

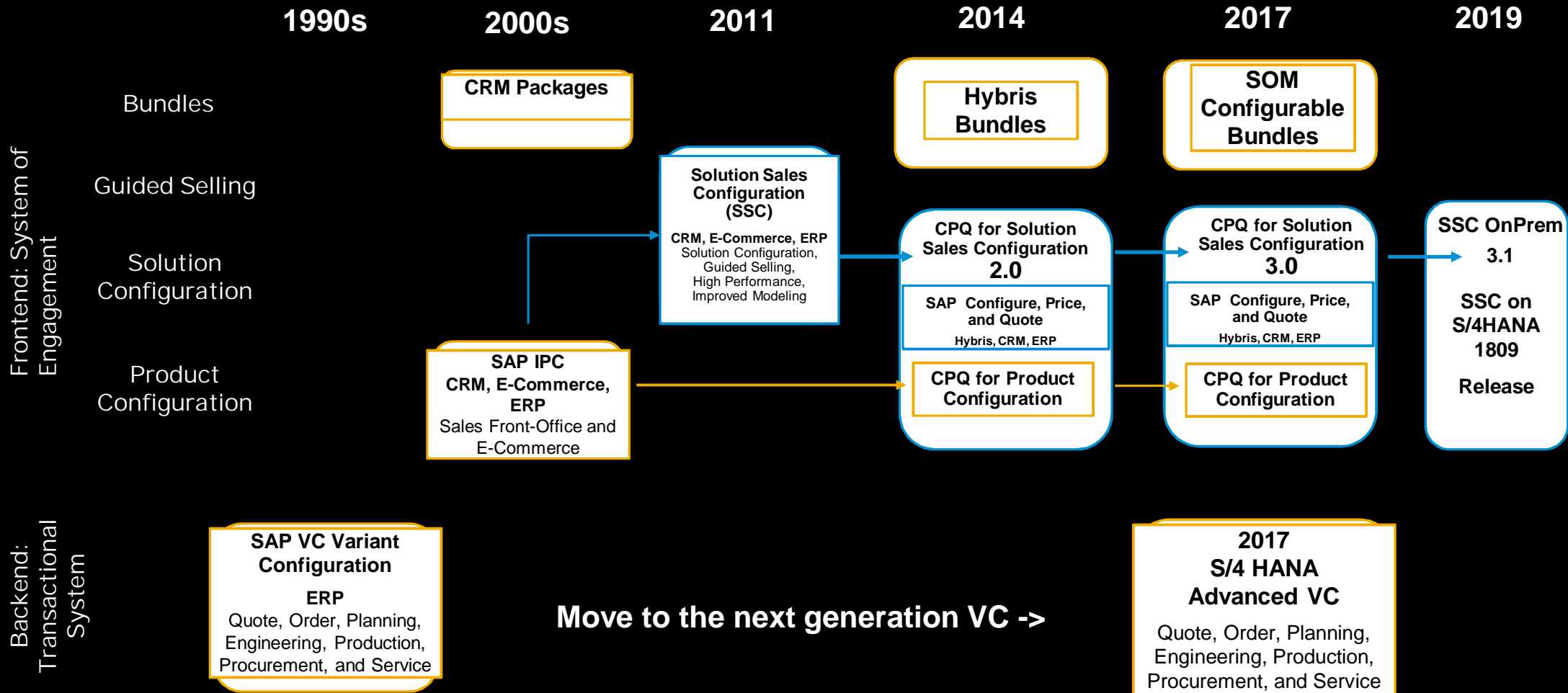
SAP Solution Sales Configuration

SCE and SME Overview



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Product and Solution Configuration with SAP: On-Premise



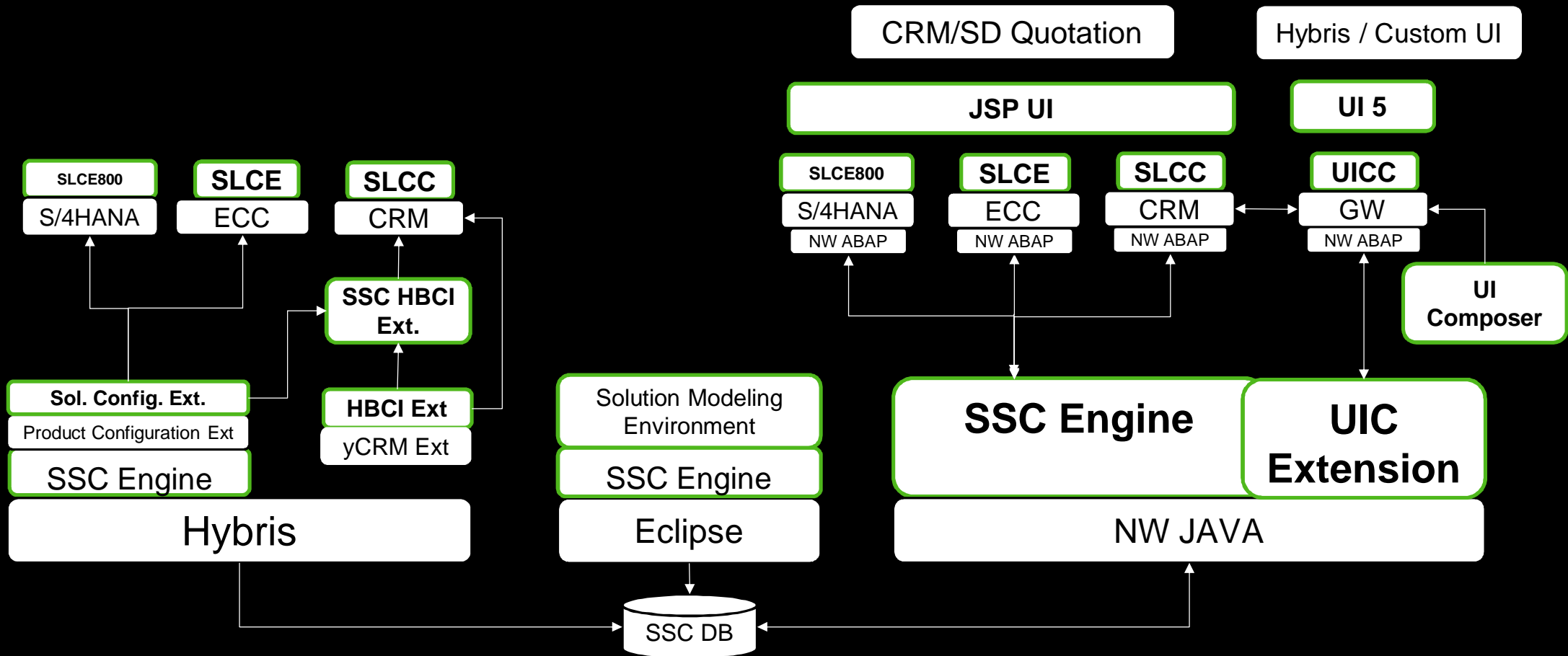
SAP Solution Sales Configuration (SSC)

SSC enables customers to build complex configurable solutions comprising of 'any type' of products and services across all SAP sales processes in 'Standalone' mode.

It comprises of :

- ❖ Solution Configuration Engine(SCE): Advanced inference engine, object oriented, and automated reasoning based upon declarative constraints.
- ❖ Solution Modeling Environment (SME):
 - ❖ Eclipse plugin for offline development and testing in distributed development setup.
 - ❖ Customizable and open development environment for specialized needs.
 - ❖ Devops support to ensure consistent performance and quality rollouts continuously.
- ❖ Sales and Service Process Integration: Seamless Integrations into SAP CRM, ERP, S/4HANA, and SAP Hybris Platforms

SSC , HBCI, and UIC Integrations Overview



Solution Configuration **Engine**

Advanced Mode for Bottom-Up Configuration

Classical Mode: Top-Down Configuration

- ❖ Maximum Bill Of Material: Traditional super BOM

Advanced Mode: Bottom-Up Configuration

- ❖ Dynamic Bill of Material
 - ❖ Multi Instantiation: Multiple sub-components under main or root item at same BOM position.
 - ❖ Abstract Data Types: Link or group instances through reference cistics (ADT's)
- ❖ Attribute Facets in Constraints : Enhanced constraints process to consider attribute facets such as invisibility, assigned value, dynamic domain, user domain, persistent or sticky default, and not specified.
- ❖ Add Non-Parts : 'Non-Part' is an item that is not in a bill of material. They are related to other items, but not as component parts and relationships expressed using ADT's. (e.g. a service is not part of the items it serves, but does have a 'service relationship' with each of them)

Declarative Constraints and Rules

- ❖ **Declarative:** Define logic of computation without defining the control flow. Both constraints and rules are declarative in nature since they are triggered simultaneously when their trigger conditions are met.
- ❖ **Constraints:** A relationship or condition that must hold true for configuration instances and their characteristics. Used to derive or infer contradictions or conflicts , Value Assignments , Domain Restrictions and exclusions , PART_OF instance hierarchy , Specialization of an instance etc.
- ❖ **Rules:** Procedural form of dependency which are used for aggregations , access and modify external data and trigger any built in or user defined functions

Knowledge Base Decomposition , Orchestration and MCI

❖ KB Decomposition

- ❖ Possible to break down big monolithic KBs into smaller KB . Easier management with relatively smaller unit of work.
- ❖ Distributed, independent, and collaborative development

❖ KB Orchestration

- ❖ Interlinking between two different KBs in a coordinated manner.
- ❖ Unified representation of interlinked configurations.
- ❖ Enables reuse of classical KBs within a solution model

❖ Multi Configuration Instances

- ❖ Instances which can be made accessible in more than one configuration object simultaneously.

User Domain Calculations

User domain is set of allowed values in a restrictable cstic's domain resulting from restrictions triggered by the values of all other characteristics. Two modes are supported:

- ❖ One at a Time : For the restrictable cstic selected by user, domains are calculated for that particular restrictable cstic. This is enabled by setting 'userDomainPreview' flag as true, and is the same as in IPC.
- ❖ All at Once: New algorithms enables SSC to:
 - ❖ Calculate user domains for every restrictable cstic at once, resulting in a simplified UI experience.
 - ❖ Handle domain conflicts, remove duplicates, and flag them adequately.

This is enabled by setting 'userDomainCalculation' flag as true in SSC.

Irrespective of the mode, it is possible to see the set of disallowed values in SME for easier modeling purpose .

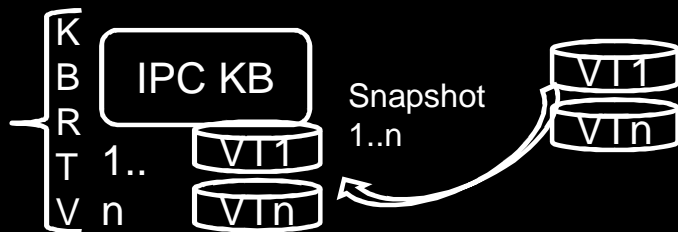
Care should be taken to limit the number of cstics to be restrictable to one's which are used for user inputs on the UI to avoid performance degradation.

External Variant and Text Tables

External Variant Tables enables business users to maintain configuration data without the need of regenerating the configuration model.

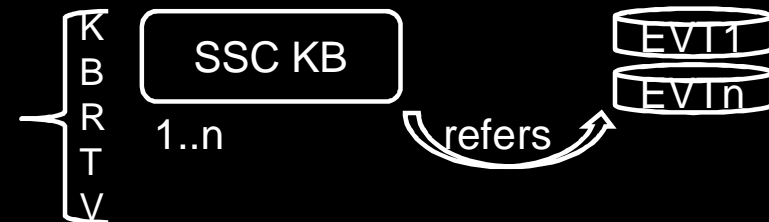
Similarly, External Texts enables management of Language text without generating the KBs again.

Classical Embedded Tables



- ❖ Requires KBRTV generation for any change in variant table data
- ❖ Multiple copies exist in the database and in SSC engine cache

SSC External Tables



- ❖ EVT's can be mapped to a database table.
- ❖ Only one copy exists in db and in SSC engine cache
- ❖ KBRTV is not required to be generated for any change in data by business users
- ❖ Effectivity of the data is controlled by SSC_FROM_DATE and SSC_TO_DATE

Exclusions , Restrictions , Conflicts and Aggregations

- ❖ Exclusions: Exclude features which are incompatible with already selected features. Supported through 'excluded values' attribute facet which can also be filled dynamically.
- ❖ Restrictions: Restrict possible feature selections to only those which are compatible with already selected features. Supported through 'dynamic domain' attribute facet which can also be filled dynamically.
- ❖ Conflicts: Selection of a feature which is incompatible with previous selection results in a conflict. Flexible messaging capability with any number of message objects dynamically created with guidance on why this is an incompatible selection and how it can be resolved.
- ❖ Aggregation: Attributes of individual parts can contribute to summation at different levels, for example, weight, length, height, depth, bandwidth, capacity, number of ports, and number of slots etc. SSC provides reliable and declarative syntax for calculating aggregations.

Configuration Restore

SSC allows a user to quickly start a new configuration process based upon a previous saved configuration. Configuration is restored against the current valid KB and only valid options are listed. Two modes of restore are supported :

Classical Restore

- ❖ Default saving of configuration state. Final state of configuration is saved in xml.
- ❖ Does not require modeling changes as instances are created and deleted dynamically during restore process by SSC engine.
- ❖ Suitable for most configurations without many custom user exits.
- ❖ Restore performance degrades with extremely large configuration due to heavy engine activity.
- ❖ If custom user exits are used, then special handling of restore scenarios need to be accounted for .

User Input Based Restore

- ❖ Specialized saving of 'User Action' in configuration xml.
- ❖ Requires small modeling change to uniquely identify the instances during restore.
- ❖ Accomplishes restore by way of executing the recorded configuration steps in sequence.
- ❖ Simplifies custom user exit development process since restore specific coding is not required
- ❖ Performance consistent to initial configuration in case steps are optimized.

Modeling Frameworks and Engine Extensions

- ❖ Frameworks: To reduce redundant and repetitive model development activities, a set of core models carrying definitions and behaviors can be grouped together which can act as a base framework . This framework can then be used by other models simply by project referencing capabilities of eclipse workbench.
- ❖ Engine Extensions: SSC engine provide special hooks or user exits for customer specific and general purpose extension of SSC engine .
 - ❖ Using these hooks, it is possible to provide triggers to the customer specific code to meet any specific requirements.
 - ❖ Since custom code might change frequently, it is possible to deploy these changes without requiring a system restart.

Scaling and Performance

- ❖ Industry standard AI algorithms have been significantly modified and improved for performance and memory optimization.
- ❖ Delta Bean concept for data transfer optimization for each update.
- ❖ Dynamic variant table views to limit set of data to be processed by constraint or rules for faster processing.
- ❖ On-demand instantiation of data objects.
- ❖ Significant enhancements in basic data structures used in algorithms for performance.
- ❖ Hyper scaling through NW Java or Hybris clusters.

SAP SSC Solution Modeling Environment



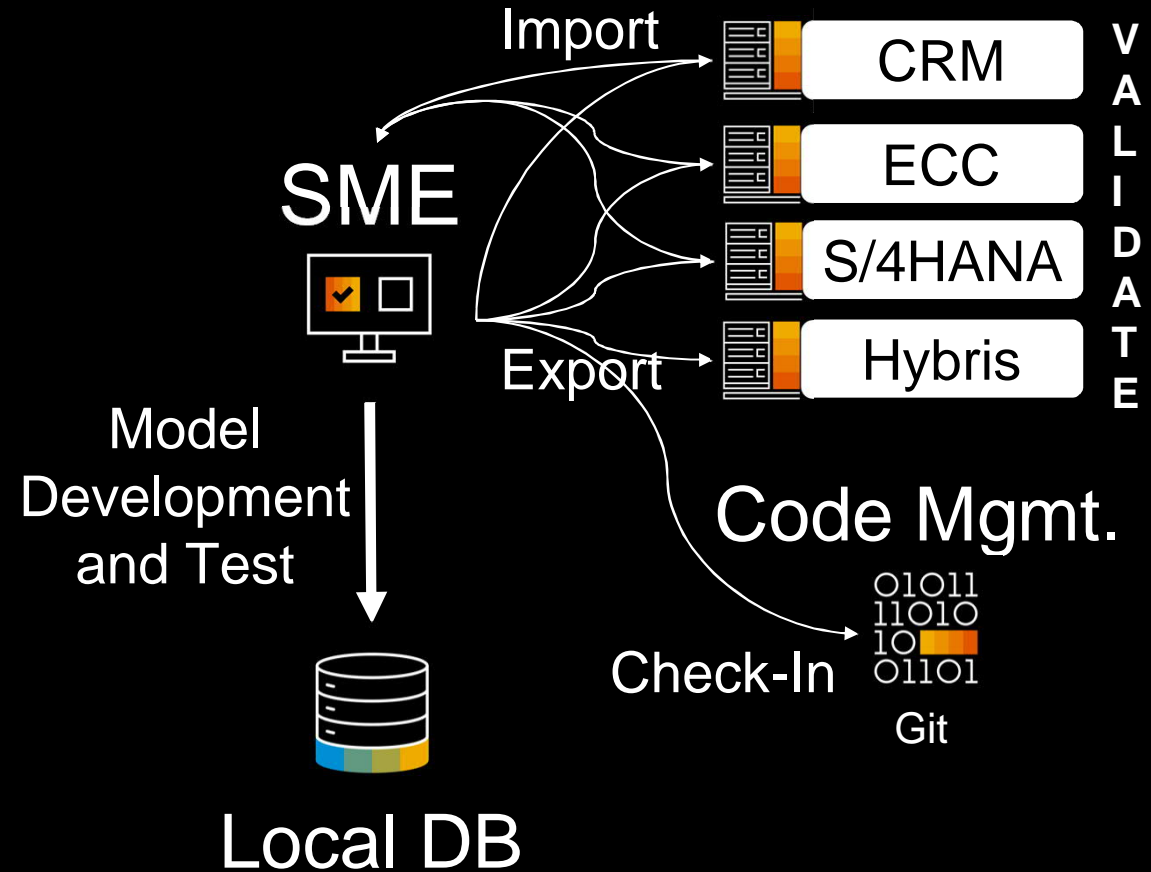
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About SSC Solution Modeling Environment (SME)

- ❖ Eclipse plug-In facilitating building of complex solution configuration models.
- ❖ Enables development in both online and offline modes .
- ❖ Modeler's working in distributed development environment setup can collaborate in agile mode to build big and complex solutions.
- ❖ VC and IPC models can be reused and wrapped in solution models.
- ❖ Devops support for automated continuous build and regression testing of solution models.

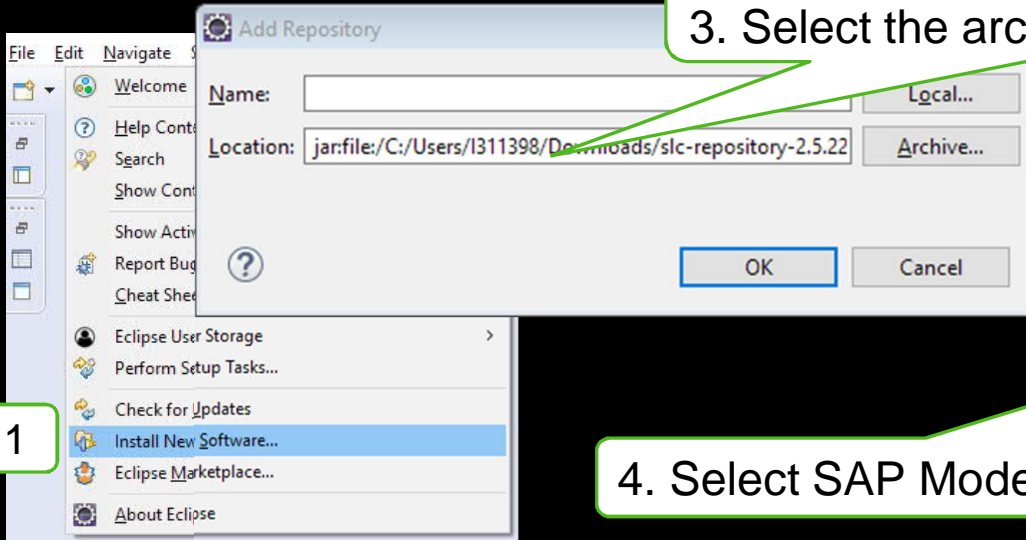
Solution Model Development Process

- ❖ Master data can be downloaded from S/4HANA , ERP, or CRM systems.
- ❖ Solution models can be developed and tested against a local database.
- ❖ Models can be versioned in source code management repositories, like Git, for collaboration with other modeler's.
- ❖ Solution models can be exported to backend systems where they are integrated with NW Java or Hybris.
- ❖ Solution models can be exported to a database connected with NW Java or Hybris in 'Ready To Integrate' scenario mode .
- ❖ SME can operate in 'headless' mode , supporting automated KB generation/export and testing.

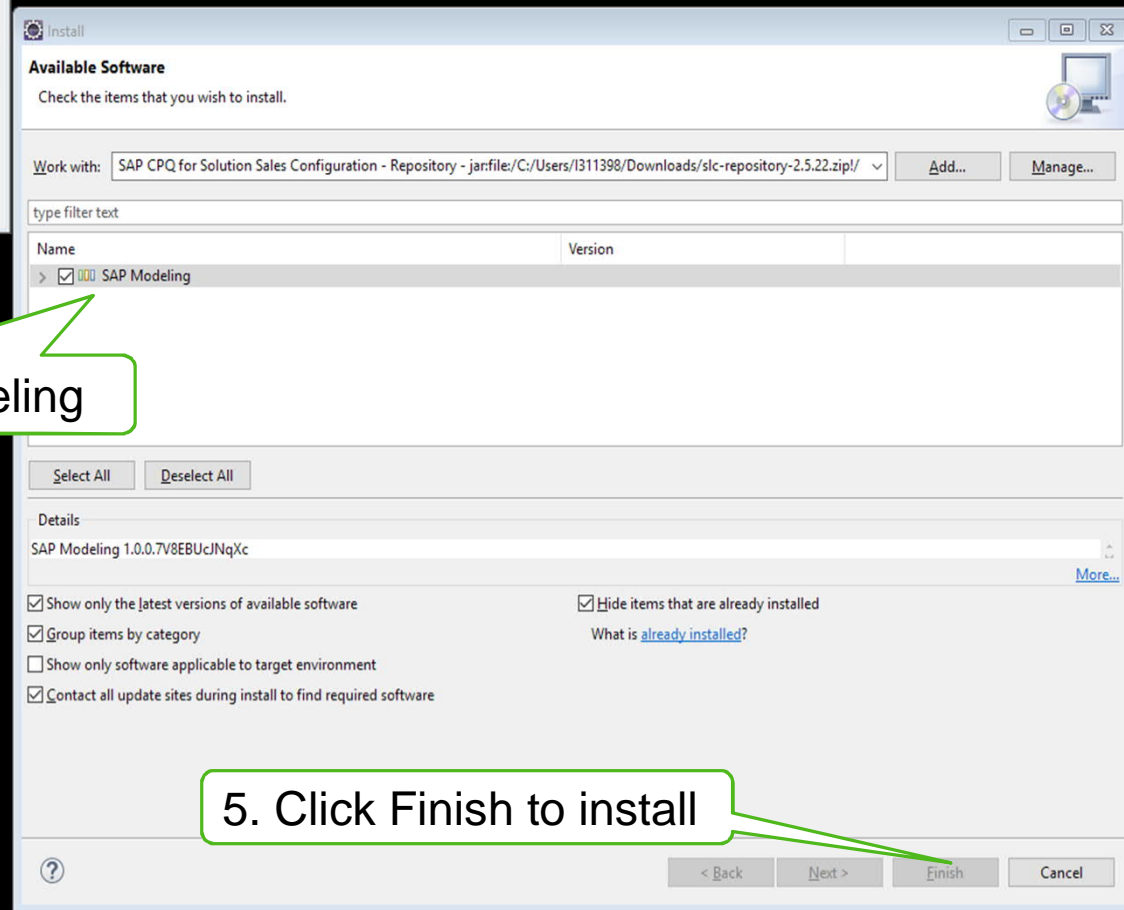


Installing SME in Eclipse

2. Download latest SME zip from SMP
3. Select the archive File

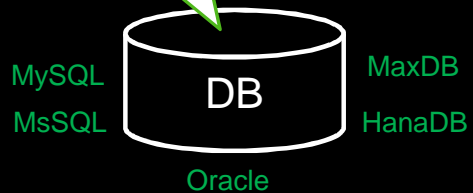


4. Select SAP Modeling

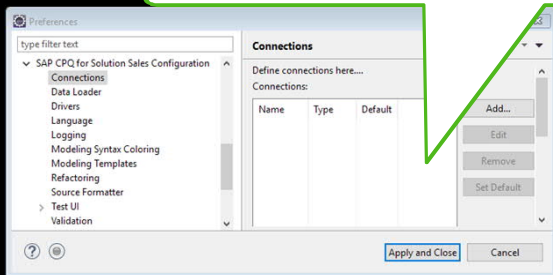


Setting Local Database and Connections

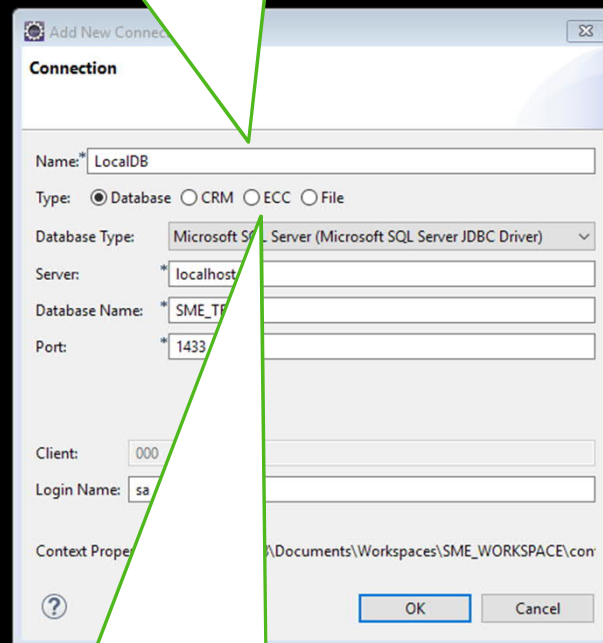
1. Create a database in the DB



2. Add Connection

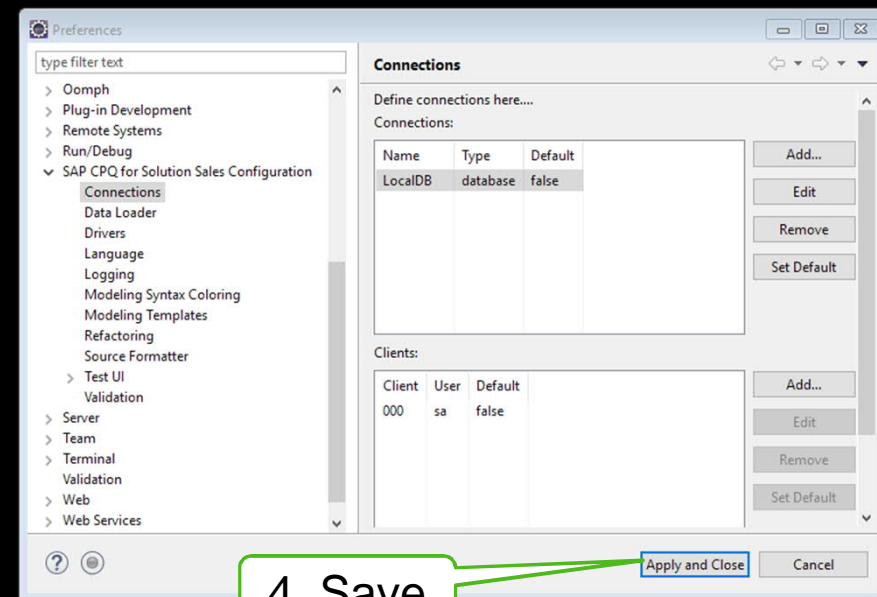


3. Specify connection and DB details



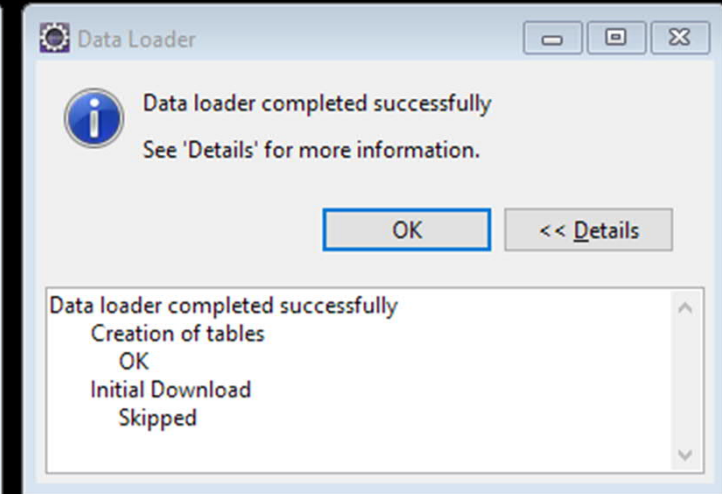
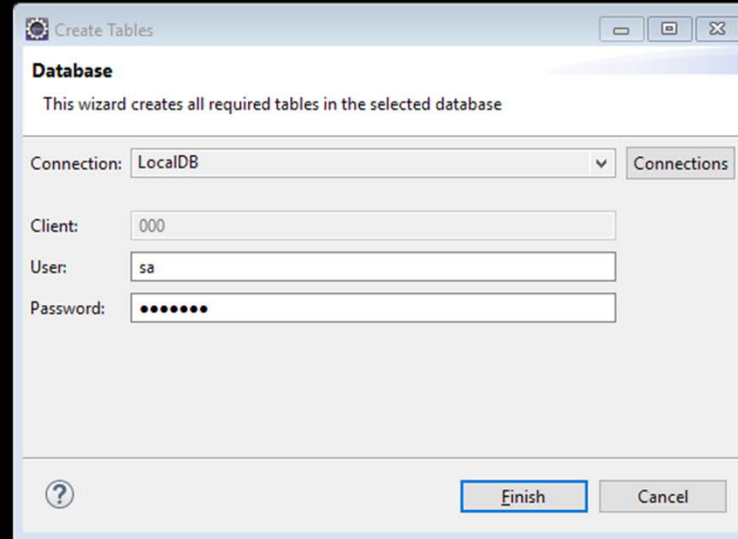
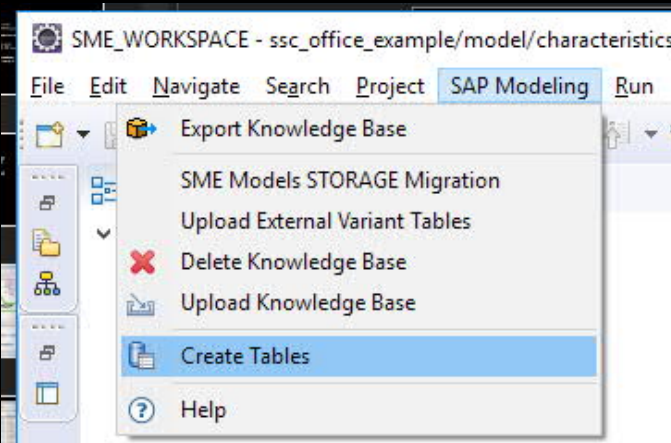
Connections with ERP/CRM can also be created

4. Save



Initializing Local Database

- ❖ Initialize the database with SSC schema and tables for a knowledge base to be exported for testing



Downloading Master Data

- ❖ Dataloader is integrated in SME and can be used to download VC/IPC/SSC KBs and materials from an ECC/S4/CRM backend to the local database.
- ❖ Enables reuse of VC/IPC models (configurable products) in solution models for faster development and testing of the complete solution involving knowledge base orchestration.

The screenshot displays the SAP SME Workspace interface. On the left, the 'File' menu is open, with 'Import...' selected. The 'Import' wizard is active, showing a tree view of project components. The 'Data Loader' component is selected. The 'Data Loader Configuration' dialog is open, showing a table with the following data:

Source	RFC Destina...	Target
TEST ECC	TEST RFC	LocalDB

Callouts provide additional information:

- Specify backend system and RFC destination defined in backend system (points to 'TEST ECC' and 'TEST RFC')
- Specify target where data will be downloaded, i.e. local DB (points to 'LocalDB')

Configuring Data Loader

Data loader enables fetching of master data from ECC/CRM systems into Local database for solution model development and testing.

Source backend system details

Selective data type download

Add New Configuration

Data Loader Configuration

Name:

Source

Name: Client: RFC Destination:

Target

Database: Client:

Initial Download

SCE Download: Enabled

Condition Download: Enabled

Material Download: Enabled

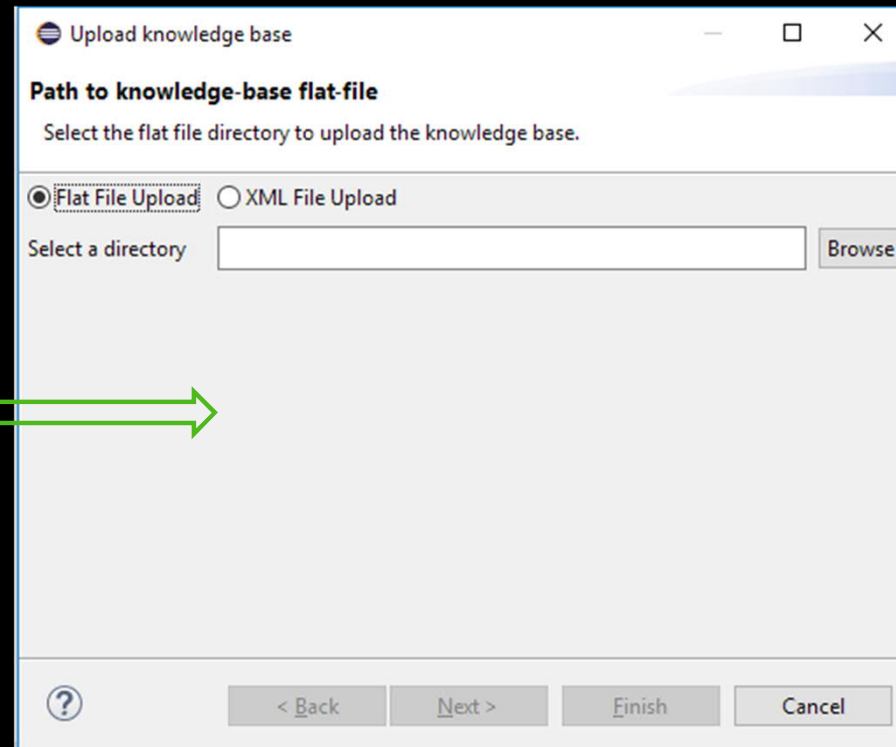
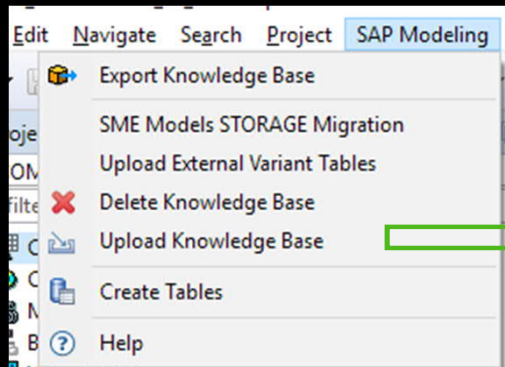
Customizing Download: Enabled

Target local database connection details

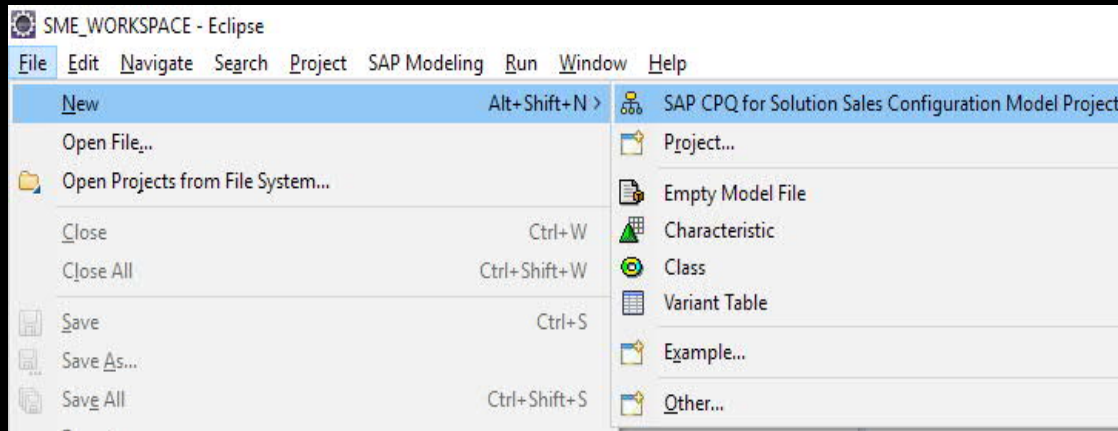
Filters to reduce scope of data to be downloaded

Uploading Classical KBs Manually

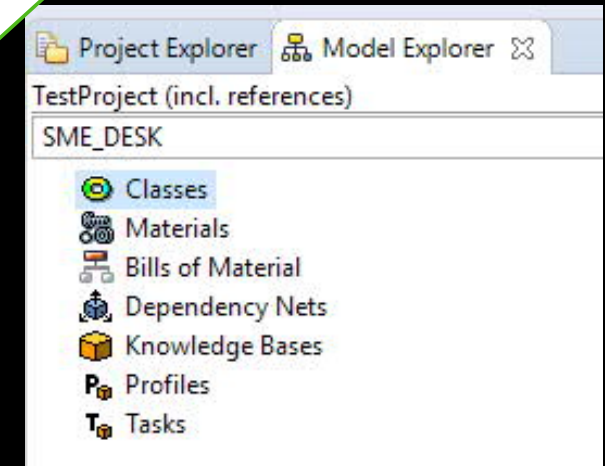
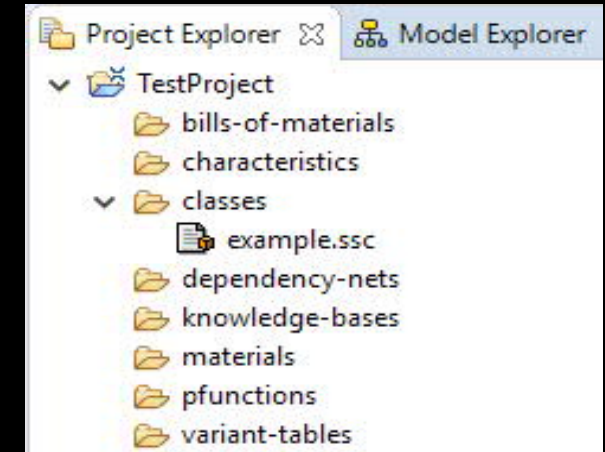
In case needed, VC / IPC KBs can be downloaded from backend in xml/flat file formats and uploaded to local DB for development and testing purposes.



Creating a New Model Project

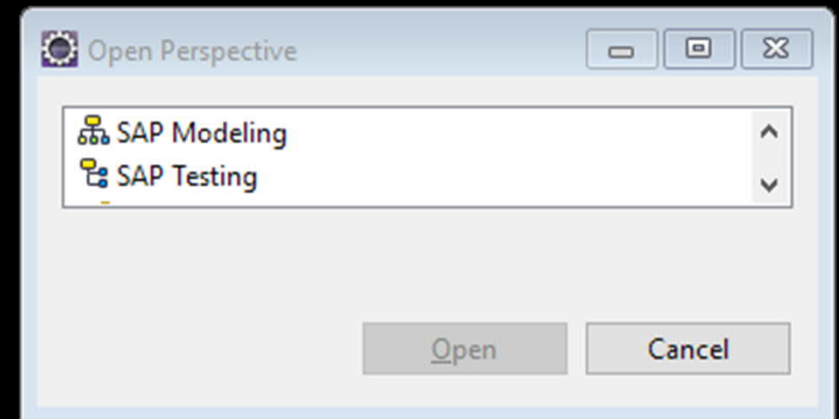


Creates basic project structure



WorkBench

- ❖ Modeling Perspective: Collection of views facilitating development of a solution model
 - ❖ Model Explorer
 - ❖ Model Editor
 - ❖ Model Graph
 - ❖ Model Outline
- ❖ Testing Perspective: Collection of views facilitating testing of solution model
 - ❖ Test Runner
 - ❖ Conflicts and Justifications
 - ❖ Profiling and Tracing



Modeling Perspective

Modeling Perspective

Model structure and outline of complete model

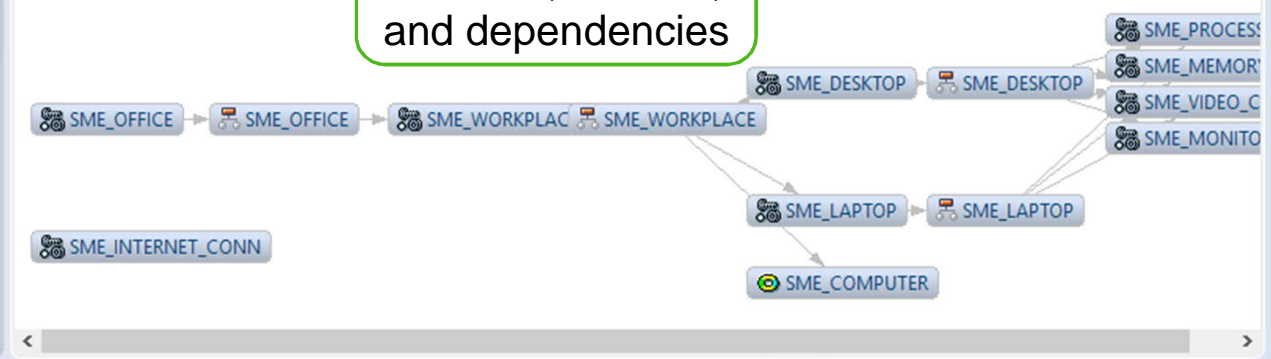
Instant syntax validation

Model editor with quick assist templates syntax editing

Outline view for quick navigation in model file editing

Graphical layout for BOM, classes, and dependencies

```
1 knowledgeBase SME_DESKTOP {  
2   version "0.0.1.0"  
3   validFrom 2017-02-1  
4   tasks  
5     SME_DESKTOP_TSK  
6   profiles  
7     name 'SME_DESKTOP' material SME_DESKTOP  
8 }
```



Global Settings

Quick Assist Templates

Name	Context	Description	Auto Ins...
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bom	ModelObject	A bill of material (BOM) for a material.	on
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bom positi...	BomItem	BOM position of type class.	on
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bom positi...	BomItem	BOM position of type material.	on
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> characterist...	ModelObject	A characteristic to link classes (ADT).	on
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> characterist...	ModelObject	A date characteristic with format yyyy-m...	on
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> characterist...	CsticGroup	A characteristic group.	on
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> characterist...	ModelObject	A numeric characteristic with length 6 a...	on
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> characterist...	ModelObject	A text characteristic with length 30.	on
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> class	ModelObject	A class with characteristics and no super ...	on
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> class object	PmsObject	A variable for class object.	on
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> class object...	PmsObject	A variable for class object and 2 characte...	on
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> class super	ModelObject	A class with super class(es) and a charact...	on
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> constraint	ModelObject		on

Add new company specific template

```

characteristic ${CSTIC} {
  name "${NAME}"
  classType ${CLASS}
}

```

Buttons: New..., Edit..., Remove, Store Removed, Revert to Default, Import..., Export..., Restore Defaults, Apply, Apply and Close, Cancel.

Quick Assist can be invoked using Ctrl + Space in the model editor.

All possible template options are shown with details and relevant selection can be made for faster creation of model constructs.

```
1 knowledgeBase SME_DESKTOP {
2   version "0.0.1.0"
3   validFrom 2017-02-10
4   tasks
5     SME_DESKTOP_TSK
6   profiles
7     name 'SME_DESKTOP' material SME_DESKTOP
8 }
9
10
```

Open Declaration F3
Quick Outline Ctrl+O

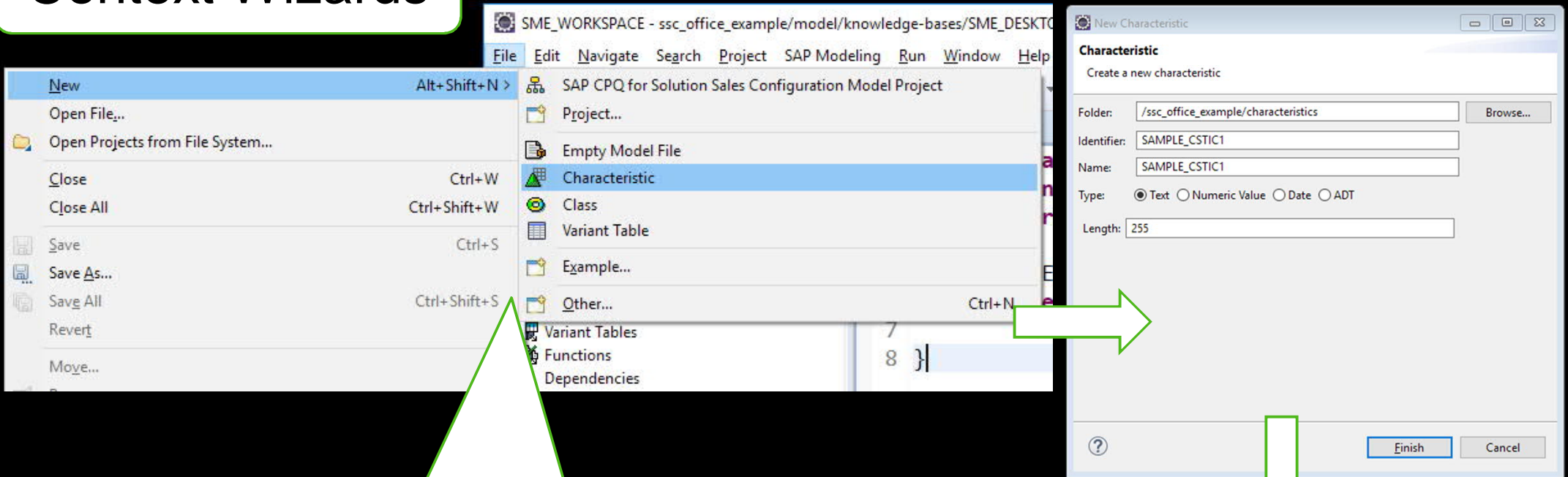
Click + F3

Open related definitions quickly using shortcut keys

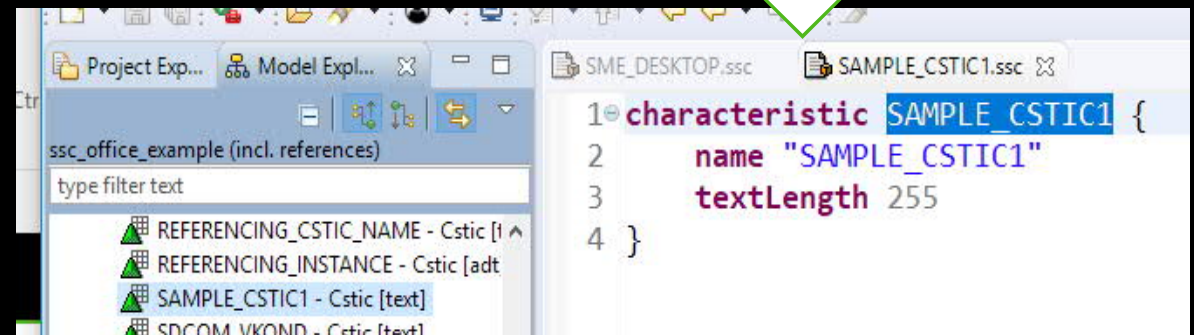
- characteristic
- class
- constraint
- constraintNet
- cstic
- characteristic class link (ADT) - A characteristic to link classes (ADT).
- characteristic date - A date characteristic with format yyyy-mm-dd.
- characteristic numeric - A numeric characteristic with length 6 and 2 decimal places.
- characteristic text - A text characteristic with length 30.
- class - A class with characteristics and no super classes.
- class super - A class with super class(es) and a characteristic.
- constraint - A simple constraint.
- constraintNet - A constraint net with constraints.

characteristic CSTIC {
name "NAME"
numericLength 6 decimalPlaces 2
values
1.00,
}

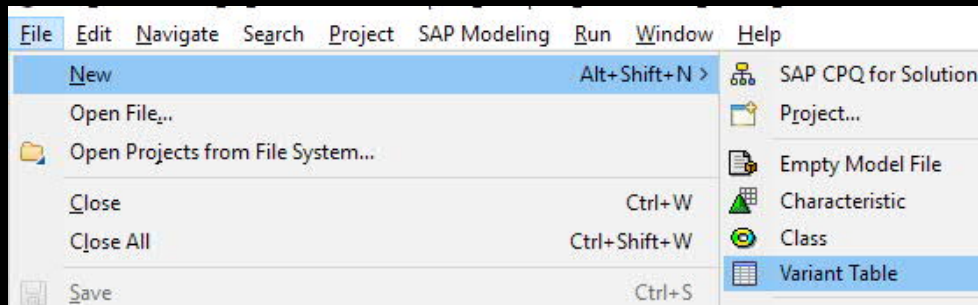
Context Wizards



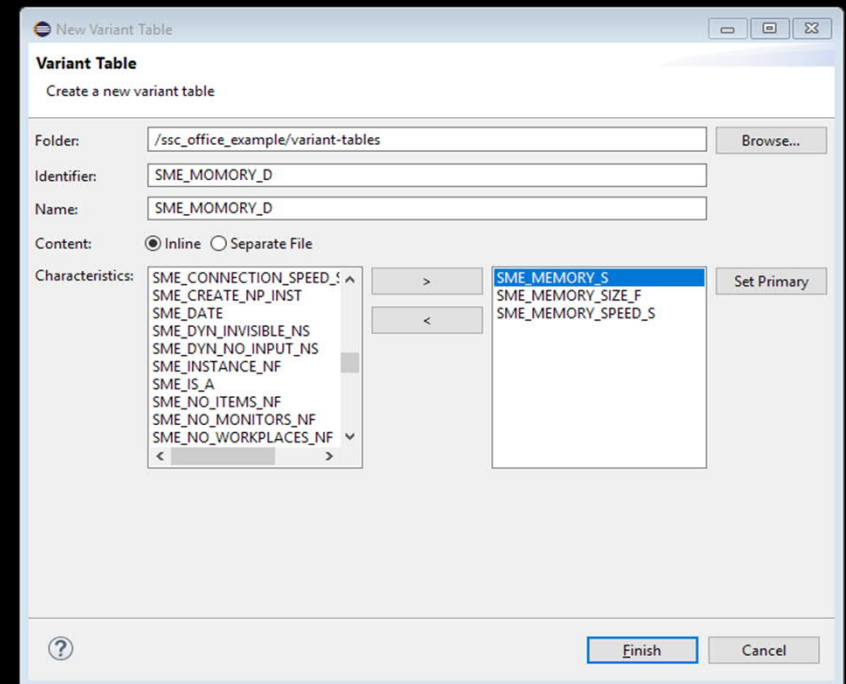
- ❖ Easy-to-use wizards for rapid creation of classes, characteristics, and variant table definitions.
- ❖ Model objects are automatically generated and included in the model structure



Variant Table Wizard



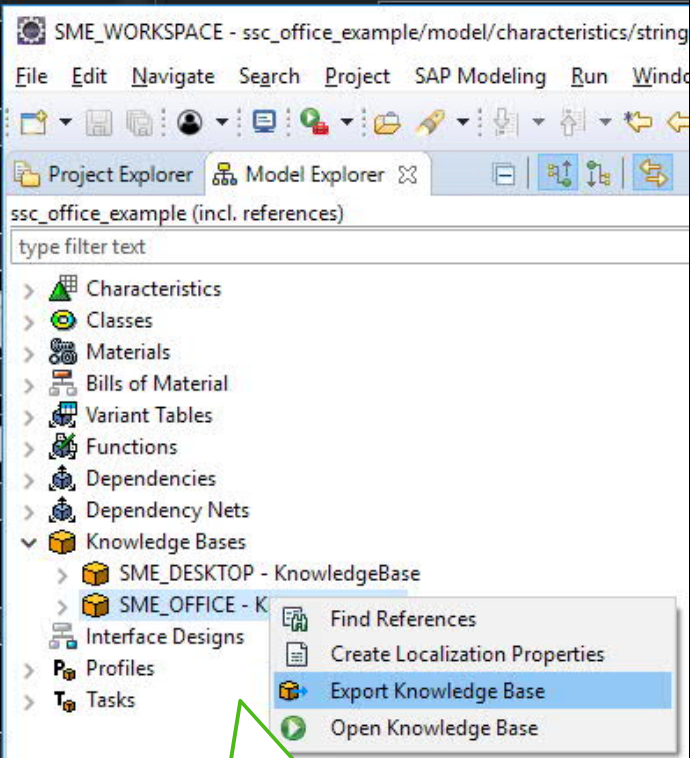
Easy-to-use wizard for creation and maintenance of variant tables



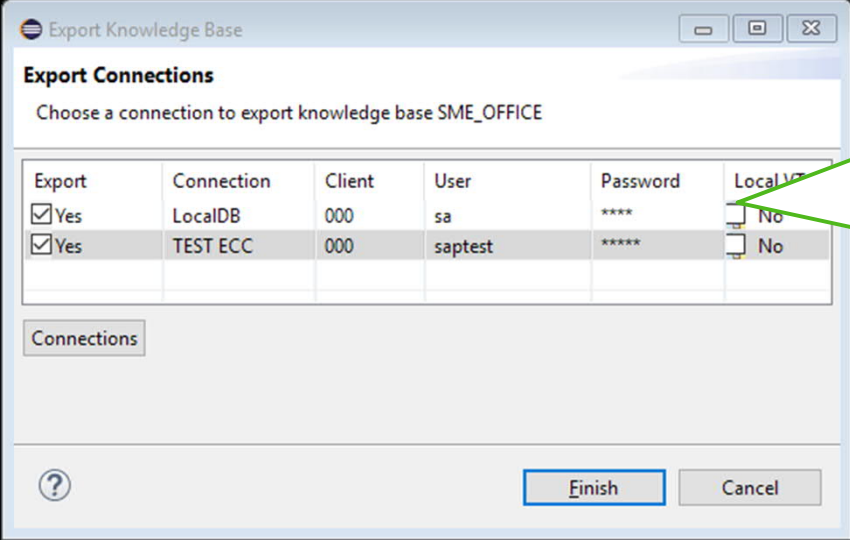
The 'VTable' view shows a table with the following data:

SME_MEMORY_S	SME_MEMORY_SIZE_F	SME_MEMORY_SPEED_S
1_1333	1	1333
2_1333	2	1333
2_1600	2	1600
2_2000	2	2000
4_1600	4	1600
4_2000	4	2000

Exporting Solution Models to Generate Runtime Version (KBRTV) for Testing

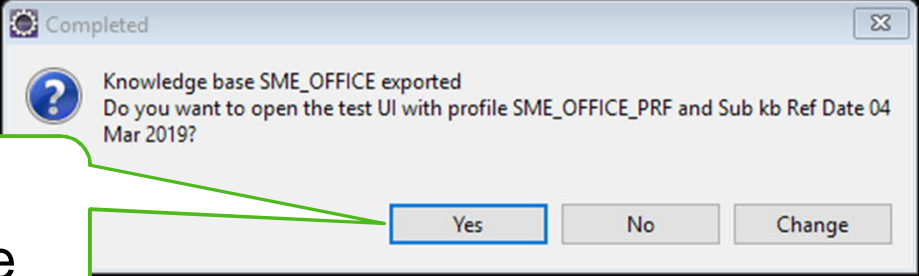


1. Select KB



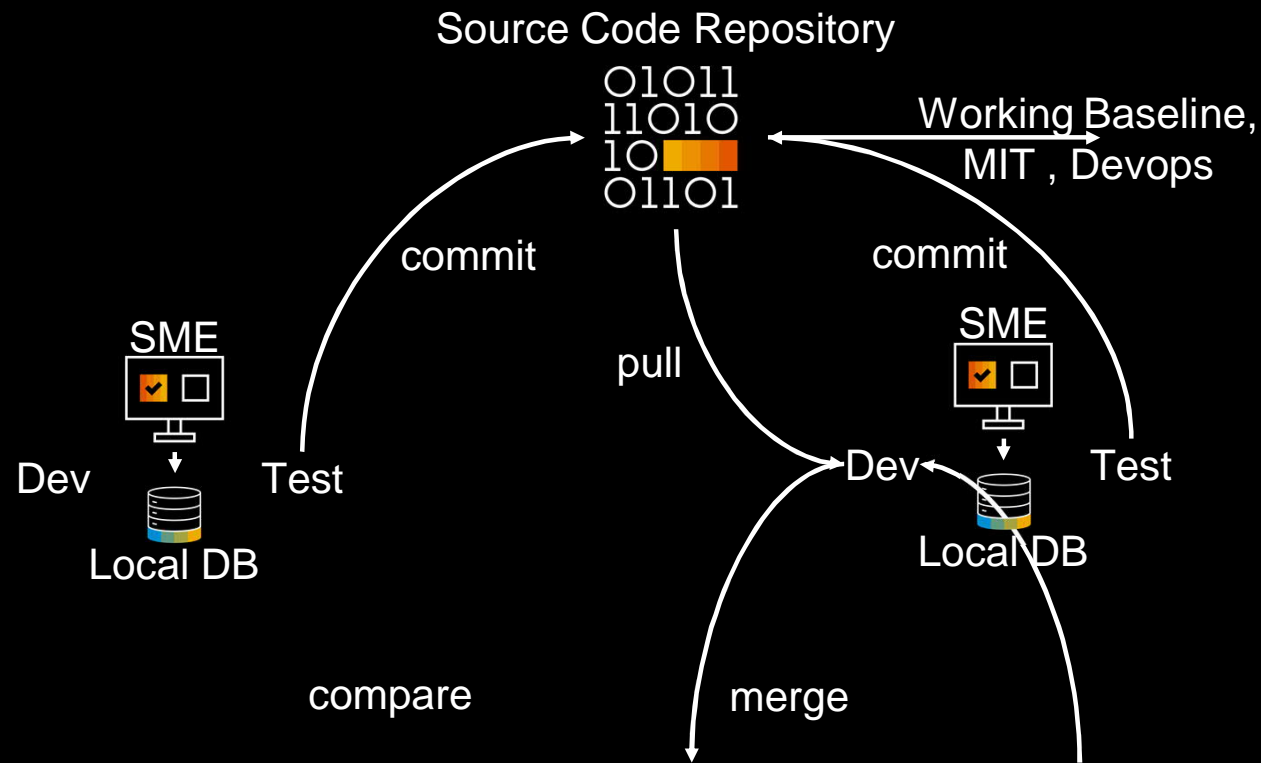
2. Select connections. KBs can be exported to multiple destinations simultaneously

3. Opens KB in testing perspective



Collaborative Development

- ❖ Developers can collaborate through any source code repository like Git :
 - ❖ Split large solution model development amongst modelers
 - ❖ Develop and test Individually . Commit working model and tests into repository
 - ❖ Merge your changes with changes from other modelers. Test and commit
 - ❖ Create baselines of working software in repository
 - ❖ Setup devops process on the central repository



Compare SME_DESKTOP_CSN.ssc Current and Local Revision

Local: SME_DESKTOP_CSN.ssc	Local history: SME_DESKTOP_CSN.ssc Apr 11, 2019, 5:03:34 PM
1 constraintNet SME_DESKTOP_CSN {	1 constraintNet SME_DESKTOP_CSN {
2 name 'SME_DESKTOP_CSN'	2 name 'SME_DESKTOP_CSN'
3 constraints	3 constraints
4 SME_PROCESSOR_IN_DESKTOP_CS,	4 SME_PROCESSOR_IN_DESKTOP_CS,
5 SME_VIDEO_CARD_IN_DESKTOP_CS,	5 SME_MEMORY_IN_DESKTOP_CS,
6 SME_MONITOR_IN_DESKTOP_CS,	6 SME_VIDEO_CARD_IN_DESKTOP_CS,
7 SME_MONITOR_SURCHARGE_CS	7 SME_MONITOR_IN_DESKTOP_CS,
8 }	8 SME_MONITOR_SURCHARGE_CS

Testing **Perspective**

Solution Model Testing Process

SME facilitates the iterative mode of model development process which is usually the norm. Development through SME involves :

- ❖ Development of a feature, its runtime version generation by exporting to a local database.
- ❖ Testing of feature for functional and performance aspects.
- ❖ Regression testing of existing solution model using recorded test scripts.
- ❖ Test scripts generation/enhancement of existing scripts for subsequent regression.

Above steps can be repeated till the desired functionality is achieved and solution models are rolled in production.

Subsequently, the setup of continuous delivery pipeline using devops support can ensure faster delivery of changes into production with high quality.

SME Testing Perspective

- ❖ Standalone testing workbench for testing of solution models. Use same engine as used in NW Java server thus ensuring same behavior.
- ❖ Record and replay of configuration steps and values for automated regression testing
- ❖ Debug and analysis views provide deep insights into runtime behavior of developed solution model. These views are :
 - ❖ Configuration Editor: Details about configuration hierarchy and instance relationships
 - ❖ Properties View: Details about instance/class /cstic properties
 - ❖ Test Runner: Recording and replaying of configuration steps. Performance measure of each step.
 - ❖ Conflicts: Detail about conflicting 'facts' during configuration steps.
 - ❖ Justifications: Details about 'facts' which justify a configuration value.
 - ❖ Profiling: Performance indicators for dependencies which can help in performance optimization.
 - ❖ Tracing: Detailed engine logs to trace root cause of any undesired behavior.

Testing perspective

Multiple parallel configurations

Characteristics of selected Instance

Characteristics and values view

Testing and analysis views

Configuration tree

Instance or cstic properties

Name	Value
IS_PART_OF_SD_SOFT	
IS_PART_OF_SD_HARD	1-SME_OFFICE...
IS_PART_OF_PP	
BOM_POSITION_NUMB...	10
BOM_POSITION_CLASS...	300
BOM_POSITION_OBJEC...	SME_LAPTOP
BOM_POSITION_OBJEC...	MARA
BOM_POSITION_QUAN...	
BOM_POSITION_QUAN...	

Action	Time (ms)
Meta Data SME_OFFICE	
SetValue: 1-SME_OFFICES1.SME_NO_WORKPLACES_NF = 2	21
SetValue: 1-SME_OFFICES2.SME_WORKPLACE_TYPE_NS = OFFICE	20
SetValue: 1-SME_OFFICES3.SME_WORKPLACE_TYPE_NS = CAD	19
SetValue: 1-SME_OFFICES6.SME_PROCESSOR_S = DUAL_2_4	7
SetValue: 1-SME_OFFICES6.SME_MEMORY_S = 2_1333	9
SetValue: 1-SME_OFFICES6.SME_VIDEO_CARD_S = LOW_END	8

Configuration View

- ❖ Tree type layout for easier navigation through multi-level configurations.
- ❖ Multiple configurations can be instantiated in parallel.
- ❖ Filters for instance types for quick search in case of very large trees.

The screenshot displays the SAP Configuration View interface. On the left, a tree structure shows the configuration hierarchy for 'SME_OFFICE'. The tree is filtered to show 'Instance Number' 1. The tree structure is as follows:

- Config SME_OFFICE
 - Office (S1-SME_OFFICES1; 1.0)
 - Workplace (S1-SME_OFFICES2; 1.0)
 - Laptop (S1-SME_OFFICES4; 1.0)
 - SME_PROCESSOR (S1-SME_OFFICES7; 1.0)
 - SME_MEMORY (S1-SME_OFFICES8; 1.0)
 - SME_MEMORY (S1-SME_OFFICES9; 1.0)
 - SME_VIDEO_CARD (S1-SME_OFFICES10; 1.0)
 - Workplace (S1-SME_OFFICES3; 1.0)
 - Desktop PC (S1-SME_OFFICES6; 1.0)
 - Administration (S1-SME_OFFICES5; 1.0)

On the right, the 'Characteristics' table displays the following data:

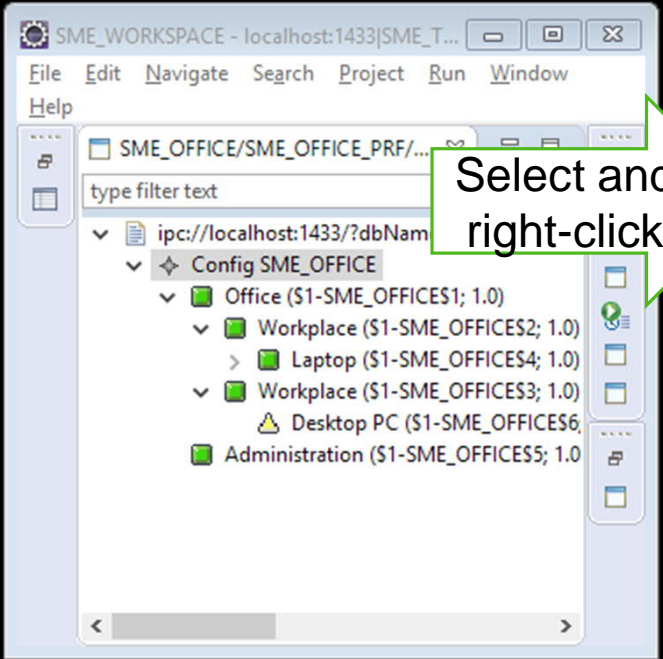
Name	Value
Has SD Component (Soft):	
Instance Number	1
Is SD Component of (Soft):	SME_OFFICES3(SME_W...
Is fixed quantity BOM item	NO
Item quantity actual	
Material Number	SME_DESKTOP
Memory	2GB (1333MHz)
Memory	1333MHz
Memory size	2
Number of monitors	
Object key	SME_DESKTOP
Object type	MARA
Part_of item number	10
Processor	4 x 3.4GHz
Quantity	1
Type	Workstation
Variant condition	MAINBOARD_QUAD, ME
Video card	IGP (no dedicated)
has service	1-SME_OFFICES5(SME_AI...

Callouts in the image identify the following elements:

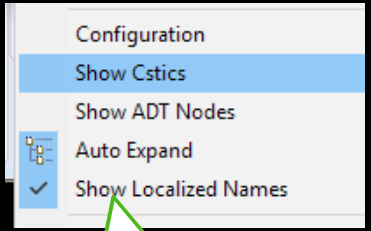
- Instance Filter**: Points to the search bar at the top left of the tree view.
- KB Info**: Points to the top right corner of the interface.
- Instance Tree**: Points to the tree structure on the left.
- Configuration Status**: Points to the status icons (green square and yellow triangle) next to the tree nodes.
- Instance Cstics**: Points to the 'Characteristics' table on the right.

Configuration View: Cstic and Values in Tree Mode

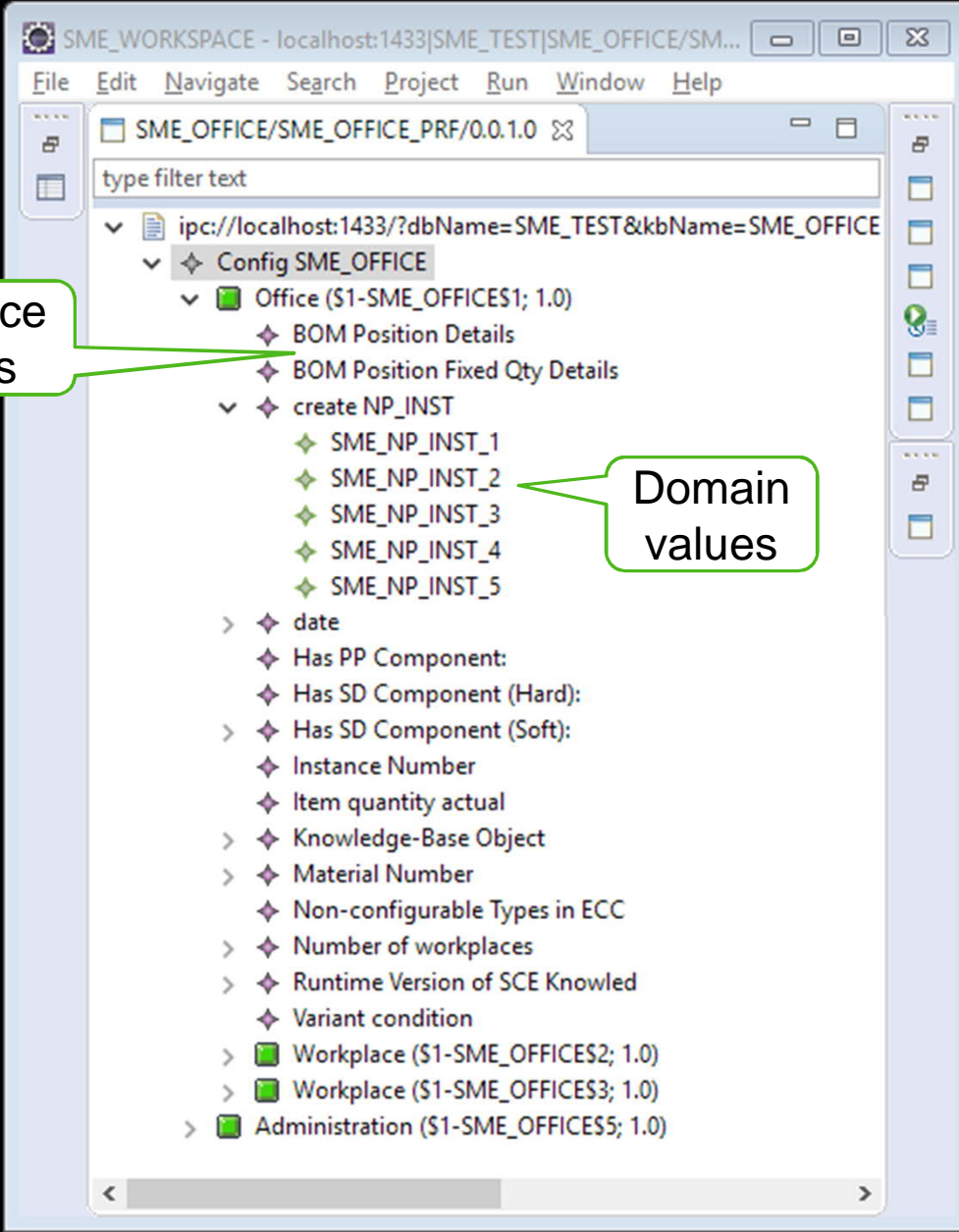
Cstic's and its values can be displayed in the tree for quick analysis.



Select and right-click



More tree options



Instance cstics

Domain values

Characteristics and Test Runner View

- ❖ Characteristic view shows visible cstics of the instance selected in the config view. Invisible cstic and localized names can be shown if needed.
- ❖ Values which are set on the cstics are automatically recorded in the Test Runner view which can be exported if needed.
- ❖ Time taken by engine for each action is shown along with the action. This gives immediate feedback to the modeler for any performance improvements.

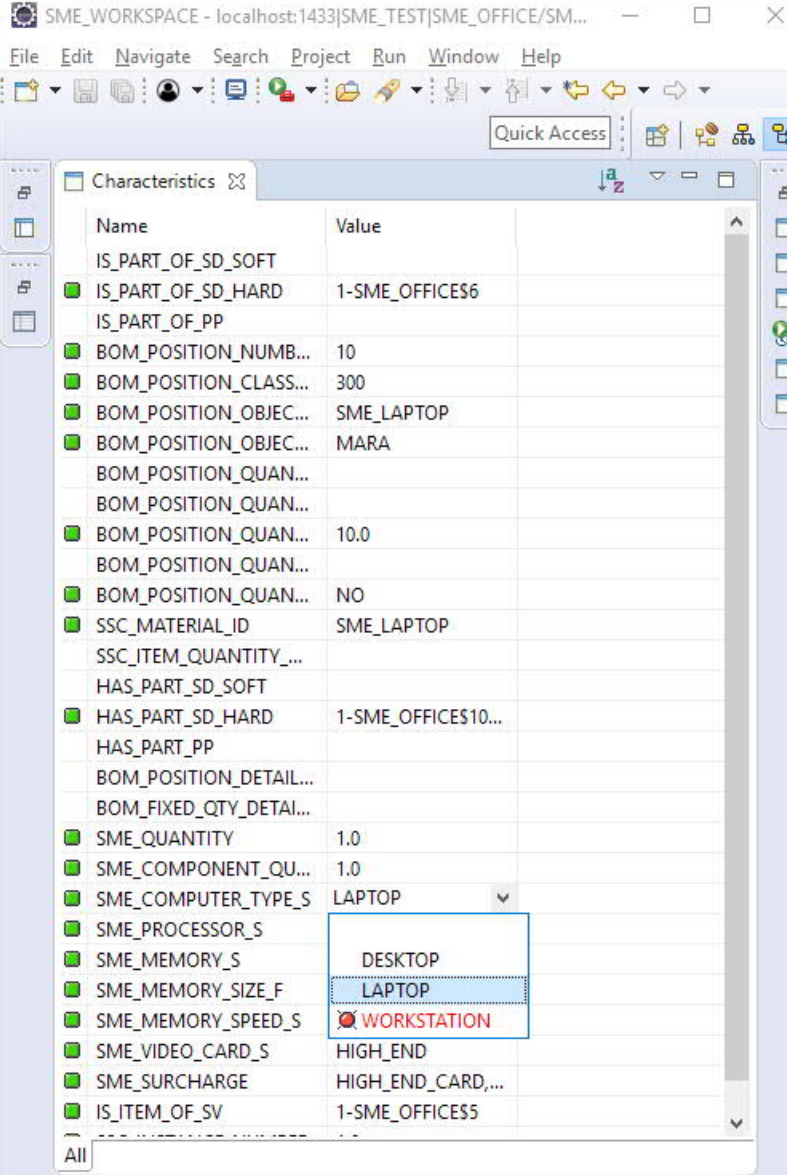
The screenshot shows the SAP Test Runner interface. At the top, a menu bar includes File, Edit, Navigate, Search, Project, Run, Window, and Help. Below the menu is a toolbar with various icons. The main area is divided into two panes. The upper pane, titled 'Charac...', displays a table of characteristics (cstics) with columns for Name and Value. A callout box labeled 'Sorters and Cstics Filters' points to the top right of this pane, which contains a dropdown menu with options like 'Show Invisible Cstics' and 'Show Localized Names'. Another callout box labeled 'Instance Cstics' points to a row in the table. The lower pane, titled 'Test Run...', shows a table of recorded actions with columns for Action and Time (ms). A callout box labeled 'Auto Recording of User Actions' points to the top left of this pane. Another callout box labeled 'Record And Play Menu Items' points to the top right of this pane. A third callout box labeled 'Performance feedback for "each" User Action' points to the bottom of the table in this pane.

Name	Value
IS_PART_OF_SD_SOFT	
IS_PART_OF_SD_HARD	1-SME_OFFICES2
IS_PART_OF_PP	
BOM_POSITION_NUMB...	10
BOM_POSITION_CLASS...	300
BOM_POSITION_OBJEC...	SME_DESKTOP

Action	Time (ms)
SetValue: 1-SME_OFFICES1.SME_NO_WORKPLACES_NF = 1	31
SetValue: 1-SME_OFFICES1.SME_DATE = 20111231	16
SetValue: 1-SME_OFFICES1.SME_CREATE_NP_INST = SME_NP_INST_1	16
SetValue: 1-SME_OFFICES1.SME_SURCHARGE = 1	10
SetValue: 1-SME_OFFICES2.BOM_POSITION_QUANTITY_DISPLAY = 10	19
SetValue: 1-SME_OFFICES2.SME_WORKPLACE_TYPE_NS = CAD	48
SetValue: 1-SME_OFFICES2.SME_DYN_NO_INPUT_NS = YES	22
SetValue: 1-SME_OFFICES2.SME_DYN_INVISIBLE_NS = YES	12
SetValue: 1-SME_OFFICES2.SME_SURCHARGE = 10	4
SetValue: 1-SME_OFFICES4.BOM_POSITION_QUANTITY_DISPLAY = 20	15
	30
	45
	21

Cstics View: Selections and Restrictions

- ❖ In the characteristic view, values can be selected/unselected using easy to use dropdowns.
- ❖ Restrictions are shown in 'red' color. They can be selected but it will lead into a conflict situation, that is, more than one contradictory fact has been detected in the engine.
- ❖ Conflicts and justifications views provide more insights into this "Why Not?" situation.



The screenshot displays the SAP Cstics View interface. The main window shows a list of characteristics and their values. A dropdown menu is open for the 'SME_COMPUTER_TYPE_S' characteristic, showing three options: 'DESKTOP', 'LAPTOP', and 'WORKSTATION'. The 'WORKSTATION' option is highlighted in red, indicating a restriction. The interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, Navigate, Search, Project, Run, Window, Help) and a toolbar with various icons. The list of characteristics includes fields like 'IS_PART_OF_SD_SOFT', 'BOM_POSITION_NUMB...', 'SSC_MATERIAL_ID', and 'SME_COMPUTER_TYPE_S'.

Name	Value
IS_PART_OF_SD_SOFT	
IS_PART_OF_SD_HARD	1-SME_OFFICES6
IS_PART_OF_PP	
BOM_POSITION_NUMB...	10
BOM_POSITION_CLASS...	300
BOM_POSITION_OBJEC...	SME_LAPTOP
BOM_POSITION_OBJEC...	MARA
BOM_POSITION_QUAN...	
BOM_POSITION_QUAN...	
BOM_POSITION_QUAN...	10.0
BOM_POSITION_QUAN...	NO
SSC_MATERIAL_ID	SME_LAPTOP
SSC_ITEM_QUANTITY_...	
HAS_PART_SD_SOFT	
HAS_PART_SD_HARD	1-SME_OFFICES10...
HAS_PART_PP	
BOM_POSITION_DETAIL...	
BOM_FIXED_QTY_DETAI...	
SME_QUANTITY	1.0
SME_COMPONENT_QU...	1.0
SME_COMPUTER_TYPE_S	LAPTOP
SME_PROCESSOR_S	
SME_MEMORY_S	
SME_MEMORY_SIZE_F	
SME_MEMORY_SPEED_S	
SME_VIDEO_CARD_S	HIGH_END
SME_SURCHARGE	HIGH_END_CARD,...
IS_ITEM_OF_SV	1-SME_OFFICES5

Test Runner View

- ❖ Test Runner enables faster testing of solution models :
- ❖ User action on cstics are automatically recorded which can be saved (.performer) for regression testing later.
- ❖ Config state, that is, expectations are also captured automatically. Expectations are asserted/validated upon rerun of the test scripts against the new configuration created in engine to highlight any discrepancies which might arise due to changes in solution model.
- ❖ Different kind of validations can be enabled/disabled through menu options.

The screenshot displays the SAP Test Runner interface. The top window, titled 'Characteristics', shows a table with columns 'Name' and 'Value'. Below it, the 'Test Runner' window is active, showing a list of recorded actions and their execution times. The actions include setting various system parameters (e.g., computer type, processor, memory, video card) and asserting expectations (e.g., consistent, complete, visible). The interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, Navigate, Search, Project, Run, Window, Help) and a toolbar with icons for play, save, and other functions. Two callout boxes highlight specific features: 'Save Recorded Steps and expectations for regression' and 'Menu Options for different kind of validations'.

Action	Time (ms)
SetValue: 1-SME_OFFICES4.SME_COMPUTER_TYPE_S = LAPTOP	27
SetValue: 1-SME_OFFICES4.SME_PROCESSOR_S = DUAL_3_0	17
SetValue: 1-SME_OFFICES4.SME_MEMORY_S = 2_1333	29
SetValue: 1-SME_OFFICES4.SME_VIDEO_CARD_S = HIGH_END	21
Expect: consistent	
Expect: complete	
Expect: 1-SME_OFFICES5 consistent	
Expect: 1-SME_OFFICES5 complete	
ExpectAuthor: S 1-SME_OFFICES5	
ExpectQuantity 1-SME_OFFICES5 1.0	
ExpectInstance: KLAH SME_ADMINISTRATION 0	
Expect: 1-SME_OFFICES5.SME_SURCHARGE consistent	
Expect: 1-SME_OFFICES5.SME_SURCHARGE complete	
ExpectAuthor: U 1-SME_OFFICES5.SME_SURCHARGE	
Expect 1-SME_OFFICES5.SME_SURCHARGE visible	

Test Runner: Regression Testing

- ❖ Two Step Process: Load and Execute previously saved scripts.
- ❖ More than one test script can be loaded and executed at same time, that is, bulk regression.
- ❖ Test scripts of different KBs can be loaded and executed to validate if related models are impacted with recent changes.
- ❖ Configuration tree is created and displayed for each execution.
- ❖ Execution can be repeated after reset/resetAll of loaded configurations
- ❖ Total execution time can be monitored for each script to verify any performance impact.

The screenshot shows the SAP Test Runner interface. At the top, there's a menu bar with 'File', 'Edit', 'Navigate', 'Search', 'Project', 'Run', 'Window', and 'Help'. Below the menu is a toolbar with various icons. The main area is divided into two panes. The left pane shows a configuration tree with a table of characteristics:

Name	Value
SME_DATE	20111231
SME_NO_WORKPLACES...	1.0
SME_CREATE_NP_INST	SME_NP_INST_2
SME_SURCHARGE	10

The right pane shows a table of loaded files with their run status and execution time:

File Name	Run Status	Execution Time(ms)
SME_Office2.performer	Success	449
SME_Office.performer	Success	135

Callouts highlight the following features:

- 2) Run All Scripts
- 1) Load saved script
- Reset And Reset All
- Multiple Scripts of same KBs can be executed together
- Remove Loaded file
- Loaded files and its run status

At the bottom, there are tabs for 'Recorded Script', 'Executable Script', 'Loaded Files', and 'Exclude Cstics'.

Test Runner: Verifying Execution Result

- ❖ Upon script execution, for each configuration step, it's execution result is validated against previously saved values.
- ❖ Execution results are shown in Executable Script Tab, which shows step-wise execution time and its validation success or failure.
- ❖ Explanations are also provided for the reason of failure.

The screenshot displays the SAP Test Runner interface. The top window shows a table with the following data:

File Name	Run Status	Execution Time(ms)
SME_OFFICE_0.0.1.0_SME_OFFICE_2.5.6.perf...	Failure	187

A callout box labeled "Load And Run Script" points to the green play button icon. Another callout box labeled "Double Click" points to the selected row in the table. A green arrow points from the "Double Click" callout to the bottom window.

The bottom window shows the "Executable Script" tab with the following details:

DB Host: localhost KB Name: SME_OFFICE
DB Port: 1433 KB Version: 0.0.1.0
DB Name: T1 KB Profile: SME_OFFICE_PRF
DB User: sa Run Result: Failure

Problem Filter: Show Failures Only:

S.No	Action	Time (ms)	Explanation
1205	ExpectDomain: 1-SME_OFFICES6...		
1206	ExpectValues: 1-SME_OFFICES6.S...		missing values: [1_MK
1207	Expect: 1-SME_OFFICES6.SME_N...		
1208	Expect: 1-SME_OFFICES6.SME_N...		
1209	ExpectAuthor: U 1-SME_OFFICES...		

Callout boxes highlight "Failures and reason" pointing to the failure status and "Executed Steps and Validations" pointing to the table of execution steps.

Test Runner : Adding New Configuration Steps

To reduce tedious manual effort of executing preceding configuration steps in order to add new steps or a new test case, configuration step execution features can be used :

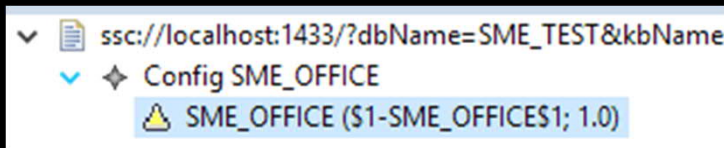
- ❖ Reset the configuration for which a new test steps is to be added.
- ❖ Double-click on the script to load all executable steps.
- ❖ Identify configuration step till which the configuration should be done.
- ❖ Select the step -> Right-click -> Run To Line. This will execute all preceding steps and prepare the configuration for next steps.
- ❖ Make changes in the configuration as needed. Steps will be automatically recorded.
- ❖ Save the new test script.

The image shows three sequential screenshots of the SAP Test Runner interface, illustrating the process of adding new configuration steps:

- Top Screenshot:** Shows a table with columns 'File Name', 'Run Status', and 'Execution Time(ms)'. A row is highlighted with 'SME_OFFICE_0.0.1.0_SME_OFFICE_2.5.6.perf...' and 'Failed' status. A callout box labeled 'Reset Config' points to the 'Reset Config' button in the toolbar.
- Middle Screenshot:** Shows the same table with the row status changed to 'Not Run' and '0' execution time. A callout box labeled 'Double Click' points to the highlighted row.
- Bottom Screenshot:** Shows the configuration details for the selected step, including DB Host (localhost), DB Port (1433), DB Name (T1), DB User (sa), KB Name (SME_OFFICE), KB Version (0.0.1.0), and KB Profile (SME_OFFICE_PRF). A table below lists configuration steps (S.No and Action). A callout box labeled 'Select Step and Right Click to execute till selected step' points to the 'Run To Line' option in the context menu.

Test Runner: Validations

Configuration state validations are supported through concept of 'expectations' which are data records containing what is to be expected after execution of a configuration step. These validations can be applied at instance level selectively and can be automatically recorded after each step or at end of entire configuration.



Select Configuration



Right Click

Choose Validation Granularity

- Expect Values
- Expect Consistent/Conflict
- Expect Complete/Incomplete
- Expect Quantity
- Expect Author
- Expect Dynamic Domain
- Expect Instance Exists
- Expect All

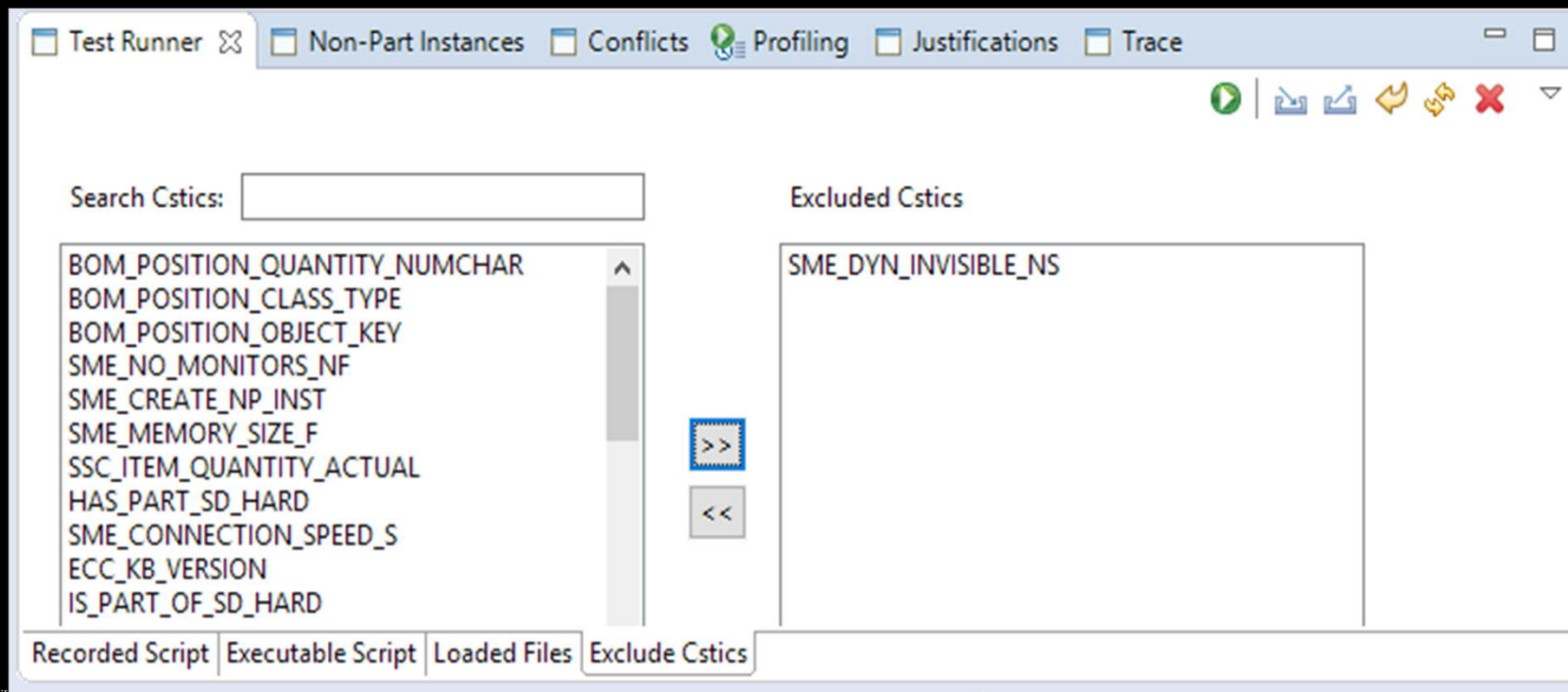
Action	Time (ms)
Meta Data SME_OFFICE	
SetValue: 1-SME_OFFICES1.SME_NO_WORKPLACES_NF = 1	100
SetValue: 1-SME_OFFICES1.SME_DATE = 20111231	28

Validation Options

- Expect All On Every Action
- Expect All On Save
- Execution Time Settings
- Extract Config
- Restore Config
- Restore Using User Inputs
- Restore With UDC
- Compare Config
- Check External Config
- Check External Config On Export
- Convert Config To Performer

Test Runner: Excluding Cstics

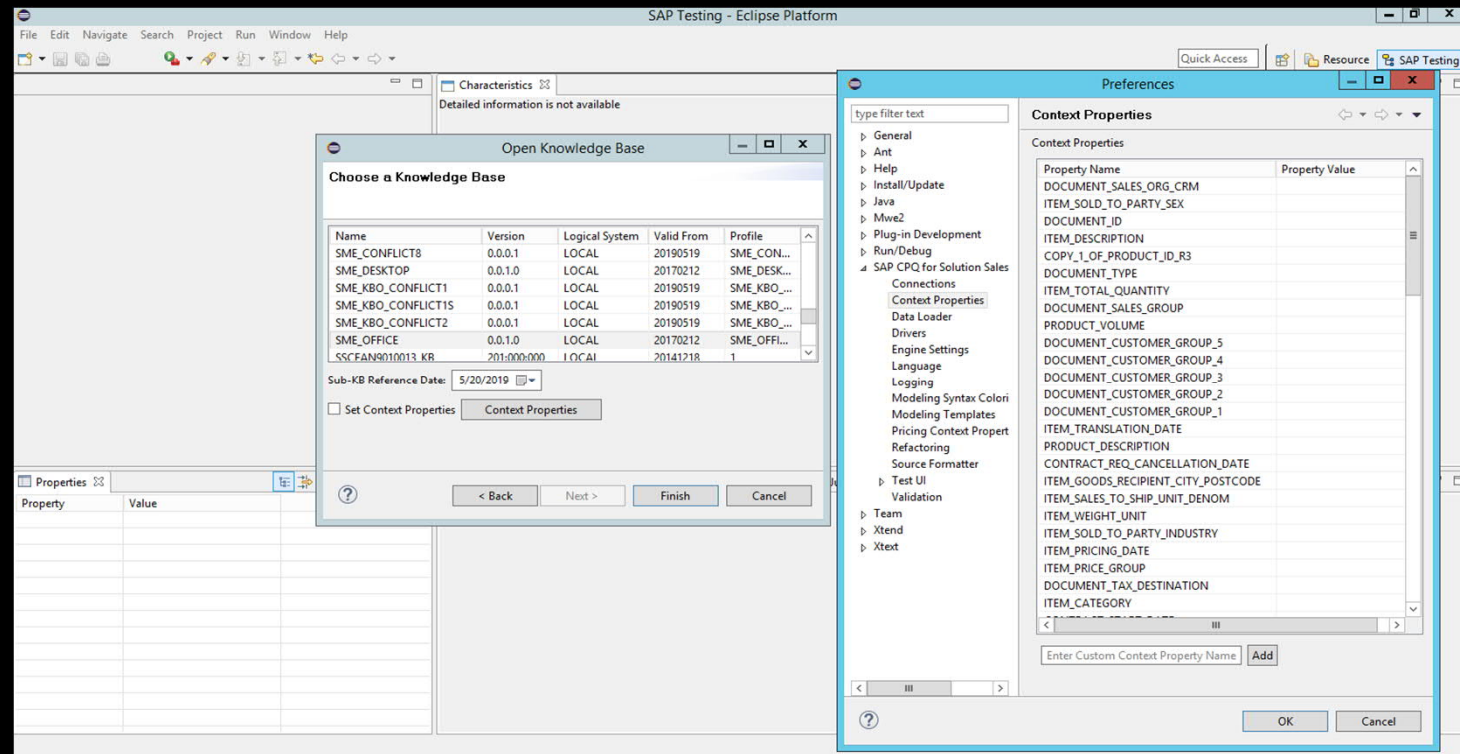
In certain situations, cstic values can be dynamically calculated randomly in each configuration. Thus, the same cannot be validated and test scripts would fail. Thus, these cstic's do not contribute actively in configuration and can be excluded. Test runner provides mechanism to exclude such cstics.



Test Runner: Configuration Context Properties

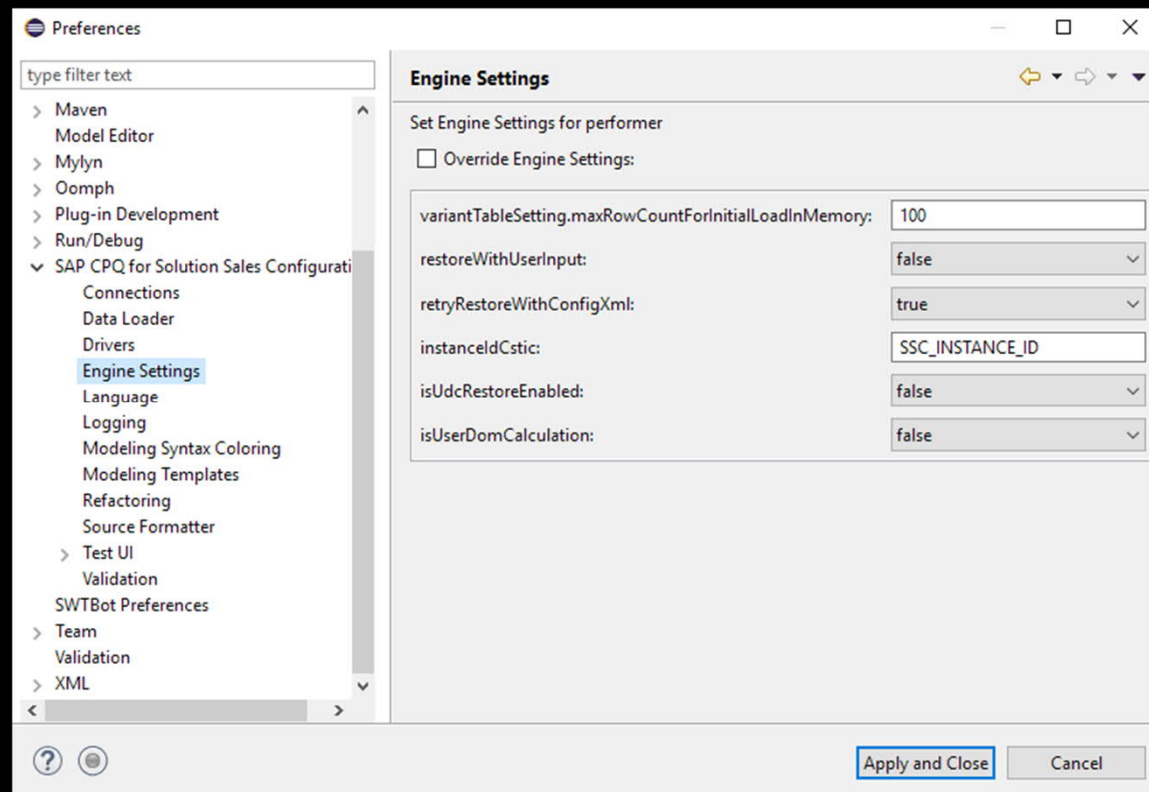
To enable testing of configurations which depend upon context properties injected by system at runtime, context properties can be maintained in SME during testing process.

Recorded test scripts store the context properties and its values, enabling simulation and testing of different scenarios within SME itself, thus saving significant effort of cycles of test and fixing with the backend system.



Test Runner: Engine Flags

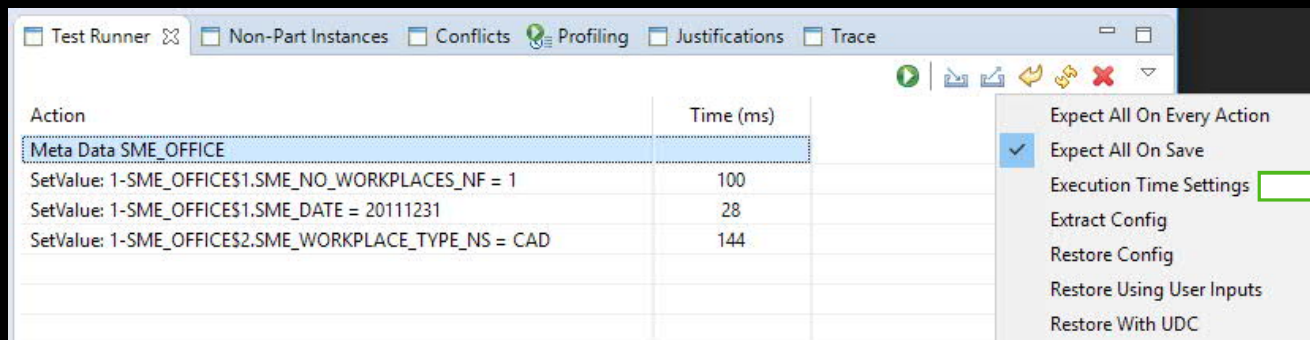
SME is shipped with default engine settings by SAP. However, deployments in productive environment can be different or might need to be tuned in accordance with the solution model being developed. For quick testing, engine flags can be changed .



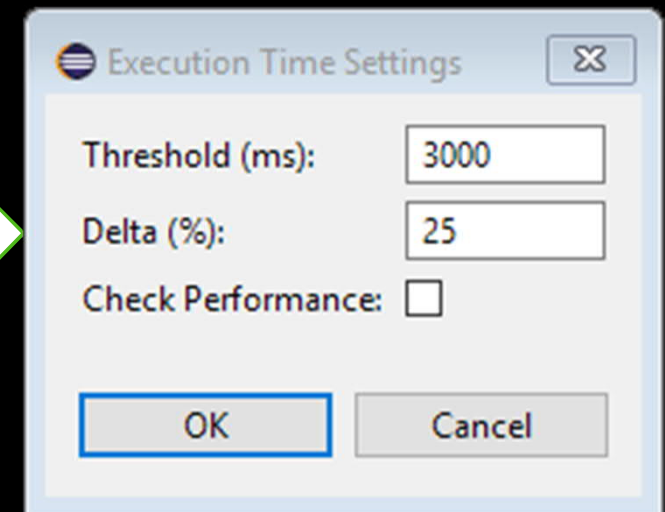
Test Runner: Auto-Performance Validation

While configuration state, which is binary can be easily asserted through expectations, the same cannot be done in straightforward manner for asserting performance. Test runner provides an approximate way to control performance issues :

- Maximum acceptable performance degradation can be defined in SME as threshold both in absolute or % terms.
- During test recording, time taken for each action is saved in the performer file.
- During rerun, actions taking more than the 'Threshold' time plus delta would be highlighted in red but will not fail test.
- If “Check Performance” is selected, then test script would fail .



Action	Time (ms)
Meta Data SME_OFFICE	
SetValue: 1-SME_OFFICES1.SME_NO_WORKPLACES_NF = 1	100
SetValue: 1-SME_OFFICES1.SME_DATE = 20111231	28
SetValue: 1-SME_OFFICES2.SME_WORKPLACE_TYPE_NS = CAD	144



Execution Time Settings

Threshold (ms): 3000

Delta (%): 25

Check Performance:

OK Cancel

Test Runner: Performer Script Structure

```
kbName "SME_OFFICE" ;
kbVersion "0.0.1.0" ;
kbProfile "SME_OFFICE_PRF" ;
databaseName "SME_TEST" ;
databaseHostname "localhost" ;
databasePort "1433" ;
databaseUser "sa" ;
setValues "1" onCharacteristic "SME_NO_WORKPLACES_NF" inInstance "1-SME_OFFICE$1" obyKey "SME_OFFICE" obyType "MARA"
occurrence 0 time 28 ;
setValues "SME_NP_INST_1" onCharacteristic "SME_CREATE_NP_INST" inInstance "1-SME_OFFICE$1" obyKey "SME_OFFICE"
obyType "MARA" occurrence 0 time 38 ;
expect consistent ;
expect complete ;
expect consistent inInstance "1-SME_OFFICE$5" obyKey "SME_ADMINISTRATION" obyType "KLAH" occurrence 0 ;
expect complete inInstance "1-SME_OFFICE$5" obyKey "SME_ADMINISTRATION" obyType "KLAH" occurrence 0 ;
expectAuthor "S" inInstance "1-SME_OFFICE$5" obyKey "SME_ADMINISTRATION" obyType "KLAH" occurrence 0 ;
expectQuantity inInstance "1-SME_OFFICE$5" obyKey "SME_ADMINISTRATION" obyType "KLAH" occurrence 0 quantity 1.0 ;
expectInstance obyKey "SME_ADMINISTRATION" obyType "KLAH" occurrence 0 ;
expect consistent onCharacteristic "SME_SURCHARGE" inInstance "1-SME_OFFICE$5" obyKey "SME_ADMINISTRATION" obyType
"KLAH" occurrence 0 ;
expect complete onCharacteristic "SME_SURCHARGE" inInstance "1-SME_OFFICE$5" obyKey "SME_ADMINISTRATION" obyType
"KLAH" occurrence 0 ;
```

Conflicts View

- ❖ When a conflict gets triggered during the configuration execution, detailed explanations are displayed in the conflicts view.
- ❖ For the conflicting cstic, conflicts view shows :
 - ❖ Conflict: Description and chain of events leading to conflict. It also shows the source code of dependency leading to conflict for quick analysis.
 - ❖ Conflict Assumptions: Suggestions on how a given conflict can be solved. Depending upon type of conflict and involved instances, cstics and values, the engine might suggest to change or delete a cstic, or delete unspecialized instance

The screenshot shows the SAP Eclipse IDE interface. The top window, titled 'SME_WORKSPACE', displays a table of characteristics:

Name	Value
SME_COMPONENT_QU...	1.0
SME_COMPUTER_TYPE_S	WORKSTATION
SME_PROCESSOR_S	QUAD_3_4
SME_MEMORY_S	2_2000
SME_MEMORY_SIZE_F	2.0
SME_MEMORY_SPEED_S	2000
SME_VIDEO_CARD_S	HIGH_END
SME_SURCHARGE	HIGH_END_CARD,...
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The bottom window, titled 'Test Runner', shows the 'Conflicts' view. It displays a tree view of a conflict and its assumptions. The conflict is described as 'Value simultaneously required and disallowed for characteristic'. The assumptions include suggestions to change or delete certain characteristics or values.

The right pane shows the source code for the constraint `SME_SPECIALIZE_DESKTOP_CS`:

```

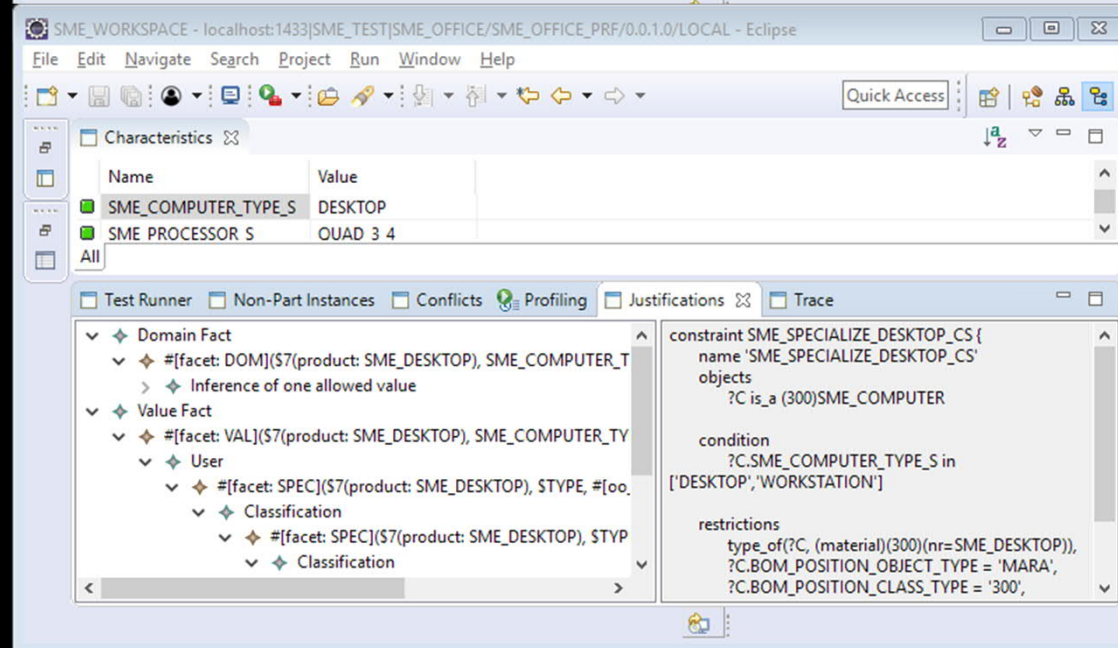
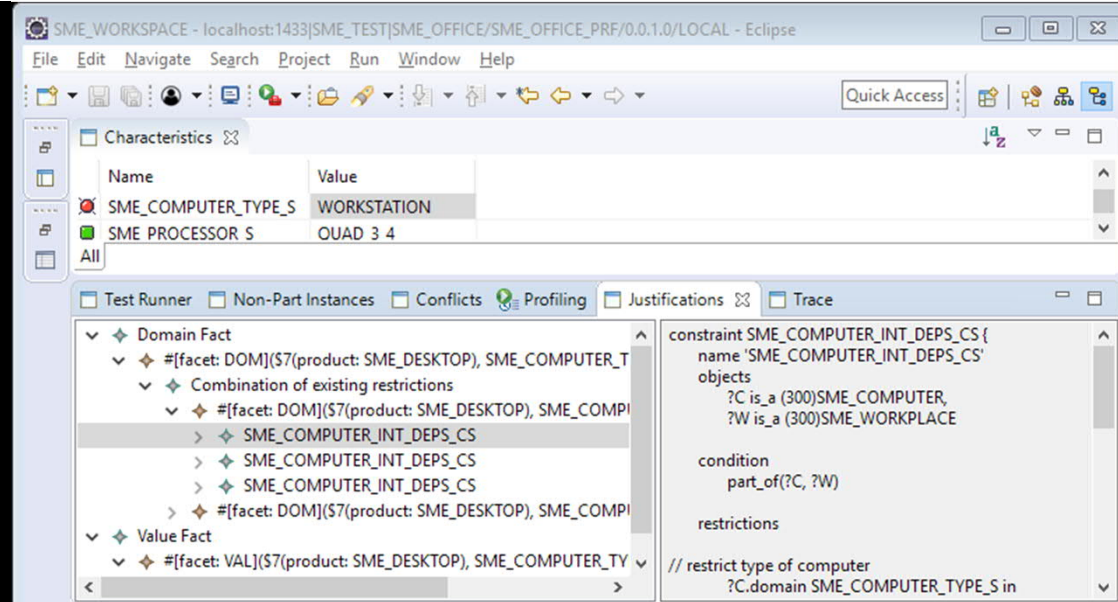
constraint SME_SPECIALIZE_DESKTOP_CS {
  name 'SME_SPECIALIZE_DESKTOP_CS'
  objects
    ?C is_a (300)SME_COMPUTER

  condition
    ?C.SME_COMPUTER_TYPE_S in
    ['DESKTOP','WORKSTATION']

  restrictions
    type_of(?C, (material)(300)(nr=SME_DESKTOP)),
    ?C.BOM_POSITION_OBJECT_TYPE = 'MARA',
    ?C.BOM_POSITION_CLASS_TYPE = '300',
    ?C.BOM_POSITION_OBJECT_KEY = 'SME_DESKTOP'
}
    
```

Justifications View

- ❖ Each Instance or characteristic value is justified by a set of facts asserted by the user or by dependency.
- ❖ Justifications for the setting of any characteristic values, for example, either by user, or by system, or component instantiation is displayed in the justification view.



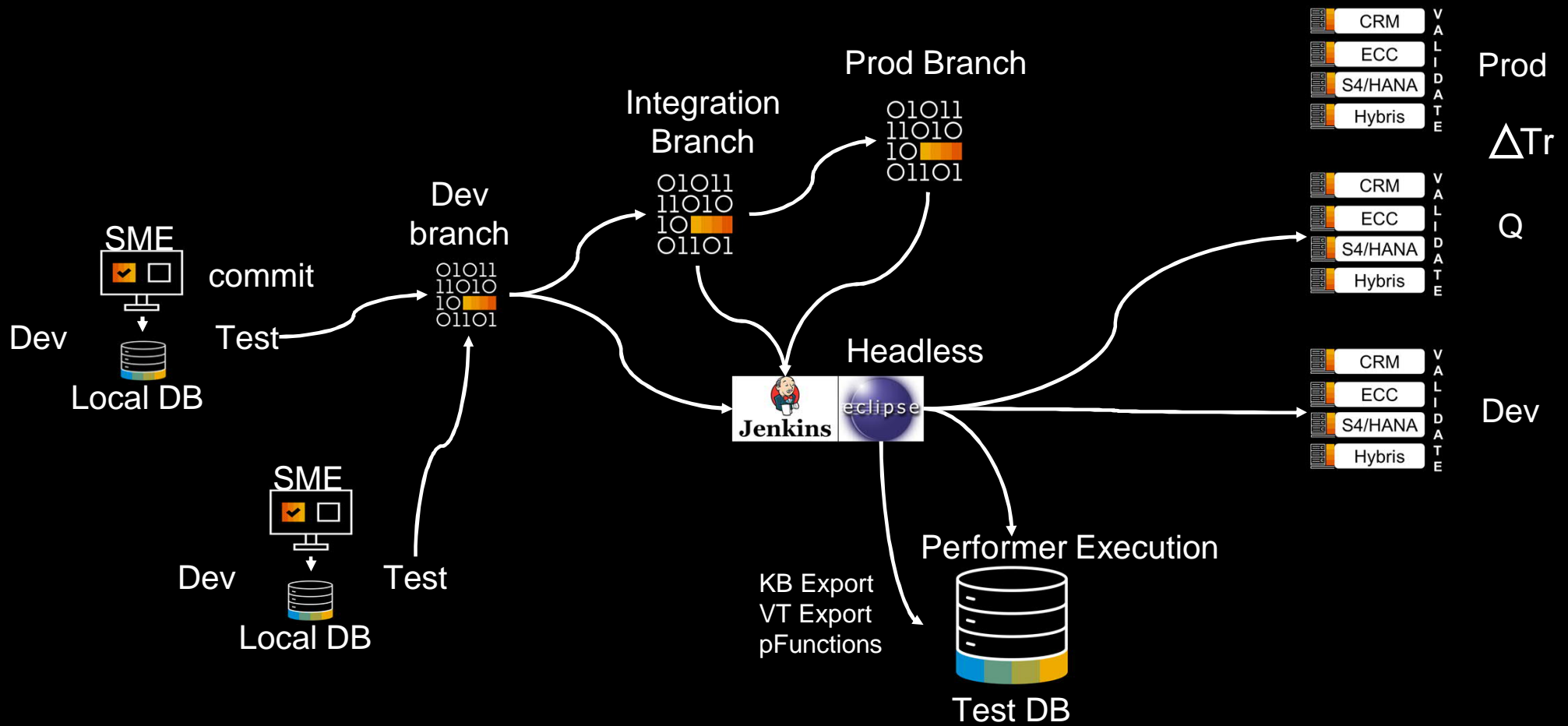
Solution Modeling **Devops**

Devops Support In SSC

Implementing devops practices helps reduce time between making a change in a solution model and moving this change into production while ensuring high quality. SSC provides full support for devops practices :

- ❖ Solution models can be maintained in any source code repository which enables baseline creation and change management.
- ❖ Headless mode, which is, the execution of functions without GUI in automated manner is provided for setup of continuous build, deploy, and testing pipelines.
 - ❖ Latest changes in solution models can be exported to a test DB or to a backend system.
 - ❖ Test scripts can be executed to ensure behavior consistency.
 - ❖ Any open source build server like Jenkins or simple scripting can be use for daily build and testing.
 - ❖ Any issues can be highlighted earlier and fixed adequately to ensure good quality roll out in production system

Devops Setup



Devops Process in SME

Build Phase

- ❖ Headless Export: Solution models are compiled and validated before export.
- ❖ Headless Export of Variant/External Variant Tables

Regression Test Phase

- ❖ Headless Execution of Performer Scripts: Execution status codes for success/failures printed in console logs enabling easy dashboard reporting.
- ❖ Headless XML Restore: Multiple combinations are supported to test different scenarios at the same time.

Headless Commands Sample

Simple commands which can be executed through cmd / shell scripts, and can be included as part of Jenkins build server for automated deployment, testing, and notifications.

```

@echo off

set data=%1
set project=%2%
set kb=%3%
set system=%4%
set conDriverLocation=%5%

eclipse\eclipse.exe -clean -vm "%JRE_HOME%\bin" --launcher.suppressErrors -application com.sap.custdev.projects.fbs.slc.sme.export.headless.application ^
-data config -noSplash -consoleLog -kbValidate -kbConsoleLog -kbData %data% -kbProject %project% -kbName %kb% -conFile "config/%system%.xml" -settingsFile "config/settings.xml" ^
-conDriverLocation %conDriverLocation% -vmargs -Xms40M -Xmx2512M -XX:PermSize=128M -XX:MaxPermSize=256M
REM -Xdebug -Xnoagent -Djava.compiler=NONE -Xrunjwp:transport=dt_socket,server=y,suspend=y,address=5005

if "%errorlevel%" neq "0" exit /B %errorlevel%

echo.
|
```

Debugging Solution **Models**

Debugging Solution Models Configuration Preparation

To reduce tedious manual effort of executing preceding configuration steps before a problematic area can be profiled, configuration step execution features can be used :

- ❖ Reset the configuration which needs to be profiled.
- ❖ Double-click on the script to load all the executable steps
- ❖ Identify configuration step till which the configuration should be done.
- ❖ Select the step -> Right-click -> Run To Line. This will execute all preceding steps and prepare the configuration for next steps.
- ❖ Now, profiling and tracing can be activated to debug the problematic area.
- ❖ Subsequent steps can be selected and executed. This can help updating the configuration in steps/batches.

The image consists of three screenshots from the SAP Solution Manager interface, illustrating the configuration preparation process:

- Top Screenshot:** Shows a table with columns 'File Name', 'Run Status', and 'Execution Time(ms)'. A row is highlighted with 'SME_OFFICE_0.0.1.0_SME_OFFICE_2.5.6.perf...' and 'Failed' status. A callout box labeled 'Reset Config' points to a 'Reset' button in the toolbar.
- Middle Screenshot:** Shows the same table, but the status is 'Not Run' and the execution time is '0'. A callout box labeled 'Double Click' points to the highlighted row.
- Bottom Screenshot:** Shows a configuration step list with columns 'S.No', 'Action', and 'Time'. A context menu is open over step 5, showing options like 'Run To Line' and 'Delete'. A callout box labeled 'Select Step and Right Click to execute till selected step' points to the 'Run To Line' option.

Debugging Solution Models

Profiling

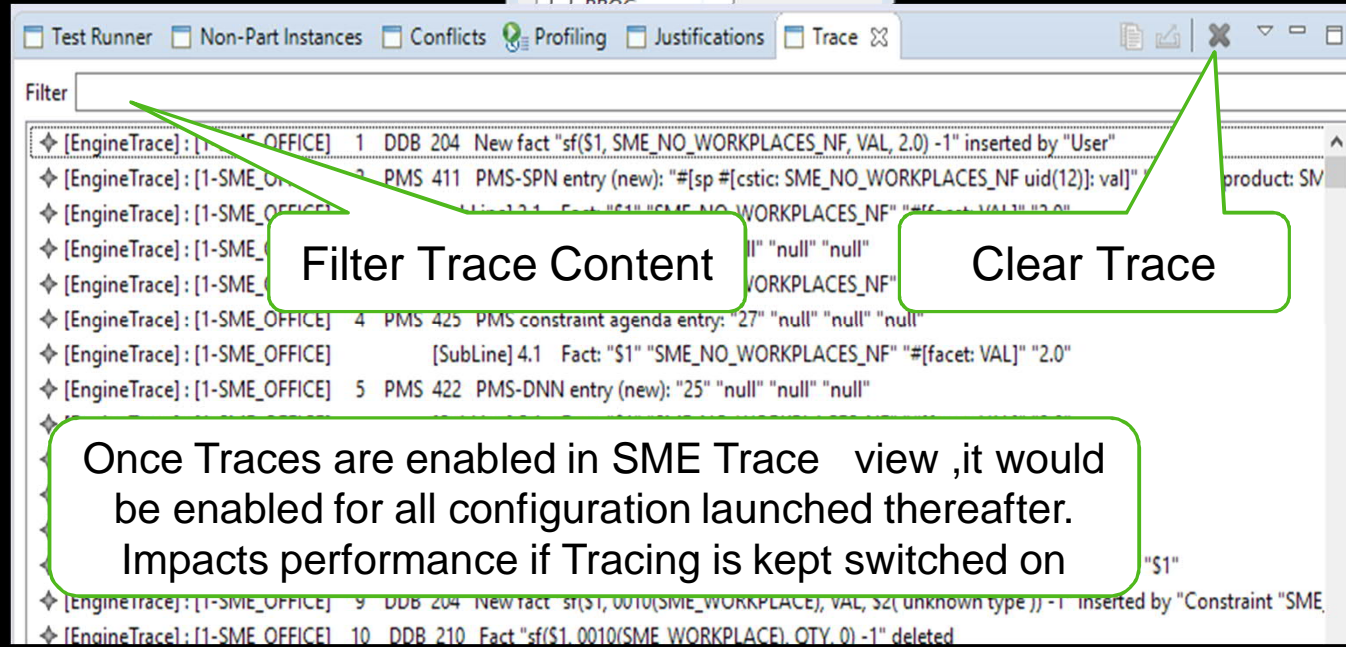
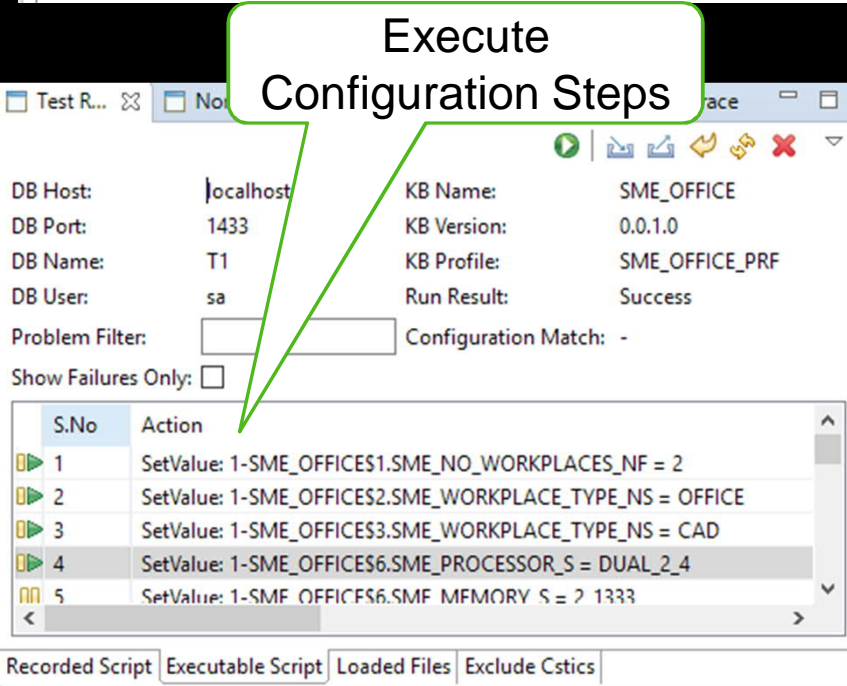
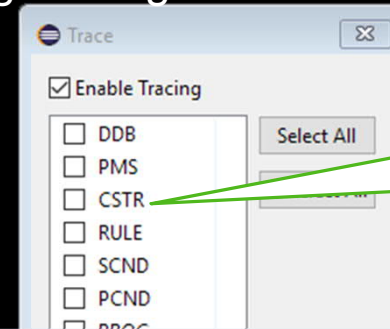
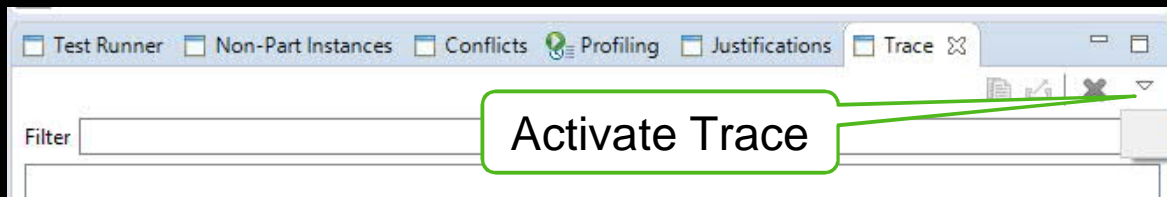
Profiling provides detailed information about how a solution configuration model behaves from performance perspective.

Profile	Cstr/ rule	Time (mics)	Count	Avg time (mics)	%exec	%match	Node	Code (inference/ action)
▼ SME_OFFICE								
	SME_SPECIALIZE_DESK...	990	4	247	100	0	an-6	(?C TYPE_OF SME_DESKTOP)
	SME_COMPUTER_INT_...	286	8	35	100	0	an-4	SME_COMPUTER_TYPE_S = 'DESKTOP', 'LAPTOP'
	SME_LINK_ADMINISTR...	245	8	30	100	0	an-2	(IS_ITEM_OF_SV = ?A)
	SME_CREATE_ADMINIS...	228	8	28	100	0	dnn-7	FIND_OR_CREATE(SME_ADMINISTRATION,)
	SME_SPECIALIZE_DESK...	170	4	42	100	0	dnn-5	(BOM_POSITION_CLASS_TYPE = '300')
	SME_LINK_ADMINISTR...	146	8	18	100	0	an-1	(HAS_ITEM_SV = ?C)
	SME_SPECIALIZE_DESK...	66	4	16	100	0	an-0	(BOM_POSITION_OBJECT_TYPE = 'MARA')
	SME_SPECIALIZE_DESK...	34	4	8	100	0	an-3	(BOM_POSITION_OBJECT_KEY = 'SME_DESKTOP')

CSTR : Constraints | PCND : Preconditions | SCND : Selection Conditions | PROC : Procedures

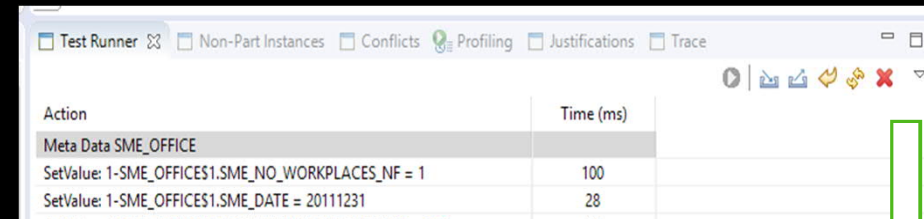
Debugging Solution Models: Tracing

Tracing feature helps in understanding processing of dependencies for a Solution Configuration. Trace can be activated at any point in time of the configuration enabling management of scope of the trace.

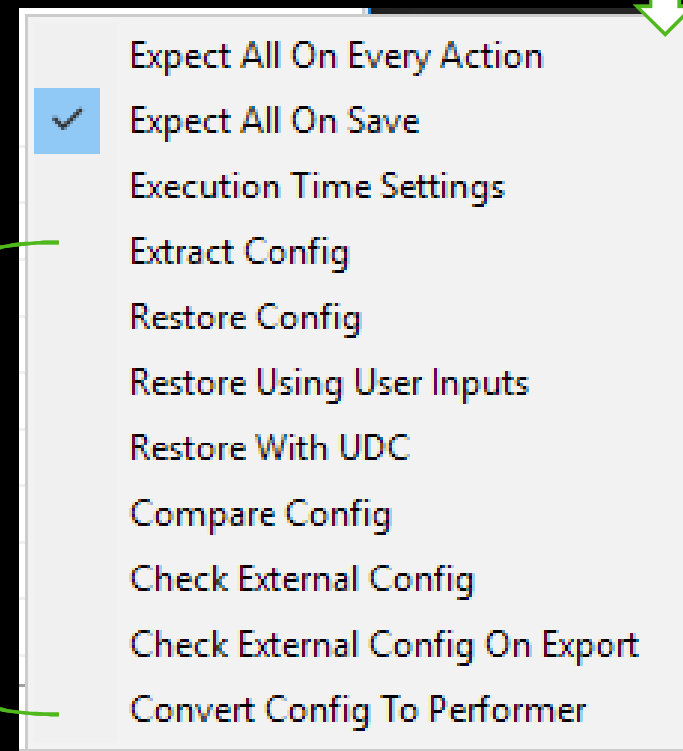


Test Runner View: Additional Test Options

- ❖ Extract Config: Test configuration can be extracted in xml form for restoring in test systems
- ❖ Restore Config: Configuration extracted from productive systems can be restored in SME for test and debug purpose
- ❖ Restore Using User Inputs: Recreate configuration using alternate user input restore mechanism
- ❖ Compare Config: Two configuration xml files can be compared for any differences
- ❖ Check External Config: The configuration result which is submitted to backend system can be verified.
- ❖ Check External Config On Export: Verify config result during export only.
- ❖ Convert Config To Performer: Converts the configuration result file extracted from backend systems into performer file format for easier debugging and testing



Action	Time (ms)
Meta Data SME_OFFICE	
SetValue: 1-SME_OFFICES1.SME_NO_WORKPLACES_NF = 1	100
SetValue: 1-SME_OFFICES1.SME_DATE = 20111231	28

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- Expect All On Every Action
 - Expect All On Save
 - Execution Time Settings
 - Extract Config
 - Restore Config
 - Restore Using User Inputs
 - Restore With UDC
 - Compare Config
 - Check External Config
 - Check External Config On Export
 - Convert Config To Performer

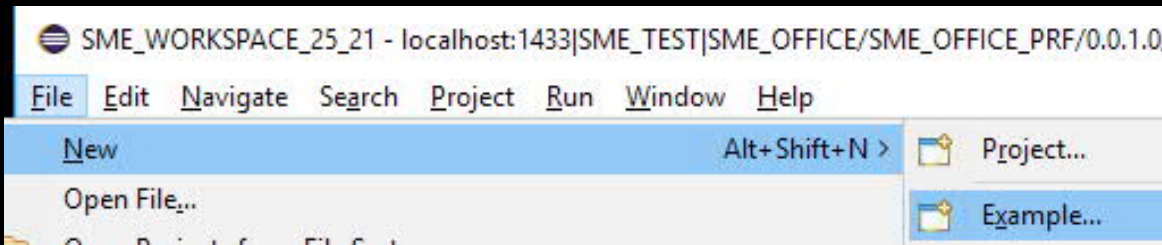
Solution Model **Examples**

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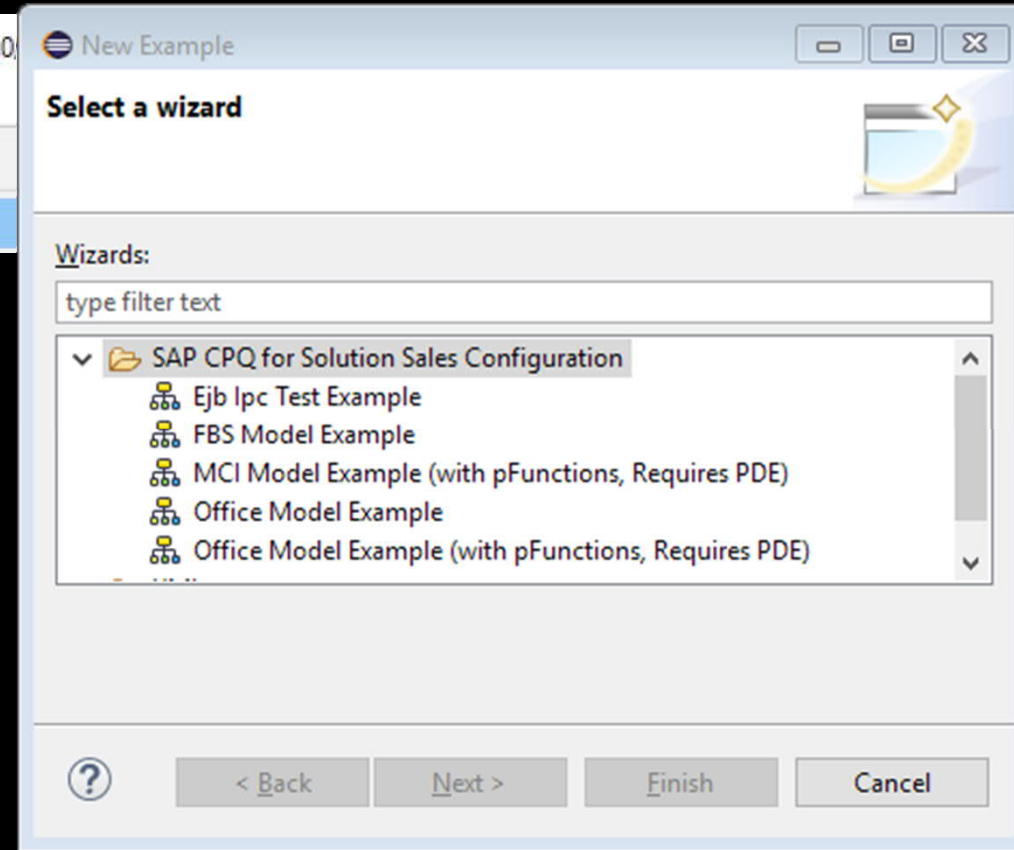
To help modelers quickly get started and understand concepts of solution modeling, some example projects are shipped along with SME. These are :

- ❖ SME Office: Simulates configuration of an office. Also, demonstrates how custom user exists can be written. This is also accompanied along with a Junit project which lists all the engine API and it usage via testing of the SME office solution.
- ❖ KBO and MCI: Elaborates concepts of knowledge base orchestration and multi-configuration instances. A document is also provided along with as reference guide to this example.

Installing Sample Projects



- ❖ EJB IPC Test : Provides Junits for FBS Office example, thus giving insights on how SSC Engine API's can be used
- ❖ FBS Model Example: Simple model showcasing the KBO concepts
- ❖ MCI Model Example: Sample model showcasing the KBO and multi-configuration instances concepts



Thank you.

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