

Running automated tests with EA add-ins

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Background

- ✓ eaUtils free utilities add-in launched in 2015



- ✓ Increased complexity over time

- ✓ Time consuming tests

Objectives

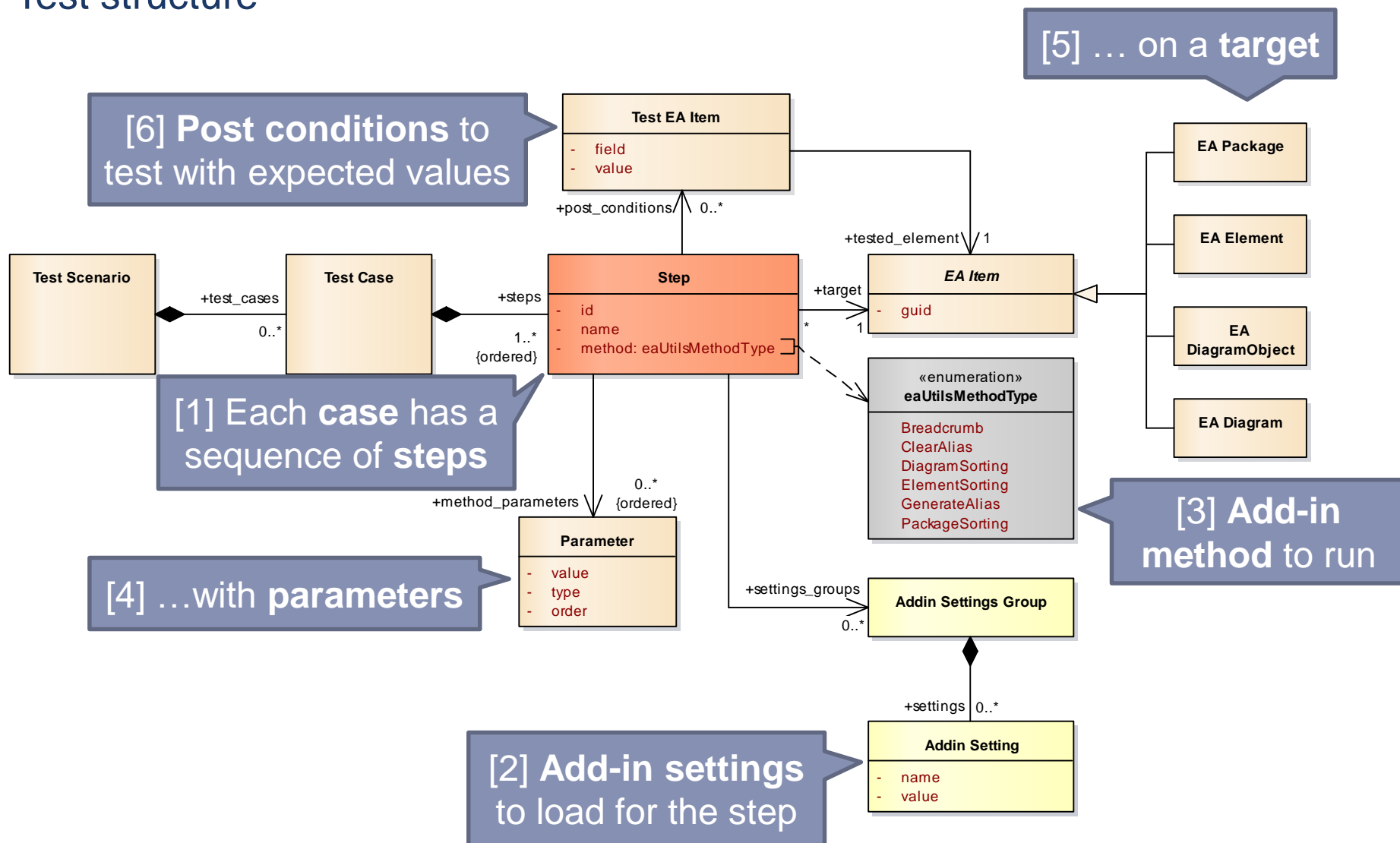


Automated tests with eaUtils



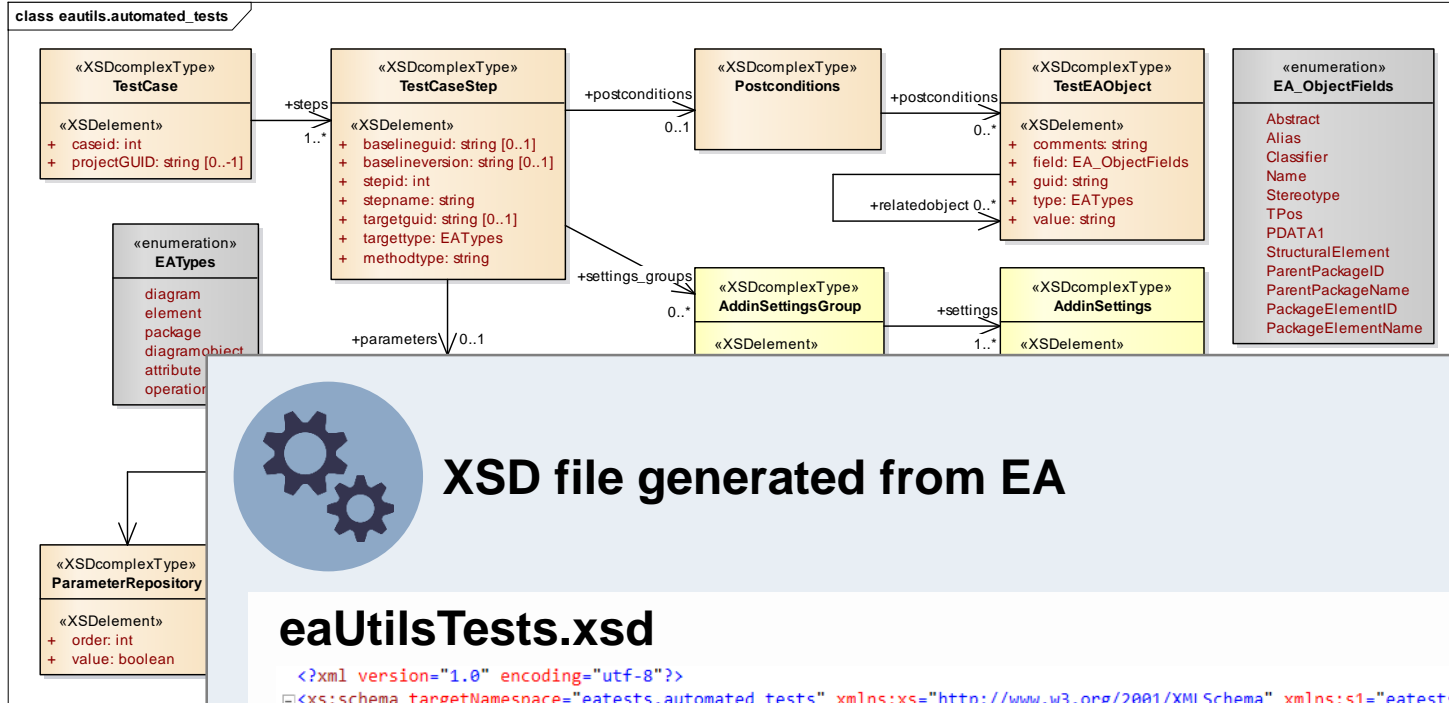
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Test structure



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XML Schema to define the test file structure



XSD file generated from EA

eaUtilsTests.xsd

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<xs:schema targetNamespace="eatests.automated_tests" xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" xmlns:s1="eatests.automated_tests">
  <xs:element name="TestCase" type="s1:TestCase"/>
  <xs:complexType name="TestCase">
    <xs:sequence>
      <xs:element name="caseid" type="xs:int" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
      <xs:element name="projectGUID" type="xs:string" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      <xs:element name="steps" type="s1:TestCaseStep" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
    </xs:sequence>
  </xs:complexType>
  <xs:element name="TestCaseStep" type="s1:TestCaseStep"/>
  <xs:complexType name="TestCaseStep">
    <xs:sequence>...</xs:sequence>
  </xs:complexType>
  <xs:simpleType name="EATypes">
  
```

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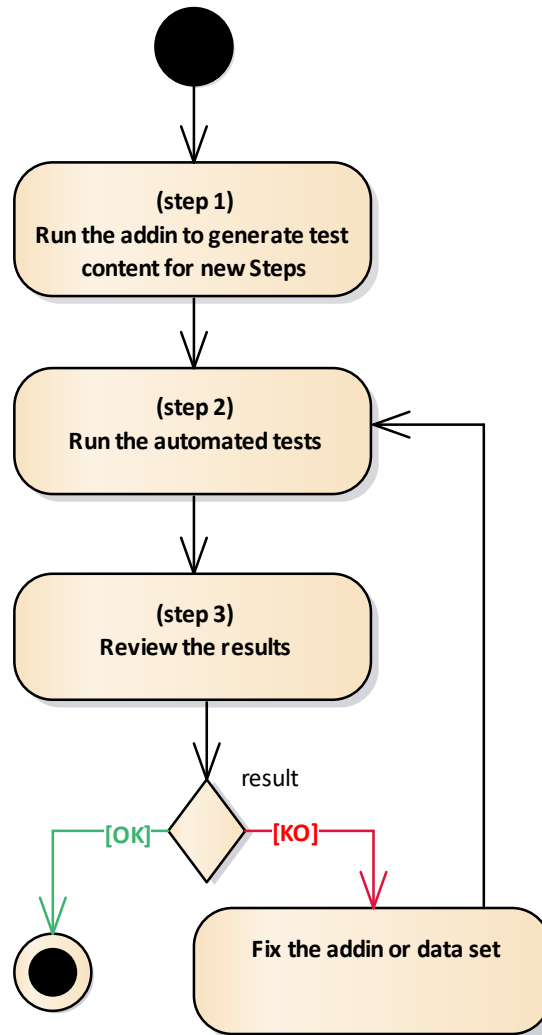
Adding the XML content to the test file

```
XMLExample1.xml* -> X automatedTests.xml
<TestCase xmlns="eatests.automated_tests">
  <caseid xmlns=""></caseid>
  <projectGUID xmlns="">{B88C34E8-AAE7-4afa-B469-F7E0D089F899}</projectGUID>
</TestCase>
```



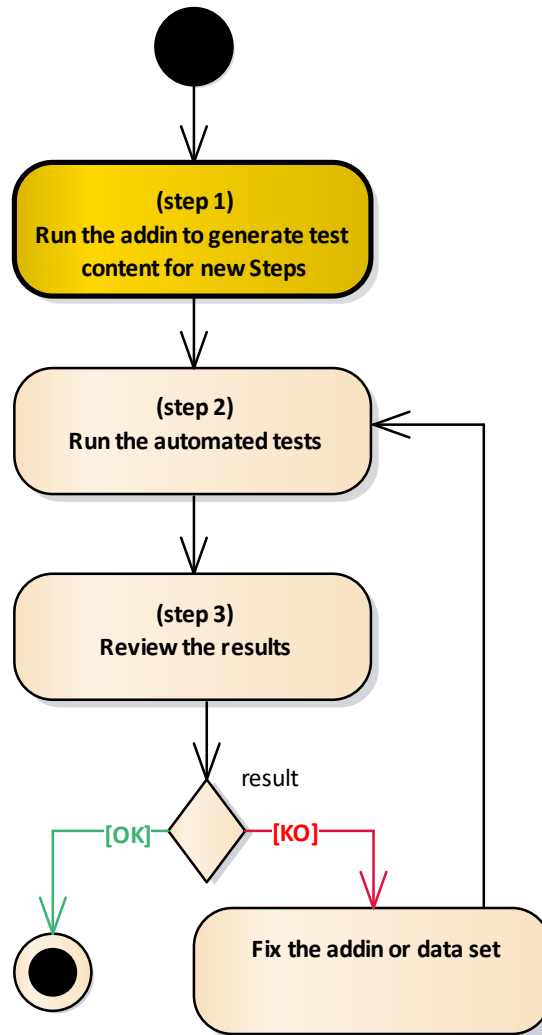
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Process overview



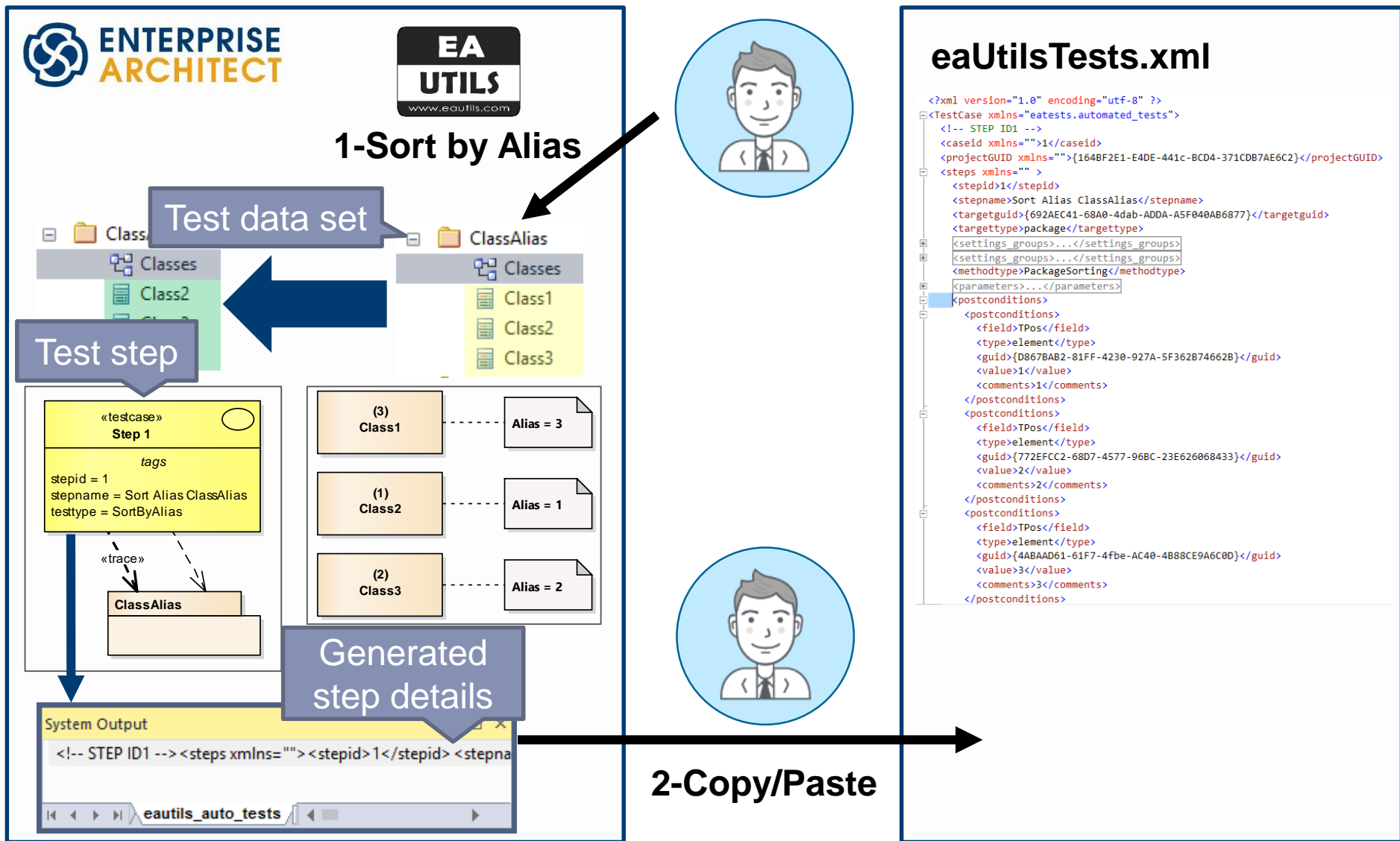
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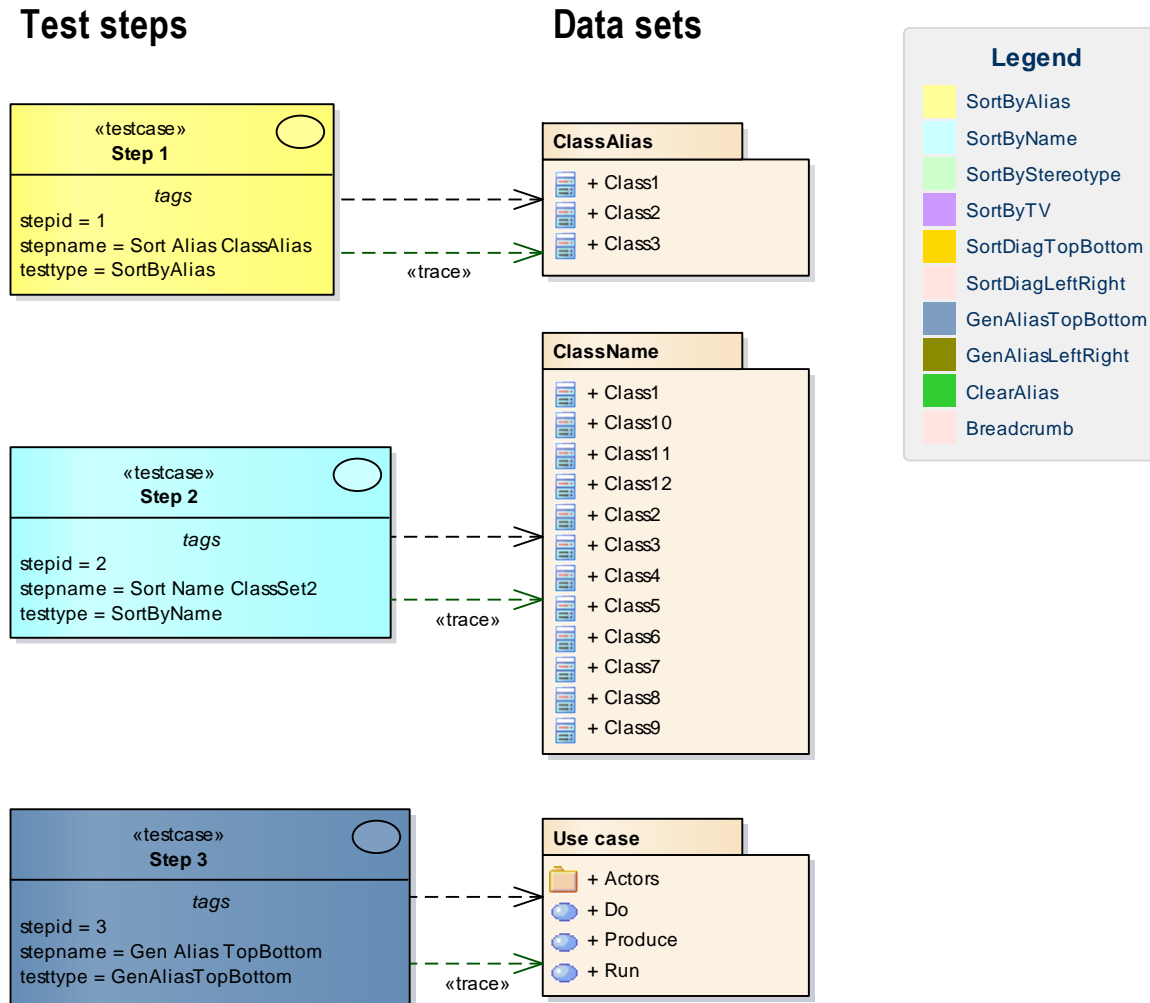
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```
<!-- STEP ID1 -->
<steps xmlns="">
  <stepid>1</stepid>
  <stepname>Sort Alias ClassAlias</stepname>
  <targetguid>{F449EE82-3869-4a3b-BD98-37B1EF6B3F42}</targetguid>
  <targettype>package</targettype>
  <settings groups>
    <settings groups>
      <methodtype>PackageSorting</methodtype><parameters>
        <menus>
          <order>1</order>
          <value>SORT_ALIAS</value>
        </menus>
      <repo>
    </parameters>
    <postconditions>
      <postconditions>
        <field>TPos</field>
        <type>element</type>
        <guid>{87D95ACC-1087-44ed-82B0-8C6790867D9A}</guid>
        <value>2</value>
        <comments>Class3 alias = 2</comments>
      </postconditions>
      <postconditions>
        <field>TPos</field>
        <type>element</type>
        <guid>{A9AD4BE8-EFB2-4112-BB17-77B096209CEF}</guid>
        <value>3</value>
        <comments>Class1 alias = 3</comments>
      </postconditions>
      <postconditions>
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        <type>element</type>
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        <value>1</value>
        <comments>Class2 alias = 1</comments>
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  </settings groups>
</steps>
```

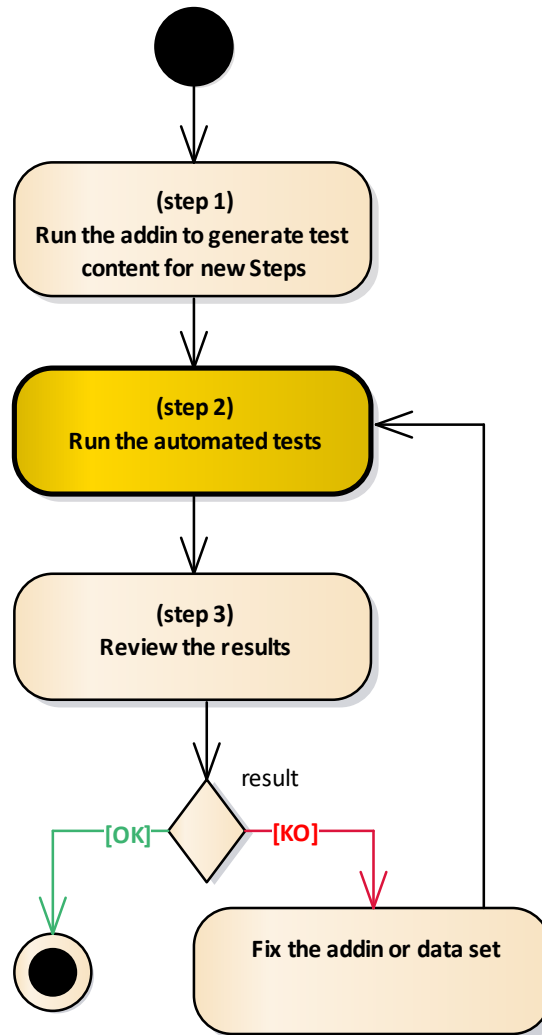
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Resulting data sets and associated steps



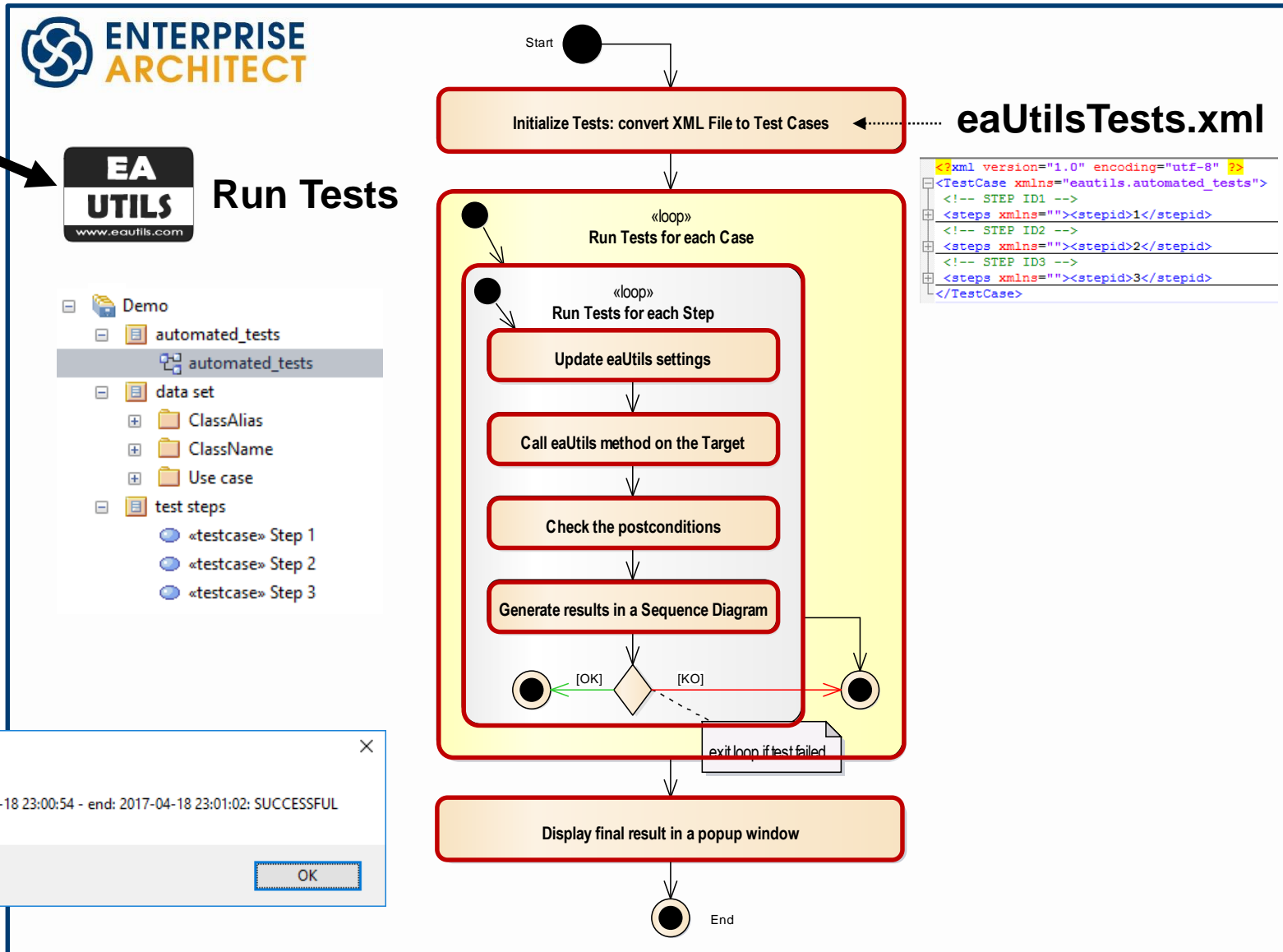
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Step 2: run automated tests



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eaUtilsTests.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
<TestCase xmlns="eautils.automated_tests">
  <!-- STEP ID1 -->
  <steps xmlns=""><stepid>1</stepid>
  <!-- STEP ID2 -->
  <steps xmlns=""><stepid>2</stepid>
  <!-- STEP ID3 -->
  <steps xmlns=""><stepid>3</stepid>
</TestCase>
```

The EA UTILS Run Tests interface shows a file tree under 'Demo'. The 'automated_tests' folder is selected, showing three test cases: '«testcase» Step 1', '«testcase» Step 2', and '«testcase» Step 3'.

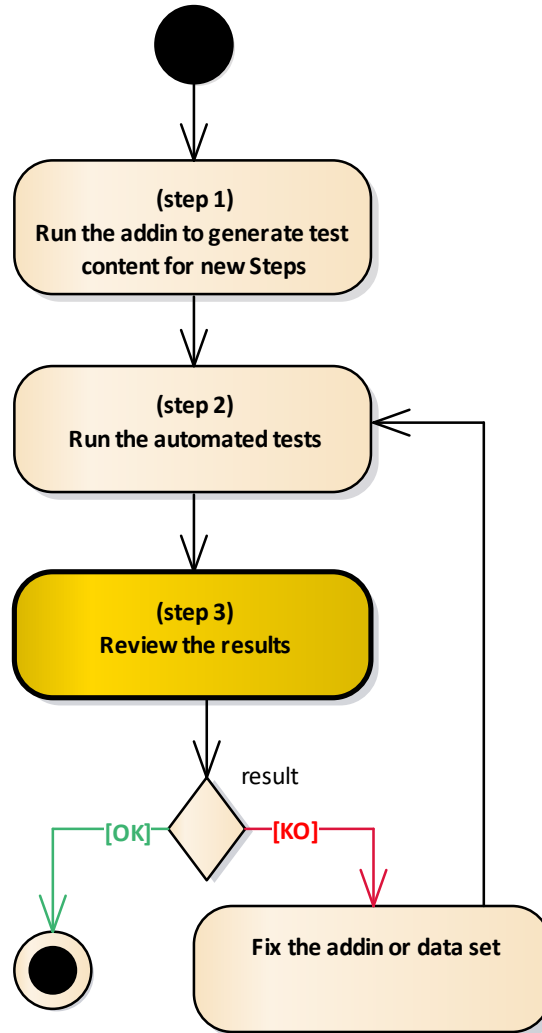
eaUtils Message

Tests results (start: 2017-04-18 23:00:54 - end: 2017-04-18 23:01:02: SUCCESSFUL)

OK

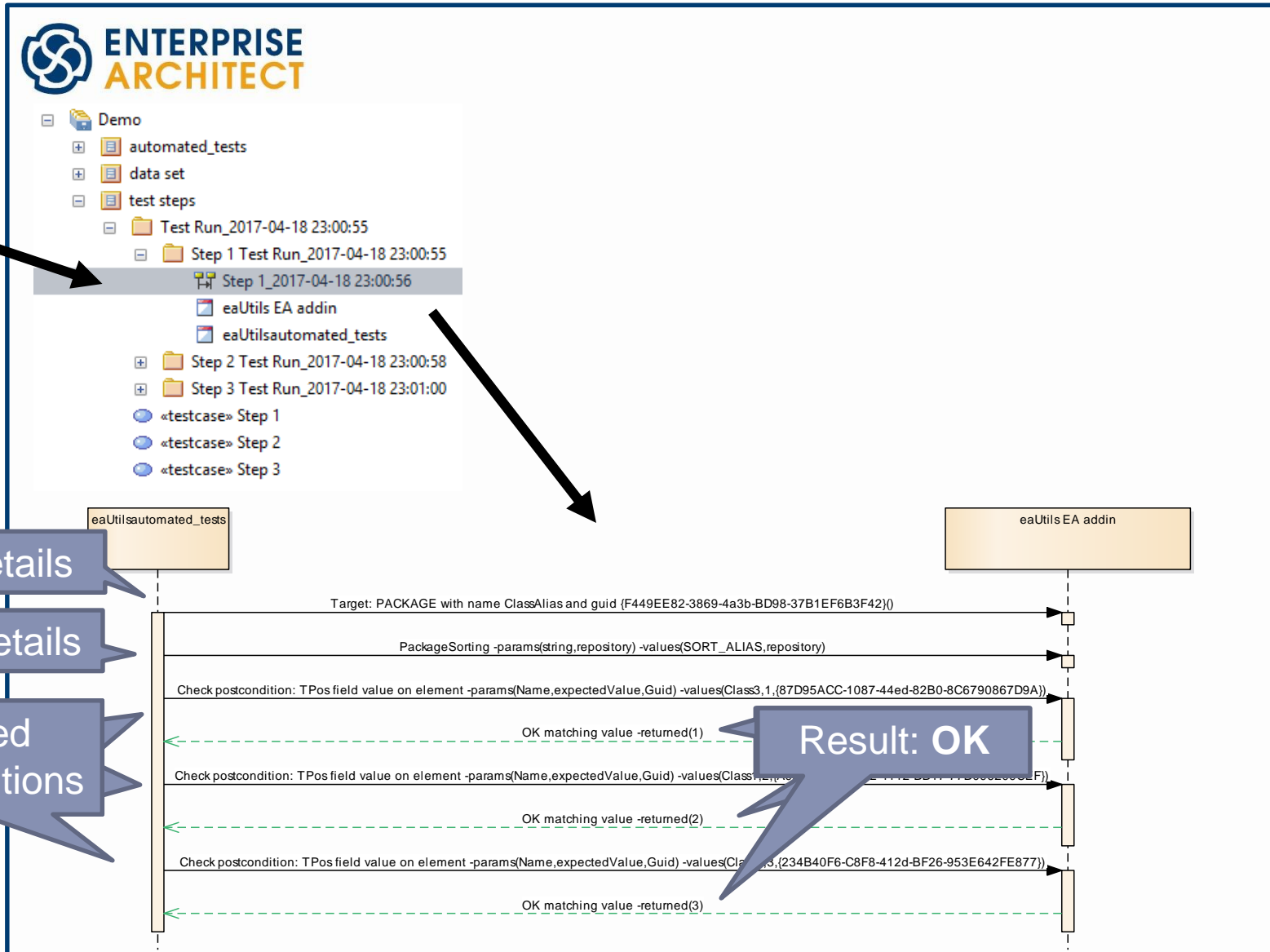
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Step 3: review the results



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Step 3: review the results on sequence diagrams



DEMO



Extending automated tests to other add-ins and scripts



EA add-ins



EA Scripts

Extending automated tests

Target audience

- ✓ Numerous add-ins and scripts exist
 - Specific for a client or project
 - Shared as free or commercial EA extensions



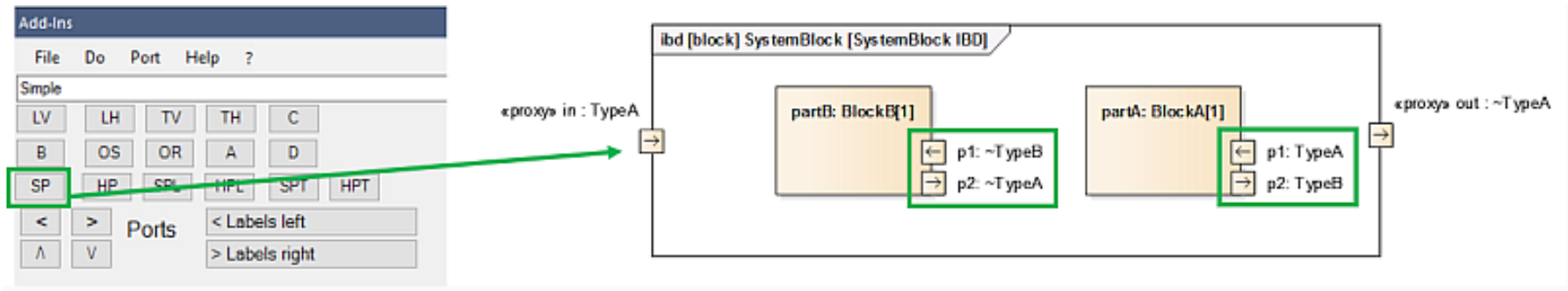
Third Party Extensions for Enterprise Architect

Many of our partners have developed extension technologies for Enterprise Architect, created with Enterprise Architect's powerful customization frameworks. These Third Party Extensions provide specialist tools to the wider Enterprise Architect Community.



Extending automated tests

- ✓ Identified candidates from Open Source solutions
 - hoTools from Helmut Ortmann
 - Scripting library from Geert Bellekens
- ✓ Selected a feature to test
 - hoTools: create ports in parts from a SysML IBD diagram



- Geert's Scripting library: DivideInPackages scripts
 - Moves each BusinessProcess or SubProcess/Activity in a new package
- Own scripts: Teiid virtual DB schemas DDL import, Lock packages

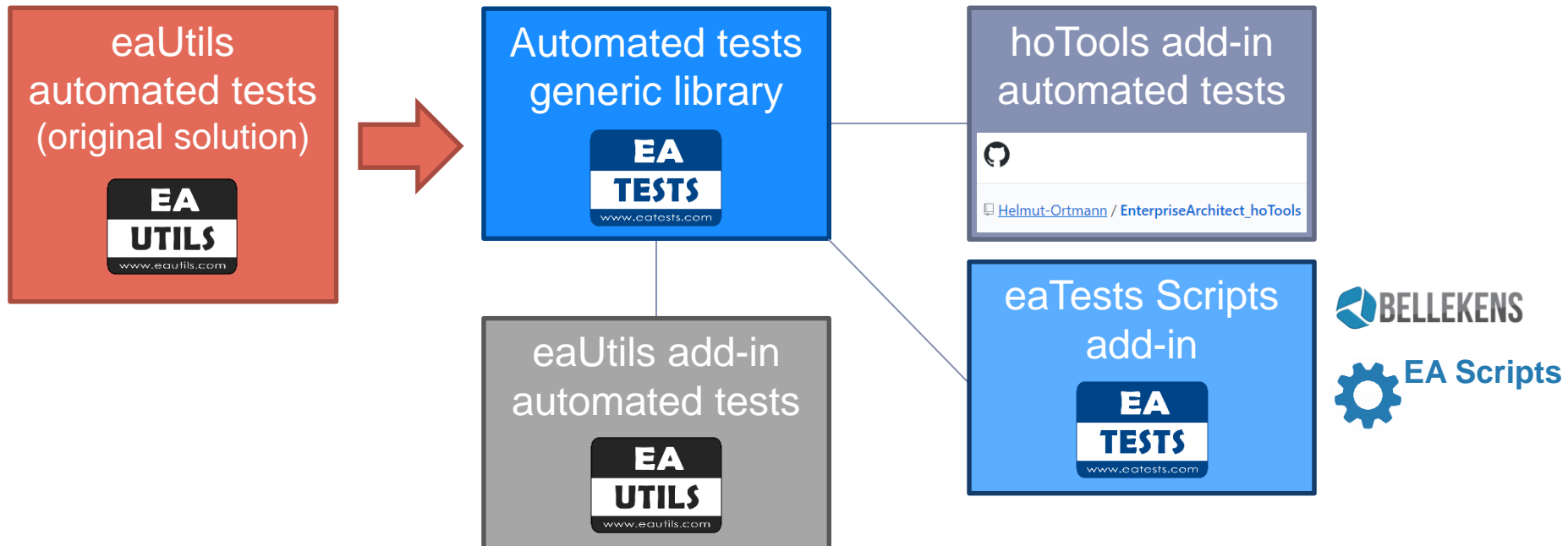
Extending automated tests

Extract a generic library and update eaUtils

hoTools add-in integration

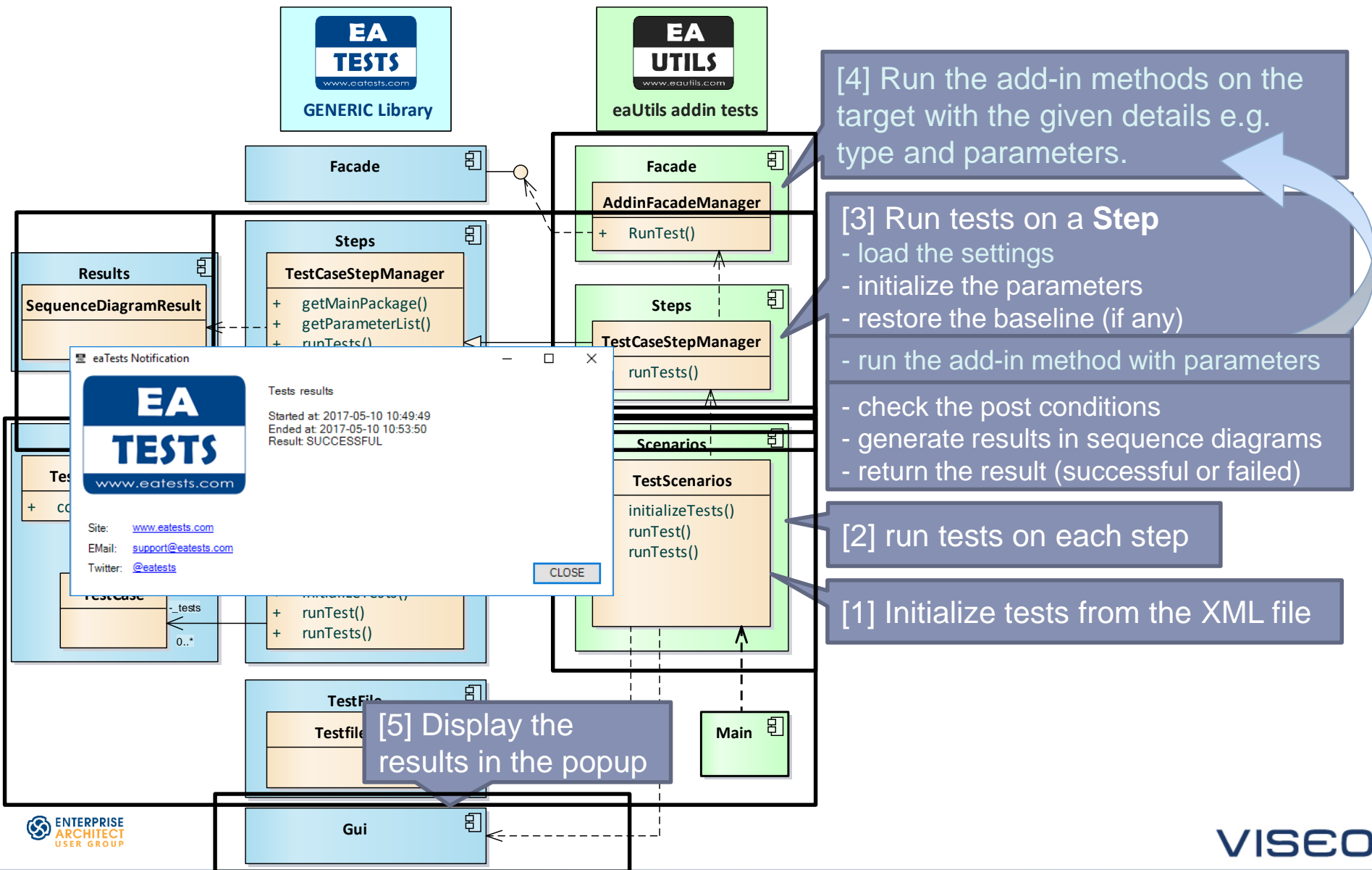
Scripts tests add-in

- ✓ Extracted a generic library from eaUtils: eaTests
- ✓ Implemented specific code in each add-in
- ✓ Created a dedicated add-in to test Scripts



Extending automated tests

Using eaTests library



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hoTools add-in

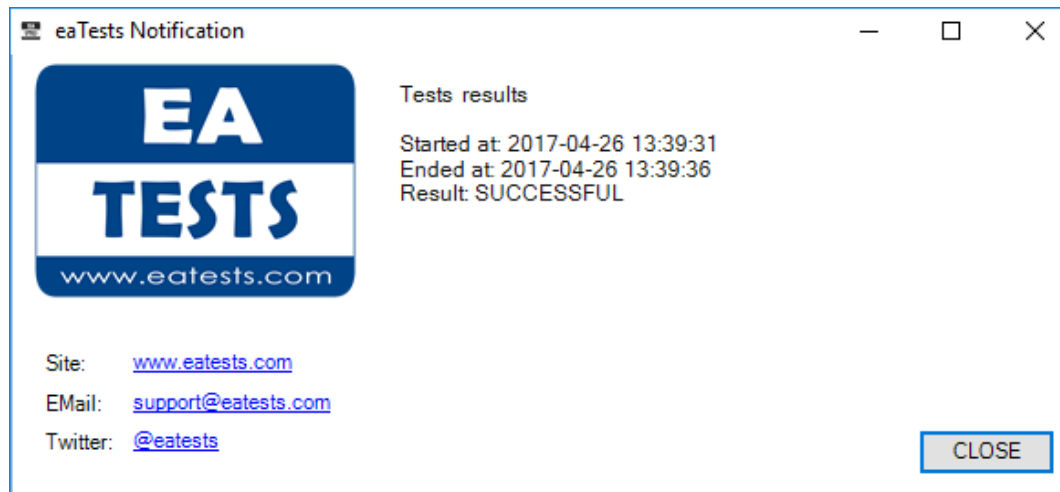
- ✓ **Successful integration on the selected feature**
- ✓ **Resulting enhancements on eaTests**
 - **New post-condition field: related object to test elements' ports**
 - **EA Tab with debug messages from the automated tests library**
 - **Restore a package baseline before running the test**
 - **Bind tests with EA projects**



Extending automated tests

eaTests Scripts add-in

- ✔ **eaTests Scripts add-in launched**
 - Tested with 3 scripts so far
- ✔ **Resulting enhancements on eaTests**
 - New post-condition field: **ParentPackageName**
 - New pop-up window to display results

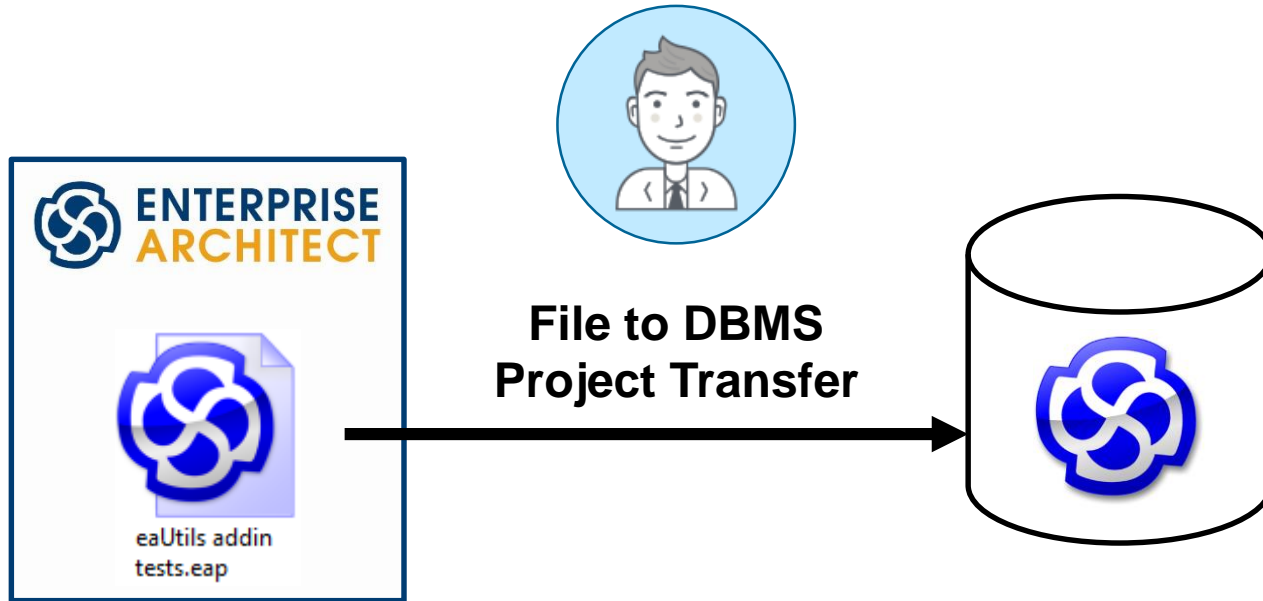


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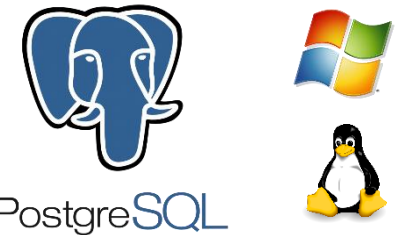
Testing environments

Duplicate the EA project to other repositories



✓ Run tests

- on MySQL, SQL Server, Postgres...
- with EA 13, EA 12.1...



Pros & Cons

Advantages



EA Scripts

EA add-ins



Maintain data sets in EA projects

Use EA to store test runs

Clone EA projects to target DBs

Find regression bugs

Supports scripts & add-ins

Use eaTests features

Next steps

- ✓ **Initially achieved for personal use and interest**
- ✓ **Current backlog**
 - Post-conditions: test attributes, tagged values.
 - Test scenario selection (multiple XML files support)
 - Option to automatically run tests when the EA project opens
- ✓ **eaTests**
 - Terms of use and publishing currently being looked at
 - Future updates available on www.umlchannel.com & www.eatests.com
- ✓ **Contact me if you're interested for your add-in or scripts!**



Questions & answers

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