

Target Management New and Noteworthy

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The Eclipse Target Management Project

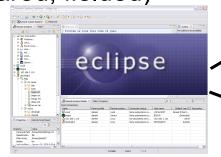
... why "Target"?

Just a matter of terminology

Remote Computer Systems

Targets (Locally connected, shared, fielded)

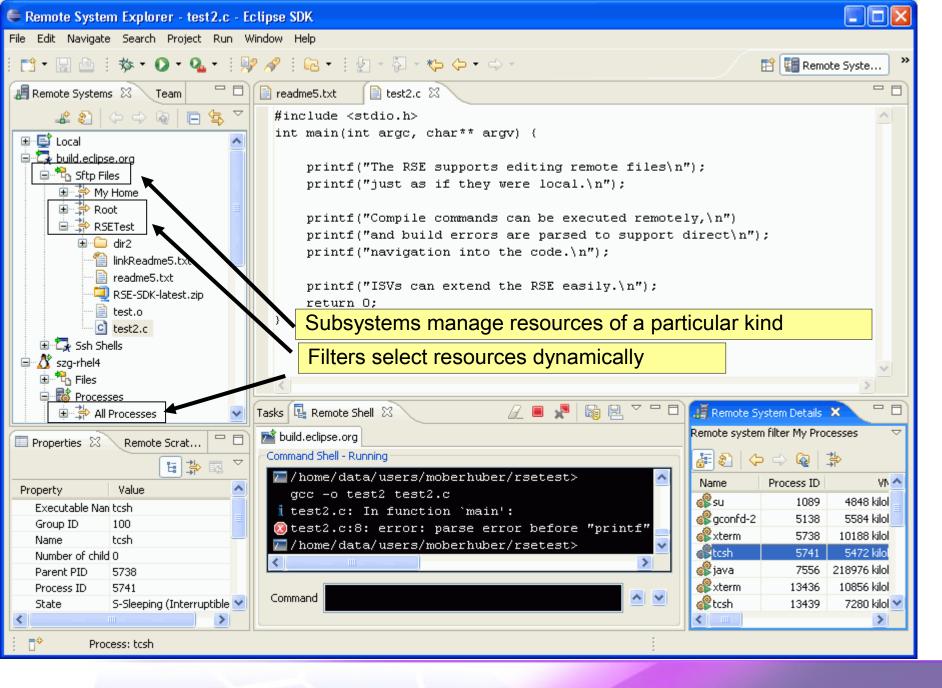
- Hosts (Grids, farms, nodes)
 and running software on them
 - Discover, connect, get status
 - Download, run, debug, test





... why "Management"?

 Discover remote systems; manage their properties and capabilities; team-share connection definitions and settings; access control



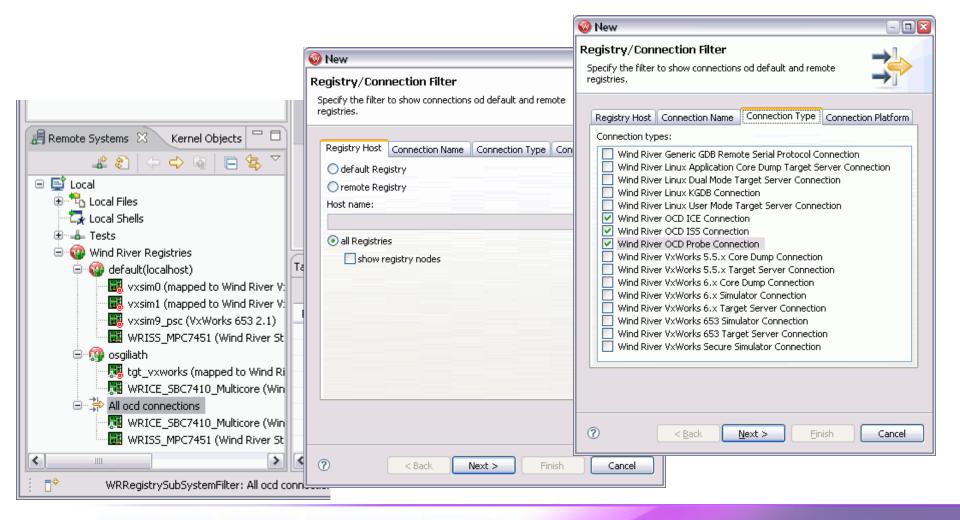


Remote System Explorer (RSE)

- Integrates any kind of heterogeneous remote resources under a uniform UI
- Pluggable subsystems and adapters map any kind of existing model onto the RSE concepts
- Default subsystems:
 - Remote Files transparent working on remote computers just like the local one
 - Standard Widgets and Dialogs, EFS Provider
 - Remote Shell, Remote Processes
- Deferred access in background jobs everywhere
 - Can integrate with other providers e.g. ECF

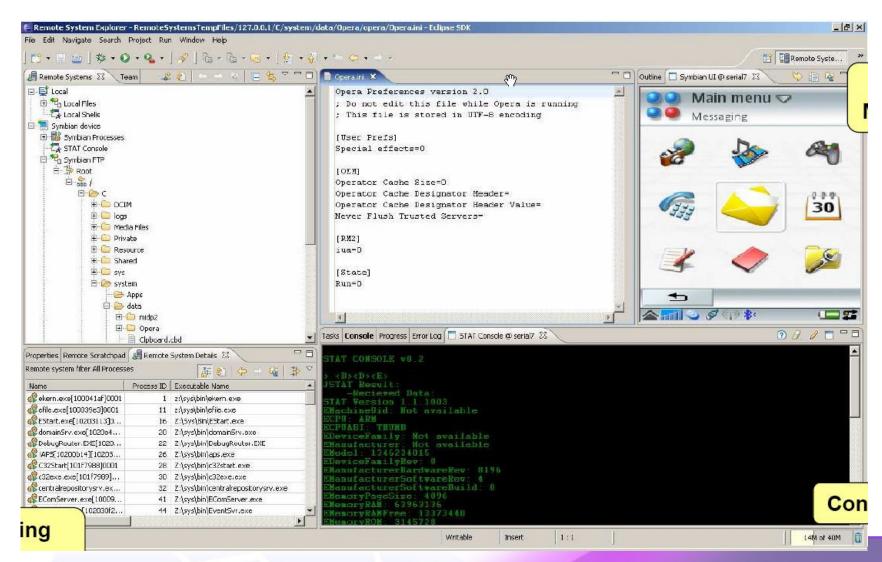


TM for Embedded: Wind River Workbench



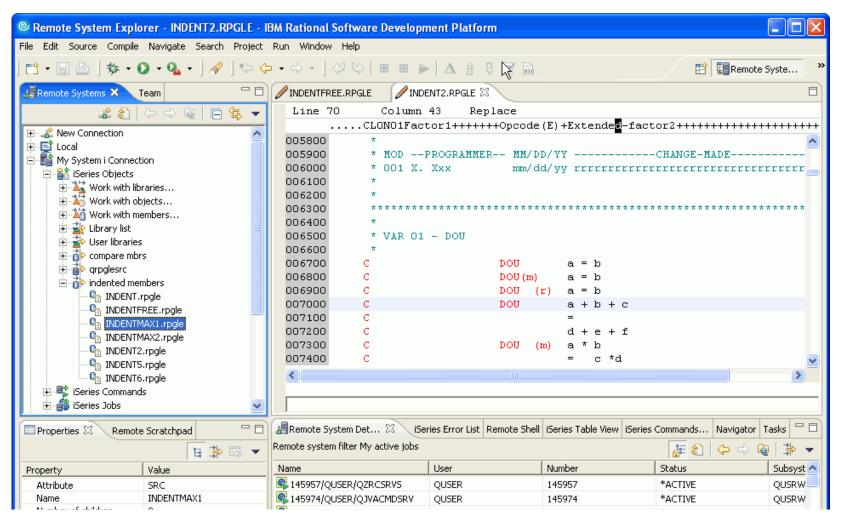


Symbian phone browser





TM for Enterprise: IBM WebSphere Developer





RSE 3.0 Plan Items

- ✓ Improve Quality, Robustness and Unit Test Coverage
 - Pick up UI Guidelines
- ✓ Componentize and Scale Down:
 - ✓ Avoid unnecessary bundle activation
 - Support Headless Operation
- ✓ Team support: Import/Export of Profiles
- ✓ Contribute User Action support





New RSE 3.0 Goodies

- Remote File Access
 - √ Tar.gz archive handler (contributed)
 - √ Windows CE file subsystem (contribution pending)
 - ✓ UNIX permission, owner and group support
- ✓ Link with Editor
- √SSH Keepalive
- √FTP Recursive Delete

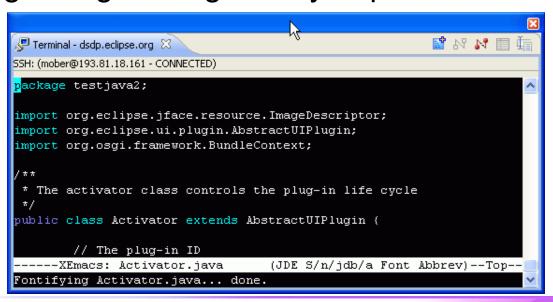


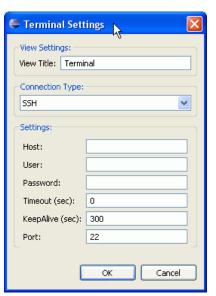
... but TM is much more than RSE!



TM Terminal

- Fast ANSI Terminal emulation
- Pluggable connectors for SSH, Telnet, Serial
- Optional editable input line for dumb terminals
- Lightweight Widget easy to port even for eRCP

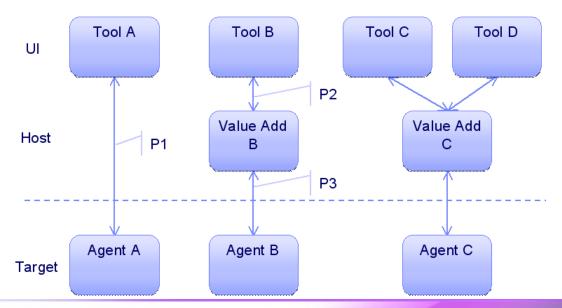






Target Communication Protocol Framework (TCF)

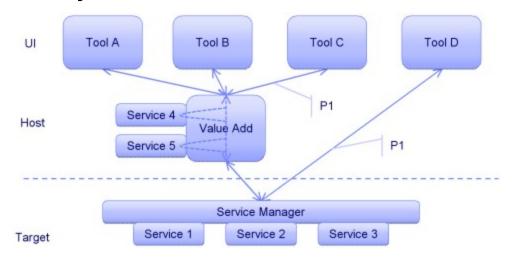
- Background: Development tools need communication
 - Many tools, each typically using its own agent and communication method
 - Lots of overlap between these, e.g. how to communicate, retrieve/model target objects, manipulate target, etc





TCF - Core Design Ideas

- Use the same simple, lightweight base protocol end-toend, but allow value-adding servers
- Standard TCP/IP on the client, transport conversion by value-add (Serial, JTAG, ...)
- Auto-discovery of contributed services





TCF and Eclipse

- TCF specifies the protocol, independent of API
 - Clients, agent and value-add in Plain C, Java or even Perl
 - Much work will be outside Eclipse IDE, e.g. gdb back-end
 - Leverage Eclipse brand, IP process and infrastructure
 - Most commercial embedded tools already on top of Eclipse
- ECF provides abstract API, independent of protocol
 - Good for standard clients like file transfer, messaging
 - A natural fit for TCF on the Eclipse Platform
 - ECF providers for TCF to be added soon



TCF - Current Status

- ✓ Lightweight Plain-C Agent complete
 - Linux, VxWorks, Windows
 - Filetransfer, Monitoring (Process list), Basic Debugging
- ✓ Plain-C client and value-add examples
- ✓ Exemplary Eclipse Clients:
 - RSE Integration for Filetransfer, Process list
 - Platform Debug client
 - DSF Advanced Debug client
- Examples and Documentation
 - Getting Started, Protocol Specs, Context Identifier
 - "How to add a custom Service" Daytime Example





TCF Goals

- Standardization effort driven at Power.org
 - Wind River, Freescale and others
 - Join NOW to get your requirements and use-cases in!
- Why bother with TCF?
 - Open your tooling for 3rd party value-add
 - Reduce maintenance with standard protocol framework
 - Get basic agent framework and tooling for free
- Code is available from Eclipse.org under EPL
 - EclipseCon Tutorial is your best getting started

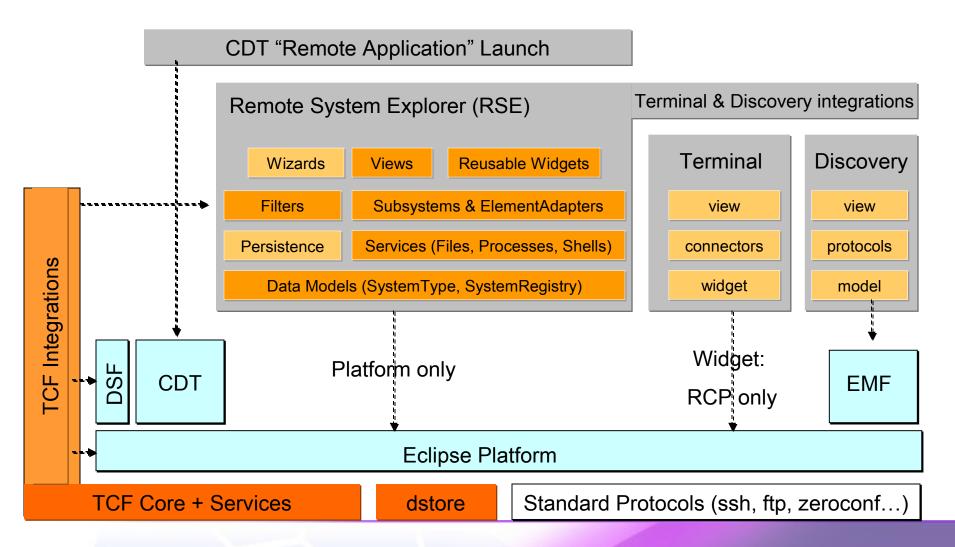








Target Management 3.0 Components





TM Mission, Goals and Future

- **DSDP Mission**: Create an open, extensible, scalable, and standards-based development platform to address the needs of the device (embedded) software market [...]
- TM Mission: Create data models and frameworks to configure and manage remote systems, their connections, and their services.
- Work in Progress (Technology Sub-Groups)
 - Component-Based Launching (CBL)
 - Multi-core / Multi-target support through connection groups
 - Adapters for Target access control (shared board labs)
- Ideas being discussed
 - Connection Model for HW Debugging (SPIRIT, complex connector setup)
 - Flexible Target Connector framework, Connector plumbing algorithm
- See the TM Wiki, and the TM Use Cases Document http://www.eclipse.org/dsdp/tm/doc/DSDPTM Use Cases v1.1c.pdf