

Boosting the Performance of your Eclipse IDE



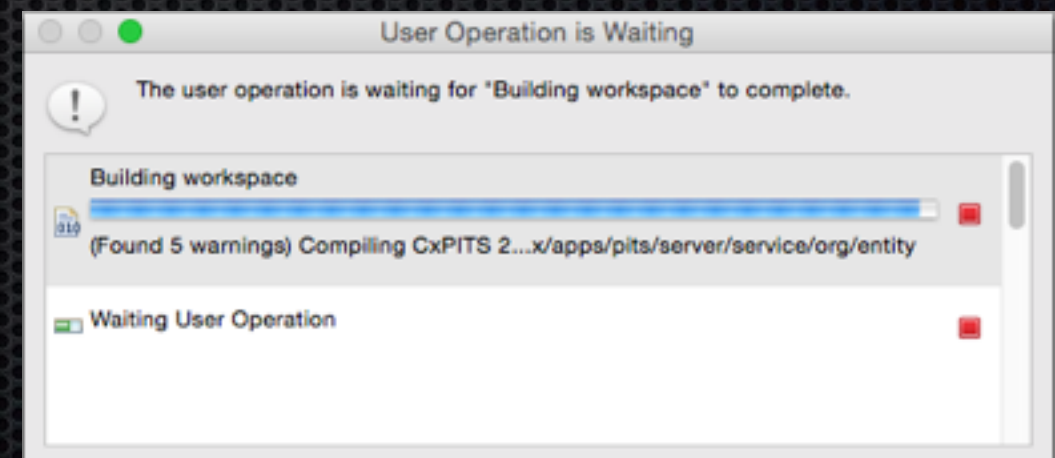
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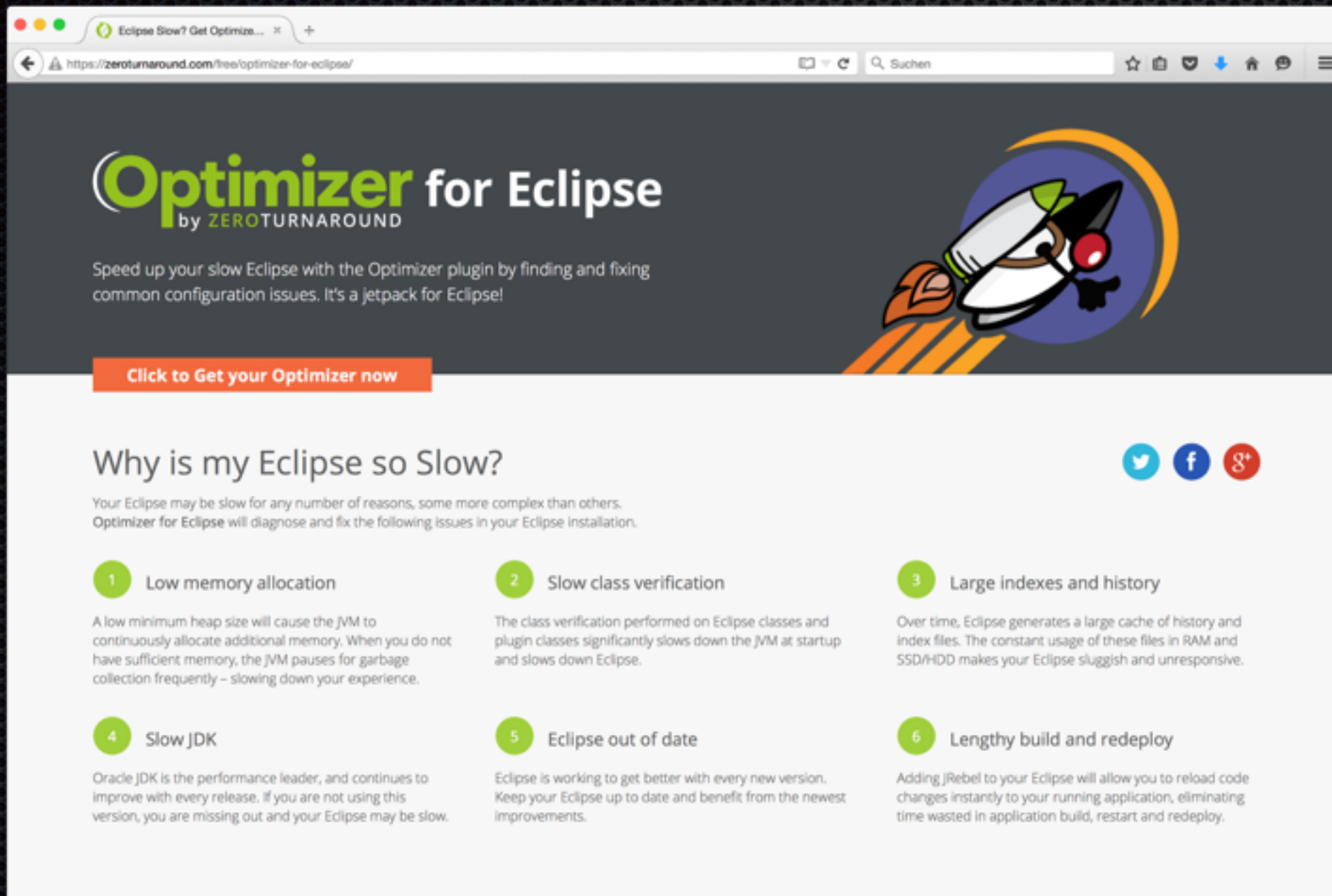

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Where performance issues are annoying

- ✧ Startup
- ✧ Build
- ✧ UI Responsiveness



The convenient way



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://zeroturnaround.com/free/optimizer-for-eclipse/>. The page features the 'Optimizer for Eclipse by ZEROTURNAROUND' logo and a cartoon rocket ship. A prominent orange button reads 'Click to Get your Optimizer now'. Below this, the section 'Why is my Eclipse so Slow?' lists six common performance issues with their solutions.

Optimizer for Eclipse
by ZEROTURNAROUND

Speed up your slow Eclipse with the Optimizer plugin by finding and fixing common configuration issues. It's a Jetpack for Eclipse!

[Click to Get your Optimizer now](#)

Why is my Eclipse so Slow?

Your Eclipse may be slow for any number of reasons, some more complex than others. Optimizer for Eclipse will diagnose and fix the following issues in your Eclipse installation.

- 1 Low memory allocation**
A low minimum heap size will cause the JVM to continuously allocate additional memory. When you do not have sufficient memory, the JVM pauses for garbage collection frequently – slowing down your experience.
- 2 Slow class verification**
The class verification performed on Eclipse classes and plugin classes significantly slows down the JVM at startup and slows down Eclipse.
- 3 Large indexes and history**
Over time, Eclipse generates a large cache of history and index files. The constant usage of these files in RAM and SSD/HDD makes your Eclipse sluggish and unresponsive.
- 4 Slow JDK**
Oracle JDK is the performance leader, and continues to improve with every release. If you are not using this version, you are missing out and your Eclipse may be slow.
- 5 Eclipse out of date**
Eclipse is working to get better with every new version. Keep your Eclipse up to date and benefit from the newest improvements.
- 6 Lengthy build and redeploy**
Adding JRebel to your Eclipse will allow you to reload code changes instantly to your running application, eliminating time wasted in application build, restart and redeploy.

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We did a quick scan for you.
Here's what can be done:

- ⚠ Tune memory settings
 - ⚠ Disable class verification
 - ⚠ Get the latest Eclipse
 - ⚠ Skip build and redeploy
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- ✓ Clean indexes and history
 - ✓ Use the latest Oracle JDK

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Phone

Company

Developers in your company

N/A

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Get tweaking →

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Tune memory settings

Your current heap size is **40-2048 MB**. With insufficient memory, the JVM continuously allocates additional memory or pauses for garbage collection.

Tune settings

Disable class verification

Class verification is currently **enabled**. Disabling this significantly speeds up Eclipse at startup.

Disable verification

Clean indexes and history

Your indexes and history are already nice and clean (last cleaned **2 months** ago). Great job!



Use the latest Oracle JDK

You are currently running the latest — **Oracle Java 1.8.0_51**. Excellent!



Get the latest Eclipse

You are using **Luna SR2 (4.4.2)**. Upgrade to **Mars (4.5.0)** and benefit from the newest improvements.

Upgrade Eclipse

Skip build and redeploy

Adding **JRebel** to your Eclipse will allow you to instantly reload code changes to the running application. [Learn more...](#)

Install JRebel

Close

Restart Eclipse

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Support Forum

You just saved **4** seconds (**17%**) at startup!



Challenge your friends to do better! Let them know.



P.S. Sharing is caring.
Especially with things as cool as this!

← Back to Optimizer

Wow! That
was too easy!



Hunting performance issues



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Hardware

Hidden costs of waiting



Configure Anti-Virus

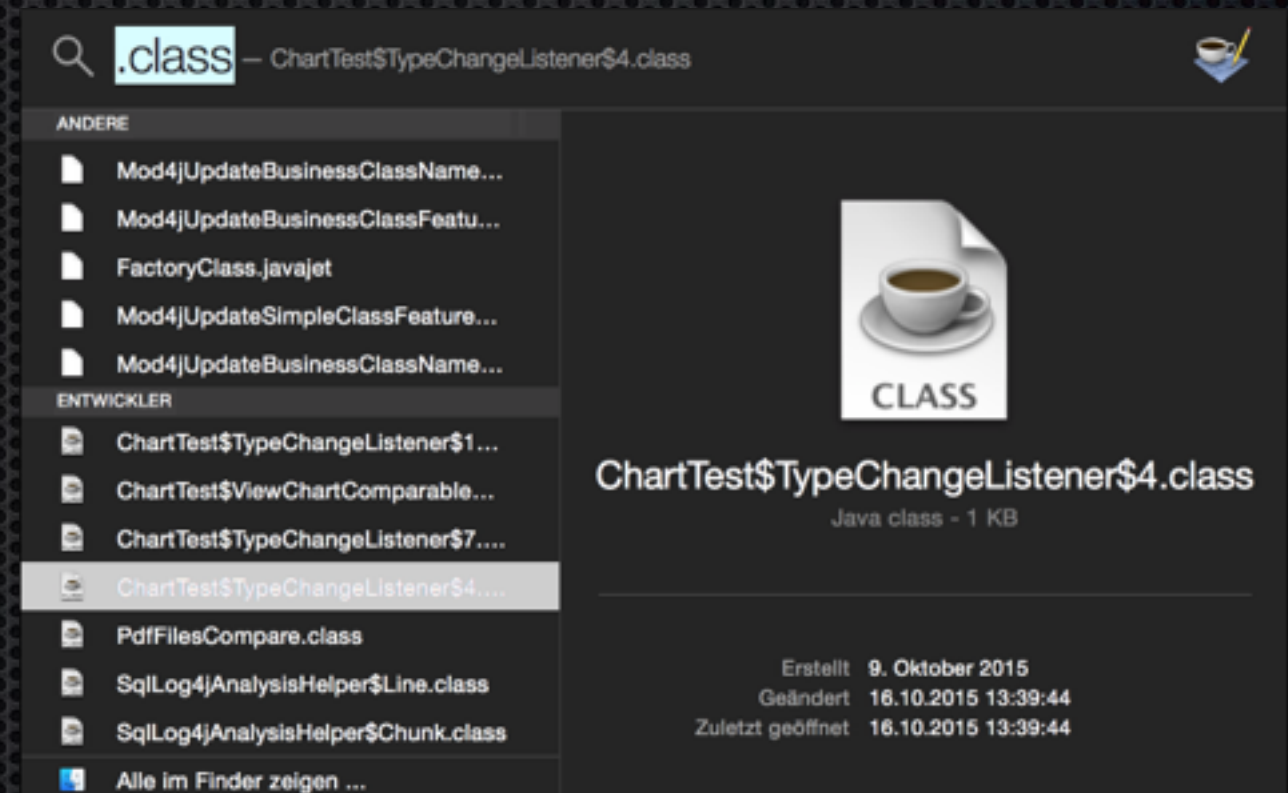
- ✧ JRE/JDK
- ✧ Eclipse Installation Folder
- ✧ ~/.p2
- ✧ Workspace Folder
- ✧ Project Folders
- ✧ Output Locations



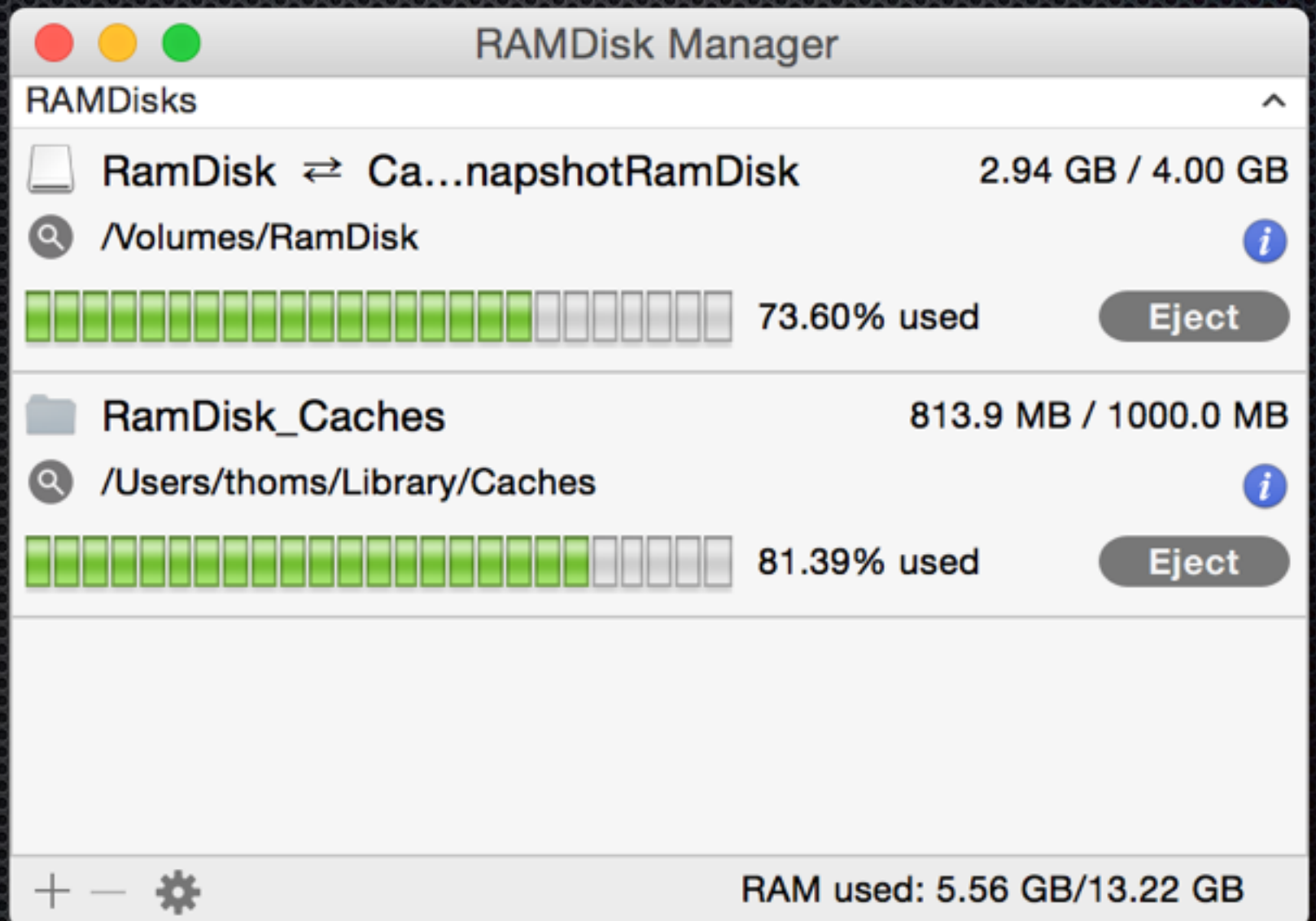
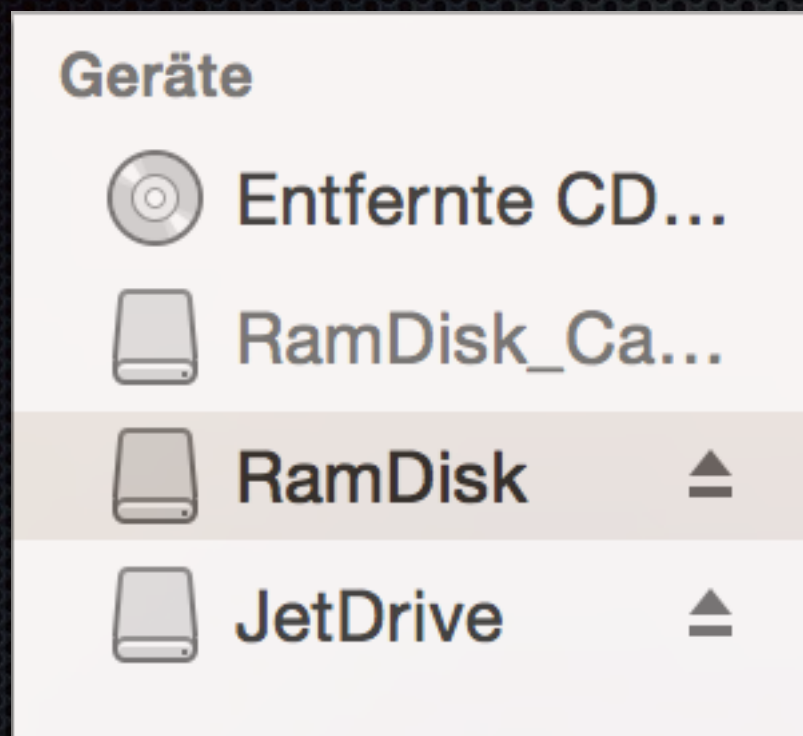
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Disable Indexing

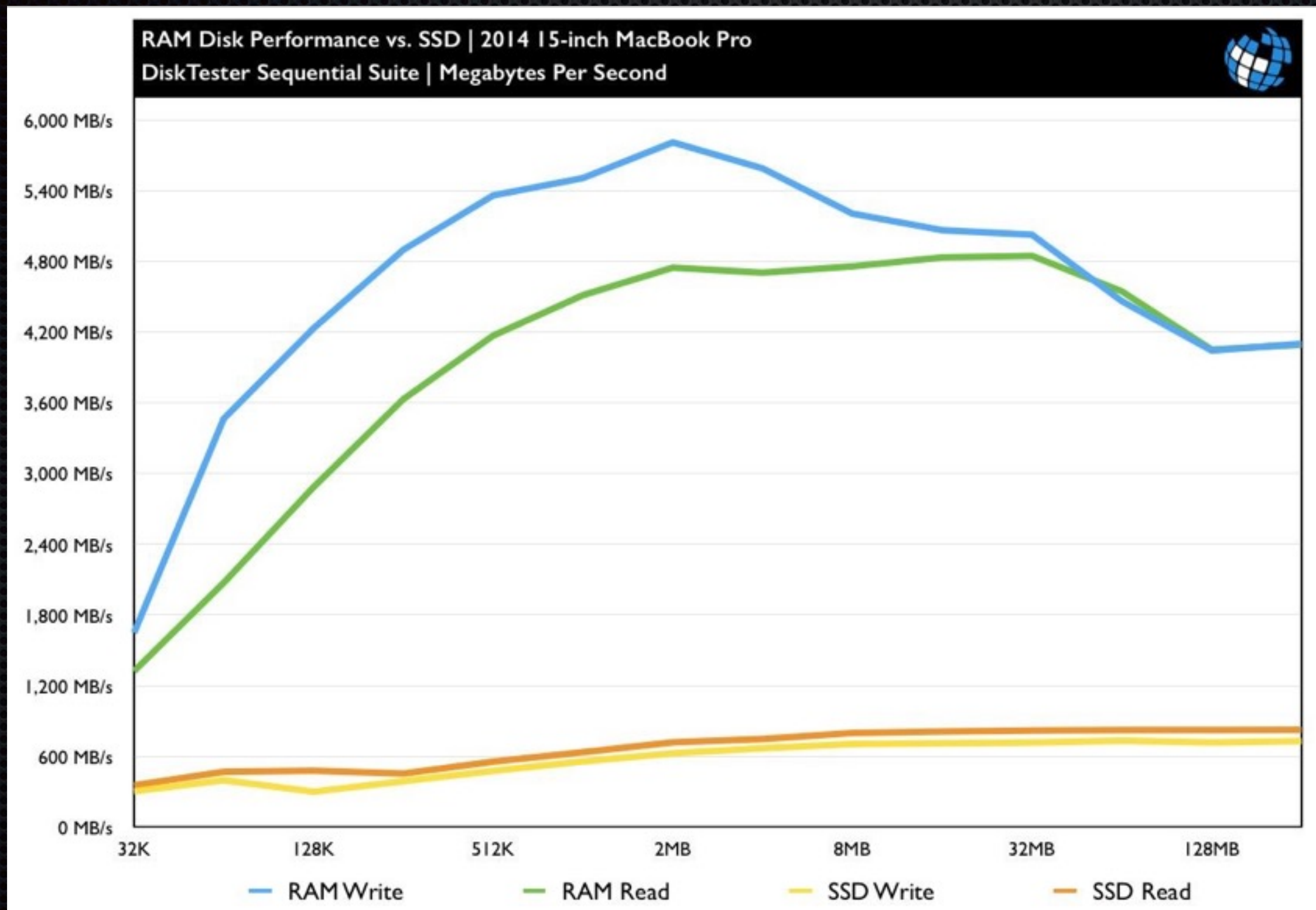
- OS indexes every changed file
- Consumes CPU & IO
- Usually senseless for **build output** and **workspace metadata**
- Can only be disabled easily for directories, not by file types
- Programmatically:
 - Spotlight: Flag File
 `.metadata_never_index`
 - Windows:
 `attrib.exe /s -i *.*`



RAM Disk

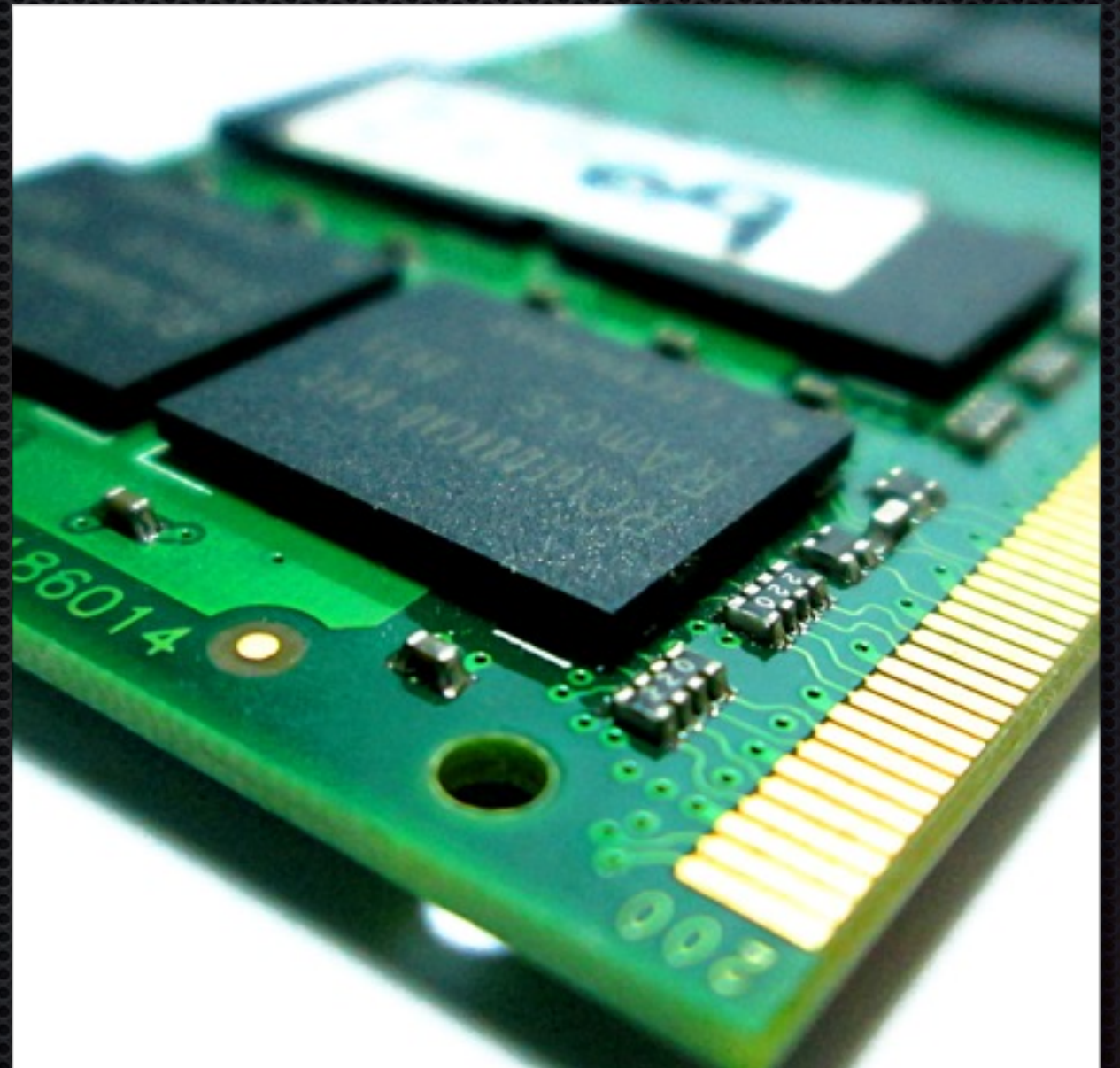


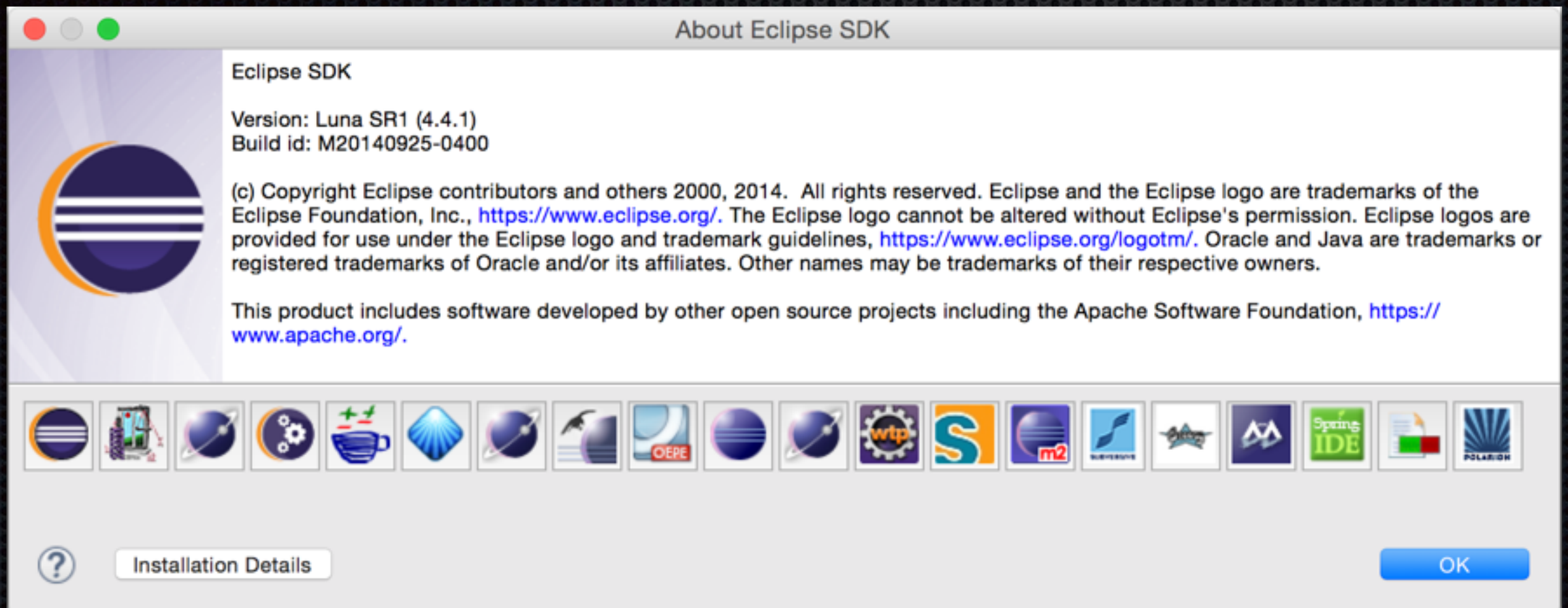
RAM Disk



RAM Disk

- What to store?
 - Read-only Data
 - JRE
 - Bundle Pool
 - Output folders
- Use Symbolic Links
- Store / Restore state to/from persistent storage





Eclipse Installation

Eclipse Installation

- ✦ Don't store Eclipse / Workspace on Network Share
- ✦ Use a **current** Eclipse distribution
- ✦ Don't install every feature any team member *might* use
 - ✦ Different feature set for different tasks?
 - ✦ Expensive: Mylyn, Subversion
 - ✦ Use **Oomph** setups or **Eclipse Profiles**

eclipse.ini Java Settings

- ✦ Use the latest JRE
- ✦ Use Server VM
- ✦ Use enough Heap
- ✦ Increase Young Generation Space
- ✦ Disable Class Validation
- ✦ Turn on Compiler Optimizations
- ✦ Activate Parallel GC

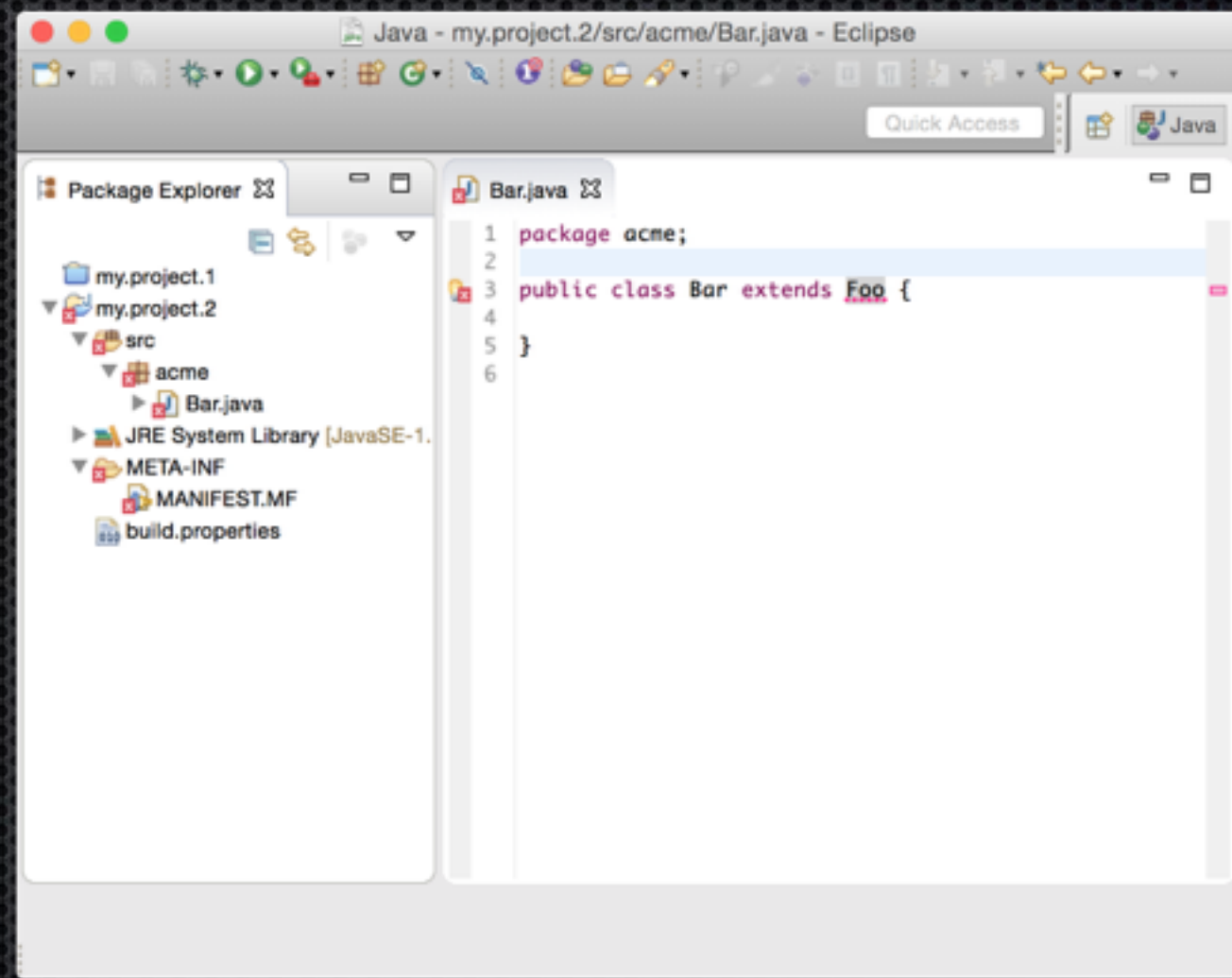
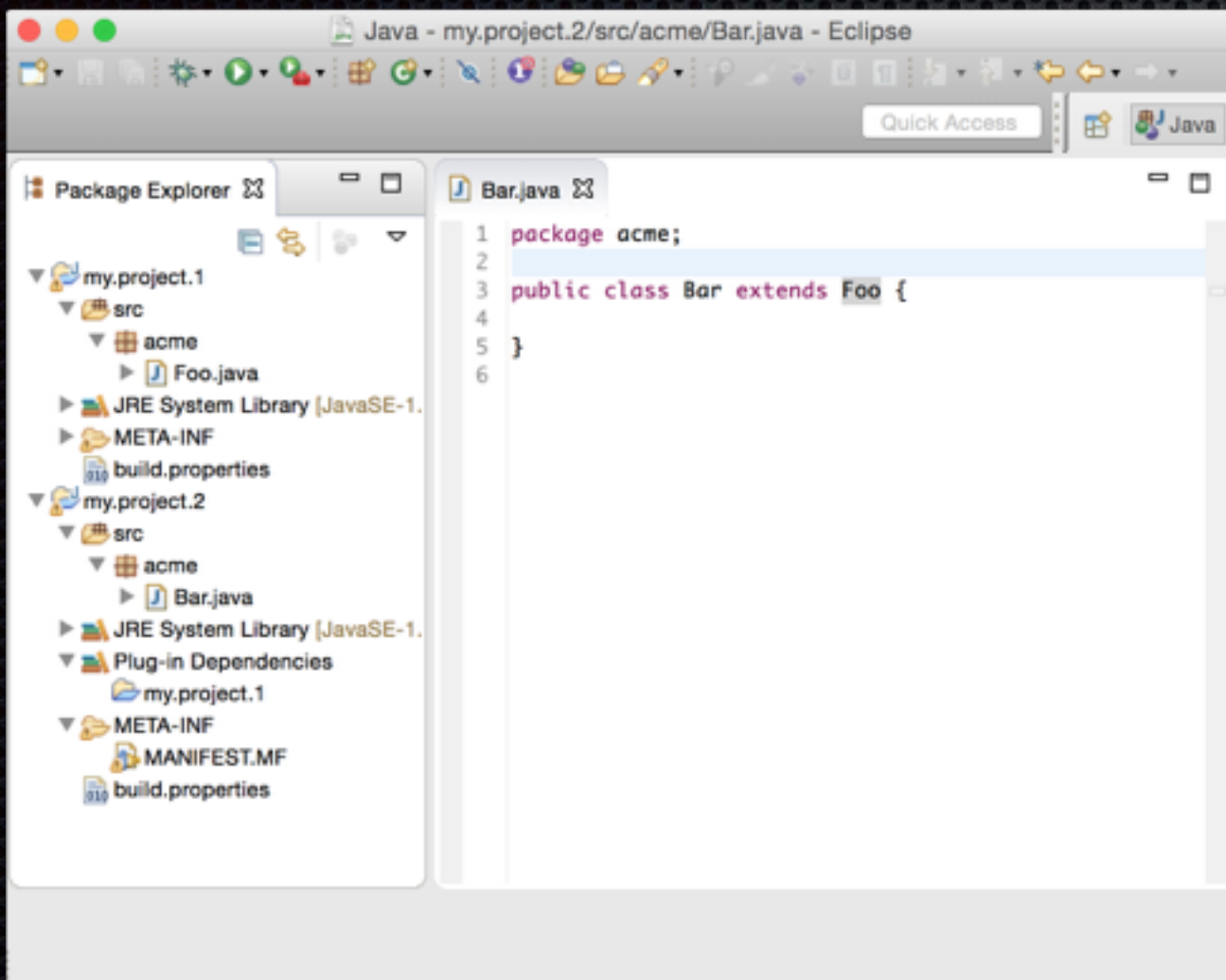
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-vm  
/Library/Java/JavaVirtualMachines/  
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-server  
-Xms512m  
-Xmx2g  
-Xmn512m  
-Xverify:none  
-XX:+AggressiveOpts  
-XX:+UseParallelGC
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Workspace Resources

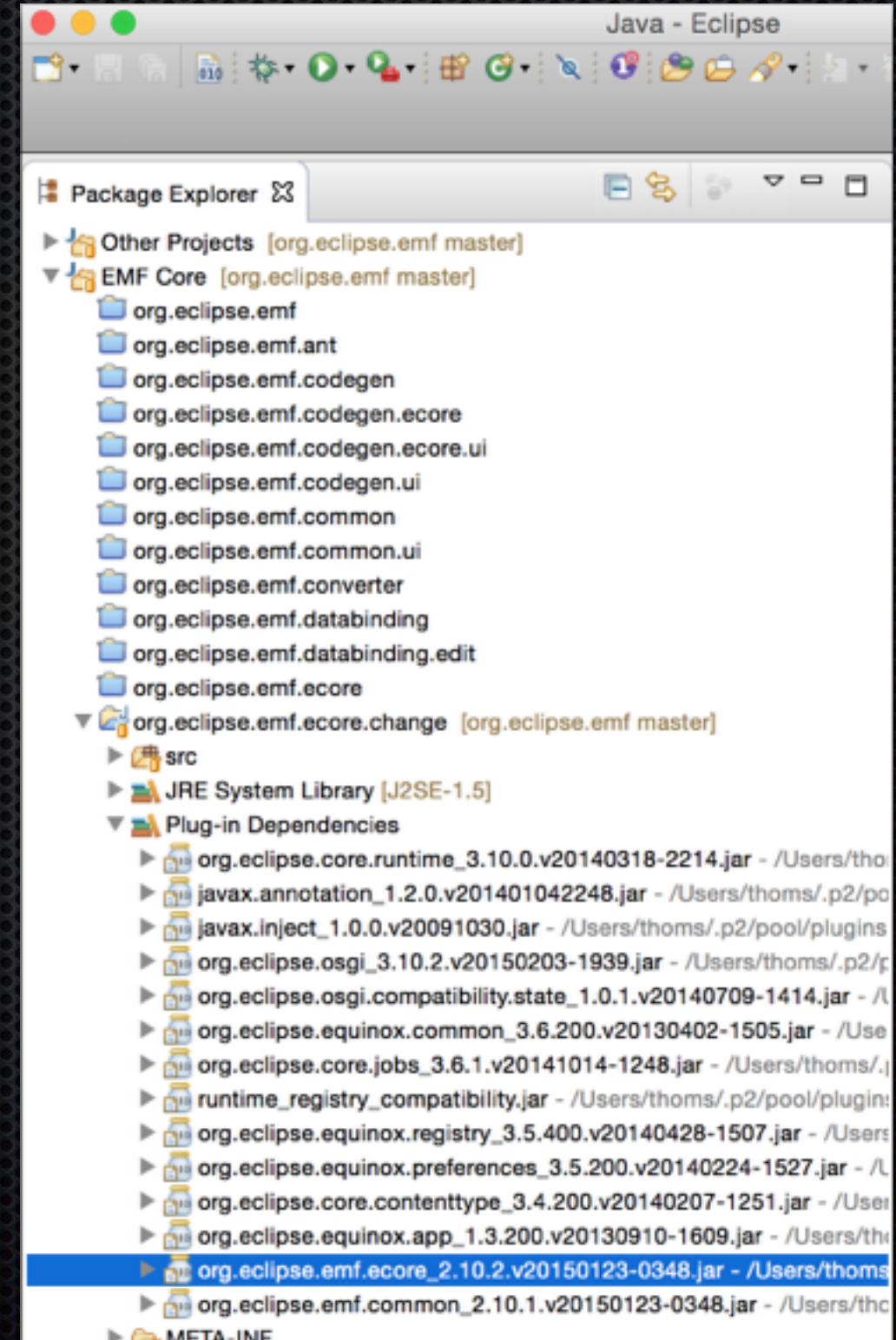
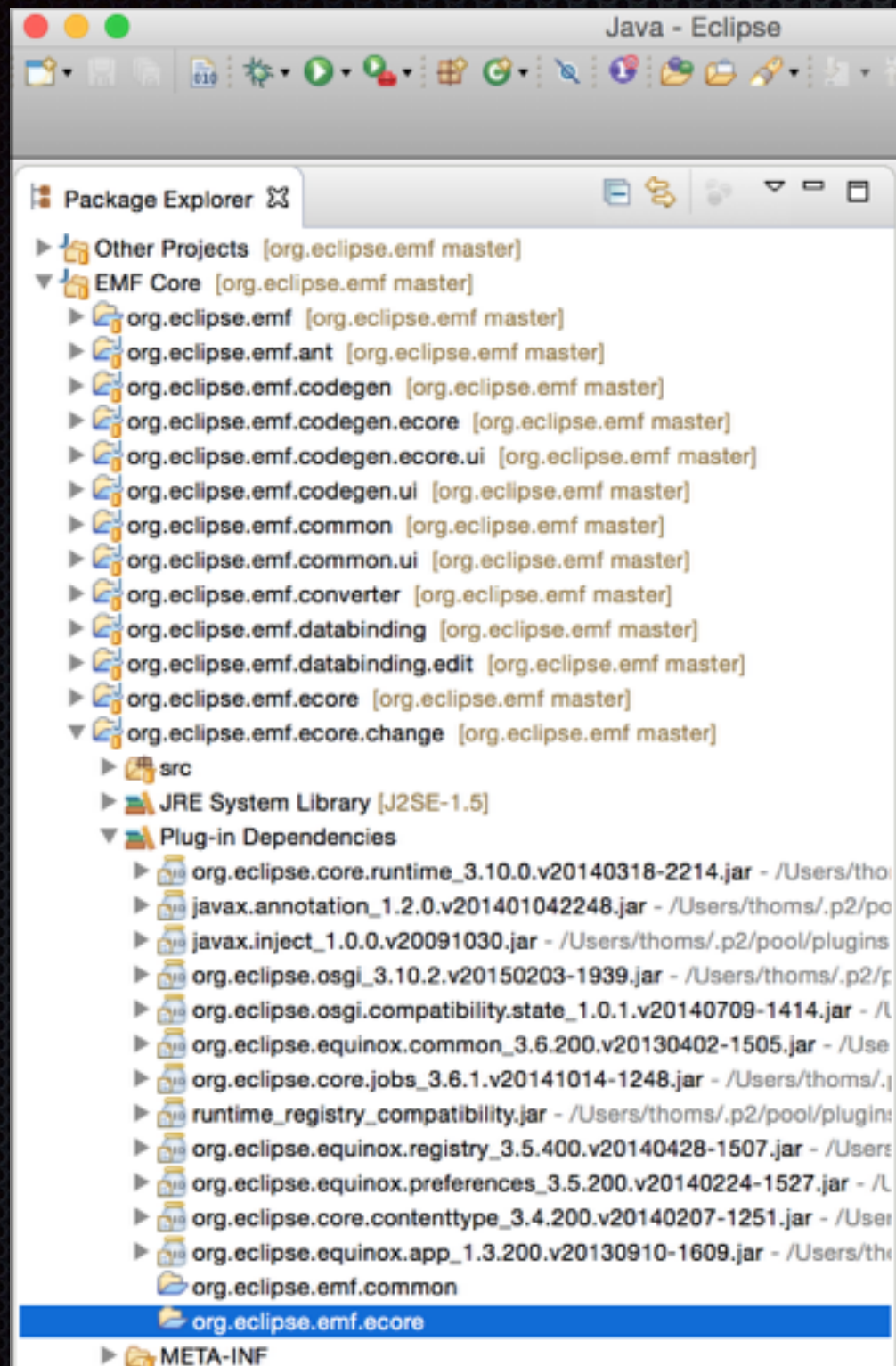
- ✦ Close unused **projects**
- ✦ Close unused **views**
- ✦ Close unused **perspectives**



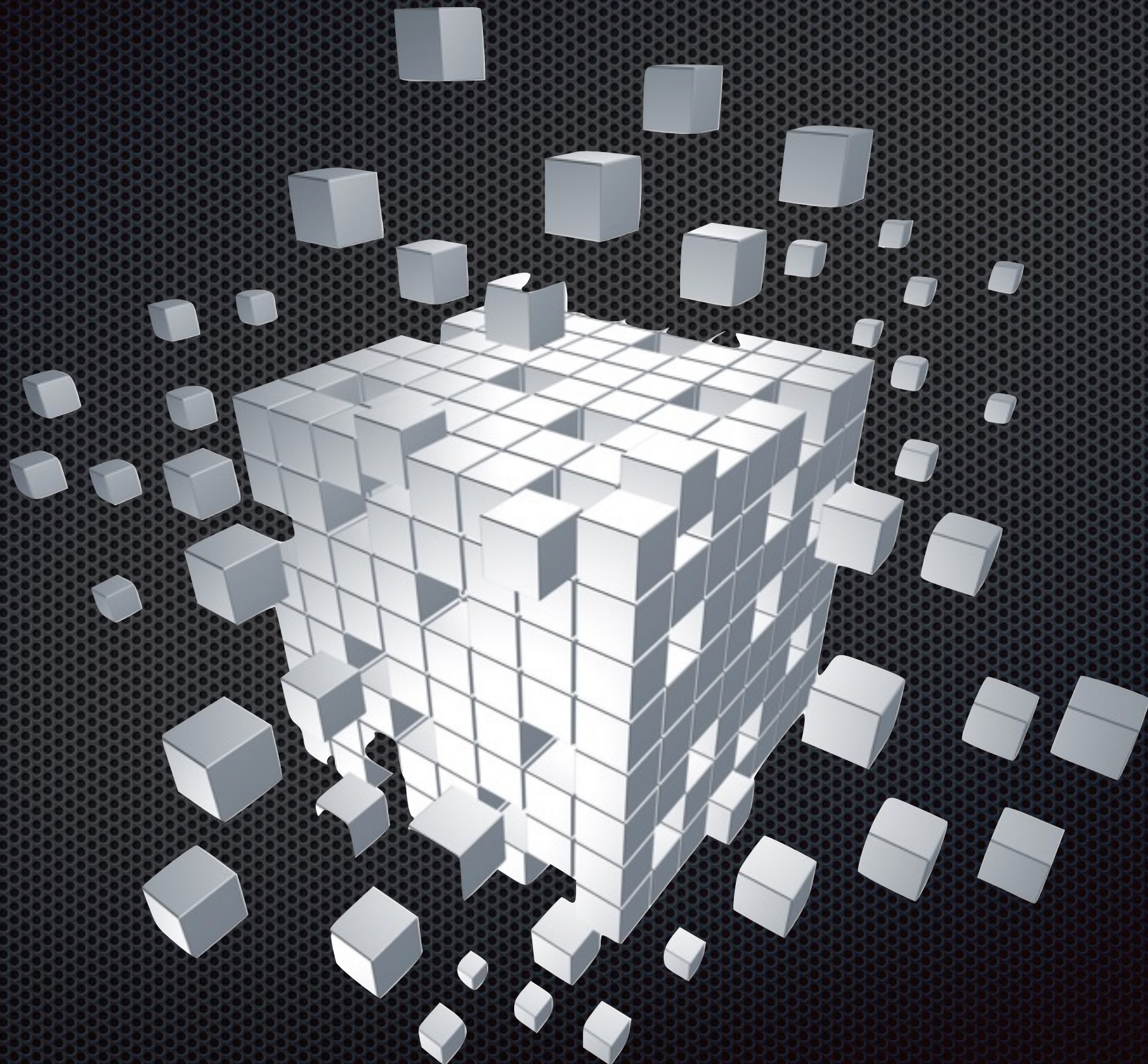
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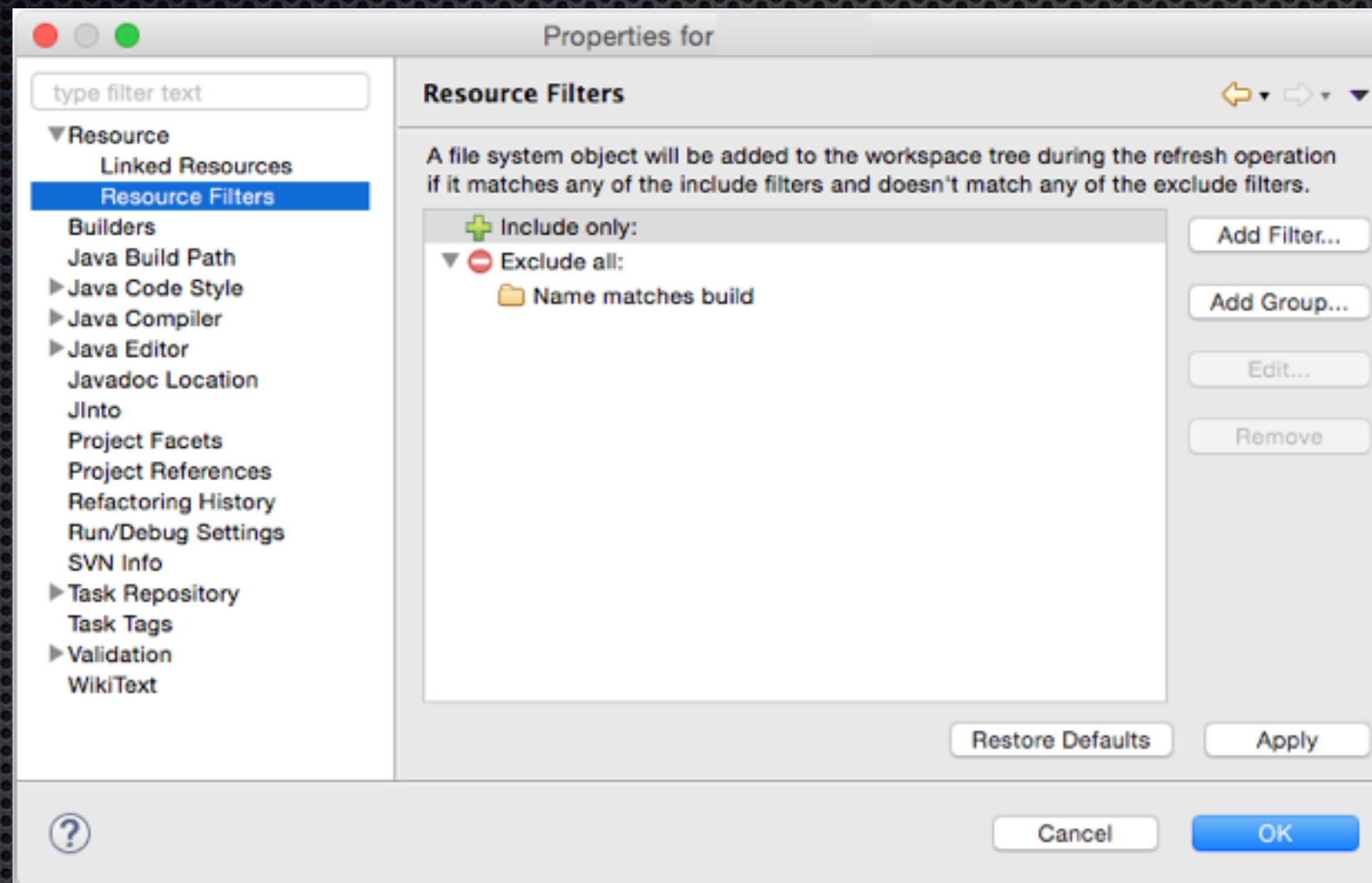
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Split Projects

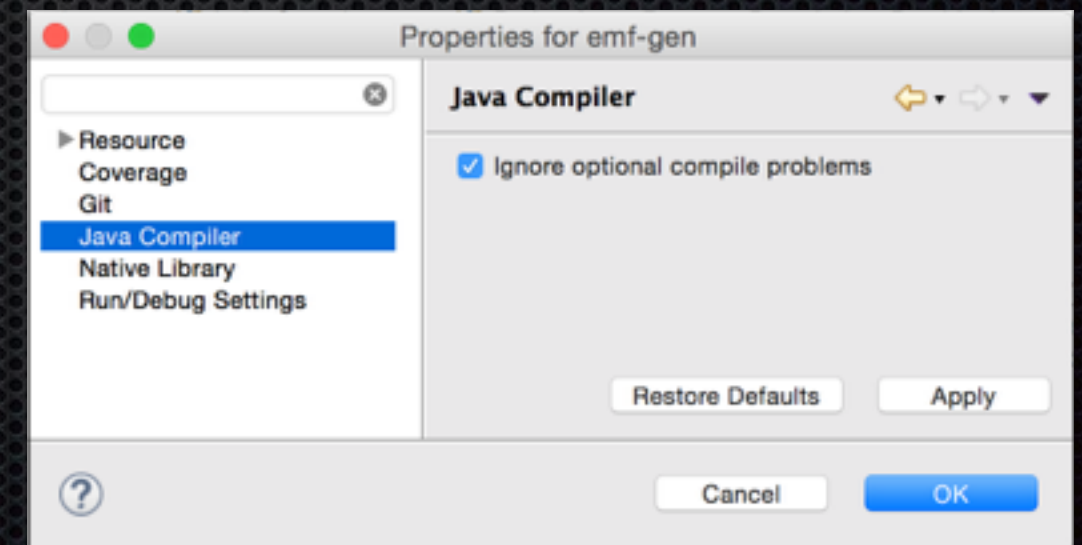
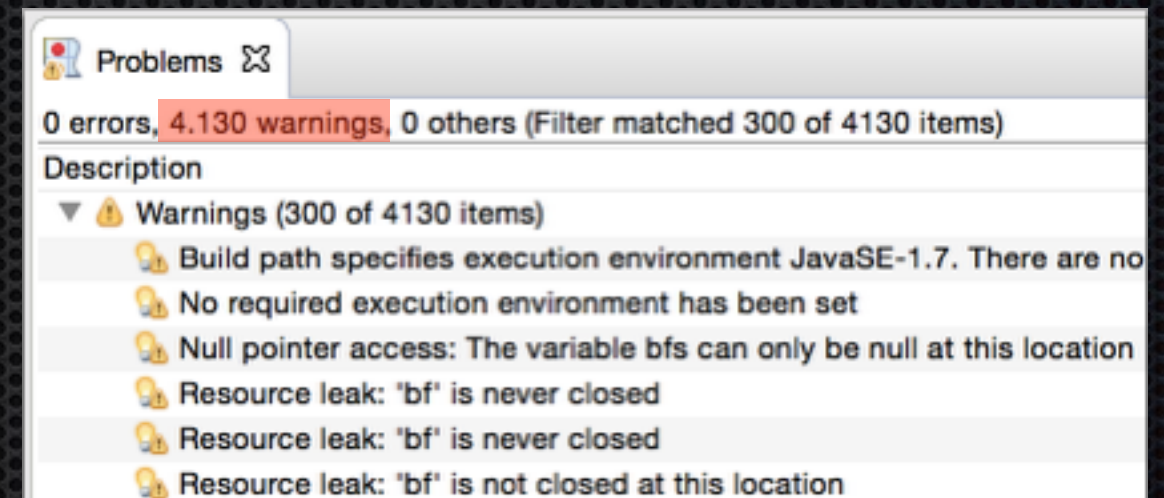


Resource Filters



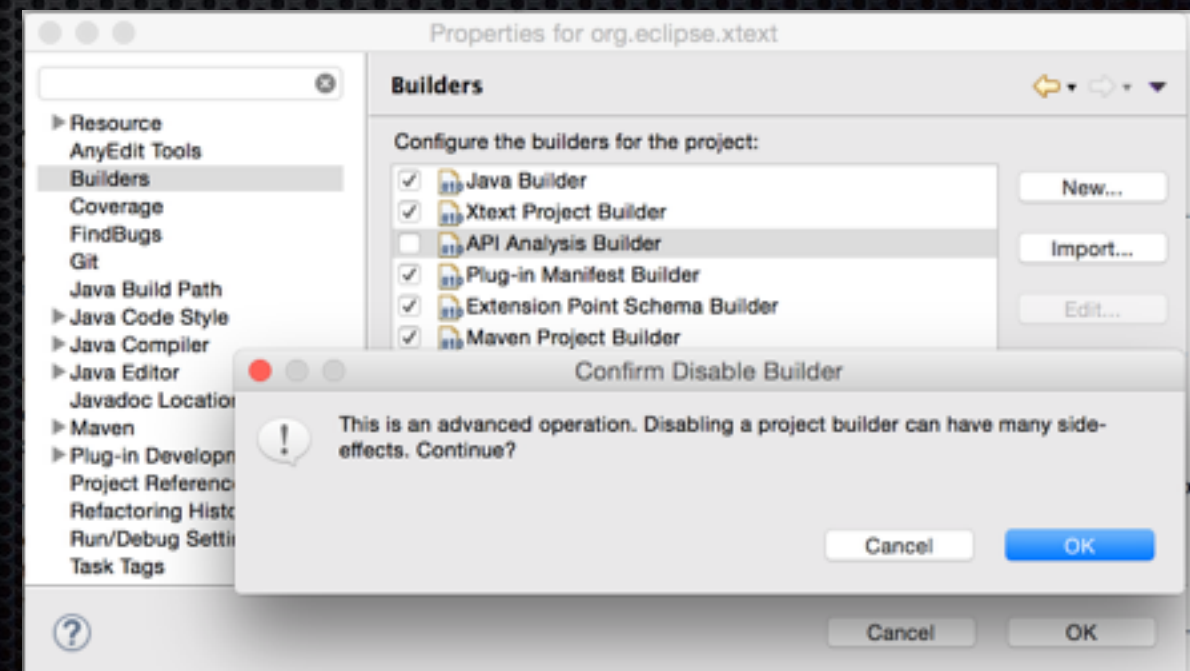
Compiler Warnings

- ✧ Reduce compiler warnings
- ✧ If you ignore them anyway, filter them
- ✧ Ignore optional warnings on selected source folders (e.g. generator output)



Plug-in Development

- ✧ Target Platform
 - ✧ Mirror/Aggregate Public p2 Repositories
b3 Aggregator, Buckminster, p2 Tools
 - ✧ Deploy on Local Network / Repository Manager
- ✧ Launch Config for Eclipse Application
 - ✧ Required bundles only
- ✧ Disable API Tooling during development
Enable on demand, in CI, before milestones



Cleanup Metadata

- ✦ Clean JDT index
`<WS>\.metadata\plugins\org.eclipse.jdt.core`
- ✦ Resource History
`<WS>\.metadata\plugins
\org.eclipse.core.resources\.history`
- ✦ PDE caches / Bundle Pool
`<WS>\.metadata\plugins\org.eclipse.pde.core`
- ✦ or even fresh workspace

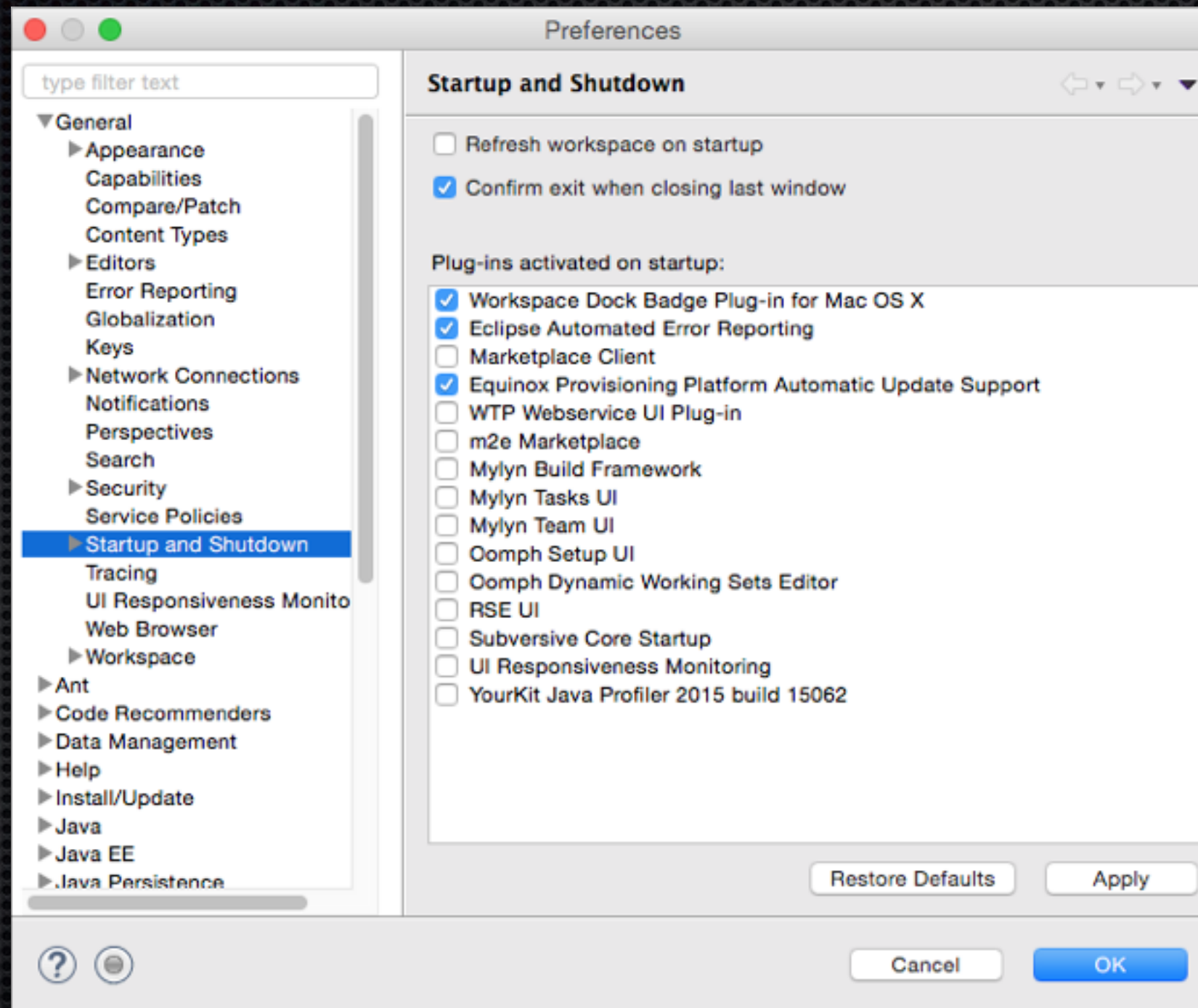


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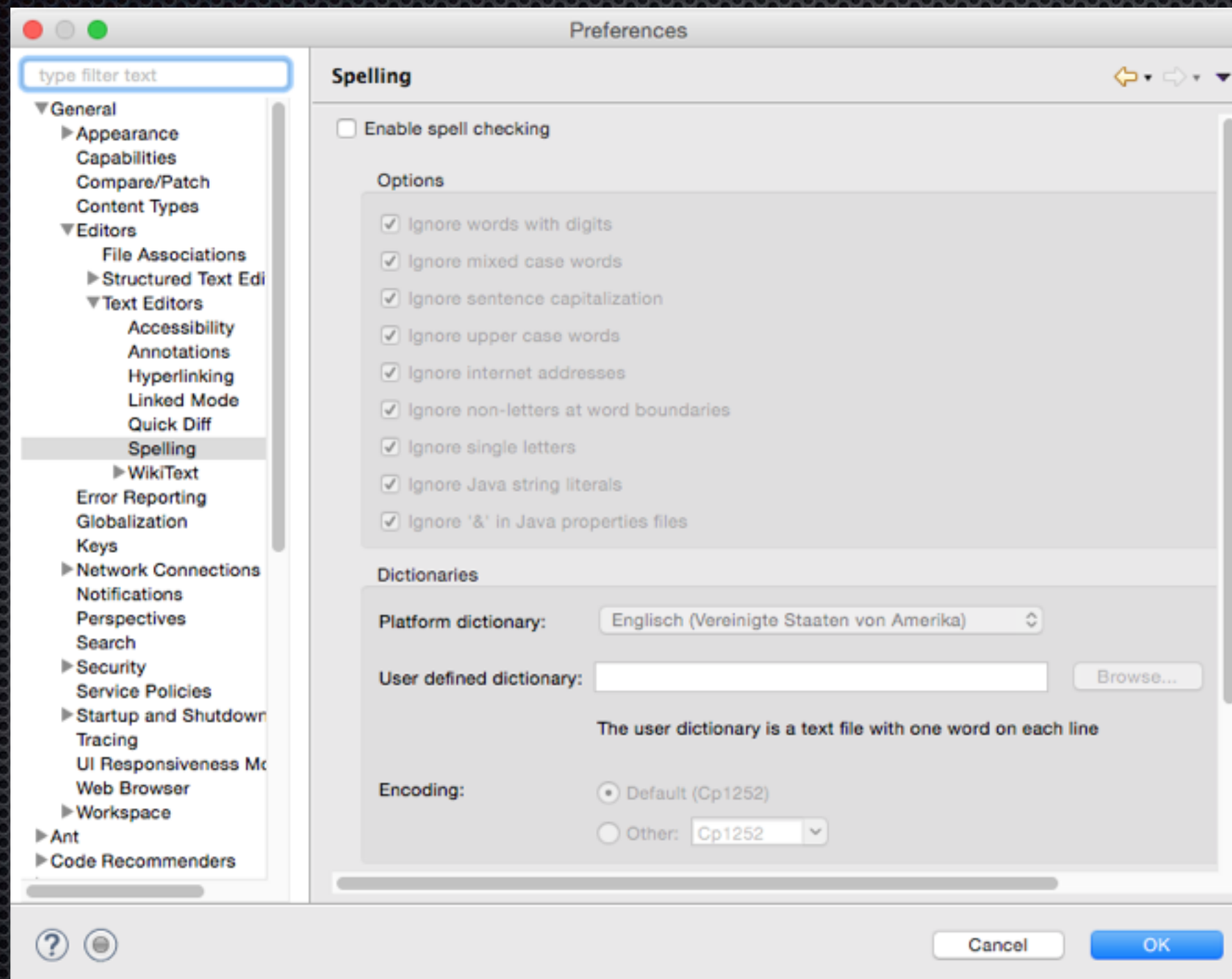


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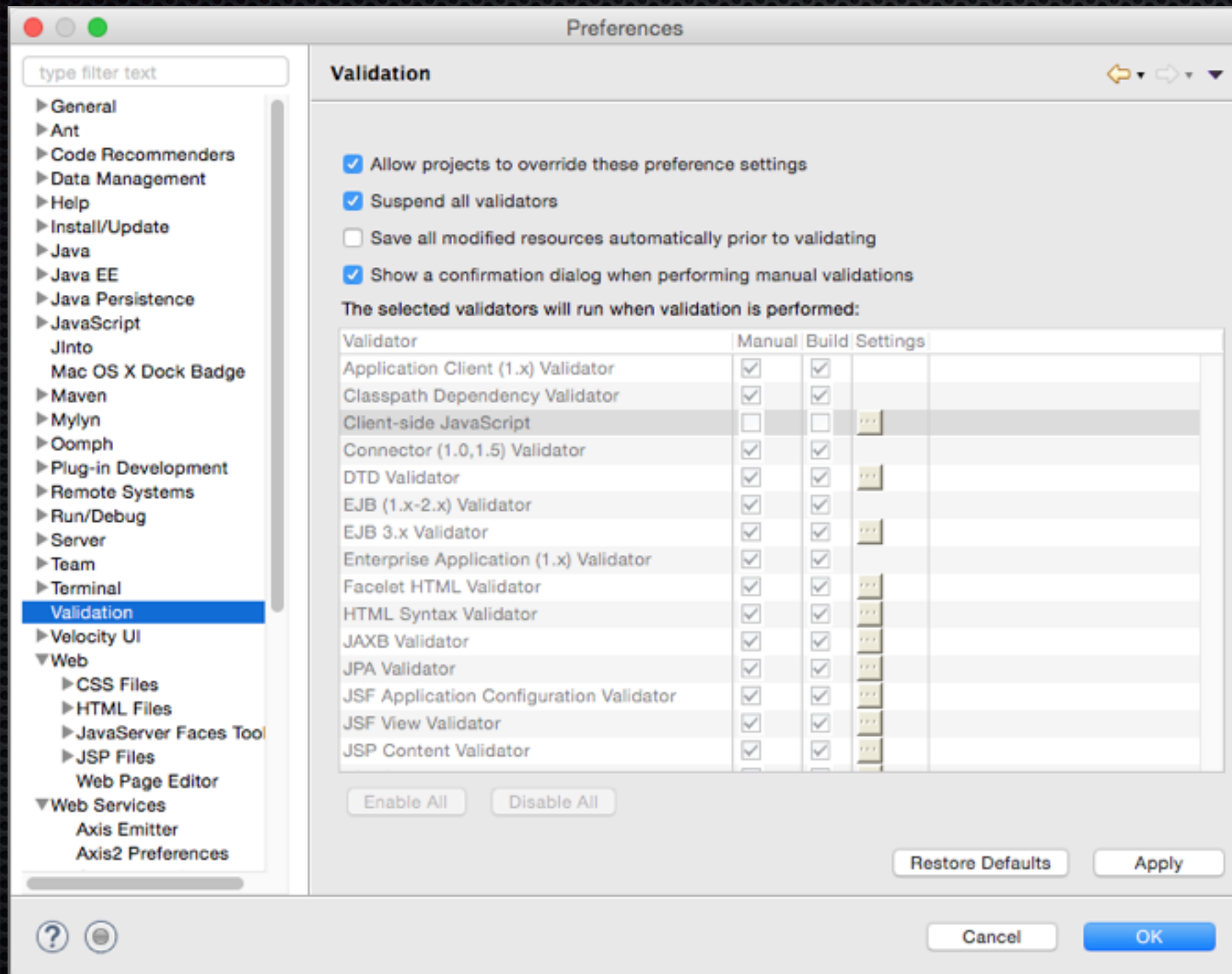
Deactivate Startup Plugins



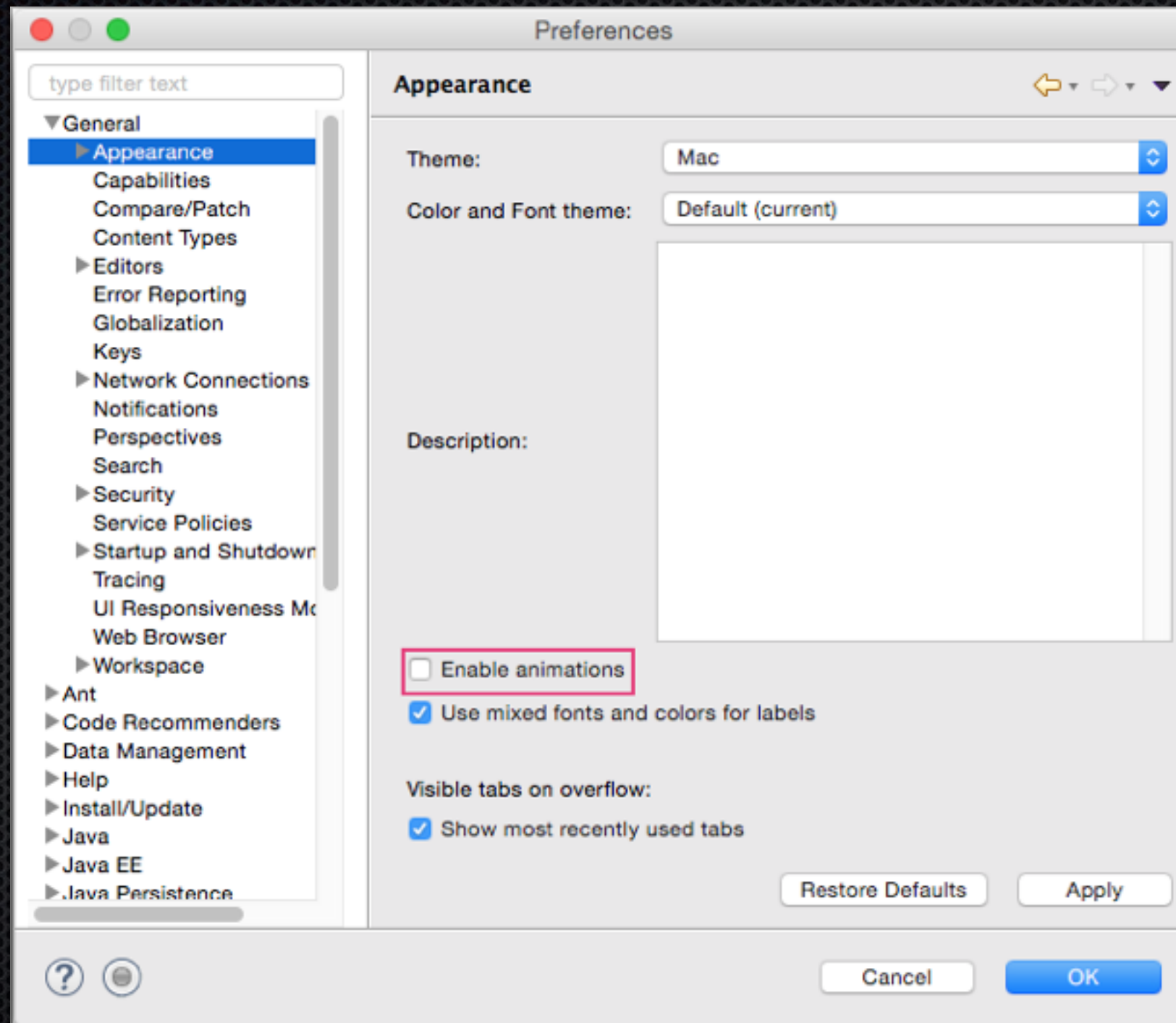
Disable Spell Checking



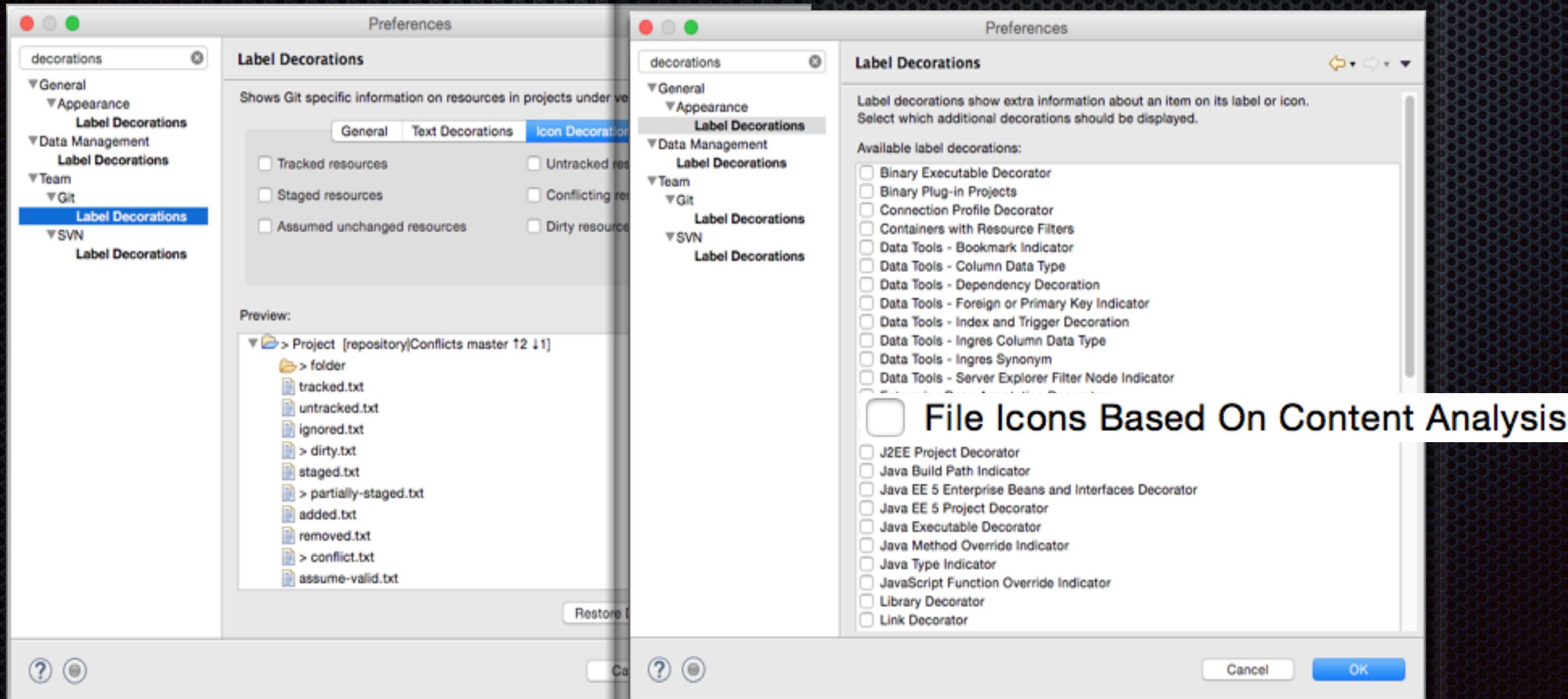
Suspend Validators



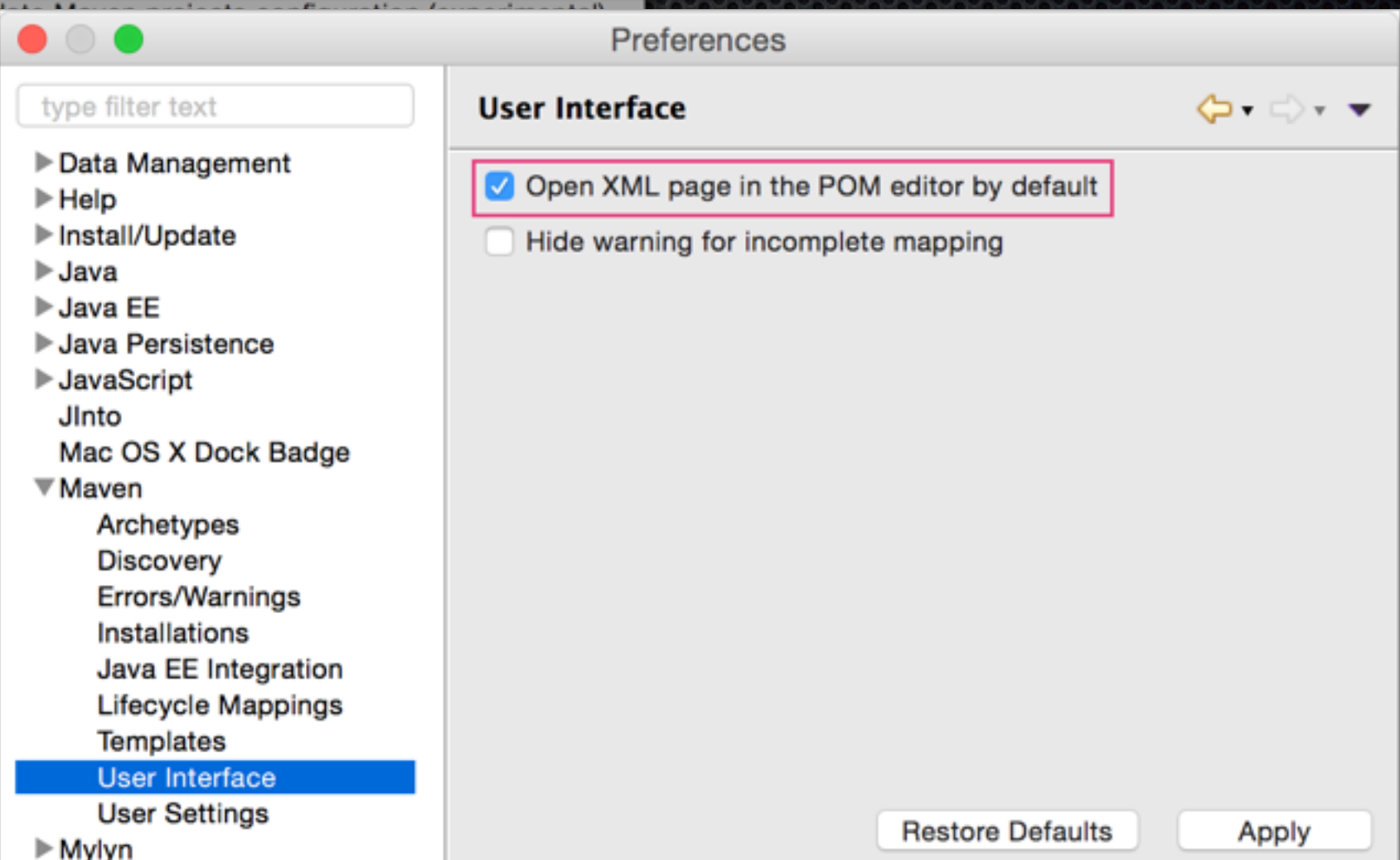
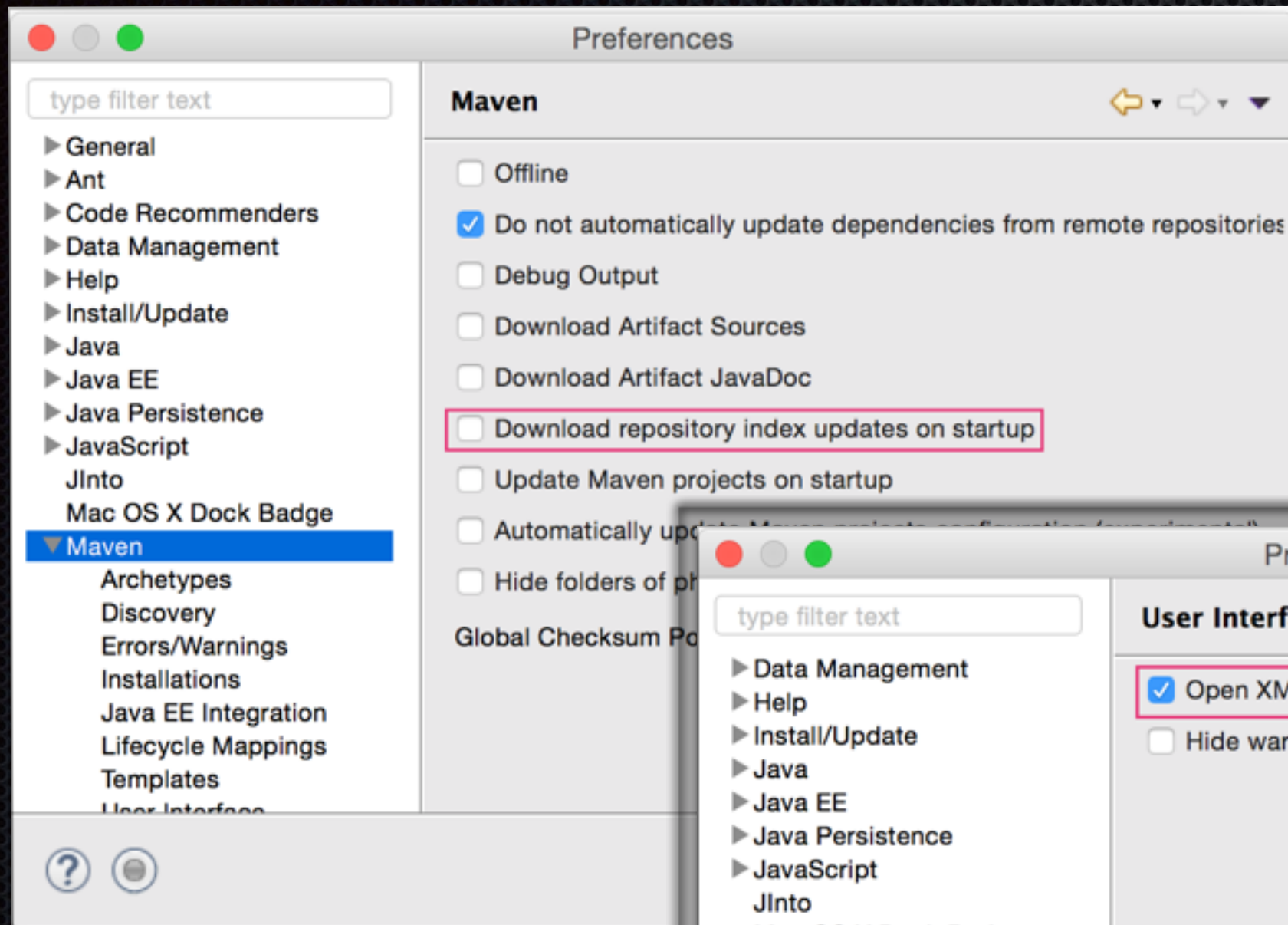
Disable Animations



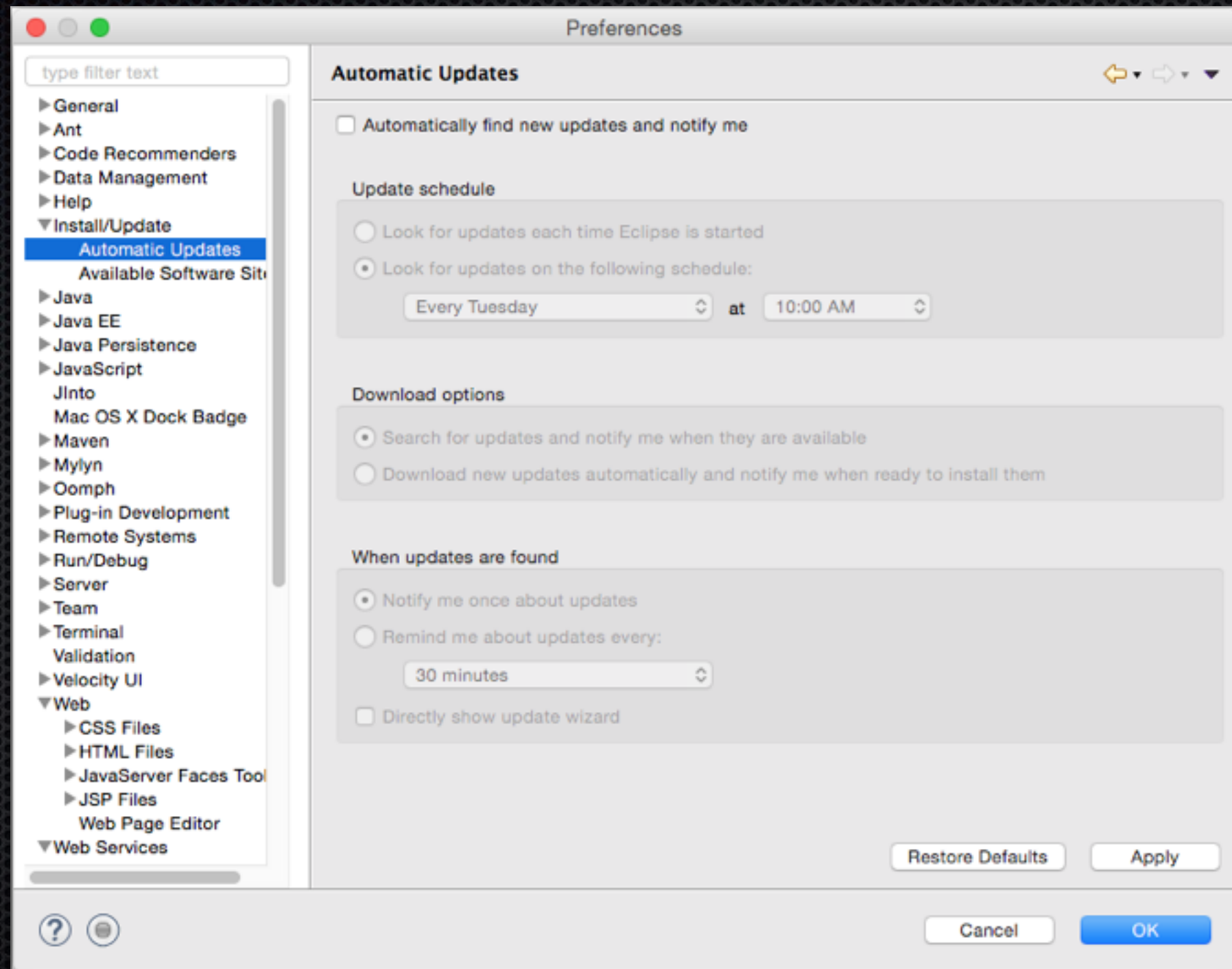
Disable Decorations



Maven



Disable Check for Updates





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Profile Eclipse Tasks

Questions ?





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Evaluate the sessions at www.eclipsecon.org

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