

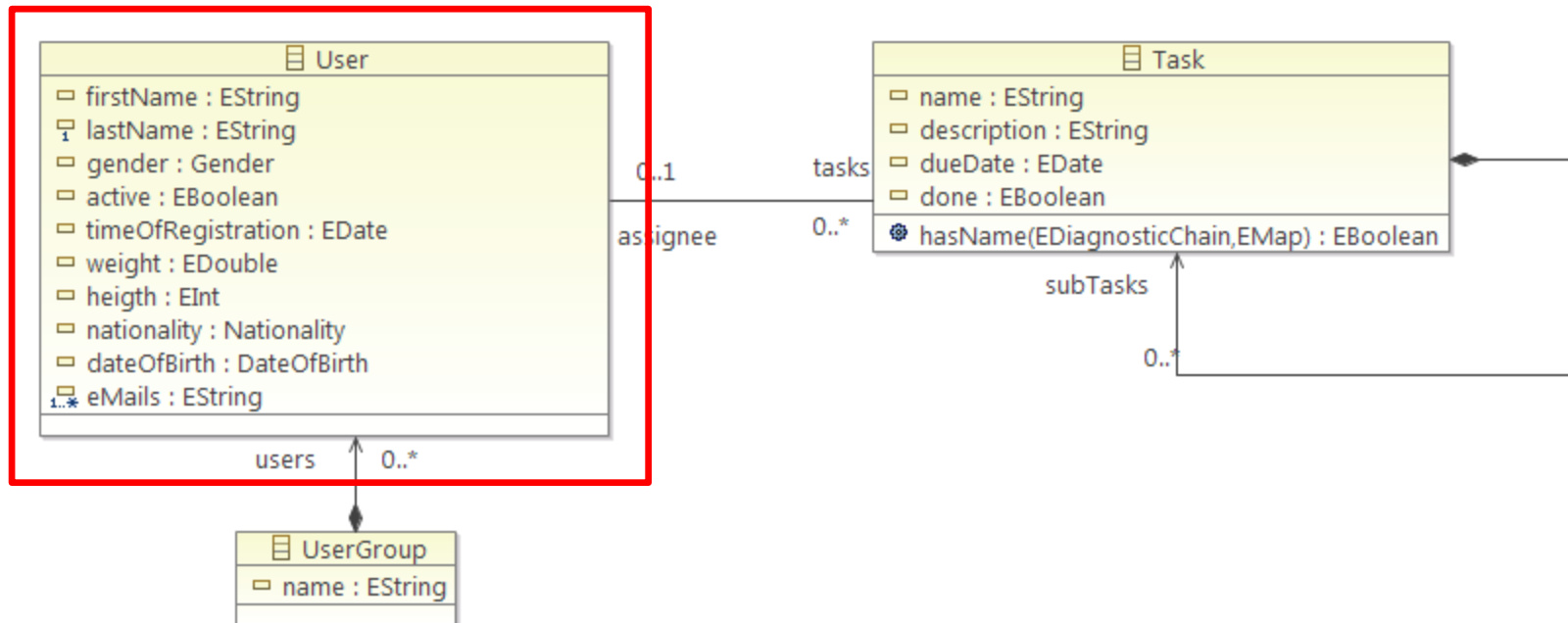
Building and maintaining form-based Are you still manually coding UIs? UIs for data entry efficiently

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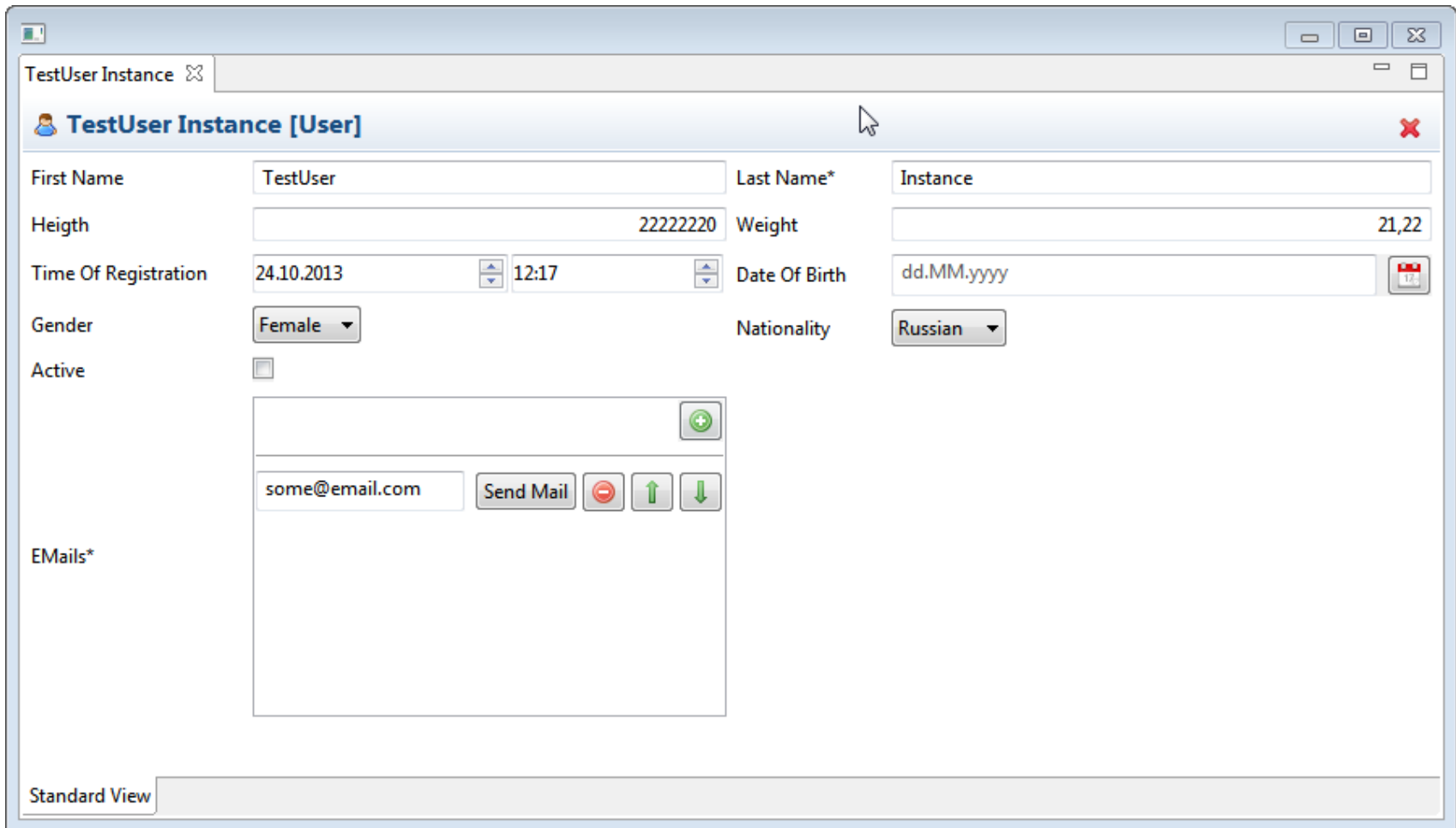
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Data conforms to a domain-specific data model



Data is often viewed/edited in a form-based UI

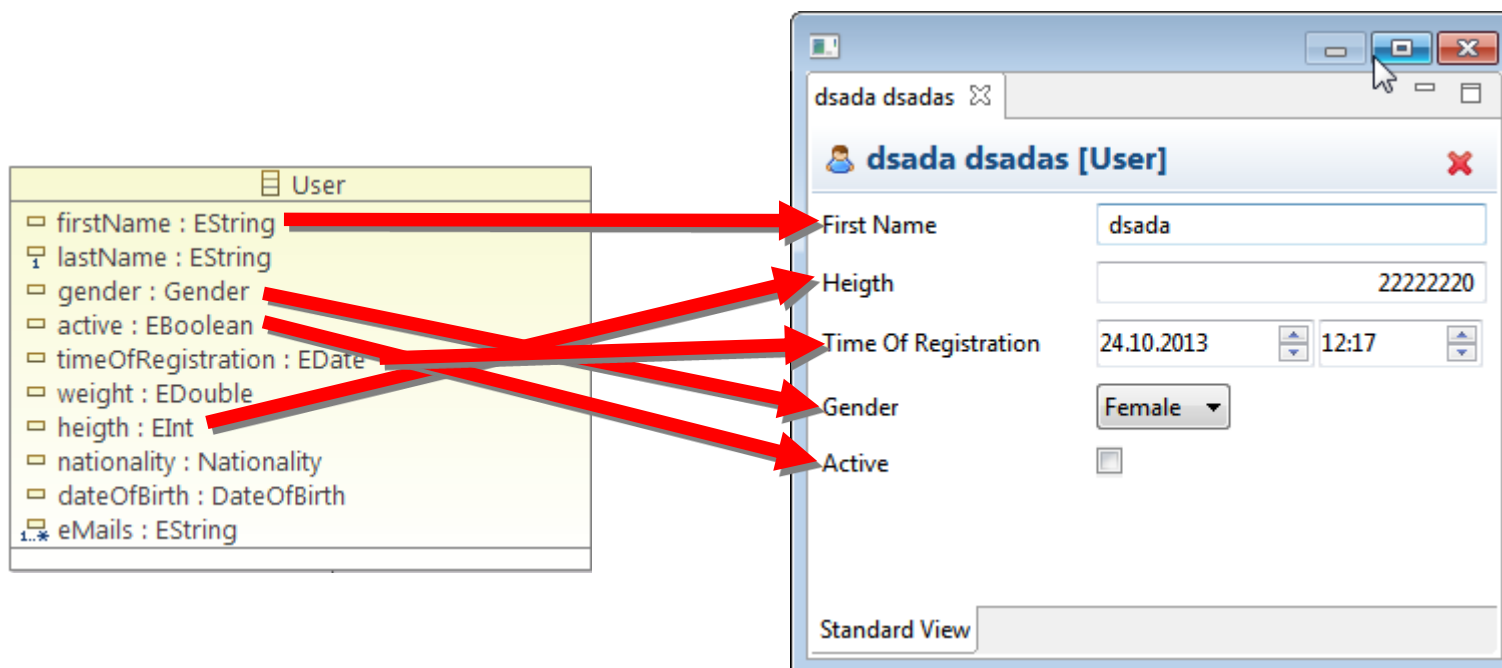


The screenshot shows a window titled "TestUser Instance" with a sub-header "TestUser Instance [User]". The form contains the following fields and controls:

- First Name:** Text input field containing "TestUser".
- Last Name*:** Text input field containing "Instance".
- Height:** Text input field containing "22222220".
- Weight:** Text input field containing "21,22".
- Time Of Registration:** Two date/time pickers. The first is set to "24.10.2013" and the second to "12:17".
- Date Of Birth:** Date picker set to "dd.MM.yyyy".
- Gender:** Dropdown menu set to "Female".
- Nationality:** Dropdown menu set to "Russian".
- Active:** Check box, currently unchecked.
- EEmails*:** A list of email addresses. The first entry is "some@email.com". To the right of the list are three buttons: "Send Mail", a red minus button, a green up arrow, and a green down arrow.

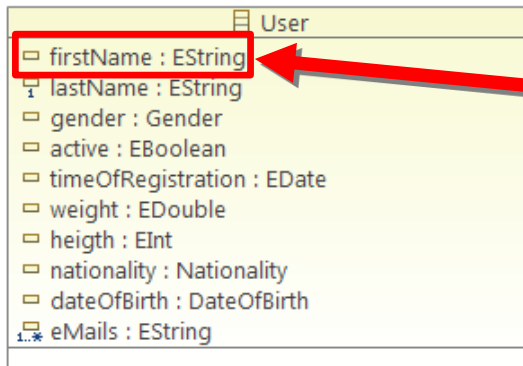
The window has a "Standard View" tab at the bottom left.

Data model needs to be mapped to UI

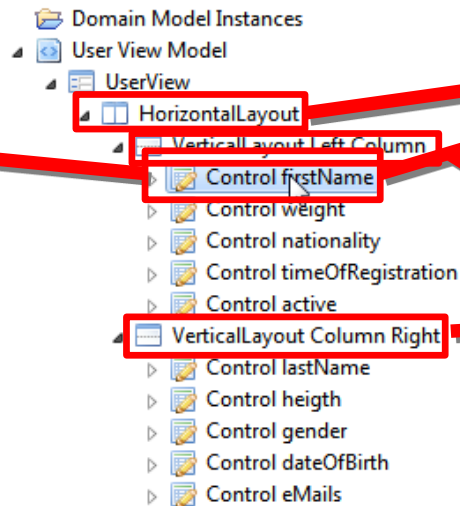


Modeling the UI

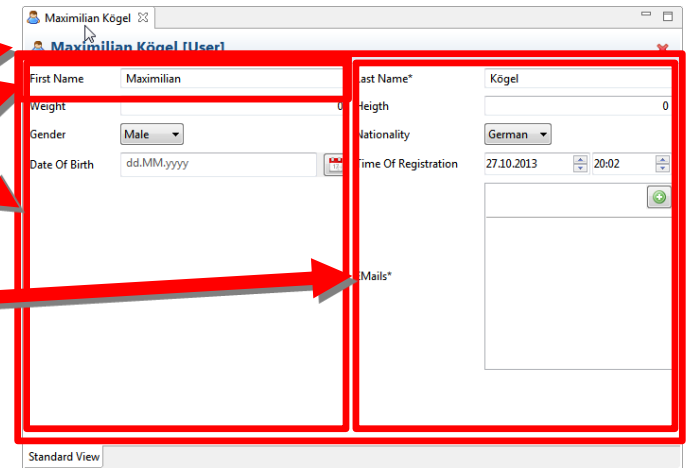
Domain Model



View Model

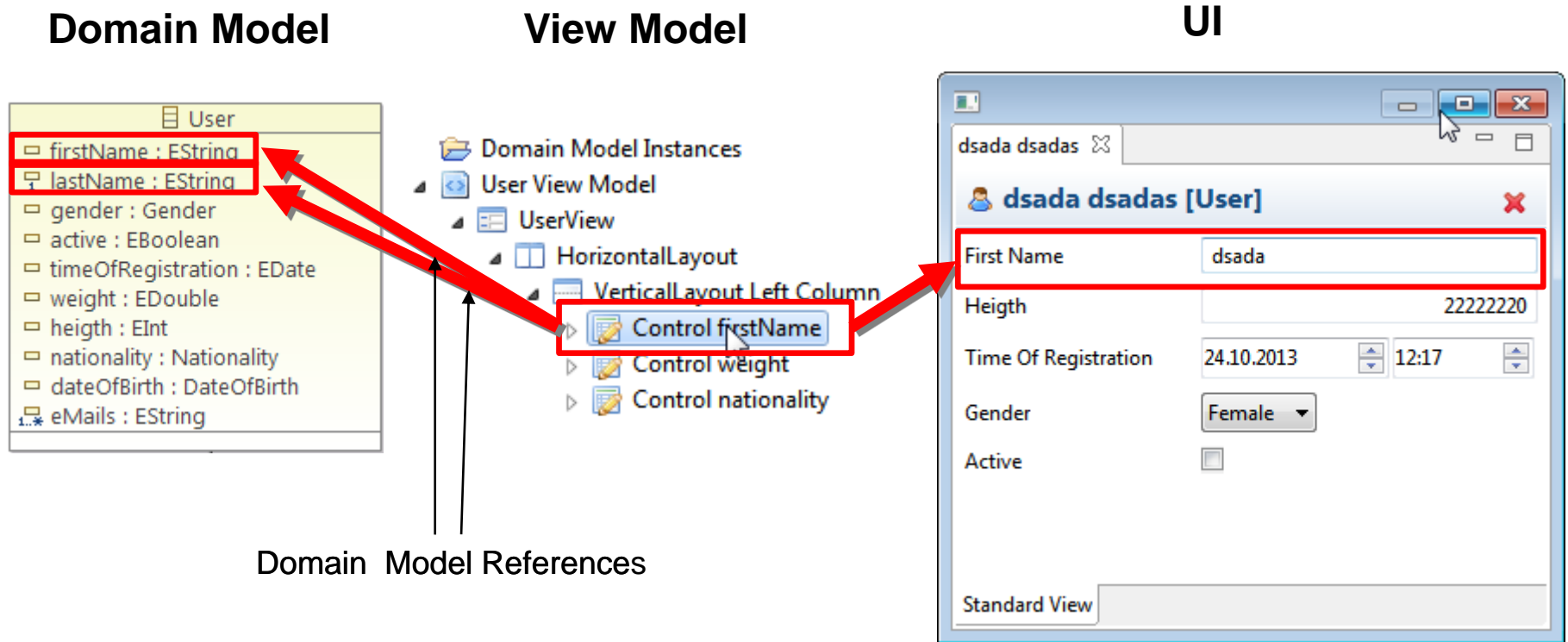


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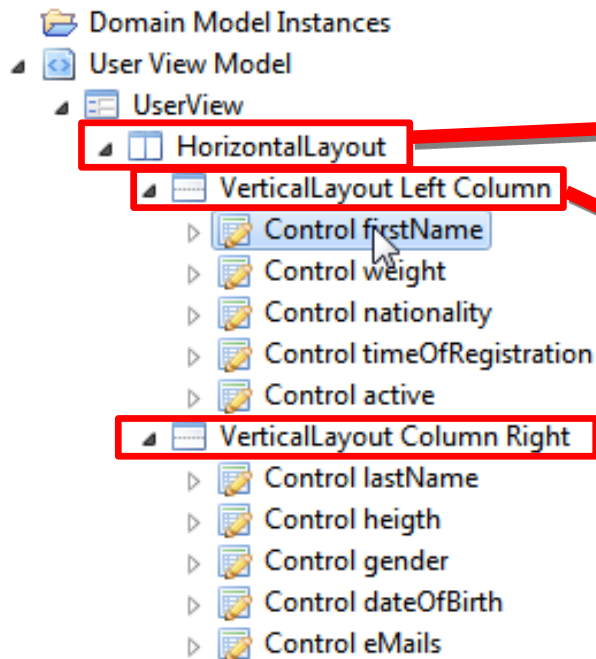
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Modeling UI Data Binding with Controls

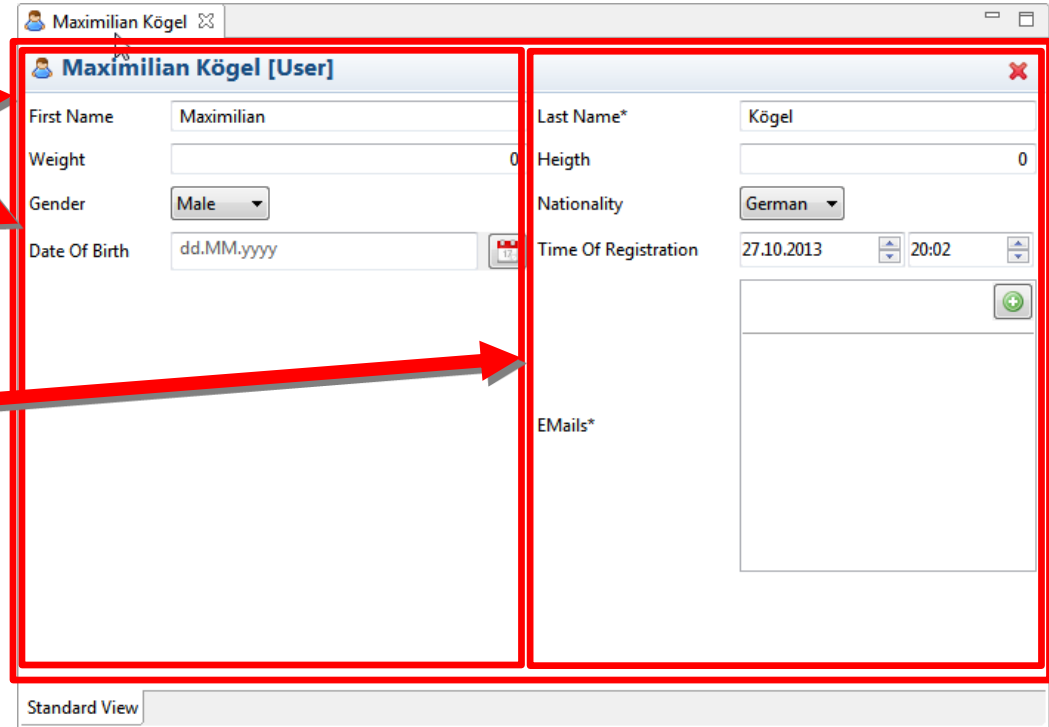


Modeling UI Structure with Layouts

View Model

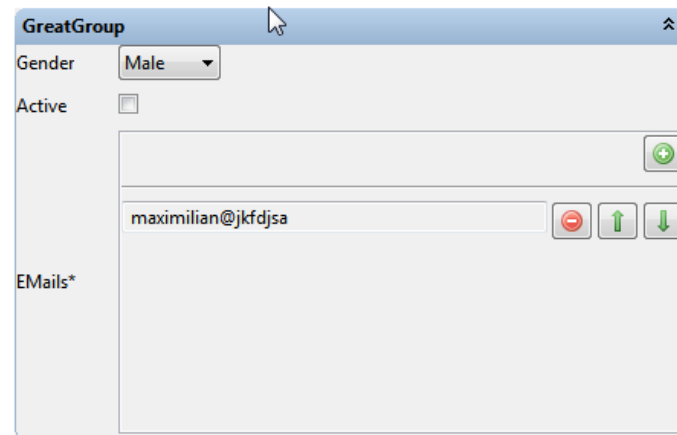
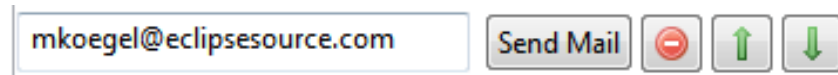


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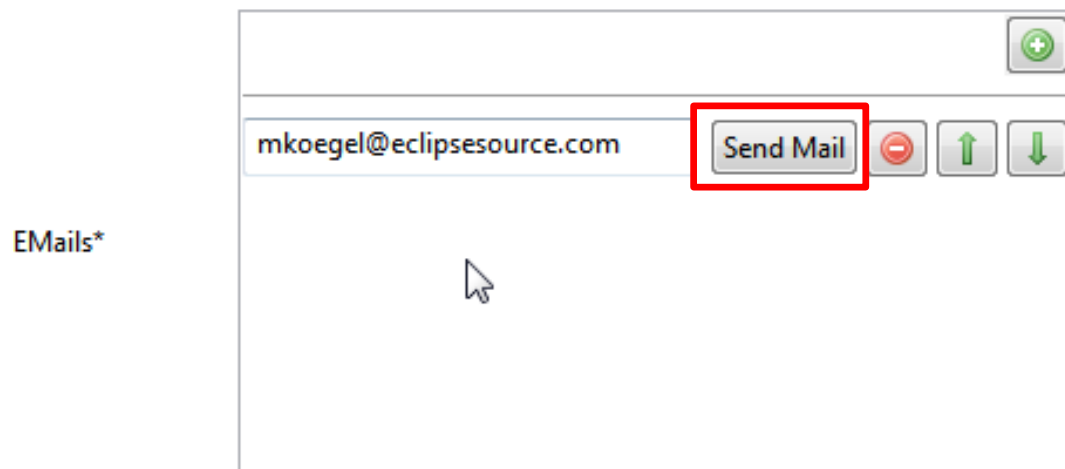


Extensibility and Adaptability

- Custom Controls
 - e.g. Email-Control
- Custom View Model Elements and Renderers
 - e.g. Group

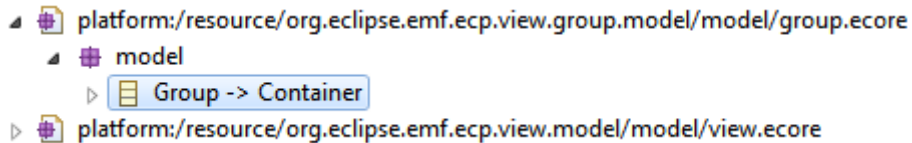


Custom Control: Email

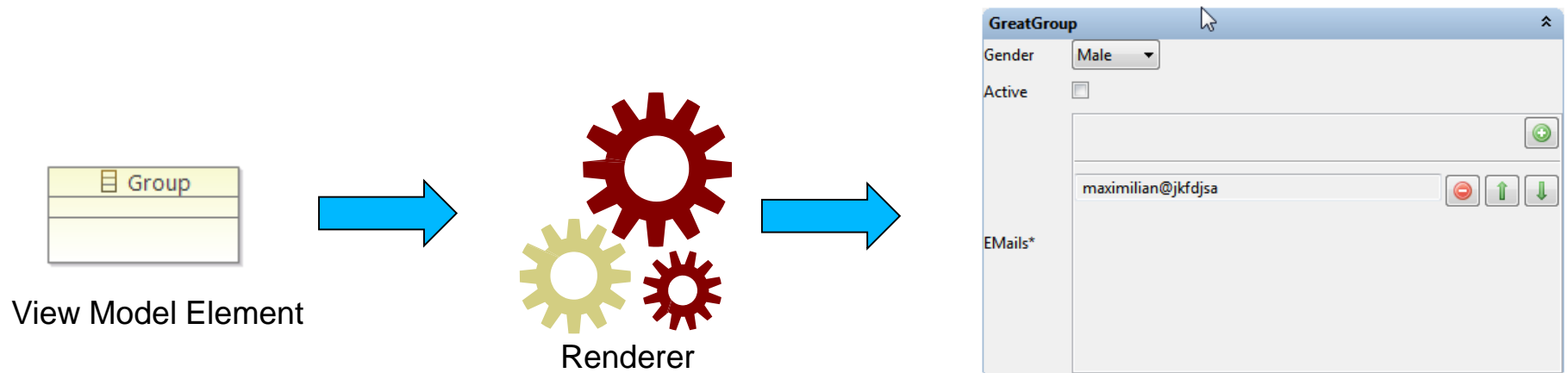


Custom View Model Element

- Define new view model element in Ecore



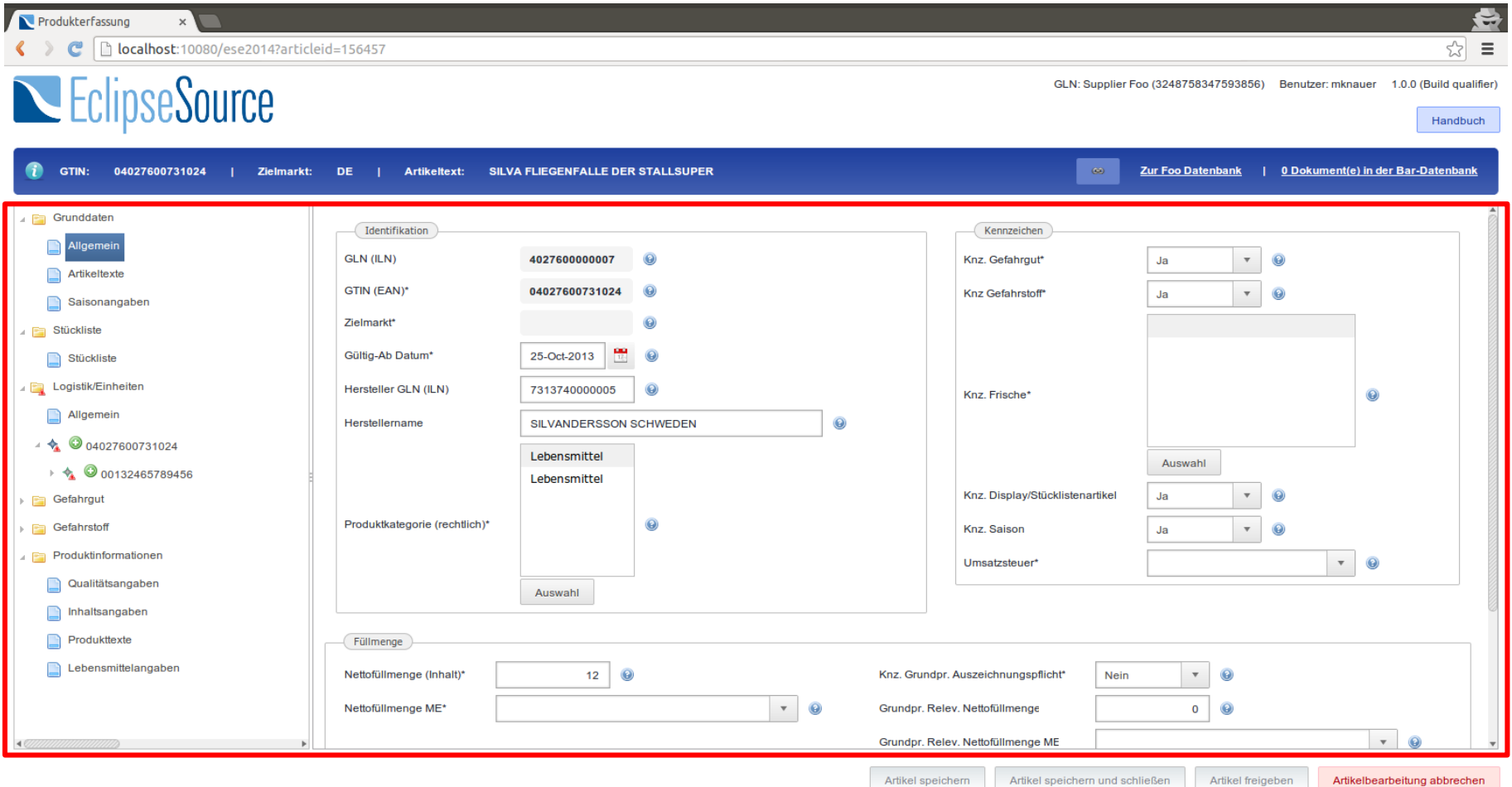
- Generate model and edit plugins
- Create a Renderer



Exchangeable UI Technology

- UI Model is independent of Renderers
- Only renderers are UI technology dependent
- Renderers can be replaced
- Allows for parallel use of different UI technologies
- Existing renderers:
 - RCP/SWT
 - Web based on RAP
 - JavaFX (demo only)

Web-Renderer based on RAP



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `localhost:10080/ese2014?articleid=156457`. The page header includes the EclipseSource logo and user information: `GLN: Supplier Foo (3248758347593856)`, `Benutzer: mknauer`, and `1.0.0 (Build qualifier)`. A `Handbuch` button is visible in the top right.

The main content area is a product data entry form. The top navigation bar shows: `GTIN: 04027600731024`, `Zielmarkt: DE`, `Artikeltext: SILVA FLIEGENFALLE DER STALLSUPER`, `Zur Foo Datenbank`, and `0 Dokument(e) in der Bar-Datenbank`.

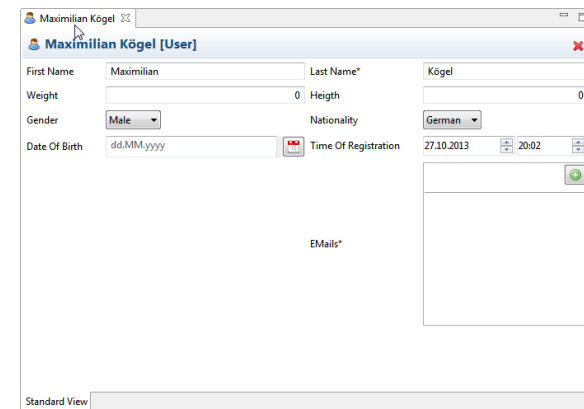
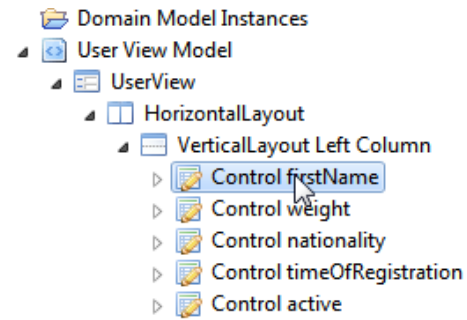
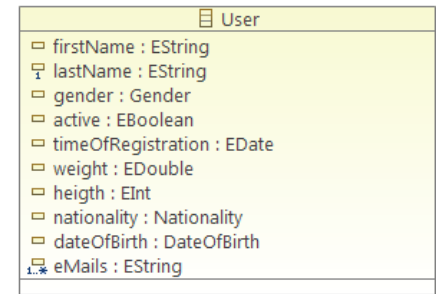
The form is divided into several sections:

- Grunddaten** (left sidebar):
 - Allgemein (selected)
 - Artikeltexte
 - Saisonangaben
 - Stückliste
 - Logistik/Einheiten
 - Gefahrgut
 - Gefahrstoff
 - Produktinformationen
 - Qualitätsangaben
 - Inhaltsangaben
 - Produkttexte
 - Lebensmittelangaben
- Identifikation** (top left):
 - GLN (ILN): 402760000007
 - GTIN (EAN)*: 04027600731024
 - Zielmarkt*: [empty]
 - Gültig-Ab Datum*: 25-Oct-2013
 - Hersteller GLN (ILN): 7313740000005
 - Herstellername: SILVANDERSSON SCHWEDEN
 - Produktkategorie (rechtlich)*: Lebensmittel (selected)
- Kennzeichen** (top right):
 - Knz. Gefahrgut*: Ja
 - Knz. Gefahrstoff*: Ja
 - Knz. Frische*: [empty]
 - Knz. Display/Stücklistenartikel: Ja
 - Knz. Saison: Ja
 - Umsatzsteuer*: [empty]
- Füllmenge** (bottom left):
 - Nettofüllmenge (Inhalt)*: 12
 - Nettofüllmenge ME*: [empty]
- Other fields** (bottom right):
 - Knz. Grundpr. Auszeichnungspflicht*: Nein
 - Grundpr. Relev. Nettofüllmenge: 0
 - Grundpr. Relev. Nettofüllmenge ME: [empty]

At the bottom of the form, there are four buttons: `Artikel speichern`, `Artikel speichern und schließen`, `Artikel freigeben`, and `Artikelbearbeitung abbrechen`.

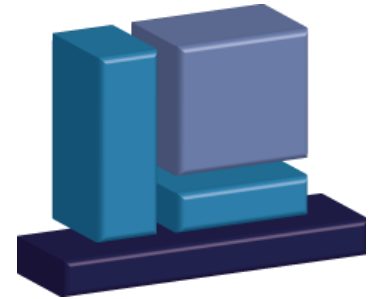
When to use/not use of UI Modeling

- Large Domain Model
- Many different Views
- Frequent Domain Model changes
- Homogenous UI
- UI Technology Independence
- Improved Customer Involvement
 - Fast Turnaround + Rapid Prototyping
 - Easy-to-grasp UI concepts



More Information

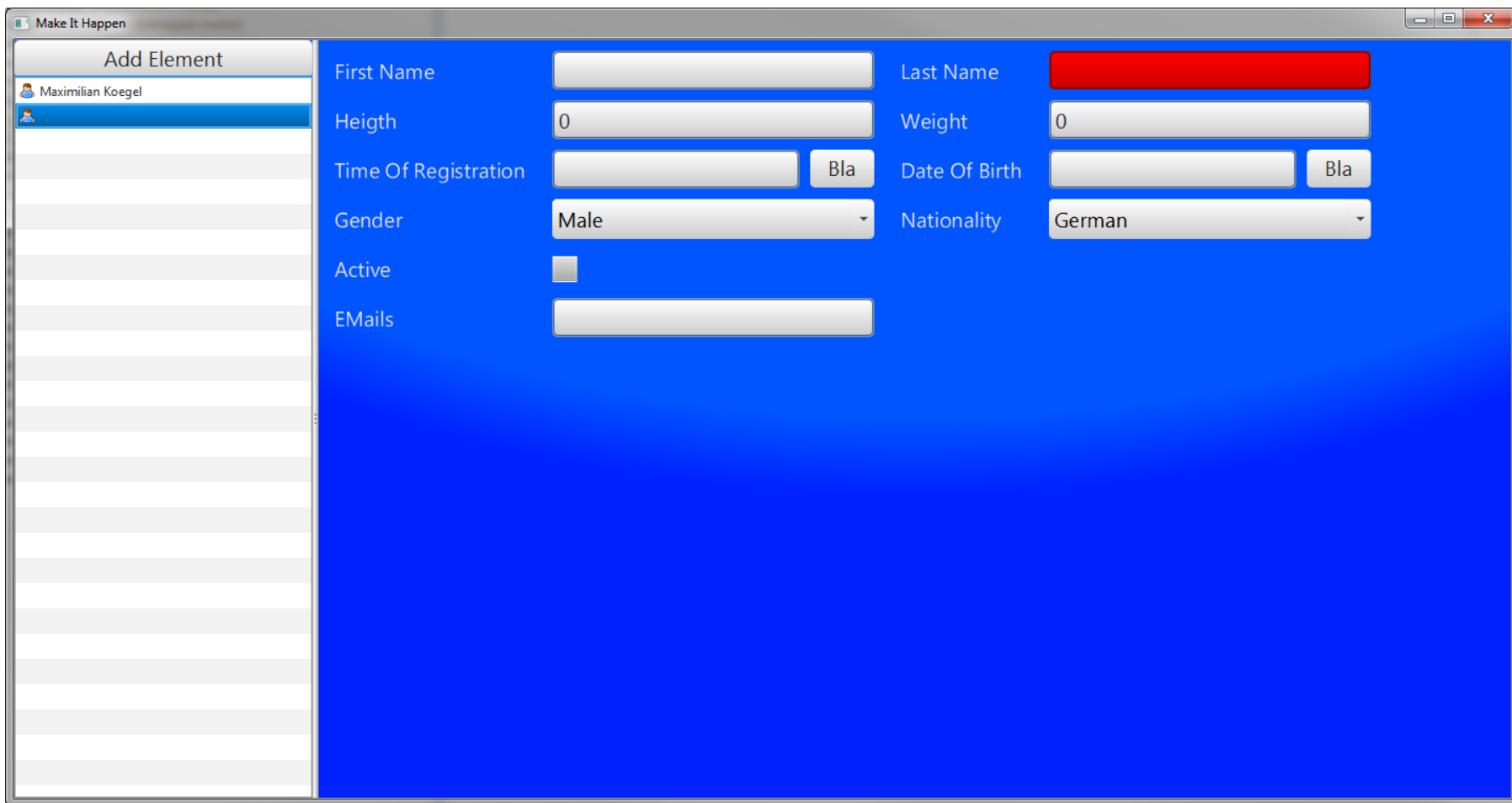
- Current Release 1.1: Minimal public view model API
- Roadmap:
 - Expose more view model API
 - JavaFX Renderer
 - Tooling
- **EMF Client Platform: <http://eclipse.org/emfclient>**
- Twitter: #emfcp <https://twitter.com/EMFCP>



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Backup Slides

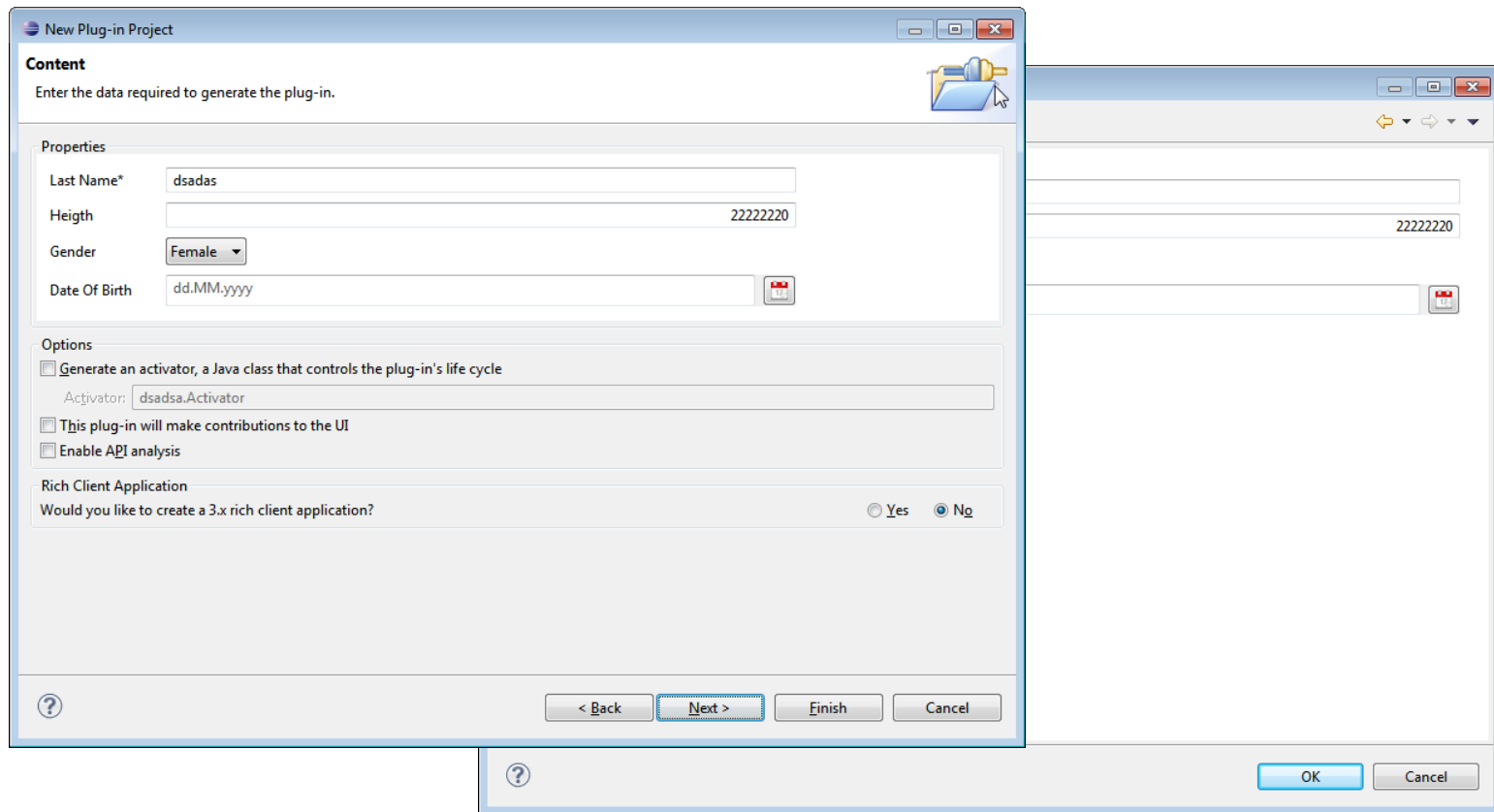
JavaFX Renderer



The screenshot shows a JavaFX application window titled "Make It Happen". The window has a blue background and a white sidebar on the left. The sidebar contains a list of elements, with the first element "Maximilian Koegel" selected. The main area of the window is a form for adding a new element. The form has the following fields and controls:

- First Name:** A text input field.
- Last Name:** A text input field with a red background.
- Height:** A text input field containing the value "0".
- Weight:** A text input field containing the value "0".
- Time Of Registration:** A text input field followed by a button labeled "Bla".
- Date Of Birth:** A text input field followed by a button labeled "Bla".
- Gender:** A dropdown menu with "Male" selected.
- Nationality:** A dropdown menu with "German" selected.
- Active:** A checkbox.
- EMails:** A text input field.

Embedding the editor



What is EMF?

“The EMF project is a **modeling framework** and **code generation** facility for building tools and other applications based on a **structured data model**. From a model specification described in XMI, EMF provides tools and runtime support to produce a set of **Java classes** for the model, along with a set of adapter classes that enable **viewing** and **command-based editing** [...].”

Source: <http://www.eclipse.org/emf>

What is EMF Client Platform?

