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CAA/RADE Basics

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Abstract

This teleconference will go through our thought process in deciding to use CAA/RADE and will discuss the basics of creating a CAA/RADE program. Programming with CAA/RADE is not easy, and can be very intimidating. This session will go through a methodology that can be used to break this programming problem into smaller parts, making it more feasible. Half of the conference will be spent laying down good programming principles, and the other half will be a hands-on experience creating your own workspace.

Overview

- Strengths and Weaknesses of Various Methods of Programming CATIA
- My Language Choices
- Advantages of Object Oriented Programming
- Different Object Oriented Options
 - VB 6.0
 - CAA/RADE
 - Combination
- Understanding CAA/RADE

CATIA Programming Options

- Visual Basic
 - VBScript and CATScript - the Quick and Dirty Method
 - VBA – A Script Created in a MSDev Environment
 - Visual Basic 6.0 - Simplest Object Oriented Approach
 - Visual Studio.Net - Up and Coming Approach
- CAA/RADE
 - C++ - the Primary Language
 - Java - Supported but not as Common

My Language Choices

- Methods I am Not Using
 - Script Language Has No Debugging
 - VBA Environment is Not Object Oriented
 - VB.Net Should Be There Soon, But Not Yet
 - Java is Not Well Supported and May Not Ever Be
- Languages I am Using
 - VB 6.0 is a Relatively Easy yet Powerful Tool
 - C++ is the Most Supported CAA/RADE Language

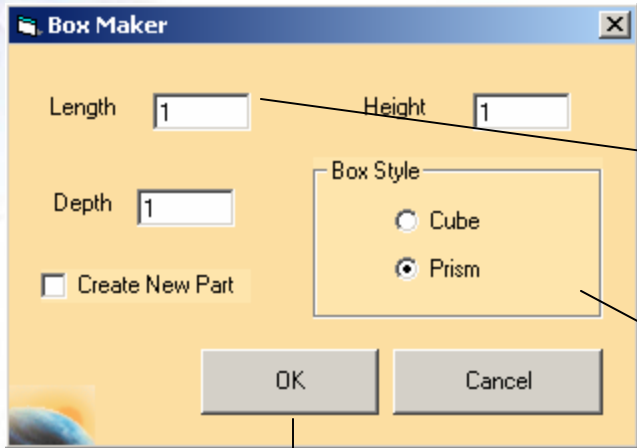
Object Oriented Power

- Ease of Programming; Re-use
 - Initial Investment of Programming Ability
 - Only Write Functions Once
 - Organize Functions into your Own Structure
 - Share Objects Throughout Company
- Facilitate Maintenance
 - Problems Only Need to be Fixed in One Place
 - Feasible to Document Functions Well

Object Oriented Options – Overview

	VB 6.0	CAA/RADE	Combination
Programming Difficulty	Easy	Hard	Medium
GUI Capability	High	Medium	High
API Exposure Quantity	Low	High	High
API Exposure Time	Late	Early	Early
License Costs	Low	High	Medium
Maintenance Costs	Low	High	Medium

Object Oriented Options – VB 6.0 GUI



```
Private Sub txtLength_Validate(Cancel As Boolean)

    If Not IsNumeric(txtLength) Then

        MsgBox "Number Required!"
        txtLength = 1

    End If

    If OptCube = True Then

        txtDepth = txtLength
        txtHeight = txtLength

    End If

End Sub
```

```
Private Sub OptCube_Click()

    txtDepth.Enabled = False
    txtHeight.Enabled = False
    txtDepth = txtLength
    txtHeight = txtLength

End Sub

Private Sub OptPrism_Click()

    txtDepth.Enabled = True
    txtHeight.Enabled = True

End Sub
```

See Next
Slide



The VB GUI Code is
Very Simple



VB Toolbars Can Have Unpredictable Behavior
and are Not Directly Integrated

Object Oriented Options – VB 6.0 Structure

```
Private Sub cmdOK_Click()

    Dim MyCatia As Eric.CATIA
    Dim MySketchPlane As Object

    GetUserVals
    Set MyCatia = New Eric.CATIA

    'Start CATIA
    MyCatia.StartCATIA True

    If chkCreatePart.Value = 1 Then

        MyCatia.NewPartDoc

    End If

    'Retrieve XY Plane and create a sketch
    Set MySketchPlane = MyCatia.GetPlaneXY
    MyCatia.CreateSketch MySketchPlane

    'Draw a Box in the Sketch
    MyCatia.Box2D mDepth, mLength

    'Pad the Sketch
    MyCatia.CreatePad mHeight

    Unload Me

End Sub
```

```
Public Function StartCatia(Optional visible As Boolean = True) As INFITF.Application

    On Error Resume Next

    Set StartCatia = GetObject(, "CATIA.Application")
    If Err.Number <> 0 Then
        Set StartCatia = CreateObject("CATIA.Application")
    End If
    StartCatia.visible = visible
    StartCatia.DisplayFileAlerts = visible
    On Error GoTo 0

End Function
```

```
Public Function Box2D(HHeight As Double, Width As Double, mDepth)

    Dim MyDoc As PartDocument
    Dim MyPart As Part
    Dim MyBodies As Bodies
    Dim MyBody As Body
    Dim MySketches As Sketches
    Dim MySketch As Sketch
    Dim MyFactory2D As Factory2D
    Dim MyGeometricElement As GeometricElement
    Dim MyAxis, MyXAxis, MyYAxis As Object
    Dim MyRefAxis, MyRefAxis As Reference
    Dim MyPoint1, MyPoint2, MyPoint3, MyPoint4 As Point2D
    Dim MyRefPoint1, MyRefPoint2, MyRefPoint3, MyRefPoint4 As Reference
    Dim MyLine1, MyLine2, MyLine3, MyLine4 As Line2D
    Dim MyRefLine1, MyRefLine2, MyRefLine3, MyRefLine4 As Reference
    Dim MyConstraint1 As Constraint
    Dim MyConstraint2, MyConstraint3, MyConstraint4 As Constraint
    Dim MyConstraint5, MyConstraint6, MyConstraint7, MyConstraint8 As Constraint
    Dim MyHeight, MyWidth As Object

    'Create Part and Sketch
    Set MyDoc = CATIA.ActiveDocument
    Set MyPart = MyDoc.PART
    Set MyBodies = MyPart.Bodies
    Set MyBody = MyBodies.Item(MyBodies.Count) 'TODO: Eliminate the count cause it's not robust
    Set MySketches = MyBody.Sketches
    Set MySketch = MySketches.Item(MySketches.Count) 'TODO: Eliminate the count here too.
    Set MyFactory2D = MySketch.OpenAddition()

    'Get Horizontal and Vertical Axes
    Set MyGeometricElement = MySketch.GeometricElement
    Set MyAxis = MyGeometricElement.Item("Absolutexaxis")
    Set MyXAxis = MyAxis.GetItem("XDirection")
    Set MyYAxis = MyAxis.GetItem("YDirection")
```

```
'Create X and Y Reference
Set MyRefAxis = MyPart.CreateReferenceFromObject(MyAxis)
Set MyRefYAxis = MyPart.CreateReferenceFromObject(MyYAxis)

'Create Four Points
Set MyPoint1 = MyFactory2D.CreatePoint(0#, 0#)
Set MyPoint2 = MyFactory2D.CreatePoint(25.4, 0#)
Set MyPoint3 = MyFactory2D.CreatePoint(25.4, 25.4)
Set MyPoint4 = MyFactory2D.CreatePoint(0#, 25.4)

'Create Reference From Points
Set MyRefPoint1 = MyPart.CreateReferenceFromObject(MyPoint1)
Set MyRefPoint2 = MyPart.CreateReferenceFromObject(MyPoint2)
Set MyRefPoint3 = MyPart.CreateReferenceFromObject(MyPoint3)
Set MyRefPoint4 = MyPart.CreateReferenceFromObject(MyPoint4)

'Create Lines
Set MyLine1 = MyFactory2D.CreateLine(0#, 0#, 25.4, 0#)
MyLine1.StartPoint = MyPoint1
MyLine1.EndPoint = MyPoint2

Set MyLine2 = MyFactory2D.CreateLine(25.4, 0#, 25.4, 25.4)
MyLine2.StartPoint = MyPoint2
MyLine2.EndPoint = MyPoint3

Set MyLine3 = MyFactory2D.CreateLine(25.4, 25.4, 0#, 25.4)
MyLine3.StartPoint = MyPoint3
MyLine3.EndPoint = MyPoint4

Set MyLine4 = MyFactory2D.CreateLine(0#, 25.4, 0#, 0#)
MyLine4.StartPoint = MyPoint4
MyLine4.EndPoint = MyPoint1

'Create Reference From Lines
Set MyRefLine1 = MyPart.CreateReferenceFromObject(MyLine1)
Set MyRefLine2 = MyPart.CreateReferenceFromObject(MyLine2)
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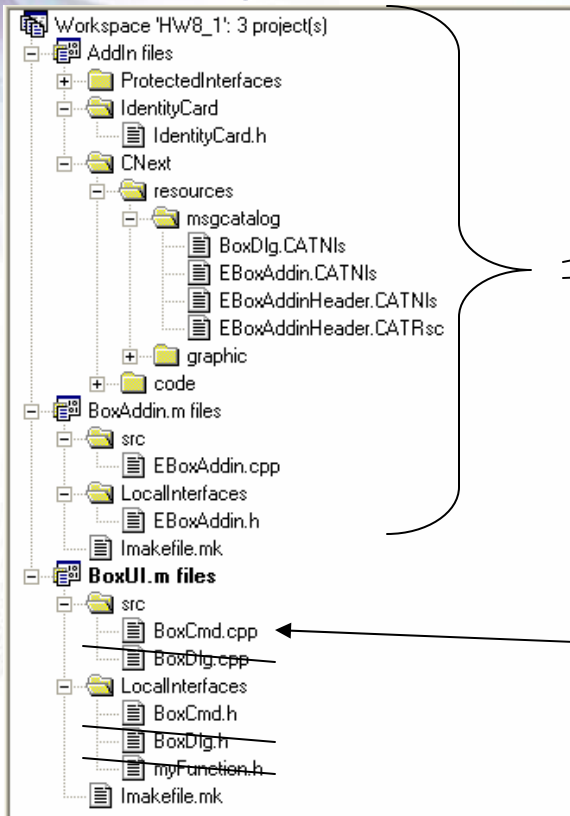


Three Pages of Code
implemented in One Line

Object Oriented Options CAA/RADE

- **Added Power**
 - Access to More Functions in Most Areas of CATIA
 - Access to Entire Areas That are Not Available in VB
 - Delmia
 - Enovia
 - CATIA Geometric Modeler
 - Machining
 - Etc.
- **Added Cost and Complexity**

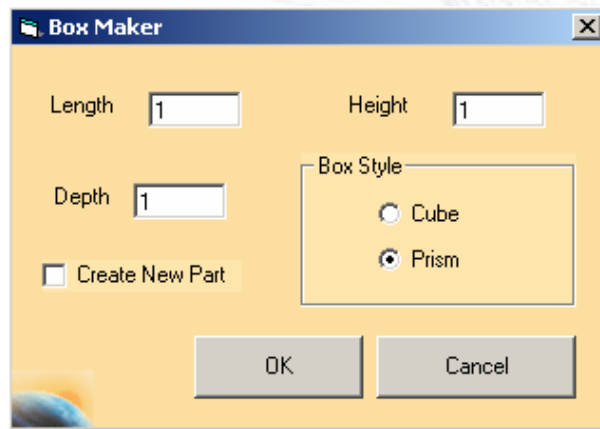
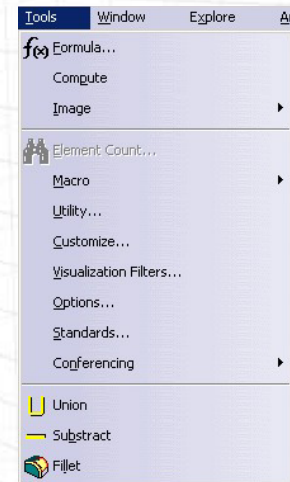
Object Oriented Options – Combined



Complex File Structure



The Commands Are Directly Integrated Into CATIA



Call Your VB Form

Understanding CAA/RADE – Data Structure (1/3)

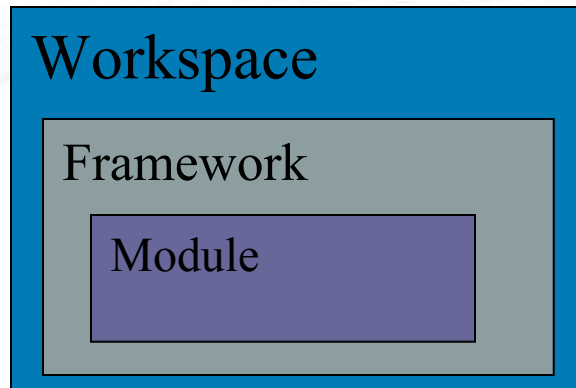
- CAA/RADE Has a Different Data Structure than Visual C++
- CAA/RADE Has Three Elements
 - Workspace
 - Framework
 - Module

CAA/RADE	C++
Workspace	Workspace
Framework	
Module	Project

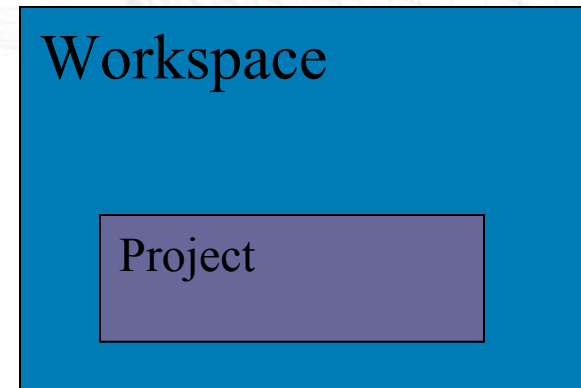
Understanding CAA/RADE – Data Structure (2/3)

- A Framework Has No C++ Equivalent, but is Similar to a Project
- It is Basically an Added Tier of Organization

CAA/RADE



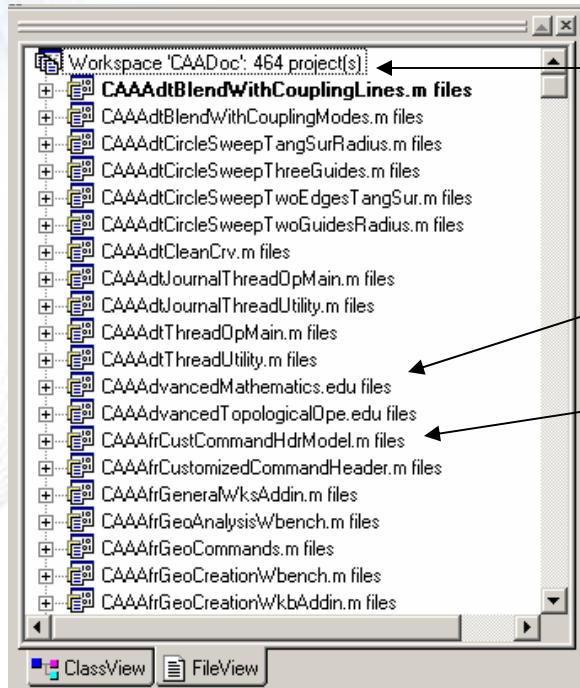
C++



Understanding CAA/RADE – Data Structure (3/3)

Hard to Understand This

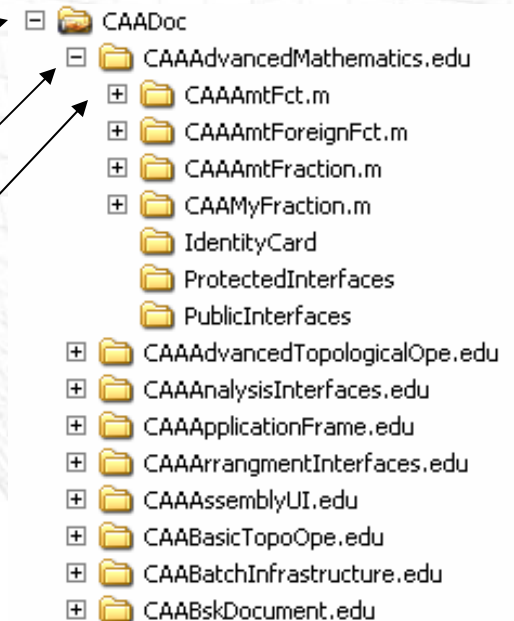
Easier to Understand This



Workspace

Framework

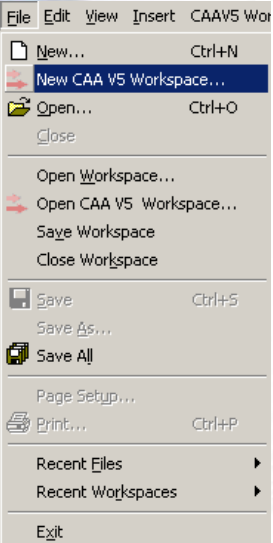
Module



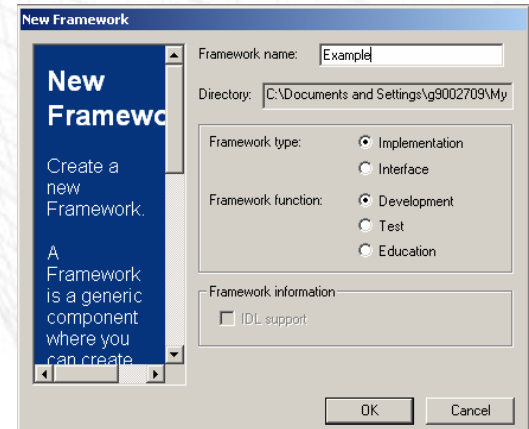
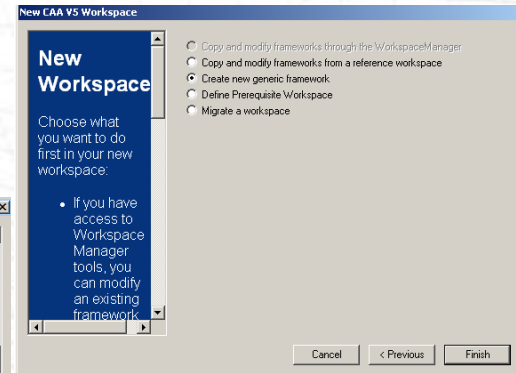
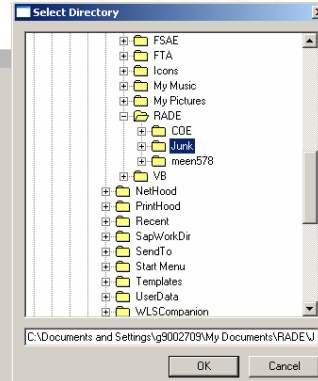
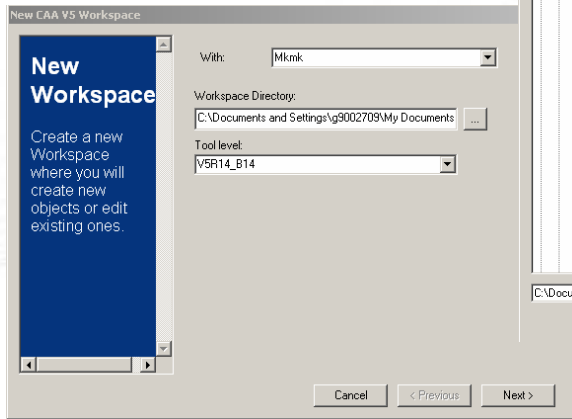
Careful Naming Conventions and File Organization are Vital!



Understanding CAA/RADE – Example (1/7)

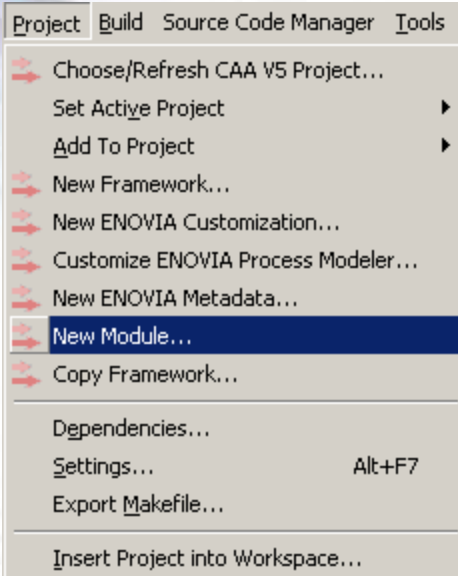


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Because Many Folders and Files
Will be Automatically Generated

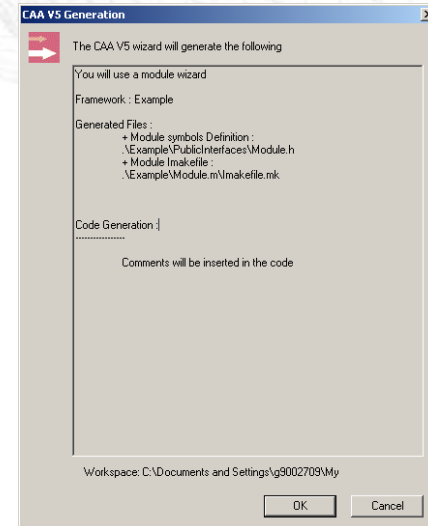
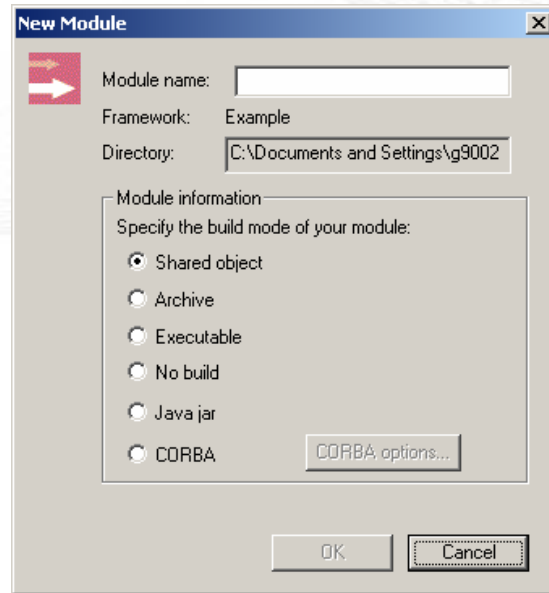


A Workspace is Just a Container, A
Framework is a Container With Some
Intelligence

Understanding CAA/RADE – Example (2/7)

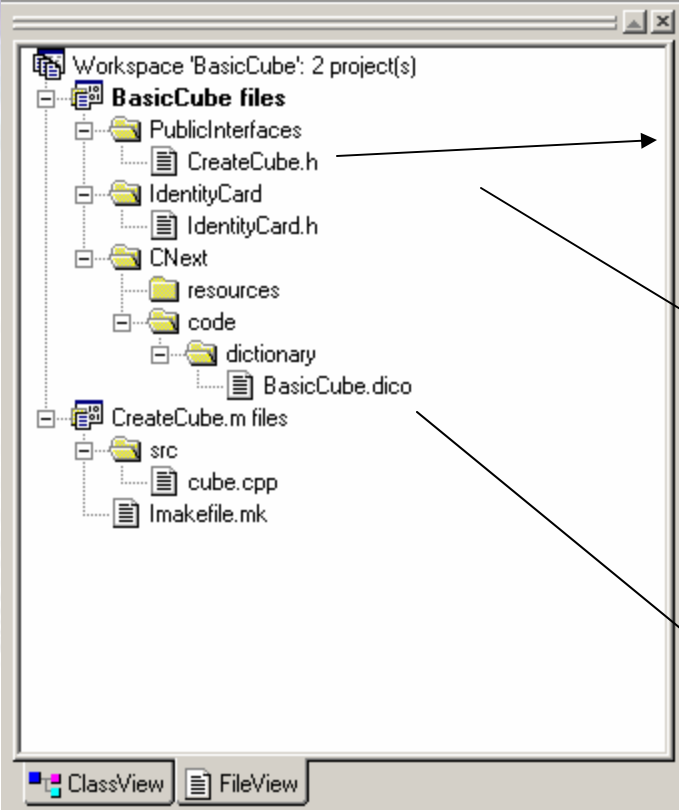


Visual Studio Organizes both Frameworks and Modules Alphabetically as if They are Both Projects. Good Naming Conventions Can Help Make Framework and Module Navigation Much Less Confusing.



A Module is Where Everything Actually Happens

Understanding CAA/RADE – Example (3/7)



```
#ifndef _WINDOWS_SOURCE
#define _Cube
#define ExportedByCube __declspec(dllexport)
#else
#define ExportedByCube __declspec(dllimport)
#endif
#define ExportedByCube
```



These Files Are Generated Automatically

```
// COPYRIGHT DASSAULT SYSTEMES 2005
//
// IdentityCard.h
// Supplies the list of prerequisite components for framework BasicCube
//
// Usage notes:
// For every prereq framework FW, use the syntax:
// AddPrereqComponent ("FW", Public);
//
// Jun 2005 Creation: Code generated by the CAA wizard g9002709
// DO NOT EDIT :: THE CAA2 WIZARDS WILL ADD CODE HERE
AddPrereqComponent("System",Public);
// END WIZARD EDITION ZONE
AddPrereqComponent("ObjectModelerBase",Protected);
AddPrereqComponent("MechModInterfaces",Protected);
AddPrereqComponent("SketcherInterfaces",Protected);
AddPrereqComponent("ObjectSpecsModeler",Protected);
AddPrereqComponent("Mathematics",Protected);
AddPrereqComponent("PartInterfaces",Protected);
AddPrereqComponent("LiteralFeatures",Protected);
AddPrereqComponent("KnowledgeInterfaces",Protected);
AddPrereqComponent("ApplicationFrame",Protected);
```

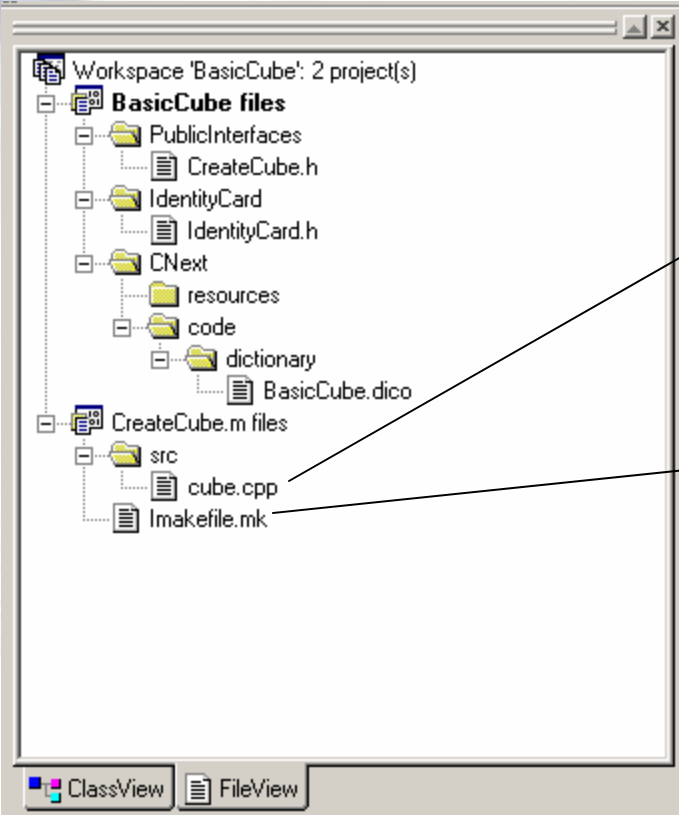
Notice The Prerequisites

```
# COPYRIGHT DASSAULT SYSTEMES 2005
# Dictionary BasicCube.dico
# associated with framework BasicCube
#
# Jun 2005 Creation: Code generated by the CAA wizard g9002709
# DO NOT EDIT :: THE CAA2 WIZARDS WILL ADD CODE HERE
# END WIZARD EDITION ZONE
```



Sometimes You Have to Add them to the Folders Even Though They Already Exist

Understanding CAA/RADE – Example (4/7)



We Will Create This .cpp File in the Following Slides

```

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#-----
# Imakefile for module CreateCube.m
#-----
# Jun 2005 Creation: Code generated by the CAA wizard g9002709
#-----
# LOAD MODULE
BUILT_OBJECT_TYPE=LOAD MODULE

# DO NOT EDIT :: THE CAA2 WIZARDS WILL ADD CODE HERE
WIZARD_LINK_MODULES = JS0GROUP
# END WIZARD EDITION ZONE

LINK_WITH = $(WIZARD_LINK_MODULES) JS0GROUP \
    CATObjectModelerBase \
    CATMechModInterfaces \
    CATSketcherInterfaces \
    CATMathematics \
    CATPartInterfaces \
    CATObjectSpecsModeler \
    CATLiteralFeatures \
    KnowledgeIrf \
    CATGitInterfaces \
    CATMechanicalModeler \
    CATPartInterfaces \
    CATApplicationFrame \

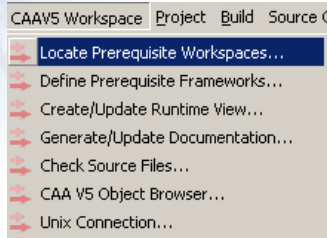
# System dependant variables
#
OS = AIX
#
OS = HP-UX
#
OS = IRIX
#
OS = SunOS
#
OS = Windows_NT
    
```



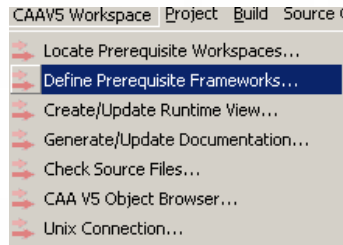
In This Example, Only cube.cpp is not automatically generated

Understanding CAA/RADE – Example (5/7)

Workspaces



Frameworks



Modules

```

//Standard libraries
#include <iostream.h>
#include <string>

//ObjectModelerBase Framework
#include "CATDocument.h"
#include "CATDocumentServices.h"
#include "CATIContainer.h"

//CATModInterface
#include "CATIContainerOfDocument.h"

//MecModInterfaces Framework
#include "CATIPrtContainer.h"
#include "CATIPrtPart.h"

//SketcherInterfacesFramework
#include "CATISketchFactory.h"
#include "CATISketch.h"
#include "CATI2DFFFFactory.h"
#include "CATI2DCurve.h"
#include "CATI2DPoint.h"

//ObjectSpecsModeler
#include "CATISpecObject.h"

//Mathematics Framework
#include "CATMathPlane.h"

//PartInterfaces Framework
#include "CATIPrtFactory.h"
#include "CATIPad.h"
#include "CATLimitDef.s.h"

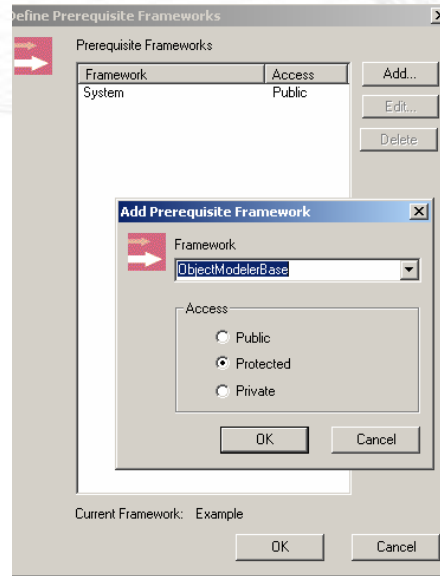
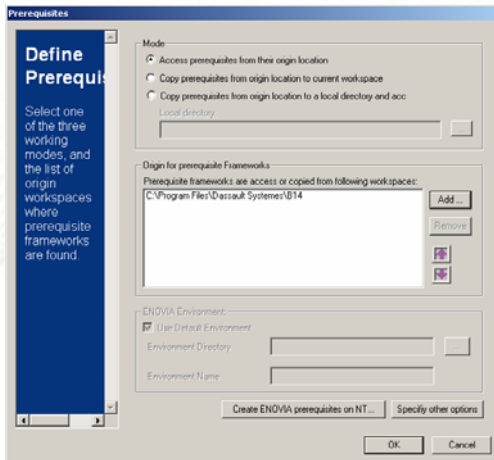
// LiteralFeatures FW
#include "CATIParmPublisher.h"
#include "CATICkeParmFactory.h"
#include "CATICkeParm.h"

// KnowledgeInterfaces FW
#include "CATIVisitor.h"

//Not Sure Which Framework Yet
#include "CATFrmEditor.h"
    
```



It is Helpful To Group Modules According to Their Frameworks



Understanding CAA/RADE – Example (6/7)

```
void main()
{
// Variables
double dLenX, dLenY, dLenZ;
char cName[256];
HRESULT hr;

// Gets the user name
cout << "Name the block: ";
cin >> cName;

// Defines cube size:
dLenX = 25.4;
dLenY = 25.4;
dLenZ = 25.4;

// Opens a CATPart document
CATDocument* pDoc = GetDocument();
if(pDoc == NULL)
{
cout<<"Error: getDocument"<<endl;
}
else
{
cout<<"OK: getDocument"<<endl;
}

// Initializes the data
CATIContainerOfDocument_var spDoc = (CATIContainerOfDocument_var)pDoc;
CATIContainer *piContainer = NULL;
if ( FAILED(spDoc->GetSpecContainer( piContainer)) )
{
cout<<"Error: GetSpecContainer"<<endl;
}
else
{
cout<<"OK: GetSpecContainer"<<endl;
}
}
```

Some Things are Just Like C++

Most Things Are a Little Different

```
// Retrieves the root container
CATIPrtContainer *piPrtCont = NULL;
hr = piContainer->QueryInterface( IID_CATIPrtContainer, (void **)&piPrtCont );

if(FAILED(hr))
{
cout << "ERROR: piPrtCont" << endl;
}
else
{
cout << "OK: piPrtCont" << endl;
}

// Retrieves the sketch factory
CATISketchFactory_var spSketchFactOnPrtCont(piPrtCont);

// Creates the sketch plane and retrieves the part reference planes
CATIPrtPart_var spPart = piPrtCont->GetPart();
CATListValCATISpecObject_var spListRefPlanes = spPart -> GetReferencePlanes();

// Defines the xy plane as the first sketch plane
CATISpecObject_var spSketchPlane = spListRefPlanes[1];

// Instantiate the sketch
CATISketch_var spSketch = spSketchFactOnPrtCont->CreateSketch(spSketchPlane);

// Retrieves the 2D Factory
CATI2DWFFactory_var spWF2DFactOnSketch(spSketch);

// Creates the points
double pt1[2] = {dLenX, dLenY};
double pt2[2] = {0., dLenY};
double pt3[2] = {0., 0.};
double pt4[2] = {dLenX, 0.};

// Opens the sketch and draws lines
spSketch->OpenEdition();

CATISpecObject_var spLine1 = spWF2DFactOnSketch->CreateLine(pt1,pt2);
CATISpecObject_var spLine2 = spWF2DFactOnSketch->CreateLine(pt2,pt3);
CATISpecObject_var spLine3 = spWF2DFactOnSketch->CreateLine(pt3,pt4);
CATISpecObject_var spLine4 = spWF2DFactOnSketch->CreateLine(pt4,pt1);
```

Understanding CAA/RADE – Example (7/7)

```
// Opens the sketch and draws lines
spSketch->OpenEdition();

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CATISpecObject_var spLine3 = spWF2DFactOnSketch->CreateLine(pt3,pt4);
CATISpecObject_var spLine4 = spWF2DFactOnSketch->CreateLine(pt4,pt1);

//Defines end points
CATI2DCurve_var spCurveOnLine1(spLine1);
spCurveOnLine1->GetStartPoint();
spCurveOnLine1->GetEndPoint();
CATI2DCurve_var spCurveOnLine2(spLine2);
spCurveOnLine2->GetStartPoint();
spCurveOnLine2->GetEndPoint();
CATI2DCurve_var spCurveOnLine3(spLine3);
spCurveOnLine3->GetStartPoint();
spCurveOnLine3->GetEndPoint();
CATI2DCurve_var spCurveOnLine4(spLine4);
spCurveOnLine4->GetStartPoint();
spCurveOnLine4->GetEndPoint();

//Closes the sketch session
spSketch->CloseEdition();

//Defines the direction of the pad
CATMathDirection dirZ(0., 0., 1.);

//Retrieves the Mechanical Design Factory to create pad
CATIPrtFactory_var spPrtFactOnPrtCont(piPrtCont);

//Creates pad
CATISpecObject_var spSpecObj = spPrtFactOnPrtCont->CreatePad(spSketch);

CATIPad_var spPadOnSpecObj(spSpecObj);
spPadOnSpecObj->ModifyDirection(dirZ);
spPadOnSpecObj->ModifyEndType(catOffsetLimit);
spPadOnSpecObj->ModifyEndOffset(dLenZ);
spPadOnSpecObj->ModifyStartType(catOffsetLimit);
spPadOnSpecObj->ModifyStartOffset(0.);
```



The Flow and
Format
Parallels VB

```
//Builds pad "Update"
spSpecObj->Update();

CATIParmPublisher_var spPublisher = spPart;

CATICkeParmFactory_var spParamFact = piPrtCont;
piPrtCont->Release();
piPrtCont = NULL;

CATLISTV(CATBaseUnknown_var) ParamList;
CATIVisitor_var spStandardVisitor =
    spParamFact->CreateStandardVisitor(IID_CATICkeParm, &ParamList);

spPublisher->VisitChildren(spStandardVisitor, 1);

CATICkeParm_var tempParam = NULL_var;
CATUnicodeString tempUnicode = "CATPart1\\Definition";

for (int j=1; j<=ParamList.Size(); j++)
{
    tempParam = ParamList[j];
    if (tempUnicode == tempParam->Name())
    {
        tempParam->Valuate(cName);
    }
}

spSpecObj->Update();

//Saves the pad
char tempName[256];
sprintf(tempName, "C:\\\\%s.CATPart", cName);
CATDocumentServices::SaveAs(*pDoc, tempName);

//Closes the section

cout << "Program ended successfully" << endl;
cout << "Part was saved at " << tempName << endl;
}
```

Summary

- Which Programming Methods You Use is an Important Decision.
- We Have Chosen to Use a Combination of VB and CAA/RADE Because That Best Fits Our Organization's Needs.
- Taking The Time to Understand the Structure of CAA/RADE can be Difficult, but is Very Important.

Questions?



All The Best
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