17. Adding Modularity to a Domain-Specific Language with the 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

Obligatory Literature

- [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

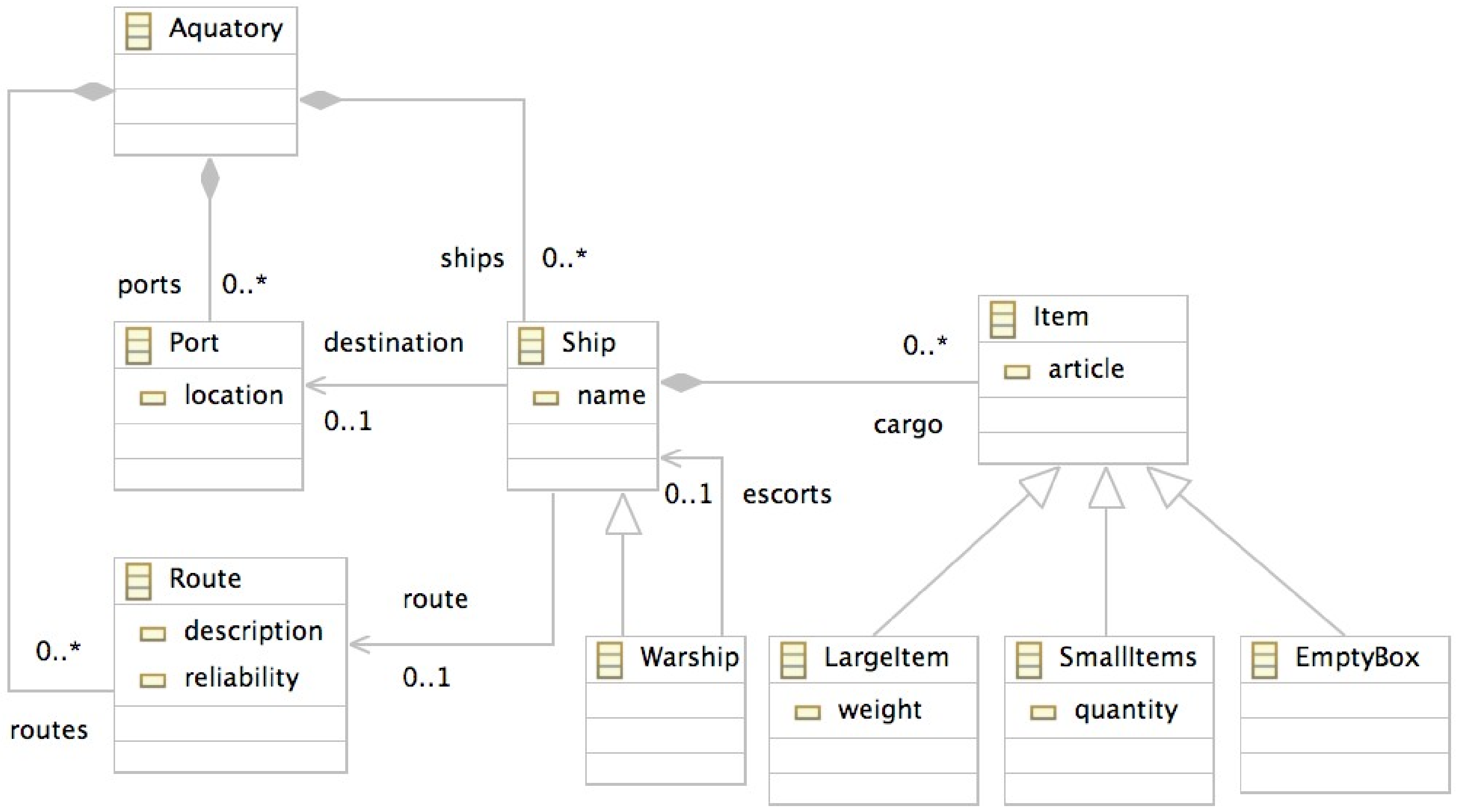
Building Modularisation into a DSL

- 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[3] for modeling ship fleets (Metamodel excerpt)



[3] http://wiki.eclipse.org/index.php/GMF Tutorial#Quick Start

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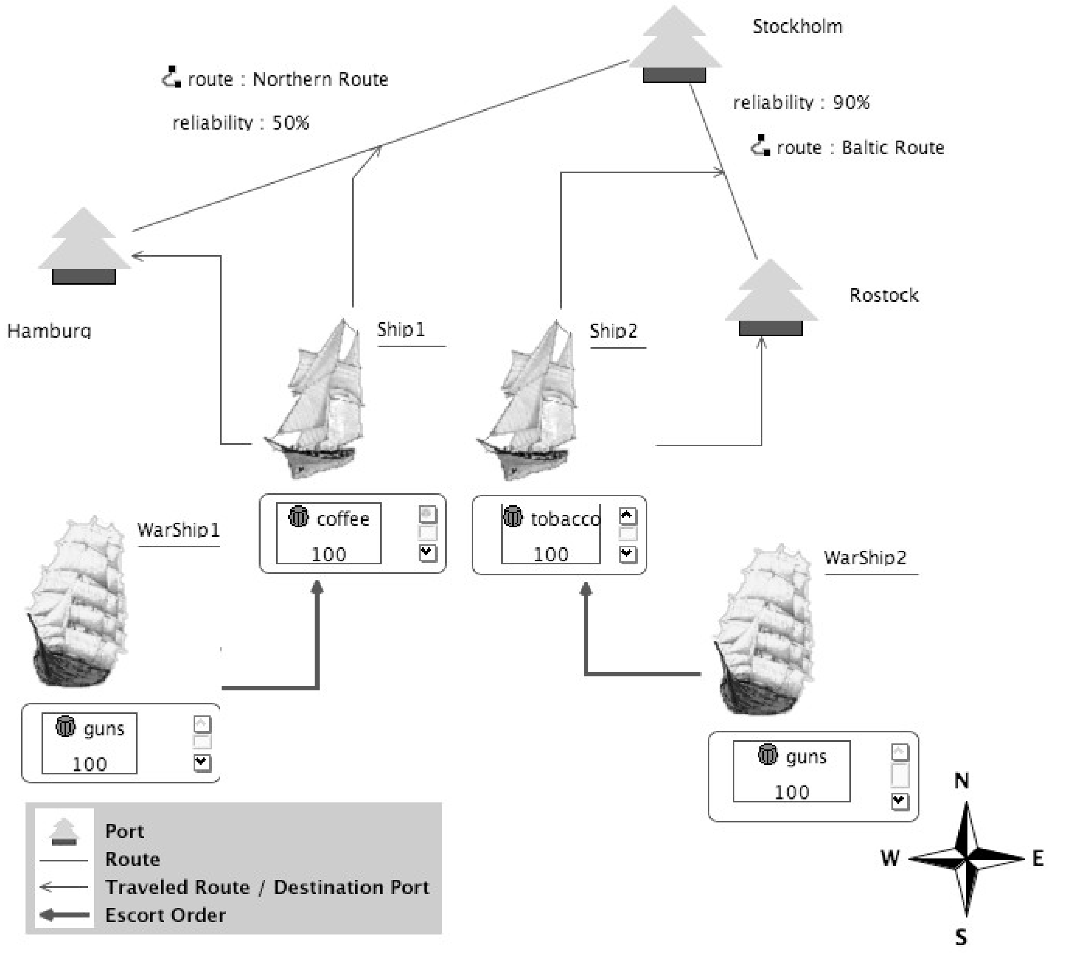

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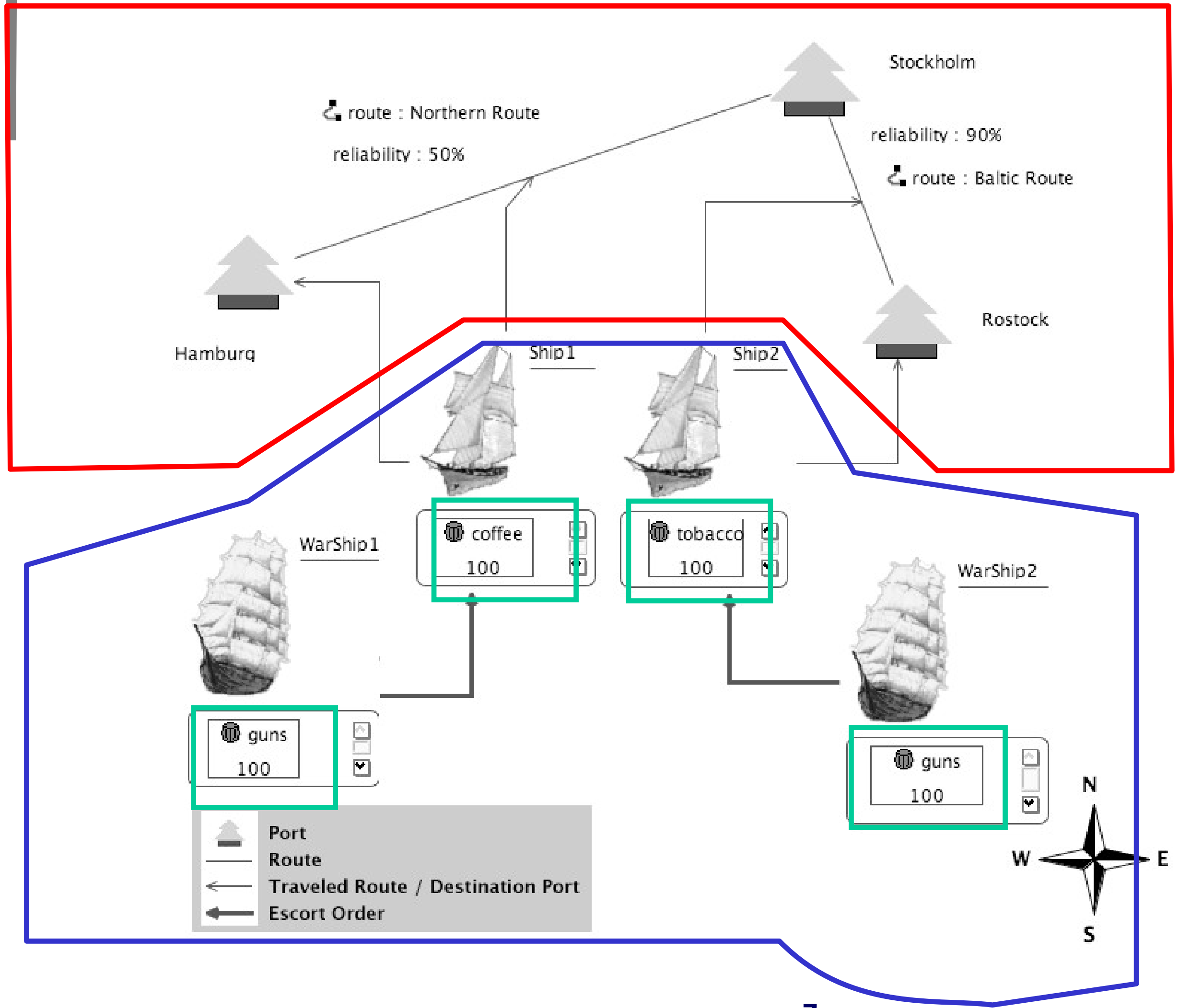

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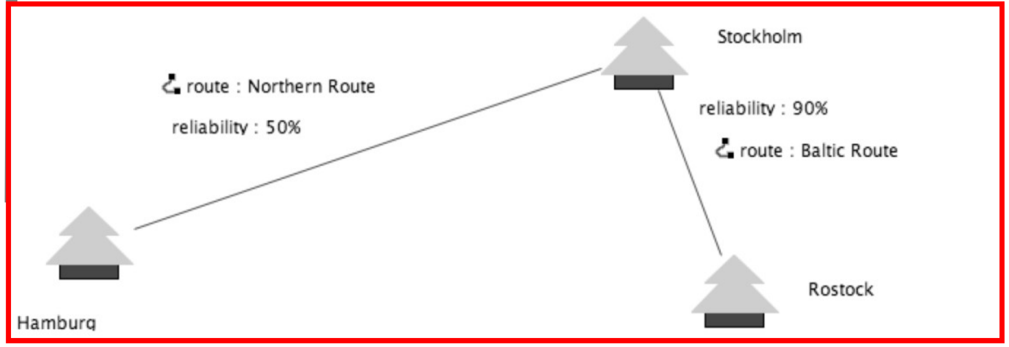

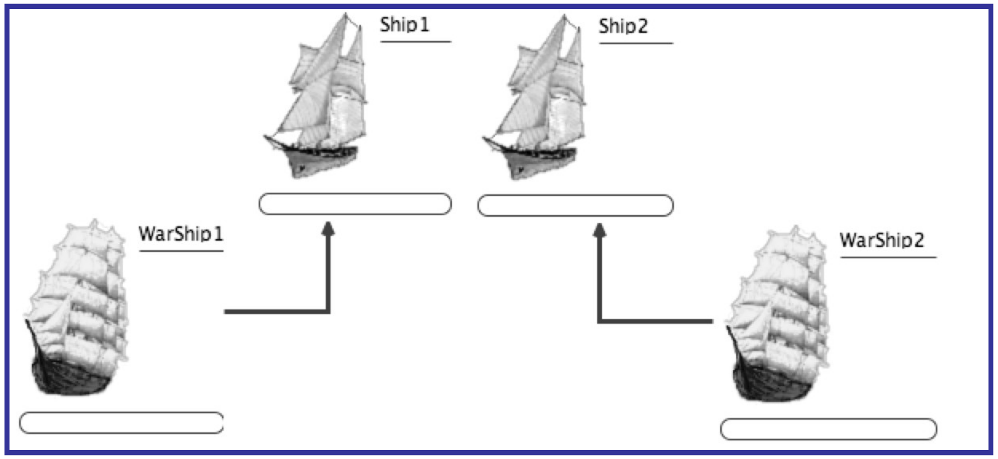

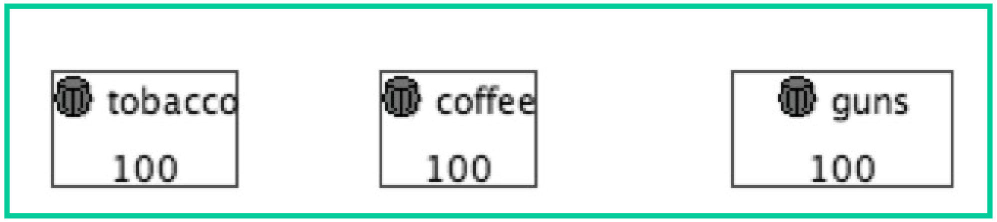

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17.2 Reuseware - Overview

- **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
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  - Configuration Associations
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ReuseTaipan - a Composition System for the Taipan Metamodel

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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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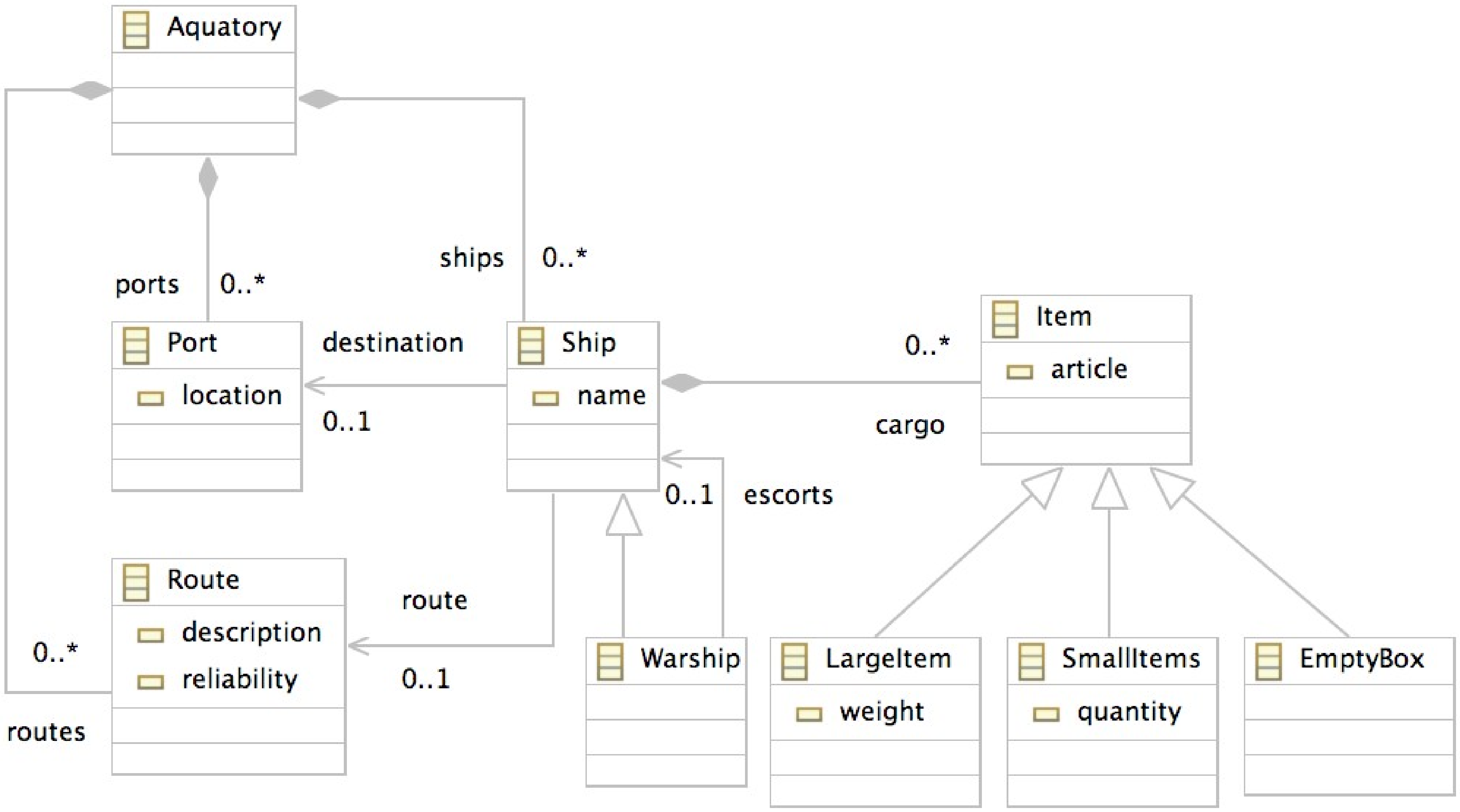
Items can be individually assigned to **ItemSpaces**

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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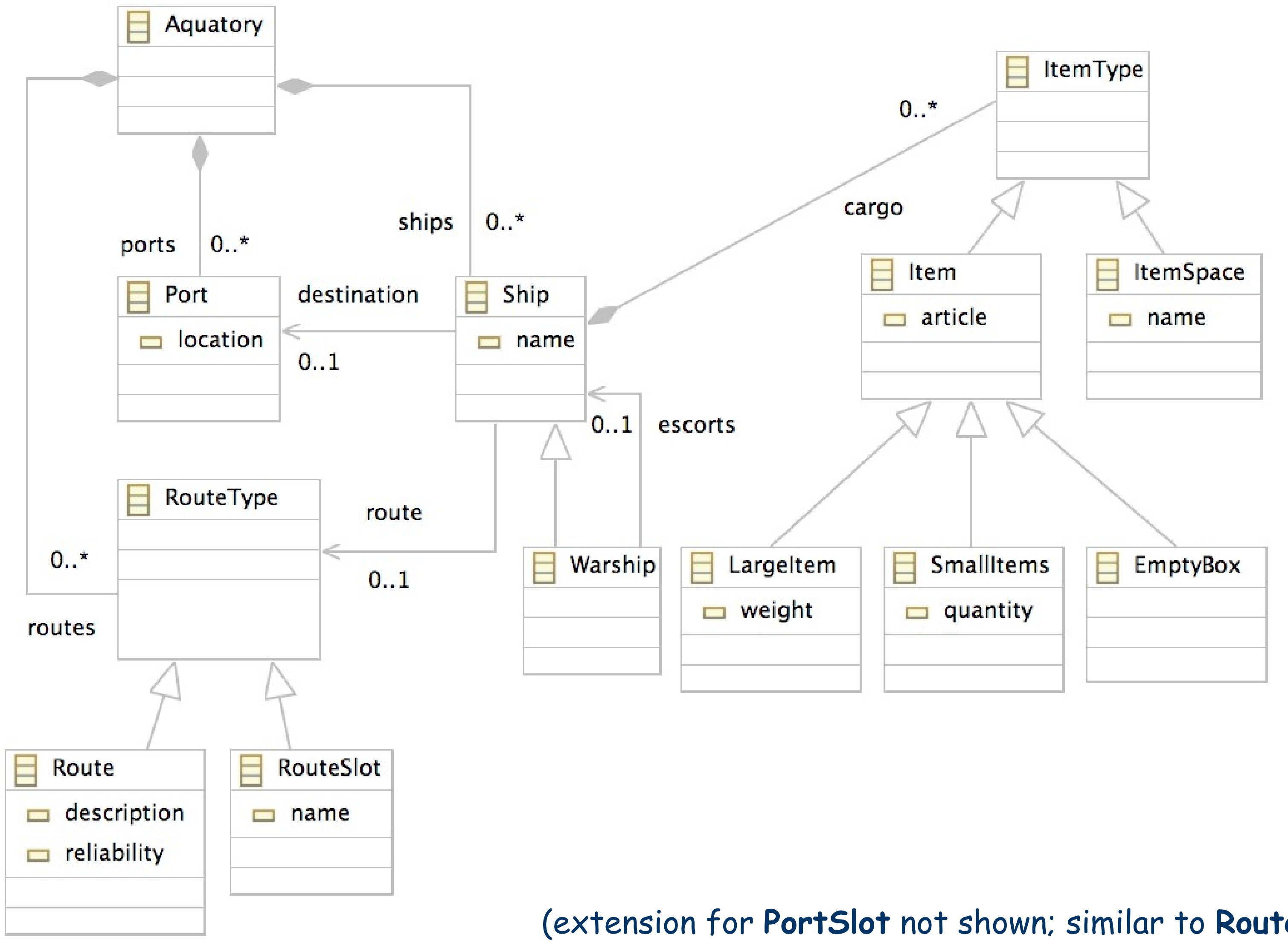

(extension for **PortSlot** not shown; similar to **RouteSlot**)

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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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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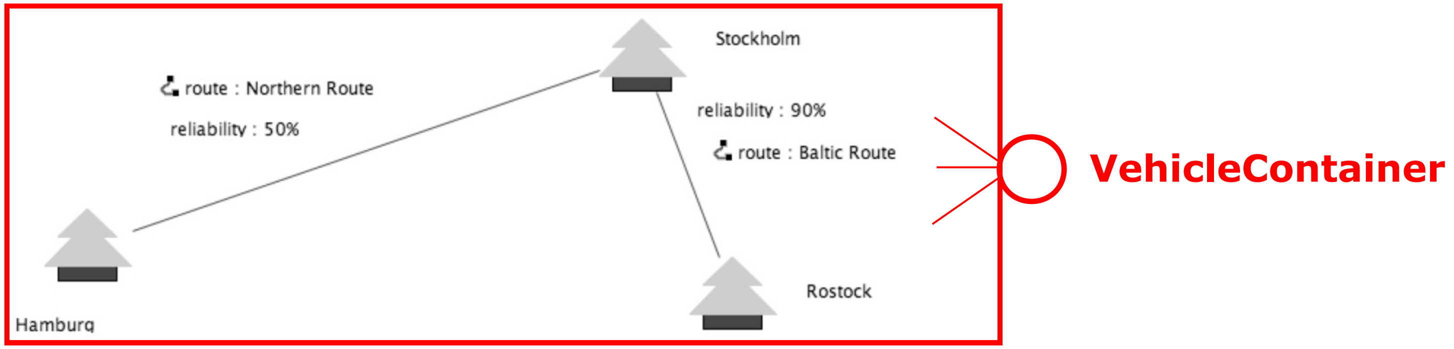

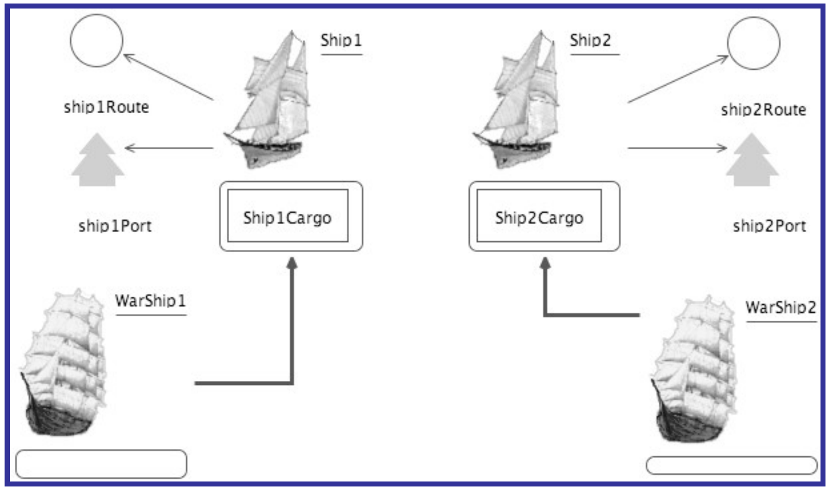

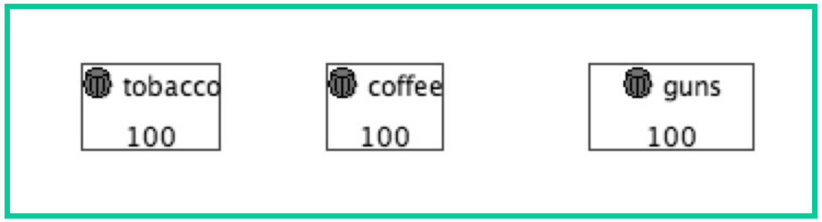

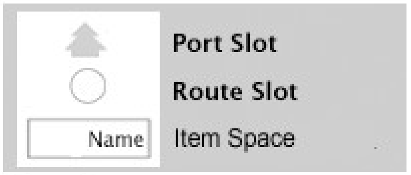

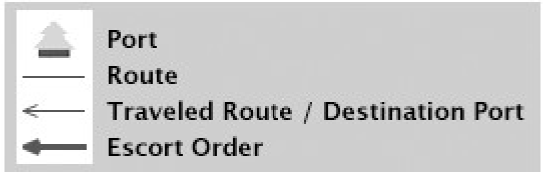

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Each **Route** is an anchor accessible through individual ports; the ports are named using the **description** attribute of the **Route** metaclass
(OCL Expression: self.description)

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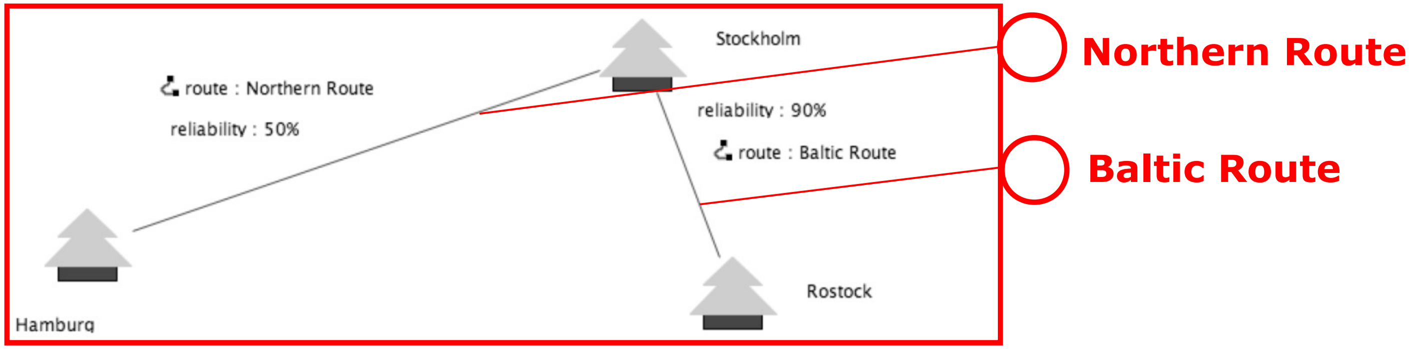

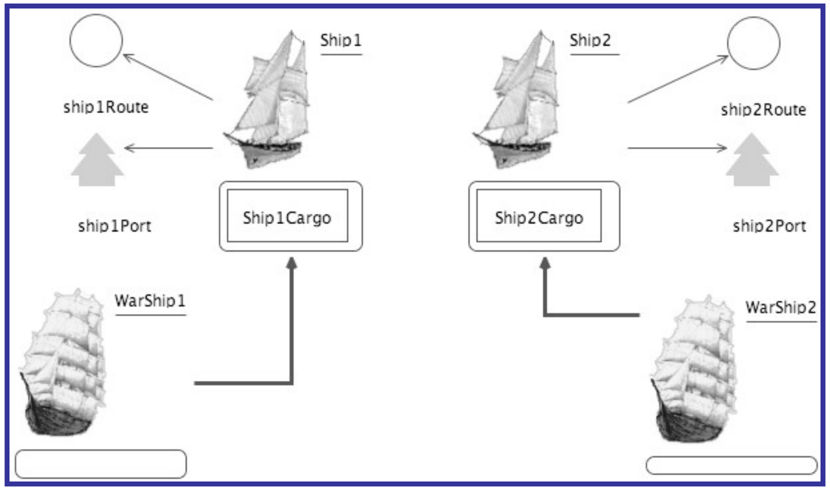

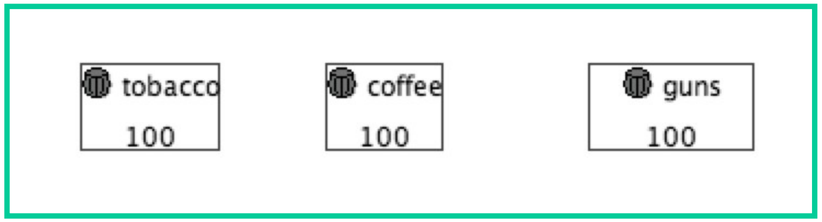

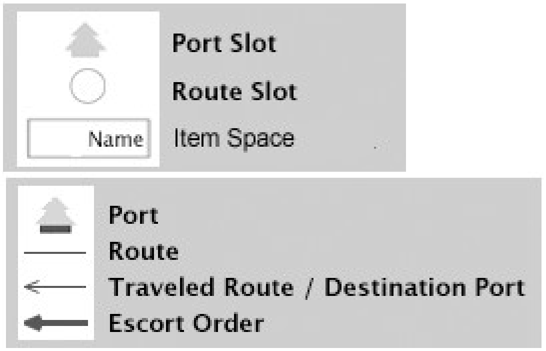

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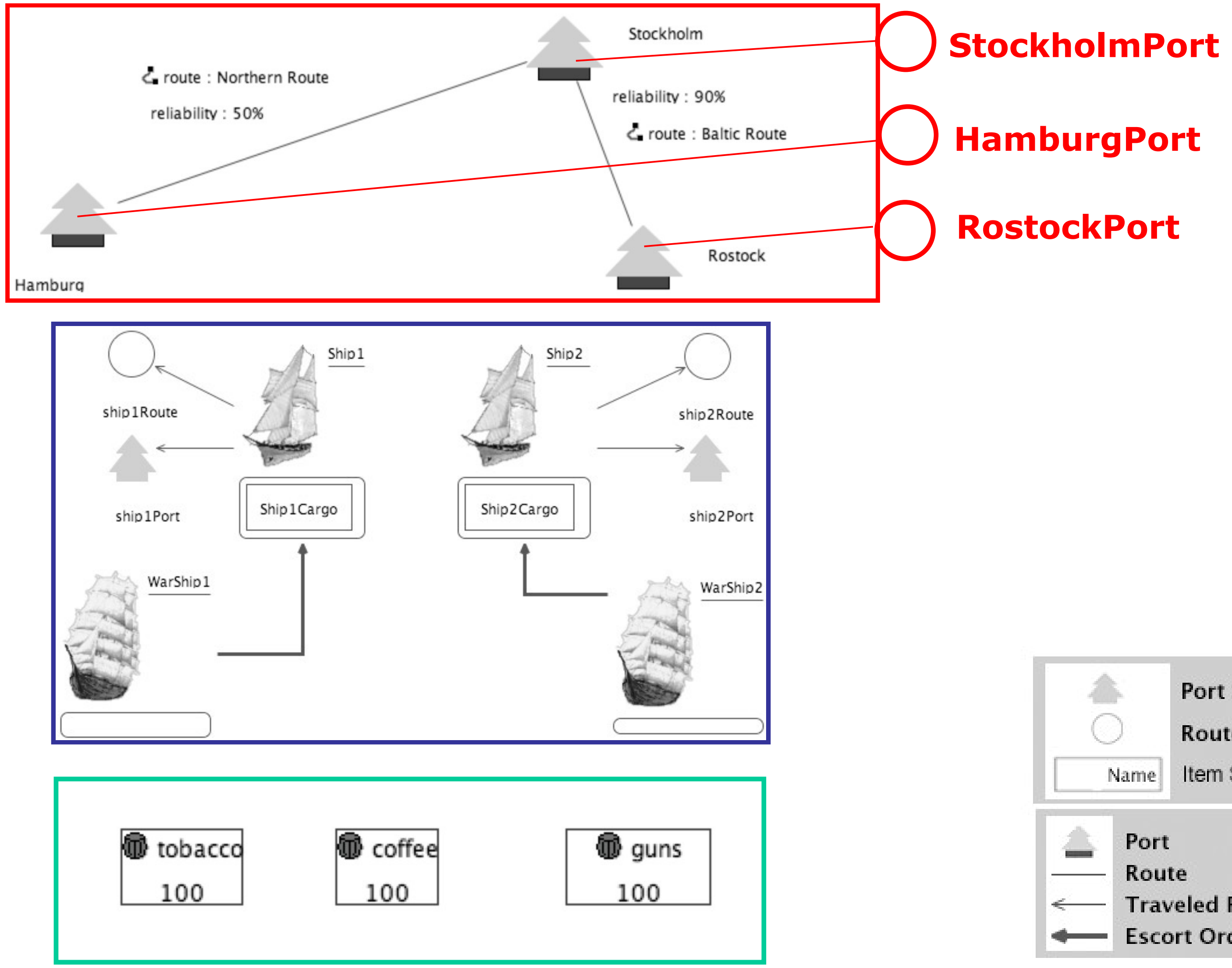

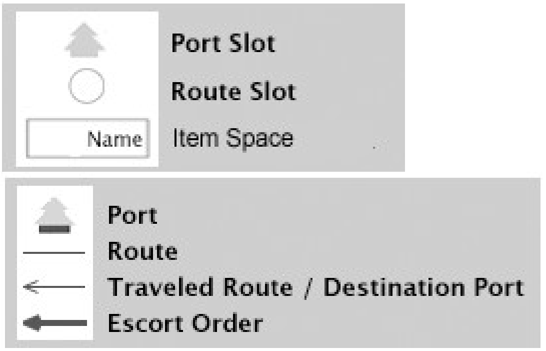

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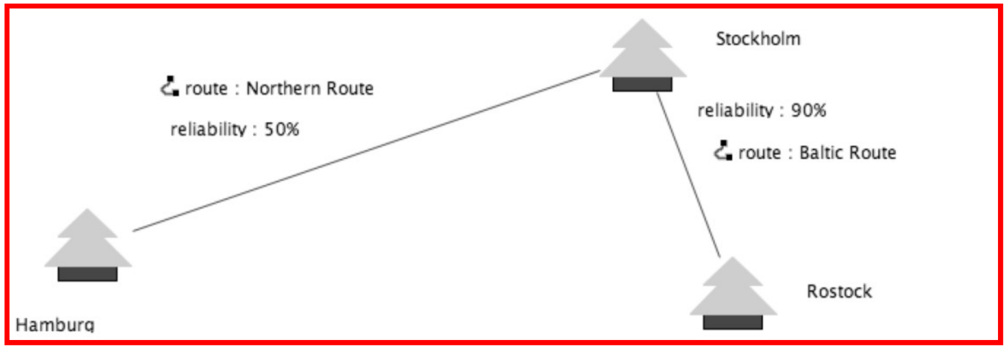

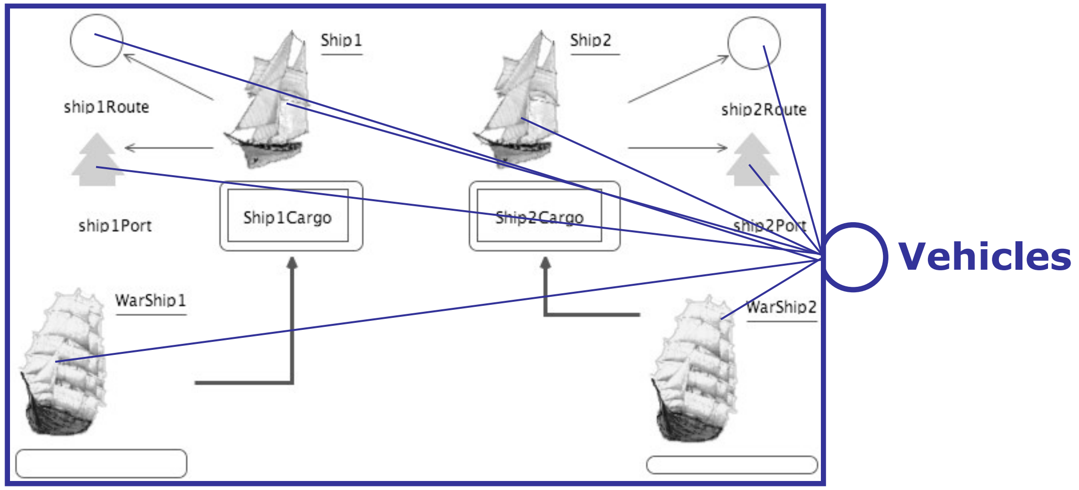

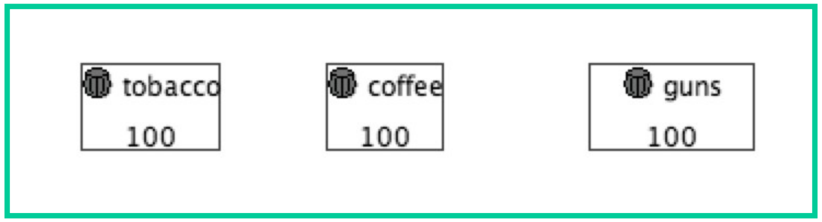

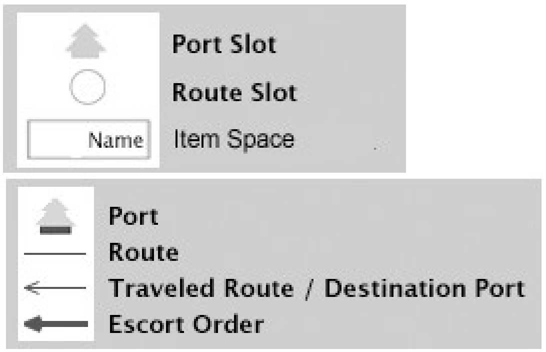

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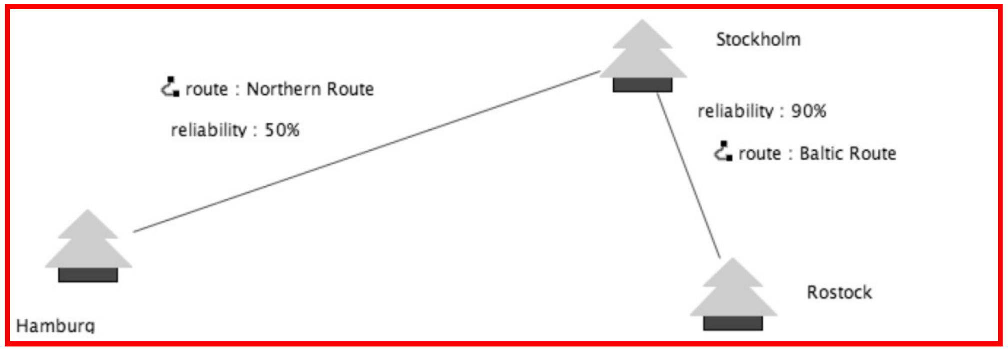

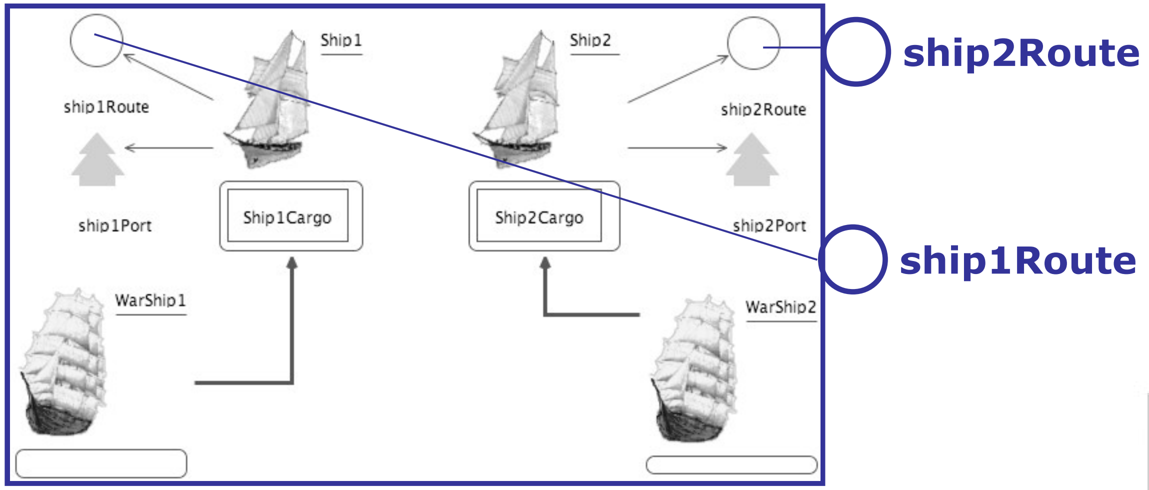

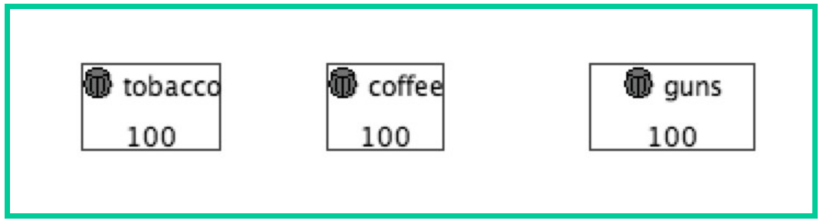

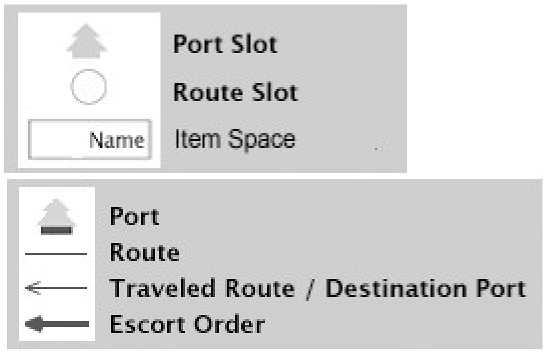

Building a DSL: Binding ReuseTaipan to Taipan DSL

```
reuseextension reuseTaipan implements reuseTaipan
epackages <http://www.eclipse.org/examples/gmf/taipan>
Rootclass TravelSpace {
  fragment role TravelSpace {
    port VehicleContainer {
      Aquatory.ships is hook {}
      Aquatory.ports is hook {}
      Aquatory.routes is hook {}
    }
    port Routes {
      Route is anchor {
        port expr = $self.description$
      }
    }
    port Places {
      Port is anchor {
        port expr = $self.location.concat('Port')$
      }
    }
  }

  fragment role Flotilla {
    port Vehicles {
      Aquatory.ships is prototype {}
      Aquatory.ports is prototype {}
      Aquatory.routes is prototype {}
    }
    port RouteSlots {
      RouteSlot is slot {
        port expr = $self.name$
      }
    }
    port PlaceSlots {
      PortSlot is slot {
        port expr = $self.name$
      }
    }
  }
  ...
```

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

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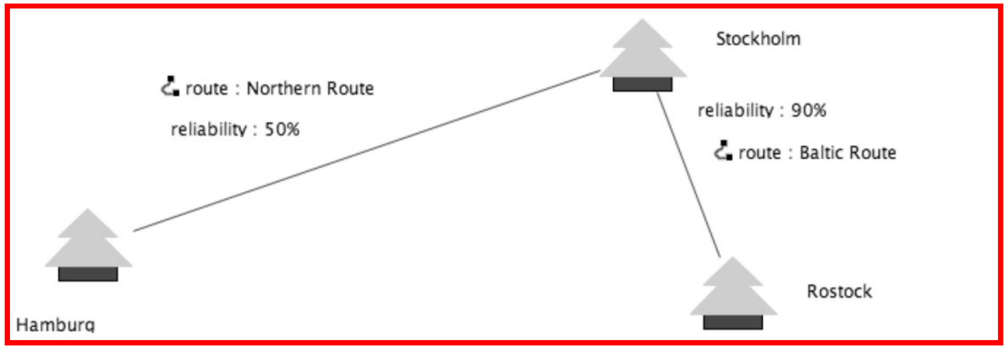

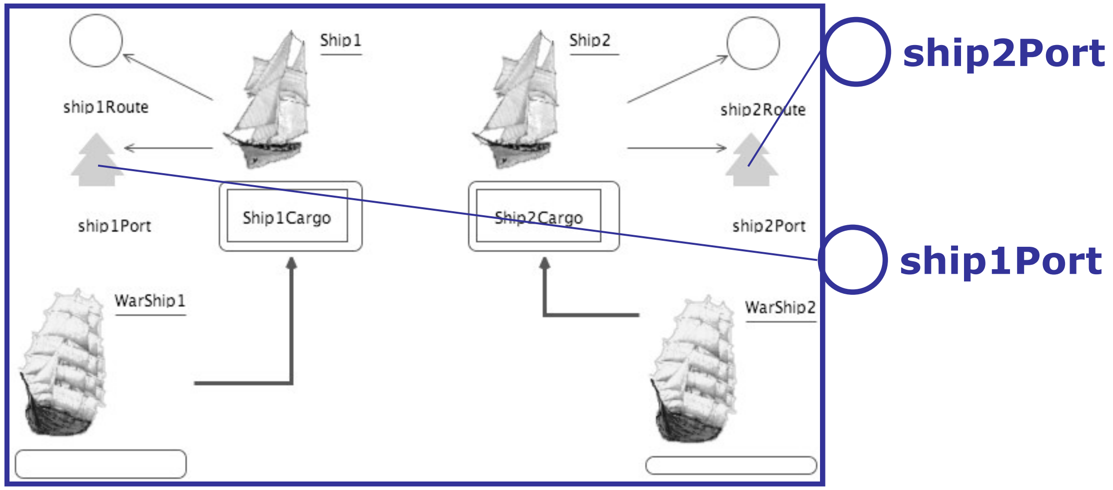

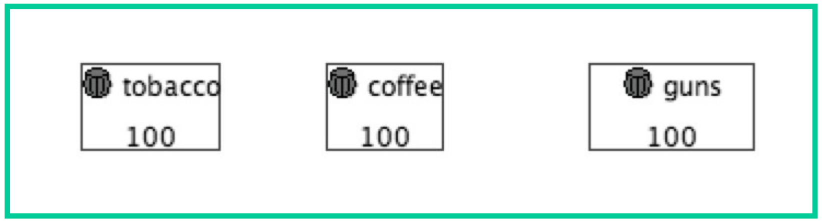

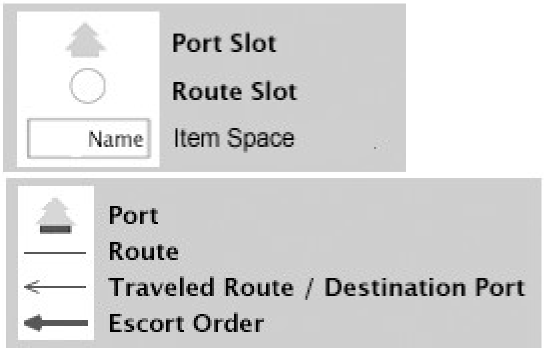

Building a DSL: Binding ReuseTaipan to Taipan DSL

```
  ...

  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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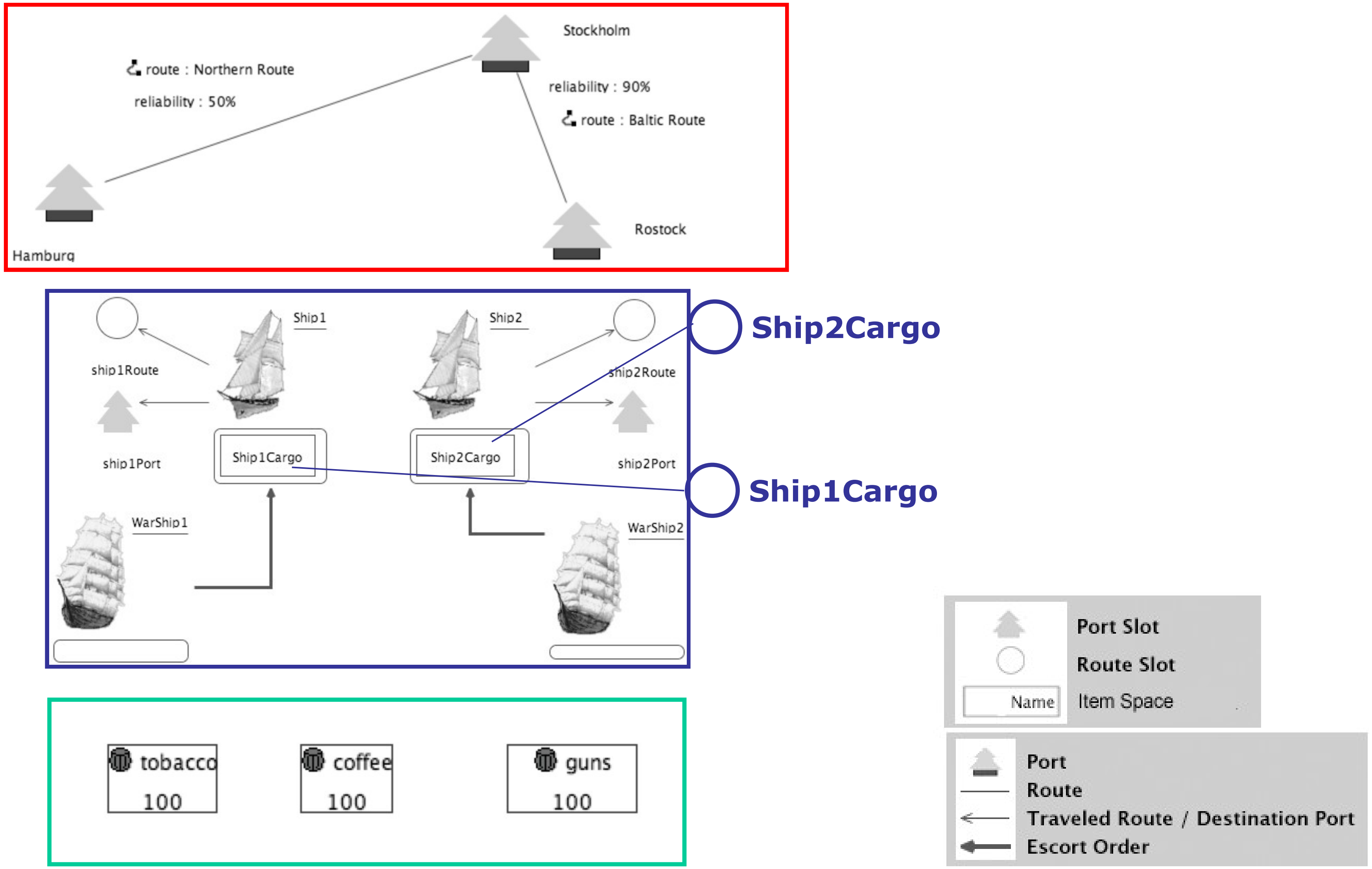

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  ...

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      ItemSpace is hook {
        port expr = $self.name$
      }
    }
  }

  fragment role ItemContainer {
    port Items {
      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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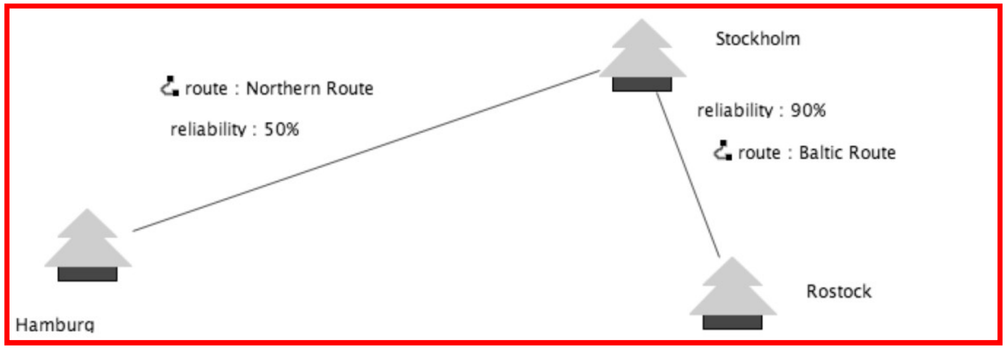

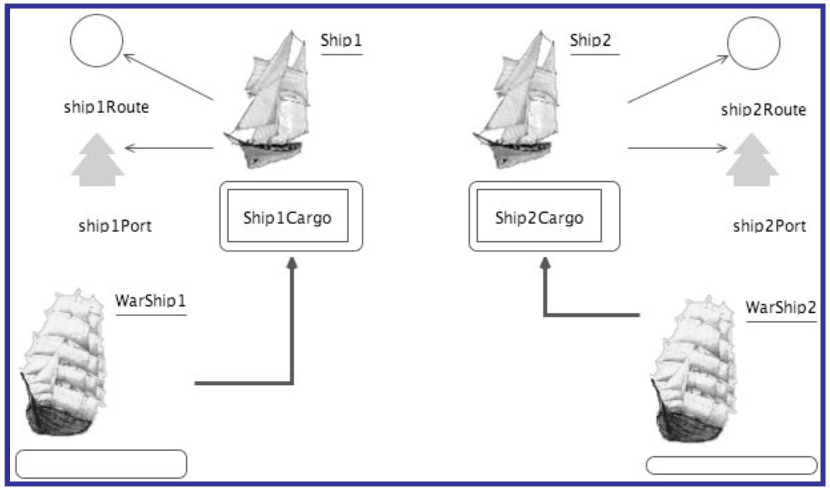

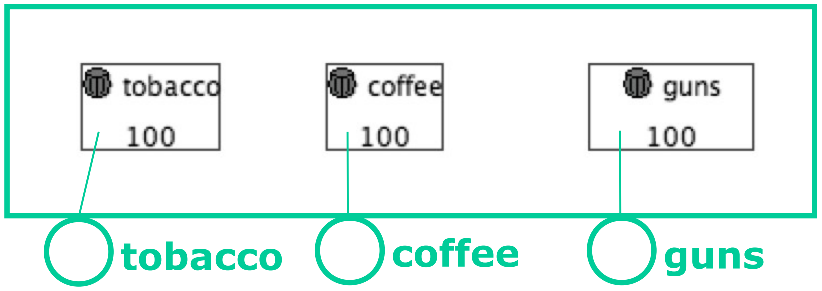

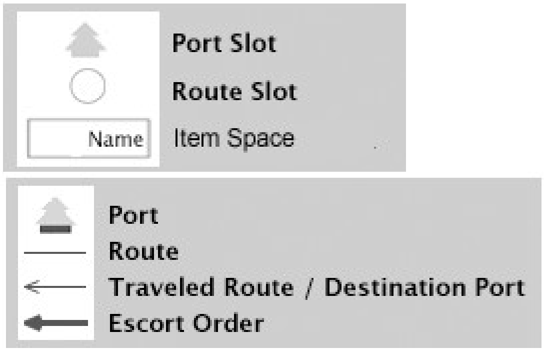

17.4 Using Reuseware Tooling with a DSL

- 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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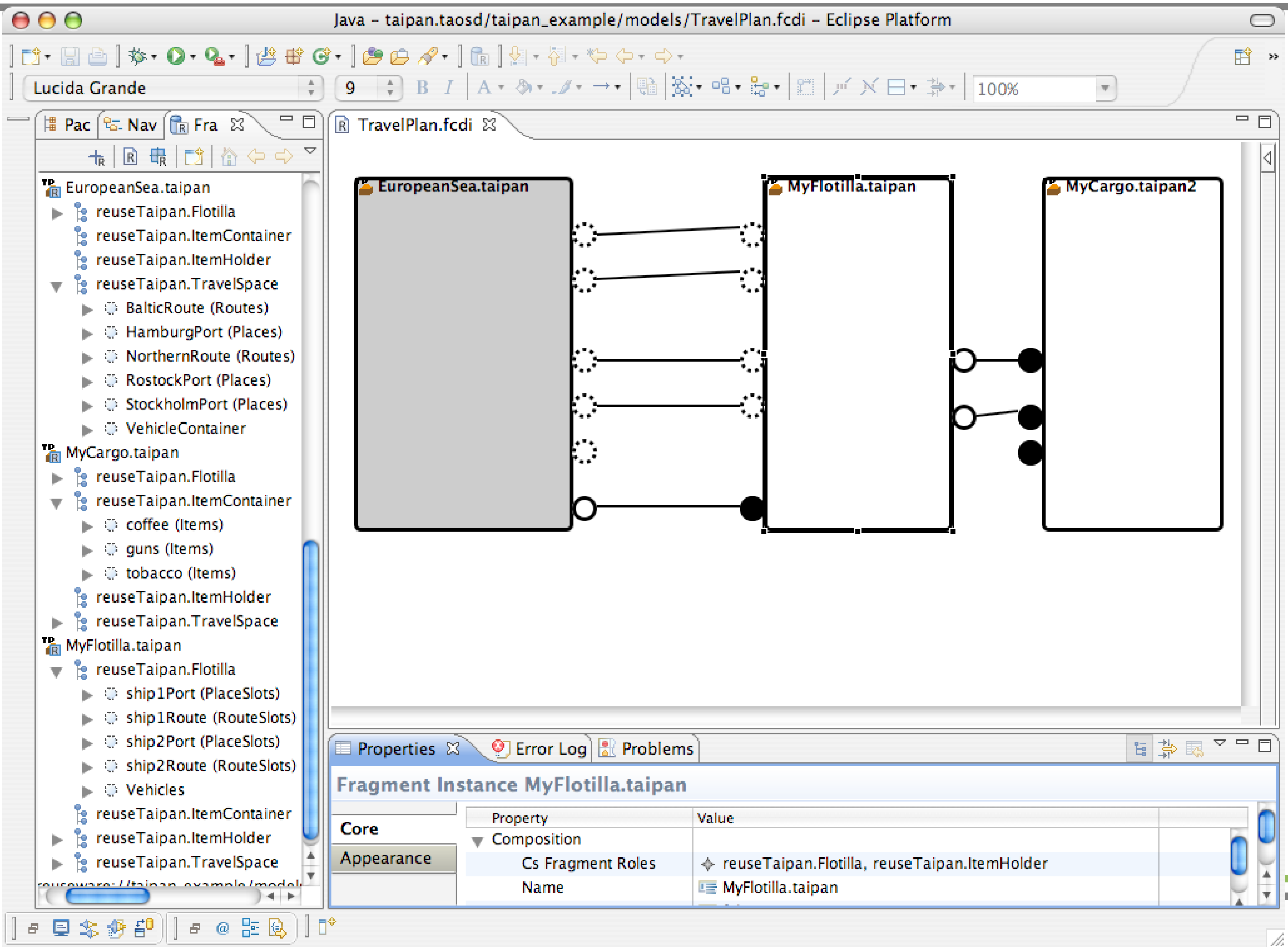
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TravelPlan.fcdi

Properties Error Log Problems

Fragment Instance MyFlotilla.taipan

Core
Appearance

Property	Value
Composition	
Cs Fragment Roles	reuseTaipan.Flotilla, reuseTaipan.ItemHolder
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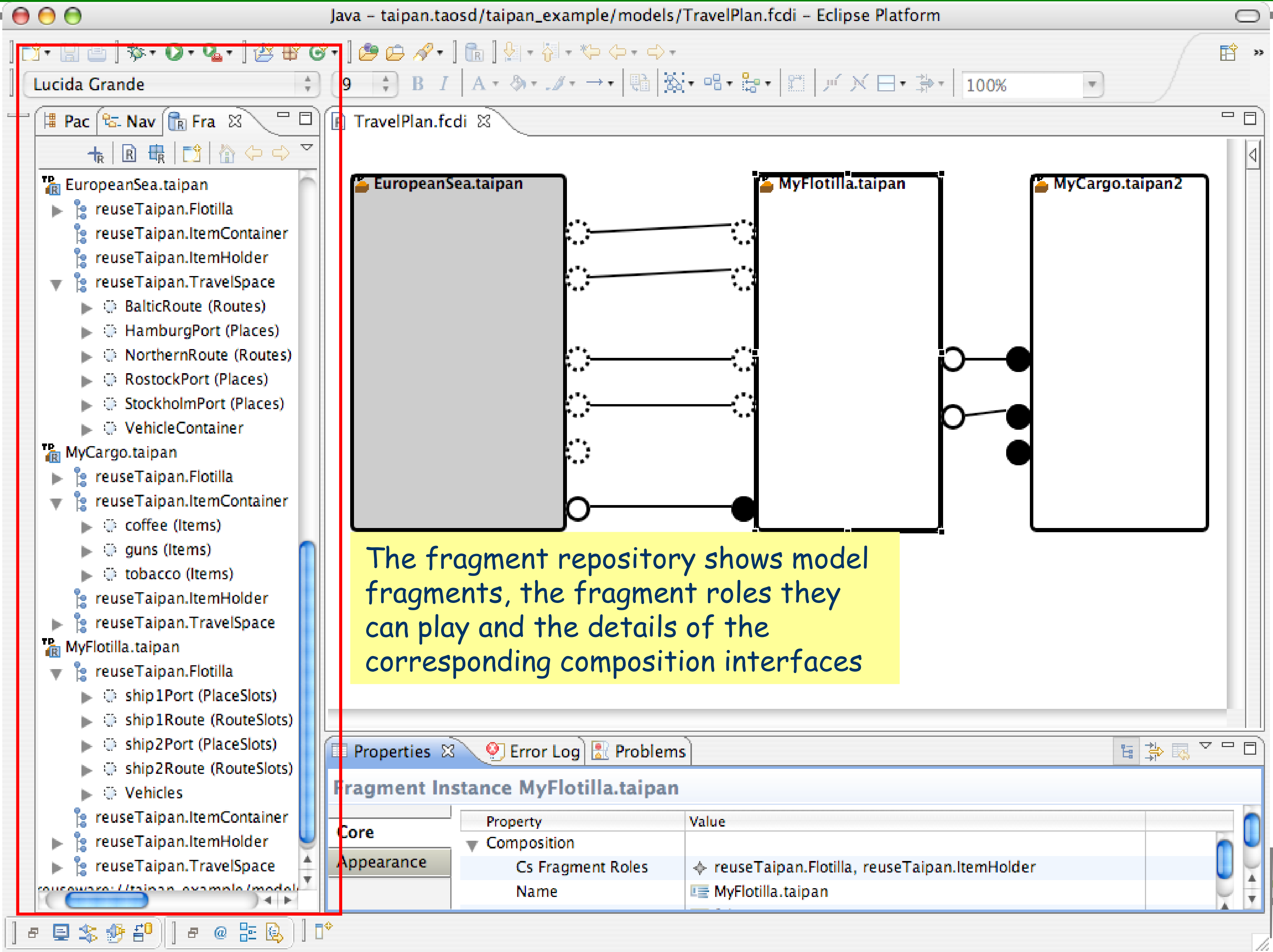

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The fragment repository shows model fragments, the fragment roles they can play and the details of the corresponding composition interfaces

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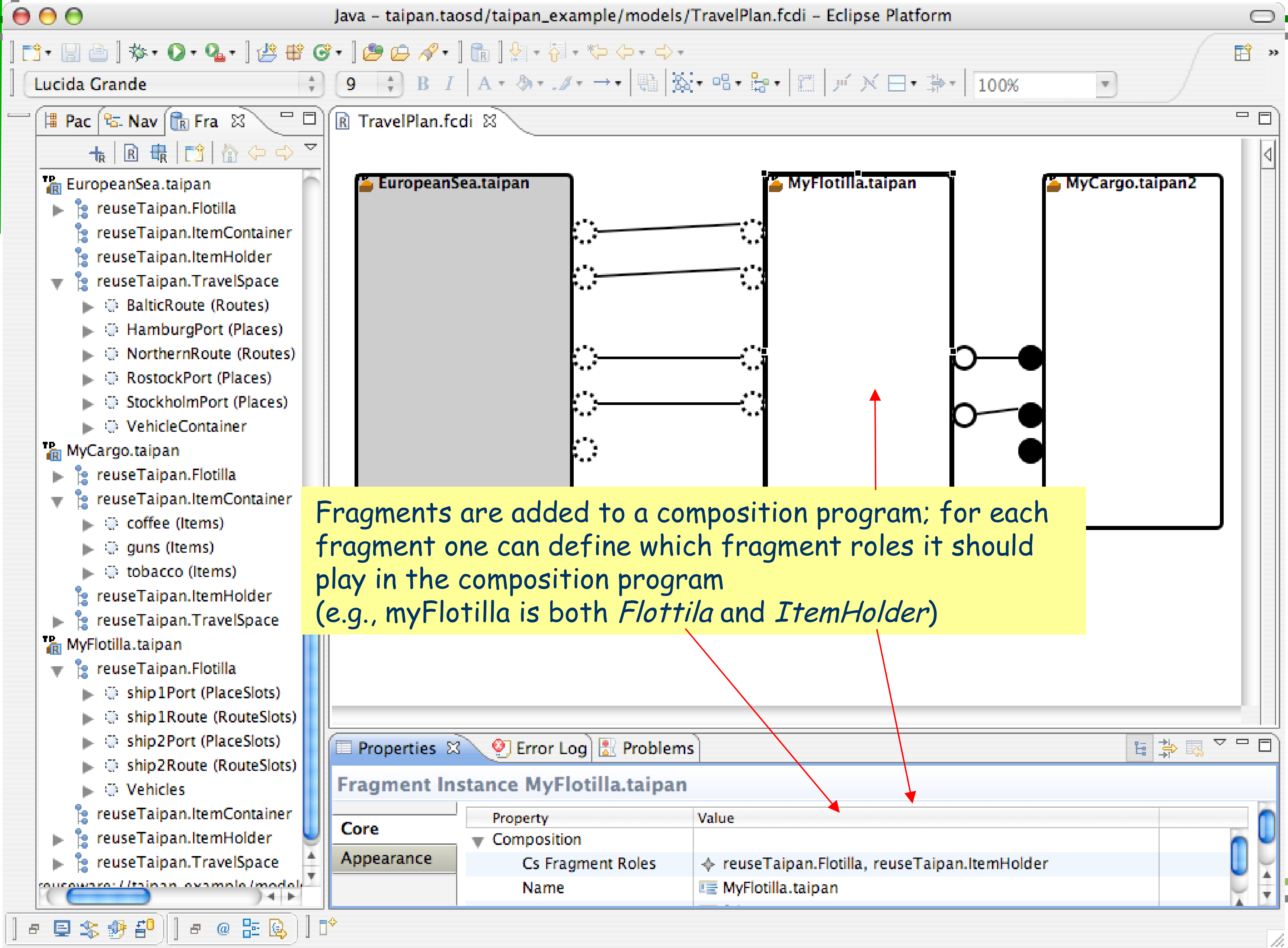
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TravelPlan.fcdi

Fragments are added to a composition program; for each fragment one can define which fragment roles it should play in the composition program
(e.g., myFlotilla is both *Flottila* and *ItemHolder*)

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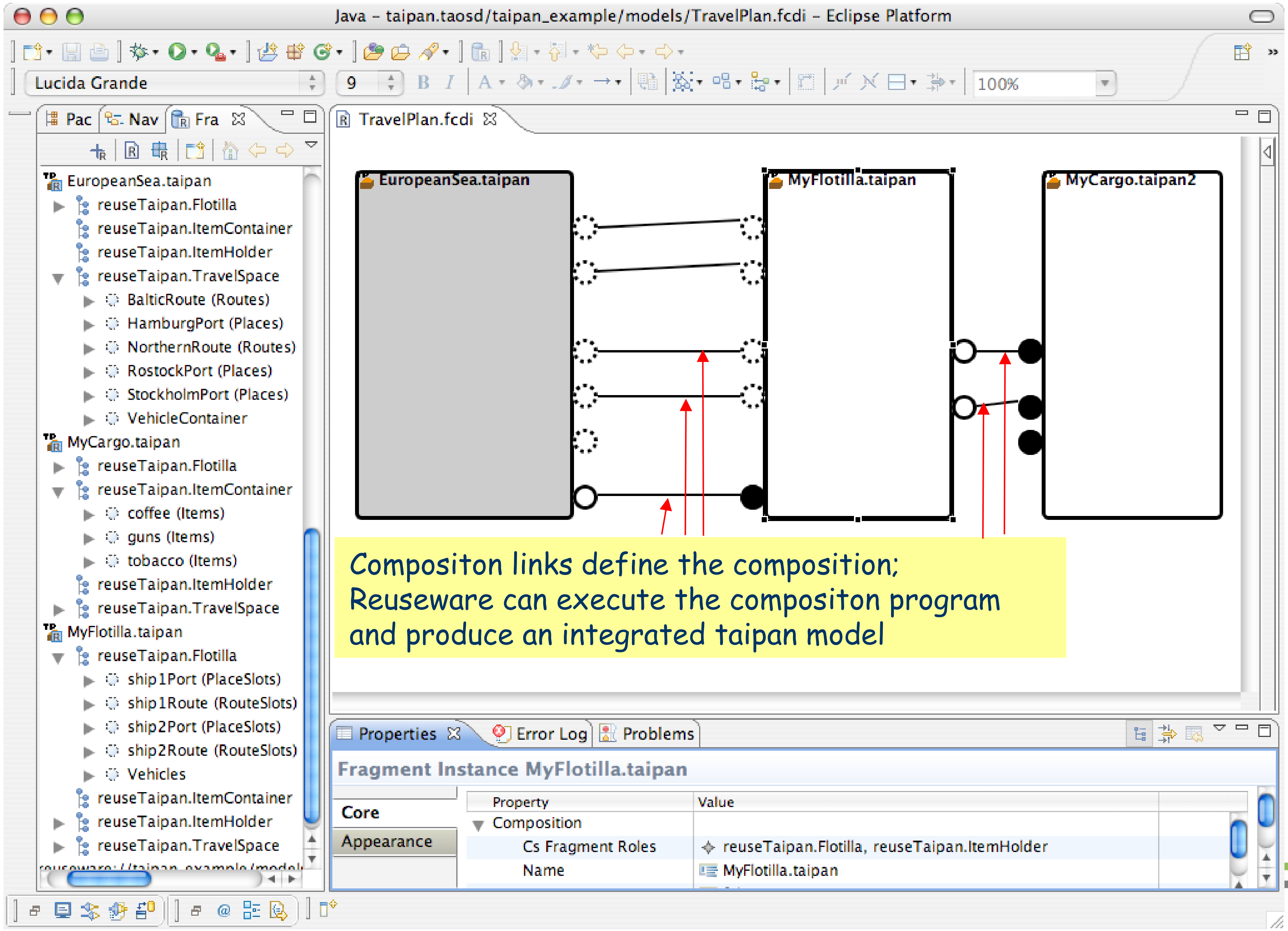

Compositon links define the composition;
Reuseware can execute the compositon program
and produce an integrated taipan model

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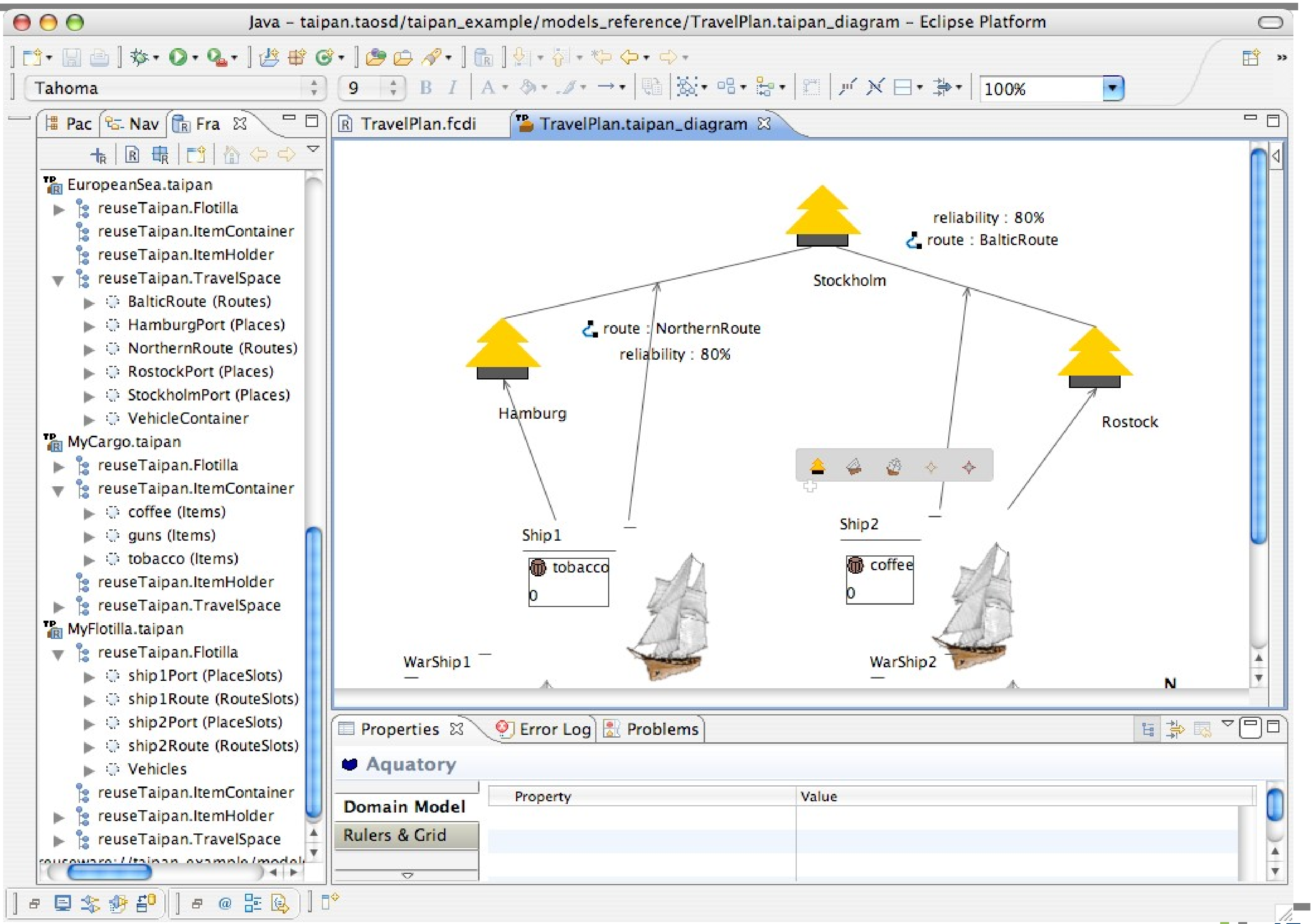

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