



# Unleash the Modelling team

Trace, automate and collaborate using the IBM Rational CLM solution

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# Agenda

- Stakeholders and values of modeling
- Organizing our models
- Fruits of design time automation
- Sharing modeling artifacts
- Integrating and tracing
- Collaboration benefits



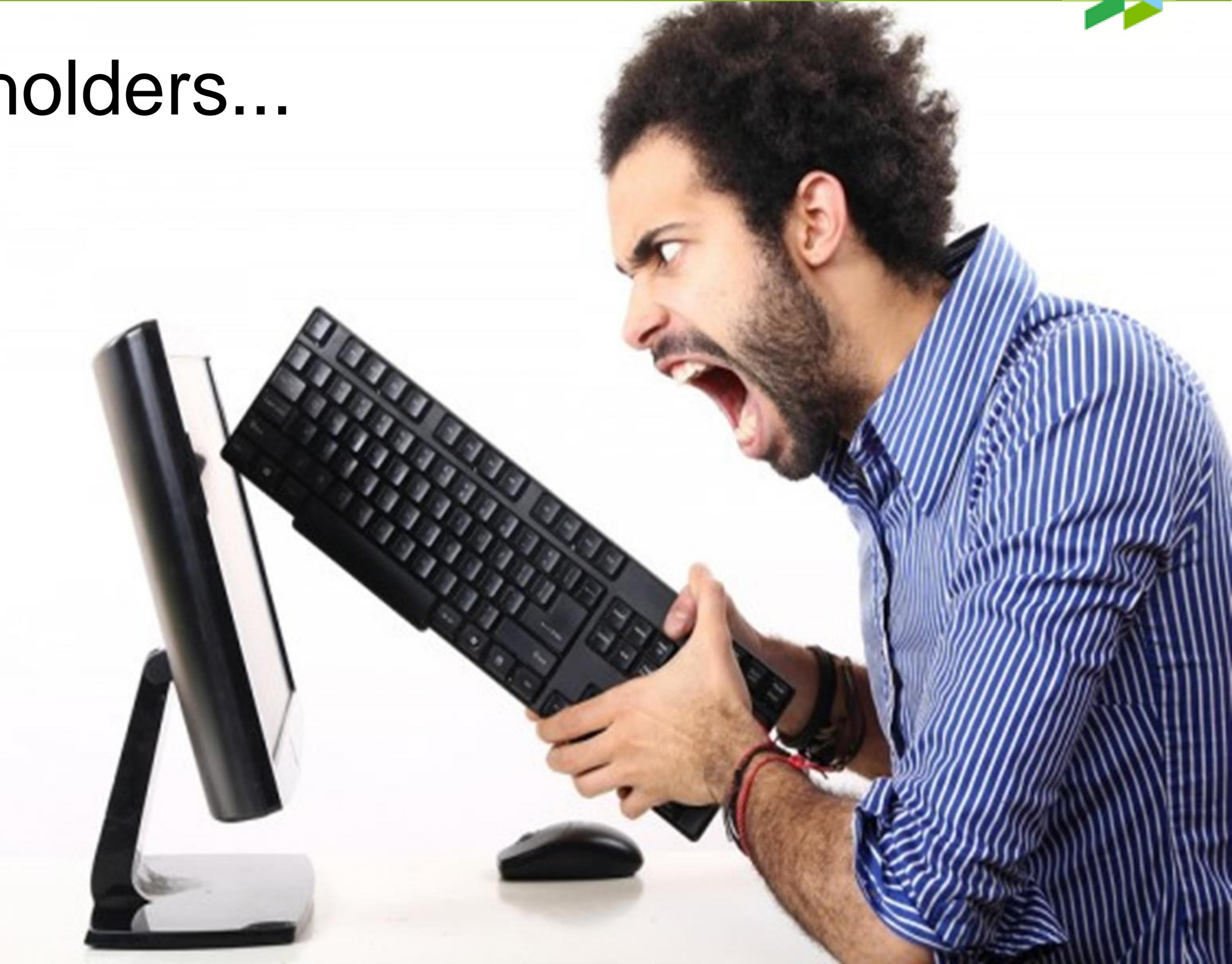
# Stakeholder nr. one



- Wants
  - Abstraction
  - Automation
  - To spare with words
- Needs
  - Coding environment

# Some other stakeholders...

- Want
  - Documentation
  - Reports
- Need
  - Easy to use interface





# Values and constraints summary

- Raising the level of abstraction
  - Less code for same functionality
  - Productivity increased
  - Number of errors decreased
- Increasing communication efficiency
  - Direct feedback
  - Visualize high level information
- Integration with project management
  - Traceability
  - Reporting
- Model & code together
  - Otherwise design will be outdated
  - Impossible without generators
  - They need the same repository (branches)
- Modeling should be as easy as coding
  - Otherwise developers simply will not use the tools
- Sharing information should be simple
  - Should not need client tool installation
  - Comment the model instead of generated docs
- Model elements should be linkable
  - To work items
  - To test cases



# Structuring models in the project

Modeling - Collection request - Rational® Software Architect

File Edit Diagram Search Project Modeling Run Window Help

Tahoma 100% Quick Access Modeling

Project Explorer Design Explorer

cas-dc-design-model

- Diagrams
- Models
  - gb\_package CAS-DC Design Model
    - Logical View
    - Data collection
      - «subsystem» Active MQ
      - «subsystem» ADC Engine
      - «subsystem» DC Manager
    - Associations
    - Collection configuration
    - Services and facades
    - Collection environment
    - Collection notifications
    - Collection request
    - «gb\_entity» Collection definition
    - «gb\_entity» Collection engine release
    - «gb\_entity» Collection environment
    - «gb\_entity» Collection job
    - «gb\_entity» Collection request
    - «gb\_entity» Collection schedule
    - «gb\_entity» Customer deployed engines
    - «gb\_entity» Data store
    - «gb\_entity» Job result
    - «gb\_entity» Targeted node
      - (ActiveMQ)
    - «subsystem» ECA
      - (Customer base)
      - (Data store)
      - (Drop box for ECA)
      - (Installed base with)
      - (Knowledge base)
  - Scenarios
    - Associations
    - Events
    - Collaborations
    - Scheduled collections
      - Scheduled collections
      - «realization» Create scheduled collection request
      - «realization» Create timed collection request

- Model contains the following design information

- Component diagrams
- Class diagrams
  - Entities / Tables
  - Services
  - Facades
- Use case realizations (scenarios)
  - Activity diagrams
  - Sequence diagrams
  - Interaction overview diagrams

- Model is extended with stereotypes for the generators

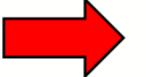
- Eg.: Class name -> Java class name, Database table name



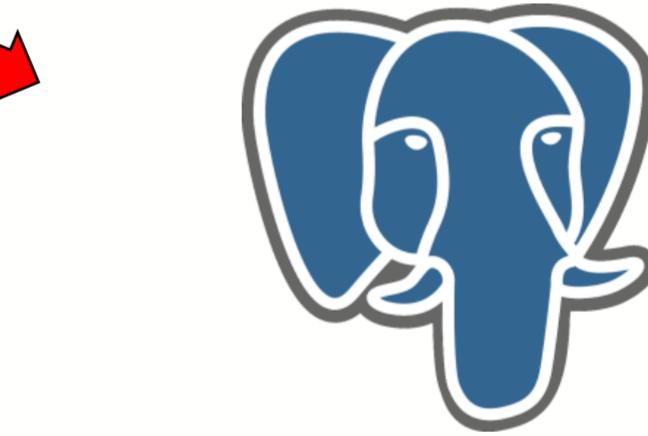
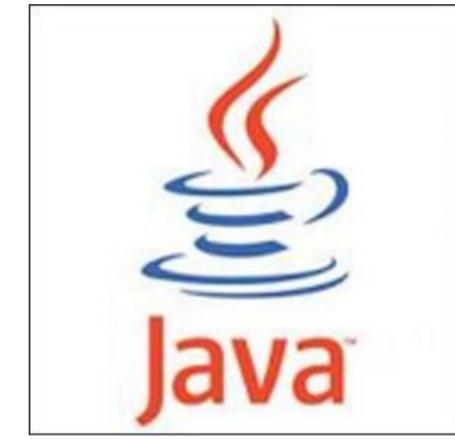
# Code generation workflow



extended uml model  
(stereotypes)



intermediate model

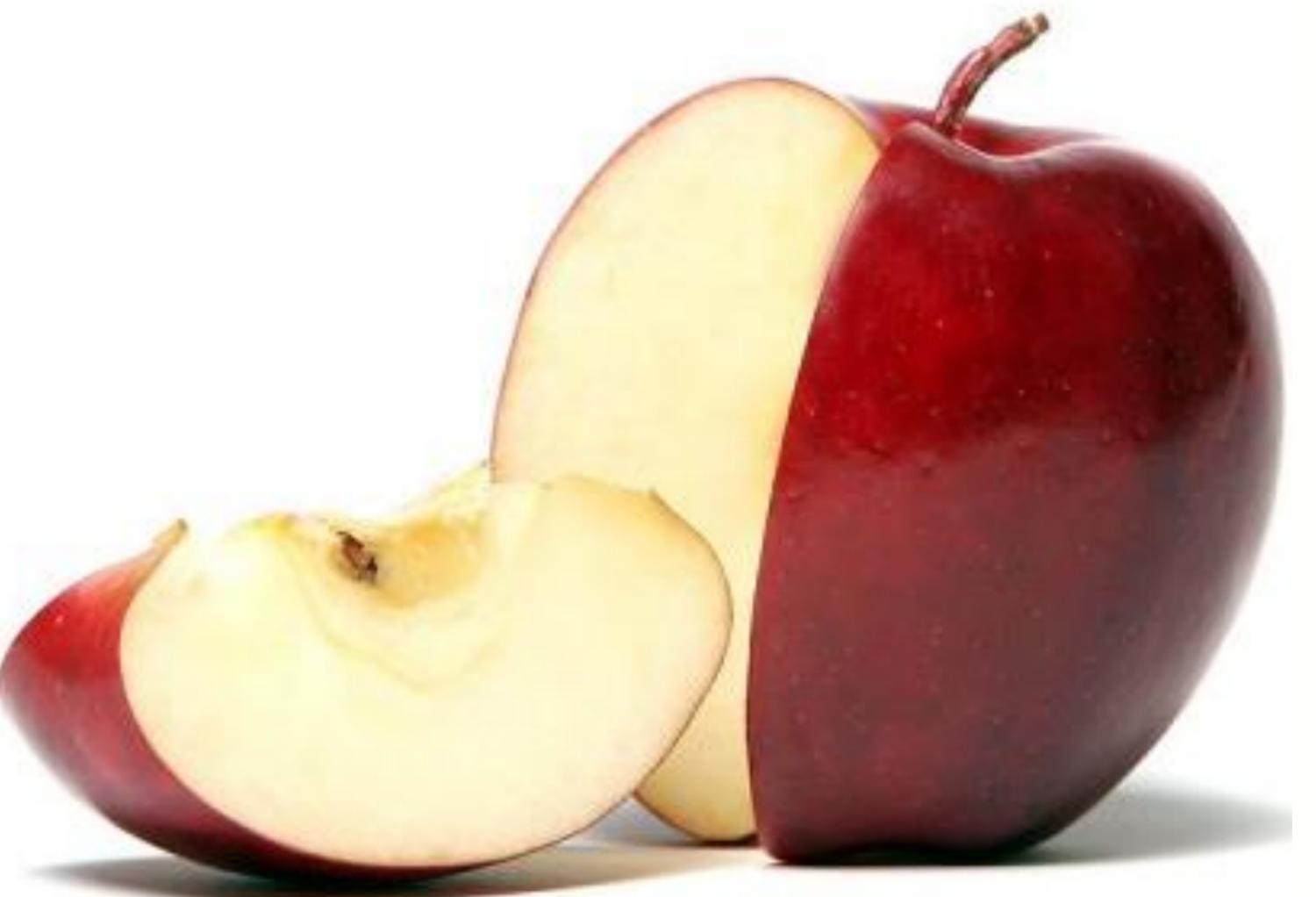


service, façade, db,  
entity, dto



# Fruits of design time automation

- 25% of java files + all ddls generated
  - adaptive to frequent changes
  - easy to make errors reduced
  - stronger architectural control
  - up to date documentation





# Collaboration pillar - design management pilot

- Beginning: February 3, 2014
- Objectives:
  - Connecting requirements, work items with the model
    - Work items referencing model elements
    - Model elements referencing requirements
    - Ability to query for traceability
  - Tool Support for Collaboration
    - Enable live model review and commenting between geographically separated teams
  - Interface with Rational Team Concert (RTC)
    - Model version control should remain inside RTC
- Conclusion – concept proven successfully: May 22, 2014

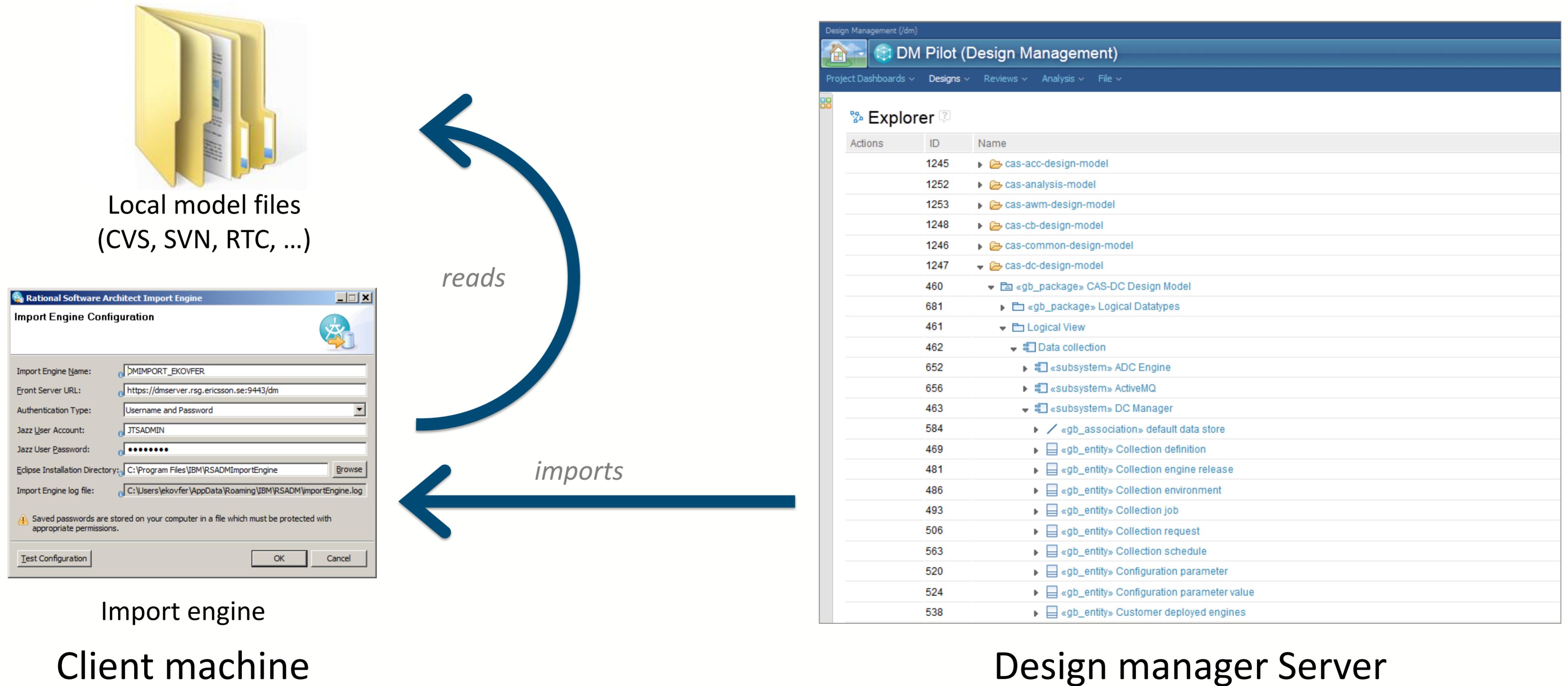


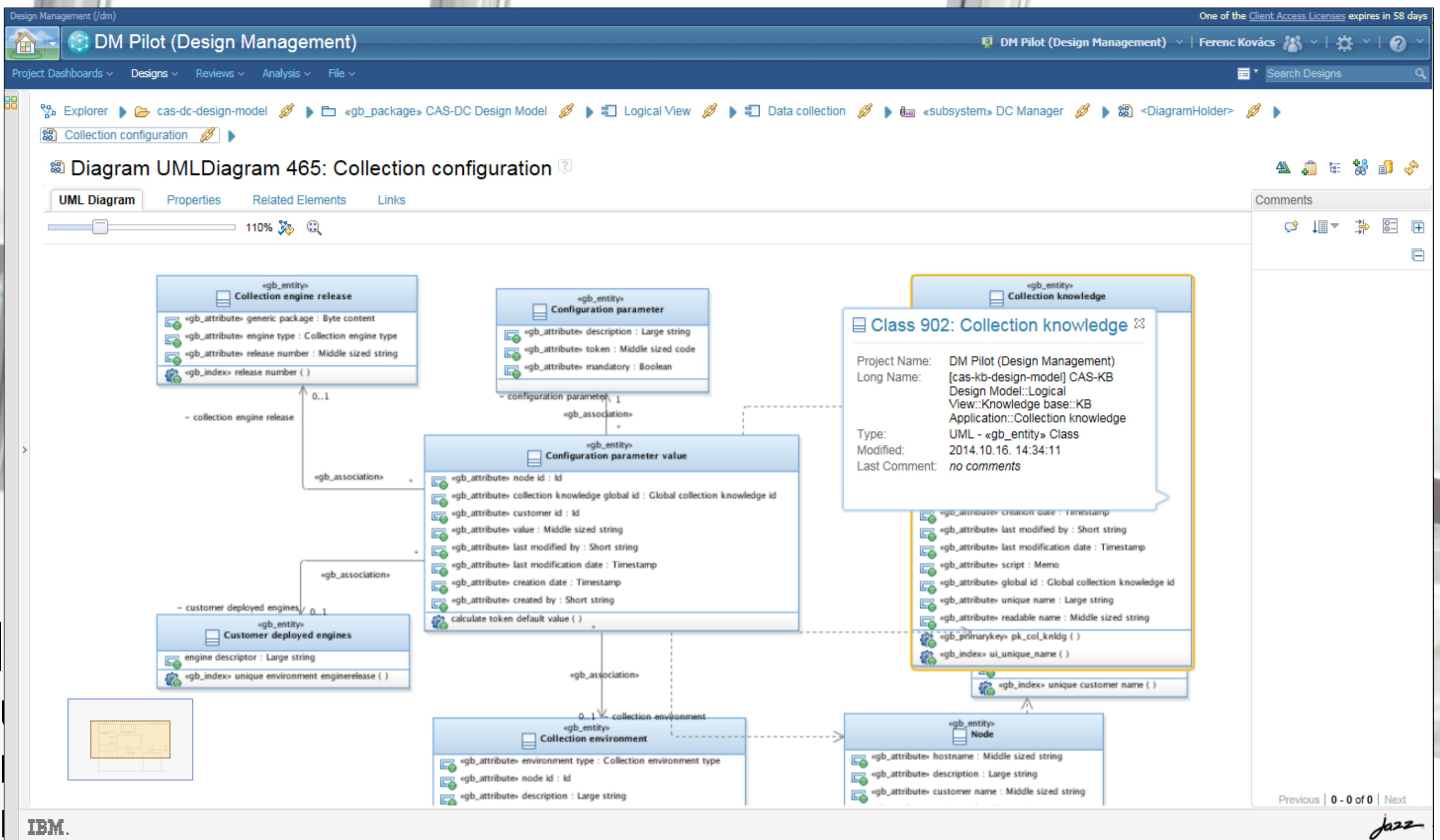
# Sharing model artifacts





# Importing models into the server repository



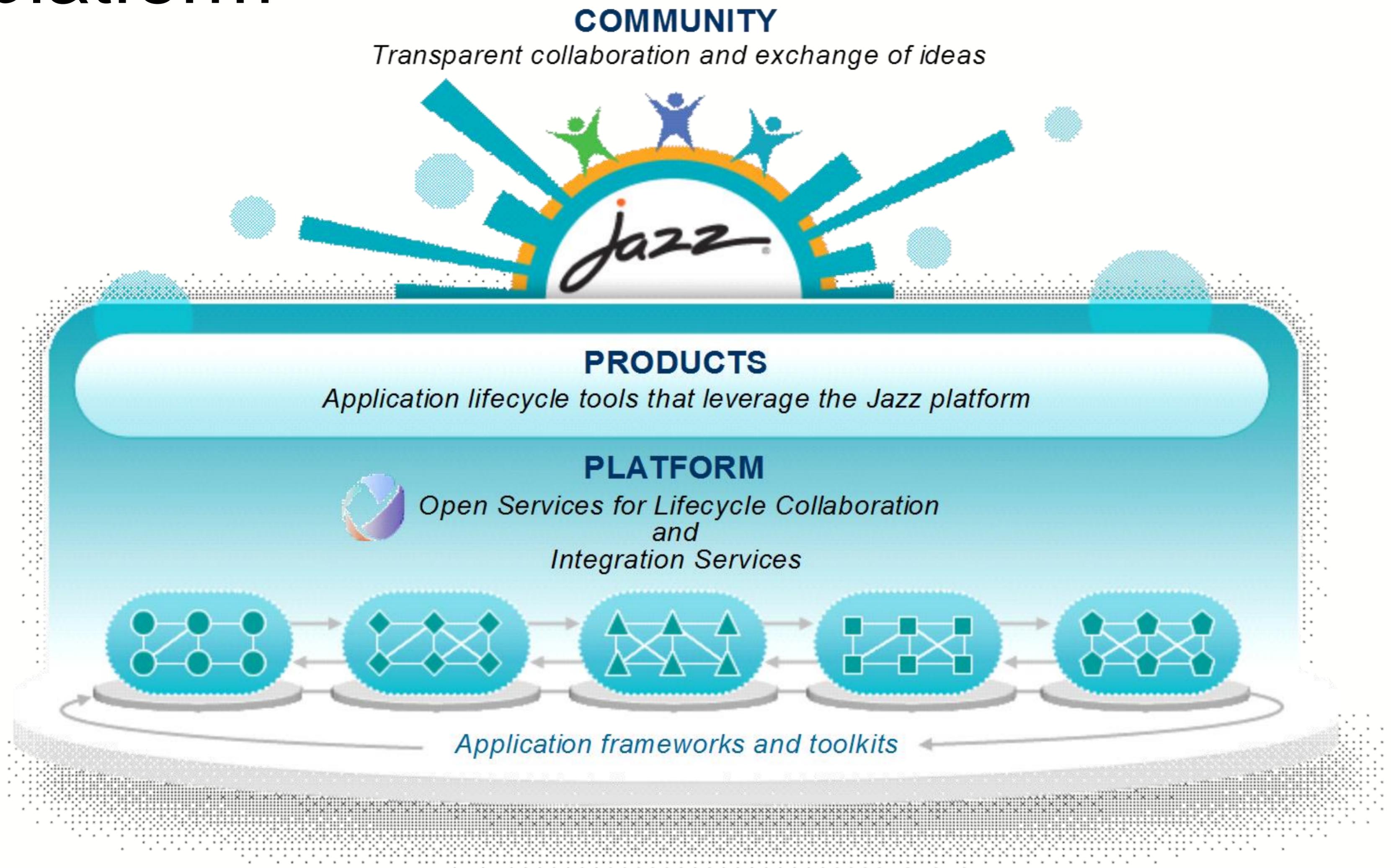


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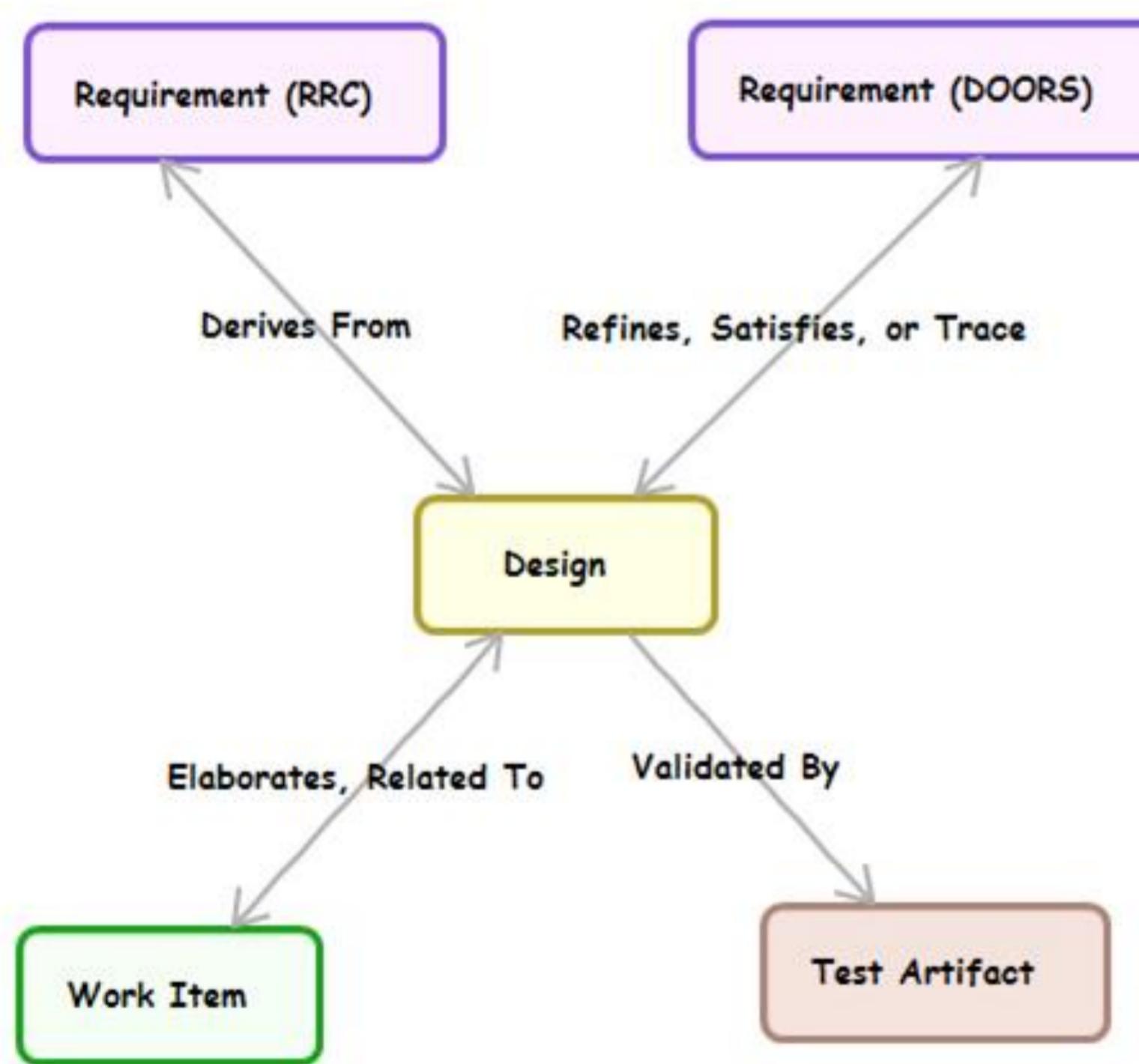


# Jazz platform





# Unique traceability



- **Design and Requirements**
  - Analysis: link designs that provide the next level of details for requirements
  - Coverage: link designs that implement requirements to ensure coverage
- **Design and Change Management (Work Items)**
  - Planning: link design tasks to related designs
  - Design Changes: link design change sets to related work items
  - Implementation: link implementation tasks to related designs making it easier for developers to find design
  - Defects: link design defects back to defective design
- **Designs and Test Artifacts (one-way only)**
  - Test coverage of designs: Link from designs to test artifacts that validate the design to ensure test coverage



# Conclusion/Summary

- Even though “modeling” doesn’t really sound cool today, we possess both the knowledge and the tools to create an environment, which delivers the benefits of design automation and collaboration for the whole project team, by providing flexibility, boosting collaboration and thus letting us focus on our real tasks by saving time and energy.



# Future steps

- Getting the DM Server hosted in Aachen ;-)
- Introducing build-time model generation + validation
- Textual based modeling
- Instant refactoring





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