

What's New in HCL RTist 11

updated for release 2020.22

Overview

- ▶ RTist 11 is based on Eclipse 2019.06 (4.12)
- ▶ HCL RTist is 100% compatible with IBM RSARTE. All features in IBM RSARTE are also present in HCL RTist. However, HCL RTist contains a few features that do not exist in IBM RSARTE.
 - Those features are marked in this presentation by 



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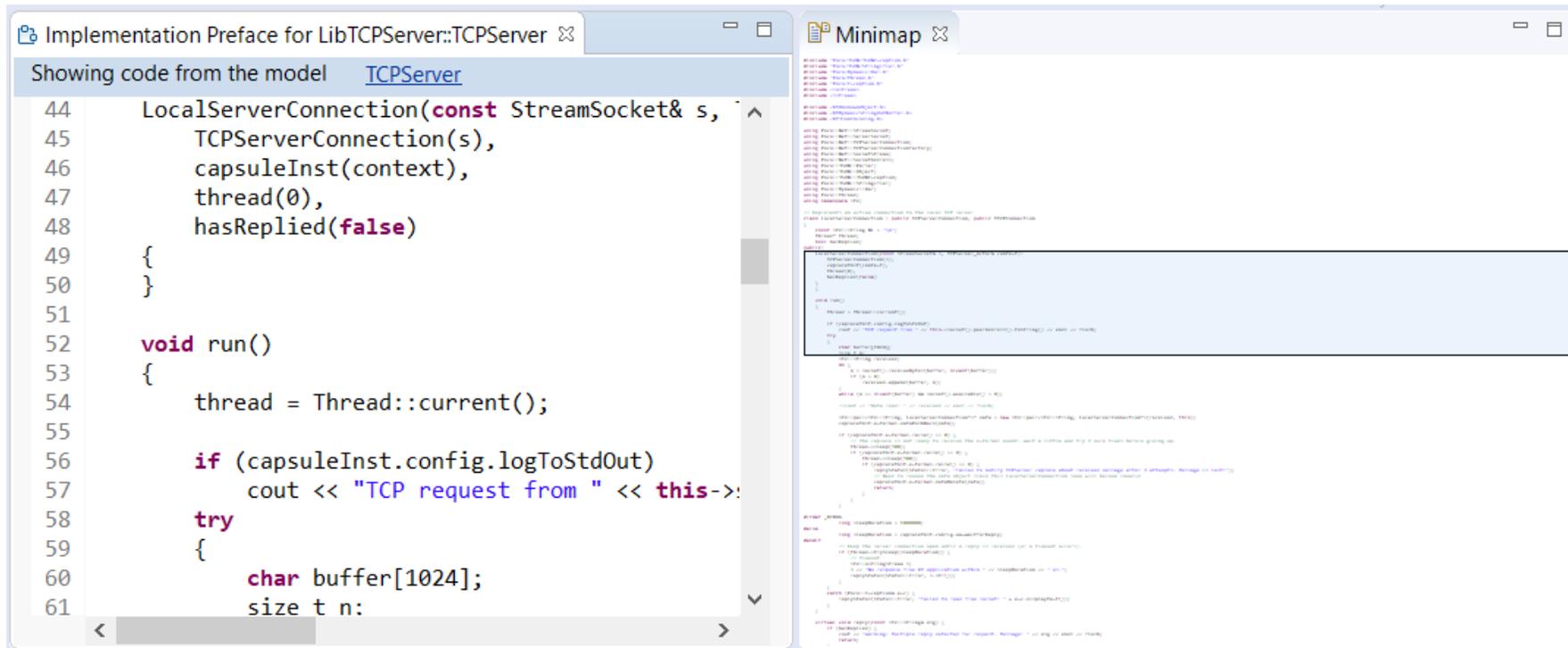
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Eclipse 4.12 (2019.06)

- ▶ Compared to RTist 10.3, RTist 11 includes new features from 4 quarterly Eclipse releases:
 - 2018.09 (<https://www.eclipse.org/eclipse/news/4.9/platform.php>)
 - 2018.12 (<https://www.eclipse.org/eclipse/news/4.10/platform.php>)
 - 2019.03 (<https://www.eclipse.org/eclipse/news/4.11/platform.php>)
 - 2019.06 (<https://www.eclipse.org/eclipse/news/4.12/platform.php>)
- ▶ For full information about all improvements and changes in these Eclipse releases see the links above
 - Some highlights are listed in the next few slides...

Eclipse 4.12 (2019.06)

- ▶ A new Minimap view gives a better overview of the text editor contents (useful when it's large)
 - It's easy to launch it by typing "minimap" in the QuickAccess field

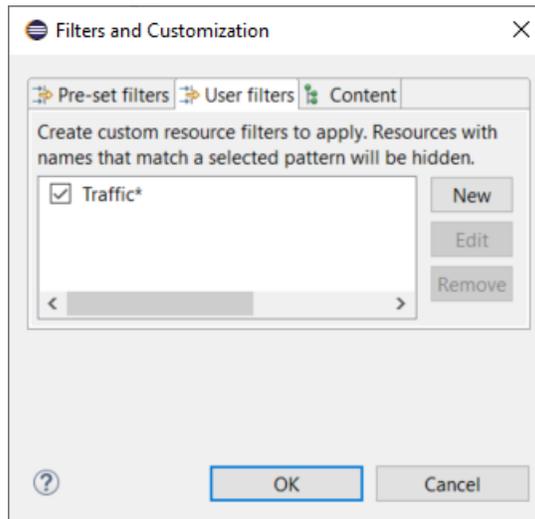
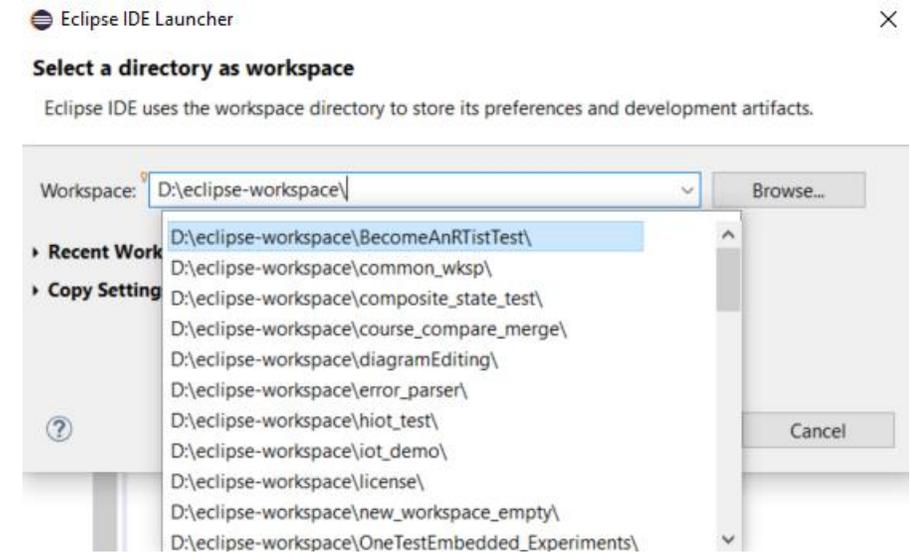


The screenshot displays the Eclipse IDE interface. On the left, a code editor window titled "Implementation Preface for LibTCPServer::TCPServer" shows C++ code for a TCP server. The code includes a constructor and a `run()` method. On the right, a "Minimap" view provides a small-scale overview of the entire code file, with a white box highlighting the current position of the code editor.

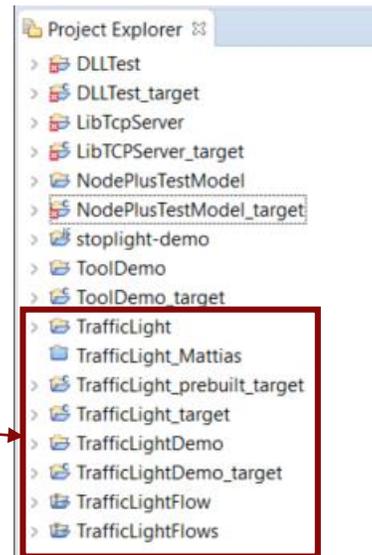
```
44     LocalServerConnection(const StreamSocket& s,  
45         TCPServerConnection(s),  
46         capsuleInst(context),  
47         thread(0),  
48         hasReplied(false)  
49     {  
50     }  
51  
52     void run()  
53     {  
54         thread = Thread::current();  
55  
56         if (capsuleInst.config.logToStdOut)  
57             cout << "TCP request from " << this->  
58         try  
59         {  
60             char buffer[1024];  
61             size_t n:
```

Eclipse 4.12 (2019.06)

- ▶ The Select Workspace dialog now supports auto-completion
 - Allows to pick a workspace more easily by only using the keyboard
- ▶ User-defined filtering of the Project Explorer
 - You can now create your own regular expressions for filtering out items from the Project Explorer
 - Can be used as an alternative to working sets



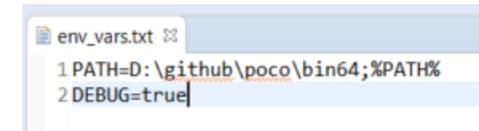
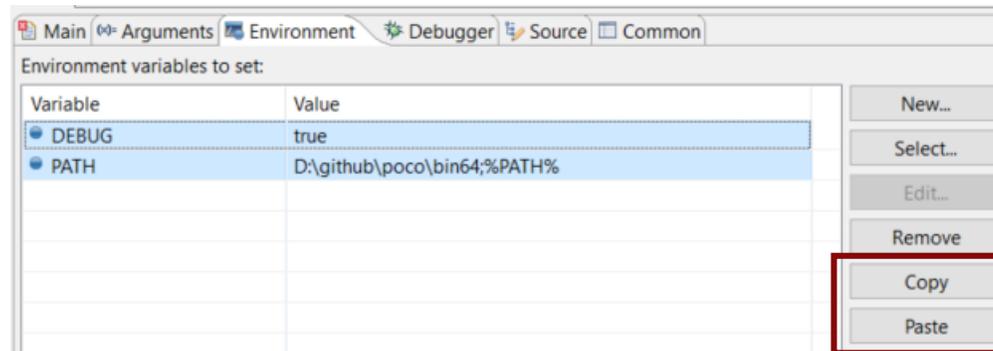
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by the user filter



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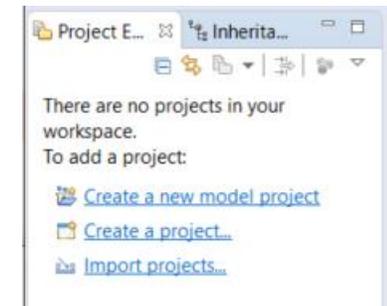
▶ Copy/Paste of environment variables

- Setting up environment variables in a launch configuration is now much easier thanks to copy/paste support
- Environment variables can be copied from one launch configuration to another, or from a text editor to a launch configuration (or vice versa)



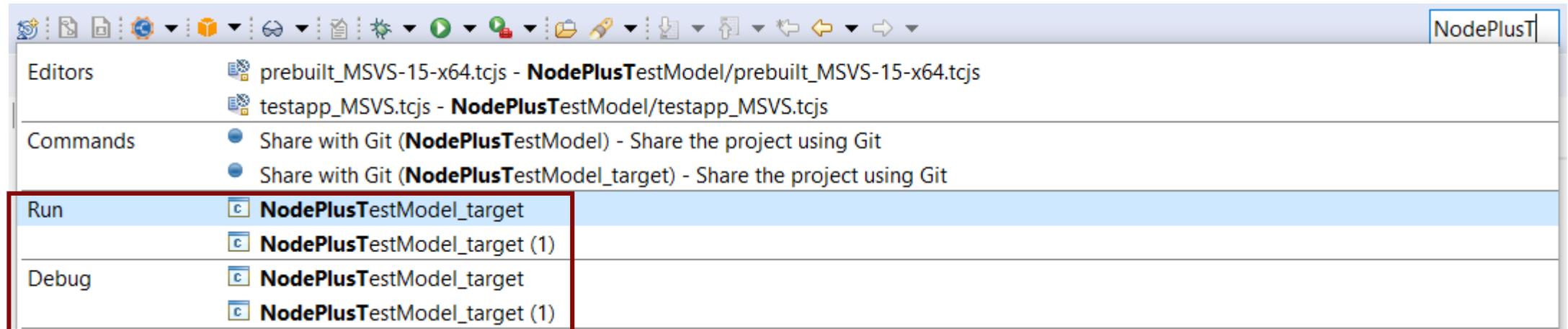
▶ Useful quick links for an empty workspace

- Quick links for creating or importing projects make it easier for new users to get started with an empty workspace
- Which quick links that are shown depend on the current perspective



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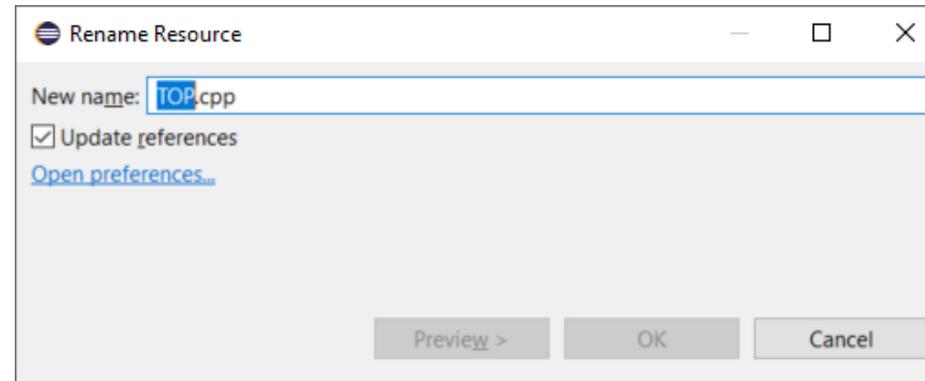
- ▶ Launch configurations are now accessible from Quick Access
 - Can start either a Run or a Debug session



CDT 9.8 (included as part of Eclipse 2019.06)

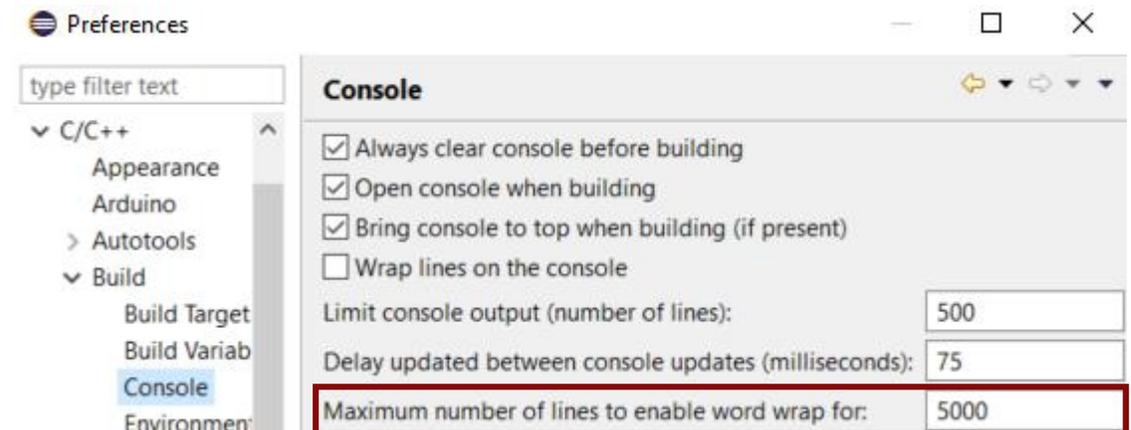
- ▶ Possible to rename a file without triggering a refactoring

- A checkbox controls if references to the renamed file should be updated



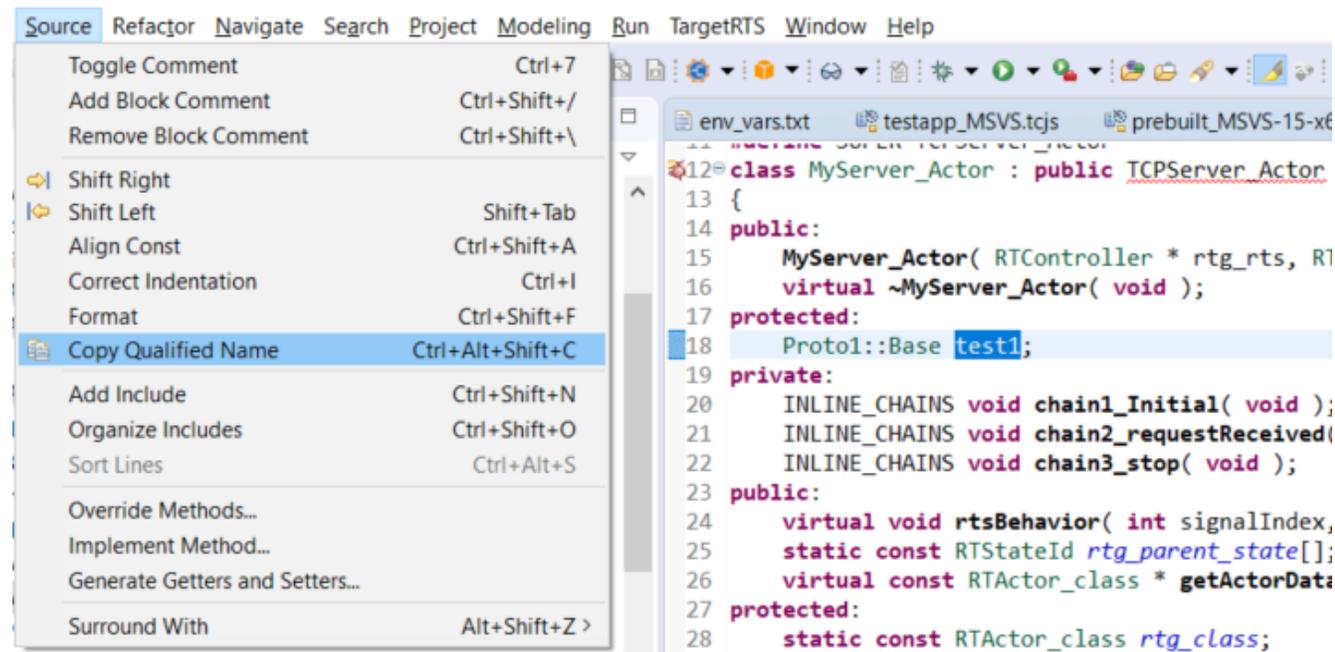
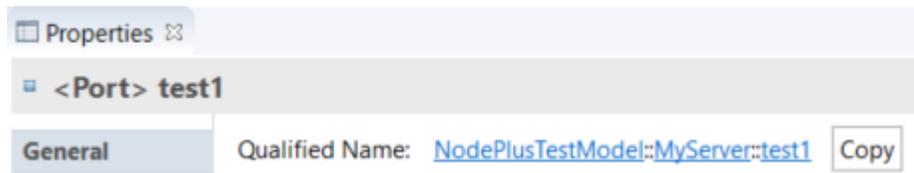
- ▶ New preference to address a performance issue with line wrapping a large number of lines in the console

- *C/C++ - Build – Console – Maximum number of lines to enable word wrap for*
- Don't set this too high if *Wrap lines on the console* is turned on



CDT 9.8 (included as part of Eclipse 2019.06)

- ▶ Improved dialog for attaching to a C++ application to debug
 - Command-line arguments for the process are now shown (allows to more easily find the process to debug)
 - The dialog now remembers a previously entered filter expression (to make it easier to attach to the same process multiple times)
- ▶ Copy the qualified name of a C++ declaration
 - A new command is available in the Source menu
 - Similar usecase as for the Copy button of the Qualified Name for a model element in the Properties view



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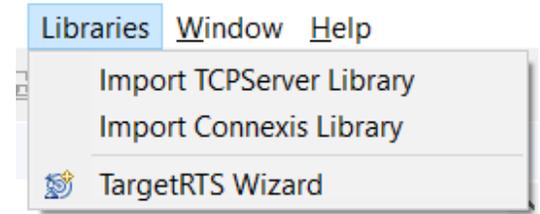
- ▶ CODAN improvements
 - Additional checks implemented, for example to detect C-style casts and goto-statements
- ▶ For more information about CDT improvements see
 - <https://wiki.eclipse.org/CDT/User/NewIn96>
 - <https://wiki.eclipse.org/CDT/User/NewIn97>
 - <https://wiki.eclipse.org/CDT/User/NewIn98>

Newer EGit Version in the EGit Integration

- ▶ The EGit integration in RTist has upgraded EGit from 5.0 to 5.4
 - This is the recommended and latest version for Eclipse 2019.06
- ▶ This upgrade provides several new features, performance improvements and bug fixes
 - For detailed information about the changes see
 - https://wiki.eclipse.org/EGit/New_and_Noteworthy/5.1
 - https://wiki.eclipse.org/EGit/New_and_Noteworthy/5.2
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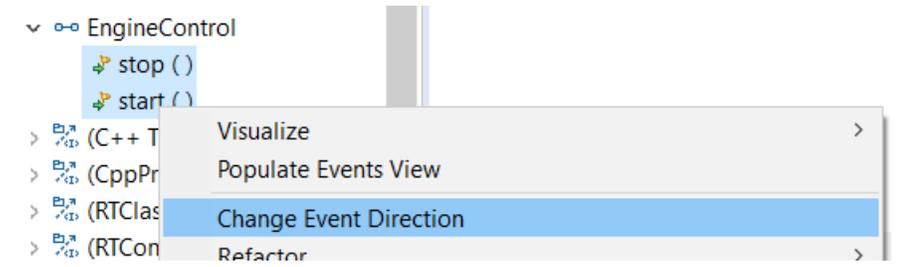
Libraries Menu

- ▶ A new menu in the menu bar with a few useful commands related to libraries
 - Contains the command for launching the TargetRTS wizard (i.e. the menu replaces the TargetRTS menu)
- ▶ Commands for importing the Connexis and TCPServer libraries
 - Available if these features have been installed
 - They import the Connexis or TCPServer library projects from the installation into the workspace



Converting Between In Events and Out Events

- ▶ It's now possible to convert an In Event to an Out Event or an Out Event to an In Event
 - This can be useful for example if you want to change the conjugation of a port, and need to swap the direction of all events in the protocol of the port
- ▶ Use the new “Change Event Direction” command in the Project Explorer context menu of a protocol event (or multiple events)



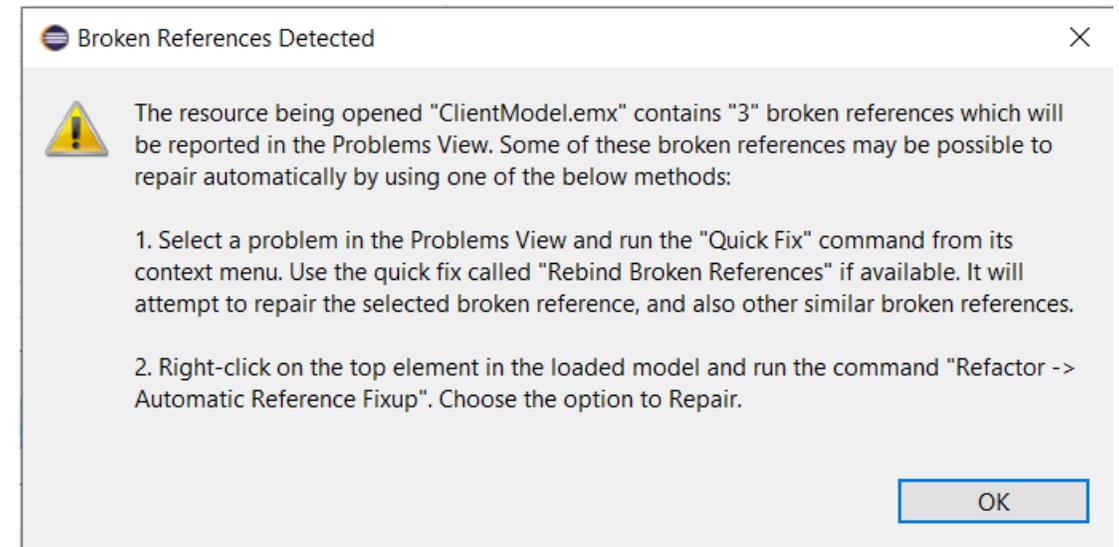
Primitive Type Improvements in Search and Type Completion

- ▶ Previously duplicates of primitive C++ types appeared when doing search and type completion
 - As a consequence it was easy to by mistake use the wrong type (and also tedious to have to choose each time)
 - The reasons for getting these duplicates have now been addressed
- ▶ The “C++ Types” package and “C++ Transformations” profile have been removed from the installation
 - They were obsolete and no longer needed
- ▶ The support for C code generation is now an optional choice when installing RTist
- ▶ New and updated model fixups are now available for updating existing models for these changes
 - Incorrect type references fixup (updated to fix references to removed C++ Types and, optionally, also C types)
 - Obsolete package import removal (new fixup)
 - Obsolete profile application removal (new fixup)
 - Add missing package imports (new fixup for adding the import of CppPrimitiveDatatypes, in case it’s missing)



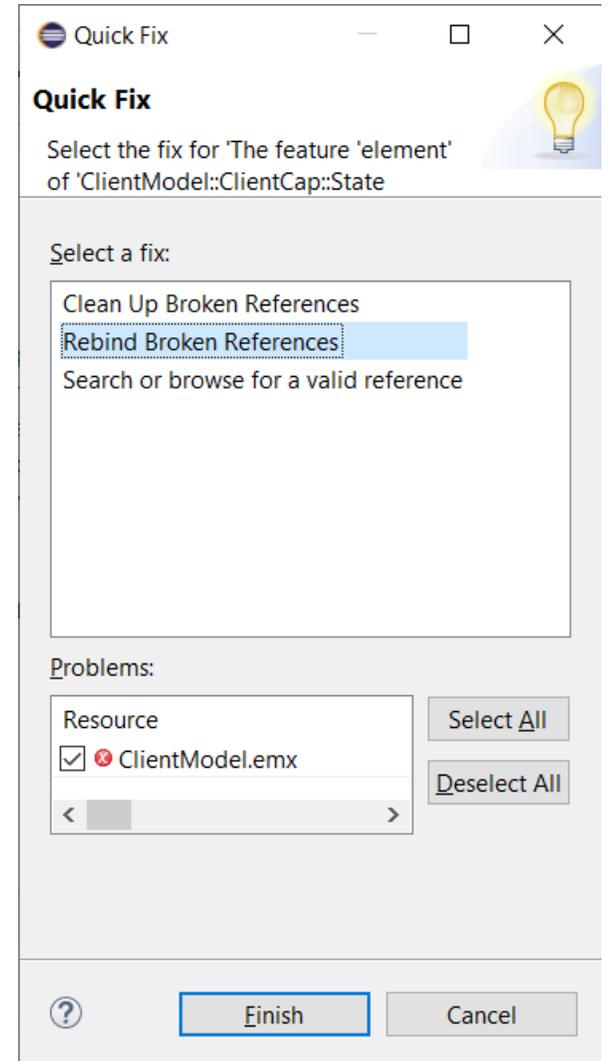
Fixing Broken References

- ▶ The “automatic cleanup” of certain elements with broken references is now removed
 - The preference *RealTime Development - Resource Resolution - Broken references auto-cleanup* has been removed
- ▶ By default, when a model with broken references are loaded a warning dialog now appears
 - This dialog replaces the previous Repair Workspace References dialog
 - To repair the broken references, by attempting to rebind them to elements that have been moved to a different file, follow one of the methods suggested by the dialog
 - You can disable this warning dialog using the new preference *Modeling – Resource Resolution – Show warning for broken references when loading a model*
 - Note: A current limitation is that broken references caused by deleted projects will not appear automatically when loading a model. To see such broken references perform the Validate command on the loaded model.



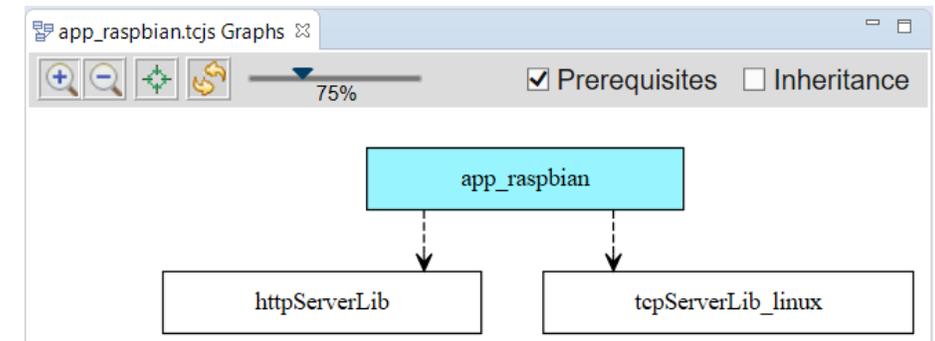
Fixing Broken References

- ▶ Broken references are listed in the Problems view. Right-click on any of them and run a Quick Fix for fixing broken references:
 - **Rebind Broken References** can fix references to elements that have been moved. It's for example useful after a refactoring that was done without having all referencing models available in the workspace.
 - **Clean Up Broken References** can fix references to elements that have been deleted (or for some other reason do not exist in the workspace). Broken references will be fixed by resetting them (or in some cases, by deleting the element that contains the reference).
 - **Search or browse for a valid reference** can be used to rebind the broken reference to a different target element using the Select Element dialog. This Quick Fix only fixes the selected broken reference.
Note: To be able to browse to the new target element for the reference you may need to first switch to the Model viewpoint (in case the Capsule Development view point filters out the desired target element).



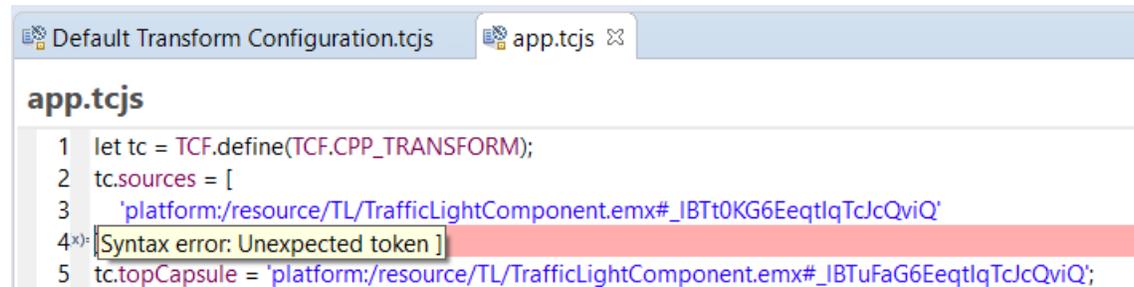
Graphic Visualization of TC Relationships

- ▶ The possibility to visualize TC relationships that was available in version 10.2 for TCs in the old file format, is now also supported for TCs in the new .tcjs file format
 - A new command **Visualize – Explore in Graphs** is available in the Project Explorer context menu of a TC
- ▶ The visualization uses Graphviz as an external tool for doing the graph layout
 - Graphviz must be separately installed. Specify the path to its “dot” utility in *Preferences – RealTime Development - Visualization*
- ▶ The graph is rendered using SVG in an embedded web browser
 - Support for panning and zooming
 - You can search for texts in the rendered diagram using Ctrl+F
- ▶ You can double-click on TCs in the graph to open the TC in the TC editor
- ▶ This is currently an experimental feature



Transformation Configuration Editor Improvements

- ▶ Syntax highlighting is now available in the Code tab
 - JavaScript parse errors are shown with red color and margin marker tooltip



The screenshot shows a code editor with two tabs: 'Default Transform Configuration.tcjs' and 'app.tcjs'. The 'app.tcjs' tab is active, displaying the following code:

```
1 let tc = TCF.define(TCF.CPP_TRANSFORM);
2 tc.sources = [
3   'platform:/resource/TL/TrafficLightComponent.emx#_IBTt0KG6EeqtlqTcJcQviQ'
4*];
5 tc.topCapsule = 'platform:/resource/TL/TrafficLightComponent.emx#_IBTuFaG6EeqtlqTcJcQviQ';
```

A red horizontal bar highlights the error on line 4, with a tooltip that reads 'Syntax error: Unexpected token]'.

Cleaning TCs

- ▶ External Library TCs have a new "Clean Command" property
 - Use for example "make clean", invoke a "clean script" or something else
- ▶ When it has been specified it's possible to use the Clean command also on external library TCs
 - Currently this only works when cleaning from the command-line (using the makefile generated by the model compiler)
- ▶ When build variants are used, the Clean dialog now shows the Build Variants user interface
 - Allows setting the build variant settings which may influence on the behavior of clean, and clean build

Generate make file for external CDT project

Build command:

Build folder:

Clean command:

Clean selected transformation configurations

build.tcjs

Build Variants

Configuration:

Target platform Print TCJS name

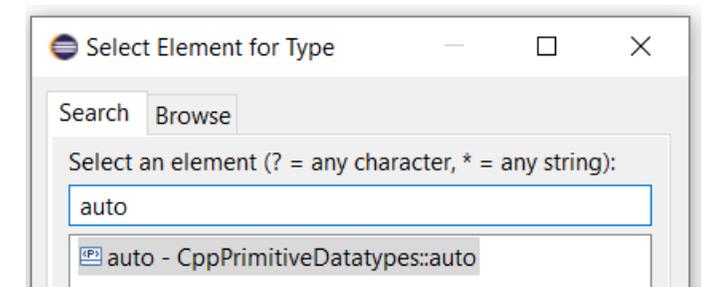
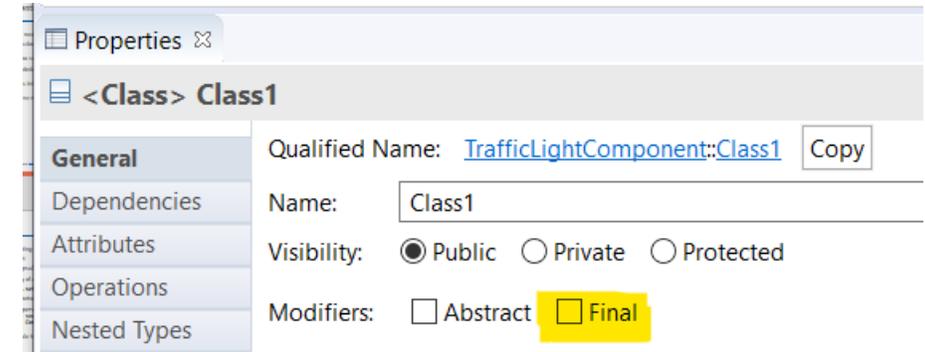
Clean binaries only

Build selected transformation configuration after clean

Set as Active Build Variants Configuration

C++ 11 Improvements

- ▶ The **final** modifier can now be used on classes, capsules and operations
 - Use it to specify that a class/capsule cannot be inherited from, or an operation cannot be redefined
- ▶ **auto** attributes are now supported by the model compiler
 - The C++ compiler will deduce the type of the corresponding member variable from its initializer value
 - Type completion now works for auto, and it can be selected as any other type
- ▶ Attributes with in-class initialization (brace or equal) are no longer also initialized in the constructor
- ▶ Some C++ 11 types were missing in the CppPrimitiveDatatypes package and have now been added
 - long long
 - unsigned long long



UML-RT Java APIs

- ▶ The Java APIs for creating UML-RT models programmatically have been extended

- Creating a capsule part

```
RTCapsulePart RTCapsule.createCapsulePart(String name, RTCapsule type);
```

- Setting the multiplicity of a capsule part, and its kind (fixed, optional or plugin)

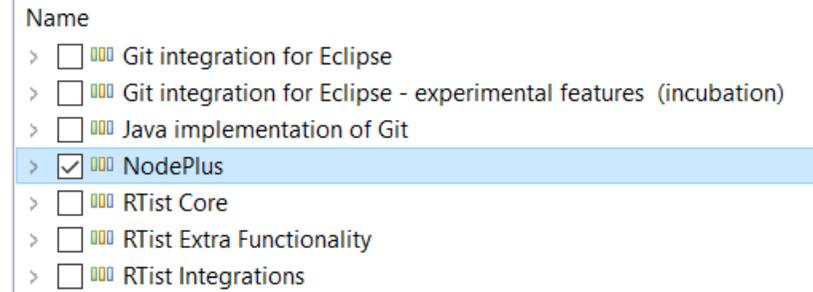
```
void RTCapsulePart.setMultiplicityAndKind(int lower, int upper, AggregationKind kind);
```

- Creating a connector between two ports on capsule parts

```
Connector RTModelOperations.createConnector(RTCapsulePart sourcePart,  
RTPortRedefinition sourcePort, RTCapsulePart targetPart, RTPortRedefinition  
targetPort) throws ConnectionError;
```

- ▶ The UML RT SDK sample has been updated to use these new APIs

- ▶ HCL NodePlus is a new install component of HCL RTist
 - Note: Currently NodePlus is not available in IBM RSARTE
- ▶ NodePlus provides all necessary tooling for developing IoT applications using Node-RED (and related technologies)
 - Node-RED projects - both for creating Node-RED nodes and flows of interconnected nodes
 - Node-RED server - for convenient deployment of Node-RED flows within the Eclipse workbench
 - Node.js projects - for creating Node.js applications
 - Node.js server - for convenient deployment of Node.js applications within the Eclipse workbench
 - Swagger - for specifying APIs using Swagger documents
 - Node.js Debugger - for debugging Node.js applications
 - Pug (formerly known as Jade) – for template-based rendering of web pages
 - Unit test



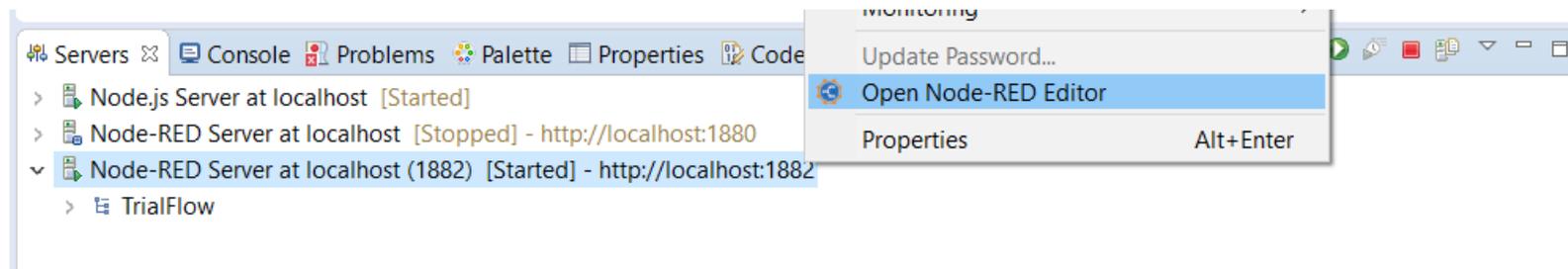
▶ Node-RED Flow Projects

- Flows can be created directly in the Node-RED editor, but creating them as Eclipse projects has many benefits (e.g. team development using SCM integration)
- An intuitive wizard for creating Node-RED Flow projects
- Either create a flow from scratch or start from one of the existing flows in the public library



▶ Node-RED Server

- A dedicated Servers view lets you create, start and stop Node-RED servers within the Eclipse workbench
- Deploy a Node-RED flow onto a selected server and open its Node-RED editor

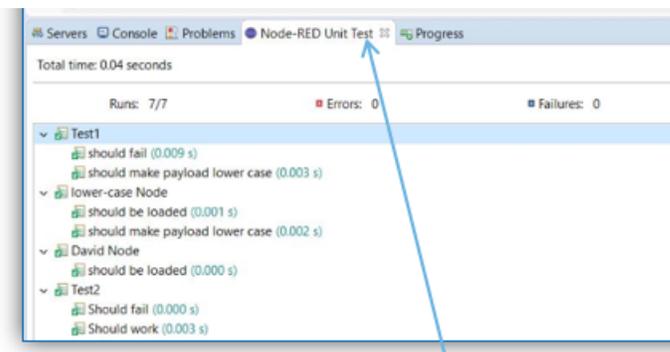
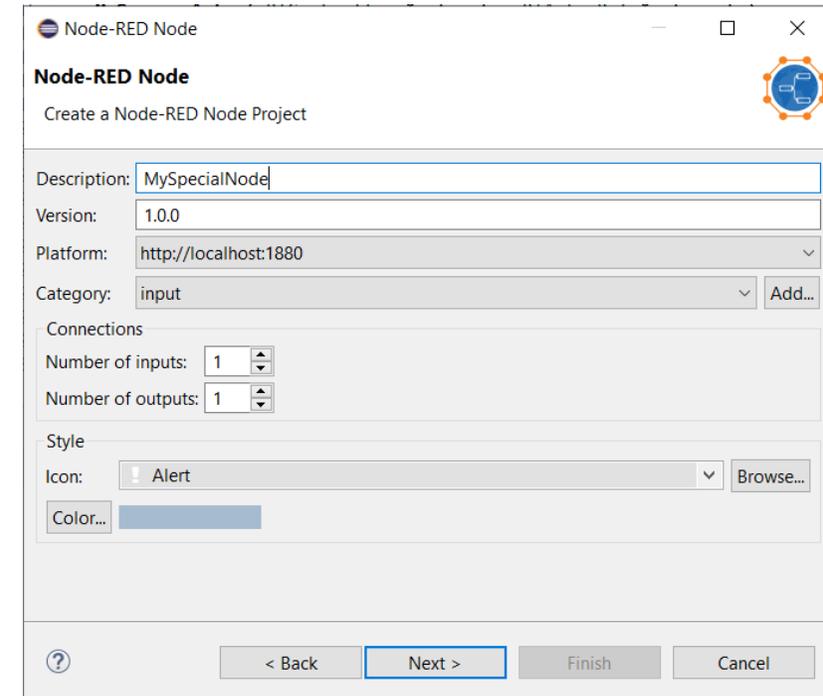


▶ Node-RED Node Projects

- More than 2500 nodes exist in the public library, but sometimes you may need to create your own specific node
- An intuitive wizard for creating Node-RED Node projects
- Benefit from all the usual Eclipse features when developing your node (e.g. SCM integration)
- Either create a node from scratch or start from one of the existing nodes in the public library

▶ Unit test of Node-RED nodes

- Unit tests are created using the Mocha framework and results are shown in a special Node-RED Unit Test view

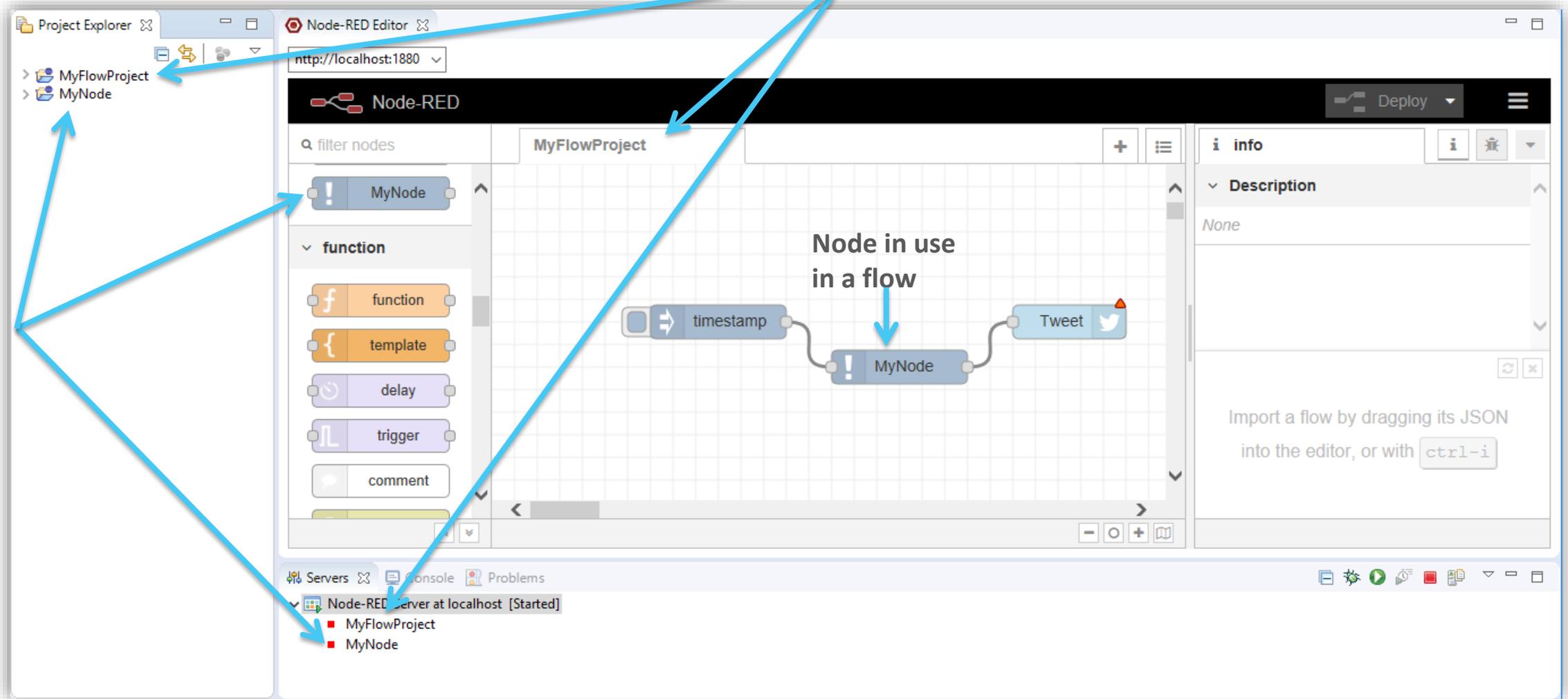


Custom "Unit Test" view

Node project

Flow project

Node in use in a flow



▶ Nodes for communicating with an RTist application

▪ **rtist request**

Let a flow send or invoke an event into an RTist application

▪ **rtist receive**

Trigger a flow when receiving an event that is sent or invoked from an RTist application

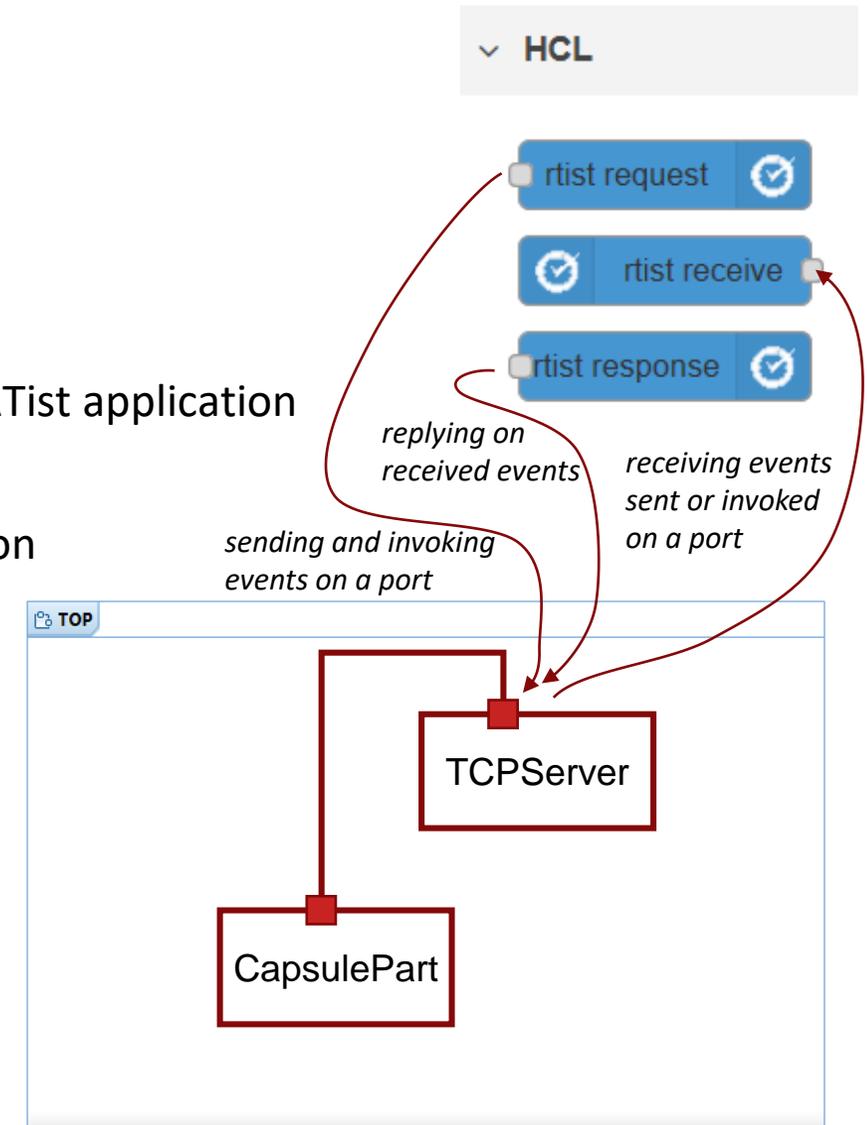
▪ **rtist response**

Reply to a received event that is sent or invoked from an RTist application

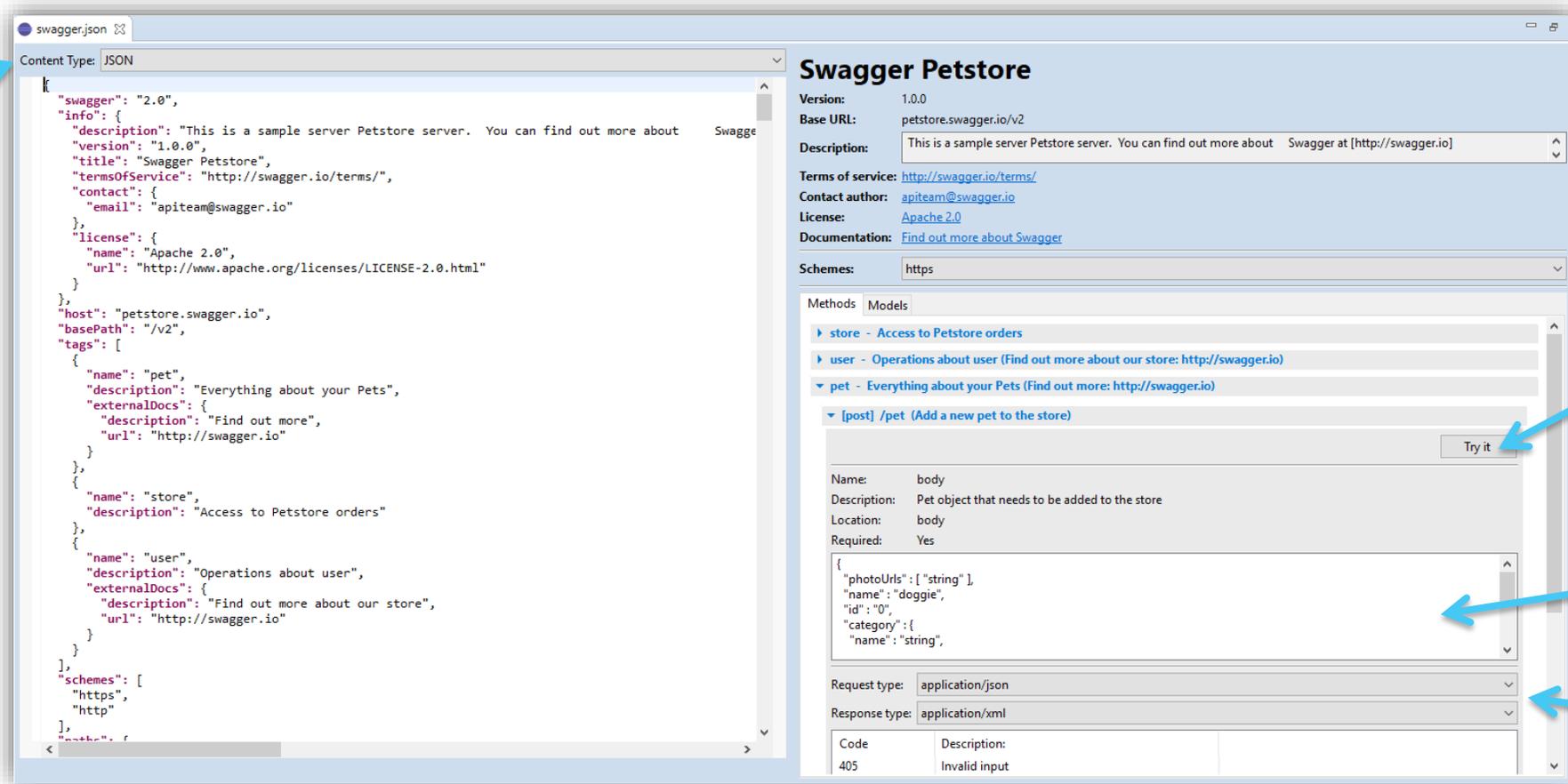
▶ These nodes make use of the JSON API provided by [lib-tcp-server](#) (i.e. the RTist application must use this library)

▪ The nodes can be statically configured in the Node-RED editor

▪ It's also possible to provide many of the node properties in the message payload for a more dynamic behavior



Document APIs using Swagger in a new Swagger editor



The screenshot displays the Swagger editor interface. On the left, a code editor shows the Swagger JSON configuration for a Petstore API, with syntax highlighting and content assist. On the right, a visual representation of the API is shown, including metadata like version (1.0.0), base URL, and description. Below this, a list of API methods is displayed, with the 'pet' method selected. The 'pet' method details show a POST request to '/pet' with a body parameter. A 'Try it' button is visible next to the method details. Below the method details, there is a section for 'Automated generation of example data' showing a JSON object with fields like 'photoUrls', 'name', 'id', and 'category'. At the bottom, there are dropdown menus for 'Request type' (application/json) and 'Response type' (application/xml), and a table of error codes (e.g., 405 Invalid input).

Support for JSON and YAML syntax

Visual API representation

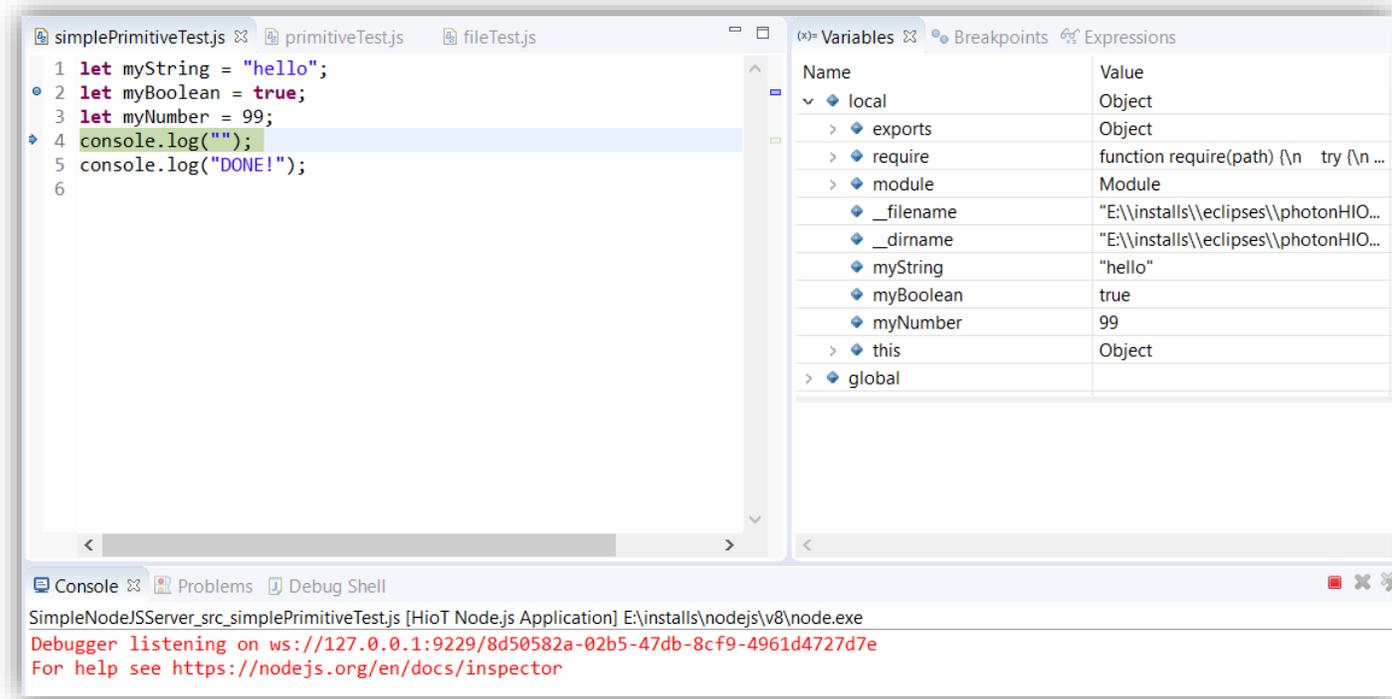
Support for executing / testing API

Automated generation of example data

Content types selections

Syntax highlight and content assist

- ▶ Wizard for creating Node.js projects
- ▶ Create, start and stop a Node.js server from within the Eclipse workbench
- ▶ Debug Node.js applications with a modern JavaScript debugger
- ▶ New editor for developing HTML pages for your Node.js application using the Pug template engine



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