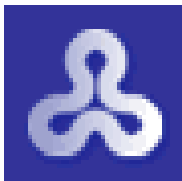


MODEL TALK:

A Framework for Developing Domain Specific Executable Models

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The Challenge:

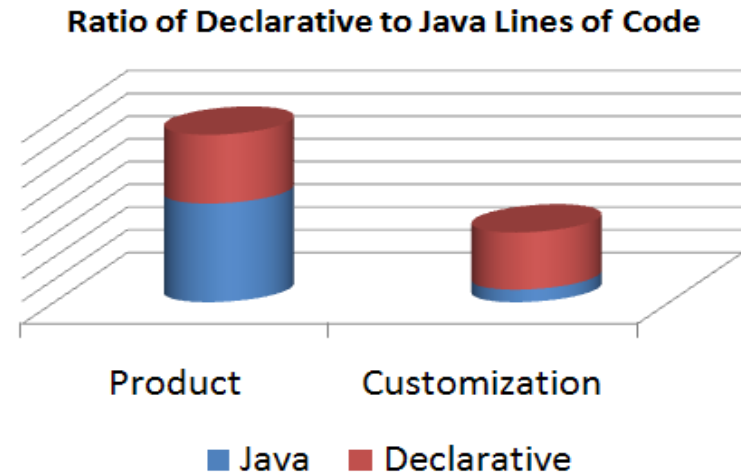
Telco-grade Dependability with Extreme Agility

- **Telecommunications Business Support System (BSS)**
 - Customers: Communication service providers
 - Product: Marketing delivery platform
- **Problem Space**
 - Strict extra-functional requirements
 - Pervasive customization
 - Frequent updates
- **Solution Space**
 - Third-party components (Main-stream J2EE technologies)
 - Domain-specific model-driven development
 - Product-line software engineering

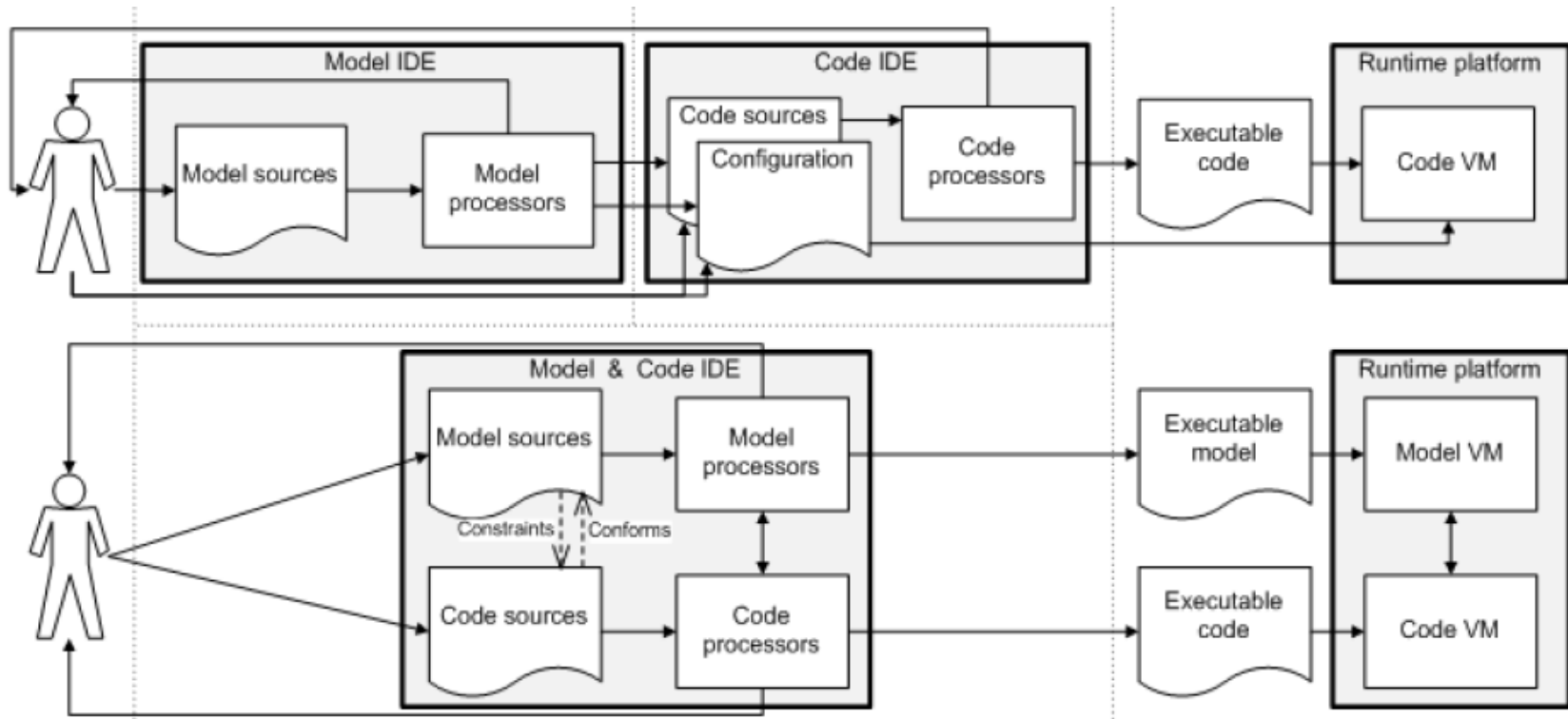


ModelTalk Facts

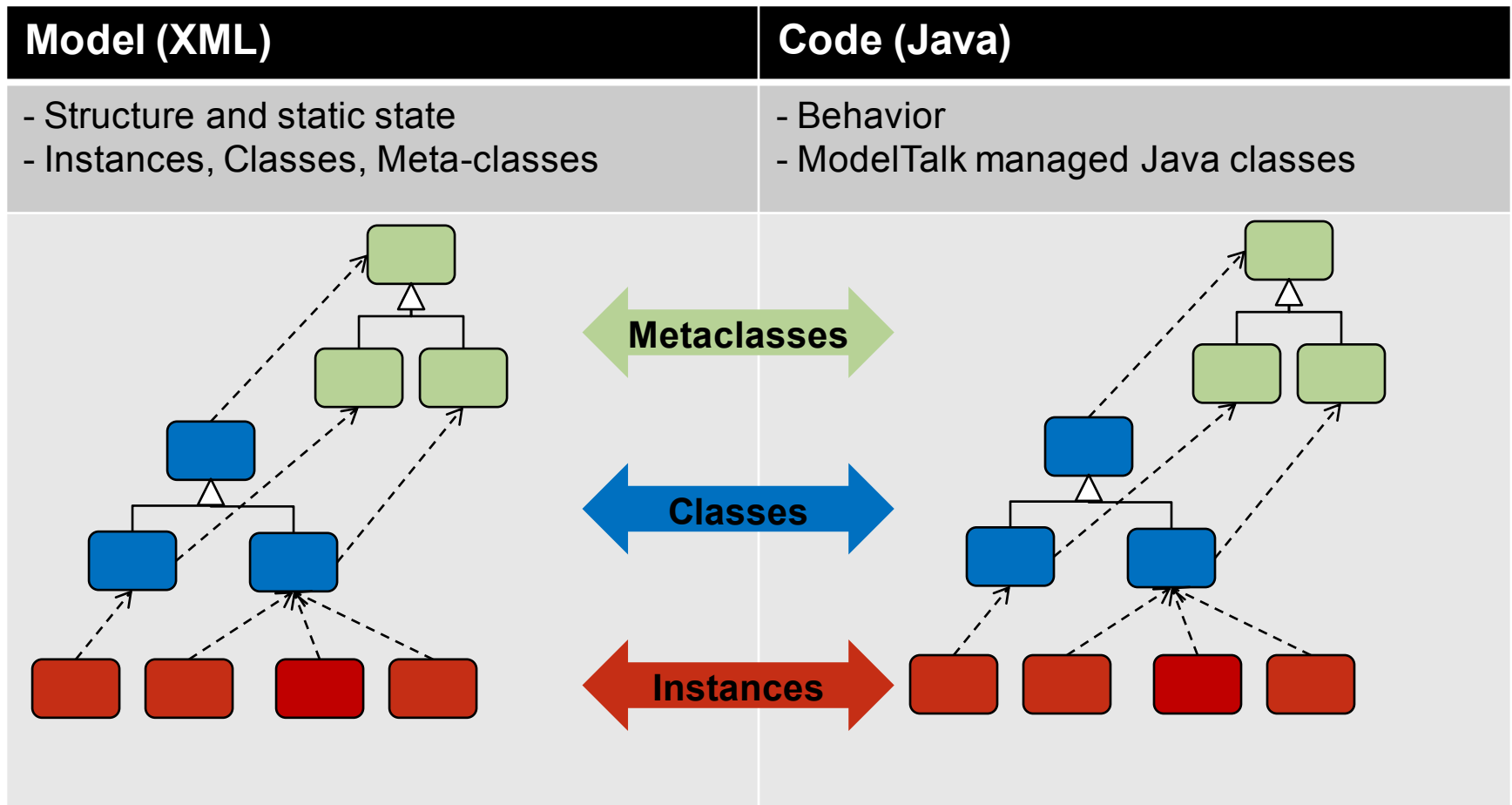
- **Interpretive Approach**
 - Short edit-execute cycle
 - Minimum changes to binary code
- **Commercial Experience**
 - 30 developers; >15 systems
 - 50 TPS/CPU.
 - Response time:
70 ms average,
250 ms 99%
- **Customization**
 - Time and effort dropped by an order of magnitude
 - 82% declarative



The ModelTalk Approach (1/4)



The ModelTalk Approach (2/4)



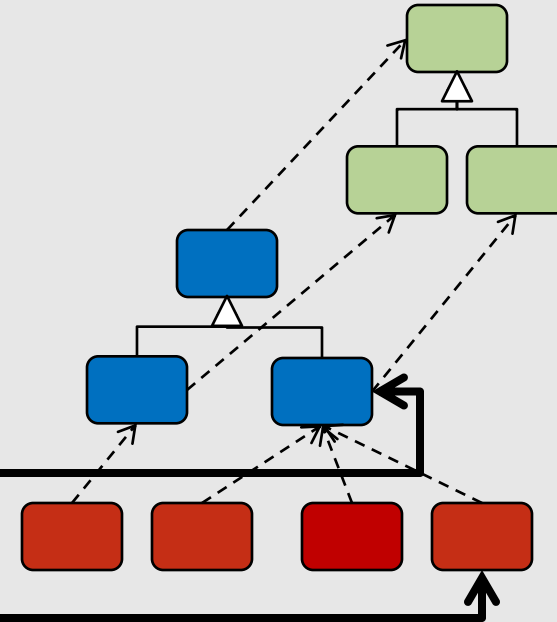
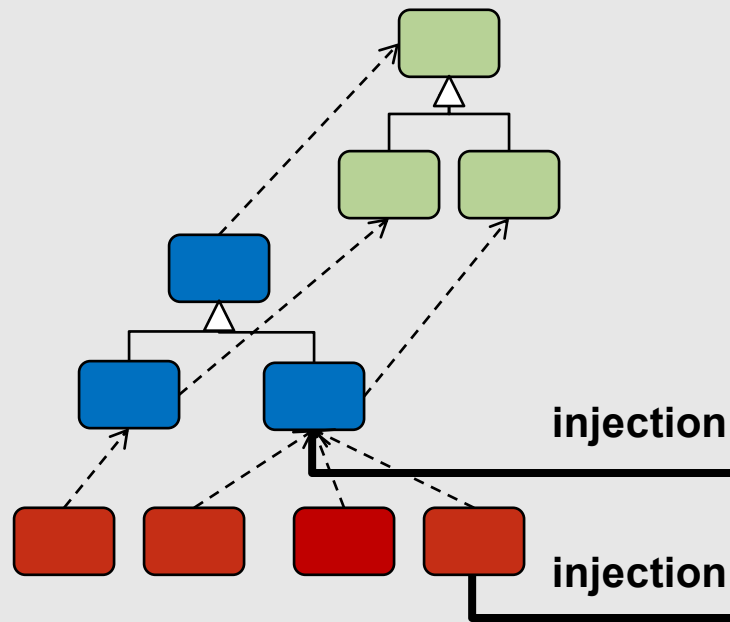
The ModelTalk Approach (3/4)

ModelTalk Dependency Injection

Model (XML)

- Model Driven Dependency Injection
- Model instances are constructed and injected into Java instances

Code (Java)



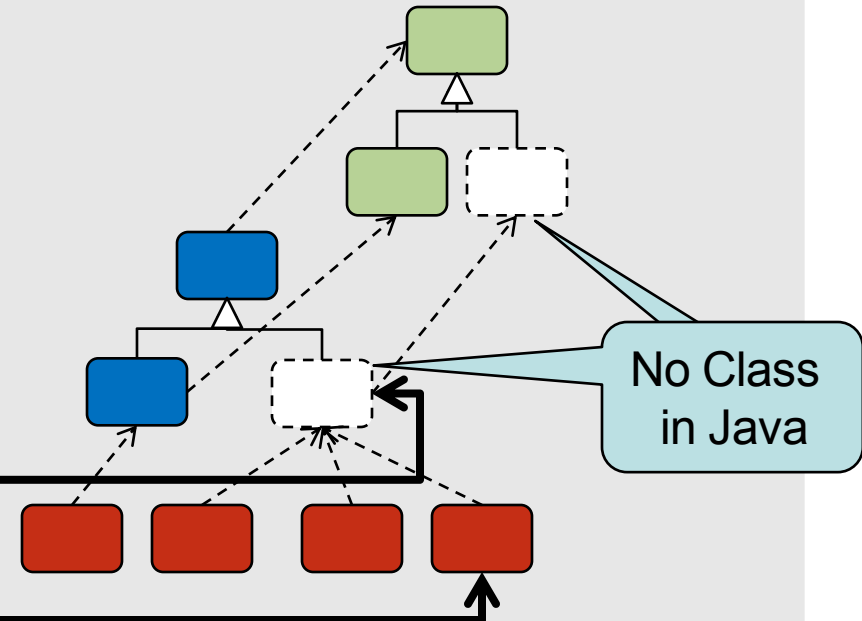
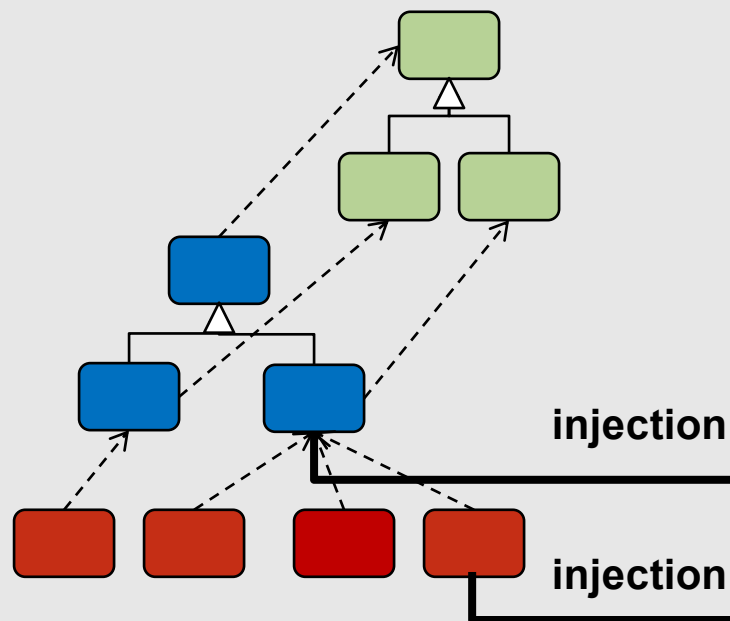
The ModelTalk Approach (4/4)

ModelTalk Adaptability

Model (XML)

Code (Java)

- Mapping permits “holes” on the Java side
- Holes enable Java-less model change process



Model-Driven Dependency Injection (1/3)

Simple Beans

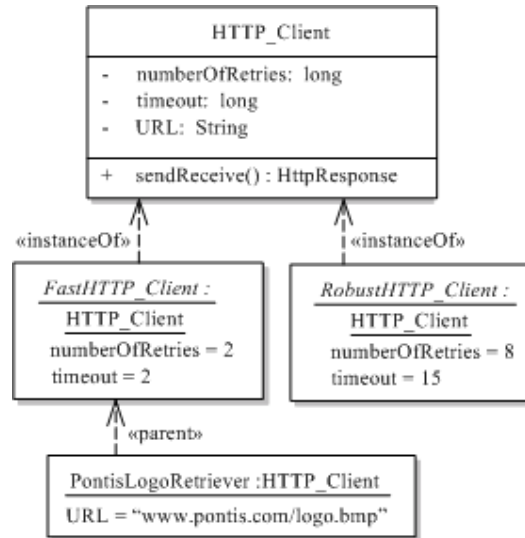
```
public class HTTP_Client {
    private long numberOfRetries = 0;
    private long timeout = 0;
    private String URL = null;

    public void setNumberOfRetries(long number){
        this.numberOfRetries = number;
    }

    public void setTimeout(long timeout){
        this.timeout = timeout;
    }

    public void setURL(String URL){
        this.URL = URL;
    }

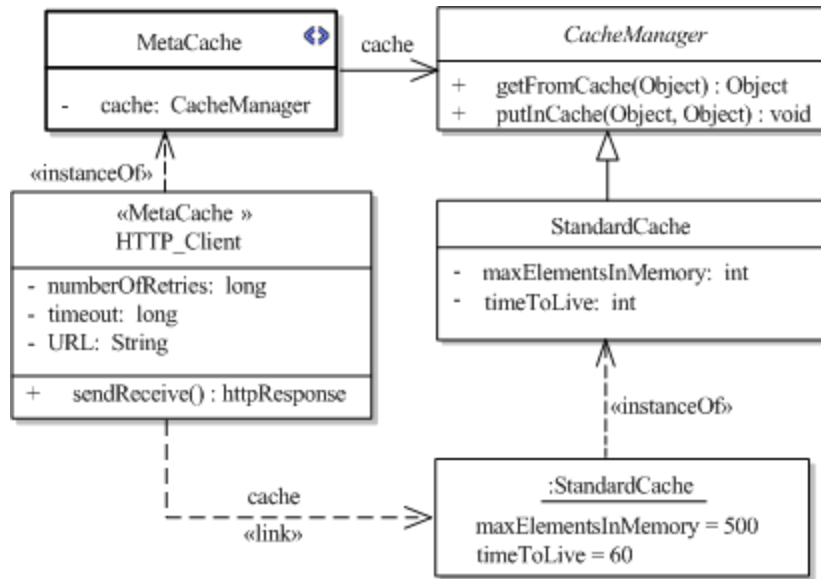
    public HttpResponse sendReceive(){
        HttpResponse result = null;
        // business logic
        return result;
    }
}
```



```
<bean id="HTTP_Client" class="Class">
  <properties>
    <property>
      <name>numberOfRetries</name>
      <type>Long</type>
      <description>Number of retries</description>
    </property>
    <property>
      <name>timeout</name>
      <type>Long</type>
      <description>Timeout in seconds</description>
    </property>
    <property>
      <name>URL</name>
      <type>String</type>
      <description>The target URL</description>
    </property>
  </properties>
</bean>
<bean id="RobustHTTP_Client" class="HTTP_Client"
  abstract="true">
  <numberOfRetries>8</numberOfRetries>
  <timeout>15</timeout>
</bean>
<bean id="FastHTTP_Client" class="HTTP_Client"
  abstract="true">
  <numberOfRetries>2</numberOfRetries>
  <timeout>2</timeout>
</bean>
<bean id="PontisLogoRetriever" class="HTTP_Client"
  parent="FastHTTP_Client">
  <URL>www.pontis.com/logo.bmp</URL>
</bean>
```

Model-Driven Dependency Injection (2/3)

Metaclass Constraints

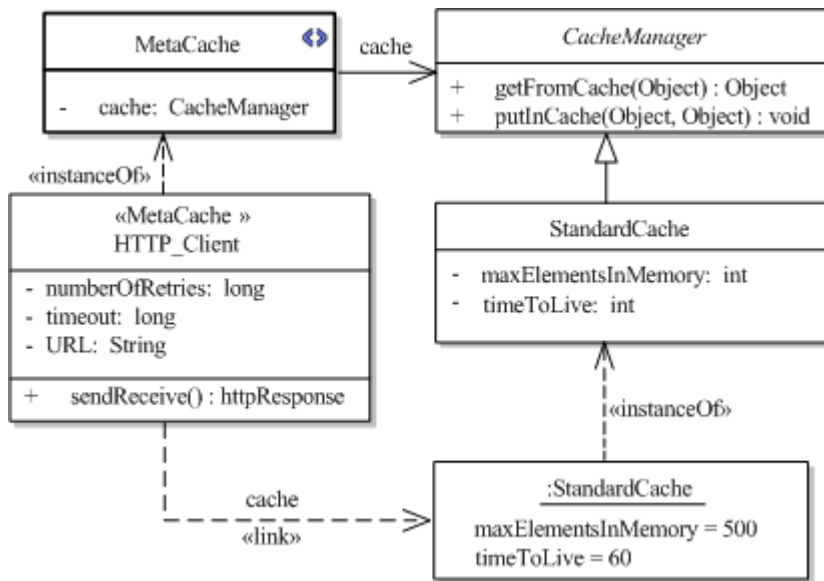


```
<bean id="MetaCache" class="Class" parent="Class">
  <properties>
    <property>
      <name>cache</name>
      <type>CacheManager</type>
      <description>Caches the result</description>
    </property>
  </properties>
</bean>
<bean id="HTTP_Client" class="MetaCache">
  <cache class="StandardCache">
    <timeToLive>60</timeToLive>
    <maxElementsInMemory>500</maxElementsInMemory>
  </cache>
  <properties>
    ...
  </properties>
</bean>
```

```
public HttpResponse sendReceive() {
    MetaCache myMetaClass = (MetaCache) Kernel.instance().getClass(this);
    HttpResponse result = myMetaClass.getCache().getFromCache(getURL());
    if (result == null) {
        // do the business logic using timeout & numberOfRetries
        myMetaClass.getCache().putInCache(getURL(), result);
    }
    return result;
}
```

Model-Driven Dependency Injection (3/3)

Variation by composition



```
<bean id="BankBalanceClient" class="MetaSecuredCache"
      parent="HTTP_Client">
  <cache class="SecuredCache">
    <publicKey>kkkkkk</publicKey>
    <timeToLive>60</timeToLive>
    <maxElementsInMemory>500</maxElementsInMemory>
  </cache>
  <properties>
    ...
  </properties>
</bean>

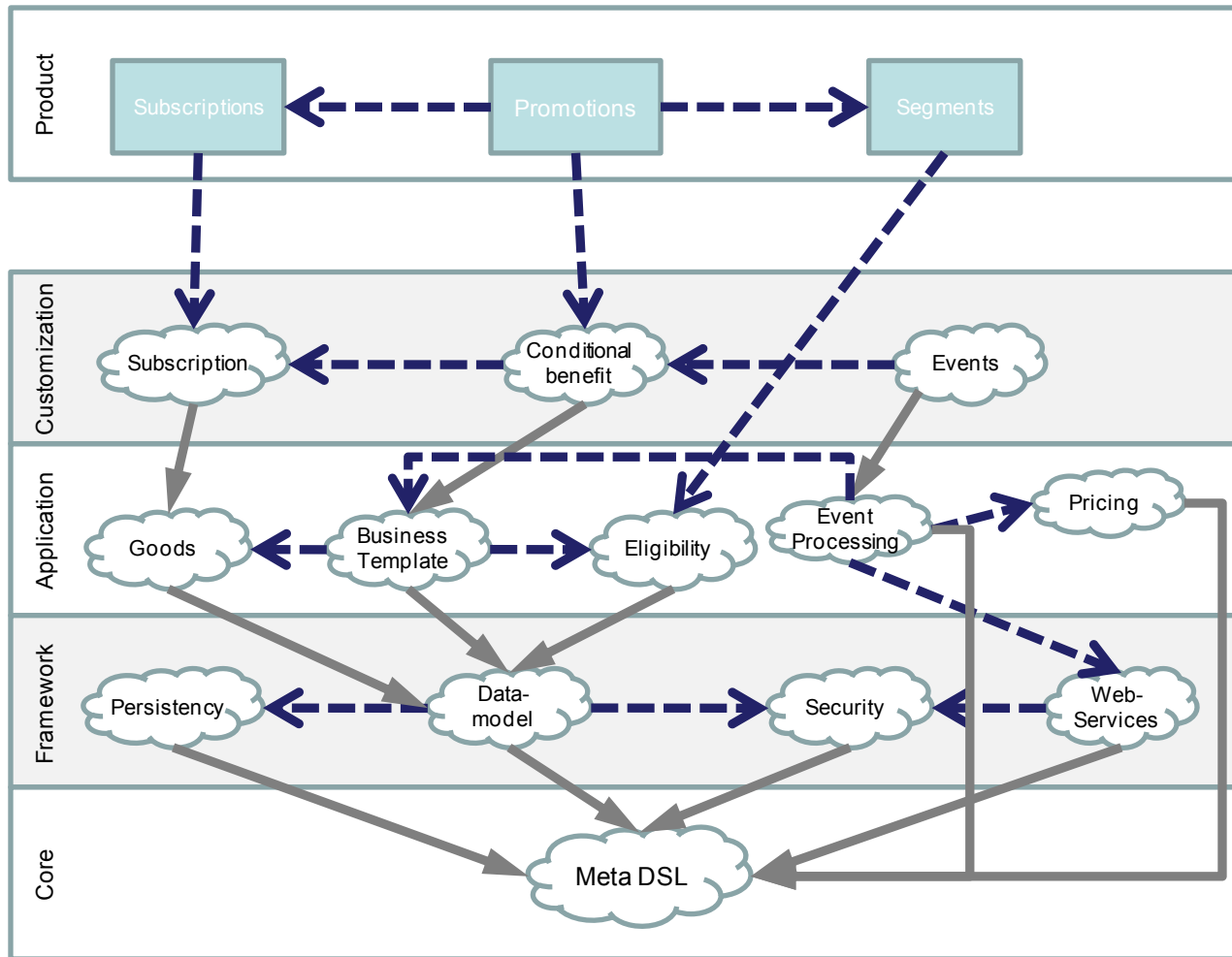
<bean id="StockQuoteClient" class="MetaCache" parent="HTTP_Client">
  <cache class="NoCache">
  </cache>
  <properties>
    ...
  </properties>
</bean>

<bean id="FastHTTP_Client" class="HTTP_Client" abstract="true">
  <numberOfRetries>2</timeout>
  <timeout>2</timeout>
</bean>

<bean id="NasdaqStockQuoteRetriever" class="StockQuoteClient"
      parent="FastHTTP_Client">
  <URL>www.nasdaq.com/...</URL>
</bean>
```

Product-Line Architecture 1/2

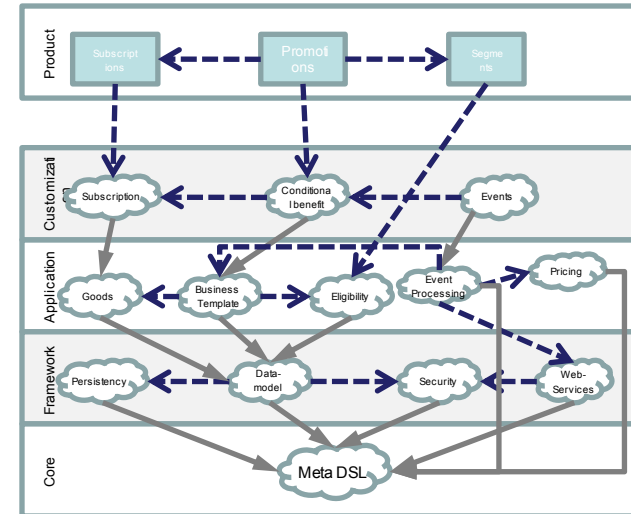
Everything is A DSL



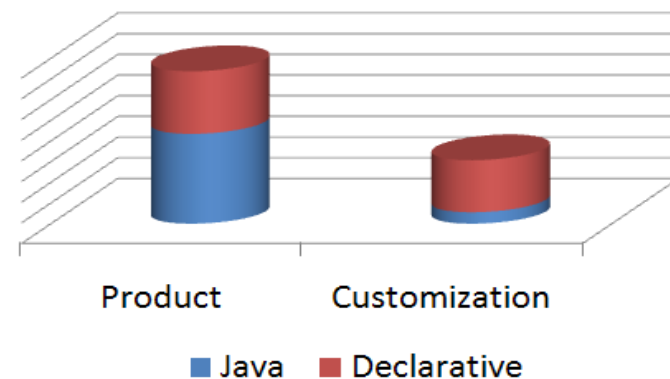
Product-Line Architecture

Everything is A DSL

- DSLs expose a known variability of an imperative framework to the user.
- Developers create DSLs for other developers.
- Composition of DSLs in order to build high level DSLs and to reuse the lower level DSLs
- The final product is built from numerous high level DSLs allowing the marketer to define his business scenarios.



Ratio of Declarative to Java Lines of Code



ModelTalk in Action

- **Objective**
 - Look and feel of the ModelTalk IDE
- **Example**
 - Customizing the Pontis application for OOPSLA in less than 10 minutes...
 - OOPSLA Happy Hour promotion
 - \$20 discount on selected OOPSLA tutorials during Oct 19-20, 2008.



Demo: Edit-Execute Cycle (1/2)

Part I: By a Programmer

- Create a HappyHour instance
- Add the HappyHour instance to the DB
- Customize UI labels
- Options
- Manipulate the HappyHour instance in the GUI

Model-Code IDE → Easier assimilation

Model-compilation → Controlled declarative changes

Meta-object extensibility → Meta-Data = Data





Navigator

- HappyHour.tga
 - HappyHourPag
 - HappyHourRun
 - HHCommunicat
 - HHCommunicat
 - HHMembershi
 - invitation
 - itemtoitemrecomme
 - prepublish
 - proactiveBenefit
 - proactivecommunic
 - proactiveoffer
 - proactiveretention
 - subscriptionbenefit
 - targetedcommunica
 - tellafriend
 - topup
 - ui
 - volunbenefit

```

19 <An_EntityTemplate xsi:type="app.business_template:HappyHourMeta" ID="HappyHour"
20   based-on="app.core#BusinessTemplate">
21   <label>Happy Hour</label>
22   <pluralLabel>Happy Hour</pluralLabel>
   <tableName>HAPPYHOURBASE</tableName>
   <concrete>>true</concrete>
   <productTemplate xsi:type="app.core:A_ProductMetaRef"
     ref="app.business_template#HappyHourProductCP"/>
   <opCodeToMemebershipCondition xsi:type="app.core:A_OpCodeToMembershipConditionMapRef"
     ref="app.business_template#HHOpCodeToMembershipConditionMap"/>
   <isMyPromotionsSupported>true</isMyPromotionsSupported>
30 <Properties>
31   <Property xsi:type="platform.framework:CompositeListDataItem">
32     <Name>communications</Name>
33     <PossibleValueTypesFilterList>
34       <filter xsi:type="app.core:CommunicationTemplateIdsListFilter">
35         <Name>HappyHourFilter</Name>
36         <Templates>
37           <Template xsi:type="app.core:A_CommunicationDefCPTemplateRef"
38             ref="app.business_template#HHAnnouncement"/>
39           <Template xsi:type="app.core:A_CommunicationDefCPTemplateRef"
40             ref="app.business_template#HHBenefitDownload"/>
41         </Templates>
42       </filter>
43     </PossibleValueTypesFilterList>
44     <isFilterable>>false</isFilterable>
45   </Property>
46   <Property xsi:type="platform.framework:CompositeDataItem">

```

Model class : "HappyHour"
 Instance-of : "HappyHourMeta" (metaclass)
 Extends : "BusinessTemplate"

Class meta-data

Field meta-data

Modeling navigation views

Instance Of Tree Of app.business_template#HappyHour

- HappyHourMeta - app.business_template
 - HappyHour - app.business_template
 - HappyHour_Simple_Test10 - app.business_template
 - HappyHour_BenefitDef_Test001 - app.business_template
 - HappyHour_Test002 - app.business_template
 - Offering111_Test01 - app.business_template
 - HappyHourForPositivePathSystemTest - customer.core_generic
 - HappyHourGenericAPISystemTest - customer.core_generic
 - Offering3_Test01 - app.business_template
 - Offering11_Test01 - app.business_template
 - HappyHourAnalytics_Test001 - app.business_template
 - HappyHour_Suspended_Test10 - app.business_template
 - SegmentWindowsTestOffer2 - app.business_template
 - happyHourForAutoSegmentControlGroupCheckedTest - customer.core_generic



Navigator

- resources
 - >tgpa
 - activities
 - analytics
 - aspects
 - businessservice
 - cache
 - com
 - con
 - crit
 - data
 - duplicate
 - dyncamic_entity_view
 - file_processor
 - >framework
 - importExportDataitem
 - options
 - ActivityLogEntityENT.tgpa 1.35 (ASCII-4)
 - >composite.tgpa 1.79 (ASCII-kkv)
 - CompositelanguageAspect.tgpa 1.1 (AS)

The model contains dozens of metaclasses, thousands of classes and ten of thousands of instances.

```

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215 <A_Template xsi:type="platform.tgp:BaseTemplate" ID="CompositeTemplate"
216   based-on="FrameworkTem
217 <Properties>
218   <Property xsi:typ
219     <Name>persist
     <mandatory>fa
  </Property>
  <Property xsi:typ
    <Name>lifeCyc
    <label>Lifecy
    <Type xsi:typ
      <tgpType>
    </Type>
    <defaultValue>
  </Property>
  </Properties>
  </A_Template>
  </pre>

```

Based on hierarchy of platform.framework#CompositeTemplate

- BaseGC - platform.tgp
 - BaseTemplate - platform.tgp
 - FrameworkTemplate - platform.framework
 - CompositeTemplate - platform.framework
 - AppBaseCPTemplate - app.core
 - BaseCriteriaCPTemplate - platform.framework
 - BaseTokenMeta - app.core
 - CriterionCPTemplate - platform.framework
 - DynamicCompositeTemplateMetaFieldsCPTemplate - platform.framework
 - EntityTemplate - platform.framework
 - ActivityLogTemplate - platform.framework
 - AppEntityTemplate - app.core
 - AnalyticsConfigTemplate - app.core
 - AppBaseTemplate - app.core
 - CDREventProcessorMeta - app.external_service
 - CDRSourceMeta - app.external_service
 - CatalogTemplate - app.core
 - AnnouncementTemplate - app.core
 - BaseItemRecommenderTemplate - app.core
 - BillingCodeMappingMeta - app.core
 - OfferingMeta - app.core
 - BroadcastMeta - app.business_template
 - ConditionalBenefitMeta - app.business_template
 - CouponMeta - app.business_template
 - HappyHourMeta - app.business_template
 - InvitationMeta - app.business_template
 - PurchasableOfferMeta - app.core
 - RelatedItemsMeta - app.business_template
 - PricingElementMeta - app.core
 - SegmentTemplate - app.core
 - CategoryTemplate - app.core
 - ContentItemTemplate - app.core
 - CounterRecordTemplate - app.core
 - ExportImportMeta - app.core
 - OutgoingBenefitMeta - app.core
 - QuestionnaireMeta - app.core
 - SubscriberTemplate - app.core

Cons Serve Base Imple Insta

Instance Of Tree Of platform.framework#CompositeTemplate

- CompositeTemplate - platform.framework
 - DoubleCriterionCPEquals - platform.framework
 - ManualSegmentUploadInputCP - app.core
 - OperationStatusCP - app.core
 - OperationStatusCPDummy - app.core
 - TimeIntervalReminderCriterionCP - app.core
 - Recommendation - app.core
 - StringCriterionCPEquals - platform.framework
 - ContentItemInCategory - app.core
 - UsageBaseEventCP - app.core
 - RequestCriterionCP - app.core
 - CompositeValue - platform.framework
 - ProactiveBenefitTimedEventCP - app.core
 - RecurrentSingleEventCounterCP - app.core
 - CompositeDefaultValueSelectionCP - platform.ui
 - SetupFeatureModel - platform.framework
 - DashboardKpiManagerCP - platform.ui
 - CommitRequestCP - app.core
 - CSRGrantedBenefitCP - app.core
 - CompositeListDefaultValueContainerCP - platform.ui
 - EligibilityListCP - app.core
 - CriterionCP - platform.framework
 - CancelResponseCP - app.core

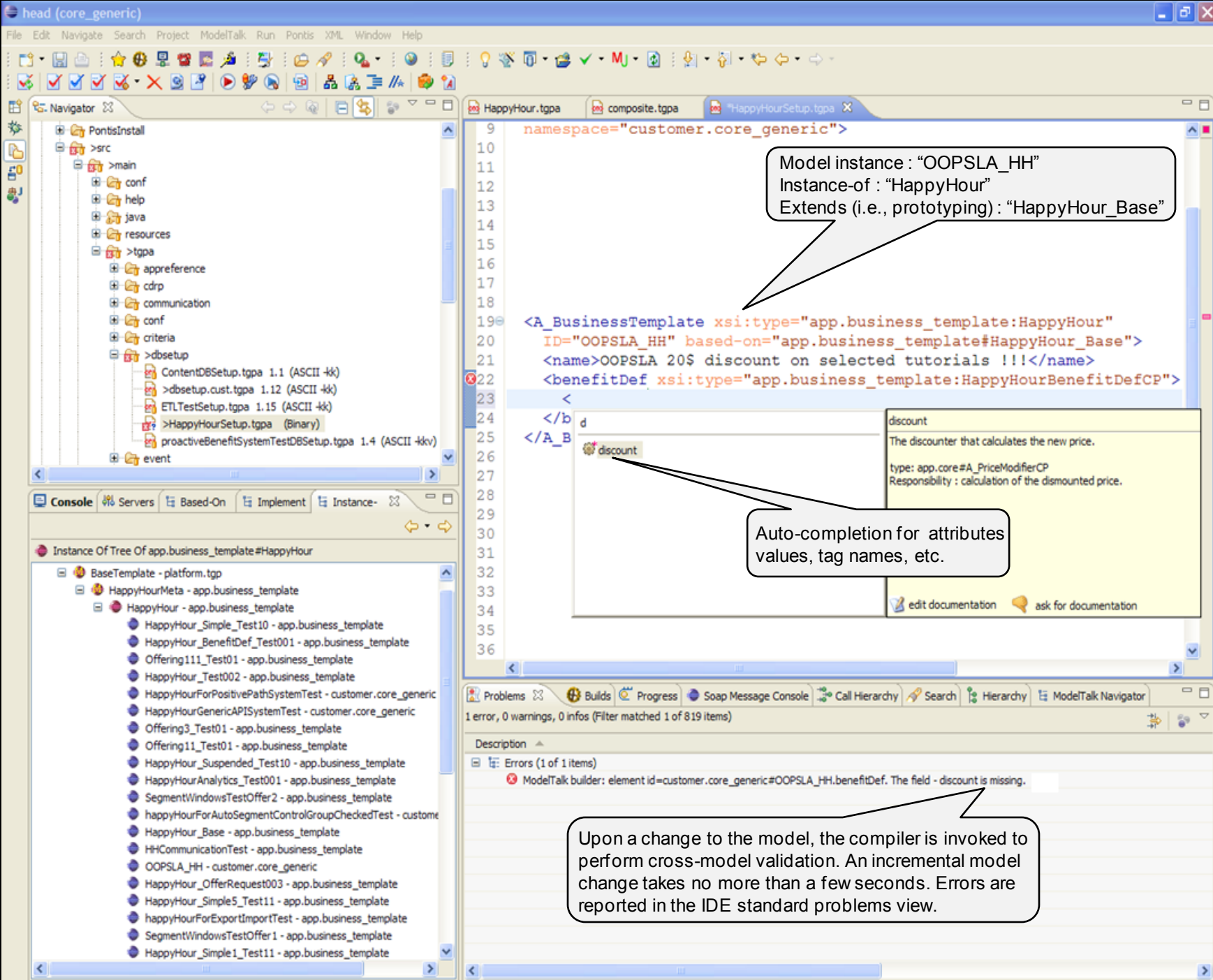
TGP Tree of platform.framework#CompositeTemplate

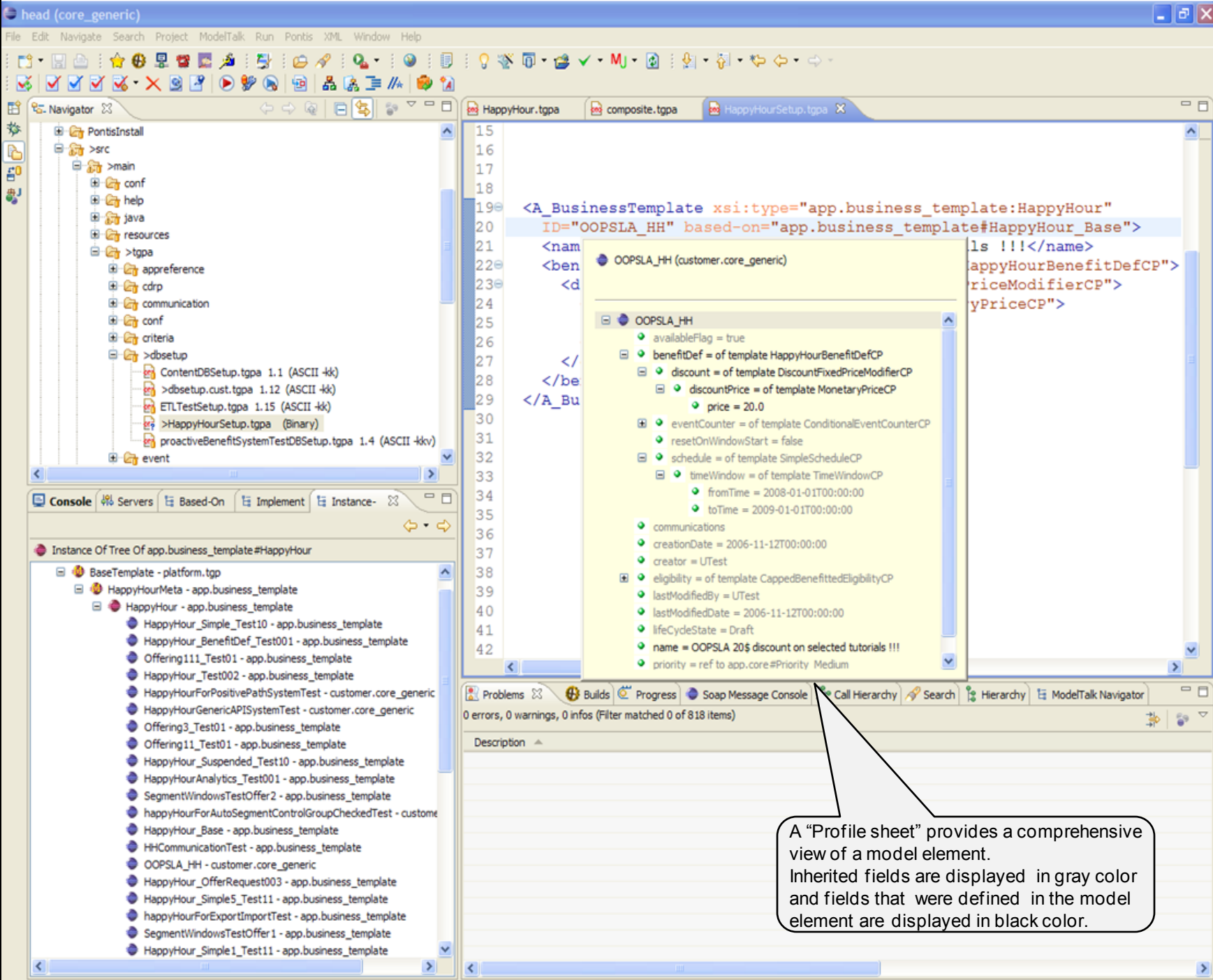
- A_CompositeTemplate - platform.framework
 - CompositeTemplate - platform.framework
 - ActivityLogEntity - platform.framework
 - ManualSegmentUploadActivityLogEntity - app.core
 - AddOfferingsInputCP - app.core
 - AddSubscriberIdInputCP - app.core
 - AdditionalResponseCPBase - app.core
 - ContentCategoriesResponseCP - app.core
 - AggregatedTriggersWithEventCounterDefCP - app.core
 - AggregationPeriodCP - app.core
 - AggregationRecurrenceDefCP - app.core
 - AggregationRecurrentEventCounterCP - app.core
 - AnalyticsEnums - platform.framework
 - AppBaseCPTemplate - app.core
 - AdditionalResponseCPBase - app.core
 - ContentCategoriesResponseCP - app.core
 - AppBaseCP - app.core
 - AbstractSuccessConditionsCP - app.business_template
 - SuccessConditionsCP - app.business_template
 - AddOfferingsInputCP - app.core
 - AdditionalResponseBase - app.external_service
 - ContentCategoriesResponse - app.external_service
 - AggregationPeriodCP - app.core
 - AggregativeEventCP_Test001 - app.core
 - AggregativeEventCP_Test002 - app.core
 - AlwaysSchedule - app.core
 - BISStatisticsStatusCP - app.core
 - BISStatsKeyCP - app.core

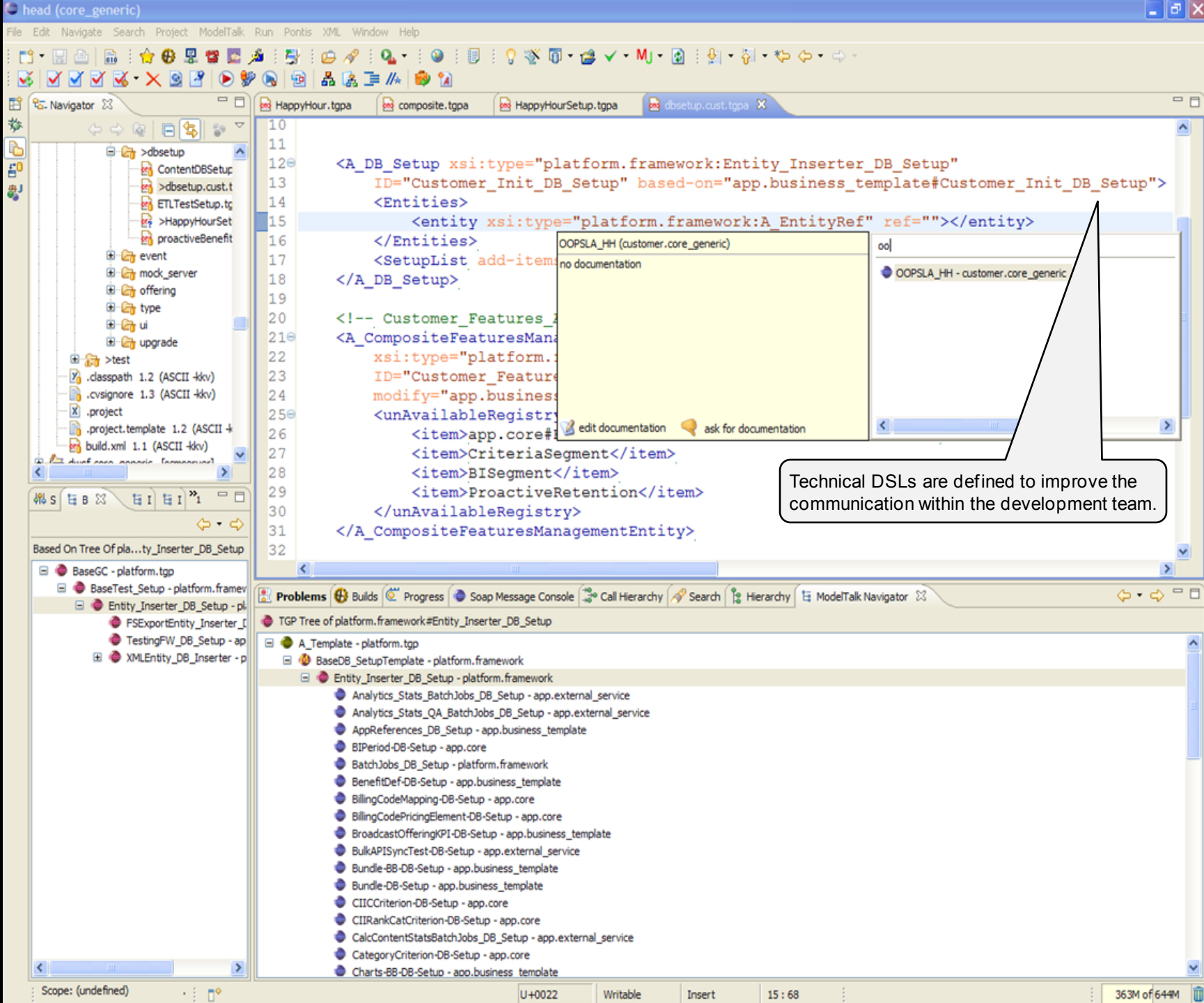
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[click here \(or ctrl-t\) to switch to tgp hierarchy](#)







Technical DSLs are defined to improve the communication within the development team.

Demo: Edit-Execute Cycle (2/2)

Part II: By a Non-programmer

- Create new reference code Tutorial in the GUI
- Create new OOPSLA event Tutorial purchase Event in the GUI
- Send an event to the Pontis system and receive a discount

Model VM → Runtime modeling capabilities
Interpretive → Short cycle



Admin

User: user1

Desktop

- History
- References
- Pricing
- Batch Jobs
- User
- Recommendation
- Setup

Dynamic event template (Dynamic event template)

Save & Close Save Create Copy Close

Lifecycle phase Release Availability

- General
- LayOut

Name *

Acts as *

Description

- Is visible in desktop
- Is visible in CSR
- Is benefitable
- Is communicable
- Is triggerable

Non-programmers modeling workbench is form based. Changes to the model are automatically reflected in: O/R mapping layer, GUI, External API (Web-Service).

Add

Name	Data type
tutorial	Tutorial

OOPSLA 20\$ discount on selected tutorials !!! ...

XML More Activities Save & Close Save Create Copy Close

Pricing Communication Lifecycle phase Ready State Active

- Summary
- General
- Eligibility
- KPI
- Benefits**
- Announcements
- My Promotions
- Communication
- Activity Log
- LayOut

Benefit * Discounted Benefit

Benefit Scope

View as list

Add criteria for * Tutorial purchase event

Switch to multi property filter Additional filtering

Attribute * Select

Filtering operator * Select tutorial

Limit subscriber usage to

Reset counter at new time window

The new (dynamic) model class can now be used in a business rule (just as a regular class) and influence the execution of the system.

Benefit

Discount type * Reduction

Benefit description

Amount * 20.0

Schedule

Schedule Simple Schedule

Whole days

Conclusion

ModelTalk = MDD + Dependency Injection + Meta-modeling

- ModelTalk integrates MDD, Dependency Injection and Meta-Modeling to form an interpretive, Domain Specific Modeling framework.



Thank You

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