



# IBM Rational Software Development Conference 2008

WHERE TEAMS ARE **R-HEROES**



## Bring Your Process to Life

### Process Enactment in IBM Rational Team Concert

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# What you learned about Jazz



## Story 1: The Morning Routine

- Is all about maximizing sleep and still being in time
- Becomes more complex the more people are involved
- Establishes over time
- Becomes more and more effective
  - ▶ Change the layout your utensils around the sink
  - ▶ Change the layout in the wardrobe so that you don't need light
  - ▶ ....
- Avoids obstacles
  - ▶ What to say; what not to say
- Gets shattered by life changing events: hotel rooms, a new house, a baby



## Story 2: Sharing the Pleasure of Riding the Bicycle

- Groups of unfamiliar riders can be highly efficient
  - ▶ Drafting
  - ▶ Rotating the lead
  - ▶ Setting the pace
  - ▶ Indicating obstacles
- Rules are established upfront
- Rules help bridges cultural differences, different levels of experience, and different levels of skills
  
- The better skilled team is still the faster one
- The experienced team can handle exceptional situations better



## Story 3: Football, Soccer, Basketball, ...

- Teams practice to establish repertoires of moves and their timing
- Coaches try to detect the opponent's patterns
- Coaches and team decide situationally which moves to make
  
- The game of a team changes over time
  - ▶ Some moves and their timing change quickly and often
  - ▶ Others become 'signature' moves
  
- Successful team are both stable and nimble
  - ▶ Their stable foundation allows them to quickly evolve





## Story 4: Rules



## Collaboration

- All collaborations have underlying **context specific rules** and **patterns**
  - ▶ **Rules** of engagement
  - ▶ Agreement on **behavior patterns**
  - ▶ Shared and divided **responsibilities**
  - ▶ Agreement on **boundaries for improvising**
  
- Rules and patterns make collaborators **predictable** for each other
- Rules and patterns exist on all levels
  - ▶ Micro level (e.g., the communication dance)
  - ▶ Macro level (e.g., international, cooperate rules)



## Collaboration Rules and Patterns

- Are **goal specific**
- **Emerge** over time (1 & 3) **or** are agreed on **up-front** (2 & 3)
- **Evolve** over time based on feedback (1, 2, & 3)
- Incorporate **situational** sub-patterns and rules
  - ▶ the wardrobe is locked starting around 4 weeks before Christmas
  - ▶ don't party after 10 pm at night
  - ▶ don't make open fire during summer
- Range from **generic to actor specific**
- Decide about success and failure of collaborations
  
- What works best for you might not work for others but is worth sharing.





## Taking the Next Step

- Make tools smarter: We did it before, we continue to do so
- Make explicit what you care about.
  
- Integrate the higher level concepts of collaboration into collaborative software development tools.
  - ▶ **Reify** the concept of **collaboration rules** and **patterns** and their parts
  - ▶ **Emphasize artifacts** as they are in the middle of collaborations
  - ▶ **Honor the diversity** of teams and their collaborations
  
- If the **tools** know they can be way **more helpful**.
- Don't be presumptuous about the 'right way'.

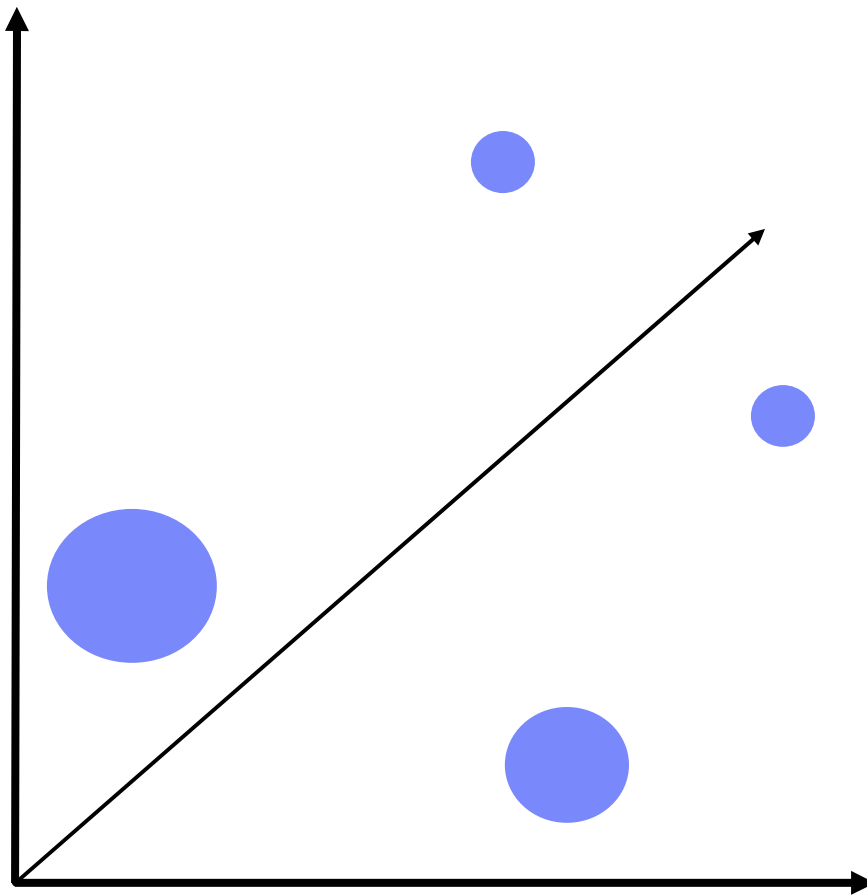


## Free the Mind for Creativity

- Give a helping hand to people like me who can not or don't want to remember all the details.
- **Enable** higher **productivity**
  
- Why do you like refactoring in JDT?
  - ▶ it takes away the burden to do it manually
  - ▶ update all references
  - ▶ reminds you that references are not only in code but also in plugin.xml files, comments, ...
- Why do you like garbage collection in Java?
- Why do you like reminders in calendars?
- ...



## Not a single 'Right Way' but many Good Places



- There is **more than one** good place
  
- Good places are
  - ▶ Team specific
  - ▶ Goal specific
  - ▶ Culture specific
  - ▶ Experience specific
  - ▶ Application domain specific
  - ▶ Depending on regulations
  - ▶ ....



## Why is this a good place?

- “This is a good place.”
- “This is our place.”
- “This is the ‘distance’ between our place and a good place.”
- “This is how we get from our place to a good place.”
  
- Tools need to allow for **transparency**, **monitoring**, and **introspection**.
- It needs subjective and objective measures to effectively self improve.
  - ▶ Reports and dashboards

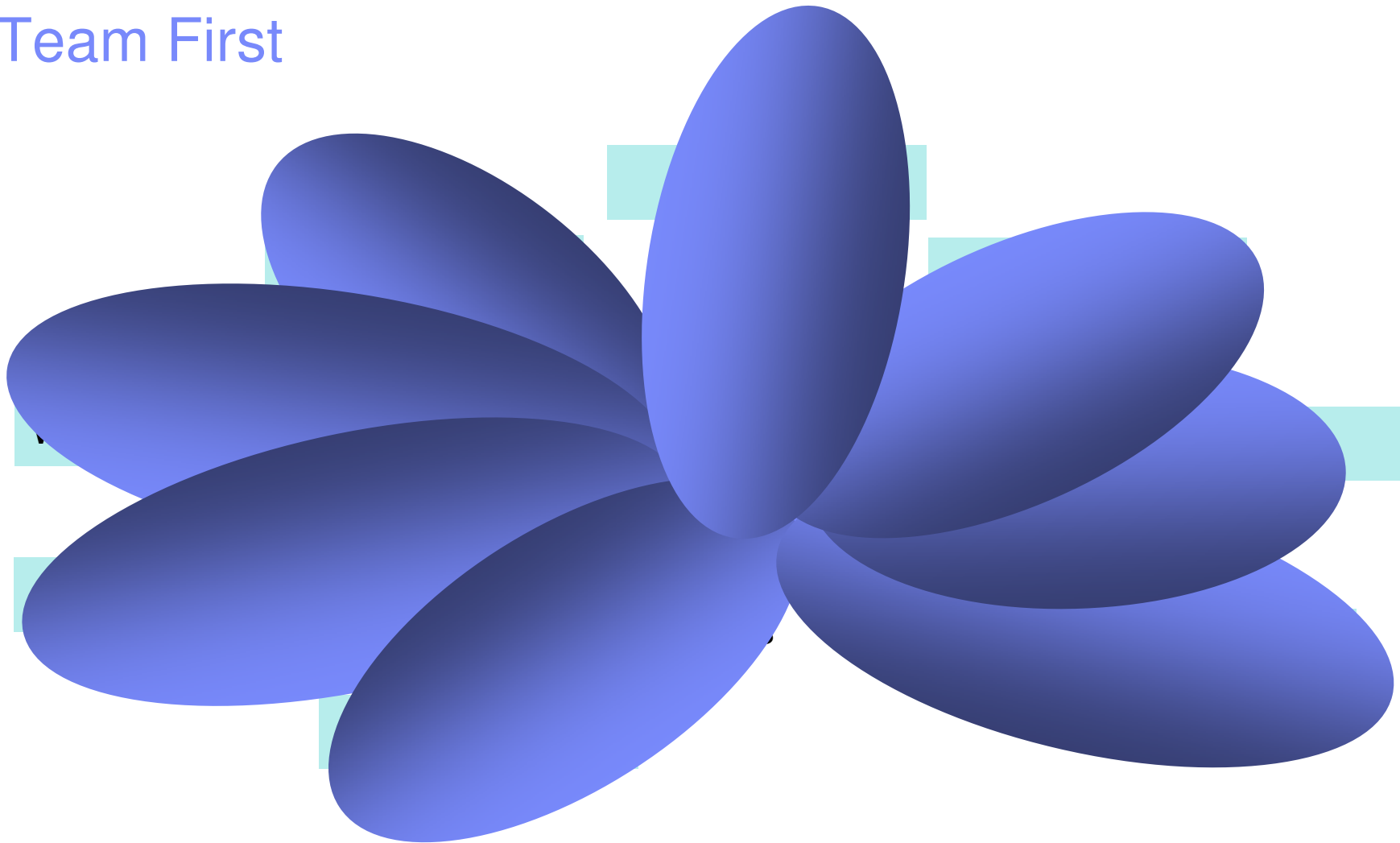


## Jazz and Collaboration

- We call collaboration rules and patterns **Process**.
- Process is part of the **core** of the Jazz platform.
- Jazz is process **neutral**.
- Jazz means 'enactment' when it says '**enactment**'.
  - ▶ Guide and advise
  - ▶ Enforce defined rules
  - ▶ Live process



# Team First



## Jazz Process Support

- Support different degrees of flexibility and formalism
- Allows for **predefined** processes
- Allows for **emerging** processes
- Allows for **variations**
- Allows for **exceptions**
- Allows for process **consolidation**
- Allows for process **evolution** in general
- Allows for **extensions**
- Put knowledgeable human in the center
  
- Comprises runtime, authoring, and inspection support





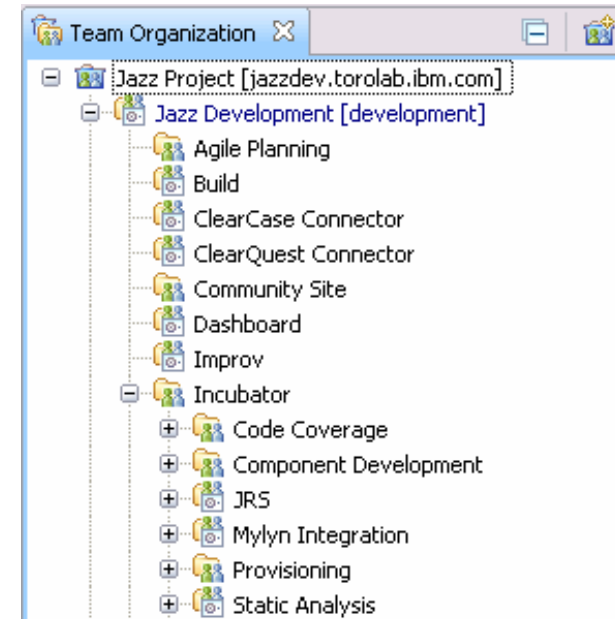
## The Basic Model of Process

- Teams work on projects
- Each project follows a process
- Each team is unique and thus can work differently
- Work inside the scope of a team follows the team's process
- Cross-team work follows the process of the broader team
- Team members play roles defined by the process
- Process manifests itself through artifacts types, operations manipulating the artifacts, and artifact change events.



# Organizational Structure

- **Project areas** reify the notion of project.
  - ▶ Multiple project areas per Jazz server
  
- **Team areas** reify the notion of team.
  - ▶ A project area contains a hierarchy of team areas.
  
- Team areas manage team **membership** and **roles** assignments.
  
- Team **artifacts** are owned by the team area.



**Members**

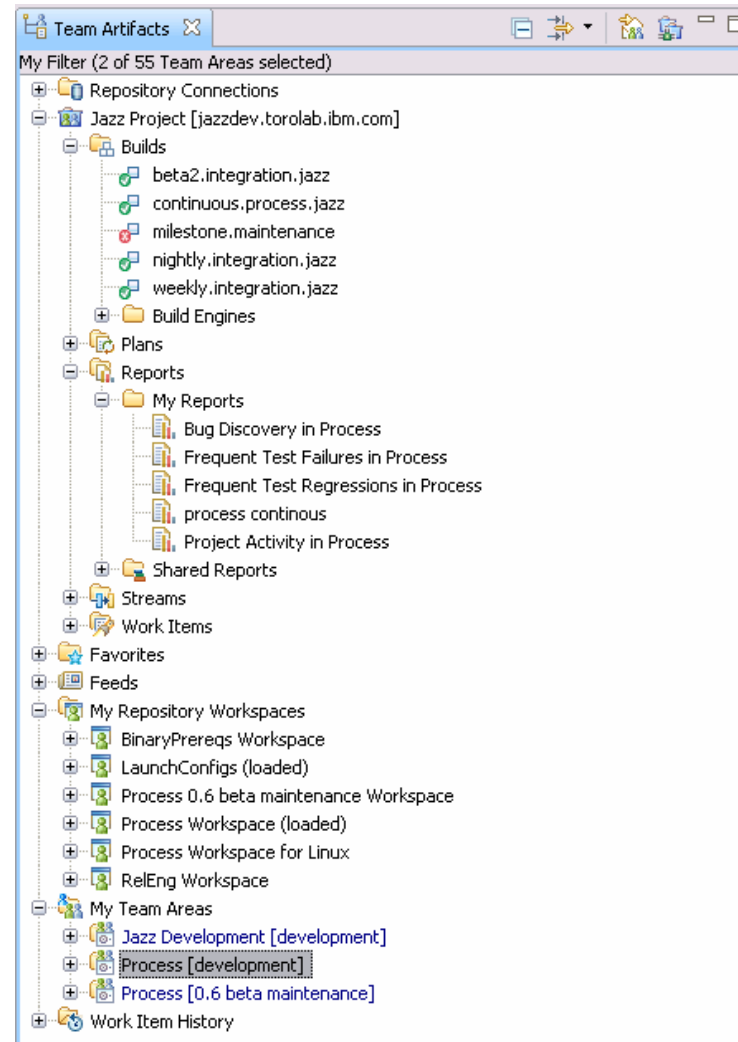
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Buttons: Add..., Create..., Remove, Process Roles...

## Implication: You are interested in...

- Artifact presentation filtered
  - ▶ By team membership
  - ▶ By ownership



# Implication: Your team and your artifacts...

Team Area ▾
Save

Process 
[Show in Team Organization](#)
[Open parent](#)
[Open project area](#)

**Details**

Summary

Team Process component

Description

The Team Process component provides Jazz's process support foundations. Team Process is a kernel component, so its facilities are available to other components in all client and server configurations. In this context, process refers to the collection of practices, rules, guidelines, and conventions used to organize their work.

This team area is dedicated to the release oriented development work.

The process component covers five major areas of functionality:  
\* team management

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Add...
Create...
Remove
Process Roles...

**Development Line**

The development line determines the permissions and the behavior in the project area's process specification that apply to this team area.

development [inherited] Browse...

**Process: customized**

**Description: inherited**

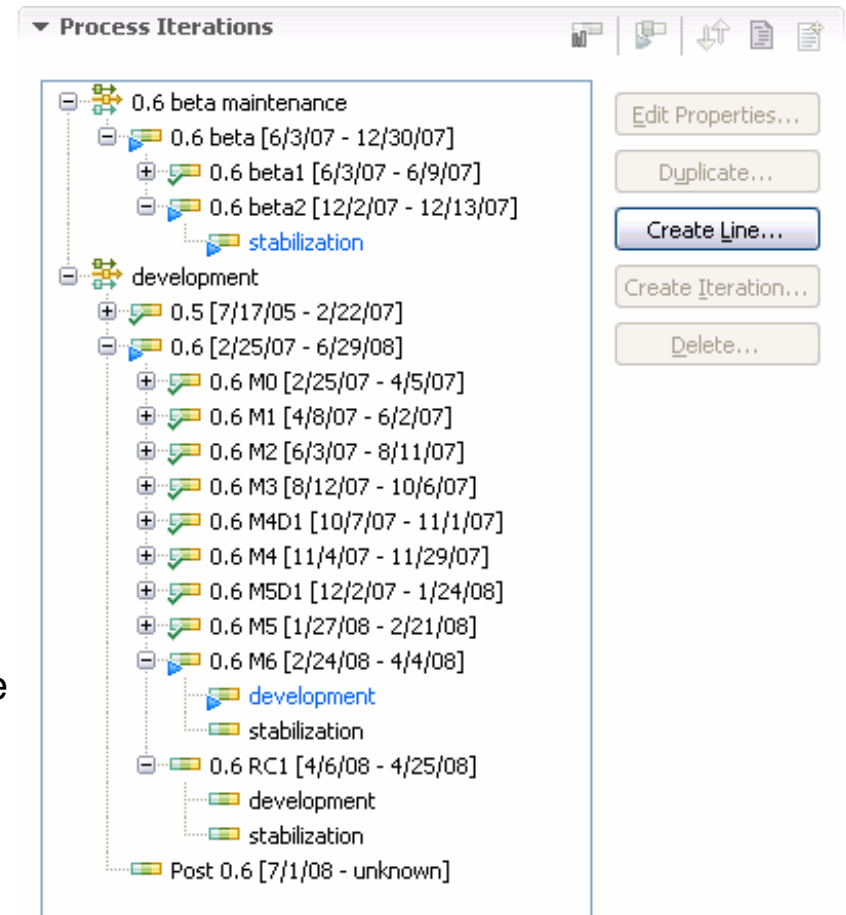
**Artifacts**

- Builds
  - continuous.process.jazz
- Feeds
- Plans
  - 0.6 M6 [development]
  - Process [0.6 M6]
- 0.6 [development]
- development
- Work Items
- Reports
- Streams
  - New Syntax Integration (Process)
  - Process (Process)
  - Process Improved Syntax (Process)

**Administrators: 1**

# Temporal Structure

- **Development lines**
  - ▶ Example: development, maintenance, e4
  - ▶ Each team area belongs to exactly one development line
  - ▶ Contain iterations
  
- **Iterations**
  - ▶ Arbitrarily nested iteration structure
  - ▶ Each iteration usually has a start and end date
  - ▶ There is one **current iteration** per development line




## Process Structure

- A project area contains a **process specification** and **process description**.
- Process specification focuses on the formalized aspects.
- Process description focuses on the non-formalized aspects.
  
- Each team area can have a **process customization** and **process description** or inherit the process from its parent.
  
- Process customization can extend or partially replace the inherited process.



# Process Description

- Presentation mode:

▼ Process Description 

[Eclipse Way Process \(In Progress\)](#) The process originally developed by the Eclipse Development Team. The 'Eclipse Way' is an agile, iteration-based process with a focus on consistent, on-time delivery of quality software.

▼ Process Iterations     

- 0.6 beta maintenance
  - 0.6 beta [6/3/07 - 12/30/07]
    - 0.6 beta1 [6/3/07 - 6/30/07]

- Edit mode:

▼ Process Description 

**Process Name**

Eclipse Way Process (In Progress)

**Process Summary**

The process originally developed by the Eclipse Development Team. The 'Eclipse Way' is an agile, iteration-based process with a focus on consistent, on-time delivery of quality software. 

**Process Content URL**

Specify a zip archive and the path of the index page within the archive. The zip archive needs to be an attachment.

file:/// eclipse.process.ibm.com.zip?eclipseway/index.htm 





# Process Description

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title "Rational Team Concert Eclipse Way". The browser tabs include "Logo.java", "ProgressBar.java", "root", and "Eclipse Way for Rational Team Concert 1.0". The website header features the Rational Team Concert logo and the text "Eclipse Way", along with links for "Glossary", "Feedback", and "About". A "Print" button is also visible.

The main content area is titled "Welcome" and contains the following sections:

- Welcome**: A purple header bar.
- Main Description**: A blue header bar.
- Welcome to the Eclipse Way!**: A bold heading followed by a paragraph: "The Eclipse Way is a representation of the agile development process which evolved out of the Eclipse platform project. This Web site provides developers with resources for learning and implementing the Eclipse Way as well as a reference for looking-up information around practices and development methods. It provides check lists for performing tasks as well as templates and examples for artifacts."
- Quick Index**: A heading followed by the text "Use this Quick Index to navigate to the main sections of this site." Below this is a table with two columns:
 

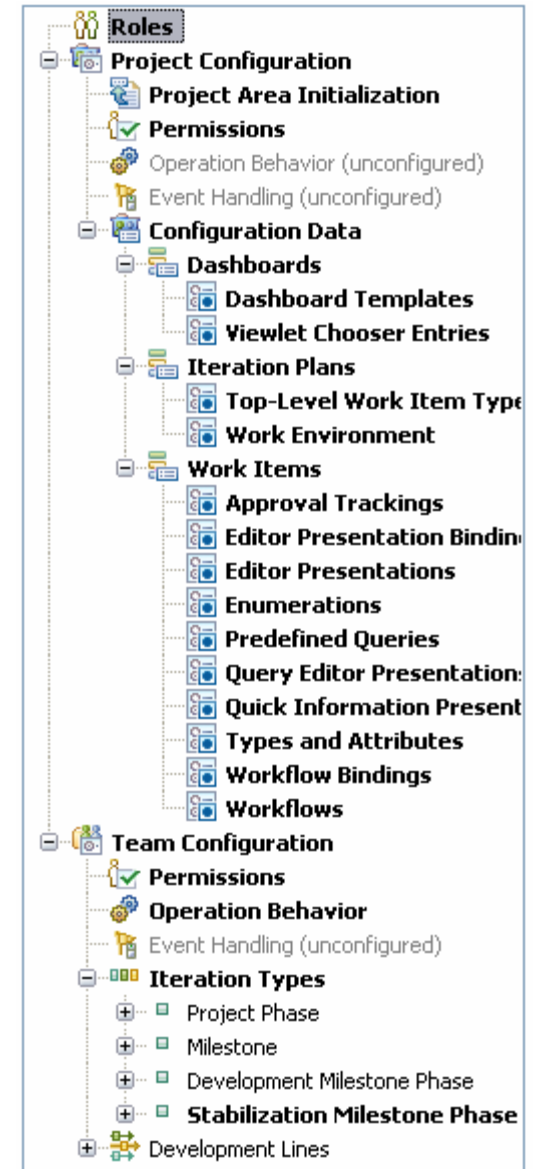
Learning the Eclipse Way	Day to Day and Planning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Eclipse Way Values</li> <li>The Eclipse Way Practices</li> <li>Basic Guidance for new Team Members</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eclipse Way Roles</li> <li>Eclipse Way Disciplines</li> <li>Eclipse Way Work Products</li> <li>Delivery Process: Eclipse Way (Reference)</li> </ul>
- Detailed Roadmap**: A heading at the bottom of the main content area.

The left sidebar contains a navigation tree with the following items:

- Eclipse Way
  - Learning the Eclipse Way
    - The Eclipse Way Values
    - The Eclipse Way Practices
      - Practices that define the n
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      - Practices that guide the d
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  - Literature References
  - Day to Day and Planning
    - Eclipse Way Roles
    - Eclipse Way Disciplines
      - Development
      - Project Management
      - Technical Management
    - Eclipse Way Work Products
    - Eclipse Way (Reference)
  - My Team's Eclipse Way with Ja
    - What is Jazz and IBM(R) Rat
    - About Process Templates
    - Eclipse Way (for Jazz Proces
    - Eclipse Way Process Temp
    - Rational Team Concert Too
    - Reusable Eclipse Way Proc

# Process Specification Talks About

- Roles
- Project configuration
  - ▶ permissions for project operations
  - ▶ behavior
    - preconditions for project operations
    - follow-up actions for project operations
    - event handlers for project events
  - ▶ configuration data
- Team configuration
  - ▶ Iteration specific permissions for team operations
  - ▶ Iteration specific behavior for team operations
  - ▶ Iteration specific behavior for team events



# The Effective Process is Specific...

- to the **project**
- to the **team owning an artifact**
- to the **development line**
- to the **current iteration**
- to the assigned **roles**

**Process Iterations**

- 0.6 beta maintenance
  - 0.6 beta [6/3/07 - 12/30/07]
    - 0.6 beta1 [6/3/07 - 6/9/07]
    - 0.6 beta2 [12/2/07 - 12/13/07]
      - stabilization
- development
  - 0.5 [7/17/05 - 2/22/07]
  - 0.6 [2/25/07 - 6/29/08]
    - 0.6 M0 [2/25/07 - 4/5/07]
    - 0.6 M1 [4/8/07 - 6/2/07]
    - 0.6 M2 [6/3/07 - 8/11/07]
    - 0.6 M3 [8/12/07 - 10/6/07]
    - 0.6 M401 [10/7/07 - 11/1/07]

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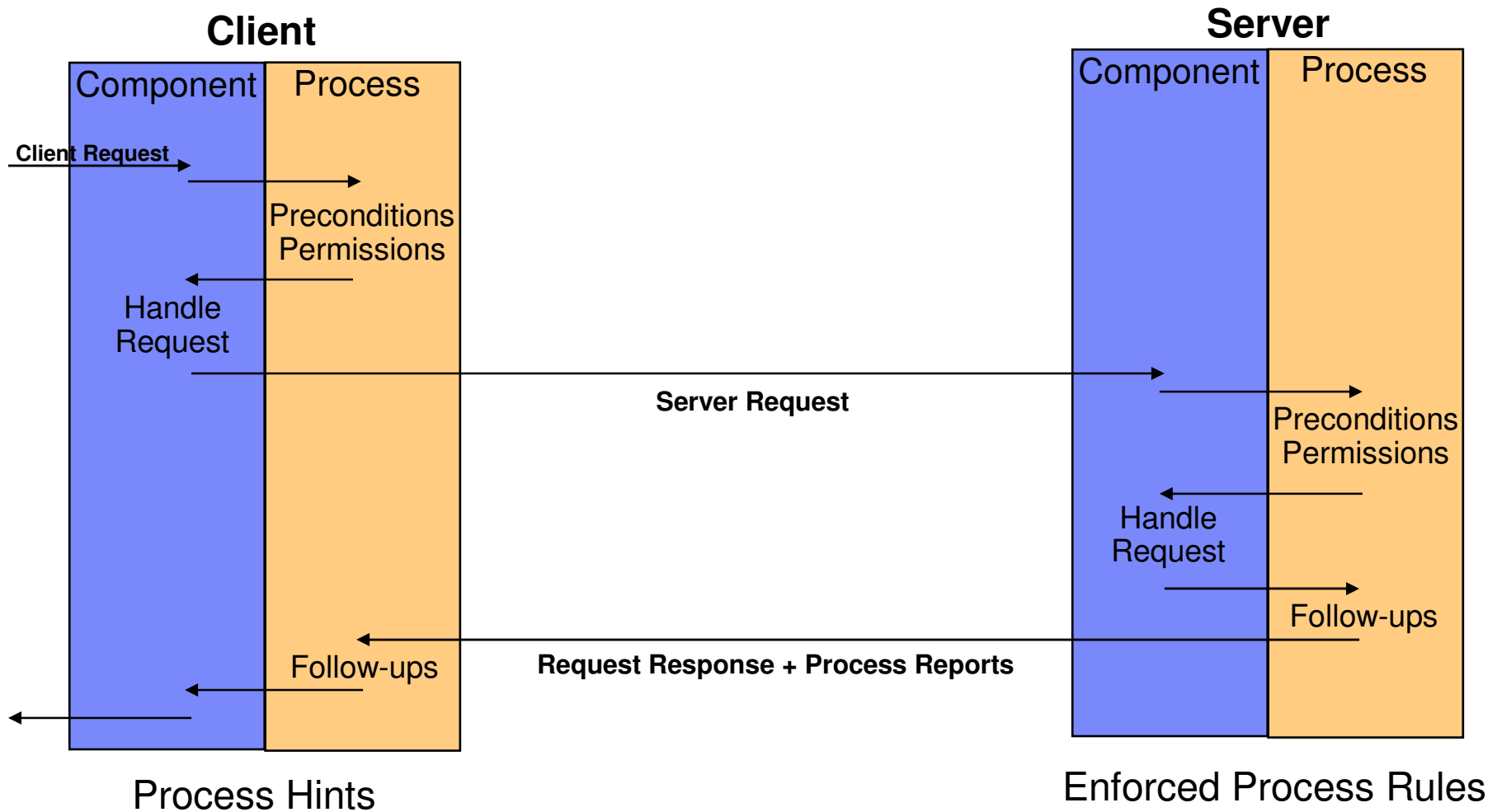
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**Team Organization**

- Jazz Project [jazzdev.torolab.ibm.com]
  - Jazz Development [development]
    - Agile Planning
    - Build
    - ClearCase Connector
    - ClearQuest Connector
    - Community Site
    - Dashboard
    - Improv
    - Incubator
      - Code Coverage
      - Component Development
      - JRS
      - Mylyn Integration
      - Provisioning
      - Static Analysis
      - Tuner
      - Visual Studio Client
    - Install
    - Jumpstart
    - Process
    - Release Engineering
    - Reports
    - Repository
    - Source Control
    - System Test
    - UI Design
    - User Assistance
    - Web UI Foundation
    - Work Item
    - X-Team Web UI
  - Jazz Maintenance [0.6 beta maintenance]



# Process Execution Flow










## Designing for Process

- Process enablement is **not** a **transparent** platform feature
  
- Process enablement is **explicit design for the end user** while being process neutral
  - ▶ What are the events the component sends out
  - ▶ What are the component's operations
  - ▶ What are the permissions for each of the operations
  - ▶ Which configuration data does the component need
    - How should it be structured
    - What dependencies are there between the different types of configuration data



## Case Study: 'Eclipse Way'

- ▶ Developed based on our experience with the eclipse platform project
- ▶ Covers
  - Basic iteration types:
    - project phase, milestone, development and stabilization milestone phase
  - Basic roles: team lead, contributor
  - Appropriate role based permissions
  - Work item types and their workflows:
  - Agile planning support in form of Stories
  - Reports and dashboard templates
  - SCM delivery rules
  - Rules for joining a team

-  Defect
  -  Task
  -  Enhancement
  -  Plan Item
  -  Retrospective
  -  Track Build Item
  -  Story
- 



# Case Study: 'Eclipse Way'

You are logged in as **Kai-Uwe Maetzel** | [Logout](#)  
**The Jazz Project**

Home | **Dashboards** | Work Items | Iteration Plans | Reports | Admin

Create New Dashboard | Find Dashboard

**My Dashboards**  
 Kai-Uwe Maetzel's Dashboard

**Shared Dashboards**  
 My Profile  
 Jazz Project  
 Jazz Development  
 Process  
 Jazz Maintenance  
 Process

### Jazz Project Dashboard

Home | Trend Reports | Feeds | Add New Tab | Add Viewlet

**Recently modified** (153) Tags

actionbuttons(2) adoption(3)  
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**usability(5)** ux(6) x-adoption(2)

Show More

**Open Work Items by Type** (All)

Team Area: All  
 Category: All  
 Interval: All

8000  
6000  
4000  
2000  
0

2/1/07 8/1/07 2/1/08

com.ibm.team.apr.common.wo...  
 Plan Item  
 Enhancement  
 Task

**Open vs Closed Work Items** (All)

Team Area: All  
 Category: All  
 Interval: All

35000  
30000  
25000  
20000  
15000  
10000  
5000  
0

2/1/07 2/1/08 2/1/09

Open Closed

**Open Work Items by Priority** (All)

Team Area: All  
 Category: All  
 Interval: All

8000  
6000  
4000  
2000  
0

2/1/07 8/1/07 2/1/08

Unassigned

**Blocking Work Items** (All)

Team Area: All  
 Category: All  
 Interval: All

16  
14  
12  
10  
8  
6  
4

**New Work Items by Severity** (All)

Team Area: All  
 Category: All  
 Interval: All

700  
600  
500  
400  
300  
200  
100  
0



## Case Study: Scrum

- Early work to provide Scrum support
- First version was developed within a few hours
- Is being continuously improved based on Scrum Master feedback



# Scrum: Iteration Structure

The screenshot displays a software interface for managing Scrum iterations. It is divided into two main sections: "Process Description" and "Process Iterations".

**Process Description:** This section contains a text description: "Scrum v0.62 (in progress) Scrum a process for managing complex projects. --- this is work in progress ---".

**Process Iterations:** This section shows a hierarchical tree structure of iterations:

- Main Development
  - Release 1.0 [3/17/08 - 6/15/08]
    - Sprint 1 [3/15/08 - 3/28/08]
    - Sprint 2 [3/31/08 - 3/31/08]
    - Sprint 3

To the right of the tree is a vertical toolbar with the following buttons: "Edit Properties...", "Duplicate...", "Create Line..." (highlighted in blue), "Create Iteration...", and "Delete...".



# Scrum: Work Item Types

**Work Item Workflow Definition**

Choose the workflow to edit:

User Story Workflow ▼ [Add Workflow](#)

- Defect
- Task
- Retrospective
- Story
- Impediment

**Workflow**

Name: User Story Workflow

Description:

Start action: New ▼    Resolve action: Accepted ▼    Reopen action: Redefine ▼

**Transitions**

State	→ Defined	🔧 Done	→ Implemented	💡 New	→ Ready for Sprint Review
→ Defined			→ Implemented	🔄 Redefine	
🔧 Done	🚫 Reject				
→ Implemented	🔄 Reiterate			🔄 Redefine	→ Tested
💡 New	→ Defined				
→ Ready for Sp...	🔄 Reiterate	🔧 Accepted		🔄 Redefine	



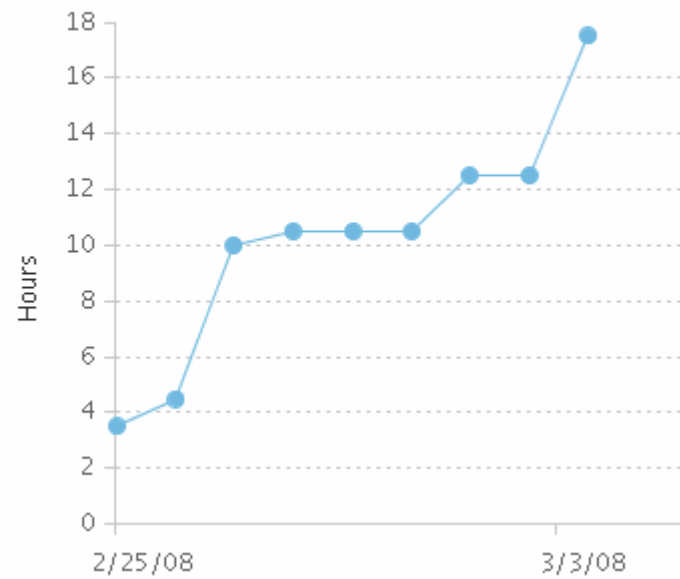
# Scrum: Using iteration plans for backlogs

The screenshot displays two overlapping windows from the IBM Rational software interface. The top window is titled "Product Backlog [Release 1.0] - Iteration plan Product Backlog - Release 1.0". It shows a progress bar from 0% to 100% with a date range from Mar 17, 2008 to Jun 15, 2008. Below the progress bar, it indicates "0 Closed" and "5 Open Items". The backlog is organized into categories: "Selling" (with 0 Closed and 5 Open items) and "Administration" (with 1 item). Under "Selling", there are three items: "User can put items in the shopping cart" (ID 282), "Implement input form" (ID 293), and "Implement update query" (ID 294). A "Show" panel on the right allows toggling "Parent Summary", "Description", and "Status".

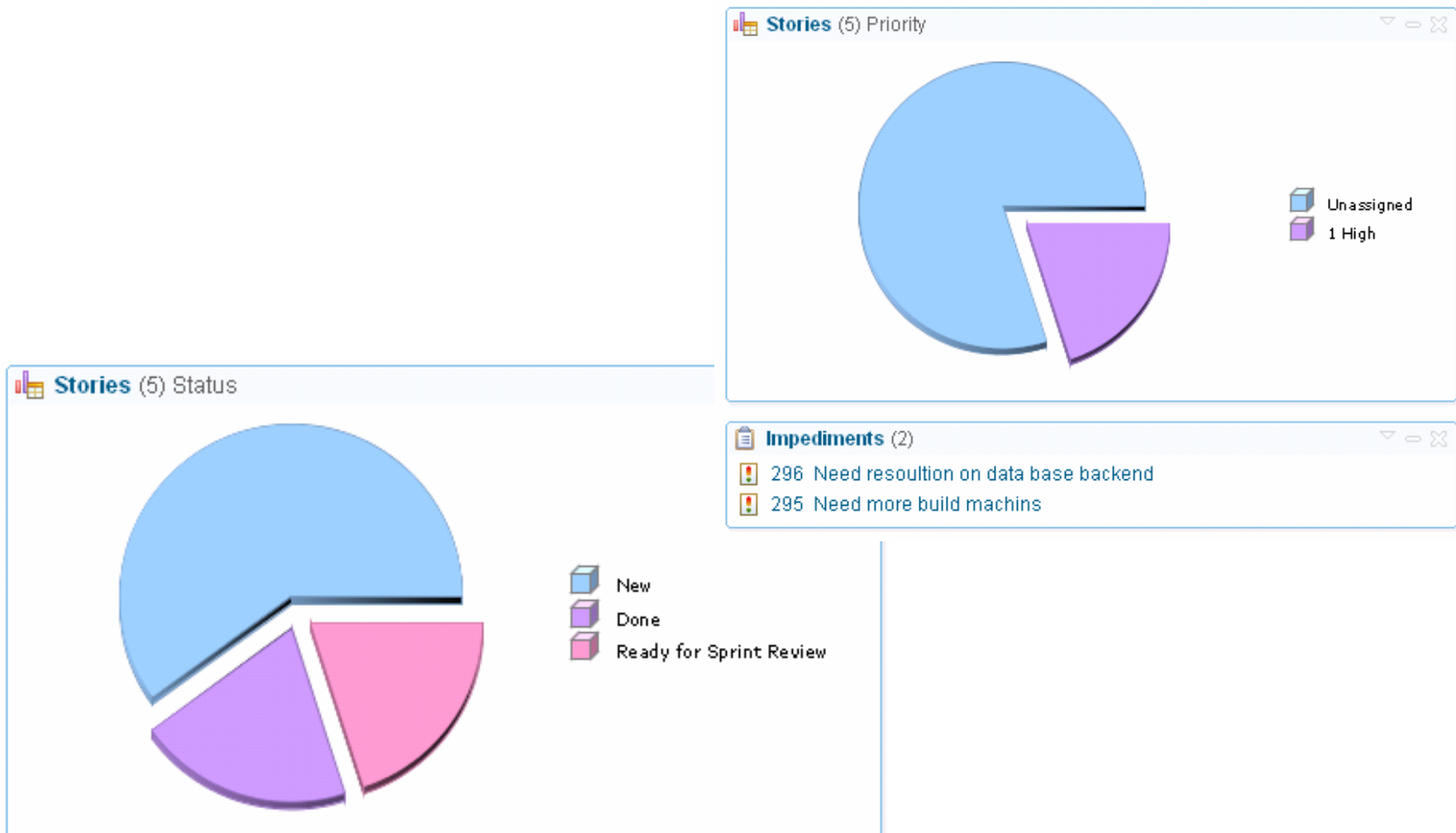
The bottom window is titled "Sprint 1 [Sprint 1] - Iteration plan Sprint 1 - Sprint 1". It shows a progress bar from 60% to 40% with a date range from Mar 15, 2008 to Mar 28, 2008. It indicates "3 Closed Items" and "2 Open Items". The sprint is assigned to two team members: "Bill Cassavelli" (Open items: 1, Closed items: 2) and "Jennifer Ginness" (Open items: 1, Closed items: 1). Bill's items include "User can put items in the shopping cart" (ID 282), "Implement update query" (ID 294), "Search for books by author" (ID 281), "Implement Full Text search" (ID 289), and "Implement Query" (ID 286). Jennifer's items include "Improve query result presentation" (ID 297), "Search for books by author" (ID 281), and "Implement Query" (ID 286).

# Scrum: Burndown Report

Sprint burndown



# Scrum: Dashboard Viewlets



# Scrum: Roles and Permissions

## Permissions



Configure which actions are permitted for each role. A user can perform all actions granted to any of their assigned roles. All users in a repository have the implicit "Everyone" role.

Show actions by role
  Show all actions and roles

Actions	Everyone...	Product Owner	ScrumMaster	Team Member	Stakeholder
[-] Dashboards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
[+] Save Personal Dashboard (server)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
[+] Save Project Dashboard (server)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
[-] Item Connectors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
[+] Delete Synchronization Rule Info (server)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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[-] Process	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
[+] Save Project Area (server)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
[-] Work Items	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
[+] Save Attachment (server)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
[+] Save Category (server)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
[+] Save Release (server)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



## Evolving and Sharing Processes

- How was the Scrum Template being developed?
- Start with an existing process template.
- Create a project area with the imported template
- Evolve the process as you go
- Customize and consolidate as required
- Create a new process template from the concrete project area
- Export the newly created process template
- Share it with your friends





## Process Extensibility

- The set of potential preconditions and follow-up actions is unlimited.
- We include a limited set that is useful out of the box.
- Jazz can be extended with new preconditions and follow-up actions using standard eclipse extension points.
  
- Real life example:
  - ▶ “Externalized Strings” precondition for selfhosting



## Summary

- Jazz processes capture the idea and the notion of choreographies of collaboration.
- With Jazz collaboration rules are your friend not something you have to fight. Keep your processes as concrete as possible and as strict as necessary.
- Process sandboxes allow 'good things' to happen on all levels.
- Process support in Jazz is an ongoing endeavor

