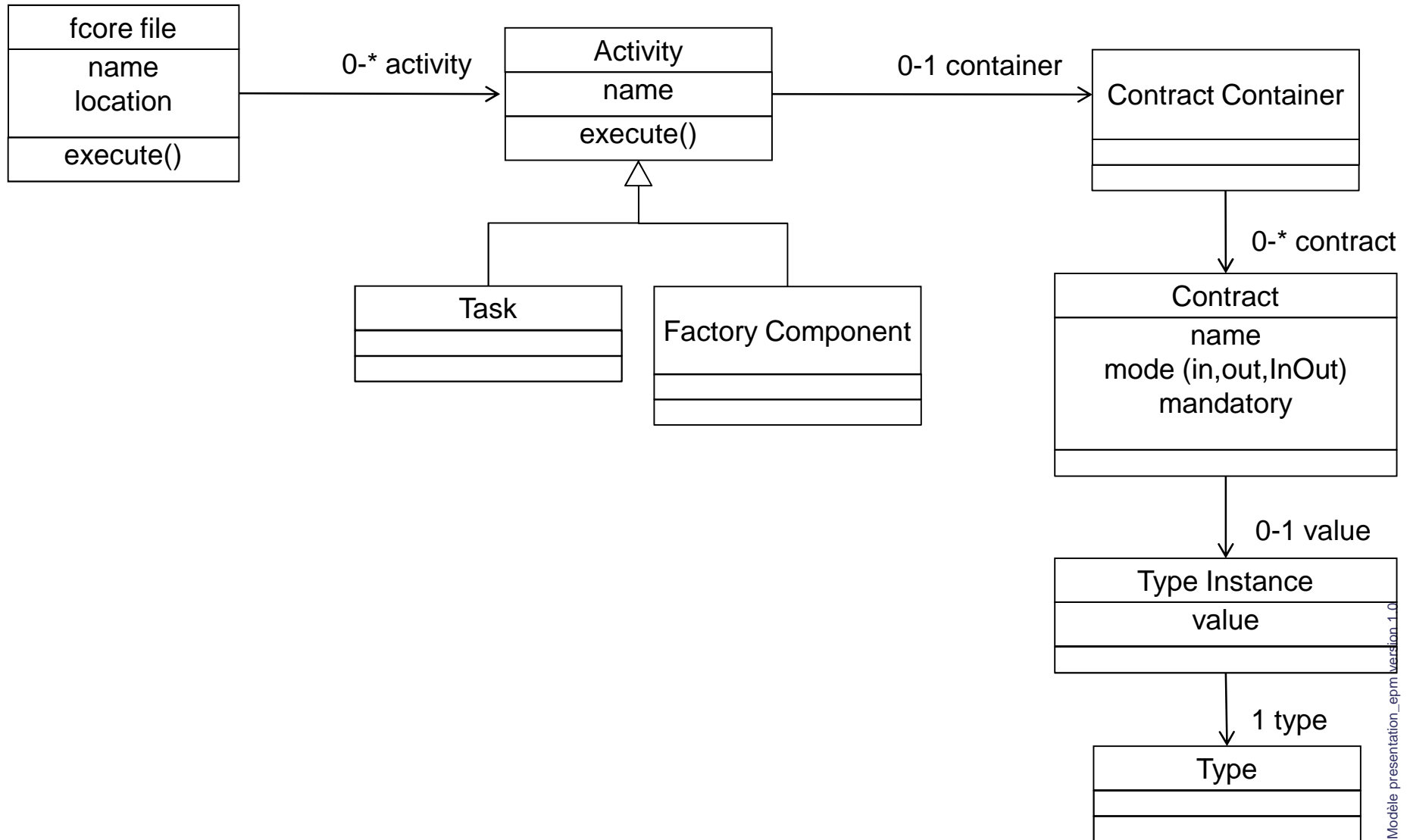
- ◆ **Factory component and Task are activities**

Activity storage

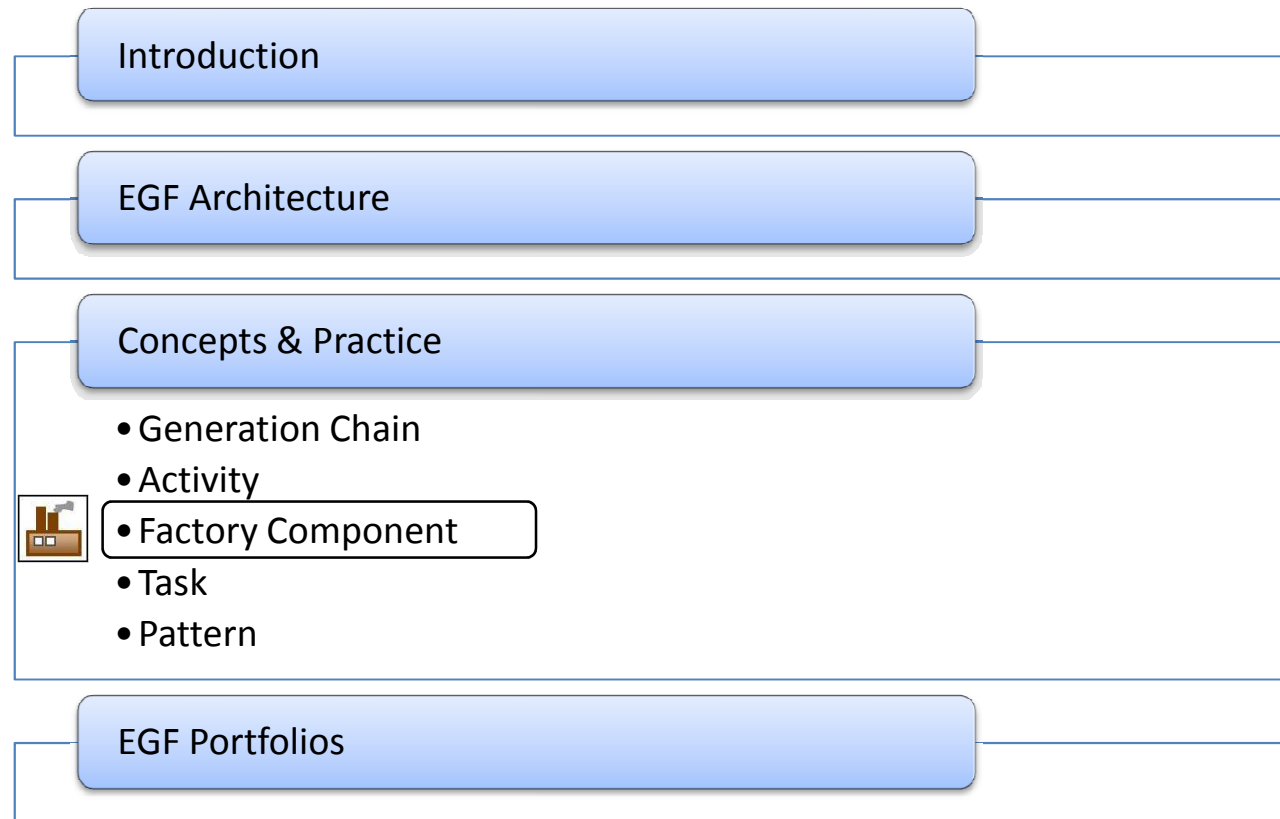
- ◆ **Activities are stored in *fcore* files**
- ◆ **The same *fcore* file contains one or several activities**

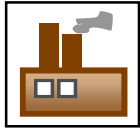
Activity properties

- ◆ **Contract declaration (= parameters)**

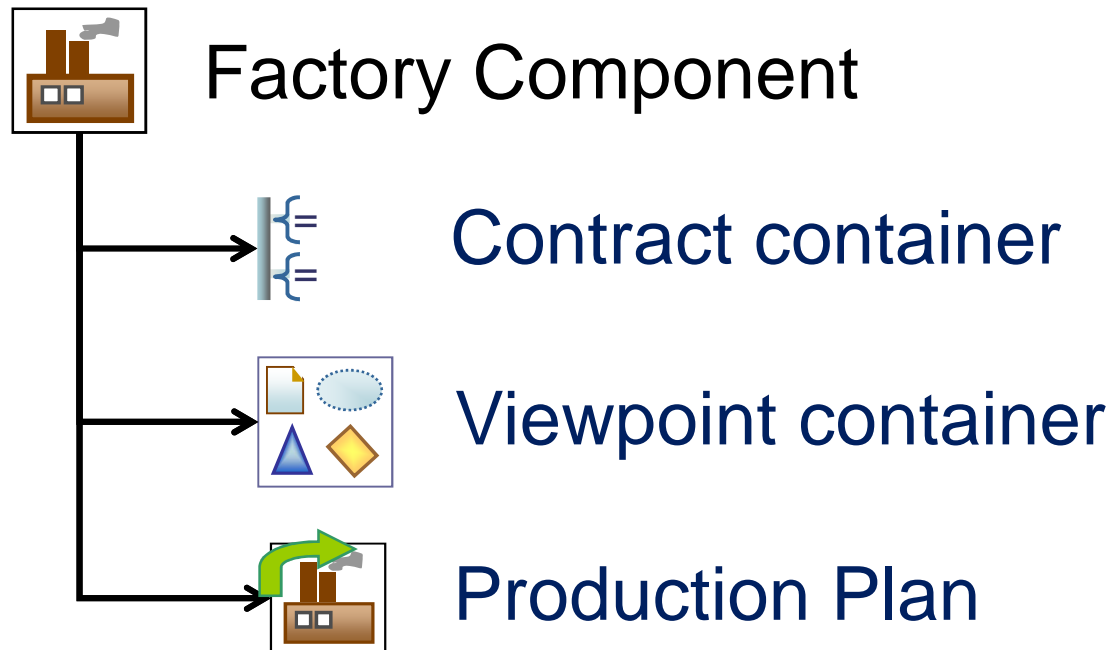


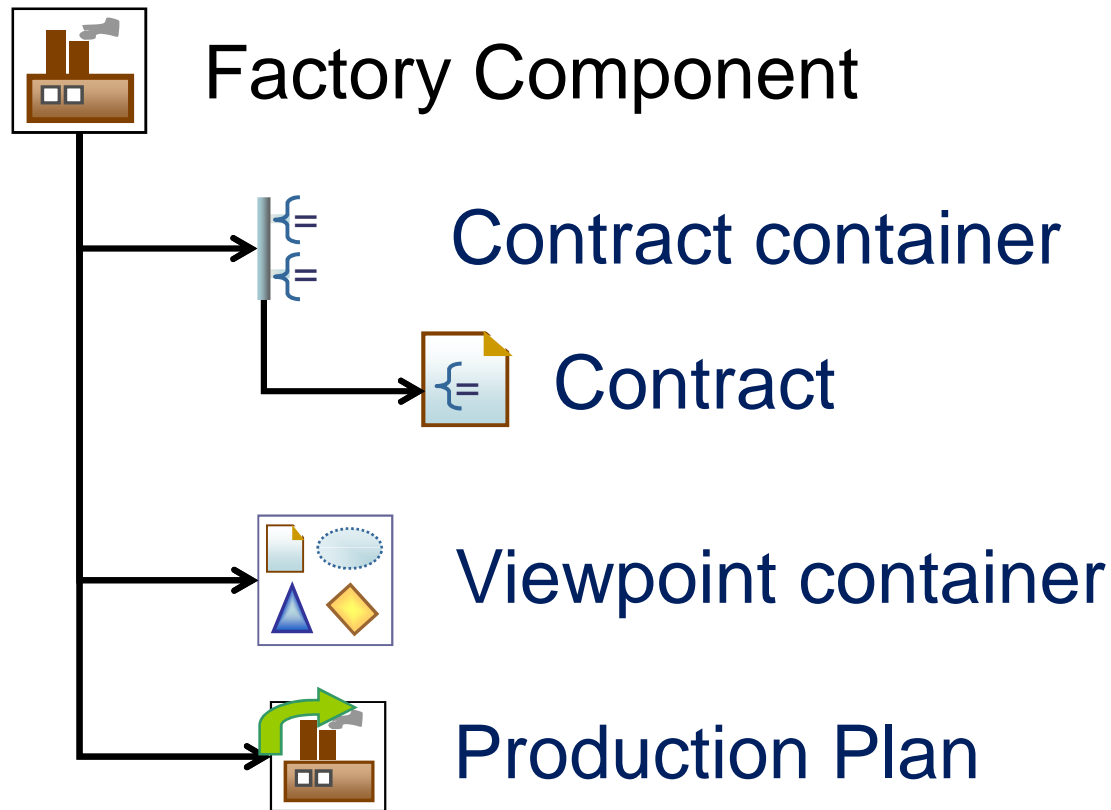
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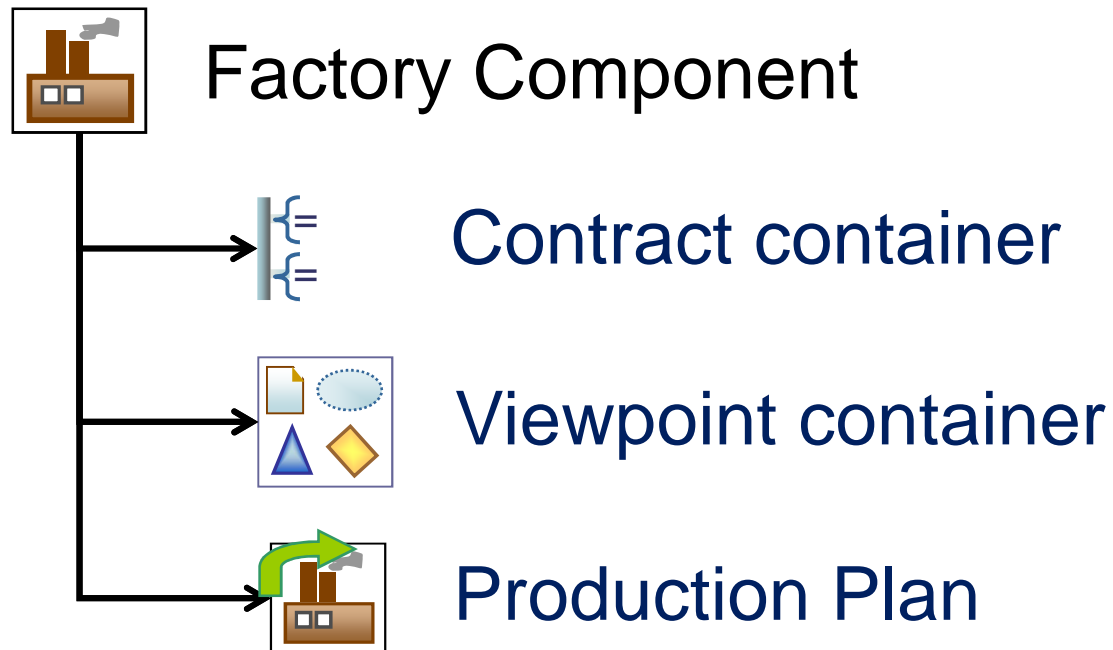


- ◆ Unit of generation with a clear objective of generation
- ◆ Unit of generation with a clear contract
- ◆ Viewpoint: it contains the declaration of data used during the generation
- ◆ Production plan: it contains the orchestration of generation activities
- ◆ Factory Component Lifecycle: edition and execution

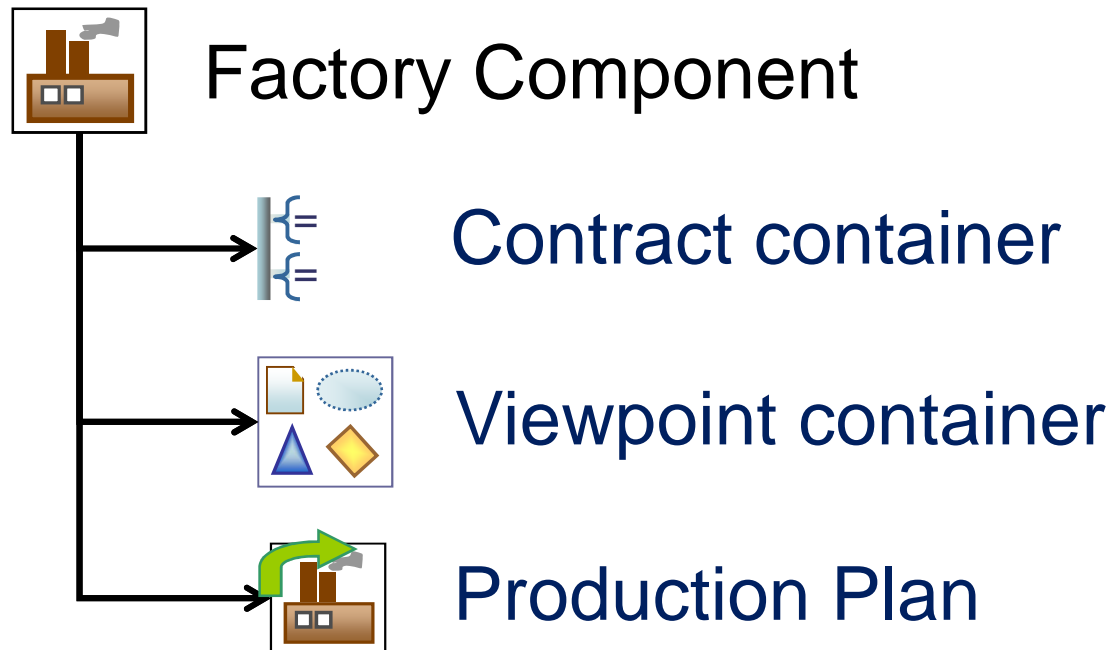




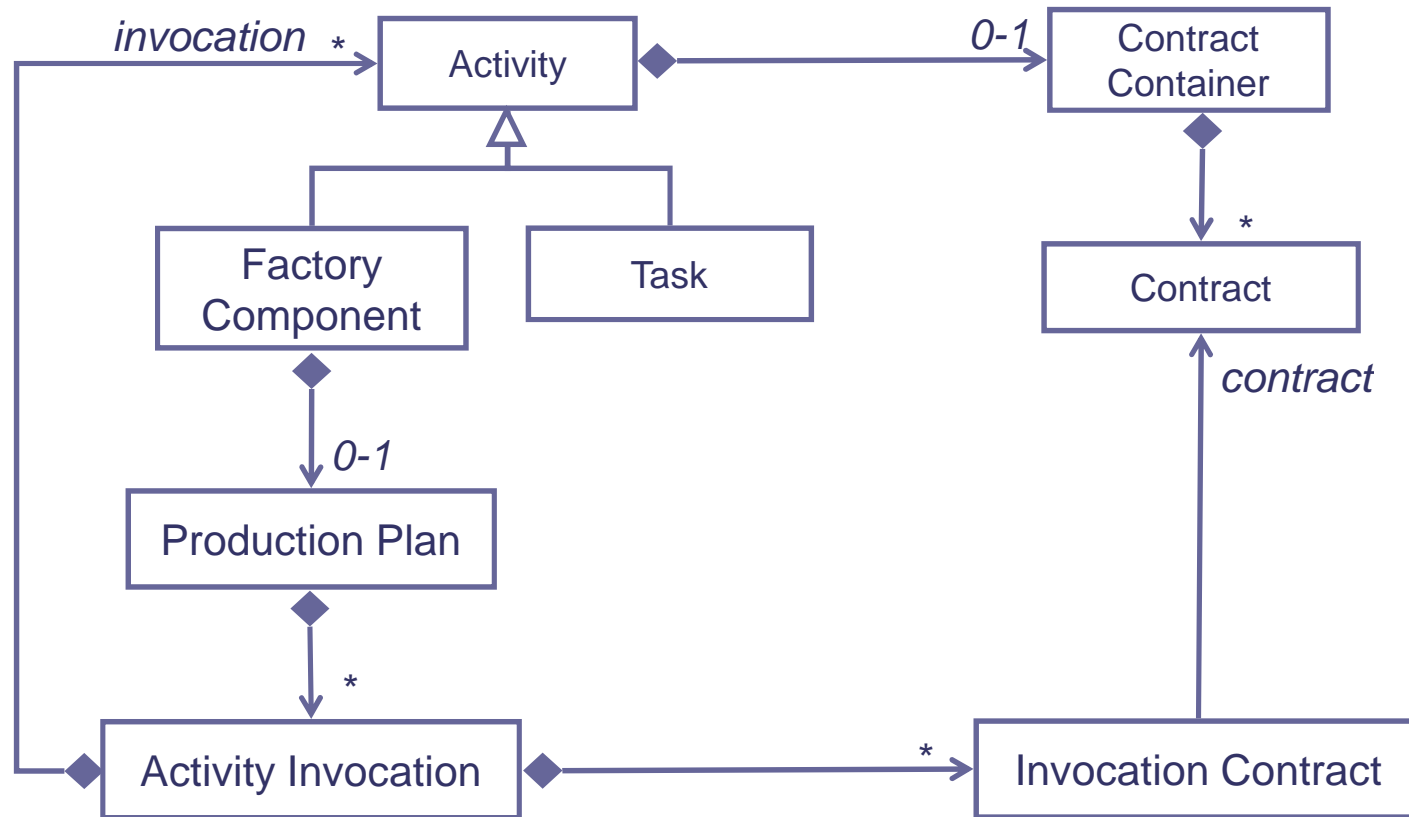
- ◆ **Contract:** Factory component parameter
- ◆ A contract has a type, a passing mode (In/Out/In_Out), a default value or not, is mandatory or optional



- ◆ **Viewpoint**: area to declare concerns of generation data
- ◆ Examples of viewpoint:
 - Available today: domain declaration, pattern
 - Candidates: licensing, feature model



- ◆ **Production Plan:** workflow to describe generation steps – Sequential today



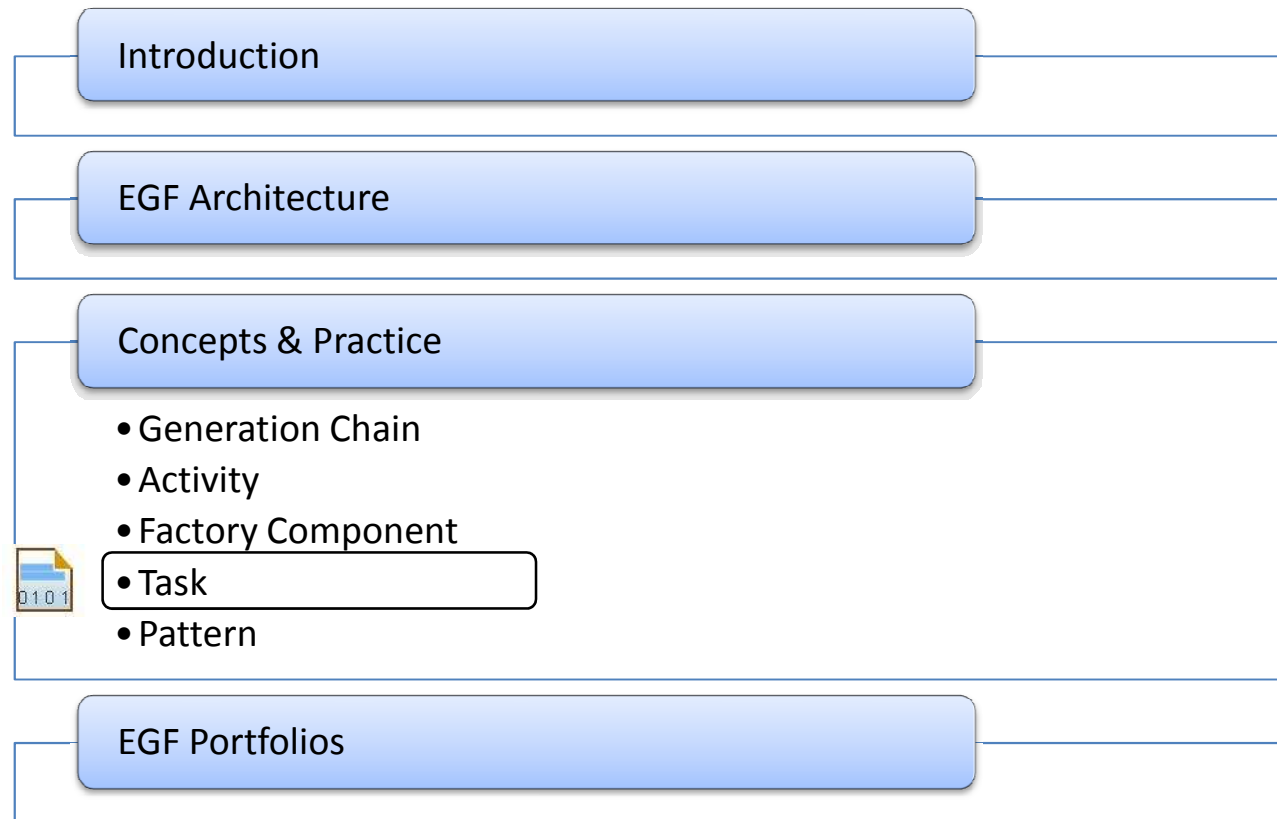


Quantity's Properties

Property	Value
Behaviour	
Invoker Contract	quantity [In] [Contract]
Connector	
Source Invocation Contract	
Target Invocation Contract	
Documentation	
Description	
Factory Component	
Factory Component Contract	quantity [In] [Factory Component Contract]
Identifier	
ID	_Rlhq0BvjEd-W6L66jY5sHw
Orchestration	
Orchestration Parameter	

Amount's Properties

Property	Value
Behaviour	
Invoker Contract	amount [In] [Contract]
Connector	
Source Invocation Contract	[Invocation Contract] -> amount [Out] [Contract]
Target Invocation Contract	
Documentation	
Description	
Factory Component	
Factory Component Contract	
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Orchestration	
Orchestration Parameter	



A task is an atomic generation unit

- ◆ A task enables to execute code in a language
- ◆ Examples of Tasks: Java Task, Ruby Task, Ant Task

Task implementation:

- ◆ A task is associated to an implementation file
- ◆ Example: a JavaTask is implemented by a Java class (which implements ITaskProduction)



Links:

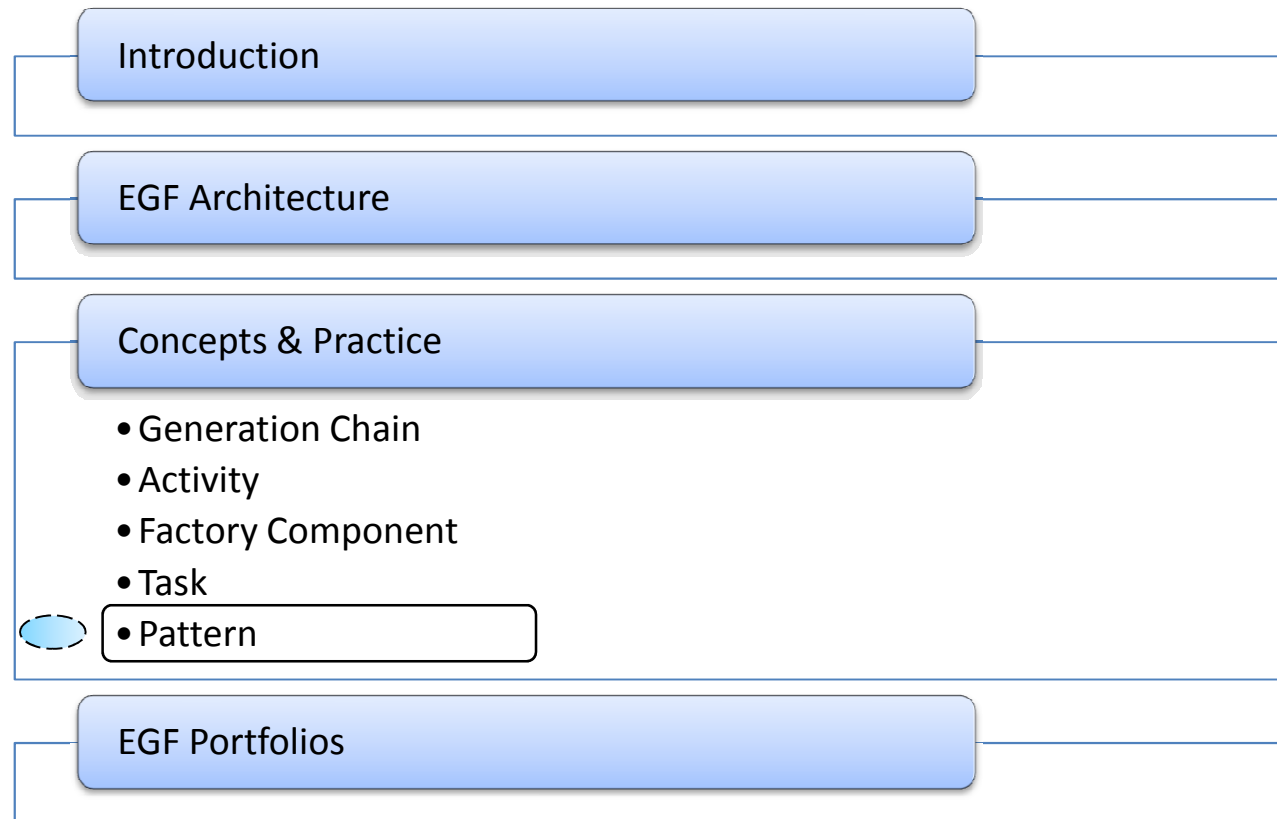
[Video] Video: Activity Creation: <http://vimeo.com/15639796>

Examples:

[Eclipse] Help Contents! / EGF / Tutorials / Factory Component –
First Steps

Exercices:

EGF Example – [Plug-in] org.eclipse.egf.usecase.fc.uc1 plugin, for
definition of Factory Component & Task

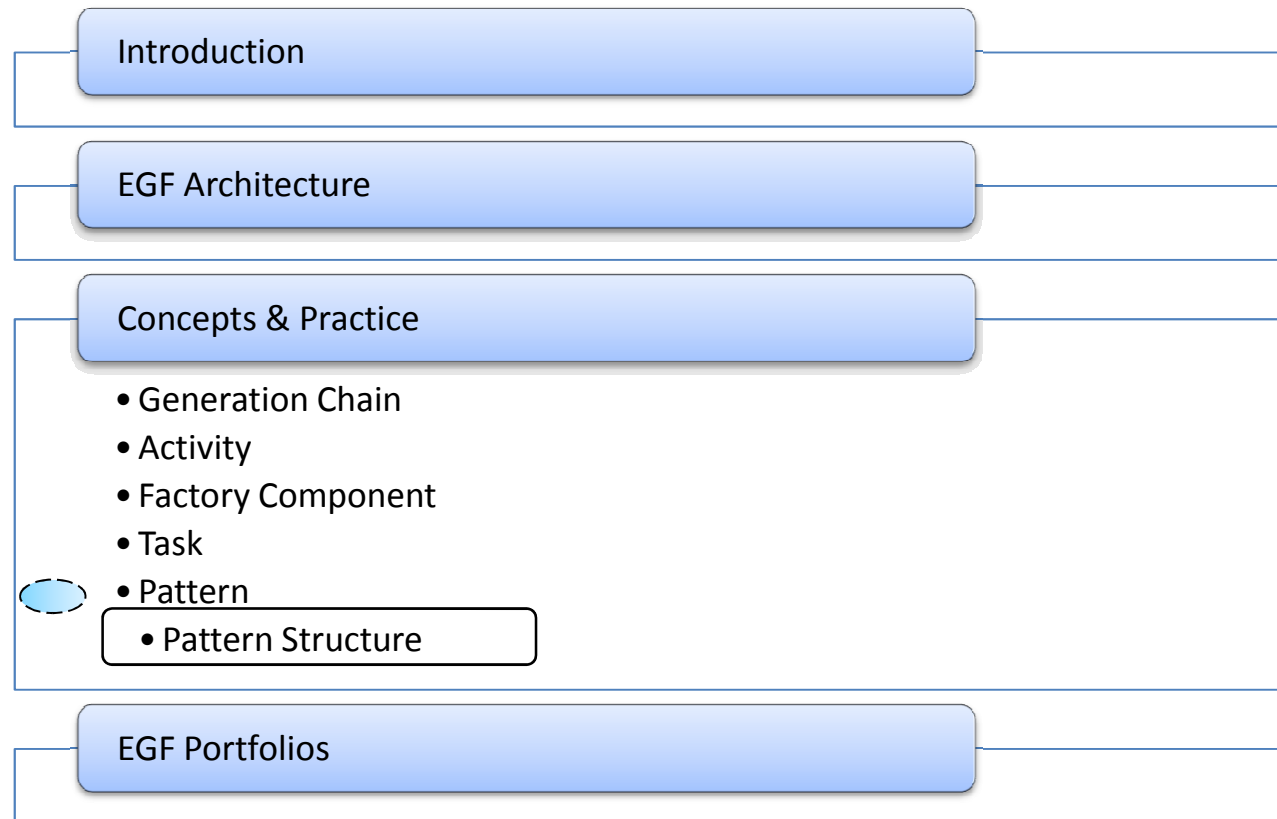


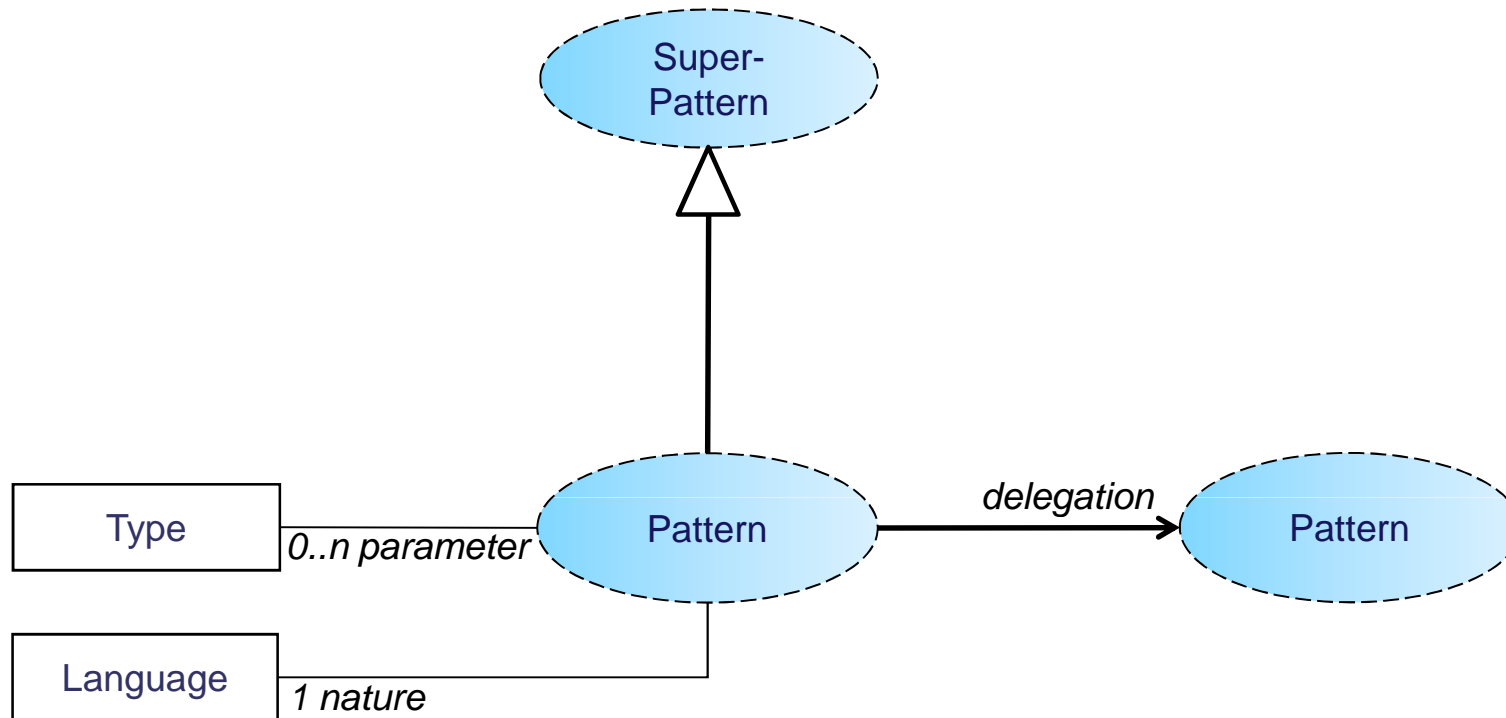
Definition

- ◆ **Declarative formalism to apply a behavior onto a resource**

Purpose

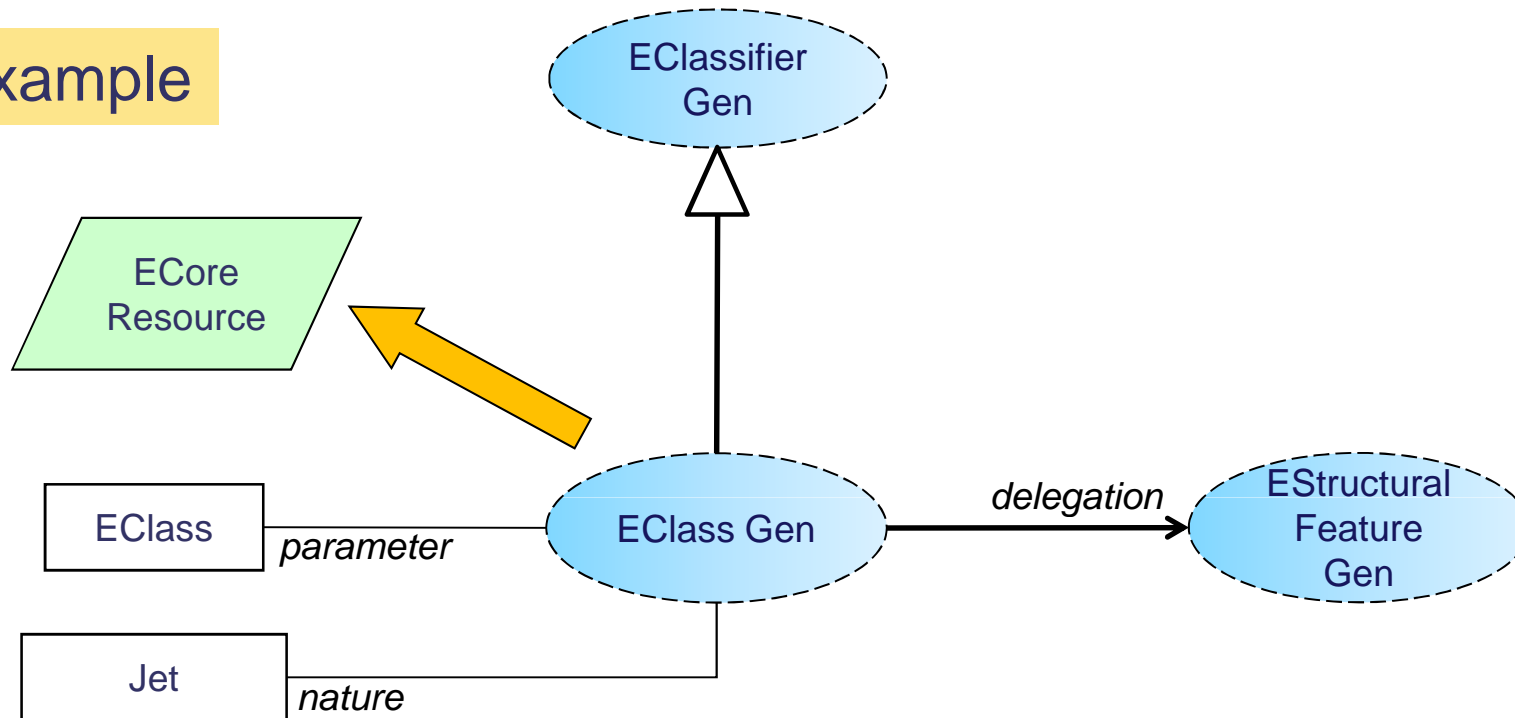
- ◆ **Dissociation of the specification (external view) from the implementation (internal view)**
- ◆ **The implementation conforms to a language, such as Java or Jet (for model-to-text transformation), and is executed with an engine associated to the selected language**
- ◆ **A set of patterns is executed by a specific activity which declares:**
 - How to execute the patterns
 - The execution environment, i.e. parameters, such as the used resource (e.g., model), a reporter and post-processor when M2T, extension or redefinition of patterns to fit to a new context



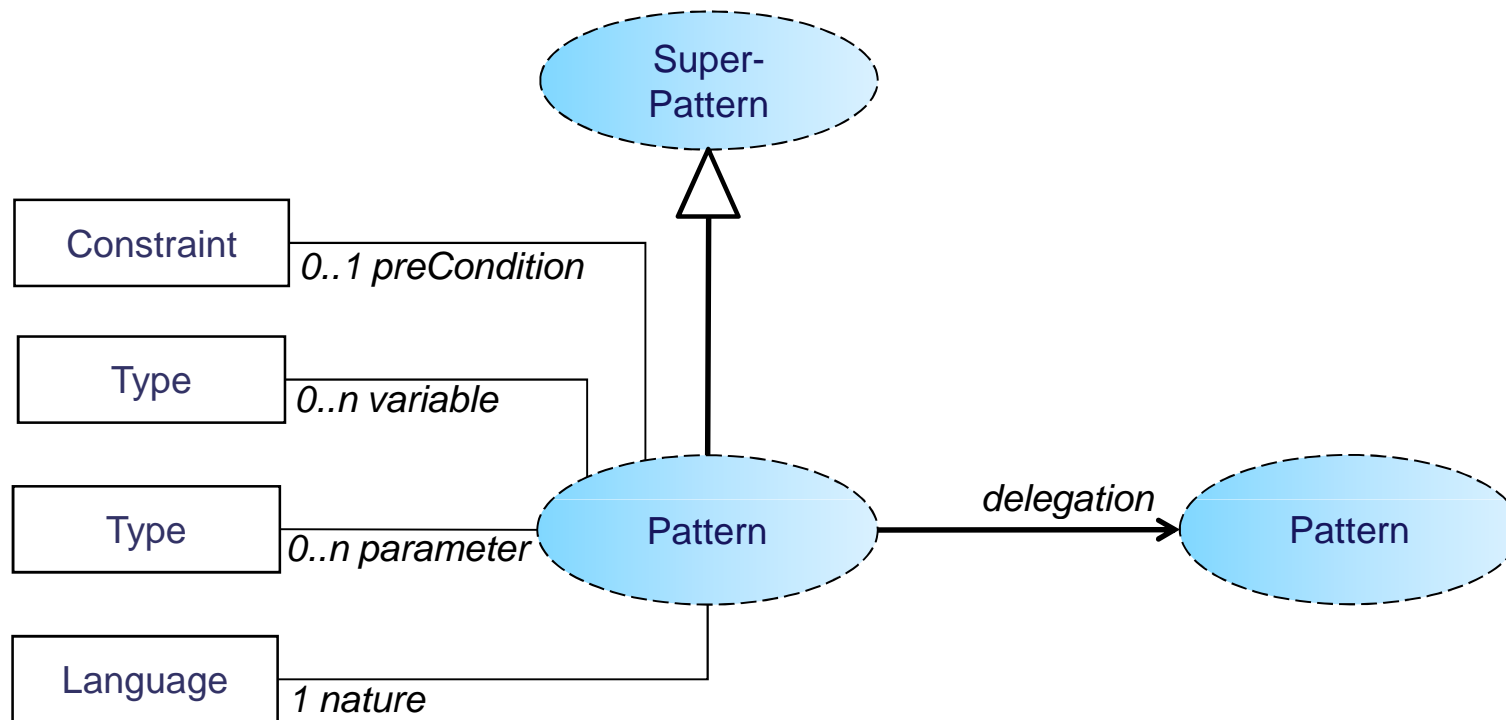


- ◆ **Parameter:** Type of a query record from a query applied over a resource (e.g., a class from an ecore model, a file of a file directory)
- ◆ **Nature:** Language used for the pattern implementation (e.g., Java, Jet for model-to-text)

Example



- ◆ The EClassGen pattern is applied onto a Ecore resource
- ◆ Objects selected on the ecore resource: EClass instances
- ◆ It specializes the EClassifierGen pattern
- ◆ It applies a model-to-text generation in Jet
- ◆ Its also applies a generation on its features by delegation to the EStructuralFeatureGen pattern



- ◆ **preCondition/Constraint:** constraint to be verified to be applied
- ◆ **variable/Type:** local variable declaration for the pattern implementation

Pattern Language

Super-pattern

Query Parameter

Specification

Inheritance
Choose the super pattern:
Parent: No parent Browse X

Pattern Nature
Select the kind of the pattern:
Type: JetNature

Parameters
Define parameters for this pattern in the following section.

Name	Type	Query
aClass	EClass	

Overview Specification Implementation

Methods which implement the pattern
They conform to the pattern language

Order to execute the methods

Implementation

Methods

Pattern methods:

- header
- init
- preCondition
- footer

Implementation methods:

- body

Variables

Set up some variable available in all methods:

Name	Type

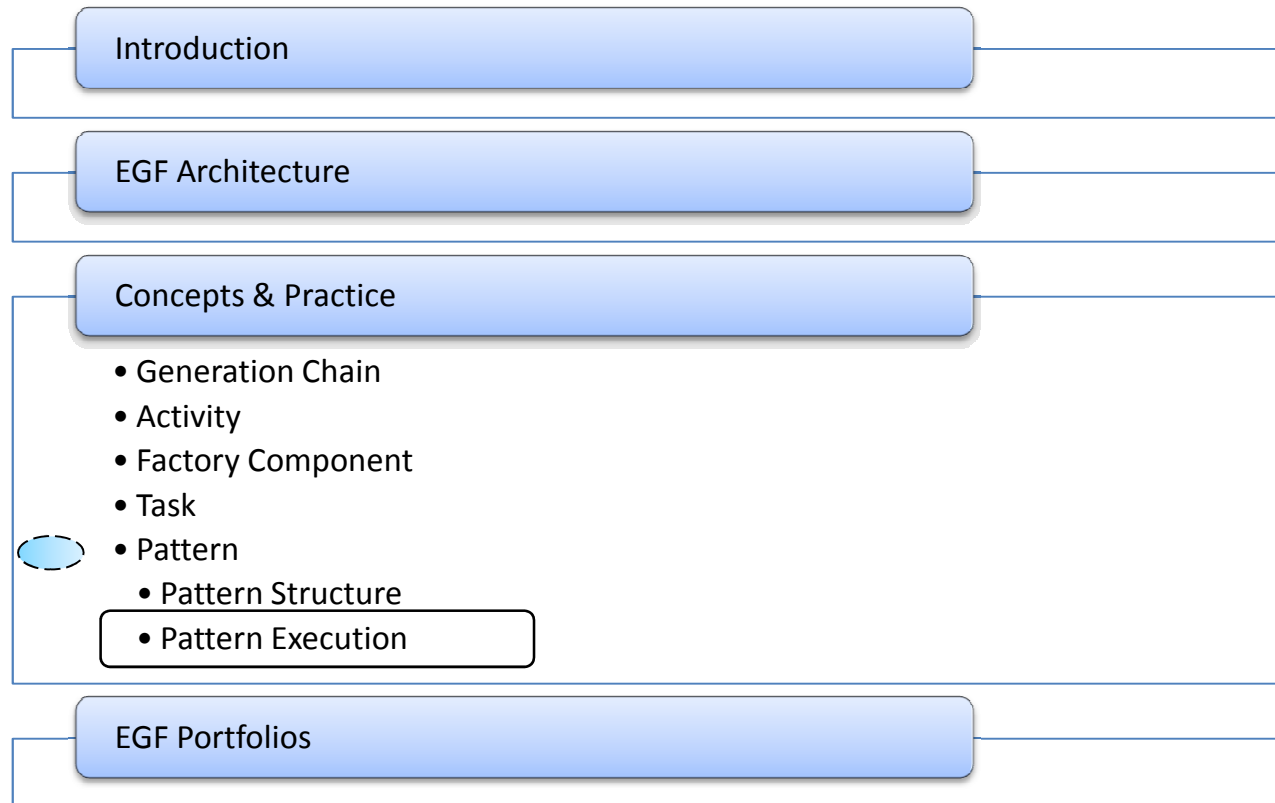
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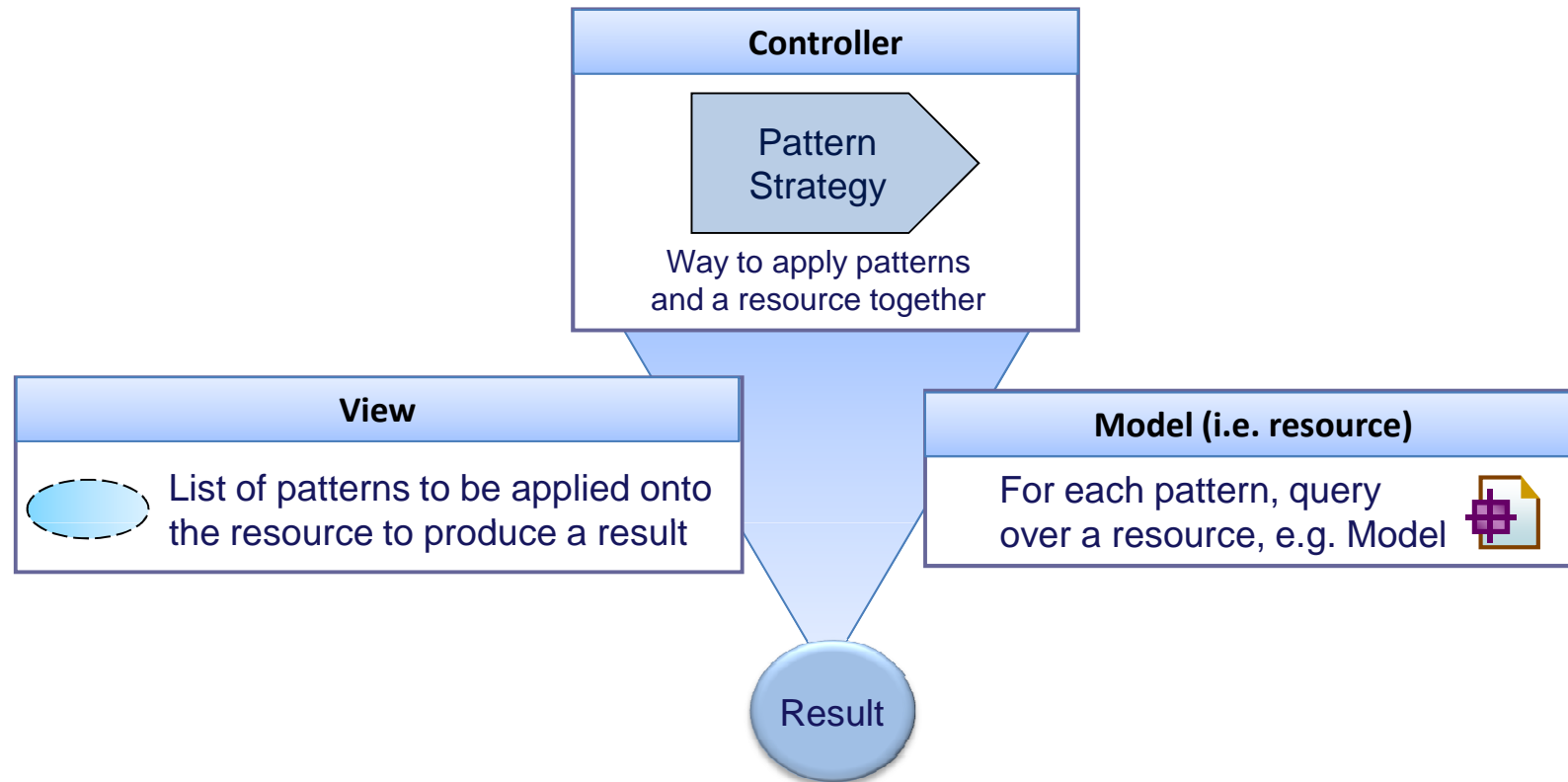
Organize method calls:

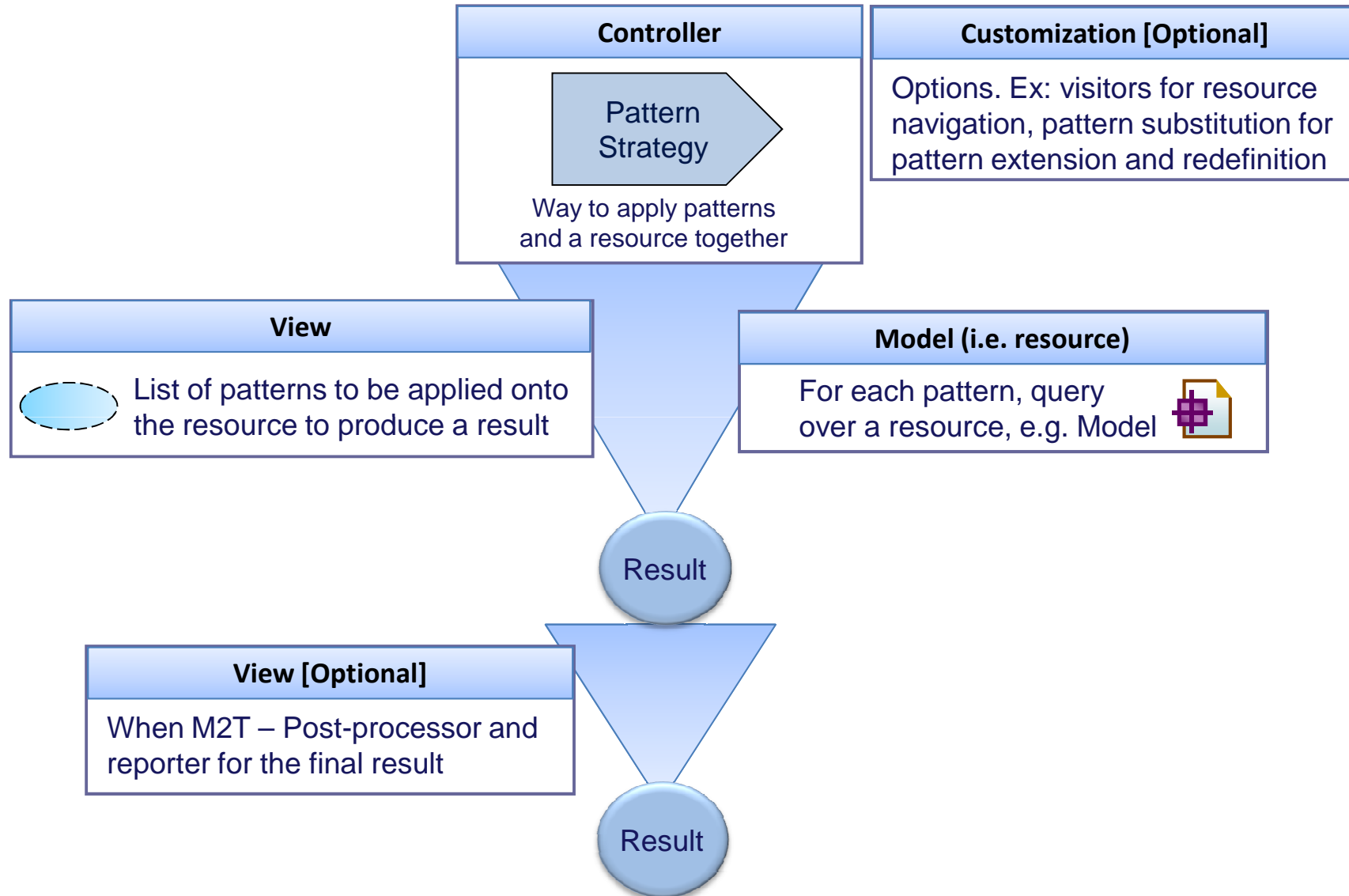
- body - [MethodCall]

Overview Specification Implementation

- ◆ **header:** typically used for the Jet header
- ◆ **init:** method for pattern initialization (e.g., variable initialization)
- ◆ A method editor allows editing pattern methods







Definition: Way to apply patterns against a resource

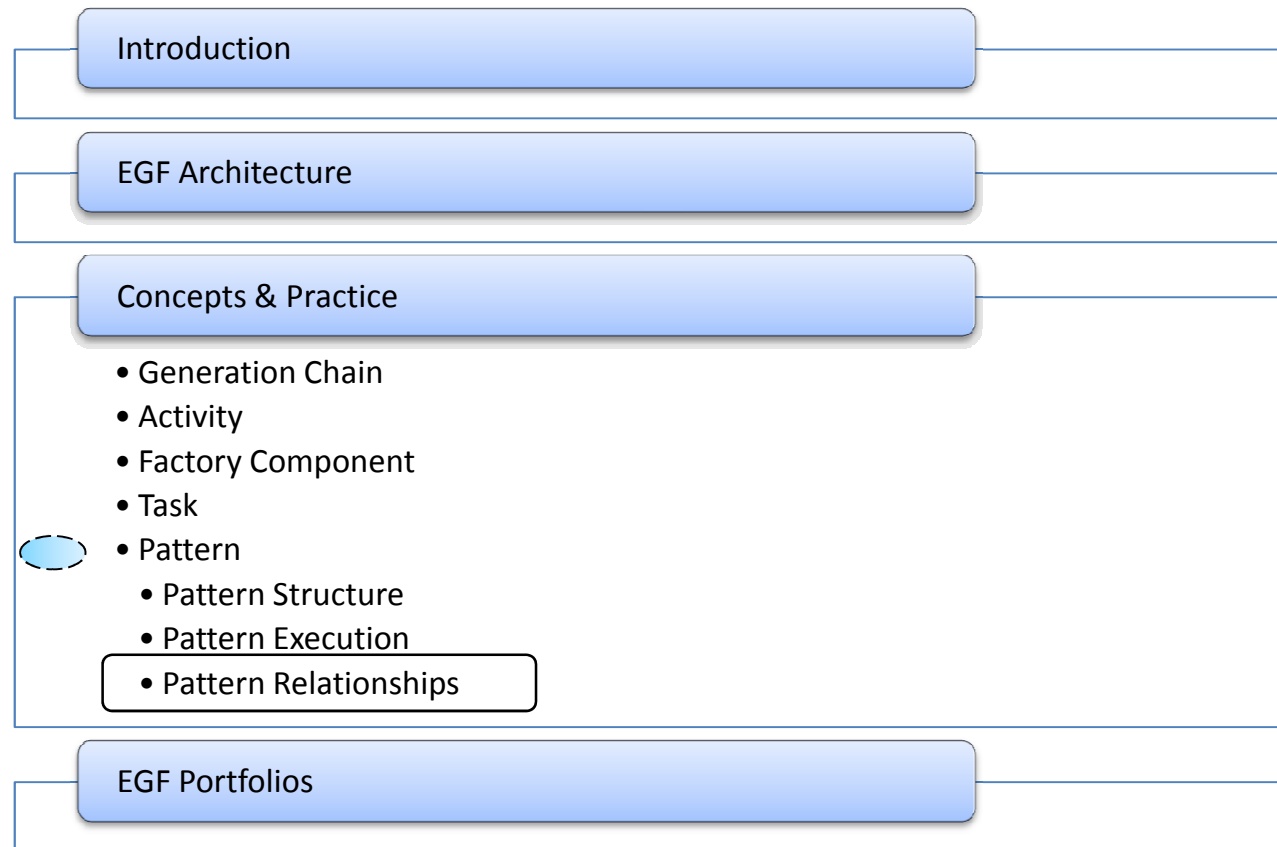
Examples of strategies:

- ◆ **Domain-driven pattern strategy:** in-depth navigation over a resource (e.g. model), and for each resource element, applying a set of patterns
- ◆ **Pattern-driven strategy:** for each pattern, applying the pattern for each resource element

Definition: Way to apply patterns against a resource

Strategy parameters:

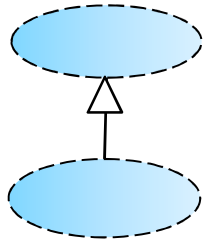
- ◆ **Resource visitor:** When navigating over a resource, the visitor function specifies how to continue this navigation. Example: considering the sub-classes of the current resource instance.
- ◆ **Post-processor:** Post-processing a model-to-text transformation
- ◆ **Reporter:** Management of the output for a model-to-text transformation (e.g., in one or several files, file location)
- ◆ **Pattern substitution:** list of pattern substitutions for pattern redefinition or extension to customize a pattern-based transformation



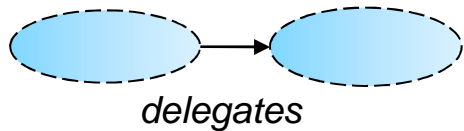
Patterns can be related together (e.g., pattern inheritance, pattern call)

The next slides present the different kinds of pattern relationships

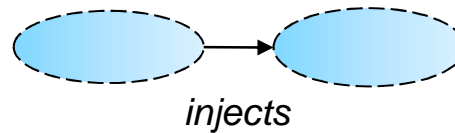
Pattern Inheritance



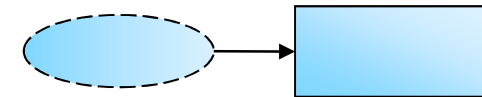
Pattern Delegation



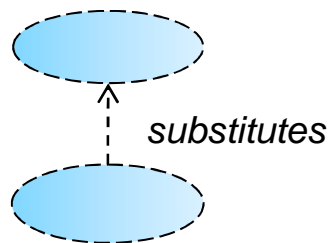
Pattern Injection



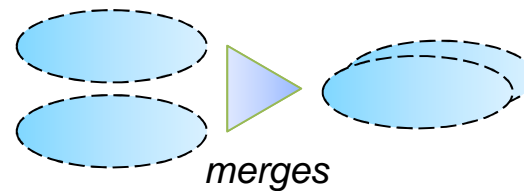
Pattern Callback



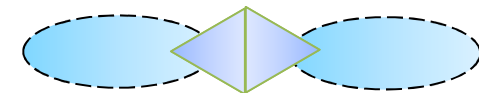
Pattern Substitution



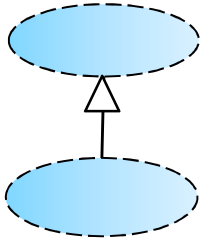
Pattern Merge



Pattern Comparison



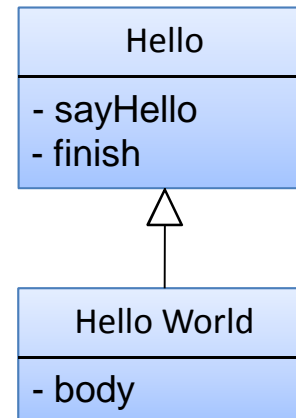
Pattern inheritance



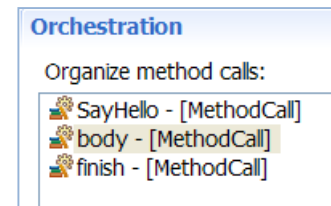
Case 1. Reuse of super-pattern methods

Same mechanism than Class inheritance
Selection of methods from the super-pattern hierarchy

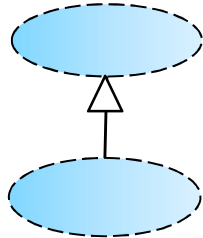
Example



Orchestration of HelloWorld



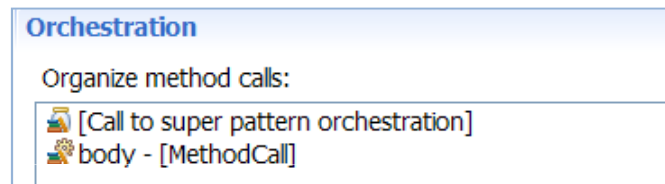
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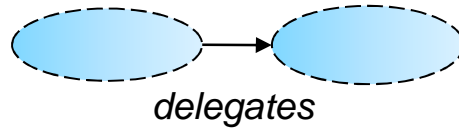
Case 2. Reuse of super-pattern orchestration

Reuse of method and orchestration defined in the super-pattern
This abstracts the super-pattern orchestration
This avoids rewriting pattern orchestration
Just adding the methods of the current pattern

Example



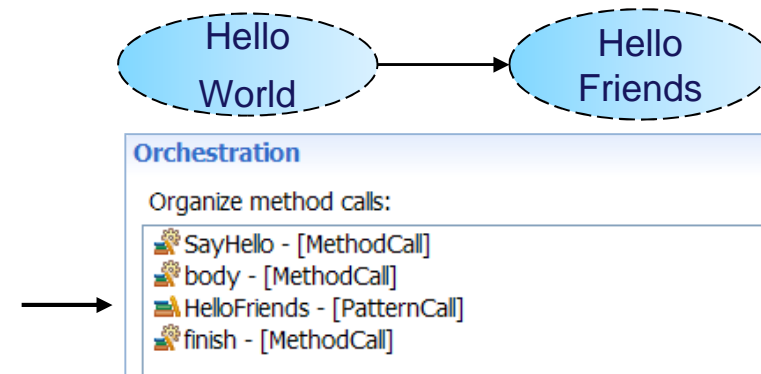
Pattern delegation



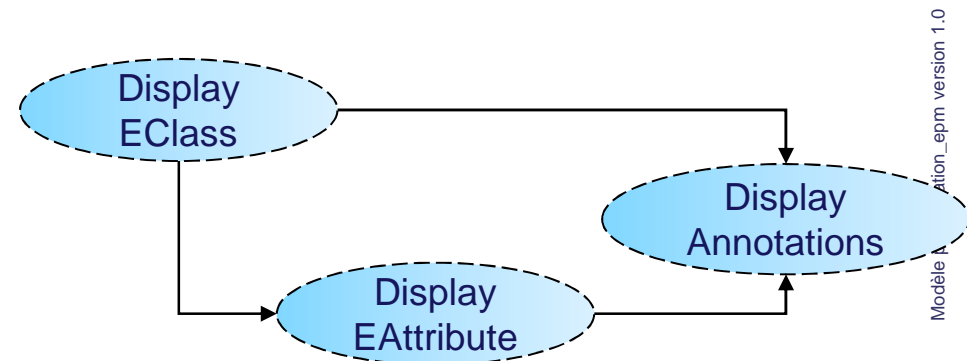
Case. For Problem decomposition & Reuse of pattern

- The same pattern is reused in different pattern contexts
- The orchestration of the called pattern is applied
- The Pattern caller provides parameter values to the called pattern
- The parameter values are statically declared at the pattern definition

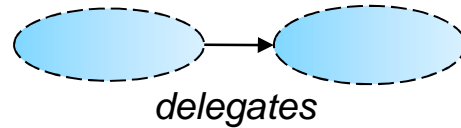
Example 1



Example 2



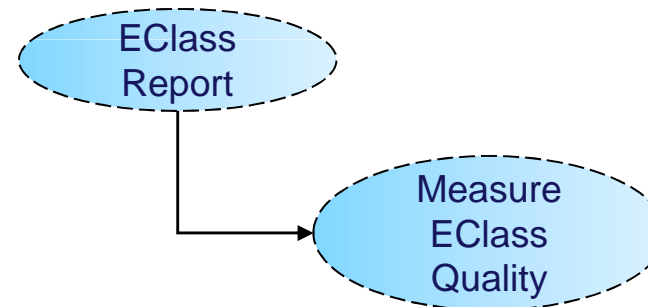
Pattern delegation

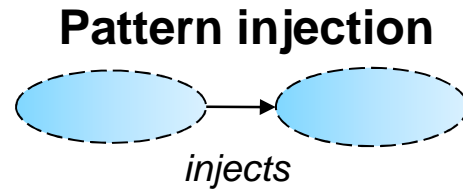


Case. Pattern delegation when implementation languages are different

This corresponds to a Pattern Delegation where Pattern natures are different. For instance, a Pattern with a Jet nature calls a Pattern with a Java nature in order to differently process the same resource. It is impossible to have different natures in the same Pattern inheritance hierarchy.

Example

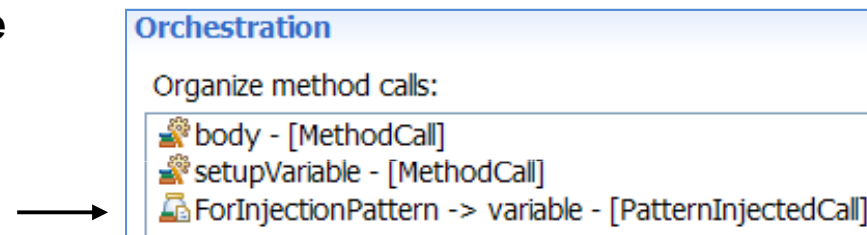




Case. Reuse of pattern with a dynamic resolution of the injected context

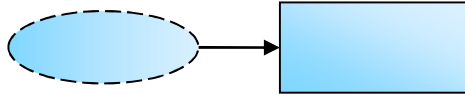
- A Pattern injection corresponds to a Pattern Delegation, but
- The parameter values are dynamically set at pattern execution

Example



In this example, the “setupVariable” method sets the injection context

Pattern Callback

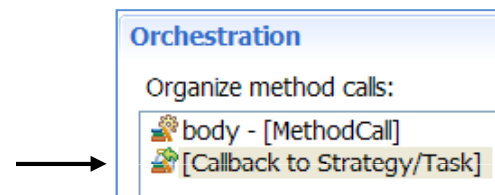


Case 1. Applying a Java call

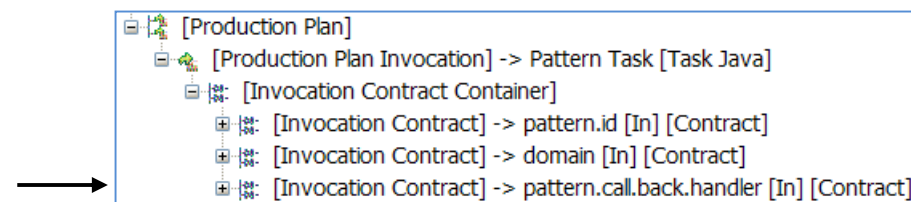
The callback indicates where the callback on a Java Class is applied

Example

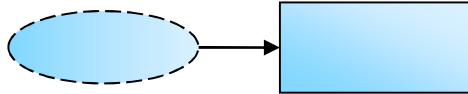
Pattern orchestration



Specification of the Java Class in the production plan



Pattern Callback



Case 2. Combination with the Pattern Strategy

A strategy determines how to apply patterns and how to navigate over a resource. In an orchestration, a callback is the moment before and after a cycle of pattern application, and allows to discriminate the methods to apply before and after it.

Example

Scenario:

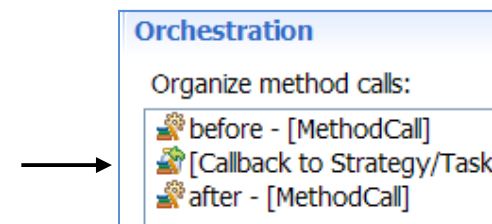
The following generation result can be realized with a callback.

- The model-driven strategy navigates over the model
- There is a pattern for each kind of model element with the following pattern orchestration

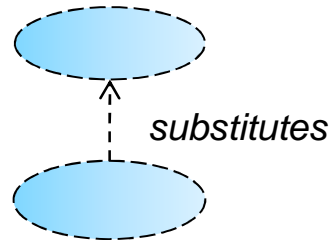
A generation action is realized before (open) and after (close) the callback.

```
<EPackage name="P">
  <EClass name="C1">
    <EAttribute = "A1">
      ...
    </EAttribute = "A1">
  </EClass name="C1">
</EPackage name="P">
```

Generation result



Pattern substitution



Case. Customization of a pattern-based generation

- A substitution replaces a pattern by a list of patterns
- This list can be empty (for annihilating a pattern), another pattern, or a list of other patterns (for replacing one pattern by several)
- This mechanism enables to adapt a generation to a specific context
- It is used for definition of families of code generation with patterns

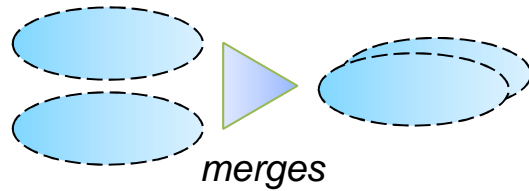
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[Tutorial]

http://wiki.eclipse.org/EGF_Tutorial_and_Use_Cases#EGF_Patterns

Pattern Merge



Case. Combination of pattern lists

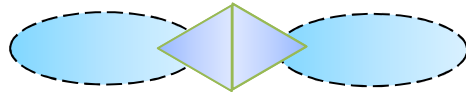
- Two patterns lists are merged into one list
- Examples: for customization, merging a local substitution with a pattern list in parameter of factory component



For deeper understanding

EGF Example – [Plug-in] org.eclipse.egf.usecase.emf.uc3

Pattern Comparison



Case. Used during pattern edition – Face pattern evolution when pattern-based generation scales up

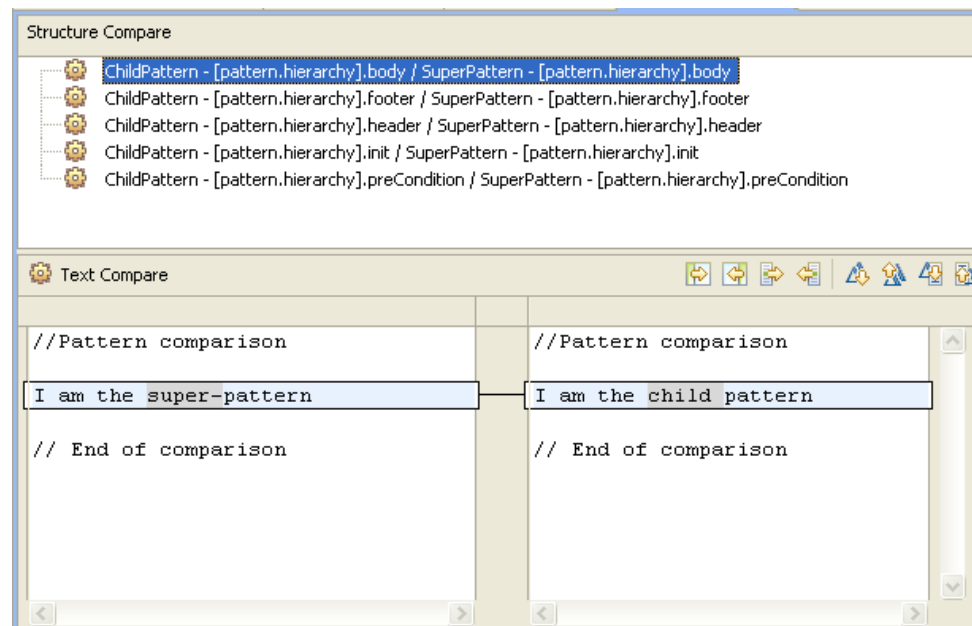
- Comparison of patterns in a hierarchy or of cousin patterns

Example

Scenario:

Comparison of super- and child-patterns in the same or different pattern libraries. Below, comparison of “body” methods of a ChildPattern and its SuperPattern.

Possibility of live edition when editing pattern comparison.



Links:

[Video] Pattern Creation: <http://vimeo.com/15664081>

Examples:

[Eclipse] Help Contents! / EGF / Tutorials / Pattern – First Steps

Exercices:

EGF Example – [Plug-in] `org.eclipse.egf.usecase.pattern.uc1` and `org.eclipse.egf.usecase.pattern.uc2`

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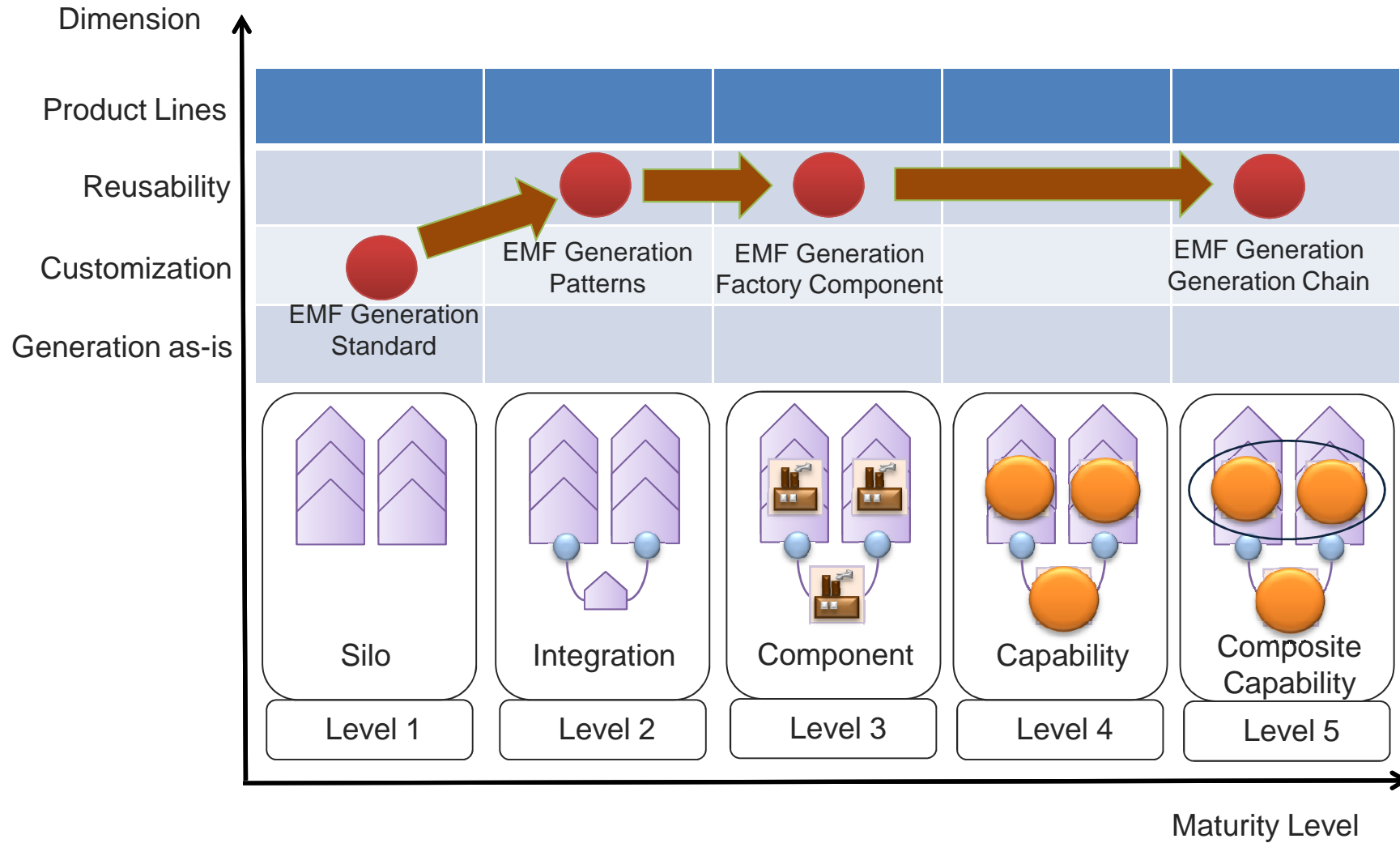
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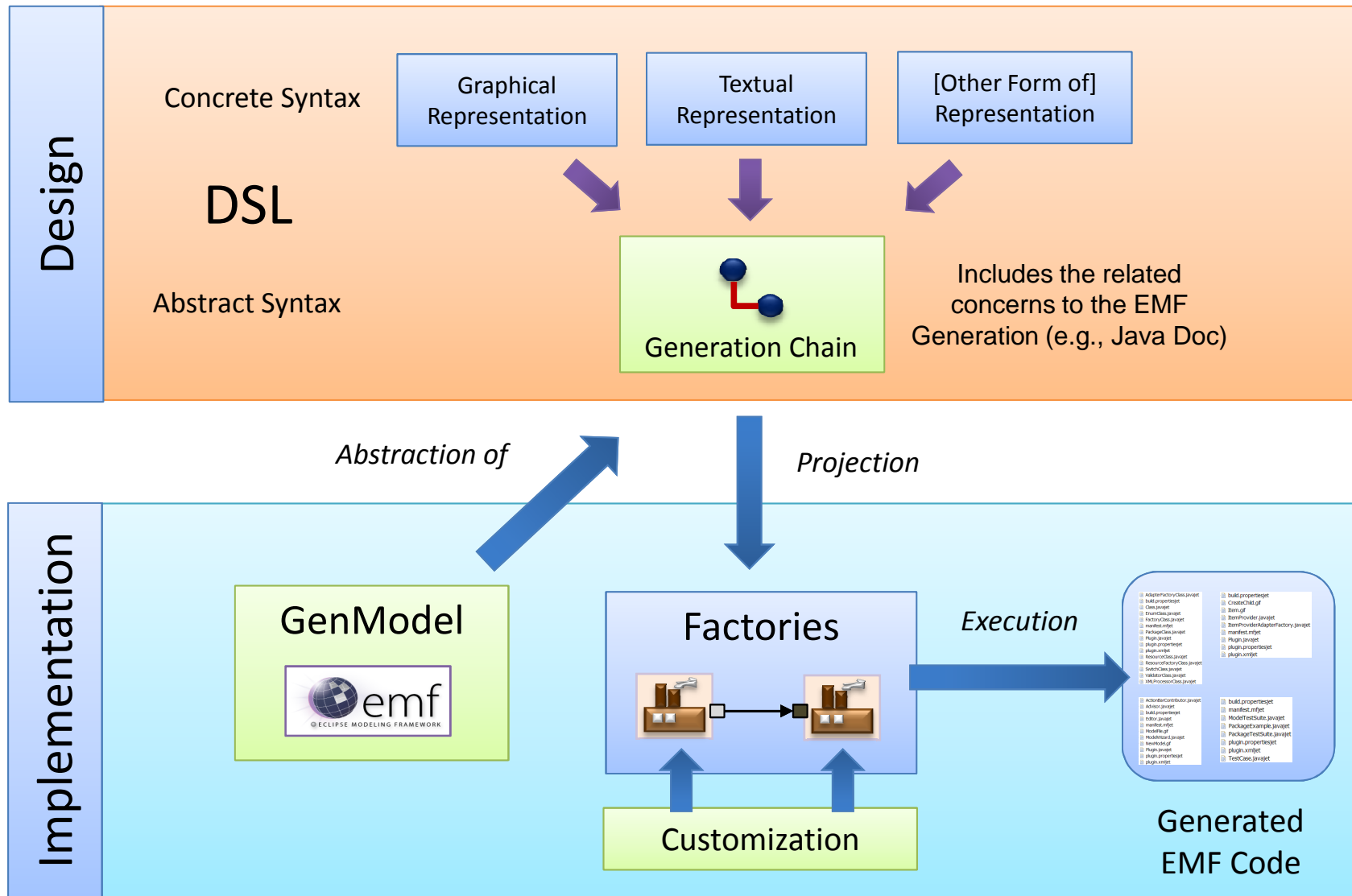
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EGF Example – org.eclipse.egf.usecase.emf.uc1,
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org.eclipse.egf.usecase.emf.uc3

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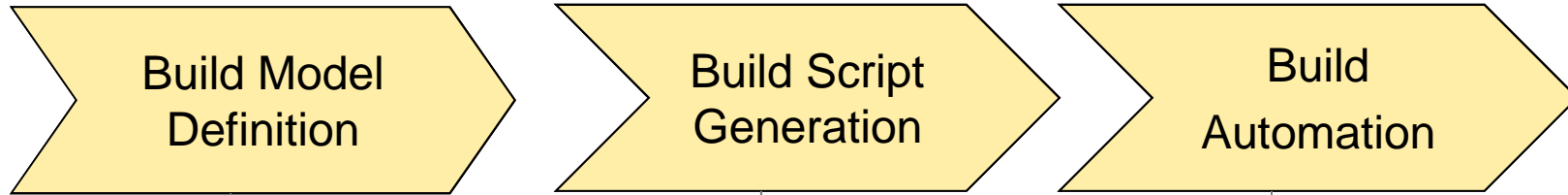
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Objective of the Build Portfolio provided by EGF:

◆ Facilitating the definition of build chain:













1. A **build editor** describes a build chain
2. A **generator** targets a build platform, here **Hudson / Jenkins and Buckminster**
3. Use of the build chain



The screenshots illustrate the workflow from model definition to automation:

- Eclipse Package Explorer:** Shows the project structure for 'org.eclipse.egf.portfolio.eclipse.build.exe'.
- Eclipse Resource Set:** Shows the 'Resource Set' for 'platform:/resource/org.eclipse.egf.releg2/model/buckminster-egf-helios.egfbuild', listing various build steps like 'Job buckminster-egf-helios', 'Test Step', 'Publish Step', and 'EgF Step'.
- Eclipse Build Script Generation:** Shows the 'generation.fc core' view with a tree of build components including 'Build [Factory Component]', '[Contract Container]', '[Viewpoint Container]', '[Production Plan]', and 'Build Buckminster [Factory Component]'.
- Hudson CI Server:** Shows a build history table with columns for build number, date, time, and size. Below the table are links for 'Workspace', 'Recent Changes', and 'Latest Test Result'. A 'Permalinks' section lists links for 'Last build (#45)', 'Last stable build (#45)', and 'Last successful build (#45)'. The footer indicates 'Page generated: Mar 17, 2011 6:57:27 AM Hudson ver. 1.389'.
- Hudson Configuration Page:** Shows a 'config.xml' file with installation instructions for 'eclipse', 'buckminster', and 'egf'.

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	Name	Description
	Job	List of steps
	SCM Configuration	Type of SCM locations
	SCM Location	SCM locations (e.g., svn url)
	Build Step	Materializes and builds a workspace
	Dependencies	Source and dependencies locations
	Components	Features and plugins to find and build
	JUnit Step	Launches a Junit launch configuration
	Publish Step	Generates P2 site and dropins
	EGF Step	Launches an EGF activity
	Aggregation Step	Aggregates several P2 sites and dropins
	Ant Step	Launches a custom ant target
	Javadoc Step	Generates Javadoc from sources

Modèle

Links:

[Video] Build Chain Creation: <http://vimeo.com/22033124>

Examples:

[Eclipse] http://wiki.eclipse.org/EGF_Build_Portfolio

**Exercices:**

EGF Example – [Plug-in]
org.eclipse.egf.portfolio.eclipse.build.examples



Project page: <http://www.eclipse.org/egf>

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