



 **EGF Tutorial**  
**EMF Generation Patterns**

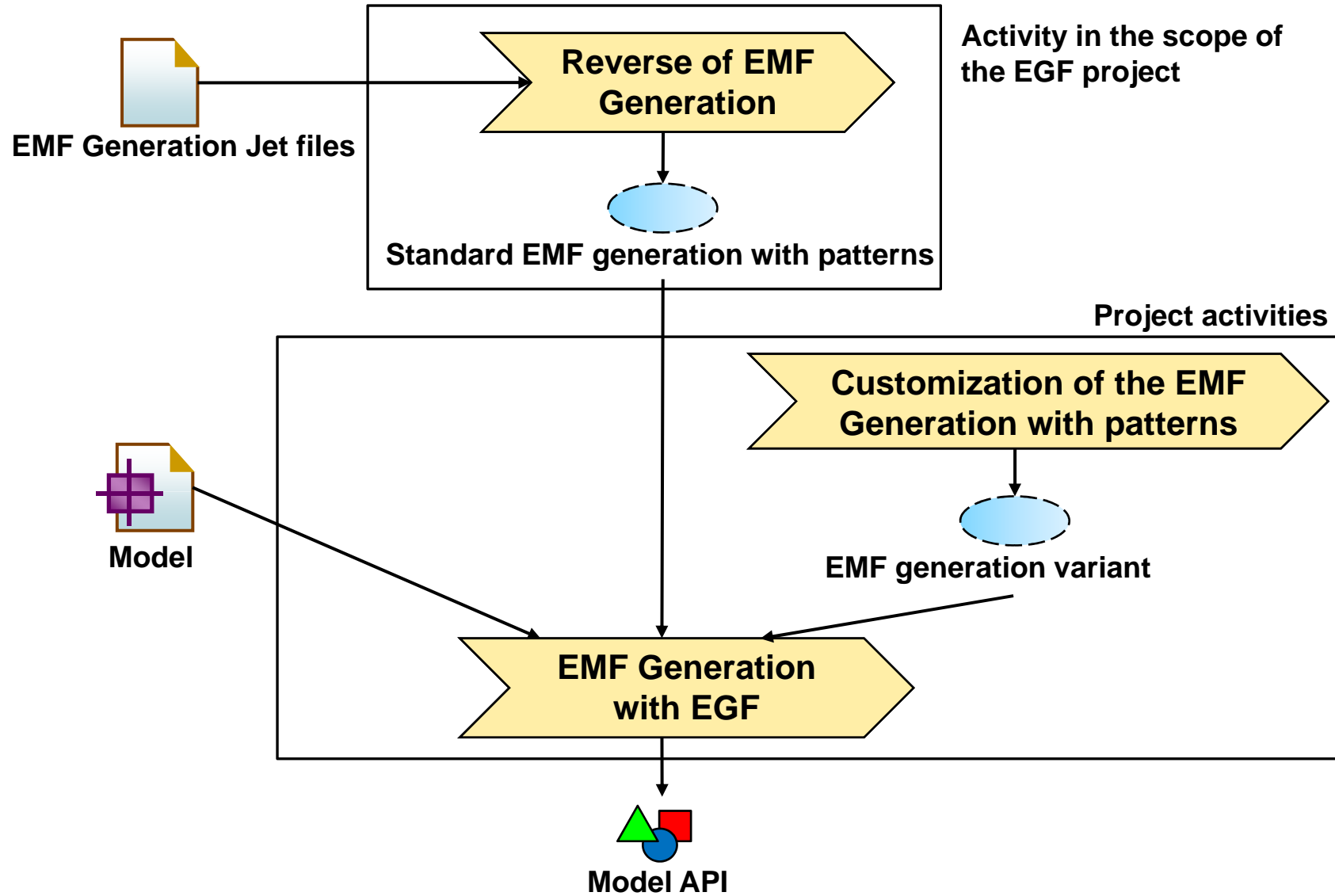
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- **Process**
- **Benefits of the Pattern Technique**
- **Best Practices for the EMF Generation**

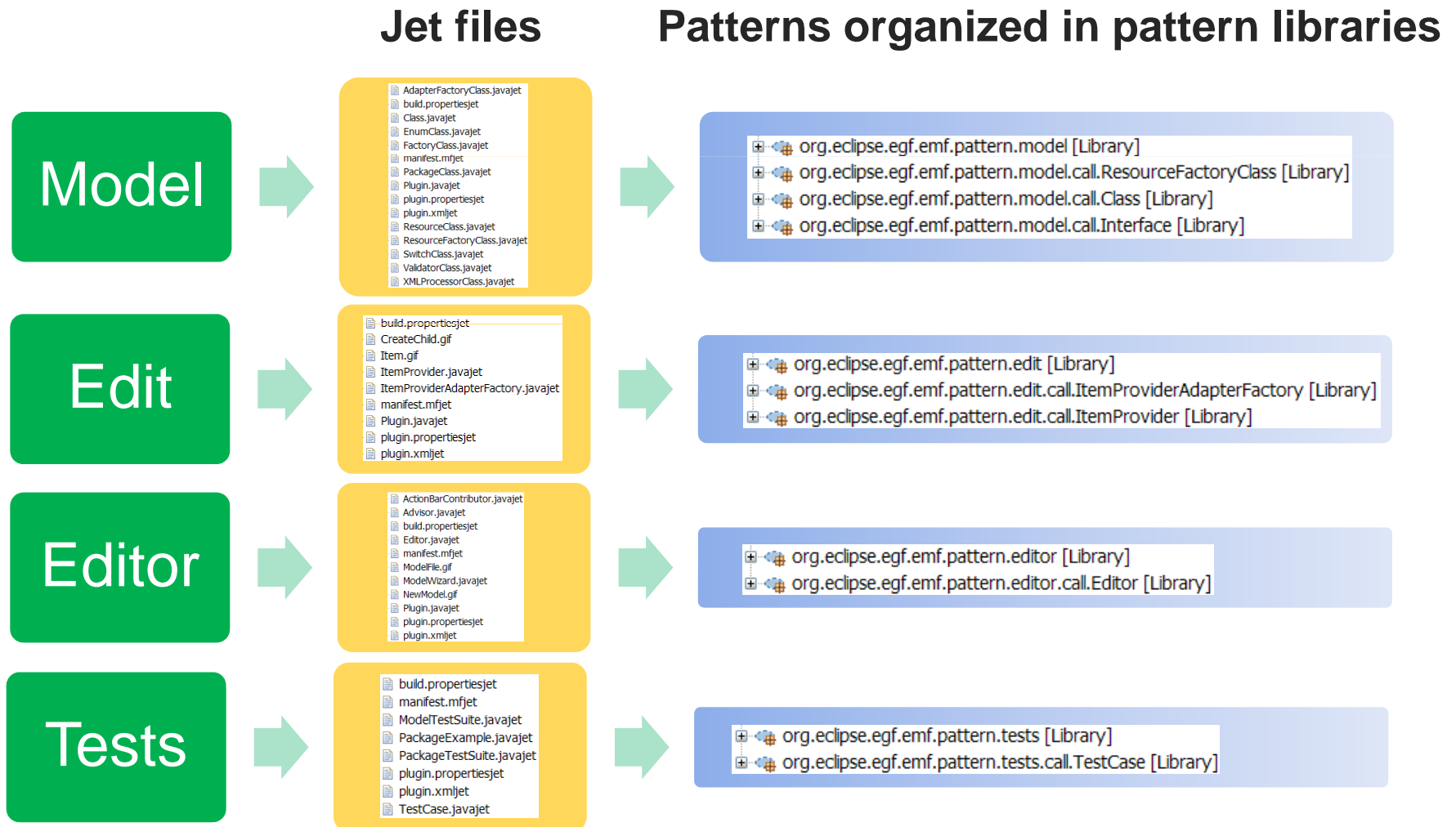
- ▶ EGF (Eclipse Generation Factories) is an Eclipse open source project under the **EMFT project**
- ▶ **Purpose:** providing a **model-based generation framework**
- ▶ **Operational objectives:**
  - ▶ Supporting complex, large-scale and customizable generations
  - ▶ Promoting the constitution of generation portfolios in order to capitalize on generation solutions
  - ▶ Providing an extensible generation structure

- **The EMF generation is central for model-based developments,**
- **But limits exist to the EMF generation today, e.g.:**
  - ▶ Some Jet files are monolithic, problem of readability due to the generation complexity
  - ▶ Reuse / customization: problem of capitalization and scalability for large-scale applications with common and specific needs
- **Work realized with EGF:**
  - ▶ Transformation of the Jet files for the EMF generation into patterns
- **Added-value:**
  - ▶ Clarification of the EMF generation
  - ▶ Taking profit from the pattern technique

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# Reverse of the EMF Generation into Patterns



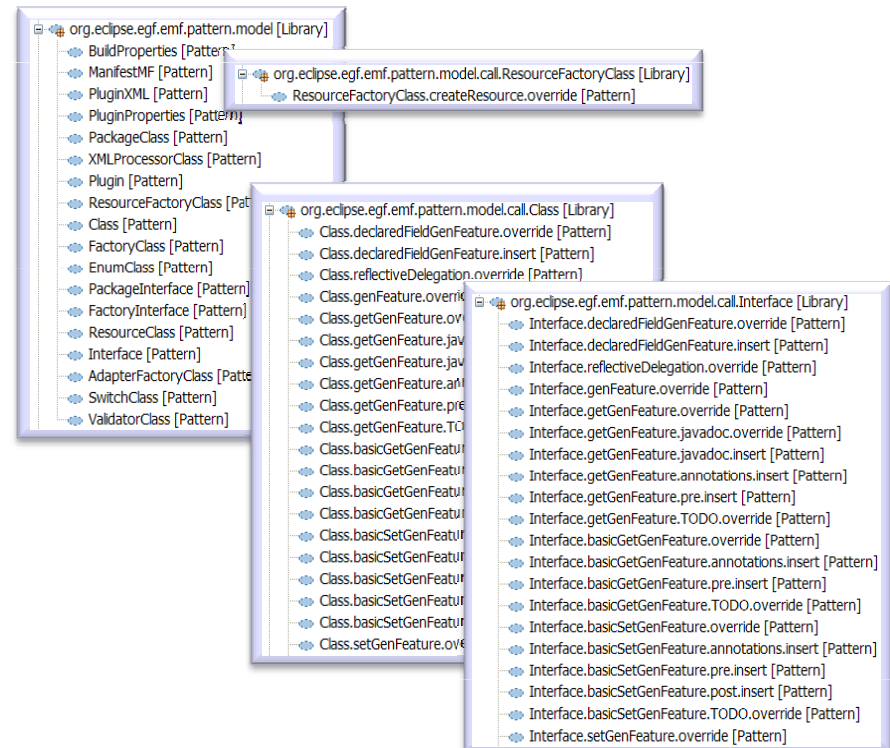
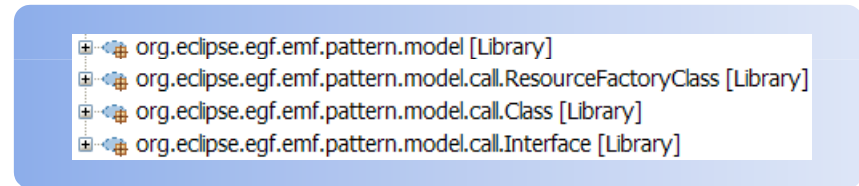
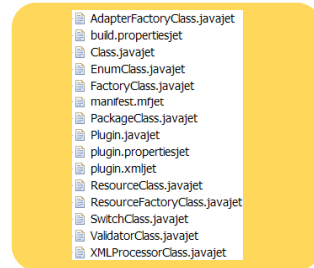
# Reverse of EMF Generation



Model

Jet files

Patterns organized in pattern libraries





# Example of Decomposition



Reverse

calls

```
org.eclipse.egf.emf.pattern.edit [Library]
├── PluginXML [Pattern]
├── BuildProperties [Pattern]
├── ManifestMF [Pattern]
├── PluginProperties [Pattern]
├── ItemProvider [Pattern]
├── ItemProviderAdapterFactory [Pattern]
├── Plugin [Pattern]
├── CreateChildIconsForGenPackage [Pattern]
├── ItemIcon [Pattern]
├── CreateChildIconsForGenClass [Pattern]
├── org.eclipse.egf.emf.pattern.edit.call.ItemProvider [Library]
├── ItemProvider.addPropertyDescriptor.override [Pattern]
├── ItemProvider.getText.override [Pattern]
├── ItemProvider.newChildDescriptorsReferenceDelegatedFeature.override [Pattern]
├── ItemProvider.newChildDescriptorsReferenceDelegatedFeature.insert [Pattern]
├── ItemProvider.newChildDescriptorsAttributeDelegatedFeature.override [Pattern]
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├── ItemProvider.newChildDescriptorsAttributeFeature.insert [Pattern]
└── ItemProvider.insert [Pattern]
```

**Overview**

**General Information**

This section describes general information about this pattern.

Name:

Library:

Id:

**Description**

Fill-in detailed pattern behavior

This pattern was generated from file "edit/ItemProvider.javajet" in project org.eclipse.emf.codegen.ecore 2.1.5.v200906151043 from EMF 2.5.0.

This pattern calls:

- \* org.eclipse.egf.emf.pattern.base.HeaderJava
- \* org.eclipse.egf.emf.pattern.edit.call.ItemProvider.ItemProvider.addPropertyDescriptor.override
- \* org.eclipse.egf.emf.pattern.edit.call.ItemProvider.ItemProvider.getText.override
- \* org.eclipse.egf.emf.pattern.edit.call.ItemProvider.ItemProvider.newChildDescriptorsReferenceDelegatedFeature.override
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- \* org.eclipse.egf.emf.pattern.edit.call.ItemProvider.ItemProvider.insert

Jet code is distributed in the implementation part of the different patterns accordingly

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- **Definition:**
  - ▶ Definition #1 – Rationale: A pattern is a solution to a recurrent problem
  - ▶ Definition #2 – Structural: A pattern is a formalism to express systematic behavior
- **Key points:**
  - ▶ A pattern conforms to a language and is executable
  - ▶ The pattern specification reflects the external view (e.g., parameters), while pattern implementation reflects the internal view (e.g., methods)
- **Introduction to patterns:**
  - ▶ Tutorials: “EGF Tutorial”, “Reuse and Customization”
  - ▶ Examples: Pattern Use Cases 1 and 2, EMF generation use cases

# Benefits for the EMF Generation

- **Pattern = generation unit**
  - ▶ Interest of the problem decomposition by pattern
- **Extensibility**
  - ▶ Interest of the pattern inheritance and pattern call mechanisms
  - ▶ Ability to change / extend patterns by a substitution mechanism
  - ▶ Ability to combine patterns written in different languages
- **Team management**
  - ▶ Possibility to have several contributors
- **Toward product lines**
  - ▶ Autonomy to create generation variants

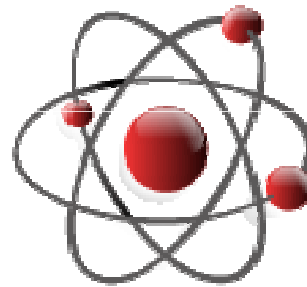
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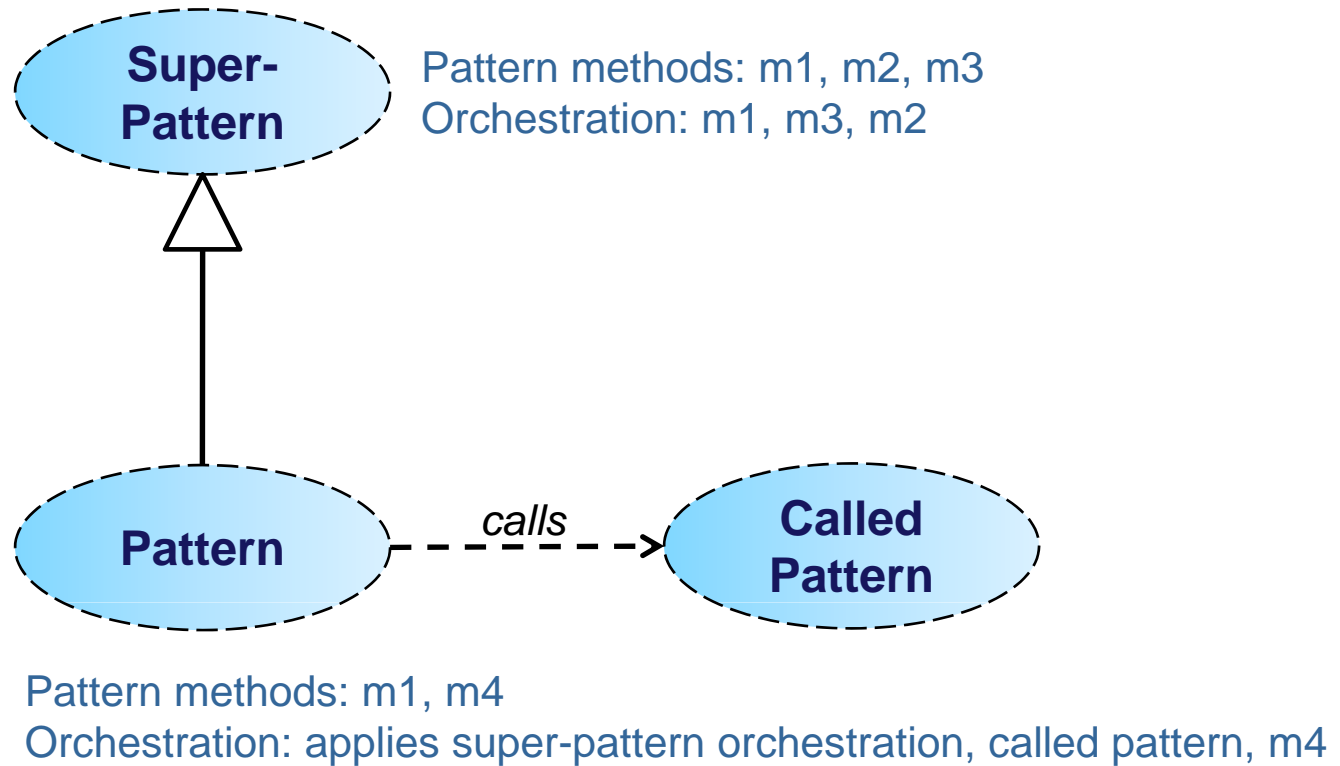
- Next slides present best practices that can be introduced in the EMF generation

- Level of confidence:

	Tested
	Experimented
	Operational



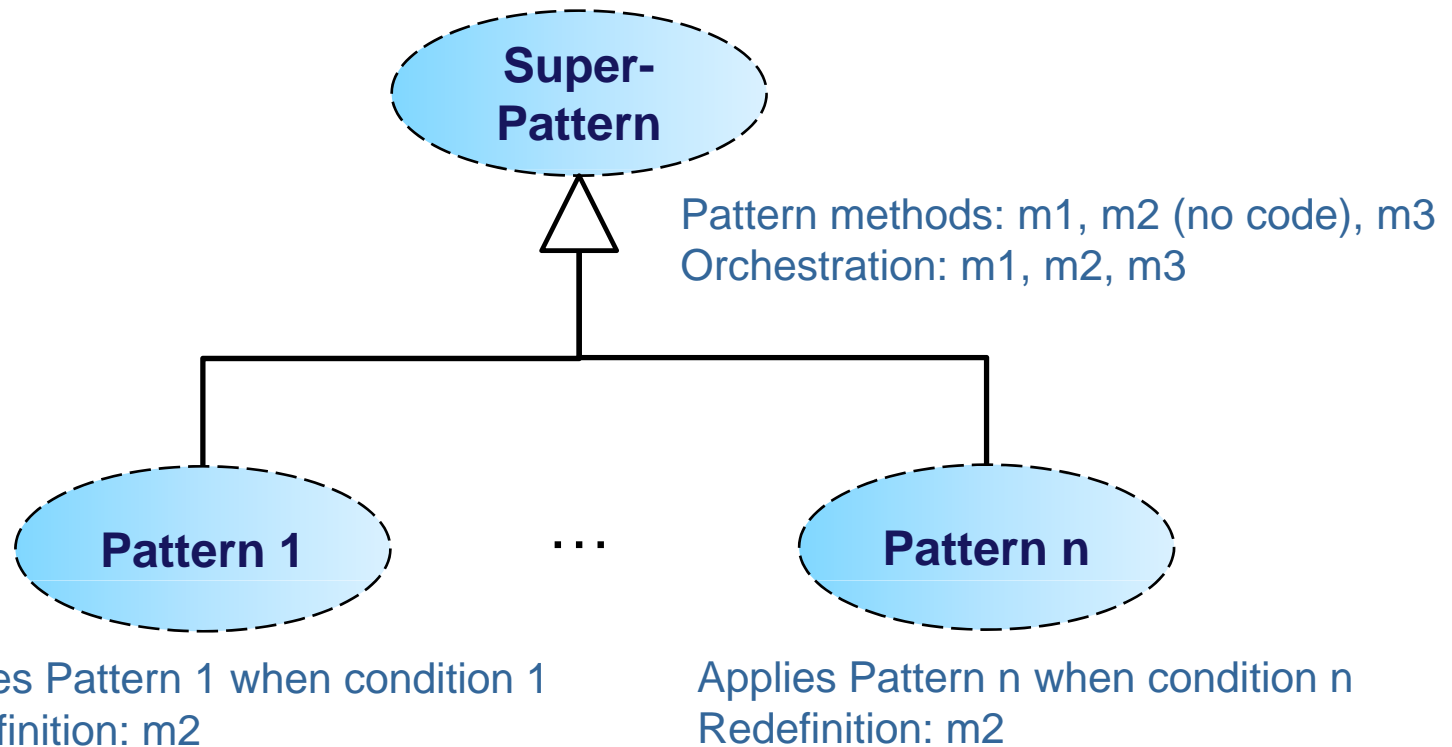
## Pattern Best Practices



**Pattern Adaptation:** Reusing orchestration of the parent pattern and adding orchestration specificities (e.g., method polymorphism, pattern call)

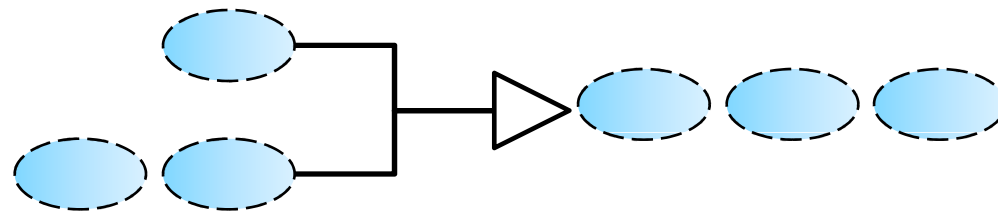
**Example:** Redefinition of the getText pattern





**Pattern Alternative:** A super-pattern defines a prototype; a sub-pattern is applied when its condition is satisfied; the prototype is redefined. Possibility of exclusive / inclusive alternatives.

**Example:** Method contents depends on metamodel conditions



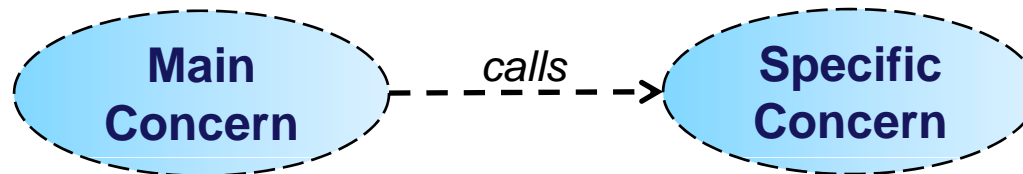
Merge operation

**Pattern Merge:** Merge of two pattern lists

**Example:** Combining standard and customized generations

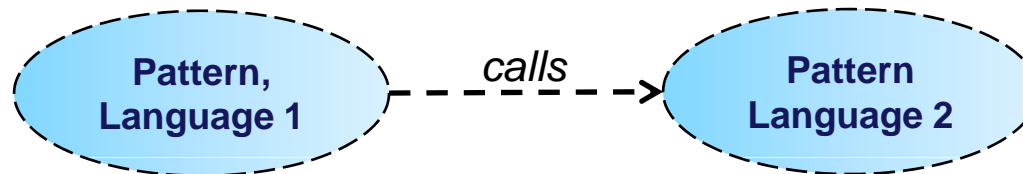


# Separation of Concerns



**Separation of Concerns:** A standard generation delegates processing for a specific concern

**Example:** During an EMF generation, invocation of pattern for a text-to-text transformation based on an AST analysis in order to modify method content



**Bridge of Language:** A pattern written in a language calls a pattern written in another language

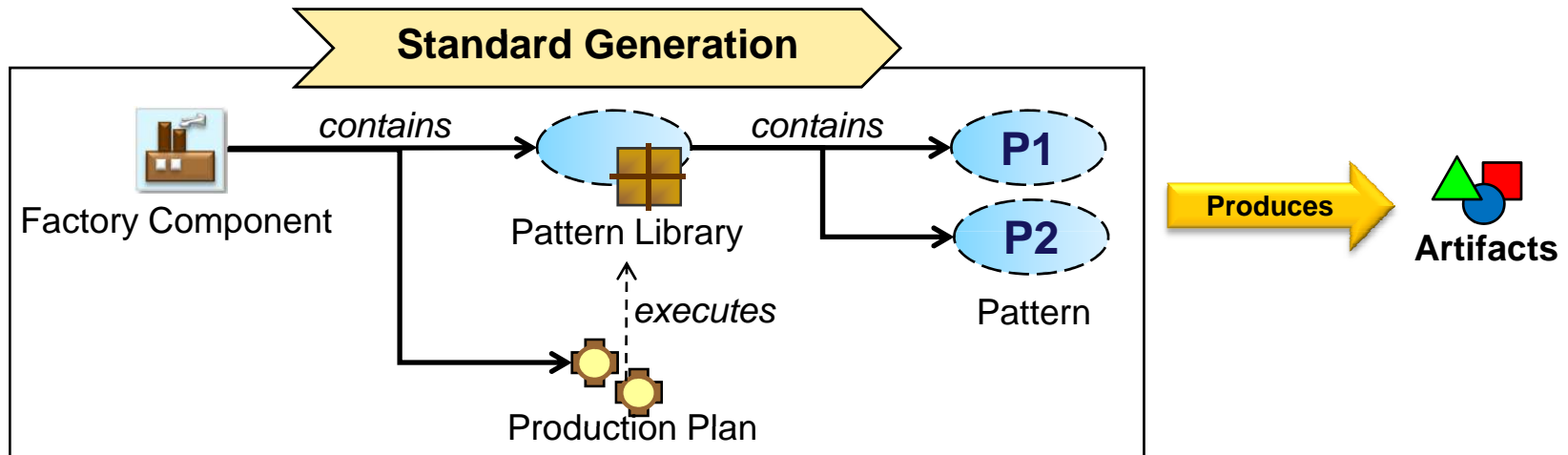
**Example:** a Jet pattern calls a pattern in Java / in another model-to-text language



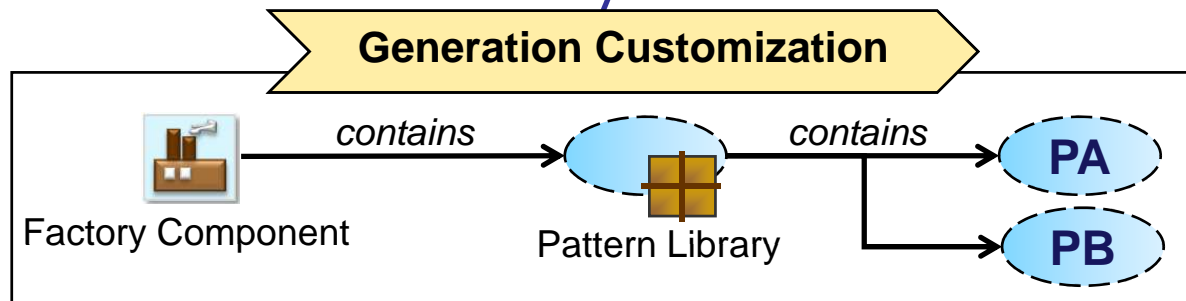
## Portfolio Best Practices



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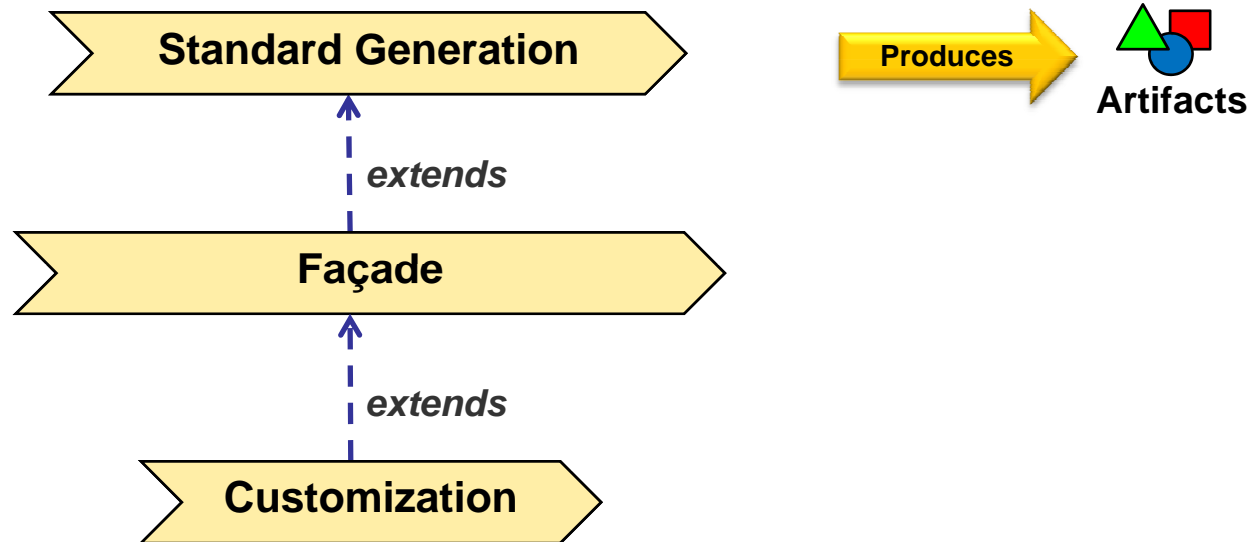


**Substitution: P1 becomes PA and PB**



**Customization by Substitution:** Extension of a pattern-based standard generation with patterns for customization

**Example:** Redefinition of the insert/override patterns



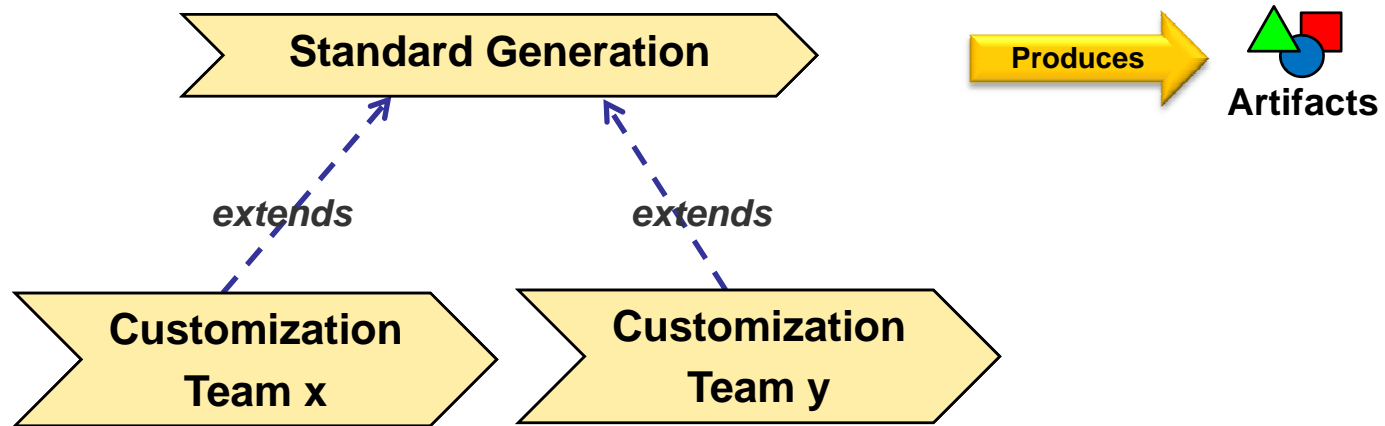
**Generation Façade:** A façade hides a standard generation and customization in the façade, and takes into account provided customizations

**Example:** Creation of a standard EMF generation for a company / department



## Organizational Best Practices



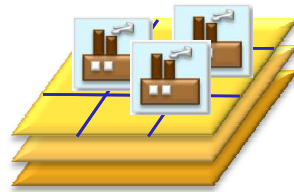


**Generation Variation:** Teams isolate and apply different generations based on the same standard generation

**Example:** Two teams extends differently the EMF generation



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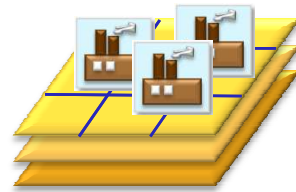


**Portfolio**

**EMF Generation**



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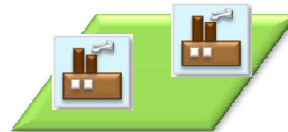
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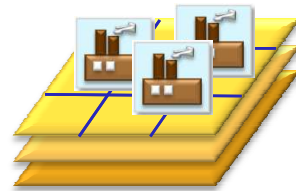
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**Portfolio Adaptation  
Team #1**





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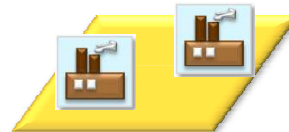


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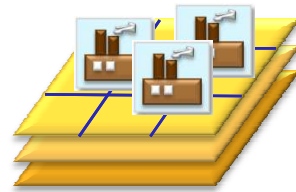
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EMF Generation Variant #1



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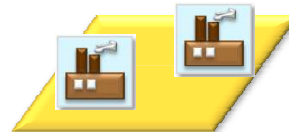


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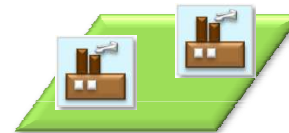
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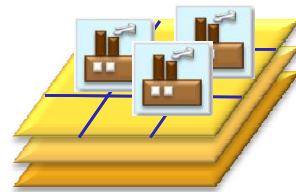
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**Portfolio Adaptation  
Team #2**



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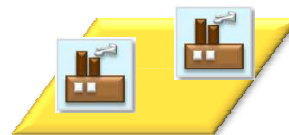


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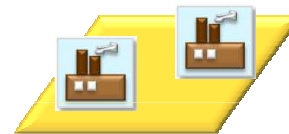
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EMF Generation Variant #2