

Language? Form? IDE? Application?

Towards Language-Oriented Business Apps

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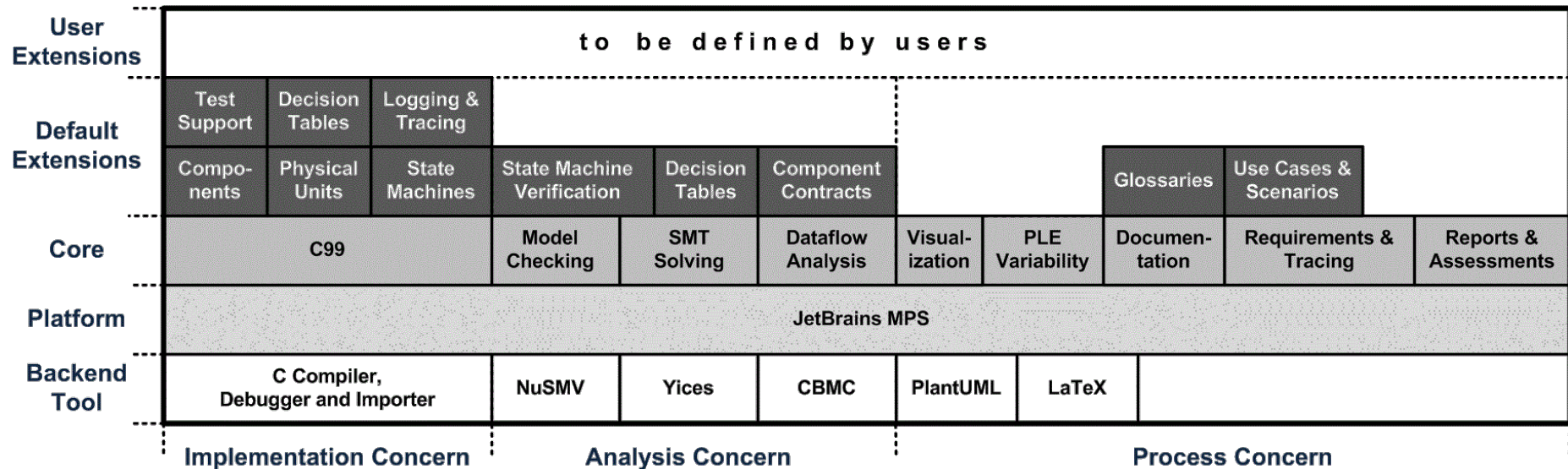
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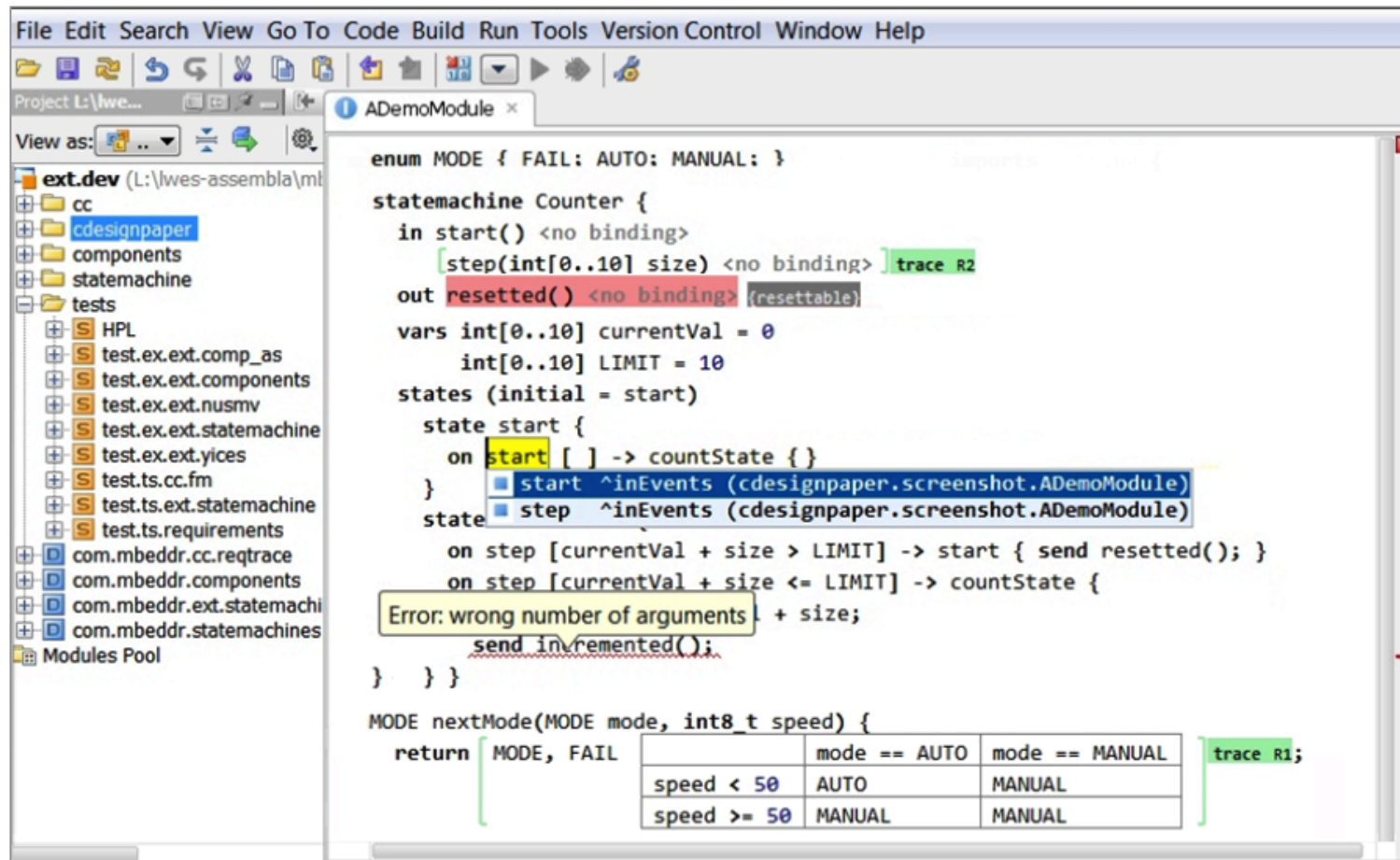
An extensible collection of integrated languages for embedded software engineering.



About mbeddr



Language Engineering Embedded Software



An IDE + Debugger for all of them

About mbeddr



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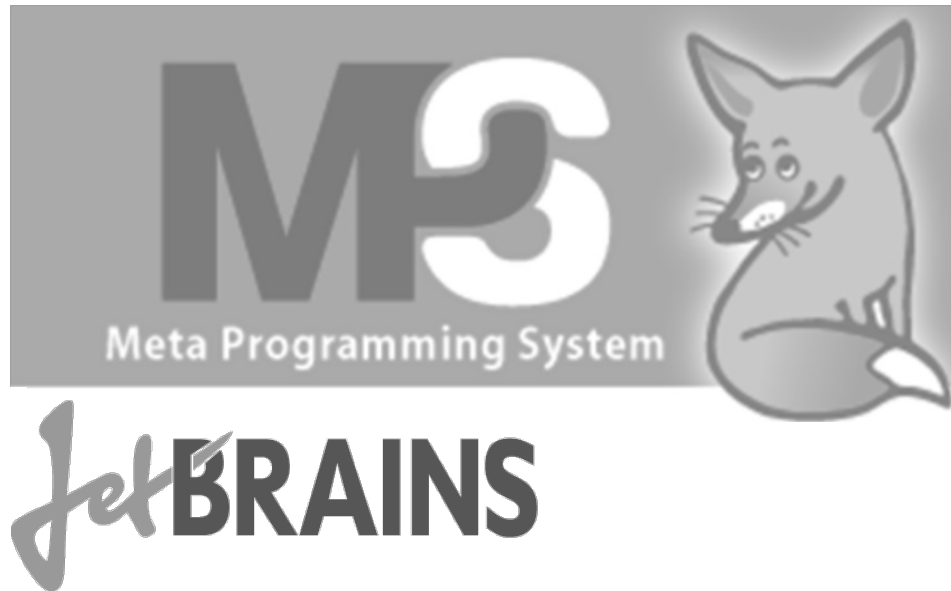
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JetBrains MPS

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A Language Workbench

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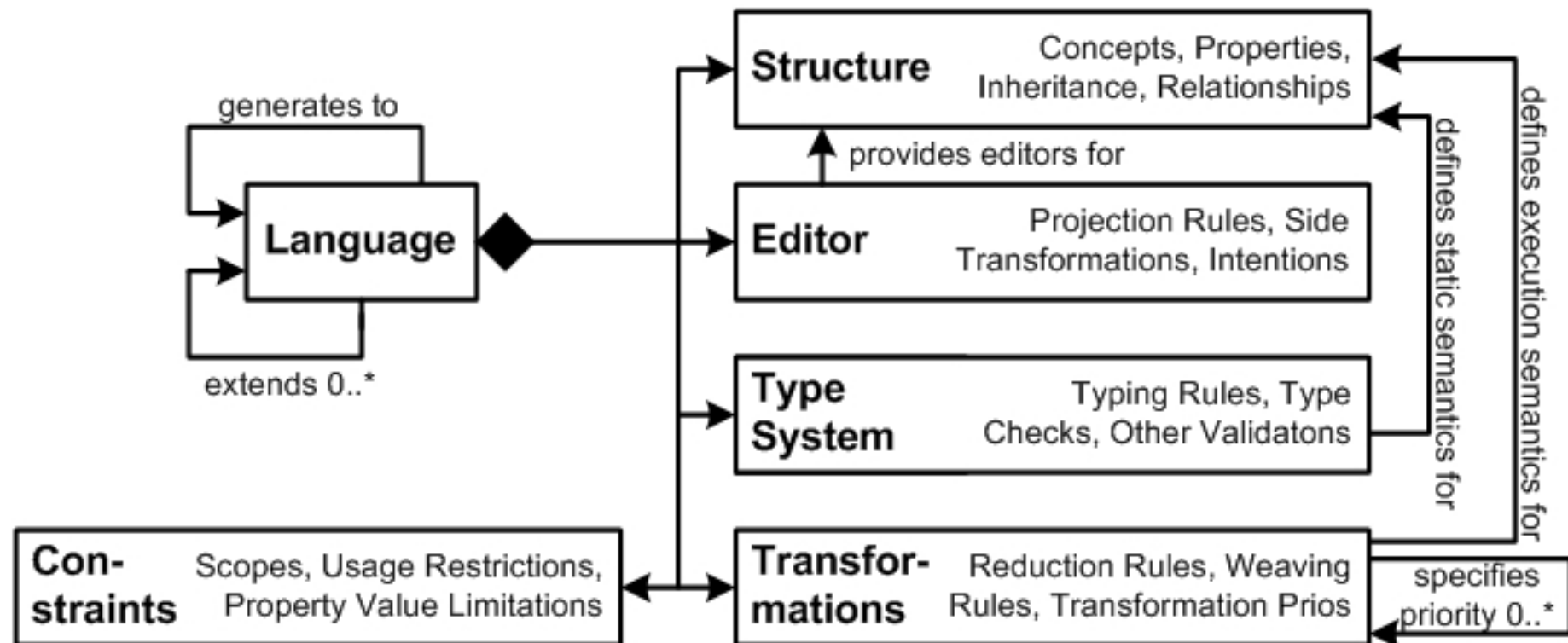
Open Source

Apache 2.0

<http://jetbrains.com/mps>

About MPS

Rich Set of Language Aspects

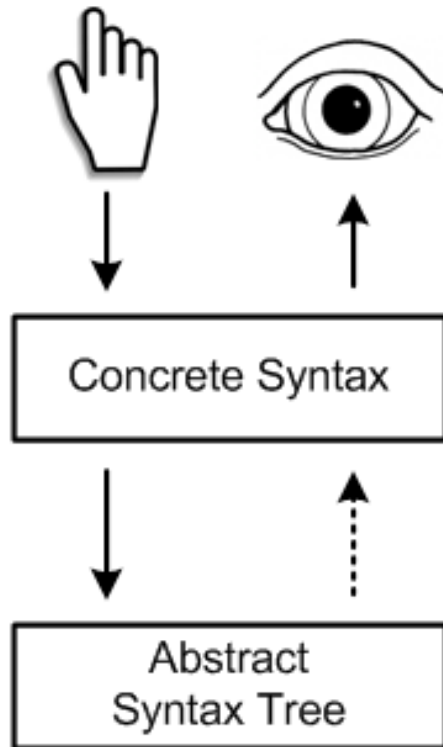


+ Refactorings, Find Usages, Syntax Coloring, Debugging, ...

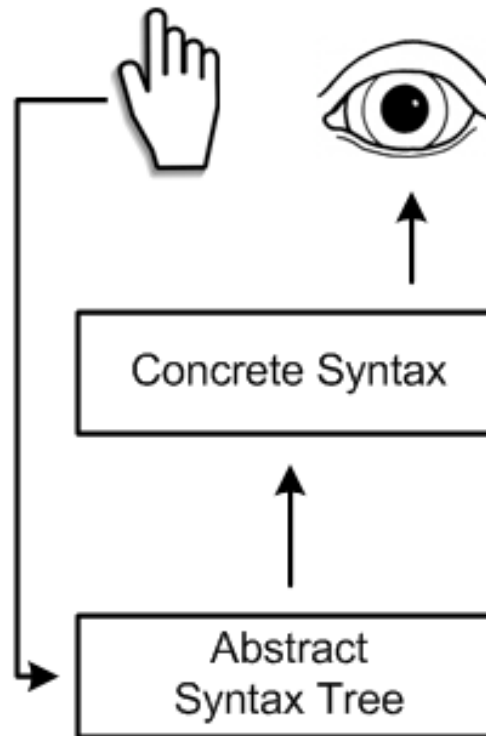
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Projectional Editing

Parsing



Projection



About MPS

Notational Flexibility








Regular Code/Text



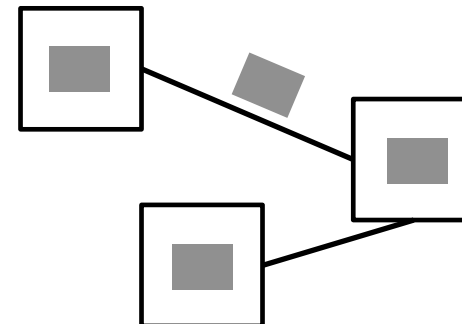
Mathematical



Tables

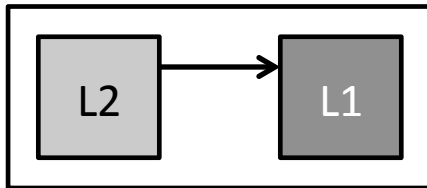
		
		
		
		

Graphical



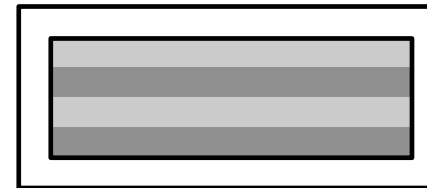
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Language Composition



Separate Files

Type System
Transformation
Constraints



In One File

Type System
Transformation
Constraints
Syntax
Editor/IDE

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Generalization

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

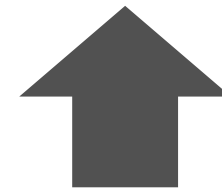
*Specific
Languages*

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

Typical Features



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

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LOBA

why
where we are
what is missing

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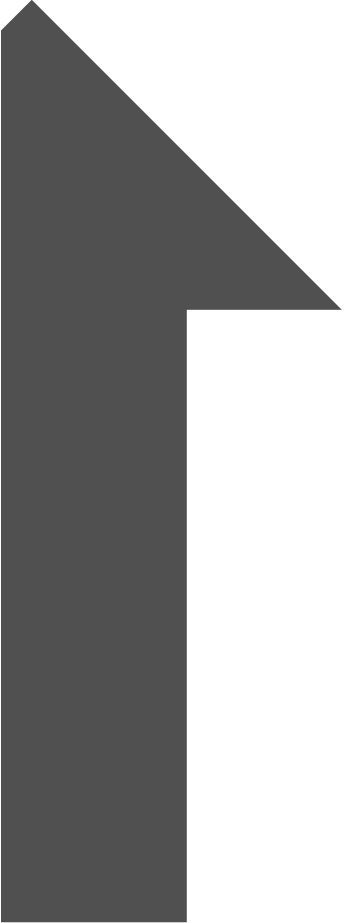


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LOBA: Why


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

Debussing

Refactoring

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LOBA: Where we are.

[Notation] Math

$$\text{int other}(a : \text{int}, b : \text{int}) ==> a + b + \sum_{i=1}^5 \left[i \right] + \prod_{p=1}^3 \left[p \right]$$

$$\text{local} = \left[A1 ==> \sum_{i=1}^{NN} \left[\frac{(D(X + \text{ANUI} + i - 1) - D(X + \text{ANUI} + i)) * (1 - \frac{\text{TM18}[i]}{\text{TM17}})}{D(X + \text{ANUI})} \right] \right]$$

$$\text{int rate}(\text{age} : \text{int}) ==> 1 + \frac{1 + \text{ANUI} + \frac{\text{age}}{\text{AOPS} - 9}}{4 * 5 + \sum_{i=8}^{12} \left[i * 8 \right]} + \text{in01}$$

LOBA: Where we are.

[Notation] Math II

The screenshot displays the Capgemini Pension Workbench application. The interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, Projection, Navigation, Search, Format, Tools, Dev, Generate, Pension, Team, NN) and a toolbar with various icons. The main window is titled "NNLCPA-14w2-21112008 *". On the left, a "Table of Contents" sidebar lists the "Library" structure, including "Documentation", "Foundation", and "Value sets" (with sub-items like "Groottebepalingsmethode", "Salaris-diensttijd", "Verzekerde bedragen", etc.). The main content area, labeled "All", displays mathematical notation for pension calculations. The notation includes:

- 3.3 Commutatietegeltallen op 1 leven¶**
$$D_x = v^x \cdot \frac{l_x}{100} \approx 6 \text{ Dec (3)} ¶$$

Implemented in [V9401¶](#)

$$\omega - x$$
$$N_x = \sum_{t=0} D_{x+t} \approx 7 \text{ Dec (3)} ¶$$
- 3.6 Contante waarde 1 leven/ 2 levens¶**
$$E_n = \frac{D_{x+n}}{D_x} \approx 19 \text{ Dec (4)} ¶$$
$$a_x = \ddot{a}_x - 1 \approx 21 \text{ Dec (3)} ¶$$
$$\bar{a}_x = \ddot{a}_x - 0,5 \approx 22 \text{ Dec (3)} ¶$$
$$\ddot{a}_{x:n} = \frac{N_x - N_{x+n}}{D_x} \approx 23 \text{ Dec (3)} ¶$$
$$\bar{a}_{x:n} = \ddot{a}_{x:n} - 0,5 + 0,5 \cdot E_n \approx 25 \text{ Dec (3)} ¶$$
- 4 BN(_ris) koopsommen¶**

The bottom status bar shows "Section ▶ title ▶ Paragraph : Text Dev" and "Doc | Splitter | Pension | PensionDecorated | AM".

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

The screenshot shows the Capgemini Pension Workbench interface. The left sidebar contains a 'Table of Contents' with a tree structure: Library > Documentation > Foundation > Value sets... > Tag definitions. The main area displays the 'Rule Bereken Mutatieperiode' with its documentation and test cases.

Rule Bereken Mutatieperiode

- Result:** Mutatieperiode
- Name:** Bereken Mutatieperiode
- Documentation:**
 - Het vaststellen van de periode tussen de huidige en de vorige mutatie in dagen.
 - De mutatieperiode kan niet meer dan 360 dagen bedragen omdat elk jaar een begin- en eindmutatie kent i.v.m. het openen en sluiten van het verslagjaar.
 - Dit wordt niet afgevangen omdat het uitvoeren van de begin- en eindmutatie verantwoordelijkheid zijn van de pensioenadministratie.
- Tags:** Basisberekening
- Algorithm:** `if maximum(Mutaties per datum) == 1 then daysof(duration(valid(Mutaties per datum))) else 0`
- Test cases:**

Name	Valid time	Transaction time	Fixture	Product	Element	Expected value	Actual value
Gelijke datums	03/01/2008		Mutatieperiode - Mutatiedatum = Mutatiedatum Vorig			3	0
Periode < 30	03/01/2008		Mutatieperiode - Mutatiedatum > Mutatiedatum Vorig (binnen 1 maand)			15	15
Periode > 30	03/01/2008		Mutatieperiode - Mutatiedatum > Mutatiedatum Vorig (meerdere maanden)			60	60

Navigation bar: [Bereken Mutatieperiode](#) > [Test cases](#) > [Unit test: Gelijke datums](#) : ^Place Dev

Footer: Doc | Splitter | Pension | PensionDecorated | AM

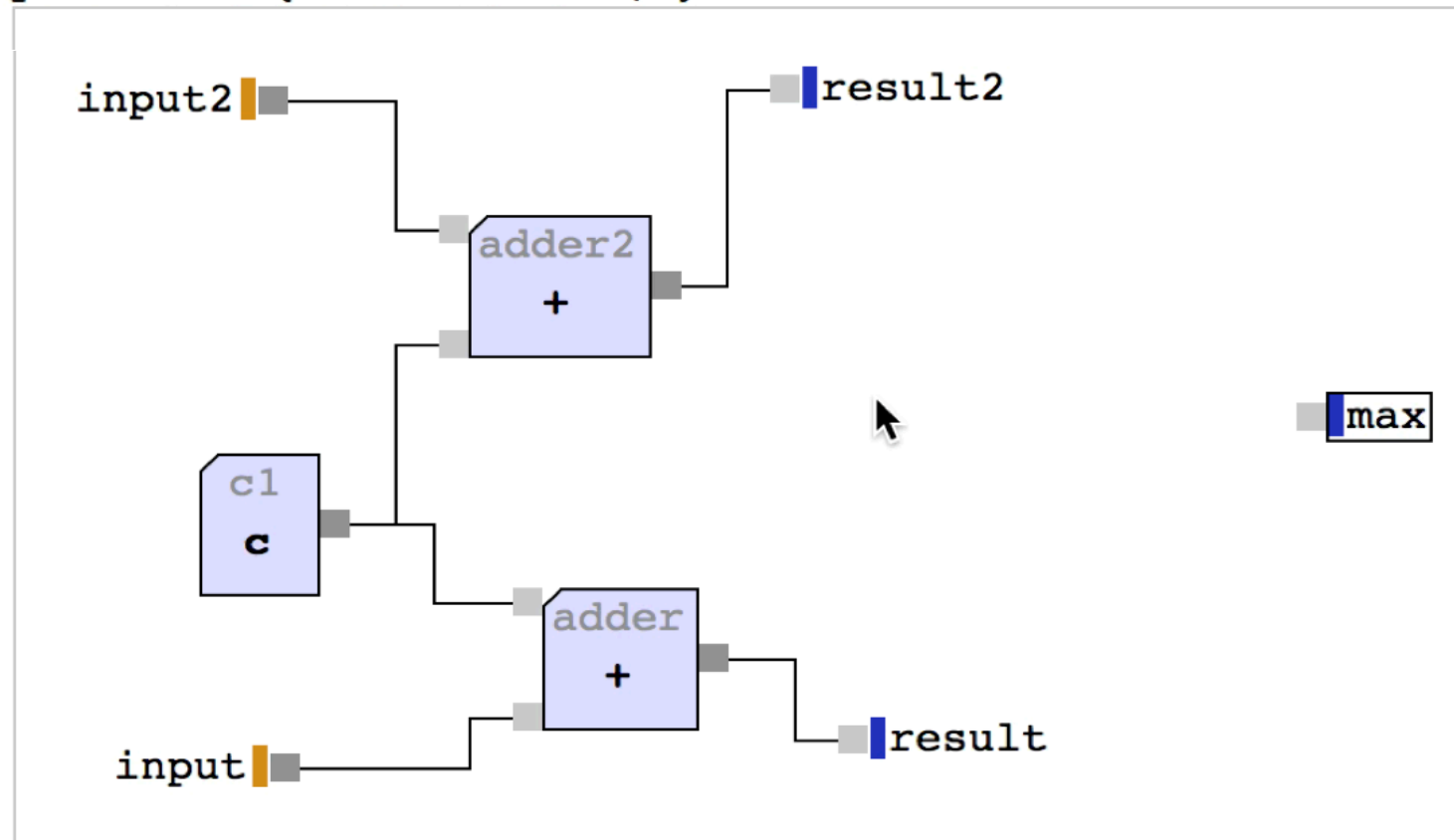
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[Notation] Graphical

D

```
compositeblock Experiment [ double input2 ] => [ double result  
[ double input           ] [ double result2  
[ double max              ]
```

```
parameters { double value1; }
```



LOBA: Where we are.

[Notation] Mixed Content

D

4.1 | Price Depends on Country and Price Group

`priceDep /functional: status=accepted, @pricing`

[The price of the phone call depends on a number of factors. Among them are the `#country` and the `#pricegroup`.]

[The actual `#actMinPrice` is computed from the `#baseMinPrice` with the following equation, the `#priceFactor` is determined by the table below:
`$(actMinPrice = baseMinPrice * priceFactor / 100)`.]

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 DemoRuleSet2 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) ]
```

LOBA: Where we are.

[Guided Editing] Editor Buttons

D

1 | Initially you have no points.

`InitialNoPoints /functional: tags`

Add Comment

Add Other Data

Add Child Requirement

Add Next Requirement



[When the game starts, you have no points.]

`workpackage initial scope: 1 responsible: peter prio: 1 effort: 1 days`

[]

2 | Once a flight lifts off, you get 100 points

`PointsForTakeoff /functional: tags`

Add Comment

Add Other Data

Add Child Requirement

Add Next Requirement



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3 | The factor of points

`PointsFactor /functional: tags`

Add Comment

Add Other Data

Add Child Requirement

Add Next Requirement




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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 ]  
  
result = 
$$\frac{t\_ds - t\_us}{n\_fail}$$
  
tests: MTBF(100, 100, 2) == 35
```

 **anui** CATV = D1

$$\sum_{iiii = 1}^k \left[\frac{anui * 6}{prs} + \frac{prd * (iiii + \frac{iiii}{3} + 12)}{(arb * (anui - k))} \right]$$

<<condition>>

$$\sum_{i = 1}^{12} cal [1$$

- prd ^variables (i2sdemo.com.IEEE_RST)
- prs ^variables (i2sdemo.com.IEEE_RST)
- prs ^variables (i2sdemo.com.IEEE_RST)
- product

Product

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
}
```



	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		

LOBA: Where we are.

[Context Aware] Visualization

FlightJudgementRules

orci iaculis facilis non et elit. Fusce rutrum, eros faucibus sapien pharetra leo, quis rhoncus velit enim vel orci. Etiam mauris. Pellentesque pretium dui varius eros sodales tempus. sodales sit amet consectetur augue. Aliquam nibh arcu, egesta sollicitudin et eros. Pellentesque non lectus a lacus sollicit metus. Integer metus urna, semper sit amet sollicitudin vel,

```
workpackage impl scope: 1 responsible: alan prio: 1 effort: 1  
  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit.  
  egestas velit. Suspendisse potenti. Etiam risus ante, bibendum ut mattis.  
  sit amet nunc. neque id vestibulum dapibus dictum vulputate. Phasellus rhoncus quam eu dui tempus justo magna. Nunc lobortis libero sed eros interdum aliquam @req(PointsFactor) to calculate the total points.
```

5 | Example with Dependencies
ExampleWithDependencies /functional: tags

```
  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Praesent  
  velit. Suspendisse potenti. Etiam risus ante, bibendum ut mattis.  
  Ut nec justo sapien, vel condimentum velit. Quisque venenatis f  
  Vestibulum dapibus dictum vulputate. Phasellus rhoncus quam eu d  
  tempus justo magna. Nunc lobortis libero sed eros interdum aliqu  
  @req(PointsFactor) to calculate the total points.
```

timing 12
refines PointsFactor
requires also FasterThan100
requires also FasterThan200

6 | Stuff Relating to Landing
Landing /functional: tags

```
  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Praesen  
  velit. Suspendisse potenti. Etiam risus ante, bibendum ut mattis
```

requires also InFlightPoints

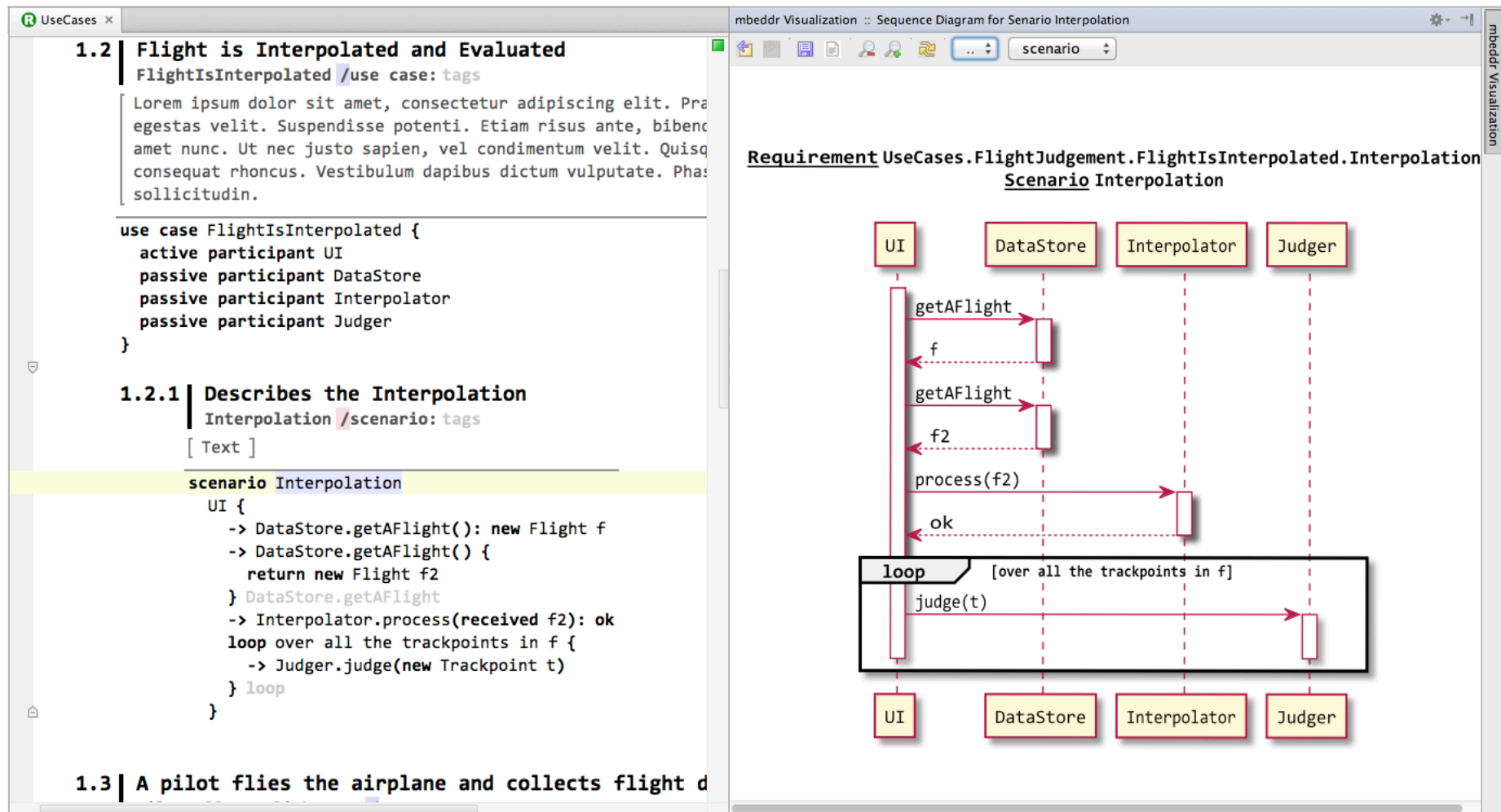
mbeddr Visualization :: Dependencies for Requirement ExampleWithDependencies

Dependencies

```
graph TD
    FullStop((R FullStop)) -.-> ExampleWithDependencies((R ExampleWithDependencies))
    InitialNoPoints((R InitialNoPoints)) -.-> ExampleWithDependencies
    ExampleWithDependencies -- refines --> PointsFactor((R PointsFactor))
    ExampleWithDependencies -.->|requires also| FasterThan100((R FasterThan100))
    ExampleWithDependencies -.->|requires also| FasterThan200((R FasterThan200))
```

LOBA: Where we are.

[Context Aware] Visualization II



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[Live Code] Error Checking

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[Live Code] Interpreted Tests

D

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, 100) == 0

PointForATrackpoint(2100, 140) == 120

PointForATrackpoint(2100, 200) == 300

Error: failed; expected 120, but was 100

LOBA: Where we are.

[Live Code] Debugging

D

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 = $\frac{100}{10 | \text{BASEPOINTS} * \frac{10}{\text{true}}}$

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

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

Update

Clear



Language Workbenches

All the IDE Support We Expect



Goto Definition/Find Usages

Error Markup/Quick Fixes

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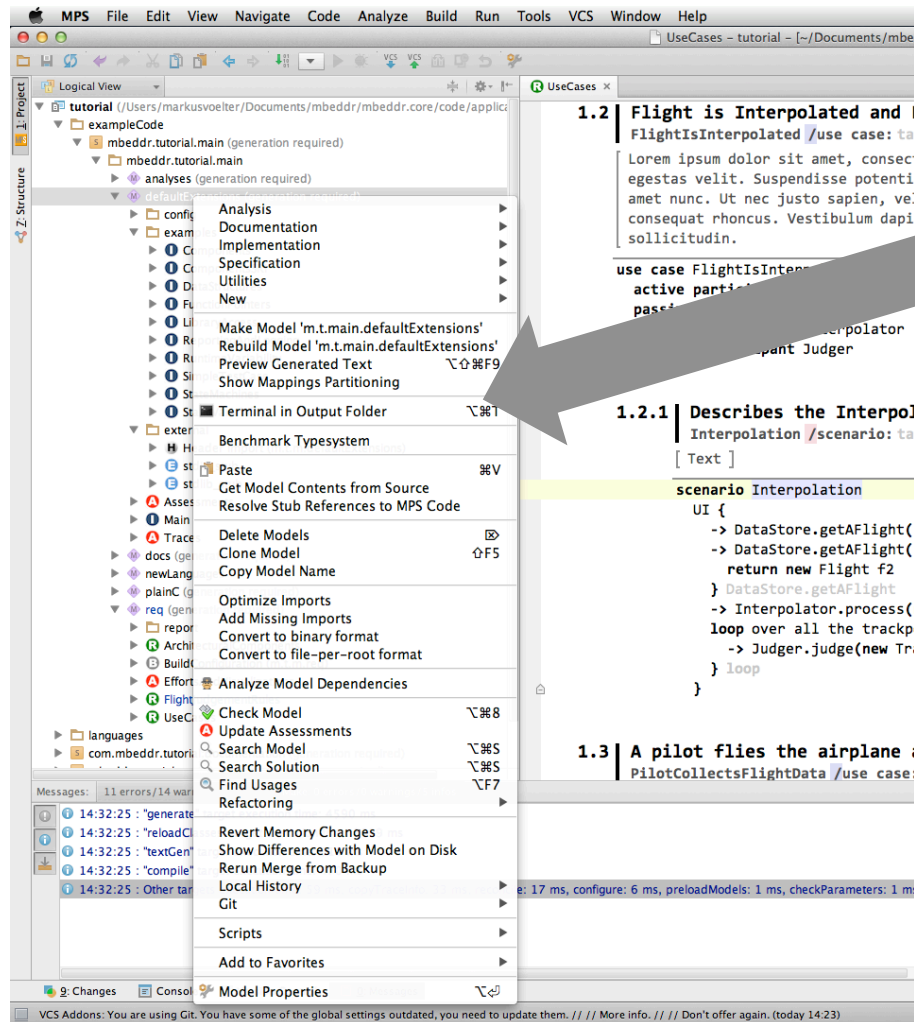


LOBA

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LOBA: What is missing/Challenges

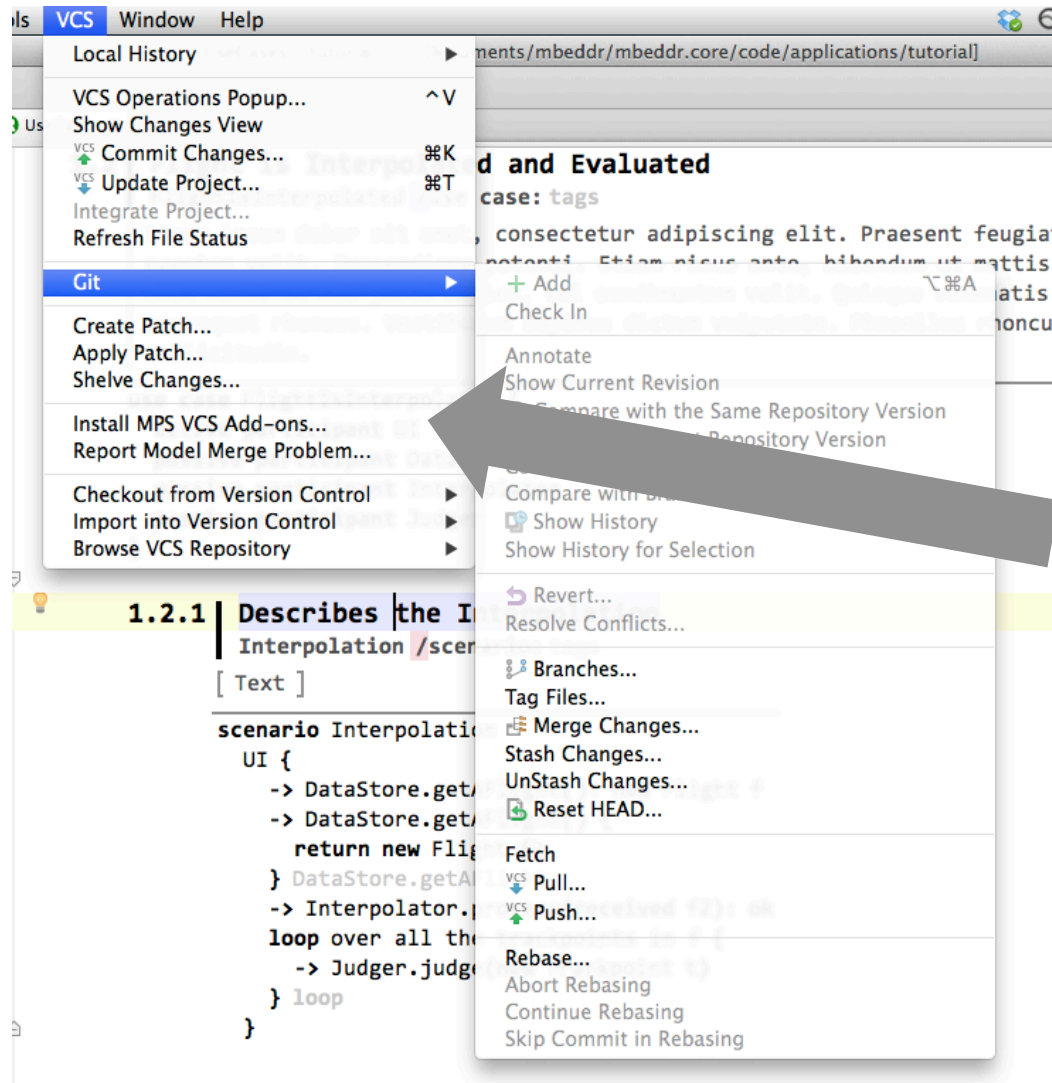
Apparent Tool Complexity



*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.

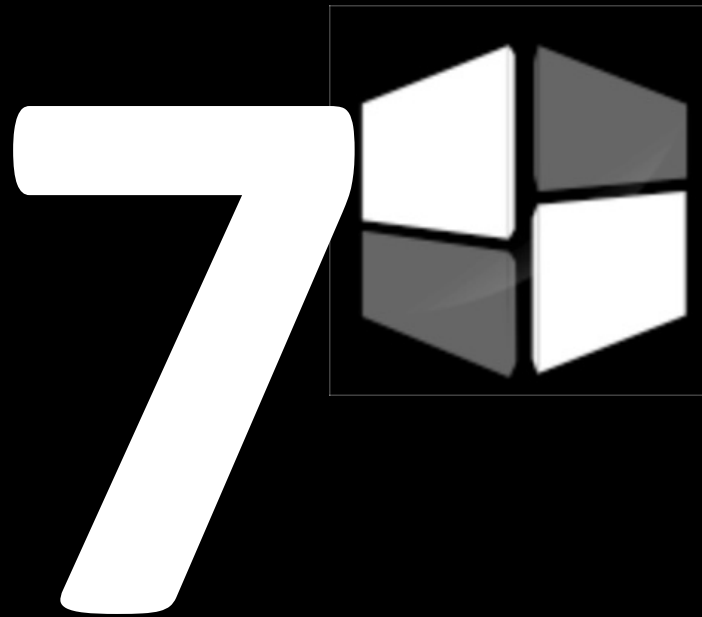
Productivity more useful than learnability.

LOBA: What is missing/Challenges

SE Best Practices

Modularity, Reuse, Inheritance, ...

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



Conclusions

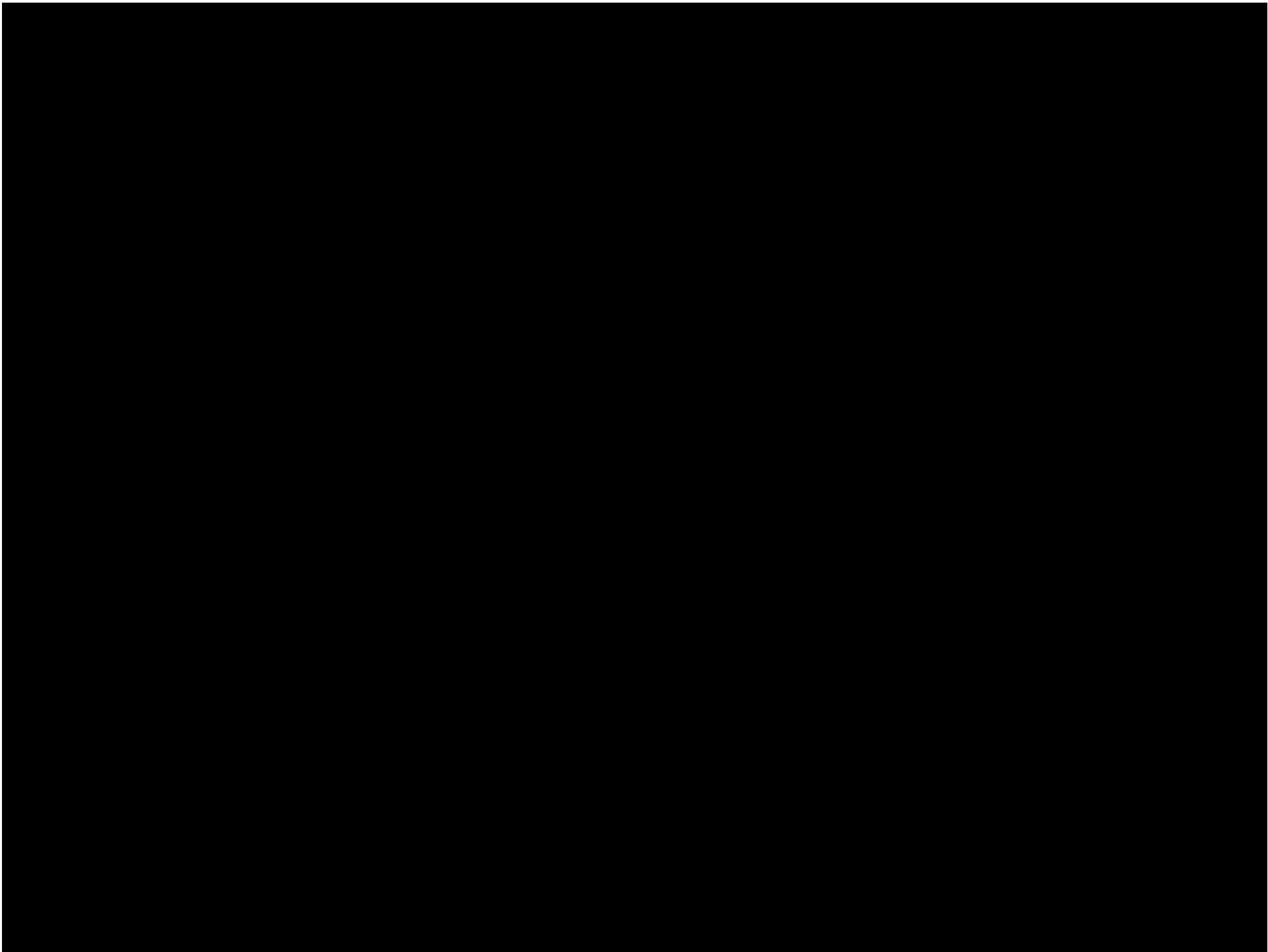
Conclusions

Applications hide Languages

Limited Tool Support for them

LWBs are useful alternative

Connect Business & IT



Language? Form? IDE? Application?

Towards Language-Oriented Business Apps

THE END.

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