

# What's New in HCL RTist 11

updated for release 2020.16

# Overview

- ▶ RTist 11 is based on Eclipse 2019.06 (4.12)
- ▶ HCL RTist is 100% compatible with IBM RSARTE. All features (with very few exceptions) are the same.

## HCL RealTime Software Tooling

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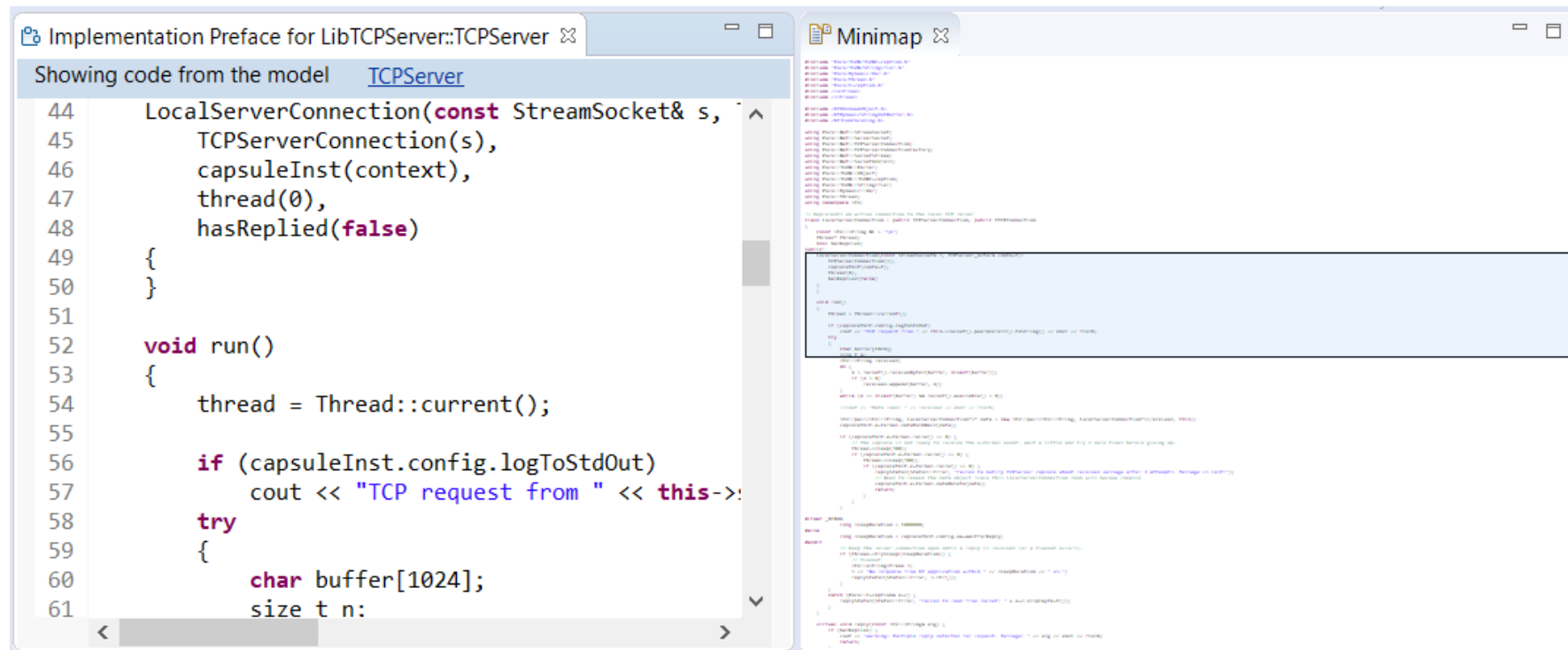
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- ▶ Compared to RTist 10.3, RTist 11 includes new features from 4 quarterly Eclipse releases:
  - 2018.09 (<https://www.eclipse.org/eclipse/news/4.9/platform.php>)
  - 2018.12 (<https://www.eclipse.org/eclipse/news/4.10/platform.php>)
  - 2019.03 (<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...

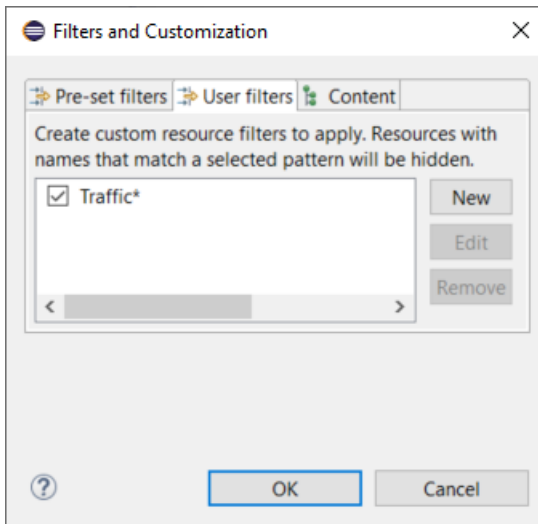
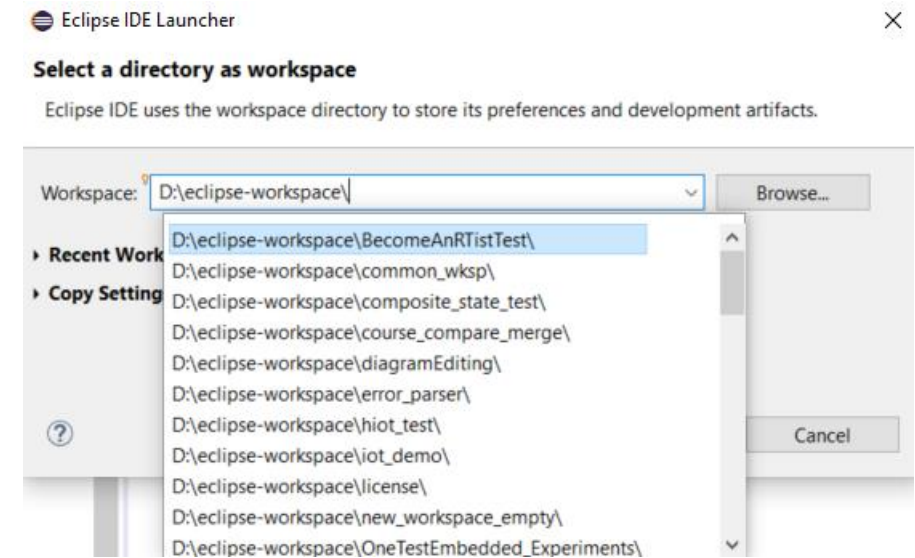
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- ▶ A new Minimap view gives a better overview of the text editor contents (useful when it's large)
  - It's easy to launch it by typing "minimap" in the QuickAccess field

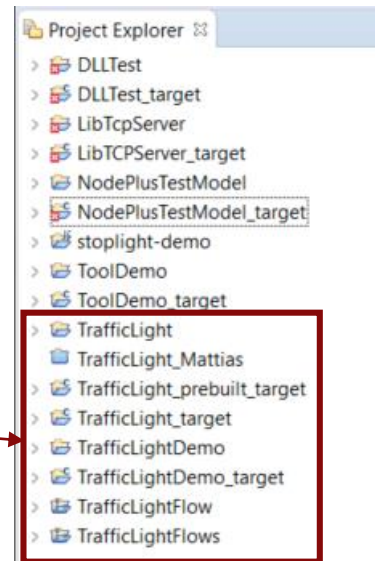


# Eclipse 4.12 (2019.06)

- ▶ 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



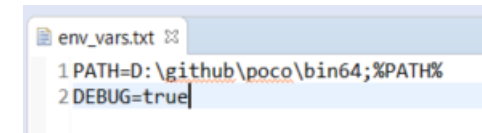
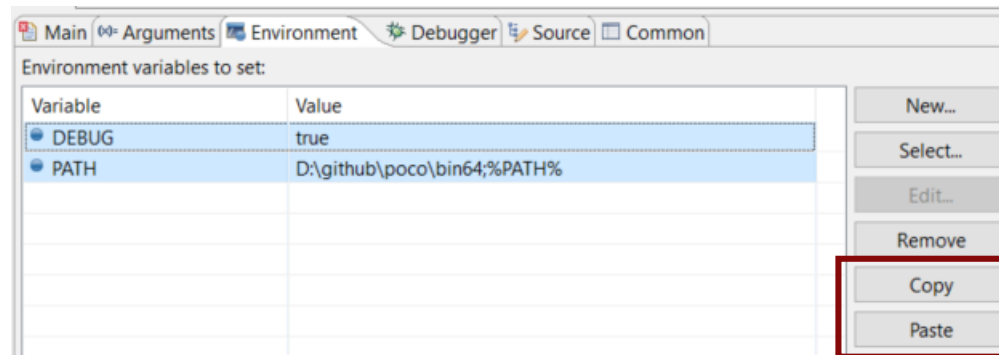
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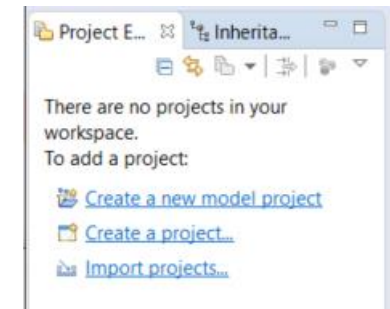
## ▶ Copy/Paste of environment variables

- 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)



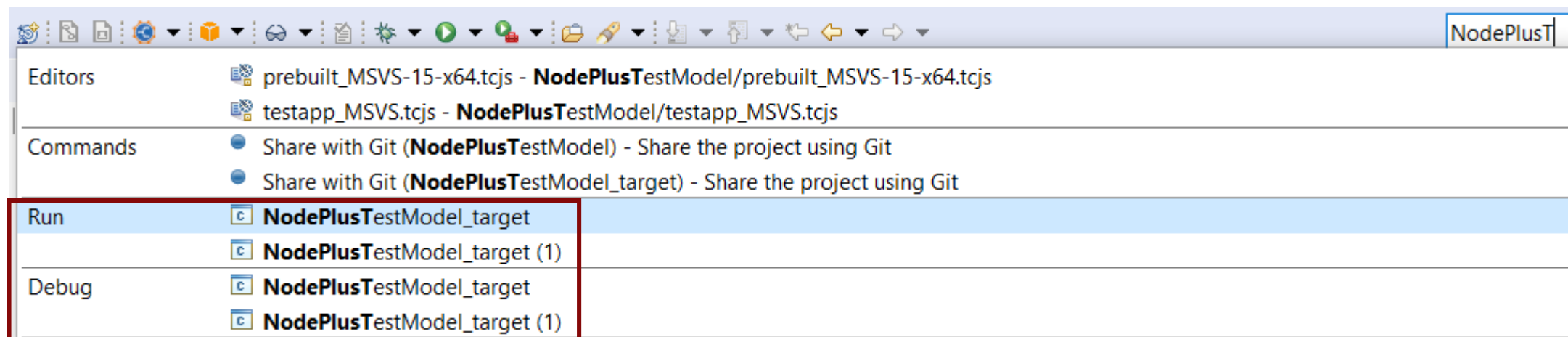
## ▶ Useful quick links for an empty workspace

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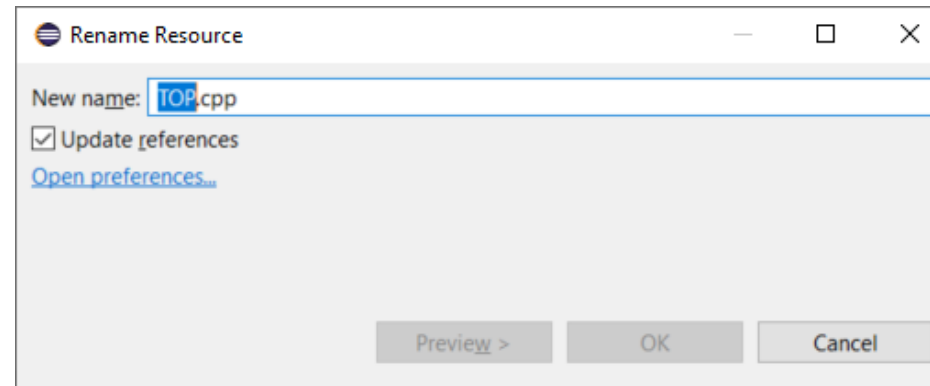
- ▶ Launch configurations are now accessible from Quick Access
  - Can start either a Run or a Debug session



# CDT 9.8 (included as part of Eclipse 2019.06)

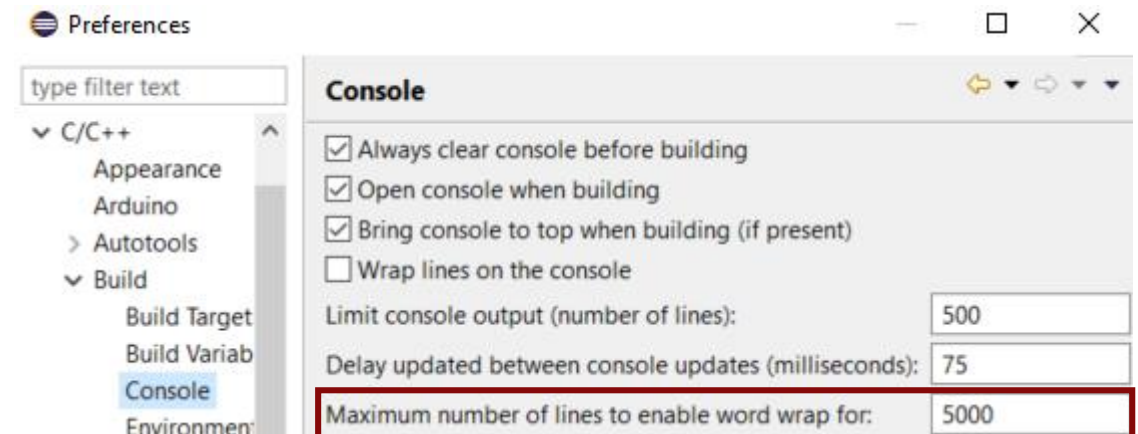
- ▶ Possible to rename a file without triggering a refactoring

- 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

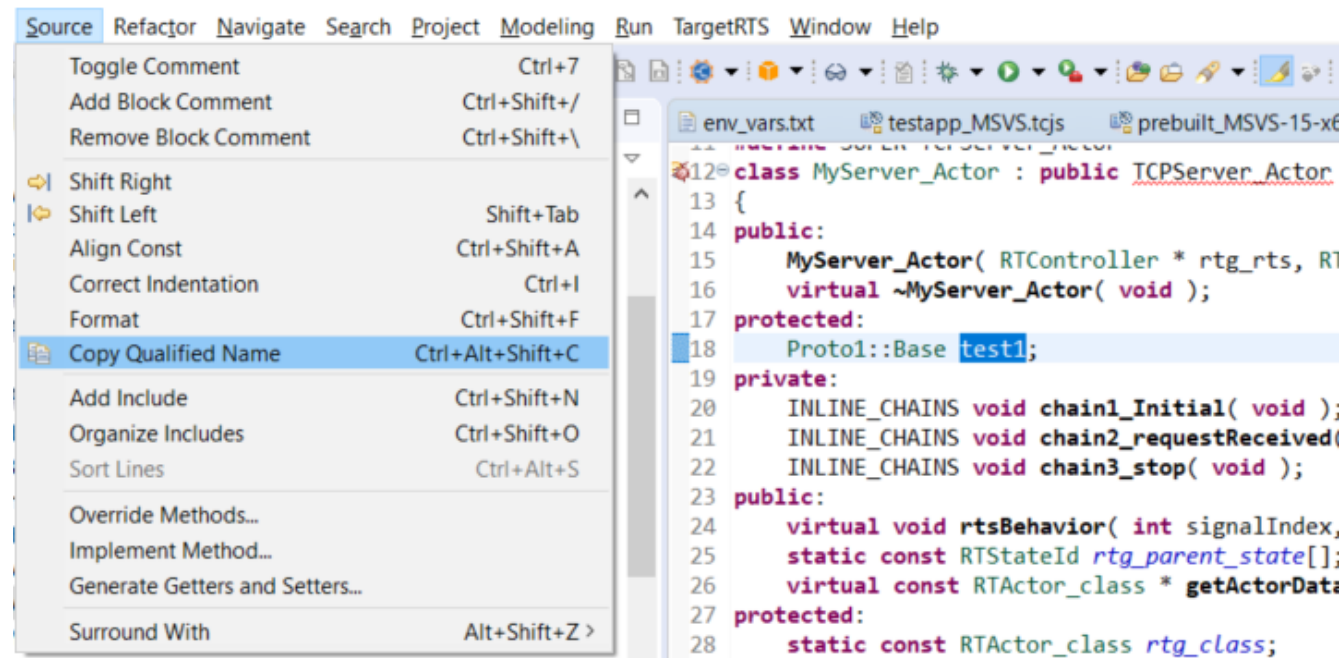
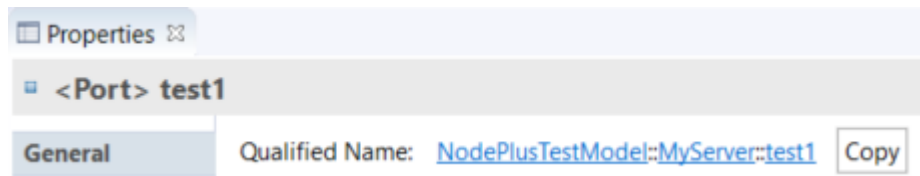
- *C/C++ - Build – Console – Maximum number of lines to enable word wrap for*
- Don't set this too high if *Wrap lines on the console* is turned on





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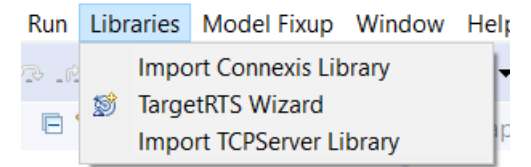
- ▶ CODAN improvements
  - Additional checks implemented, for example to detect C-style casts and goto-statements
- ▶ For more information about CDT improvements see
  - <https://wiki.eclipse.org/CDT/User/NewIn96>
  - <https://wiki.eclipse.org/CDT/User/NewIn97>
  - <https://wiki.eclipse.org/CDT/User/NewIn98>

# 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/5.1)
    - [https://wiki.eclipse.org/EGit/New\\_and\\_Noteworthy/5.2](https://wiki.eclipse.org/EGit/New_and_Noteworthy/5.2)
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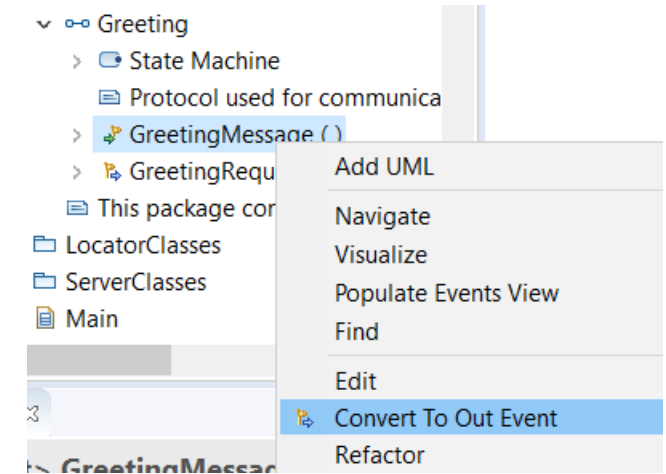
# Libraries Menu

- ▶ 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



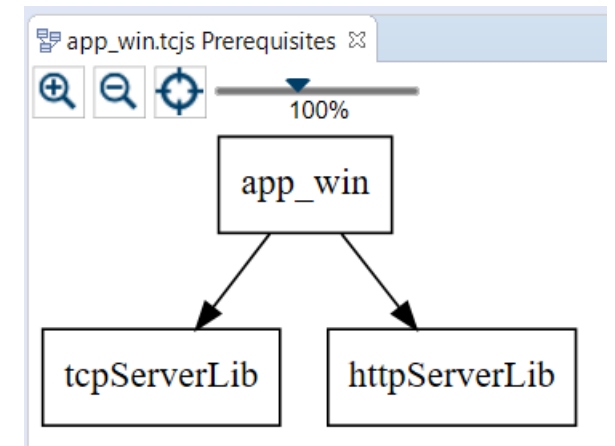
# Converting Between In Events and Out Events

- ▶ 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 “Convert” command in the Project Explorer context menu of a protocol event



# Graphic Visualization of TC Prerequisites

- ▶ The possibility to visualize TC prerequisites that was available in 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 Browse Diagram** 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



# 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

# 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



# NodePlus

- ▶ 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

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# Node-RED Tools in NodePlus

## ▶ Node-RED editor

- Configure nodes and wire them together into flows
- View debug output and execution within the flow
- Deploy changes to the Node-RED server
- Install new nodes to the palette (e.g. from the public library)

The screenshot displays the Node-RED editor interface. The top bar shows the browser address bar at `http://localhost:1882` and the Node-RED logo. The main workspace is titled "TrafficLight" and contains a flow with several nodes: "green", "yellow", and "red" nodes are connected to an "RTIST send" node. Below this, a "getActiveLight" node is connected to two "RTIST invoke" nodes, which are then connected to "msg.payload" nodes. The left sidebar shows the "network" and "HCL" categories with various nodes like "http response", "http request", "tcp request", "rtist request", "rtist receive", and "rtist response". The right sidebar shows the "debug" console with two log entries: one from node `bf76724b.820b1` showing a JSON object for a light change event, and another from node `8ecacec9.4ee53` showing the string `"Light changed: 'Red'"`.

# Node-RED Tools in NodePlus

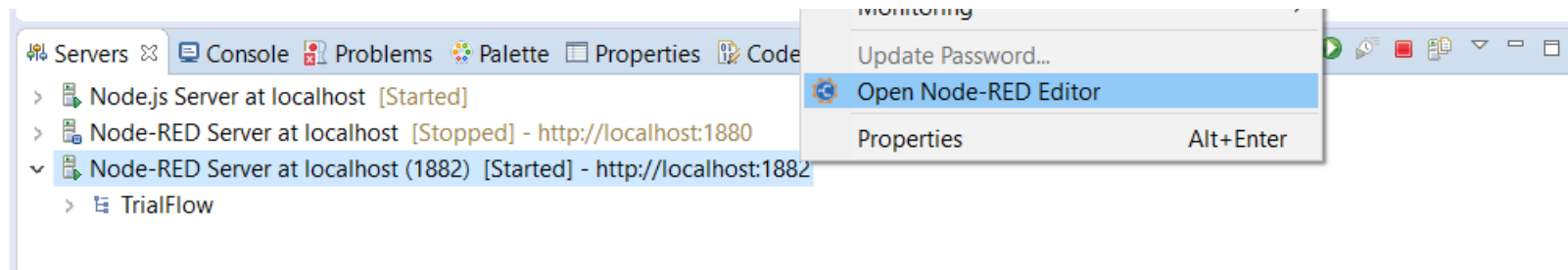
## ▶ Node-RED Flow Projects

- 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

▼ TrialFlow  
{ } TrialFlow (8045bd21.5095f).json

## ▶ 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



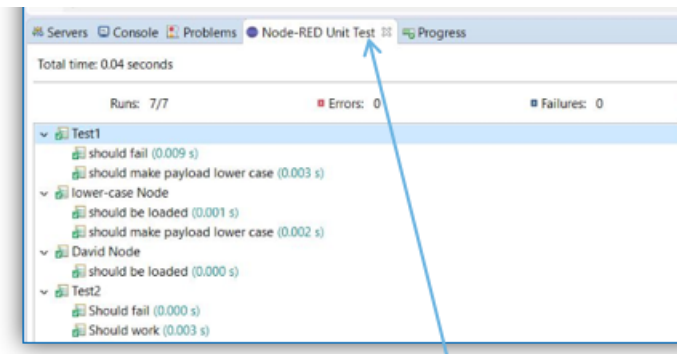
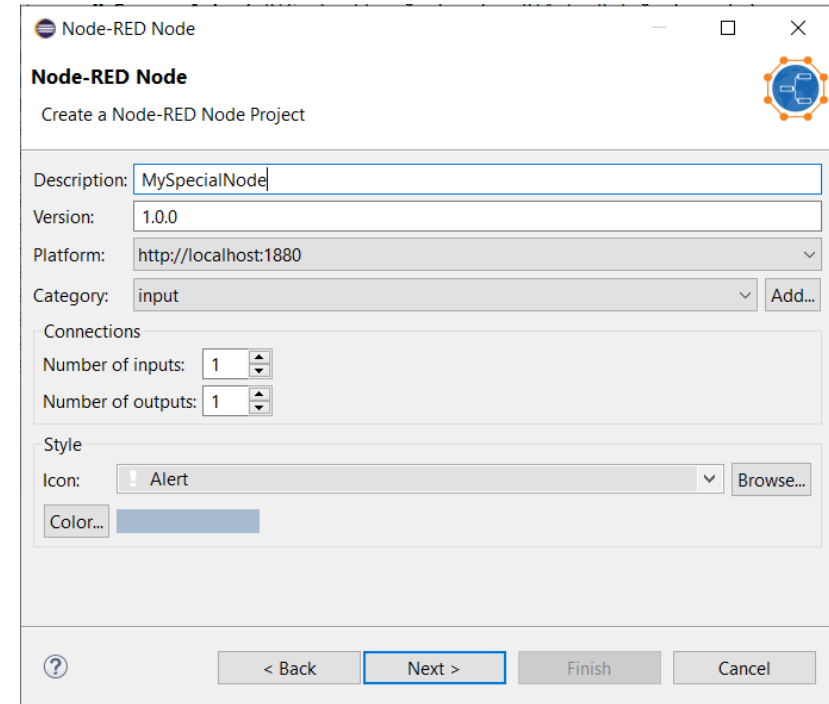
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## ▶ Node-RED Node Projects

- 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

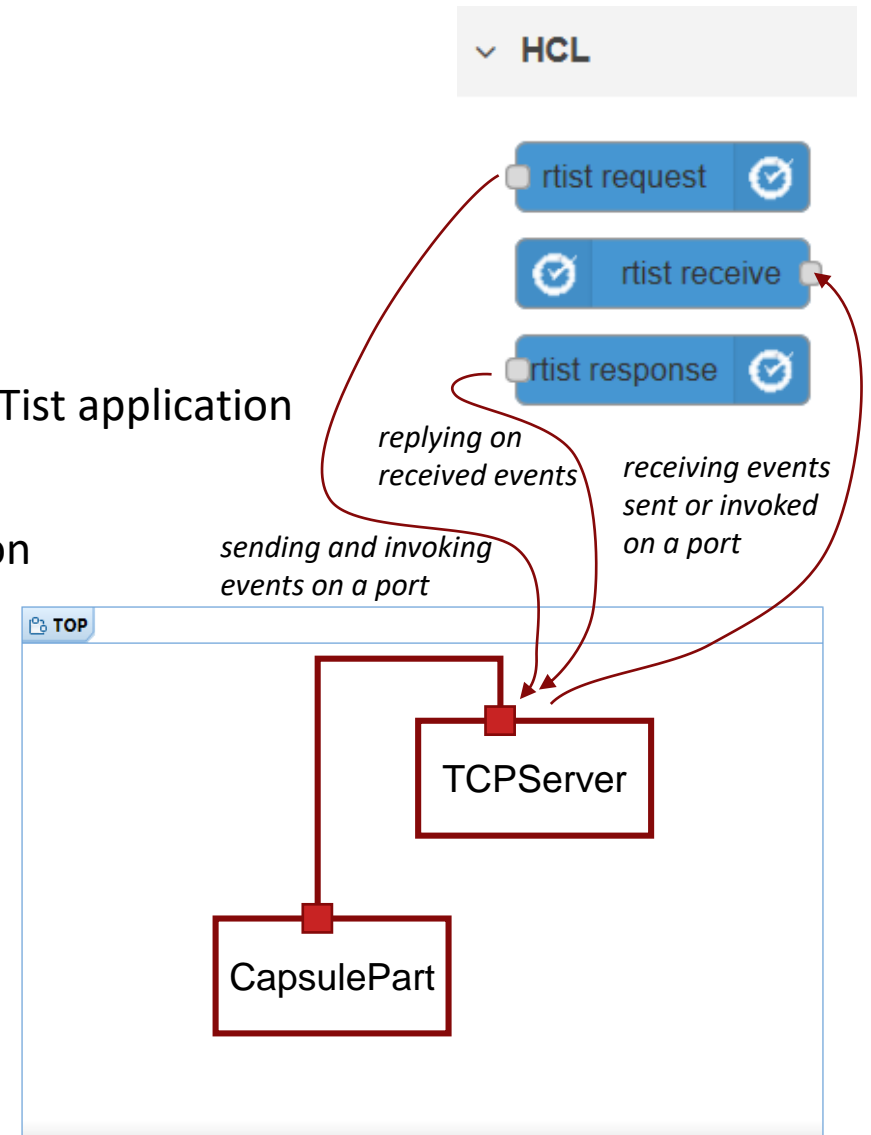
# Node-RED Tools in NodePlus

The screenshot displays the Node-RED Editor interface within the NodePlus IDE. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Project Explorer (Left):** Shows a tree view with folders for `MyFlowProject` and `MyNode`. A blue arrow labeled "Node project" points to this area.
- Node-RED Editor (Center):** The main workspace for creating flows. It features a top bar with the URL `http://localhost:1880` and a "Deploy" button. A search bar labeled "filter nodes" is present. The central canvas shows a flow titled "MyFlowProject" containing three nodes: "timestamp", "MyNode", and "Tweet". A blue arrow labeled "Flow project" points to the top bar, and another blue arrow labeled "Node in use in a flow" points to the "MyNode" node in the canvas.
- Node Palette (Left):** A list of available nodes, including "MyNode" (with a warning icon), "function", "template", "delay", "trigger", and "comment". A blue arrow labeled "Node project" points to this palette.
- Info Panel (Right):** Displays information for the selected "MyNode", including a "Description" section which is currently empty.
- Servers Panel (Bottom):** Shows the status of the "Node-RED Server at localhost [Started]", with sub-items for "MyFlowProject" and "MyNode". A blue arrow labeled "Node project" points to this panel.

# Node-RED Tools in NodePlus

- ▶ 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



# Swagger Support in NodePlus

- ▶ Document APIs using Swagger in a new Swagger editor

Support for JSON and YAML syntax

Syntax highlight and content assist

The screenshot displays the Swagger editor interface. On the left, a code editor shows the Swagger JSON specification for the Petstore API, with syntax highlighting and content assist. On the right, a visual API representation titled "Swagger Petstore" is shown, including metadata like Version (1.0.0), Base URL (petstore.swagger.io/v2), and a list of API methods (store, user, pet). The "pet" method is expanded to show a POST endpoint for adding a new pet, with a "Try it" button and a form for inputting data like "photoUrls", "name", "id", and "category". Below the form, request and response types are set to application/json and application/xml, and a table shows a 405 "Invalid input" error code.

Visual API representation

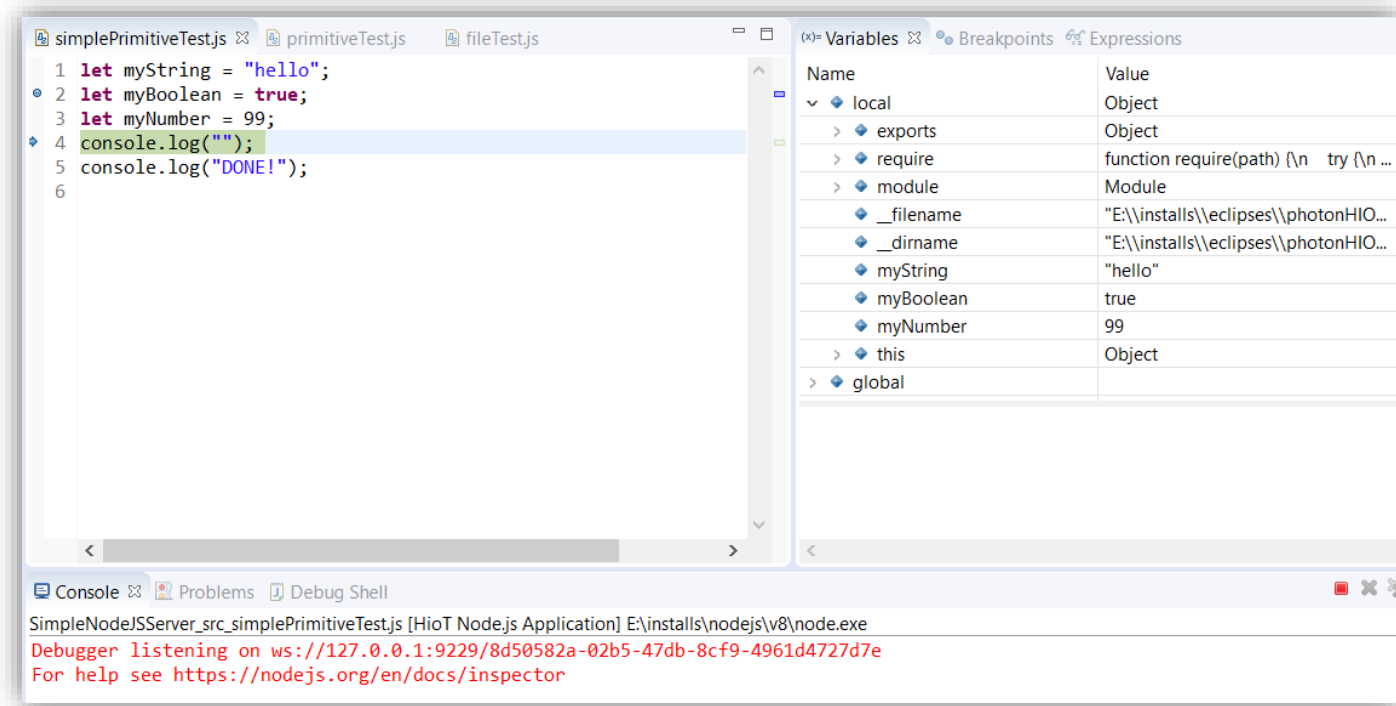
Support for executing / testing API

Automated generation of example data

Content types selections

# Node.js Tools in NodePlus

- ▶ 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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