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Language? Form? IDE? Application?

Towards Language-Oriented Business Apps

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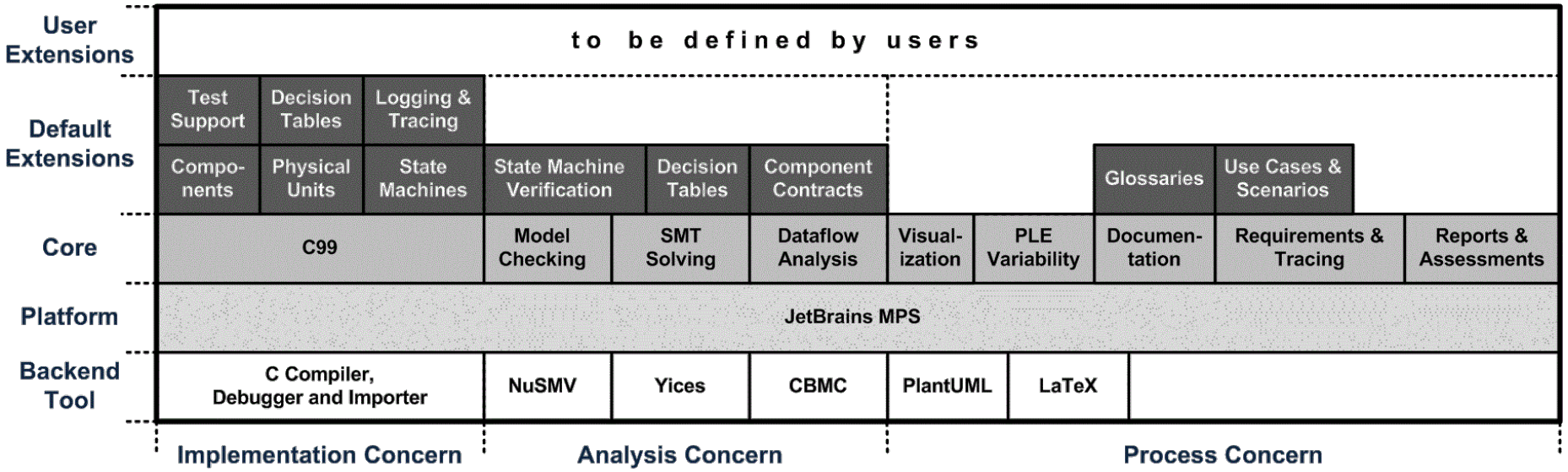
Language Engineering Embedded Software

An extensible collection of integrated languages for embedded software engineering.



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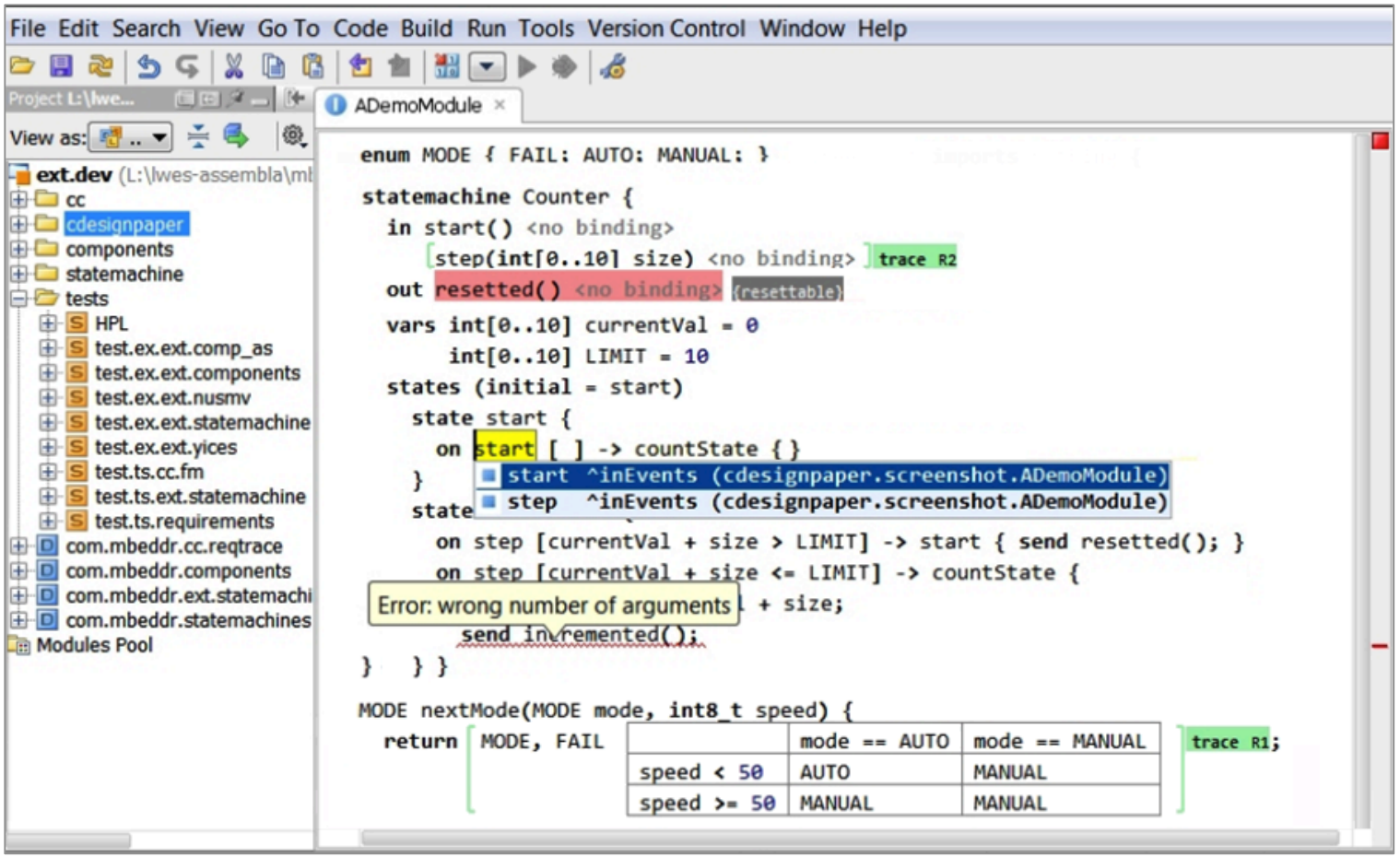

An IDE + Debugger for all of them

About mbeddr

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Open Source
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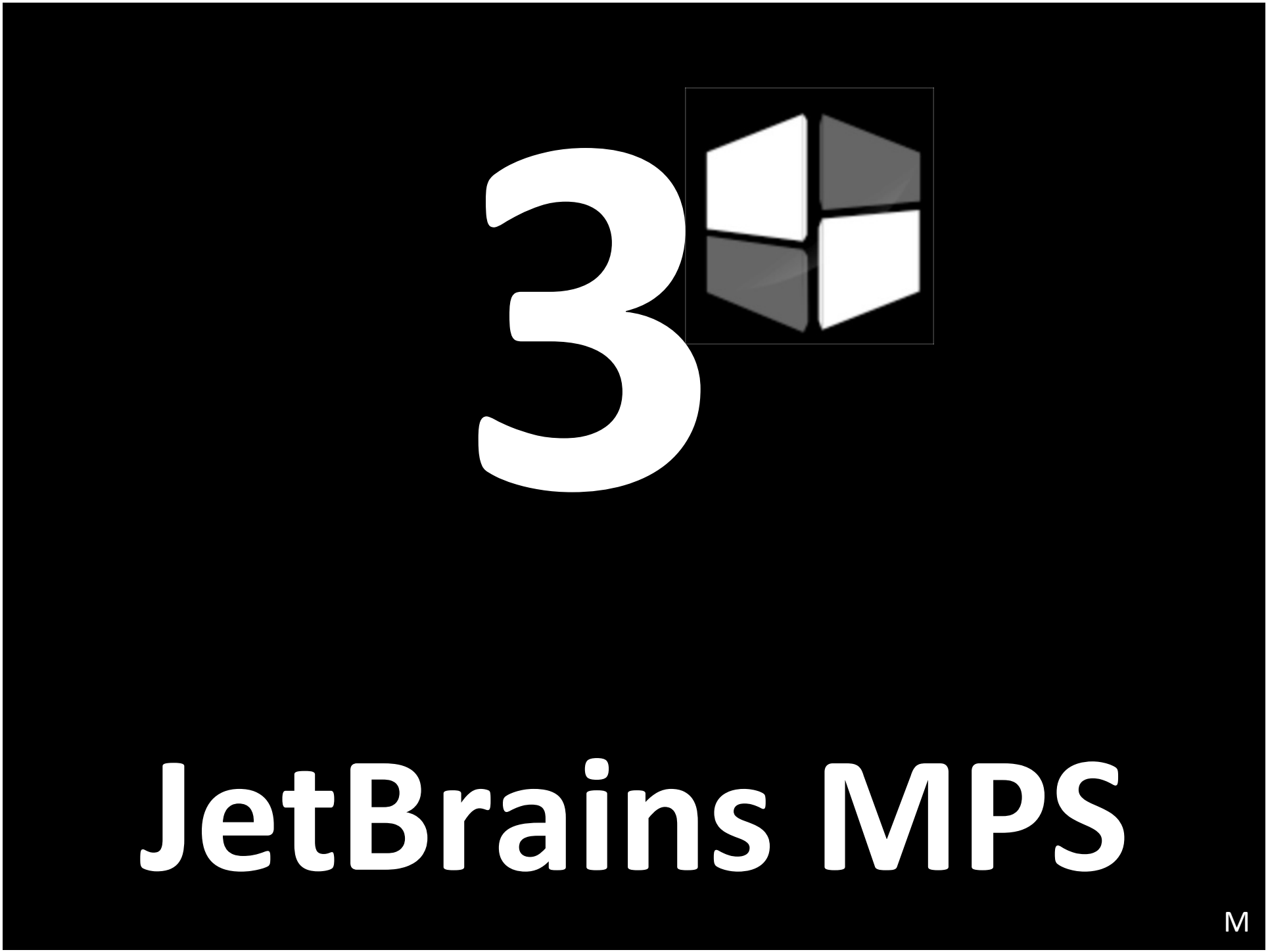
mbeddr Demo I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Built on JetBrains MPS

JetBRAINS

A Language Workbench

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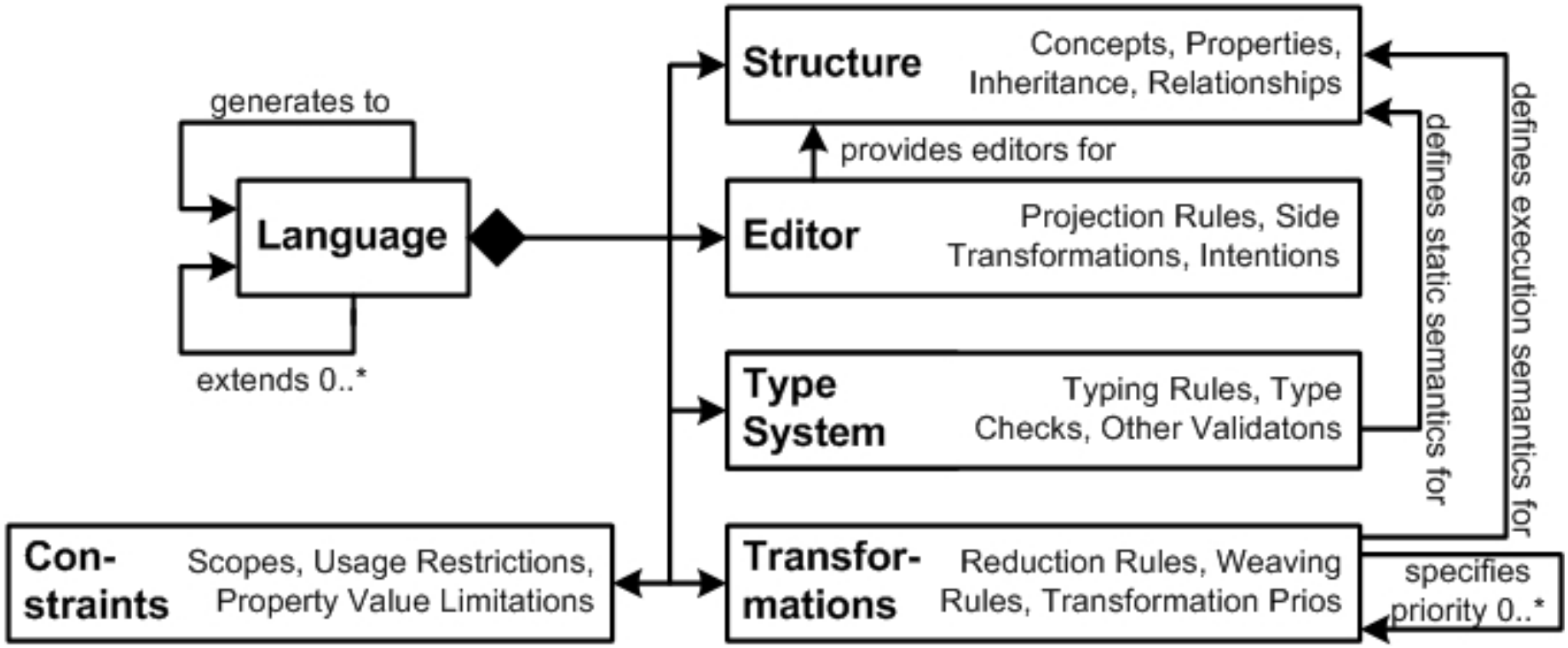
Open Source
Apache 2.0
http://jetbrains.com/mps

About MPS

Rich Set of Language Aspects

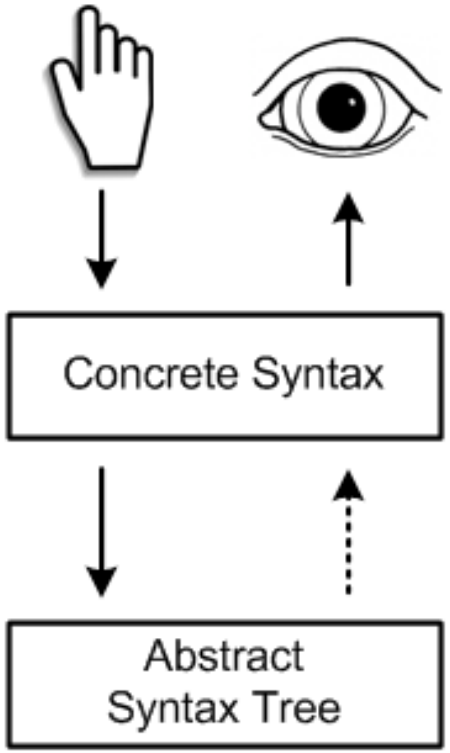


+ Refactorings, Find Usages, Syntax Coloring, Debugging, ...

About MPS

Projectional Editing

Parsing



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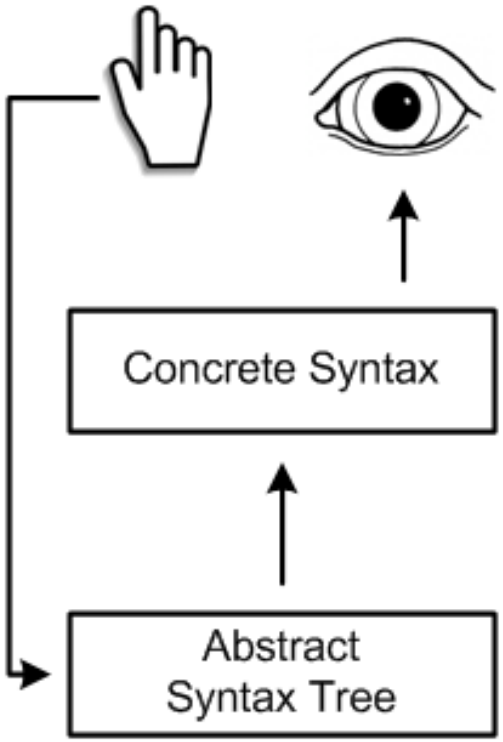

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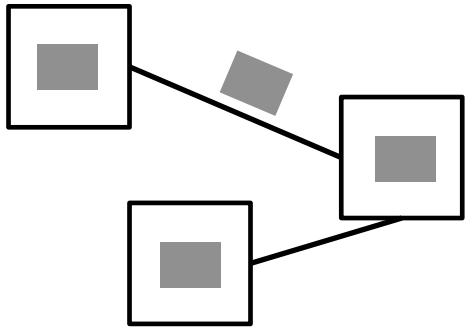
Notational Flexibility

Regular Code/Text

Mathematical

Tables

Graphical



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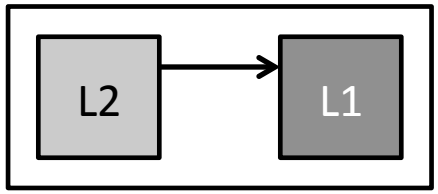
Language Composition



Separate Files

Type System
Transformation
Constraints

In One File

Type System
Transformation
Constraints
Syntax
Editor/IDE

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mbeddr Demo II

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Generalization

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Thought Process

From Data Formats To Languages

Structure, Constraints, Semantics

Data Format + *Syntax + IDE*

Language

Thought Process

Language Engineering

Languages

Language Reuse

Language Modularization

Language Composition

Language Engineering

Thought Process

Language Engineering

Languages

Language Engineering

Text *Math* *Graphics*

Tables *Symbols* *Forms*

Syntactic Diversity

Thought Process

Language Workbenches

Languages

Language Engineering

Syntactic Diversity

But does this really work?

Language Workbenches

Generic Tools, Specific Languages

Ingredients

Specific Languages

- Languages
- Language Engineering
- Syntactic Diversity

Generic Tools

- Language Workbenches

(we don't have to reimplement editors and synchronizers)

Generic Tools, Specific Languages

Ingredients

Languages

Specific Languages

Language Engineering

Syntactic Diversity

support

Generic Tools

Language Workbenches

Language Workbenches

Typical Features

Language Definition, Reuse, Extension, Composition

Mixing Notations

Type Systems, Constraints, Transformation, Interpretation

Language Workbenches

Typical Features

Goto Definition/Find Usages
Error Markup/Quick Fixes
Syntax Highlighting
Code Completion
Search/Replace
Refactoring
Debugging
Reporting
Visualization
Version Control

Language Workbenches

Typical Features

for any Language!

Language Workbenches

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Language Workbenches act as the foundation for IDEs for any language.

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LOBA: Why

For which kinds of Systems?

Language Workbenches act as the foundation for IDEs for any language.

LOBA: Why

For which kinds of Systems?

Language Workbenches act as the foundation for IDEs for (m)any applications.

LOBA: Why

For which kinds of Systems?

many applications?

Structured or Formalizable

Mathematical

Data-Oriented

Language-y

LOBA: Why

For which kinds of Systems?

many applications?

Data Models

Pricing Calculations

Financial Calculations

Business Rules

Contracts

Highly Structured Requirements

LOBA: Why

[Motivation] Languages!

A language may be hiding behind many of these!

LOBA: Why

[Motivation] Languages!

But: users don‘t want to be programmers!

LOBA: Why

[Motivation] Languages!

Combine the best of

Applications/Forms/UIs

and

Languages and IDEs.

LOBA: Why

[Motivation] Languages!

Applications/Forms/Uis

vs.

Languages + IDEs

Structure

User Guidance

Tables

Views

Expressions

Complex Structures

Code Completion

Type Checking

Debugging

Refactoring

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LOBA: Where we are.

[Notation] Math

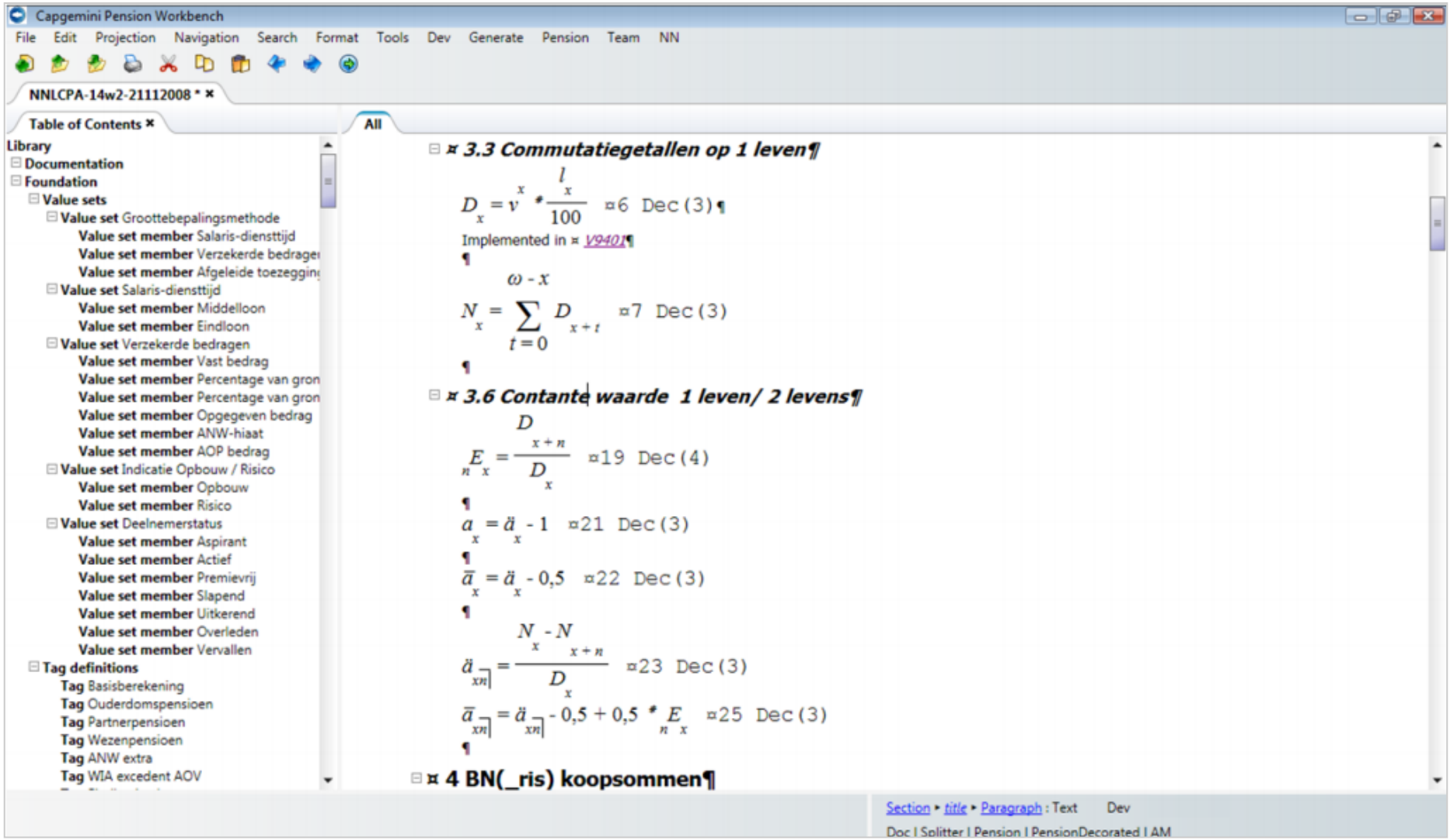
```
int other(a : int, b : int) ==>  a + b + ∑_{i = 1}^{5} [ i ] + ∏_{p = 1}^{3} [ p ]
```

```
local = [ A1 => ( ∑_{i = 1}^{NN} [ (D(X + ANUI + i - 1) - D(X + ANUI + i)) * (1 - TM18[i] / TM17) ] / D(X + ANUI) ) ]
```

```
int rate(age : int) ==>  1 + (1 + ANUI + age / (AOPS - 9)) / (4 * 5 + ∑_{i = 8}^{12} [ i * 8 ]) + in01
```

LOBA: Where we are.

[Notation] Math II



LOBA: Where we are.

[Notation] Tables

sensorOmega	designOmega	curTime	torque
5 radps	10 radps	0 s	-23 Nm
5 radps	10 radps	0.1 s	-38.5 Nm
5 radps	10 radps	0.2 s	-47.5 Nm
5 radps	10 radps	0.3 s	-47.5 Nm
5 radps	10 radps	0.4 s	-36 ±0.001
5 radps	10 radps	0.5 s	9 ±0.001
5 radps	10 radps	0.6 s	236.25 ±0.001
5 radps	10 radps	0.7 s	2023 ±0.001
5 radps	10 radps	0.8 s	22093 ±0.001
5 radps	10 radps	0.9 s	379457.5 ±0.001

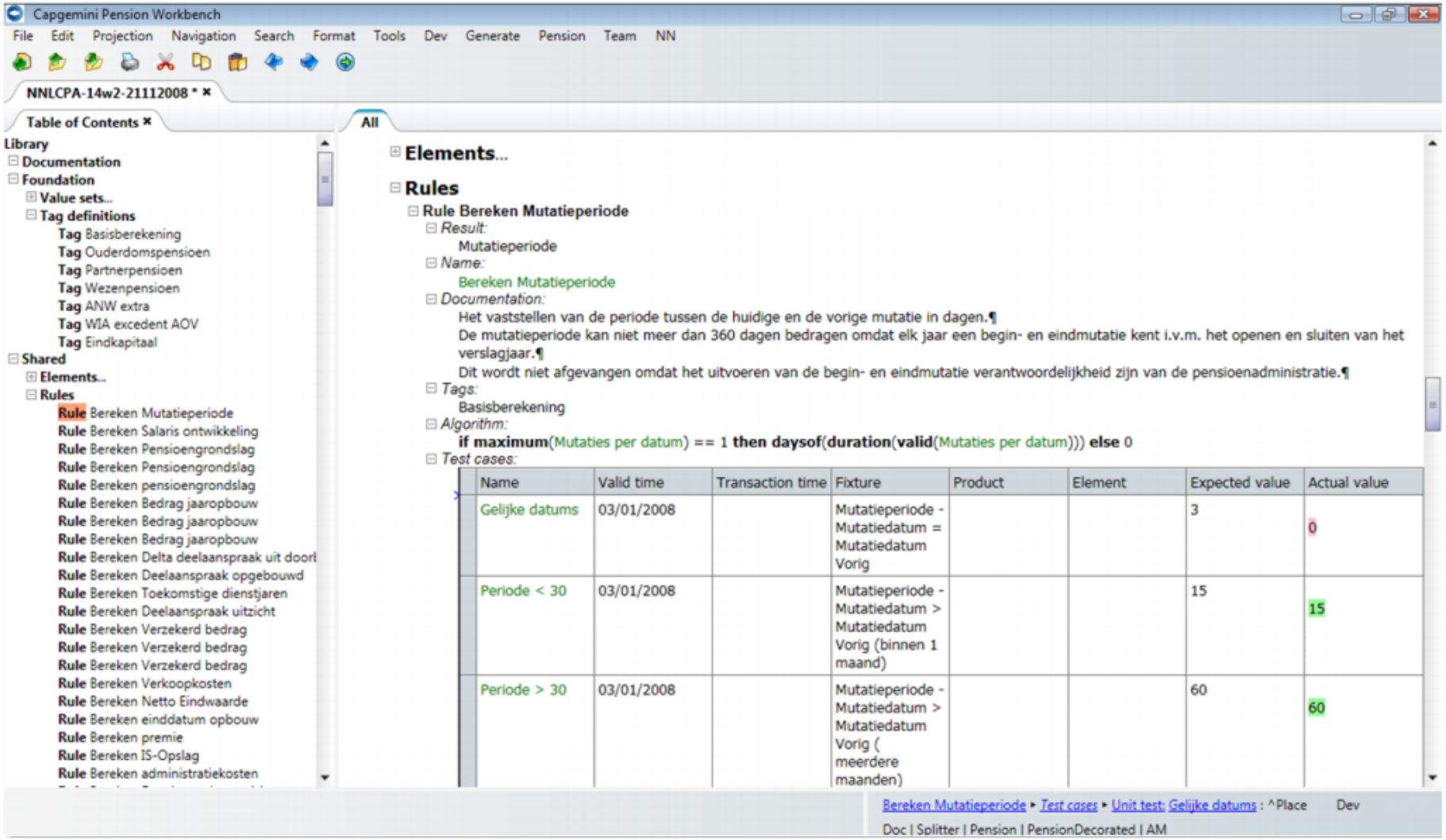
LOBA: Where we are.

[Notation] Tables II

Name	Type	Unit	Default	Description	Constraints
GLB_Time	**double**	s	0.1	Time in seconds	**range** 0.00 .. 1.0E16
Temperature_K	**double**	K	300.0	Temperature in Kelvin	**range** 223.0 .. 1773.0
Temperature_C	**double**	degC	25.0	Temperature in Celsius	**range** -50.0 .. 1250.0
Torque	**double**	Nm	0.0	Torque in Nm	<no elements>
Inertia	**double**	kgm2	0.0	Inertia in kg m square	**min** 0.00
motor_speed	**double**	radps	<none>	Motor speed in rad per sec	**range** 0.00 .. 100000.0
shaft_speed	**double**	radps	<none>	Output Shaft Speed	**range** -20000.0 .. 20000.0
motor_power	**double**	W	<none>	Motor power in Watts	**range** -100000.0 .. 100000.0
coolant_flowrate	**double**	m3ps	<none>	Coolant volume flow rate	**range** 0.0 .. 3.0

LOBA: Where we are.

[Notation] Tables III



LOBA: Where we are.

[Notation] Graphical

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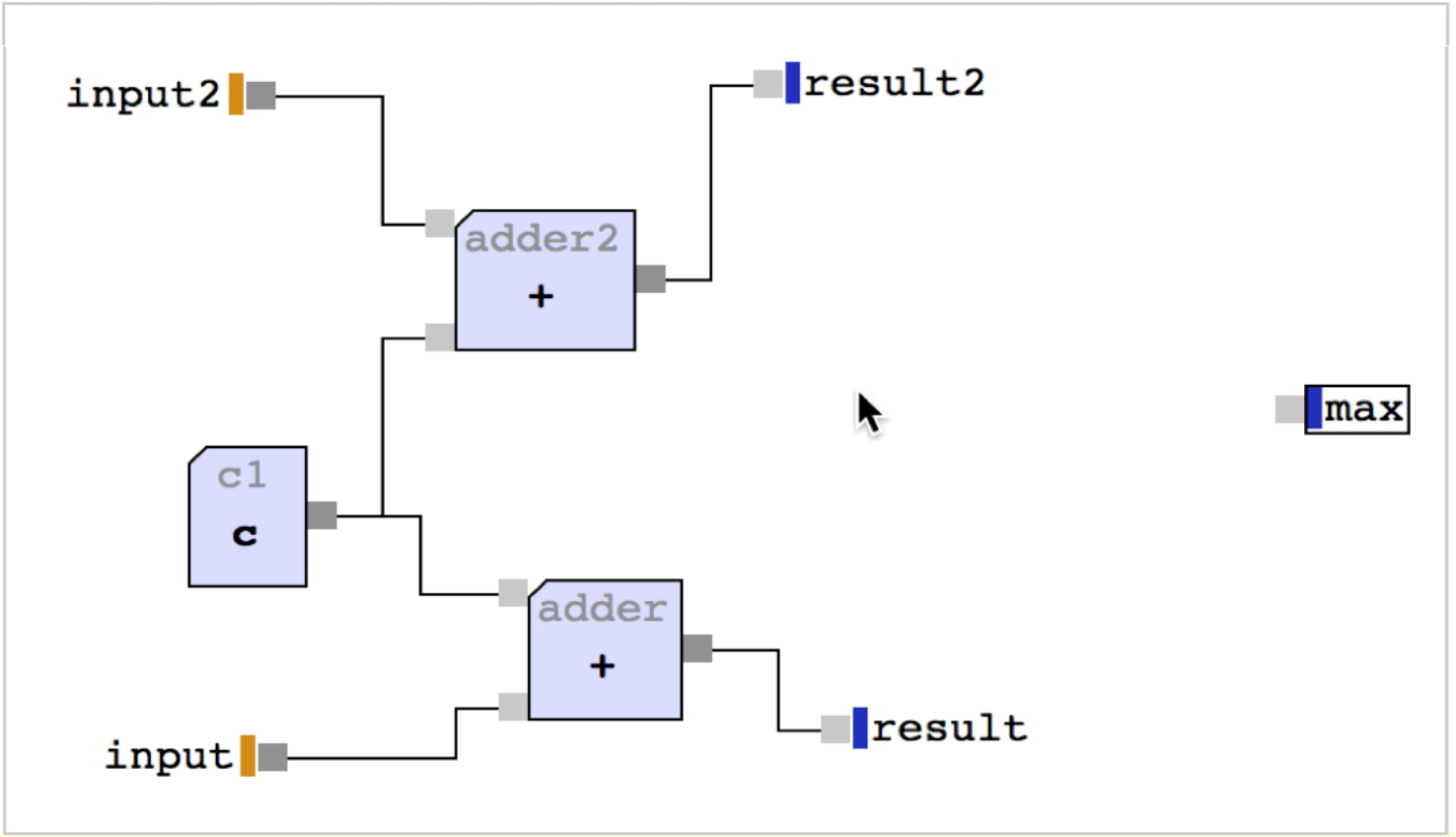
```
compositeblock Experiment [ double input2 ] => [ double result  ]
                          [ double input  ]    [ double result2 ]
                                               [ double max     ]
  parameters { double value1; }
```



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[Notation] Mixed Content

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Error: type double is not a subtype of uint32

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SILVER	12	8	8	8

LOBA: Where we are.

[Guided Editing] Form-Like

Rule Set Type DemoRuleSetType

Business objects

person **: Person**
policy **Policy :**

Variables:

PRMI : **int**
FR : **int**
NN : **int**
TT : **int**
J : **int**
A3 : **int**
G3 : **int**
ANUI : **int**
X : **int**

Parent

<no parent>

Libraries

Standard
Extra

Rule Set Type DemoRuleSetType

Business objects

Variables:

Parent

Libraries

LOBA: Where we are.

[Guided Editing] Form-Like II

```
rule set DemoRulseSet2 is of type DemoRuleSetType

EU0    : int                    [ save false print false ]
CATEG  : string                 [ save false print false ]
CATEG1 : double                 [ save true  print true  ]
```

Toggle Information

```
PREMIO = [ A1 > 10   => EU0
           <always>  => FLAG ]

FLAG   = [ CATEG1 equals 60 or CATEG1 equals 63 or CATEG1 equals 64 => 160
           PREMIO equals 0                                          => 162
           CATEG1 > 0 or substr(inga[4], 1, 1) equals "V"           => 163
           <always>                                                 => PREMIO + FLAG ]

PREMIO = [ <always> => round(PREMIO * (1 + factacer), 0) ]
```

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[Guided Editing] Editor Buttons

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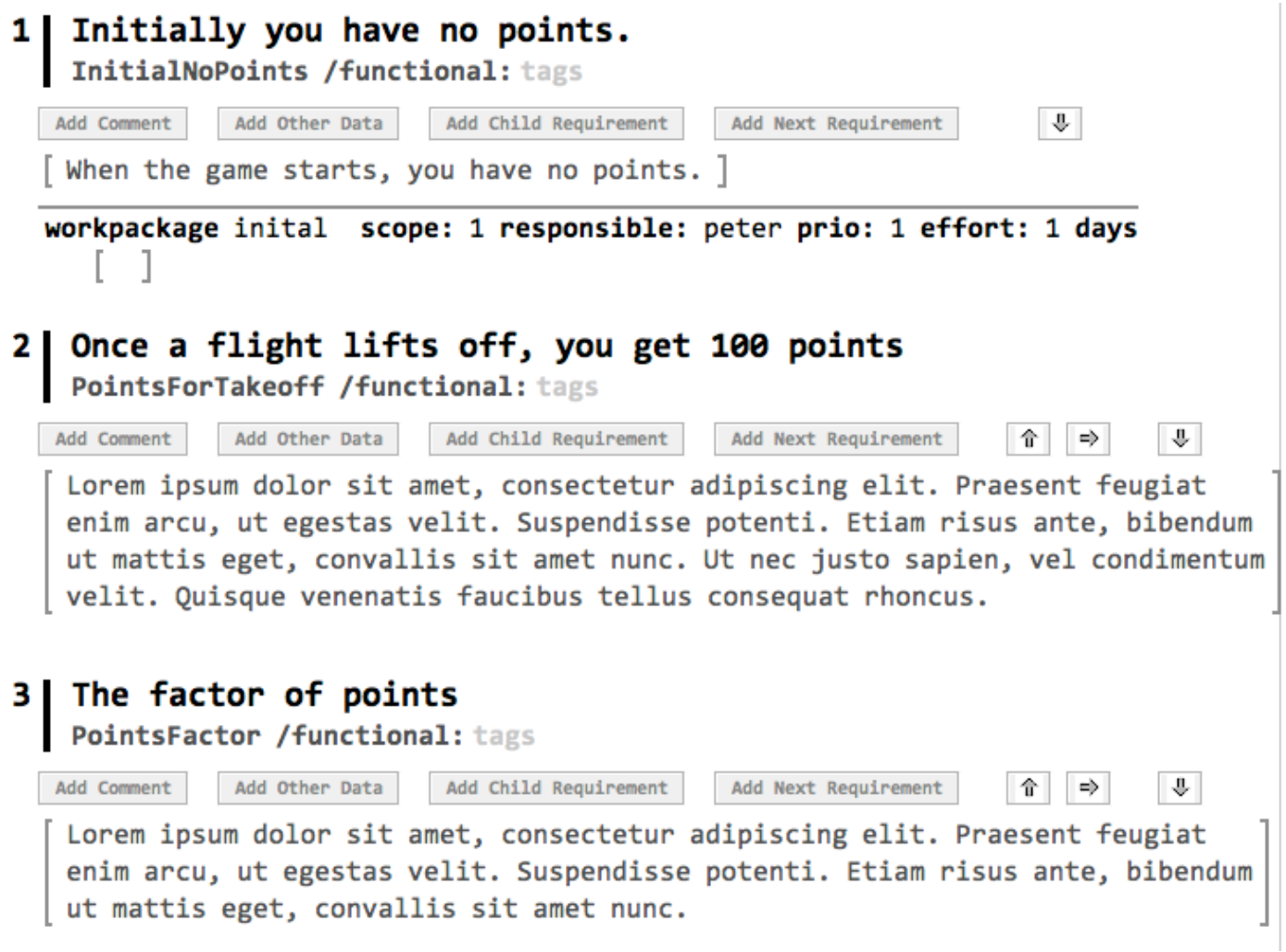


LOBA: Where we are.

[Guided Editing] Code Completion

```
calculation MTBF: [ At some time this had been calculating some kind of
                    mean time between failure. No longer does. ]
  parameters: [ int32 t_ds: start of downtime ] => int32
              [ int32 t_us: start of uptime
              [ int32 n_fail: # of failures ]

                t_ds - t_
  result = ------------
                n_fai
                  t_ds ^params (m.t.main.req.FlightJudgementRules)
                  t_us ^params (m.t.main.req.FlightJudgementRules)

  tests: MTBF(100, 100, 2) == 35
```

```
anui    CATV = D1                  k
                                   ∑   [ anui * 6 / prs  +  prd * ( iiii + iiii/3 + 12 ) / ( arb * ( anui - k ) ) ]
                                  iiii = 1
                                     prd ^variables (i2sdemo.com.IEEE_RST)
                                     prs ^variables (i2sdemo.com.IEEE_RST)
                                     prs ^variables (i2sdemo.com.IEEE_RST)
                                     product                          Product
        <<condition>>              12
                                   ∑   [ cal [ 1
                                   i = 1
```

Business Apps

[Context Aware] Different Projections

1 **Initially you have no points.**
`InitialNoPoints /functional: tags`

2 **Once a flight lifts off, you get 100 points**
`PointsForTakeoff /functional: tags`

3 **The factor of points**
`PointsFactor /functional: tags`

4 **Points you get for each trackpoint**
`InFlightPoints /functional: tags`

4.1 **Price Depends on Country and Price Group**
`priceDep /functional: status=accepted, @pricing`

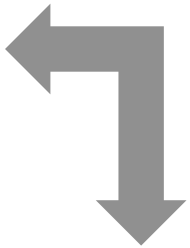
4.2 **For each trackpoint where you go more than 100 mps, you get 10 points**
`FasterThan100 /functional: tags`

4.3 **For each trackpoint where you go more than 200 mps, you get 20 points**
`FasterThan200 /functional: tags`

Business Apps

[Context Aware] Different Projections

```
exported statemachine FlightAnalyzer initial = beforeFlight {
  in event next(Trackpoint* tp) <no binding>
  in event reset() <no binding>
  out event crashNotification() => raiseAlarm
  readable var int16 points = 0
  state beforeFlight {
    on next [tp->alt == 0 m] -> airborne
    exit { points += TAKEOFF; }
  } state beforeFlight
  state airborne { ... }
  state landing {
    on next [tp->speed == 0 mps] -> landed
    on next [tp->speed > 0 mps] -> landing
    on reset [ ] -> beforeFlight
  } state landing
  state landed {
    entry { points += LANDING; }
    on reset [ ] -> beforeFlight
  } state landed
  state crashed {
    entry { send crashNotification(); }
  } state crashed
}
```



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	next(Trackpoint* tp)	reset()
beforeFlight	[tp->alt == 0 m] -> airborne	
airborne	[tp->alt == 0 m && tp->speed == 0 mps] -> crashed [tp->alt == 0 m && tp->speed > 0 mps] -> landing [tp->speed > 200 mps && tp->alt == 0 m] -> airborne [tp->speed > 100 mps && tp->speed <= 200 mps && tp->alt == 0 m] -> airborne	[ ] -> beforeFlight
landing	[tp->speed == 0 mps] -> landed [tp->speed > 0 mps] -> landing	[ ] -> beforeFlight
landed		[ ] -> beforeFlight
crashed		

```
}
```

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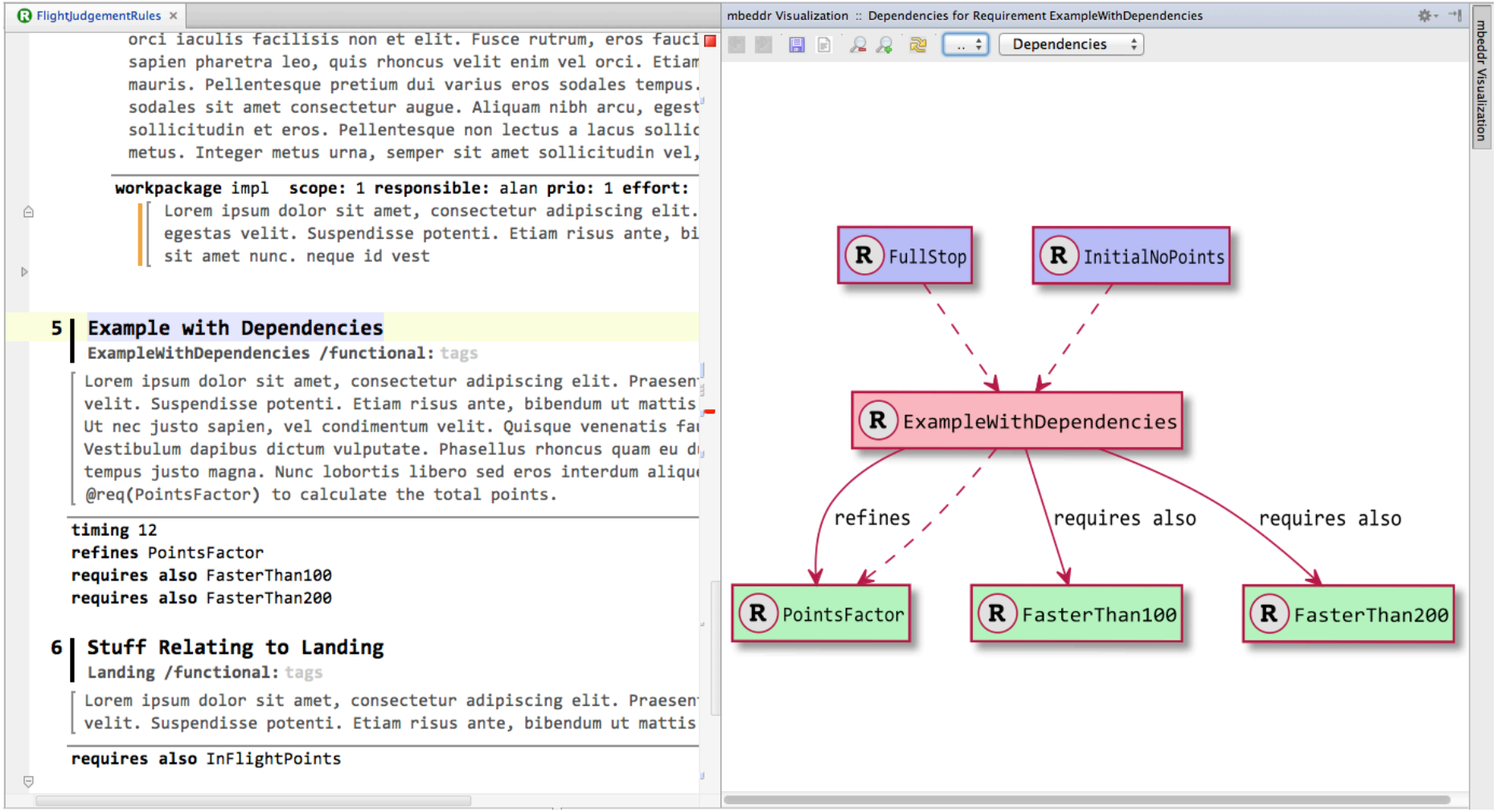
[Context Aware] Visualization



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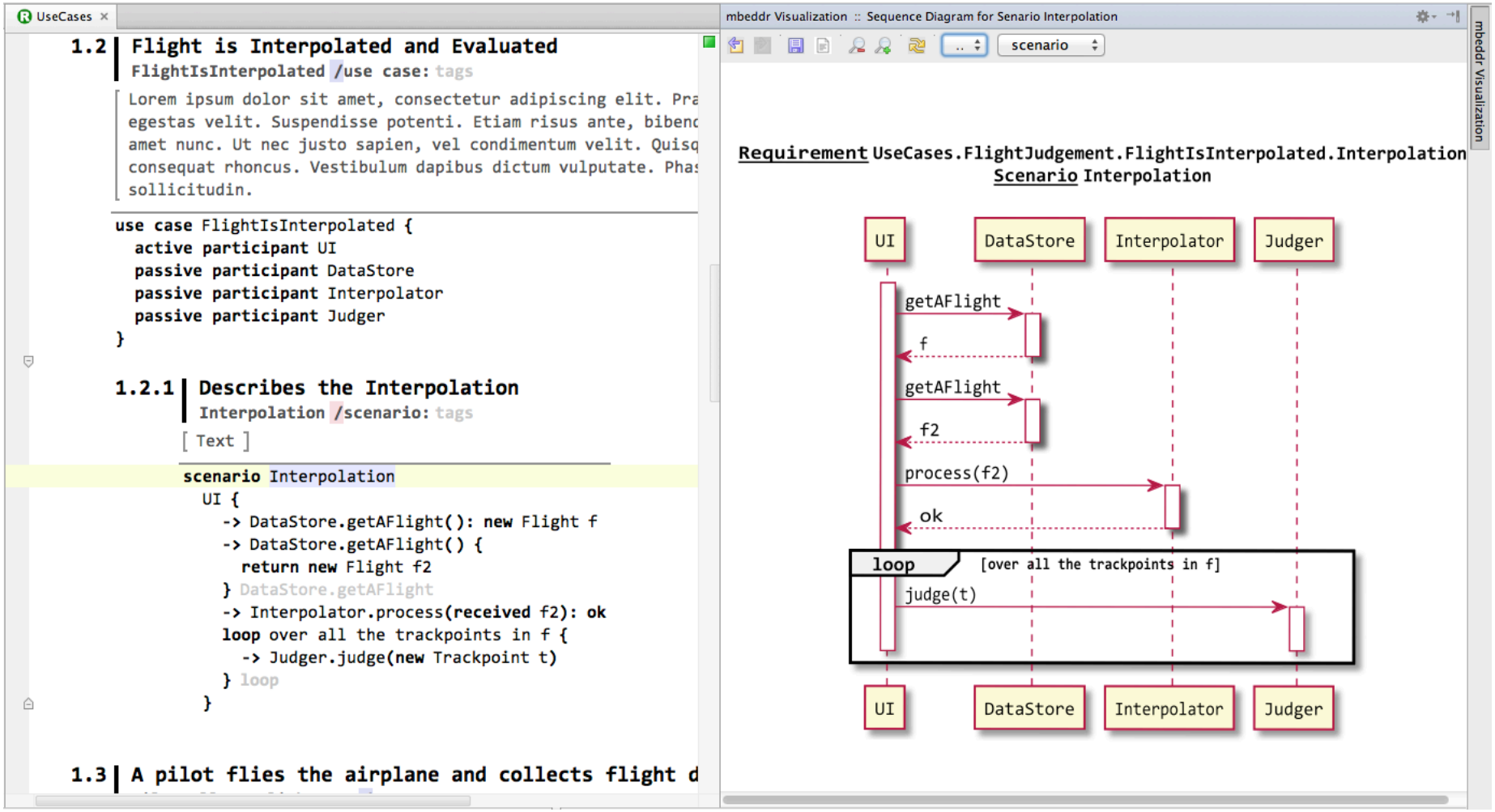
[Context Aware] Visualization II



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[Live Code] Error Checking

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LOBA: Where we are.

[Live Code] Interpreted Tests

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```
calculation PointForATrackpoint: [ This rule computes the points awarded for a
                                   Trackpoint. It does so by taking into
                                   account the @alt and the @speed passed as
                                   arguments.
  parameters: [ int16 alt: current altitude of the trackpoint ] => int8
              [ int16 speed: current speed of the trackpoint ]
```

result = *BASEPOINTS* *	alt > 2000	alt > 1000	otherwise 0
speed > 180	30	15	
speed > 130	10	20	

```
  tests: PointForATrackpoint(500, 100) == 0
         PointForATrackpoint(500, 1200) == 0
         PointForATrackpoint(1100, ...) == ...
         PointForATrackpoint(2100, 140) == 120
         PointForATrackpoint(2100, 200) == 300
```

Error: failed; expected 120, but was 100

LOBA: Where we are.

[Live Code] Debugging

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parameters: [**int16** alt: current altitude of the trackpoint
int16 speed: current speed of the trackpoint] => **int8**

result = 100

10|*BASEPOINTS* * 10

	true 2100|alt > 2000	true 2100|alt > 1000	otherwise 0
false 140|speed > 180	30	15	
true 140|speed > 130	10	20	

tests: PointForATrackpoint(500, 100) == 0
PointForATrackpoint(500, 1200) == 0
PointForATrackpoint(1100, 165) == 200
PointForATrackpoint(2100, 140) == 120 Update Clear ⇩ ⇧
PointForATrackpoint(2100, 200) == 300

Language Workbenches

All the IDE Support We Expect

Goto Definition/Find Usages
Error Markup/Quick Fixes
Syntax Highlighting
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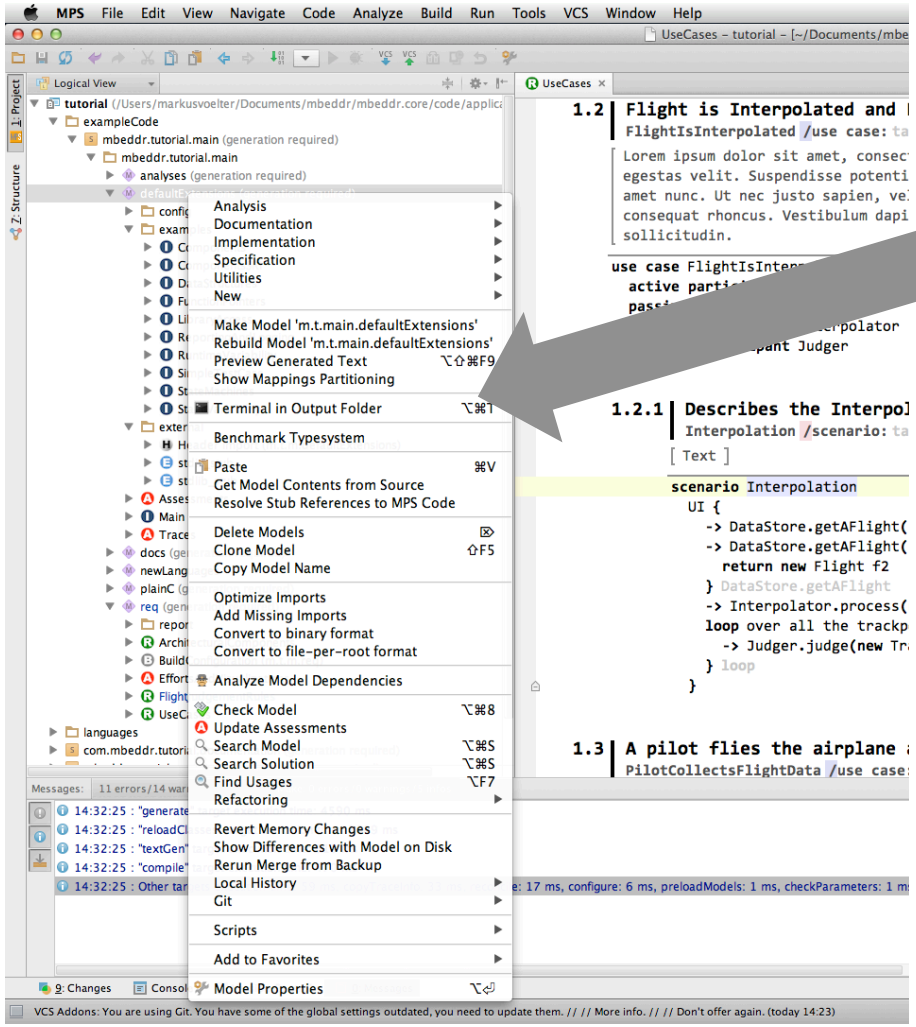
LOBA: What is missing/Challenges

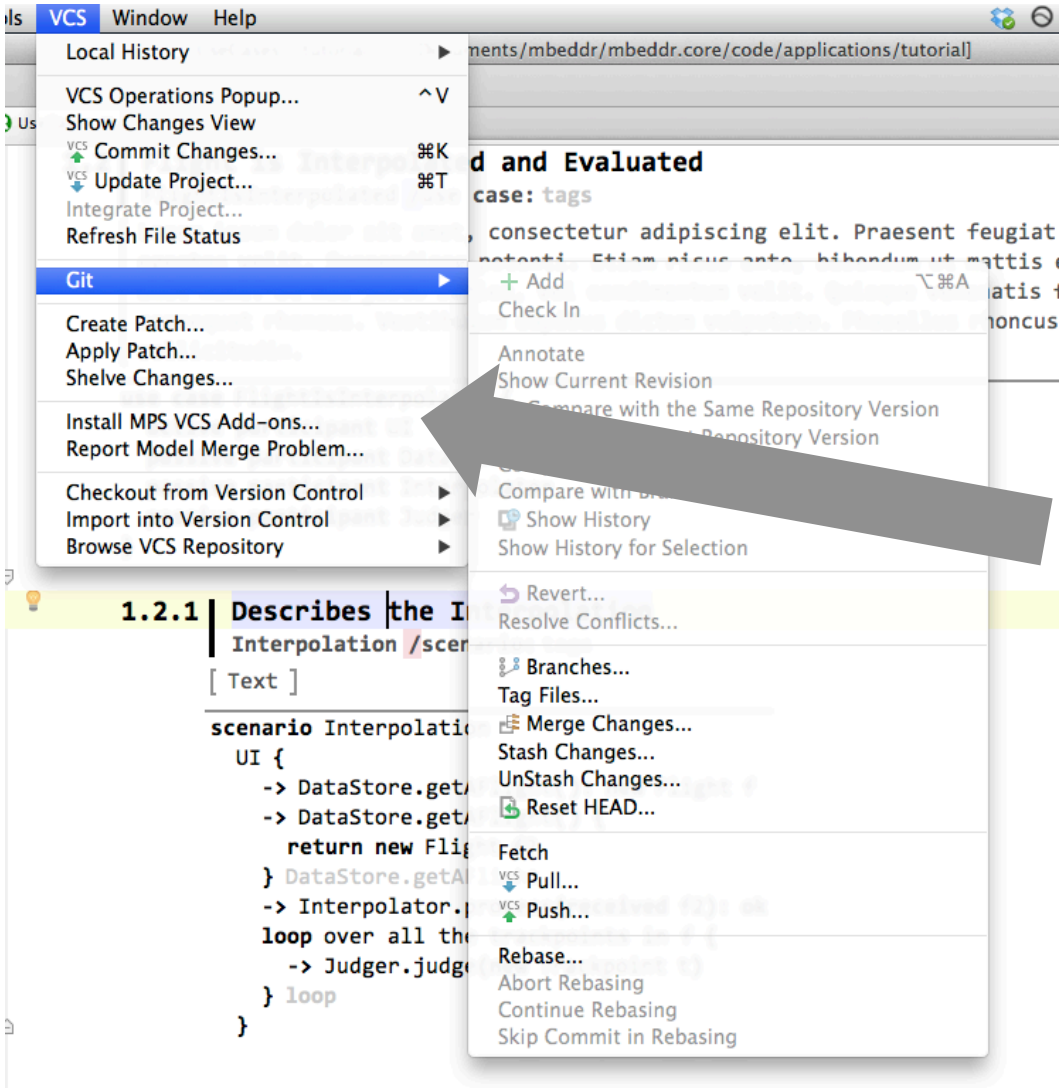
Apparent Tool Complexity



Too many (too big) menus and buttons

LOBA: What is missing/Challenges

Need for Simplified Version Control



Too many options.
Locking?
Realtime?

LOBA: What is missing/Challenges

Some Shortcomings in MPS

Cross-model generation
Projection of computed collections
Better Graphical Editing
Type System Performance
Some Editor Usability

Adressed by JetBrains in 2014.

LOBA: What is missing/Challenges

Training

Users may not be used to this approach.

Training is important.

Productivity more useful than learnability.

LOBA: What is missing/Challenges

SE Best Practices

Modularity, Reuse, Injeritance, …

Users may not know about these things, but they may still be necessary for efficiency reasons.

Conclusions

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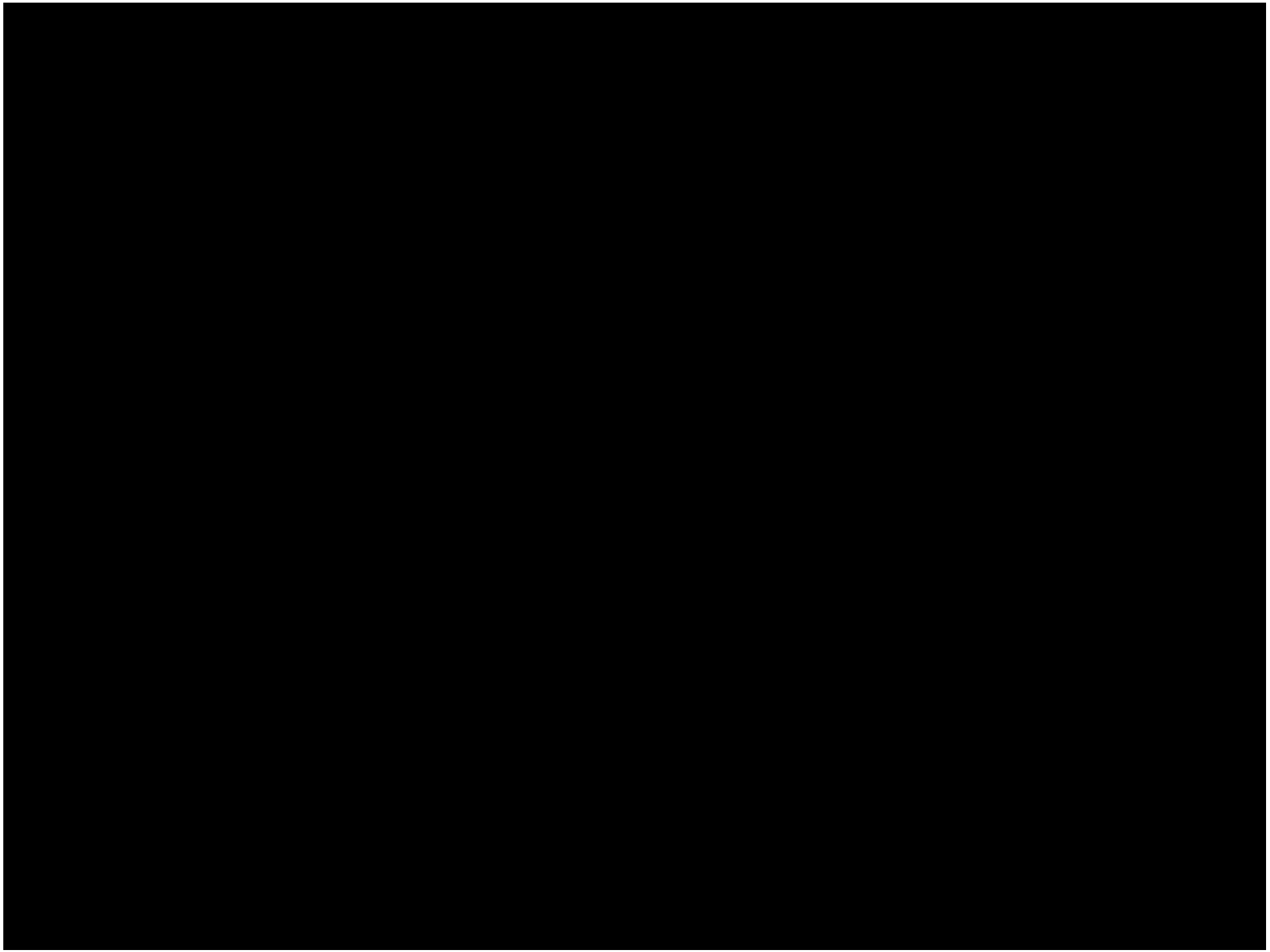
Applications hide Languages

Limited Tool Support for them

LWBs are useful alternative

Connect Business & IT



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