



# The evolution of Papyrus An open UML and SysML tool

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#### **Papyrus**

- Open Source UML modeling platform
  - Based on the Eclipse Modeling Framework
  - Based on modeling standards: UML, SysML, fUML, Alf, OCL, ...
  - Supported by an active open-source community
  - Enables to build domain-specific tools based on UML, SysML, etc.



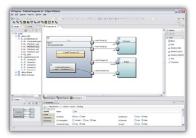










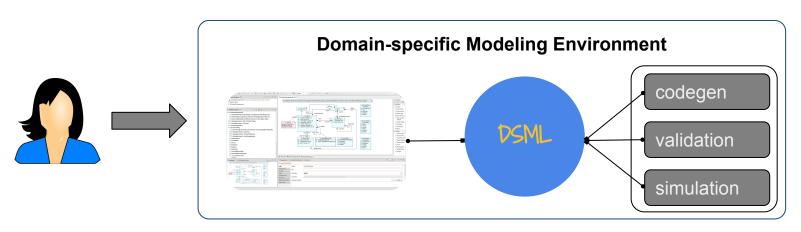






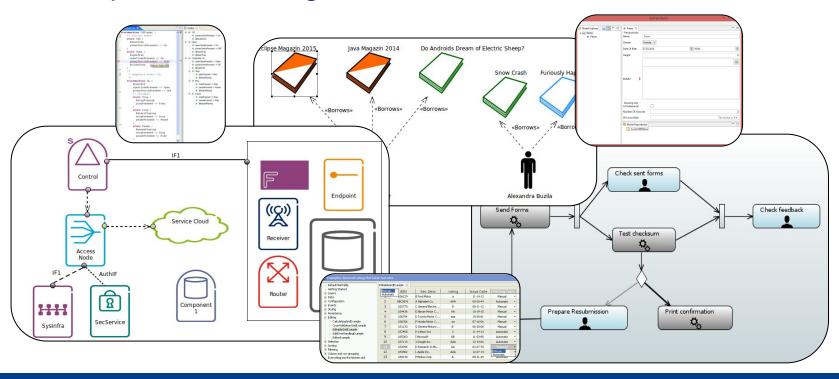
## **Domain-specific Modeling**

- Model-based engineering is most successful if it is domain-specific
  - Highly customized modeling environments
  - Directly reflecting specific needs of a domain and its users
  - User roles, their backgrounds, methodologies, and tool chains





#### **Domain-specific Modeling**





#### Domain-specific Modeling vs UML, SysML, etc.

- Standardized Modeling Languages (UML, SysML, ...)
  - Reuse well-known and -proven language concepts
  - Reuse existing tools and components
  - Interoperability and connectability with other models
  - Conformance to industry standards

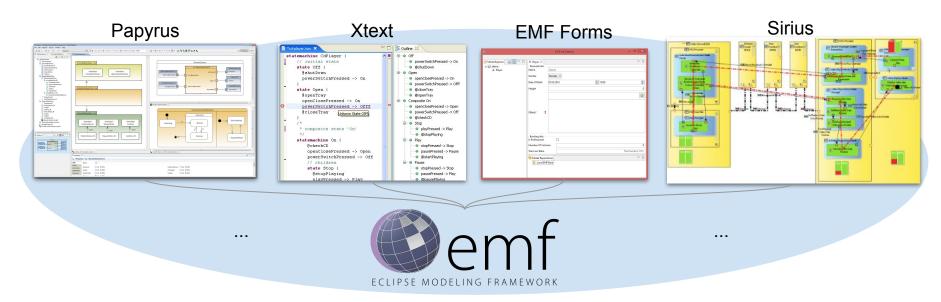


- Domain-specific Modeling vs. UML/SysML?
  - Contradiction? NO!
  - Papyrus can be used as a platform
    - Graphical syntax, palette, property views, editing behavior, etc.
    - Based on EMF and Eclipse RCP



## Domain-specific Modeling with UML, SysML, etc.

Thanks to the great Open Source Eclipse Modeling Ecosystem...

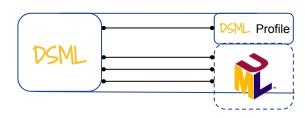




## Papyrus as a Platform

- Adding "domain-specificness" to UML
  - "Plain" UML is a general purpose modeling language
  - UML Profiles allow to extend UML with domain-specific concepts



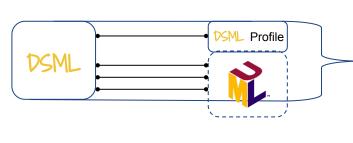


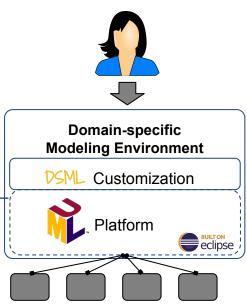


## Papyrus as a Platform

- Building a domain-specific modeling tool
  - UML profile defines only structure of the model (metamodel)
  - Off-the-shelf UML tools provide generic graphical syntax
  - A domain-specific modeling environment
    - Domain-specific graphical syntax and tooling for editing models
    - Rich client platform to support domain-specific workflows, ...
    - Powerful API to process models (e.g., for codegen, validation, etc.)



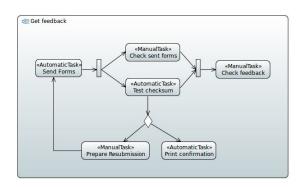


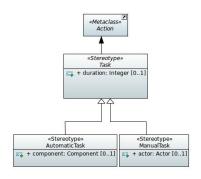


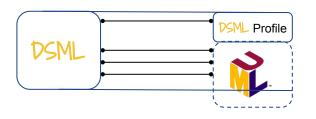


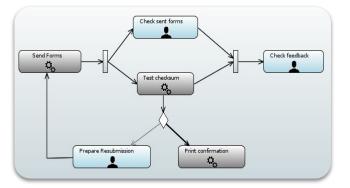
#### Example and Demo

- User Workflow Modeling Language
  - A workflow contains tasks
  - Manual task and automatic tasks
  - Flow between tasks and decisions
  - Duration, responsibilities, and probabilities





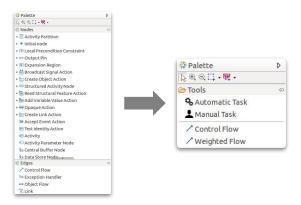


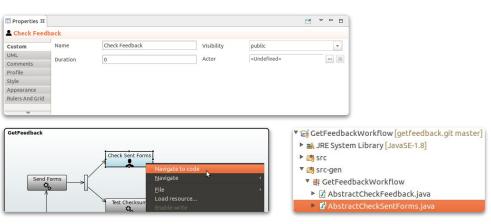




## **Custom Tooling**

- Abstract and concrete syntax is just the beginning of a custom tool
  - More customizations are required for a domain-specific modeling environment
  - o Papyrus supports full customizability of palette, property views, menus, ...
  - Papyrus builds on Eclipse → rich tool development platform
    - Integration with other tools, code generators, etc.
    - Wizards, menus, toolbars, views, ...

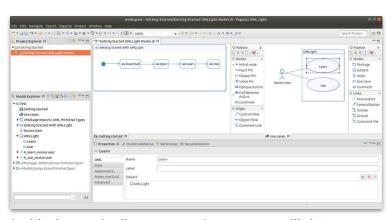






## What's new around Papyrus?

- Papyrus UMLLight
  - Optimization of Papyrus for the most common UML features
  - Simplified menus, wizards, palettes, property views, fresh diagram style, etc.
  - Source code and customization guide publicly available \*
  - Funded by the Papyrus Industry Consortium
  - Implemented by EclipseSource
- SysML 1.6
  - Implementation of the profile
  - Element and diagram types
  - Migration tool from SysML 1.4 to 1.6
  - Implemented by CEA



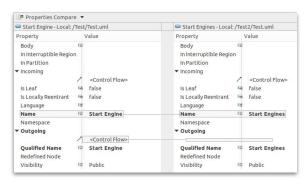
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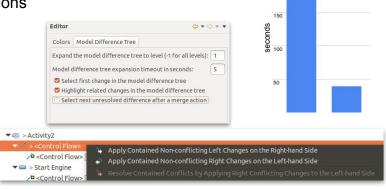
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- Papyrus Compare
  - Allows diffing and merging Papyrus models
  - Enables managing Papyrus models in Git repository
  - Enhancements of the last year
    - Huge performance and usability improvements
    - Changing merge and conflict resolution decisions
    - Property compare





wiki.eclipse.org/Papyrus\_Compare

Git Merge

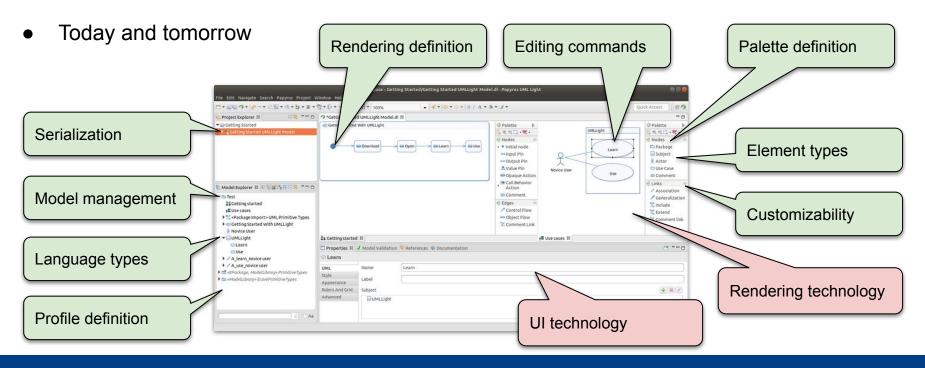
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~ 250 diagrams ~ 230.000 diagram elements

~ 55.000 semantic elements



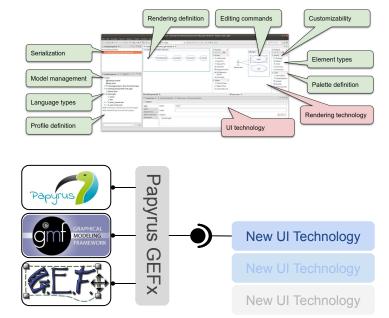
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## What's next with Papyrus?

- Aging UI & Rendering Technology
  - Papyrus depends on GMF
  - GMF depends on GEF3
  - Rich-client: SWT → JavaFX
  - Browser-based: SWT → HTML5/CSS/SVG
- Lots of functionality
  - Hardly possible and desirable to re-implement
- How can we keep a lot of the functionality?
  - But evolve the UI & rendering technology





#### Papyrus GEFx: Papyrus with GEF5.x

#### Goals

- Migration to modern diagram components & UI
- More modular architecture, improving extension & customization
- Compatibility has to be preserved: incremental migration

#### How

- Remove the GEF 3.x ("Draw2D") parts of Papyrus Diagram UI
- Re-implement Papyrus Diagram UI with GEF 5.x ("JavaFX")

#### Result

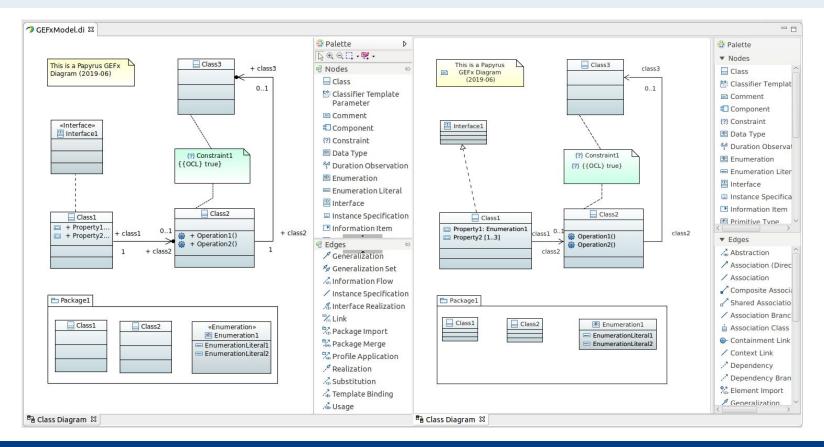
- Papyrus Diagrams based on GEF 5.x
- Compatible with the existing Papyrus Editor & Models



## Papyrus GEFx

- GEFx Connector
  - Some generic services & diagram parts on top of GEF (5.x, JavaFX)
- GMF Connector
  - Implement GEFx services (Notation, EMF Transactions)
  - Base interactions (Move, Resize, Create, etc.)
- Papyrus Integration
  - Semantic models
  - Customization models & CSS (Edition logic, Palettes, Diagram Structure, ...)
  - Retain editor integration with Model Explorer & Properties







## Papyrus GEFx

- Integration effort
  - Custom figures & labels
  - Custom user interaction
  - Custom ... (depends on the diagram implementation)

#### Benefits

- Modern UI toolkit (JavaFX)
- Compatibility with Papyrus, including customizations
- Reuse of GMF Runtime (or EMF/UML)
- Integrated with Eclipse, but not based on it
- Improved architecture, leveraging services & dependency-injection



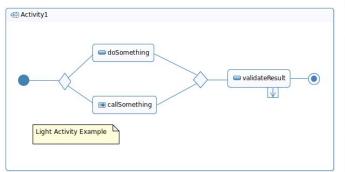
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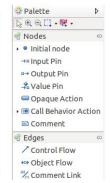
GLSP (Graphical Language Server Protocol)

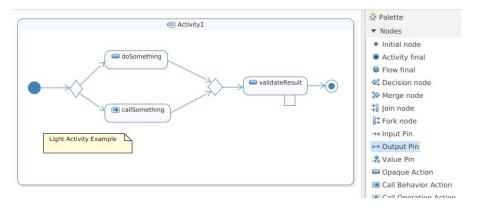
Diagrams in web and space with GLSP Wednesday, 15:10 - 15:45, Bürgersaal 2

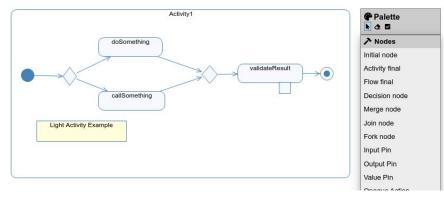
- Enables browser-based clients
- Protocol for abstracting the diagram logic from the rendering technology
- GLSP connector
  - Server side: based on Papyrus-GEFx
  - Client side: generic web client based on GLSP client (Theia, Sprotty)
- Any diagram supported by Papyrus-GEFx can be opened with GLSP-GEFx
  - Structure & edition is supported by the server
  - Server can control styling (via CSS classes and diagram structure)
  - But implementation is required on the client for rendering

## **EclipseSource**









Top Left: Papyrus (GMF + Draw2D)

Bottom Left: Papyrus-GEFx (JavaFX)

Top Right: GEFx-GLSP (Web-based, Sprotty/Theia)



#### Thanks a lot!

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#### Links

- https://www.eclipse.org/papyrus/download.html
- https://github.com/eclipsesource/papyrus-umllight
- https://wiki.eclipse.org/Papyrus\_Compare
- https://github.com/eclipsesource/papyrus-gefx
- https://github.com/eclipsesource/papyrus-gefx-glsp

