

# **17. Adding Modularity to a Domain-Specific Language with the Reuseware Tool**

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- 1) The DSL Taipan
- 2) Reuseware
- 3) Extending the metamodel  
of Taipan for modularity
- 4) Reuseware tool



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## **17.1 Building Modularisation into Taipan DSL**

- ▶ Languages need modularization concepts
  - Reduce complexity
  - Improve reusability
- ▶ Challenges
  - Modularization influences syntax and semantics
  - Requires additional tooling support
- ▶ Reuseware toolkit [1][2]
  - Does not influence design of DSL syntax or semantics
    - DSL syntax can be extended at the end
  - Composes modularized models to monolithic models
    - DSL semantics do not require extension
  - Generic tooling can be used with arbitrary DSLs

- ▶ [1] Jakob Henriksson, Jendrik Johannes, Steffen Zschaler, and Uwe Aßmann. Reuseware - adding modularity to your language of choice. Journal of Object Technology, 6(9):127-146, 2007. On Language-Independent Model Modularisation, Transactions on Aspect-Oriented Development, 2008
- ▶ [2] <http://reuseware.org>



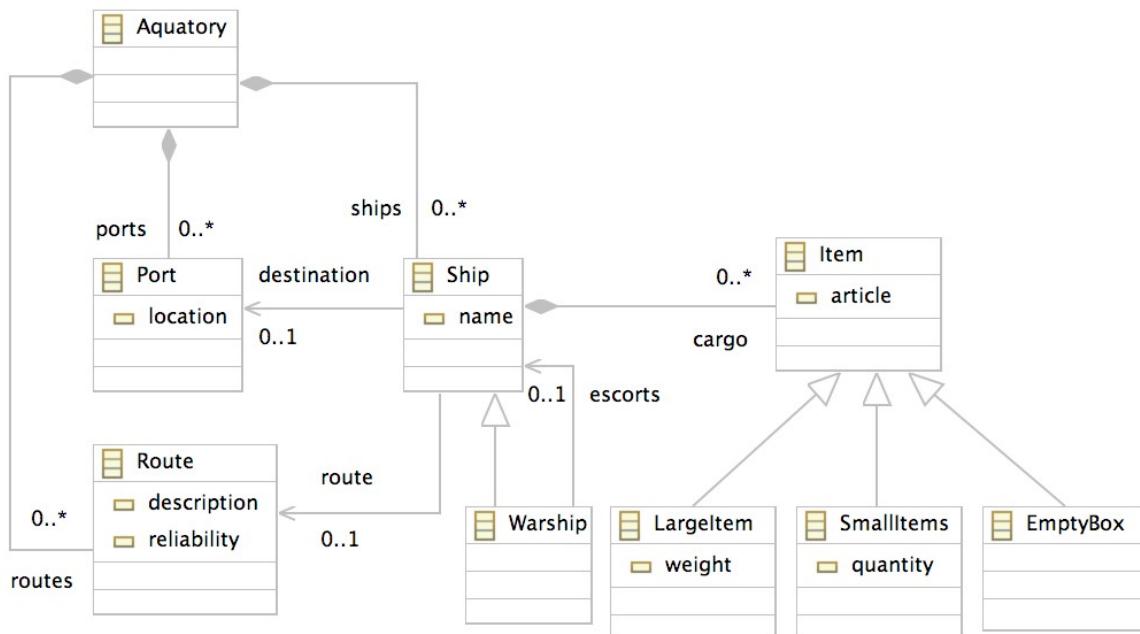
## Building Modularisation into a DSL

- ▶ Reuseware approach
  - Define a *composition system* with modularisation concepts (see CBSE course)
  - Composition systems define component model
    - . E.g., Modules, Packages, Aspects, etc.
  - Composition techniques
    - . E.g., parameterization, extension, weavings
  - And composition languages
    - . For the structure in the large
  - Optional: Extend DSL syntax with concepts for variation points
    - . Variation points allow definition of templates
  - Define a reuse extension for your DSL
    - . Binds the composition system to your DSL
    - . E.g., what are the specifics of a module in your DSL, what identifies an aspect, etc.
  - Reuseware can handle modularization in your DSL



# Building a DSL: Modularisation - Example

- Taipan DSL<sup>[3]</sup> for modeling ship fleets (Metamodel excerpt)



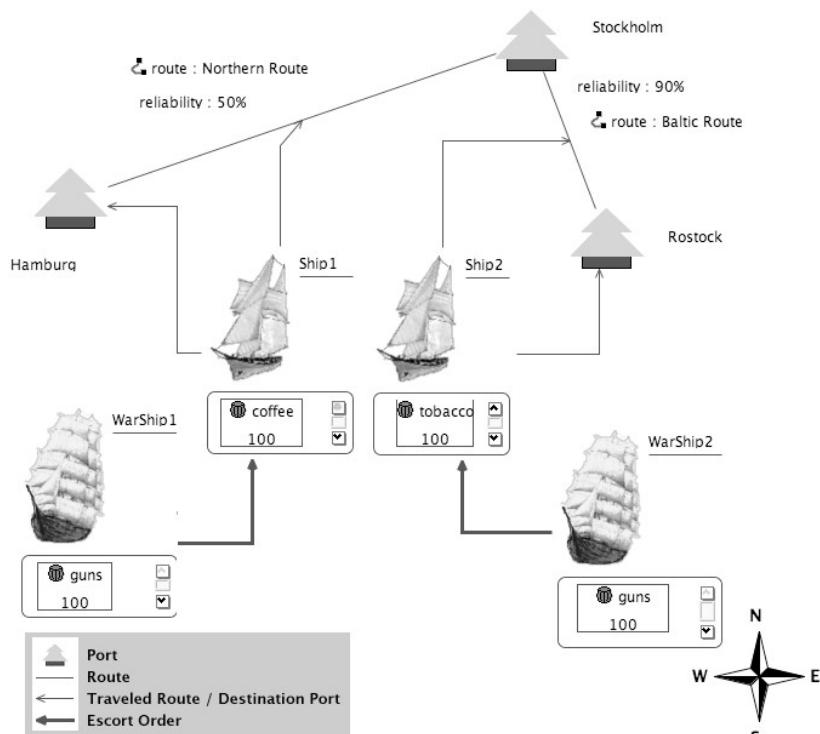
[3] [http://wiki.eclipse.org/index.php/GMF\\_Tutorial#Quick\\_Start](http://wiki.eclipse.org/index.php/GMF_Tutorial#Quick_Start)

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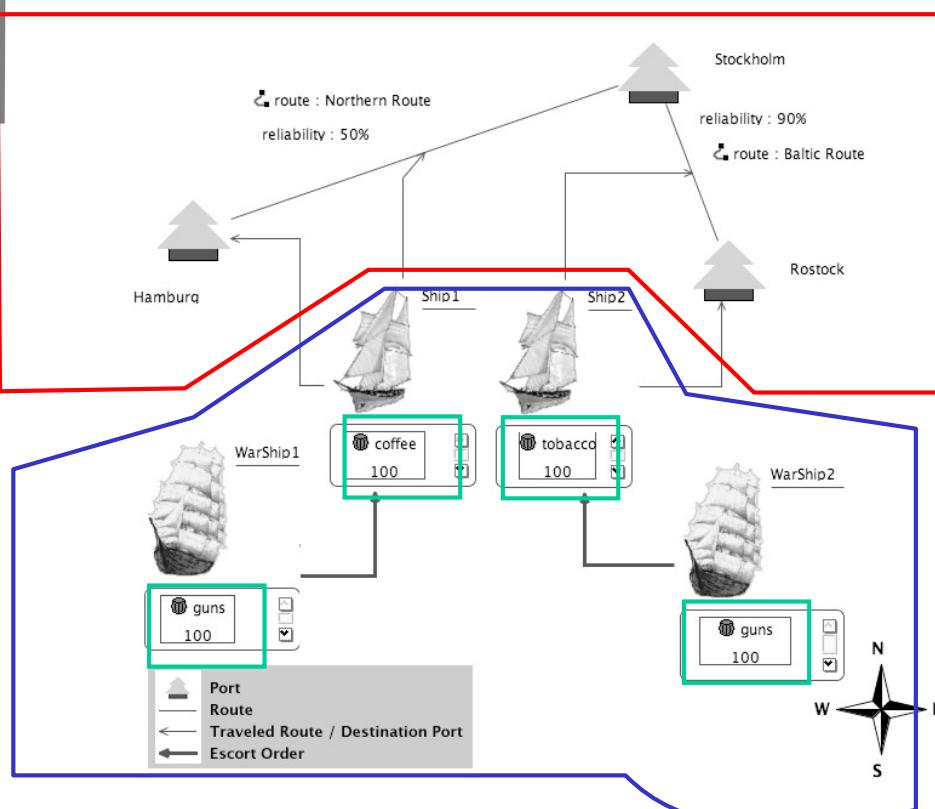


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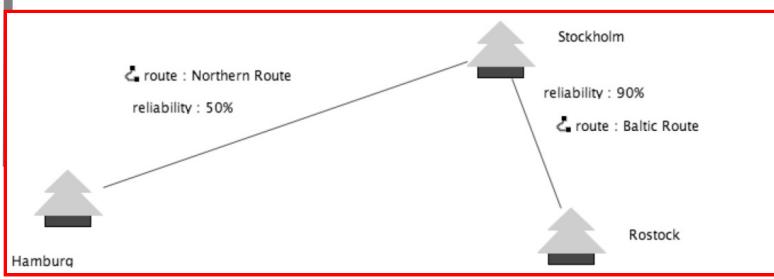
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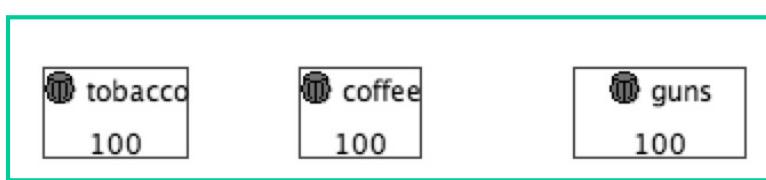
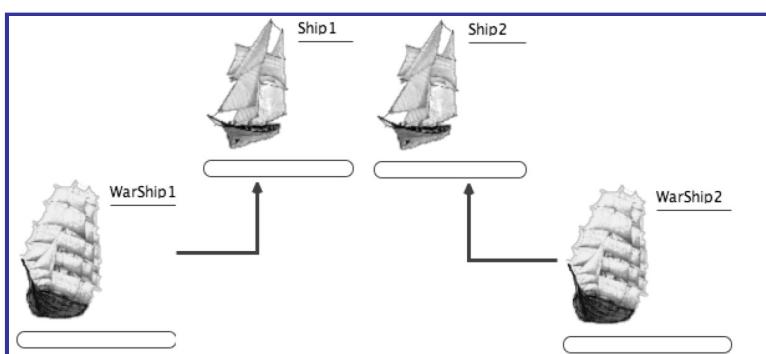


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## 17.2 Reuseware - Overview

- ▶ **Model fragments** (model snippets) are partial models that may contain variation points
  - Offer a **Composition Interface**
  - **Composition Interface** consists of **Ports**
  - **Ports** point at elements of the model fragment that can be accessed for composition
- ▶ Composition Programs
  - Define **composition links** between Ports
  - Can be executed to produce a composed model where model fragments are merged at the elements pointed out by the linked Ports



## Building a DSL: Reuseware - Overview

- ▶ Composition Systems
  - Define modularisation concepts (e.g., Modules, Packages, Aspects)
  - Define relations between modularisation concepts (e.g, an aspect relates to a core)
- ▶ Reuse extensions (for DSLs)
  - Define how modularization concepts defined in a composition system are realized in a concrete DSL
  - Define which ports are related to which model elements of a model fragment



# Defining Composition Systems with Reuseware

- ▶ A composition system defines fragment components with
  - Fragment roles
    - Role a model fragment plays in the modularisation (e.g., aspect or core)
    - Fragment roles collaborate through associations between ports
  - Static ports of a fragment component
    - Defined for one fragment role
    - Each fragment playing the role has to offer the port
  - Dynamic ports
    - Defined for one fragment role
    - Each fragment playing the role can offer several of these ports
  - Contribution Associations
    - Defines that two ports are related
    - Executing a composition link between the two ports will trigger the copying of model elements
  - Configuration Associations
    - Defines that two ports are related
    - Executing a composition link between the two ports will NOT trigger the copying of model elements



## ReuseTaipan - a Composition System for the Taipan Metamodel

```
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    fragment role TravelSpace {  
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        dynamic port Routes;  
        dynamic port Places;  
    }  
  
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        dynamic port PlaceSlots;  
    }  
  
    contribution Flotilla.Vehicles --> TravelSpace.VehicleContainer;  
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    fragment role ItemHolder {  
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A TravelSpace offers a place where vehicles can be placed (**VehicleContainer**) and a number of **Routes** and **Places**



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A Flotilla offers a set of Vehicles and has a number of placeholders for routes (RouteSlots) and places (PlaceSlots)



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A Flotilla contributes Vehicles to a TravelSpace's VehicleContainer; a RouteSlots can be configured with a Route; a PlaceSlots can be configured with a Place

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An ItemHolder offers different ItemSpaces

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An ItemContainer contains and offers Items



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Items can be individually assigned to ItemSpaces

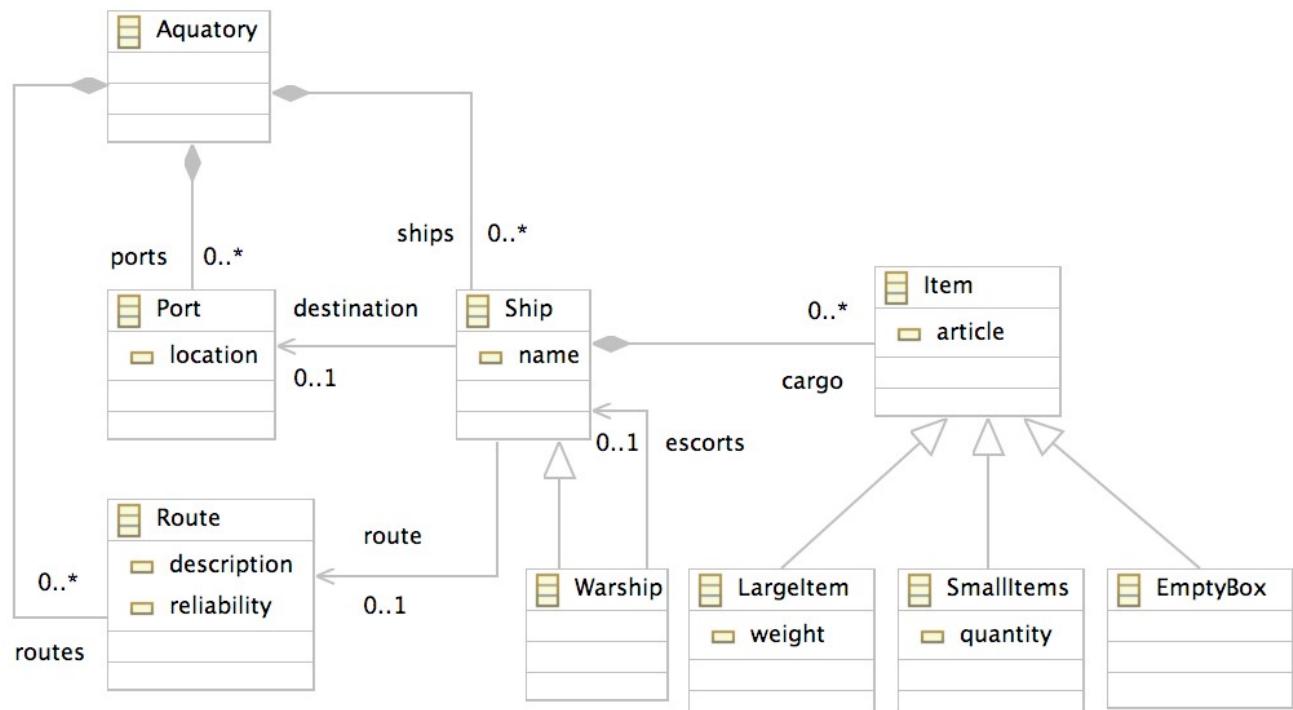


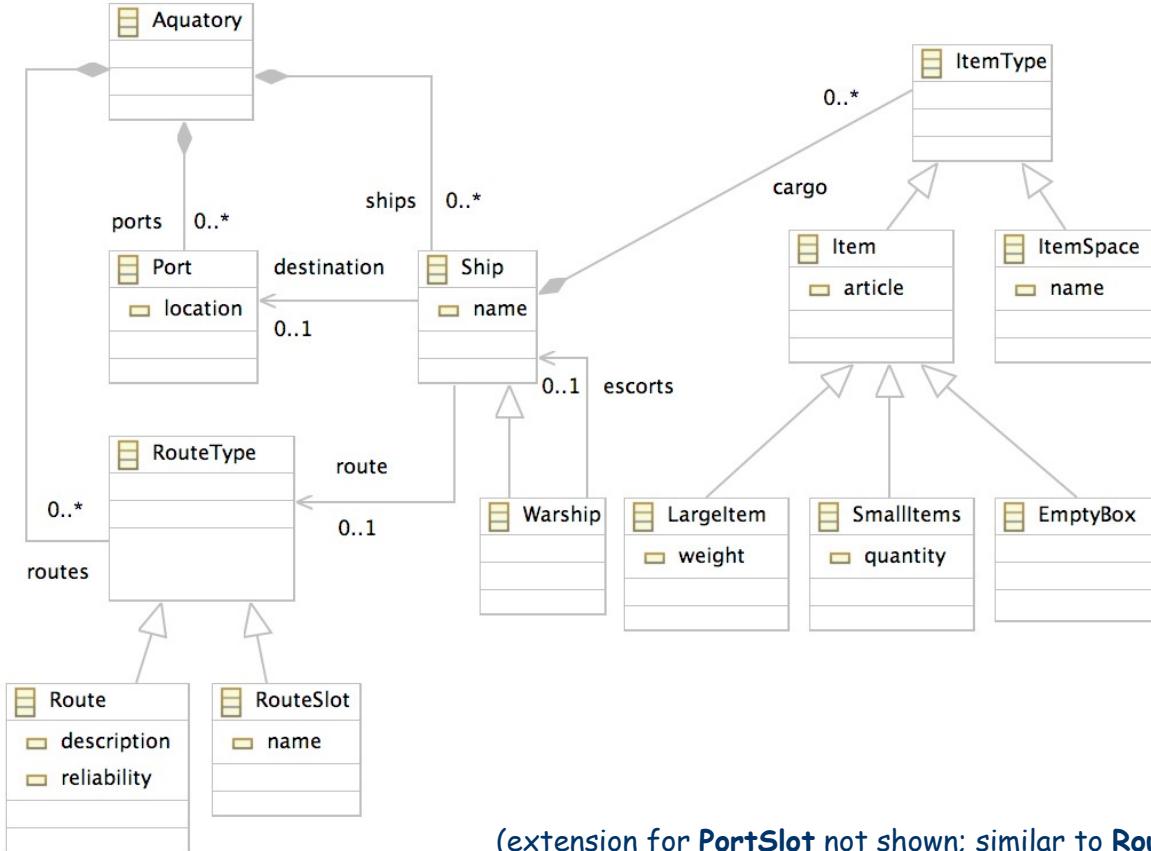
## 17.3 Building a DSL: Extending a Metamodel for Variation

- ▶ Three kinds of variation points required
  - RouteSlot
  - PortSlot
  - ItemSpace
- ▶ For each kind of variation point we...
  - Introduce a superclass for the metaclass that defines the elements which may replace the variation point
    - e.g., we introduce **RouteType** as a superclass of **Route** in the case of RouteSlot
  - We redirect all references to the metaclass to the new superclass
    - e.g., all references to **Route** are redirected to **RouteType**
  - We introduce a new subclass for the just introduced superclass that represents the variation point. This class needs properties from which a name can be derived.
    - e.g., we introduce **RouteSlot** as a subclass of **RouteType**



## The Taipan Metamodel





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## Building a DSL: Reuseware - Reuse Extensions

- ▶ A Reuse Extension defines
  - How a composition interface defined by a fragment role (which is defined in a composition system) is linked to the content of a model fragment
  - Each port links to a set of model elements treated as:
    - **Prototype**: Element that can be copied with its contained elements
    - **Anchor**: Element that can be referenced by other elements
  - **Hook**: Variation point where Prototypes can be put
  - **Slot**: Variation point where Anchors can be put

# Building a DSL: Binding ReuseTaipan to Taipan DSL

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        }
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    }
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        }
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The ReuseTaipan composition system is bound to the Taipan DSL (referred to by the URI of its metamodel)

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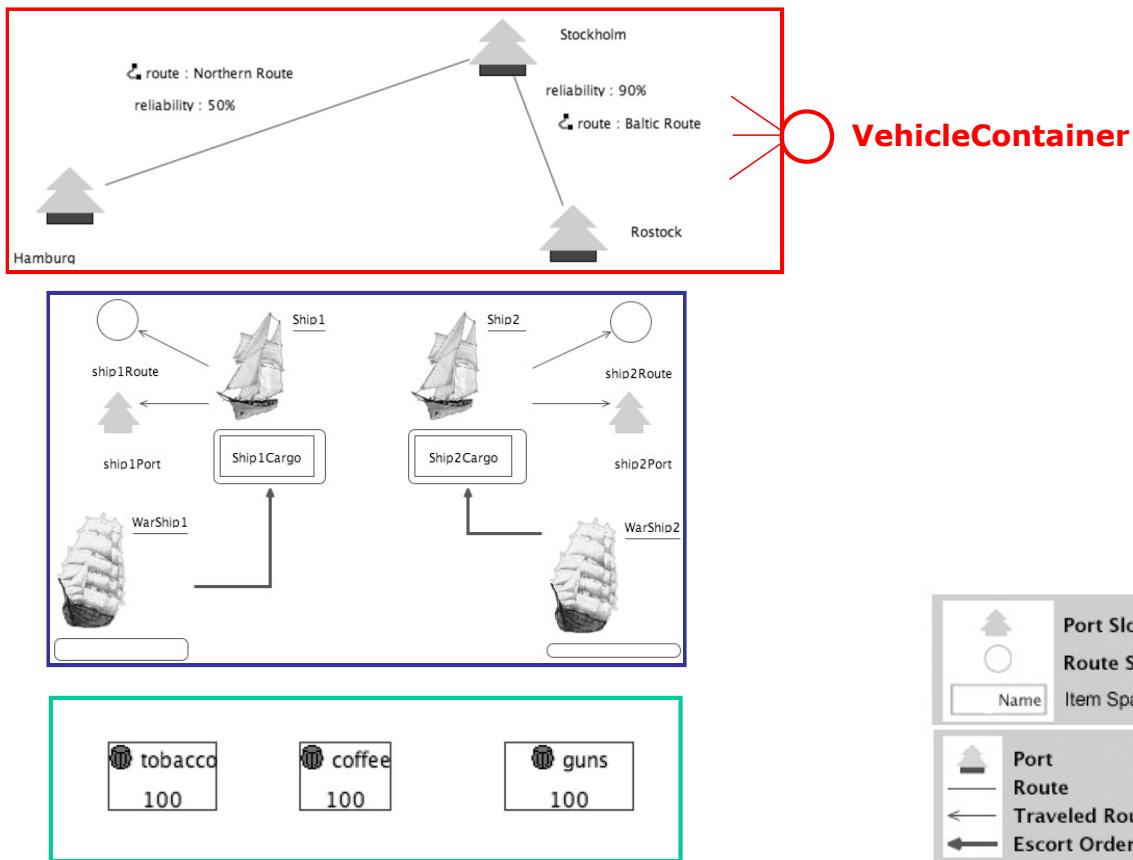
The references ships, ports and routes of the metaclass Aquatory all act as hooks accessible through the VehicleContainer port

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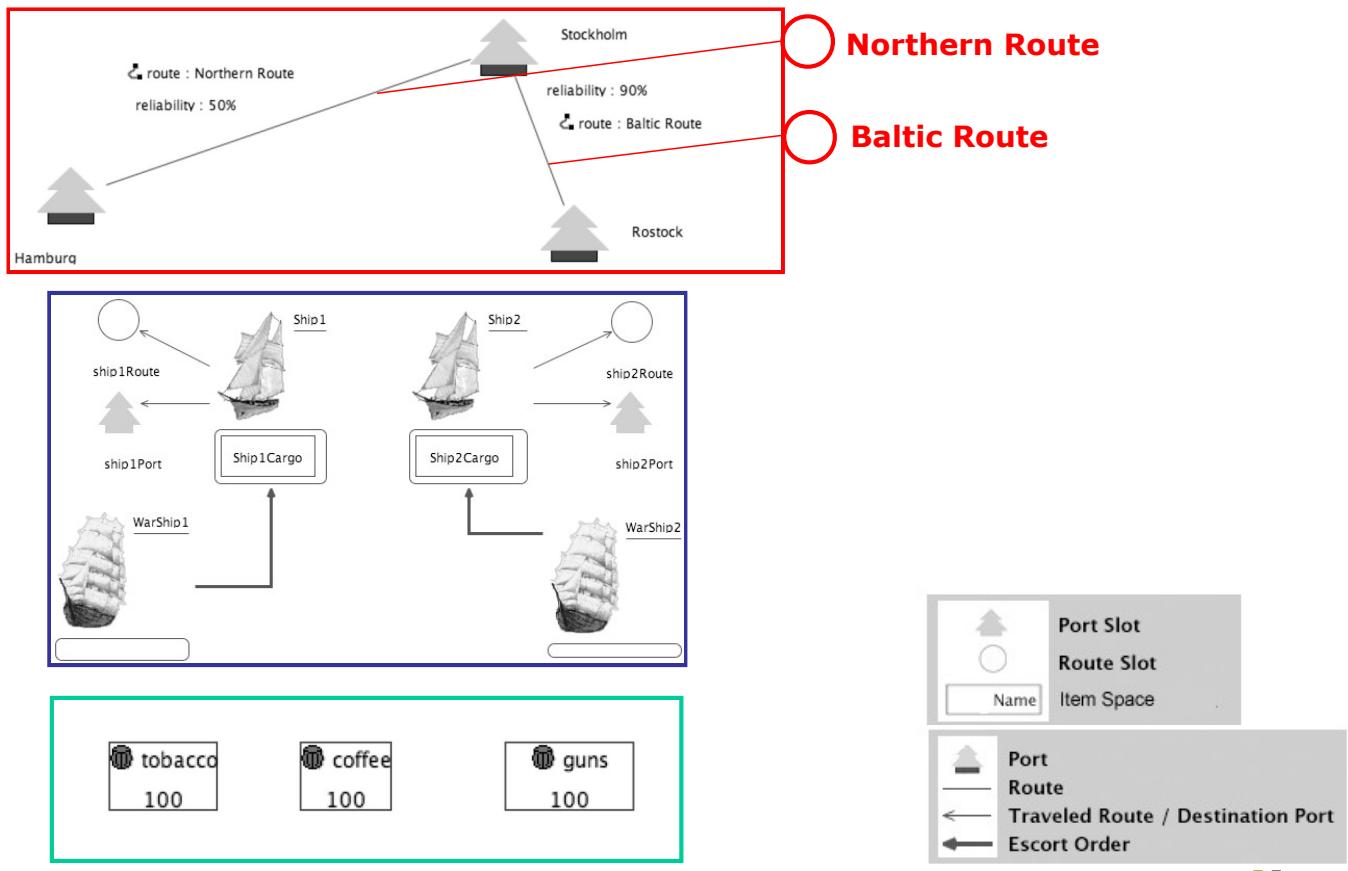
Each **Route** is an anchor accessible through individual ports; the ports are named using the **description** attribute of the **Route** metaclass  
(OCL Expression: *self.description*)

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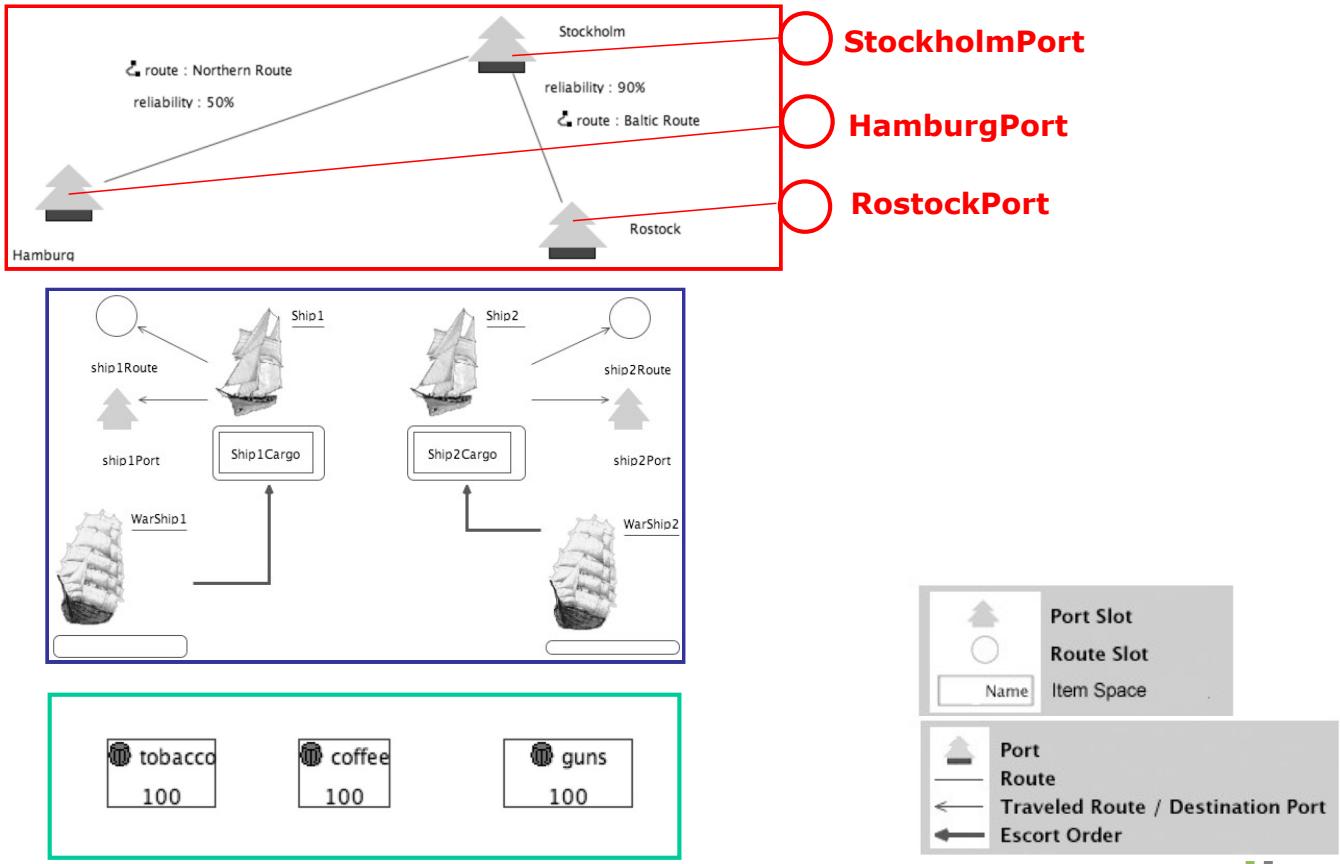
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}
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Each Port is an anchor accessible through individual ports; the ports are named using the location attribute of the Port metaclass

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}

fragment role Flotilla {
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    }
}

```

```

    port RouteSlots {
        RouteSlot is slot {
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    }
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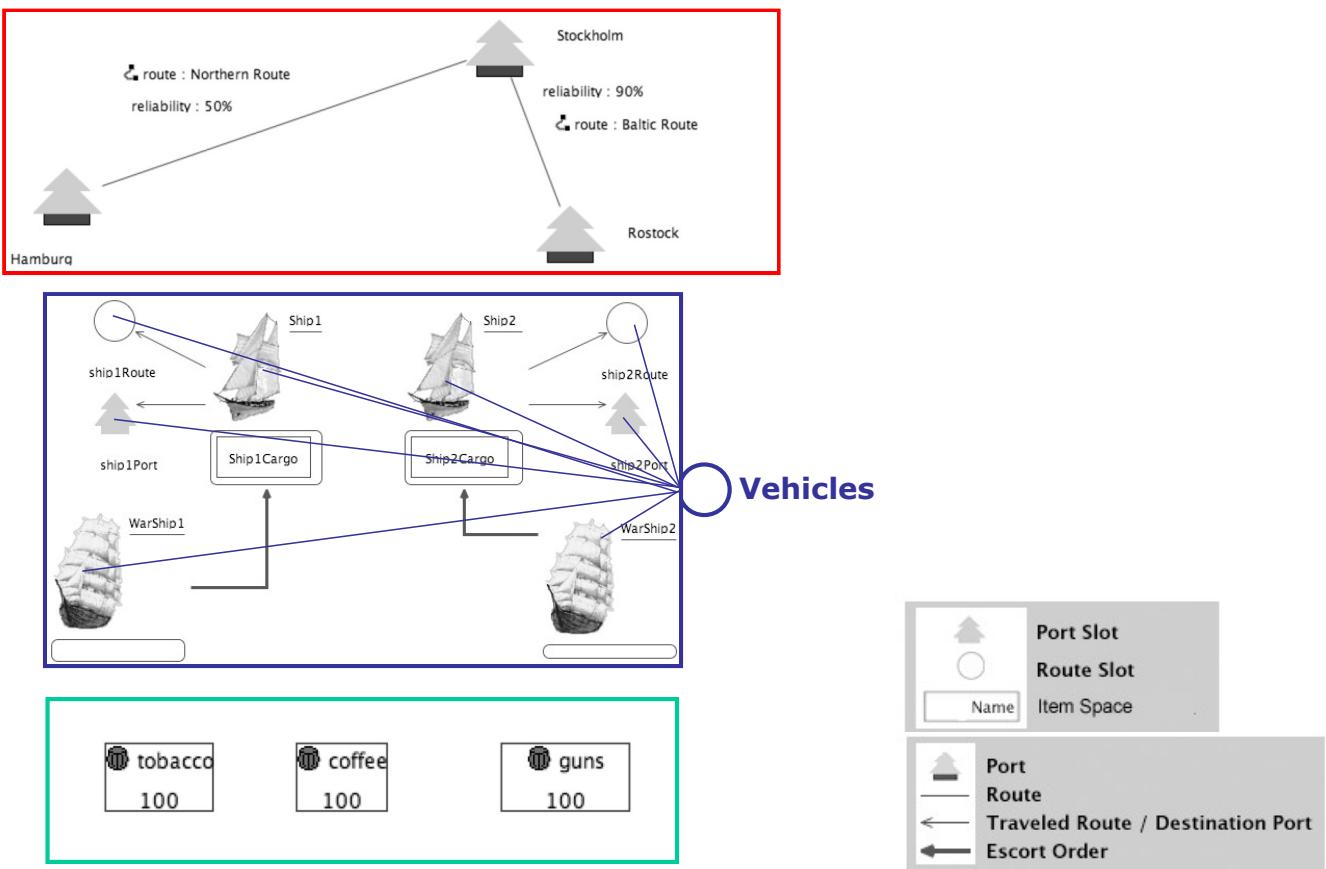
All elements of the references **ships**, **ports** and **routes** of the metaclass **Aquatory** act as prototypes accessible through the **Vehicles** port

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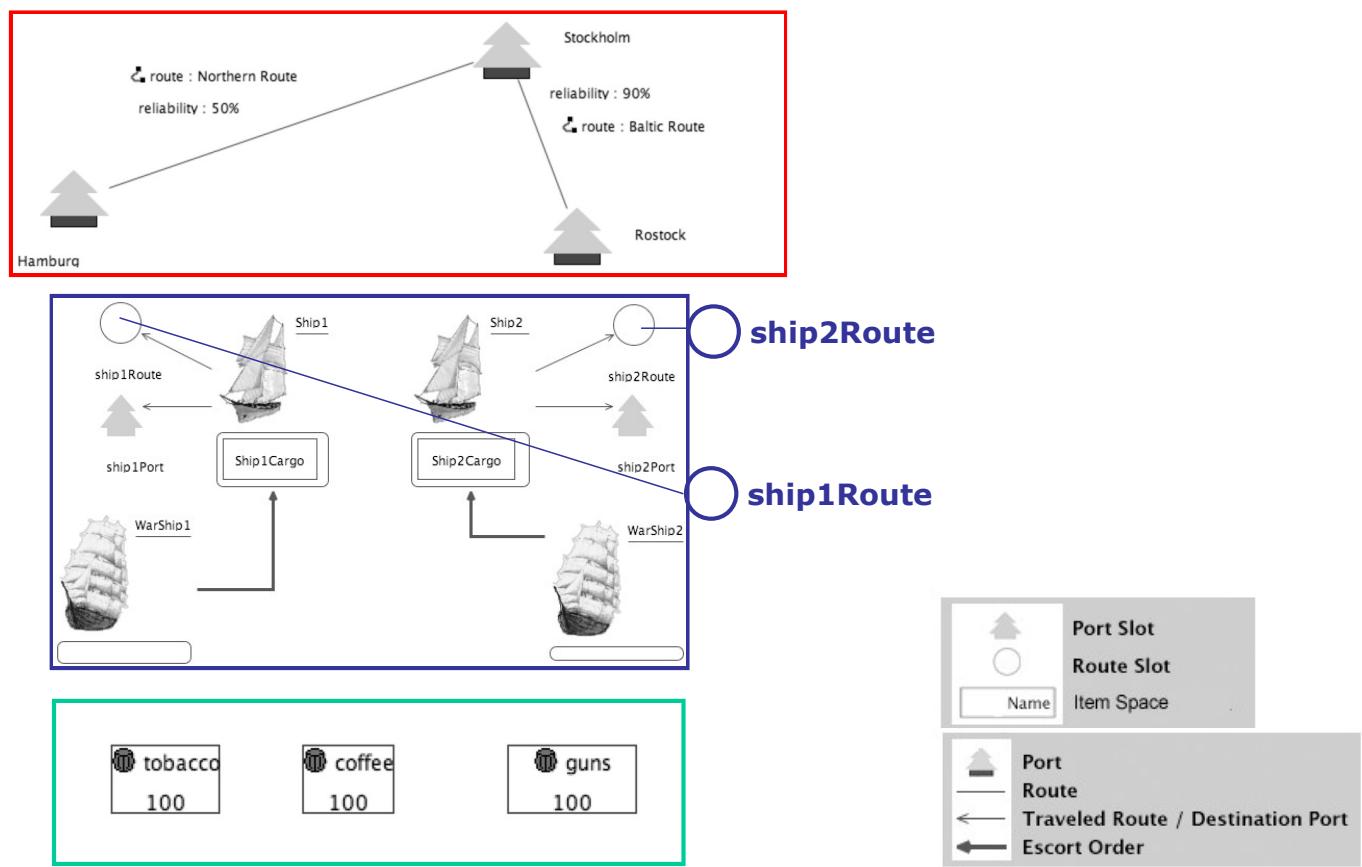
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}

```

Each **RouteSlot** is a slot accessible through individual ports; the ports are named using the **name** attribute of the **RouteSlot** metaclass

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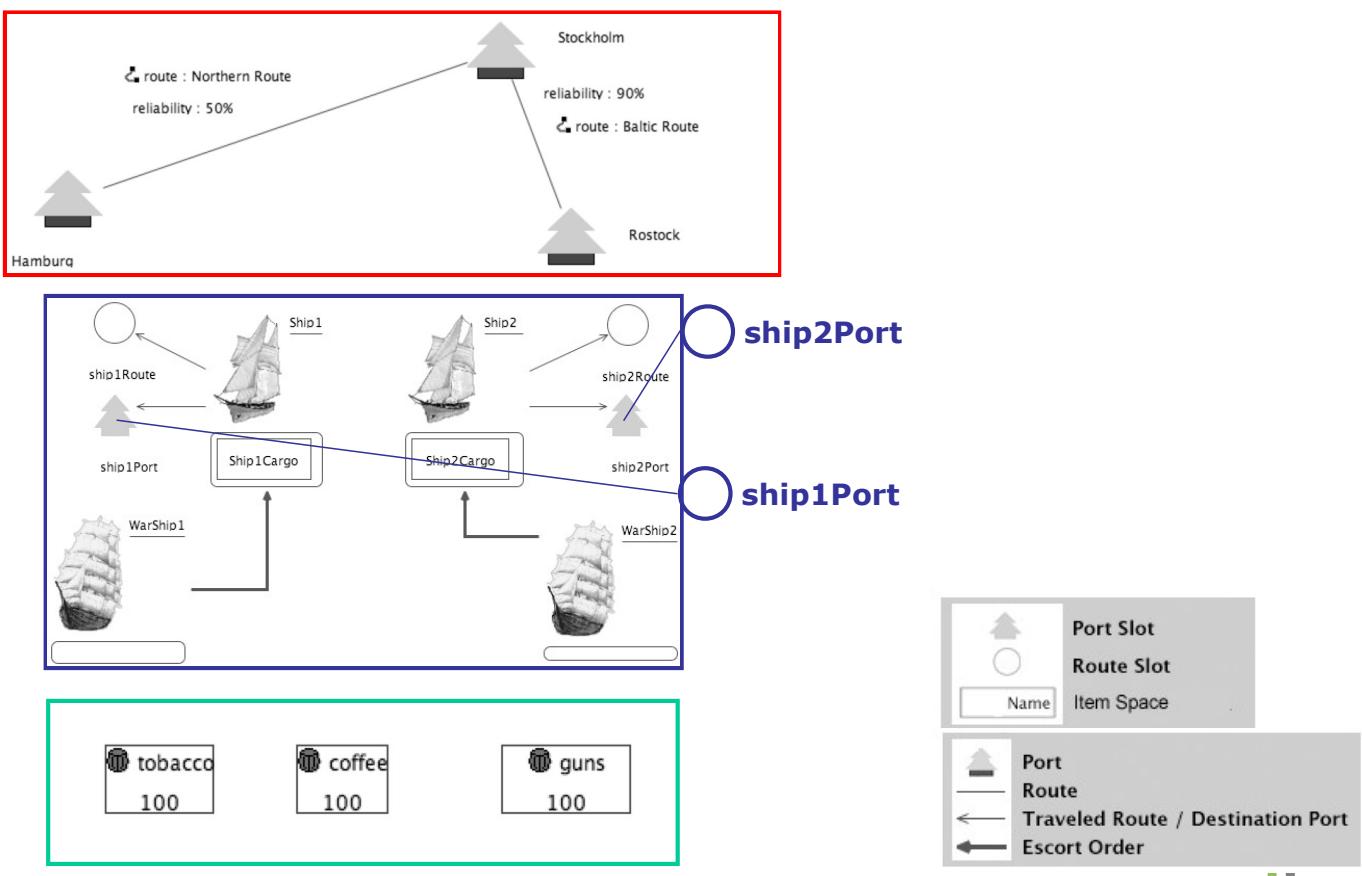
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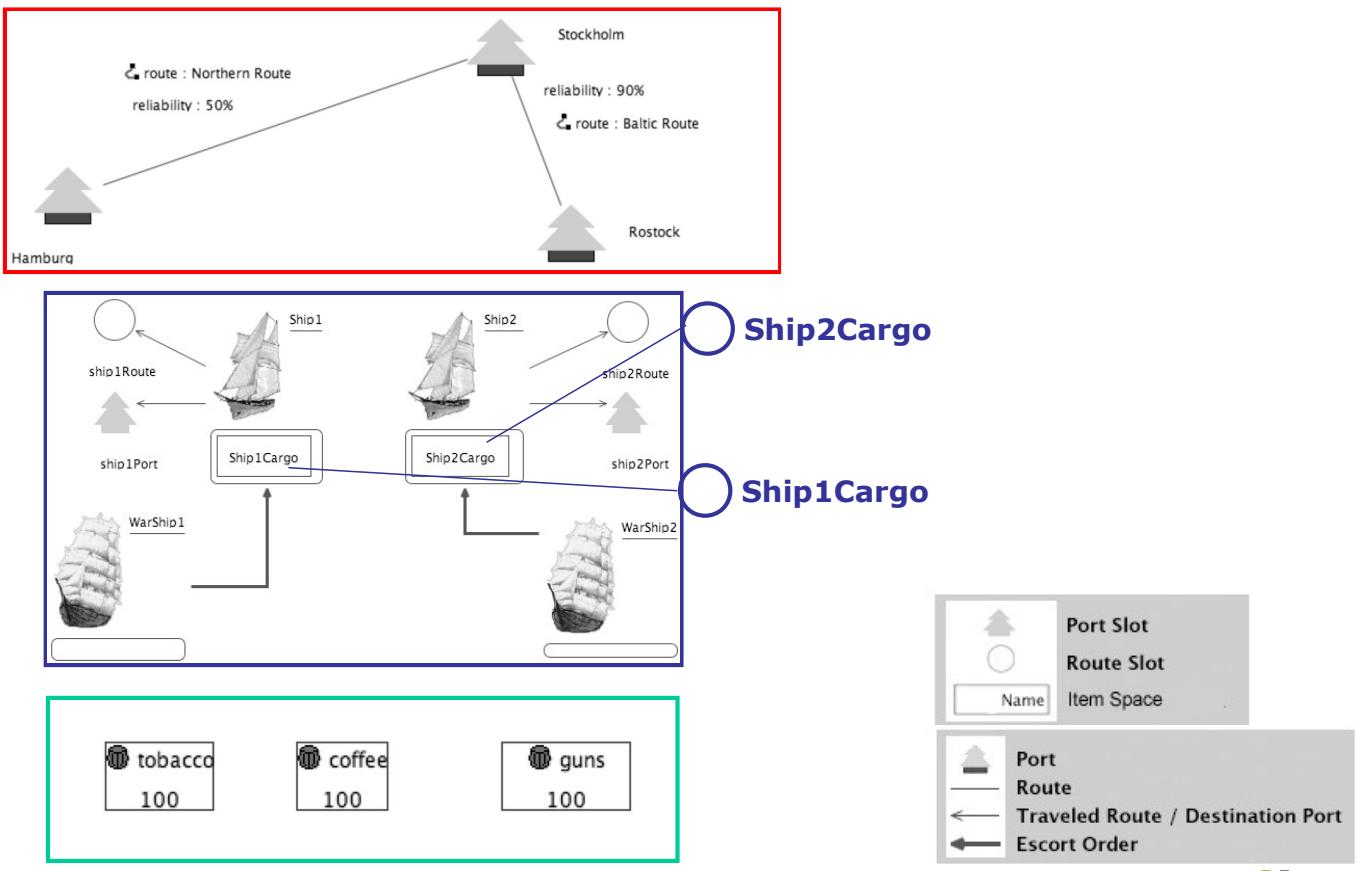
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```
...
binding ItemHolder {
    binding ItemSpaces {
        ItemSpace is hook {
            port expr = $self.name$
        }
    }
}

binding ItemContainer {
    binding Items {
        Item is prototype {
            port expr = $self.article$
        }
    }
}
```

Each **ItemSpace** is a hook accessible through individual ports; the ports are named using the **name** attribute of the **ItemSpace** metaclass

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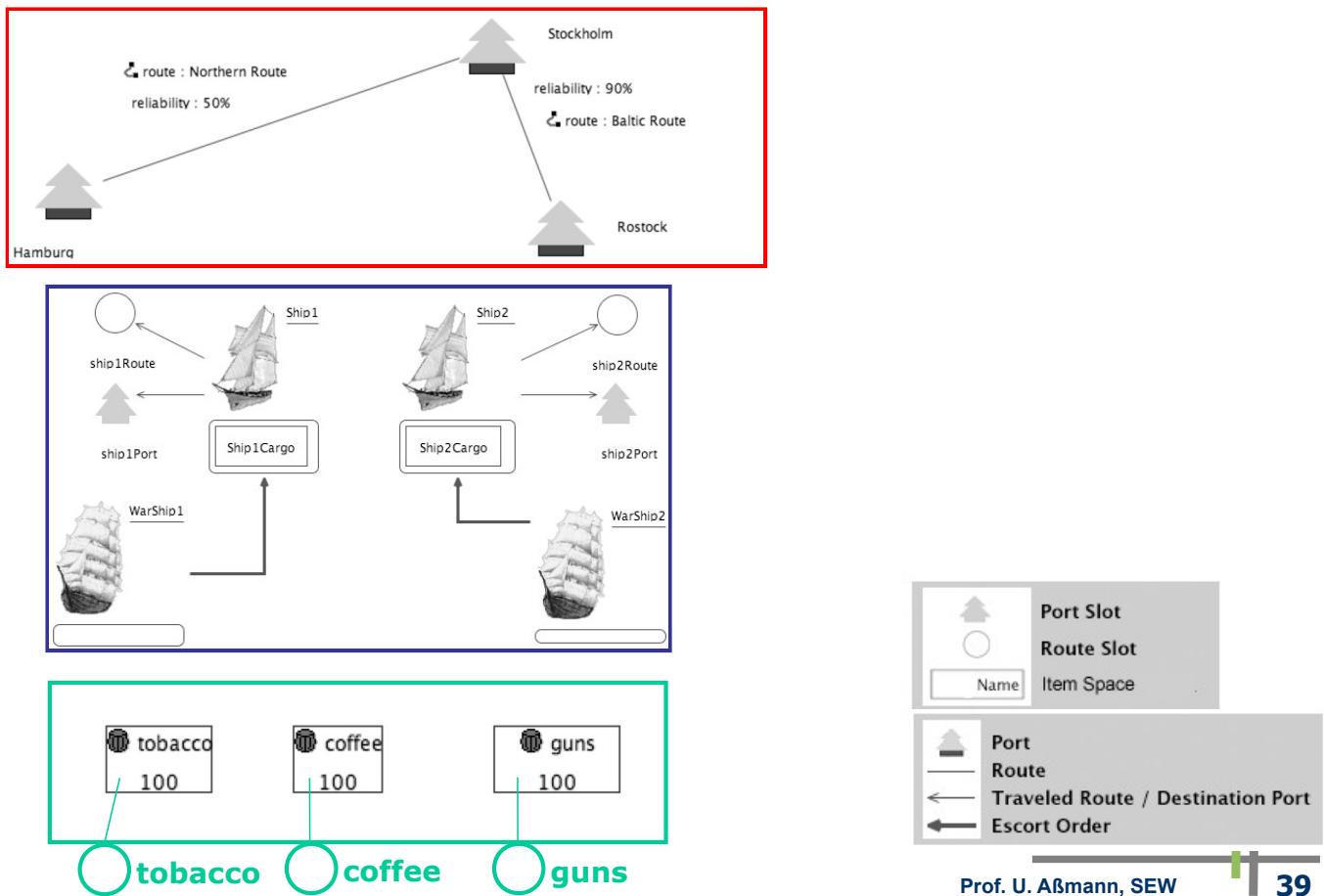
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        Item is prototype {
            port expr = $self.article$}
    }
}

```

Each **Item** is a prototype accessible through individual ports; the ports are named using the **article** attribute of the **Items** metaclass

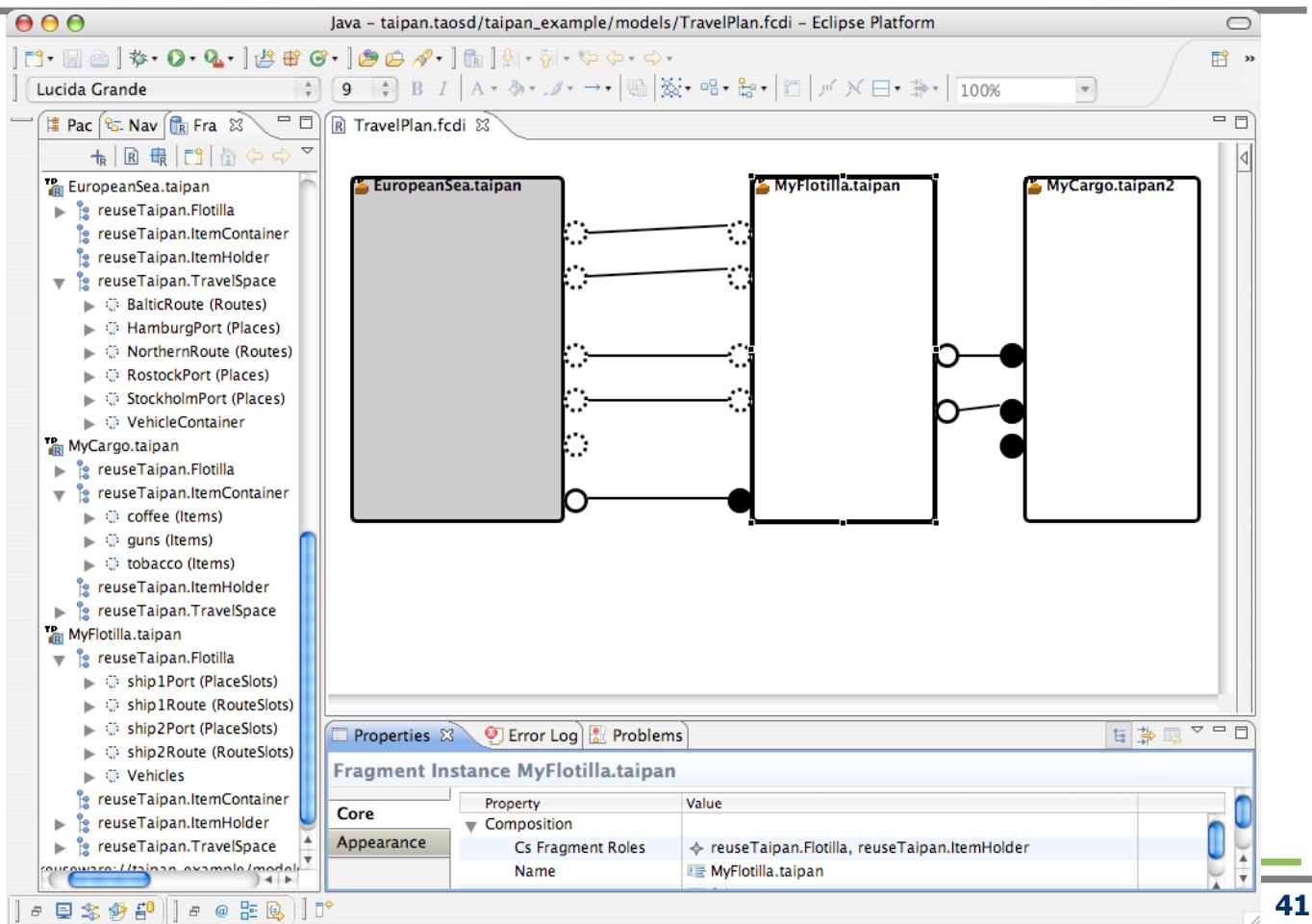
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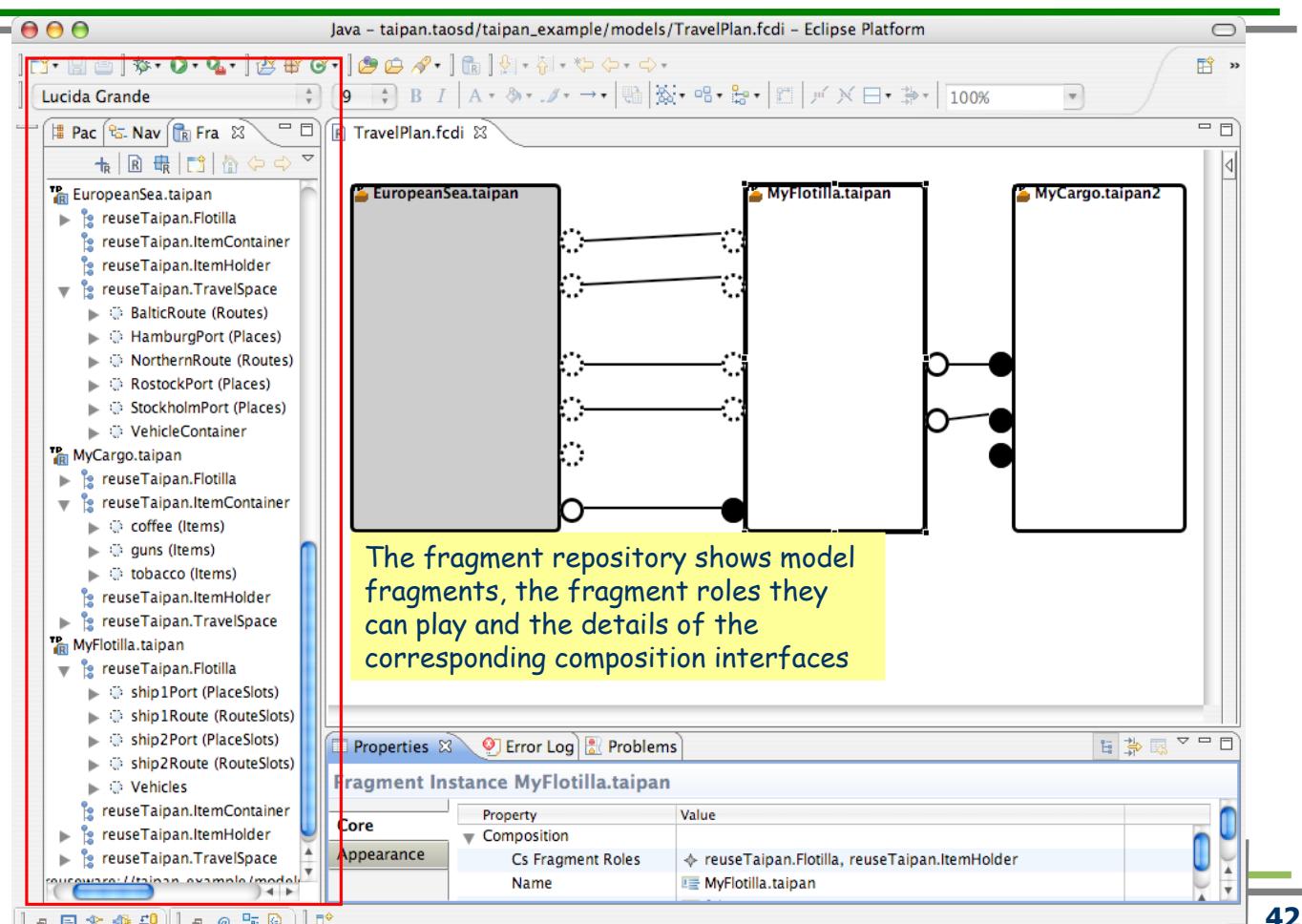
- ▶ Fragment Repository
  - Light-weight repository to manage and find reusable model fragments
  - Can instantly be used to build libraries of model fragments designed in a DSL
- ▶ Composition Program Editor
  - Independent of composition systems and reuse extensions
  - Can instantly be used to define compositions for the DSL
  - Layout can be customized if desired

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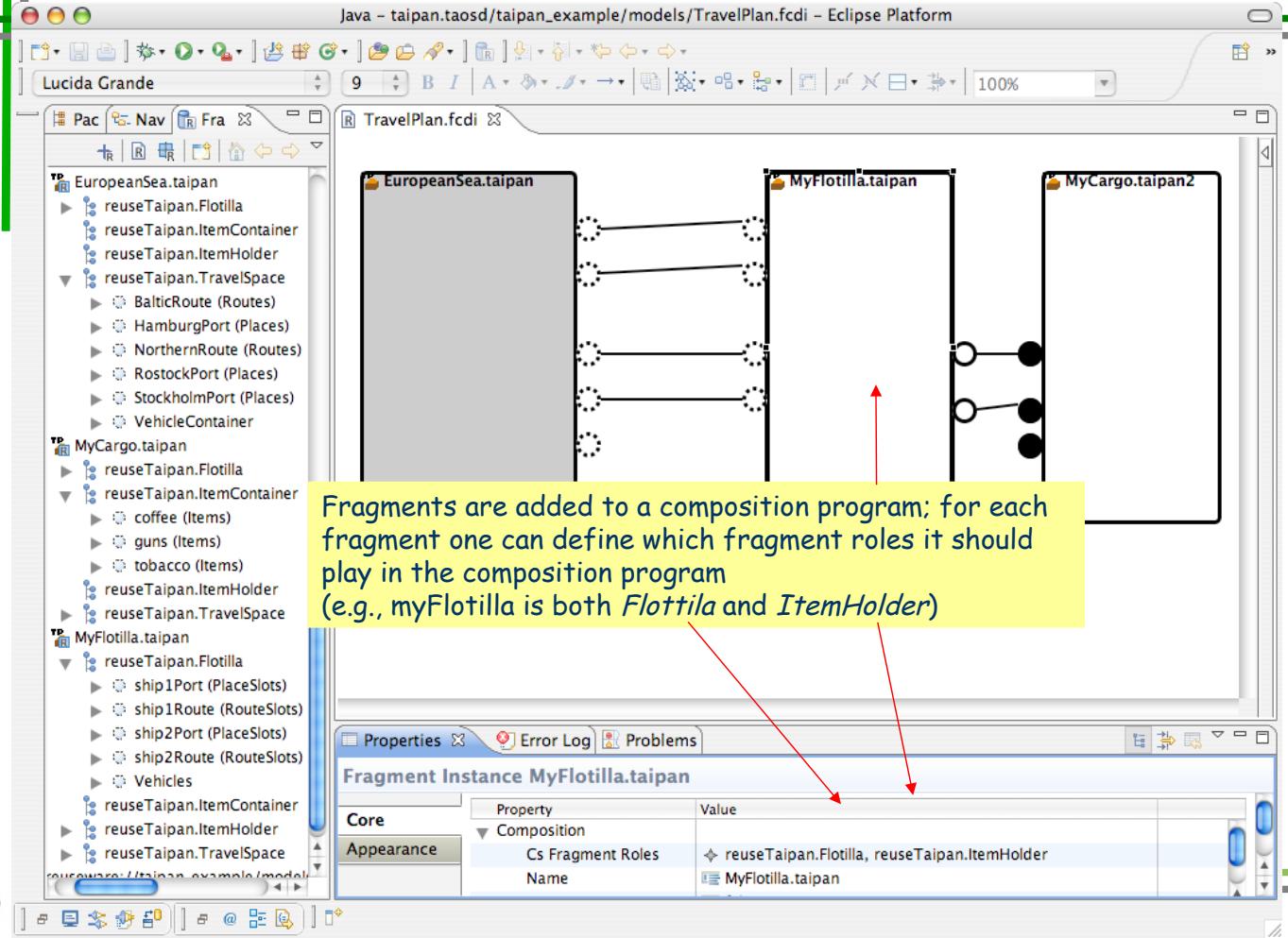
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The fragment repository shows model fragments, the fragment roles they can play and the details of the corresponding composition interfaces

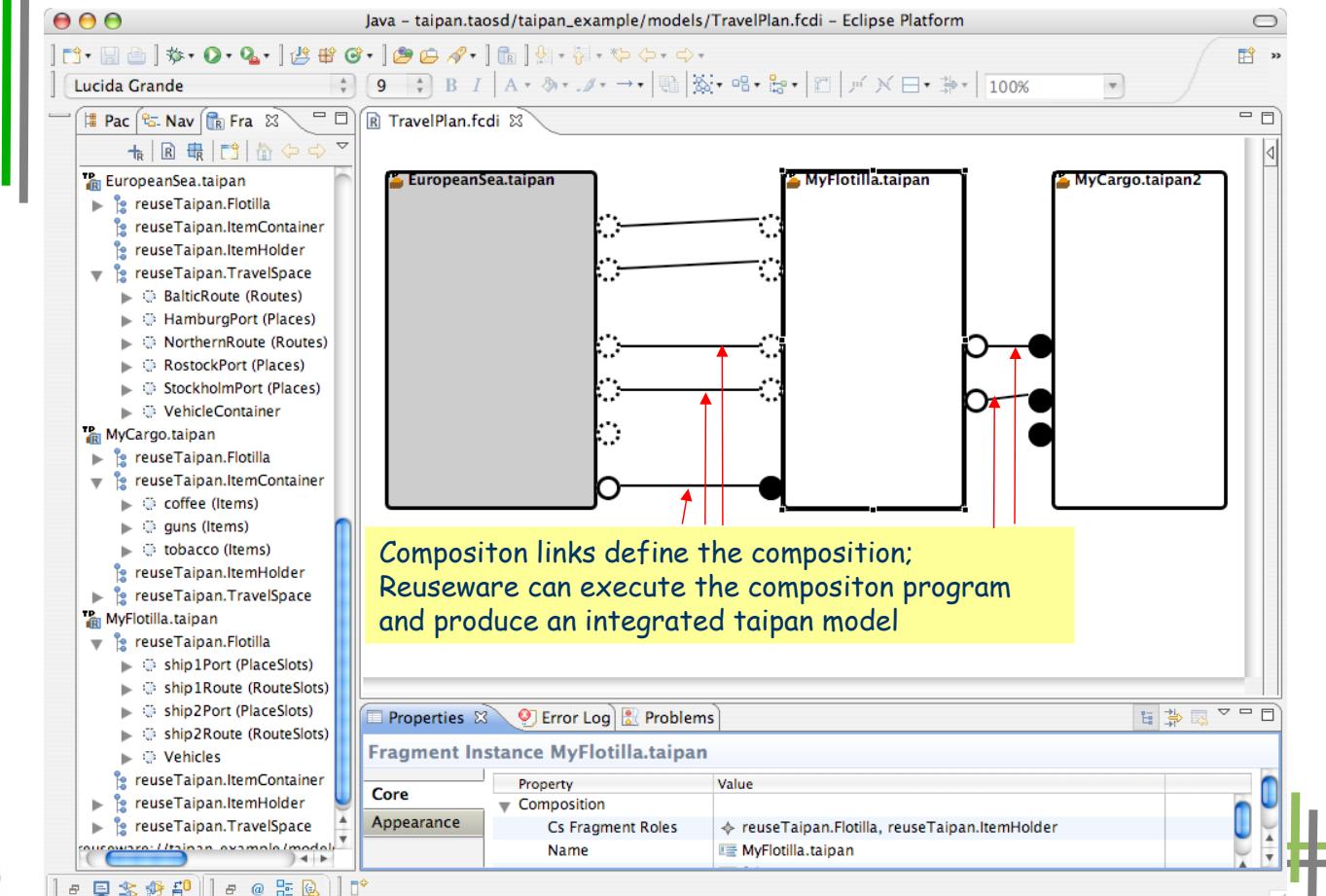
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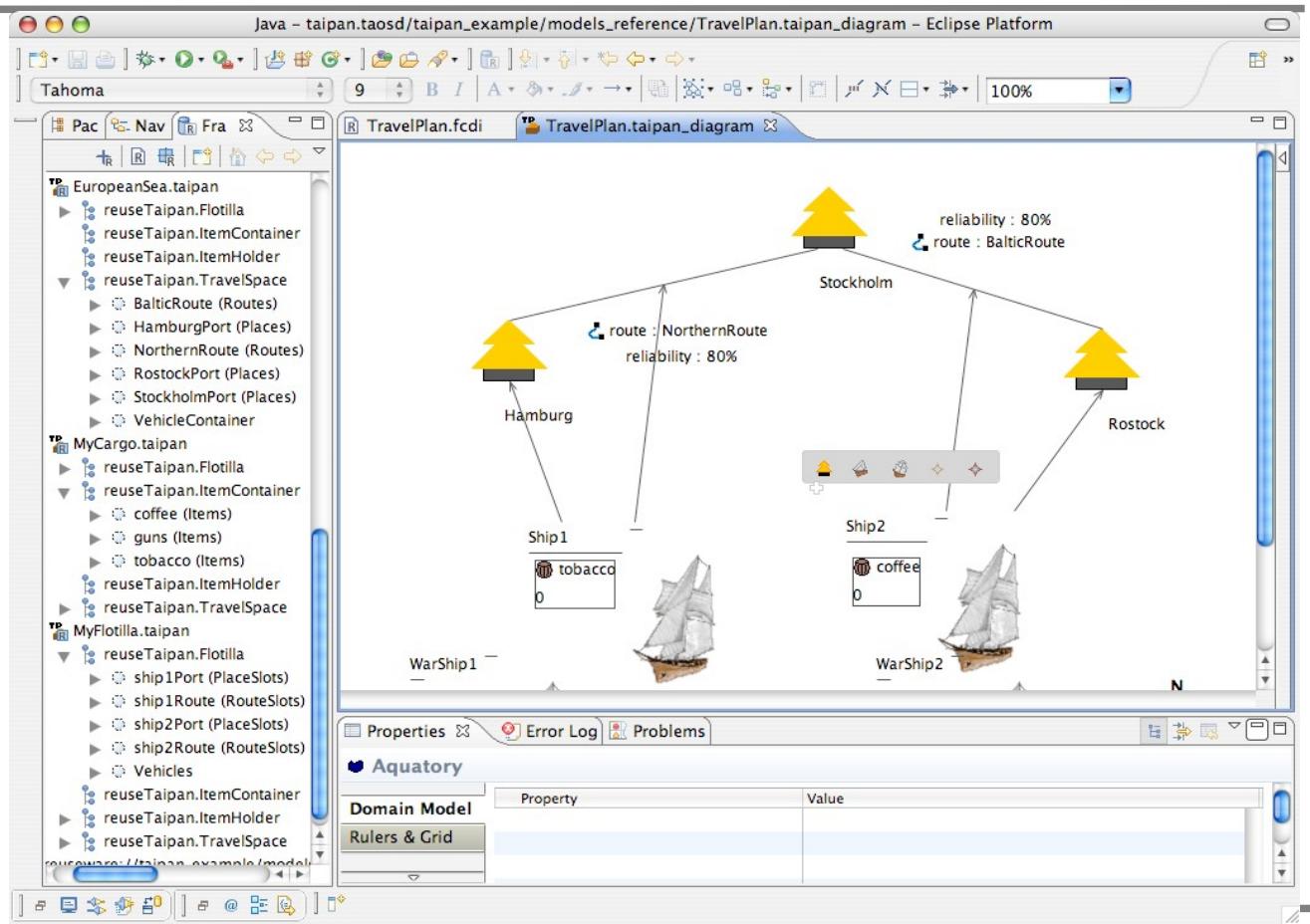
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