

# Using GMF and M2M for Model-Driven Development

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## GMF Overview

*“The Eclipse Graphical Modeling Framework (GMF) provides a generative component and runtime infrastructure for developing graphical editors based on EMF and GEF.”*

### Runtime

- Binds EMF & GEF
- Notation metamodel
- Designed for extensibility

### Generation (tooling)

- Models used to define graphics, tooling, mapping to domain
- Code generation targets runtime
- Promotes use of Domain-Specific Languages

## GMF-Generated Diagram Editor

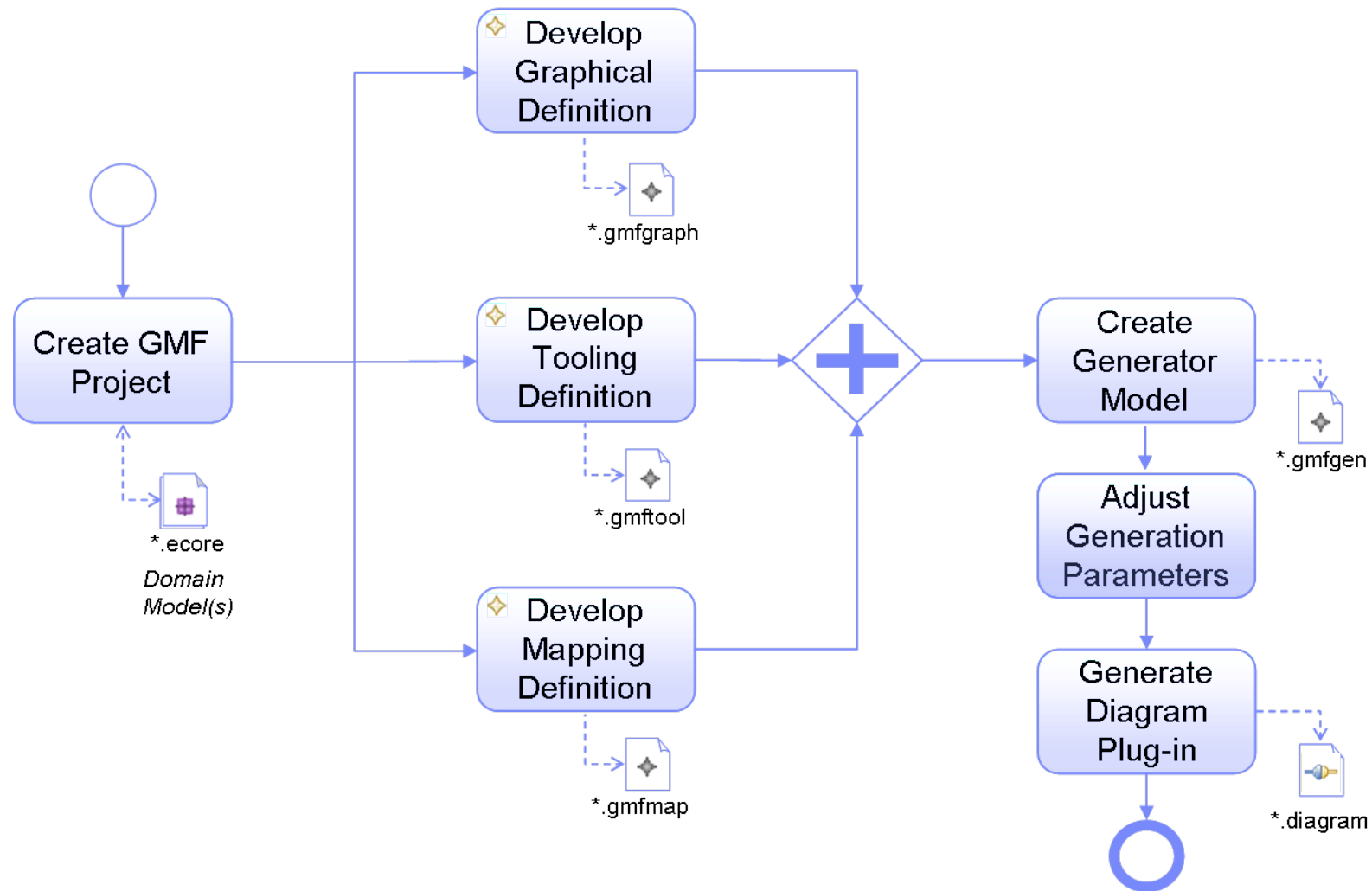
The screenshot displays the Eclipse IDE with a GMF-generated diagram editor for a state machine diagram. The interface is annotated with callouts identifying key components:

- Domain Model:** A tree view on the left showing the project structure, including the state machine and its elements like actions, events, and states.
- Diagram:** The central workspace showing a state machine diagram with states (closed, heating, open) and transitions (doorButtonPressed, powerButtonPressed).
- Toolbar:** A palette on the right containing graphical figures for creating and editing diagram elements like SimpleState, StartState, StopState, EntryAction, ExitAction, Transition, and TriggeredByEvent.
- Property Sheet:** A window at the bottom showing the properties of the selected 'Simple State heating', including Core and Appearance properties.

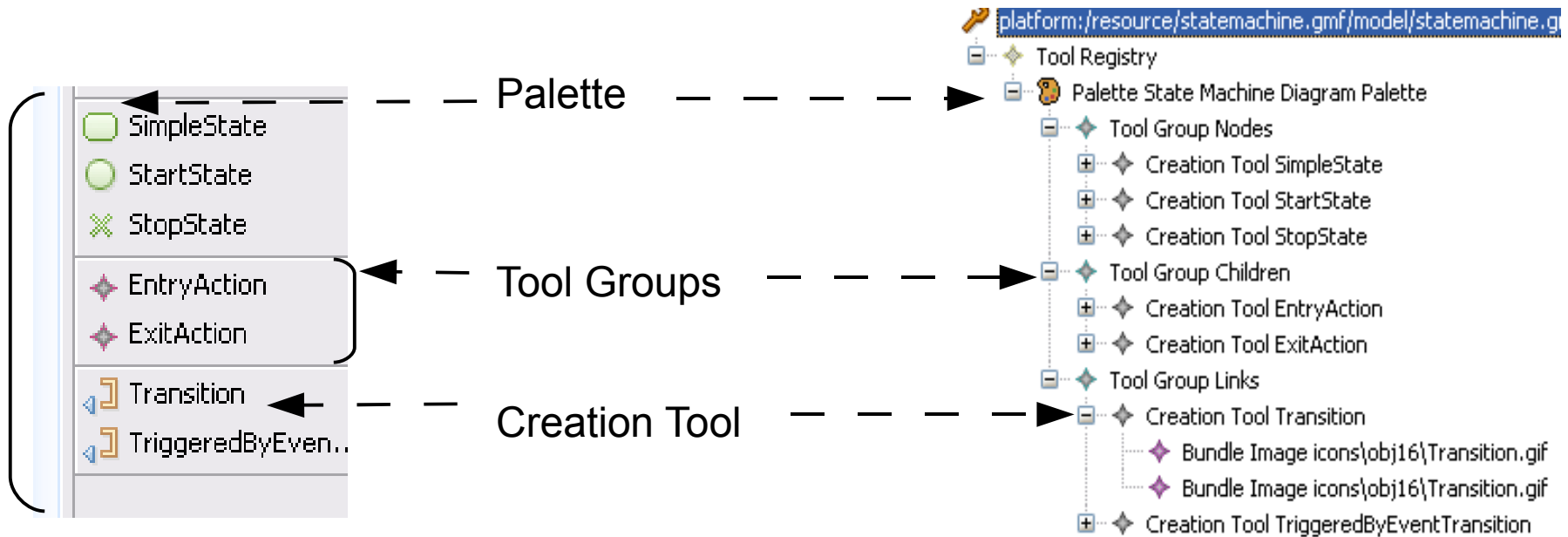
**Simple State heating Properties:**

Core	Property	Value
Appearance	Entry Action	Action radiationOn
	Exit Action	Action radiationOff
	Name	heating

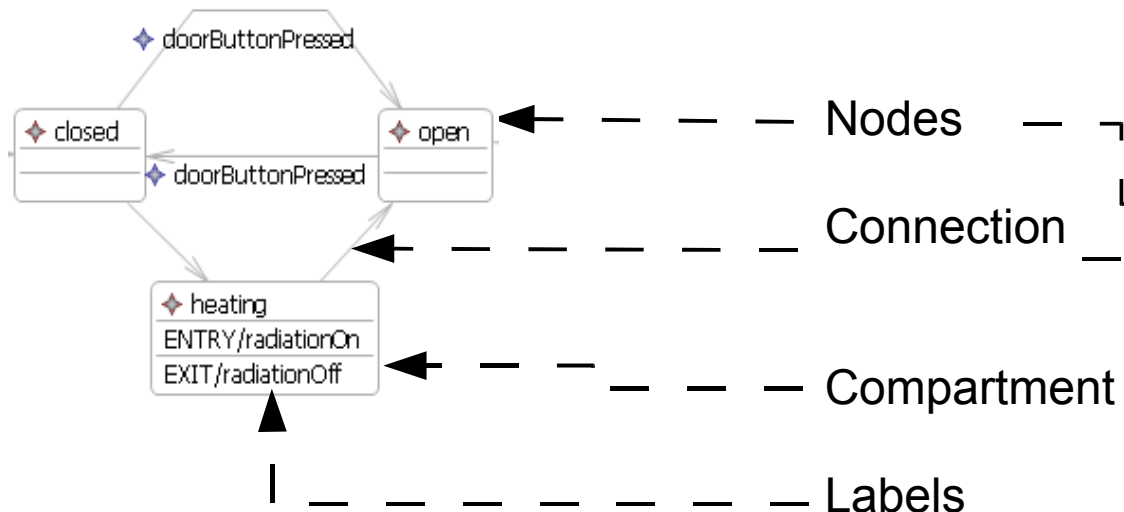
# GMF Generation overview



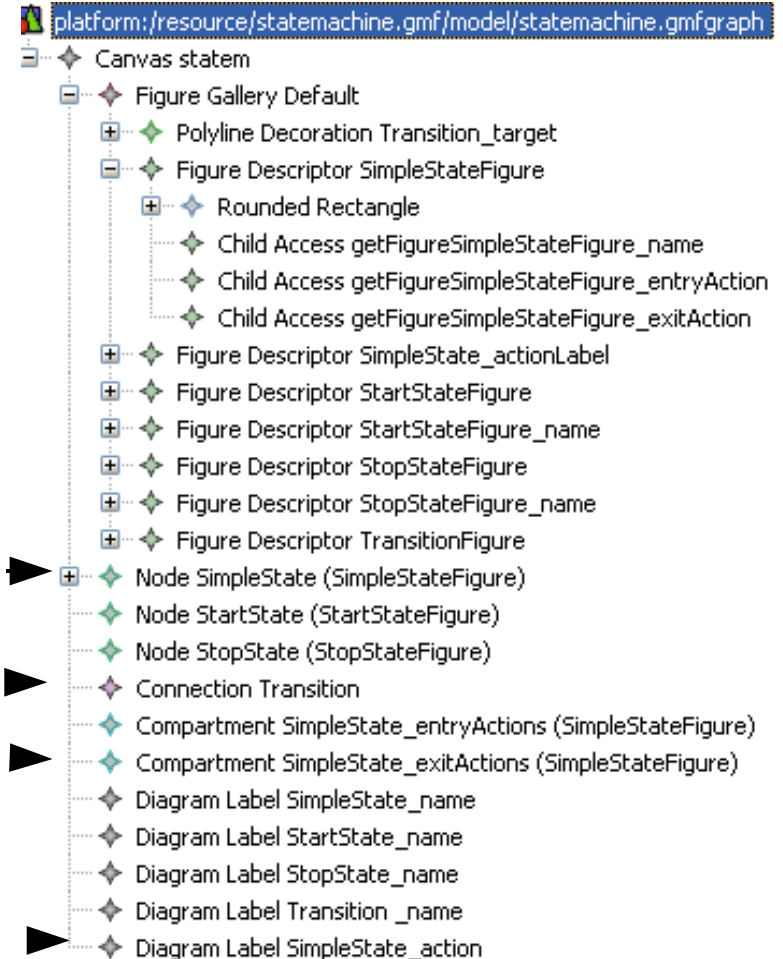
# Develop Tooling Definition



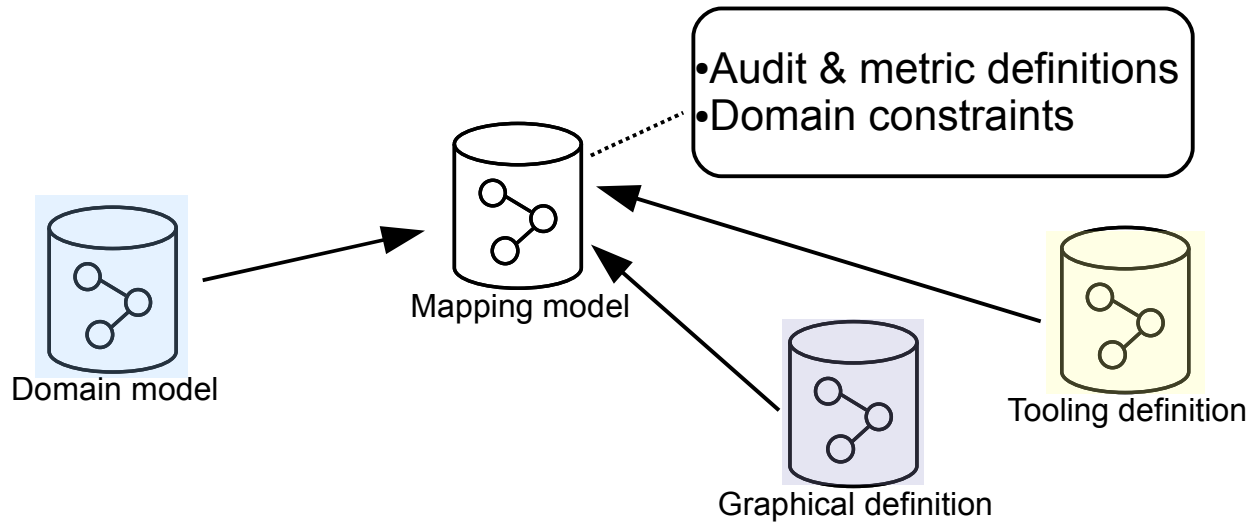
# Develop Graphical Definition



Nodes  
 Connection  
 Compartment  
 Labels

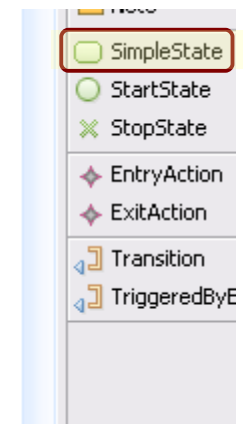
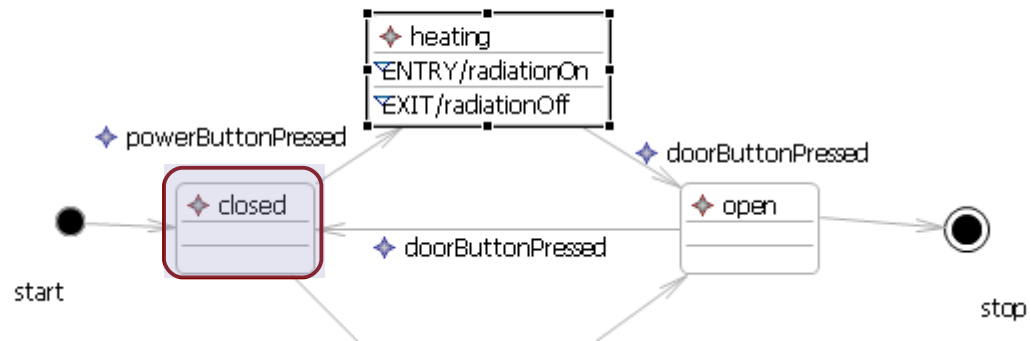


## Mapping Definition

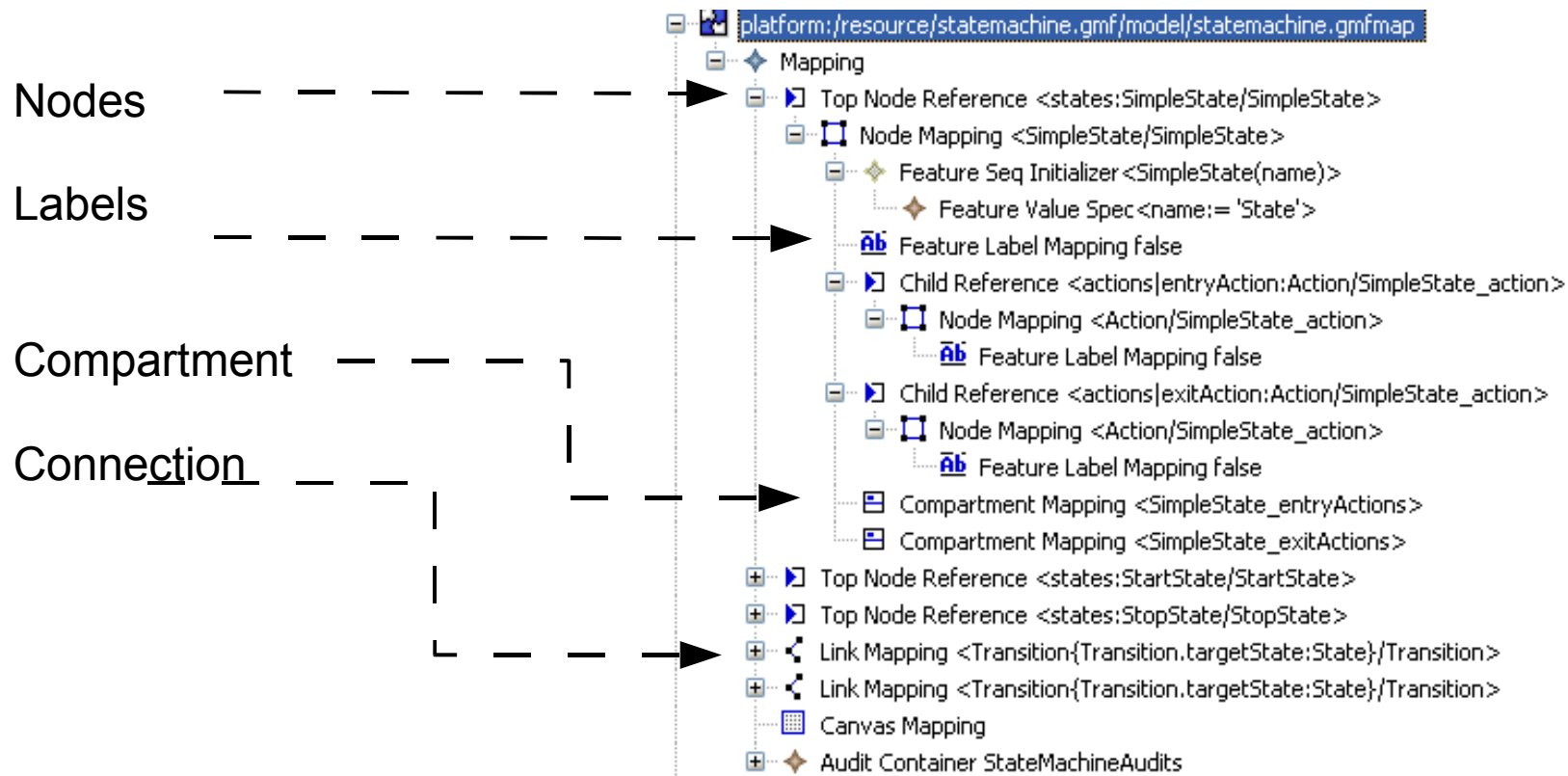


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rowelle.state
State Machine microwave
  ◆ Action radiationOff
  ◆ Action radiationOn
  ◆ Event doorButtonPres
  ◆ Event powerButtonPres
  ◆ Simple State closed
  ◆ Simple State heating
  ◆ Transition heating2
  ◆ Simple State open
  ◆ Start State start
  ◆ Stop State stop
rowelle.state.diagram
    
```

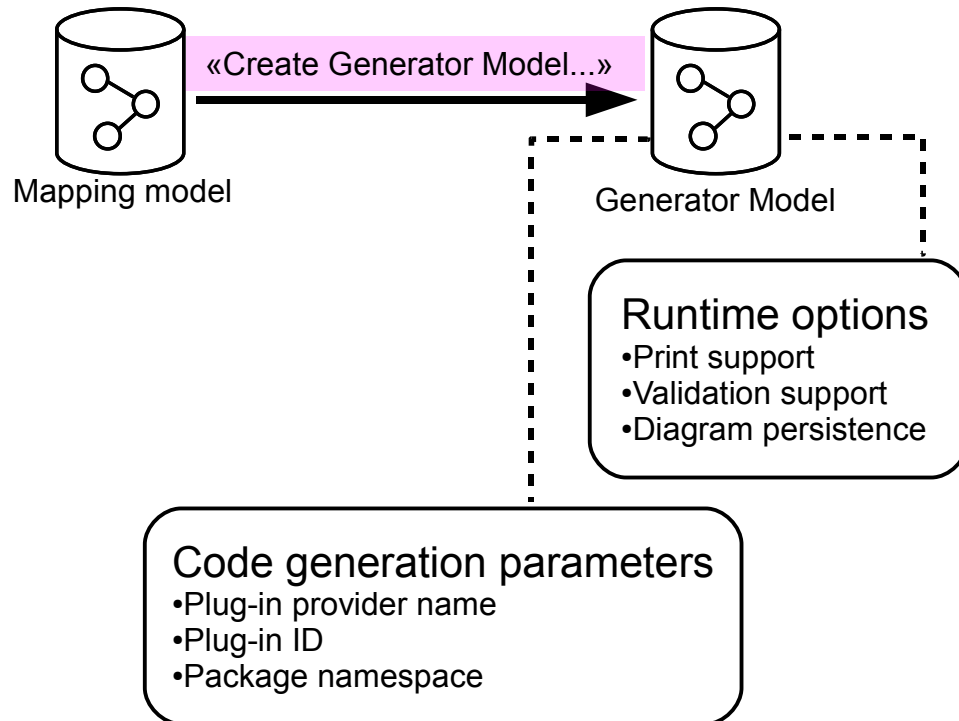


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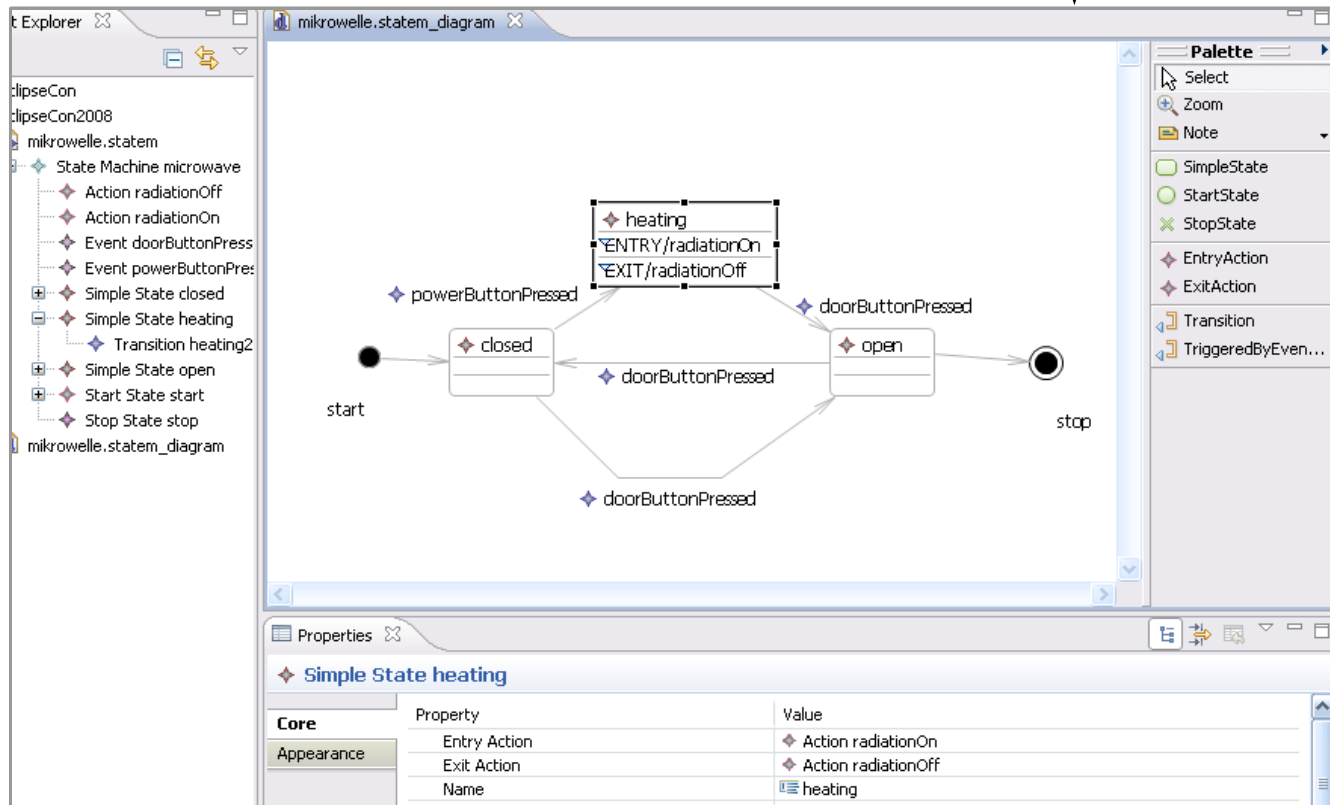
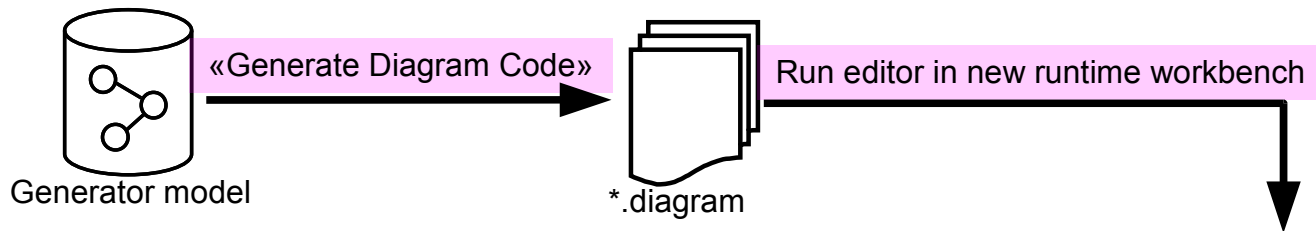




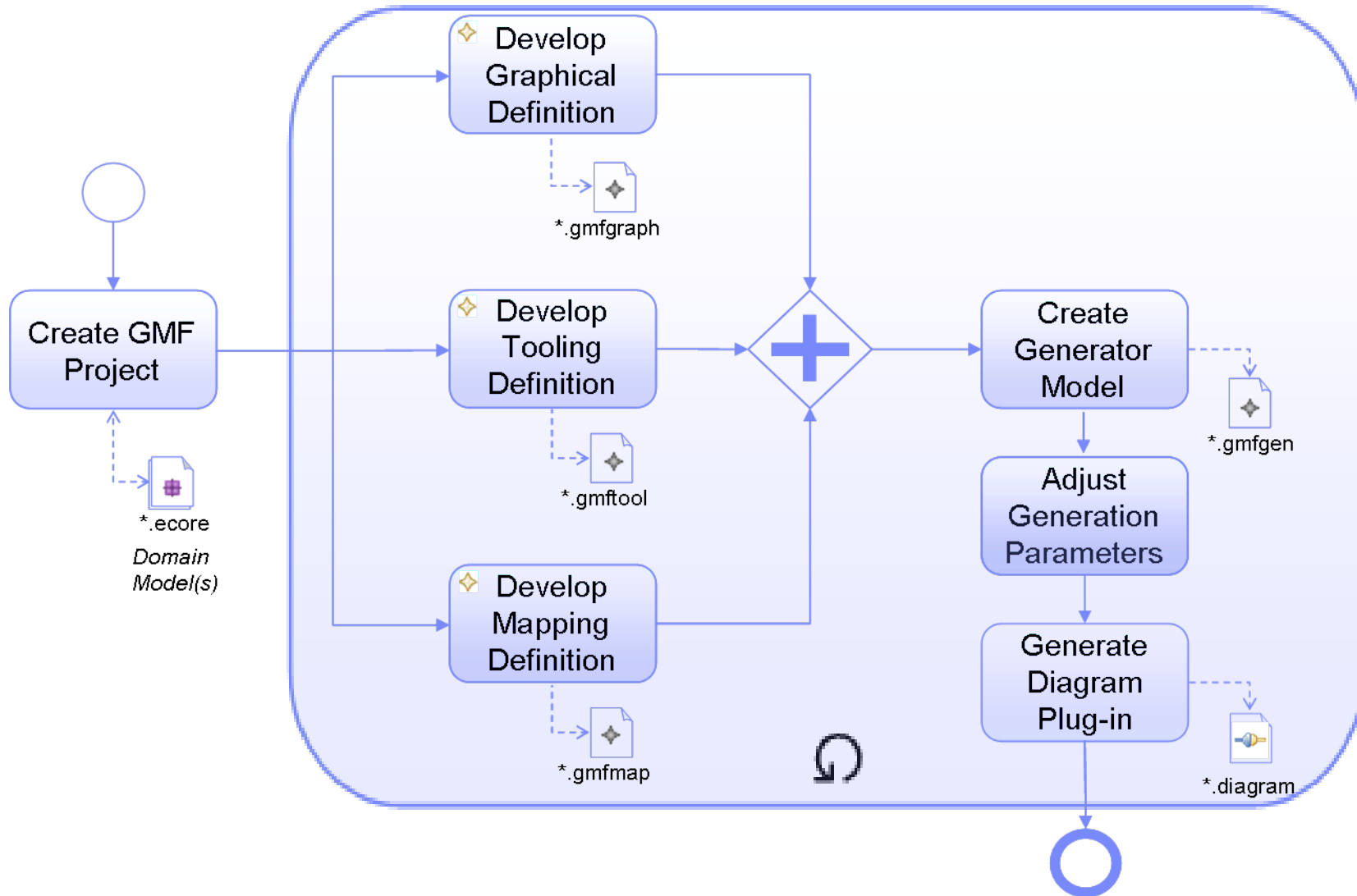
## Create generator model



## Generate diagram plug-in and run diagram

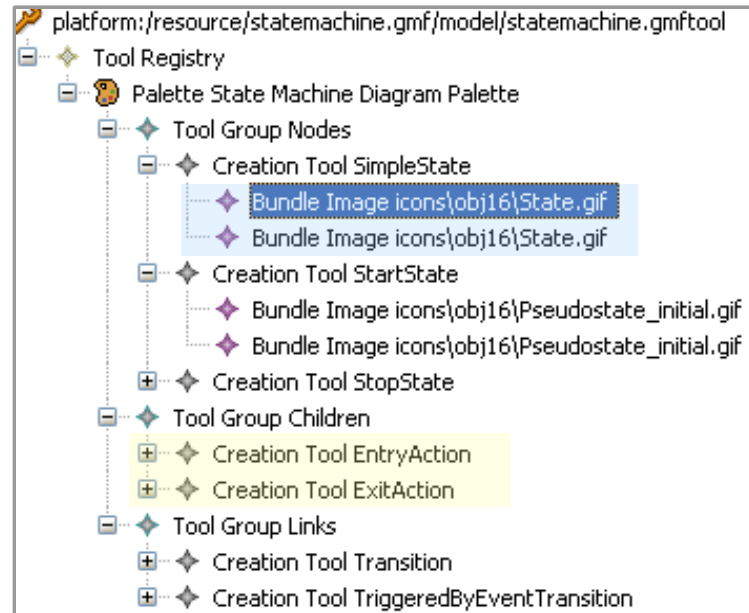


# GMF Generation is iterative



## Tooling Definition: Beautiful icons

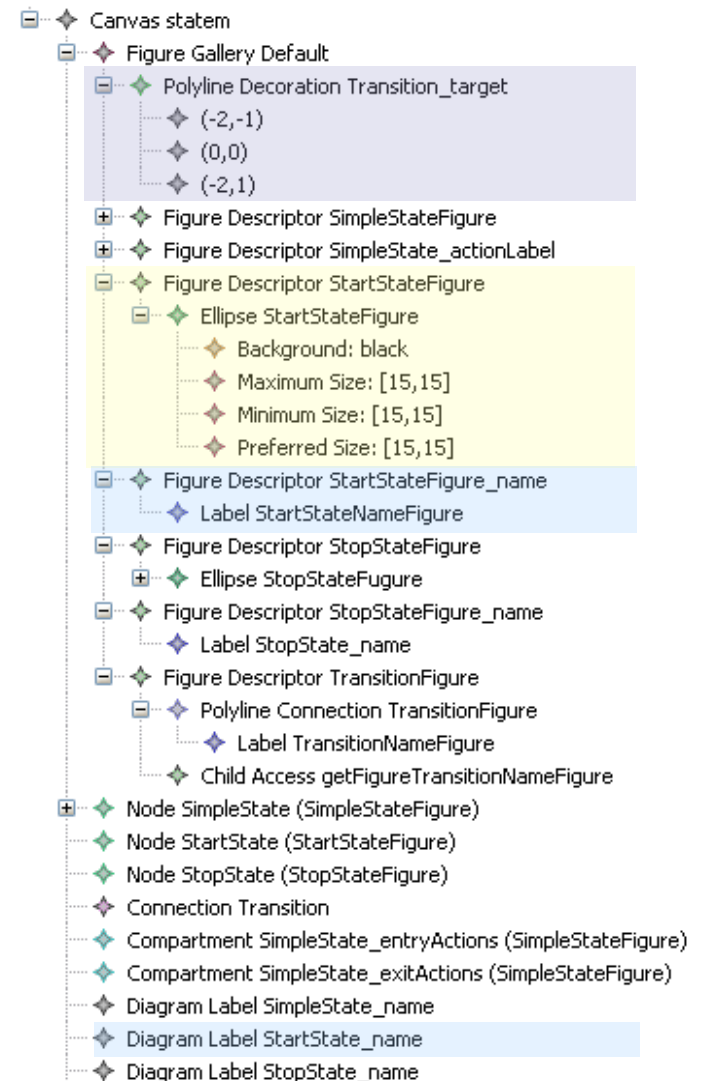
- Set Beautiful icons
  - ◆ Delete default image
  - ◆ Create icon image
- Add 'Children' tool group
  - ◆ Create EntryAction
  - ◆ Create ExitAction



Property	Value
Bundle	org.eclipse.uml2.diagram.common
Path	icons\obj16\State.gif

# Graphical Definition: Intelligent figures

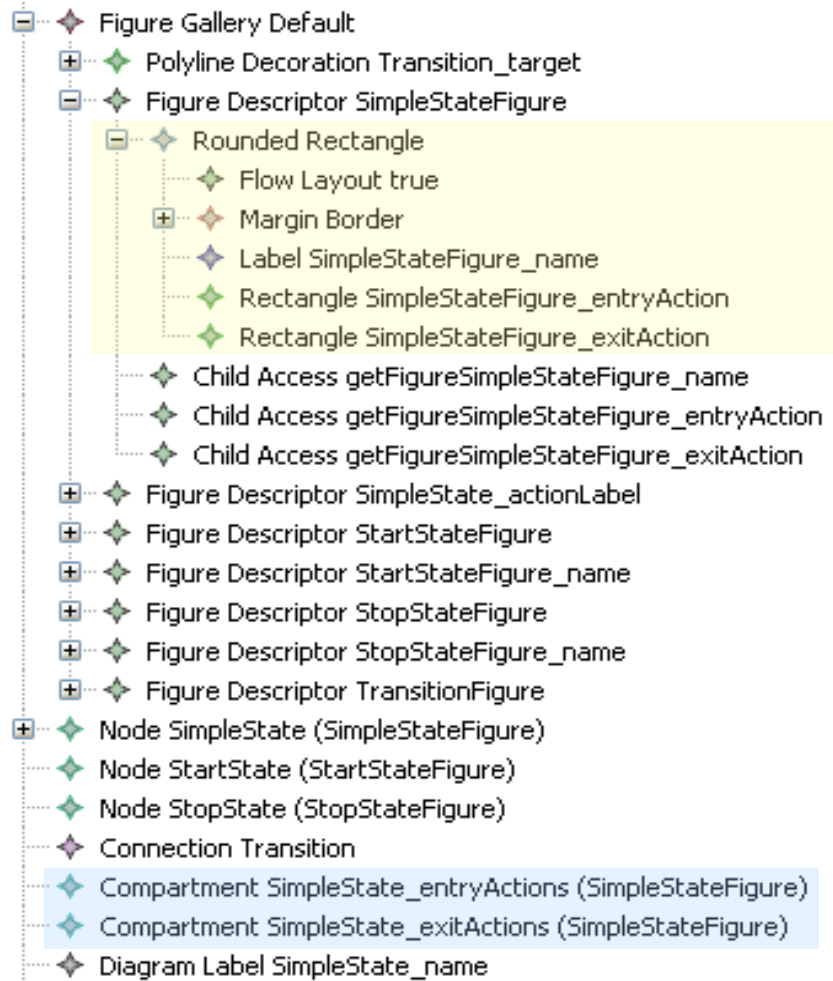
- Turn StartStateFigure into Ellipse, its background is black
- Turn StopState figure into the Ellipse containing inner Ellipse.
- Create Figure Descriptor for StartStateName, create Label inside it .
- Create DiagramLabel referencing it. The label became external.
- Repeat with StopStateName.
- Set Arrow decoration for Transition
  - ◆ Create PolylineDecoration 'ConnectorTarget' in Figure Galle Set TemplatePoints (-2,-1), (0,0), (-2,1).
  - ◆ Select Polyline Connection TransitionFigure inside Figure Descripor TransitionFigure. Set choose 'ConnectorTarget' for TargetDecoration property.



# Graphical Definition: SimpleState

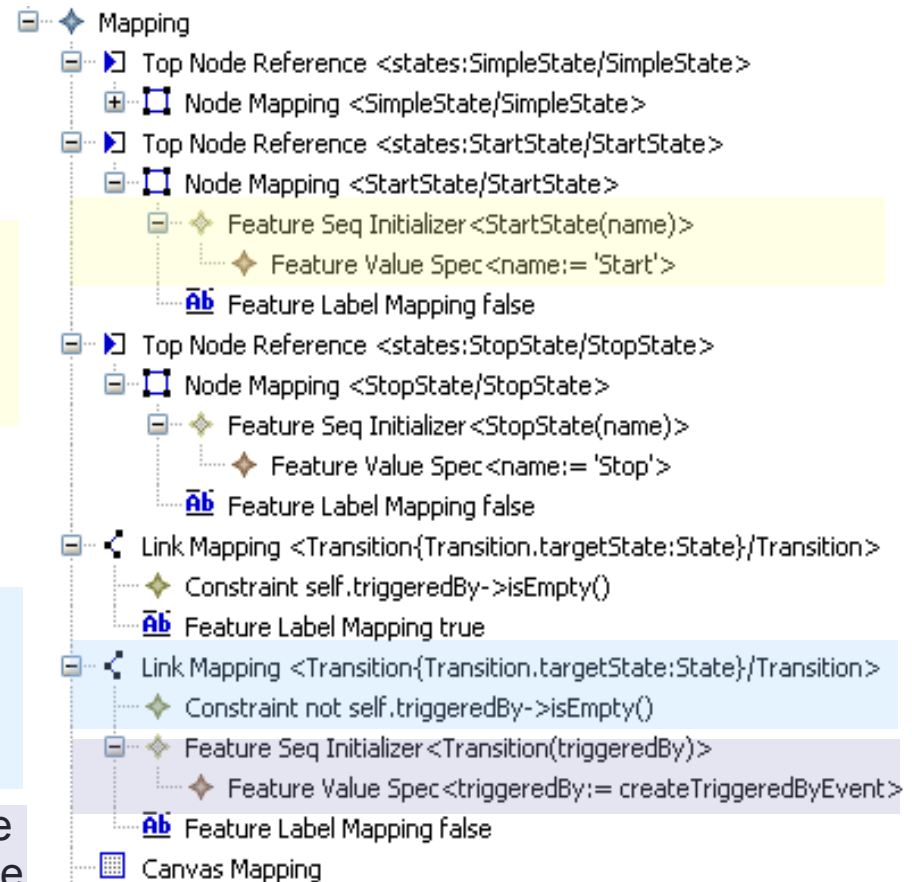


- Turn SimpleStateFigure into rounded rectangle
- Add rectangles for Entry and Exit Action compartments inside SimpleAction.
- Create compartments for Entry and Exit Actions. Choose SimpleStateFigure in 'Figure' property, reference them to just created rectangles in 'Accessor' property.



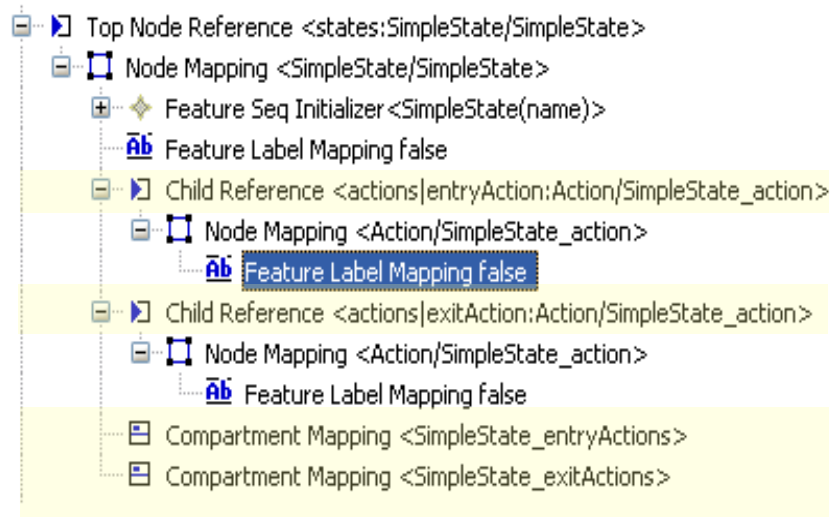
# Mapping Definition: Feature Initializers and OCL Constraints

- Automatically set default name for elements
  - ◆ Create feature Seq Initializer for SimpleState Node Mapping. Create Feature Value Spec. Choose 'name' feature, set 'State' to value.
  - ◆ Repeat with Start/Stop States
- Event-triggered transition
  - ◆ Create additional Link Mapping for Transition.
  - ◆ Set Constraints in order to distinguish links.
  - ◆ Create java FeatureValueInitializer. We will implement it to create and reference Event automatically.



# Mapping Definition: Simple State

- Entry/Exit Actions compartment Mapping
- Distinguish Entry and Exit actions
  - ◆ Set View Pattern 'ENTRY/{0}' for the MessageFormat parser of EntryAction
  - ◆ Set View Pattern 'EXIT/{0}' for the MessageFormat parser of ExitAction

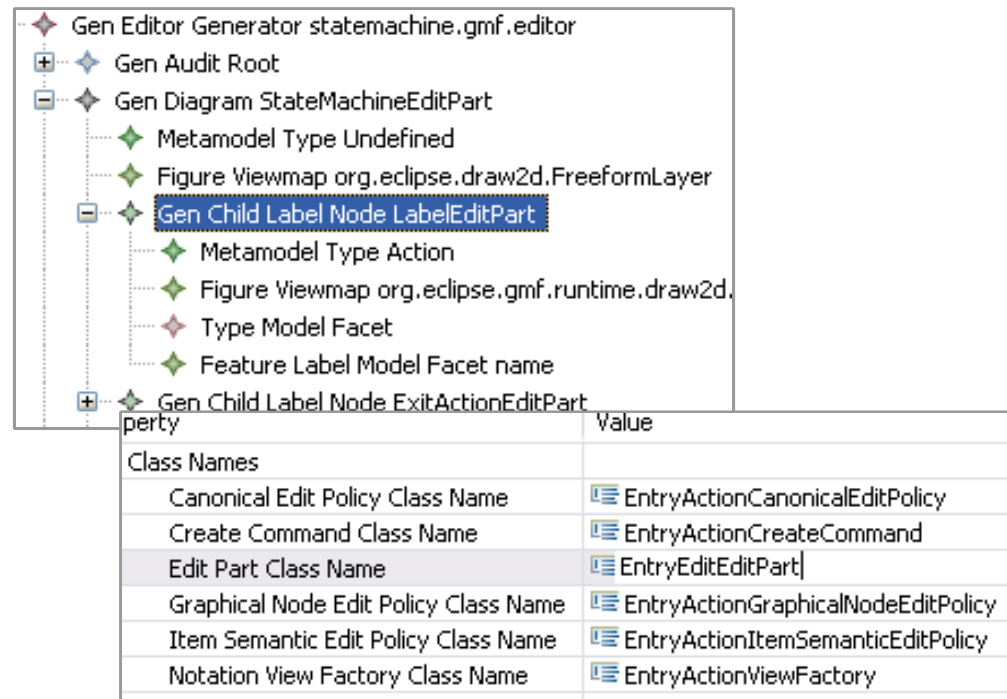


Property	Value
Diagram Label	◆ Diagram Label SimpleState_action
Edit Method	MESSAGE_FORMAT
Editor Pattern	
Edit Pattern	
Features	name : EString
Read Only	false
View Method	MESSAGE_FORMAT
View Pattern	ENTRY/{0}



## Generator model: Code generation parameters

- Make Entry EditPart class names intelligible
  - ◆ Rename LabelEditPart to EntryActionEditPart
- Repeat with Labels2EditPart (EntryActionEditPart)



The screenshot shows a tree view of a generator model. The selected node is 'Gen Child Label Node LabelEditPart'. Below the tree is a table of code generation parameters.

property	Value
Class Names	
Canonical Edit Policy Class Name	EntryActionCanonicalEditPolicy
Create Command Class Name	EntryActionCreateCommand
Edit Part Class Name	EntryEditEditPart
Graphical Node Edit Policy Class Name	EntryActionGraphicalNodeEditPolicy
Item Semantic Edit Policy Class Name	EntryActionItemSemanticEditPolicy
Notation View Factory Class Name	EntryActionViewFactory

## Generated plugin: Code modification

- Generated code can be changed to implement domain-specific requirements

- Changed code is marked with 'generated NOT' tag.

- ◆ Modify *EntryActionCreateCommand* and *ExitActionCreateCommand* in order to create them inside *StateMachine* and be referenced by *SimpleState*

- ◆ Implement *java FeatureValueInitializer* for *EventTriggeredTransition* in *ElementInitializers* class.

```
/**
 * @generated NOT
 */
protected EObject doDefaultElementCreation() {
    Action newElement = StatemFactory.eINSTANCE.createAction();
    SimpleState simpleState = (SimpleState) getElementToEdit();
    simpleState.getStateMachine().getActions().add(newElement);
    simpleState.setEntryAction(newElement);
    return newElement;
}
```

```
static class Java {
```

```
/**
 * @generated NOT
 */
private static Event createTriggeredByEvent(Transition self) {
    State targetState = self.getTargetState();
    if (targetState == null) {
        return null;
    }
    Event event = StatemFactory.eINSTANCE.createEvent();
    targetState.getStateMachine().getEvents().add(event);
    return event;
}
}
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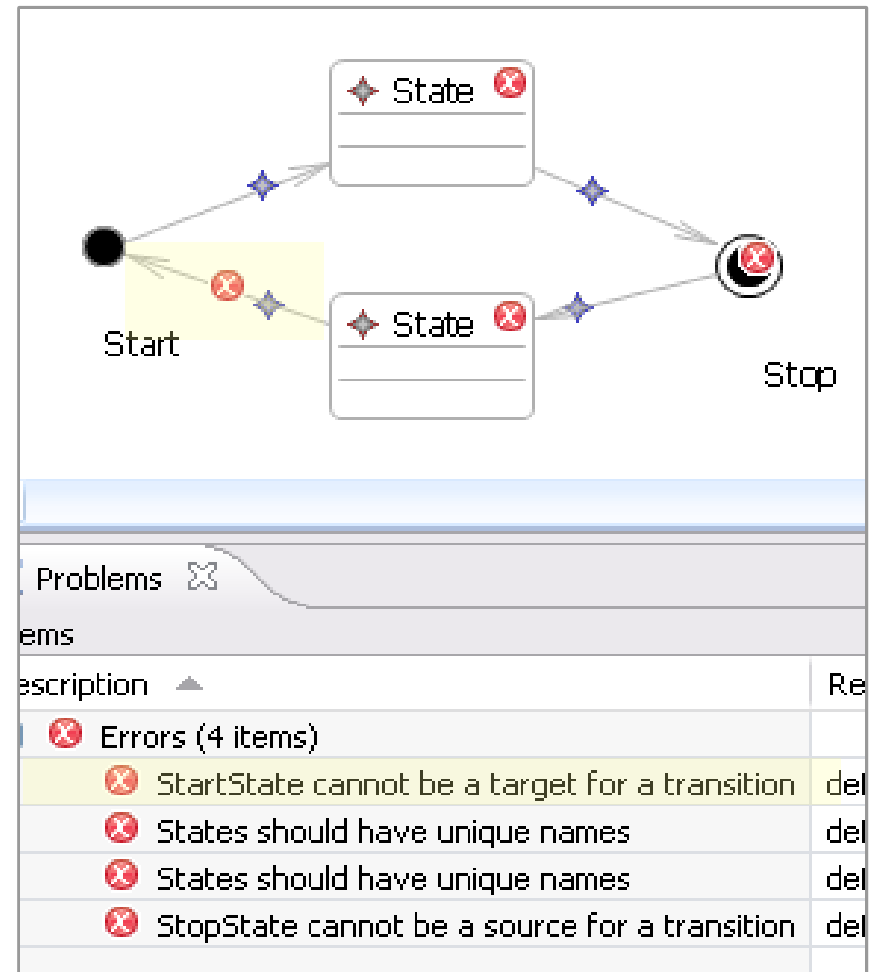
## StateMachine Diagram: Discover GMF Runtime Features

- Tool palette and overview
- Layout and selection tools
- Diagram image export (svg, bmp, jpeg, gif)
- Tabbed properties view
- Font and color options for selected element
- Link routing and style options
- Animated zoom and layout
- Diagram printing

# Validation

## Validation: Define rules

- Validation Rules are written in OCL
- They defined in GMF Map model.
  - State has 'States should have unique names' validation rule
  - Rules for source and target of a Transition
    - 'StopState cannot be a source for a transition' for StopState
    - 'StartState cannot be a target for a transition' for Transition



## Enable and Run Validation

- Make validation enabled in GMFGen model:
  - 'Validation Enabled' of GenDiagram is 'true'
  - 'Validation Decorators' is 'true'
  - 'Validation Provider Priority' is 'Medium'
- Validation runs on diagram action:
  - Call 'Validate' action from the 'Diagram' tool menu.

## Summary

- We created GMF-generated diagram editor for the StateMachine model.
  - ◆ It was quick and easy
- Using GMF is an iterative process.
  - ◆ We can modify selected tooling models and enjoy improvements in regenerated diagram
- Code GMF produces can be customized.
  - ◆ We modified the generated code

# Using GMF and M2M for Model-driven development

Thank you!

Questions?

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