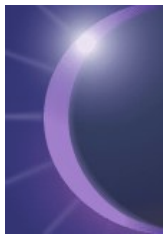


# WLS12c and the Oracle Enterprise Pack for Eclipse



*The Oracle Enterprise Pack for Eclipse extends the IDE to tailor it to the use with WLS. It contains a number of editors and features which makes the interworking smoothly. We will have a look at the OEPE and how it plays together with WLS12c on an OSX installation.*

*WLS ships with ready to use and configured examples. We will look at one example that demonstrates JavaEE6 features. We want to use Eclipse not only to analyse the examples, but also demonstrate a setup as an Eclipse project to go through the full edit – compile –install- test cycle. This exemplifies the usage of the WLS examples as mini projects, which can be used in situation where we want to run simple tests or in prototyping situations.*

## 1. Installation of OEPE

A good starting point to look at the OEPE is Oracles web page <sup>1</sup>, which gives an overview and provides links to tutorials, downloads, etc.

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**Oracle Enterprise Pack for Eclipse 12c (12.1.1.0)**  
Oracle Enterprise Pack for Eclipse (OEPE) 12.1.1.0 for Eclipse Indigo provides tools that make it easier to develop applications utilizing specific Oracle Fusion Middleware technologies and Oracle Database.  
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Figure 1. Home of the OEPE on the Oracle Website.

There are several installation options for the OEPE which are described in the installation guide <sup>2</sup>. We use the Oracle Installer which is available as a 1,4 GByte jar file: oepe-indigo-installer-12.1.1.0.0.201112072225-12.1.1-macosx-cocoa-x86\_64.jar. After choosing the Middleware Home of my WLS12c installation, the installer informs me that it is already installed.

<sup>1</sup> OEPE Home Page: <http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/developer-tools/eclipse/overview/index.html>

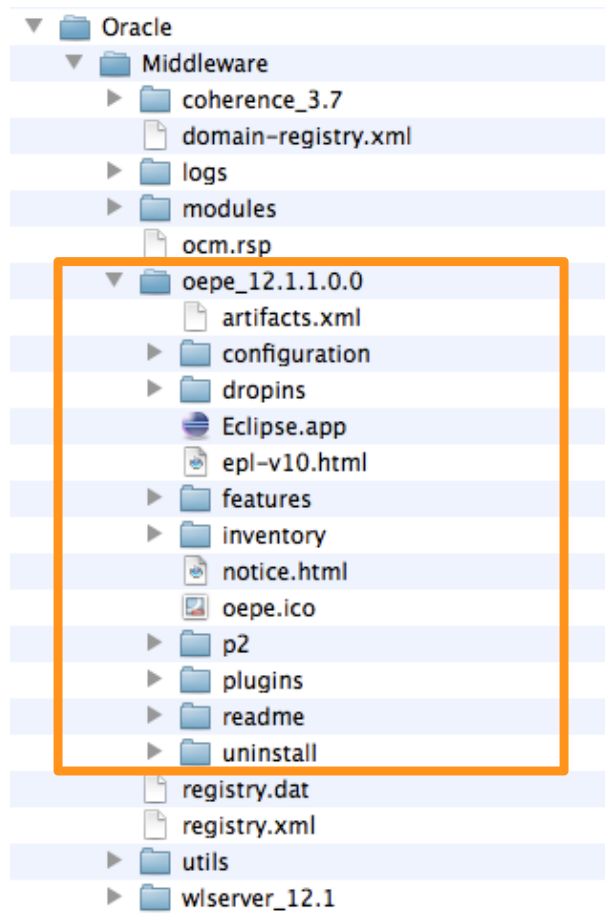
<sup>2</sup> Installation Guide

[http://docs.oracle.com/cd/E27086\\_01/help/oracle.eclipse.tools.common.doc/html/install.html](http://docs.oracle.com/cd/E27086_01/help/oracle.eclipse.tools.common.doc/html/install.html)



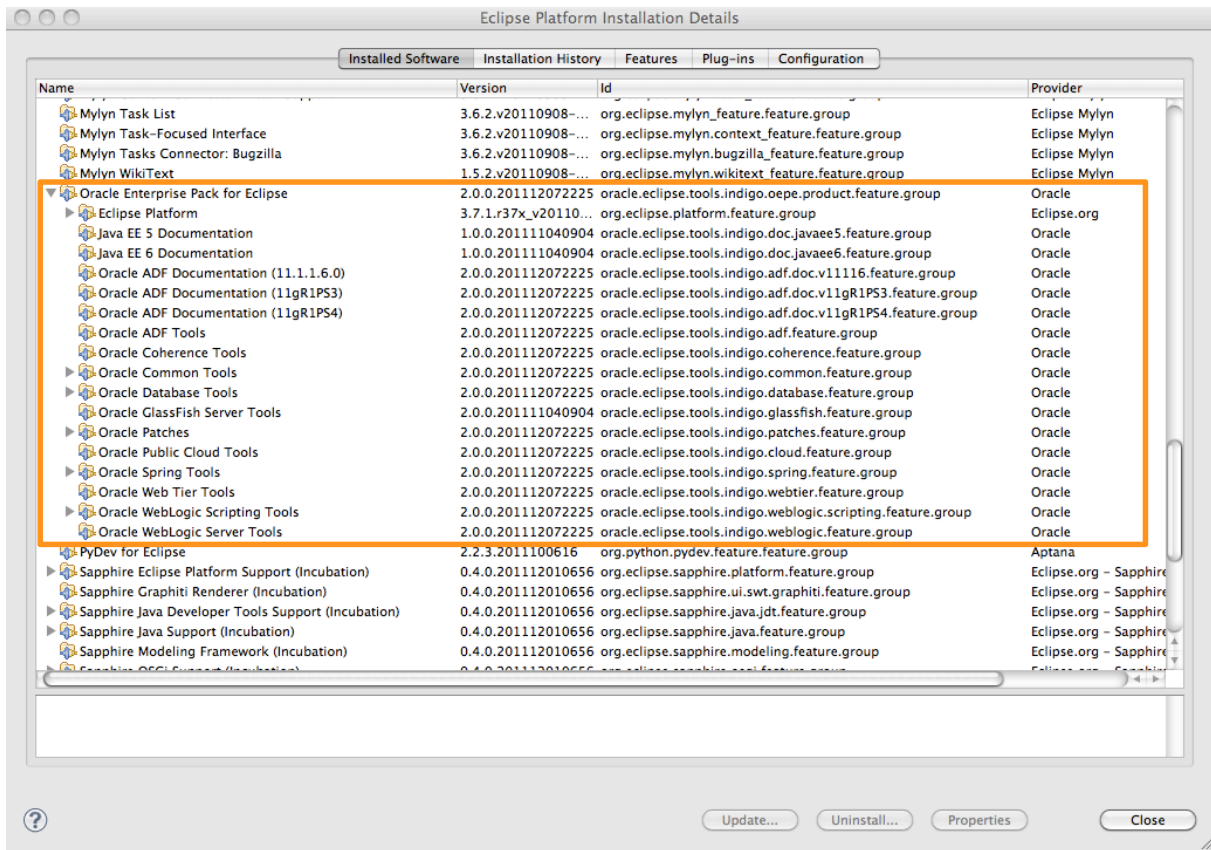
**Figure 2.** The Oracle installer says that the OEPE is already installed.

A quick look at the finder reveals that it is already there. I originally installed WLS12c from the package `oepe-indigo-installer-12.1.1.0.0.201112072225-12.1.1-macosx-cocoa-x86_64.jar` which in fact is the same file. The eclipse version installed is the Indigo release, version 3.7.1.



**Figure 3. The Mac Finder showing the Eclipse installation.**

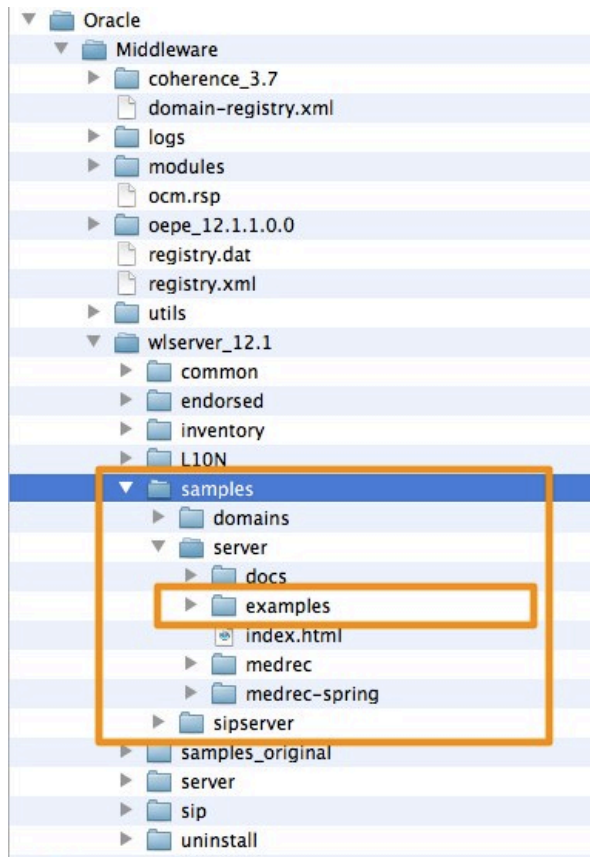
We start eclipse by double clicking on the Eclipse.app icon. We have to chose a workspace directory, e.g. /Eclipse/Indigo/workspace. In the installation details window we can see the modules of the OEPE.



**Figure 4. Installed OEPE modules in the Eclipse Indigo release.**

### 1.1. Integrating the WLS API Examples

WLS12c ships with a number of API examples that are already built and installed in the example server domain “wl\_server”. They are delivered with a complete ant based built environment which supports the full edit-built-deploy-test lifecycle on the command line.

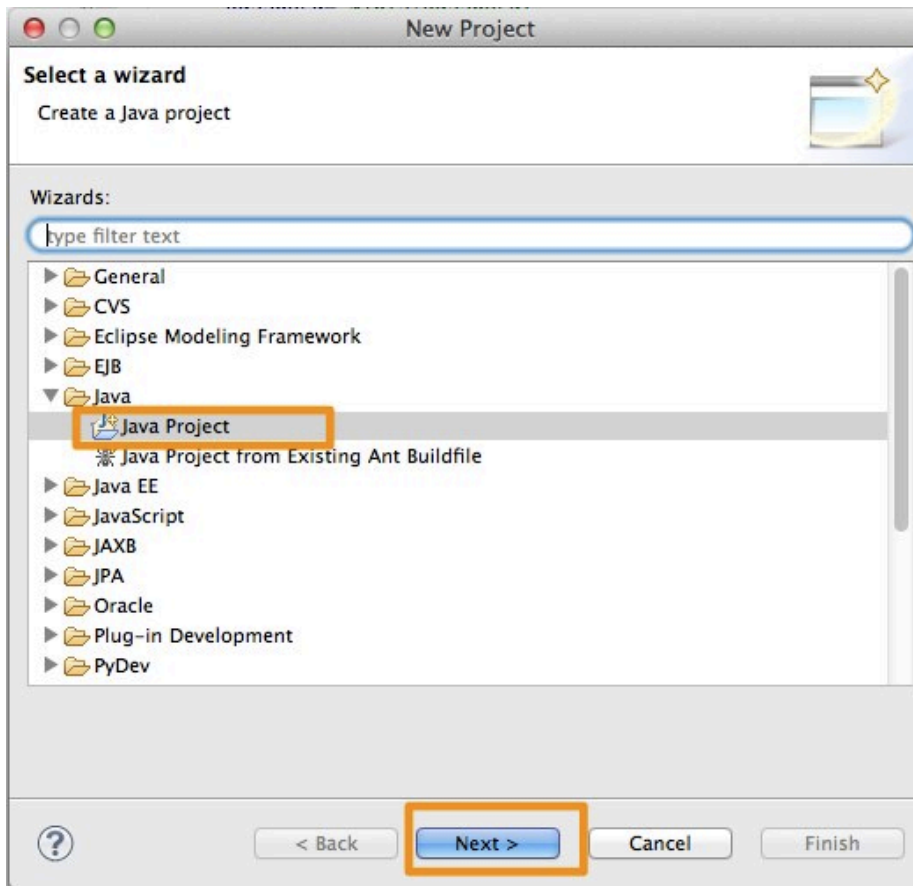


**Figure 5. OSX Finder showing the WLS API examples in the samples directory.**

We want to integrate these examples into eclipse to better analyse, test and change them. Furthermore we want to use the eclipse ant tool to built, deploy and run the examples directly from within the IDE.

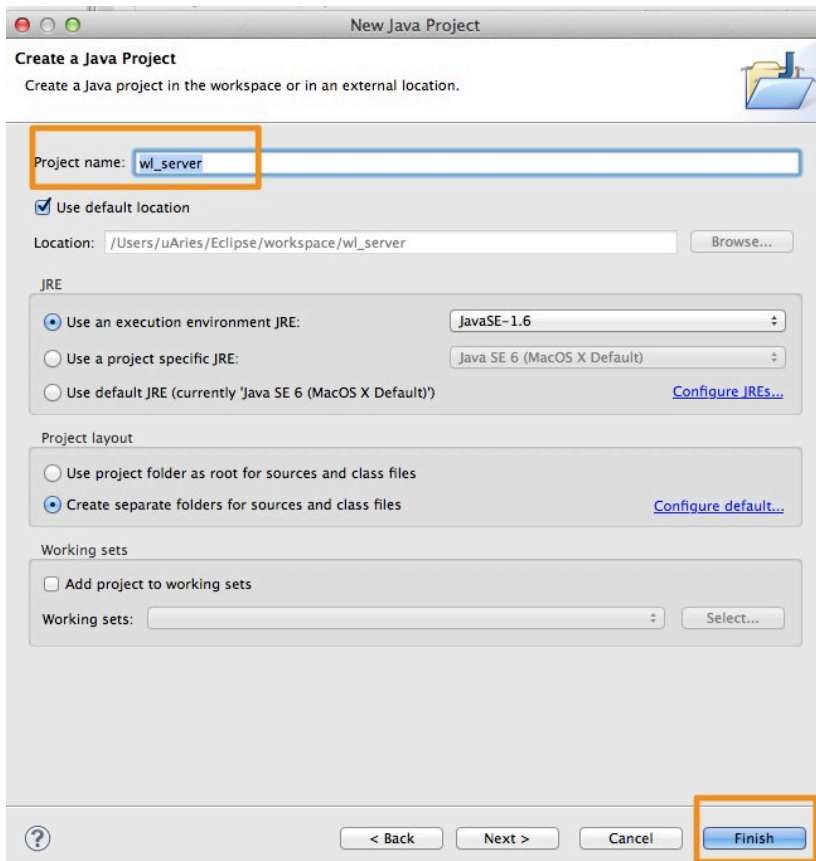
We set up a new project, import these examples, change some properties and include additional ant tasks:

We start the new project dialog. Since we want to make use of the integrated java documentation and code expansion in java source files we need to choose a Java project nature. Otherwise the project will not contain a Java Builder and thus no code expansion will be available. Note that we do not intend to use the Java Builder to build the project. This will be done by the ant files that ship with the examples. We name the project `wl_server` after the domain.



**Figure 6. Choosing the Java Project Nature.**

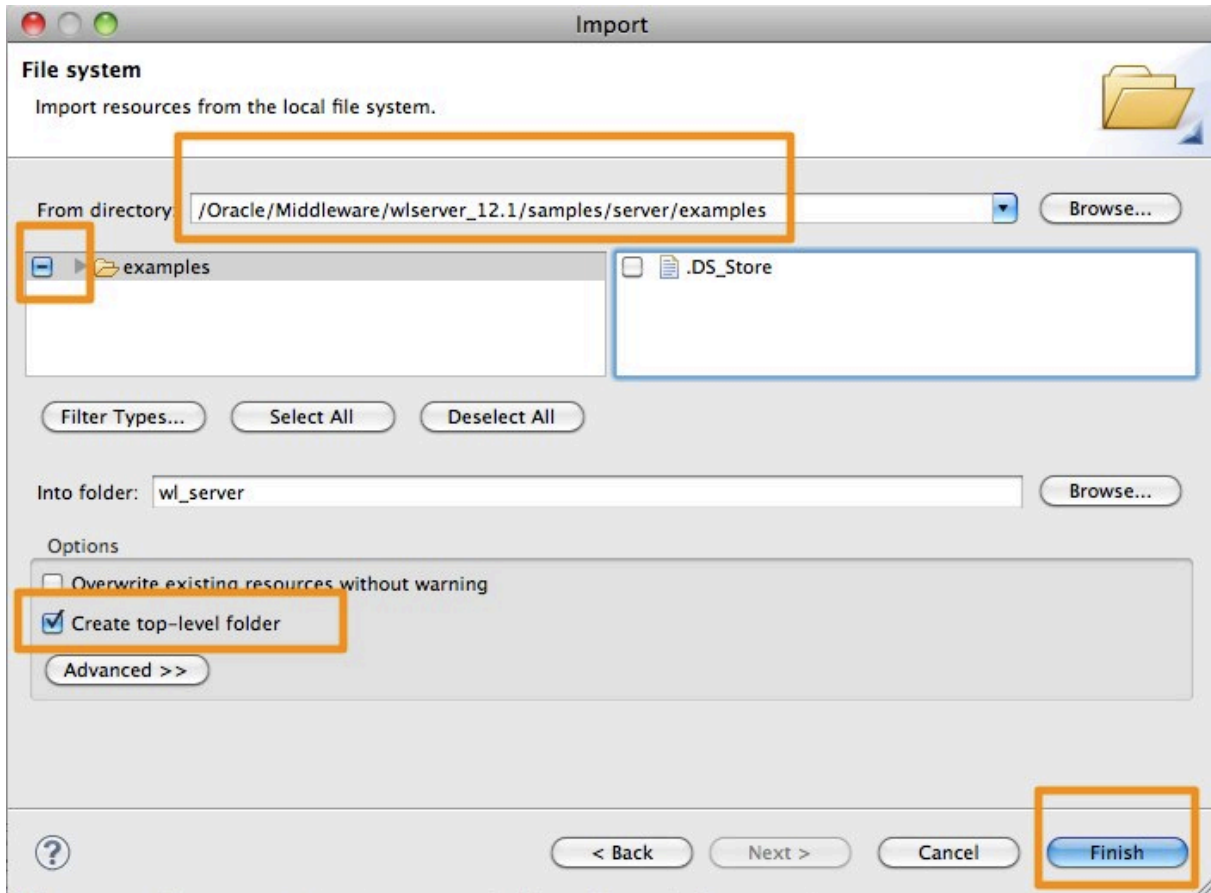
We proceed to the next step and give the project a name.



**Figure 7. Setting up the wl\_server project with the new project dialog.**

We finish the dialog in this step. All we can do all further settings later.

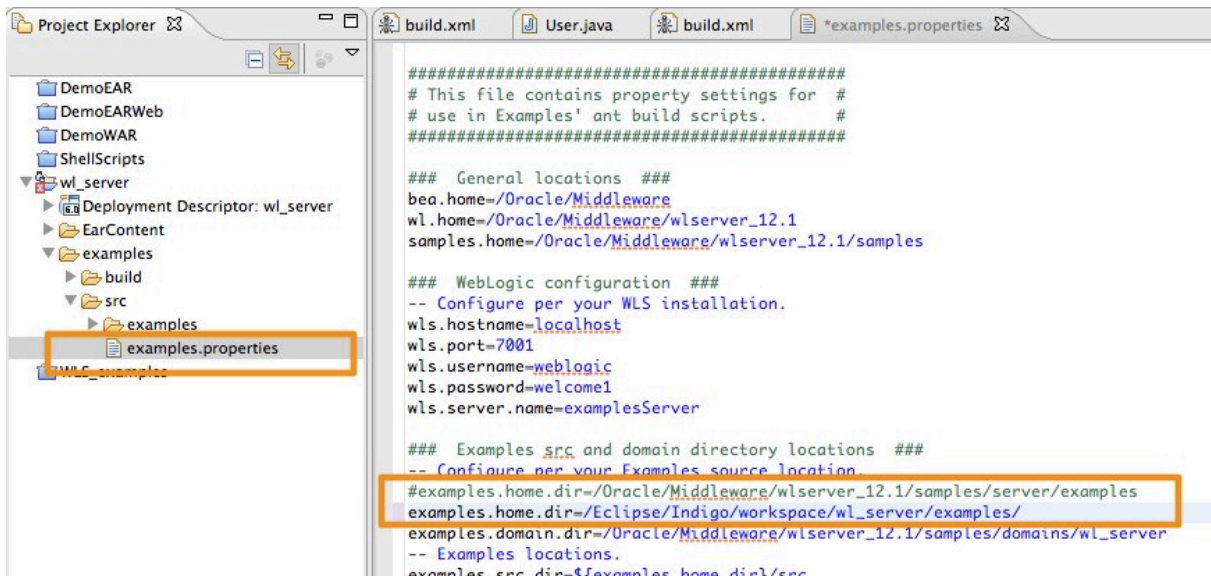
We right-click on “wl\_server” in the project explorer and start the Import dialog. We choose “General->File System” as import source and browse to the examples directory.



**Figure 8. Choosing the examples folder in the Import dialog.**

This copies all the example files into the eclipse workspace. Now we change the property example.home.dir to tell the ant files to work on your copy of the examples.



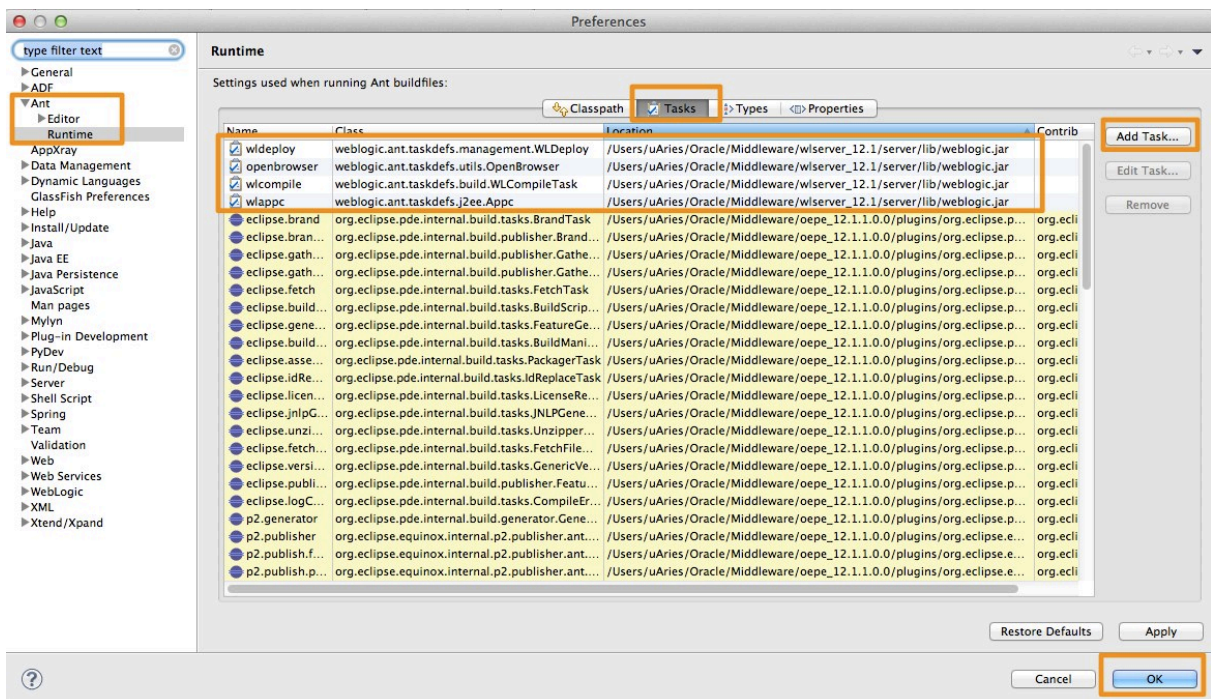


**Figure 9. Changing examples.home.dir in the example.properties file.**

The build.xml files make use of the ant tasks wldesploy and openbrowser which are included in the weblogic.jar. We need to add them to the eclipse ant configuration.

In the eclipse Preferences pane we go to Ant->Runtime->Classpath. In “Global Entries” we add the external jar file: /Oracle/Middleware/wlserver\_12.1/server/lib/weblogic.jar

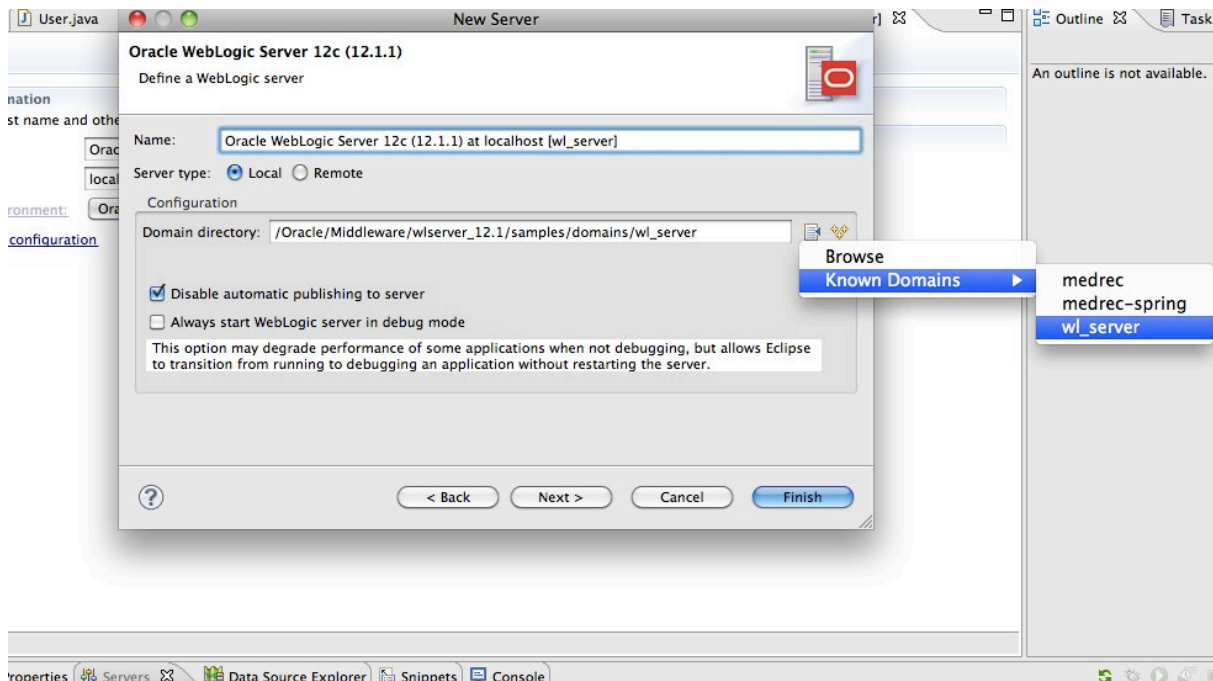
In the “Task” pane we add the tasks wldesploy and openbrowser, as indicated in the following figure. We choose the weblogic.jar file as location in the “Add Task ...” dialog.



**Figure 10. Adding additional ant tasks in eclipse.**

We want to add a server configuration to start the wl\_server from within eclipse. From the “Java EE” perspective we right-click into the server tab at the bottom of the workplace and select the “New->Server” dialog. We chose Oracle WebLogic Server 12c (12.1.1) as runtime environment and in the next step we select wl\_server from the “Known Domains”.





**Figure 11. Setting up a server configuration in eclipse.**

Note that we select the server type local. For a remote server we would have to apply remote host and port as well as admin user and password. In the next step, we do not configure any resources, since these are available eclipse projects and we don't want to have them installed. Instead we want to use the ant deployment targets.

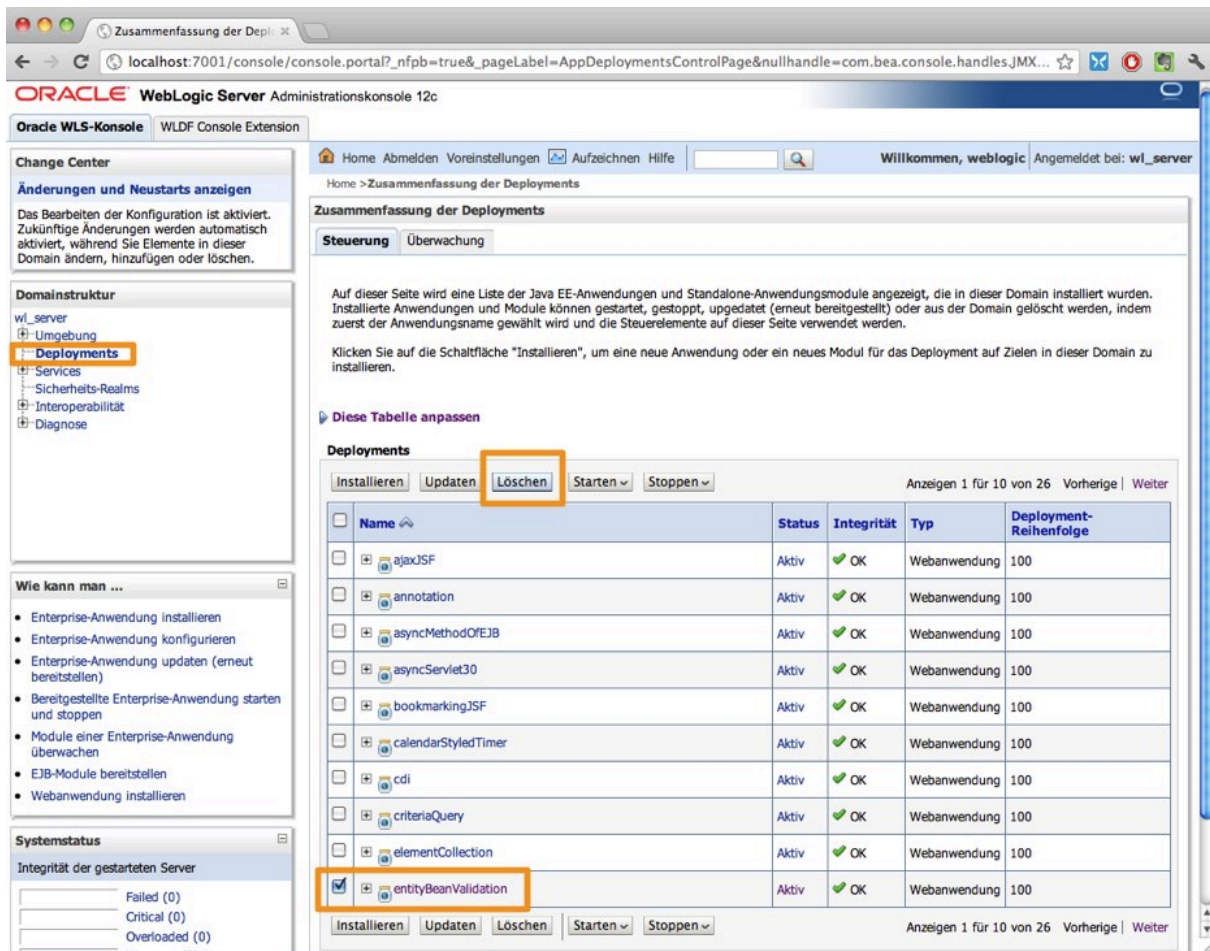
We start the wl\_server from within the IDE and check the deployment in the administration console. The URL is <http://localhost:7001/console> and user and password are weblogic/welcome1.

Under deployments we can see all deployment in the wl\_server, which are the deployments of the sample server installation. Currently there are 26 deployments, mostly web applications.

## 1.2. Testing the API examples

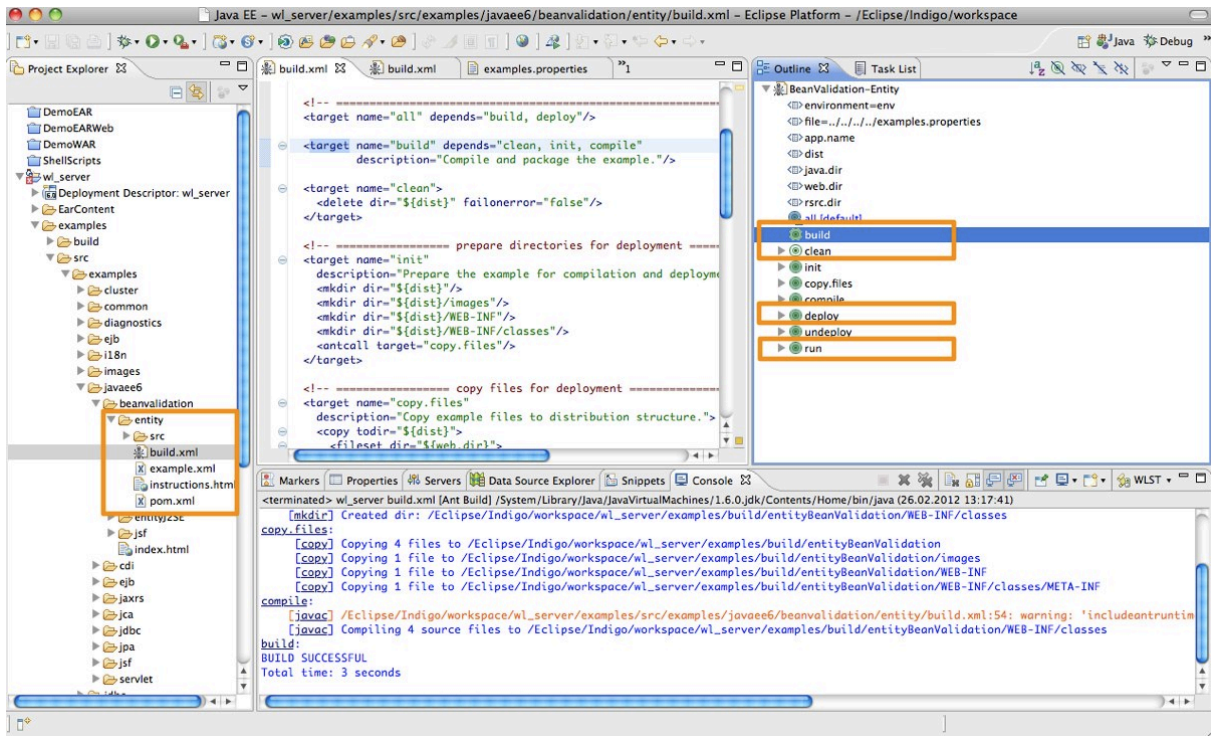
Let's focus our attention to the entityBeanValidation example. This is a small API example, demonstrating the bean validation feature of the Java EE6 release. We want to undeploy this application via the administration console and newly deploy it from within eclipse. Then we will run the example to test it.

In the administration console we locate the example and press delete to uninstall it.



**Figure 12.** Uninstalling the entityBeanValidation application from the WLS console.

This works fine, no restart is required. Now we go to the beanvalidation folder in eclipse open the corresponding ant build.xml file and clean, build and deploy the example. Eclipse builds the example under the eclipse workspace directory, as it should. During deployment, it advertises this directory to WLS and the wl\_server deploys it directly from there, in contrast to the original deployments, which were taken from the WLS directory.



**Figure 13. Building, and deploying the entitybeanvalidation example from within eclipse.**

A quick check in the WLS administration console shows that the application is properly installed.

The ant run target should just open a browser and point to the location of the example at <http://localhost:7001/entityBeanValidation> but the openbrowser ant task which is used here, produces an error:

#### BUILD FAILED

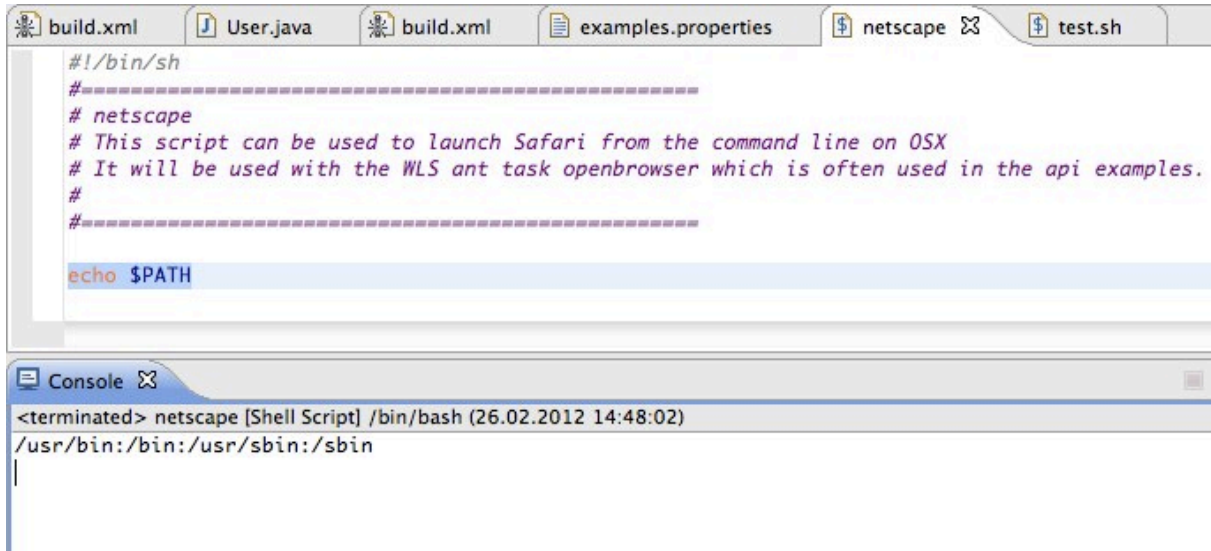
[/Eclipse/Indigo/workspace/wl\\_server/examples/src/examples/javaee6/beanvalidation/entity/build.xml:86: Could not invoke browser, command=netscape -remote openURL\(http://localhost:7001/entityBeanValidation\)'. Windows: Please make sure that default browser can open. Unix: Please make sure that 'netscape' can open \(use unixBrowser attribute to change browser on Unix, ie unixBrowser="mozilla"\). java.io.IOException: Cannot run program "netscape": error=2, No such file or directory](#)

The command does not work on OSX, even after installing netscape and playing around with the unixBrowser variable I could not get it to work. As a workaround we program a small shell script named “netscape”, which accepts an URL as an argument and starts Safari. The ShellEd plug-in is very useful, see also the installation instructions at Chapter 1.4.

The program is very simple and looks like this.

```
#!/bin/sh
#=====
# netscape
# This script can be used to launch Safari from the command line on OSX
# It will be used with the WLS ant task openbrowser which is often used in the api examples.
#=====
#echo $PATH
open -a Safari $2
```

We echo the \$PATH variable to check which location eclipse can use for looking up external programs.



**Figure 14.** Script echoing the PATH variable available to eclipse.

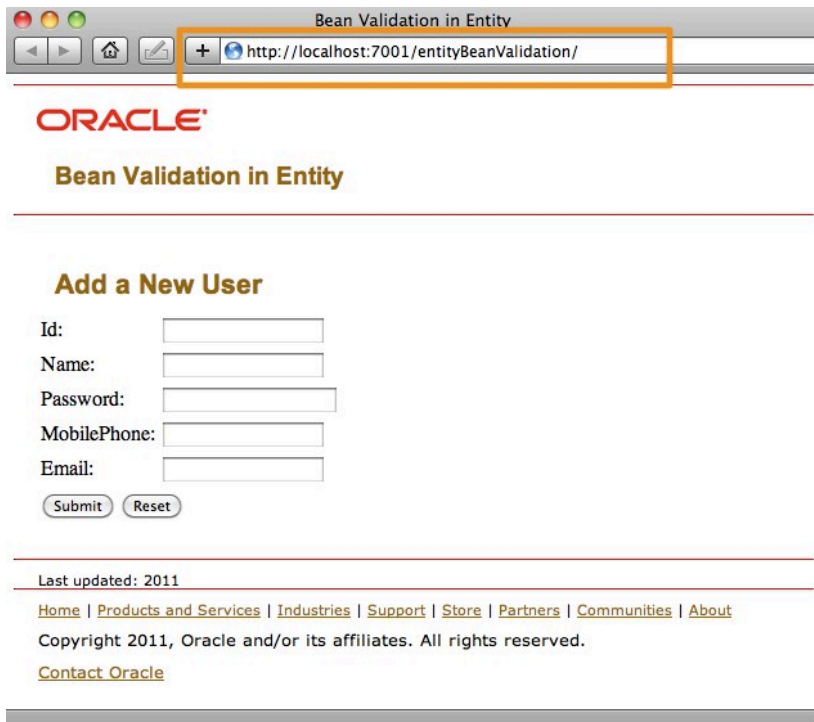
While it is certainly no good practice to install our little script there we do it now for the purpose of this example.

```
macbook-pro:~/>sudo su
Password:
macbook-pro:~/>cp /Eclipse/Indigo/workspace/ShellScripts/netscape /usr/bin/
```

Another alternative would be to set the PATH variable in a Terminal and start eclipse from that terminal.

```
macbook-pro:~/Oracle/Middleware/oepe_12.1.1.0.0/Eclipse.app/Contents/MacOS>export
PATH=$PATH:/Eclipse/Indigo/workspace/ShellScripts
macbook-pro:~/Oracle/Middleware/oepe_12.1.1.0.0/Eclipse.app/Contents/MacOS>./eclipse
```

Now the ant target run opens Safari with the correct URL.



**Figure 15. The bean validation example in the Safari browser.**

### **1.3. Notes**

During the course of these experiments I deleted all deployments of the example server which worked fine. However there is no single step activity to deploy all examples again. So I uninstalled the example server via the WLS uninstall tool and reinstalled it via the original deployment package of WLS12c. As a result eclipse could not reconnect to the wl\_server because during installation there where new credentials generated and eclipse advised me to recreate the server in the IDE. This however didn't work. It seemed that eclipse did not really delete all its information about this server although it disappeared from the server pane. Eclipse then refused to recreate the wl\_server for the same reason, i.e. that the credentials do not fit. I decided to restart eclipse but it became unstable during shutdown, so I had to kill the process. After restarting eclipse the wl\_server entry could be properly set up.

This problem demonstrates that the integration of WLS and eclipse is not fully stable and restarting eclipse might be a good solution before diving into problem analysis.

Another surprise was that my ShellEd plug-in had disappeared. It seemed that the crash during eclipse shutdown has violated the IDE's integrity. I reverted eclipse to a previous timestamp in the Installation History and restarted it. (About Eclipse Platform->Installation Details->Installation History). After that ShellEd worked again.

### **1.4. Adding code completion and javadoc integration**

So far we can use javadoc integration of the JavaSE types and classes only, as depicted below.



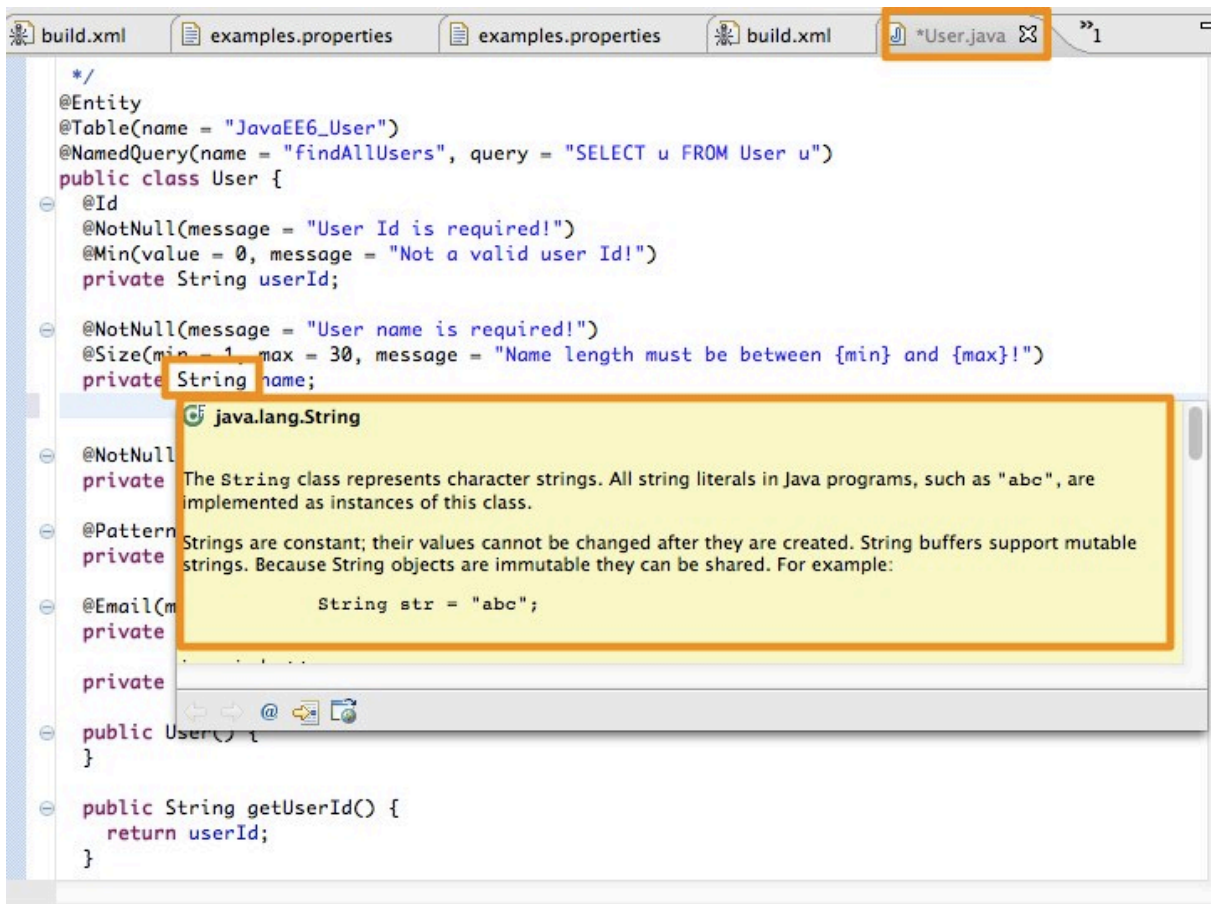


Figure 16. Context help for JavaSE classes in the Java Editor.

The JavaEE classes are not recognized by eclipse so far. Since most of the examples use JavaEE classes, we add `weblogic.jar` to the Project Builder's library path and also include the Javadoc location.

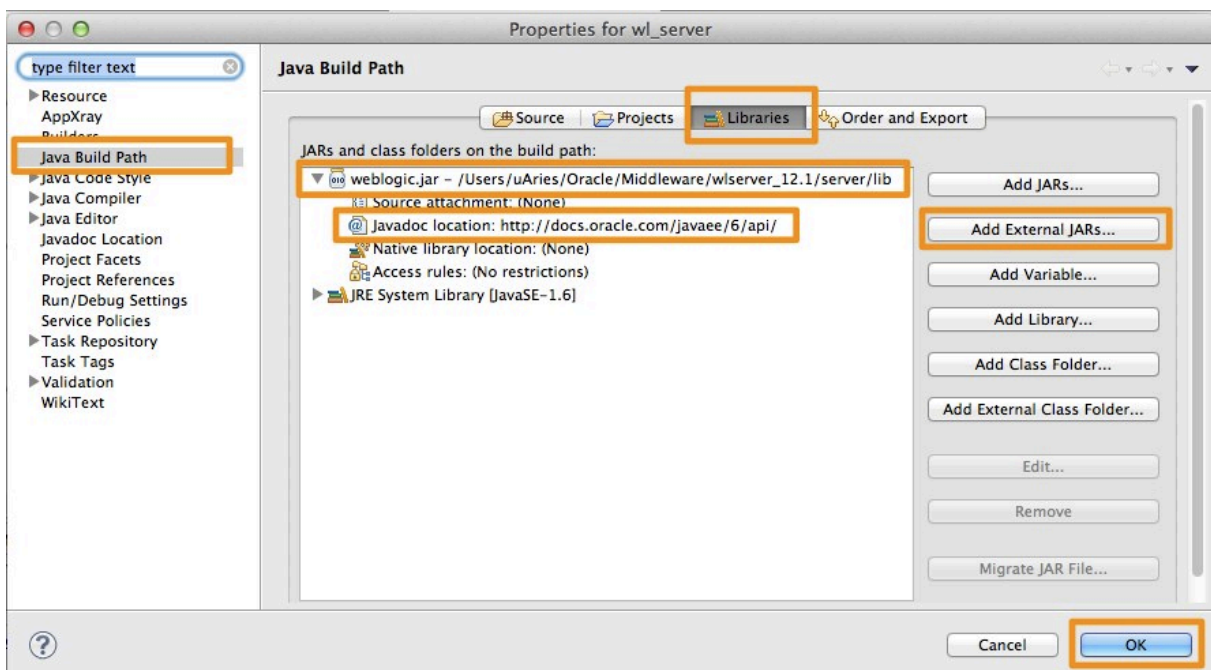


Figure 17. Library path configuration in the project property pane.

Now we also have context help for JavaEE classes, however we can't use code completion and on the fly compilation so far.

### 1.5. Adding on-the-fly compilation support

For compiling, building and deploying the project we use ant build files independently of the Eclipse Java Builder. If we want to use code completion, we need to add our sources to the source path of the project, which will also compile these files and indicate syntax and other compilation errors.

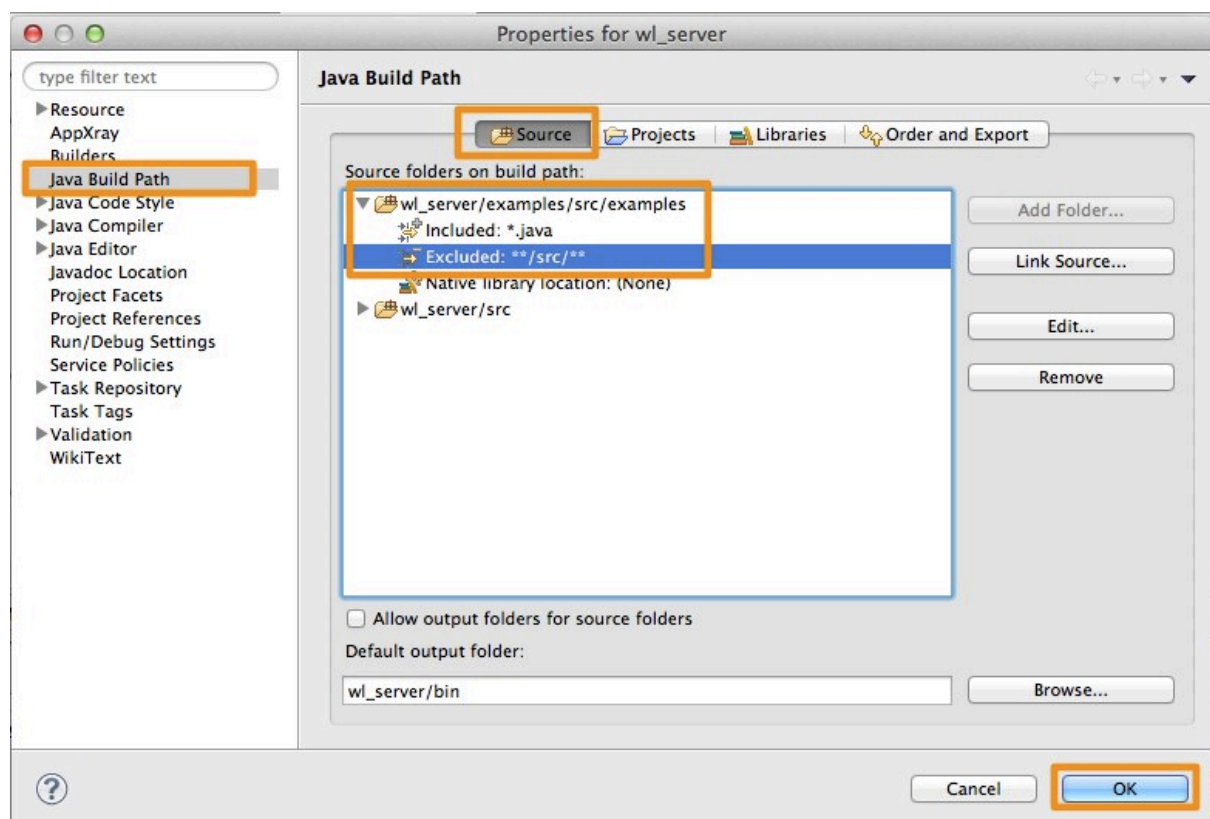
The Eclipse source path should point to the beginning of the package structure. The examples that we've imported from the wls samples directory are grouped into individual folders where most of them have their own source folder. However some examples don't use a separate source folder, their packet structure starts from the examples src folder. If we look at the example to the ejb20/basic/beanManaged classes, we see that they start at the examples/src folder.

```
aries:examples uAries$ pwd
/Users/uAries/Eclipse/workspace/wl_server/examples
aries:examples uAries$ find . -name *.java | grep ejb20/basic/beanM
./src/examples/ejb/ejb20/basic/beanManaged/AccountBean.java
./src/examples/ejb/ejb20/basic/beanManaged/Client.java
./src/examples/ejb/ejb20/basic/beanManaged/ProcessingErrorException.java
```

If we however look at the ejb30/session example we can see that it has it's own source folder, namely ./src/examples/ejb/ejb30/src.

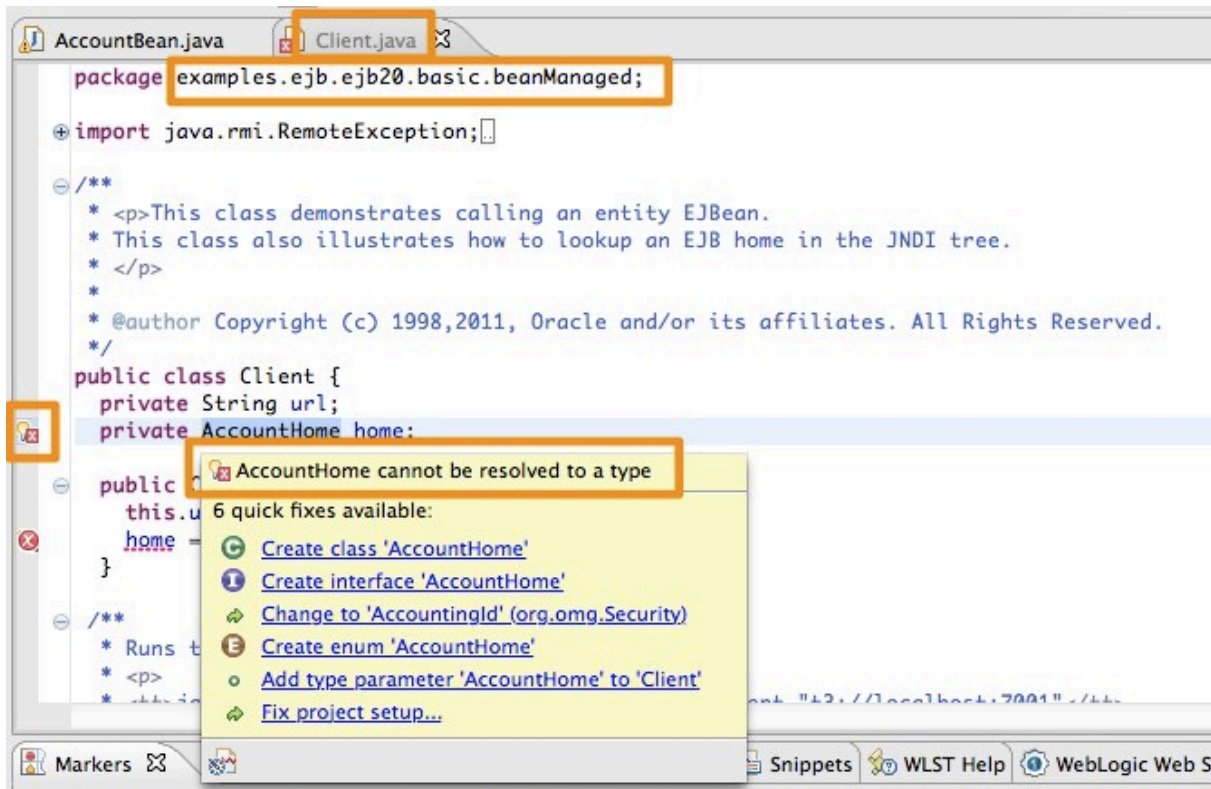
```
aries:examples uAries$ find . -name *.java | grep ejb30/session
./src/examples/ejb/ejb30/src/java/examples/ejb/ejb30/session/ReviewManager.java
./src/examples/ejb/ejb30/src/java/examples/ejb/ejb30/session/ReviewManagerBean.java
./src/examples/ejb/ejb30/src/java/examples/ejb/ejb30/session/ReviewStatManager.java
./src/examples/ejb/ejb30/src/java/examples/ejb/ejb30/session/ReviewStatManagerBean.java
```

The build path needs to reflect this difference. In a first step we add examples/src to the eclipse source path, however we apply an exclude pattern, excluding all examples that have their own src folder.



**Figure 18.** Configuring the source path using exclude patterns.

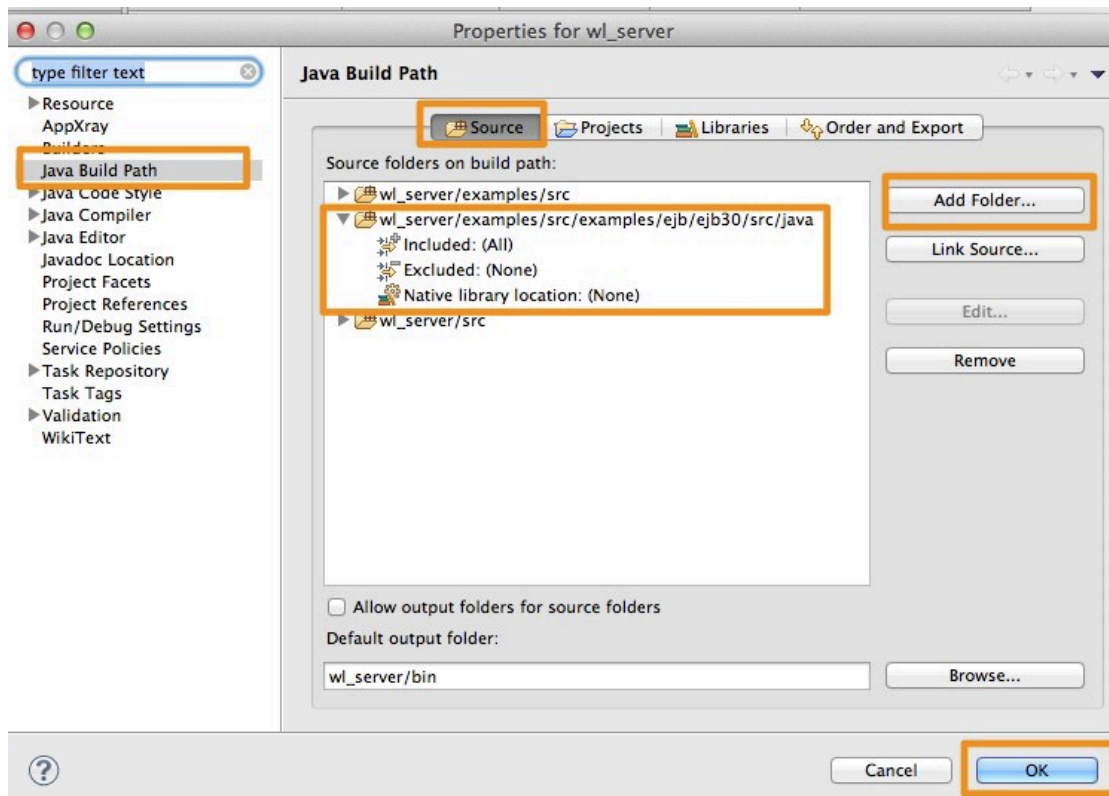
Now if we look at the file `./src/examples/ejb/ejb20/basic/beanManaged/Client.java` we can see that it gets compiled and Eclipse shows a compilation error, stating that it cannot find the type `AccountHome`.



**Figure 19.** The Eclipse Builder displays compilation errors.

In this case `AccountHome` will be created during the build process and we could add the path of `AccountHome.class` to Eclipse's build path, however we don't worry about it now, because we use the external Ant compile anyway, which works nevertheless.

If we also want to use Eclipse compiler for the `ejb30` example we have to add the example specific `src-path`. This will give us the ability to edit all Java files of the `ejb30` example with on-the-fly compilation support.



**Figure 20.** Adding the source branch of the ejb30 examples to the source path of the project `wl_server`.

The source path of the project gets quite confusing. If we want to work on single branch of the wls examples, i.e. only on the ejb30 examples we rather set up an eclipse project with only these files. This will be shown in a separate paper.

## 2. Installing ShellEd

We install the ShellEd plugin for eclipse for convenience in shell script editing. The installation via the update site did not work on my computer. It complained about missing Linux Tools and wouldn't install it. However the ShellEd installation guide describes a zip installation, which works fine.

We download the file `net.sourceforge.shelled-site-2.0.1.zip`

See <http://sourceforge.net/apps/trac/shelled/wiki/Documentation/InstallGuide>

Here are the instructions from shelled wiki:

### Using zipped update site

1. Download [net.sourceforge.shelled-site-2.0.0.zip](#)
2. Select Help > Install New Software...
3. Add <http://download.eclipse.org/technology/linuxtools/update> to the "Available Software Sites. To do so, select the "Add" button next to "Work with:" window and enter the URL as Location. You will need this for the man-page viewer plug-in, without this location present in the "Available Software Sites" you will get a "missing resource error" while installing.
4. Now select the "Add" again, use the "Archive..." button to select the downloaded zip-file as source.
5. Install **ShellEd**

**Important note:** **ShellEd** only works on **Java 6**, so ensure you're using Java 6 with Eclipse. bout using Java 6. Thank you to zero\_sum, who wrote: "After changing the -vm arg in eclipse.ini and restarting I can see my shell scripts in all their glory."

