

Eclipse Modeling Framework

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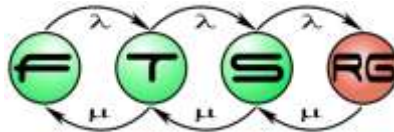


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What does EMF provide?

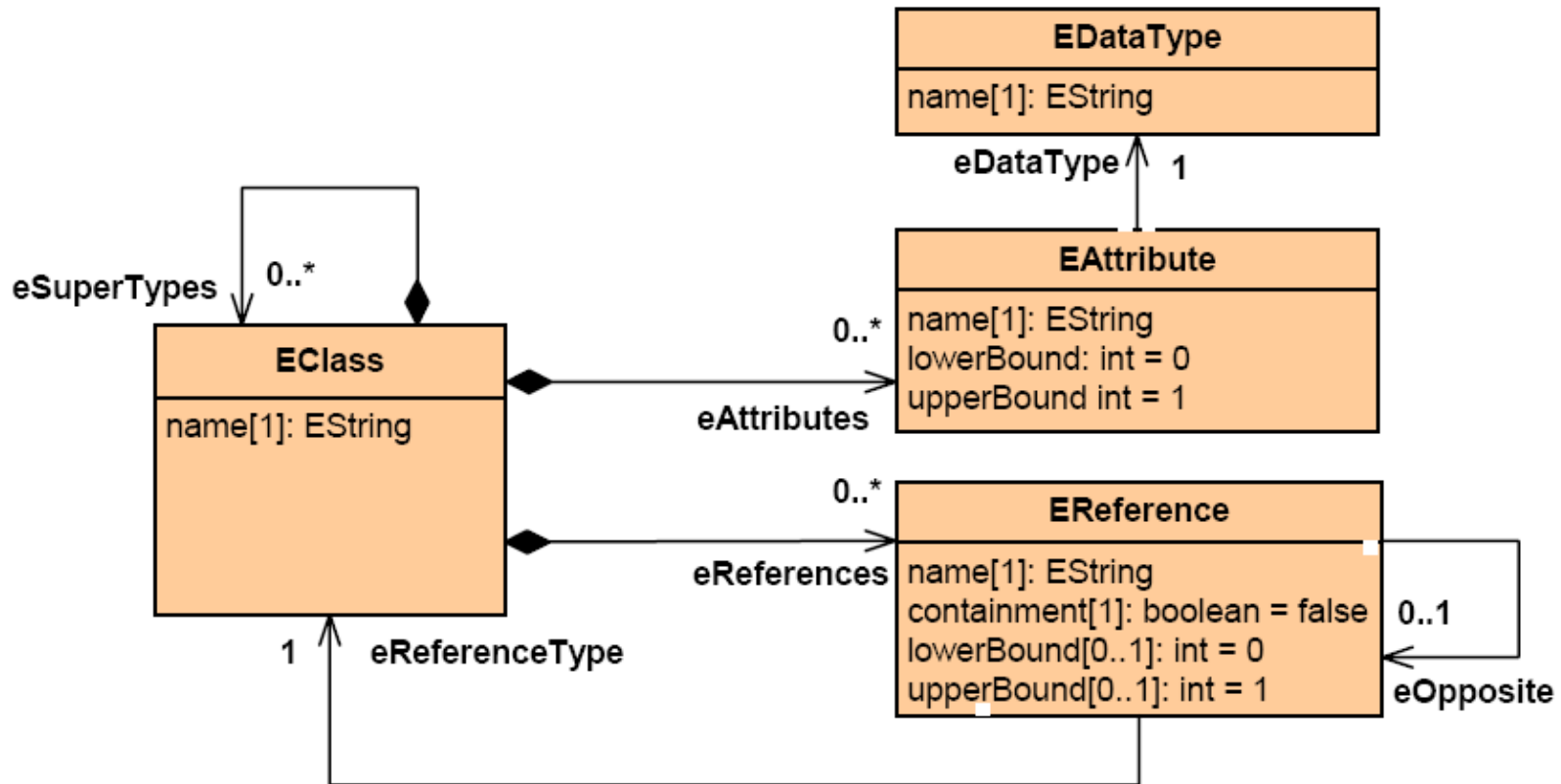
- EMF = Eclipse Modeling Framework
 - Reflective Metamodeling Core
(Ecore → MOF 2.0)
 - Support for Domain Specific Languages
 - Editing Support
(Notification, Undo, Commands)
 - Basic Editor Support
 - XMI Serialization
 - Eclipse Integration

Ecore - why?

- Metamodeling language of EMF
- Metamodels are platform independent
- Defining structural models
- Eclipse supports Ecore based:
 - Code generation
 - Import/Export (various platforms)
 - Supported by IBM, etc.
- Ecore captures only the core functionalities
- Close to implementation models

Core EMF

Core ECore constructs

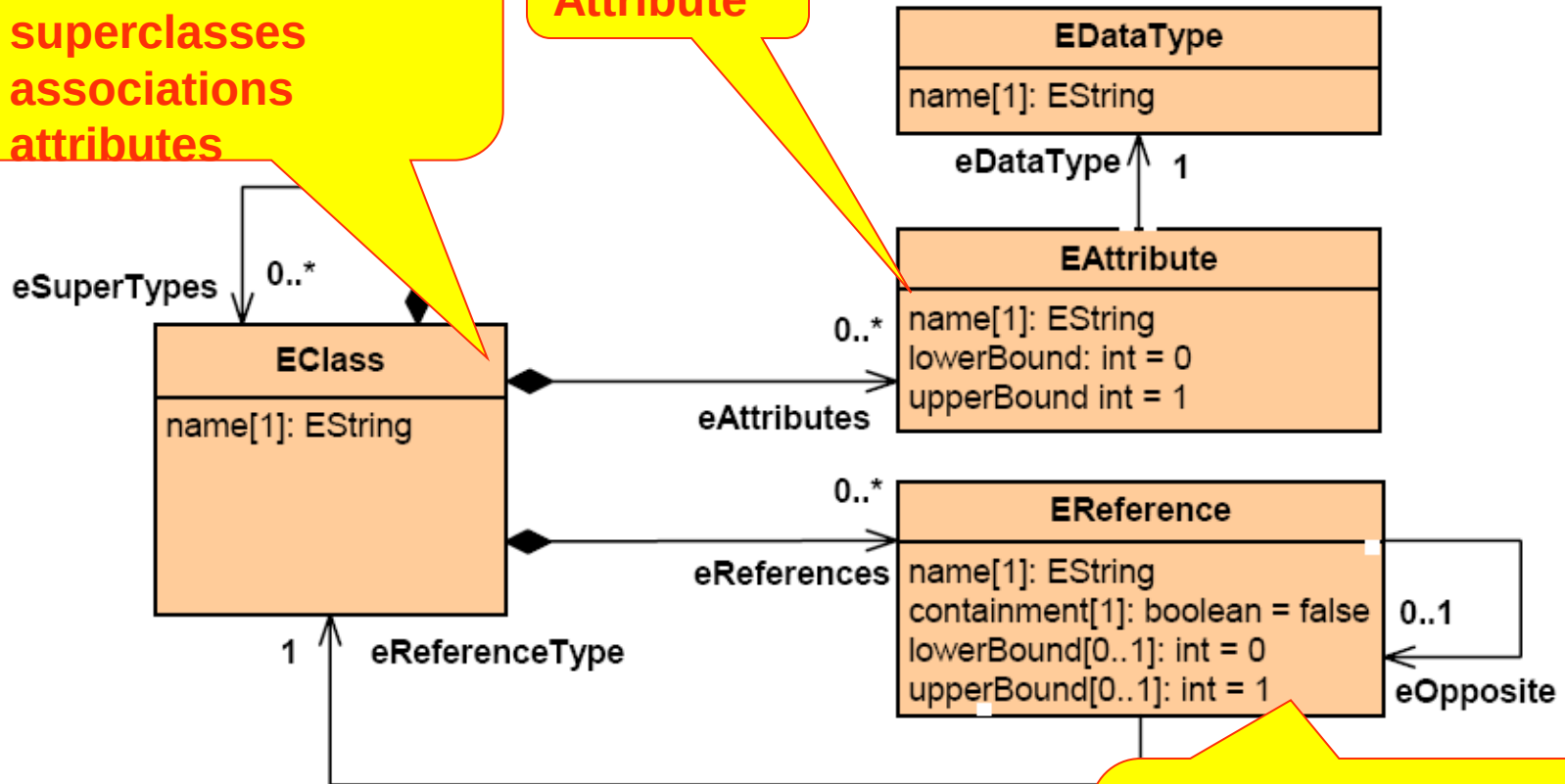


Core ECore constructs

Class with arbitrary num. of

- superclasses
- associations
- attributes

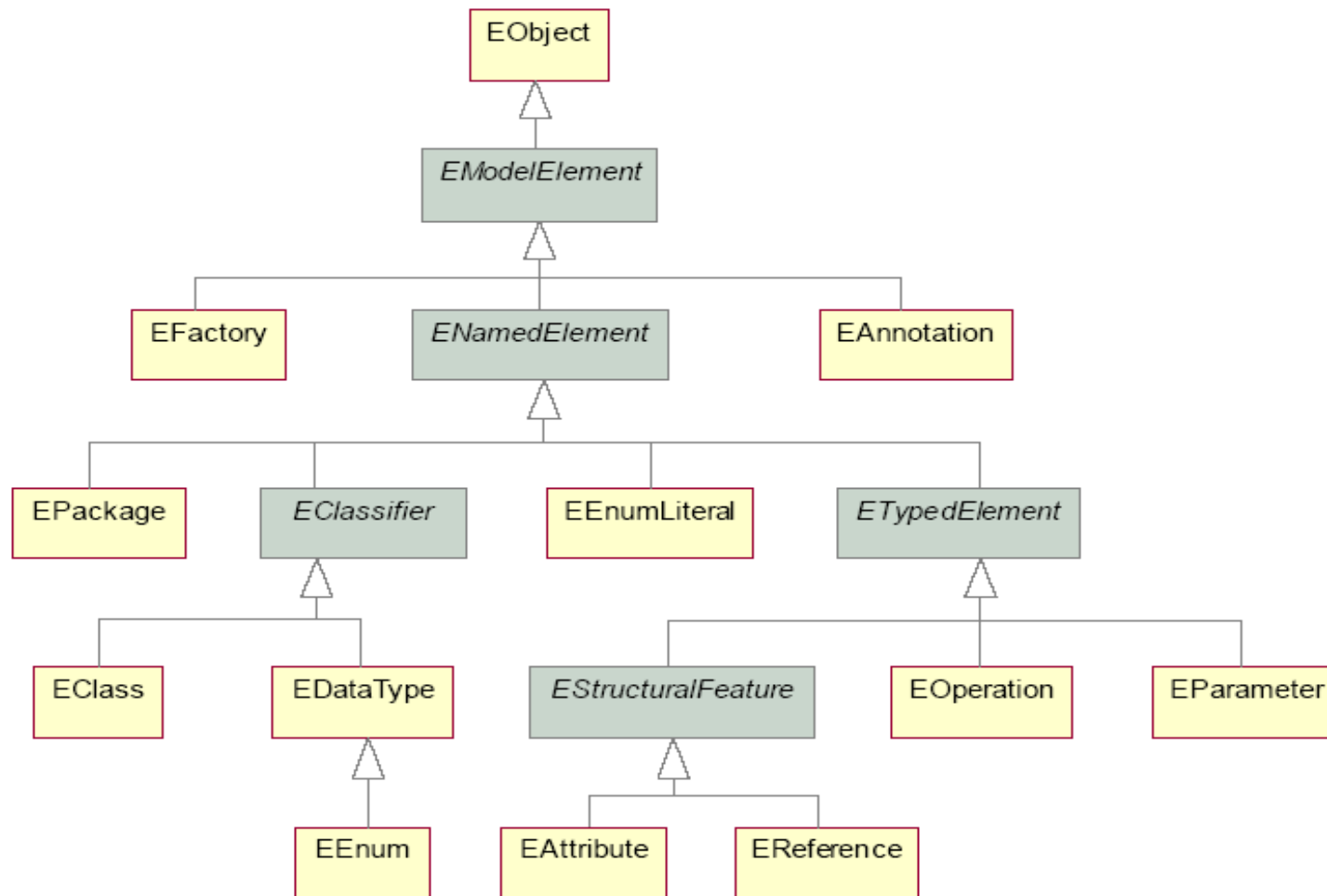
Typed Attribute



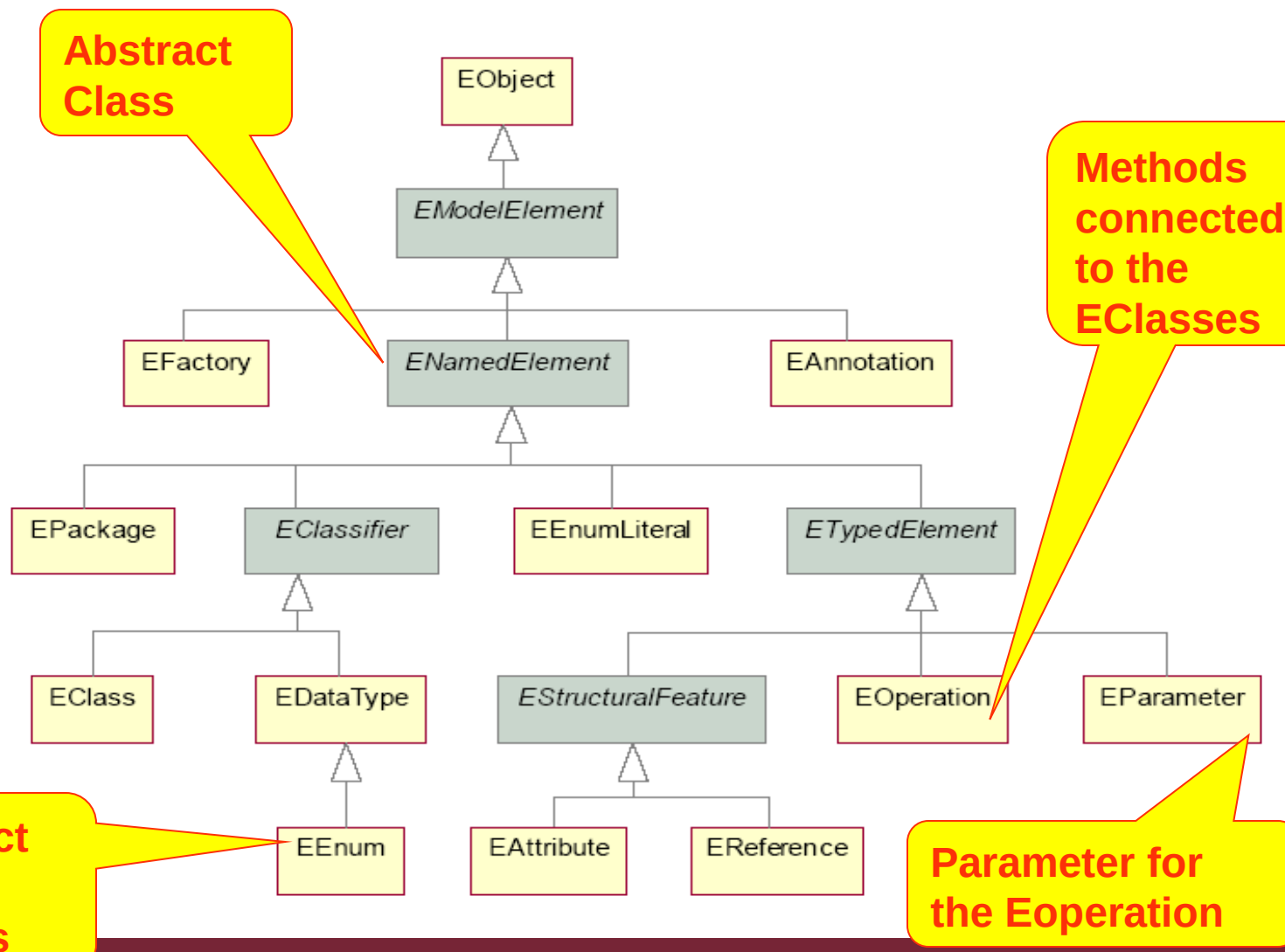
Unidirectional (binary) relation (Association)

- typed
- optional inverse end
- multiplicities

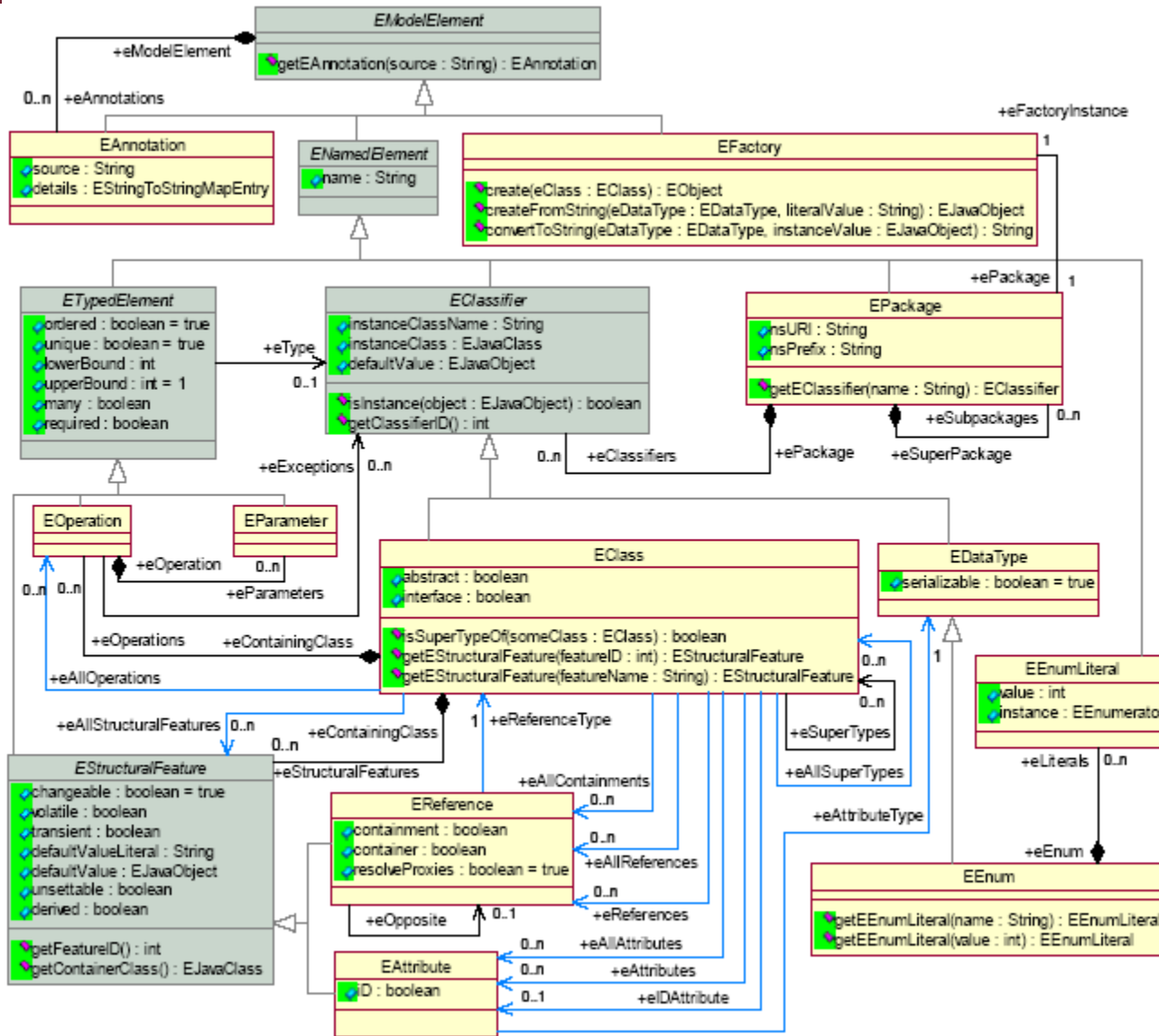
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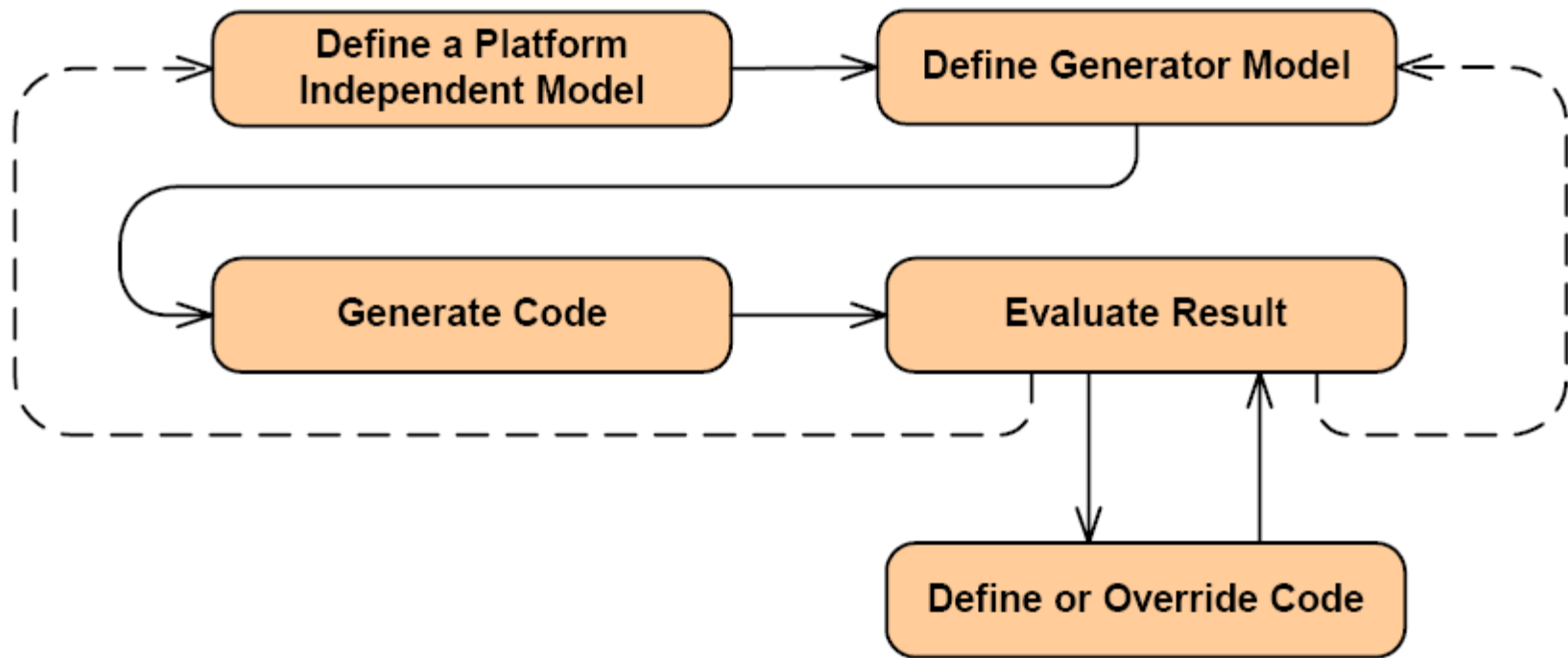
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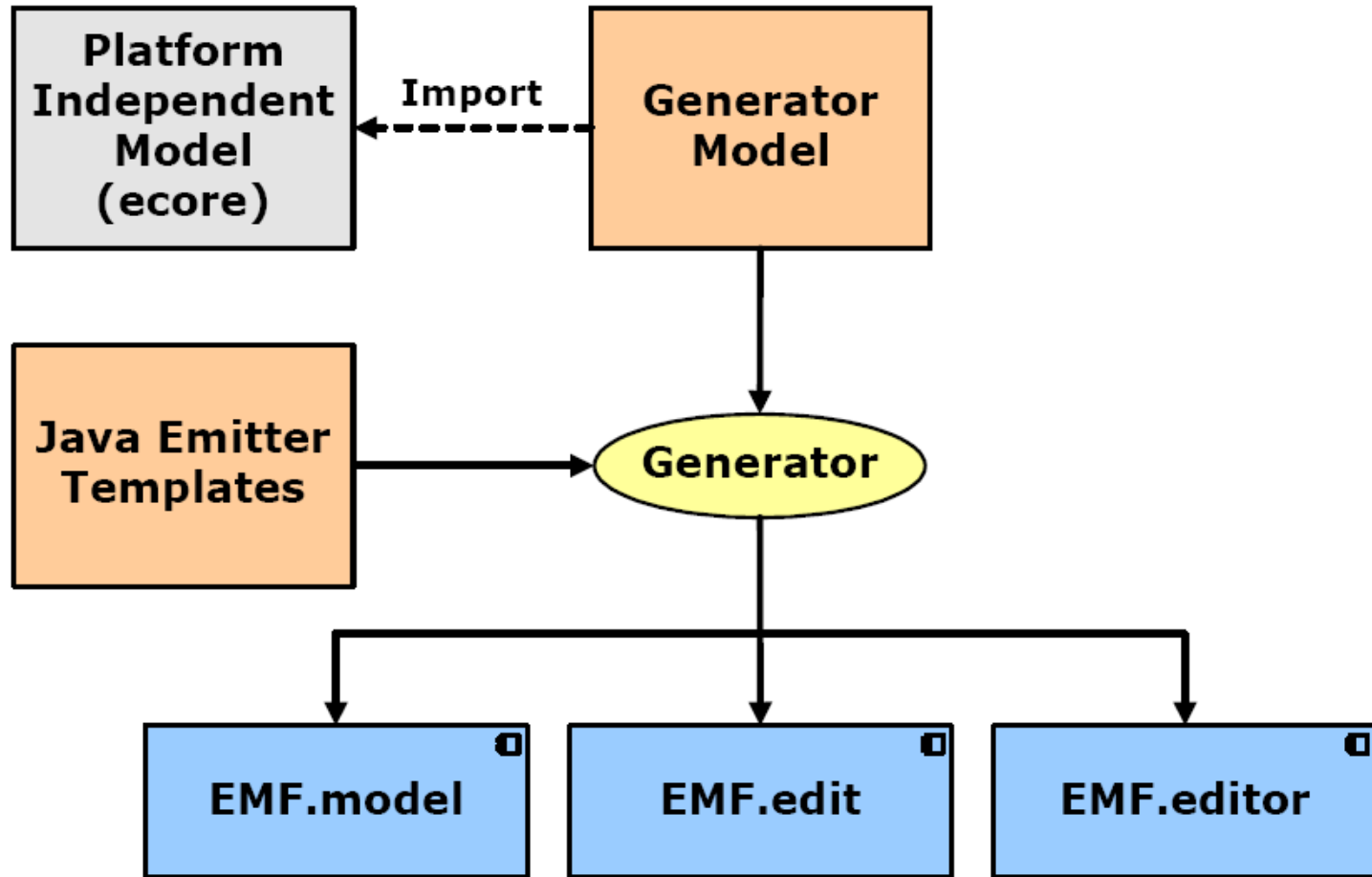
Defining a DSM

The EMF way

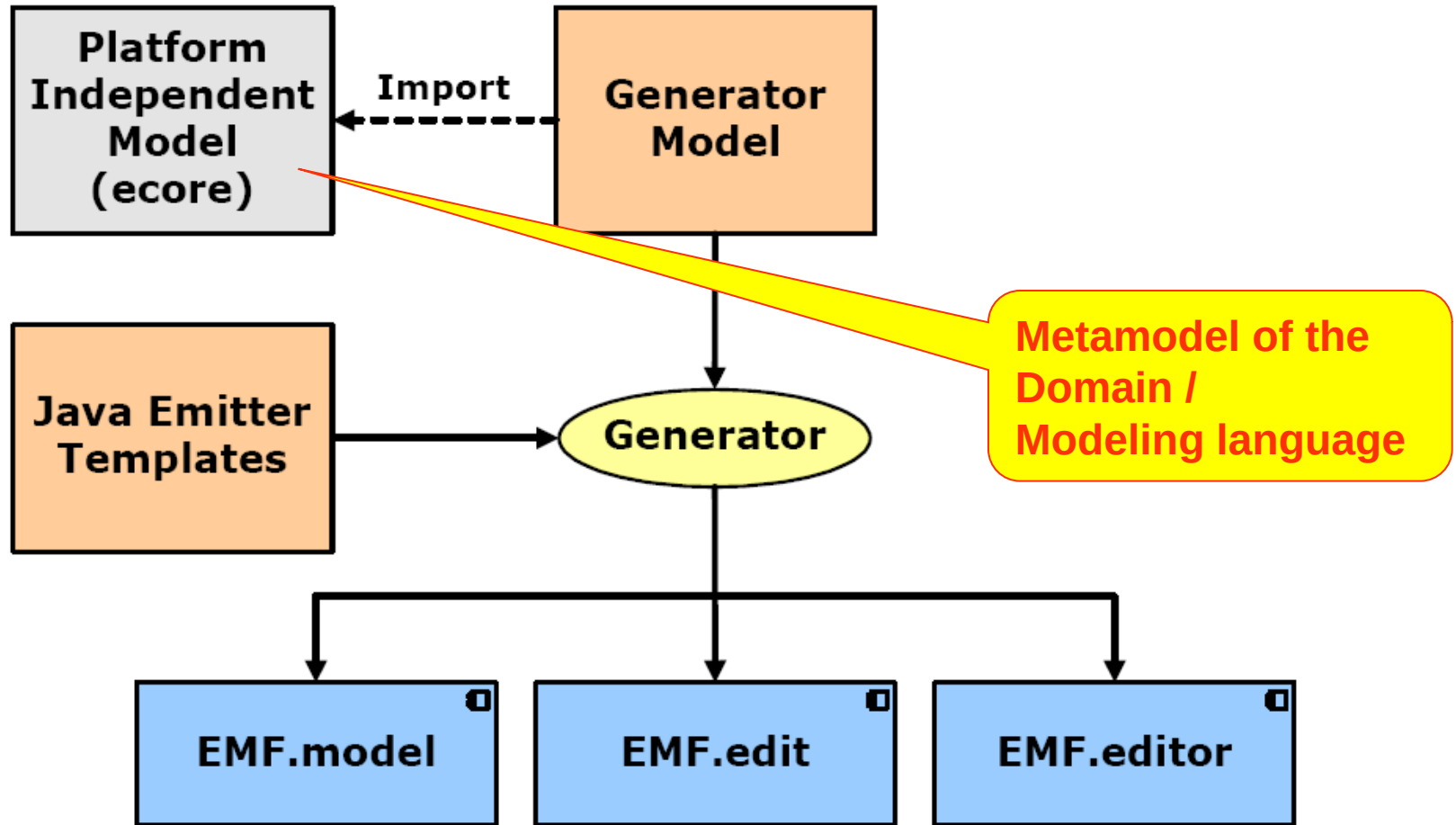
The Simple EMF Workflow



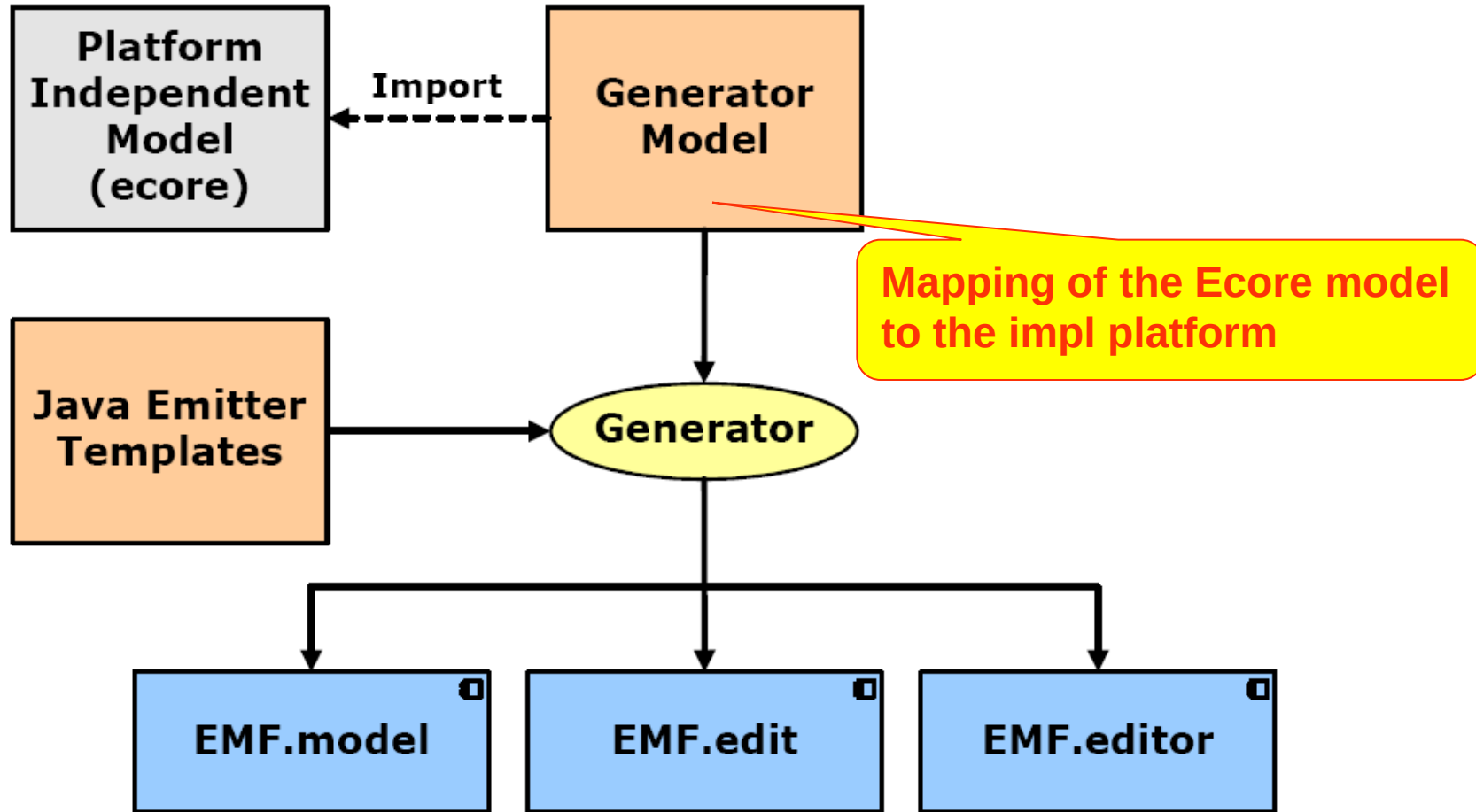
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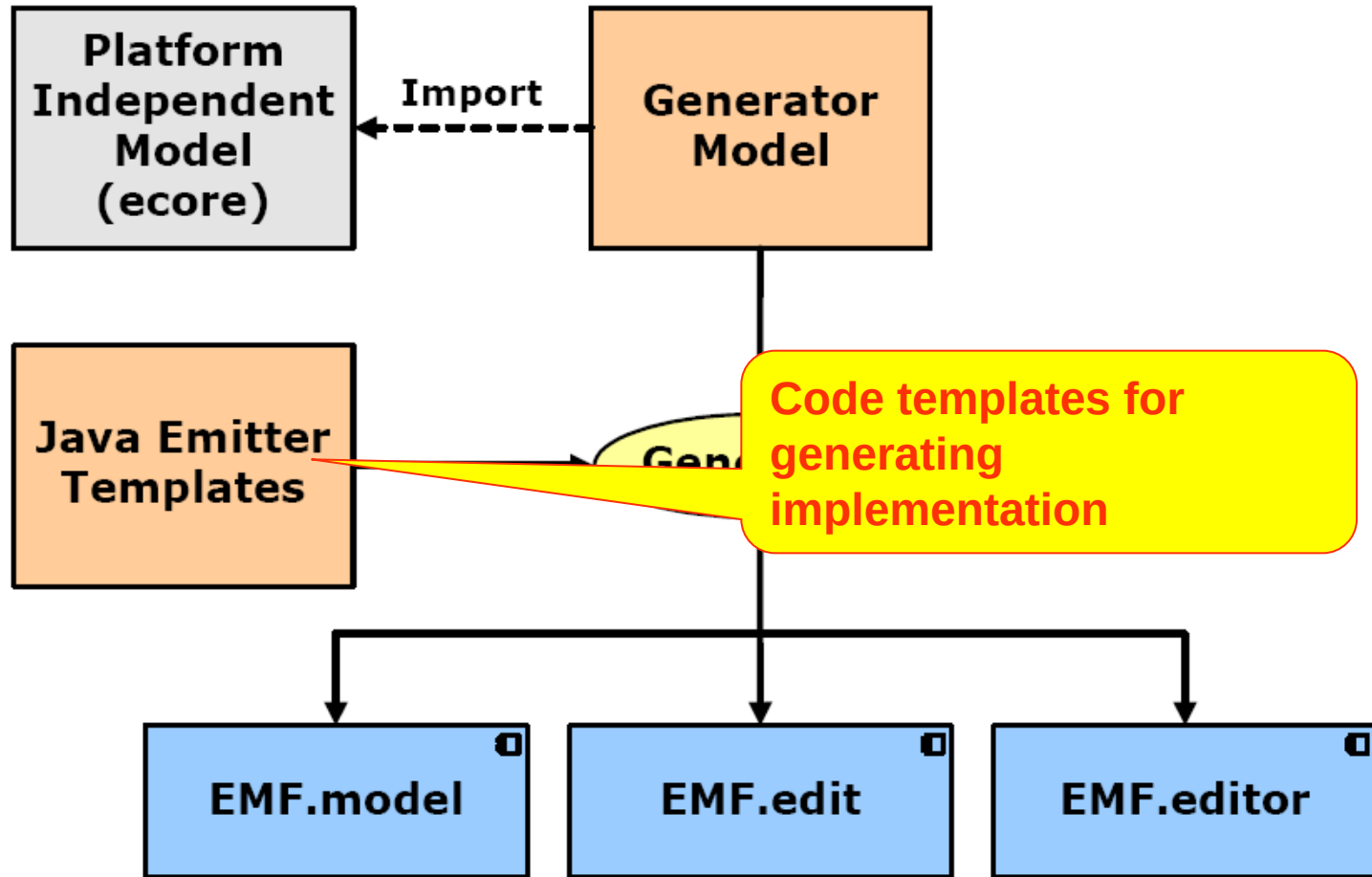
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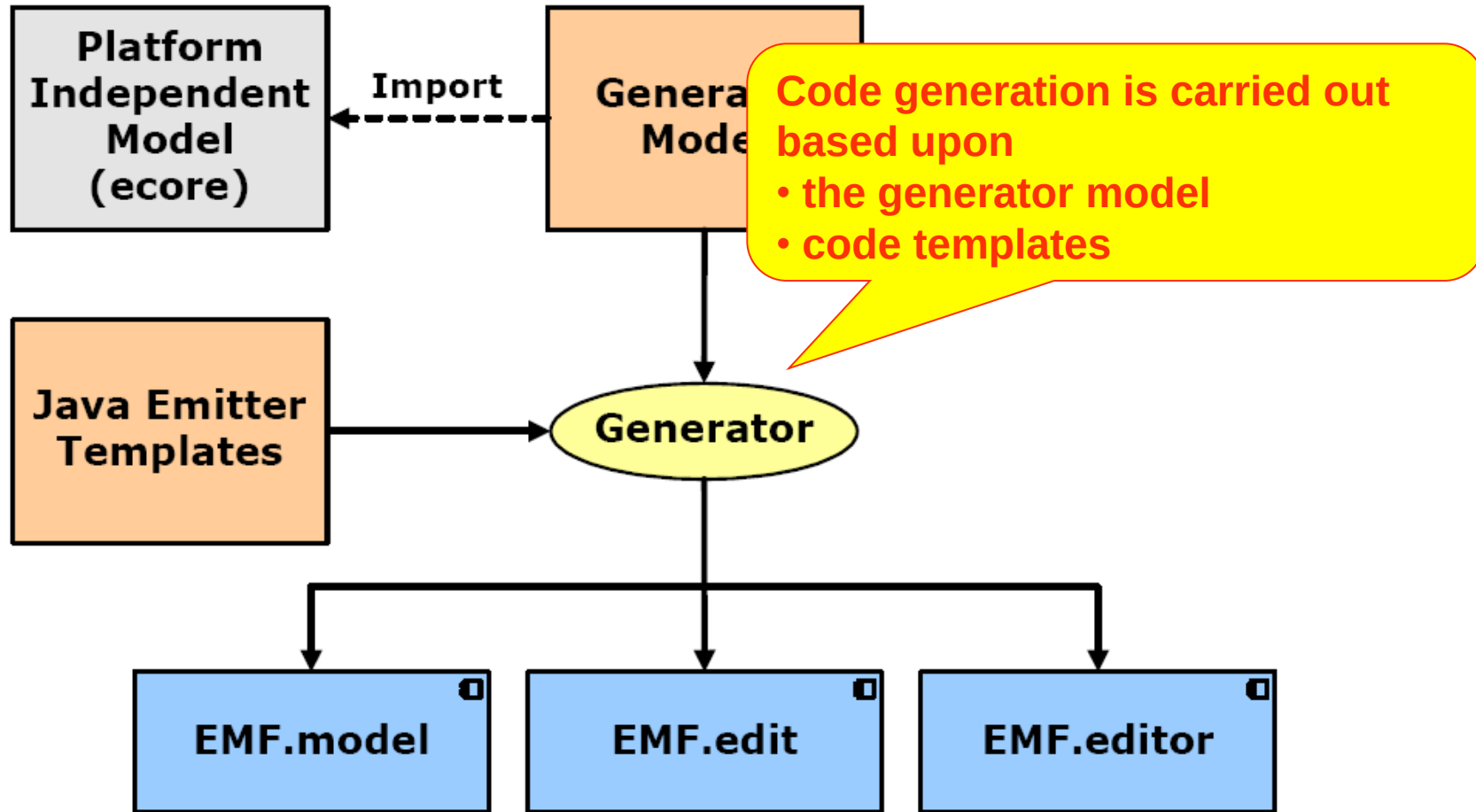
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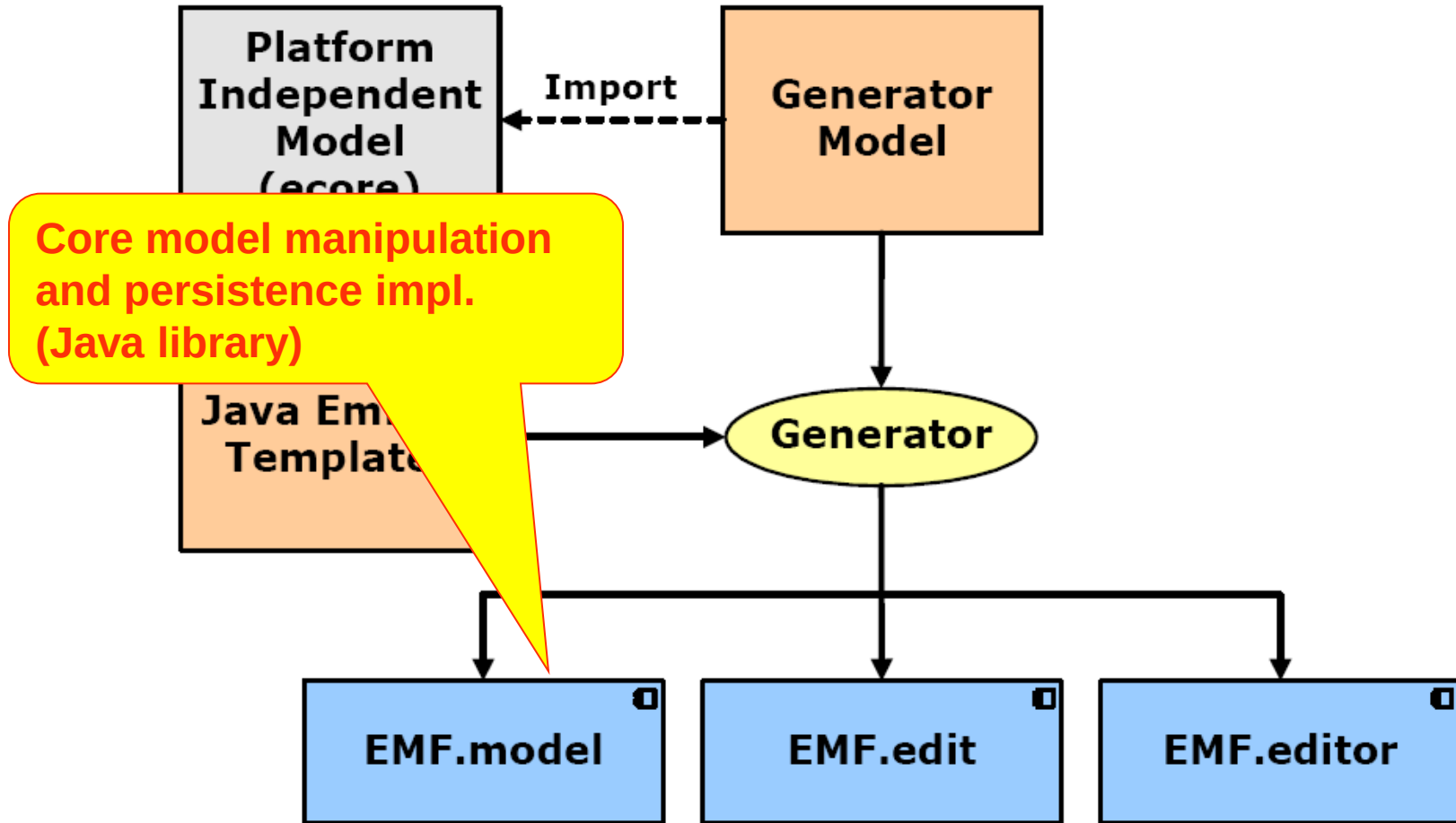
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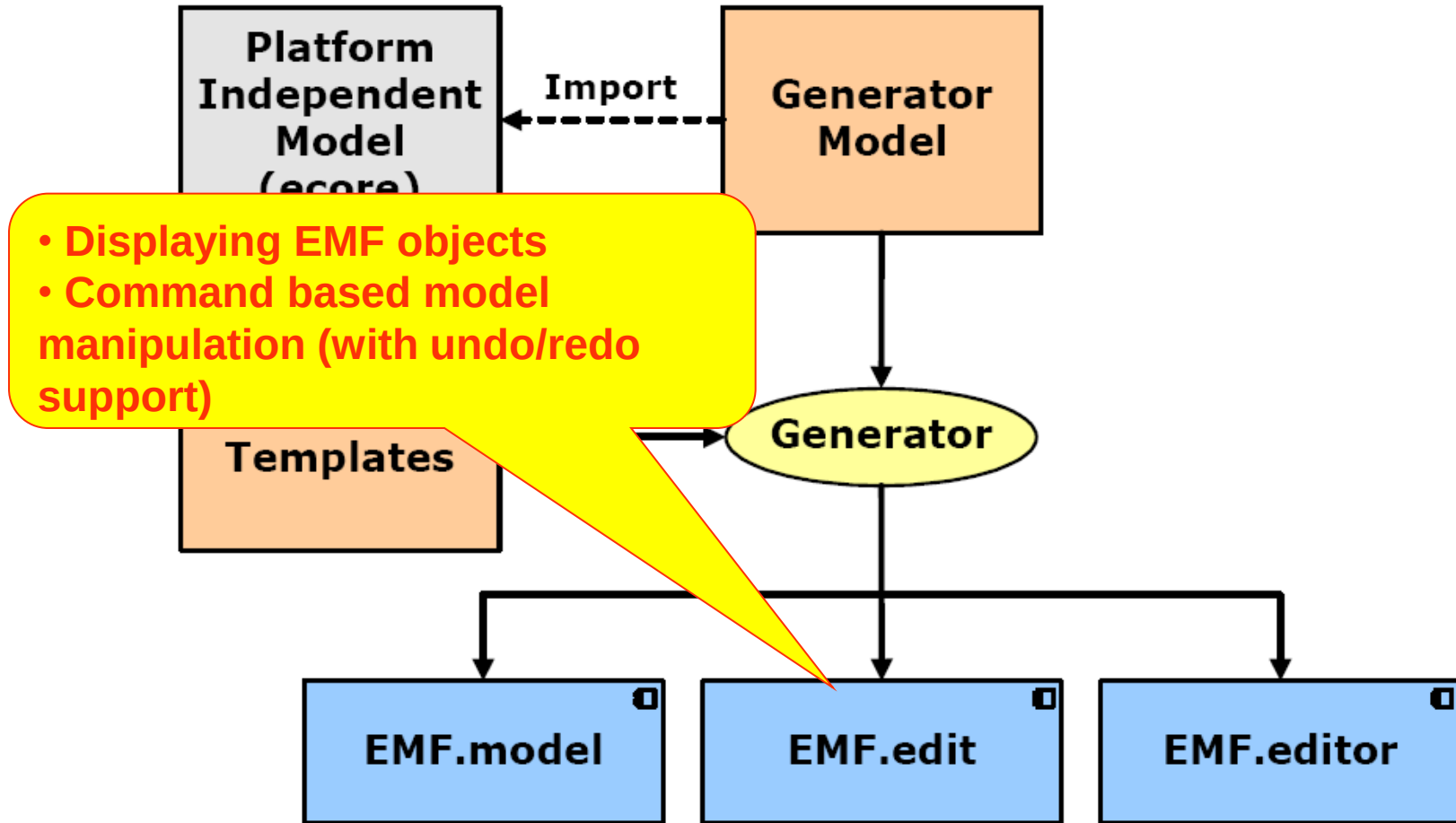
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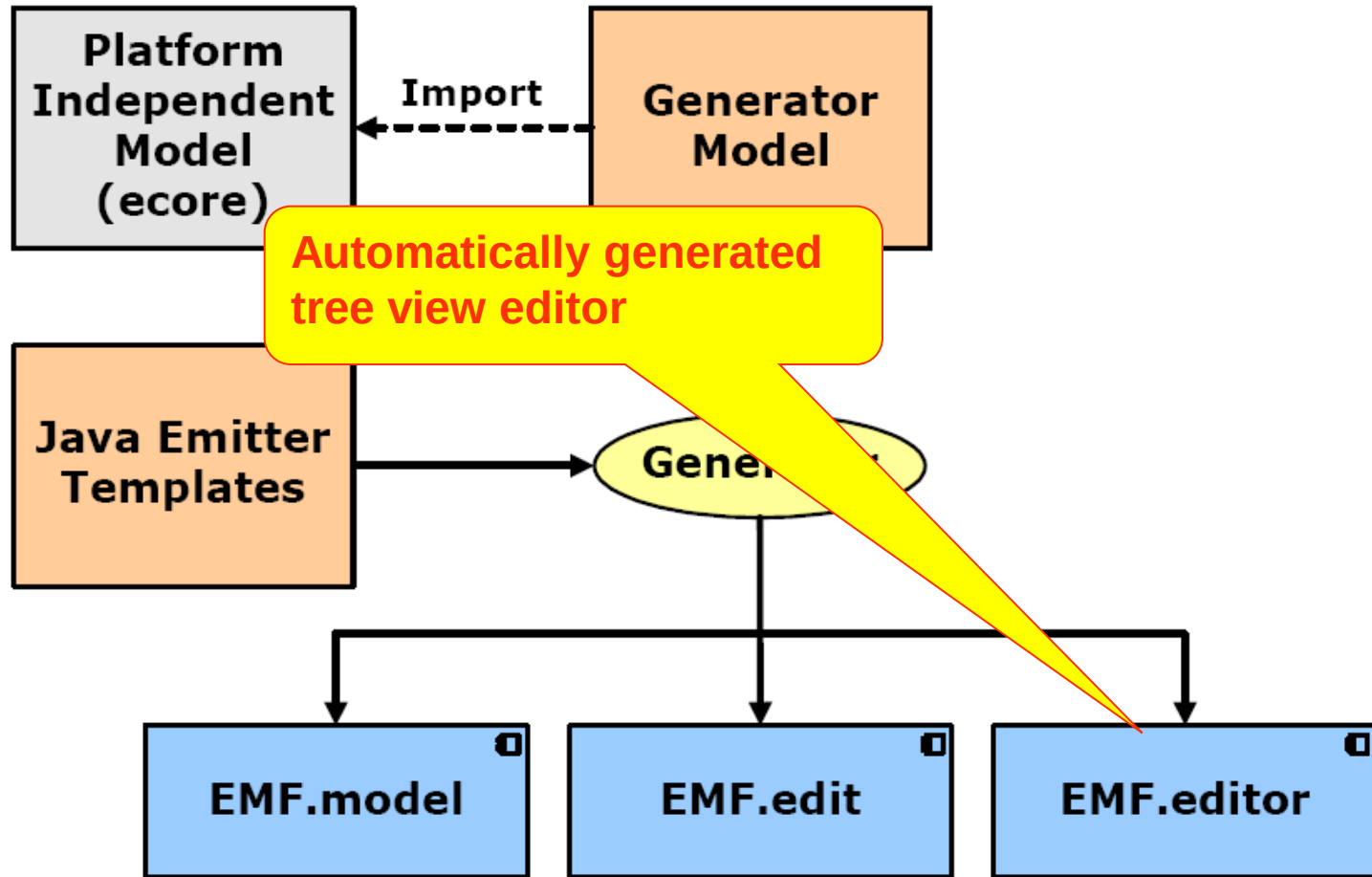
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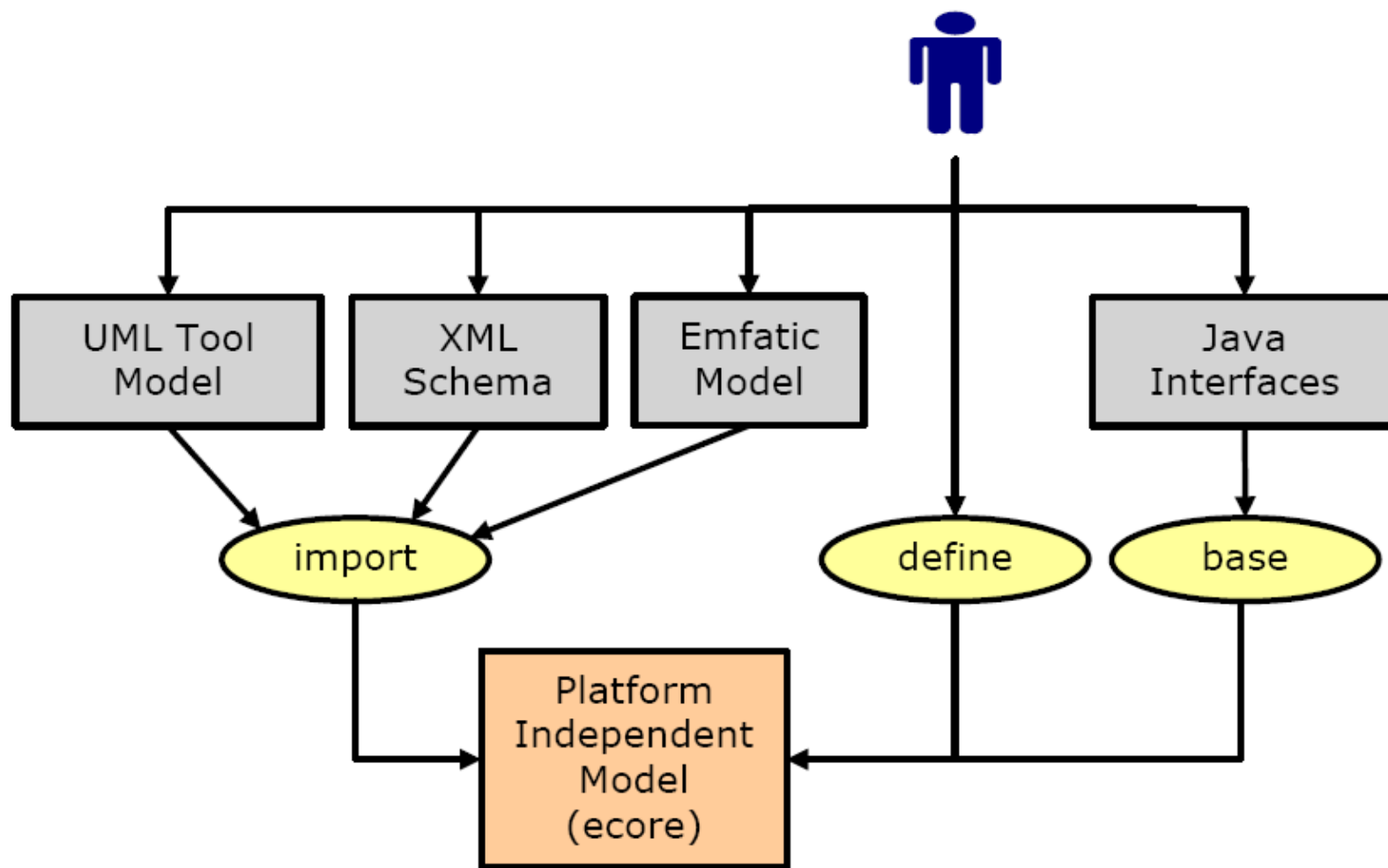


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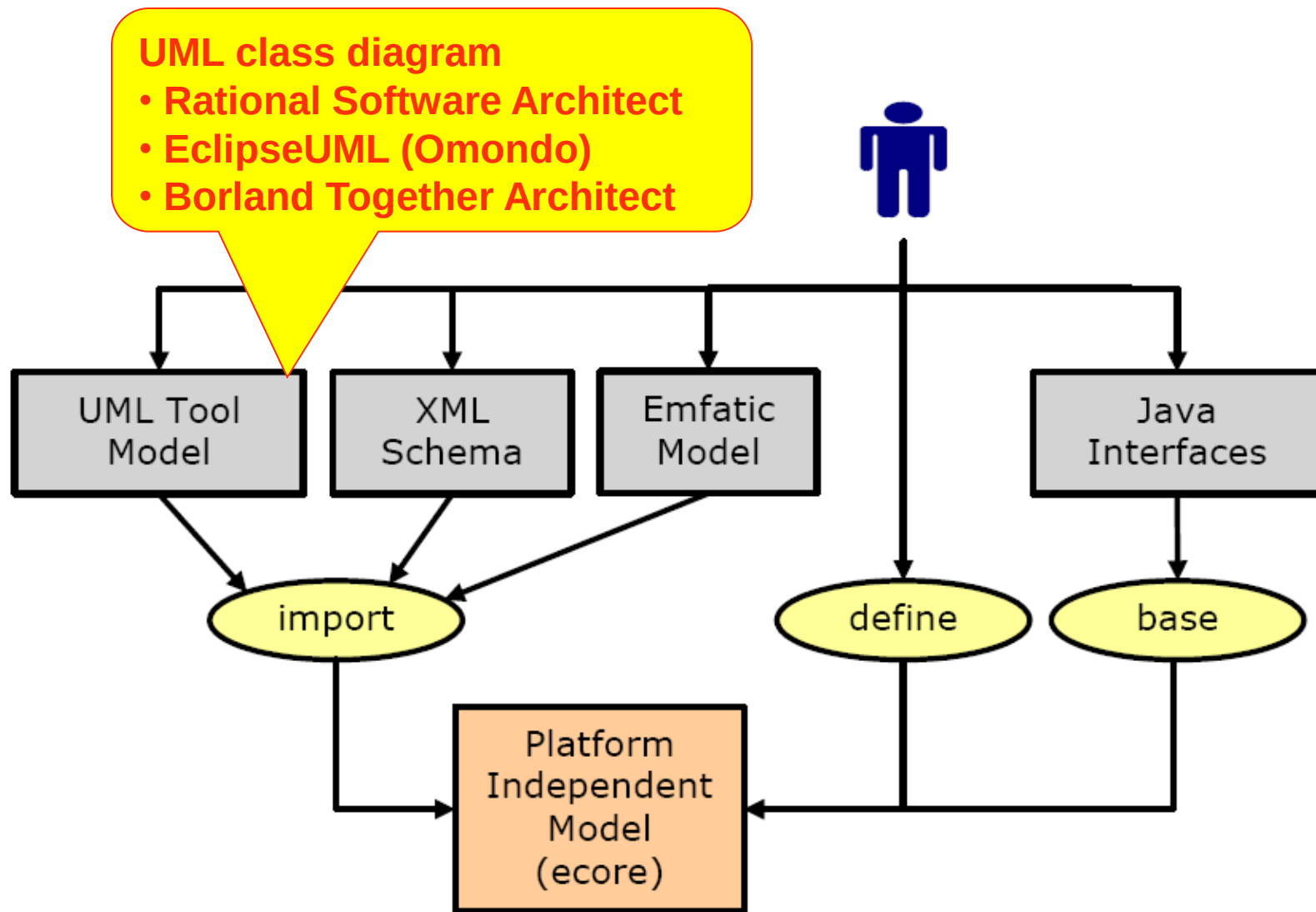


Creating an Ecore model (metamodel)

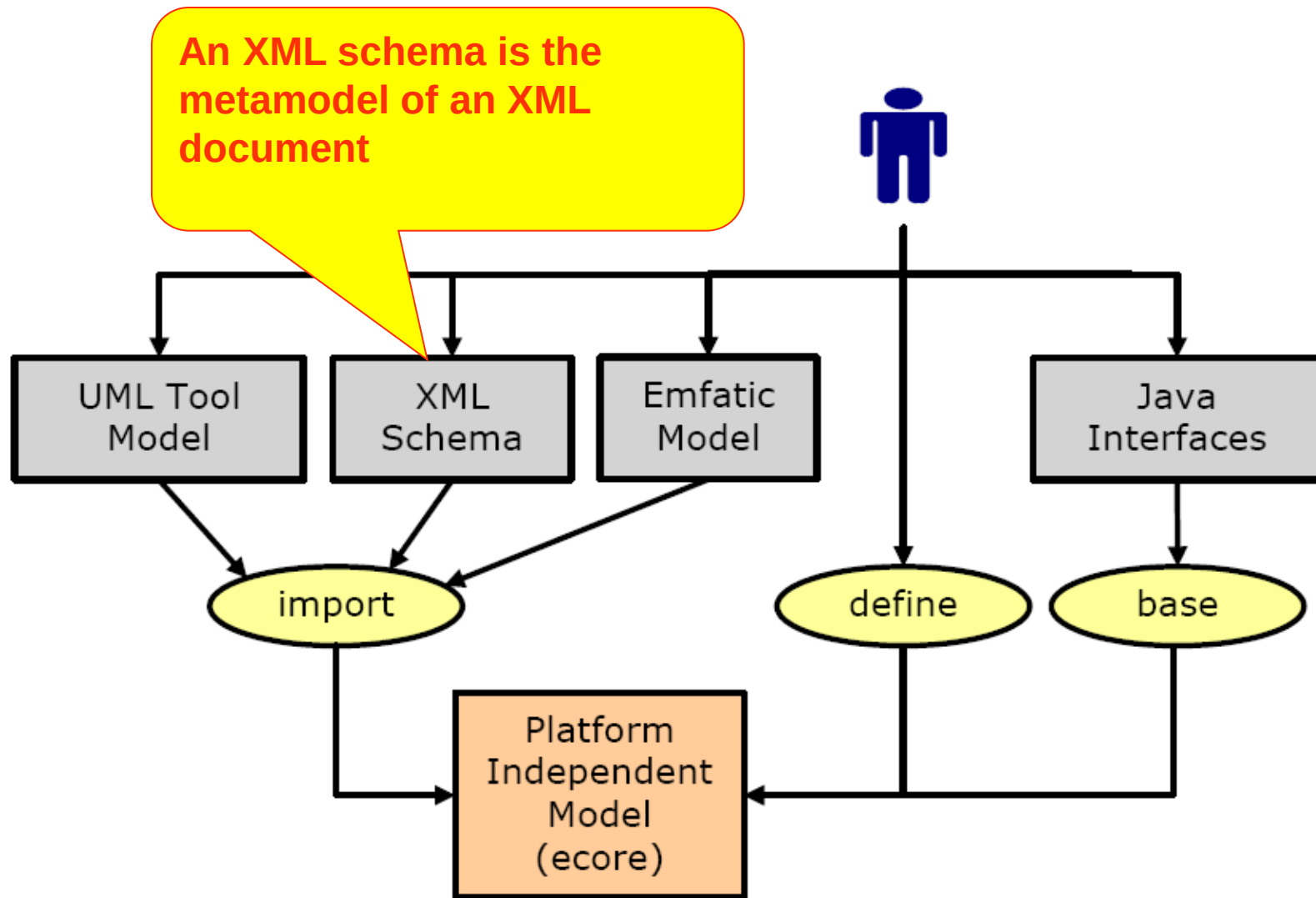
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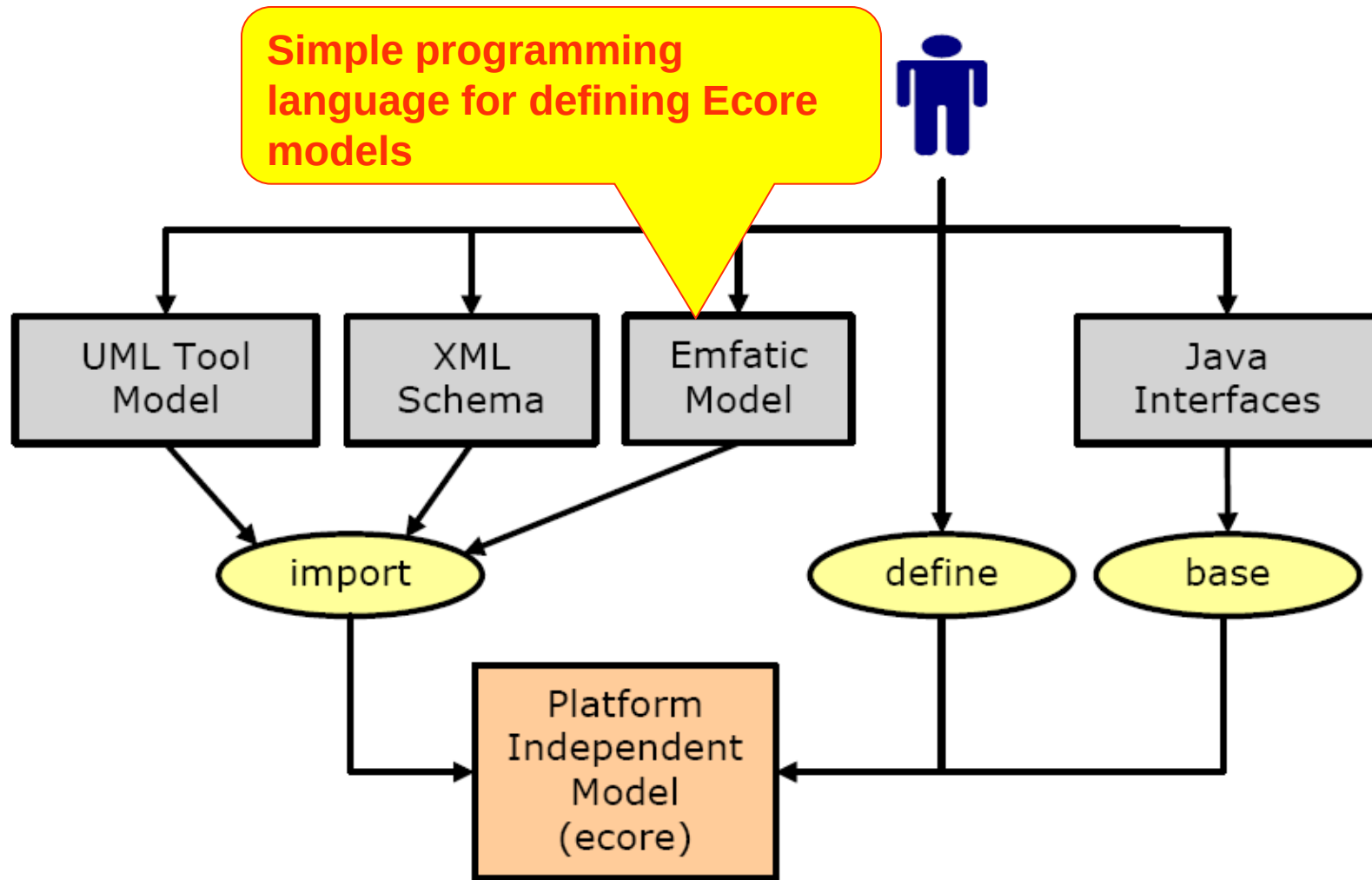
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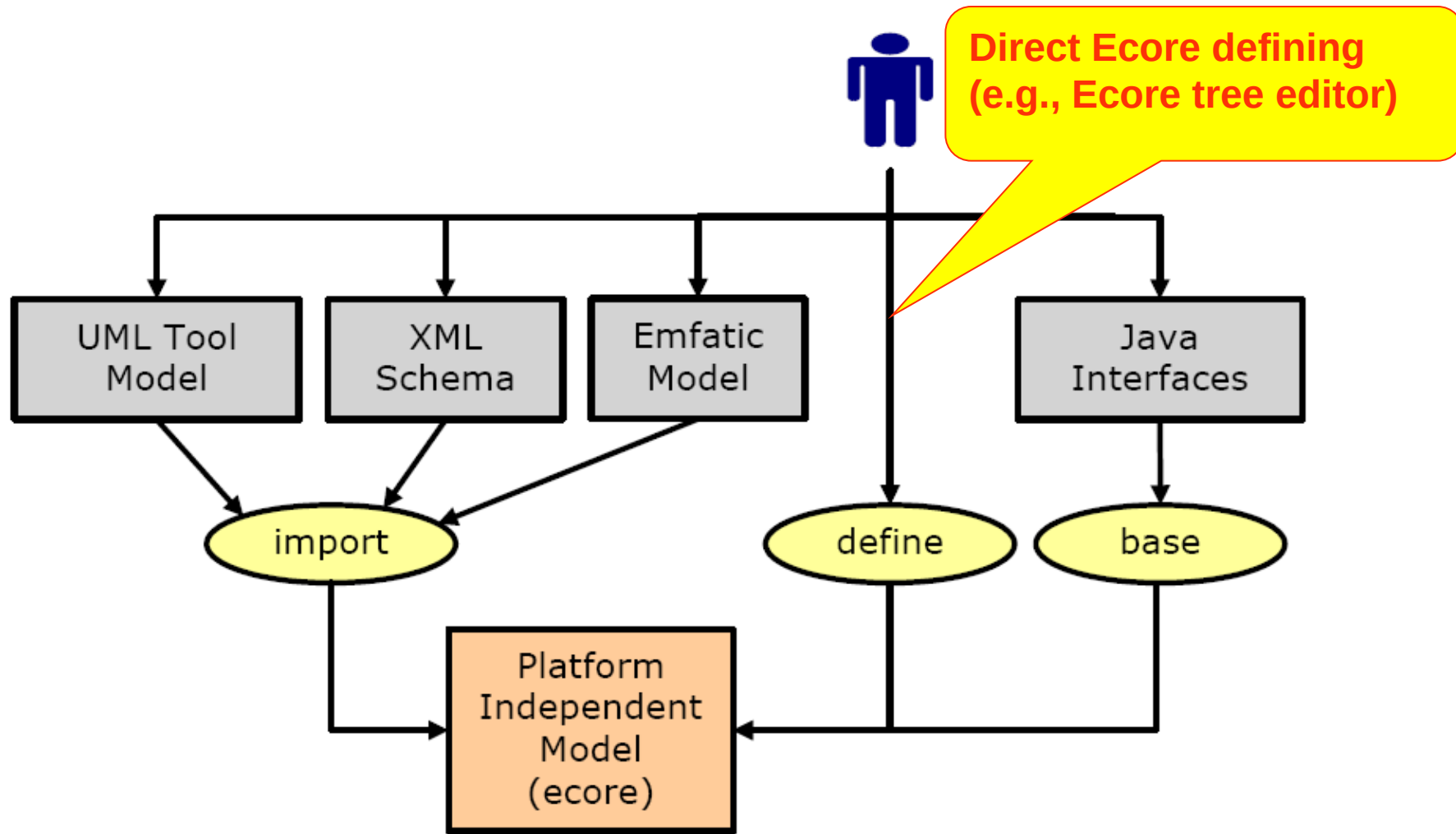
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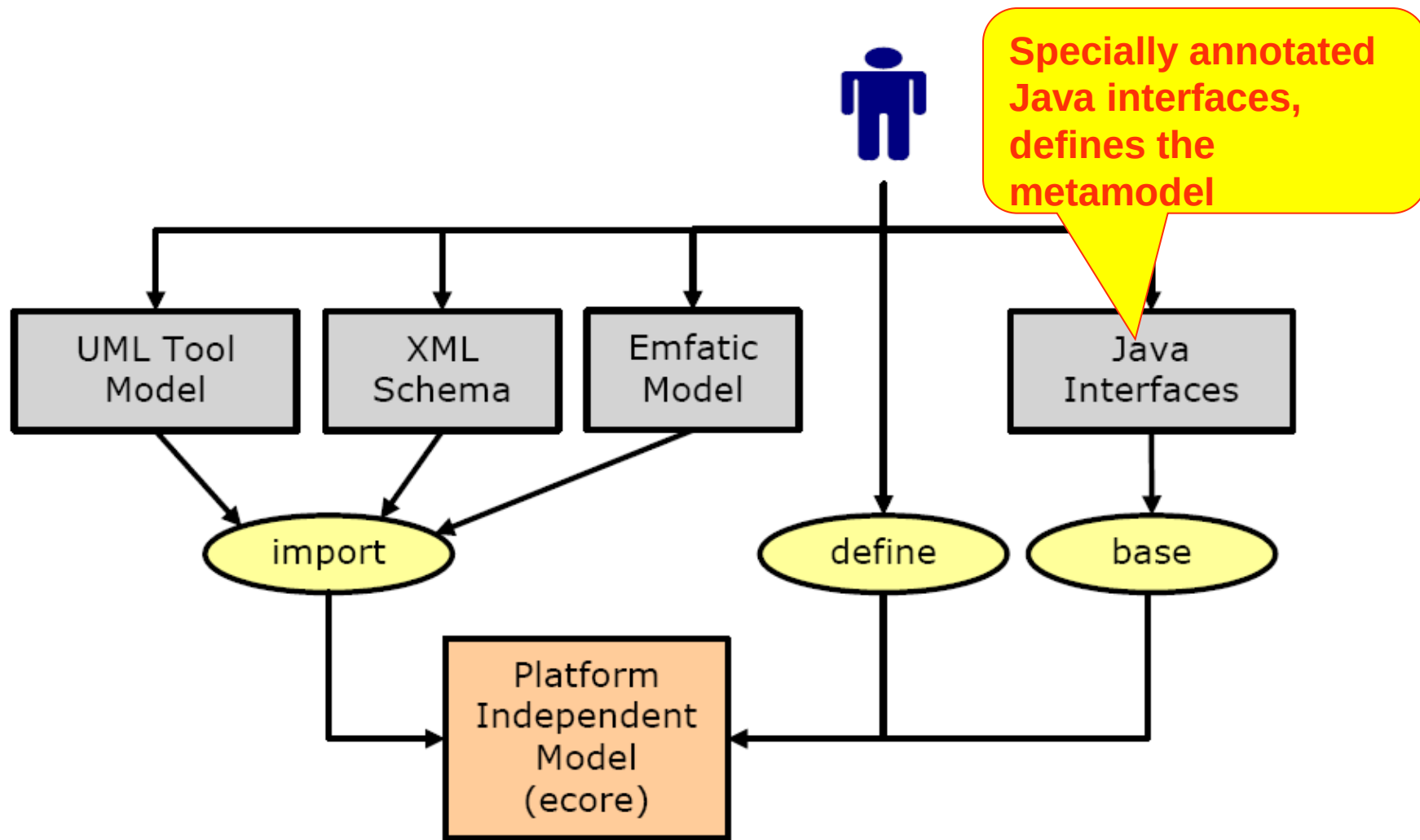
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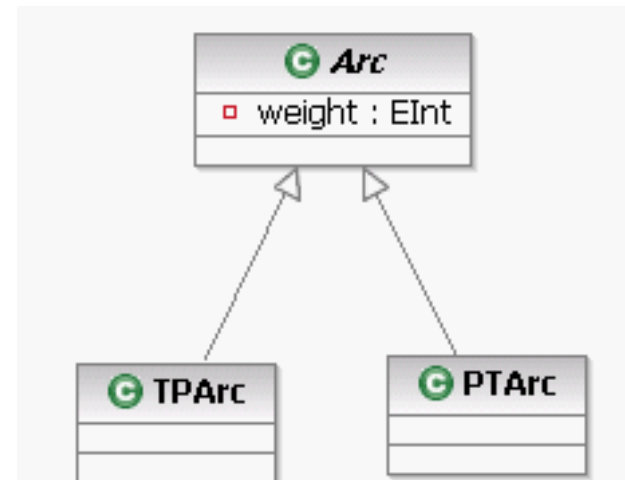
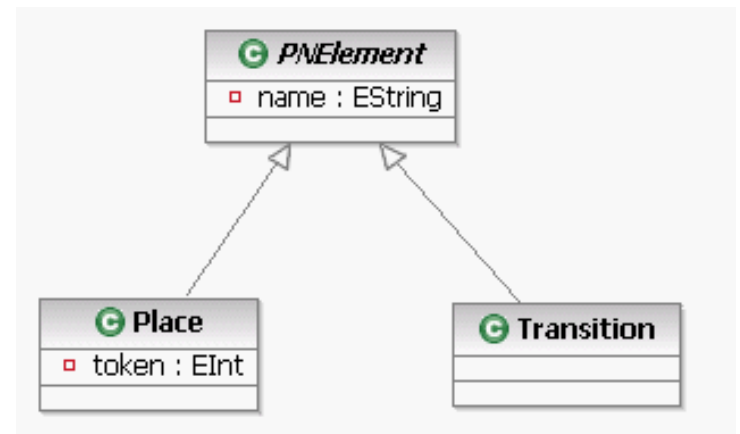
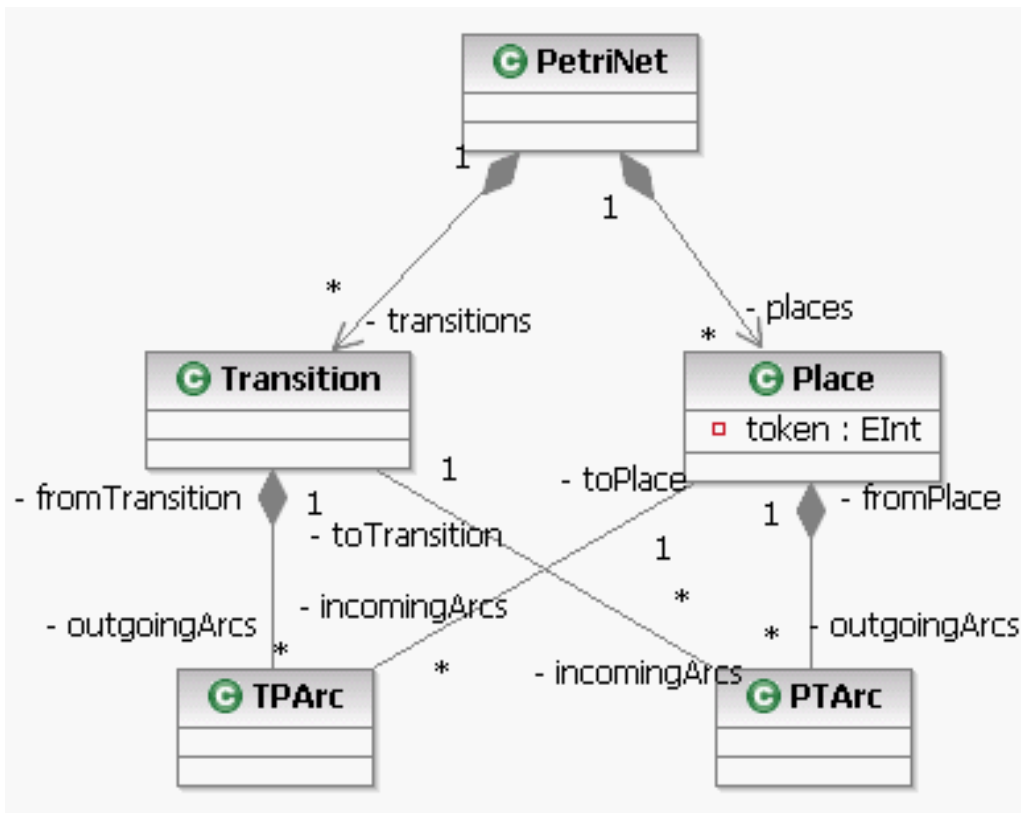


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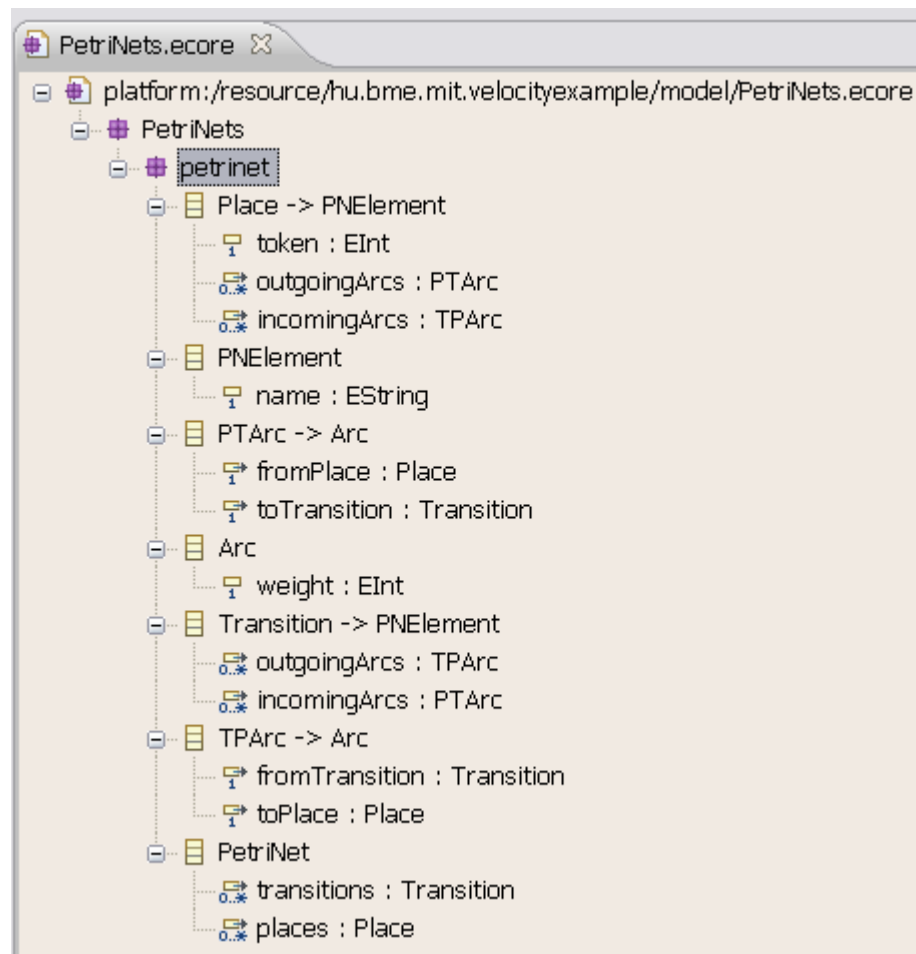


The Petri net Example

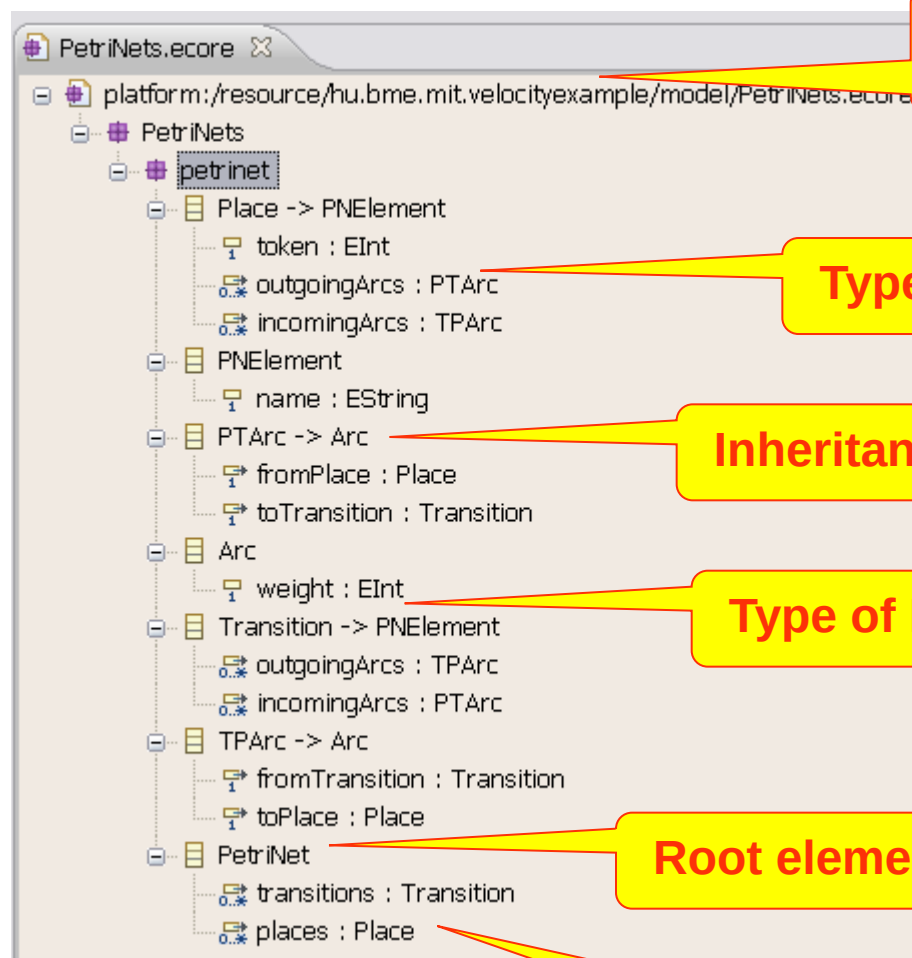
Domain Metamodel: Petri Nets



EMF model Ecore representation



EMF model Ecore representation



Path of containing resource

Type of EReference

Inheritance

Type of EAttribute

Root element

Reference to all model elements

Class Definition in PetriNet.ecore

```
<eClassifiers xsi:type="ecore:EClass" name="Place"
  eSuperTypes="#//petrinet/PNElement">

  <eStructuralFeatures xsi:type="ecore:EAttribute" name="token" lowerBound="1"
    eType="ecore:EDatatype http://www.eclipse.org/emf/2002/Ecore#//EInt"/>

  <eStructuralFeatures xsi:type="ecore:EReference" name="outgoingArcs"
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</eClassifiers>
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Class

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Attribute

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```

Reference

Containment

Multiplicity

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```

Type

Opposite End

```
</eClassifiers>
```

Code generation from Ecore

Code Generation from Ecore (.genmodel)

- ECore model remain pure and independent
- Customizable (wrappers, code formatters, etc.)
- Generated parts:
 - Model persistency (EMF.model)
 - Model management (EMF.edit)
 - Model editor (EMF.editor)
- EMF plugins
- Has some limitations
 - Simple tree editor
 - No concrete syntax

Generator model

- Goal:
 - Specify the attributes of the code generation
- EMF model
 - Tree Editor
 - Refers to the ecore model
- Code generation attributes
 - Java version (e.g., use Enums in case of Java 5 and higher)
 - Package/project names
 - ...

The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE with a project named 'PetriNets'. The project structure is as follows:

- PetriNets
 - Petrinet
 - Place -> PNElement
 - token : EInt
 - outgoingArcs : PTArc
 - incomingArcs : TPArc
 - PNElement
 - name : EString
 - PTArc -> Arc
 - Arc
 - weight : EInt
 - Transition -> PNElement
 - TPArc -> Arc
 - PetriNet

The Properties window is open, showing the following properties and values:

Property	Value
Bundle Manifest	true
Compliance Level	6.0
Copyright Fields	false
Copyright Text	
Language	
Model Name	PetriNets
Non-NLS Markers	false
Runtime Compatibility	false
Runtime Jar	false
Runtime Version	2.5
Color Providers	false
Creation Commands	true
Creation Icons	true
Edit Directory	/hu.bme.mit.velocityexample.edit/src
Edit Plug-in Class	PetriNets.petrinet.provider.PetriNetsEditPlugin
Edit Plug-in ID	hu.bme.mit.velocityexample.edit
Edit Plug-in Variables	
Font Providers	false
Optimized Has Children	false
Provider Root Extends Class	
Table Providers	false
Creation Sub-menus	false
Editor Directory	/hu.bme.mit.velocityexample.editor/src

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Callouts highlight specific areas:

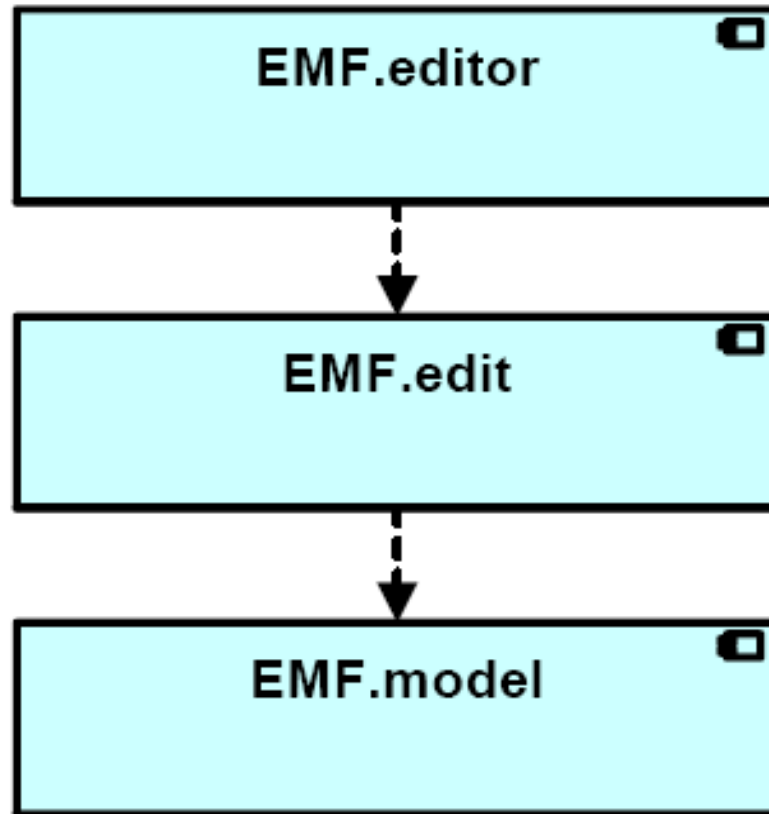
- referred Ecore elements**: Points to the 'name : EString' property in the PNElement class.
- General parameters**: Points to the 'Model Name' property.
- Edit specific attributes**: Points to the 'Edit Plug-in Class' and 'Edit Plug-in ID' properties.
- Editor specific attributes**: Points to the 'Editor Directory' property.

Generated EMF components

Automation in EMF

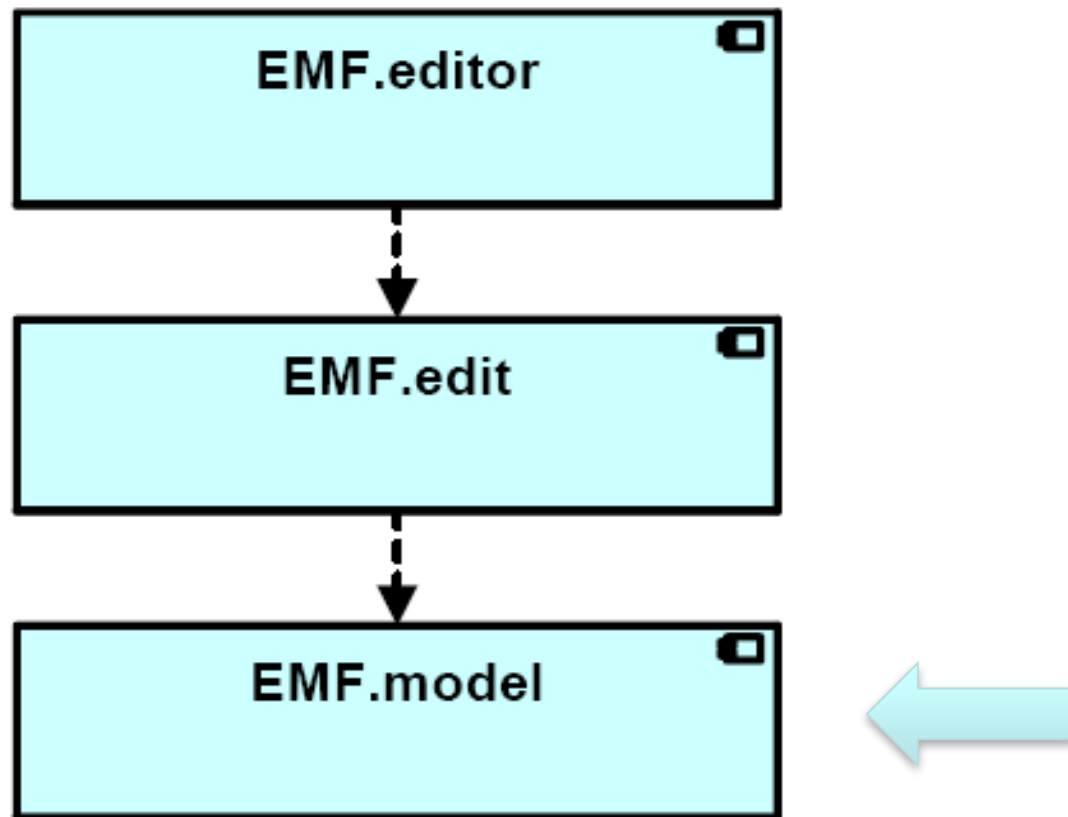
- Model manipulation
 - Bidirectional references (also m..n),
 - Containments
 - Enumerations
 - Factories
 - Multiple inheritance
- Notification, Tree Editors
- Schema Generation
- Core Validation + Unit Tests
- Example Client Usage
- Etc.

Generated EMF components



- ❖ 3. Tree Editor
- ❖ 2. Model Manipulation
- ❖ 1. Model Persistency

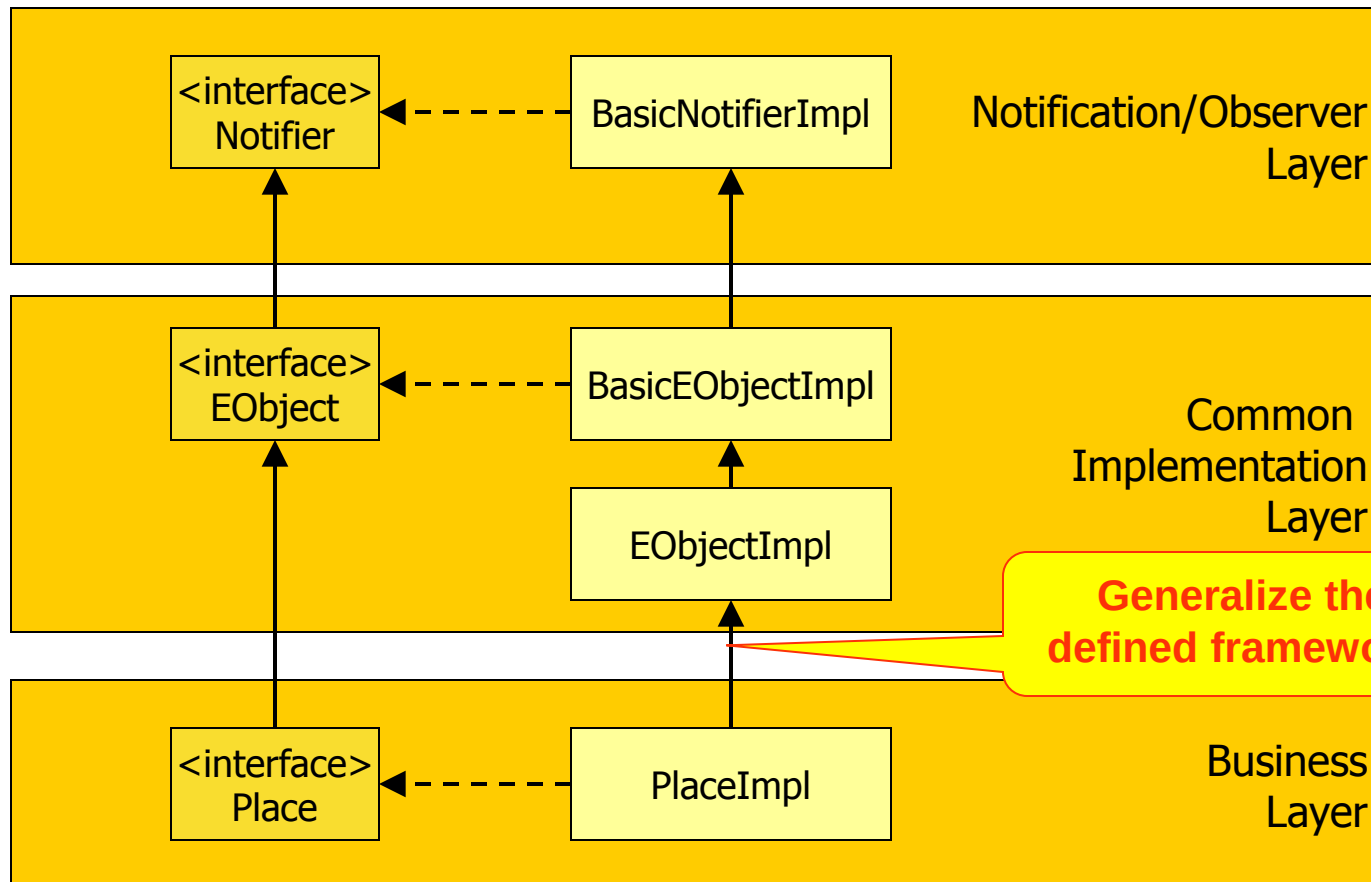
Generated EMF components



EMF.model

- Optimized persistency handling
- Fully featured Java code of the ECore model
- Specific factories for all packages
- Notification mechanism (observer pattern)
- Possible Extension points:
 - Advanced editor
 - Own file format with parser

EClass implementation



Auto-Generated Interface

```
* @model
* @generated
*/
public interface Place extends PNElement {
    /**
     * @model required="true"
     * @generated
     */
    int getToken();

    /**
     * @see #getToken()
     * @generated
     */
    void setToken(int value);

    /**
     * @model opposite="fromPlace" containment="true"
     * @generated
     */
    EList<PTArc> getOutgoingArcs();

    /**
     * @model opposite="toPlace"
     * @generated
     */
    EList<TPArc> getIncomingArcs();
} // Place
```

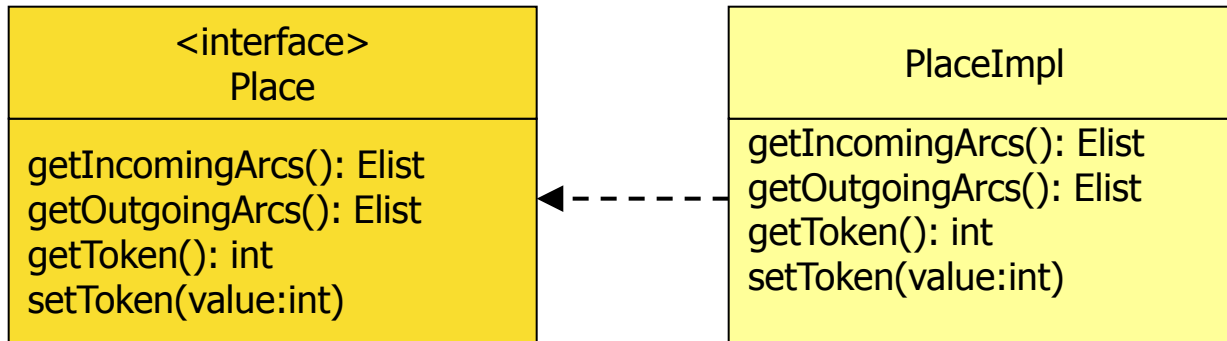
EMF specific
„annotations”

Getters/Setters
for attributes

Only getter when
Multiplicity > 1

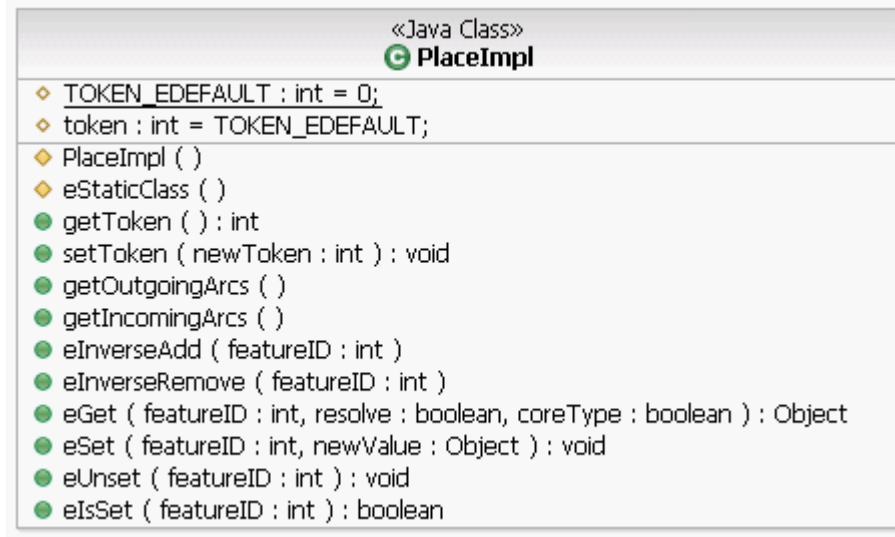
EList, EMF list
interface (~10
implementations

EClass implementation



- EAttribute -> get/set methods (multiplicity ≤ 1)
- EReference:
 - „many” -> get
 - „one” -> get / set

EClass implementation



- Every Class contains Framework specific methods:
 - Reflective get/set (eGet, eSet)
 - Consistency manipulation (eInverseRemove)

EObject

Retruns the static EClass
Implemented by the EObject

«JavaInterface»
Notifier

«JavaInterface»
EObject

Returns the Resource of
which the EObject is added

Reflective
methods

Containment manipulation
methods

```
+ eClass ( ) : EClass  
+ eResource ( ) : Resource  
+ eContainer ( ) : EObject  
+ eContainingFeature ( ) : EStructuralFeature  
+ eContainmentFeature ( ) : EReference  
+ eContents ( ) : EList  
+ eAllContents ( ) : TreeIterator  
+ eIsProxy ( ) : boolean  
+ eCrossReferences ( ) : EList  
+ eGet ( [in] feature : EStructuralFeature ) : Object  
+ eGet ( [in] feature : EStructuralFeature, [in] resolve : boolean ) : Object  
+ eSet ( [in] feature : EStructuralFeature, [in] newValue : Object ) : void  
+ eIsSet ( [in] feature : EStructuralFeature ) : boolean  
+ eUnset ( [in] feature : EStructuralFeature ) : void
```

- Every Interface extends the EObject Interface

EAttribute implementation

```
protected static final int TOKEN_EDEFAULT = 0;
/**
 * @generated
 */
public int getToken() {
    return token;
}
/**
 * @generated
 * @ordered
 */
protected int token = TOKEN_EDEFAULT;
/**
 * @generated
 */
public void setToken(int newToken) {
    int oldToken = token;
    token = newToken;
    if (eNotificationRequired())
        eNotify(new ENotificationImpl(this, Notification.SET,
            PetrinetPackage.PLACE__TOKEN, oldToken, token));
}
```

- Attribute is mapped to get and set methods
- Notification
- Type is normally a simple Java type (int, String, etc.)

EReference implementation

```
/**
 * @see #getIncomingArcs()
 * @generated
 * @ordered
 */
protected EList incomingArcs = null;

/**
 * @generated
 */
public EList getIncomingArcs() {
    if (incomingArcs == null) {
        incomingArcs = new EObjectWithInverseResolvingEList(TPArc.class,
            this,
            PetrinetPackage.PLACE__INCOMING_ARCS,
            PetrinetPackage.TP_ARC__TO_PLACE);
    }
    return incomingArcs;
}
```

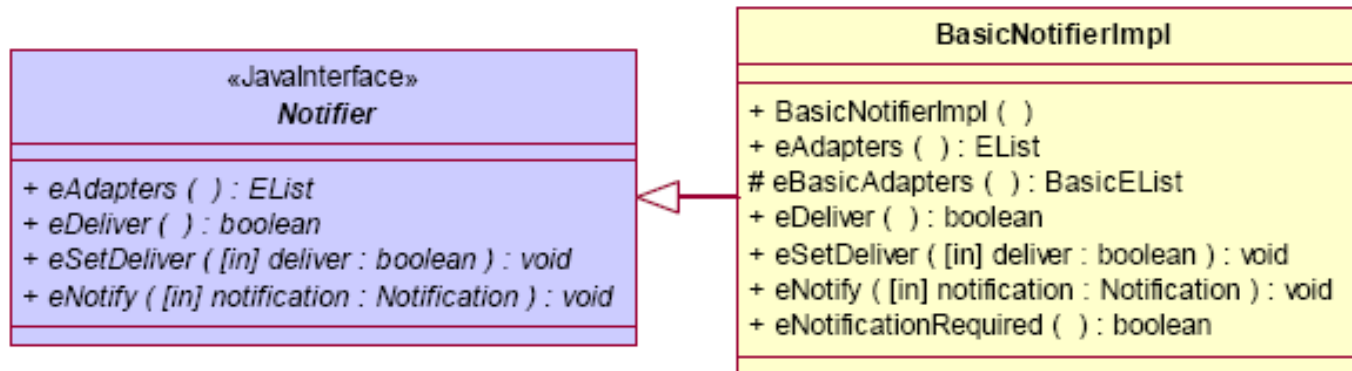
- Similar to the EAttribute
- Notification thrown by EList
- Type is normally an other EObject
- Handles containmnet
 - Uses proxy, must be resolved
 - Have to check opposite EReference integrity

EOperation Implementation

```
public class XImpl extends EObjectImpl implements X {  
  
    /**  
     * @generated NOT  
     */  
    void f() {  
        // Provide the implementation  
    }  
}
```

- Represents the frame of a Java method
- Represented both in the interface and implementing class
- Important:
 - Have to change the generated annotation to **NOT**
 - Have to implement the method manually

Notification implementation



- Observer pattern
- Behavior extension
- Events stored in a Notification class
- Can be parametrized in the genmodel

EFactory implementation

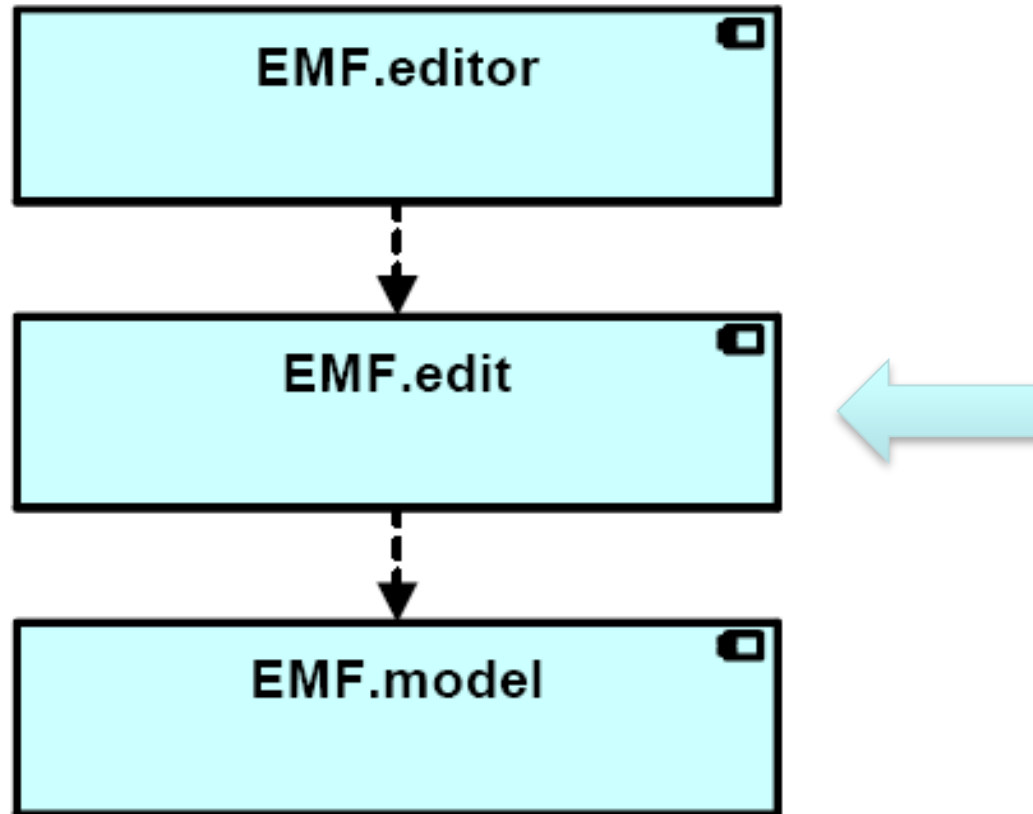
```
public interface PetrinetFactory extends EFactory {  
    /**  
     * The singleton instance of the factory.  
     * @generated  
     */  
    PetrinetFactory eINSTANCE = PetriNets.petrinet.impl.PetrinetFactoryImpl.init();  
  
    Place createPlace();  
  
    PTArc createPTArc();  
  
    Transition createTransition();  
  
    TPArc createTPArc();  
  
    PetriNet createPetriNet();  
  
    PetrinetPackage getPetrinetPackage();  
}  
//PetrinetFactory
```

Single
instance

Create methods
by type

One-to-one reference to
Petrinet EPackage

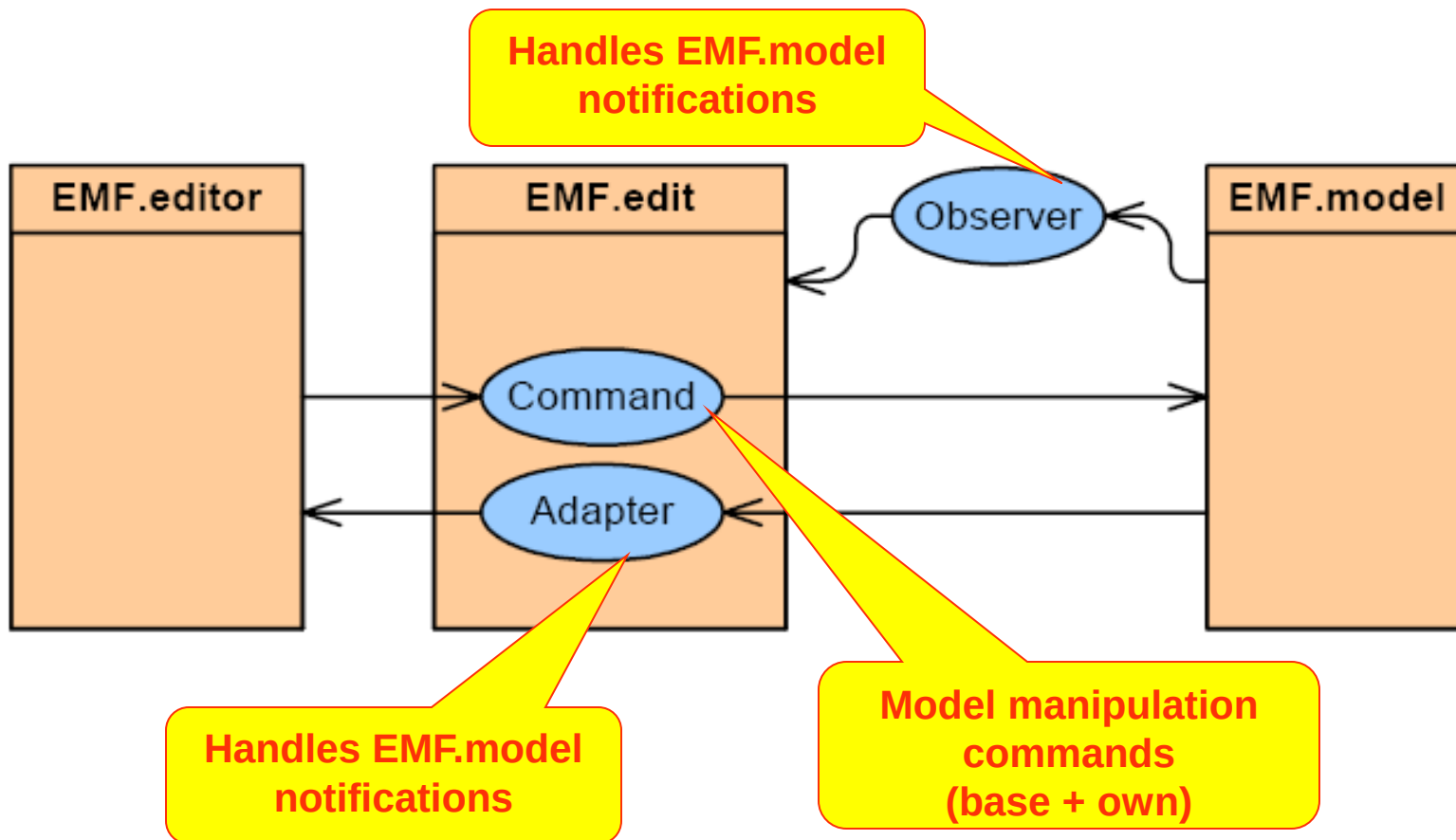
Generated EMF components



EMF.Edit

- Separates the GUI and the model
- GUI independent commands
- Generator pattern:
 - Provider class for each model element
 - Base class: **ItemProvider**
 - Forward EMF model change notifications to the viewer
- Captures core provide utilities
- Flexible

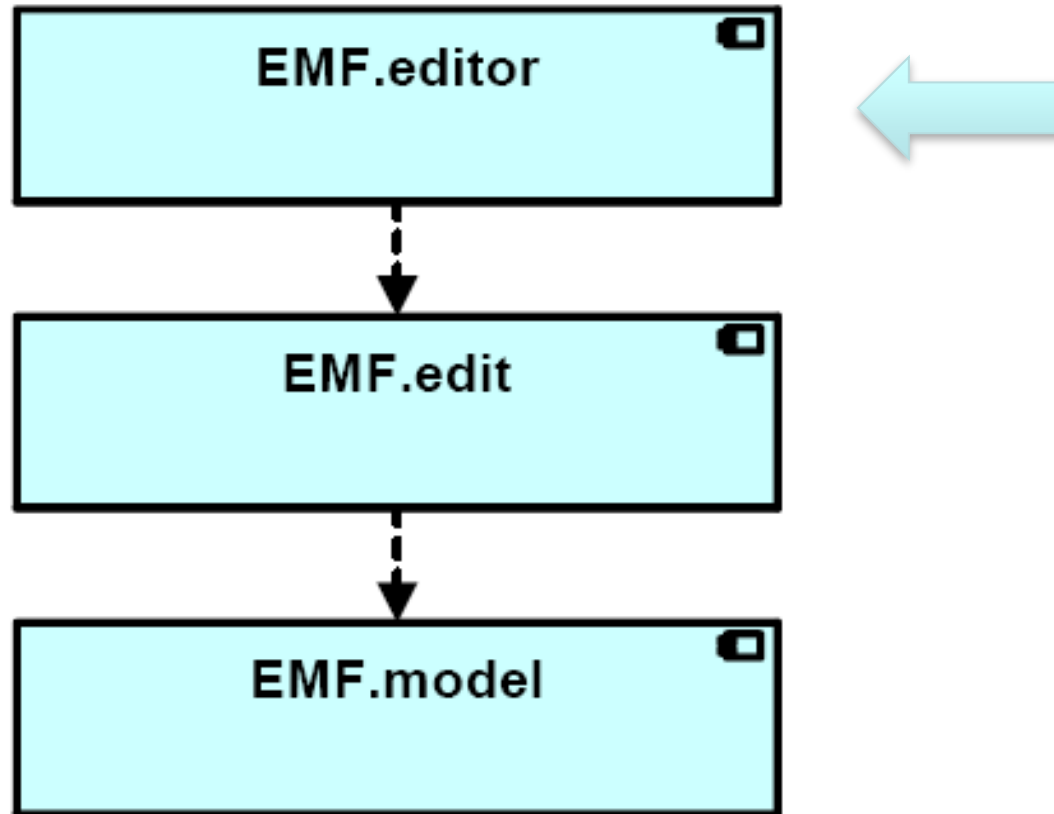
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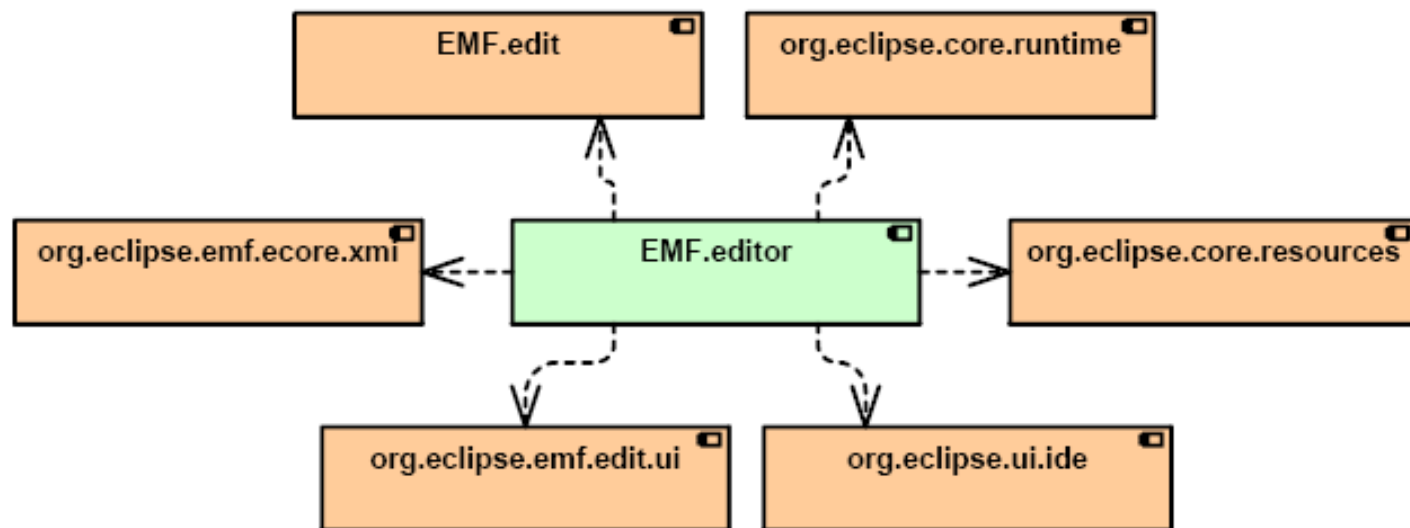
EMF.Edit Command

- All model manipulation through commands
- Based on template method pattern
- The ItemProvider implements the createCommand(...) method, which calls one of its protected command method
- Customizable (usually, modify already implemented „protected” commands)

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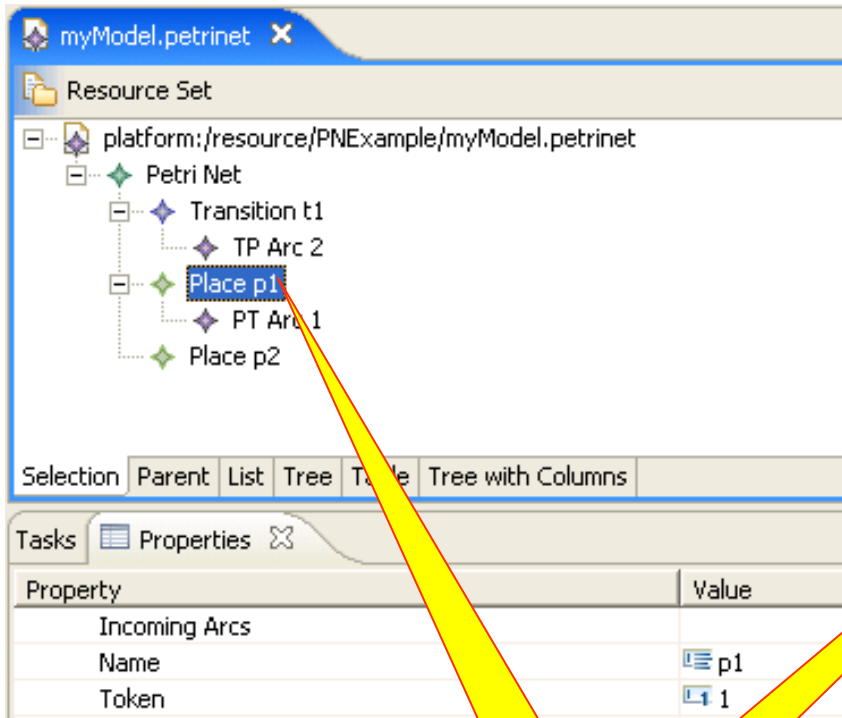


EMF.Editor



- EMF.Editor generates the SWT/JFace for the graphical editor
- Generates:
 - Tree editor
 - Wizards
 - Menus
 - plugins

The editor of Petri Net models



Place p1

Tree View

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<PetriNets.petrinet:PetriNet xmi:version="2.0"
  xmlns:xmi="http://www.omg.org/XMI"
  xmlns:PetriNets.petrinet=
    "http://PetriNets/petrinet.ecore">
  <transitions name="t1" incomingArcs=
    "@places.0/@outgoingArcs.0">
    <outgoingArcs weight="2"
      toPlace="@places.1"/>
  </transitions>
  <places name="p1" token="1">
    <outgoingArcs weight="1"
      toTransition="@transitions.0"/>
  </places>
  <places name="p2" incomingArcs=
    "@transitions.0/@outgoingArcs.0"/>
</PetriNets.petrinet:PetriNet>
```

**Reference: URI
(or XMI.id)**

XMI 2.0 View

Tools, API and Utilities

The org.eclipse.emf.ecore.util Package

- Contains a number of miscellaneous utility classes and interfaces:
 - *ECoreEContentAdapter*: maintains itself as an adapter for all contained objects (add,remove)
 - *UsageCrossReferencer*: finds each ModelElement pointing to the corresponding EObject
 - *ContentTreeIterator*: An iterator over the tree contents of a collection of EObjects
 - *Copier*: deep copy of EObject Elements and EReferences
 - Etc.

Client Programming with EMF

```
Place p1 = PetrinetFactory.eINSTANCE.createPlace();  
p1.setName("p1");  
Place p2 = PetrinetFactory.eINSTANCE.createPlace();  
p2.setName("p2");  
Transition t1 = PetrinetFactory.eINSTANCE.createTransition();  
t1.setName("t1");
```

**Create a
place**

// Inverse direction (p1.outgoingArcs) is set automatically

```
PTArc a0 = PetrinetFactory.eINSTANCE.createPTArc();  
a0.setFromPlace(p1);  
a0.setToTransition(t1);  
TPArc a1 = PetrinetFactory.eINSTANCE.createTPArc();  
a1.setToPlace(p2);  
a1.setFromTransition(t1);
```

**Create a
transition**

**Create a
PT arc**

**Set source
of PT arc**

**Set target
of PT arc**

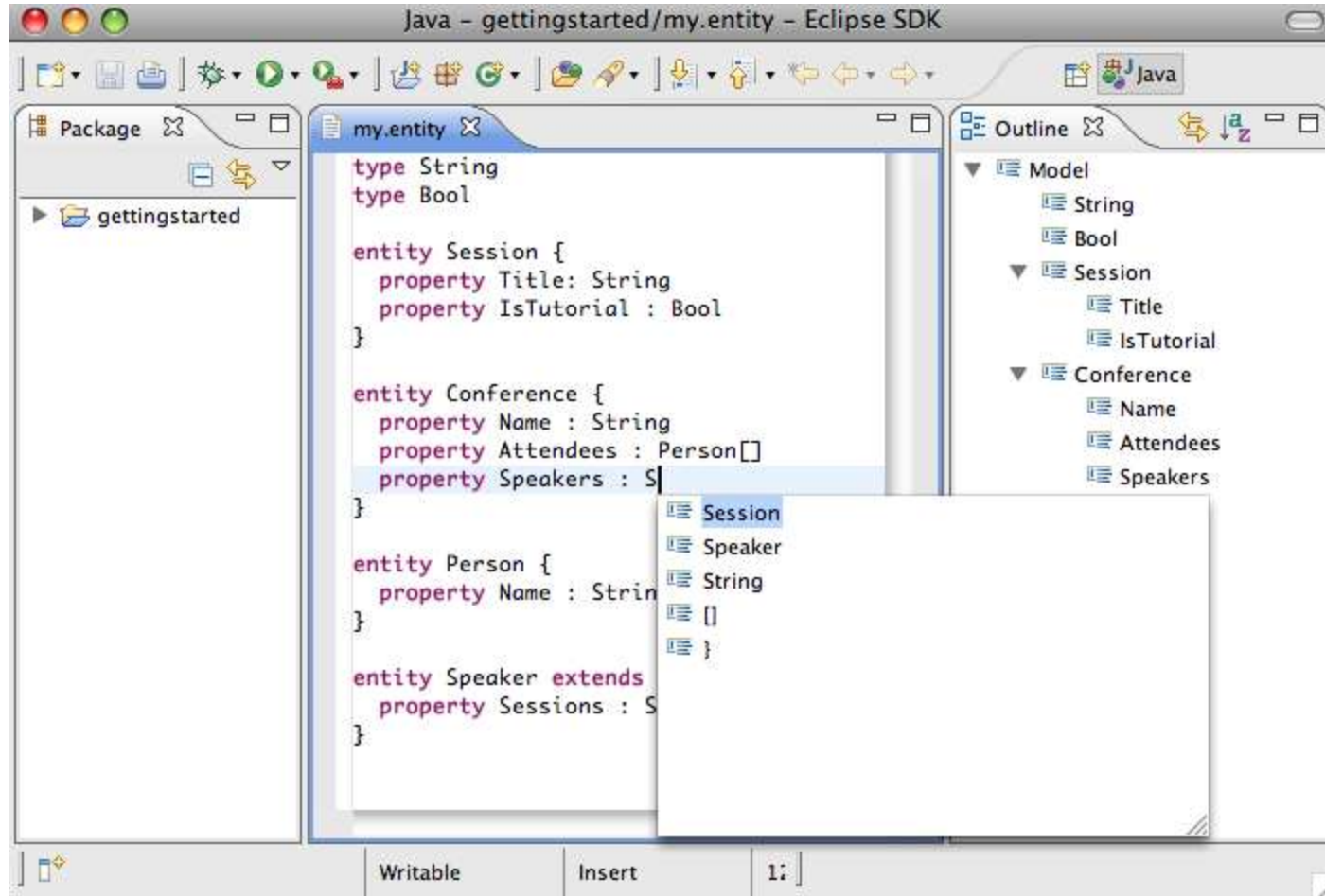
Advanced client programming: Reflective Ecore API

Basic EMF tools

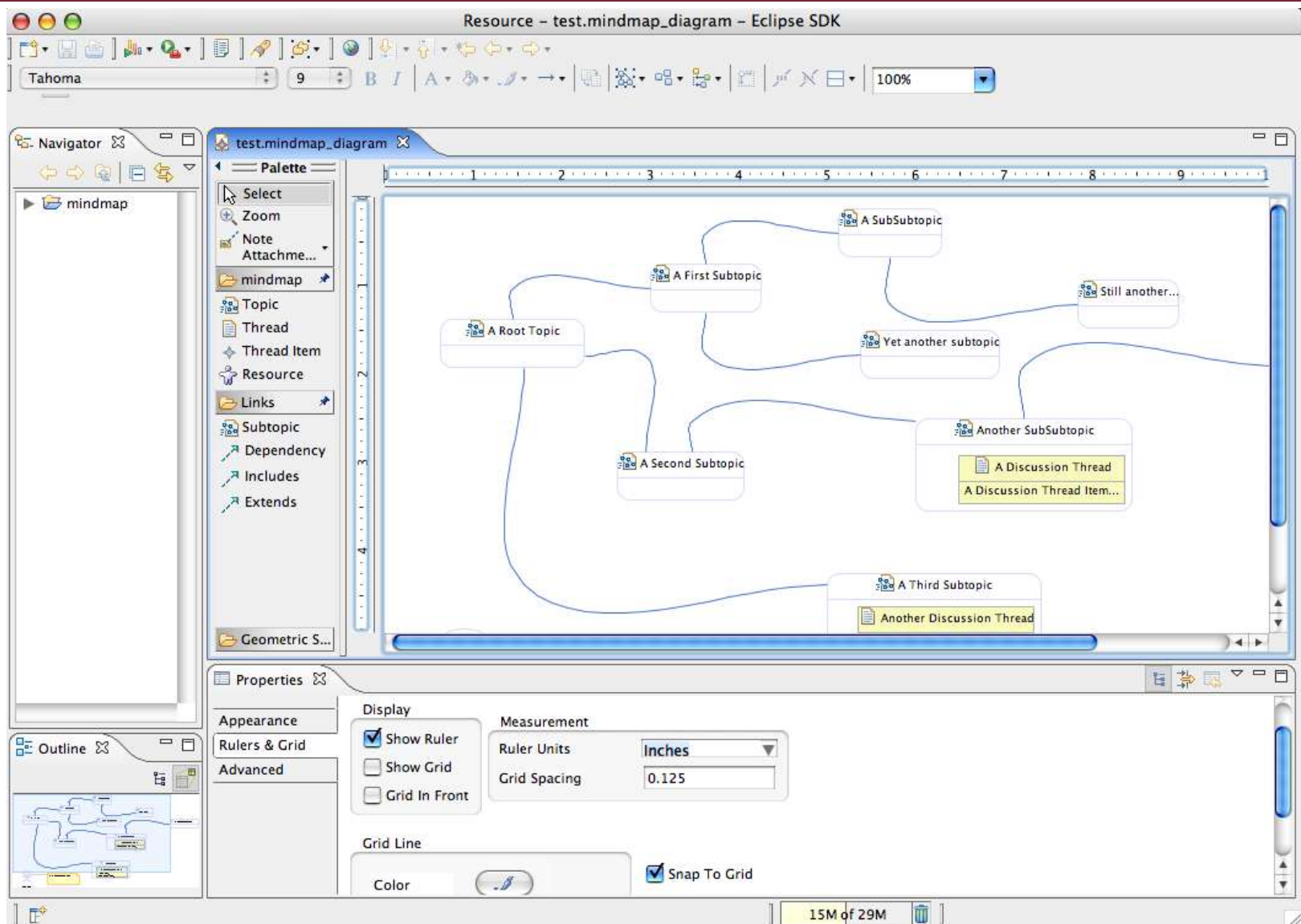
- Validation
 - Validate constraints over EMF models
- Query
 - High-level query language for EMF
- Compare
 - To structurally compare EMF models (e.g., versioning)
- Teneo
 - Persistency layer over relation databases
- SDO
 - Service Oriented Architecture based on EMF
- CDO
 - distributed, client-server EMF models

XText

- Textual DSL EMF for metamodels



GMF



Ecore Tools: Ecore Diagram Editor (GMF)

- Graphical DSL EMF to define EMF metamodels

